

Logic and Modelling

— Propositional Logic —

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Propositions are “declarative sentences”.

Examples

It rains.

$8 > 5$.

$6 < 2$.

X is positive.

The earth is flat.

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We use Greek letters for formulas:

ϕ phi

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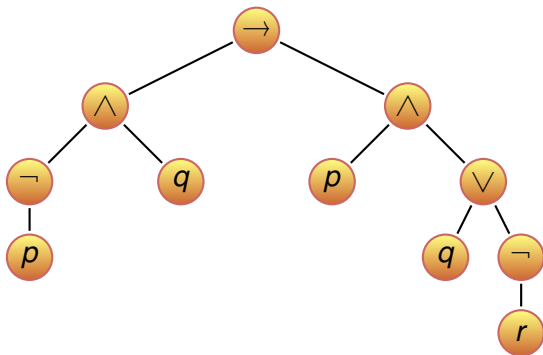
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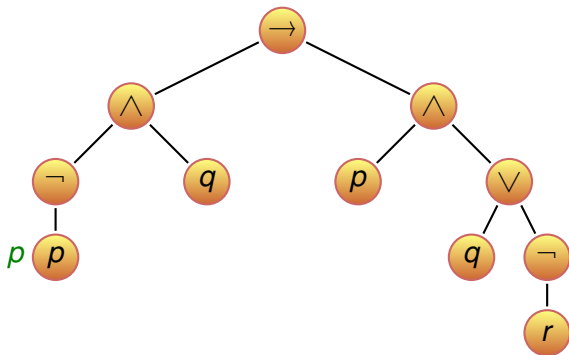
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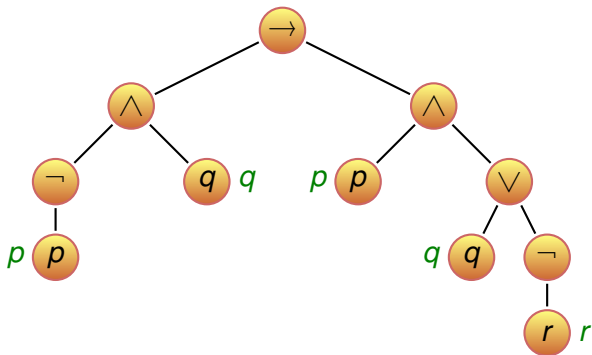
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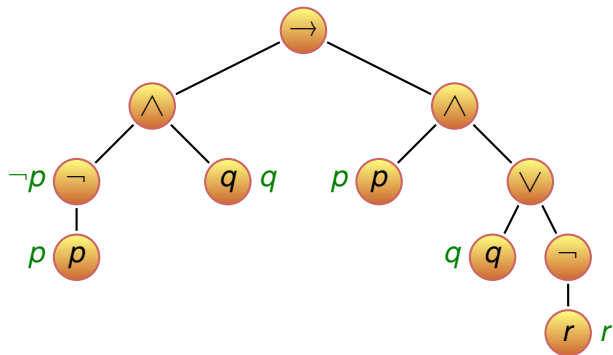
