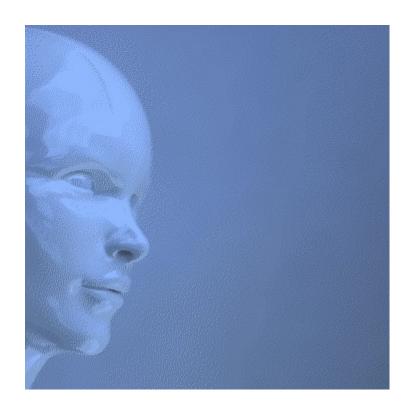
# Scientific challenge:

Beat the simplest results of my Controlled Natural Language (CNL) reasoner



#### Introduction

Everything in nature is bound by natural laws, and proceeds according to natural laws. However, scientists are unable – or unwilling – to define intelligence as a set of natural laws (while I succeeded). Not being based on laws of nature, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not an artificial implementation of natural intelligence. Therefore, AI is not a fundamental science, but a field of engineering.

A <u>fundamental science</u> delivers generic solutions, while a field of engineering is limited to specific solutions to specific problems. And engineered solutions are limited to perform routine tasks. So, being a field of engineering, AI is limited to perform routine tasks.

However, it is possible to uplift this field of engineering towards a fundamental science, similar to the field of electromagnetism, which is based on laws of nature. Thanks to research on the natural laws of electromagnetism, we are able to close the loop for electricity, magnetism, light and movement. As a result, we are able to apply these conversions to daily life. We are able:

- to convert electricity to magnetism, and to convert magnetism back to electricity;
- to convert electricity to light, and to convert light back to electricity;
- to convert electromagnetism to movement, and movement back to electromagnetism.

I am using <u>fundamental science / basic research</u> (logic and laws of nature) instead of <u>cognitive science</u> (simulation of behavior), because:

- Autonomous reasoning requires both natural intelligence and natural language;
- Intelligence and language are natural phenomena;
- Natural phenomena obey laws of nature;
- Laws of nature and logic are investigated using fundamental science.

By defining <u>intelligence</u> as a set of natural laws – and researching <u>Laws of Intelligence that</u> <u>are naturally found in the Human Language</u> – I am able to close the loop for natural intelligence and natural language, which extends <u>Aristotelian Logic</u>. As a result, my system is able:

- to convert readable sentences with a limited grammar to a logic that isn't described by scientists yet;
- to autonomously derive new knowledge from previously unknown knowledge, using my extended logic;
- and to express the derived knowledge in readable and autonomously word by word constructed sentences, with a limited grammar.

The logical rules of my autonomous reasoner are (almost) language-independent. So, I can add any language, just by configuring my reasoner for this new language, and a little programming. As such, my reasoner is already able to read, to autonomously reason and to autonomously write the derived knowledge in <a href="English">English</a>, <a href="Spanish">Spanish</a>, <a href="French">French</a>, <a href="Dutch">Dutch</a> and <a href="Chinese">Chinese</a>, while scientists are unable to develop a proper multilingual reasoner.

Through this document, I defy anyone to beat the simplest results of my <u>Controlled Natural Language</u> (CNL) reasoner in a generic way: from Controlled Natural Language, through algorithms, back to Controlled Natural Language, in multiple languages, without programmed knowledge, without human-written output sentences, and without the use of extensive words lists.

Of course, this reasoner is available free of charge, and published as open source software.

### **Autonomous reasoning**

Autonomous reasoning requires both <u>natural intelligence</u> and <u>natural language</u>. Without knowing, <u>Aristotle</u> applied natural intelligence to natural language roughly 2,400 years ago:

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> Given: "All men are mortal."
> Given: "Socrates is a man."
• Logical conclusion:
< "Socrates is mortal."</li>
```

Roughly 200 years ago, such reasoning constructions were formalized through <u>Predicate Logic</u>. And since the start of this century, these reasoning constructions are implemented in software through <u>Controlled Natural Language</u> (CNL) reasoners. CNL reasoners are able to autonomously derive new knowledge from previously unknown knowledge, and to express the derived knowledge in readable sentences (with a limited grammar).

### **Problem description 1: Reasoning in the past tense**

The reasoning example mentioned above was true during the life of <u>Socrates</u>. But now, after the ultimate proof of his morality – his death in the year 399 BC – we should use the past tense form:

