

Negation, Search in Prolog

Adapted from slides provided by Peter Flach
for his book *Simply Logical*

Negation as Failure

not

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p: -not(q), s.
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This is syntactic sugar for `call(Goal)`

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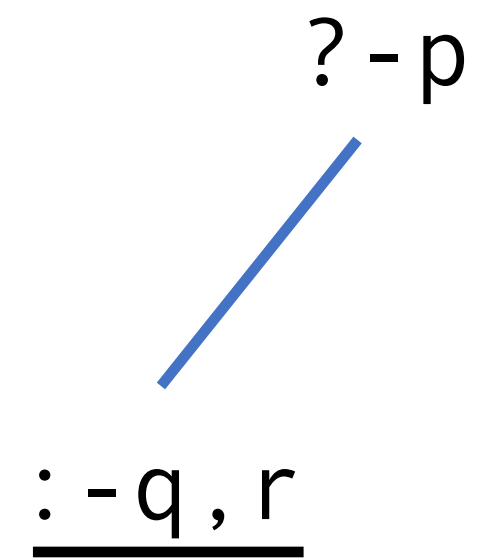
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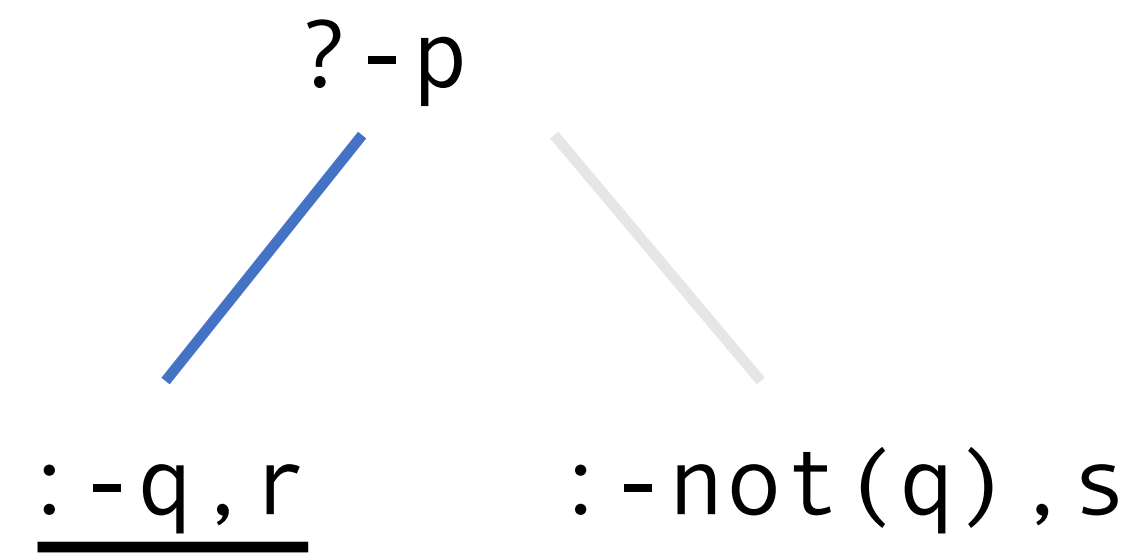
