

On the semantics of disjunctive logic programs

— Part I —

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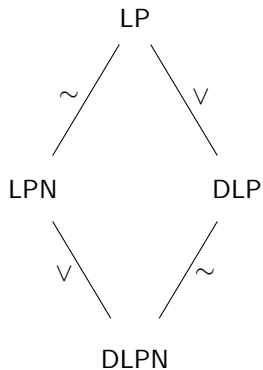
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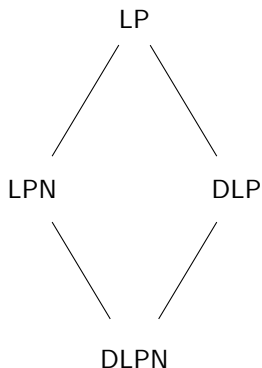
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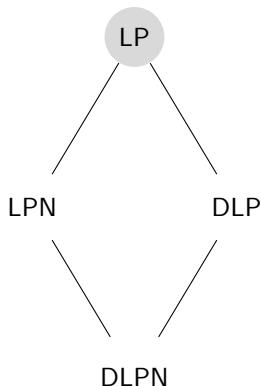
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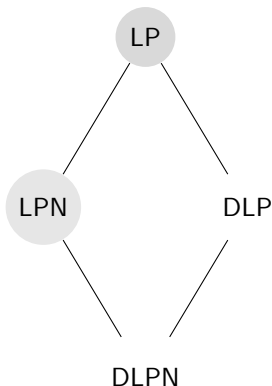
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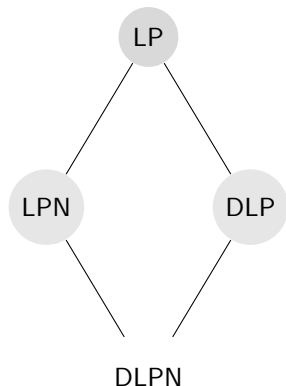
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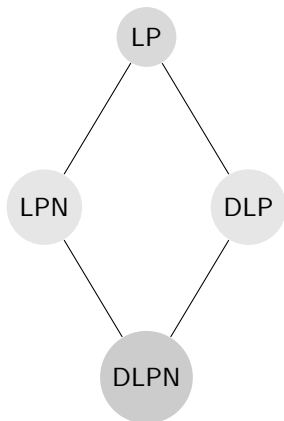
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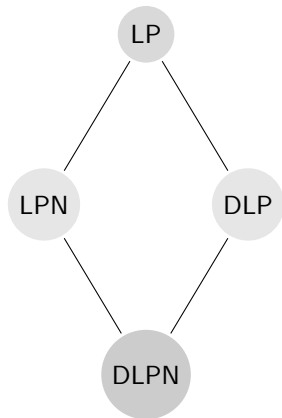
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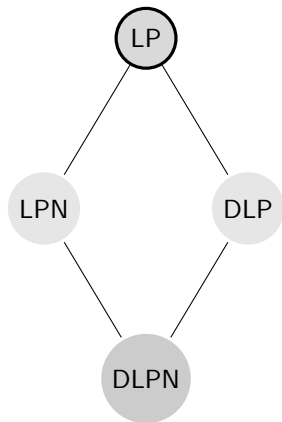
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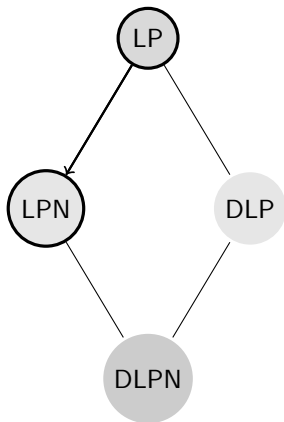
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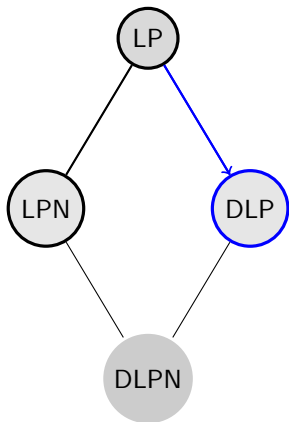
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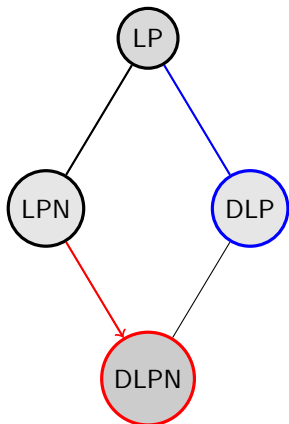
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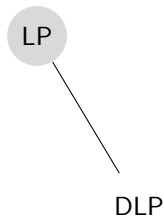
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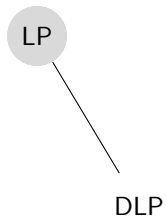
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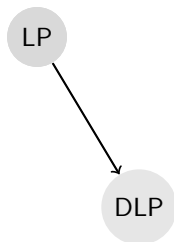
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Difficulties

- We no longer have a least model. ☹
- We have a set of minimal models—but there's no mip!