```
> Given: "All men are mortal."
> Given: "Socrates was a man."
• Logical conclusion:
< "Socrates was mortal."</li>
```

The tense of a verb tells us about the state of the involved statement:

- "Socrates is a man" tells us that Socrates is still alive;
- "Socrates was a man" tells us that Socrates is no more among the living.

### In regard to the conclusion:

- "Socrates is mortal" tells us that the death of Socrates is inevitable, but that his mortality isn't proven yet by hard evidence;
- "Socrates was mortal" tells us that his mortality is proven by hard evidence.

In the past 2,400 years, scientists have "forgotten" to define algebra for the past tense. So, reasoning in the past tense form is not described in any scientific paper, while it is implemented in my CNL reasoner.

# **Problem description 2: Possessive reasoning**

Also possessive reasoning – reasoning using possessive verb "has/have" – is not supported by predicate logic (algebra):

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> Given: "Paul is a son of John."
Logical conclusion:
"John has a son, called Paul."
Or the other way around:
> Given: "John has a son, called Paul."
Logical conclusion:
"Paul is a son of John."
```

Why doesn't predicate logic (algebra) support possessive reasoning in a natural way? Why should any predicate – that can't be expressed using verb "is/are" in the present tense – be described in an artificial way, like has\_son(john,paul)? Why is algebra still not equipped for natural language, after those centuries of scientific research?

# **Problem description 3: Generation of questions**

Algebra describes the Exclusive OR (XOR) function, while <u>CNL reasoners</u> don't implement its linguistic equivalent: conjunction "or". CNL reasoners are therefore unable to generate the following question:

```
> Given: "Every person is a man or a woman."
> Given: "Addison is a person."
• Logical question:
< "Is Addison a man or a woman?"</li>
```

Everything in nature is connected. However, it seems as if linguists and mathematicians have never wondered how their respective fields are connected. Because almost 2400 years after <u>Aristotle</u>, scientists haven't made any progress in understanding the <u>Logic of Language</u>.

In my experience, linguists, philosophers and mathematicians are unable to understand the Logic of Language, while the Logic of Language is about <u>natural intelligence</u> that is naturally found in for example <u>natural language</u>.

Like a programming language, also natural language has structure words and variables. The structure words of language – which in this document are printed in blue – have a naturally intelligent, logical, structure-providing function in language. The following structure words of language will be illustrated in this challenge document:

Possessive verb "has/have" (Block 1, Block 2 and Block 3), past tense verbs "was/were" and "had" (Block 4), conjunction "or" (Block 5) and definite article "the" (Block 6).

# **Generally accepted workaround**

The generally accepted workaround in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and knowledge technology (NLP), to enter knowledge containing verb "have", is to program it directly into a reasoner, like: has\_son(john,paul). However, this is **not** a generic solution (=science), but a specific solution to a specific problem (=engineering). Because it requires to program each and every noun directly into the reasoner (has\_daughter, has\_father, has\_mother, and so on), and for each and every new language. As a consequence, there is no technique available to convert a sentence like "Paul is a son of John" to "John has a son, called Paul" in a generic way – from natural language, through an algorithm, to natural language – by which noun "son" and proper nouns "Paul" and "John" don't have to be programmed into the reasoner. It is just the first example of this challenge (see Block 1).

Below, a contribution I received from a student, in an attempt to solve this problem. With his permission, his Excel implementation for the English language:

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= IF(ISERROR(SEARCH("has a";A1));MID(A1;SEARCH("of";A1)+3;999) & " has a" & IF(ISERROR(SEARCH("is an";A1));" ";"n ") & MID(SUBSTITUTE(A1;"is an";"is a");SEARCH("is a";SUBSTITUTE(A1;"is an";"is a"))+5;SEARCH("of"; SUBSTITUTE(A1;"is an";is a"))-SEARCH("is";SUBSTITUTE(A1;"is an";is a"))-6) & " called " & LEFT(A1;SEARCH("is";SUBSTITUTE(A1;"is an";is a"))-1);MID(SUBSTITUTE(A1;"has an";inas a");SEARCH("called";SUBSTITUTE(A1;inas an";inas a"))+7;999) & " is a" & IF(ISERROR(SEARCH("has an";A1));" ";"n ") & MID(SUBSTITUTE(A1;inas an";inas a");SEARCH("has an";inas an";inas a"))+6;SEARCH("called";SUBSTITUTE(A1;inas an";inas an"
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This solution doesn't check for word types, as explained in paragraph 1.6.2. The function of word types in reasoning of my fundamental document. Besides that, this logic needs to be copied for each language, while a generic solution has only one logical implementation. Moreover, this implementation can't be expanded to process for example multiple specifications words, like in: "Paul is a son of John and Anna" or "John has two sons, called Paul and Joe". So, this implementation is not flexible. Therefore, it is not generic, and thus not scientific.

