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# ASP: Language Extensions and Modelling

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# Previously ...

- PROLOG-based logic programming focuses on **theorem proving**.
- LP based on stable model semantics focuses on **model generation**.
- The **stable model** of a positive program is its least (Herbrand) model.
- The **stable models** of a normal logic program  $P$  are those sets  $X$  for which  $X$  is the stable model of the positive program  $P^X$  (the reduct).
- The **well-supported** model semantics equals **stable** model semantics.

## Example

Logic program  $\{p \leftarrow \sim q, q \leftarrow \sim p\}$  has stable models  $\{p\}$  and  $\{q\}$ .

## Remember

A stable model is a supported model in which every true atom has well-founded support.

# Overview

Language Extensions  
Integrity Constraints  
Choice Rules  
Cardinality Rules

Modelling  
Workflow  
A Case Study: Graph Colouring

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- A way of providing semantics is to furnish a **translation** removing the new constructs.
- This translation might also be used for implementing the extension.

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having stable model  $\{a, b, x(3, 0), x(2, 0), x(1, 0), x(1, 1)\}$ .

# Cardinality Rules with Upper Bounds

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A rule of the form

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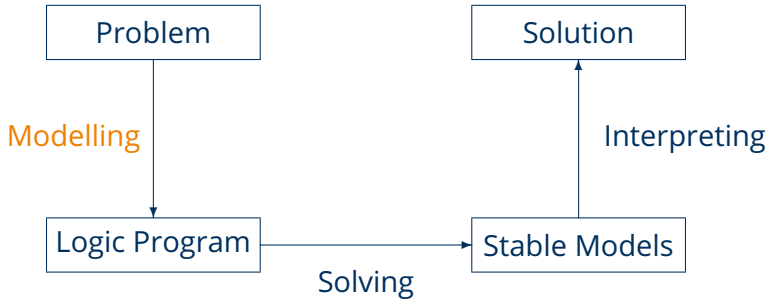
# Quiz: Primes

## Quiz

Consider the following answer set program  $P$ : ...

# Modelling

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# Guiding principle

Elaboration Tolerance (McCarthy, 1998)

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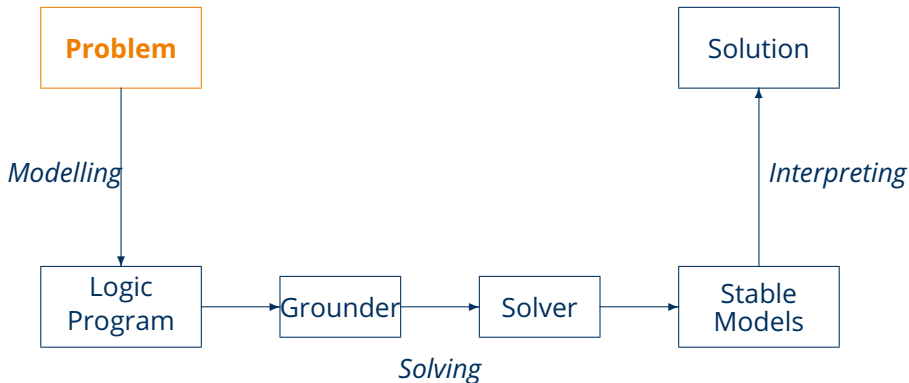
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## Uniform Problem Representation

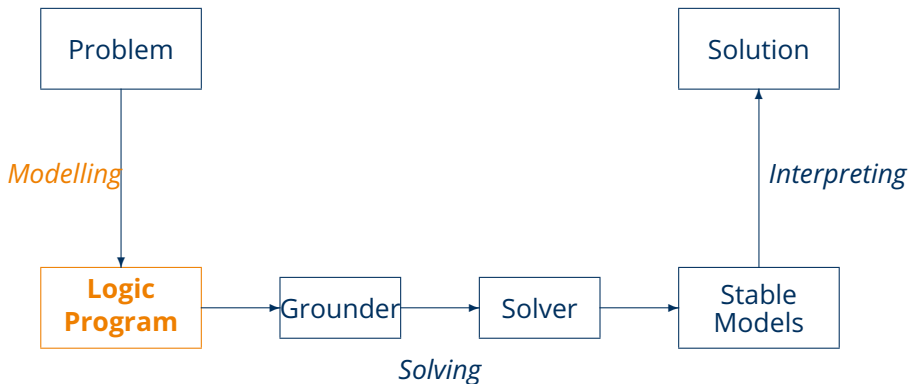
For solving a problem instance **I** of a problem class **C**,

