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From the last lesson

Limitations of problem solving problems

- Search systems are very efficient at solving problems that can be formalised by:
 - an initial state, actions and final state (or final states).
- but they are not able to solve problems that require **reasoning based on knowledge about the *world*.**
 - Because their *model of the world* is poor and their thinking is limited
 - e.g. medical diagnostics, expert systems in general,...
 - even in cases that are (apparently) solvable by search (using planning), it may be necessary to add explicit knowledge.

From the last lesson **Logic**

- Axioms: initial set of logical formulae
- Theorems: formulae derived from axioms and/or theorems (semantic consequences)
- Inference Rules: set of derivation rules
 - *Modus ponens* $\{ (A \text{ se } B), B \} \vdash A$ (*sound*- valid)
 - *Modus tollens* $\{ (A \text{ se } B), \neg A \} \vdash \neg B$ (*sound*- valid)
 - *Modus mistakens* $\{ (A \text{ se } B), A \} \vdash B$ (*unsound* – not valid)
- Inference system: union of axioms and derivation rules R
- Proof: sequence $\langle s_1, s_2, \dots \rangle$ of s_i that are axioms or are derivations using R and a subset of the members of the sequence that precede s_i ;
 - The sequence is a proof for s_n (derivation or deduction)
- Theory: union of the axioms and all the theorems derived using R
 - It is said to be consistent if there is no formula s such that, in theory T , there exists s and $\neg s$
- **None of these considerations take meaning into account!**
Only syntactic structure!!!

Knowledge representation

- Knowledge and Reasoning;
- Logic;
- **Logic programming;**
- **Knowledge-Based Systems.**

Logic Programming

- Logic Programming is a computer formalism that combines 2 basic principles:
 1. Uses logic to represent knowledge
(representation of assumptions and conclusions)
 1. Use Inference to manipulate knowledge
(establish logical relationships between assumptions and conclusions)
(mechanising proof procedures; reasoning)

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- Horn's Clause (clausal notation of first-order logic)
 - It's a restricted version of Predicative Calculus
 - It's a well-formed formula
 - All formulas are universally quantified
 - All formulas are closed
 - Logical formulae only allow 1 term in the positive disjunction of literals

Horn clauses

○

$\neg q \vee p_j$

○ where

$i \geq 0$

$0 \leq j \leq 1$

- Reasoning:
 - A set of linked thoughts
 - Linking facts that lead to a conclusion
 - A mixture of the previous 2



- Reasoning:

1. ...
2. Logical train of thought
3. ...
4. [LOGIC] Discursive operation of thought by which we conclude that one or more propositions (premises) imply the truth (...) of another proposition (conclusion).

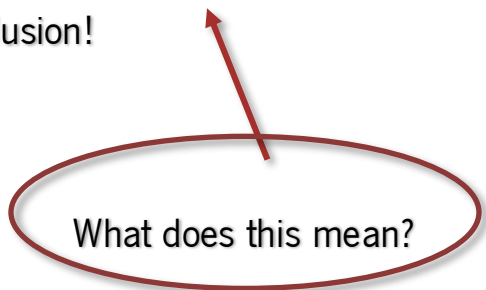
(in Dicionário da Língua Portuguesa, Porto Editora)



- Three men, António, Belmiro and Carlos, are Dulce, Eduarda and Filipa's spouses.
- We don't know who is married to whom.
- Their backgrounds are in engineering, law and medicine.
- We don't know who does what.
- Based on the data below, find out the name of each wife and the profession of each man:
 - The doctor is married to Filipa;
 - Carlos is a lawyer;
 - Eduarda is not married to Carlos;
 - Belmiro is not a doctor.

