

Production Systems

Rule base Systems

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Production Systems (Rule Based Systems)

A production system consists of:

1. A **knowledge base**, also called a **rule base** containing production **rules**, or productions.
2. A **database**, contains **facts**
3. A **rule interpreter**, also called a rule application module to control the entire production system.

Production Rules (Expert System Rules)

Production rules are the **units** of knowledge of the form:

IF conditions

THEN actions

Condition part of the rule is also called the **IF** part, premise, antecedent or left side of the rule.

Production Rules (Expert System Rules)

Action part is also called **THEN** part, conclusion, consequent, succedent, or the right side of the rule.

Actions are **executed** when **conditions** are **true** and the **rule** is **fired**.

Rules Format:

$$C_1 \& C_2 \& \dots \& C_n \Rightarrow A$$

C_1, \dots, C_n, A are atomic formulas

Production Rule (Expert System Rule)

1. Propositional logic conceptualization: rules are propositional logic formulas i.e.

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$$C_1 \& C_2 \& \dots \& C_n \Rightarrow A$$

where C_1, \dots, C_n, A are atomic formulas

In this case atomic formulas are propositional variables or sometimes propositional variables and their negations

All our book examples use propositional logic conceptualization!

Production Rules

2. Predicate Form conceptualization (knowledge representation)

Rules are:

$$C_1 \& C_2 \& \dots \& C_n \Rightarrow A$$

where C_1, \dots, C_n, A are atomic formulas

Atomic formulas now represent **records** in the **database** and are written in a **triple form**:

(x, attribute, value of the attribute) , or

(ID, attribute, value of the attribute)

or in a **predicate form**

attribute (x, value of the attribute) ,

attribute (ID, value of the attribute)

Production System ES

$$\text{ES} = (\text{R}, \text{RI}, \text{DBF})$$

R - is a finite set of **production rules**

RI – is an **inference engine** called **rule interpreter**

DBF – is a **database** of **facts** (changing dynamically)

Rules are always

$$C_1 \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ C_n \Rightarrow A$$

For $n \geq 1$ and

C_1, \dots, C_n, A are **atomic formulas** in a **Knowledge Representation** we work with

Propositional Rule of Inference in ES

Rules Interpreter RI

Rule of inference of the Rule Interpreter is:

$$\frac{C_1 \& C_2 \& \dots \& C_n \Rightarrow A ; C_1, \dots, C_n}{A}$$

for C_1, \dots, C_n belonging to DBF

APPLICATION of the **Rule of Inference** means that for a given **rule** of the production (**expert**) **system ES**

$$C_1 \& \dots \& C_n \rightarrow A$$

the **rule interpreter RI** will **check** database of facts **DBF** and if all C_1, \dots, C_n belong to **DBF**, the interpreter will **deduce A** and **add A** to the **database of facts DBF**.

We also say that the interpreter **“Fire the rule”** and **add** new **fact A** to the **database of facts**.

Conceptualizations

In **Predicate Form Conceptualization**

Facts are certain **atomic formulas**

attribute (x, value of the attribute)

where the **variable x** is replaced (**unified**) with
record identifier **ID**

In **Propositional conceptualizations**

Facts are **propositional atomic formulas** i.e.
propositional variables or

(sometimes) negations of propositional variables

DBF – Database of Facts

The **content** of **DBF** (database of facts) is **changed cyclically** by the **rules interpreter RI**

Facts may have **time tags** so that the time of their insertion by **RI** in to **DBF** can be determined

Example: (propositional)

DBF = {A, B} and our **ES** has a rule
 $A \ \& \ B \Rightarrow C$

The interpreter **RI** **matches** **A & B** with **facts** **A, B** and **fires** rule and **adds** **C** to the DBF and new get
NEW DBF = {A, B, C}

RI Rule Interpreter

RI works iteratively in **recognize-and-act** cycles

In a **ONE CYCLE**

1. **RI matches** the condition part of the rules against **facts** (current state of **DBF**)
2. **Recognizes** all applicable rules
3. **Selects one** of them and **applies it** (fires, executes)
4. **Adds** the **action part** of the applied rule (fired rule) to the current **DBF**.

RI stops when goal is reached (problem solved) or there are no more applicable rules.