- **I** is represented as a set of facts  $P_I$ ,
- **C** is represented as a set of rules  $P_C$ , and
- $P_C$  can be used to solve all problem instances in **C**

# ASP workflow

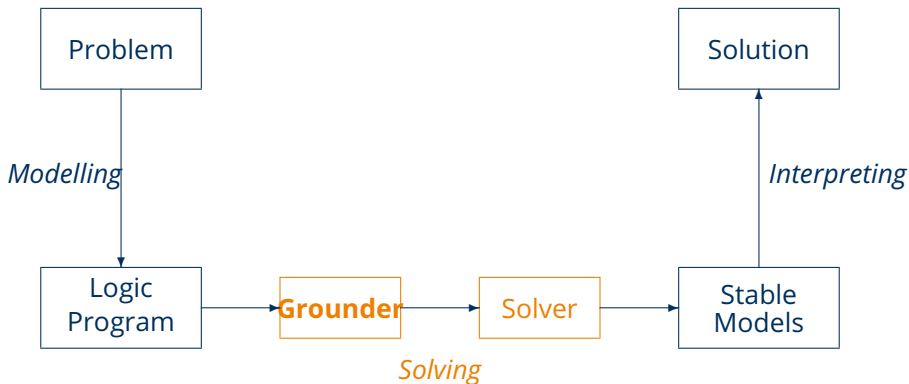


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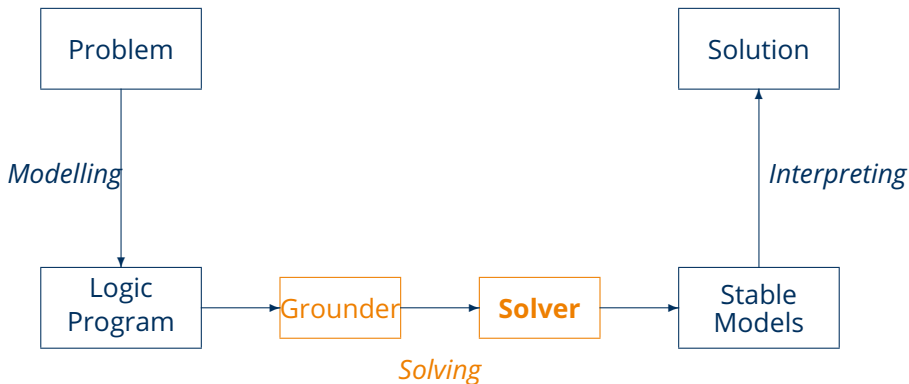