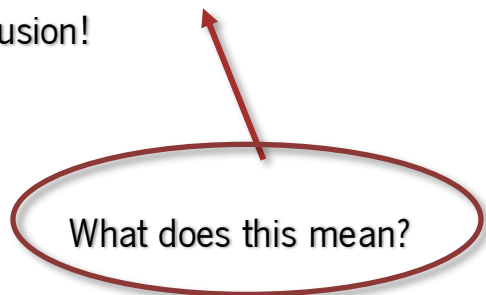
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- In order for the conclusion to be accepted, it is necessary to explain the reasoning mechanism applied, i.e. the **process of inference**.

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$$\{ (A \text{ if } B), \neg A \} \vdash \neg B$$

- which makes it possible to develop a **mechanism of proof by contradiction**.

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- Modus tollens inference rule, with B = true

$$\{ (A \text{ se } B), \neg A \} \vdash \neg B$$

$$\{ (A \text{ se } \forall), \neg A \} \vdash \neg \forall$$

$$\{ A, \neg A \} \vdash \text{F}$$

$$\{ A, \neg A \} \vdash \square$$

Resolution Algorithm Application example

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Consider the programme \mathcal{P} shown opposite

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You want to know if José is João's father

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Abandoning the first clause, the second is taken as an alternative to continue the development of the (tree of) proof;

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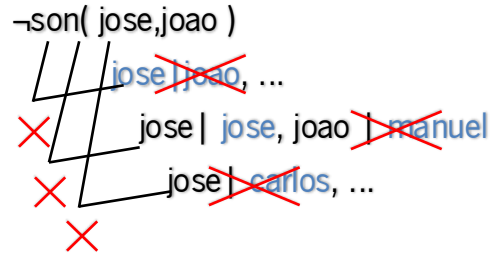
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Also abandoning the second clause, the third (and last) is taken as an alternative to give continuity to the development of the (tree of) proof

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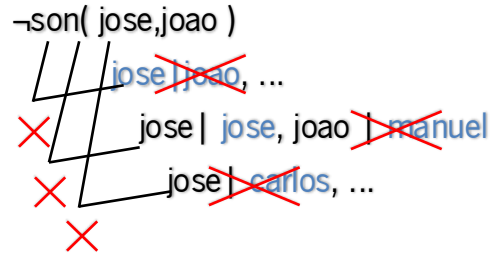
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As there are no more clauses in the son/2 predicate that can be considered as alternatives in the (proof) tree, the procedure of applying the resolution algorithm ends without reaching any contradiction

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This means that the initial question doesn't generate any contradiction at \mathcal{P} , so it's false.

Resolution Algorithm Application example (IV)

$\neg \text{son}(X, \text{jose})$

What is the meaning of this question?

Develop the evidence tree for this question

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factorial(0,1):-!
factorial(N,F):-N1 is N-1,factorial(N1,F1),F is N*F1.

Let's see what happens when you call ?- factorial(3,F).

F=6

~~factorial(0,1)~~ failure

factorial(3,F):-N1 ← 3-1,factorial(2,F1) , F is 3*2. success (w/ F ← 6)

~~factorial(0,1)~~ failure

factorial(2,F):-N1 ← 2-1,factorial(1,F1) , F is 2*1. success (w/ F ← 2)

~~factorial(0,1)~~ failure

factorial(1,F):-N1 ← 1-1,factorial(0,F1) , F is 1*1. success (w/ F ← 1)

1)

factorial(0,1):-!. success

- These are systems that
 - They use explicitly represented knowledge to solve complex problems;
 - They manipulate knowledge and information;
 - They have "encrusted" the ability to reason:
 - The ability to define a set of steps for efficiently solving a problem;
 - The very mechanism of inference is knowledge.