Predicate Form Conceptualization: Example

Records	a ₁	a ₂	a ₃	a ₄	a ₅
O ₁	1	2	0	1	1
O ₂	0	0	1	a	b
O ₃	0	1	2	1	a

Constants: (key attributes) o1, o2, o3

Values of a₁ are: 1, 0, values of a₂ are: 2, 0, 1

values of a₃ are: 0, 1, 2, values of a₄ are: 1, a, and values of a₅ are: 1, a, b

TRIPLE PREDICATE FORM CONCEPTUALIZATION

Some Atomic Formulas that are NOT FACTS are:

(x, a₁, 1), (x, a₁, 0), (x, a₂, 2), (x, a₅, a), where x is a variable!

Some Atomic Formulas that ARE FACTS in our data table are:

(O₂, a₂, 0), (O₂, a₃, 1), (O₃, a₅, a),

Rule example:

$(x, a_1, 0) \ \& \ (x, a_5, a) \Rightarrow (x, a_3, 1)$

Different Forms of Atomic Formulas

Atomic formula that is a **FACT** written in a **triple form**:

$(o_1, a_1, 1)$

The same formula written in **predicate form** is: $a_1(o_1, 1)$

Atomic formula that is **NOT a FACT** written in a triple form is

$(x, a_3, 1)$

The same formula written in **predicate form** is: $a_3(x, 1)$

In **Busse Handout** the form of atomic formulas is:

$(\text{Entity}, \text{Attribute}, \text{Value}), (\text{person}, \text{Attribute}, \text{Value}),$

where **Entity** represents a variable x , **person** represents a constant (like John):

$(x, \text{Attribute}, \text{Value}), (\text{John}, \text{Attribute}, \text{Value}),$

Where **John** is a constant and atomic formula becomes a **FACT**

We will use x to denote variables and we use the predicate form: $\text{attribute}(x, \text{value})$

Different Forms of Atomic Formulas

Name	a1	Valuehouse	
John	yes	100,000	

Atomic Formula that is a **FACT** written in a **predicate form**:

Valuehouse(John, 100,000)

Atomic Formula that is **NOT a FACT** written in a **predicate form**:

Valuehouse(x, 100,00)

x is a variable

In our Data Table: John is the **key attribute**

Two Forms of Atomic Formulas

ID	Eyes	Shoe Size	Children	House	Salary
John	Blue	10	2	Big	100,000
Mary	Green	9	0	Small	5,000
Anita	Green	9	1	Small	3,000

1. Some **atomic formulas** from our database that are **facts** written in Busse's handout **triple form** are
(John, Eyes, Blue), (Mary, Children, 0)
(Mary, House, Small), (Anita, Eyes, Green)
2. Some atomic formulas that are **not facts** written in a **predicate form** are Eyes(x, Blue), House(x, Small)

Observe that the above formulas become **FACTS** when **x** becomes **John** or **Mary**. We say that **we MATCH x** in Eyes(x, Blue), with the record **John**, or with the record **Mary** in House(x, Small)

We write it: Eyes(x, Blue){x/John} = Eyes(John, Blue),
House(x, Small){x/Mary} = House(Mary, Small)

Rule Interpreter RI

The **RI** works iteratively in **Recognize-And-Act** cycles. In such a cycle, **RI**:

- 1. Matches** the condition part of the rules against the **facts** and **recognizes** all applicable rules
- 2. Selects** one of the applicable rules and applies the rule i.e. **fires** or **executes** it : **adds fact (action part) to the database**

Rules have names, many have **time tag**.

RI stops when problem solved or **no rules are applicable**.

Pattern Matching: Unification

ES RULES with atomic formulas that are **not FACTS** written in a **triples form**:

(x, attribute, value)

where a **variable** x is also called an **entity**

Atomic formulas that are **NOT FACTS** are:

(x, attribute, value)

FACTS are represented by similar triples, with entity as a **constant**. i.e. they are:

(ID, attribute, value)

Pattern Matching: Unification

Pattern matching – is **matching** the **variable x** in the triple

(x, attribute, value)

with a **proper record** in the **database** identified by the key attribute **ID**, i.e. It **matching** with the **fact**

(ID, attribute, value)

We write it as

(x, attribute, value) {x/ID} = (ID, attribute, value)

or

attribute(x, value) {x/ID} = attribute(ID, value)

Example

Lets look at a **RULE** in a **predicate triple form representation**

(person, yearlyincome, >\$15,000) &
(person, valuehouse, >\$30,000) => (person, loantoget, <\$3,000)

Person: variable x

Rule Format is: $C_1(x) \& C_2(x) \rightarrow A(x)$

(x, yearlyincome, >\$15,000) &
(x, valuehouse, >\$30,000) => (x, loantoget, <\$3,000)

In “Plain English”: If somebody has an yearly income greater the \$15,000 and his/hers house has a value greater the n\$30,000, then bank approves any loan smaller than \$3,000.

