

# Learning to Assign Degrees of Belief in Relational Domains

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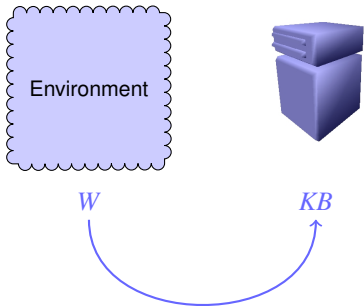
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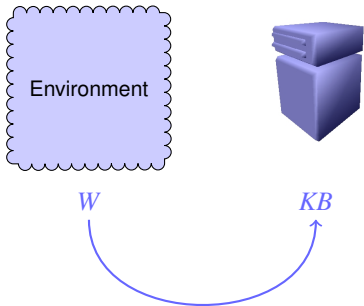
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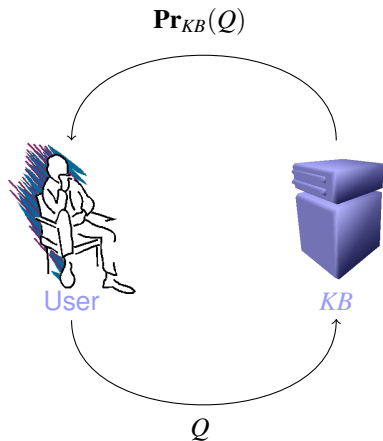
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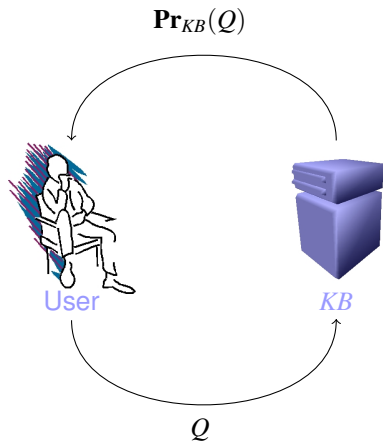
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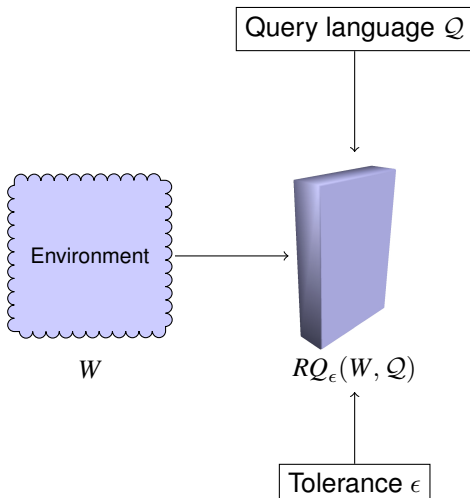
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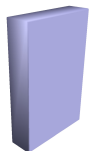
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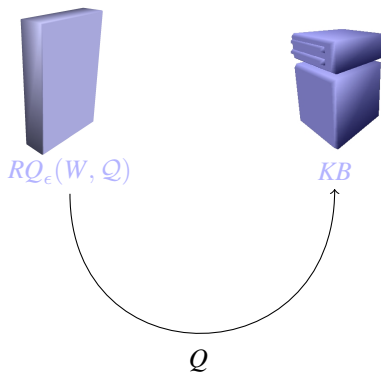

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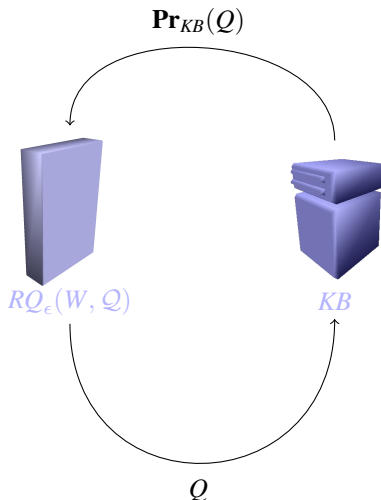


