

Proof Using Resolution

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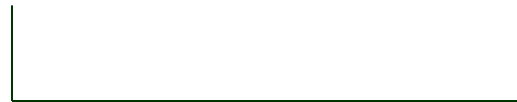
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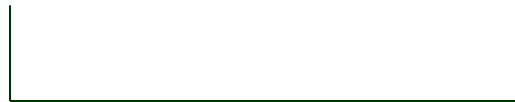


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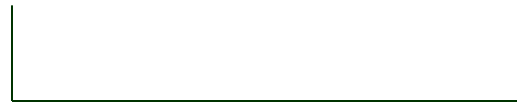
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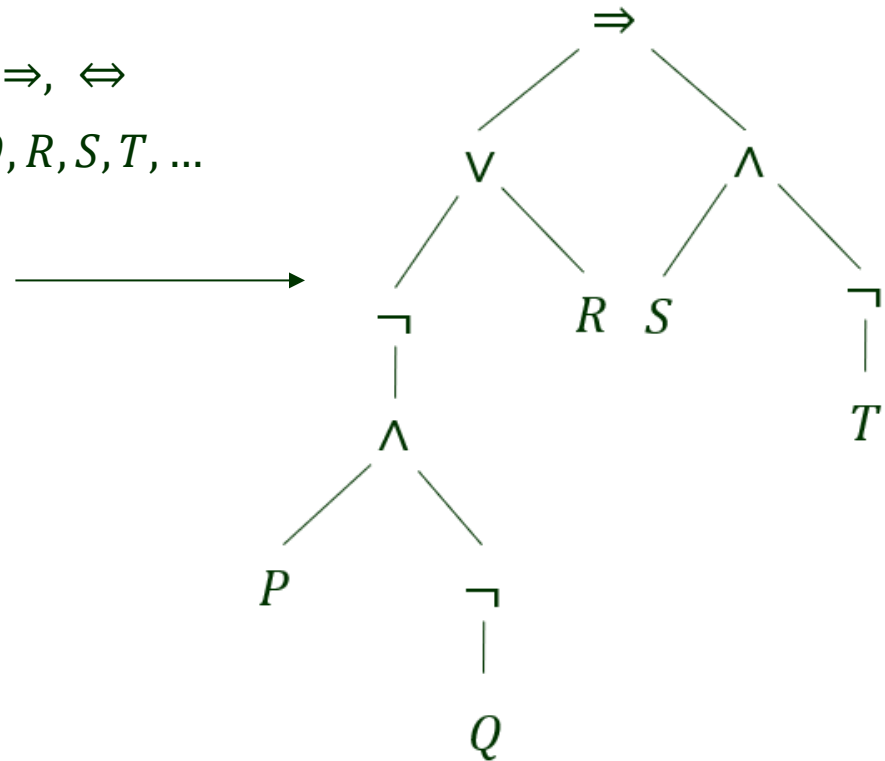
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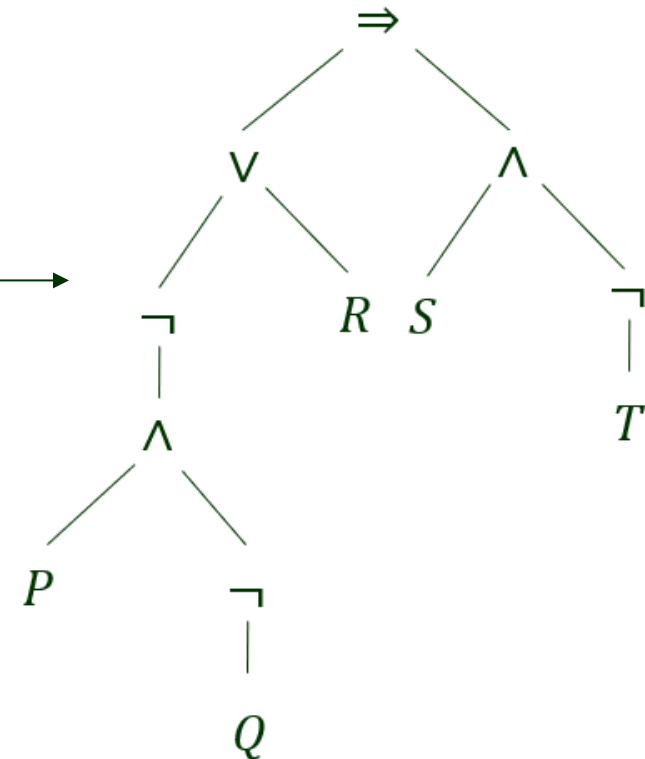
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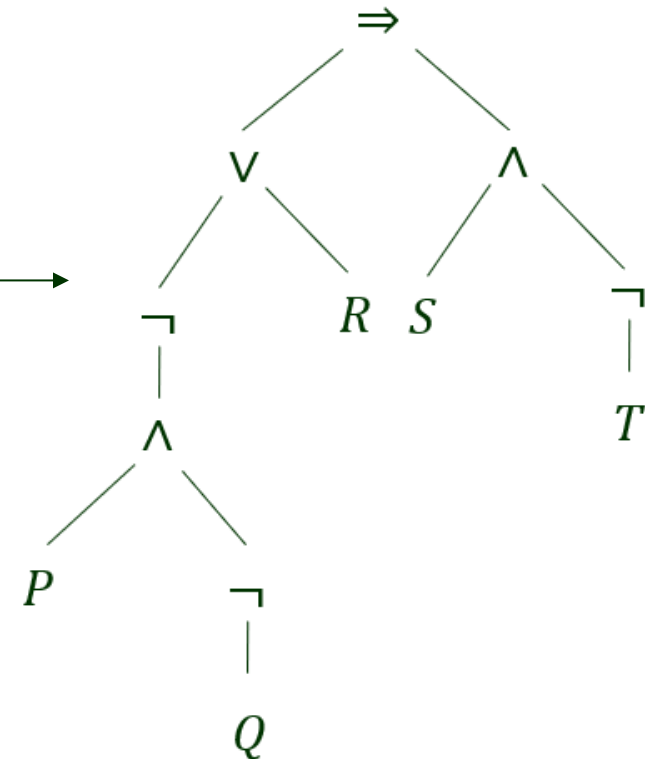
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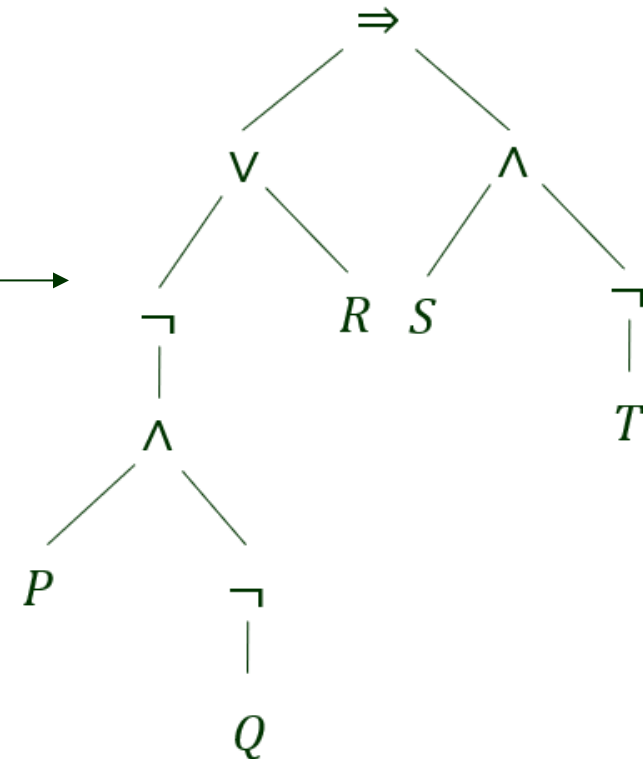