The field of AI and NLP is "inspired by nature". But it has no foundation in nature. Therefore, this field is limited to deliver specific solutions to specific problems (=engineering), like Excel implementation mentioned above. However, this challenge is about uplifting this field of engineering towards a <u>fundamental science</u>, by developing generic solutions, based on a foundation in nature, like I am developing:

My fundamental approach shows that verb "has/have" is complementary to verb "is/are". So, verb "has/have" can also be used in predicate logic. In order to utilize the naturally intelligent function of non-keywords (structure words), I have defined natural intelligence first. Then I have identified a few Laws of Intelligence that are naturally found in the Human Language. And by implementing these laws of nature as a set of structuring algorithms is my system able to structure the knowledge of the system autonomously.

# The rules of this challenge

- There are 6 blocks to beat the most basic techniques of my system. Your implementation should deliver the results of at least one block listed below;
- Your implementation should not have any prior knowledge. Instead, it should derive
  its knowledge from the input sentences of the examples listed below, from natural
  language, through an algorithm, to natural language;
- Preferable: The nouns and proper nouns of the listed examples are unknown upfront. (I use grammar definitions and an algorithm instead of a words list);
- Your implementation should be implemented as generic as can be, in such a way that
  all examples of this challenge can be integrated into one single system. The
  screenshots of my CNL reasoner illustrate how multiple reasoning constructions
  reinforce each other. At the end of each block, a screenshot is added to illustrate how
  my software handles the examples of this challenge;
- Your implementation should be published as open source software, so that its functionality is transparent. My software is published as <u>open source software</u> too;
- Your implementation should be accepted by a scientific committee (conference or journal);
- In case your results are slightly different, you need to explain why you have chosen differently;
- It is an on-going challenge, until all blocks have been scientifically accepted;
- I am the jury.

#### Your rewards

- A small gesture from me: € 500 for each scientifically accepted block. So, € 3,000 in total, for all 6 blocks;
- You will be the first one to have described in a scientifically accepted way, the logic of language that I have discovered.

You can contact me via LinkedIn.

### **Block 1: Direct conversions**

#### **Definition 1:**

```
"{proper noun 1} is a/an/the {singular noun} of {proper noun 2}"
equals to
"{proper noun 2} has a/an {singular noun}, called {proper noun 1}"
```

### **Examples:**

```
Variables: proper noun 1 = "Paul", proper noun 2 = "John", singular noun = "son"
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- > Given: "Paul is a son of John."
- •
- Generated conclusion:
- < "John has a son, called Paul."

Variables: proper noun 1 = "Laura", proper noun 2 = "Anna", singular noun = "daughter"

- > Given: "Anna has a daughter, called Laura."
- •
- Generated conclusion:
- < "Laura is a daughter, called Anna."

#### **Definition 2:**

```
"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2}" equals to
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"A/An {singular noun 2} is part of every {singular noun 1}"

### **Examples:**

Variables: singular noun 1 = "car", singular noun 2 = "engine"

> Given: "Every car has an engine."

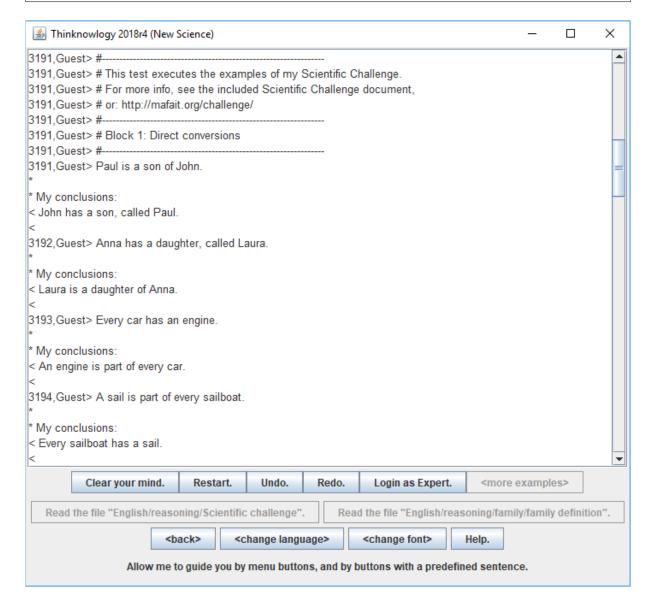
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• Generated conclusion:

< "An engine is part of every car."

