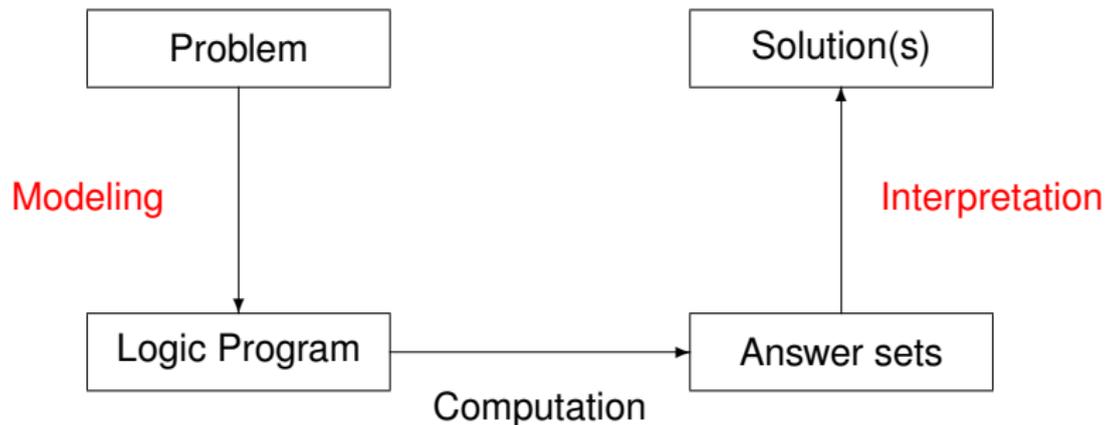


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Modeling and Interpreting



Problems as Logic Programs

For solving a problem class P for a problem instance I , encode

- 1 the problem instance I as a set of facts $C(I)$ and
- 2 the problem class P as a set of rules $C(P)$,

such that the solutions to P for I can be (polynomially) extracted from the answer sets of $C(P) \cup C(I)$.

3-colorability of graphs

Problem

Problem instance A graph (V, E) .

Problem class Assign each vertex in V one of 3 colors such that no two vertexes in V connected by an edge in E have the same color.

Solution

| | | | |
|--------|--|---|-------------|
| $C(I)$ | vertex(1) ← | vertex(2) ← | vertex(3) ← |
| | edge(1,2) ← | edge(2,3) ← | edge(3,1) ← |
| $C(P)$ | colored(V,r) ← | not colored(V,b), not colored(V,g), vertex(V) | |
| | colored(V,b) ← | not colored(V,r), not colored(V,g), vertex(V) | |
| | colored(V,g) ← | not colored(V,r), not colored(V,b), vertex(V) | |
| | | ← edge(V,U), colored(V,C), colored(U,C), color(C) | |
| AS's | { colored(1,r), colored(2,b), colored(3,g), othercolor(1,g), ..., vertex(1), ..., edge(1,2), ..., }, ... | | |

n -colorability of graphs (with $n = 3$)

Problem

Problem instance A graph (V, E) .

Problem class Assign each vertex in V one of n colors such that no two vertices in V connected by an edge in E have the same color.

Solution

| | | | |
|--------|--|---|-------------|
| $C(I)$ | vertex(1) ← | vertex(2) ← | vertex(3) ← |
| | edge(1,2) ← | edge(2,3) ← | edge(3,1) ← |
| $C(P)$ | color(r) ← | color(b) ← | color(g) ← |
| | colored(V,C) ← | not othercolor(V,C), vertex(V), color(C). | |
| | othercolor(V,C) ← | colored(V,C'), $C \neq C'$, | |
| | | vertex(V), color(C), color(C'). | |
| | | ← edge(V,U), colored(V,C), colored(U,C), | |
| | | color(C). | |
| AS's | { colored(1,r), colored(2,b), colored(3,g), ... }, ... | | |

ASP Basic Methodology

Generate and Test (or: Guess and Check) approach.

Generator Generate potential candidate answer sets
(typically through non-deterministic constructs)

Tester Eliminate non-valid Candidates
(typically through integrity constraints)

In a Nutshell...

Logic Program = Data + Generator + Tester [+Optimizer]

Satisfiability

Problem

Problem instance A propositional formula ϕ .

Problem class Is there an assignment of propositional variables to true and false such that a given formula ϕ is true.

