IMPLEMENTION OF FORWARD CHAINING

Aim:

To implement forward Chaining.

Scenario:

A diagnostic expert system helps determine whether a patient has a disease based on **observed symptoms**. The system uses **forward chaining**, where it starts with known facts (symptoms) and applies rules to infer new facts until it reaches a conclusion (diagnosis).

Procedure:

- 1. Initialize a knowledge base containing IF-THEN rules.
- 2. **Define the initial facts** (observed symptoms or given conditions).
- 3. Repeat until no new facts are inferred:
 - Iterate through each rule in the knowledge base.
 - Check if all conditions (IF part) of a rule exist in the known facts.
 - If true and the conclusion (THEN part) is **not already in facts**, add it to the facts.
 - Mark that a new fact was inferred and continue.
- 4. Stop when no new facts are derived in an iteration.
- 5. Check if the final goal or diagnosis is in the inferred facts.
- 6. Output the conclusion based on derived facts.

Program:

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# Knowledge Base: Rules in IF-THEN format
knowledge_base = [
    (["cough", "fever"], "flu"),
    (["sore_throat", "runny_nose"], "cold"),
    (["sore_throat"], "fever") # Sore throat can lead to fever
]

# Given initial facts
facts = {"cough", "sore_throat"}

# Forward Chaining Function
def forward_chaining():
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inferred = True # Keep looping as long as new facts are added
  while inferred:
     inferred = False # Stop if no new fact is added in an iteration
    for conditions, conclusion in knowledge base:
       if all(condition in facts for condition in conditions) and conclusion not in facts:
         facts.add(conclusion) # Add the inferred fact
         inferred = True # Mark that we inferred a new fact
# Run forward chaining
forward chaining()
# Check if flu or cold is inferred
if "flu" in facts:
  print("The patient is diagnosed with flu.")
elif "cold" in facts:
  print("The patient is diagnosed with cold.")
else:
  print("No conclusive diagnosis could be made.")
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Output:

The patient is diagnosed with flu.