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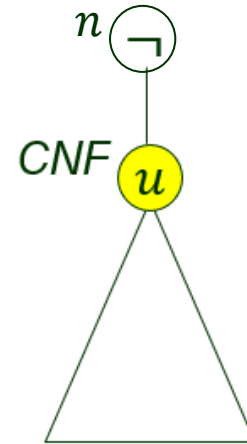
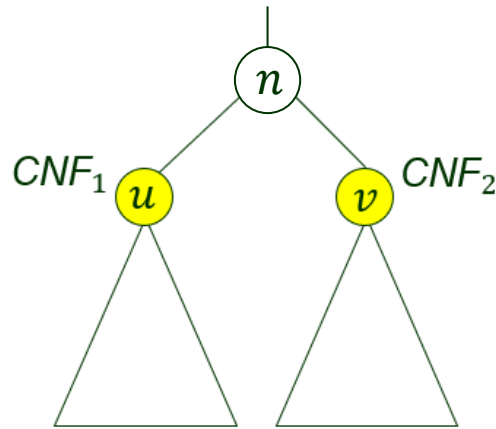
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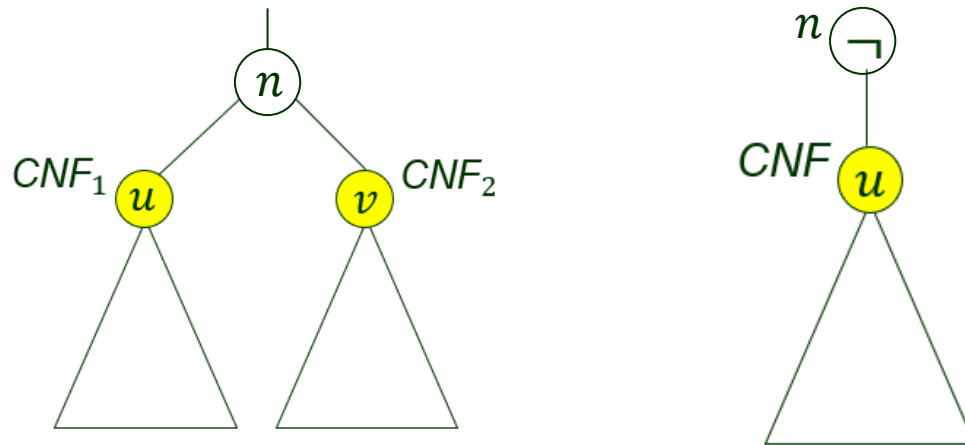
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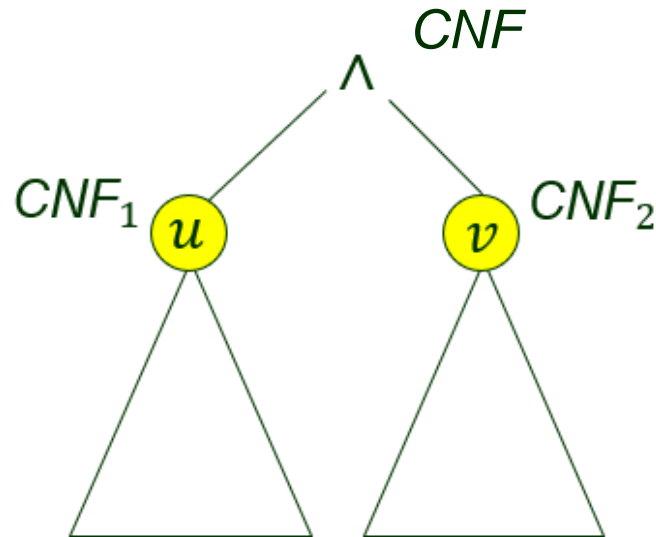
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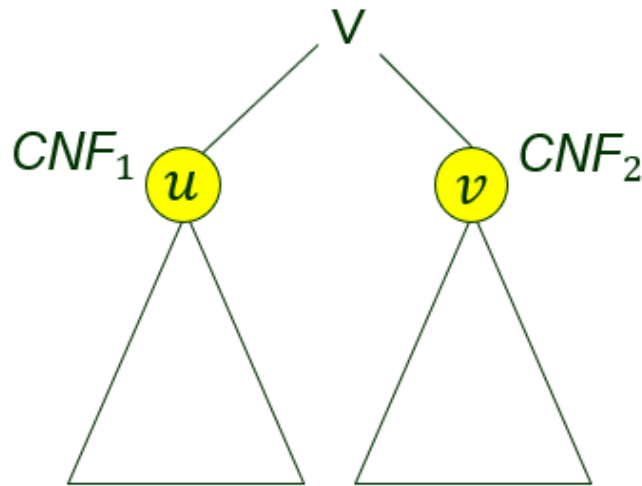
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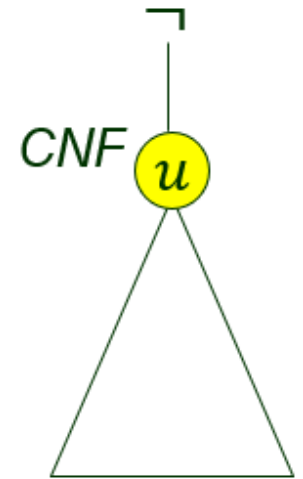
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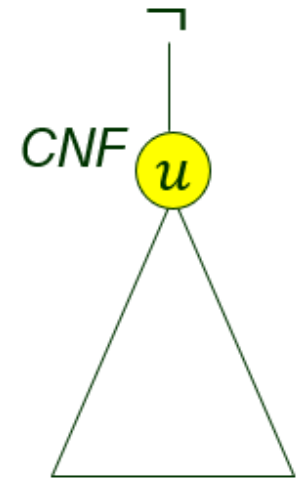
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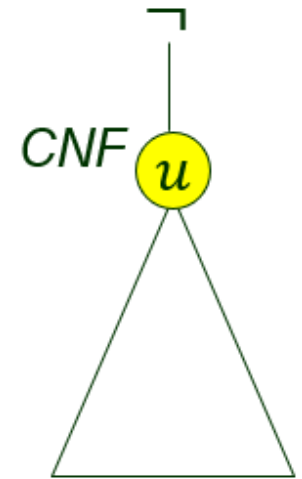


