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## Modul 6: Rule-based System

### 01 What & Why

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# Rule-based System

What &  
Why RBS

Forward  
Chaining

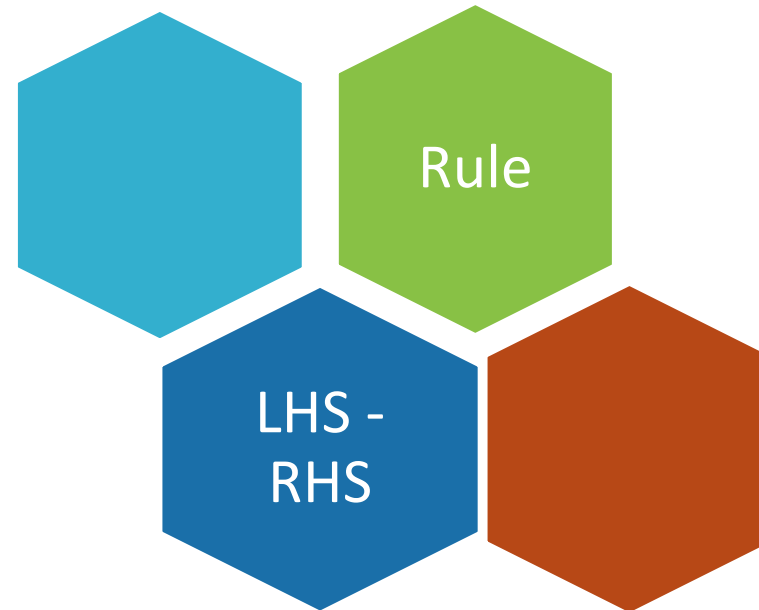
Backward  
Chaining



# Rule-based System (RBS): What

KBS with rule as knowledge representation

Rule =  
precondition - action

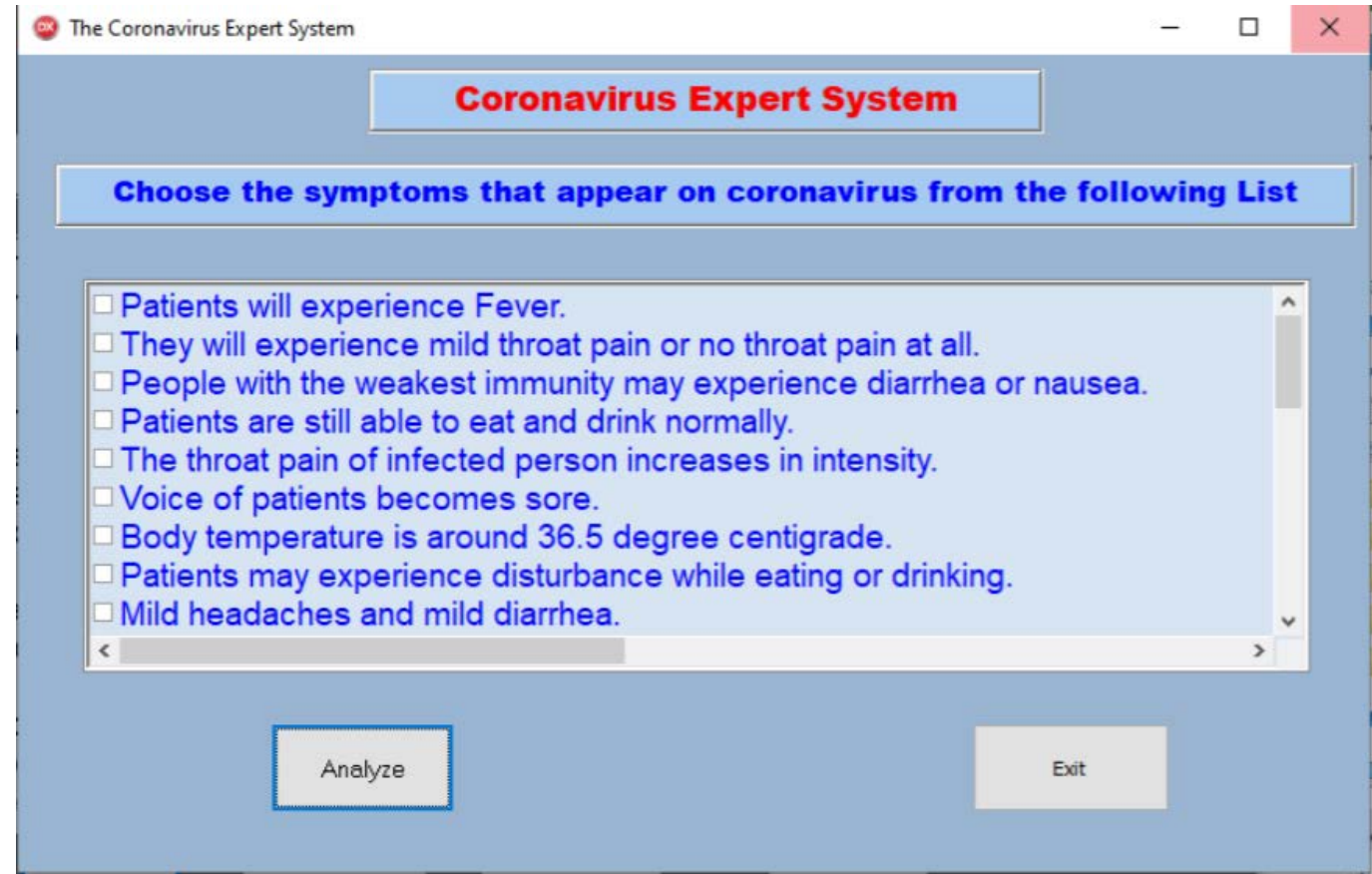


# Rule-based System: Why

Rule-based system: the simplest and most widespread solution in the real world