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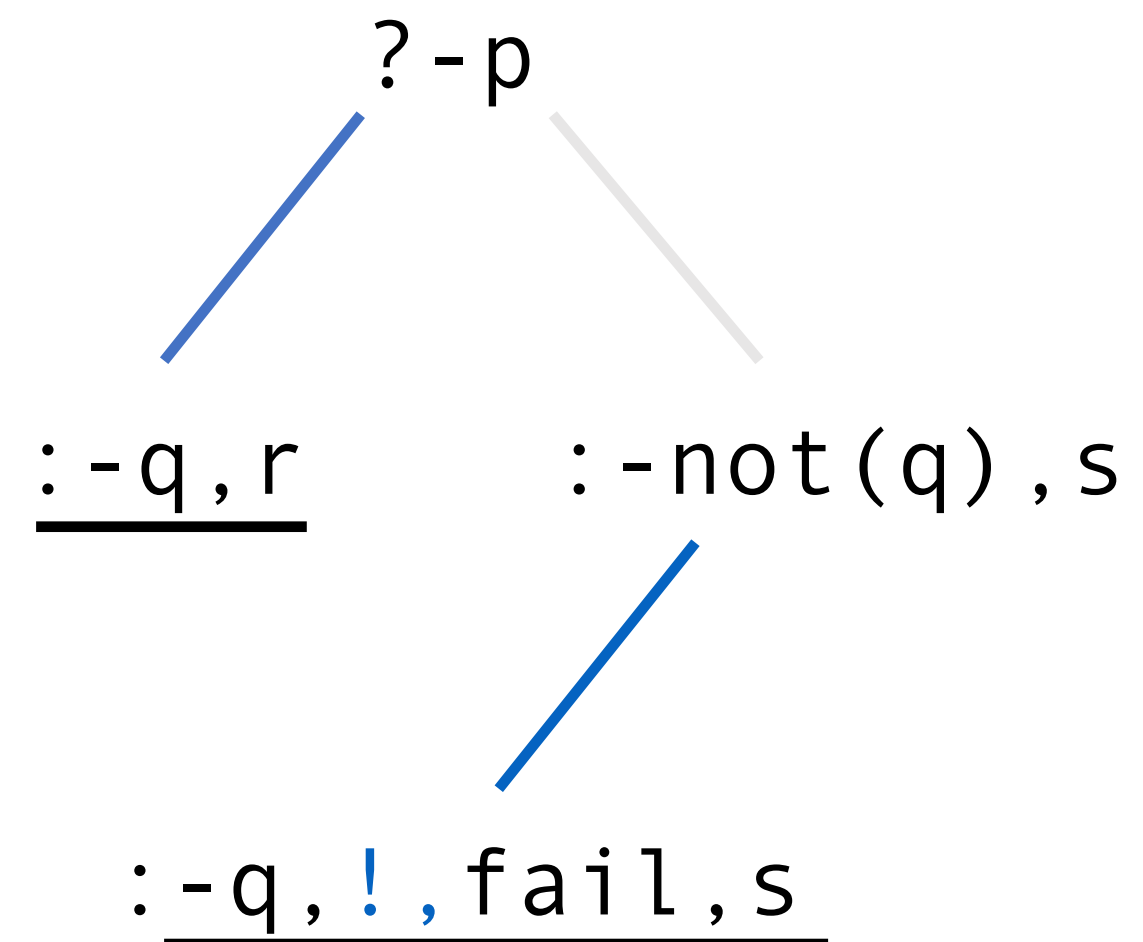
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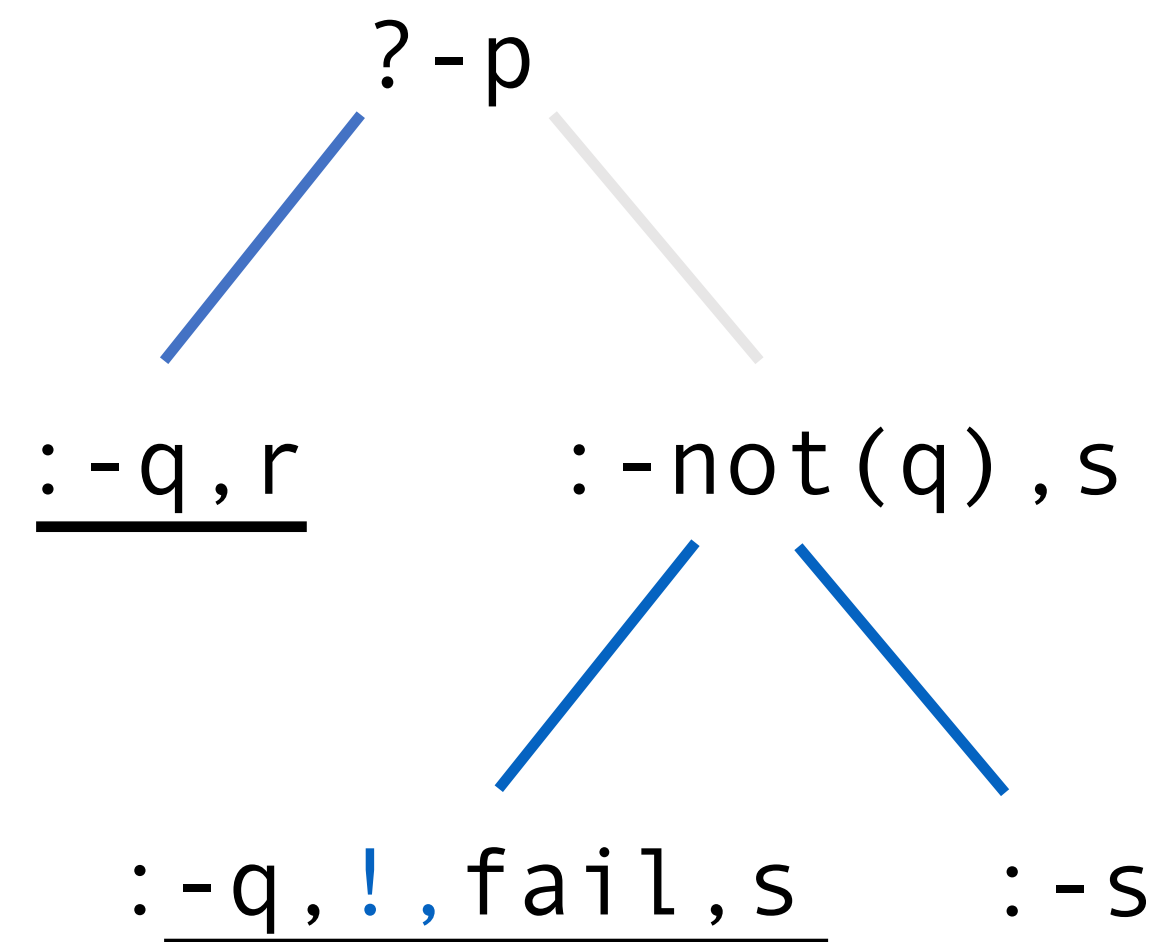
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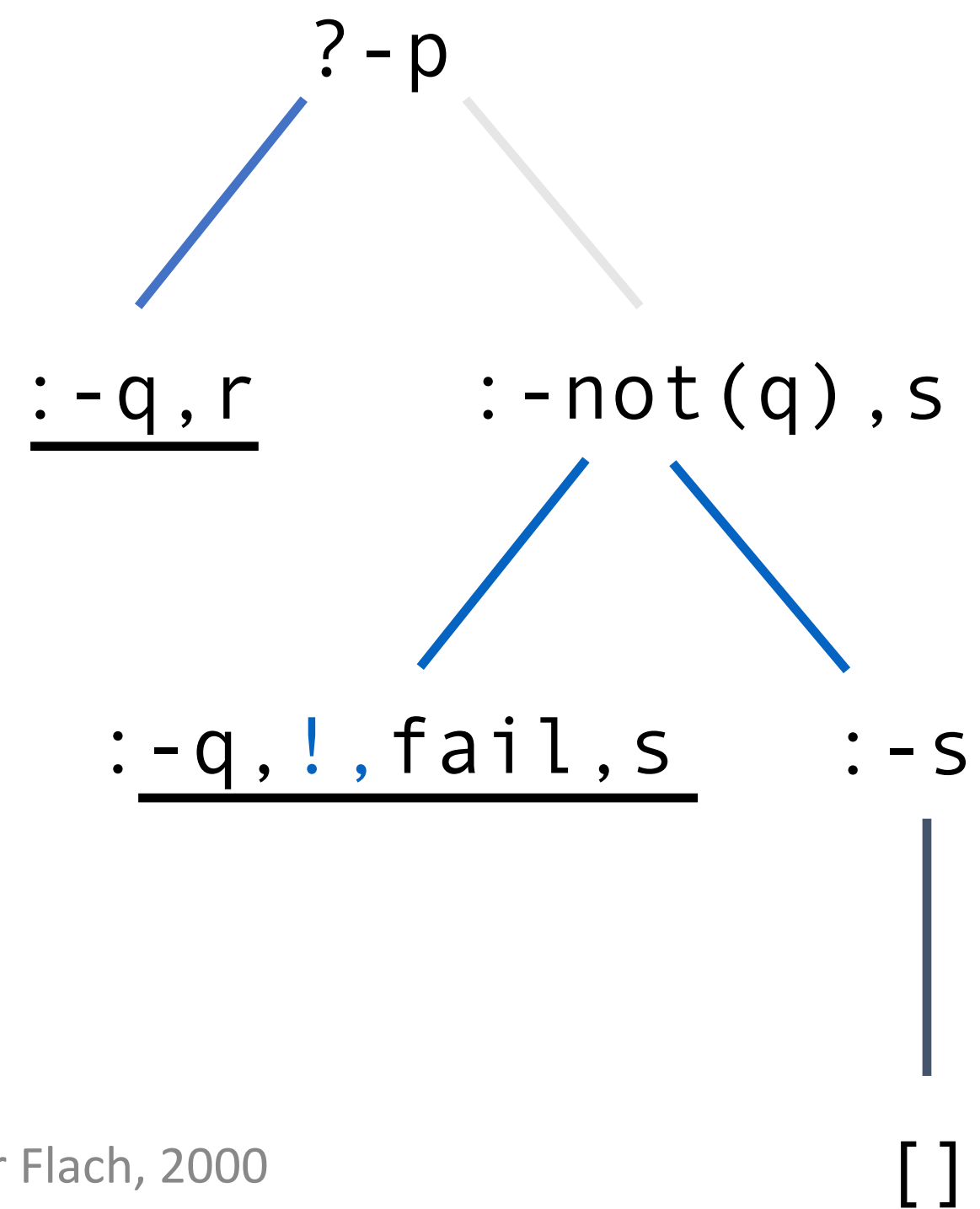
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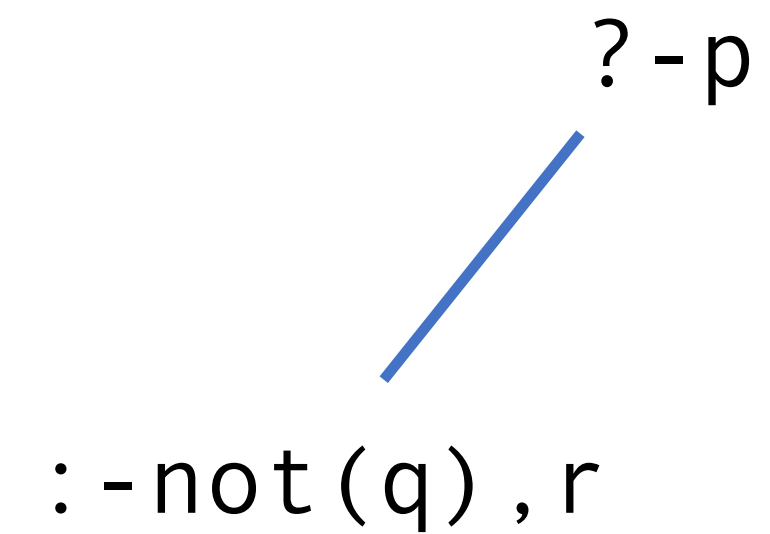
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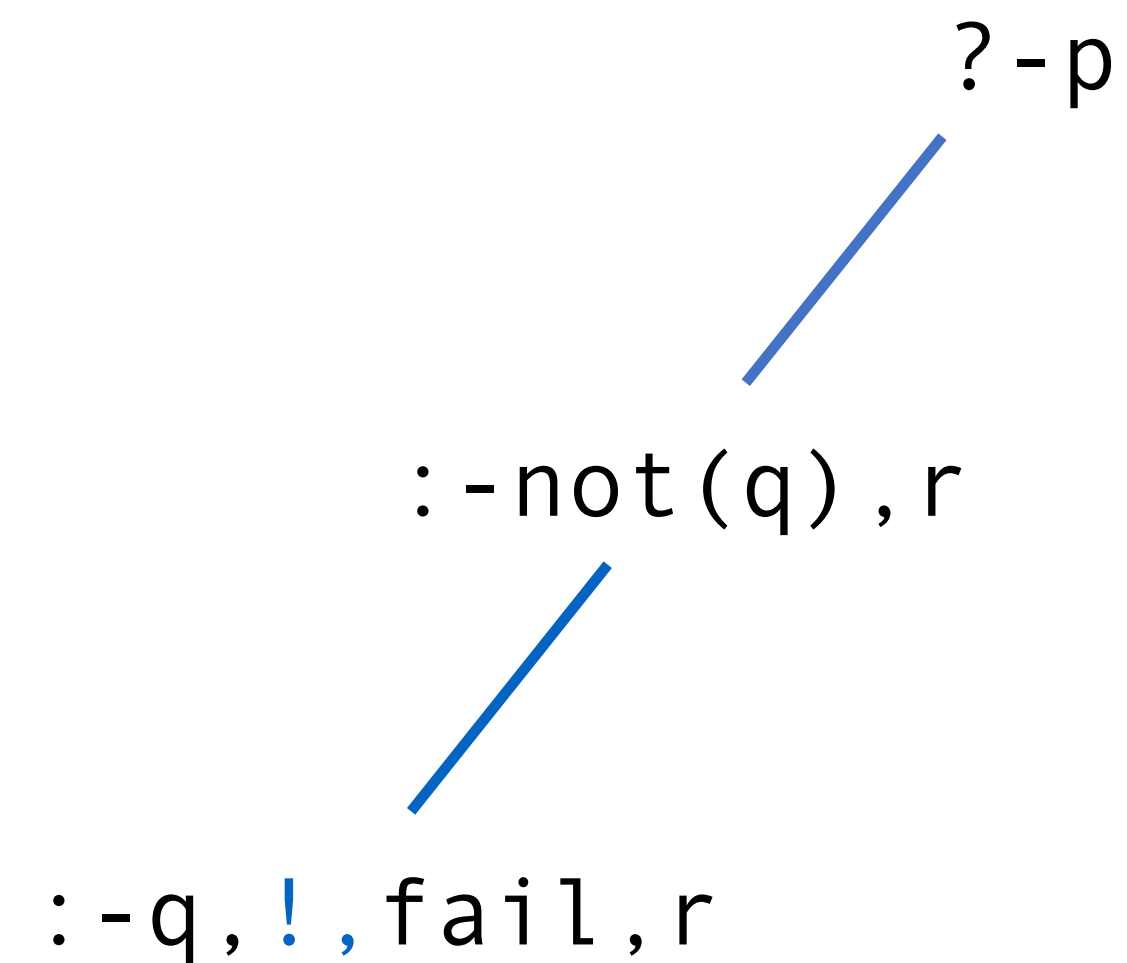