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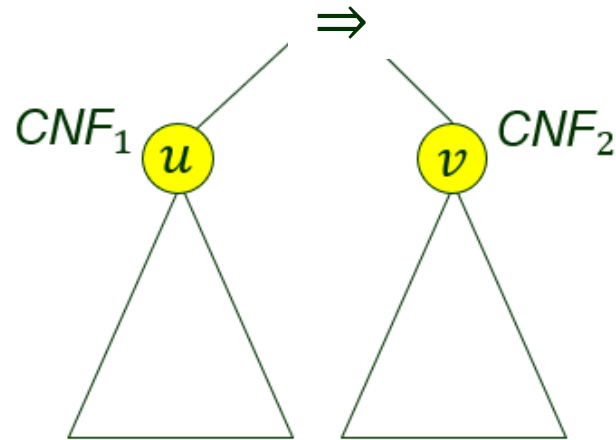


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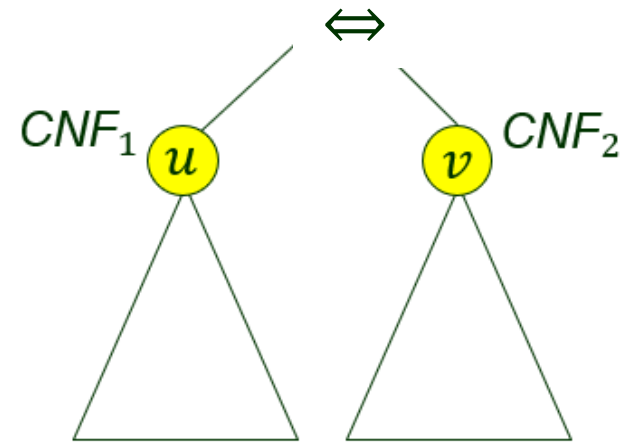
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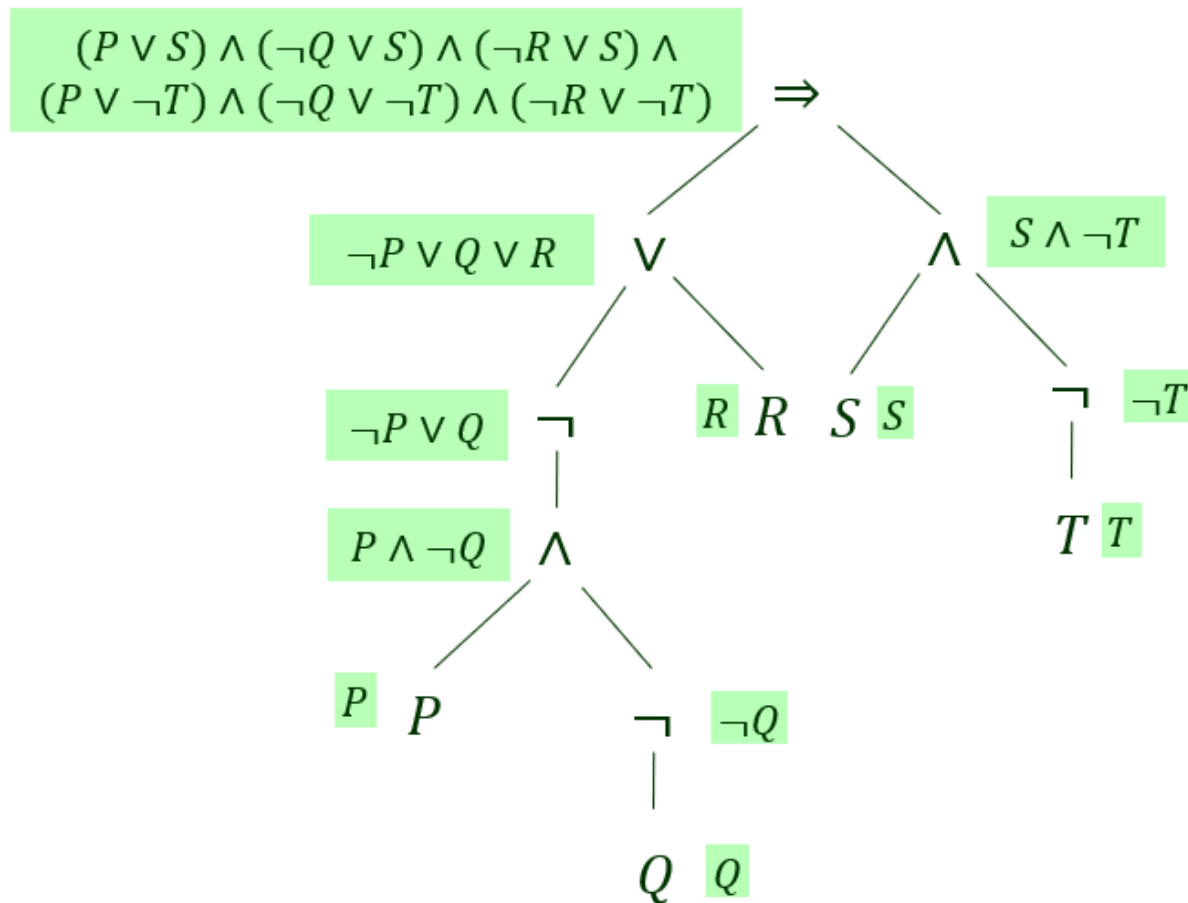
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- Logically equivalent to $(CNF_1 \Rightarrow CNF_2) \wedge (CNF_2 \Rightarrow CNF_1)$.
- Convert $CNF_1 \Rightarrow CNF_2$ and $CNF_2 \Rightarrow CNF_1$ separately into conjunctive normal forms CNF'_1 and CNF'_2 (see case 4).
- Return $CNF'_1 \wedge CNF'_2$.

