

Chapter - 1 [Knowledge Representation]

Introduction, Approaches to Knowledge Representation (Relational knowledge, knowledge represented as logic, procedural knowledge); knowledge representation using semantic networks (inheritance in semantic net), extended semantic networks for KR (inference rules, deduction in extended semantic network, example for illustrating inference methods, inheritance, implementation); knowledge representation using frames (inheritance in frames, implementation of frame knowledge).

• Introduction:

Traditionally Knowledge Representation was concerned with the ways in which knowledge was stored in an information system to accomplish a given task. In AI KR is an important area because intelligent problem solving can be achieved and simplified by choosing an appropriate knowledge representation technique.

Representing knowledge in some special/specific ways makes certain problems easier to solve. AI has a number of representations that are devised to structure information. Fundamental goal of KR is to represent knowledge in a manner that facilitates the process of inferencing (ie drawing conclusions) from it.

* KR in AI is not just about storing data in a database, it allows a machine to learn from knowledge & behave intelligently like human being *

- KR is a field of AI that focuses on designing computer representations that capture information about the world that can be used for solving complex problems.

- Several programming languages oriented to KR have been developed till date. Example Prolog, KL-one, SGML, XML, RDF, ...

- Any KR system should possess properties such as learning, efficiency in acquisition, representational adequacy, inferential adequacy.

• Properties:

- Learning refers to a capability that acquires new knowledge, behaviours, understandings etc., It is to classify information to avoid redundancy & replication. Knowledge is gained by reasoning, logic, experience, observing world, mathematical proofs, scientific methods...

- Efficiency in acquisition refers to ability to acquire new knowledge using automatic methods whenever possible rather than relying on human intervention.

- Representational adequacy refers to the ability to represent required knowledge.

- Inferential adequacy refers to ability to manipulating knowledge to produce new knowledge from the existing one.

- Efficiency of a method depends greatly on the representation scheme of the knowledge. Many AI methods have tried to model human intelligence. Knowledge representation

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is a core component of a number of applications such as expert systems, machine translation system, computer-aided maintenance system, information retrieval systems, & database front-ends.

- In expert systems there are various ways of representing knowledge namely, predicate logic, semantic networks, frames, conceptual dependency, etc., which have originated from theories of human information processing.
- In predicate logic, knowledge is represented in the form of rules & facts. An expert system that incorporates knowledge in the form of rules & fact is called as rule based expert system.

- Approaches to Knowledge Representation:

All programs use structures known as knowledge structure to represent objects, facts, relationships, & procedures. The main function of these knowledge structures is to provide expertise & information so that program can operate in an intelligent way. Knowledge structures are usually composed of both traditional & complex structures such as semantic network, frames, scripts, conceptual dependency structures, ... A knowledge base is a special type of database that holds knowledge of the domain. It stores, updates & retrieves information. Organized in hierarchical structure with in-built inheritance & influencing capabilities. Some KR schemes are:

- Relational Knowledge:

- Comprises objects consisting of attributes & associated values. It is simplest way of storing facts.
- Each fact is stored a row. A table is defined as a set of data values that is organized using a model of horizontal rows & vertical columns.
- The columns are identified by attribute names, which the rows are identified by corresponding values appearing in a particular column subset.
- This representation helps in storing the facts but gives little opportunity for influencing, however such structure can be used by inference engine.

Relational Table

Name	Age (in years)	Sex	Qualification	Salary in rupees
John	38	Male	Graduate	
Mike	25	Male	Undergraduate	20000
Mary	30	Female	Ph.D	15000
James	29	Male	Graduate	25000
				18000

- He can easily obtain answers from queries like example.
 - ↳ What is age of John?
 - ↳ How much does Mary earn?
 - ↳ What is qualification of Mike?

- ## Knowledge Represented as Logic:

- Inferential capability can be achieved if knowledge is represented in the form of formal logic.

Eg: All humans are mortals cannot be represented using relational approach; instead it can be easily represented in predicate logic as

$(\forall x) \text{human}(x) \leftarrow \text{mortal}(x)$

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If we have a fact John is human, then we can easily infer that John is mortal. The advantages of this approach are that we can represent a set of rules, derive more facts, truths, & verify the correctness of new statements.