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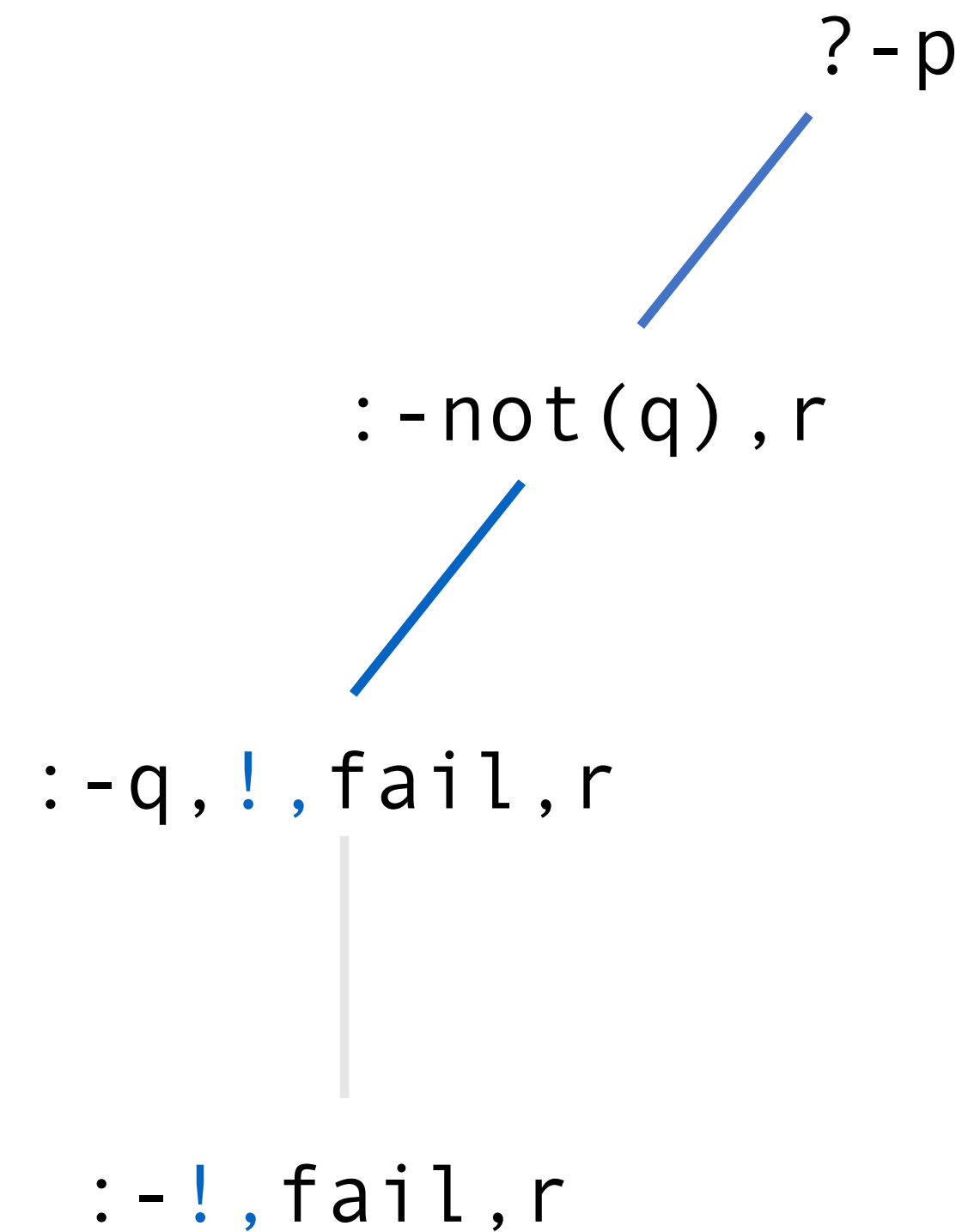
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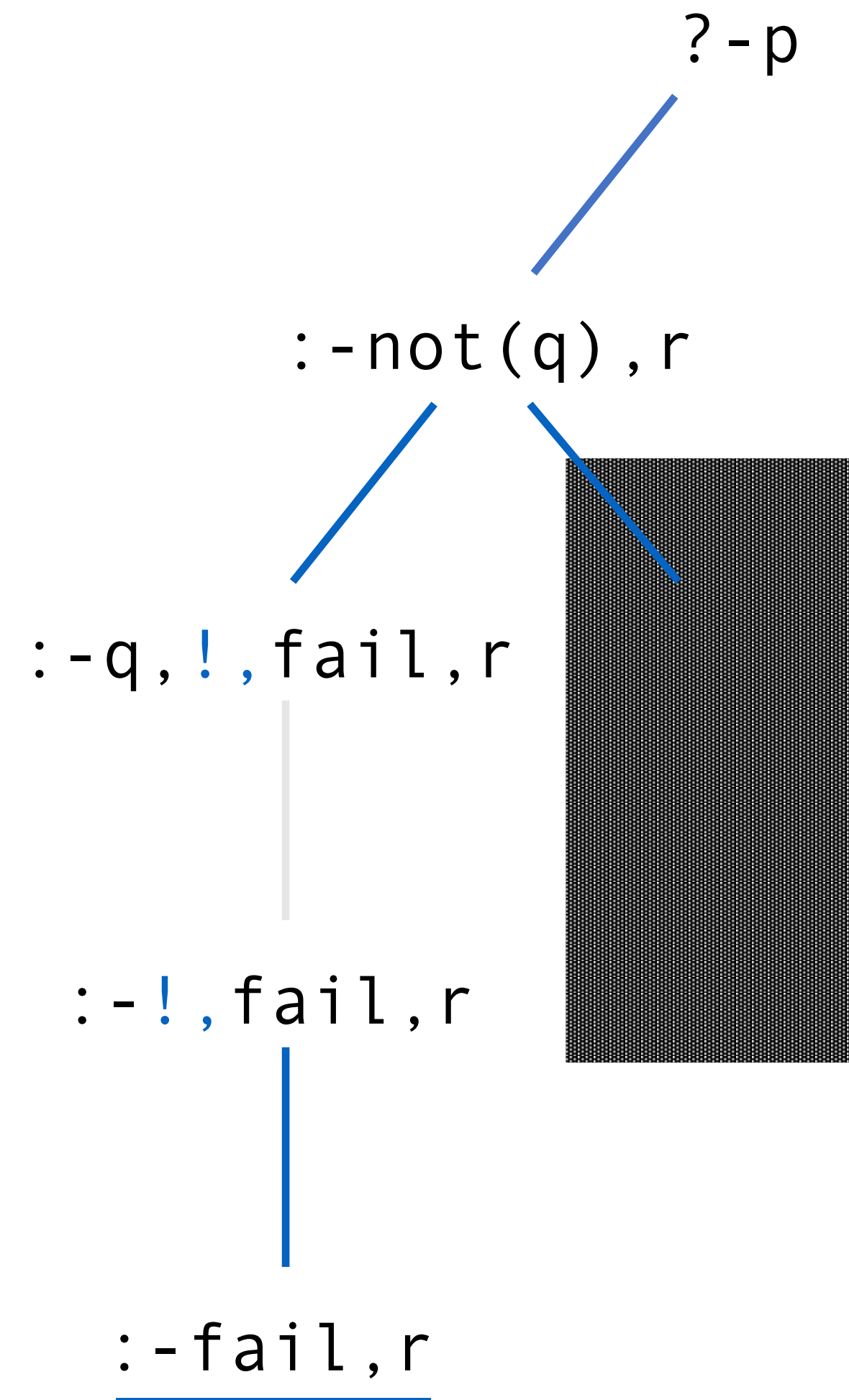
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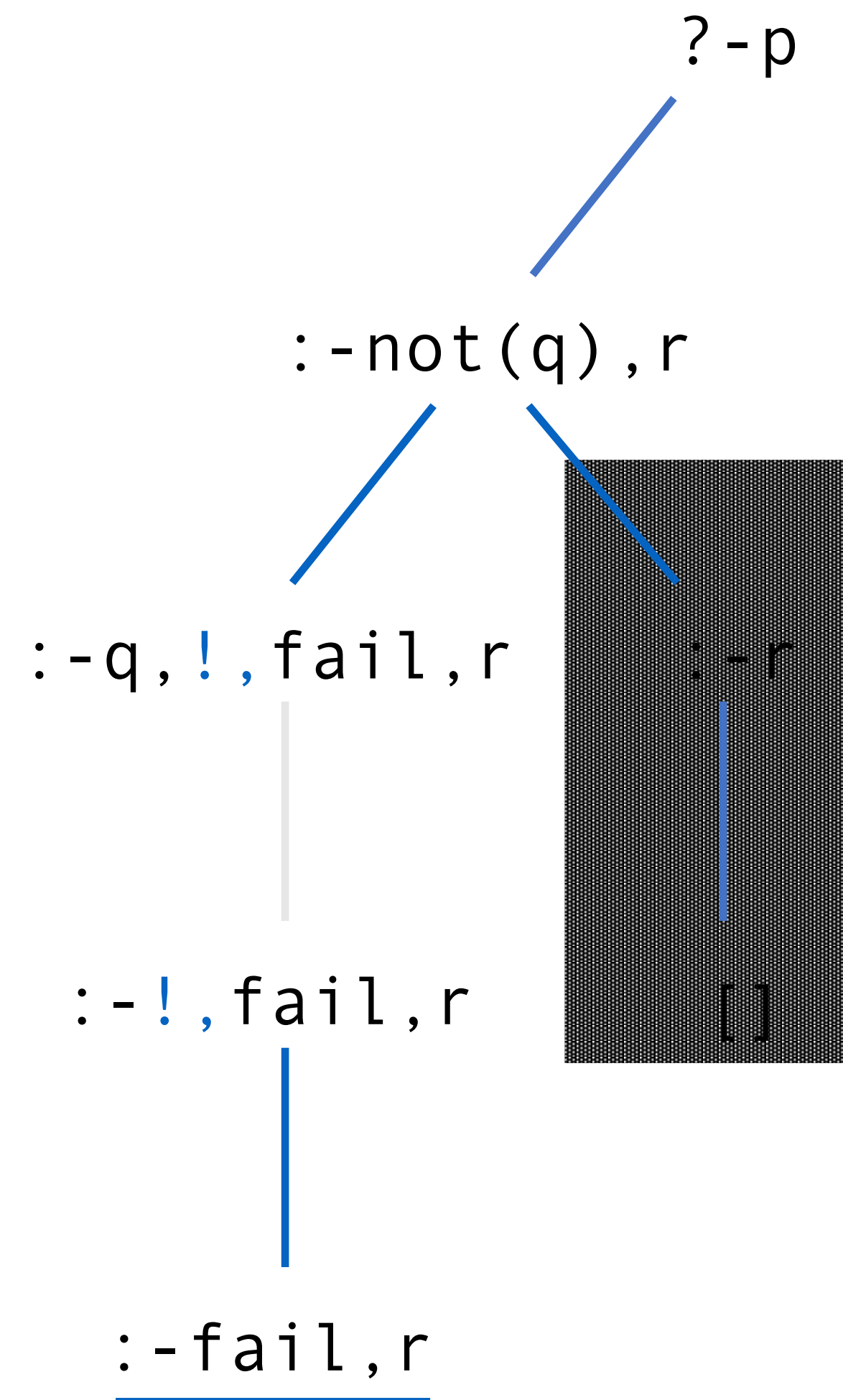
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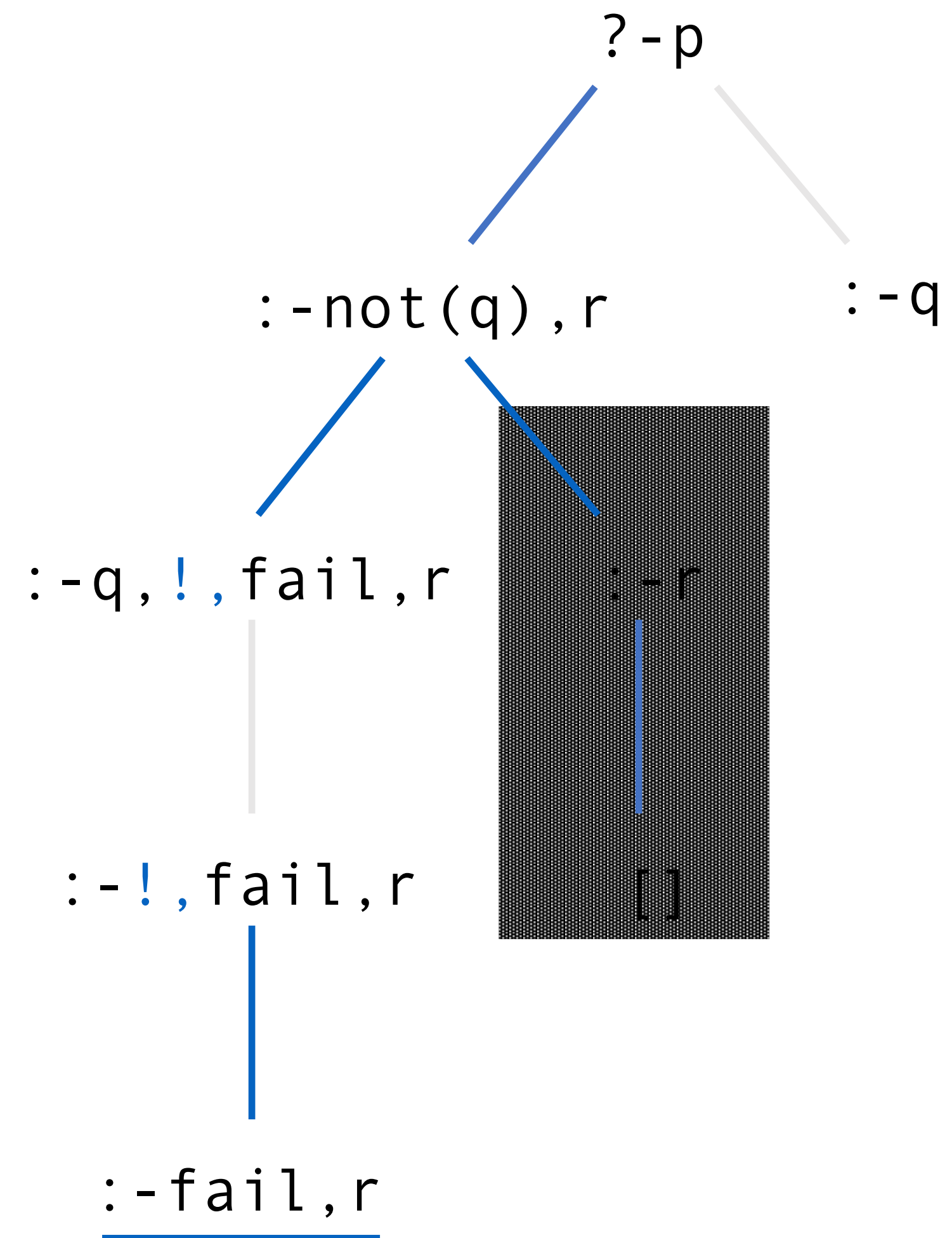
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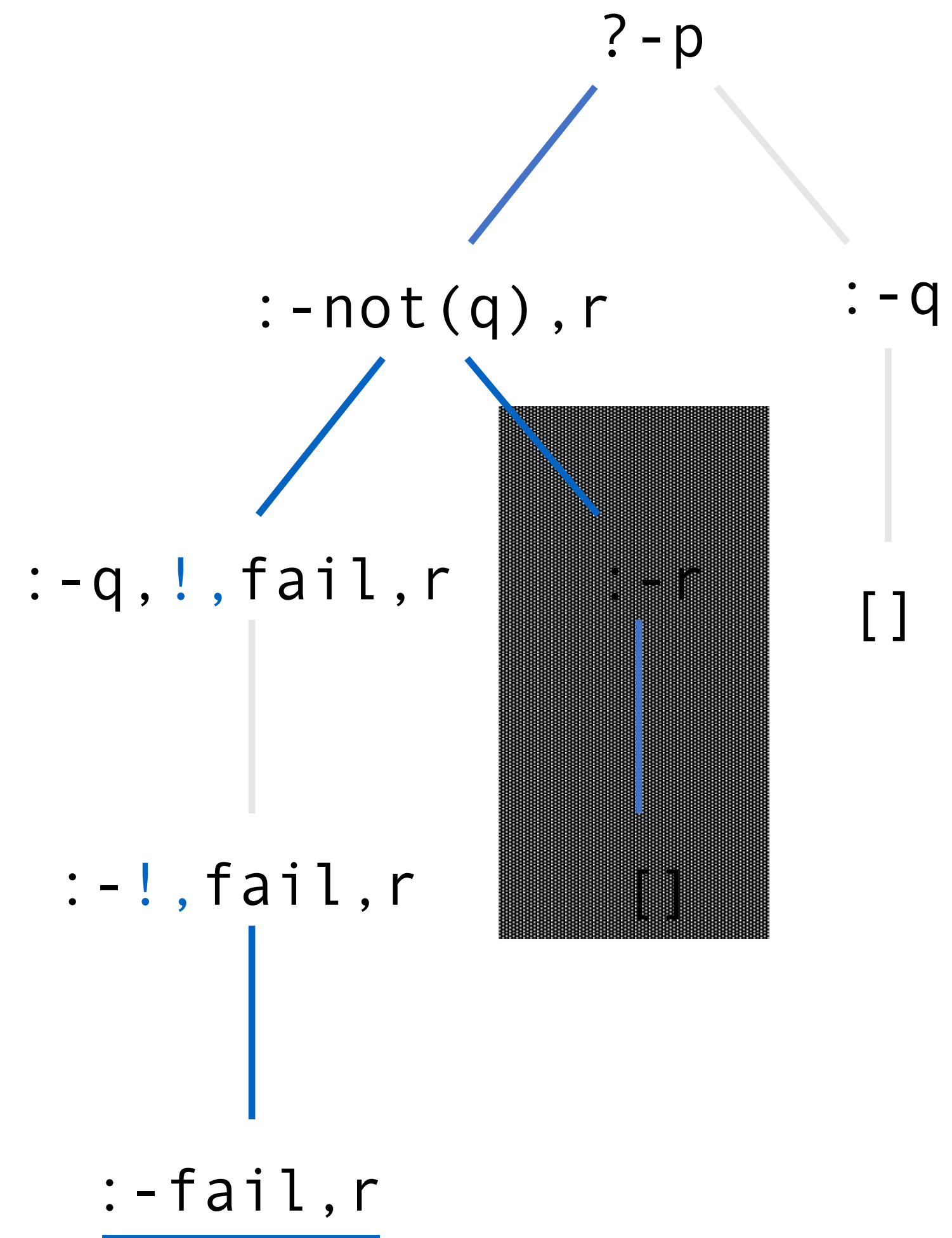