Rule: the simplest and most common knowledge representation

Rule-based ES shell: CLIPS

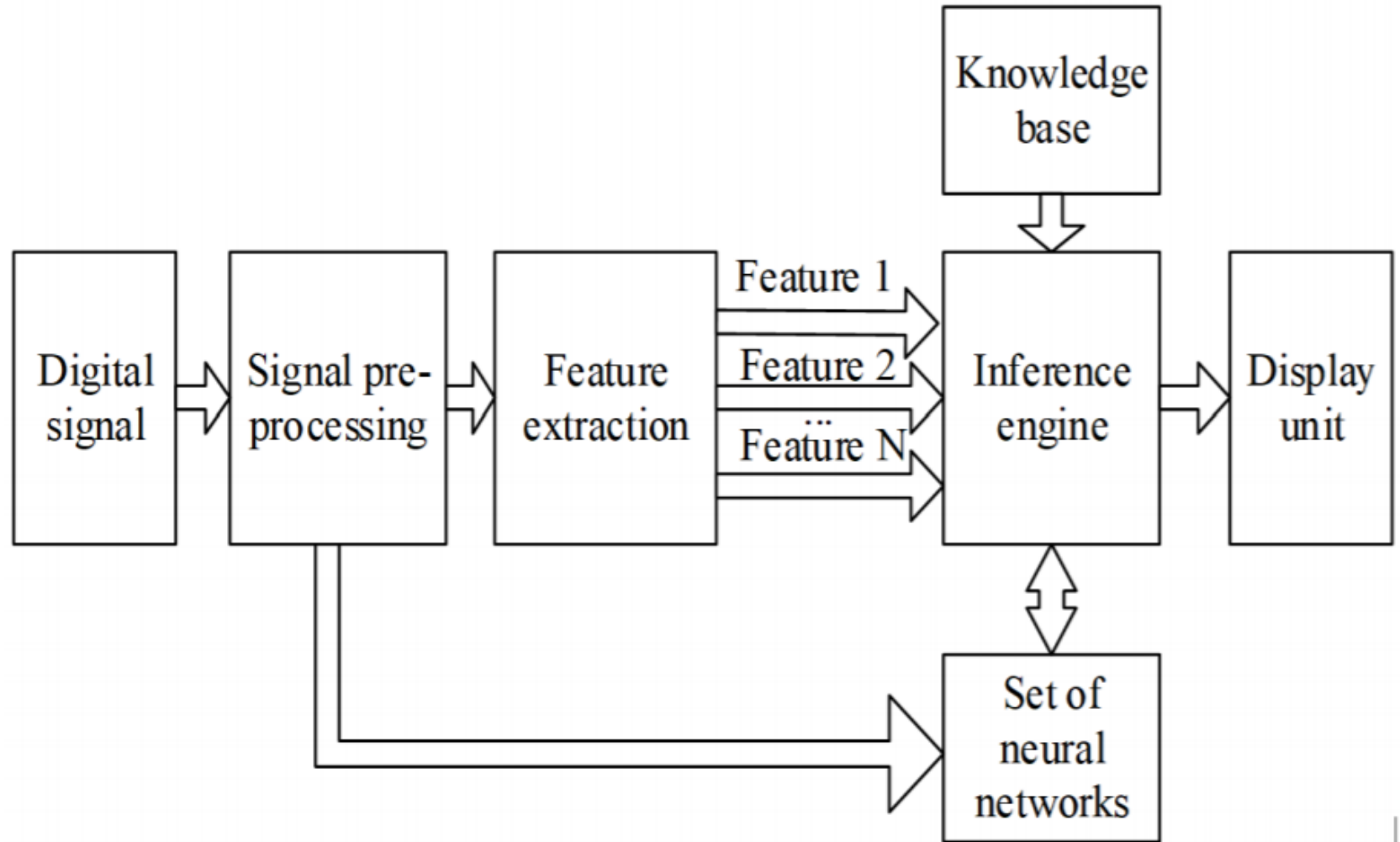


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# RBS: Why

Hybrid Approach:  
RBS+ML



**Figure 1.** Structure diagram of the software for signal classification.



# Rule: Logical Implication

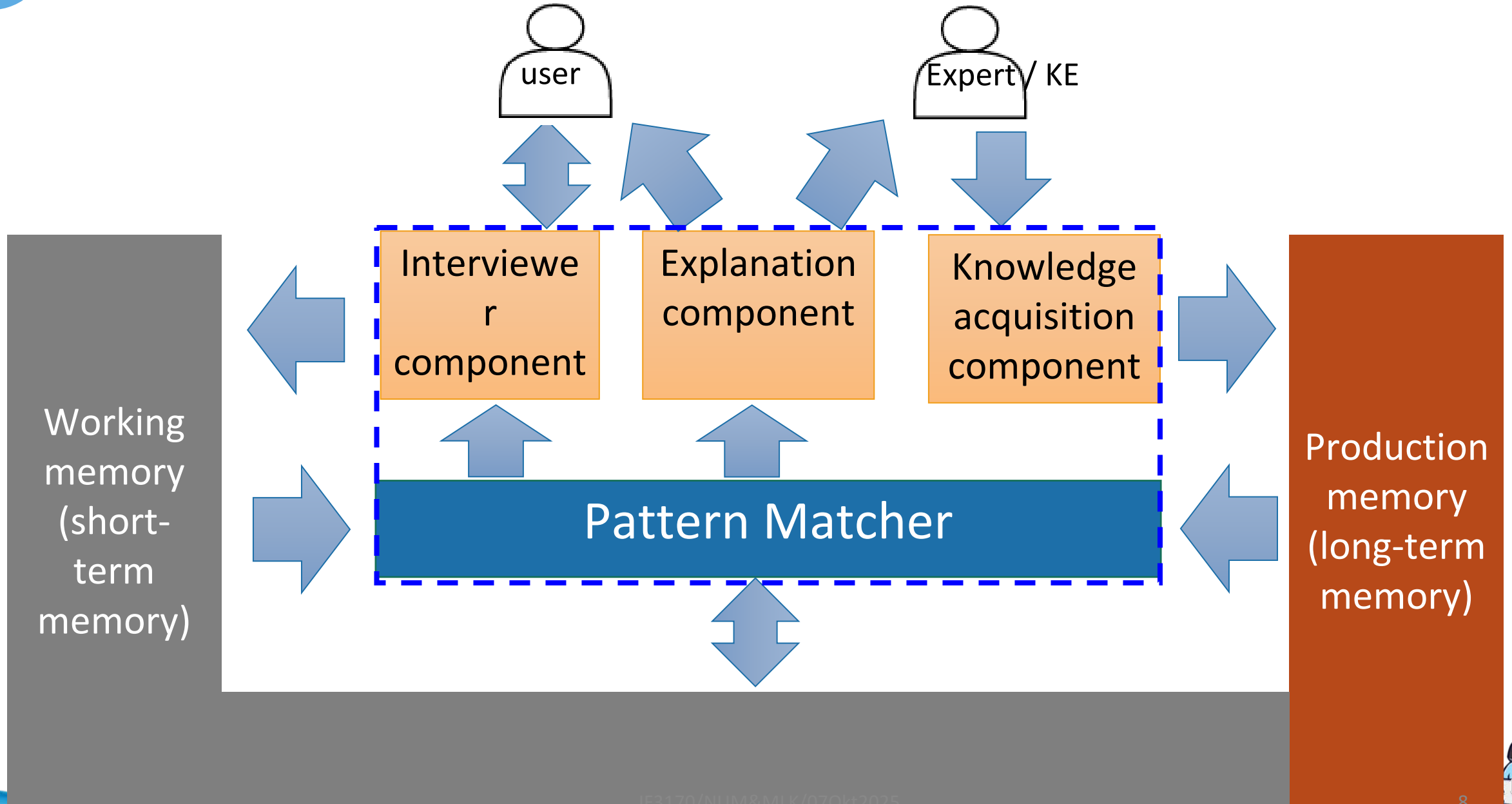
IF *certain conditions are true* — Preconditions, premises, LHS,  
 THEN *execute the following actions* — Actions, conclusion, RHS