- Procedural Knowledge:

- Procedural knowledge is encoded in the form of procedures which carry out specific tasks based on relevant knowledge.
 - The advantages of this approach are that domain specific knowledge can be easily represented and side effects of actions may also be modelled.
 - But this is a problem of completeness (all cases may not be represented) & consistency (all deductions may not be correct).

/* Knowledge organized in the form of semantic n/w & frames is referred to as inheritable knowledge */

- Knowledge Representation using Semantic Networks:

- Knowledge representation
→ The basic idea is to derive meaning of a concept from its relationships with other concepts, as the information is stored by interconnecting nodes with labelled arcs.

Eg: Every human, animal & birds are living things who can breathe & eat. All birds can fly. Every man & human are human who have two legs. A cat has four & is an animal. All animals have skin & can move. A giraffe is an animal & has long legs & is tall. A parrot is a bird & is green in colour. Tom is a man.

- He can represent such semantic structure. Knowledge using a structure called a semantic networks (semantic net). It is conveniently represented in a graphical notation where nodes represent concepts (or) objects & arcs represent relation between two concepts.

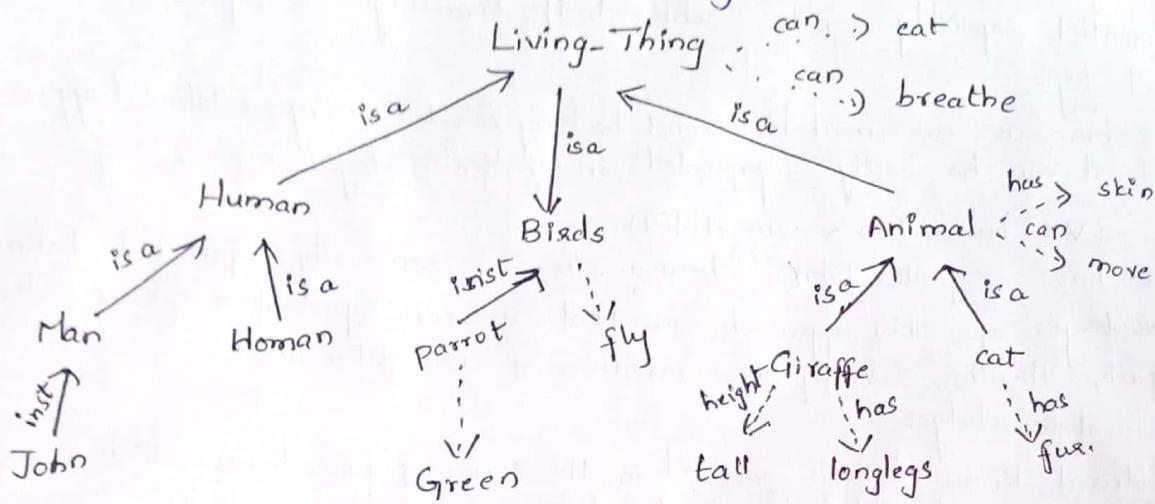
→ It can be described as a directed graph consisting of vertices representing concepts & edges that represent semantic relations between the concept. Nodes can be easily added in this network.

- Concepts (or) objects are related to each other by certain relations. These relations are represented by bold directed links. They may be defined as:

[inst] - relation relates specific members of a class. Eg: John is an instance of Man.

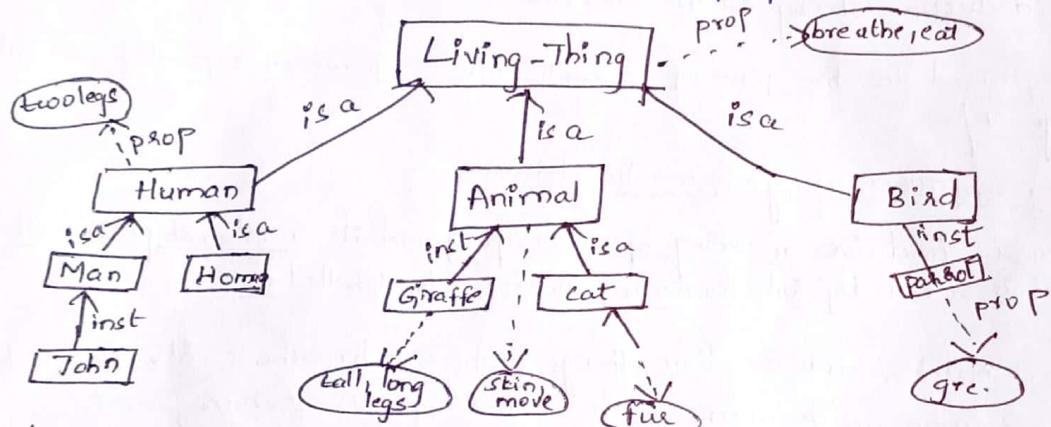
→ Properties attached to a particular concept can be easily inherited by