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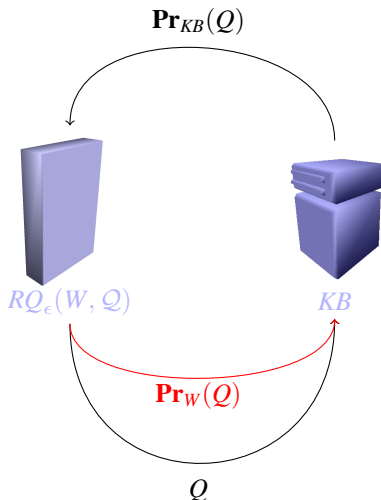




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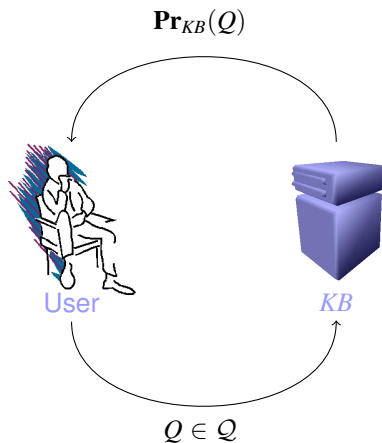
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### Operational Period

The reasoning performance of the agent is measured according to

- the **same** target query language  $\mathcal{Q}$
- the **same** tolerance parameter  $\epsilon$

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### 1st Idea

Use an **exponentiated gradient** strategy to update knowledge

### 2nd Idea

Use a **weighted model counting** approach to evaluate queries

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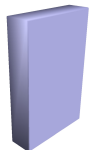
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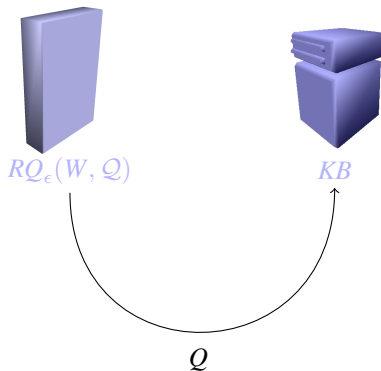

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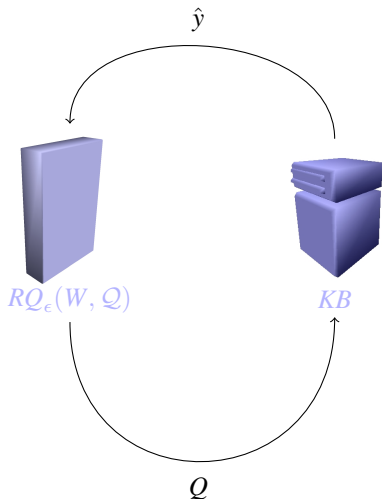
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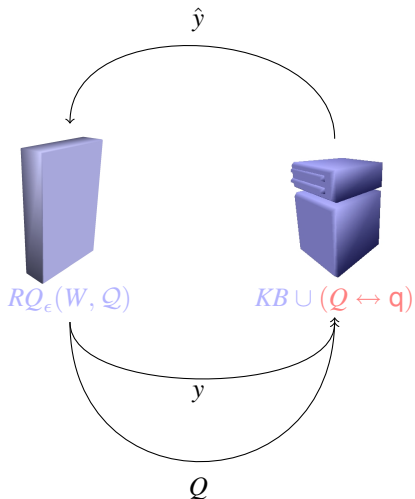
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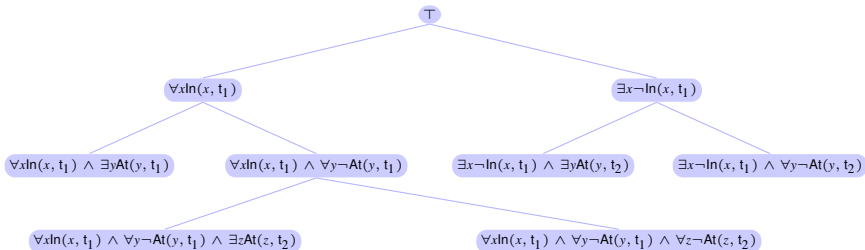
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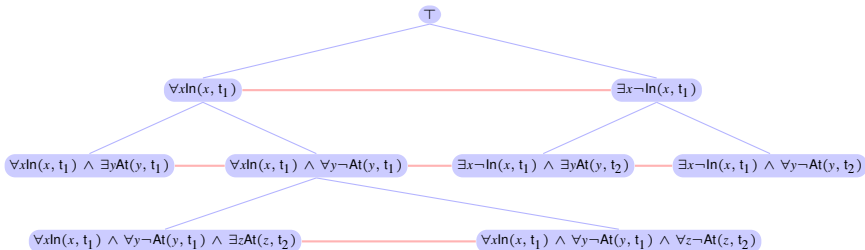
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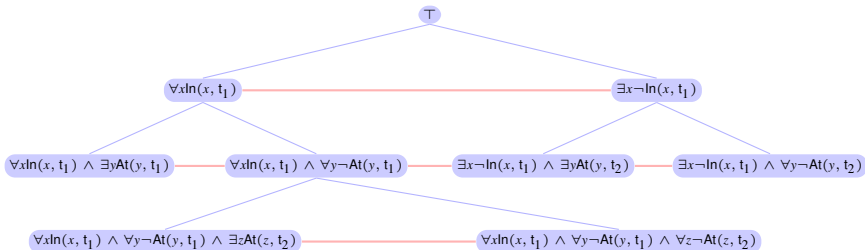
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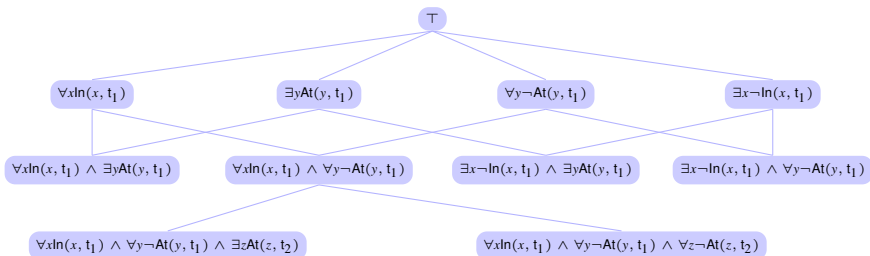