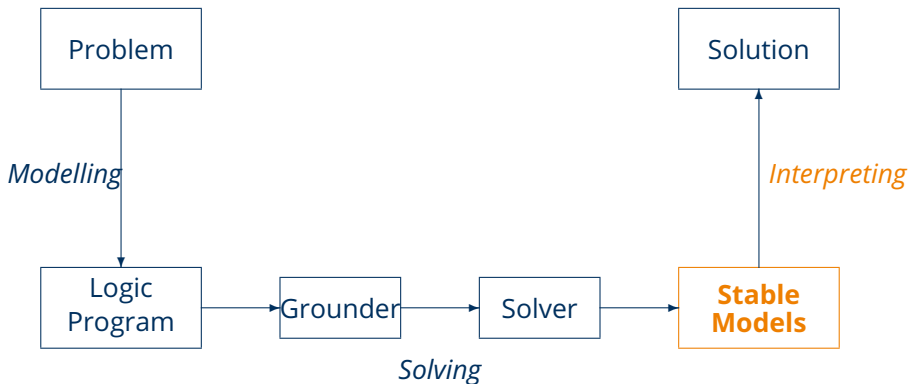
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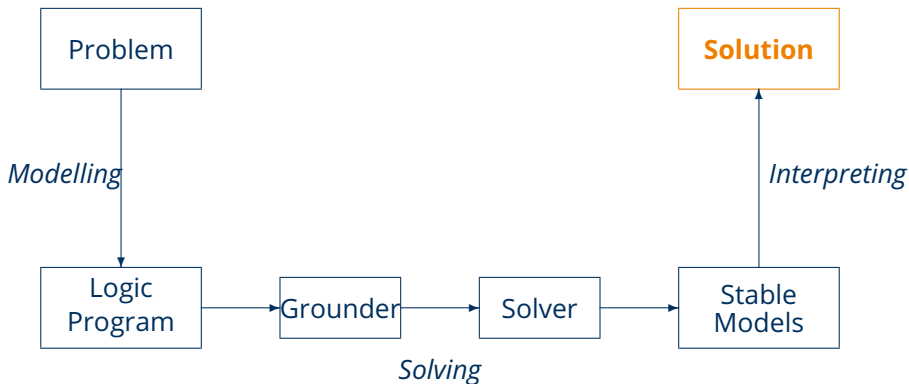
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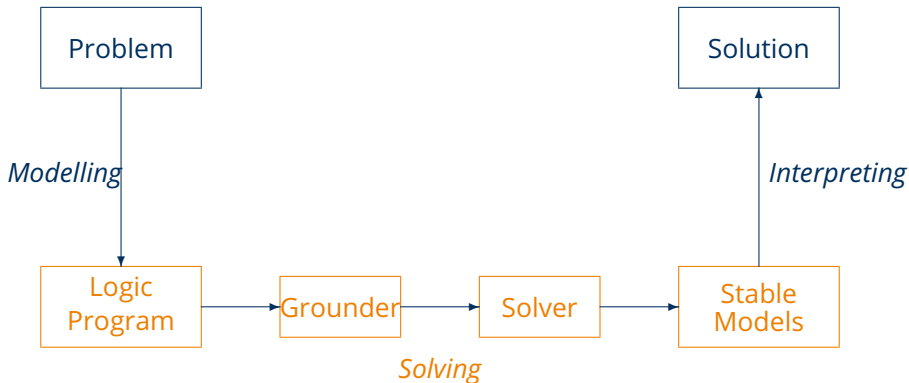
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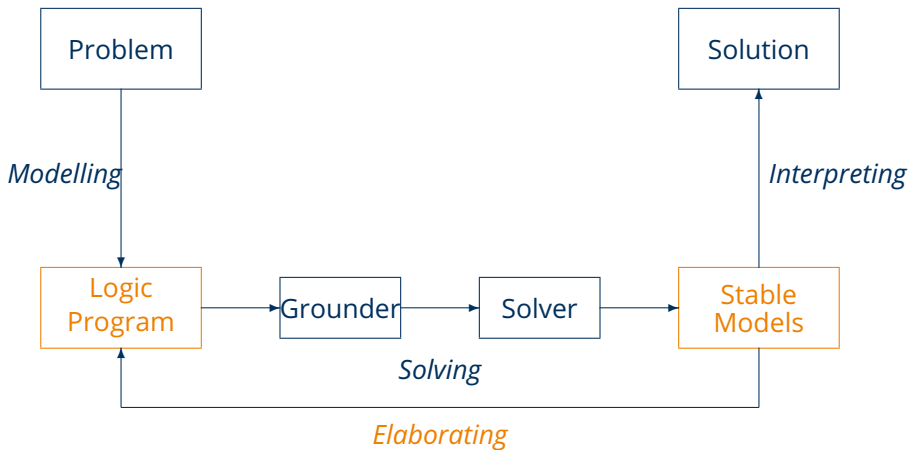
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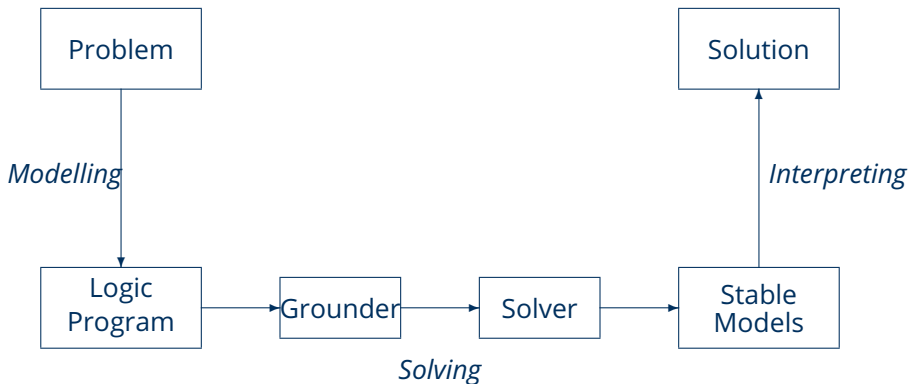
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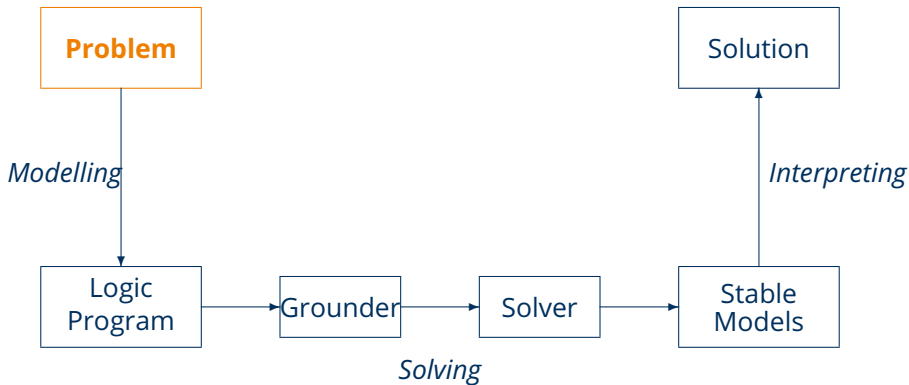
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# ASP workflow: Problem