Knowledge Representation using Semantic Net



→ Other relations such as {can, has, colour, height} are known as property relations, represented using dotted lines pointing from concept to its property.

Concepts Connected with prop Links



→ inst & isa links have well defined meaning, whereas other links which connect the attributes of class vary in their interpretations.

→ The semantic net interprets cannot understand all attributelinks unless their semantics are encoded into it. Since all attributes are properties we can designate a unique name to such relations say prop link.

→ The interpretation of prop link will be simple that the attributes attached to acls is one of its properties.

→ The square nodes represents concept/object connected with isa or inst links, whereas oval nodes represent property attributes attached to square nodes.

→ Property links are shown as dotted lines for more clarity.

Inheritance in Semantic Net:

→ Hierarchical structure of knowledge representation allows knowledge to be stored at the highest possible level of abstraction, which reduces size of knowledge base (KB).

→ It is a natural tool for representing taxonomically structured information associated with nodes in semantic net, & ensures that all the members and sub concepts of a concept share common properties.

→ Maintain consistency of KB by adding new concepts & members to existing ones.

→ Properties attached to a particular concept can be easily inherited by all subconcepts & their members.

The algorithm that retrieve a property of an object (concept/instance) is

Property inheritance Algorithm

input: Object & property to be found from Semantic Net

output: Returns yes, if the object has the desired property else returns false;

Procedure:

- find an object in semantic net;
- found = false;
- While [(object ≠ root) OR found] Do
 - if there is an attribute attached with an object then Found = true;
 - else {object = is a (object, class) or object = inst (object, class)}
- };
- If found = true then report 'Yes' else report 'No';

→ Semantic net can be implemented in any programming language along with an inheritance procedure implemented explicitly in that language.

→ Prolog language is very convenient for representing an entire semantic structure in form of facts (relation as predicate & nodes as arguments) and inheritance rules.

→ Inheritance is easily achieved by unification of appropriate arguments in Prolog.

Prolog Facts

Is a fact	Instance fact	Property fact
is a (living-thing, nil) is a (human, living-thing) isa(animals, living-thing) isa(birds, living-thing) is a (man, human) is a (woman, human) is a (cat, animal)	inst(john, man) inst(giraffe, animal) inst(passer, bird)	prop(breathe, living-thing) prop(eat, living-thing) prop(two-legs, human) prop(skin, animal) prop(move, animal) prop(fur, bird) prop(fall, giraffe) prop(long-legs, giraffe), prop(tall, animal) prop(green, 1)

Inheritance Rules in Prolog

→ In class hierarchy structure, a member subclass of a class is also a member of all super classes connected through isa link.

→ A property of a class can be inherited by lower subclasses.

→ Simple prolog rule for handling inheritance is as follows: Various queries can be answered by following inheritance program.

in the sentence john gave an apple to mike in the kitchen, it is easy to add location (e.g. kitchen) to the fact -> part 6

Instance Rules

instance(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{inst}(X, Y).$
instance(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{inst}(X, Z), \text{subclass}(Z, Y).$
Subclass Rules	
subclass(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{isa}(X, Y).$
subclass(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{isa}(X, Z), \text{subclass}(Z, Y).$
Property Rules	
property(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{prop}(X, Y).$
property(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{instance}(Y, Z), \text{property}(X, Z).$
property(X, Y)	$\vdash \text{subclass}(Y, Z), \text{property}(X, Z).$

