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# Week 9 Forward Chaining

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# Define the knowledge base with facts and rules
knowledge_base = [
    # Rule: Selling weapons to a hostile nation makes one a criminal
    {
        "type": "rule",
        "if": [
            {"type": "sells", "seller": "?X", "item": "?Z", "buyer":
"?Y"},
            {"type": "hostile_nation", "nation": "?Y"},
            {"type": "citizen", "person": "?X", "country": "america"}
        ],
        "then": {"type": "criminal", "person": "?X"}
    },
    # Facts
    {"type": "hostile_nation", "nation": "CountryA"},
    {"type": "sells", "seller": "Robert", "item": "missiles", "buyer":
"CountryA"},
    {"type": "citizen", "person": "Robert", "country": "america"}
]

# Forward chaining function
def forward_reasoning(kb, query):
    inferred = [] # Track inferred facts
    while True:
        new_inferences = []
        for rule in [r for r in kb if r["type"] == "rule"]:
            conditions = rule["if"]
            conclusion = rule["then"]
            substitutions = {}
            if match_conditions(conditions, kb, substitutions):
                inferred_fact = substitute(conclusion, substitutions)
                if inferred_fact not in kb and inferred_fact not in
new_inferences:
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        kb.extend(new_inferences)
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    return query in kb

# Helper to match conditions
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# Helper to match a single fact
def match_fact(condition, fact, substitutions):
    if condition["type"] != fact["type"]:
        return False
    for key, value in condition.items():
        if key == "type":
            continue
        if isinstance(value, str) and value.startswith("?"):        # Variable
            variable = value
            if variable in substitutions:
                if substitutions[variable] != fact[key]:
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# Substitute variables with their values
def substitute(conclusion, substitutions):
    result = conclusion.copy()
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# Query: Is Robert a criminal?
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query = {"type": "criminal", "person": "Robert"}

# Run the reasoning algorithm
if forward_reasoning(knowledge_base, query):
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