

## Modul 6: Rule-based System



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### 01 What & Why

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# Rule-based System

What &  
Why RBS

Forward  
Chaining

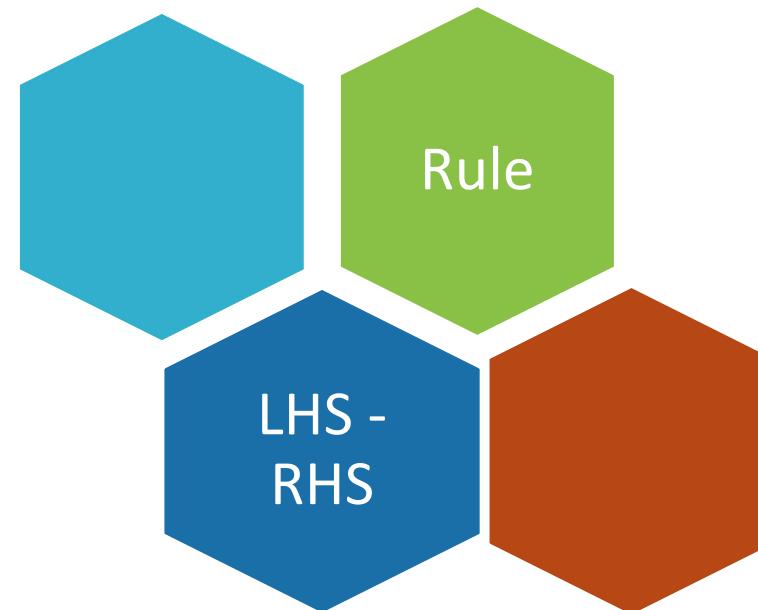
Backward  
Chaining



# Rule-based System (RBS): What

KBS with rule as knowledge representation

Rule =  
precondition - action

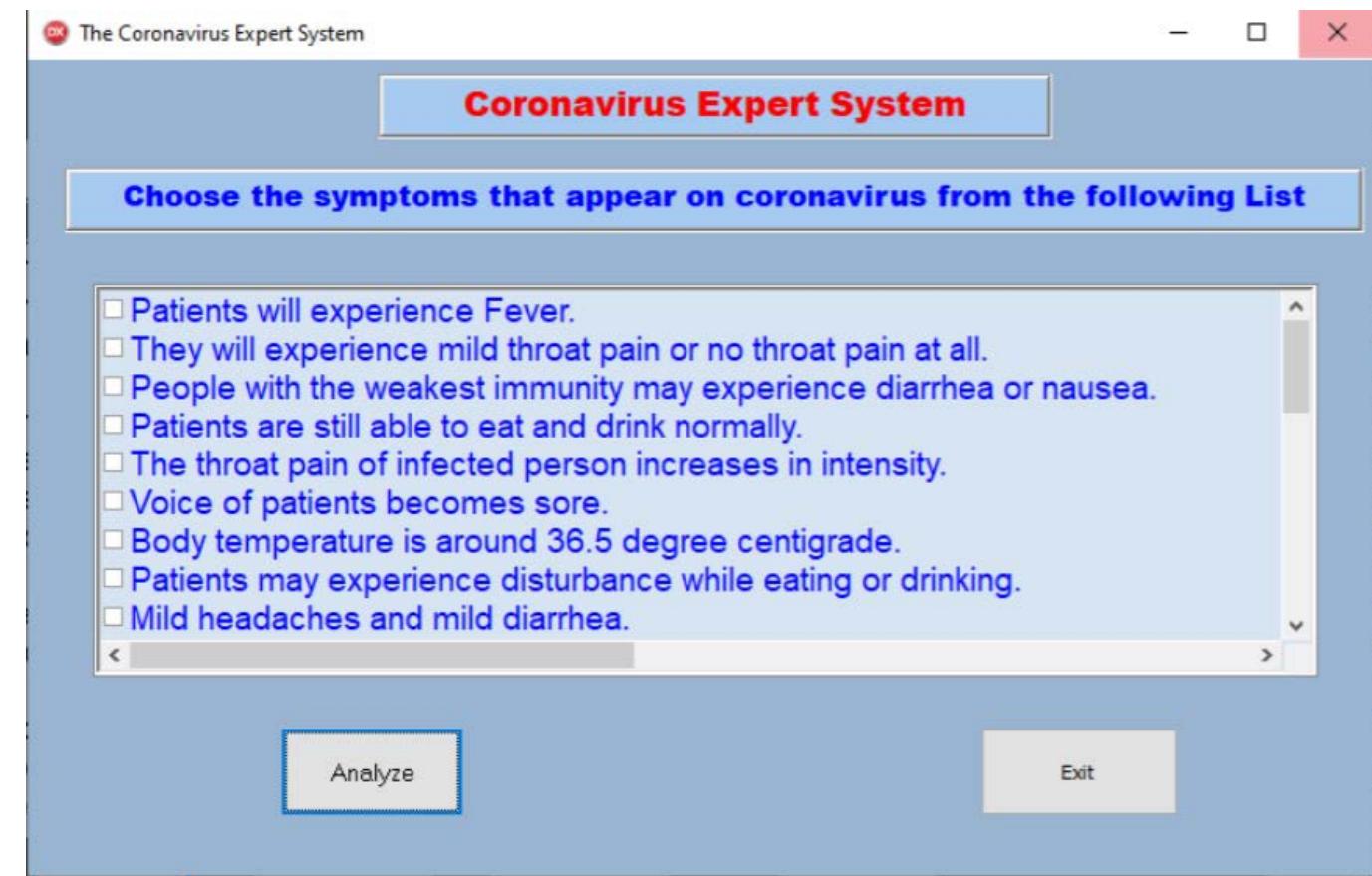