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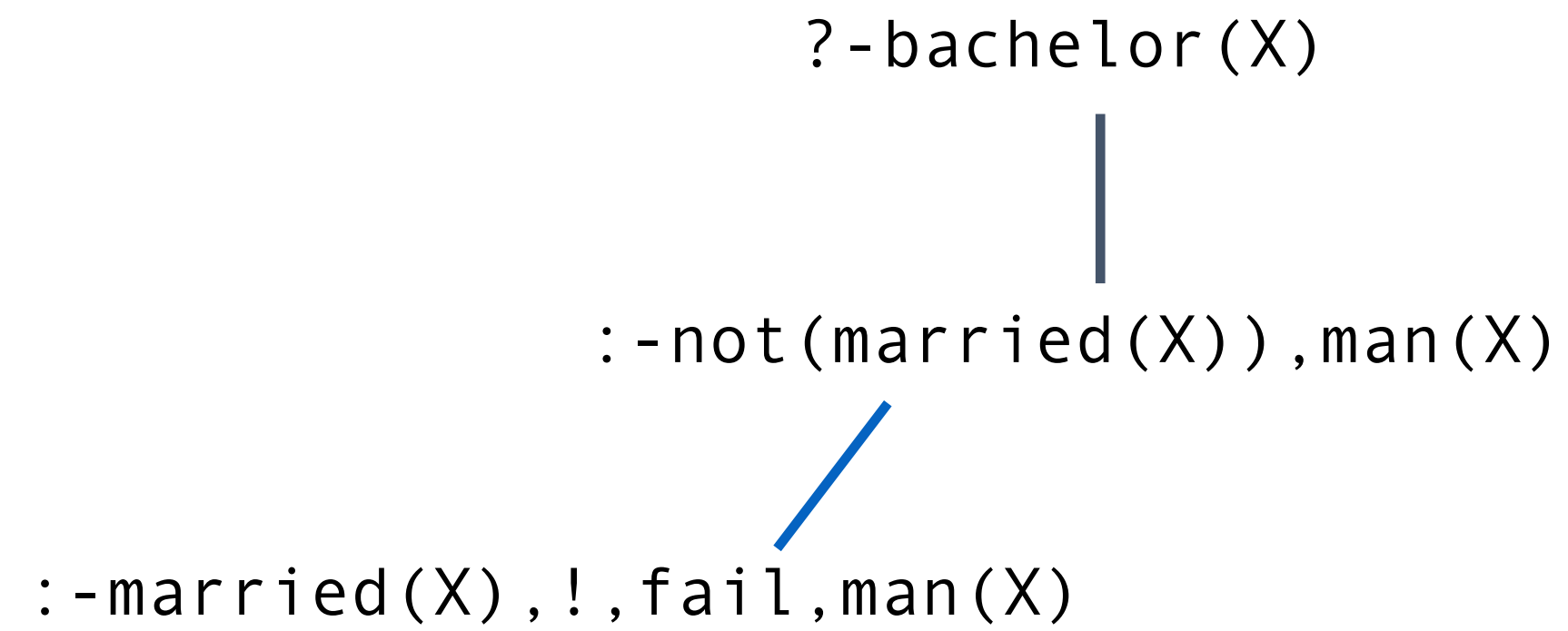
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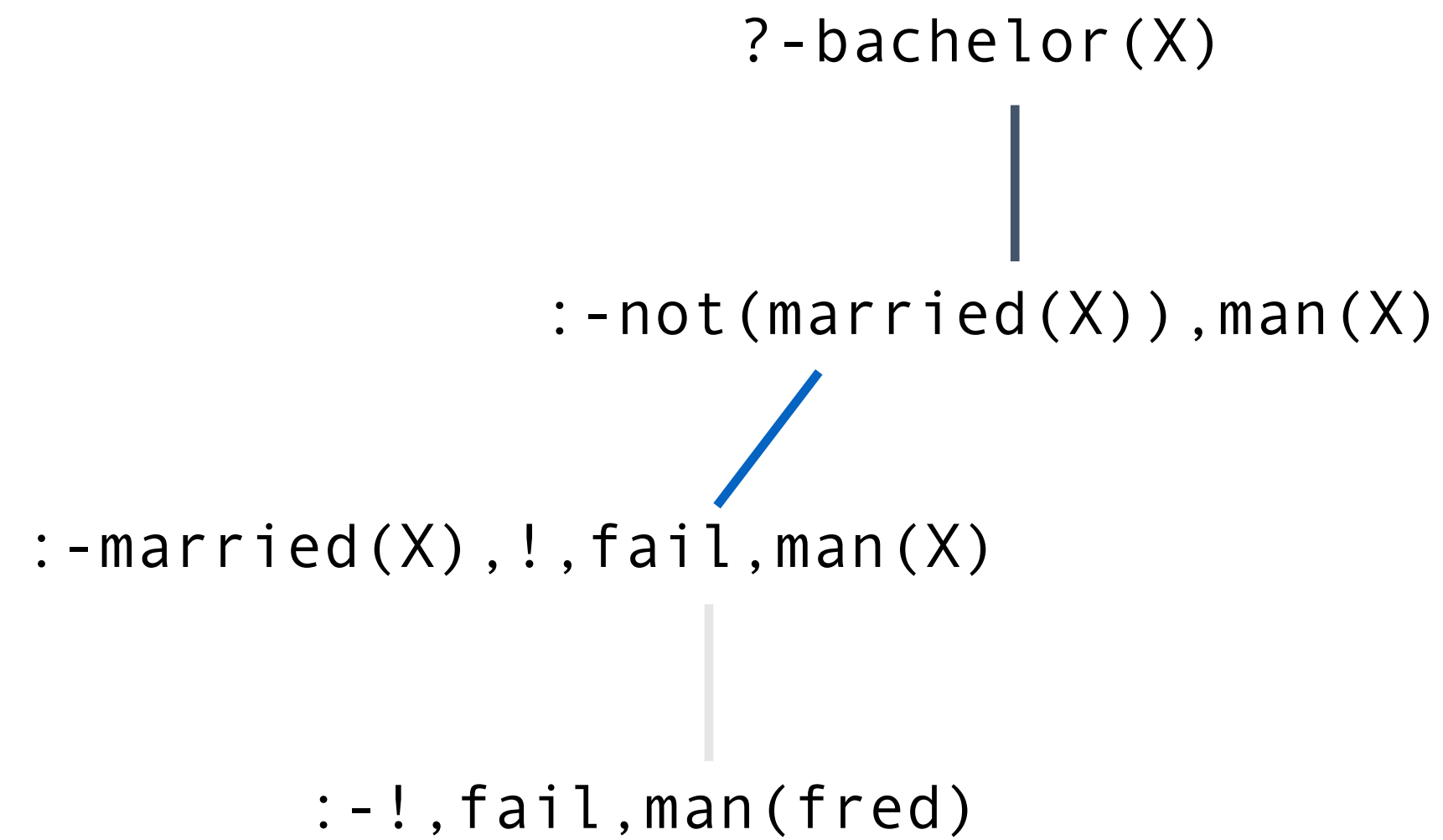
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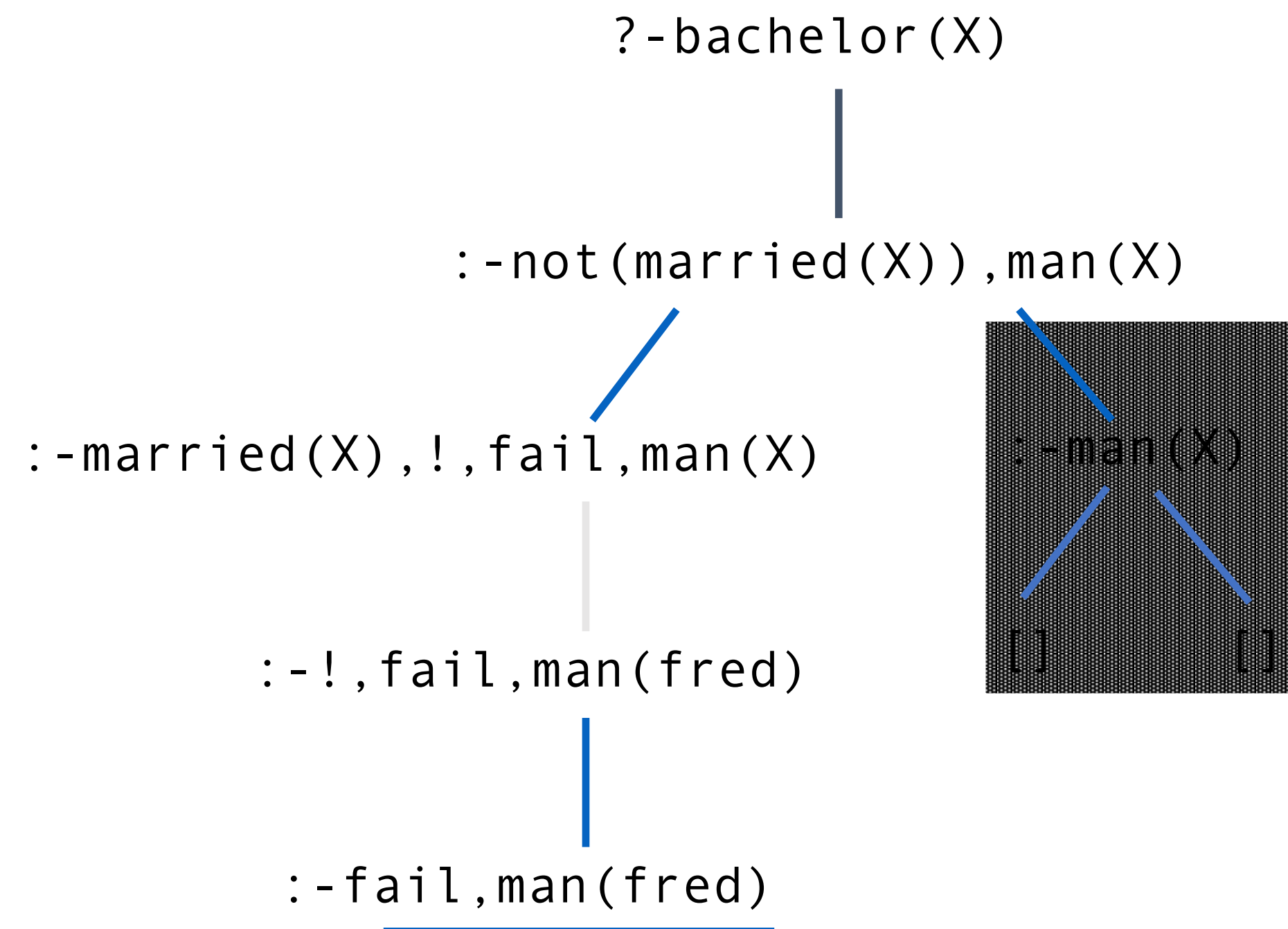
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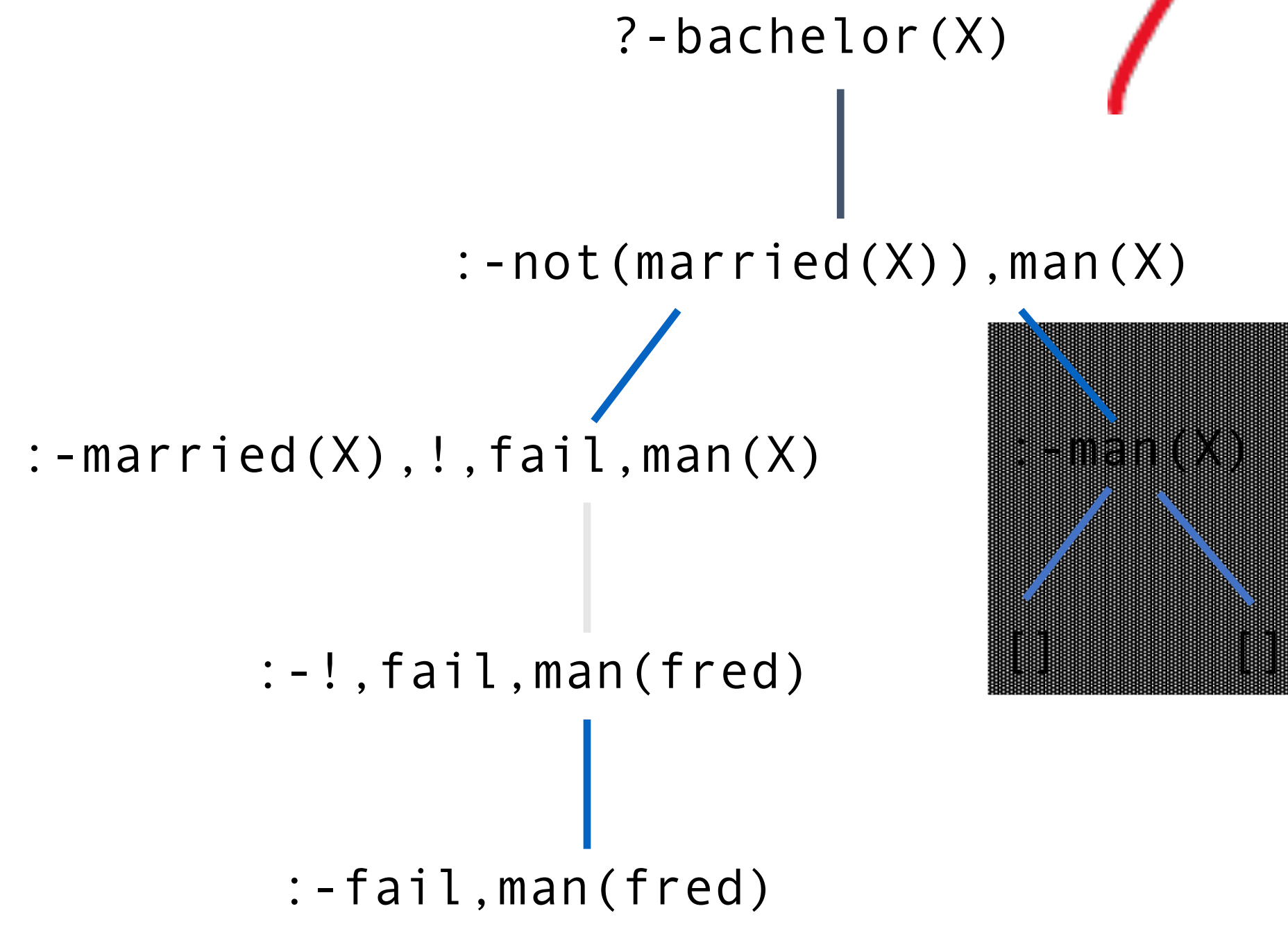
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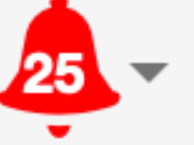


