

CS 295A/395D: Artificial Intelligence

Epistemic Logic: Knowledge & Belief

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“Modes” of truth

Recall: logic with respect to a knowledge base

Contextualizes statements – need abstract notion of context

- Informally, time: when is something true?
 - When must something be true? Refers not to time, but “in what context?”
- Formally more abstract than time: time has a specific sequential meaning, but we may want a broader definition

Recap: Semantics

Recall: a formal *semantics* is a mapping from a surface string (syntax) to an underlying structure that gives a surface string meaning.

Propositional logic example: Given assignment $\mathcal{A} = \{p : 1, q : 0, r : 1\}$, $\mathcal{A} \models (p \vee q) \rightarrow r$

Predicate logic example: Given $\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{N}$ and structure $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{F} = \{+\}, \mathcal{P} = \{=\})$, $\mathcal{M} \models \forall n \exists m (m = n + 1)$

Finding an assignment that models a formula == searching for a satisfying assignment (SAT)

Finding a structure to model a predicate formula \rightarrow not emphasized

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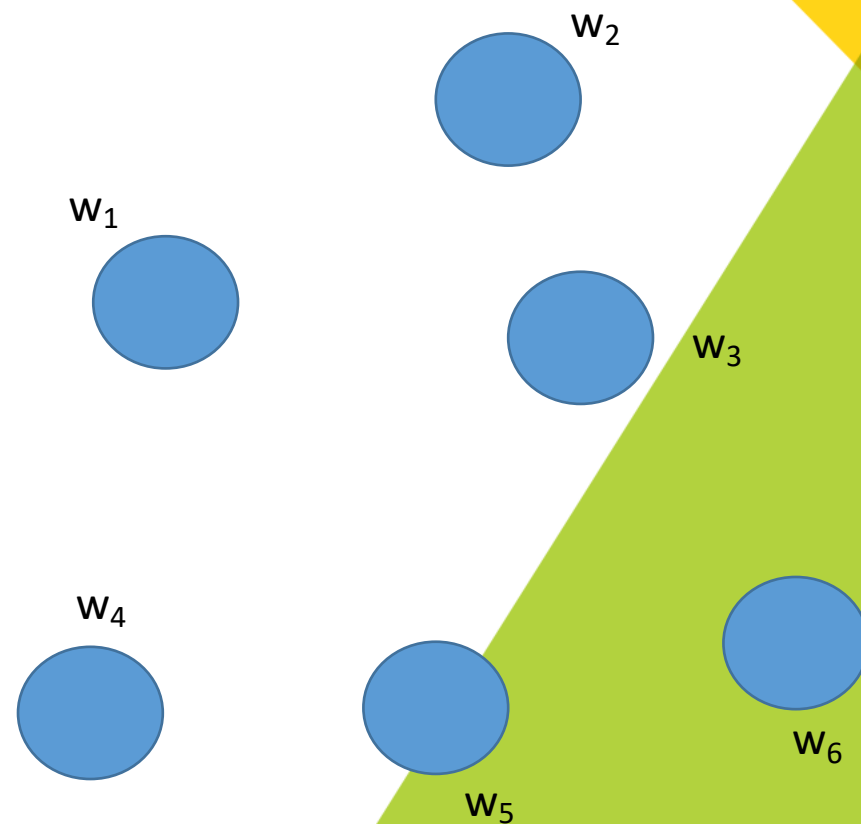
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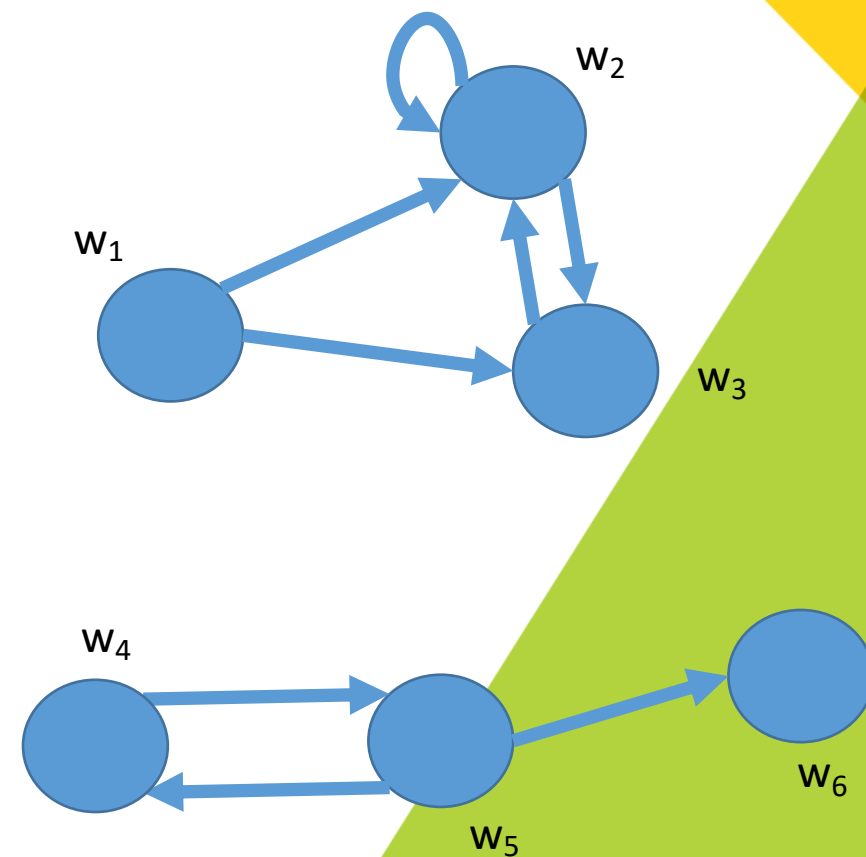
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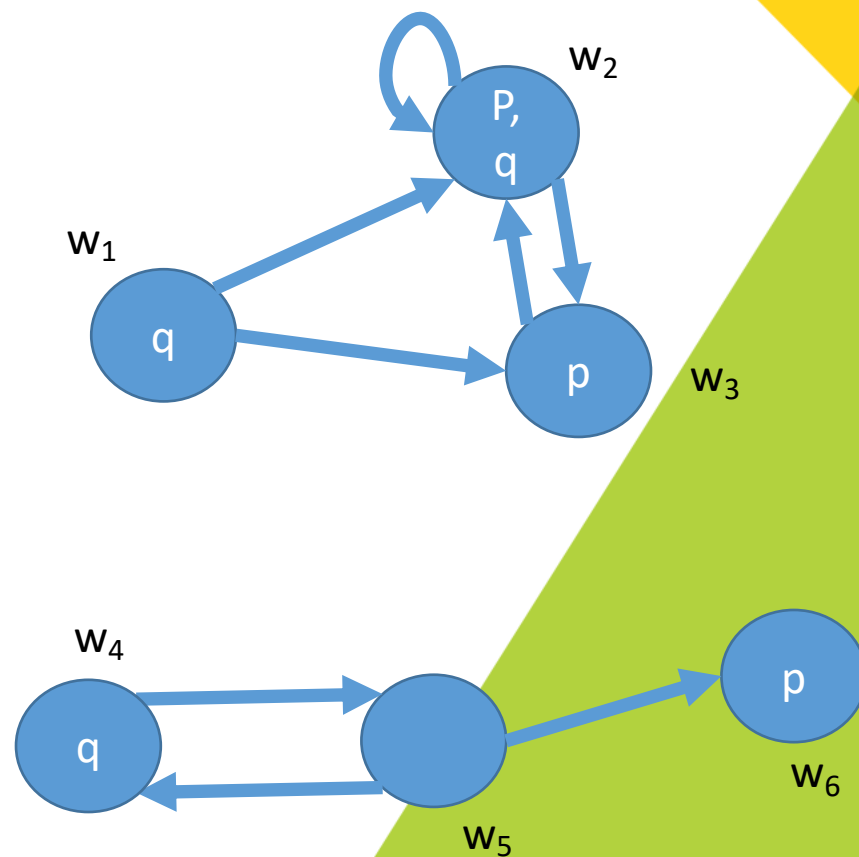