# Rule-based System: Why

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

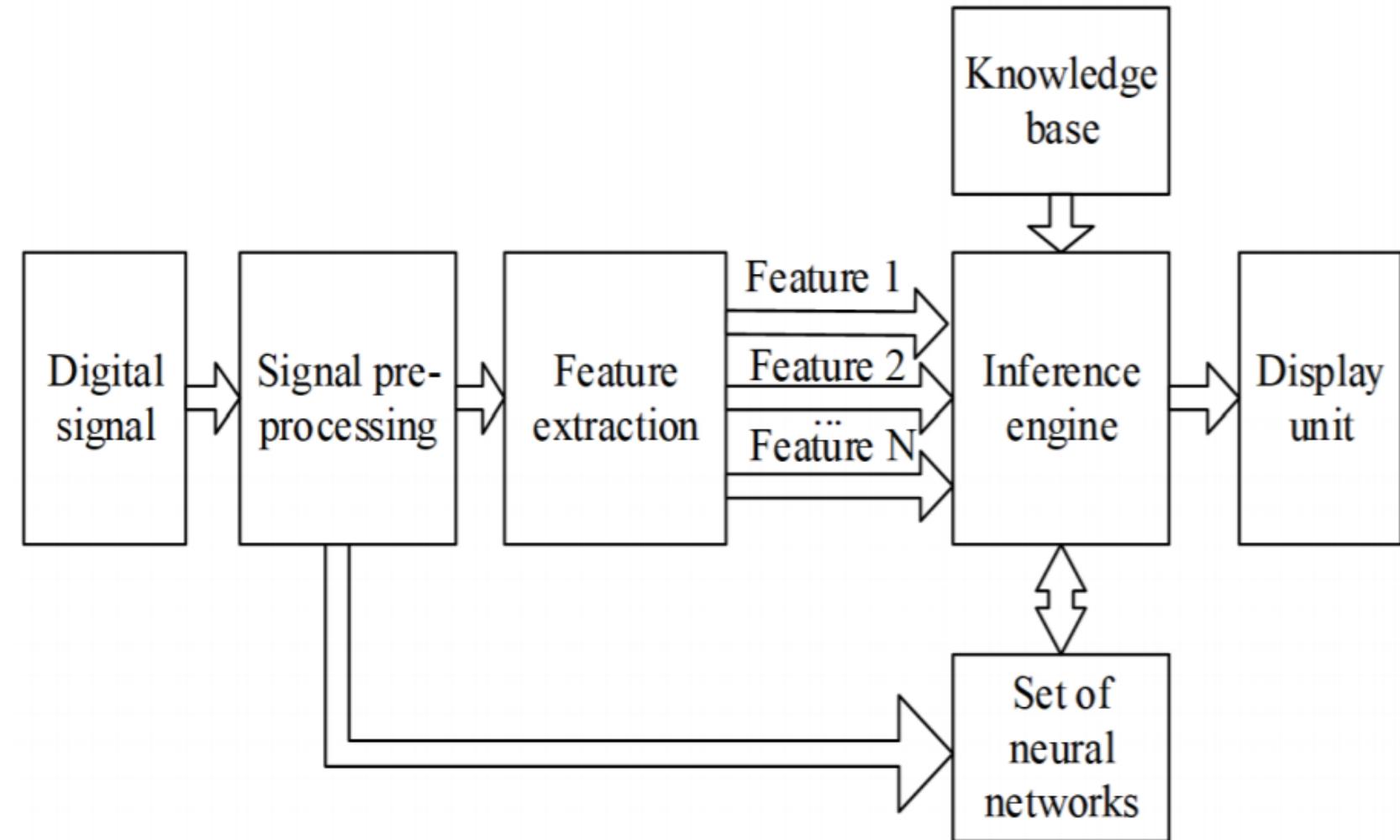


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# RBS: Why

Hybrid Approach:  
RBS+ML



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

Donskih, D. N., & Barabanov, V. F. (2020, March). Usage of production-based expert system and neural network for signal recognition. In *Journal of Physics: Conference Series* (Vol. 1479, No. 1, p. 012060). IOP Publishing.



