

Integrity Constraints

- In the electrical domain, what if we predict that a light should be on, but observe that it isn't?
What can we conclude?
- We will expand the definite clause language to include **integrity constraints** which are rules that imply *false*, where *false* is an atom that is false in all interpretations.
- This will allow us to make conclusions from a contradiction.
- A definite clause knowledge base is always consistent. This won't be true with the rules that imply *false*.



Horn clauses

- An **integrity constraint** is a clause of the form

$$false \leftarrow a_1 \wedge \dots \wedge a_k$$

where the a_i are atoms and *false* is a special atom that is false in all interpretations.

- A **Horn clause** is either a definite clause or an integrity constraint.

Negative Conclusions

- Negations can follow from a Horn clause KB.
- The negation of α , written $\neg\alpha$ is a formula that
 - is true in interpretation I if α is false in I , and
 - is false in interpretation I if α is true in I .

➤ **Example:**

$$KB = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{false} \leftarrow a \wedge b. \\ a \leftarrow c. \\ b \leftarrow c. \end{array} \right\} \quad KB \models \neg c.$$

Disjunctive Conclusions

- Disjunctions can follow from a Horn clause KB.
- The disjunction of α and β , written $\alpha \vee \beta$, is
 - true in interpretation I if α is true in I or β is true in I (or both are true in I).
 - false in interpretation I if α and β are both false in I .
- **Example:**

$$KB = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{false} \leftarrow a \wedge b. \\ a \leftarrow c. \\ b \leftarrow d. \end{array} \right\} \quad KB \models \neg c \vee \neg d.$$

Questions and Answers in Horn KBs

- An **assumable** is an atom whose negation you are prepared to accept as part of a (disjunctive) answer.
- A **conflict** of KB is a set of assumables that, given KB imply *false*.
- A **minimal conflict** is a conflict such that no strict subset is also a conflict.

Conflict Example

Example: If $\{c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ are the assumables

$$KB = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{false} \leftarrow a \wedge b. \\ a \leftarrow c. \\ b \leftarrow d. \\ b \leftarrow e. \end{array} \right\}$$

- $\{c, d\}$ is a conflict
- $\{c, e\}$ is a conflict
- $\{c, d, e, h\}$ is a conflict

Using Conflicts for Diagnosis

- Assume that the user is able to observe whether a light is lit or dark and whether a power outlet is dead or live.
- A light can't be both lit and dark. An outlet can't be both live and dead:

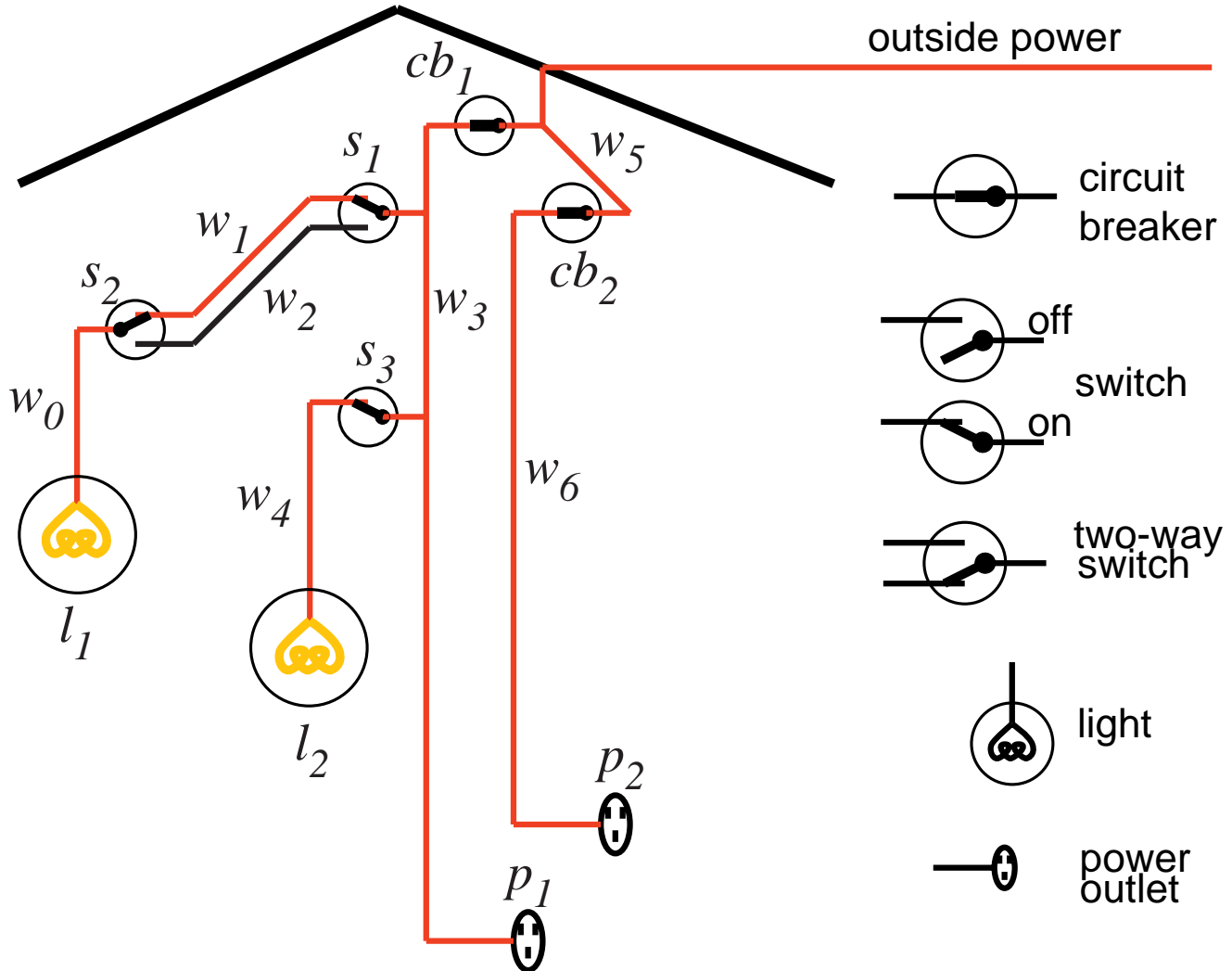
$$\textit{false} \Leftarrow \textit{dark}(L) \ \& \ \textit{lit}(L).$$

$$\textit{false} \Leftarrow \textit{dead}(L) \ \& \ \textit{live}(L).$$

- Make *ok* assumable: $\textit{assumable}(\textit{ok}(X))$.
- Suppose switches s_1 , s_2 , and s_3 are all up:
 $\textit{up}(s_1). \textit{up}(s_2). \textit{up}(s_3)$.



Electrical Environment



$lit(L) \Leftarrow light(L) \ \& \ ok(L) \ \& \ live(L).$

$live(W) \Leftarrow connected_to(W, W_1) \ \& \ live(W_1).$

$live(outside) \Leftarrow true.$

$light(l_1) \Leftarrow true.$

$light(l_2) \Leftarrow true.$

$connected_to(l_1, w_0) \Leftarrow true.$

$connected_to(w_0, w_1) \Leftarrow up(s_2) \ \& \ ok(s_2).$

$connected_to(w_1, w_3) \Leftarrow up(s_1) \ \& \ ok(s_1).$

$connected_to(w_3, w_5) \Leftarrow ok(cb_1).$

$connected_to(w_5, outside) \Leftarrow true.$



➤ If the user has observed l_1 and l_2 are both dark:
 $dark(l_1). dark(l_2).$

➤ There are two minimal conflicts:

$\{ok(cb_1), ok(s_1), ok(s_2), ok(l_1)\}$ and

$\{ok(cb_1), ok(s_3), ok(l_2)\}.$

➤ You can derive:

$\neg ok(cb_1) \vee \neg ok(s_1) \vee \neg ok(s_2) \vee \neg ok(l_1)$

$\neg ok(cb_1) \vee \neg ok(s_3) \vee \neg ok(l_2).$

➤ Either cb_1 is broken or there is one of six double faults.