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Where the set of atoms is the set of propositions.



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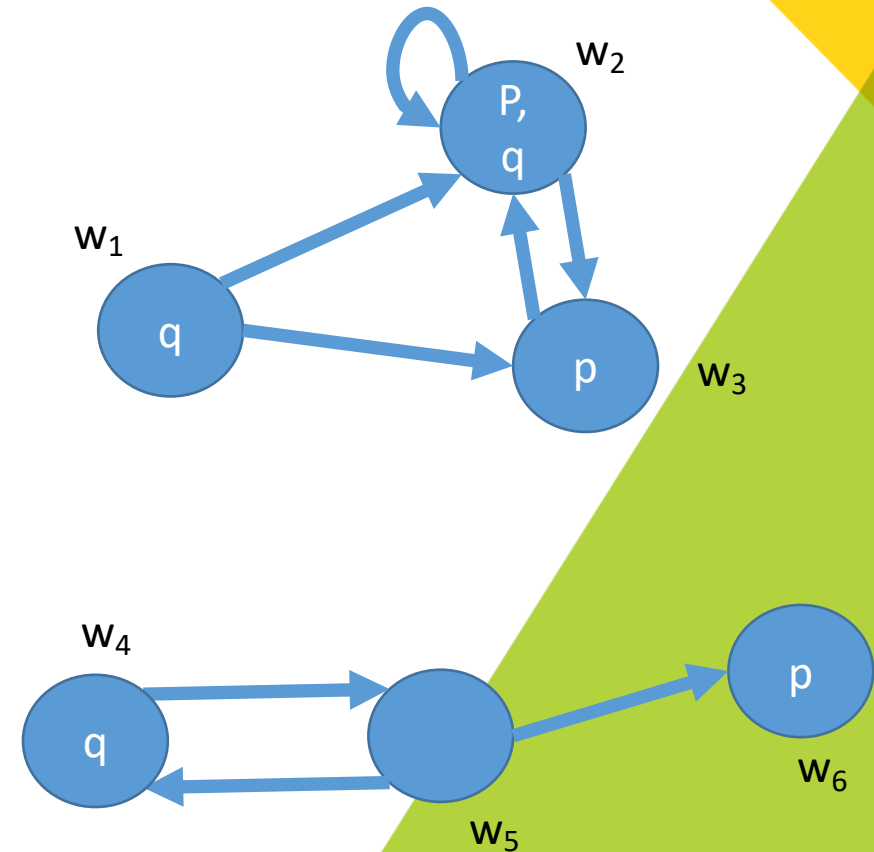
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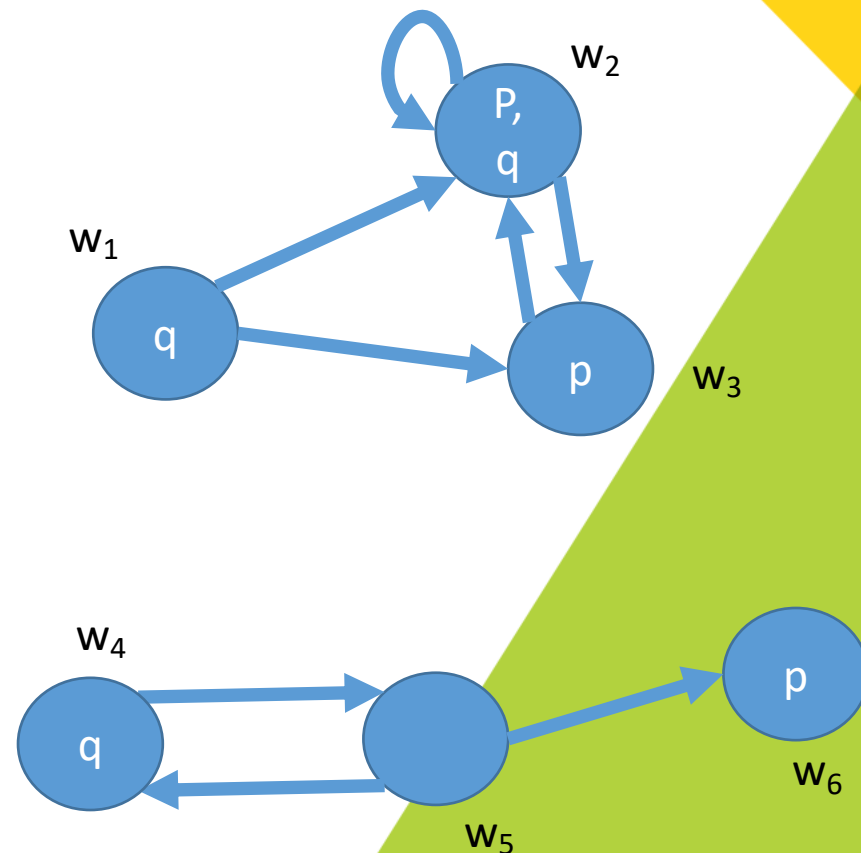