# Rule: Logical Implication

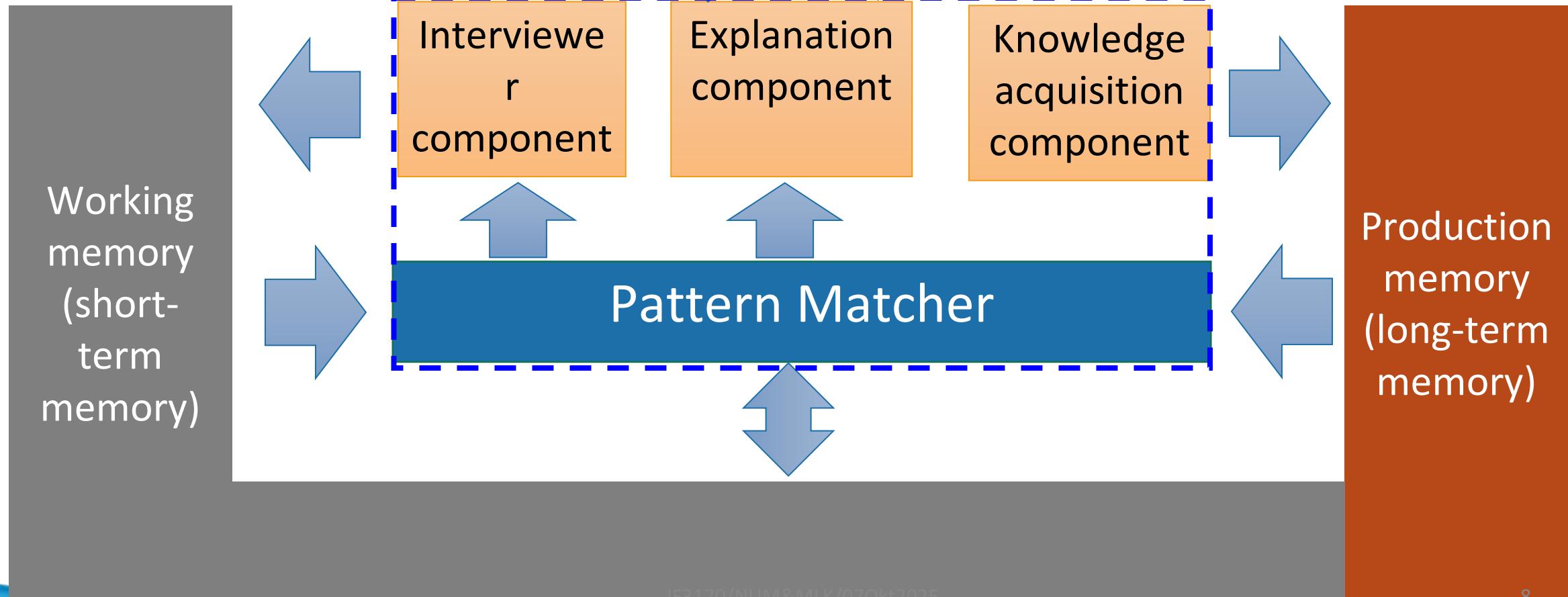
IF *certain conditions are true*      Preconditions, premises, LHS,  
THEN *execute the following actions*      Actions, conclusion, RHS

## 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

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(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)

