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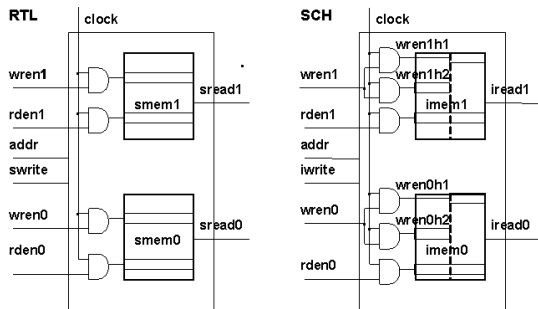
To this end, we add the following formula

$$RE \wedge SE.$$

and check whether the resulting set of formulas is satisfiable. If it is **unsatisfiable**, then Eismann cannot be a Russian spy.

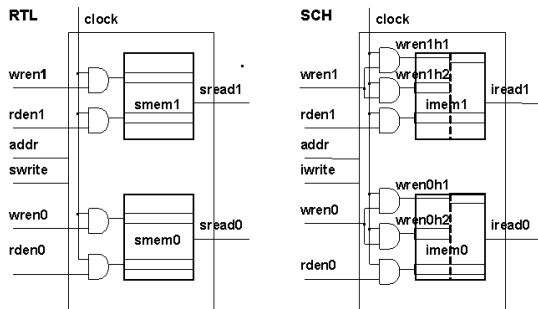
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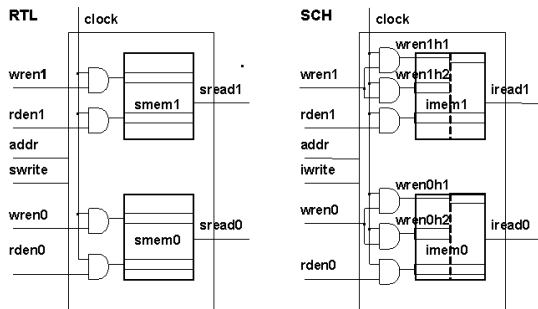
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We know that equivalence-checking for **propositional formulas** can be **reduced to unsatisfiability-checking**.

Idea: Use Formula Evaluation Methods

Consider $\neg((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \wedge q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$.

We can evaluate it in any interpretation, for example,

$\{p \mapsto 0, q \mapsto 0, r \mapsto 0\}$:

	subformula	I_0
1	$\neg((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \wedge q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$	0
2	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \wedge q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$	1
3	$p \rightarrow r$	1
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Problem: a formula with n propositional variables has 2^n different interpretations.