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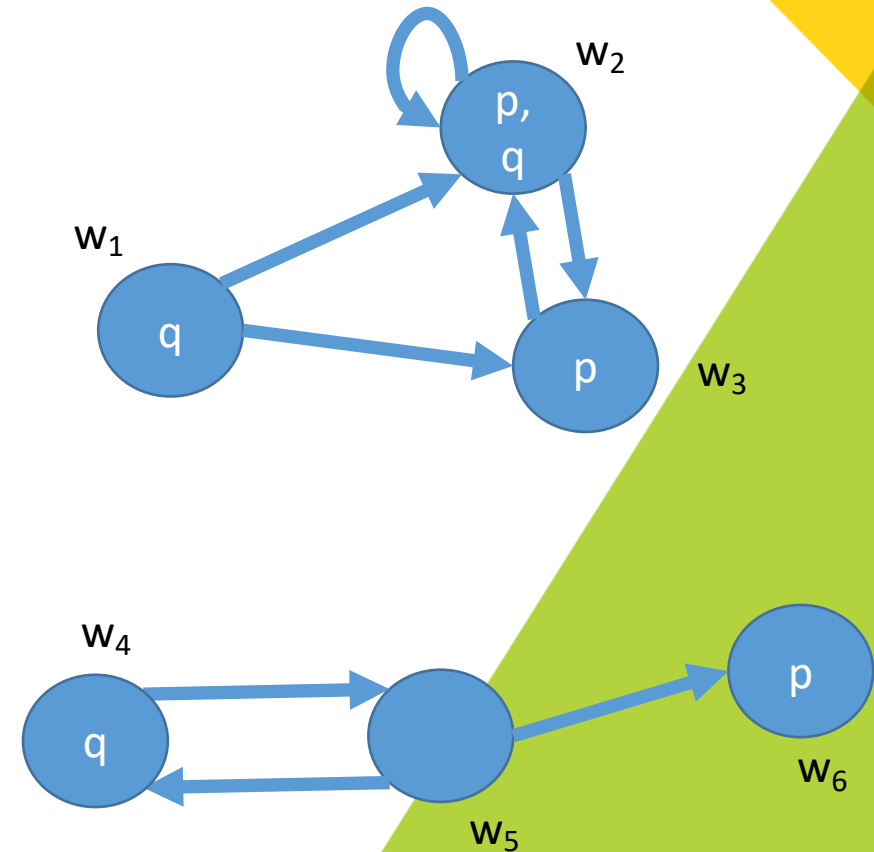
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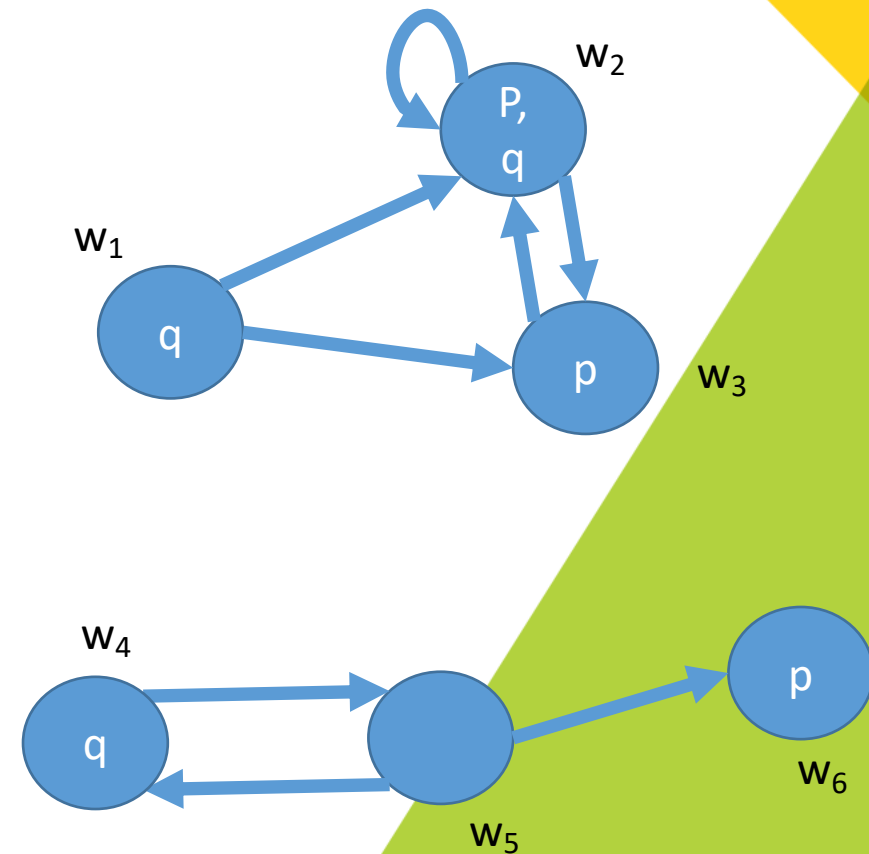
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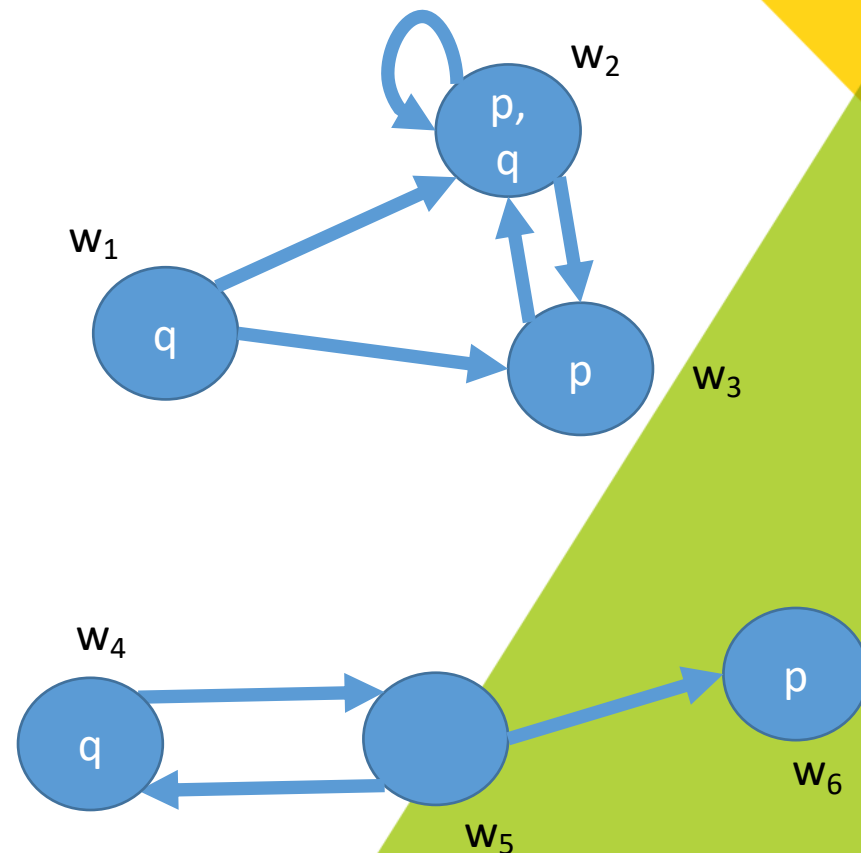