Solution

Consider formula $(a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b)$:

Generator

$a \leftarrow \text{not } a'$

$a' \leftarrow \text{not } a$

$b \leftarrow \text{not } b'$

$b' \leftarrow \text{not } b$

Tester

$\leftarrow \text{not } a, b$

$\leftarrow a, \text{not } b$

Answer set

$A_1 = \{a, b\}$

$A_2 = \{a', b'\}$

Sneak Preview: Generator with a **choice rule**: $\{a, b\} \leftarrow$

Hamiltonian Path

Problem

Problem instance A directed graph (V, E) and a starting vertex $v \in V$.

Problem class Find a path in (V, E) starting at v and visiting all other vertices in V exactly once.

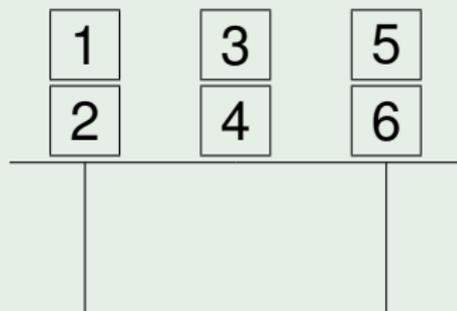
Solution

| $C(I)$ | vertex/1 | arc/2 | start/1 |
|--------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| $C(P)$ | $inPath(X, Y)$ | \leftarrow | $arc(X, Y), not outPath(X, Y)$ |
| | $outPath(X, Y)$ | \leftarrow | $arc(X, Y), not inPath(X, Y)$ |
| | | \leftarrow | $inPath(X, Y), inPath(X, Z), Y \neq Z$ |
| | | \leftarrow | $inPath(X, Y), inPath(Z, Y), X \neq Z$ |
| | $reached(X)$ | \leftarrow | $start(X)$ |
| | $reached(X)$ | \leftarrow | $reached(Y), inPath(Y, X)$ |
| | | \leftarrow | $vertex(X), not reached(X)$ |
| | | \leftarrow | $inPath(Y, X), start(X)$ |

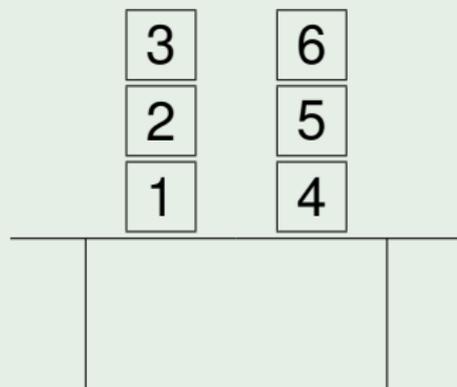
Planning in the Blocksworld

Example (Scenario)

Initial situation



Goal situation



Example (Initial Situation)

```
#const grippers=2.  
#const lasttime=3.  
  
block(1..6).  
  
% DEFINE  
on(1,2,0).  
on(2,table,0).  
on(3,4,0).  
on(4,table,0).  
on(5,6,0).  
on(6,table,0).
```

Example (Goal Situation)

```
% TEST
:- not on(3,2,lasttime).
:- not on(2,1,lasttime).
:- not on(1,table,lasttime).
:- not on(6,5,lasttime).
:- not on(5,4,lasttime).
:- not on(4,table,lasttime).
```

Example (Generate)

```
time(0..lasttime).  
  
location(B) :- block(B).  
location(table).  
  
% GENERATE  
{ move(B,L,T) : block(B), location(L) } grippers :-  
    time(T), T<lasttime.  
  
#show move/3.
```

Example (Define)

```
% effect of moving a block
on(B,L,T+1) :- move(B,L,T),
                block(B), location(L),
                time(T), T<lasttime.

% inertia
on(B,L,T+1) :- on(B,L,T), not neg_on(B,L,T+1),
                location(L), block(B),
                time(T), T<lasttime.

% uniqueness of location
neg_on(B,L1,T) :- on(B,L,T), L!=L1,
                  block(B), location(L), location(L1),
                  time(T).
```