Given **Facts**:

F1: (John, yearlyincome, >\$15,000)

F2: (John, valuehouse, >\$30,000)

PATTERN MATCHING

We assign (**UNIFY**) **x/John** (person/John)

We use the inference rule $C_1(x) \& C_2(x) \rightarrow A(x)$ and **matching**

$C_1(x) \& C_2(x)$ with $F_1 \& F_1$ for $x = \text{John}$, where

$A(x)$: (x, loantoget, <\$3,000) i.e. we write

$$C_1(x) \& C_2(x) \rightarrow A(x) \{x/\text{John}\}; F_1 \& F_1$$

RI adds new fact

(John, loantoget, <\$3,000)

to the **DBF**

During a **cycle of RI**, most of the time is spent on **pattern matching = unification**

First the most popular efficient **pattern matching algorithm** was **RETE algorithm** (**Forgy** 1982)

It is used in a **rule-based language OPS5**, a language still being used for **programming** expert systems

Fogy gave a TALK in CS Stony Brook in Spring 2019 on the newest version of the **language OPS5** and improvements of the **RETE algorithm**

Both still going strong

There also are many excellent new **unification techniques** and **algorithms**

They are mainly developed by researchers working in **Automated Theorem Proving** field of **AI**

It is still a large and vibrant area of **AI** research

Prolog is based on the **predicate resolution** and

They are used for **Prolog** improvements

Prolog is the **most natural, efficient and modern language** to use in many **AI** applications

We will cover **Propositional Resolution** as the next subject

ES Conflict Resolution

RI recognition – part of the cycle is divided into two parts

- 1. Selection:** identification of **applicable rules** based on pattern matching and
- 2. Conflict resolution:** **choice** of **which** rule to **fire** (apply, execute)

There are many choice possibilities and **we decide** what we want to use while **designing** the system

Conflict Resolution Heuristics

Here are some **conflict resolution heuristics** (choices)

Most specific rule

- **Example:** rules $P \Rightarrow R$, $P \ \& \ Q \Rightarrow S$ are both applicable,
- we **choose** $P \ \& \ Q \Rightarrow S$ as it is **more specific** (contains more detailed information)
- **The rule using the most recent facts** : facts must have time tags
- **Highest Priority rule:** rules must have assigned priority
- **The first rule:** rules are linearly ordered
- **Principle:** No rule is allowed to **fire more than once** on basis of the same contents of **DBF**
- **We eliminate** firing the same rule all the time

Production Rules and Expert System Rules

Production rules are the rules in which **actions** are restricted exclusively to **ADD FACTS to the DBF**

Expert Systems might contain also different rules; like rules about rules (**METARULES**), **DOMAIN-FREE** rules, **DOMAIN specific** rules, or others.

Rules can have names (can be numbers, like R1, R2, ... etc)

Rules often have **time tags** or other indicators, depending of **heuristics** used by RI module.

Metarules

Metarules – are rules about rules.

Metarules may be **domain-specific**, such as:

IF the car does not start

THEN first check the set of rules
about the fuel system

Metarules may be **Domain-free** (not connected with DBF) such as

IF the rules given by manual apply

AND textbook rules apply

THEN: check first manual rules

Advantages and Disadvantages of Rules Based Expert systems

Advantage: modularity. Rules are independent pieces of knowledge so may be added or deleted.

They are easy to understand (should be)

Disadvantages: inefficiency of big production systems with non-organized rules

Rules based expert systems are the most popular

Forward Chaining

Data -> Rules -> Goal

Also called DATA DRIVEN, BOTTOM UP, or ANTECEDENT chaining

During the **SELECTION** step of each cycle, the RI is looking for applicable rules by **MATCHING** (unifying) condition part of a rule **with the CURRENT CONTENT** of the DB;

Forward chaining is applied, i.e. the proper rule is **FIRED** and a **new FACT** (action part) is **added** to the DB.

Process **TERMINATES** when the **GOAL is reached**, or **when all possible FACTS are already inferred** from the INITIAL database.