Knowledge-Based Systems

Level of Expertise

ACQUISITION

natural language

Logic Level

FORMALISATION

**language of
language
knowledge**

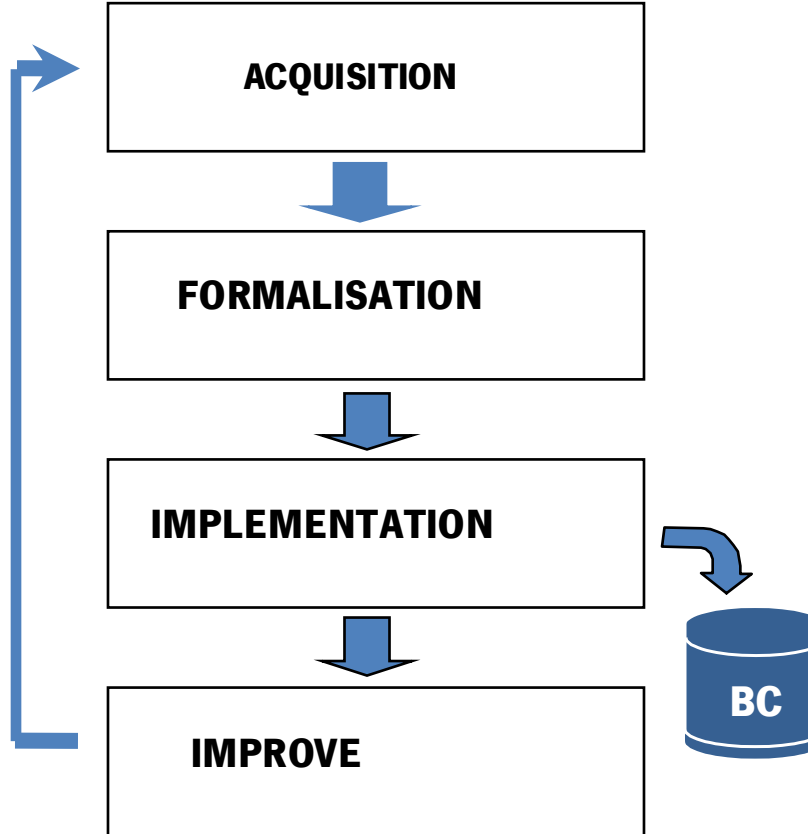
**Level of
Implementation**

IMPLEMENTATION

**languages
programme**

IMPROVE

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▪ Deduction

- facts + inference rules \Rightarrow new facts
- cause \rightarrow effect
 - If there is fire (cause), there is smoke (effect). There's fire here, so there's smoke here (new fact)
- It's the only type of inference that holds true
 - *truth-preserving*

▪ Abduction

- reverse deduction: from effect to cause
 - If there's smoke, there's fire. I saw smoke (effect), so there's fire here (cause)
- This type of inference maintains the falsehood
- We have generated a possible explanation that will have to be proven

Types of Reasoning

▪ Induction

- part of the facts to generate (new) rules
 - fact1 + fact2 + fact3 \rightarrow rule!
 - ex. Mr Joaquim, like Mrs Isabel, has the flu and a headache, so everyone who has the flu has a headache
- It transforms facts (knowledge in extension) into knowledge in the form of a hypothesis!

▪ Analogue

- facts + similarities + adaptation rules
- from facts, from the similarity between them, solves the problem without generating rules
 - e.g.: In the previous case of flu, I took an aspirin and it didn't work, so I'm not going to take aspirin in this similar case

Reasoning in practice

- Deduction and Abduction
 - They are used in knowledge-based agents
- Induction and Analogy
 - They are used in machine learning
- Deduction: there are two large groups
 - Logic and the like
 - Treatment of uncertainty (e.g. probabilistic or *fuzzy*)

SWI-Prolog - A Free Software Prolog environment, licensed under the Lesser GNU public licence. This popular interpreter was developed by Jan Wielemaker. This is the interpreter we used while developing this book.

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/>

SICStus Prolog - Industrial strength Prolog environment from the Swedish Institute of Computer Science.

<http://www.sics.se/sicstus/>

GNU Prolog - Another more widely used free Prolog compiler developed by Daniel Diaz. <http://www.gprolog.org>

YAP Prolog - A Prolog compiler developed at the University of Porto and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Free for use in academic environments.

<http://www.ncc.up.pt/~vsc/Yap/>

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