Planning in the Blocksworld

Example (Test)

```
% neg_on is the negation of on
:- on(B,L,T), neg_on(B,L,T),
   block(B), location(L), time(T).

% two blocks cannot be on top of the same block
:- 2 { on(B1,B,T) : block(B1) },
   block(B), time(T).

% a block can't be moved unless it is clear
:- move(B,L,T), on(B1,B,T),
   block(B), block(B1), location(L), time(T), T<lasttime.

% a block can't be moved onto a block that is being moved
:- move(B,B1,T), move(B1,L,T),
   block(B), block(B1), location(L), time(T), T<lasttime.
```

Example (The Plan)

```
clingo blocks.lp 0
clingo version 5.4.0
Reading from blocks.lp
Solving...
Answer: 1
move(1,table,0) move(3,table,0) move(2,1,1) move(5,4,1) move(3,2,2)
move(6,5,2)
SATISFIABLE

Models      : 1
Calls       : 1
Time        : 0.008s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
CPU Time    : 0.008s
```

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Disjunctive Logic Programs: Syntax

Definition (Disjunctive Rule)

A **disjunctive rule**, r , is an ordered pair of the form

$$A_1 ; \dots ; A_m \leftarrow A_{m+1}, \dots, A_n, \text{not } A_{n+1}, \dots, \text{not } A_o,$$

where $o \geq n \geq m \geq 0$, and each A_i ($0 \leq i \leq o$) is an atom.

Definition (Disjunctive Logic Program)

A **disjunctive logic program** is a finite set of disjunctive rules.

Notation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{head}(r) &= \{A_1, \dots, A_m\} \\ \text{body}(r) &= \{A_{m+1}, \dots, A_n, \text{not } A_{n+1}, \dots, \text{not } A_o\} \\ \text{body}^+(r) &= \{A_{m+1}, \dots, A_n\} \\ \text{body}^-(r) &= \{A_{n+1}, \dots, A_o\} \end{aligned}$$

Disjunctive Logic Programs: Semantics

Definition (Positive Disjunctive Logic Programs)

A program is called **positive** if $body^-(r) = \emptyset$ for all its rules.

Definition (Closure)

A set X of atoms is **closed under** a positive program Π iff for any $r \in \Pi$, $head(r) \cap X \neq \emptyset$ whenever $body^+(r) \subseteq X$.

- X corresponds to a model of Π (seen as a formula).

Definition ($\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi)$)

The set of all \subseteq -minimal sets of atoms being closed under a positive program Π is denoted by $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi)$.

- $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi)$ corresponds to the \subseteq -minimal models of Π (seen as a formula).

Definition (Reduct of a Disjunctive Logic Program)

The **reduct**, Π^X , of a disjunctive program Π relative to a set X of atoms is defined by

$$\Pi^X = \{ \text{head}(r) \leftarrow \text{body}^+(r) \mid r \in \Pi \text{ and } \text{body}^-(r) \cap X = \emptyset \}.$$

Definition (Answer Set of a Disjunctive Logic Program)

A set X of atoms is an **answer set** of a disjunctive program Π if $X \in \min_{\subseteq}(\Pi^X)$.

Example

$$\Pi = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \leftarrow \\ b; c \leftarrow a \end{array} \right\}$$

- The sets $\{a, b\}$, $\{a, c\}$, and $\{a, b, c\}$ are closed under Π .
- We have $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi) = \{ \{a, b\}, \{a, c\} \}$.

3-colorability of graphs revisited

Problem

Problem instance A graph (V, E) .

Problem class Assign each vertex in V one of 3 colors such that no two vertices in V connected by an edge in E have the same color.

Solution

| | | | |
|--------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| $C(I)$ | $vertex(1) \leftarrow$ | $vertex(2) \leftarrow$ | $vertex(3) \leftarrow$ |
| | $edge(1,2) \leftarrow$ | $edge(2,3) \leftarrow$ | $edge(3,1) \leftarrow$ |
| $C(P)$ | $colored(V,r); colored(V,b); colored(V,g) \leftarrow vertex(V)$ $\leftarrow edge(V,U), colored(V,C), colored(U,C)$ | | |
| AS's | $\{ colored(1,r), colored(2,b), colored(3,g), \dots \}, \dots$ | | |

Example

- $\Pi_1 = \{a ; b ; c \leftarrow\}$ has answer sets $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$, and $\{c\}$.
- $\Pi_2 = \{a ; b ; c \leftarrow , \leftarrow a\}$ has answer sets $\{b\}$ and $\{c\}$.
- $\Pi_3 = \{a ; b ; c \leftarrow , \leftarrow a , b \leftarrow c , c \leftarrow b\}$ has answer set $\{b, c\}$.
- $\Pi_4 = \{a ; b \leftarrow c , b \leftarrow \text{not } a , \text{not } c , a ; c \leftarrow \text{not } b\}$ has answer sets $\{a\}$ and $\{b\}$.