Backward Chaining

Also called **GOAL-DRIVEN** consequent chaining

- The production system ESTABLISHES whether a goal is supported by a given database

Start with the goal

- Applicable RULES are found by matching ACTION parts with the **GOAL**

$C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n \rightarrow \mathbf{GOAL}$

Now the conditional part:

$C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$ is checked against the DB.

If all are (after matching) in DB, the solution is reached.

If C_i is not in DB, we treat it as a **SUBGOAL** and repeat.

Backward Chaining (re-captured)

GOAL = Fact **F**

Selected rule (by matching action parts with **F**)

(R) $C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n \rightarrow F$

1. If all **$C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$** are in DB – **End**

2. Let **C** be any of **$C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$**

after unification and substitution, if needed.

CASE when Propositional ATOMIC Include negation

If **$\sim C$** is in DB, (R) can't be used and another rule should be selected

3. Neither **C** (nor **$\sim C$**) is in DB, then

C is a SUBGOAL and **we start over again as with F.**

4. If no applicable rules exist, **GOAL F is not established.**

System may need new rules.

Usually, **backward chaining is executed as depth-first search.**

Backward chaining is used in applications with large data.

Forward chaining might produce too much.

Usually, mixed strategies are used.

Example (Busse book)

Knowledge representation = propositional logic

CASE WHEN ATOMIC: VARIABLES OR NEGATION OF VARIABLES

RULES:

R1: IF the ignition key is on
AND the engine won't start
THEN the starting system (including battery) is faulty

R1 $A \wedge B \rightarrow E$

R2: IF E AND the headlights work
THEN the starter is faulty

R2 $E \wedge C \rightarrow G$

R3: IF E AND $\sim C$
THEN the battery is dead

R3 $E \wedge \sim C \rightarrow I$

Example (continued)

R4: IF the voltage test on the ignition switch shows 1 to 6 volts,
THEN the wiring between the ignition and the solenoid is OK

R4

D → F

R5: IF **F**
THEN replace the ignition switch

R5

F → H

FACTS in the INITIAL DATABASE:

A: The ignition key is on

B: The engine won't start

C: The headlights work

D: The voltage test on the solenoid shows 1 to 6 volts

^ |-----semantics-----|
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Syntax (in propositional logic representation): **A, B, C, D**

Initial DB

IDB = {A, B, C, D}

Rules

R1 $A \wedge B \rightarrow E$
R2 $E \wedge C \rightarrow G$
R3 $E \wedge \sim C \rightarrow I$
R4 $D \rightarrow F$
R5 $F \rightarrow H$

GOAL:

Infer all possible facts from IDB

1. Rules are ordered by number

$R_1 < R_2 < R_3 < R_4 < R_5$

2. And they are scanned by RI in this order and
inserted into a queue

Conflict Resolution: ORDER (1) and

Fire a rule from the front of the queue (and remove it)

STEP 1: Applicable: R1, R4

Queue (front to rear): R1, R4

Fire: R1 and add E to the IDB

NEWDB = {A, B, C, D, E}

STEP 2: (second cycle)

E: The starting system is faulty is added

- R1 is no longer applicable, since its action would add E, which is
already in (new) DB (last in C.R.)

- R2 is applicable

Queue (front to rear): R4, R2

Step2: R3 is not applicable; R4 is applicable (and is in queue);
R5 is not applicable.

R4 is FIRED from the FRONT of the queue, removed from the queue
and new fact

F: The wiring between the ignition and the solenoid is OK
Is added to the DB , now **DBF= { A, B, C, D, E, F }**

STEP 3 (third cycle)

Queue: R2, R5

R5 is inserted, R2 is FIRED (and removed) and new fact

G: The starter is faulty
Is added to the DB, now **DBF = {A, B, C, D, E, F, G}**

STEP 4 (fourth cycle)