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  (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)
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==> f-1      (is-a Comet horse)
==> f-2      (is-a Prancer horse)
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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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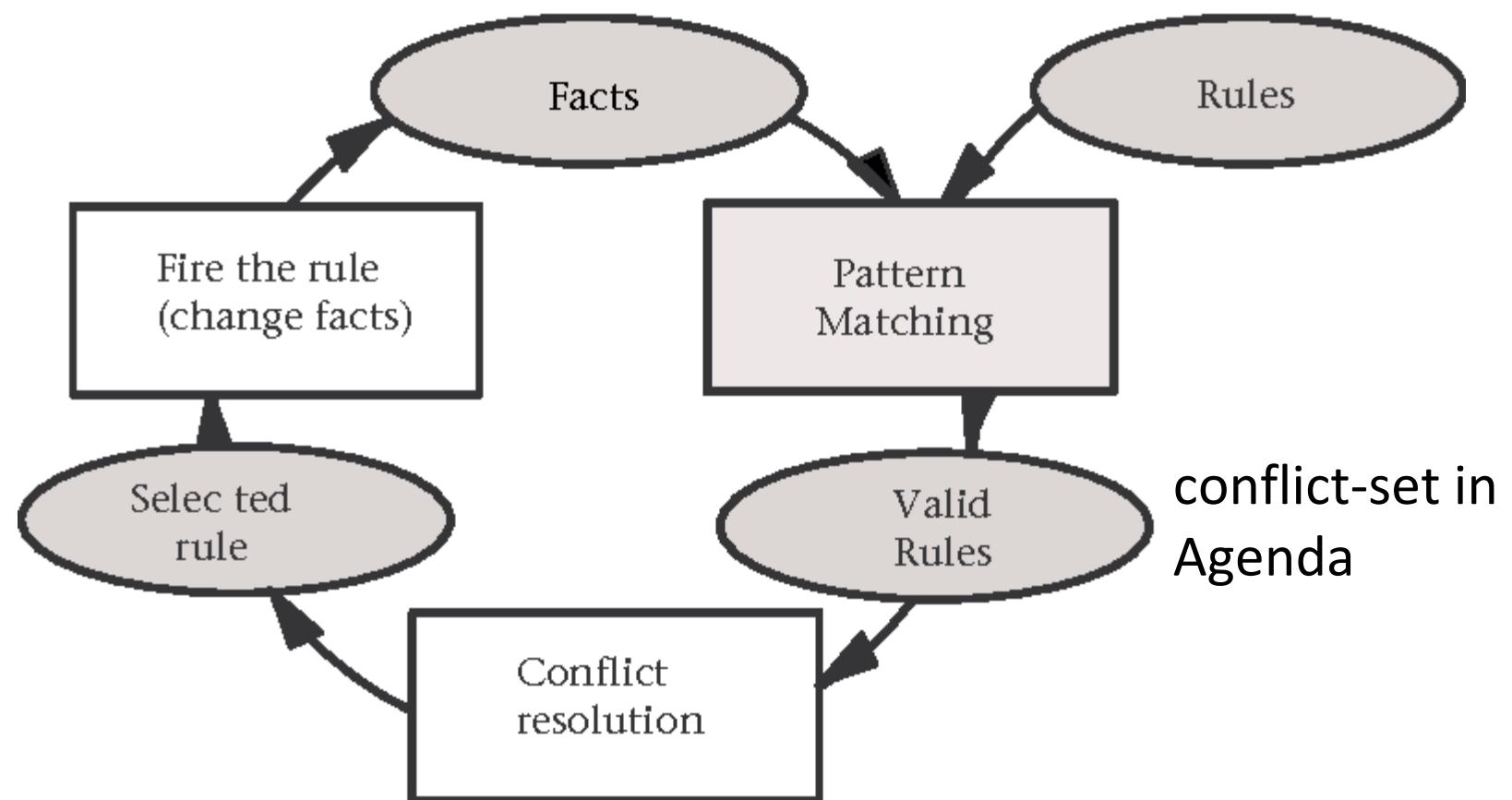
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## 02 Forward Chaining

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# Forward Chaining: Recognize-Act Cycle



# Forward Chaining: Pseudo code

data  $\leftarrow$  initial facts

**repeat**

    conflictSet  $\leftarrow$  determine set of rules whose  
        preconditions are satisfied by data  
        //preselection

    R  $\leftarrow$  select a rule from conflictSet by conflict-  
        resolving strategy

    data  $\leftarrow$  result of applying action part of R to data

**until** data satisfied termination condition



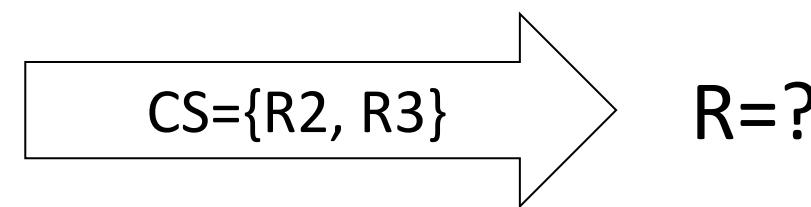
# RBS Example

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).