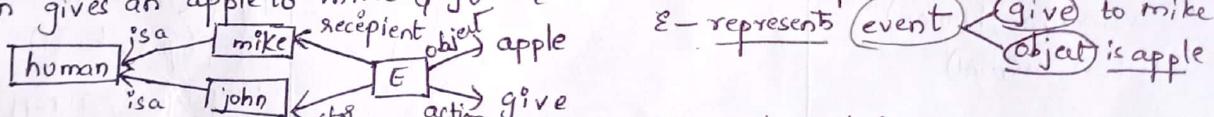
Various Queries for Inheritance program

English Query	Prolog qal	Output
Is john Human?	? - instance(john, human).	Yes
Is parrot is living thing?	? - instance(parrot, living-thing).	Yes
Is giraffe an animal?	? - instance(giraffe, animal).	Yes
Is Human is subclass of living thing?	? - subclass(Human, living-thing).	Yes
Does parrot fly?	? - property(fly, parrot).	Yes
Does parrot have fur?	? - Does(parrot, havefur).	No
Does John breathe?	? - property(john, breathe).	Yes
Does cat fly?	? - property(fly, cat).	No

Extended Semantic Networks for KR:

Logic & semantic networks are two different formalisms that can be used for KR. Simple semantic logic is represented as a directed graph whose nodes represent concepts/objects & arcs represent relationships between concepts/objects. It can also express collections of variable free assertions.

Eg: john gives an apple to mike & john & mike are human represented in semantic net as



The relationships in n/w can be expressed in clausal form of logic as follows

object(E, apple).

action(E, give).

actor(E, john).

recipient(E, mike).

isaf(john, human).

isaf(mike, human).

- Predicate relations corresponding to labels on the arcs of semantic networks always have two arguments. Therefore, the entire semantic net can be coded using binary representation (two-argument representation). Such representation is advantageous when additional information is added to a given system. For example,

in the sentence john gave an apple to mike in the kitchen, it is easy to add location (e, kitchen) to the set of facts.

- In first order predicate logic, predicate relation can have n arguments where $n \geq 1$. The predicate logic representation has greater advantages compared to semantic net representation as it can express general propositions in addition to simple assertions. Eg; John gives an apple to everyone he likes.
 $\text{give}(\text{john}, x, \text{apple}) \leftarrow \text{likes}(\text{john}, x).$
variable
left-hand contains conclusions)
logical connective implied by
Right side condition(s)

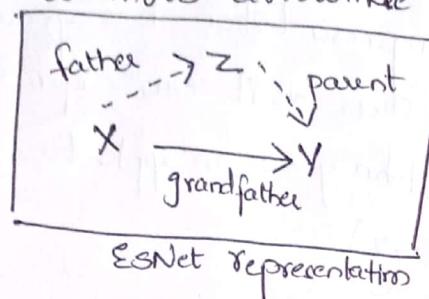
- Despite all advantages, it is not convenient to add new information in an n -ary representation of predicate logic.
- A clause in logic can have several conditions, all of which must hold for the conclusion to be true & can have several alternative conclusions, at least one of which must hold if all the conditions are true.
Eg: ① if john gives something he likes to a person, then he also likes that person can be expressed in causal logic as
 $\text{likes}(\text{john}, x) \leftarrow \text{gives}(\text{john}, x, y), \text{likes}(\text{john}, y).$

- ② Every human is either male or female is expressed as
 $\text{male}(x), \text{female}(y) \leftarrow \text{human}(x)$

- In conventional semantic network we cannot express causal form of logic. For this R Kowalski & his colleagues (1979) proposed an extension/extended semantic network (ESNet) that combines advantages of both logic & semantic net.
- ESNet can be interpreted as variant syntax for the causal form of logic. It has same expressive power as that of predicate logic with well defined semantics, inference rules, & a procedural interpretation.
- It incorporates advantages of using binary relation as semantic n/w rather than many relations of logic. ESNet is much powerful representation compared to logic & semantic n/w.
- In ESNet, terms are represented by nodes similar to as done in conventional semantic network; constant, variable, & functional terms are represented by constant, variable & functional nodes respectively.
- Binary predicate symbols in causal logic are represented by labels on arcs of ESNet. An atom of the form $\text{love}(\text{john}, \text{mary})$ is an arc labelled as love with two end nodes representing john & mary. The direction of arc (line) indicates order of arguments of predicate symbol which labels are as follows
 $\text{john} \xrightarrow{\text{love}} \text{mary}$