## CLIPS: C Language Integrated Production System

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable ?x))
)
```



# General Architecture of RBS





# Pattern Matching: Example

**IF:** is-a (x, horse),  
       is-parent-of(x,  
       y),  
       is-fast(y)

**THEN:** x is valuable

## Facts

Comet	is-a	horse
Prancer	is-a	horse
Comet	is-parent-of	Dasher
Comet	is-parent-of	Prancer
Prancer	is	fast
Dasher	is-parent-of	Thunder
Thunder	is	fast
Thunder	is-a	horse
Dasher	is-a	horse



# Example: Rule in CLIPS

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable ?x))
)
(defrule output
  (is-valuable ?x)
=>
  (printout t ?x " is valuable" crlf)
)
```

**IF:** is-a (x, horse),  
       is-parent-of(x,  
       y),  
       is-fast(y)  
**THEN:** x is valuable



# Example: Facts in CLIPS

```
(deffacts horse
  (is-a Comet horse)
  (is-a Prancer horse)
  (is-a Thunder horse)
  (is-a Dasher horse)
)

(deffacts parent
  (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
  (is-parent-of Comet
Prancer)
  (is-parent-of Dasher
Thunder)
)
```

```
(deffacts fast
  (is-fast Prancer)
  (is-fast Thunder)
)
```

## Facts

Comet	is-a	horse
Prancer	is-a	horse
Comet	is-parent-of	Dasher
Comet	is-parent-of	Prancer
Prancer	is	fast
Dasher	is-parent-of	Thunder
Thunder	is	fast
Thunder	is-a	horse
Dasher	is-a	horse



# Example in CLIPS: Run

```
CLIPS> (load "horse.clp")
```

```
Defining deffacts: horse
```

```
Defining deffacts: parent
```

```
Defining deffacts: fast
```

```
Defining defrule: R +j+j+j+j
```

```
Defining defrule: output +j+j
```

```
TRUE
```

```
CLIPS> (reset)
```

```
CLIPS> (run)
```

```
Dasher is valuable
```

```
Comet is valuable
```

```
CLIPS>
```

```
CLIPS> (facts)
```

```
f-0      (initial-fact)
```

```
f-1      (is-a Comet horse)
```

```
f-2      (is-a Prancer horse)
```

```
f-3      (is-a Thunder horse)
```

```
f-4      (is-a Dasher horse)
```

```
f-5      (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
```

```
f-6      (is-parent-of Comet Prancer)
```

```
f-7      (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
```

```
f-8      (is-fast Prancer)
```

```
f-9      (is-fast Thunder)
```

```
f-10     (is-valuable Dasher)
```

```
f-11     (is-valuable Comet)
```

```
For a total of 12 facts.
```



# CLIPS: Watch

```
FIRE      1 R: f-4,f-7,f-9
f-4       (is-a Dasher horse)
f-7       (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
f-9       (is-fast Thunder)
==> f-10   (is-valuable Dasher)
```

```
(defrule R
  (is-a ?x horse)
  (is-parent-of ?x ?y)
  (is-fast ?y)
=>
  (assert (is-valuable
?x))
)
```

```
FIRE      3 R: f-1,f-6,f-8
==> f-11   (is-valuable Comet)
```

```
CLIPS> (reset)
<== f-0      (initial-fact)
==> f-0      (initial-fact)
==> f-1      (is-a Comet horse)
==> f-2      (is-a Prancer horse)
==> f-3      (is-a Thunder horse)
==> f-4      (is-a Dasher horse)
==> f-5      (is-parent-of Comet Dasher)
==> f-6      (is-parent-of Comet Prancer)
==> f-7      (is-parent-of Dasher Thunder)
==> f-8      (is-fast Prancer)
==> f-9      (is-fast Thunder)
```

```
CLIPS> (run)
FIRE      1 R: f-4,f-7,f-9
==> f-10     (is-valuable Dasher)
FIRE      2 output: f-10
Dasher is valuable
FIRE      3 R: f-1,f-6,f-8
==> f-11     (is-valuable Comet)
FIRE      4 output: f-11
Comet is valuable
```

```
CLIPS>
```