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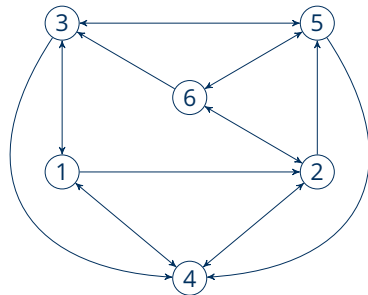
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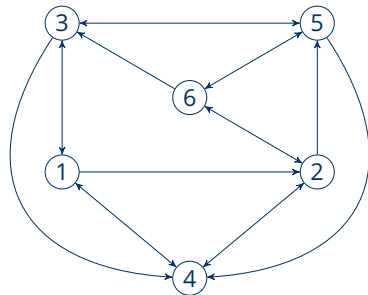


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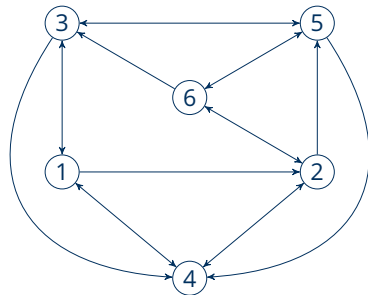
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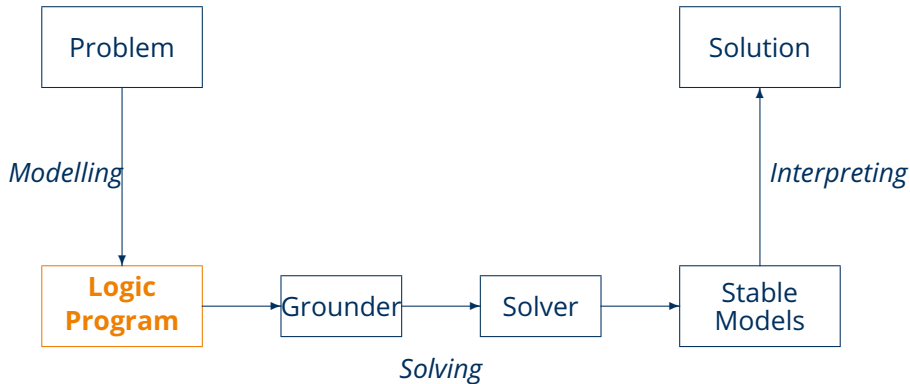
Assign each node one colour such that no two nodes connected by an edge have the same colour.