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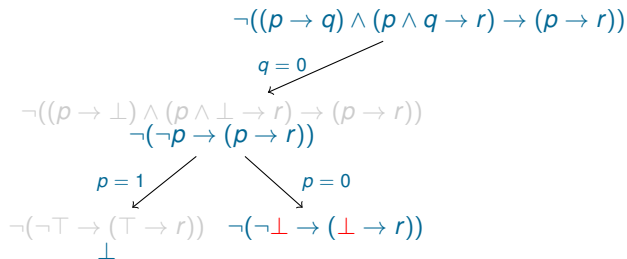
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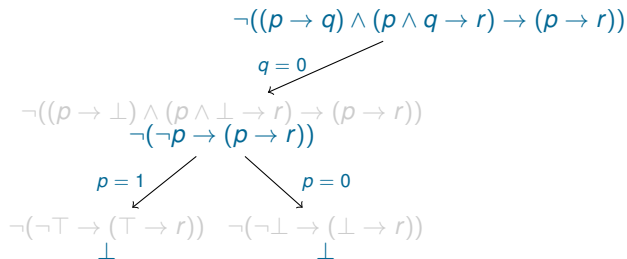
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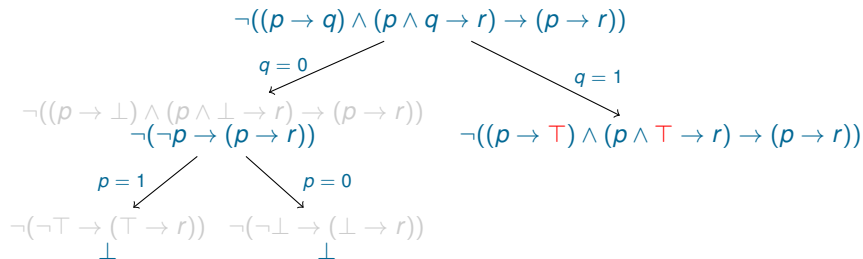
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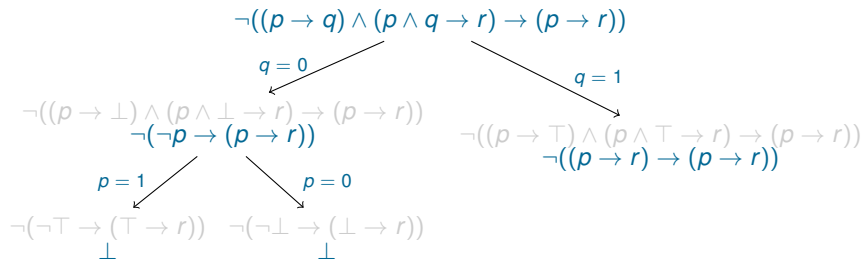
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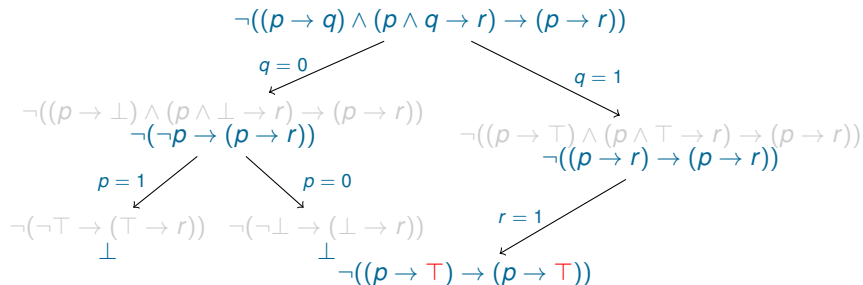
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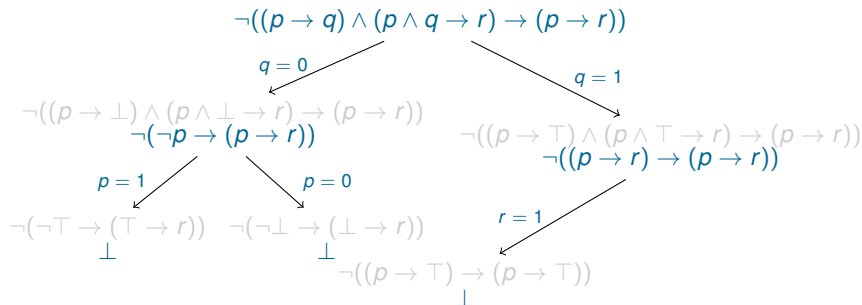
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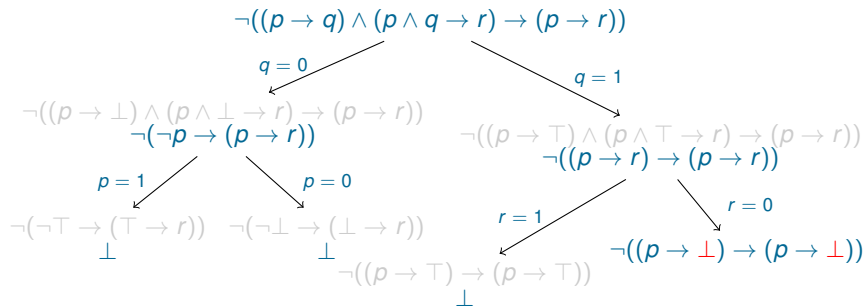