# Rule Inference Methods

## Forward chaining

- Data driven
- Match LHS

## Backward chaining

- Goal driven
- Match RHS



# Summary

What & Why RBS

Rule syntax

RBS Architecture

Inference:  
Forward vs  
Backward Chaining

Forward Chaining





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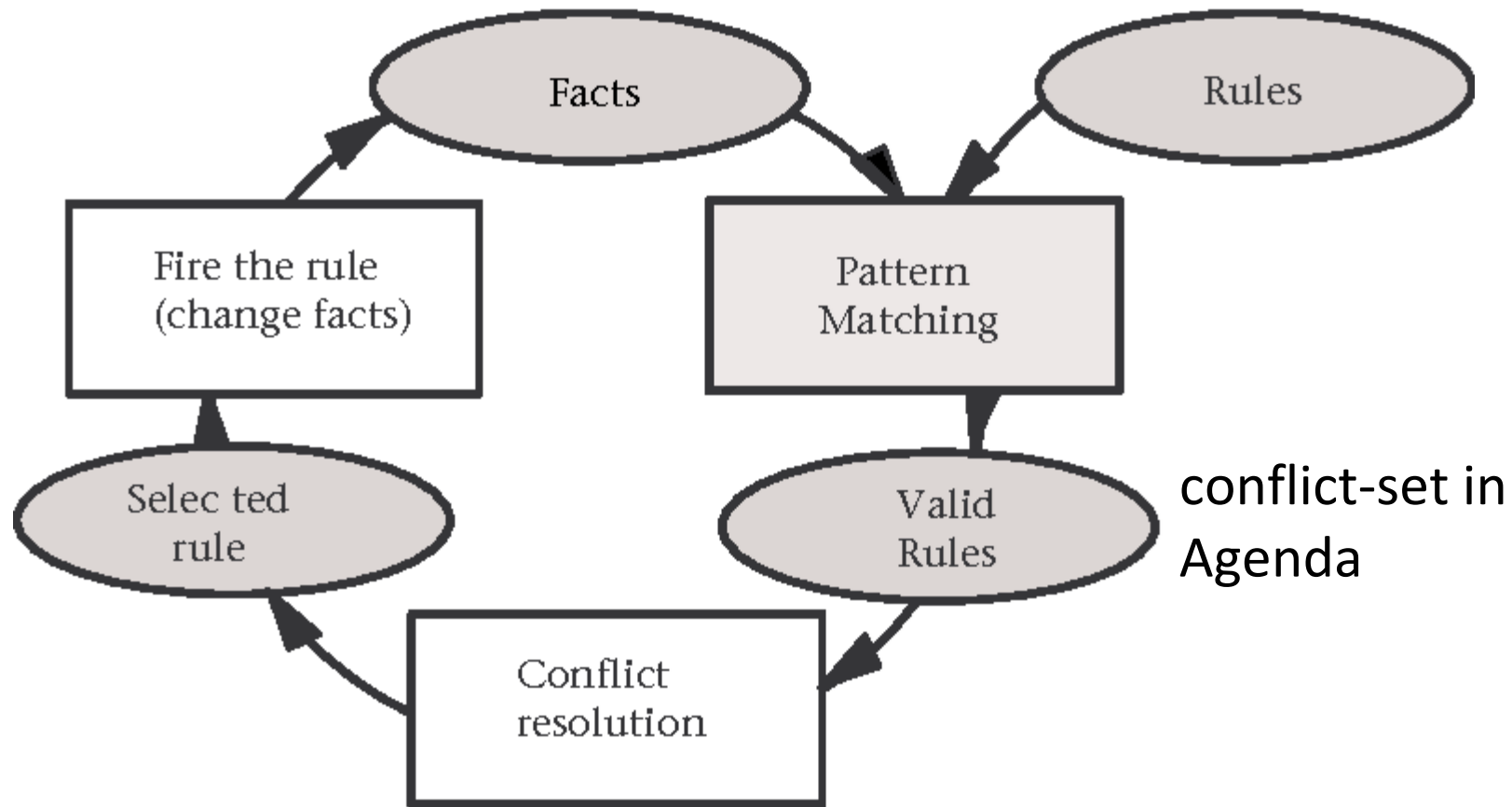
### 02 Forward Chaining

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# Forward Chaining: Recognize-Act Cycle



# Forward Chaining: Pseudo code

```
data ← initial facts
```

```
repeat
```

```
    conflictSet ← determine set of rules whose  
                    preconditions are satisfied by data  
                    //preselection
```

```
    R ← select a rule from conflictSet by conflict-  
        resolving strategy
```

```
    data ← result of applying action part of R to data
```

```
until data satisfied termination condition
```



# RBS Example

Rule-base:

R1: IF (lecturing X) AND (marking-practicals X) THEN ADD (overworked X)

R2: IF (month february) THEN ADD (lecturing alison)

R3: IF (month february) THEN ADD (marking-practicals alison)

R4: IF (overworked X) OR (slept-badly X) THEN ADD (bad-mood X)

R5: IF (bad-mood X) THEN DELETE (happy X)

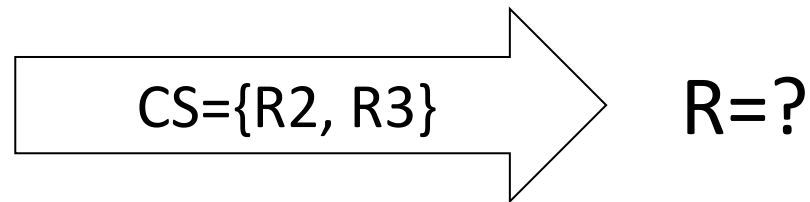
R6: IF (lecturing X) THEN DELETE (researching X)

Facts:

(month february)

(happy alison)

(researching alison)



# Conflict-resolution Strategy

## Global control

Selection by order: rule order vs fact recency

Refractoriness: once only

Specificity: by syntactic structure of the rule

## Local control

Selection by priority

Selection by meta rules



# Refractoriness

Do not select a rule that has just been applied with the same values of its variables (Brachman, 2004).

## Rule-base:

- R1: IF (lecturing X) AND (marking-practicals X) THEN ADD (overworked X)
- R2: IF (month february) THEN ADD (lecturing alison)
- R3: IF (month february) THEN ADD (marking-practicals alison)
- R4: IF (overworked X) OR (slept-badly X) THEN ADD (bad-mood X)
- R5: IF (bad-mood X) THEN DELETE (happy X)
- R6: IF (lecturing X) THEN DELETE (researching X)

## Facts:

(month february)  
(happy alison)  
(researching alison)



Iteration	CS	R
1	{R2, R3}	R2
2	{ <b>R2</b> , R3, R6}	R3
3	etc....	