Queue: R5

No new rules are applicable, so R5 is fired and new fact

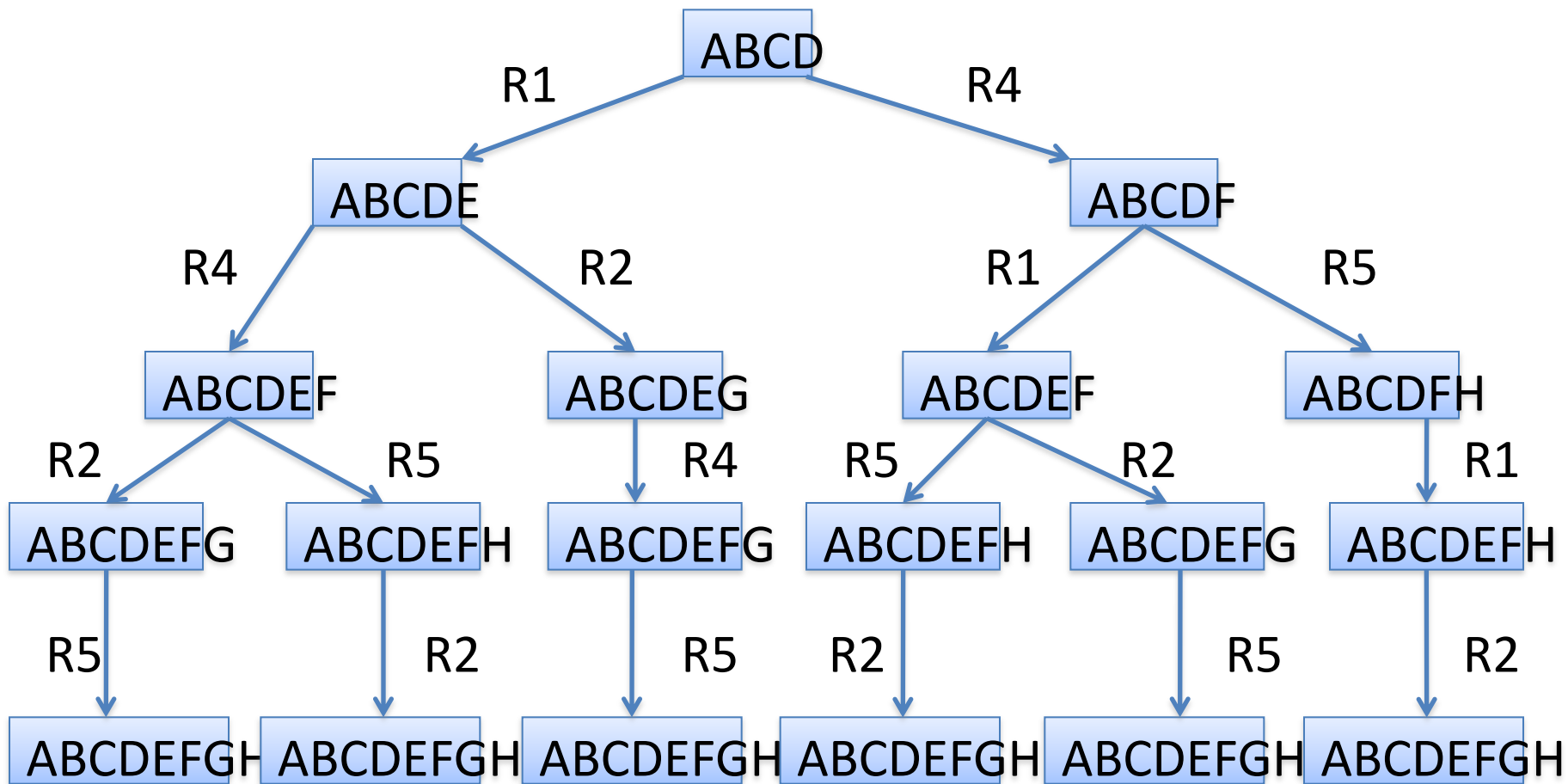
H: Replace the ignition switch
Is added to the DB

STEP 5 No applicable rules (all are used!)

DBF = { A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H }

RI STOPS COMPUTATION

Search Space



Goal: All possible facts deduced

EXAMPLE 2

Initial DB

IDB= {A, B, C, D}

Rules

GOAL

Use backward chaining to infer/reject

HAI

R1 $A \wedge B \rightarrow E;$ **R2** $E \wedge C \rightarrow G;$ **R3** $E \wedge \sim C \rightarrow I;$

R4 $D \rightarrow F;$ **R5** $F \rightarrow H$

First: Consider H. H is not in the DB. The only rule that matches **H** (action) is

R5: $F \rightarrow H$

Look at F; It is not in the IDB, so it is a SUBGOAL. Applicable:

R4 $D \rightarrow F$, and D is in the IDB.

So, **F is SUPPORTED** and hence **H is supported**.

