

**CS1571**  
**Fall 2019**  
**10/23 In-Class Worksheet**

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Where were you sitting in class today: Back right

**A. Pre-Reflection**

On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being most confident, how well do you think you could execute these learning objectives:

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**14.5** Analyze the implementation of backward chaining \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Walk through forward chaining**

1. Here is the method for propositional forward chaining from logic.py (and pseudocode from the textbook). Given the graph and proposition list, walk through the forward chaining algorithm, filling out the table as you go. You are trying to see if the KB entails Q.

**function** PL-FC-ENTAILS?(*KB*, *q*) **returns** *true* or *false*

**inputs:** *KB*, the knowledge base, a set of propositional definite clauses

*q*, the query, a proposition symbol

*count*  $\leftarrow$  a table, where *count*[*c*] is the number of symbols in *c*'s premise

*inferred*  $\leftarrow$  a table, where *inferred*[*s*] is initially *false* for all symbols

*agenda*  $\leftarrow$  a queue of symbols, initially symbols known to be true in *KB*

**while** *agenda* is not empty **do**

*p*  $\leftarrow$  POP(*agenda*)

**if** *p* = *q* **then return** *true*

**if** *inferred*[*p*] = *false* **then**

*inferred*[*p*]  $\leftarrow$  *true*

**for each** clause *c* in *KB* where *p* is in *c*.PREMISE **do**

            decrement *count*[*c*]

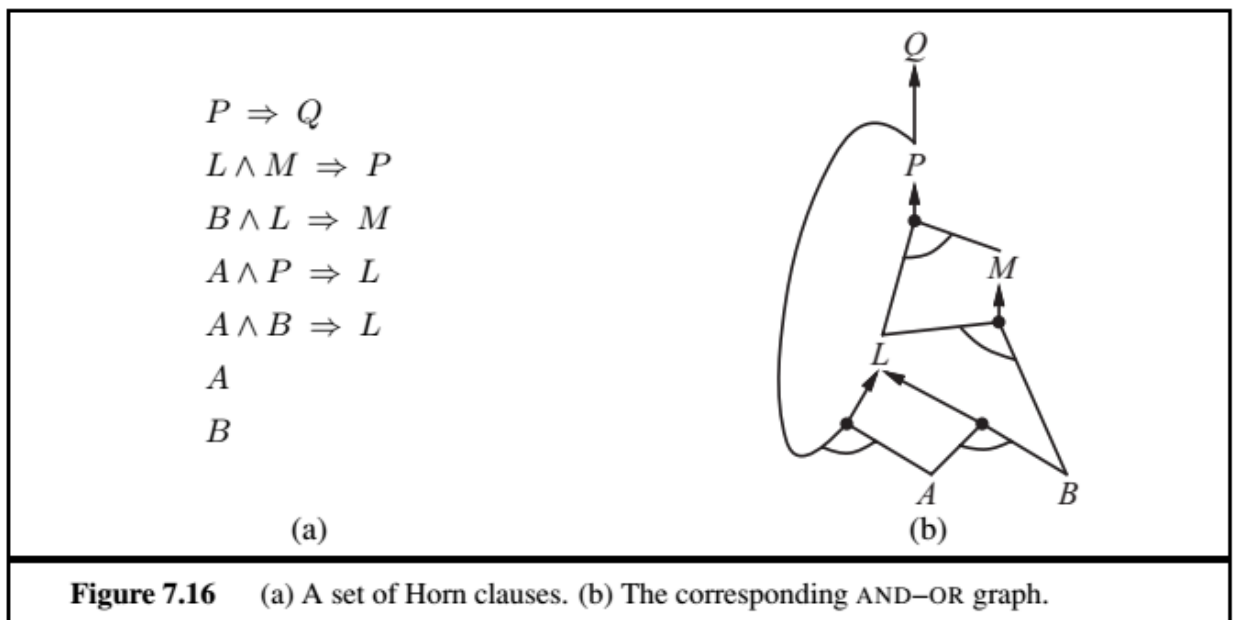
**if** *count*[*c*] = 0 **then add** *c*.CONCLUSION to *agenda*

**return** *false*

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def pl_fc_entails(KB, q):
    count = {c: len(conjuncts(c.args[0]))
              for c in KB.clauses
              if c.op == '==>'}
    inferred = defaultdict(bool)
    agenda = [s for s in KB.clauses if is_prop_symbol(s.op)]
    while agenda:
        p = agenda.pop()
        if p == q:
            return True
        if not inferred[p]:
            inferred[p] = True
            for c in KB.clauses_with_premise(p):
                count[c] -= 1
                if count[c] == 0:
                    agenda.append(c.args[1])
    return False

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| p | Agenda | Counts                     |                            |                            |                            |                   |
|---|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
|   |        | $A \wedge B \Rightarrow L$ | $A \wedge P \Rightarrow L$ | $B \wedge L \Rightarrow M$ | $L \wedge M \Rightarrow P$ | $P \Rightarrow Q$ |
|   | A, B   | 2                          | 2                          | 2                          | 2                          | 1                 |
| A | B      | 1                          | 1                          | 2                          | 2                          | 1                 |
| B | L      | 0                          | 1                          | 1                          | 2                          | 1                 |
| L | M      | 0                          | 1                          | 0                          | 1                          | 1                 |
| M | P      | 0                          | 1                          | 0                          | 0                          | 1                 |
| P | Q      | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                          | 0                 |

2. You can also do forward chaining in first-order logic. Which new facts can be inferred from this KB?

KB:

Rule 1:  $\text{Steamboat}(x) \wedge \text{Sailboat}(y) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(x, y)$

Rule 2:  $\text{Sailboat}(y) \wedge \text{RowBoat}(z) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(y, z)$

Rule 3:  $\text{Faster}(x, y) \wedge \text{Faster}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{Faster}(x, z)$

Fact 1:  $\text{Steamboat}(\text{Titanic})$

Fact 2:  $\text{Sailboat}(\text{Mistral})$

Fact 3:  $\text{Sailboat}(\text{Voyager})$

Fact 4:  $\text{RowBoat}(\text{PondArrow})$

New Facts:

$\text{Steamboat}(\text{Titanic}) \wedge \text{Sailboat}(\text{Mistral}) \Rightarrow \textbf{Faster}(\text{Titanic}, \text{Mistral})$

$\text{Steamboat}(\text{Titanic}) \wedge \text{Sailboat}(\text{Voyager}) \Rightarrow \textbf{Faster}(\text{Titanic}, \text{Voyager})$

$\text{Sailboat}(\text{Mistral}) \wedge \text{RowBoat}(\text{PondArrow}) \Rightarrow \textbf{Faster}(\text{Mistral}, \text{PondArrow})$

$\text{Sailboat}(\text{Voyager}) \wedge \text{RowBoat}(\text{PondArrow}) \Rightarrow \textbf{Faster}(\text{Voyager}, \text{PondArrow})$

$\text{Faster}(\text{Titanic}, \text{Mistral}) \wedge \text{Faster}(\text{Mistral}, \text{PondArrow}) \Rightarrow \textbf{Faster}(\text{Titanic}, \text{PondArrow})$

### C. Backward Chaining

3. Go to the FOL backward chaining code. Attempt to successfully call the backward chaining method on crime\_kb to infer Criminal(West).

Once you do, trace the different calls to fol\_bc\_and and fol\_bc\_or to understand how backward chaining operates in this domain.

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