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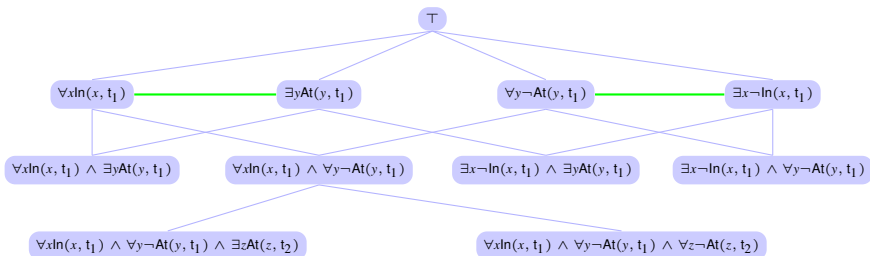
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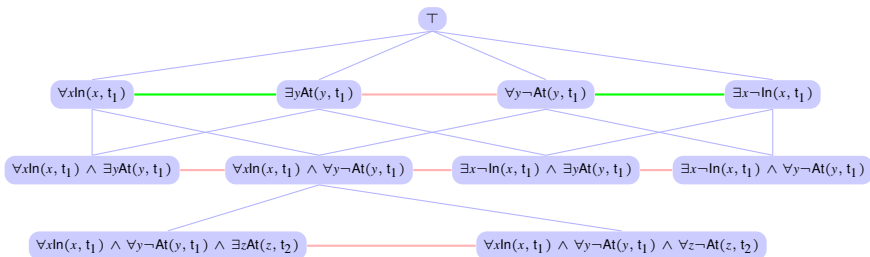
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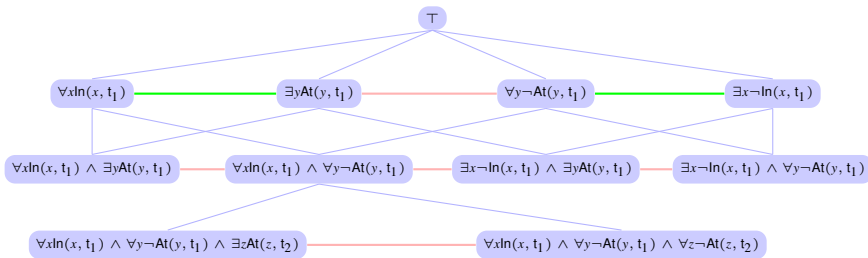
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