## Appendix

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The document contains an example of how the conflict analysis method *sbca* works.

**Example 1** Consider a scenario where ILASP is being run on a task T with the following language bias:

At some point in the execution of ILASP, T may compute the hypothesis  $H = \{: - close(V1, V2). : - not pGEQ(V1, V1), q(V1, V1).\}$ . Within the hypothesis space computed by ILASP, the first rule is only theta-subsumed by itself, and the second rule is theta-subsumed by the following rules.

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:- q(V1,V1).
:- pGEQ(V1,V2).
:- pGEQ(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V1); not pGEQ(V1,V2); q(V1,V2).
:- q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V1); not pGEQ(V2,V1); q(V1,V2).
:- pGEQ(V1,V1).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V1); not pGEQ(V2,V1); q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V1); q(V1,V1).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V1); q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V2); not pGEQ(V2,V2); q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V1,V2); not pGEQ(V2,V2); q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V2,V1); q(V1,V2).
:- not pGEQ(V2,V1); q(V1,V2).
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Let  $R^1$  be the first rule and  $R^2, \ldots, R^{16}$  be the rules that theta-subsume the second rule. In this case, for any positive example e that is not covered by H,  $sbca(e, H, T) = (\neg R^1_{id}) \lor ((\neg R^2_{id}) \land \ldots \land (\neg R^{16}_{id}))$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This space is smaller than the full hypothesis space as isomorphic rules are discarded; for instance, :- q(V2, V2) is isomorphic to :- q(V1, V1), so is not considered by ILASP.