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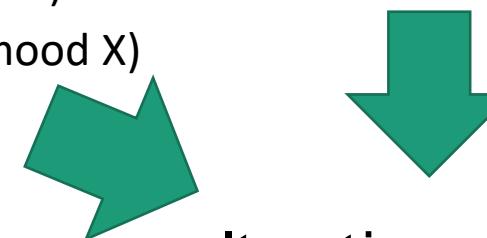
R6: IF (lecturing X) THEN DELETE (researching X)

## Facts:

(month february)

(happy alison)

(researching alison)



Iteration	CS	R
1	{R2, R3}	R2
2	{R2, R3, R6}	R3
3	etc....	



# Selection by Order (with Refractoriness)

## Knowledge-base:

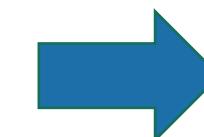
```
R1: if (priority second)  
then out("print second")
```

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

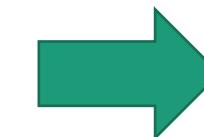
```
R3: if (priority third)  
then out("print third")
```

## 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

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conflict resolution strategy refractoriness, specificity , fact recency

Iteration	CS	R	
1	{R1, R3}	R3	WM + Means is “walk” + Action is “take a coat and walk”
2	{R1, R3, R6}	R6	
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

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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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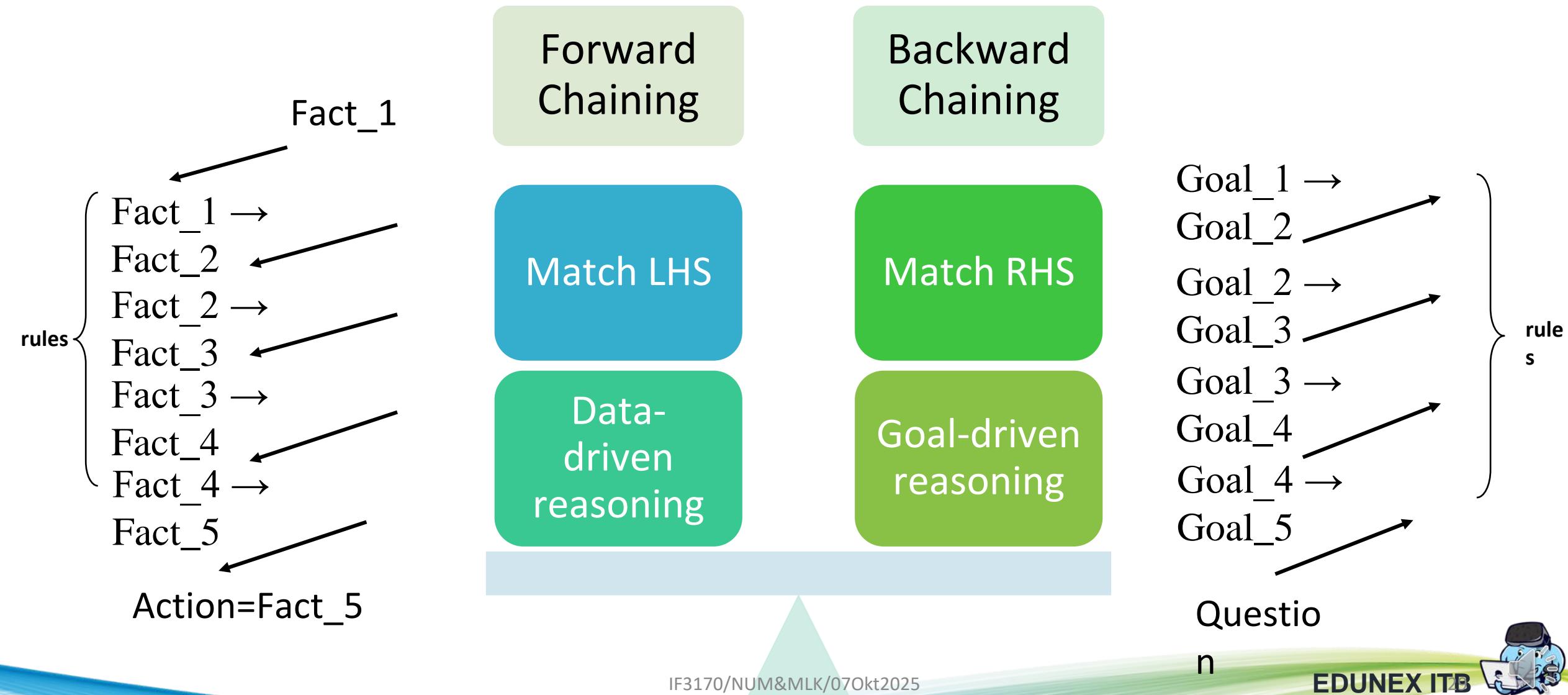
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### 03 Backward Chaining