Variables: singular noun 1 = "sailboat", singular noun 2 = "sail"

- > Given: "A sail is part of every sailboat."
- •
- Generated conclusion:
- < "Every sailboat has a sail."



### **Block 2: Indirect conversions**

#### **Definition 3a:**

"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" from which can be concluded

"A/An {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3} are part of every {singular noun 1}"

#### **Example:**

Variables: singular noun 1 = "family", singular noun 2 = "parent", singular noun 3 = "child"

- > Given: "Every family has a parent and a child."
- Generated conclusion:
- < "A parent and a child are part of every family."

#### **Definition 3b:**

```
"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2 or 3}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun} is part of a/an {singular noun 1}"
```

#### **Definition 3c:**

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"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2}"
from which can be assumed
"{proper noun} has probably a/an {singular noun 3}"
```

```
"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and "{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 3}" from which can be assumed
```

#### **Examples:**

```
Variables: proper noun = "Michael", singular noun 1 = "family", singular noun 2 = "parent",
singular noun 3 = "child"
> Given: "Michael is a parent."
• Generated conclusion:
< "Michael is part of a family."
                                           (generated by Definition 3b)
• Generated assumption:
< "Michael has probably a child."
                                            (generated by Definition 3c)
Variables: proper noun = "Adam", singular noun 1 = "family", singular noun 2 = "parent",
singular noun 3 = "child"
> Given: "Adam is a child."
• Generated conclusion:
< "Adam is part of a family."
                                           (generated by Definition 3b)
• Generated assumption:
< "Adam has probably a parent."
                                           (generated by Definition 3c)
```

#### **Definition 3d:**

```
"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and "{proper noun} has a/an {singular noun 2 or 3}" from which can be assumed "{proper noun} is probably part of a/an {singular noun 1}"
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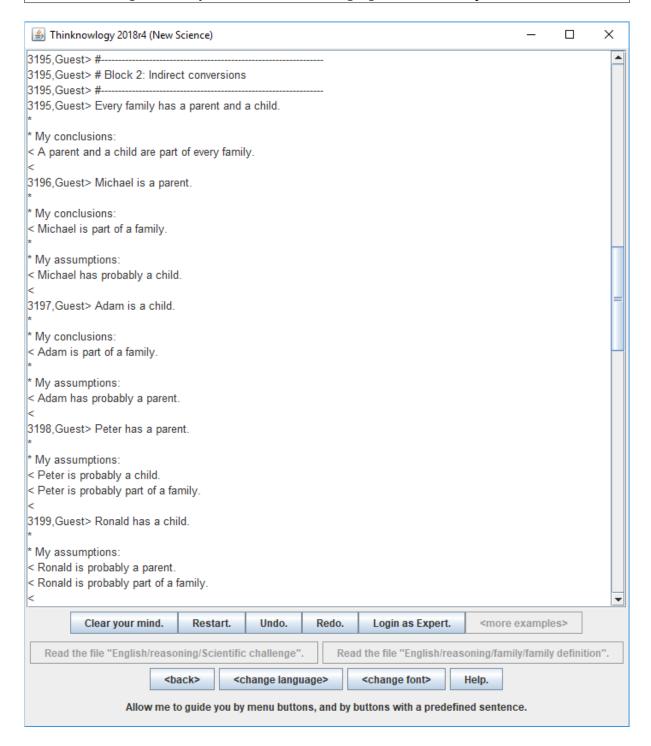
#### **Definition 3e:**

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"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and
"{proper noun} has a/an {singular noun 2}"
from which can be assumed
"{proper noun} is probably a/an {singular noun 3}"
```

```
"Every {singular noun 1} has a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}" and
"{proper noun} has a/an {singular noun 3}"
from which can be assumed
"{proper noun} is probably a/an {singular noun 2}"
```

#### **Examples:**

