

Mini Expert System Report - University Logic Rules System

Introduction

This report presents a mini expert system that implements logical reasoning using implication rules ($P \rightarrow Q$) to validate various university policies and procedures. The system tests five different rules and logs all results to a CSV file for analysis.

Rules Tested

1. Attendance Rule

- Logic: If a student is late (P), then they must provide an excuse letter (Q)
- Implementation: $P \rightarrow Q$ where P = "student is late" and Q = "excuse letter provided"
- Purpose: Ensures students follow proper procedures when arriving late to class
- Outcome: Rule is satisfied when students either arrive on time or provide proper documentation for tardiness

2. Grading Rule

- Logic: If a student's grade is ≥ 75 (P), then the student passes (Q)
- Implementation: $P \rightarrow Q$ where both P and Q evaluate the same condition ($\text{grade} \geq 75$)
 - Purpose: Validates the university's passing grade requirement
 - Outcome: Demonstrates the basic pass/fail logic based on numerical grades

3. Login System Rule

- Logic: If the password is correct (P), then access is granted (Q)
- Implementation: $P \rightarrow Q$ where P = "password matches 'admin123'" and Q = "access granted"
 - Purpose: Simulates a basic authentication system
 - Outcome: Access control based on credential verification

4. Bonus Points Rule

- Logic: If a student has regular attendance (P), then they are eligible for bonus points (Q)
- Implementation: $P \rightarrow Q$ where P = "regular attendance" and Q = "bonus eligible"
 - Purpose: Rewards students for consistent attendance
 - Outcome: Incentivizes good attendance behavior through bonus point eligibility

5. Library Borrowing Rule (New Rule)

- Logic: If a student has a valid ID AND all library fees are paid (P), then they are allowed to borrow books (Q)
- Implementation: $P \rightarrow Q$ where P = "valid_id AND fees_paid" and Q = "allowed to borrow"
 - Purpose: Ensures library resources are available only to eligible students
 - Outcome: Combines multiple conditions to determine borrowing privileges

Description of the New Library Rule

The Library Borrowing Rule was added to demonstrate a more complex logical condition that requires multiple prerequisites. This rule implements the following logic:

Rule Definition: Students can borrow library books only if they have both a valid student ID and have paid all outstanding library fees.

Technical Implementation:

- Uses compound boolean logic: `P = valid_id AND fees_paid`
- Applies implication: `If (valid ID AND fees paid) → then (allowed to borrow)`
- Both conditions must be true for the rule to grant borrowing privileges

Real-world Application:

This rule reflects common library policies where:

1. Valid identification ensures only enrolled students access resources
2. Paid fees ensure students are in good standing with the library
3. Both conditions together maintain library security and financial accountability

System Behavior:

- If both conditions are met: "Allowed to borrow ✓"
- If either condition fails: "Not allowed to borrow ✗"
- All results are logged with timestamp and student name for administrative tracking

System Features

Data Management

- CSV Logging: All rule evaluations are automatically logged with timestamps
- File Organization: Results are moved to a dedicated `data/` folder upon exit
- Duplicate Prevention: Timestamped filenames prevent data loss when multiple sessions occur

User Interface

- Menu-driven System: Clear navigation through numbered options
- Input Validation: Handles various input formats and provides error feedback
- Result Display: Shows logical variables and outcomes in readable format

Technical Architecture

The system uses Python's logical operators to implement propositional logic:

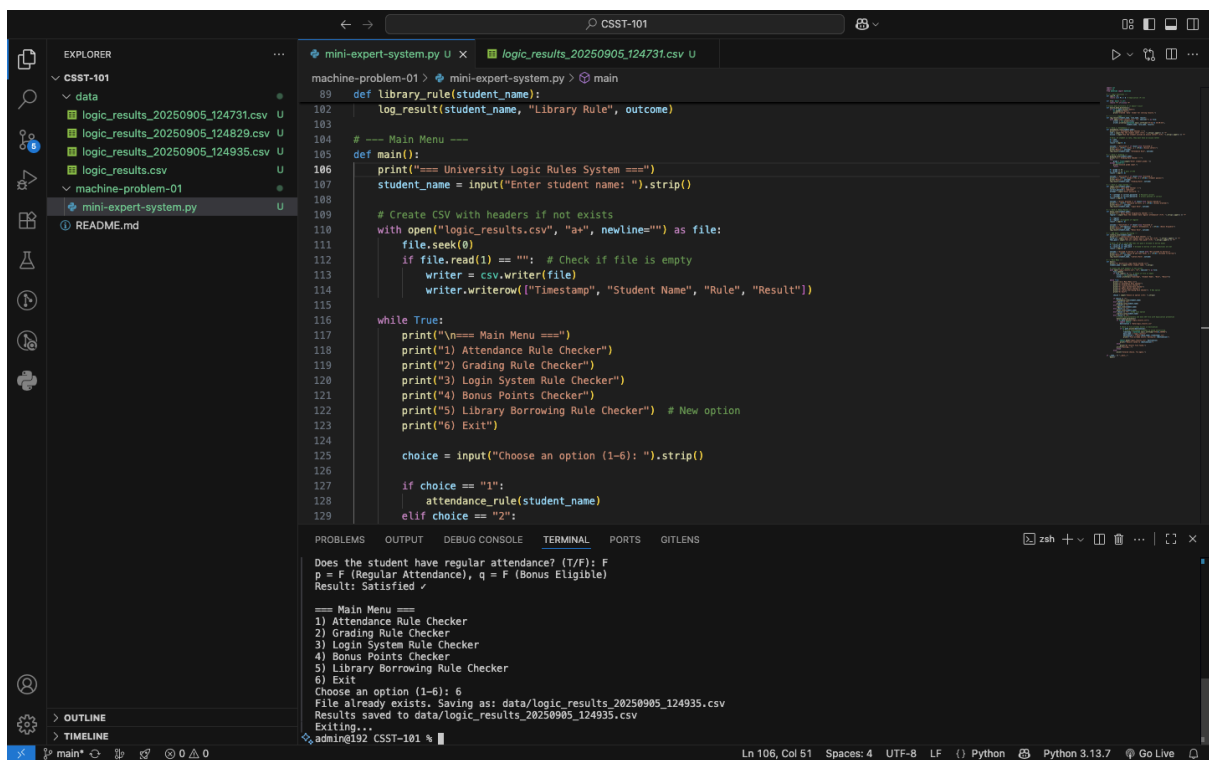
- Implication Function: `impl(P, Q) = (not P) or Q`
- Truth Value Display: `tf(b)` converts boolean values to "T"/"F" format
- Modular Design: Each rule is implemented as a separate function for maintainability

Conclusion

This mini expert system successfully demonstrates the practical application of logical reasoning in automated decision-making. The five implemented rules cover various university scenarios, from attendance policies to resource access control. The new Library Borrowing Rule specifically showcases how complex institutional policies can be encoded using compound logical conditions, making the system more representative of real-world expert systems used in educational institutions.

The logging and file management features ensure that all decisions are traceable and auditable, which is essential for administrative purposes and system transparency.

Demonstration:



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mini-expert-system.py X logic_results_20250905_124731.csv U
machine-problem-01 > mini-expert-system.py > main
89 def library_rule(student_name):
102     log_result(student_name, "Library Rule", outcome)
103
104 # --- Main Menu ---
105 def main():
106     print("=== University Logic Rules System ===")
107     student_name = input("Enter student name: ").strip()
108
109     # Create CSV with headers if not exists
110     with open("logic_results.csv", "a+", newline="") as file:
111         file.seek(0)
112         if file.read(1) == "": # Check if file is empty
113             writer = csv.writer(file)
114             writer.writerow(["Timestamp", "Student Name", "Rule", "Result"])
115
116     while True:
117         print("\n=== Main Menu ===")
118         print("1) Attendance Rule Checker")
119         print("2) Grading Rule Checker")
120         print("3) Login System Rule Checker")
121         print("4) Bonus Points Checker")
122         print("5) Library Borrowing Rule Checker") # New option
123         print("6) Exit")
124
125         choice = input("Choose an option (1-6): ").strip()
126
127         if choice == "1":
128             attendance_rule(student_name)
129         elif choice == "2":
130             grading_rule(student_name)
131         elif choice == "3":
132             login_rule(student_name)
133         elif choice == "4":
134             bonus_rule(student_name)
135         elif choice == "5":
136             library_rule(student_name)
137         elif choice == "6":
138             break
139
140 if __name__ == "__main__":
141     main()
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Does the student have regular attendance? (T/F): F
p = F (Regular Attendance), q = F (Bonus Eligible)
Result: Satisfied ✓

=== Main Menu ===
1) Attendance Rule Checker
2) Grading Rule Checker
3) Login System Rule Checker
4) Bonus Points Checker
5) Library Borrowing Rule Checker
6) Exit
Choose an option (1-6): 6
File already exists. Saving as: data/logic_results_20250905_124935.csv
Results saved to data/logic_results_20250905_124935.csv
Exiting...
admin@192 CSST-101 %
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