Example

$\neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \vee R \Rightarrow S \wedge \neg T$ has the following conjunctive normal form:



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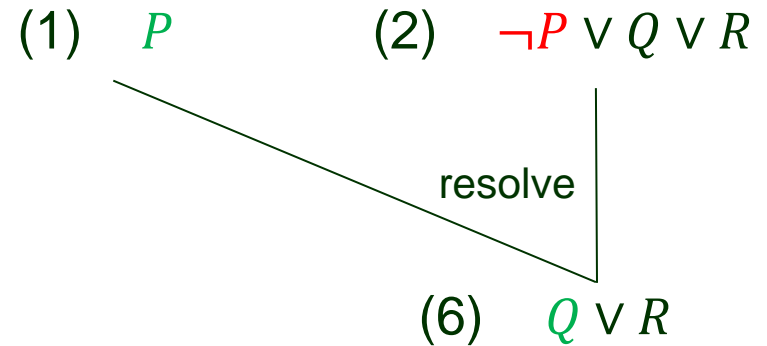
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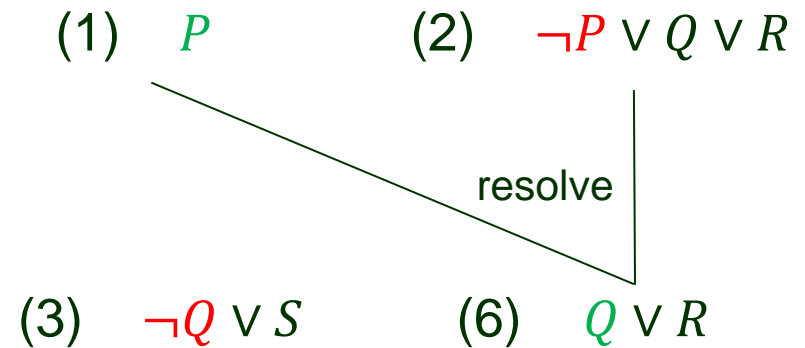


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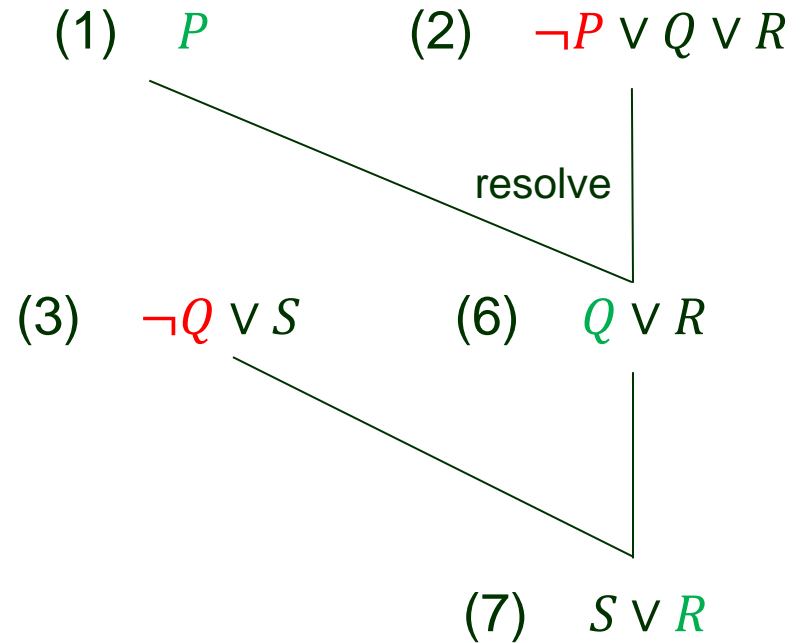


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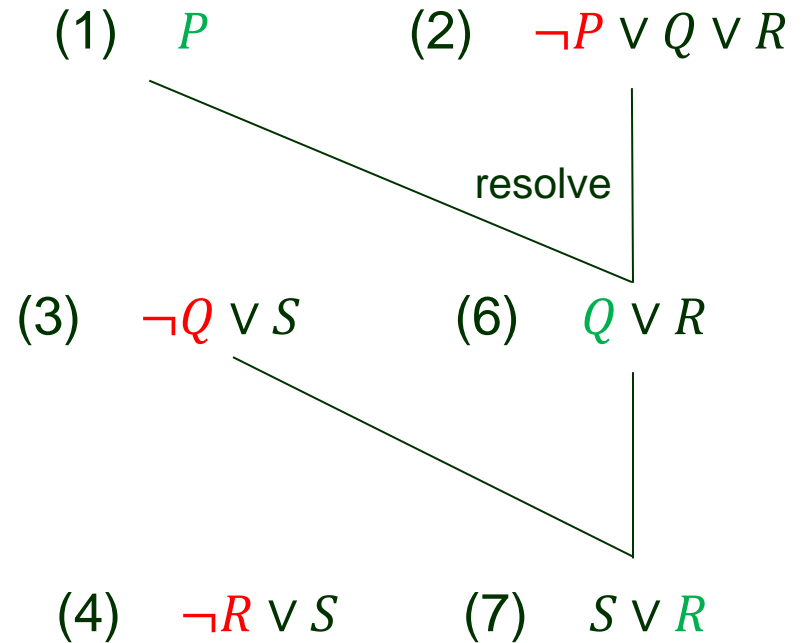


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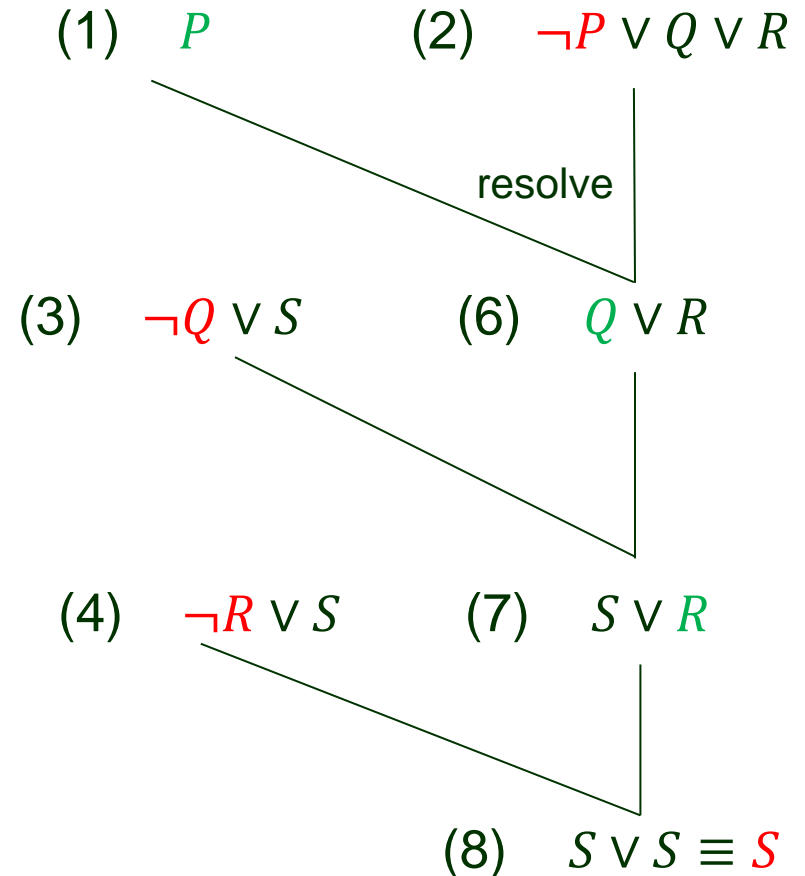


