

Input: set of facts & set of rules

1. Go through all rules and for every rule:
  - a) Check whether the antecedent is true given the known facts: The antecedent needs to **match** a fact<sup>1</sup> in the database; then the rule **fires**.
  - b) If yes (=the rule fires): Check whether the consequent is already known (matches the database)
    - i. If not: Add consequent to the set of known facts
2. Repeat 1 (go through all rules again) until no more new facts are added in one cycle.

## Forward Chaining Example in Propositional Logic

Facts: A,B,C,D,E

Rules:

R1:  $Y \ \& \ D \rightarrow Z$

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

R3:  $A \rightarrow X$

R4:  $C \rightarrow L$

R5:  $L \ \& \ M \rightarrow N$

Cycle	Fired rules	Added facts
1	R3 R4	X L
2	R2	Y
3	R1	Z
4		

[[Rules-Based System]]