```
Variables: proper noun = "Peter", singular noun 1 = "family", singular noun 2 = "parent",
singular noun 3 = "child"
> Given: "Peter has a parent."
• Generated assumptions:
< "Peter is probably a child."
                                            (generated by Definition 3e)
< "Peter is probably part of a family."
                                            (generated by Definition 3d)
Variables: proper noun = "Ronald", singular noun 1 = "family", singular noun 2 = "parent",
singular noun 3 = "child"
> Given: "Ronald has a child."
• Generated assumptions:
< "Ronald is probably a parent."
                                            (generated by Definition 3e)
< "Ronald is probably part of a family."
                                            (generated by Definition 3d)
```



# **Block 3: Grouping of knowledge**

#### **Definition 4:**

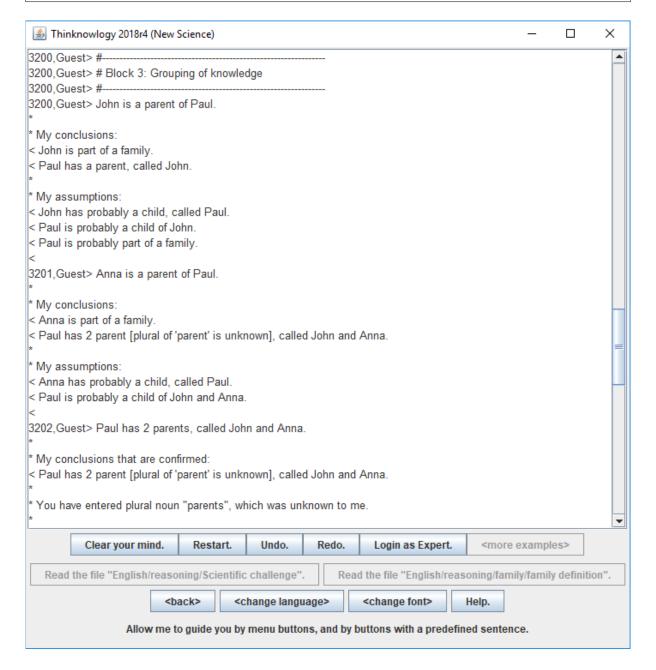
```
"{proper noun 1} has a/an {singular noun}, called {proper noun 2}"
and
"{proper noun 1} has a/an {singular noun}, called {proper noun 3}"
equals to
"{proper noun 1} has {number: 2} {plural form of singular noun}, called {proper noun 2}
and {proper noun 3}"
```

### **Example:**

```
Variables: proper noun 1 = "Paul", proper noun 2 = "John", proper noun 3 = "Anna", singular noun = "parent"
```

```
Given: "John is a parent of Paul."
Generated conclusion:
"Paul has a parent, called John." (generated by Definition 1)
Given: "Anna is a parent of Paul."
Generated conclusion:
"Paul has 2 parent [plural of 'parent' is unknown], called John and Anna."
Given: "Paul has 2 parents, called John and Anna."
Detected that the generated conclusion is confirmed:
"Paul has 2 parent [plural of 'parent' is unknown], called John and Anna."
```

• Detected: You have entered plural noun "parents", which was unknown to me.



"{proper noun 2} had a/an {singular noun}, called {proper noun 1}".

# **Block 4: Past tense reasoning**

#### **Definition 5:**

```
"{proper noun 1} was a/an/the {singular noun} of {proper noun 2}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun 2} has no {singular noun} anymore"

"{proper noun 1} was a/an/the {singular noun} of {proper noun 2}"
from which can be concluded
```

#### **Example:**

Variables: proper noun 1 = "James", proper noun 2 = "Peter", singular noun = "father"

- > Given: "James was the father of Peter."
- Generated conclusions:
- < "Peter has no father anymore."
- < "Peter had a father, called James."

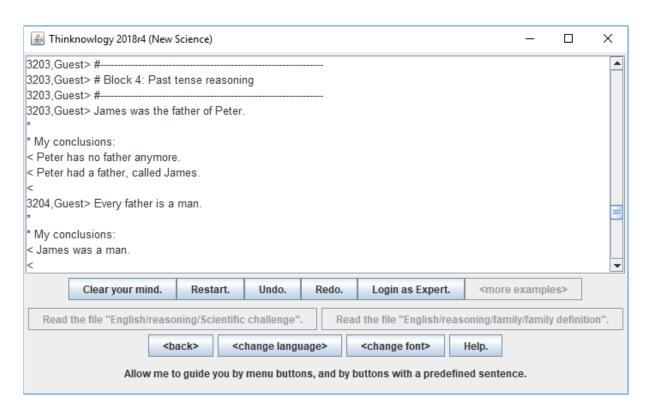
#### **Definition 6:**