# Selection by Order (with Refractoriness)

## Knowledge-base:

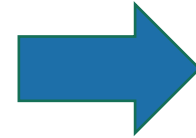
R1: **if** (priority second)  
**then** out("print second")

R2: **if** (priority first)  
**then** out("print first")

R3: **if** (priority third)  
**then** out("print third")

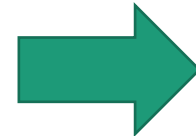
## Facts:

(priority first)  
(priority second)  
(priority third)



- Selection by rule order (FIFO):

print second  
print first  
print third



- Selection by fact (recency) order (LIFO):

print third  
print second  
print first



# Selection by Syntactic Structure of the Rule

- Specificity: select **most specific rule** first
- Example:
  - Conflict set: {R1,R2}  
R1: if A, B, C then <aksi R1>  
R2: if A,C then <aksi R2>
  - A and B and C is more specific than A and C → select R1



# Selection by Supplementary Knowledge

## Select high priority rule

Example:

R1: If (burung ?X)  
    then (terbang ya)  
R2: If (burung penguin)  
    (declare salience 100)  
    then (terbang tidak)  
Fakta: (burung penguin)

## Meta rules

Pruning rules:

If the culture was not obtained from a sterile source,  
    there are rules which mention in their  
    premise a previous organism  
then each of them is not going to be useful





# Forward Chaining: Exercise

What action to take to get to a theatre by using conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, specificity ?

Facts: Distance is about 6 miles; Weather is “bad”; Location is downtown; Time is about 20 minutes

R	IF	THEN
1	Distance > 5 miles	Means is “drive”
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7	Means is “walk”, weather is “good”	Action is “walk”



Facts: Distance is about 6 miles; Weather is “bad”; Location is downtown; Time is about 20 minutes

conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, specificity, fact recency

Iteration	CS	R	WM
1	{R1, R3}	R3	+ Means is “walk”
2	{R1, R3, R6}	R6	+ Action is “take a coat and walk”
3	{R1, R3, R6}	R1	+ Means is “drive”
4	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	R4	+ Action is “take a cab”
5	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	-	stop

### Conclusion:

- + Action is “take a coat and walk”
- + Action is “take a cab”

conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, fact recency, specificity

Iteration	CS	R	WM
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2	{R1, R3, R6}	R6	+ Action is “take a coat and walk”
3	{R1, R3, R6}	R1	+ Means is “drive”
4	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	R4	+ Action is “take a cab”
5	{R1, R3, R6, R4}	-	stop

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# Summary

Forward Chaining

Conflict  
resolution  
strategy

Global control:  
refractoriness, rule  
order, recency,  
specificity

Local control:  
priority, meta  
rules

Backward Chaining





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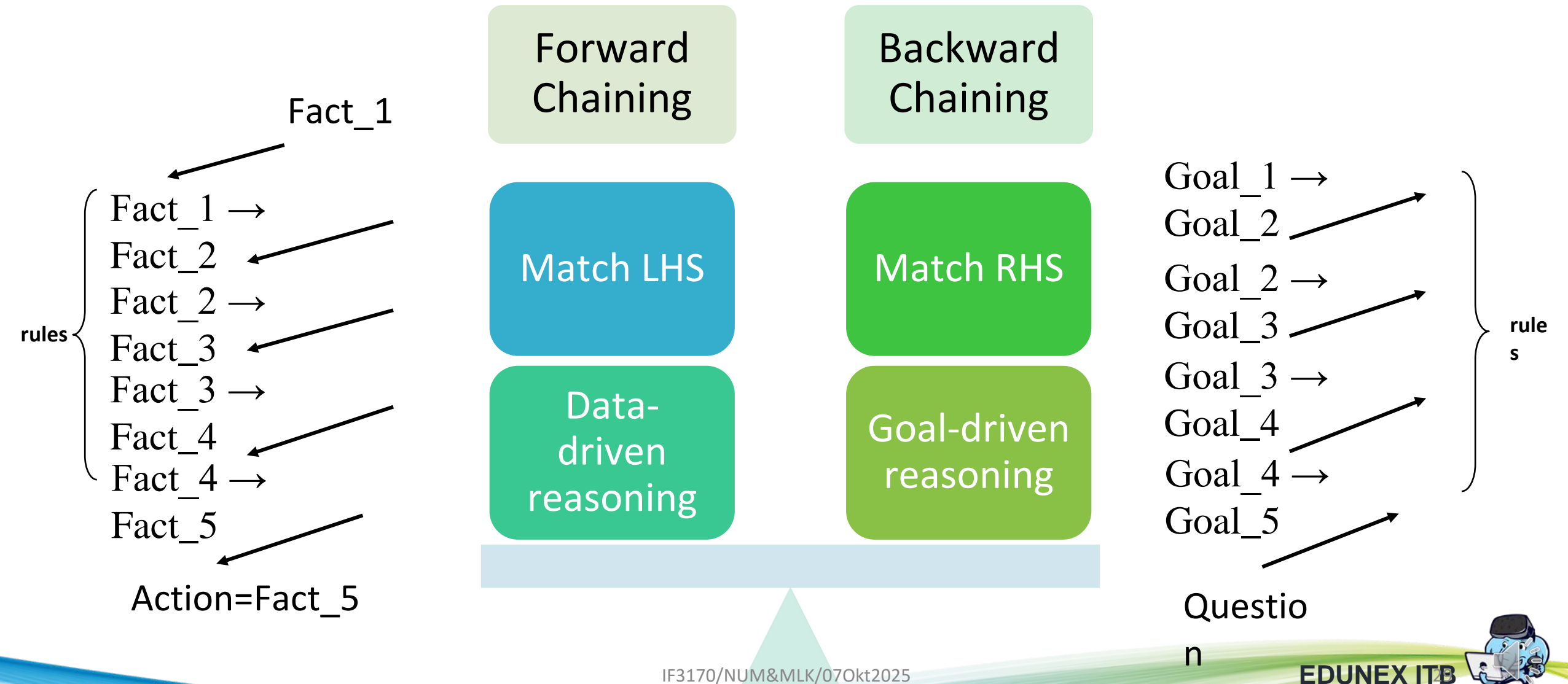
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### 03 Backward Chaining

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# Forward Chaining: Is Z true ?