Some properties

Property

A disjunctive logic program may have zero, one, or multiple stable models

Property

If X is a stable model of a disjunctive logic program Π , then X is a model of Π (seen as a formula)

Property

If X and Y are stable models of a disjunctive logic program Π , then $X \not\subseteq Y$

Property

If $A \in X$ for some stable model X of a disjunctive logic program Π , then there is a rule $r \in \Pi$ such that $\text{body}^+(r) \subseteq X$, $\text{body}^-(r) \cap X = \emptyset$, and $\text{head}(r) \cap X = \{A\}$

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a(1, 2) \quad \leftarrow \\ b(X) ; c(Y) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(X, Y), \text{not } c(Y) \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{ground}(\Pi) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a(1, 2) \quad \leftarrow \\ b(1) ; c(1) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(1, 1), \text{not } c(1) \\ b(1) ; c(2) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(1, 2), \text{not } c(2) \\ b(2) ; c(1) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(2, 1), \text{not } c(1) \\ b(2) ; c(2) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(2, 2), \text{not } c(2) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

For every answer set X of Π , we have

- $a(1, 2) \in X$ and
- $\{a(1, 1), a(2, 1), a(2, 2)\} \cap X = \emptyset$.

Example

$$\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a(1, 2) \quad \leftarrow \\ b(1) ; c(1) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(1, 1) \\ b(1) ; c(2) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(1, 2) \\ b(2) ; c(1) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(2, 1) \\ b(2) ; c(2) \quad \leftarrow \quad a(2, 2) \end{array} \right\}$$

- Consider $X = \{a(1, 2), b(1)\}$.
- We get $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X) = \{ \{a(1, 2), b(1)\}, \{a(1, 2), c(2)\} \}$.
- X is an answer set of Π because $X \in \min_{\subseteq}(\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X)$.

Example

$$\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a(1,2) \leftarrow \\ b(1); c(1) \leftarrow a(1,1) \\ b(2); c(1) \leftarrow a(2,1) \end{array} \right\}$$

- Consider $X = \{a(1,2), c(2)\}$.
- We get $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X) = \{ \{a(1,2)\} \}$.
- X is no answer set of Π because $X \notin \min_{\subseteq}(\mathit{ground}(\Pi)^X)$.

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Nested Logic Programs: Syntax

Definition (Formulas)

Formulas are formed from propositional atoms, \top and \perp , using negation-as-failure (*not*), conjunction (\wedge), and disjunction (\vee).

Definition (Nested Rules)

A **nested rule**, r , is an ordered pair of the form

$$F \leftarrow G$$

where F and G are formulas.

Definition (Nested Logic Program)

A **nested program** is a finite set of rules.

Notation

$head(r) = F$ and $body(r) = G$.

Definition (Satisfaction relation)

The **satisfaction relation** $X \models F$ between a set of atoms and a formula F is defined recursively as follows:

- $X \models F$ if $F \in X$ for an atom F ,
- $X \models \top$,
- $X \not\models \perp$,
- $X \models (F, G)$ if $X \models F$ and $X \models G$,
- $X \models (F; G)$ if $X \models F$ or $X \models G$,
- $X \models \text{not } F$ if $X \not\models F$.

A set X of atoms satisfies a nested program Π , written $X \models \Pi$, iff for any $r \in \Pi$, $X \models \text{head}(r)$ whenever $X \models \text{body}(r)$.

Nested Logic Programs: Semantics

Definition ($\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi)$)

The set of all \subseteq -minimal sets of atoms satisfying program Π is denoted by $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi)$.

