

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 :

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rules = {  
    "R1": ({"A", "B"}, "C"),  
    "R2": ({"C"}, "D"),  
    "R3": ({"D"}, "E")  
}
```

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