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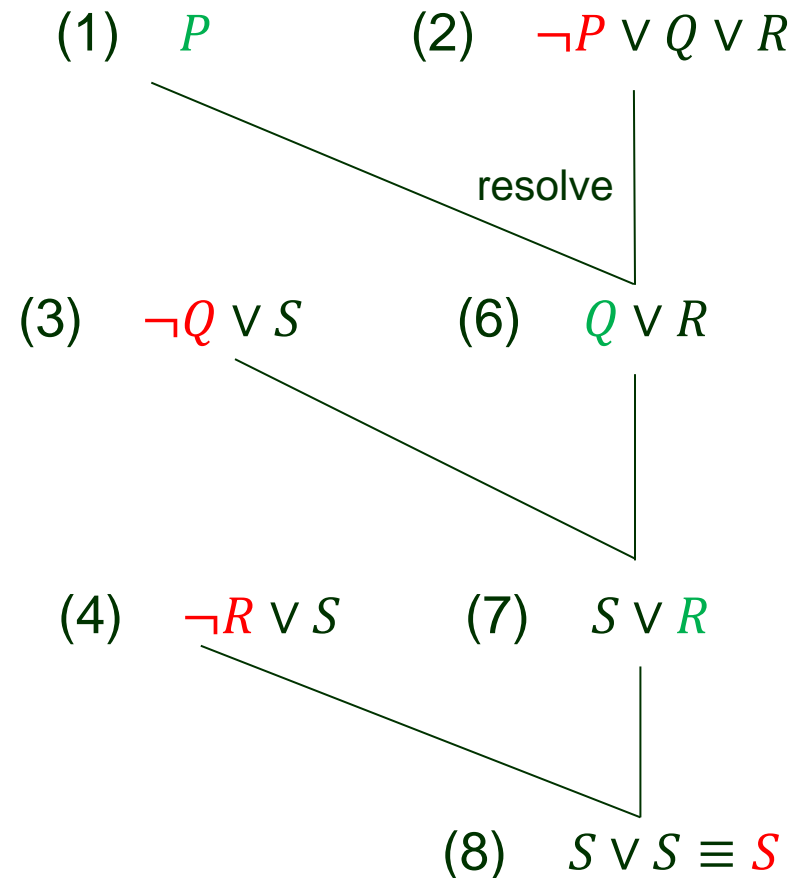


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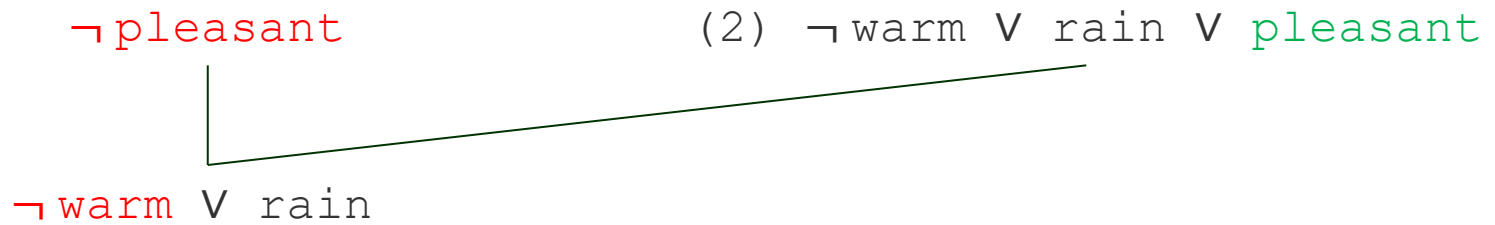
We add \neg pleasant to KB and try to derive an empty clause \emptyset .