Approach (Minker 1982)

- We can consider this set to be the meaning of our program.
- The goal $\leftarrow G$ succeeds if G is **T** in every minimal model of \mathcal{P} .

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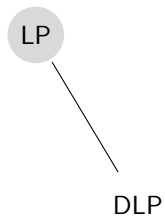
Game semantics

Why games?

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- We want to add more features in our language (\sim and \vee).
- It becomes difficult to deal with them in a uniform way.
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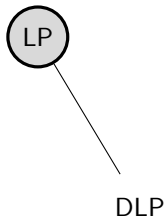
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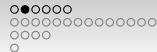
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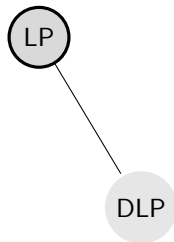
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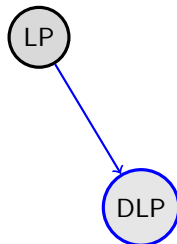
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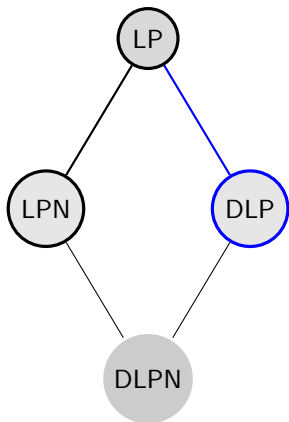
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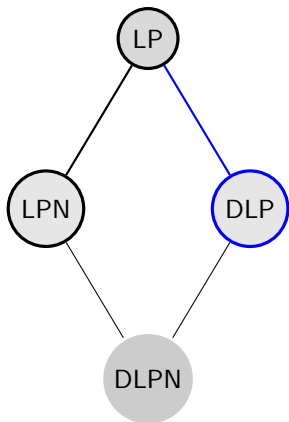
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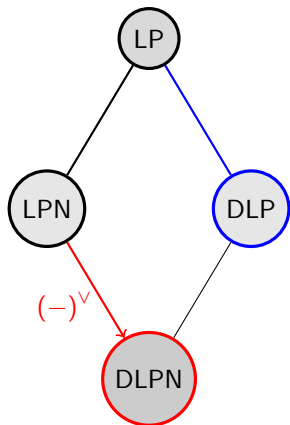
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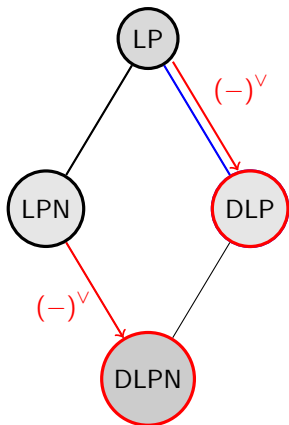
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Thanks!

Questions?



Bonus tracks...

Not is not not

Careful: \sim is *not* \neg

$a \leftarrow \sim b$ $b \leftarrow \sim a$ $a \vee b \leftarrow$ all have different meanings.

$a \leftarrow \neg b$ $b \leftarrow \neg a$ $a \vee b \leftarrow$ are equivalent in classical logic.

Why propositional?

Cheating conveniently

Are we forgetting something?

- Logic programs may contain variables and function symbols.
- Instead, we are only looking at (possibly infinite) propositional logic programs.

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Because...

the program

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{even}(0) \leftarrow \\ \text{even}(S(S(X))) \leftarrow \text{even}(X) \\ \text{odd}(X) \leftarrow \sim \text{even}(X) \end{array} \right\}$$

is semantically equivalent to the program

$$\left\{ e_0 \leftarrow \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_2 \leftarrow e_0 \\ e_4 \leftarrow e_2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} o_0 \leftarrow \sim e_0 \\ o_1 \leftarrow \sim e_1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} .$$

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- The analogous result for completeness is trivial.

A needed lemma

Lemma (Inclusions)

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Splitting strategies

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It is easy to see that this results in a valid, winning strategy.