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# Forward Chaining: Is Z true ?

Rule-base:

R1: Y, D → Z

R2: X, B, E → Y

R3: A → X

R4: C → L

R5: L, M → 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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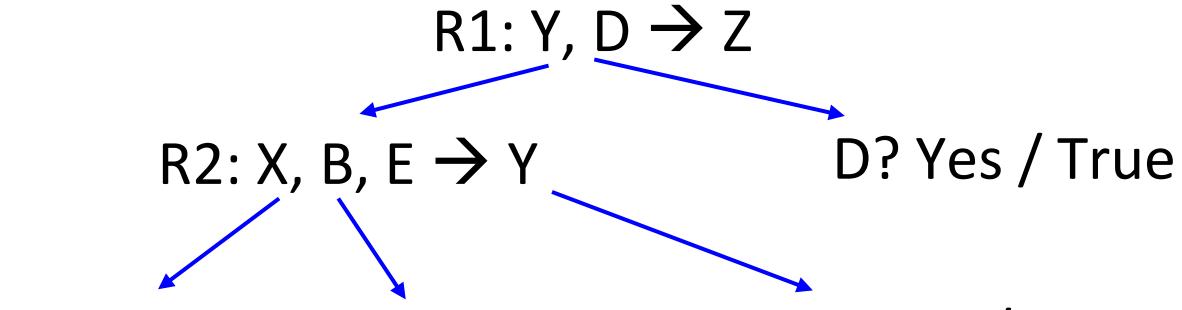
R4: C  $\rightarrow$  L

R5: L, M  $\rightarrow$  N

Facts:

A,B,C,D,E

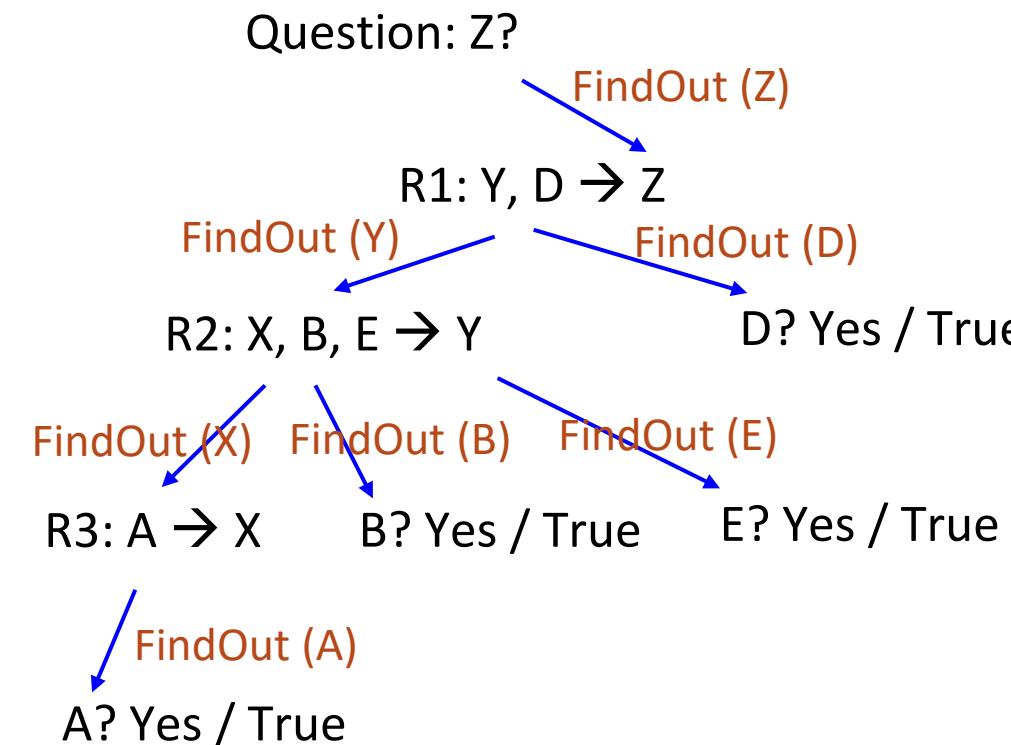
Question: Z?



