

# Chapter 8: Advanced Pattern Matching

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# Field Constraints

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- In addition to pattern matching capabilities and variable bindings, CLIPS has more powerful pattern matching operators – field constraints.
- Consider writing a rule for all people who do *not* have brown hair:
  - We could write a rule for every type of hair color that is not brown.
    - add another pattern CEs to test the variable ?color
    - or, place a field constraint as the value of the slot directly
    - or, attach a field constraint to the variable ?color

# Connective Constraints

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- Connective constraints are used to connect variables and other constraints.
  - *Not field constraint* – the  $\sim$  acts on the one constraint or variable that immediately follows it.
    - (defrule person-without-brown-hair  
 (person (name ?name) (hair ?color))  
 (test (neq ?color brown))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “ does not have brown hair.” crlf))
    - (defrule person-without-brown-hair  
 (person (name ?name) (hair ~brown))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “ does not have brown hair.” crlf))

# Connective Constraints (cont.)

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– *Or field constraint* – the symbol `|` is used to allow one or more possible values to match a field or a pattern.

- (defrule person-with-black-or-brown-hair  
 (person (name ?name) (hair black | brown))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “ has dark hair.” crlf))

– *And field constraint* – the symbol `&` is useful with binding instances of variables and on conjunction with the *not* constraint

- (defrule person-without-black-or-red-hair  
 (person (name ?name) (hair ?color&~black&~red))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “ has “ ?color “ hair.” crlf))

# Combining Field Constraints

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- Field constraints can be used together with variables and other literals to provide powerful pattern matching capabilities.
- Example #1: `?eyes1&blue|green`
  - This constraint binds the person's eye color to the variable, ?eyes1 if the eye color of the fact being matched is either blue or green.
- Example #2: `?hair1&~black`
  - This constraint binds the variable ?hair1 if the hair color of the fact being matched is not black.

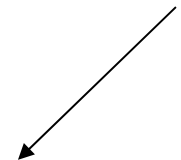
# Complex Field Constraints

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- For example, a rule to determine whether the two people exist:
  - The first person has either blue or green eyes and does not have black hair
  - The second person does not have the same color eyes as the first person and has either red hair or the same color hair as the first person
- (defrule complex-match  
 (person (name ?name1) (eyes ?eyes1 & blue|green)(hair ?hair1 & ~black))  
 (person (name ?name2 & ~?name1) (eyes ?eyes2 & ~?eyes1)  
 (hair ?hair2 & red | ?hair1))  
=>  
 (printout t ?name1 “ has “ ?eyes1 “ eyes and “ ?hair1 “ hair.” crlf)  
 (printout t ?name2 “ has “ ?eyes2 “ eyes and “ ?hair2 “ hair.” crlf))

# The binding of the variable

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- Variables will be bound only if they are the first condition in a field and only if they occur singly or are tied to the other conditions by an *and* connective constraint.
  - For example
    - (defrule bad-variable-use  
  (person (name ?name) (**hair red |?hair**)))
- =>
- (printout t ?name “ has “ ?hair “ hair “ crlf))
- Will cause error!
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# Functions and Expressions

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- CLIPS has the capability to perform calculations.
- The math functions in CLIPS are primarily used for modifying numbers that are used to make inferences by the application program.

**Table 8.1 CLIPS Elementary Arithmetic Operators**

Arithmetic Operators	Meaning
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division



# Numeric Expressions in CLIPS

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- Numeric expressions are written in CLIPS in LISP-style – using prefix form – the operator symbol goes before the operands to which it pertains.
- Example #1:  
 $5 + 8$  (infix form)  $\rightarrow$   $+ 5 8$  (prefix form)
- Example #2:  
(infix)       $(y2 - y1) / (x2 - x1) > 0$   
(prefix)     $(> (/ (- y2 y1) (- x2 x1) ) 0)$

# Return Values

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- Most functions (or operators) have a **return value** that can be an integer, float, symbol, string, or multivalued value.
- Some functions (*facts*, *agenda* commands) have no return values – just side effects.
- Return values for **+**, **-**, and **\*** will be integer if all arguments are integer, but if at least one value is *floating point*, the value returned will be float.

