

## **EXPERIMENT -8**

**Objective:** IMPLEMENT FORWARD CHAINING ALGORITHM

### **Theory :**

Definition:

- Forward Chaining is a data-driven reasoning technique used in expert systems and AI inference engines.
- It starts from known facts and applies inference rules to derive new facts until a goal is reached or no more rules can be applied.

Principle :

- Based on the Modus Ponens rule of inference:  
If “IF P THEN Q” is true, and P is known to be true, then Q can be inferred as true.

Basic Components :

1. Knowledge Base (KB):
  - Contains a set of *production rules* in the form: IF <conditions> THEN <conclusion>
2. Working Memory (WM):
  - Stores all currently known facts.
3. Inference Engine:
  - Applies the rules to the working memory to infer new facts.

### **Algorithm :**

1. Initialize the working memory with given facts.
2. new facts Repeat until no can be added

- Identify all rules whose conditions are satisfied by current facts.
- Choose one rule to apply (using a conflict resolution strategy).
- Fire the rule: Add the conclusion(s) of that rule to the working memory.
- Mark the rule as used to prevent repetition.

3. Stop when:

The goal is achieved, or No new facts can be inferred.

### **Code :**

```
rules = {  
    "R1": ({ "A", "B"}, "C"),  
    "R2": ({ "C"}, "D"),  
    "R3": ({ "D"}, "E")  
}  
  
facts = { "A", "B"}  
goal = "E"  
  
print("Initial Facts:", facts)  
  
while True:  
    applied = False  
    for rule, (conditions, conclusion) in rules.items():  
        if conditions.issubset(facts) and conclusion not in facts:  
            facts.add(conclusion)  
            applied = True  
            print(f"Applied {rule}: Added {conclusion}")  
            if conclusion == goal:  
                print("Goal achieved:", goal)
```

```
applied = False
break
if not applied:
    break
print("\nFinal Facts:", facts)
```

### Output

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Initial Facts: {'B', 'A'}
Applied R1: Added C
... Applied R2: Added D
Applied R3: Added E
Goal achieved: E

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