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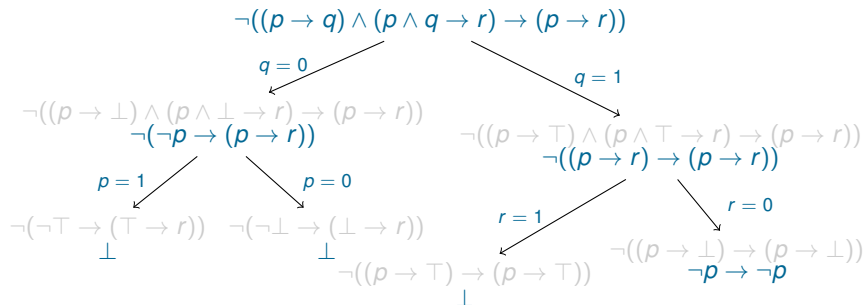
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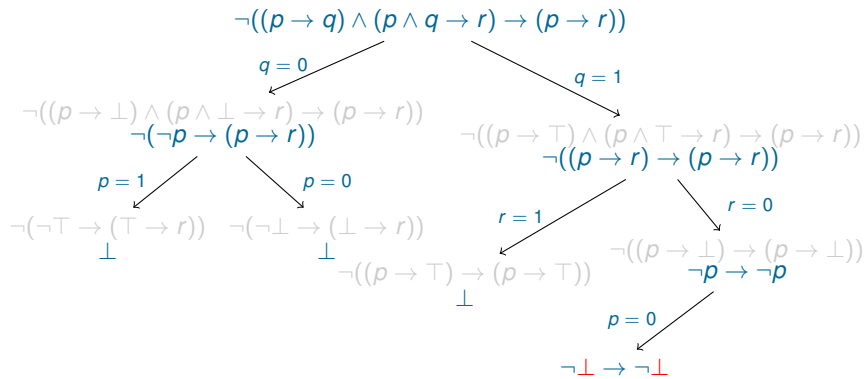
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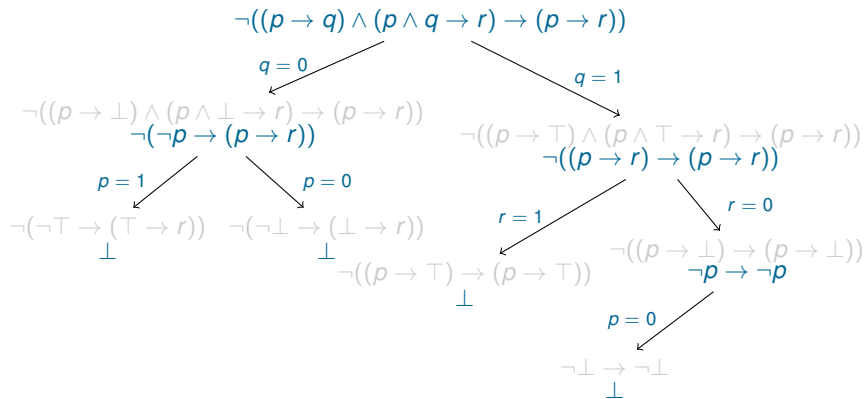
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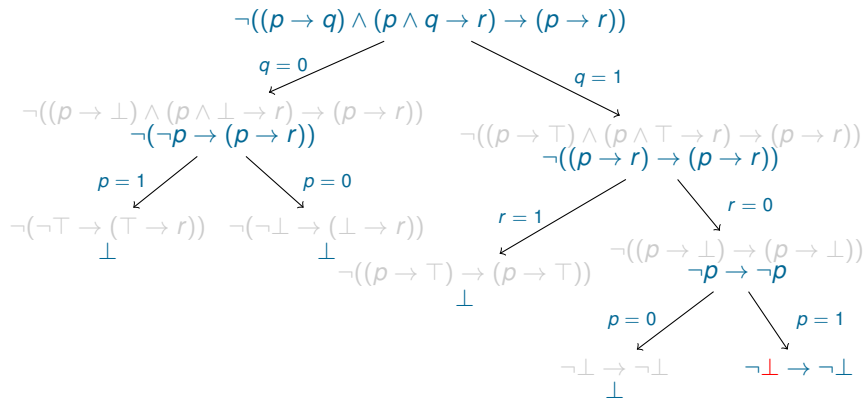
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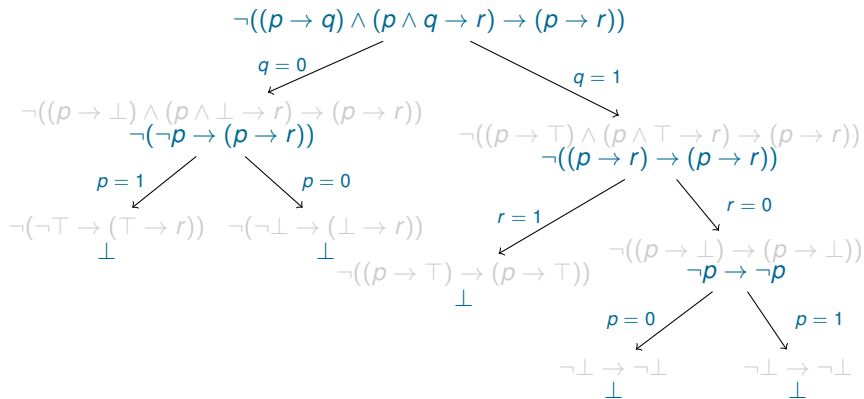
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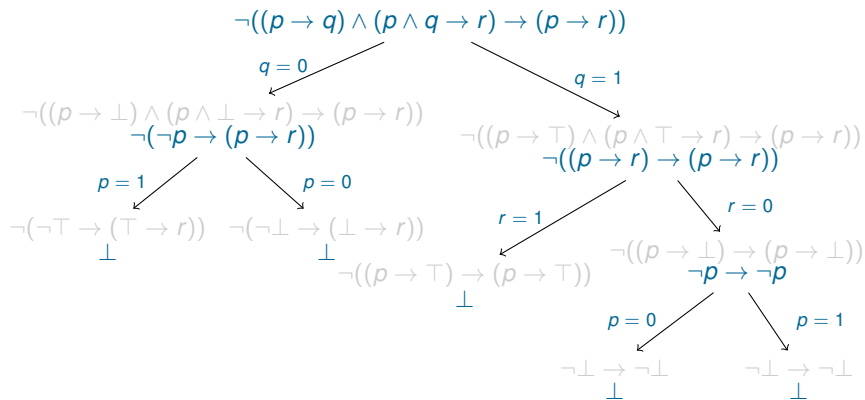
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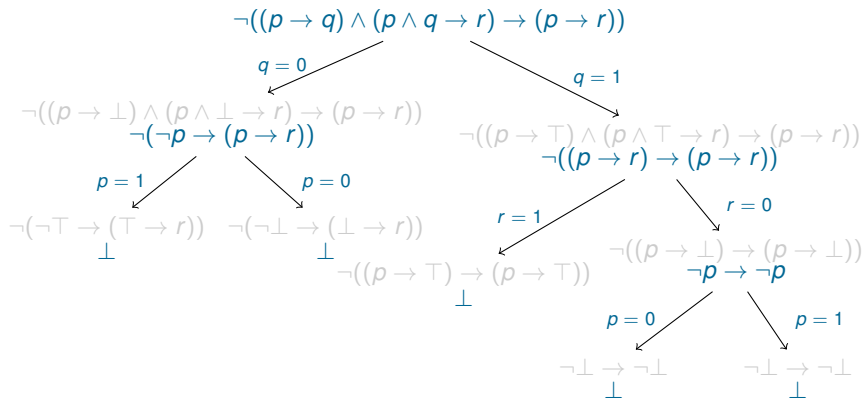