In other words:

1. Each node has one colour
2. Two connected nodes must not have the same colour



# ASP Workflow: Problem Representation





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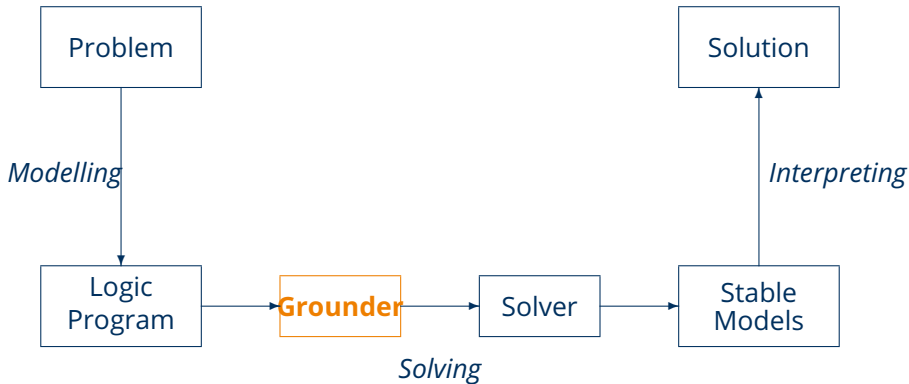
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graph.lp

colour.lp

# ASP Workflow: Grounding



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$ gringo -text graph.lp colour.lp
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:- assign(1,r), assign(2,r).   :- assign(2,r), assign(4,r). [... ] :- assign(6,r), assign(2,r).  
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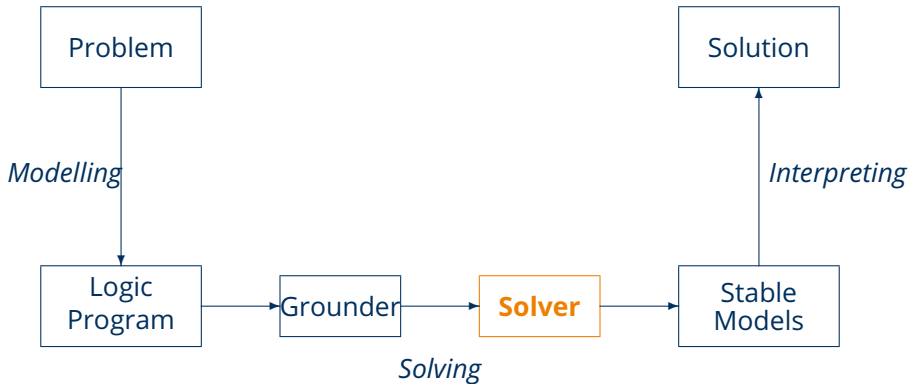
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# ASP Qorkflow: Solving



# Graph Colouring: Solving

```
$ gringo graph.lp colour.lp | clasp 0
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# Graph Colouring: Solving

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clasp version 2.1.0
Reading from stdin
Solving...
Answer: 1
node(1) [...] assign(6,b) assign(5,g) assign(4,b) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,g)
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SATISFIABLE

Models      : 6
Time       : 0.002s (Solving: 0.00s 1st Model: 0.00s Unsat: 0.00s)
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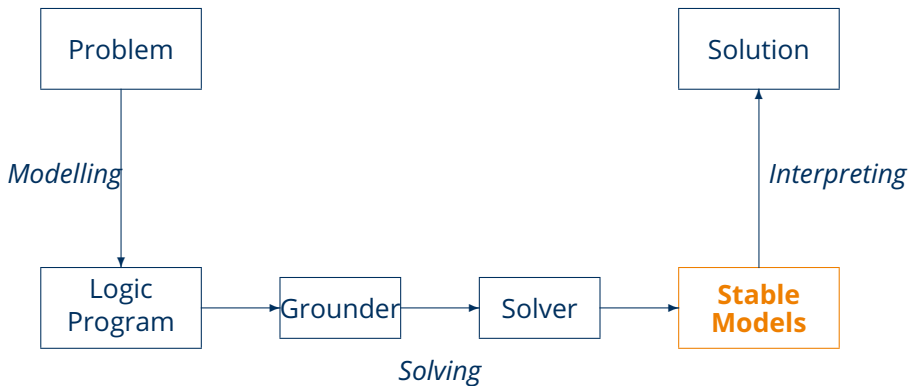
# Graph Colouring: Solving