Conclusions & Conditions of clausal form are represented in EsNet by different kinds of arcs. The arcs denoting conditions (negative atoms) are drawn with dotted arrow lines (---), while the arcs are denoting conclusions (positive atoms) are drawn with continuous arrowlike called assertion links (→)

clausal representation Rule



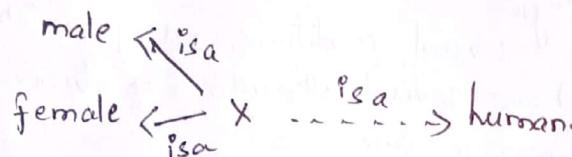
grand-father(x,y) ← father(x,z),
parent(z,y)

X, Y - Variables

grand-father(x,y) ^{is} consequent (conclusion)
& father(x,z) and parent(z,y) are

antecedents (conditions).

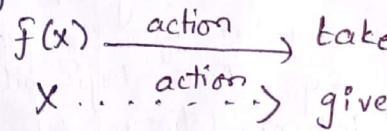
Similarly causal rule male(x), female(x) ← human(x) can be represented using binary representation as
isa(x, male), isa(x, female) ← isa(x, human). and subsequently in EsNet as



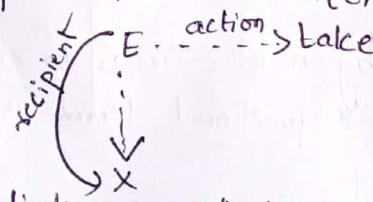
Inference Rules:

Inference rules are embedded in the representation itself. Some of the inference rules are:

- The representation of the inference for every action of giving, that is an action of taking in clausal logic is $\text{action}(f(x), \text{take}) \leftarrow \text{action}(x, \text{give})$. The interpretation of this rule is that the event of taking action is a function of the event of giving action. In the EsNet representation, functional terms, such as $f(x)$, are represented by a single node. The representation of the statement $\text{action}(f(x), \text{take}) \leftarrow \text{action}(x, \text{give})$ in EsNet is

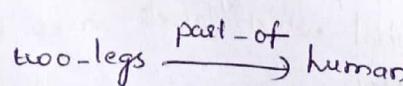


- The inference rule that an actor who performs a taking action is also the recipient of this action & can be easily represented in clausal logic; EsNet is $\text{recipient}(E, x) \leftarrow \text{action}(E, \text{take}), \text{actor}(E, x)$.



The hierarchy links, isa, inst & part-of(or prop), are available in semantic networks and also available as special cases in EsNet. Part-of-link has a hidden existential quantifier.

Eg: part of link is



interpretation → for every human, there exists
two-legs is part of that
human

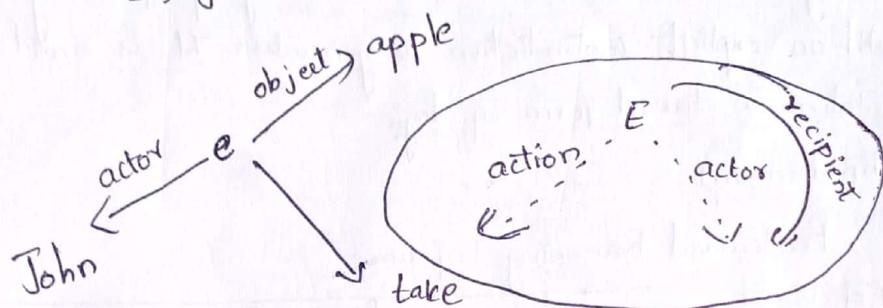
Eg: Taking actions

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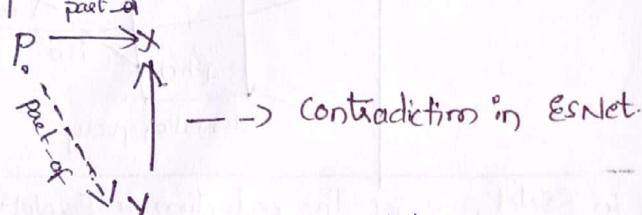
recipient(ϵ, x) \leftarrow action(ϵ, take), actor(ϵ, x)
object(ϵ, apple).
action(ϵ, take).
actor(ϵ, john).

