



## Preemption Operators

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$f \notin K \circledast g$  for all strict implicants  $f$  of  $g$  iff  $K \circledast g$  is logically eq. with  $g$ .

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Definition 1 (  $\parallel$  operator) : Let  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$  be the set of all clausal strict implicants of  $g$ .

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