```
$ clingo graph.lp colour.lp 0
```

```
clasp version 2.1.0
Reading from stdin
Solving...
Answer: 1
node(1) [...] assign(6,b) assign(5,g) assign(4,b) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,g)
Answer: 2
node(1) [...] assign(6,r) assign(5,g) assign(4,r) assign(3,b) assign(2,b) assign(1,g)
Answer: 3
node(1) [...] assign(6,g) assign(5,b) assign(4,g) assign(3,r) assign(2,r) assign(1,b)
Answer: 4
node(1) [...] assign(6,r) assign(5,b) assign(4,r) assign(3,g) assign(2,g) assign(1,b)
Answer: 5
node(1) [...] assign(6,g) assign(5,r) assign(4,g) assign(3,b) assign(2,b) assign(1,r)
Answer: 6
node(1) [...] assign(6,b) assign(5,r) assign(4,b) assign(3,g) assign(2,g) assign(1,r)
SATISFIABLE

Models      : 6
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# ASP Workflow: Stable models



# A Colouring

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```
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```

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```

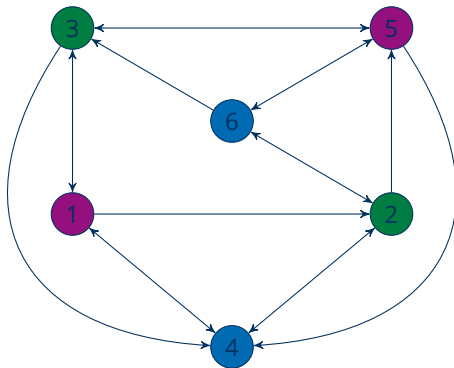


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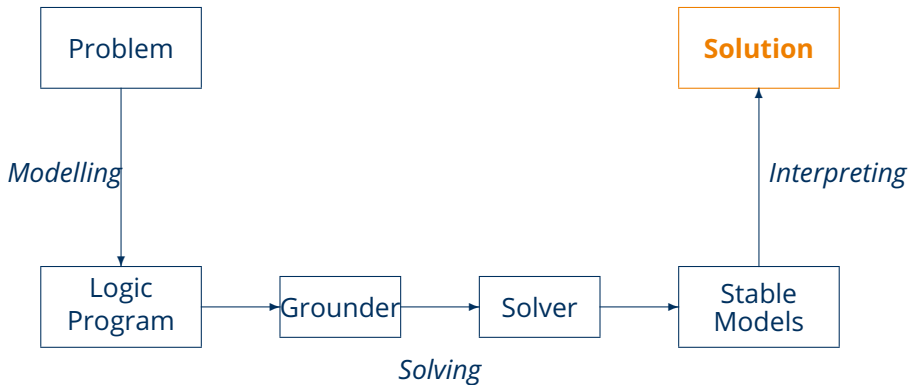
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```



# ASP Workflow: Solutions



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Nutshell

Logic program = Data + Generator + Tester (+ Optimizer)

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```
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```

```
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```

```
colour(r). colour(b). colour(g).
```

```
1 {assign(N,C) : colour(C) } 1 :- node(N).
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**Problem  
instance**

**Problem  
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**Generator**

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# Conclusion

## Summary

- The language of normal logic programs can be extended by constructs:
  - **Integrity constraints** for eliminating unwanted solution candidates
  - **Choice rules** for choosing subsets of atoms
  - **Cardinality rules** for counting certain present/absent atoms
- All of them can be translated back into normal logic program rules.
- The modelling methodology of ASP is **generate and test**:
- Generate solution candidates, eliminate infeasible ones.

## Suggested action points:

- Model solving Sudoku puzzles using a ternary predicate  $\text{num}(i, j, k)$  expressing that the field in row  $i$  and column  $j$  of the Sudoku grid contains the number  $k$  ( $i, j, k \in \{1, \dots, 9\}$ ). Initial hints are given by  $\text{num}/3$  facts.