```
"Every {singular noun 1} is a/an {singular noun 2}"
and
"{proper noun} was a/an {singular noun 1}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun} was a/an {singular noun 2}"
```

#### **Example:**

Variables: singular noun 1 = "father", singular noun 2 = "man", proper noun = "James"

- > Given: "Every father is a man."
- Generated conclusion:
- < "James was a man."



1 Sentence "James was the father of Peter" of the previous example should be recognized as "James was a father".

# **Block 5: Detection of a conflict and generation of a question**

#### **Definition 7:**

```
"Every {singular noun 1} is a/an {singular noun 2} or a/an {singular noun 3}"
is in conflict with
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2} and a/an {singular noun 3}
"Every {singular noun 1} is a/an {singular noun 2} or a/an {singular noun 3}"
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 1}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2} or a/an {singular noun 3}"
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2} or a/an {singular noun 3}"
equals to
"Is {proper noun} a/an {singular noun 2} or a/an {singular noun 3}?"
Example:
Variables: singular noun 1 = "person", singular noun 2 = "man", singular noun 3 = "woman",
proper noun = "Addison"
> Given: "Every person is a man or a woman."
> Given: "Addison is a man and a woman."
! Detected conflict. This sentence is not accepted, because it is in conflict with:
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< "Every person is a man or a woman."

> Given: "Addison is a person."

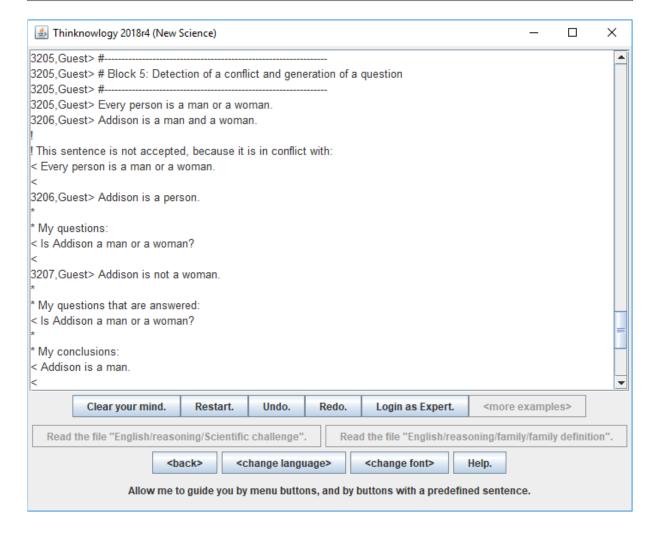
< "Is Addison a man or a woman?"

• Generated question:

#### **Definition 8:**

```
"Is {proper noun} a/an {singular noun 1} or a/an {singular noun 2}?"
and
"{proper noun} is not a/an {singular noun 1}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 2}"
"Is {proper noun} a/an {singular noun 1} or a/an {singular noun 2}?"
and
"{proper noun} is not a/an {singular noun 2}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun} is a/an {singular noun 1}"
Example:
Variables: proper noun = "Addison", singular noun 1 = "man", singular noun 2 = "woman"
```

- > Given: "Addison is not a woman."
- Detected that the generated question has been answered:
- < "Is Addison a man or a woman?"
- Generated conclusion:
- < "Addison is a man."



# **Block 6: Archiving of knowledge**

#### **Definition 9:**

```
"{proper noun 1} is the {singular noun} of {proper noun 2}"
and
"{proper noun 3} is the {singular noun} of {proper noun 2}"
from which can be concluded
"{proper noun 2} has a new {singular noun}, called {proper noun 3}"
and
"{proper noun 2} has a previous {singular noun}, called {proper noun 1}"
```

### **Example:**

Variables: proper noun 1 = "Donald Trump", proper noun 2 = "the United States", proper noun 3 = "Joe Biden", singular noun = "president"

- > Given: "Donald Trump is the president of the United States."
- Generated conclusion:
- < "The United States has a president, called Donald Trump." (generated by Definition 1)
- > Given: "Joe Biden is the president of the United States."
- Generated conclusions:
- < "The United States has a new president, called Joe Biden."
- <"The United States has a previous president, called Donald Trump."