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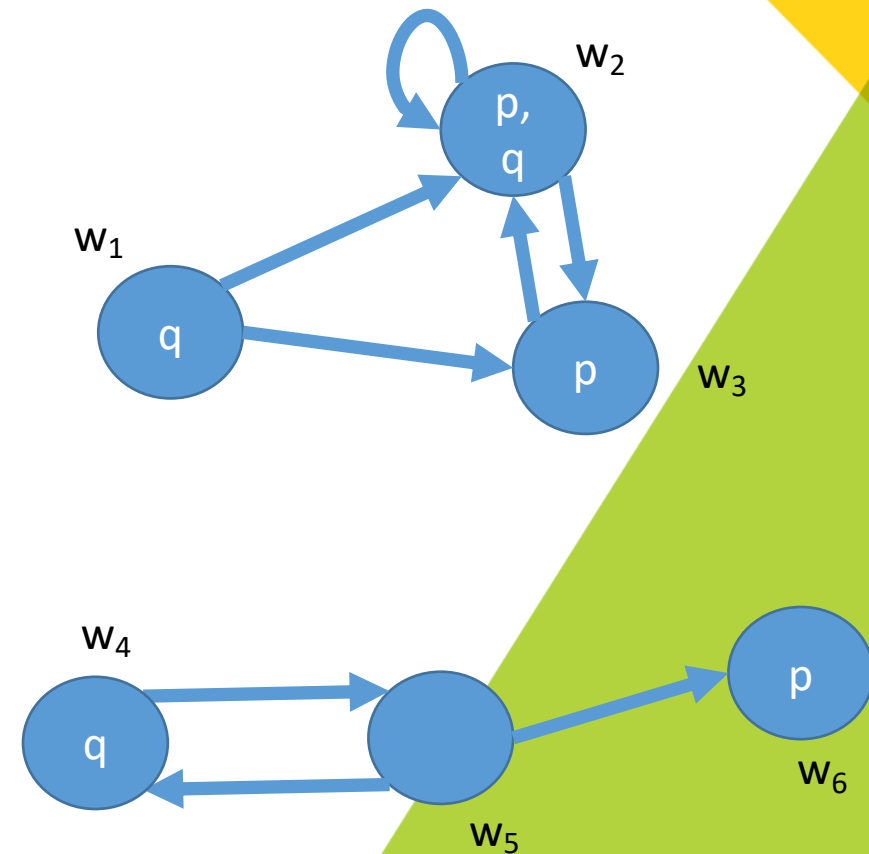
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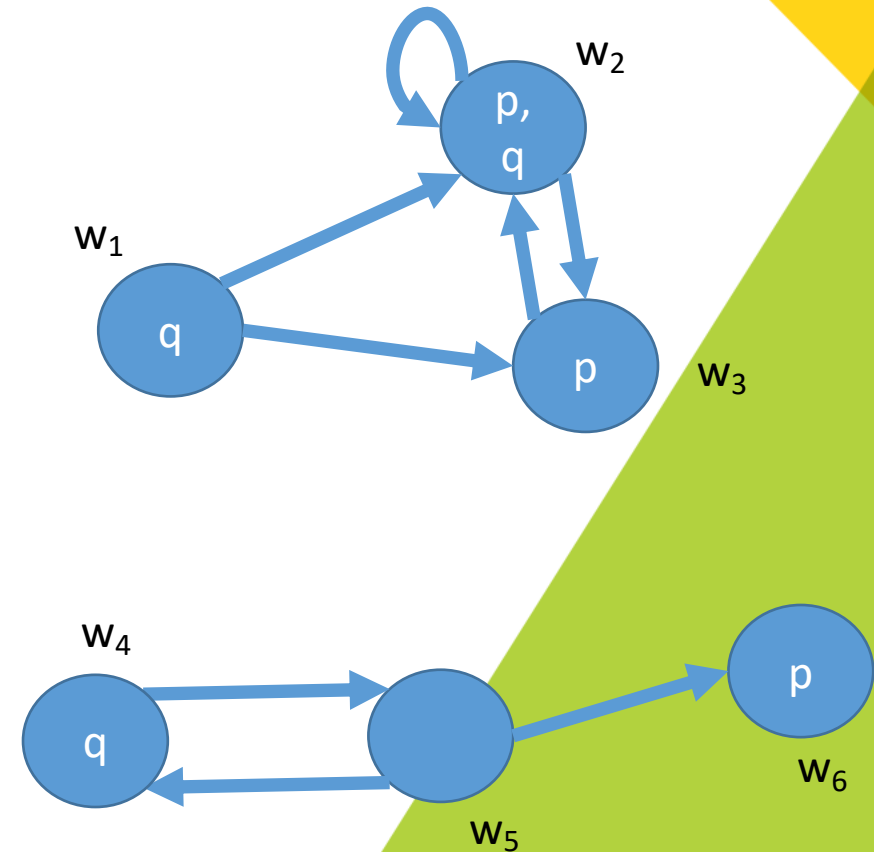
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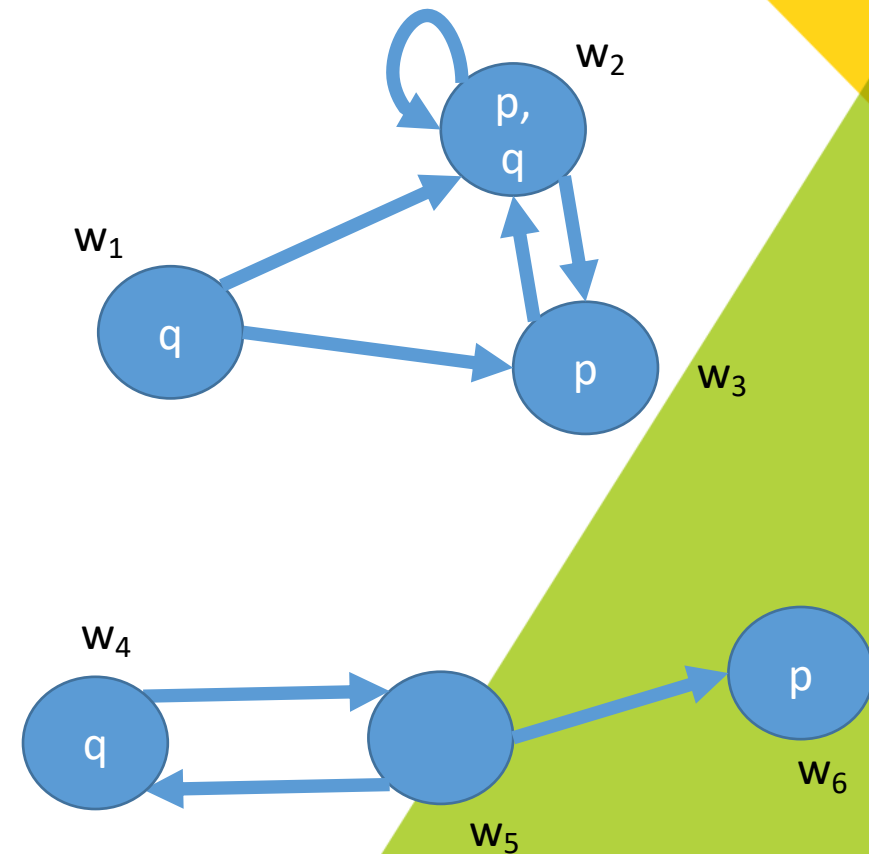