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

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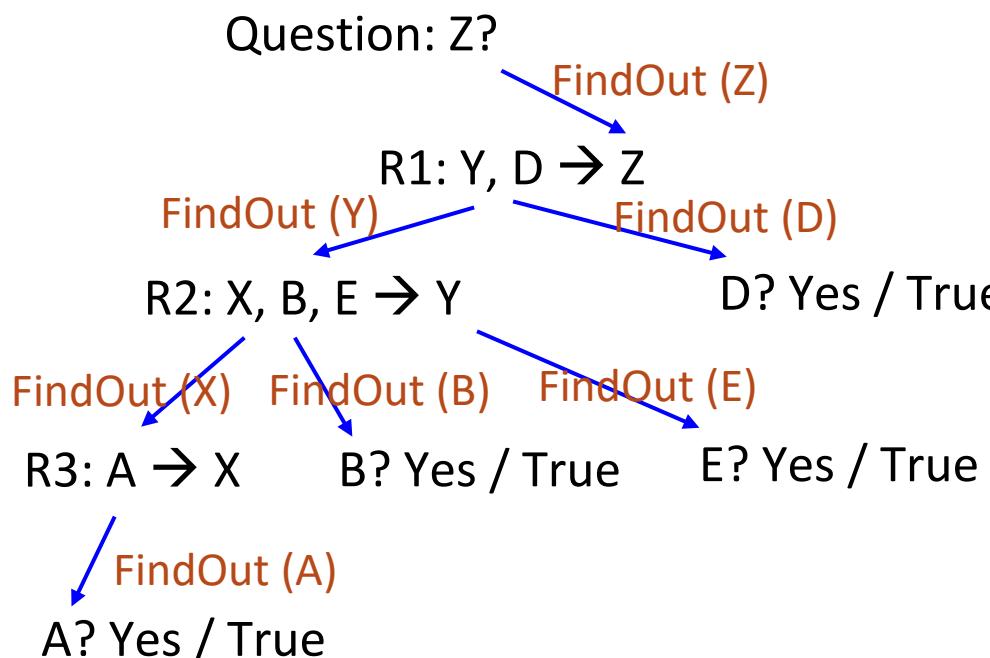
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FindOut (Z)

{R1}

**Monitor(R1)**

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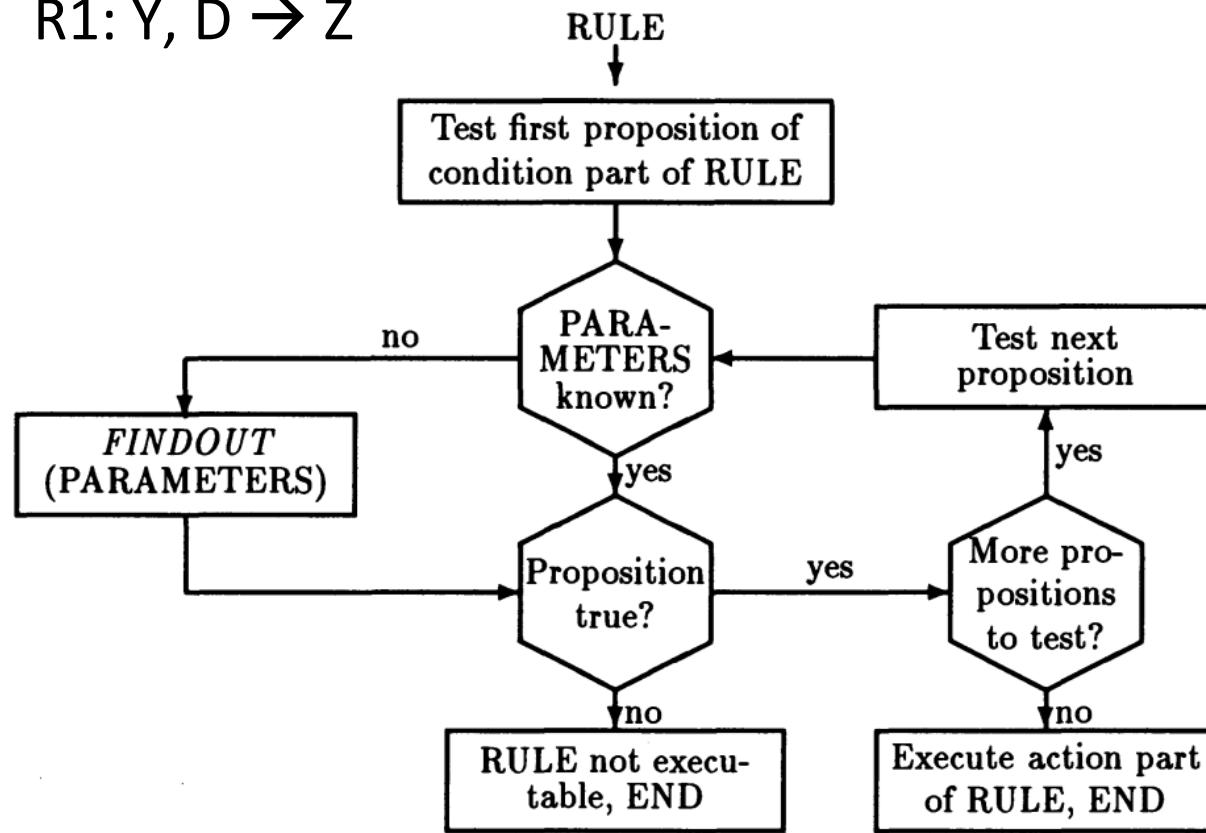
delete this rule from RULE-LIST