# Variable Numbers of Arguments

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- Many CLIPS functions accept variable numbers of arguments.
- Example:  
CLIPS> (- 3 5 7)  $\leftarrow$  returns  $3 - 5 = -2 - 7 = -9$
- There is no built-in arithmetic precedence in CLIPS – everything is evaluated from left to right.
- To compensate for this, precedence must be explicitly written.
  - (- (- 3 5) 7) or (- 3 (- 5 7))

# Embedding Expressions

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- Expressions may be freely embedded within other expressions:

```
CLIPS> (assert (result (+ 3 6))) ↵
```

```
<Fact-0>
```

```
CLIPS> (facts) ↵
```

```
f-0 (result 9)
```

```
For a total of 1 fact.
```

```
CLIPS> (assert (expression 3 + 6 * 10)) ↵
```

```
<Fact-0>
```

```
CLIPS> (facts) ↵
```

```
f-0 (expression 3 + 6 * 10)
```

```
For a total of 1 fact.
```

# Summing Values Using Rules

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- Suppose you wanted to sum the areas of a group of rectangles.
  - The heights and widths of the rectangles can be specified using the deftemplate:

```
(deftemplate rectangle (slot height) (slot width))
```

- The sum of the rectangle areas could be specified using an ordered fact such as:

```
(sum 20)
```

# Summing Values

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- A deffacts containing sample information is:

```
(deffacts initial-information
  (rectangle (height 10) (width 6))
  (rectangle (height 7) (width 5))
  (rectangle (height 6) (width 8))
  (rectangle (height 2) (width 5))
  (sum 0))
```

- to permit rectangles of same size
  - (rectangle (id 12) (height 10) (width 6) )

# Summing Values

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```
(deftemplate rectangle (slot height) (slot width))
```

```
(defacts initial-rectangles  
  (rectangle (height 10) (width 6))  
  (rectangle (height 8) (width 5))  
  (rectangle (height 3) (width 7))  
  (sum 0))
```

```
(defrule compute-area  
  (rectangle (height ?height) (width ?width))  
  =>  
  (assert (add-to-sum (* ?height ?width) ) ) )
```

```
(defrule sum-1  
  ?sum <- (sum ?total)  
  ?new-area <- (add-to-sum ?area)  
  =>  
  (retract ?sum ?new-area)  
  (assert (sum (+ ?total ?area) ) )  
  (printout t "The new sum is " (+ ?total ?area) crlf))
```

# Summing Values (cont.)

- (defrule sum-2  
 (rectangle (height ?height) (width ?width))  
 ?sum <- (sum ?total)  
 =>  
 (retract ?sum)  
 (assert (sum (+ ?total (\* ?height ?width) ) ) )  
 (printout t "The new sum is " (+ ?total (\* ?height ?width) ) crlf))  

What happen??
- (defrule sum-3  
 ?rect <- (rectangle (height ?height) (width ?width))  
 ?sum <- (sum ?total)  
 =>  
 (retract ?rect ?sum)  
 (assert (sum (+ ?total (\* ?height ?width) ) ) )  
 (printout t "The new sum is " (+ ?total (\* ?height ?width) ) crlf))  

Compare with sum-1



# The Bind Function

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- Sometimes it is advantageous to store a value in a temporary variable to avoid recalculation.
- The *bind* function can be used to bind the value of a variable to the value of an expression using the following syntax:

`(bind <variable> <value>)`

- (defrule sum-3  
  ?rect <- (rectangle (height ?height) (width ?width))  
  ?sum <- (sum ?total)  
  =>  
  (retract ?rect ?sum)  
  (bind ?new (+ ?total (\* ?height ?width) ) )  
  (assert (sum ?new) )  
  (printout t "The new sum is " ?new crlf))

# I/O Functions

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- When a CLIPS program requires input from the user of a program, a *read* function can be used to provide input from the keyboard:

```
(defrule get-name
=>
  (printout t "What is your name? ")
  (bind ?response (read))
  (assert (user's-name ?response)))
```

# *Read* Function from Keyboard

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- The *read* function can only input a single field at a time.
  - CLIPS> (read)  
John K. Smith
- Characters entered after the first field are discarded.
  - K. Smith are discarded
- To input, say a first and last name, they must be delimited with quotes, “John K. Smith”.
- Data must be followed by a carriage return (↵) to be read.

# I/O from/to Files

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- Input can also come from external files.
- Output can be directed to external files.
- Before a file can be accessed, it must be opened using the *open* function:

Example:

```
(open "c:\\datafile.dat" mydata "r")
```

- The *open* function acts as a predicate function
  - Returns *true* if the file was successfully opened
  - Returns *false* otherwise

# I/O from/to Files (cont.)

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```
(open "c:\\datafile.dat" mydata "r")
```

- **datafile.dat** – is the name of the file (path can also be provided)
- **mydata** – is the logical name that CLIPS associates with the file
- **“r”** – represents the mode – how the file will be used – here read access

## Table 8.2 File Access Modes

Mode	Action
"r"	Read access only
"w"	Write access only (overwrite all)
"r+"	Read and write access
"a"	Append access only (append to EOF)

# *Close* Function

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- Once access to the file is no longer needed, it should be closed.
- Failure to close a file may result in loss of information.
- General format of the *close* function:  

```
(close [<logical-name>])
```

  - ex. (close mydata)

# Reading / Writing to a File

- Which logical name used, depends on where information will be written – logical name *t* refers to the terminal (standard output device).

Writing to a File	Reading from a File
(open "myresult.dat" stuff "w") ↵	(open "mydata.dat" stuff "r") ↵
(printout stuff "apple" crlf) ↵	(read stuff) ↵
(printout stuff 8 crlf) ↵	(read stuff) ↵
(close stuff) ↵	(read stuff) ↵
	(close stuff) ↵



# Formatting

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- Output sent to a terminal or file may need to be formatted – enhanced in appearance.
- To do this, we use the *format* function which provides a variety of formatting styles.
- General format:  
(format <logical-name> <control-string> <parameters>\*)
  - output the result to the logical name
  - return the result

# Formatting (cont.)

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- Logical name :
  - *t* indicates standard output device
  - logical name associated with a file
  - *nil* indicates that no output is printed, but the formatted string is still returned
- Control string:
  - Must be delimited with quotes (“ ”)
  - Consists of *format flags* (%) to indicate how parameters should be printed
  - one-to-one correspondence between *flags* and number of *parameters* – constant values or expressions

# Formatting

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- Example:

(format nil “Name: %-15s Age: %3d” “Bob Green” 35) ←

Produces the results and returns:

“Name: Bob green            Age: 35”

– %-15s    %3d

- - indicates left-justified
- s indicates string
- 15 , 3 indicates the width
- d indicates integer

# Specifications of Format Flag

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`%-m.Nx`

- The “-” means to left justify (right is the default)
- `m` – total field width
- `N` – number of digits of precision (default = 6)
- `x` – display format specification

# Table 8.3 Display Format Specifications

Character	Meaning
d	Integer
f	Floating-point
e	Exponential (in power-of-ten format)
g	General (numeric); display in whatever format is shorter
o	Octal; unsigned number (N specifier not applicable)
x	Hexadecimal; unsigned number (N specifier not applicable)
s	String; quoted strings will be stripped of quotes
n	Carriage return/line feed
%	The "%" character itself

# *Readline* Function

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- To read an entire line of input, the *readline* function can be used:

`(readline [<logical-name>])`

- Example:

```
(defrule get-name
```

```
=>
```

```
(printout t "What is your name? ")
```

```
(bind ?response (readline))
```

```
(assert (user's-name ?response)))
```

```
- What is your name? John K. Smith ↵
```

```
• ?response = "John K. Smith"
```

```
• (user's-name "John K. Smith")
```

# *explode\$* Function

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- (readline)
  - read a line (as a string)
- (explode\$ <string>)
  - convert a string into a multi-field value

(defrule get-name

=>

(printout t “What is your name? “

(bind ?response (explode\$ (readline)))

(assert (user’s-name ?response)))

- What is your name? John K. Smith ←
  - ?response = John K. Smith
  - (user’s-name John K. Smith)

# Predicate Functions

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- A **predicate function** is defined to be any function that returns:
  - TRUE
  - FALSE
- Any value other than FALSE is considered TRUE.
- We say the predicate function returns a **Boolean value**.