Resolution Refutation Tree

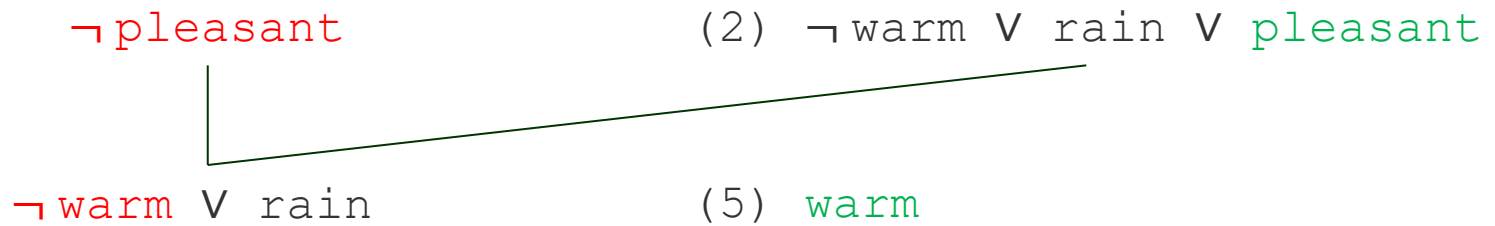
\neg pleasant

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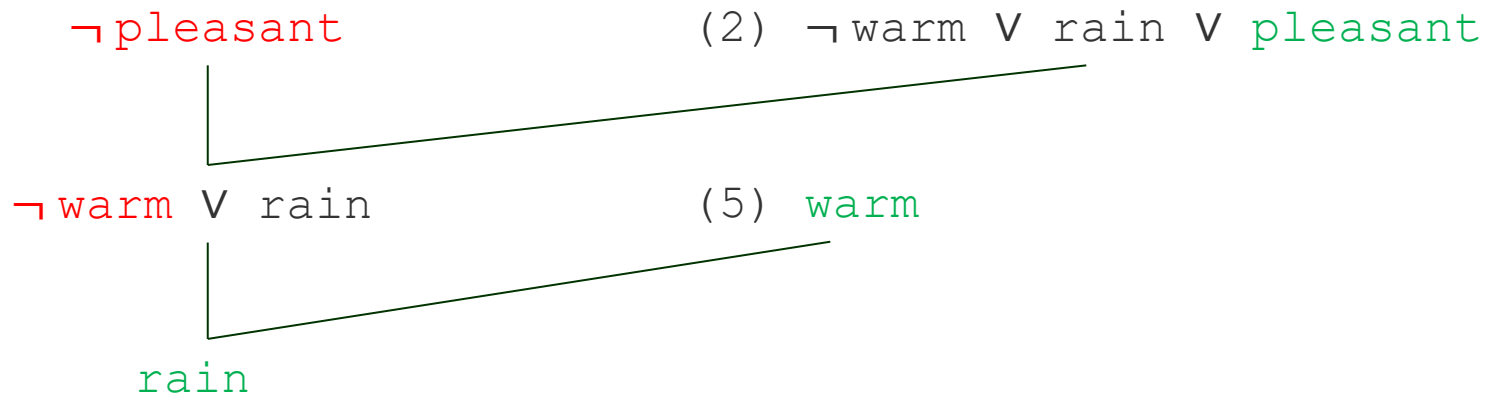
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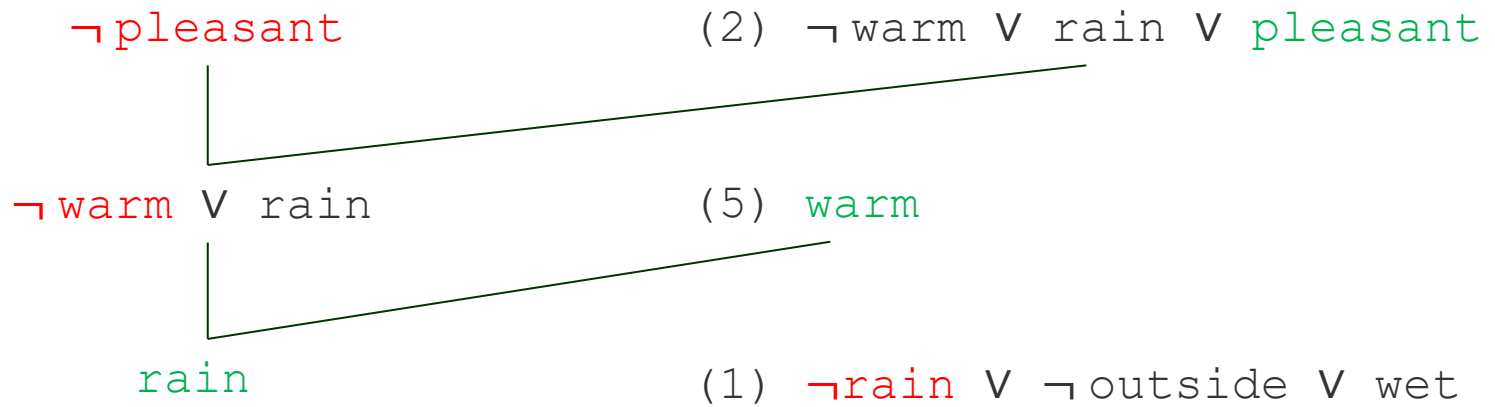