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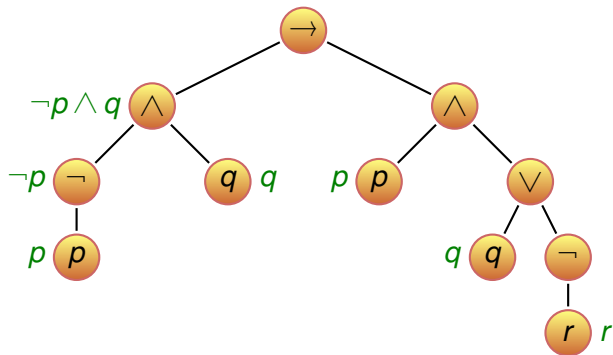
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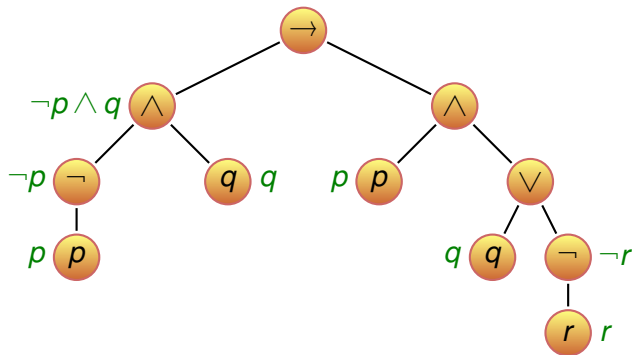
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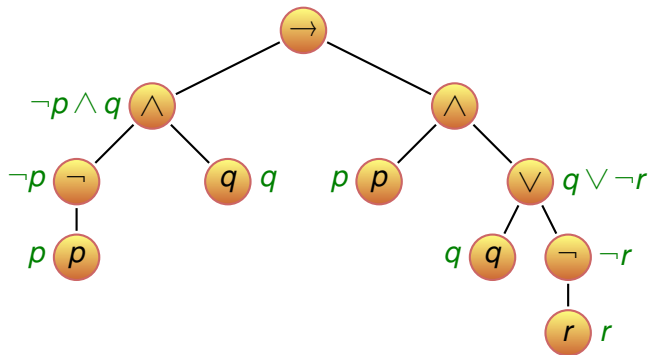
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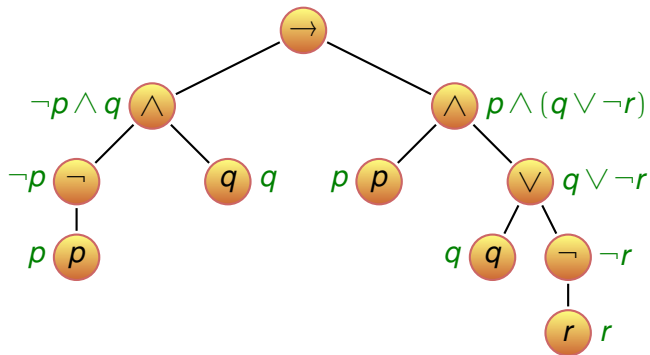
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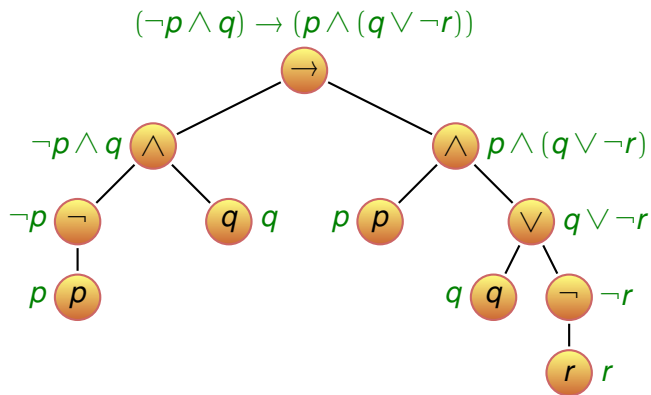
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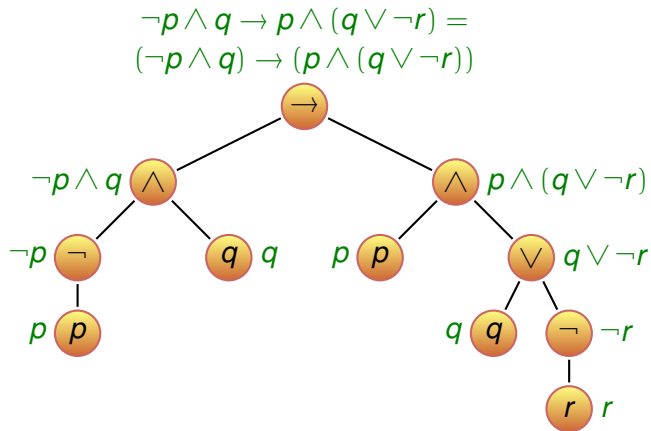
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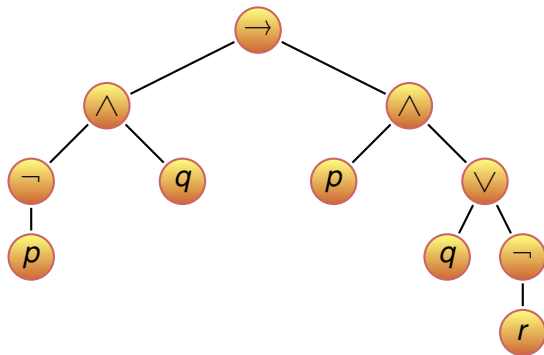
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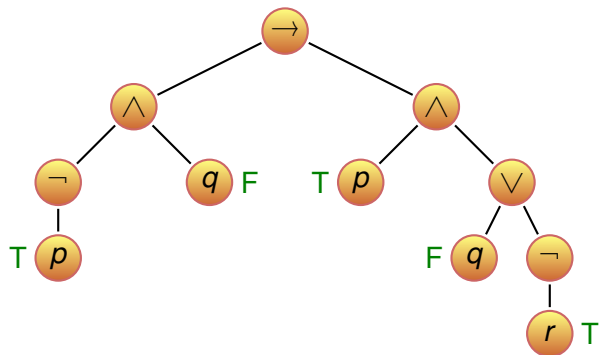