Diagnoses

- A **consistency-based diagnosis** is a set of assumables that has at least one element in each conflict.
- A **minimal diagnosis** is a diagnosis such that no subset is also a diagnosis.
- Intuitively, one of the minimal diagnoses must hold. A diagnosis holds if all of its elements are false.
- **Example:** For the preceding example there are seven minimal diagnoses: $\{ok(cb_1)\}$, $\{ok(s_1), ok(s_3)\}$, $\{ok(s_1), ok(l_2)\}$, $\{ok(s_2), ok(s_3)\}$,...



Meta-interpreter to find conflicts

% *dprove*(*G*, *D*₀, *D*₁) is true if list *D*₀ is an ending of list *D*₁
% such that assuming the elements of *D*₁ lets you derive *G*.

dprove(*true*, *D*, *D*).

dprove((*A* & *B*), *D*₁, *D*₃) ←

dprove(*A*, *D*₁, *D*₂) ∧ *dprove*(*B*, *D*₂, *D*₃).

dprove(*G*, *D*, [*G*|*D*]) ← *assumable*(*G*).

dprove(*H*, *D*₁, *D*₂) ←

(*H* ⇐ *B*) ∧ *dprove*(*B*, *D*₁, *D*₂).

conflict(*C*) ← *dprove*(*false*, [], *C*).



Tricky Example

$\text{false} \Leftarrow a.$

$a \Leftarrow b \ \& \ c.$

$b \Leftarrow d.$

$b \Leftarrow e.$

$c \Leftarrow f.$

$c \Leftarrow g.$

$e \Leftarrow h \ \& \ w.$

$e \Leftarrow g.$

$w \Leftarrow d.$

assumable $d, f, g, h.$



Bottom-up Conflict Finding

- **Conclusions** are pairs $\langle a, A \rangle$, where a is an atom and A is a set of assumables that imply a .
- Initially, conclusion set $C = \{\langle a, \{a\} \rangle : a \text{ is assumable}\}$.
- If there is a rule $h \leftarrow b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_m$ such that for each b_i there is some A_i such that $\langle b_i, A_i \rangle \in C$, then $\langle h, A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m \rangle$ can be added to C .
- If $\langle a, A_1 \rangle$ and $\langle a, A_2 \rangle$ are in C , where $A_1 \subset A_2$, then $\langle a, A_2 \rangle$ can be removed from C .
- If $\langle \text{false}, A_1 \rangle$ and $\langle a, A_2 \rangle$ are in C , where $A_1 \subseteq A_2$, then $\langle a, A_2 \rangle$ can be removed from C .



Bottom-up Conflict Finding Code

$C := \{ \langle a, \{a\} \rangle : a \text{ is assumable} \};$

repeat

select clause “ $h \leftarrow b_1 \wedge \dots \wedge b_m$ ” in T such that

$\langle b_i, A_i \rangle \in C$ for all i and

there is no $\langle h, A' \rangle \in C$ or $\langle \text{false}, A' \rangle \in C$

such that $A' \subseteq A$ where $A = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_m$;

$C := C \cup \{ \langle h, A \rangle \}$

Remove any elements of C that can now be pruned;

until no more selections are possible



Integrity Constraints in Databases

- Database designers can use integrity constraints to specify constraints that should never be violated.
- **Example:** A student can't have two different grades for the same course.

false ←

grade(St, Course, Gr₁) ∧

grade(St, Course, Gr₂) ∧

Gr₁ ≠ Gr₂.

- When false is derived, HOW can be used to debug the KB.