Rule-base:

R1:  $Y, D \rightarrow Z$

R2:  $X, B, E \rightarrow Y$

R3:  $A \rightarrow X$

R4:  $C \rightarrow L$

R5:  $L, M \rightarrow N$

Facts:

A,B,C,D,E

Conflict resolution strategy:

refractoriness > fact recency > specificity > rule order

Iteration	Conflict set	Selected Rule	Working memory
1	{R3, R4}	R4	+ L
2	{R3, R4}	R3	+ X
3	{R2, R3, R4}	R2	+ Y
4	{R1, R2, R3, R4}	R1	+Z
5	{R1, R2, R3, R4}	-	stop

Answer: Yes

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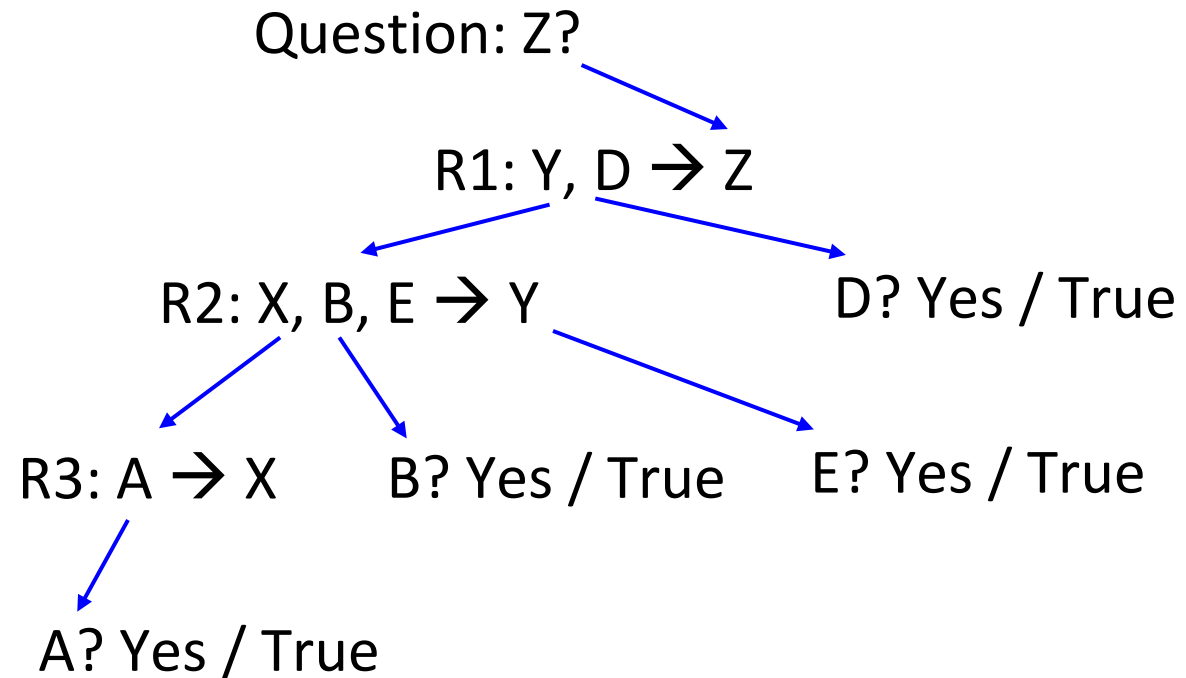
R3:  $A \rightarrow X$

R4:  $C \rightarrow L$

R5:  $L, M \rightarrow N$

Facts:

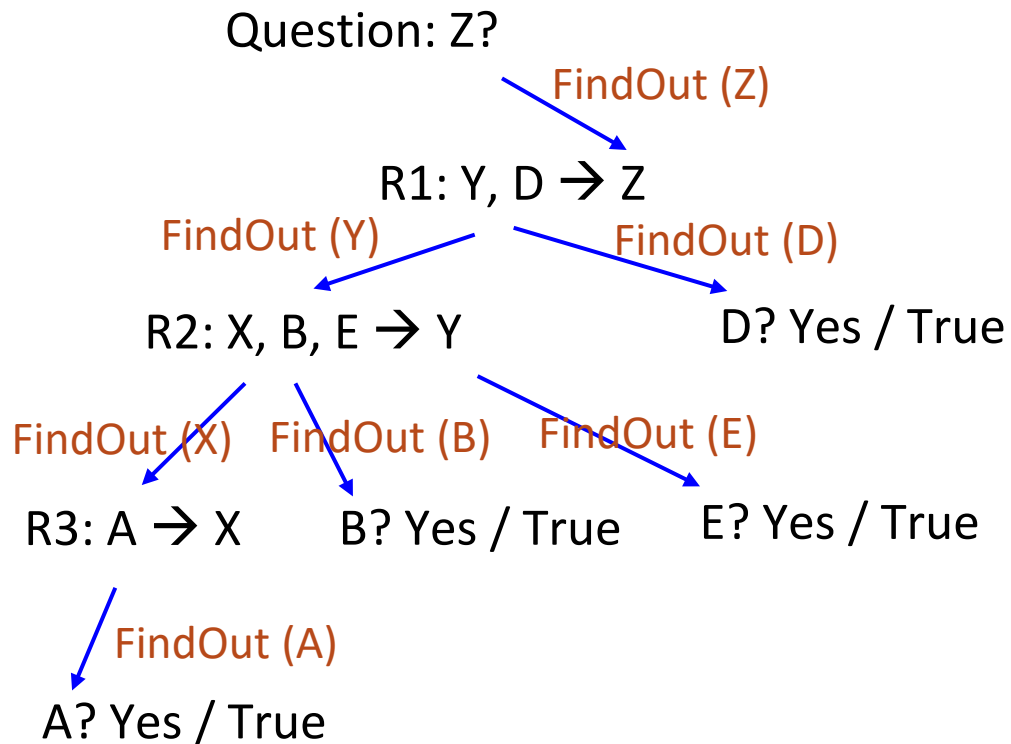
A,B,C,D,E



Answer: Yes



# Interpreter: FindOut (Goal)



Procedure FINDOUT (GOAL)

If (GOAL can be inferred)

then

set RULE-LIST = list all rules whose action part fulfills GOAL

until (RULE-LIST = empty) or (GOAL inferred) do

MONITOR(first or next rule from RULE-LIST)

delete this rule from RULE-LIST

else (request GOAL)





# Backward Chaining Process

Rule-base:

R1:  $Y, D \rightarrow Z$

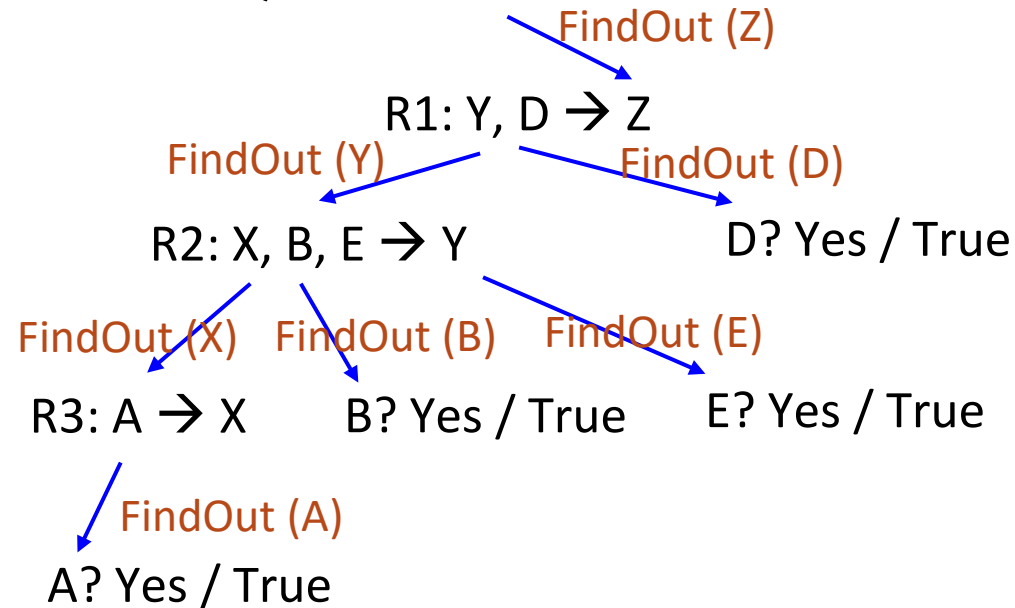
R2:  $X, B, E \rightarrow Y$

R3:  $A \rightarrow X$

R4:  $C \rightarrow L$

R5:  $L, M \rightarrow N$

Question: Z?



FindOut (Z)

{R1}

**Monitor(R1)**

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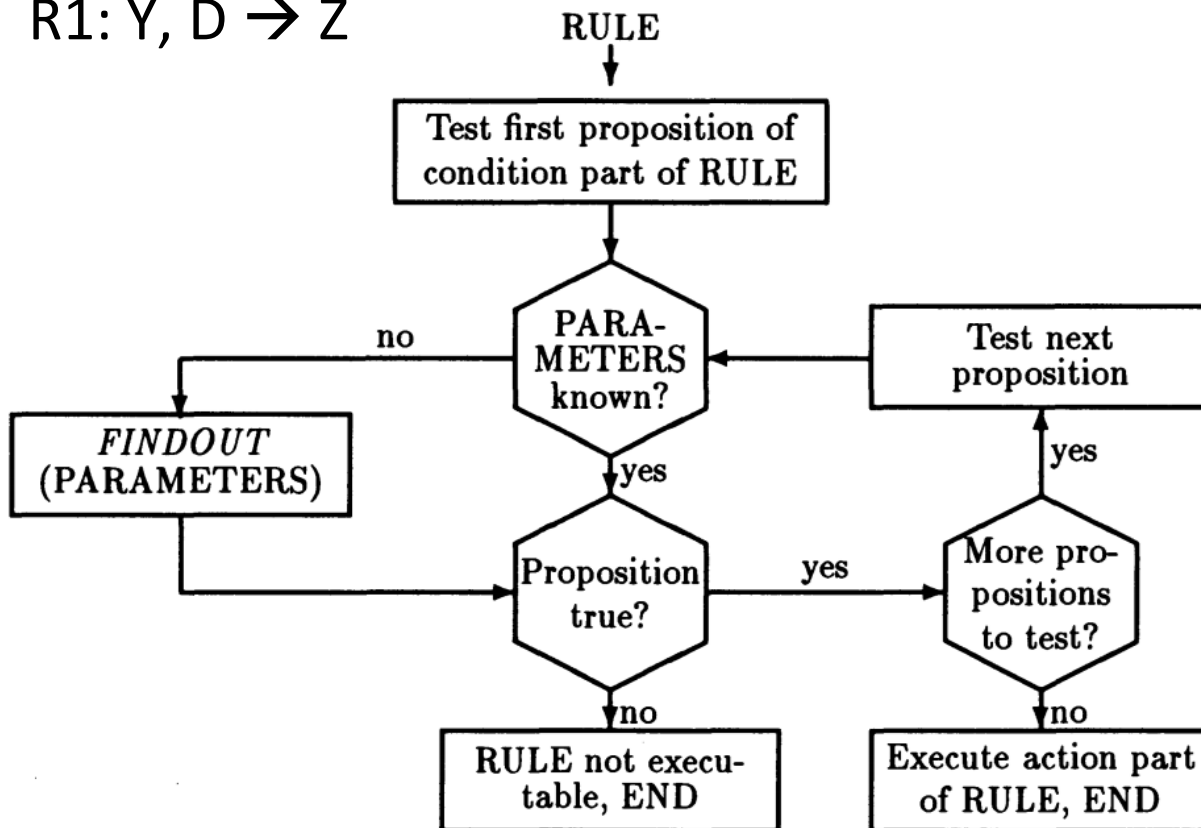
delete this rule from RULE-LIST

else (request GOAL)



# Interpreter: Monitor (Rule)

R1: Y, D  $\rightarrow$  Z



Procedure MONITOR (RULE)

Test first proposition of condition part of RULE

repeat

If parameters known then

if proposition true then

proposition ? next

proposition

else RULE not executable

else FINDOUT(PARAMETERS)

Until (no more propositions to test) or (RULE not executable)

If (no more propositions to test) then

execute action part of RULE



# Backward Chaining Process

Rule-base:

R1:  $Y, D \rightarrow Z$

R2:  $X, B, E \rightarrow Y$

R3:  $A \rightarrow X$

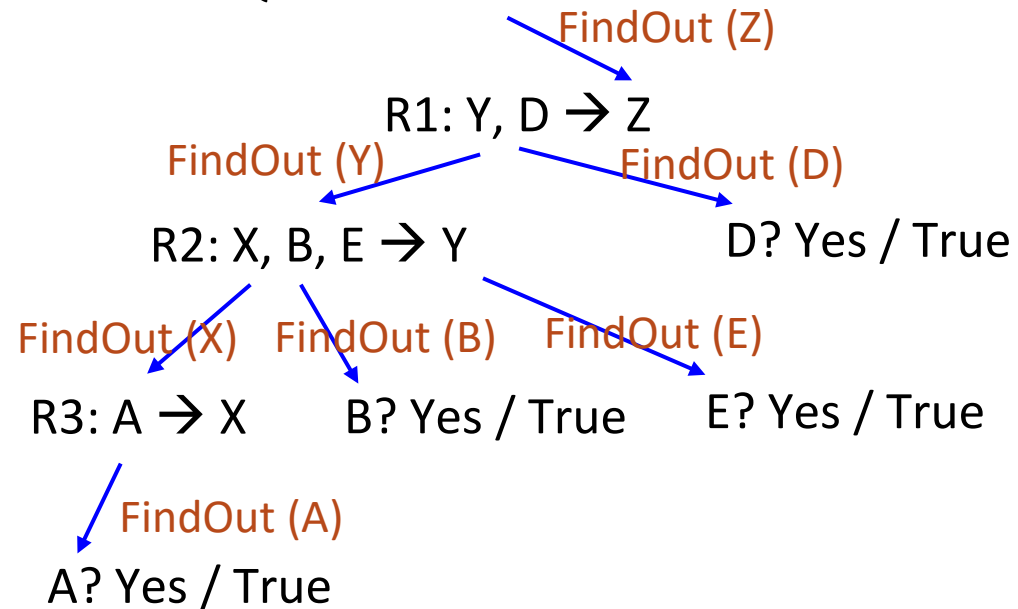
R4:  $C \rightarrow L$

R5:  $L, M \rightarrow N$

Facts:

A, B, C, E

Question: Z?



FindOut (Z)

Monitor(R1)

FindOut(Y)

Monitor(R2)

FindOut(X)

Monitor(R3)

FindOut(A)

Execute(R3)

Delete(R3)

FindOut(B)

FindOut(E)

Execute(R2)

Delete (R2)

FindOut(D)

Execute(R1)

Delete(R1)

{R1}

{Y,D}

{R2}

{X,B,E}

{R3}

{A}

True

+X

True

True

+Y

**request(D): True**

+Z



# Rule-based System Features

## Modularity

- Each rule defines a small, relatively independent piece of knowledge

## Incrementability

- New rules can be added to the knowledge base relatively independently of other rules

## Modifiability

- Old rules can be changed relatively independently of other rules

## Support systems transparency



# What action to take to get to a theatre

Inference using Backward Chaining to decide what action to take to get to a theatre.  
Working memory is empty. Start the process by **FindOut(Action) until first action is inferred.**

R	IF	THEN
1	Distance > 5 miles	Means is “drive”
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7	Means is “walk”, weather is “good”	Action is “walk”

Request facts:

Distance is about 6 miles;

Weather is “bad”;

Location is downtown;

Time is about 20 minutes

Procedure MONITOR (RULE)

Test first proposition of condition part of RULE  
repeat

If parameters known then

if proposition true then

proposition ? next

proposition

else RULE not executable

else FINDOUT(PARAMETERS)

Until (no more propositions to test) or (RULE not executable)

If (no more propositions to test) then

execute action part of RULE



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Inference using Backward Chaining to decide what action to take to get to a theatre. Start the process by **FindOut(Action) until first action is inferred**, and working memory is empty.  
Request facts:  
Distance is about 6 miles;  
Weather is “bad”;  
Location is downtown;  
Time is about 20 minutes

```
findout(action)
Monitor(R4)

findout(means)
monitor{R1}
FindOut(distance)
execute(R1)
delete(R1)
findout(location)
execute(R4)
delete(R4)
```

{R4,R5,R6,R7}

{means=drive,  
location=downtown}

{R1, R2, R3}

{distance > 5 miles}

request(distance): 6 miles  
+ means=drive

request(location): downtown  
+ action=take a cab

stop

Answer: action=take a cab

# Latihan

Basis pengetahuan dari sistem yang menentukan *resort* bagi *skier*:

- R1: if Rating = beginner, Purpose = fun then Resort = St.Sartre
- R2: if Rating = beginner, Purpose = serious then Resort = Schloss Heidegger
- R3: if Rating = advanced, Purpose = serious then Resort = Chateau Derrida
- R4: if Rating = advanced, Purpose = fun then Resort = Wittgenstein Gladbach
- R5: if Lessons < 30 hours then Rating = beginner
- R6: if Lessons >= 30 hours, Fitness = poor then Rating = beginner
- R7: if Lessons >= 30 hours, Fitness = good then Rating = advanced
- R8: if Pressups < 10 then Fitness = poor
- R9: if Pressups >= 10 then Fitness = good

BC: WM kosong, jawaban saat request: purpose = fun, lesson = 178, pressups = 15





# Backward Chaining

Fakta pada WM  
purpose = fun,  
lesson = 178,  
pressups = 15

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R8: if Pressups < 10 then Fitness = poor  
R9: if Pressups >= 10 then Fitness = good

FindOut(Resort) {R1,R2,R3,R4}  
Monitor(R1) Rating = beginner, Purpose = fun  
FindOut(rating) {R5,R6,R7}  
Monitor(R5) Lessons < 30 hours  
FindOut(lessons) **request(lesson): 178**  
**R5 not executable**  
Delete R5  
Monitor(R6) Lessons >= 30 hours, Fitness = poor  
FindOut(fitness) {R8,R9}  
Monitor(R8) Pressups < 10  
FindOut(pressups) **request(pressups): 15**  
**R8 not executable**  
Delete R8

Monitor(R9) Pressups >= 10  
Execute R9 **+ Fitness=good**  
Delete R9  
**R6 not executable**  
Monitor(R7) Lessons >= 30 hours, Fitness = good  
Execute R7 **+ Rating=advanced**  
Delete R7  
**R1 not executable**  
Delete R1  
Monitor(R2) Rating = beginner, Purpose = serious  
**R2 not executable**  
Delete R2  
Monitor (R3) Rating = advanced, Purpose = serious  
FindOut(purpose) **request(purpose): fun**  
**R3 not executable**  
Delete R3  
Monitor(R4) Rating = advanced, Purpose = fun  
Execute R4 **+ Resort=Wittgenstein Gladbach**  
Delete R4  
Terminate





# Summary

Forward vs  
Backward Chaining

Goal-driven  
reasoning; Match  
RHS

FindOut(Goal) &  
Monitor(Rule)



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