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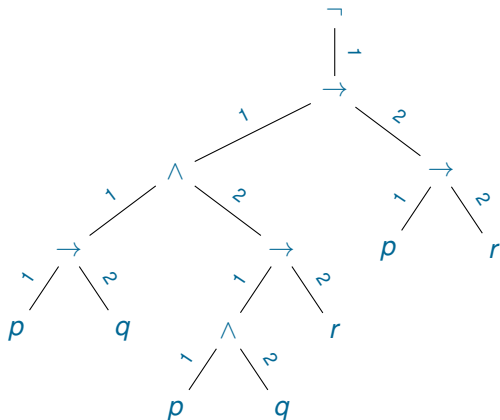
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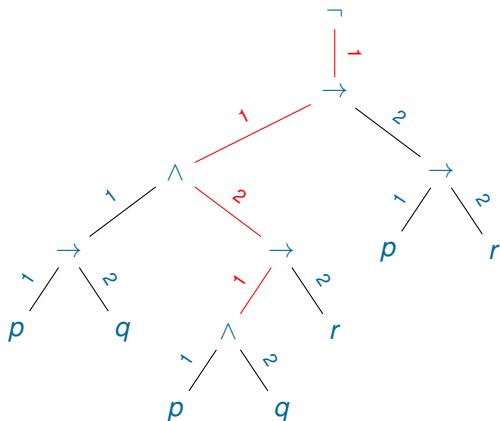
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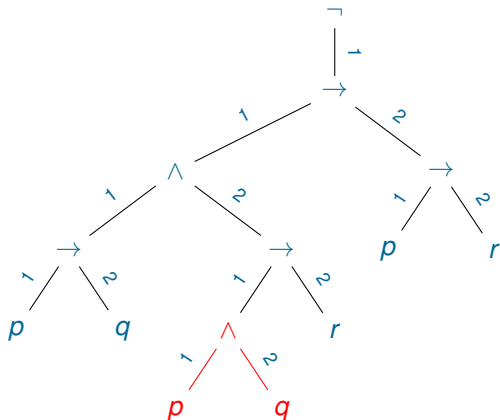
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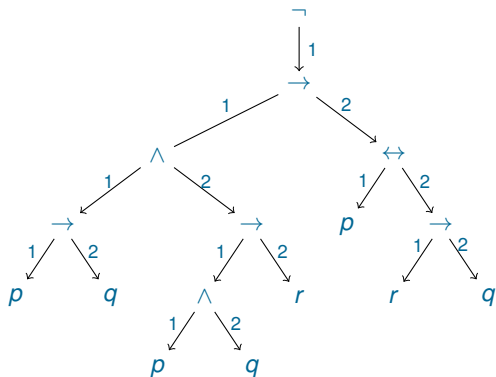
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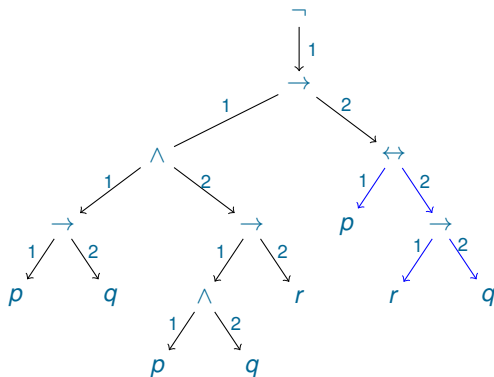
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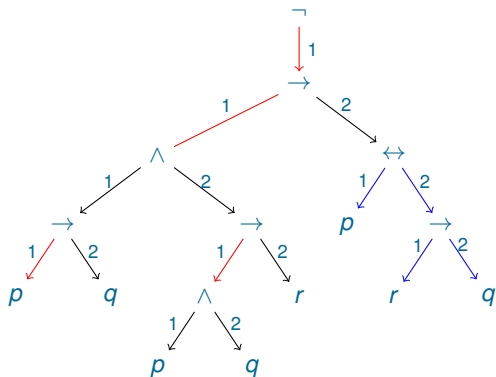
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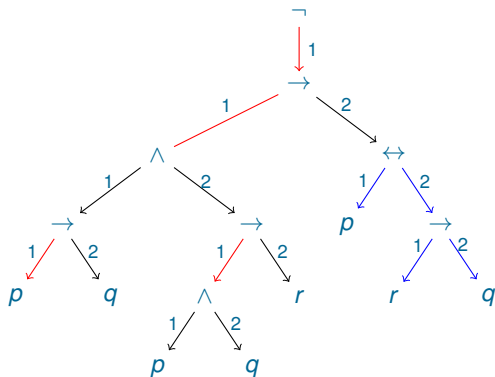
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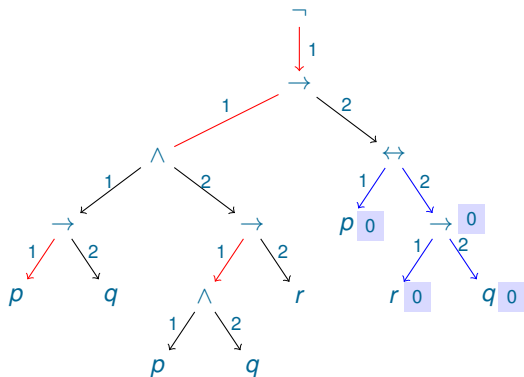


