COS30019 Assignment 2 Report

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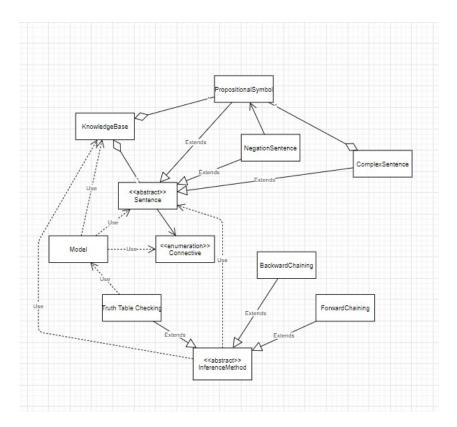
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Features/Bugs/Missing:

Features

For this assignment, I have implemented a propositional inference engine from scratch in C# programming language. The program's structure could be demonstrated in this simplified UML diagram:



The program executes via command line operation, starting with iengine.Bat (the batch file) followed by 2 arguments:

- 1. file name: the text file of the problem
- 2. method: the code of the inference method used by the engine to resolve the problem

For example, to solve the problem in "test1.txt" with Truth Table (code: "TT"), the program must be executed via the following command:

C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt TT

In the program, I implemented a method to parse the problem file as it is passed into the program:

Parser

The sentences then will be constructed based on their complexity, by 4 methods that call each other and themselves: ConstructSentence, Construct, ConstructComplexSentence and ConstructSentenceWithSimilarConns. They all use the partially constructed Knowledge Base to avoid replications of Propositional Symbol added:

```
district Sentence Construct(string stc, string icon, Connective conn,KnowledgeBase kb)
{
    sentence stn;
    string[] parts = stc.Split(icon);
    if ((parts.length > 2)) //if there happens to be more than 2 parts
    {
        iist<string> mults = new List<string>(parts); //store the parts into the list
        string init = mults[0]; //take the first part out
        mults.Remove(init); //remove it from the list
        stn = ConstructSentenceWithSimilarConns(init, comn, mults, kb);
    }
    else
    {
        stn = ConstructComplexSentence(parts[0], conn, parts[1], kb);
    }
    return stn;
}
```

Construct

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static Sentence ConstructComplexSentence(string Lstc, Connective conn, string Rstc, KnowledgeBase kb)
{
    return new ComplexSentence(ConstructSentence(Lstc, kb), conn, ConstructSentence(Rstc, kb));
}
```

ConstructComplexSentence

```
static Sentence ConstructSentenceWithSimilarConns(string initial, Connective conn, List<string> remains, KnowledgeBase kb)

if (remains.Count == 1) //if there is only one item left in the list
{
    return ConstructComplexSentence(initial,conn,remains[0],kb);
}
//take the first item out of the list, and recursively construct a sentence out of them

List<string> newL = new List<string>(remains);

string newI = newL[0];
    newL.Remove(newI);
    return new ComplexSentence(ConstructSentence(initial,kb),conn,ConstructSentenceWithSimilarConns(newI, conn, newL, kb));
}
```

ConstructSentenceWithSimilarConns

After the query and the knowledge base had been set up, I moved on to create the inference methods, each of which will be discussed in the next sections.

Truth Table Checking

The TruthTableChecking class is a child of the abstract class InferenceMethod, which implements the Entails() abstract method of its parent as follows:

This implementation takes the idea from the lecture's given pseudocode. It has a list of propositional symbols from the Knowledge Base and Alpha.

I also checked if the symbol in alpha had already been included in the KB, to avoid reassignment of value in the process.

After the symbols have been collected, the program will begin to check the table with the TTCheckAll() method. It will take 4 arguments: The Knowledge Base, the query (alpha), the symbol list and a Model – whose function will be discussed later.

TTCheckAll()

```
private Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool> _assignments;
public Model()
{
    _assignments = new Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool>();
}
public Model(Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool> asm)
{
    _assignments = new Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool>(asm);
}
public Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool> Assignment
{
    get
    {
        return _assignments;
    }
}
```

Model class

A model simply consists of a Dictionary with Propositional Symbols as Keys and Boolean Values as Values.

The method would first check if the list of symbols is empty or not. If it is not, then TTCheckAll will be called recursively, with the model now has been assigned the first symbol in the list and a Boolean value as a new Key – Value pair via Union() method; the rest of the symbols will now be the new list.

