

Rule Based System

- Well formed formulae (WFFs) in propositional or predicate logic represent assertional knowledge.
- WFFs are divided into two categories:-
- 1. Rules : Assertions in implication form. $P \rightarrow Q$ { If ... then ... }
 - 2. Facts : Assertions that represent domain specific knowledge.
- Declarative knowledge v/s Procedural knowledge.
- what to do? what to do & how to do?

Example of Rule

If it rains today, the roads will be wet today.]

Rains (today) \rightarrow Wet_Road (today)

If Rains (today) then Wet_Road (today)

If Rains (today) and not-covered (roads) then wet_road (today)

\Rightarrow Rains (today) \wedge not-covered (roads) \rightarrow wet_road (today)

Which are facts?

Can the facts be generated? Yes

perfect square (36)

Recall Modus Ponens

$$\begin{array}{r}
 P \rightarrow Q \\
 P \\
 \hline
 Q \\
 Q \rightarrow R \\
 \hline
 R \\
 R \rightarrow S \\
 \hline
 S \\
 ;
 \end{array}$$

Rule Chaining

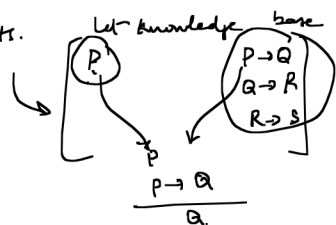
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Rule } A \rightarrow B \\
 A \\
 \hline
 B \\
 B \rightarrow C \\
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 C \\
 C \rightarrow D \\
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 D \dots
 \end{array}$$

Rule Based System

→ A system whose knowledge base is represented as a set of rules and facts is called a Rule-based system.

→ A rule based system consists of :-

- A collection of If ... then -- rules.
- A collection of facts.
- Interpreter / Control mechanism / Inference mechanism :- controls the application of rules, given facts.



- Rules are represented in following form:-

IF <antecedent> THEN <consequent>

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- When antecedent is NULL then Rule becomes fact...
- Rules are normally represented as Horn clauses.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 P \rightarrow Q & \neg P \vee Q \quad \checkmark \\
 P \wedge Q \rightarrow R & \neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R \quad \checkmark \\
 P \wedge Q \rightarrow R \vee S & \neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R \vee S \quad \times
 \end{array}$$

Horn clauses can have atmost one non-negative literal.

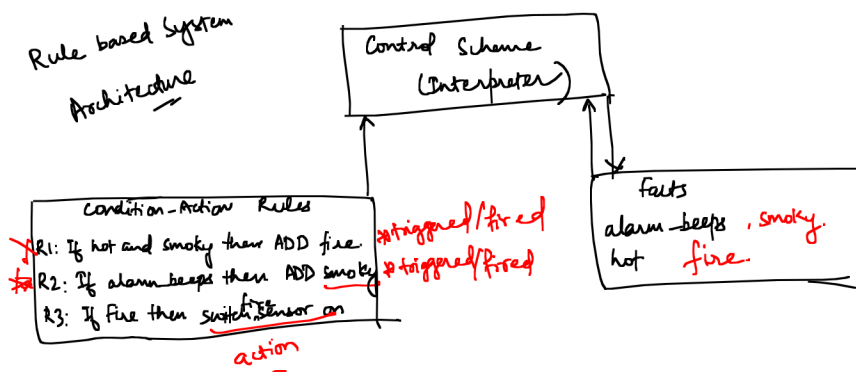
Triggered and Fired Rules

- A rule is triggered when all antecedents evaluate to true.
- A rule is fired when the action stated in consequent or inference related to consequent is inferred/taken.

If Room temp > 15°C then switch the heater off.

true.
action.

Rule based System
Architecture



Inference Machine

A machine that implements strategies to utilize the knowledge base and derive new conclusions from it.