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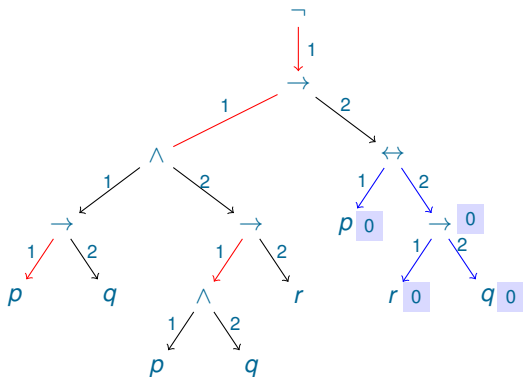


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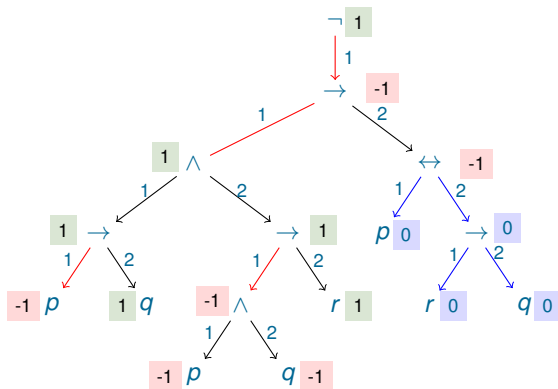