```
public Model Union(PropositionalSymbol p, bool b)
{
    Model m = new Model(_assignments);
    if(m.Assignment.ContainsKey(p))
    {
        m.Assignment[p] = b;
    }
    else
    {
        m.Assignment.Add(p, b);
    }
    return m;
}
```

Model.Union()

If all the symbols have been assigned a value, the method will then check if the Knowledge Base is true to that model.

```
public bool IsTrue(KnowledgeBase kb)
{
    foreach(Sentence s in kb.Sentences)
    {
        if [!IsTrue(s)]
        {
            return false;
        }
     }
     return true;
}
```

PL_IsTrue?(KB)

Each sentence in the Knowledge Base will be checked based on their connectives:

Is the model true to Sentence "s"?

Implementation done, I moved on to test the method with the given text file test1.txt:

The result for query "d" is true, "d" is entailed from the KB as it is true in all models (in this case: 3) that the KB is true:

```
C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt TT
Solving test1.txt with Truth Table
TELL
p2=>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2;
ASK
d
RESULT: YES: 3
C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>
```

Forward Chaining

Forward Chaining only works with Horn Form Knowledge Base – Knowledge Base that is formed entirely by Horn Form Clauses.

The method initiates with a count table – a table indicating the number of propositional symbols in each sentence's premise from the Knowledge Base.

```
protected Dictionary<Sentence, int> MakeCountTable(KnowledgeBase kb)
{
    Dictionary<Sentence, int> count = new Dictionary<Sentence, int>();
    foreach (Sentence s in kb.Sentences)
    {
        if [[!s.IsInHornForm()]]
        {
            Console.WriteLine("KB must be formed by Horn clauses!");
            Environment.Exit(1);
        }
        else
        {
            count.Add(s, s.GetSymbols().Count - 1);
        }
    }
    return count;
}
```

Make Count Table

```
public bool IsInformform()

if(this is PropositionalSymbol)

return true;

else if (GetConnective() -- Connective.EMPLICATION)//if this is implication sontence

{
    fif(((this as ComplexSentence).ESentence is PropositionalSymbol)) //right sentence must be a propositional symbol

    return false;

if ((this as ComplexSentence).ISentence is PropositionalSymbol)//left sentence is either a propositional symbol...

return true;

else //...or conjunction of propositional symbols

{
    isticConnective Lconn - (this as ComplexSentence).LSentence.GetConnectives();
    foreach (Connective con in Lconnective)

    {
        if (conn !- Connective con in Lconnective MO)
        {
            return false;
        }
        }

else //if this is disjunction of negation sentences and exactly one propositional symbol

foreach (Connective con in GetConnectives())

{
        if (con !- Connective OR && con !- Connective MOT)
        {
            return false;
        }
        int count - 0;
        foreach (Connective OR && con !- Connective MOT)
        {
            return false;
        }
        int count - 0;
        foreach (Sentence simplers in GetUnarySentences())
        {
            return false;
        }
        if (count > 1) //there could only be one unary sentence that is not a negation sentence
        return false;
        }
        if (count - 0) //if there are all negation sentences, the overall sentence is not in born form
        return false;
    }
}
```

Is the sentence in Horn Form?

Next, create an inferred dictionary, initially false for all symbols in the Knowledge Base:

```
public Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool> MakeInferredTable(KnowledgeBase kb)
{
    Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool> inferred = new Dictionary<PropositionalSymbol, bool>();
    foreach (PropositionalSymbol p in kb.GetSymbols())
    {
        inferred.Add(p, false);
    }
    return inferred;
}
```

Make Inferred Table

After that, create an agenda list, which consists of propositional symbols that are considered "known" in the Knowledge Base:

```
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protected List<PropositionalSymbol> InitAgenda(Dictionary<Sentence,int> count)
{
   List<PropositionalSymbol> agd = new List<PropositionalSymbol>();
   foreach(Sentence s in count.Keys)
   {
        //if that sentence is a propositional symbol, add it to the agenda list
        if(count[s]==0)
        {
            agd.Add(s as PropositionalSymbol);
        }
    }
    return agd;
}
```

InitAgenda

Finally, create another dictionary that has:

Keys: a propositional symbol

Values: Lists of sentences that have their key in the premises.

InitializeInPremiseList

All items needed for the method have been created, the inference could be carried out:

```
C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt FC
Solving test1.txt with Forward Chaining
TELL
p2=>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2;
ASK
d
RESULT: YES: a, b, p2, p3, p1, d,
C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>_
```

Result from the terminal

Backward Chaining

This inference Method also used a count and an inferred table, as well as an agenda like in the Forward Chaining method. The difference is that it uses a dictionary that has keys as propositional symbols, and values as lists of sentences that have the keys as their conclusions.

```
private Dictionary@ropositionalSymbol, List<sentence>> InitializeConclusionList(Dictionary@ropositionalSymbol, bool) inferred, Dictionary@sentence, int> count)

Dictionary@ropositionalSymbol, List<sentence>> pasConclusion = new Dictionary@ropositionalSymbol, List<sentence>>();

foreach (@ropositionalSymbol, p. inferred.Keys) //for each propositional symbol in the inferred list

("ListContence>> sentencedlibpOsconclusion = new ListScientence>(); //list of sentences that has "p" as conclusion

foreach (Sentence s in count.Keys) //for each sentence

("if (count[s]>0) //if the sentence is a complex sentence

("if (cs.GetConnective() == Connective.IMPLICATION)

("if((s as ComplexSentence>).Esentence == p)

{
    sentencewithPAsConclusion.Add(s);
}
}
else

("if (s.GetUnarySentences().Contains(p))

{
    sentencewithPAsConclusion.Add(s);
}
//mad "p" and its conclusion list to the dictionary
pasConclusion.Add(p, sentenceWithPAsConclusion);
}
return pasConclusion.
```

InitializeConclusionList

```
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Main part of the method

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```

Result from terminal

Research/Extension:

Since my work for this assignment is entirely individual, I am not able to develop extra inference method, however, I have partially extended the Truth Table method so that it could work with all connectives.

One thing lacked is that my program could not form sentences with brackets, yet the program could still calculate the Boolean value of a sentence considering its connectives' order of precedence.

Also, Forward Chaining and Backward Chaining could not only work with Horn Clauses in the form of *(conjunction of propositional symbols) => propositional symbols* but also effective to the clauses in the form of *disjunction of literals in which exactly one is positive*.

Test Cases:

test1.txt – Given Horn Form KB test case

Truth Table	<pre>C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt TT Solving test1.txt with Truth Table TELL 22>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2; ASK it RESULT: YES: 3</pre>
Forward Chaining	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt FC Solving test1.txt with Forward Chaining TELL p2=>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2; ASK d RESULT: YES: a, b, p2, p3, p1, d,
Backward Chaining	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test1.txt BC Solving test1.txt with Backward Chaining TELL p2=>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2; ASK d RESULT: YES: p2, p3, p1, d,

test2.txt – Disjunction of Literals Horn Form test case

Truth Table	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test2.txt TT Solving test2.txt with Truth Table TELL
Forward Chaining	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test2.txt FC Solving test2.txt with Forward Chaining TELL
Backward Chaining	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test2.txt BC Solving test2.txt with Backward Chaining TELL \(\tap2 \propsime p3 \propsime p \propsime p \rangle p3 \rangle p \