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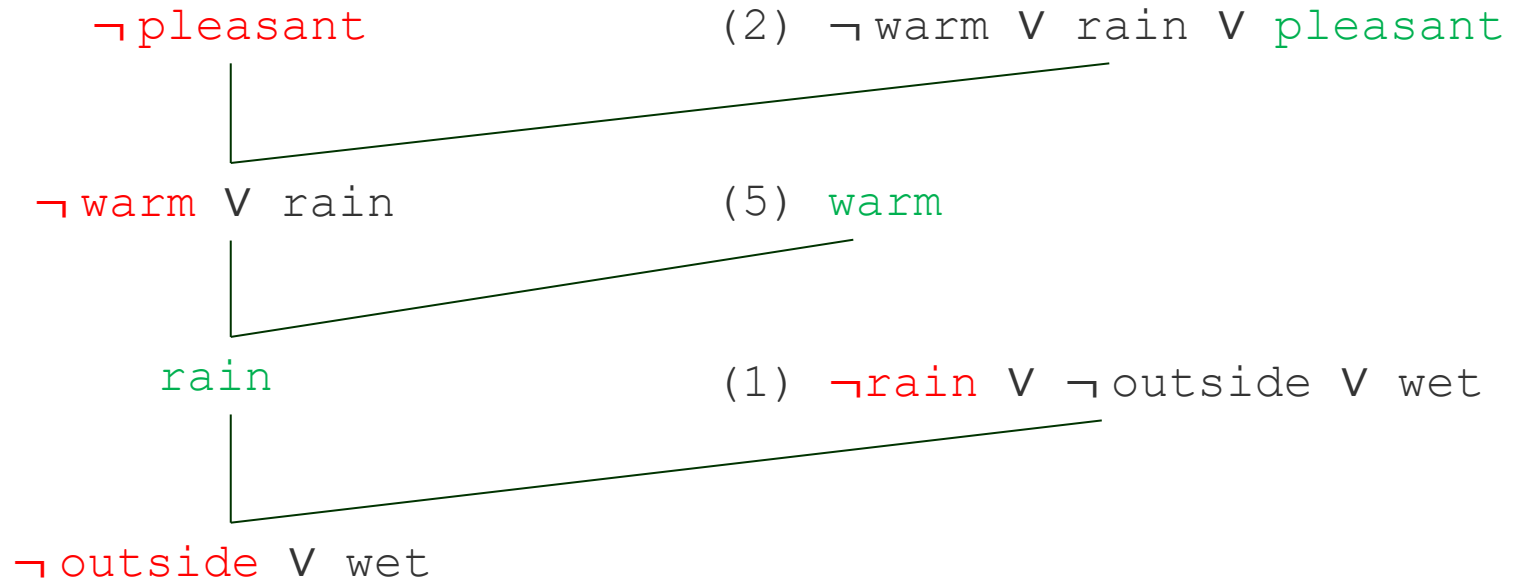
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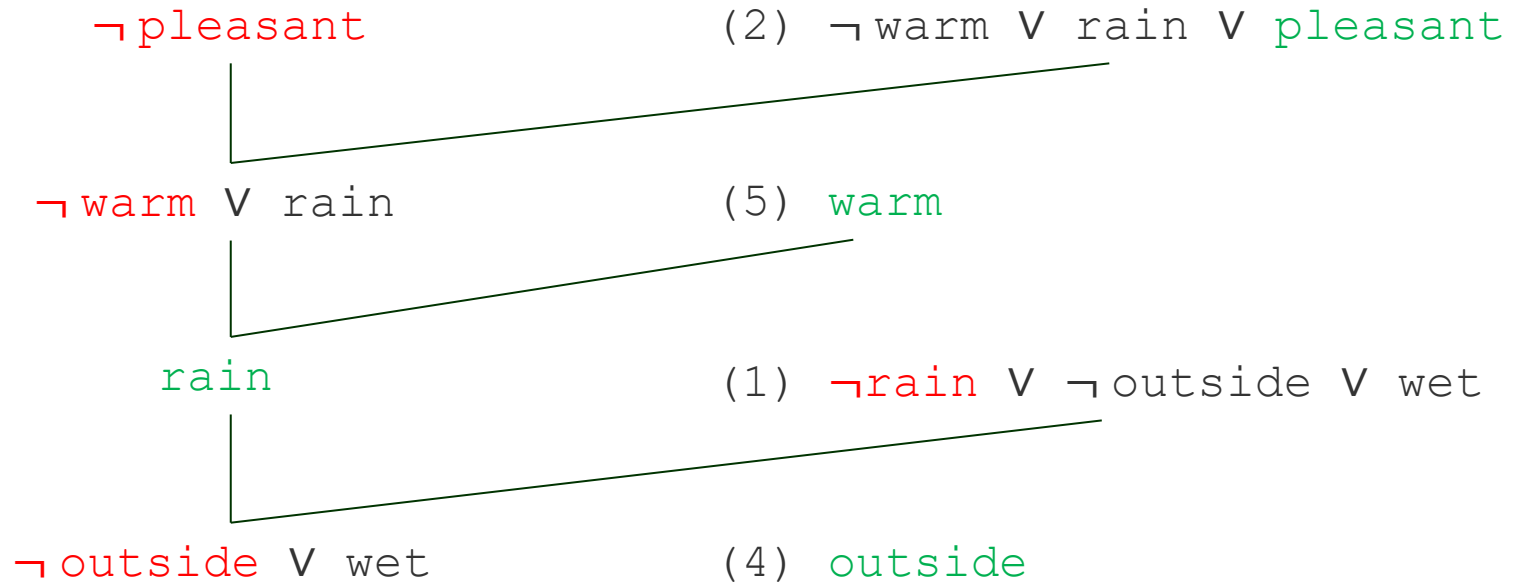
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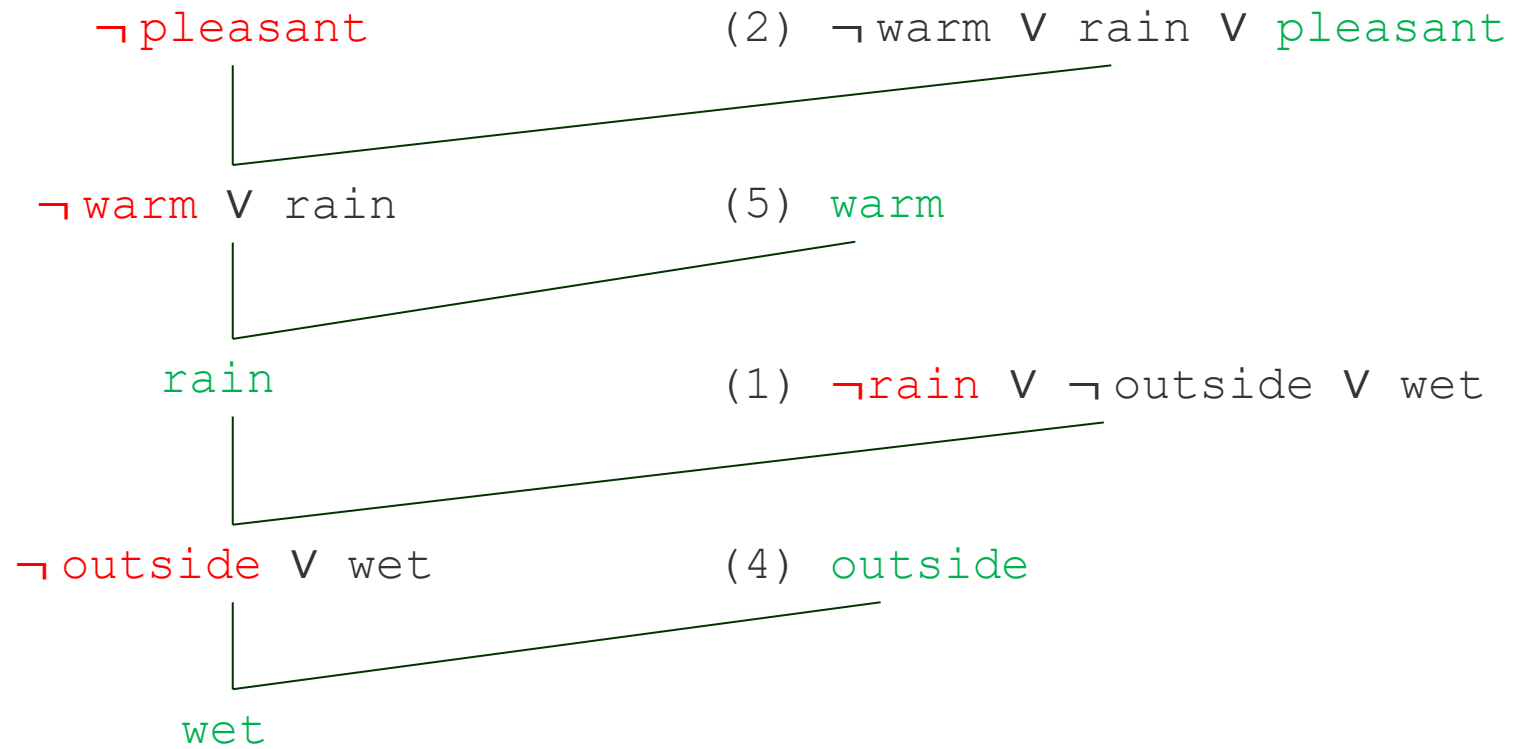