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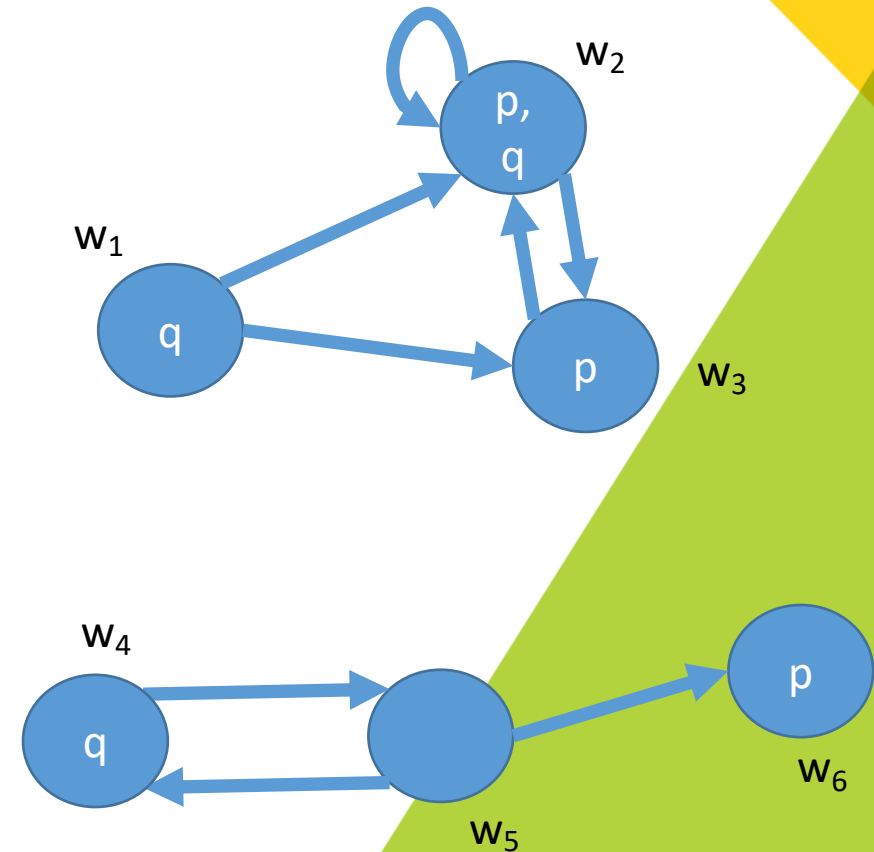
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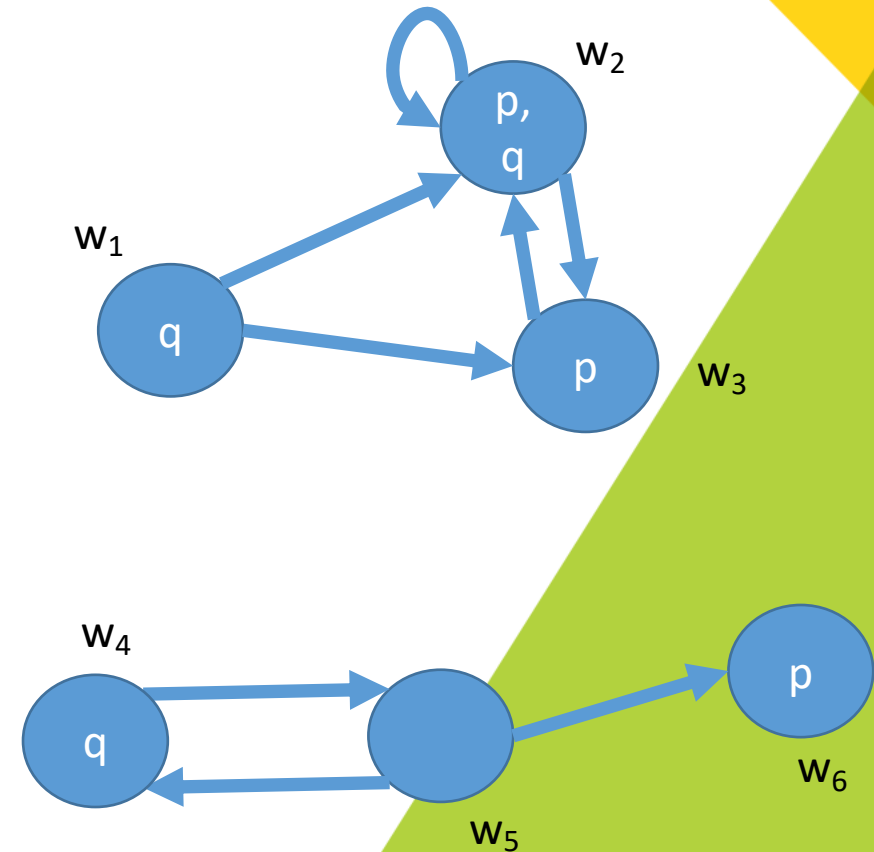
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New rules/equivalences

