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Experiment 6

IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFICATION AND RESOLUTION ALGORITHM

Aim:

To implement unification and resolution algorithm using python.

Scenario:

In an AI-based expert system for automated reasoning, the system needs to resolve queries by unifying logical predicates and applying resolution inference. For example, given the knowledge base:

- Rule 1: If John is a human, then John is a mortal → Human(John) → Mortal(John)
- Fact 1: Human(John)■ Query: Is John mortal?

Procedure:

- 1. Define the unification function (unify):
 - If both terms are identical, return the current substitution (theta).
 - If one term is a variable, unify it with the other term.
- 2. Define the variable unification function (unify_var):
- 3. Define the resolution function (resolution):
 - Iterate through the knowledge base (KB).
 - Try to unify the given query with KB clauses.
 - If unification succeeds, remove matched parts from KB and

recurse with the remaining parts.

- ■ If the knowledge base is empty after resolution, the proven).
- 4. Provide a knowledge base with facts and implications.
- 5. Define a query to resolve (e.g., Mortal(John)).
- 6. Run the resolution function to check if the query can

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be proven. 7. Print whether the query is resolved.
Program:
import re
# Function to check if two predicates can be unified
def unify(x, y, theta={}):
if theta is None:
return None
elif x == y:
return theta
elif isinstance(x, str) and x.islower(): # x is
a variable return unify var(x, y, theta)
elif isinstance(y, str) and y.islower(): # y is
a variable return unify_var(y, x, theta)
elif isinstance(x, list) and isinstance(y, list) and
len(x) == len(y): return unify(x[1:], y[1:], unify(x[0],
y[0], theta)) else:
return None
# Function to unify a variable with a term
def unify var(var, x, theta):
if var in theta:
return unify(theta[var], x, theta)
elif x in theta:
return unify(var, theta[x], theta)
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else:
theta[var] = x
return theta
# Function to apply resolution rule
def resolution(kb, query):
for clause in kb:
theta = unify(clause[0], query, {})
if theta is not None:
new kb = clause[1:]
if not new_kb: # If empty, means query is resolved
return True
else:
return resolution(kb, new_kb[0])
return False
# Knowledge base (Implications)
knowledge_base = [
[["Human", "John"], ["Mortal", "John"]], # Human(John) →
Mortal(John) ]
# Fact: Human(John)
fact = ["Human", "John"]
# Query: Mortal(John)?
query = ["Mortal", "John"]
# Apply resolution
if resolution(knowledge_base, query):
print("Query is resolved: John is Mortal")
else:
print("Query could not be resolved")
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Output:

Query is resolved: John is Mortal