test3.txt – Lecture 7's example for Forward Chaining and Backward Chaining

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Truth Table	<pre>C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test3.txt TT Solving test3.txt with Truth Table TELL p=>q;l&m=>p;b&l=>m;a&p=>l;a&b=>l;a;b; ASK q RESULT: YES: 1</pre>	
Forward Chaining	<pre>C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test3.txt FC Solving test3.txt with Forward Chaining TELL p=>q;1&m=>p;b&l=>m;a&p=>l;a&b=>l;a;b; ASK q RESULT: YES: a, b, l, m, p, q,</pre>	
Backward Chaining	<pre>C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test3.txt BC Solving test3.txt with Backward Chaining TELL p=>q;1&m=>p;b&l=>m;a&p=>l;a&b=>l;a;b; ASK q RESULT: YES: a, b, l, m, p, q,</pre>	

test4.txt – Extra Horn Form KB test case

Truth Table	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.8at test4.txt TT Solving test4.txt with Truth Table TELL p1&p2&p3&p4&p5&p6&p7->p8:p1&p3&p4&p6&p7&p8->p9:p6&p7&p4&p5&p9->p10;p13&p12&p11->p14;p11&p12&p4&p5&p10->p13;p11&p1&p4&p5& 96->p12;p1&p2&p6&p8&p10->p11;p1&p2&p6&p8->p;p1;p2;p3;p4;p5;p6;p7; ASK 214 RESULT: YES: 1
Forward Chaining	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.8at test4.txt FC Solving test4.txt with Forward Chaining TELL p18p28p38p48p58p68p7=>p8;p18p38p48p68p78p8=>p9;p68p78p48p58p9=>p10;p138p128p11=>p14;p118p128p48p58p10=>p13;p118p18p48p58 p6=>p12;p18p28p68p88p10=>p11;p18p28p68p8=>p;p1;p2;p3;p4;p5;p6;p7; ASK p14 RESULT: YES: p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, p7, p8, p9, p, p10, p11, p12, p13, p14,

Backward	C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test4.txt BC Solving test4.txt with Backward Chaining
Chaining	TELL p18p2&p3&p4&p5&p6&p7=>p8;p1&p3&p4&p6&p7&p8=>p9;p6&p7&p4&p5&p9=>p10;p13&p12&p11=>p14;p11&p12&p4&p5&p10=>p13;p11&p1&p4&p5& p6=>p12;p1&p2&p6&p8&p10=>p11;p1&p2&p6&p8=>p;p1;p2;p3;p4;p5;p6;p7;
	ASK p14 RESULT: YES: p1, p2, p6, p3, p4, p5, p7, p8, p9, p10, p11, p12, p13, p14,

test5.txt - Partially Generic KB test case (works only with Truth Table)

```
Truth Table

C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine.Bat test5.txt TT

Solving test5.txt with Truth Table

TELL

~p11;b11<=>p12|p21;b21<=>p11|p22|p31;~b11;b21;

ASK

~p21

RESULT: YES: 3
```

Notes

I have compiled the C# source code after the coding process is finished, so that the installation of .NET Core is not necessary for execution, the command line operation is now:

iengine <filename> <method>

```
C:\Users\Duy Anh\Desktop\Assignment2>iengine test1.txt FC
Solving test1.txt with Forward Chaining
TELL
p2=>p3;p3=>p1;c=>e;b&e=>f;f&g=>h;p1=>d;p1&p3=>c;a;b;p2;
ASK
d
RESULT: YES: a, b, p2, p3, p1, d,
```

Acknowledgement/Resources:

- http://aima.cs.berkeley.edu/: The page to the textbook used in the unit. It helps me with understanding the fundamentals of propositional logic and inference methods.
- https://github.com/aimacode: This website provides sample codes for problems mentioned in the textbook. Though its implementations are all in Java and is way too completed for application into a logical agent, it is a good starting point for me to get ideas on how to construct classes.