ϵ is an actual event.

clausal rule β
enclosed in ellipse



- The contradiction in ESNet can be represented as P part-of X is conclusion and P part-of Y is condition, where Y is linked with X via isa link. Such kind of representation is contradictory & hence there is contradiction in ESNet



- Deduction in Extended Semantic Networks:

Inference rules along with its semantics form a part of ESNet. In logic there are two types of inference mechanism, namely

- forward reasoning inference mechanism (bottom-up approach)
- backward reasoning inference mechanism (top-down approach)

* Forward Reasoning Inference:

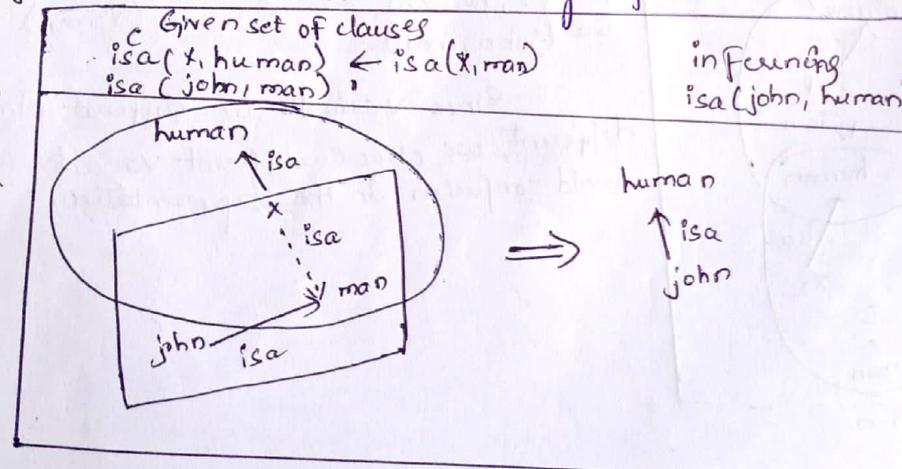
Given an ESNet, apply the following reduction(resolution) using modus ponen rule of logic { i.e given ($A \in B$) and B , then conclude A }.

Eg: $\text{isa}(x, \text{human}) \leftarrow \text{isa}(x, \text{man})$
 $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{man})$.

Using MP rule we
can easily derive
 $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{human})$ holds
 $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{human})$ can
be derived / influenced
using fact.

Forward Reasoning Inference Mechanism

contradiction
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The new assertion $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{human})$
is inferred by elimination
of assertion & their
denial links

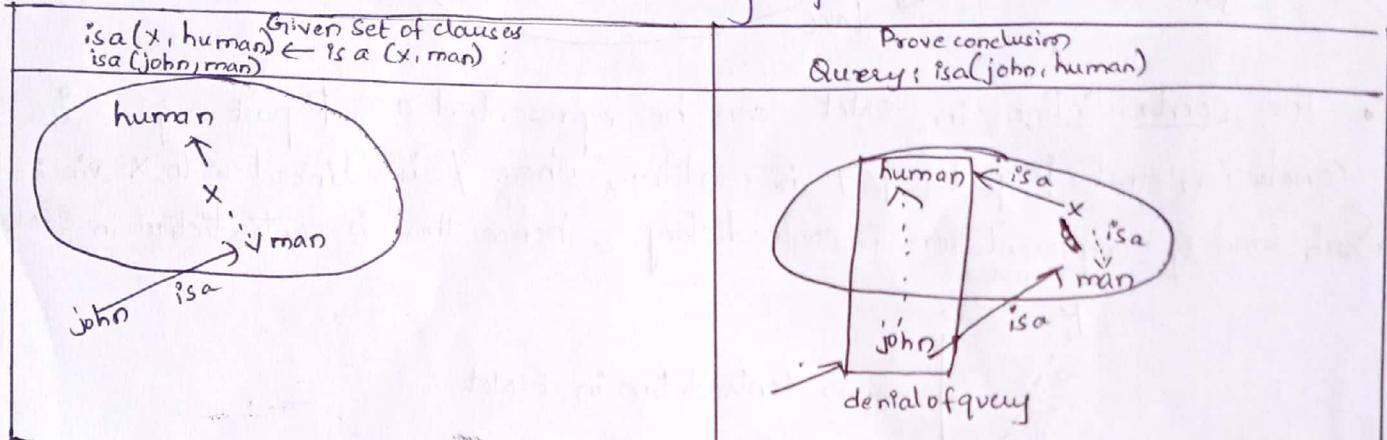
$\text{isa}(x, \text{human})$ — assertion link
 $\text{isa}(x, \text{man})$ — denial link