# The *Test Conditional* Element

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- Processing of information often requires a loop.
- Sometimes a loop needs to terminate automatically as the result of an arbitrary expression.
- The *test condition* provides a powerful way to evaluate expressions on the LHS of a rule.
- Rather than pattern matching against a fact in a fact list, the *test CE* evaluates an expression – outermost function must be a predicate function.

# *Test Condition*

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- A rule will be triggered only if all its test CEs are satisfied along with other patterns.

(test <predicate-function>)

Example:

(test (> ?value 1))

# Examples for *Test Condition*

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- (defrule find-height-larger-than-170  
 (person (name ?name) (age ?) (height ?height) (weight ?))  
 (test (> ?height 170))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “s height is larger than 170 cm.” crlf))
- (defrule find-person  
 (person (name ?name) (age ?age) (height ?height) (weight ?weight))  
 (test (and (>= ?height 170)  
 (or (> ?weight 60)  
 (< ?age 30)))))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name “ is the person we seek.” crlf))

f-5 (person (name Peter) (age 35) (height 175) (weight 60))

f-6 (person (name David) (age 25) (height 170) (weight 55))

# Predicate Field Constraint

- The predicate field constraint **:** allows for performing predicate tests *directly within patterns*.
  - The predicate field constraint is *more efficient* than using the test CE.

```
(defrule find-height-larger-than-170
```

```
(person (name ?name) (age ?) (height ?height&:(> ?height 170)) (weight ?))
```

```
=>
```

```
(printout t ?name “s height is larger than 170 cm.” crlf))
```

```
f-5 (person (name Peter) (age 35) (height 175) (weight 60))  
f-6 (person (name David) (age 25) (height 170) (weight 55))  
f-7 (person (name John) (age 12) (height 145) (weight 40))  
f-8 (person (name Kevin) (age 31) (height 200) (weight 98))
```

# Return Value Constraint

- The return value constraint `=` allows the return value of a function to be used for comparison inside LHS patterns
  - The function must have a single-field return value.
- (defrule find-one-is-30cm-taller-than-another  
 (person (name ?name1) (age ?) (height ?height) (weight ?))  
 (person (name ?name2) (age ?) (height `=(+ ?height 30)`) (weight ?))  
 =>  
 (printout t ?name2 “ is 30 cm taller than ” ?name1 crlf))

```
f-5 (person (name Peter) (age 35) (height 175) (weight 60))  
f-6 (person (name David) (age 25) (height 170) (weight 55))  
f-7 (person (name John) (age 12) (height 145) (weight 40))  
f-8 (person (name Kevin) (age 31) (height 200) (weight 98))
```

# The *OR* Conditional Element

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Consider the two rules:

```
(defrule shut-off-electricity-1
  (emergency (type flood))
  =>
  (printout t "Shut off the electricity" crlf))

(defrule shut-off-electricity-2
  (extinguisher-system (type water-sprinkler
                        (status on)))
  =>
  (printout t "Shut off the electricity" crlf))
```

# *OR* Conditional Element

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These two rules can be combined into one rule – *or* CE requires only one CE be satisfied:

```
(defrule shut-off-electricity)
  (or (emergency (type flood))
      (extinguisher-system (type water-sprinkler)
                           (status on)))
  =>
  (printout t "Shut off the electricity" crlf))
```

# The *And* Conditional Element

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The *and* CE is opposite in concept to the *or* CE – requiring all the CEs be satisfied:

```
(defrule shut-off-electricity
  (and ?power <- (electrical-power (status on))
        (emergency (type flood)))
  =>
  (modify ?power (status off))
  (printout t "Shut off the electricity" crlf))
```



# *Not* Conditional Element

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When it is advantageous to activate a rule based on the absence of a particular fact in the list, CLIPS allows the specification of the absence of the fact in the LHS of a rule using the *not* conditional element:

```
IF the monitoring status is to be reported and  
   there is an emergency being handled  
THEN report the type of the emergency
```

```
IF the monitoring status is to be reported and  
   there is no emergency being handed  
THEN report that no emergency is being handled
```