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Position and Polarity, Again

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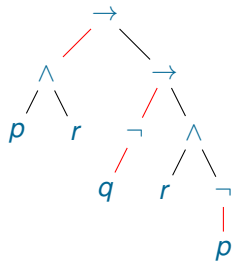
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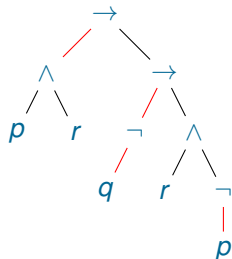
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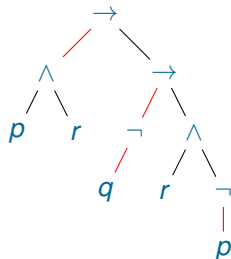


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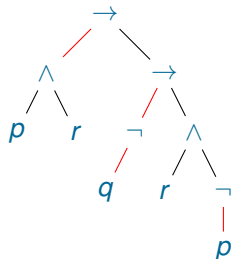


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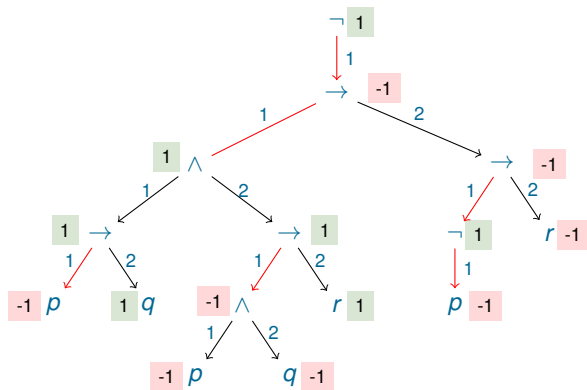
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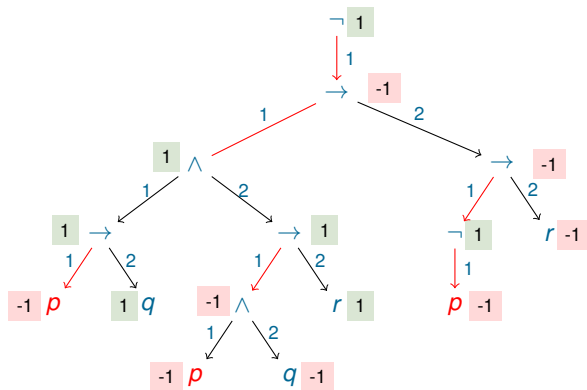
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