* Backward Reasoning Inference:

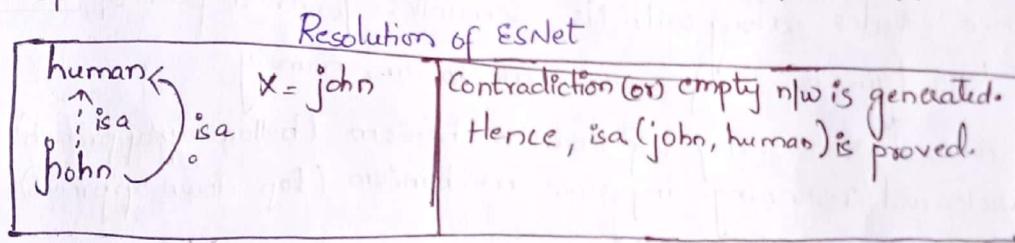
In backward inference mechanism, we can prove a conclusion or goal from a given ESNet by adding denial of conclusion to network and show that resulting set of clauses in network gives contradiction. This is done by performing successive steps of resolution until an explicit contradiction is generated. It is similar to proof by resolution refutation in clausal form of logic.

Eg: To prove $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{human})$

Backward Reasoning Inference

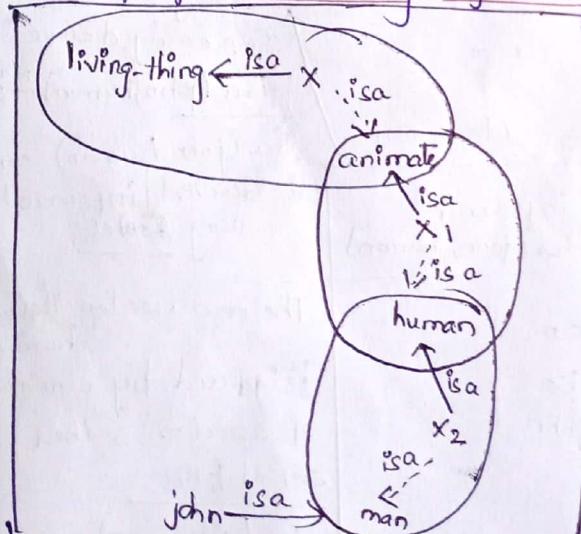


After adding denial link in ESNet, we get the reduction in ESNet as shown below, by elimination of assertion & their denial link with the help of appropriate substitution



Thus inferencing & inheritance are important and embedded capabilities of ESNet.

Example for Illustrating Inference Methods:



Given clausal form
 $\text{isa}(x, \text{living-thing})$
 $\text{isa}(x, \text{animate})$
 $\text{isa}(x, \text{human})$
 $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{man})$

$\leftarrow \text{isa}(y, \text{animate})$
 $\leftarrow \text{isa}(x, \text{human})$
 $\leftarrow \text{isa}(x, \text{man})$

