Assignment Seven: Designing a KB for a Gardening Chat Bot

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**Understanding the Domain**

A new gardener needs to understand basic gardening principles, including soil, watering, planting times, pollination, fertilization, and sunlight. The general rule for gardening states: if you plant at the right time, water regularly, expose the plant to enough sunlight, and ensure good pollination, then you should expect a good yield. Several common gardening problems also have straightforward solutions:

* If seeds are not germinating, they need more water.
* If the plant is not blossoming, it needs more fertilization.
* If flowers are not bearing fruit, they need pollination.
* If leaves are yellow but not dry, the plant is overwatered.
* If leaves are yellow and dry, the plant is underwatered.
* If the plant is growing slowly, it needs more sunlight or more water.

**Defining the Logic Symbols**

Based on the gardening tips provided, the following logic symbols represent different gardening parameters:

1. General Gardening Rule Symbols:

* RightTimePlanting: Planting at the right time.
* RegularWatering: Watering the plant regularly.
* Sun: Sufficient sunlight exposure.
* Pollination: Good pollination.
* ExpectedGoodYield: Expecting a good yield.

1. Common Problems and Corresponding Symbols:

* SeedsNotGerminating: Seeds are not germinating.
* NeedMoreWatering: More water is required.
* NotBlossoming: Plant is not blossoming.
* NeedMoreFertilization: More fertilization is required.
* NotBearingFruits: Flowers are not bearing fruit.
* NeedPollination: Pollination is needed.
* YellowLeavesNonDry: Leaves are yellow but not dry.
* OverWatering: The plant is overwatered.
* YellowLeavesDry: Leaves are yellow and dry.
* UnderWatering: The plant is underwatered.
* SlowGrowth: Plant is growing slowly.
* NeedMoreSunlight: More sunlight is needed.

**Creating the Knowledge Base (KB)**

The knowledge base includes logic symbols and their associated rules, represented as complex sentences:

1. General Gardening Rule:

* RightTimePlanting ∧ RegularWatering ∧ Sun ∧ Pollination ⇒ ExpectedGoodYield

1. Problem-Specific Rules:

* ¬SeedsNotGerminating ⇒ NeedMoreWatering
* ¬Blossoming ⇒ NeedMoreFertilization
* ¬BearingFruits ⇒ NeedPollination
* YellowLeavesNonDry ⇒ OverWatering
* YellowLeavesDry ⇒ UnderWatering
* SlowGrowth ⇒ NeedMoreSunlight ∨ NeedMoreWatering

**Propositional Inference on the KB**

The following observations have been reported by the gardener:

* Seeds have germinated (GerminatingSeeds = True).
* Flowers are blossoming (Blossoming = True).
* Flowers are not bearing fruit (BearingFruits = False).
* Leaves are yellow but not dry (YellowDry = False; YellowNonDry = True).
* The plant is growing slowly (SlowGrowth = True).

Based on these observations, we perform propositional inference focusing on watering issues:

*Truth Table for Inference:*

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| **Germinating** | **Blossoming** | **BearingFruits** | **YellowDry** | **YellowNonDry** | **SlowGrowth** | **OverWatering** | **UnderWatering** | **Rule 1** | **Rule 2** |
| True | True | False | False | True | True | True | True | OverWatering holds | Does not hold |
| True | True | False | False | True | True | True | False | OverWatering holds | Rule does not apply |
| True | True | False | False | True | True | False | True | Does not hold | UnderWatering does not hold |
| True | True | False | False | True | True | False | False | Neither rule holds | Neither rule holds |

The inference process revealed that the gardener is overwatering the plants, as evidenced by the presence of yellow, non-dry leaves, which consistently aligns with the outcome where OverWatering = True and UnderWatering = False. This result underscores the effectiveness of the knowledge base, which integrates comprehensive gardening domain knowledge, logic symbol definitions, and structured rules to diagnose common gardening issues. By leveraging this system, a gardening chatbot can provide targeted advice and corrective actions, enhancing the guidance it offers to new gardeners and improving their gardening experience by addressing issues such as overwatering, inadequate pollination, and improper fertilization.