EXPERIMENT -9

Objective: IMPLEMENT BACKWARD CHAINING ALGORITHM

Theory :

Backward Chaining is a goal-driven reasoning technique used in expert systems.

It starts from a goal (hypothesis) and works backwards to determine if the goal can be proven from known facts.

Principle:

Based on Modus Tollens / backward reasoning:

If “IF P THEN Q” is true, and we want to prove Q, then check whether P is true.

Components:

1) Knowledge Base (KB): A set of rules (IF <conditions> THEN <conclusion>).
2) Working Memory (WM): Contains known facts.
3) Goal: The fact to be proven true.

Algorithm :

1. Start with the goal you want to prove.
2. If the goal is already in the known facts → success.
3. Else, find rules whose conclusion matches the goal.
4. For each such rule, make sub-goals from its conditions.
5. Recursively try to prove all sub-goals.
6. If all sub-goals are true → goal is proven.
7. If no rule can prove the goal → fail.

Code :

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rules = {
    "R1": ({"A", "B"}, "C"),
    "R2": ({"C"}, "D"),
    "R3": ({"D"}, "E")
}
facts = {"A", "B"}
goal = "E"
def backward_chain(goal):
    if goal in facts:
        return True
    for rule, (conditions, conclusion) in rules.items():
        if conclusion == goal:
            if all(backward_chain(c) for c in conditions):
                facts.add(goal)
                print(f"Proved {goal} using {rule}")
                return True
    return False
print("Initial Facts:", facts) if backward_chain(goal):
    print("Goal achieved:", goal)
else:
    print("Goal cannot be proven.")
print("\nFinal Facts:", facts)
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Output -

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Initial Facts: {'B', 'A'}
Proved C using R1
Proved D using R2
Proved E using R3
Goal achieved: E

Final Facts: {'B', 'D', 'A', 'E', 'C'}
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