DeMorgan's:

$$\neg \Box \varphi = \Diamond \neg \varphi$$

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Distributive:

$$\Box(\varphi \wedge \psi) = \Box \varphi \wedge \Box \psi$$

$$\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) = \Diamond \varphi \vee \Diamond \psi$$

Tautology, contradiction:

$$\Box \top = \top$$

$$\Box \top \neq \Diamond \top$$

$$\Diamond \perp = \perp$$

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Connective equivalence:

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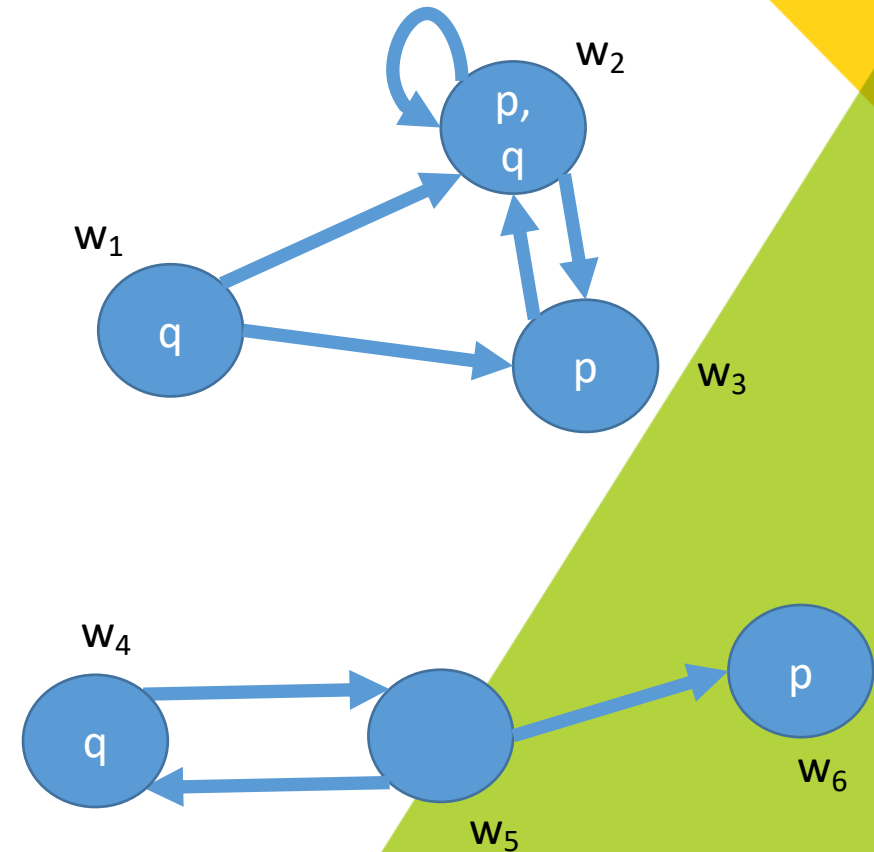
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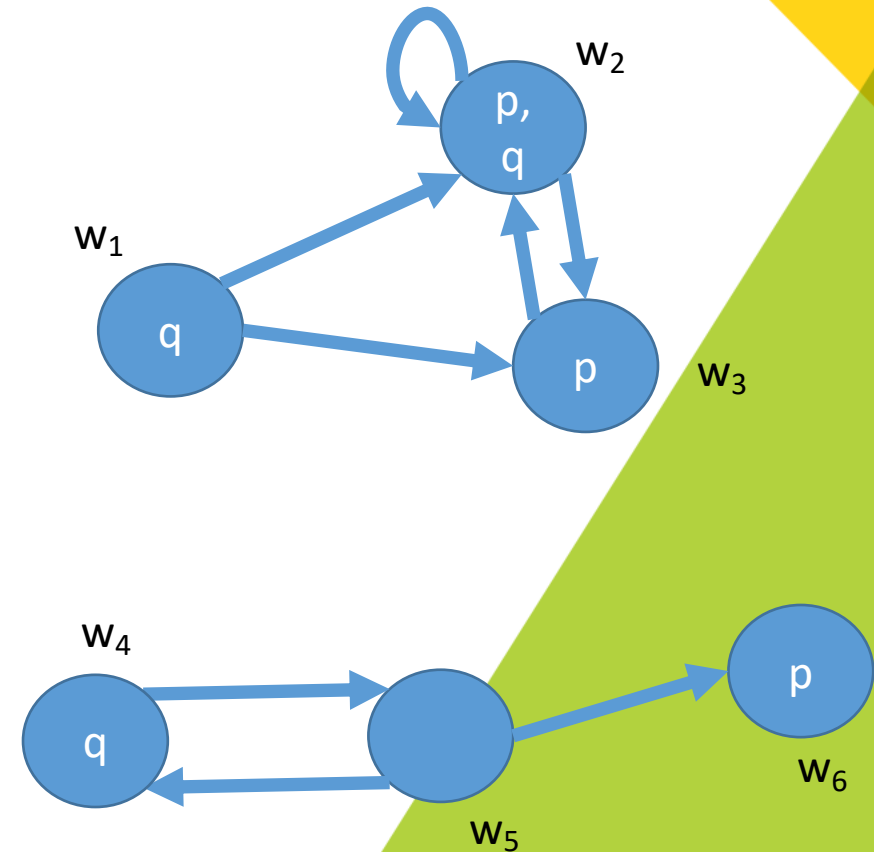
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Model satisfiability