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But that's not "correct"! **peter** is a bachelor and Prolog did not find the corresponding answer!





Program x +

```
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5
```

bachelor(X)

false

?- bachelor(X)

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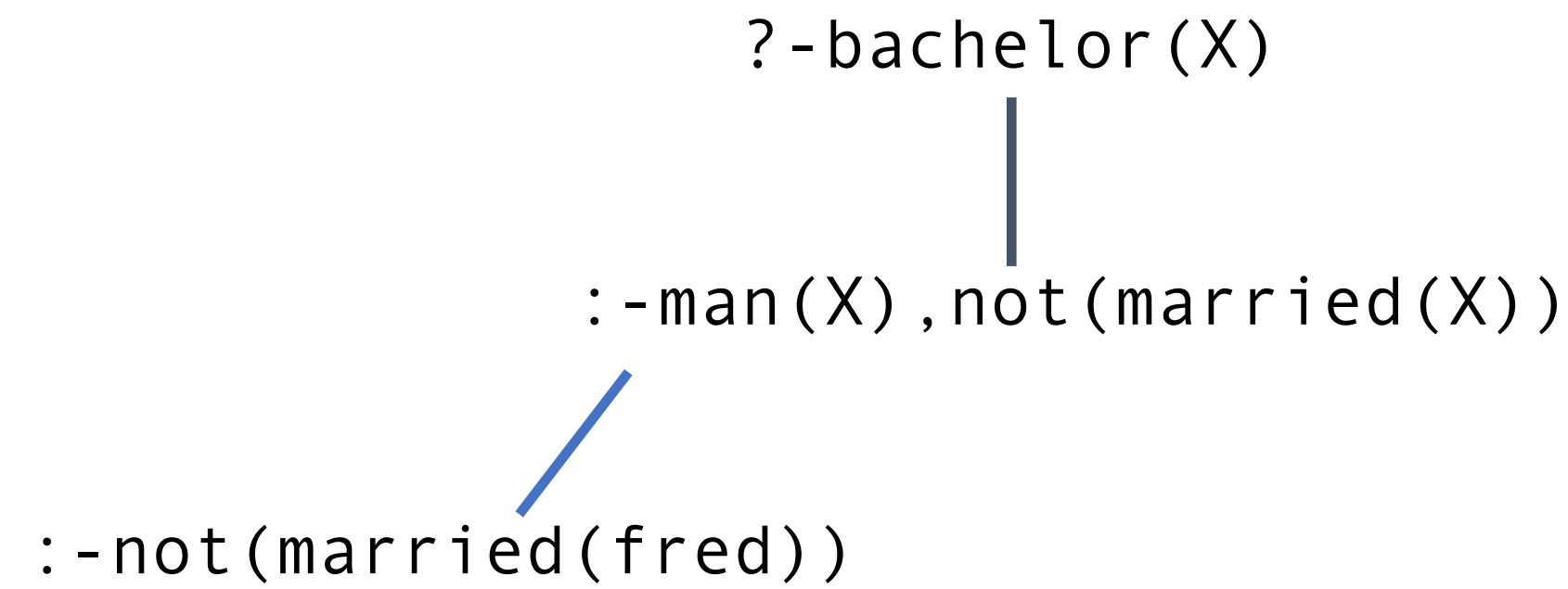