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

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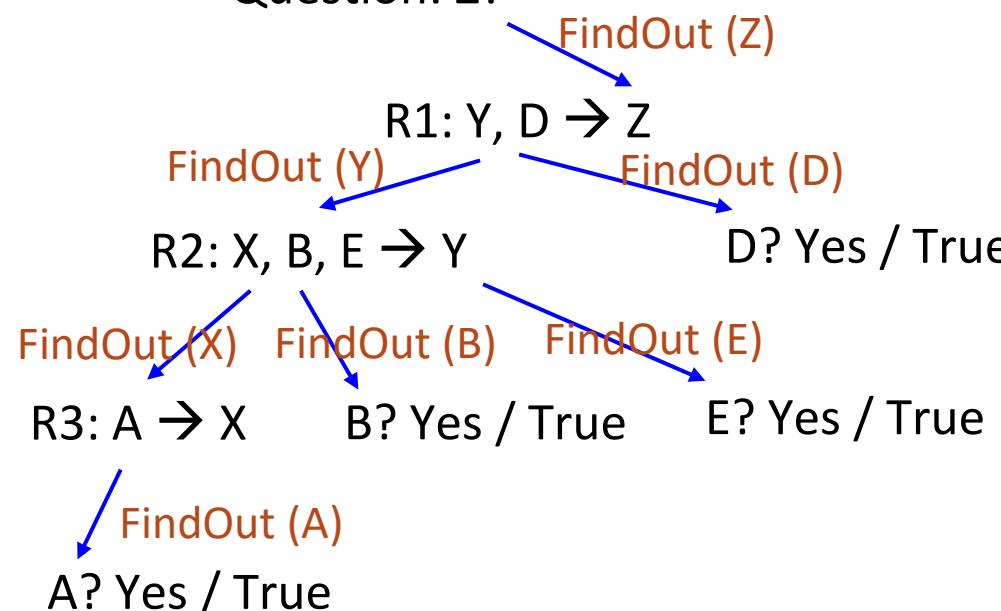
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R5: L, M → N

Facts:

A,B,C, E

Question: Z?



FindOut (Z)	{R1}
Monitor(R1)	{Y,D}
FindOut(Y)	{R2}
Monitor(R2)	{X,B,E}
FindOut(X)	{R3}
Monitor(R3)	{A}
FindOut(A)	True
Execute(R3)	+X
Delete(R3)	
FindOut(B)	True
FindOut(E)	True
Execute(R2)	+Y
Delete (R2)	
FindOut(D)	request(D): True
Execute(R1)	
Delete(R1)	+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.

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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)  
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**FindOut(Action)** until first action is inferred, and working memory is empty.

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Distance is about 6 miles;

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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)

stop

{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

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

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

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

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

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# Summary

Forward vs  
Backward Chaining

Goal-driven  
reasoning; Match  
RHS

FindOut(Goal) &  
Monitor(Rule)



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