So far: world satisfiability (e.g., $w \Vdash p$).

Let $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, L)$. If every world $w \in W$ satisfies a formula φ , then we say $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$.

Valid formulas: Propositional logic

Recall: a formula is valid iff every possible assignment/structure makes it true.

Equivalently: a formula is valid iff there does not exist an assignment that could make it false.

Examples:

$$p \vee \neg p$$

$$p \rightarrow p$$

$$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$$

Valid formulas: Basic Modal Logic

All the same valid formulas, plus “K”:

$$(\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge \Box\varphi) \rightarrow \Box\psi$$

Also written:

$$\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$$

Work through derivation on the board

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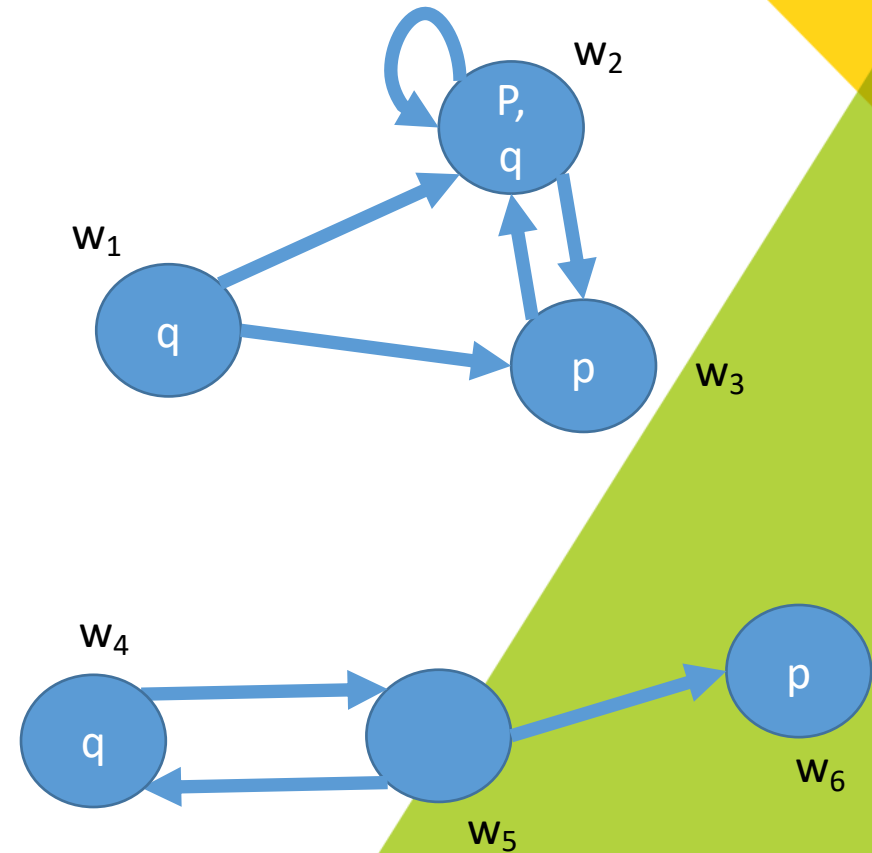
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Both interpretations of possible (diamond) are more intuitive under $\neg\Box\neg\varphi = \Diamond\varphi$