Definition (Reduct of a Formula)

The **reduct**, F^X , of a formula F relative to a set X of atoms is defined recursively as follows:

- $F^X = F$ if F is an atom or \top or \perp ,
- $(F, G)^X = (F^X, G^X)$,
- $(F; G)^X = (F^X; G^X)$,
- $(\text{not } F)^X = \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } X \models F \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Nested Logic Programs: Semantics

Definition (Reduct of a Nested Logic Program)

The **reduct**, Π^X , of a nested program Π relative to a set X of atoms is defined by

$$\Pi^X = \{head(r)^X \leftarrow body(r)^X \mid r \in \Pi\}.$$

Definition (Answer Set of a Nested Logic Program)

A set X of atoms is an **answer set** of a nested program Π iff $X \in \min_{\subseteq}(\Pi^X)$.

Nested Logic Programs: Examples

Example

- $\Pi_1 = \{(p ; \text{not } p) \leftarrow \top\}$
 - For $X = \emptyset$, we get
 - $\Pi_1^\emptyset = \{(p ; \top) \leftarrow \top\}$
 - $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi_1^\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$. ✓
 - For $X = \{p\}$, we get
 - $\Pi_1^{\{p\}} = \{(p ; \perp) \leftarrow \top\}$
 - $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi_1^{\{p\}}) = \{\{p\}\}$. ✓
- $\Pi_2 = \{p \leftarrow \text{not not } p\}$
 - For $X = \emptyset$, we get $\Pi_2^\emptyset = \{p \leftarrow \perp\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi_2^\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$. ✓
 - For $X = \{p\}$, we get $\Pi_2^{\{p\}} = \{p \leftarrow \top\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\Pi_2^{\{p\}}) = \{\{p\}\}$. ✓
- In general (Intuitionistic Logics HT (Heyting, 1930) and G3 (Gödel, 1932))
 - $F \leftarrow G, \text{not not } H$ is equivalent to $F ; \text{not } H \leftarrow G$
 - $F ; \text{not not } G \leftarrow H$ is equivalent to $F \leftarrow H, \text{not } G$
 - $\text{not not not } F$ is equivalent to $\text{not } F$

Example

Normal logic programs

$$\begin{aligned} inPath(X, Y) &\leftarrow arc(X, Y), not\ outPath(X, Y) \\ outPath(X, Y) &\leftarrow arc(X, Y), not\ inPath(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

Disjunctive logic programs

$$inPath(X, Y) ; outPath(X, Y) \leftarrow arc(X, Y)$$

Nested logic programs

$$inPath(X, Y) ; not\ inPath(X, Y) \leftarrow arc(X, Y)$$

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Propositional Theories: Syntax

Definition (Formulas)

Formulas are formed from atoms and \perp using conjunction (\wedge), disjunction (\vee), and implication (\rightarrow).

Notation

$$\begin{aligned} \top &= (\perp \rightarrow \perp) \\ \sim F &= (F \rightarrow \perp) \quad (\text{or: } \textit{not } F) \end{aligned}$$

Definition (Propositional Theory)

A **propositional theory** is a finite set of formulas.

Definition (Satisfaction relation)

The satisfaction relation $X \models F$ between a set X of atoms and a (set of) formula(s) F is defined as in propositional logic.

Definition (Reduct of a formula)

The **reduct**, F^X , of a formula F relative to a set X of atoms is defined recursively as follows:

- $F^X = \perp$ if $X \not\models F$
 - $F^X = F$ if $F \in X$
 - $F^X = (G^X \circ H^X)$ if $X \models F$ and $F = (G \circ H)$ for $\circ \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$
- ➔ If $F = \sim G = (G \rightarrow \perp)$,
then $F^X = (\perp \rightarrow \perp) = \top$, if $X \not\models G$, and $F^X = \perp$, otherwise.

Definition (Reduct of a Propositional Theory)

The **reduct**, \mathcal{F}^X , of a propositional theory \mathcal{F} relative to a set X of atoms is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}^X = \{F^X \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

Definition (Satisfaction of a Propositional Theory)

A set X of atoms satisfies a propositional theory \mathcal{F} , written $X \models \mathcal{F}$, iff $X \models F$ for each $F \in \mathcal{F}$.

Definition ($\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F})$)

The set of all \subseteq -minimal sets of atoms satisfying a propositional theory \mathcal{F} is denoted by $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F})$.

Definition (Answer Set of a Propositional Theory)

A set X of atoms is an **answer set** of a propositional theory \mathcal{F} if $X \in \min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}^X)$.

Proposition

If X is an answer set of \mathcal{F} , then $X \models \mathcal{F}$.