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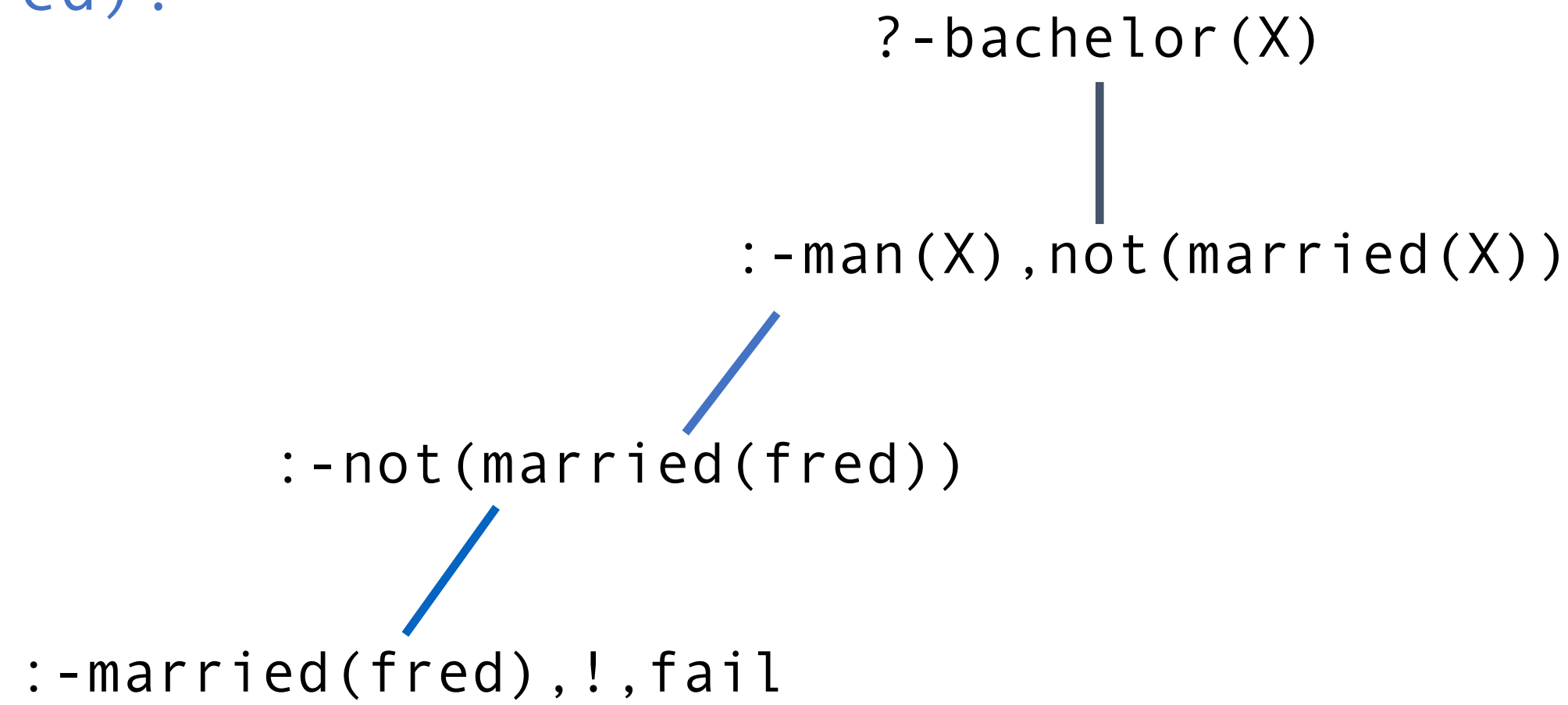
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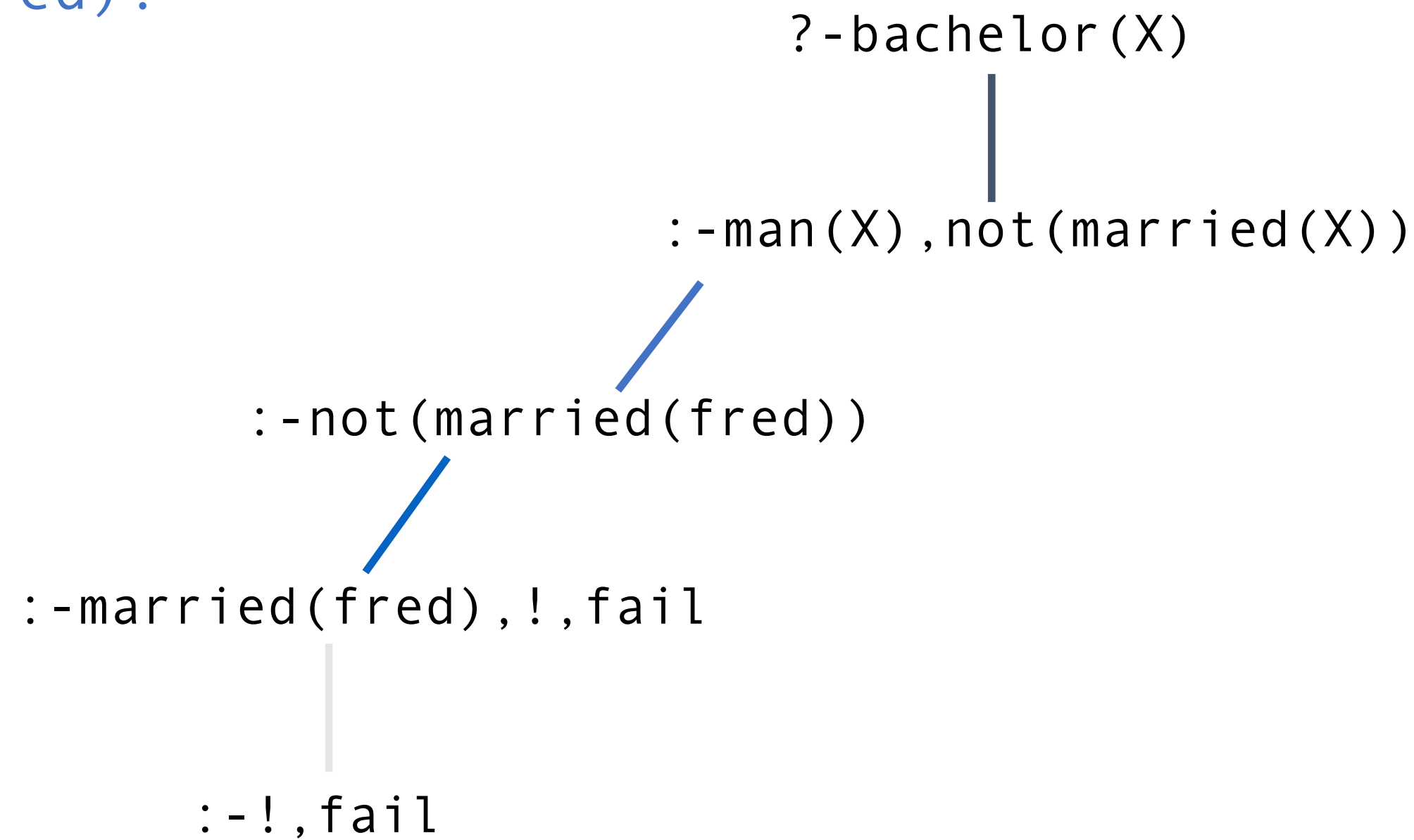
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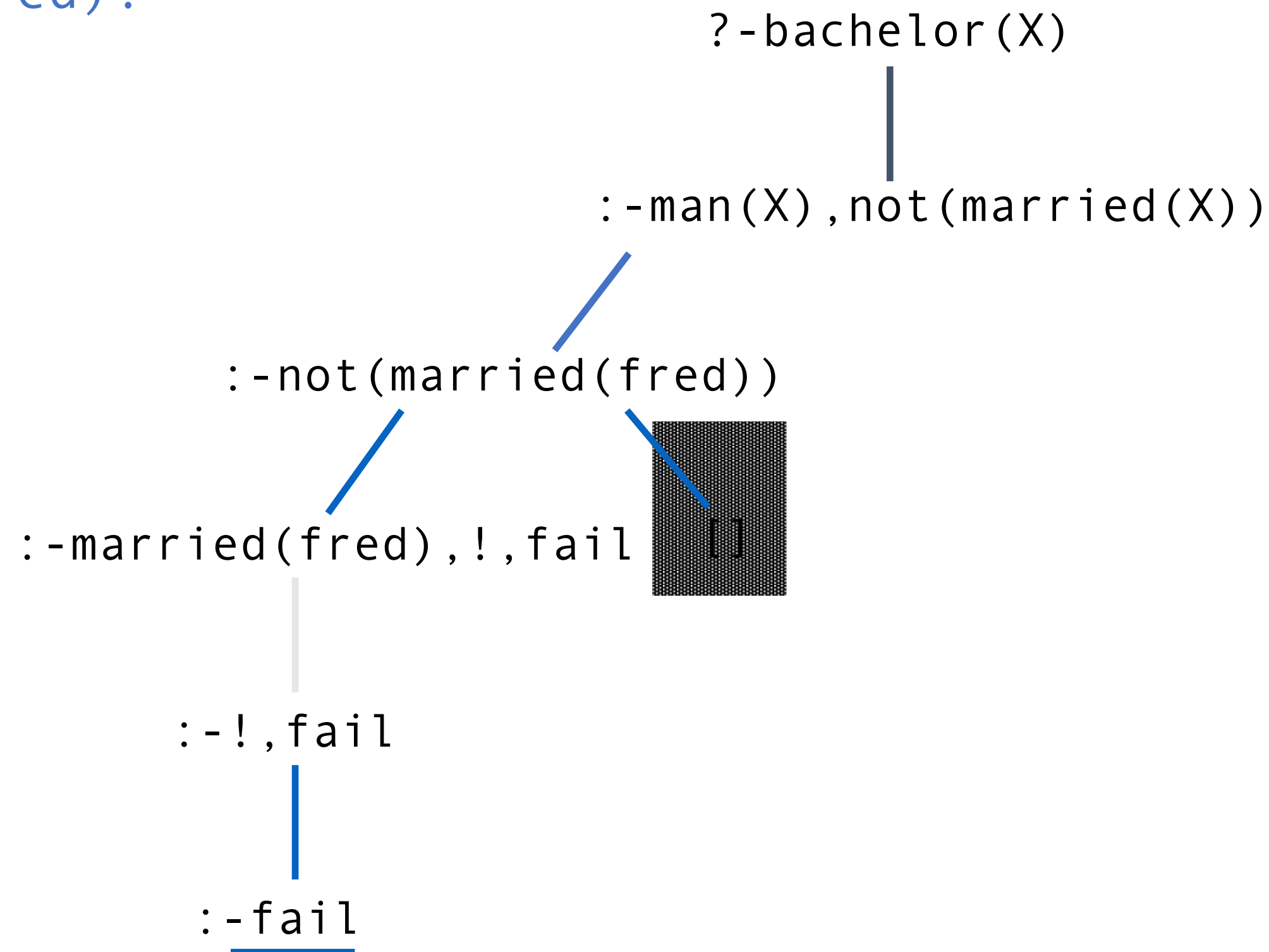
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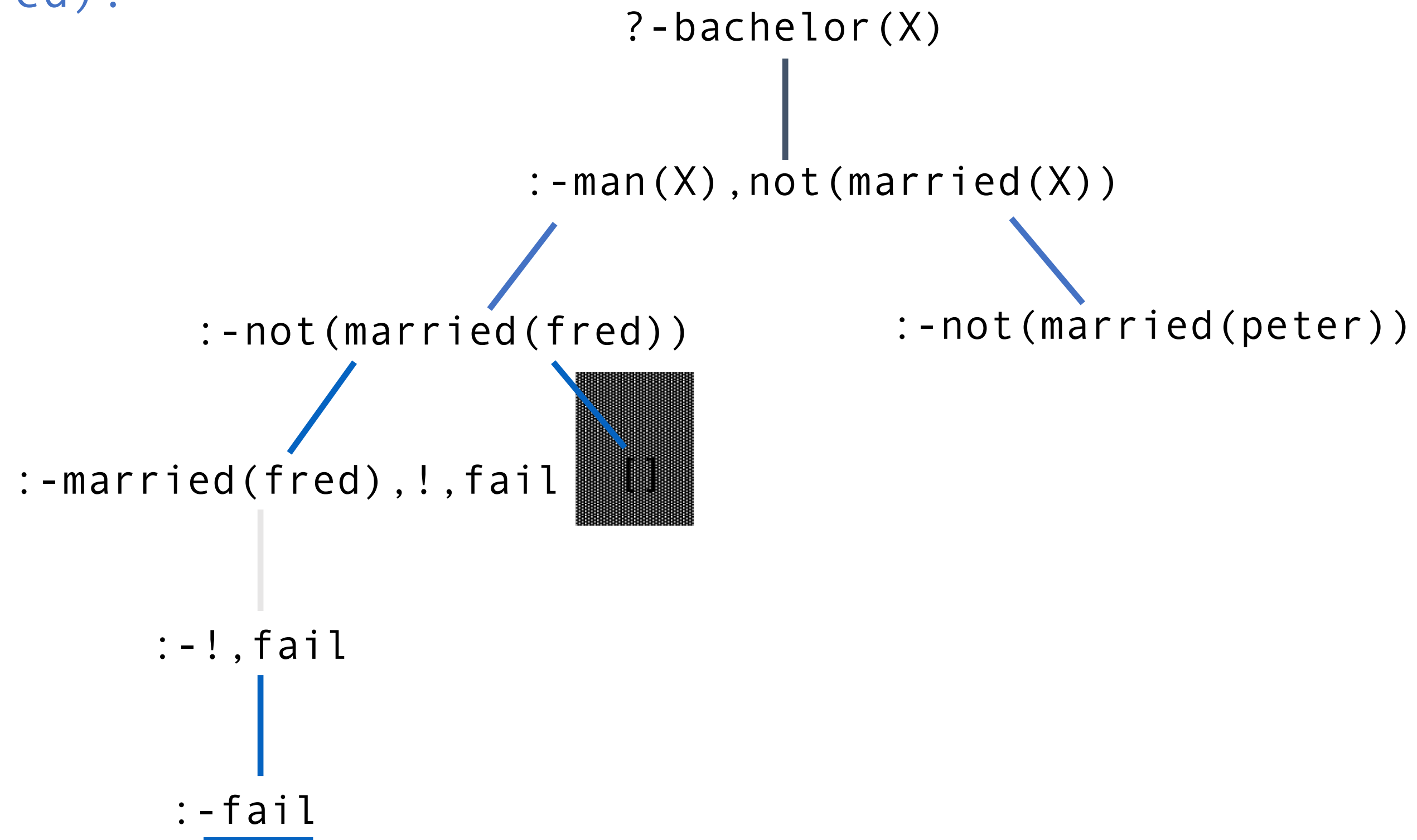
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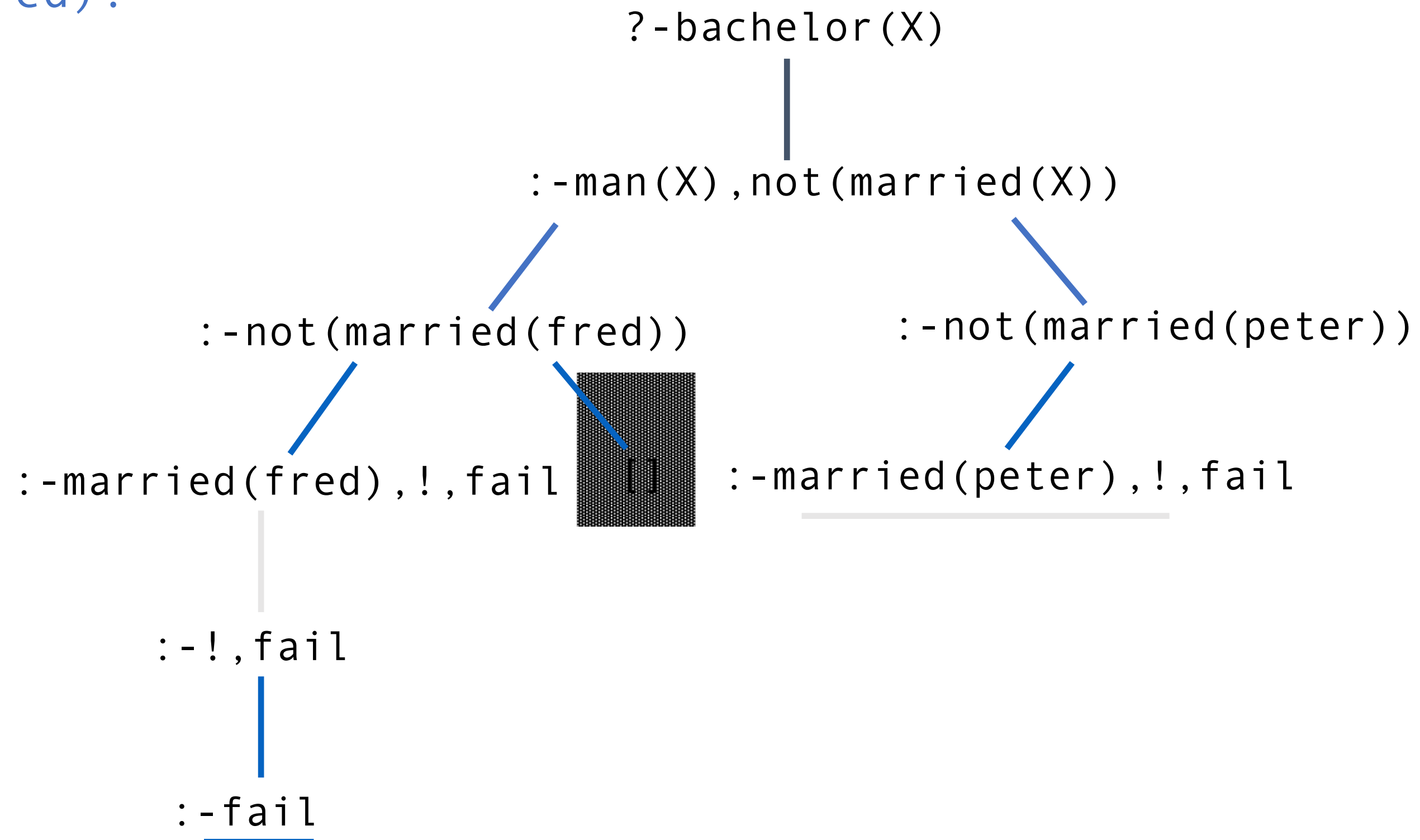
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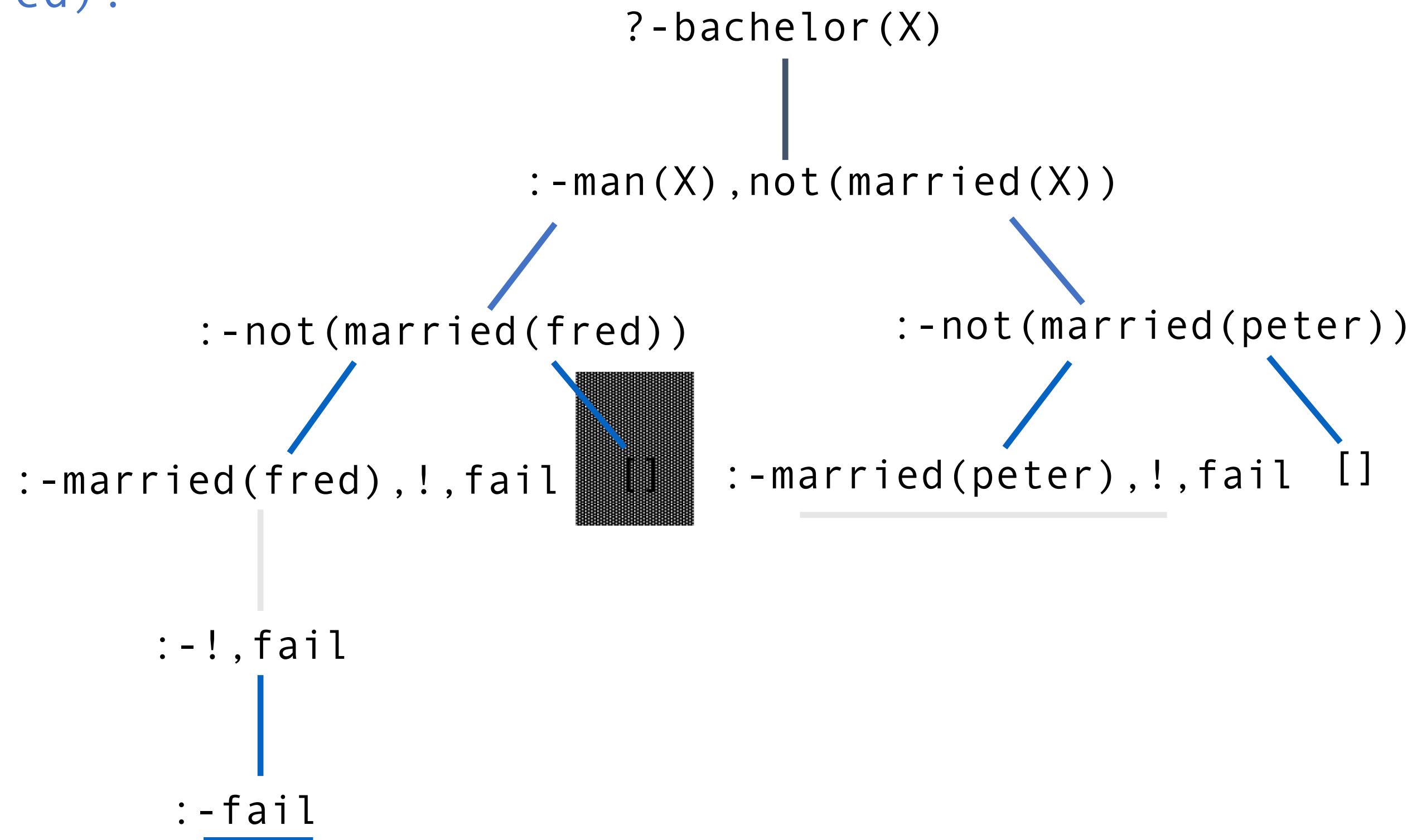
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bachelor(X) [download] [close]