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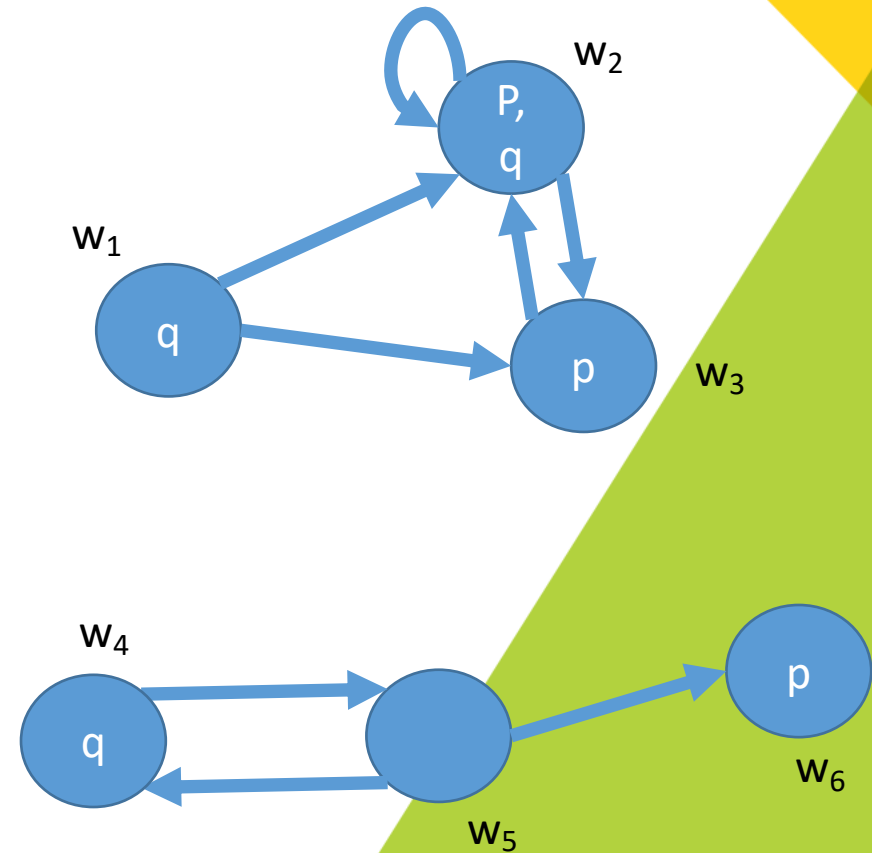
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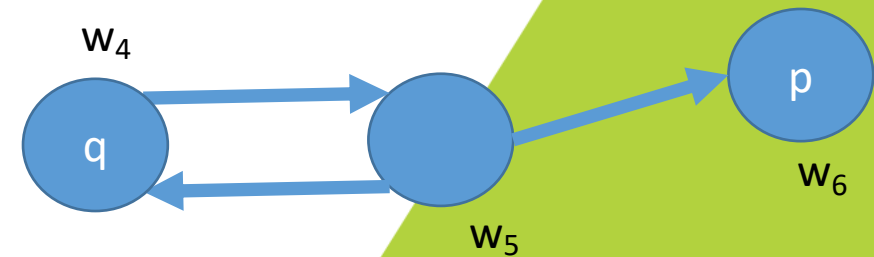
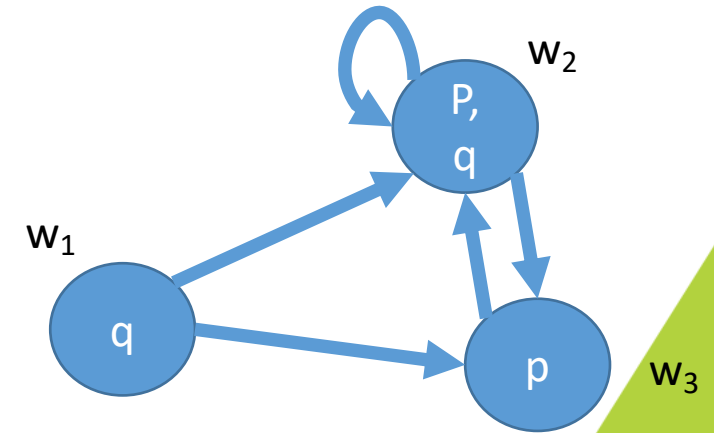
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Sometimes we want to assert a formula schema

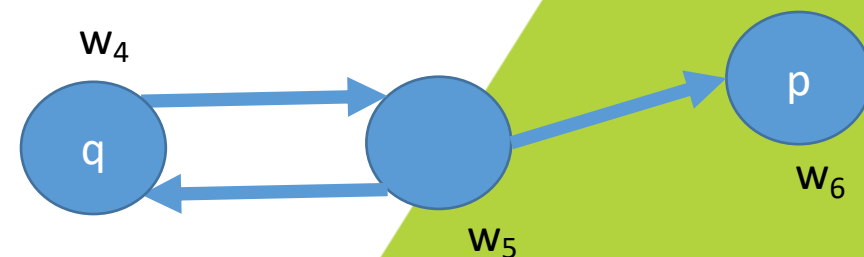
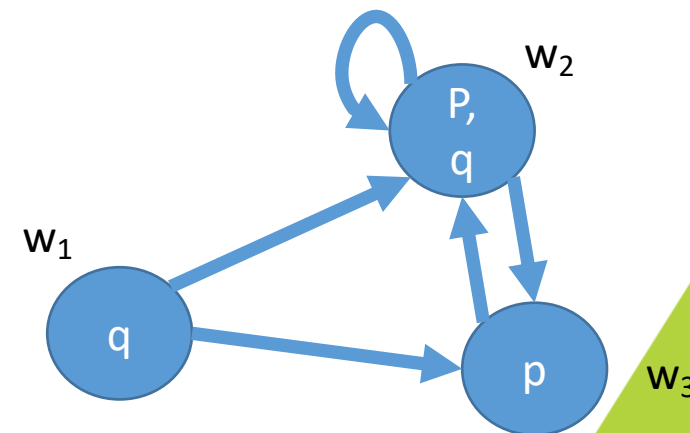
Formula schema: high-level pattern (we've seen this before)

e.g., $\varphi \vee \neg\varphi$ is a schema;

$p \vee \neg p$ and $(p \rightarrow q) \vee \neg(p \rightarrow q)$ are instances

We want $\Box p \rightarrow p$ to be true when talking about knowledge, but not belief (even though it isn't valid generally).

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