Next: Consider I. I is not in the DB, applicable rule is

R3 $E \wedge \sim C \rightarrow I$

C is in the DB, hence **R3** cannot be used. **R3** is the **ONLY** rule, hence **I** is not supported and

GOAL $H \wedge I$ is rejected.

Example 2 re-captured

Initial Database: DBF = {A, B, C, D}

Rules

R1: A & B \Rightarrow E

R2: E & C \Rightarrow G

R3: E & \neg C \Rightarrow I

R4: D \Rightarrow F

R5: F \Rightarrow H

Backward Chaining Goal : H & I

First: Consider H.

H is not in DBF only rule that matches H (as action) is R5.

R5: F \Rightarrow H

Look at F; F is not in DB, so F becomes a subgoal

Applicable: R4: D \Rightarrow F, and D is in DBF so

F is supported and hence H is supported.

Example 2 continued

Next: check I.

I is not in DBF, only applicable rule is **R3: E & ¬ C => I**
C is in DB, hence R3 can't be used.

R3 is the only applicable rule, hence **I is not supported**
and **GOAL H & I is rejected**.

Propositional Logic Conceptualization

Example 3

R1: If you are hot, then turn thermostat down

R2: If you are not hot and window is open, then close the window

R3: If the thermostat is turned down and you are cold, then open the window

1. Conceptualize this system in propositional logic
2. Design questions the program has to ask the user to achieve the goal: “open the window” by backward chaining and conflict resolution

Example 3 Rules revisited

R1: hot \Rightarrow turn down thermostat

R2: \neg hot & window open \Rightarrow close window

R3: thermostat down & cold \Rightarrow open window

GOAL: open window

The GOAL has to be reached by use of conflict resolution and rules R1, R2, R3 from **a certain database of fact.**

We need to build our **DBF** by asking user some questions

ATOMIC: variables, negations of variables

Propositional Logic Conceptualization 1

CASE WHEN **ATOMIC: VARIABLES** OR **NEGATION** OF VARIABLES

H – you are hot **¬ H** – you are not hot

O – window open (open window)

D – Thermostat down

W – close window (closed window)

C – you are cold

R1: H \Rightarrow D

R2: ¬ H & O \Rightarrow W

R3: D & C \Rightarrow O

Goal: reach O by backward chaining

- **You need to build your DBF by asking questions.**

Example 3

In order to reach the goal we have only one rule applicable:

R3: $D \ \& \ C \Rightarrow O$

We have two **subgoals: D, C**

We get **D** by **R1: $H \Rightarrow D$** and **D** becomes a **subgoal**.

No applicable rule, so we need ask a question about H .

Question: Are you hot (H) ?

If answer is **YES**: we **ADD H** into DBF , i.e.

DBF = $\{H\}$ and we apply (fire) **R1: $H \Rightarrow D$** and get **D** .

D is supported

We look now for **C** , **no applicable rule**, so we need ask a question about **C**

Example 3 continued

Question: Are you cold (**C**)?

If answer is **YES**, we **ADD C** into DBF, and **C is supported**,
and the **GOAL O** is **SUPPORTED**.

If answer to the question: **Are you hot (H) ?**
is **NO**, we added $\neg H$ to DBF, i.e **DBF = $\{\neg H\}$** .

No applicable rule, **we STOP**,
GOAL O IS REJECTED.

Propositional Logic Conceptualization 2

CASE WHEN **ATOMIC: VARIABLES** OR **NEGATION** OF VARIABLES

H – you are hot

WO – window open

OW – open the window

D – Thermostat down

CW – close the window

WC – window closed

C – you are cold

R1: $H \Rightarrow D$

R2: $\neg H \ \& \ WO \Rightarrow CW$

R3: $D \ \& \ C \Rightarrow OW$

Goal: reach OW by backward chaining

- **You need to build your DBF by asking questions.**

Propositional Logic Conceptualization 3

CASE WHEN **ATOMIC**: VARIABLES (no negation)

H – you are hot **NH** – you are not hot

WO – window open

OW – open the window

D – Thermostat down

CW – close the window

WC – window closed

C – you are cold

R1: H \Rightarrow D

R2: NH & WO \Rightarrow CW

R3: D & C \Rightarrow OW

Goal: reach OW by backward chaining

- **You need to build your DBF by asking questions.**

PREDICATE FORM Conceptualization

OBSERVATION:

FACTS are always true in ES Database

For example a Fact:

(car#42, battery, weak), or battery(car#42,weak)

means that in our database we have a record

Key	Other attribute	Other attribute	Battery		
Car#42			weak		

Example 4: Predicate Conceptualization

Key	Other attribute	Other attribute	Battery		
car#42			weak		

Another way of writing the fact **(car#42, Battery, weak)** is:

Battery(ar#42, weak)

This is called a **predicate form**

Atomic formula written in a **triple form** is:

(x, Battery, weak) , or **(ID, Battery, weak)**

First is not a FACT, second is a FACT.