# *Not* Conditional

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We can implement this as follows:

```
(defrule report-emergency
  (report-status)
  (emergency (type ?type))
=>
  (printout t "Handling " ?type " emergency"
            crlf))

(defrule no-emergency
  (report-status)
  (not (emergency))
=>
  (printout t "No emergency being handled" crlf))
```

# *Not* Conditional

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Consider the following rule, which looks for the largest number out of a group of facts representing numbers

```
(defrule largest-number
  (number ?x)
  (not (number ?y&: (> ?y ?x)))
=>
  (printout t "Largest number is " ?x crlf))
```

# Scope of *Not* Conditional

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Consider the following rule

```
(defrule no-emergency  
  (report-status)  
  (not (emergency (type ?type))))
```

=>

```
(printout t "No emergency of type " ?type crlf))
```

# Scope of *Not* Conditional

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Consider the following rules

```
(defrule no-birthday-on-specific-date  
  (check-for-no-birthday (date ?date))  
  (not (person (birthday ?date))))
```

=>

```
(printout t "No birthday on " ?date crlf)
```

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```
(defrule no-birthday-on-specific-date  
  (not (person (birthday ?date)))  
  (check-for-no-birthday (date ?date)))
```

=>

```
(printout t "No birthday on " ?date crlf)
```

# *Not* Conditional

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No two people who have birthdays on the same date

```
(defrule no-identical-birthdays
```

```
  (not (and (person (name ?name)
```

```
            (birthday ?date))
```

```
    (person (name ~?name)
```

```
            (birthday ?date))))
```

=>

```
(printout t "No two people have the same birthday" crlf))
```

# A Complex Example

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- (defrule can-not-drive-in-Taiwan  
 (query ?person)  
 (not (or (driving-license (id ?) (country Taiwan) (name ?person))  
 (and (driving-license (id ?) (country ?else) (name ?person))  
 (DL-accepted-in-Taiwan ?else) ) ) ) )  
  
=>  
(printout t ?person “ can not drive a car in Taiwan.” crlf))

```
f-3 (query John)
f-4 (query Kevin)
f-5 (query Joe)
f-6 (driving-license (id 85346) (country Taiwan) (name Kevin))
f-7 (driving-license (id 53861) (country America) (name John))
f-8 (DL-accepted-in-Taiwan America)
```

# The *Exists* Conditional Element

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- The *exists* CE allows one to pattern match based on the existence of at least one fact that matches a pattern without regard to the total number of facts that actually match the pattern.
- This allows a single partial match or activation for a rule to be generated based on the existence of one fact out of a class of facts.



# *Exists* Condition

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```
(deftemplate emergency (slot type))

(defrule operator-alert-for-emergency
  (emergency)
  =>
  (printout t "Emergency: Operator Alert" crlf)
  (assert (operator-alert)))
```

## *Exists* Condition (cont.)

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- When more than one emergency fact is asserted, the message to the operators is printed more than once. The following modification prevents this:

```
(defrule operator-alert-for-emergency
  (emergency)
  (not (operator-alert))
  =>
  (printout t "Emergency: Operator Alert" crlf)
  (assert (operator-alert)))
```

# *Exists*

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- This assumes there was already an alert – triggered by an operator-emergency rule. What if the operators were merely placed on alert to a drill:

```
(defrule operator-alert-for-emergency
  (emergency)
  (not (operator-alert))
  =>
  (printout t "Drill: Operator Alert" crlf)
  (assert (operator-alert)))
```

## *Exists* Condition (cont.)

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- Now consider how the rule has been modified using the *exists* CE:

```
(defrule operator-alert-for-emergency
  (exists (emergency))
  =>
  (printout t "Emergency: Operator Alert" crlf)
  (assert (operator-alert))))
```

# *Forall* Conditional Elements

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- The *forall* CE allows one to pattern match based on a set of CEs that are satisfied for every occurrence of another CE.
- (forall <first-CE> <remaining-CEs>+)
  - each fact matching the <first-CE> must also have facts that match all of the <remaining-CEs>
  - (not (and <first-CE>  
(not (and <remaining-CEs>+ ) ) ) )

# An Example for *Forall* Condition

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- (defrule all-fires-being-handled  
 (forall (emergency (type fire) (location ?where))  
 (fire-squad (location ?where))  
 (evacuated (building ?where))))  
  