X = peter

?- bachelor(X)

Arithmetic in Prolog

Prolog arithmetic vs. unification

?-X is 5+7-3.
X = 9

?-9 is 5+7-3.
Yes

?-9 is X+7-3.
Error in arithmetic expression

?-X is 5*3+7/2.
X = 18.5

?-X = 5+7-3.
X = 5+7-3

?-9 = 5+7-3.
No

?-9 = X+7-3.
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?-X = Y+7-3.
X = _947+7-3
Y = _947

Exercise 3.9

$\text{zero}(A, B, C, X) :- X \text{ is } (-B + \text{sqrt}(B*B - 4*A*C)) / 2*A.$

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zero(1,0,-1,X)

X = 1.0
X = -1.0

?- zero(1,0,-1,X)

Examples History Solution table results Run!



Search

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Intermission

- Representing search space
- Higher-order predicates `findall`, `bagof`, `setof`

One way to represent children

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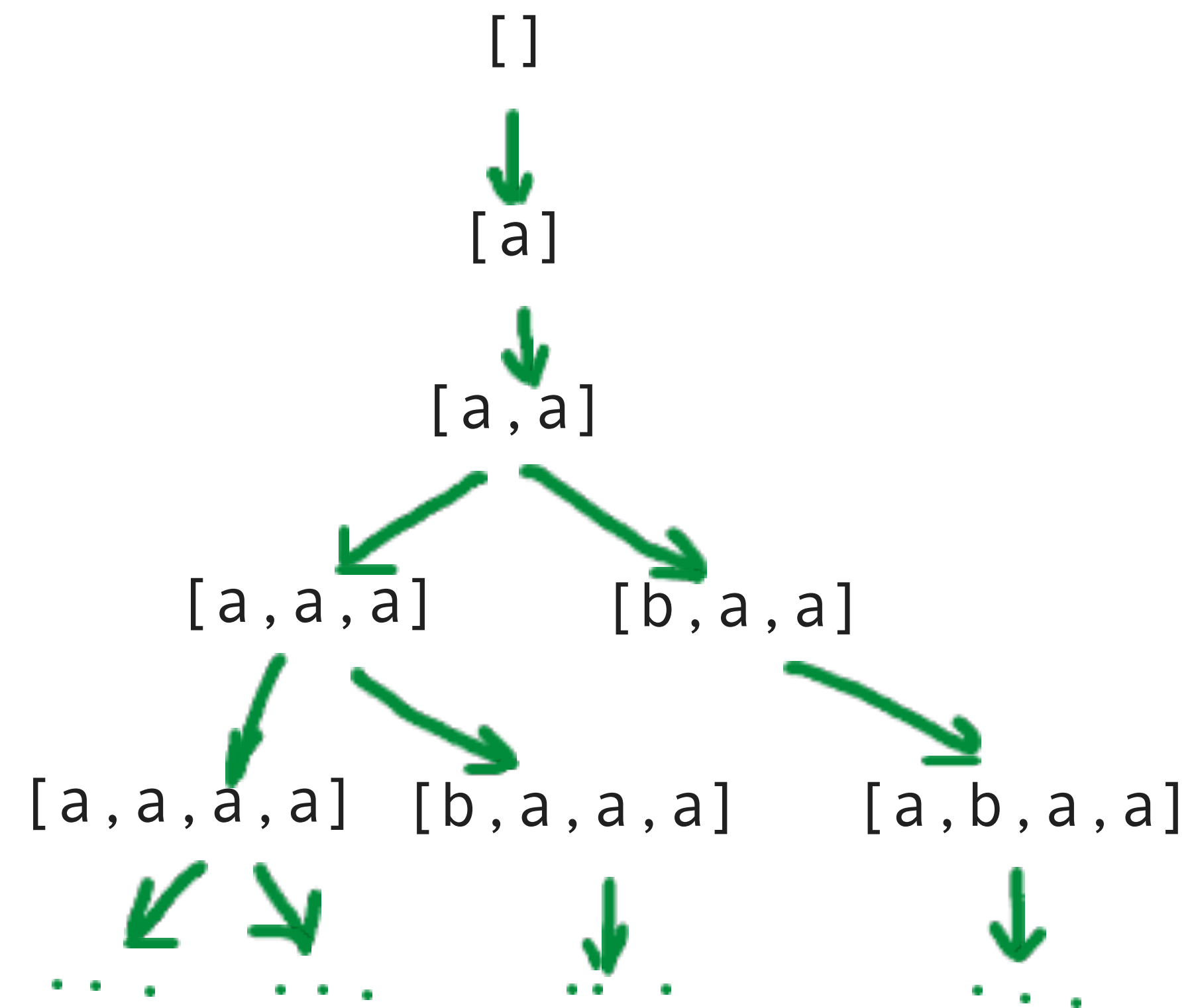


We will explain this in a moment

An Example – Let's define "arc"