- In general, this does not imply $X \in \min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F})$!*

Propositional Theories: Two examples

Example

- $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{p \vee (p \rightarrow (q \wedge r))\}$
 - For $X = \{p, q, r\}$, we get
 $\mathcal{F}_1^{\{p,q,r\}} = \{p \vee (p \rightarrow (q \wedge r))\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}_1^{\{p,q,r\}}) = \{\emptyset\}$. ✘
 - For $X = \emptyset$, we get
 $\mathcal{F}_1^{\emptyset} = \{\perp \vee (\perp \rightarrow \perp)\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}_1^{\emptyset}) = \{\emptyset\}$. ✔

- $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{p \vee (\sim p \rightarrow (q \wedge r))\}$
 - For $X = \emptyset$, we get
 $\mathcal{F}_2^{\emptyset} = \{\perp\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}_2^{\emptyset}) = \emptyset$. ✘
 - For $X = \{p\}$, we get
 $\mathcal{F}_2^{\{p\}} = \{p \vee (\perp \rightarrow \perp)\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}_2^{\{p\}}) = \{\emptyset\}$. ✘
 - For $X = \{q, r\}$, we get
 $\mathcal{F}_2^{\{q,r\}} = \{\perp \vee (\top \rightarrow (q \wedge r))\}$ and $\min_{\subseteq}(\mathcal{F}_2^{\{q,r\}}) = \{\{q, r\}\}$. ✔

Propositional Theories: Relationship with Logic Programs

Definition (Translation of a nested rule)

The translation, $\tau[(F \leftarrow G)]$, of a (nested) rule $(F \leftarrow G)$ is defined recursively as follows:

- $\tau[(F \leftarrow G)] = (\tau[G] \rightarrow \tau[F])$,
- $\tau[\perp] = \perp$,
- $\tau[\top] = \top$,
- $\tau[F] = F$ if F is an atom,
- $\tau[\text{not } F] = \sim \tau[F]$,
- $\tau[(F, G)] = (\tau[F] \wedge \tau[G])$,
- $\tau[(F; G)] = (\tau[F] \vee \tau[G])$.

Definition (Translation of a nested logic program)

The translation of a logic program Π is $\tau[\Pi] = \{\tau[r] \mid r \in \Pi\}$.

Propositional Theories: Relationship with Logic Programs

Theorem (Embedding of nested logic programs)

Given a logic program Π and a set X of atoms, X is an answer set of Π iff X is an answer set of $\tau[\Pi]$.

Example

- The normal logic program $\Pi = \{p \leftarrow \text{not } q, q \leftarrow \text{not } p\}$ corresponds to $\tau[\Pi] = \{\sim q \rightarrow p, \sim p \rightarrow q\}$.
 - Answer sets: $\{p\}$ and $\{q\}$
- The disjunctive logic program $\Pi = \{p ; q \leftarrow\}$ corresponds to $\tau[\Pi] = \{\top \rightarrow p \vee q\}$.
 - Answer sets: $\{p\}$ and $\{q\}$
- The nested logic program $\Pi = \{p \leftarrow \text{not not } p\}$ corresponds to $\tau[\Pi] = \{\sim\sim p \rightarrow p\}$.
 - Answer sets: \emptyset and $\{p\}$

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Computational Complexity

Let A be an atom and X be a set of atoms.

- For a **positive normal** logic program Π :
 - Deciding whether X is the answer set of Π is **P**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in the answer set of Π is **P**-complete.
- For a **normal** logic program Π :
 - Deciding whether X is an answer set of Π is **P**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in an answer set of Π is **NP**-complete.

Computational Complexity

- For a **positive disjunctive** logic program Π :
 - Deciding whether X is an answer set of Π is **co-NP**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in an answer set of Π is **NP^{NP}**-complete.
- For a **disjunctive** logic program Π :
 - Deciding whether X is an answer set of Π is **co-NP**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in an answer set of Π is **NP^{NP}**-complete.
- For a **nested** logic program Π :
 - Deciding whether X is an answer set of Π is **co-NP**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in an answer set of Π is **NP^{NP}**-complete.
- For a **propositional theory** \mathcal{F} :
 - Deciding whether X is an answer set of \mathcal{F} is **co-NP**-complete.
 - Deciding whether A is in an answer set of \mathcal{F} is **NP^{NP}**-complete.