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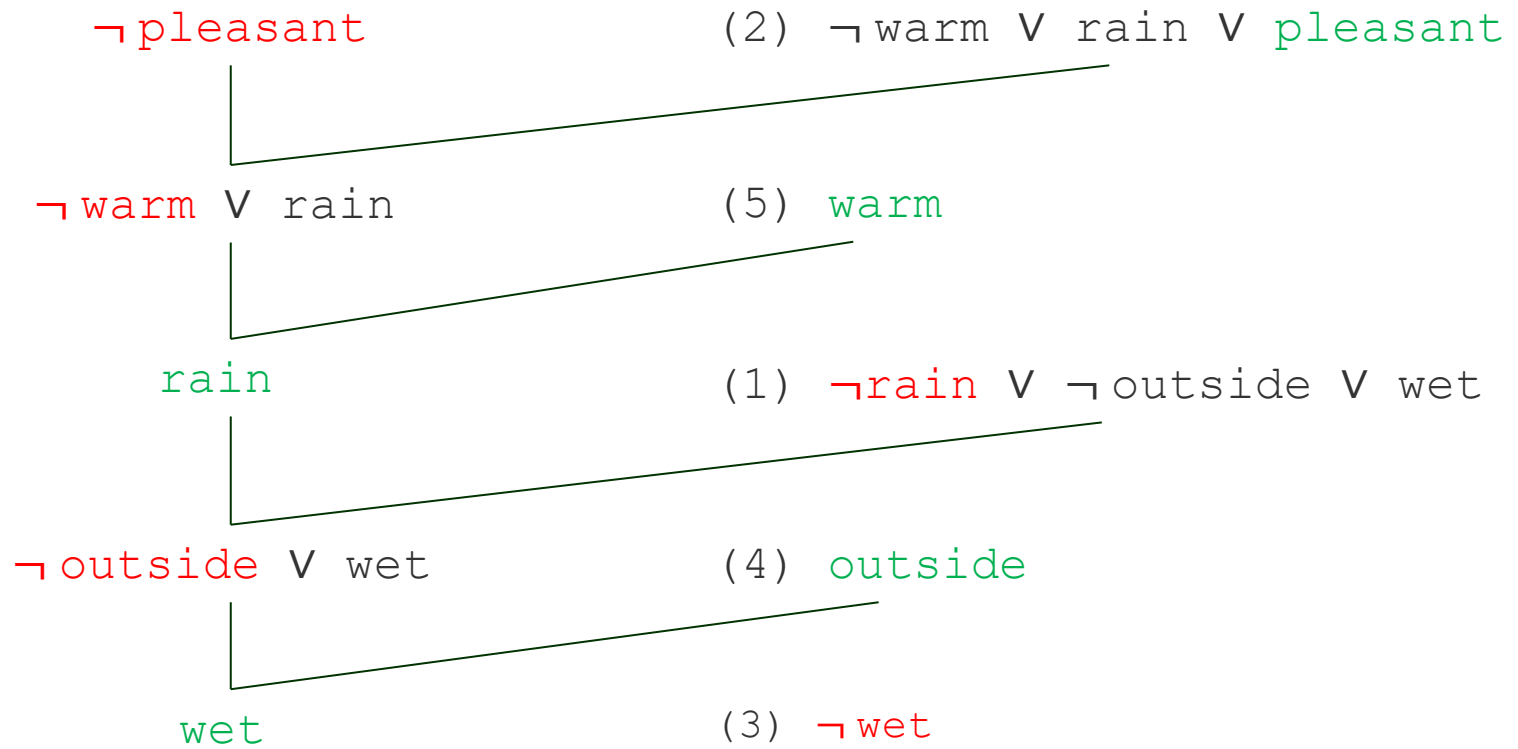
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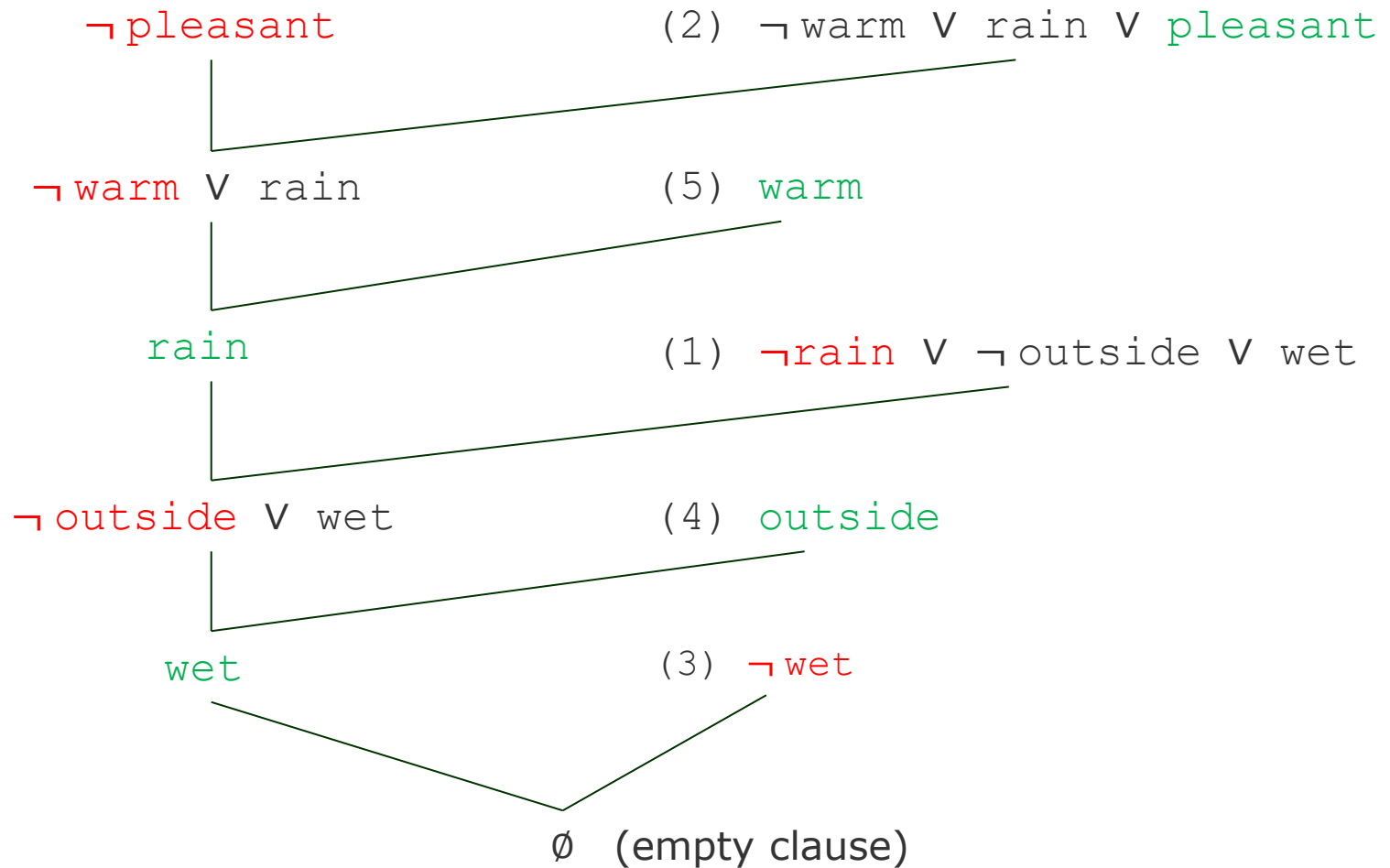
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