`arc(L, [a|L]).`

`arc([a,a|T], [b,a,a|T]).`



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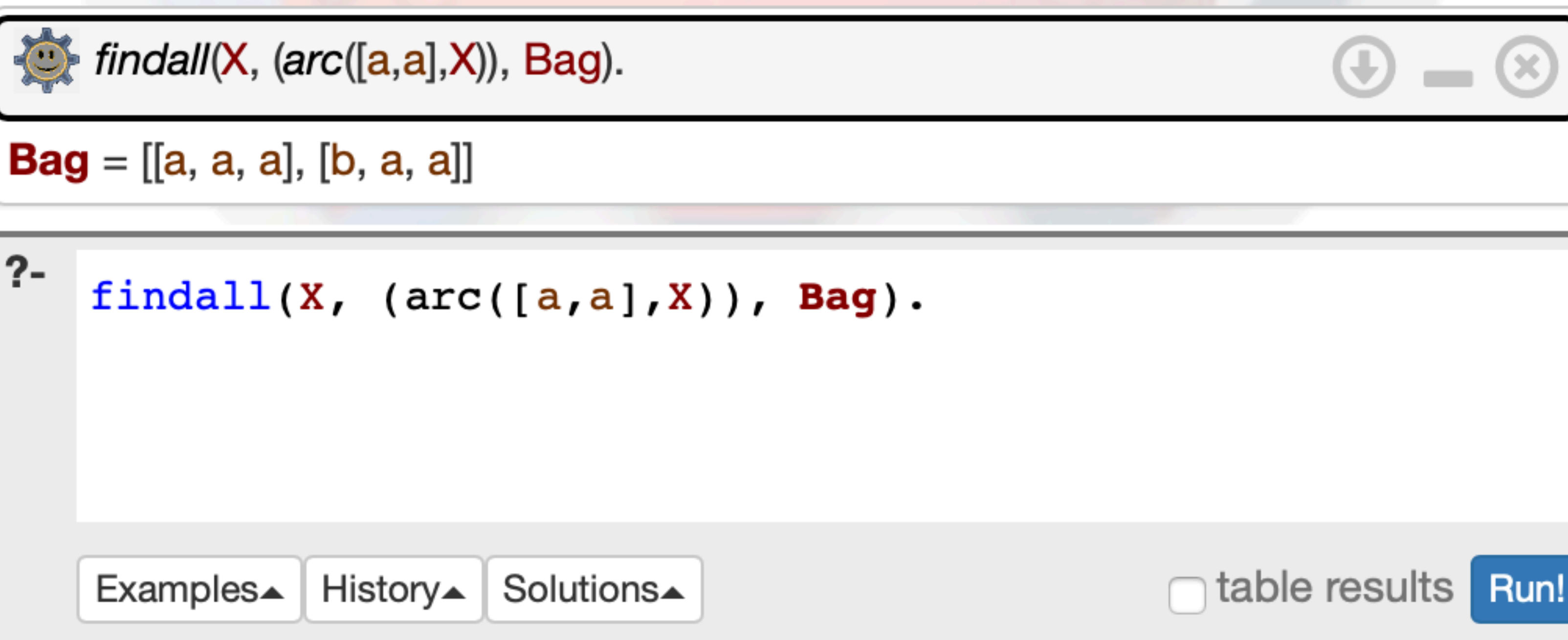
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findall: findall(Template, Goal, Bag)

E.g.:

```
?- findall(X, (arc([a,a],X)), Bag).
```

```
arc(L, [a|L]).  
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```



The screenshot shows a Prolog IDE window with a title bar containing a gear icon, a smiley face, and window control buttons. The main area displays a query and its result. The query is `findall(X, (arc([a,a],X)), Bag).` and the result is `Bag = [[a, a, a], [b, a, a]]`. Below the query is a prompt `?-` followed by the same query. At the bottom, there are buttons for `Examples▲`, `History▲`, and `Solutions▲`, a checkbox for `table results`, and a `Run!` button.

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Back to Search

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The predicate next is implicitly represented using unification. We could also define it as:

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This is where they differ.

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Loop detection

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% depth-first search with loop detection
search_df_loop([Goal|Rest], Visited, Goal):-
    goal(Goal).
search_df_loop([Current|Rest], Visited, Goal):-
    children(Current, Children),
    add_df(Children, Rest, Visited, NewAgenda),
    search_df_loop(NewAgenda, [Current|Visited], Goal).

add_df([], Agenda, Visited, Agenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, [Child|NewAgenda]):-
    not element(Child, OldAgenda),
    not element(Child, Visited),
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda):-
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    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda):-
    element(Child, Visited),
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Loop detection

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    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
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    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda):-
    element(Child, OldAgenda),
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda):-
    element(Child, Visited),
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).

```

1 Add empty list of children

2 Add nodes that have not been visited and not on the agenda

Loop detection

```
% depth-first search with loop detection
search_df_loop([Goal|Rest], Visited, Goal) :-
    goal(Goal).
search_df_loop([Current|Rest], Visited, Goal) :-
    children(Current, Children),
    add_df(Children, Rest, Visited, NewAgenda),
    search_df_loop(NewAgenda, [Current|Visited], Goal).
```

```
add_df([], Agenda, Visited, Agenda). 1. Add empty list of children
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, [Child|NewAgenda]) :-
    not element(Child, OldAgenda), 2. Add nodes that have not been
    not element(Child, Visited), visited and not on the agenda
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda) :-
    element(Child, OldAgenda), 3. If already on agenda, ignore.
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda) :-
    element(Child, Visited),
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% depth-first search with loop detection
search_df_loop([Goal|Rest], Visited, Goal) :-
    goal(Goal).
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    children(Current, Children),
    add_df(Children, Rest, Visited, NewAgenda),
    search_df_loop(NewAgenda, [Current|Visited], Goal).
```


```
add_df([], Agenda, Visited, Agenda).
add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, [Child|NewAgenda]) :-
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add_df([Child|Rest], OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda) :-
    element(Child, OldAgenda),
    add_df(Rest, OldAgenda, Visited, NewAgenda).
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    element(Child, Visited),
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```

- 1 Add empty list of children**
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- 4 If already visited, ignore.**

Backtracking search

```
% depth-first search by means of backtracking
search_bt(Goal, Goal):-
    goal(Goal).
search_bt(Current, Goal):-
    arc(Current, Child),
    search_bt(Child, Goal).
```

Backtracking search

```
% depth-first search by means of backtracking
search_bt(Goal, Goal):-
    goal(Goal).
search_bt(Current, Goal):-
    arc(Current, Child),  We used it to define children
    search_bt(Child, Goal).
```

Backtracking search

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search_bt(Goal, Goal):-
    goal(Goal).
search_bt(Current, Goal):-
    arc(Current, Child),
    search_bt(Child, Goal).

% backtracking depth-first search with depth bound
search_d(D, Goal, Goal):-
    goal(Goal).
search_d(D, Current, Goal):-
    D>0, D1 is D-1,
    arc(Current, Child),
    search_d(D1, Child, Goal).
```


Iterative deepening

```
search_id(First,Goal):-  
    search_id(1,First,Goal).      % start with depth 1  
  
search_id(D,Current,Goal):-  
    search_d(D,Current,Goal).  
search_id(D,Current,Goal):-  
    D1 is D+1,                    % increase depth  
    search_id(D1,Current,Goal).
```

- combines advantages of
breadth-first search (complete, shortest path)
with those of depth-first search (memory-efficient)

Agenda-based SLD-prover

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prove(true) :- !.
```

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```
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prove((A,B)):-!,  
    clause(A,C),  
    conj_append(C,B,D),  
    prove(D).
```

Built-in predicate.

From SWI Prolog documentation: *True if A can be unified with a clause head and B with the corresponding clause body. Gives alternative clauses on backtracking. For facts, B is unified with the atom true.*


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```
1 flies(X) :- has_wings(X).  
2 has_wings(X) :- bird(X).  
3 has_wings(X) :- airplane(X).  
4 bird(tweety).
```



?- `clause(has_wings(X),B)`

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clause(has_wings(X),B)

B = bird(X)

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```
prove(true):-!.  
prove((A,B)):-!,  
    clause(A,C),  
    conj_append(C,B,D),  
    prove(D).
```

Auxiliary predicate conj_append:

```
conj_append(true,Ys,Ys).  
conj_append(X,Ys,(X,Ys)):-not(X=true), not(X=(_,_)).  
conj_append((X,Xs),Ys,(X,Zs)):- conj_append(Xs,Ys,Zs).
```


Agenda-based SLD-prover

```
prove(true):-!.
prove((A,B)):-!,
    clause(A,C),
    conj_append(C,B,D),
    prove(D).
prove(A):-
    clause(A,B),
    prove(B).
```

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```
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2 conj_append(X, Ys, (X, Ys)) :- not(X=true), not(X=(_,_)).
3 conj_append((X, Xs), Ys, (X, Zs)) :- conj_append(Xs, Ys, Zs).
4
5 prove(true) :- !.
6 prove((A, B)) :- !,
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8 prove(A) :- clause(A, B), prove(B).
9
10
11 flies(X) :- has_wings(X).
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14 bird(donald).
```

?- prove(flies(X))

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prove(flies(X))

X = tweety

Next 10 100 1,000 Stop

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X = tweety

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The screenshot shows the SWISH web interface. The browser address bar displays `swish.swi-prolog.org`. The page title is "SWISH -- SWI-Prolog for SHaring". The interface includes a menu with "File", "Edit", "Examples", and "Help", a search bar, and a notification bell showing "25". Below the menu, there are four tabs, each labeled "Program" with a warning icon. The main editor area contains the following Prolog code:

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13 bird(tweety).
14 bird(donald).
```

On the right side, a large owl illustration is visible. Below it, a terminal window shows the execution of `prove(flies(X))`. The results are:

```
X = tweety
X = donald
```

The result `X = donald` is highlighted with a green circle. Below the terminal window, there are buttons for "Examples", "History", "Solution", "table results", and a "Run!" button.

Agenda-based SLD-prover

Agenda-based:

```
prove_df_a(Goal):-
  prove_df_a([Goal]).

prove_df_a([true|Agenda]).
prove_df_a([(A,B)|Agenda]):-!,
  findall(D,(clause(A,C),conj_append(C,B,D)),Children),
  append(Children,Agenda,NewAgenda),
  prove_df_a(NewAgenda).
prove_df_a([A|Agenda]):-
  findall(B,(clause(A,B),Children),
  append(Children,Agenda,NewAgenda),
  prove_df_a(NewAgenda).
```

Original:

```
prove(true):-!.
prove((A,B):-!,
  clause(A,C),
  conj_append(C,B,D),
  prove(D).
prove(A):-
  clause(A,B),
  prove(B).
```

Agenda-based SLD-prover

We can turn it into a complete SLD prover using BFS.

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prove_df_a(Goal):-
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  append(Children,Agenda,NewAgenda),
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  append(Children,Agenda,NewAgenda),
  prove_df_a(NewAgenda).
prove_df_a([A|Agenda]):-
  findall(B,(clause(A,B),Children),
  append(Children,Agenda,NewAgenda),
  prove_df_a(NewAgenda).
```

Agenda-based SLD-prover

```
prove_bf_a(Goal):-
  prove_bf_a([Goal]).

prove_bf_a([true|Agenda]).
prove_bf_a([(A,B)|Agenda]):-!,
  findall(D,(clause(A,C),conj_append(C,B,D)),Children),
  append(Agenda, Children, NewAgenda),
  prove_bf_a(NewAgenda).
prove_bf_a([A|Agenda]):-
  findall(B,(clause(A,B)),Children),
  append(Agenda, Children, NewAgenda),
  prove_bf_a(NewAgenda).
```

We can turn it into a complete SLD prover using BFS.

We would need a few more modifications to also obtain the answer substitutions (you can read about it in Peter Flach's book which is recommended for this course).

Refutation prover for clausal logic

(Not shown here)

```

refute((false:-true)).
refute((A,C):-
    cl(Cl),
    resolve(A,Cl,R),
    refute(R)).

```

```

% refute_bf(Clause) <- Clause is refuted by clauses
%                       defined by cl/1
%                       (breadth-first search strategy)
refute_bf_a(Clause):-
    refute_bf_a([a(Clause,Clause)],Clause).

refute_bf_a([a((false:-true),Clause)|Rest],Clause).
refute_bf_a([a(A,C)|Rest],Clause):-
    findall(a(R,C),(cl(Cl),resolve(A,Cl,R)),Children),
    append(Rest,Children,NewAgenda), % breadth-first
    refute_bf_a(NewAgenda,Clause).

```