Atomic formula written in a **predicate form** is:

Battery(x, weak)

Atomic formula that is a fact is

Battery(c#42, weak)

Example 5: given a DB

Cars	Battery	Color	Buy	PutGarage
C ₁	good	red	no	
C ₂	weak	black	no	

The **DB** represents the following **FACTS**: (in triple form)

F1. (C₁, Bbtttery, good)

F2. (C₁, color, red)

F3. (C₁, buy, no)

F4. (C₂, battery, weak)

F5. (C₂, color, black)

F6. (C₂, buy, no)

We want to use the expert system rules to PUT cars into proper garages, i.e. to fill missing values of the attribute **PutGarage**. We assume that we have two garages: G1, G2.

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NONE OF LISTED FACTS F1, F2, ...F6 BELONGS to the DB!!!

ATTRIBUTES are: Battery, Color, Buy – NOT- battery,color, buy

Example 6: CORRECTED

Cars	Battery	Color	Buy	PutGarage
C ₁	good	red	no	
C ₂	weak	black	no	

The **CORRECT DB** representing **FACTS**: in **PREDICATE Form** is

F1. **Battery(C₁, good)**

F2. **Color(C₁, red)**

F3. **Buy(C₁, no)**

F4. **Battery(C₂, weak)**

F5. **Color(C₂, black)**

F6. **Buy(C₂, no)**

Use the expert system rules (next slide) to PUT cars into proper garages, i.e. to fill missing values of the attribute **PutGarage**.

We assume that we have two garages: G1, G2.

Predicate Rules Interpreter RI

A Predicate Rule of inference of the Rule Interpreter is:

$$\frac{C_1(x) \& \dots \& C_n(x) \Rightarrow A(x) \{x/ID\}; C_1(ID) \dots C_n(ID)}{A(ID)}$$

APPLICATION of the **Predicate Rule of Inference** means that for a given **rule** of the production (**expert**) system **ES**

$$C_1 \& \dots \& C_n \rightarrow A \text{ i.e. } C_1(x) \& \dots \& C_n(x) \rightarrow A(x)$$

the **rule interpreter RI** will check **database** (or database of facts) and **match** (unify) **x** with a proper **record identifier ID** (constant **ID**), if possible and evaluate

$$C_1(x) \& \dots \& C_n(x) \{x/ID\} = C_1(ID) \& \dots \& C_n(ID)$$

if all **C₁(ID), ... C_n(ID)** belong to **DBF**, the **Interpreter RI** will **deduce** **A(x){x/ID}=A(ID)** and **add A(ID)** to the **database of facts DBF**.

Example 5

Some Rules in our ES (in a triple form) are:

R1. (x, Battery, good) & (x, Color, red) =>
(x, PutGarage, 2)

R2. (x, Battery, weak) & (x, Buy, no) =>
(x, PutGarage, 1)

- **Matching** (Unification): we unify x in the **R1** with **C1** and we get

(x, Battery, good) & (x, Color, red)){x/C1} = **F1&F2**
(x, PutGarage, 2){x/C1}= (C1, PutGarage, 2)

Example 5

Rules in **our ES** (in a triple form) are:

R1. (x, Battery, good) & (x, Color, red) =>
(x, PutGarage, 2)

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(x, PutGarage, 1)

- Matching (Unification): we **unify** x in the rule **R2** with **C2** and we get

(x, Battery, weak) & (x, Buy, no)){x/C2} = F4&F6

(x, PutGarage, 1){x/C2}= (C2, PutGarage, 1)

Example 5: Extended Data Base

Cars	Battery	Color	Buy	PutGarage
C ₁	good	red	no	2
C ₂	weak	black	no	1

We used the expert system rules **to PUT cars into proper garages**, and

As a consequence we filled the missing values of the **attribute PutGarage**.

EXERCISE: Repeat it all writing rules in **PREDICATE Form**