=>  
 (printout t "All buildings that are on fire " crlf  
 "have been evacuated and " crlf  
 "have firefighters on location" crlf))
- Once an emergency fact is asserted, the rule is de-activated until the appropriate fire-squad and evacuated facts are asserted

# *Logical* Conditional Elements

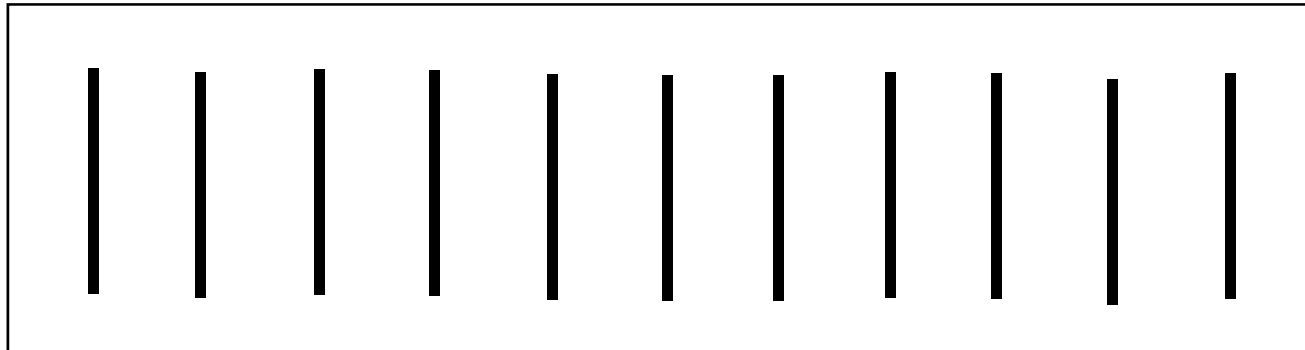
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- The *logical* CE allows one to specify that the existence of a fact depends on the existence of another fact or group of facts.
- (defrule general-form-of-logical-CE  
  (*logical* <dominate-fact>+)  
  <remaining-fact>+  
  =>  
  (assert <dependent-fact>))
  - Once any dominate-fact is retracted, the dependent-fact is also retracted automatically
  - The retraction of any remaining-fact doesn't cause the retraction of the dependent-fact

# The Game of Sticks

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- two player
- a pile of sticks to be taken
- must take 1, 2, or 3
- take the last stick => lose





# The CLIPS Program

```
(deftemplate choose (slot get) (slot remainder))
```

```
(deffacts initial
```

```
  (choose (get 1) (remainder 1))
```

```
  (choose (get 1) (remainder 2))
```

```
  (choose (get 2) (remainder 3))
```

```
  (choose (get 3) (remainder 0)))
```

```
(defrule choose-total-number
```

```
  (declare (salience 1000))
```

```
=>
```

```
  (printout t "How many sticks in the pile? ")
```

```
  (assert (total (read))))
```

```
(defrule player-select
```

```
  (declare (salience 900))
```

```
=>
```

```
  (printout t "Who moves first (Computer:c Human: h)? ")
```

```
  (assert (player-get (read))))
```

```
(defrule computer-get
```

```
  (declare (salience 800))
```

```
  ?player <- (player-get c)
```

```
  ?total <- (total ?num)
```

```
  (test (>= ?num 1))
```

```
  (choose (get ?get) (remainder =(mod ?num 4)))
```

```
=>
```

```
  (retract ?player ?total)
```

```
  (printout t ?num " sticks in the pile." crlf)
```

```
  (assert (total (- ?num ?get)))
```

```
  (printout t "Computer take " ?get " sticks." crlf)
```

```
  (assert (player-get h)))
```

# The CLIPS Program (cont.)

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```
(defrule human-get
  (declare (salience 800))
  ?player <- (player-get h)
  ?total <- (total ?num)
  (test (>= ?num 1))
=>
  (retract ?player ?total)
  (printout t "There are " ?num " sticks in the pile." crlf)
  (printout t "How many sticks do you wish to take? (1~3) ")
  (assert (total (- ?num (read))))
  (assert (player-get c)))
```