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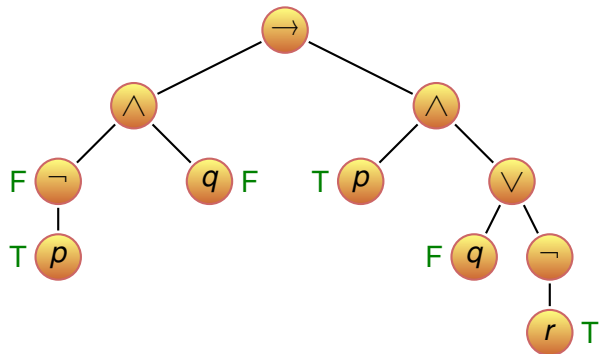
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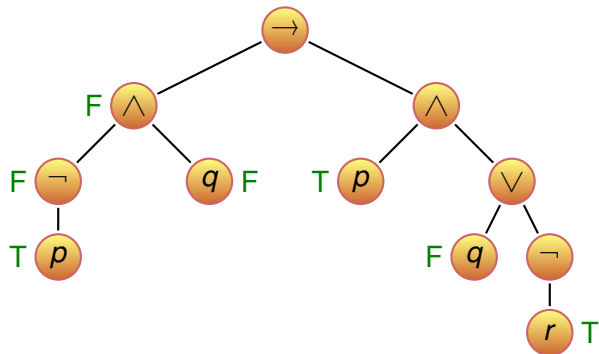
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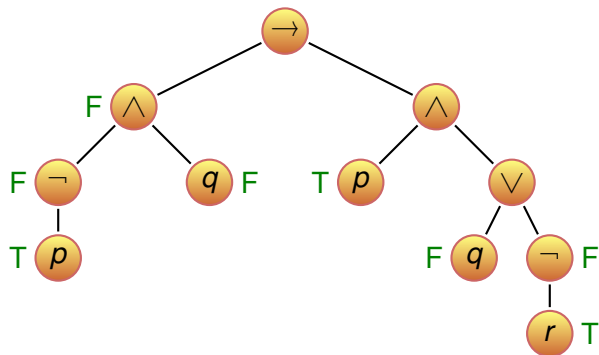
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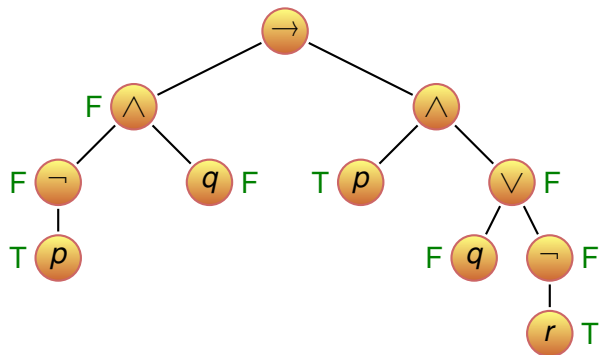
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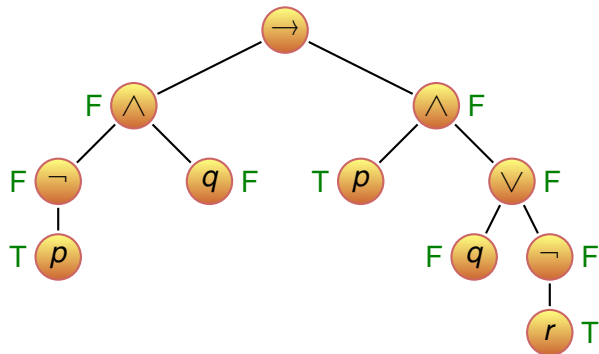
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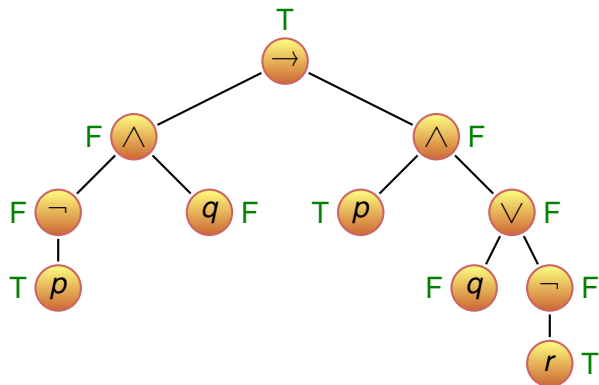
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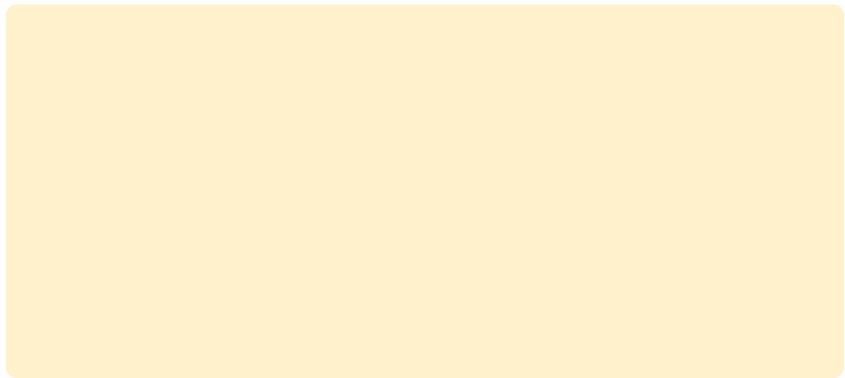
More examples

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