```
(defrule computer-win
  (declare (salience 700))
  (player-get c)
  (total ?num)
  (test (< ?num 1))
=>
  (printout t "You lose!" crlf))
```

```
(defrule Human-win
  (declare (salience 700))
  (player-get h)
  (total ?num)
  (test (< ?num 1))
=>
  (printout t "You win!" crlf))
```

# The Game of Sticks Revisited

```
(deftemplate choose (slot get) (slot remainder))
```

```
(deffacts initial
```

```
  (phase choose-total)
```

```
  (choose (get 1) (remainder 1))
```

```
  (choose (get 1) (remainder 2))
```

```
  (choose (get 2) (remainder 3))
```

```
  (choose (get 3) (remainder 0)))
```

```
(defrule choose-total
```

```
  (phase choose-total)
```

```
=>
```

```
  (printout t "How many sticks in the pile? ")
```

```
  (assert (total (read))))
```

```
(defrule choose-total-right
```

```
  ?phase <- (phase choose-total)
```

```
  (total ?total)
```

```
  (test (integerp ?total))
```

```
  (test (> ?total 0))
```

```
=>
```

```
  (retract ?phase)
```

```
  (assert (phase choose-player)))
```

```
(defrule choose-total-wrong
```

```
  ?phase <- (phase choose-total)
```

```
  ?total <- (total ?num&:(or (not (integerp ?num))
```

```
    (<= ?num 0)))
```

```
=>
```

```
  (retract ?phase ?total)
```

```
  (assert (phase choose-total))
```

```
  (printout t "Please input a positive integer!!" crlf))
```

# The Game of Sticks Revisited (cont.)

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```
(defrule player-select
  (phase choose-player)
=>
  (printout t "Who moves first (Computer:c Human: h)? ")
  (assert (player-get (read))))
```

---

```
(defrule player-select-right
  ?phase <- (phase choose-player)
  (player-get ?player& c | h)
=>
  (retract ?phase)
  (assert (phase play-game)))
```

---

```
(defrule player-select-wrong
  ?phase <- (phase choose-player)
  ?p-get <- (player-get ?player& ~c & ~h)
=>
  (retract ?phase ?p-get)
  (assert (phase choose-player))
  (printout t "Please input c or h!!" crlf))
```

# The Game of Sticks Revisited (cont.)

```
(defrule human-get
  (phase play-game)
  (player-get h)
  (total ?num)
  (test (>= ?num 1))
=>
  (printout t "There are " ?num " sticks in the pile." crlf)
  (printout t "How many sticks do you wish to take? (1~3) ")
  (assert (human-take (read))))
```

```
(defrule human-get-wrong
  (phase play-game)
  ?player <- (player-get h)
  ?h-take <- (human-take ?take)
  (total ?num)
  (test (or (not (integerp ?take)) (< ?take 1) (> ?take 3) (> ?take ?num)))
=>
  (retract ?player ?h-take)
  (assert (player-get h))
  (printout t "Please input a number (1~3)!!" crlf))
```

```
(defrule human-get-right
  (phase play-game)
  ?player <- (player-get h)
  ?h-take <- (human-take ?take)
  ?total <- (total ?num)
  (test (and (integerp ?take)
             (>= ?take 1)
             (<= ?take 3)
             (<= ?take ?num)))
=>
  (retract ?player ?h-take ?total)
  (assert (total (- ?num ?take)))
  (assert (player-get c)))
```

# The Game of Sticks Revisited (cont.)

```
(defrule computer-get
  (phase play-game)
  ?player <- (player-get c)
  ?total <- (total ?num)
  (test (>= ?num 1))
  (choose (get ?get) (remainder =(mod ?num 4)))
=>
  (retract ?player ?total)
  (printout t ?num " sticks in the pile." crlf)
  (assert (total (- ?num ?get)))
  (printout t "Computer take " ?get " sticks." crlf)
  (assert (player-get h)))
```

```
(defrule computer-win
  (player-get c)
  (total ?num)
  (test (< ?num 1))
=>
  (printout t "You lose!" crlf))
```

```
(defrule Human-win
  (player-get h)
  (total ?num)
  (test (< ?num 1))
=>
  (printout t "You win!" crlf))
```