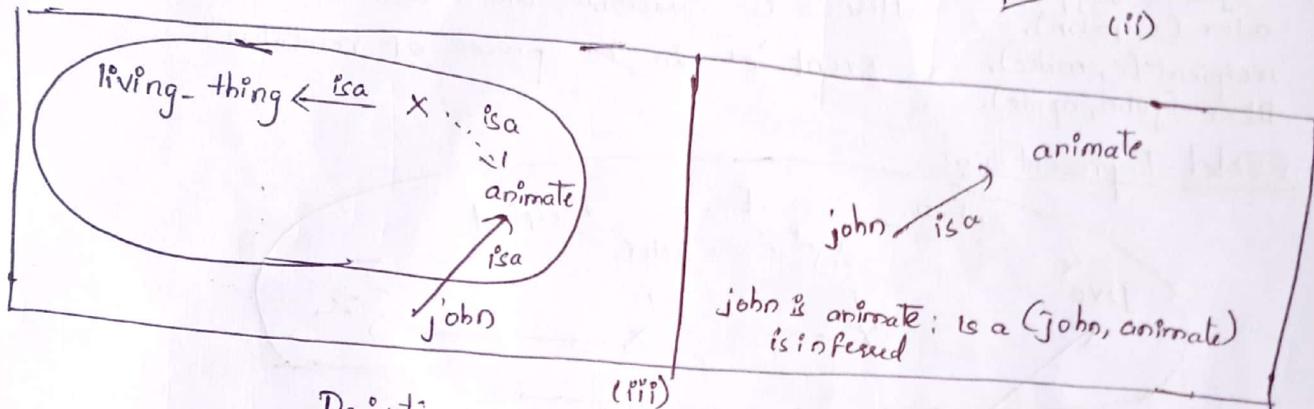
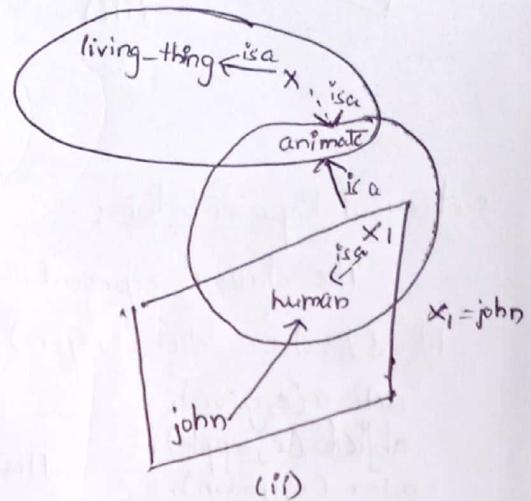
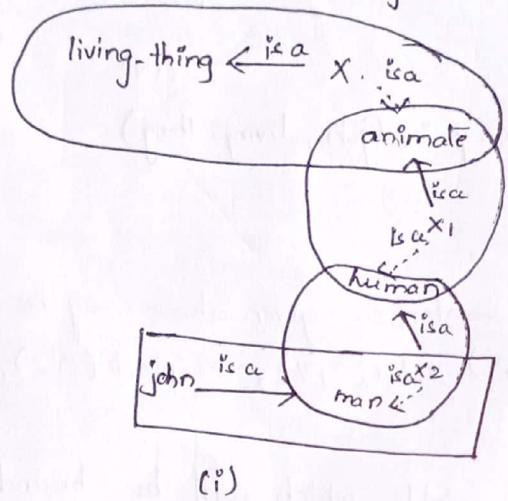
Since variables in different clauses are different, we choose different variables in ESNet to avoid confusion in the representation.

ESNet Representation

• Forward Reasoning Inference:

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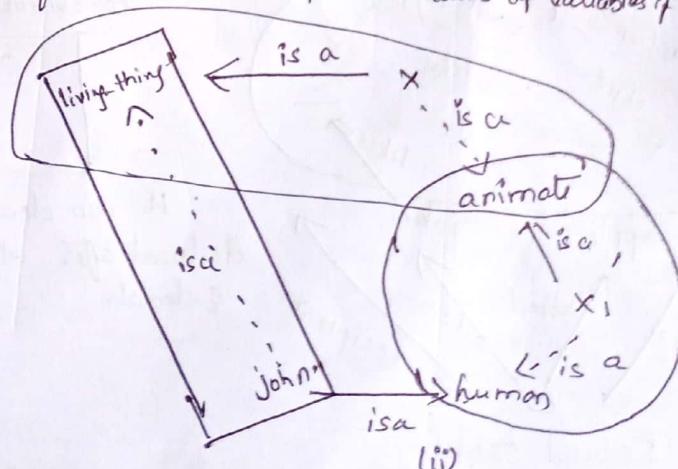
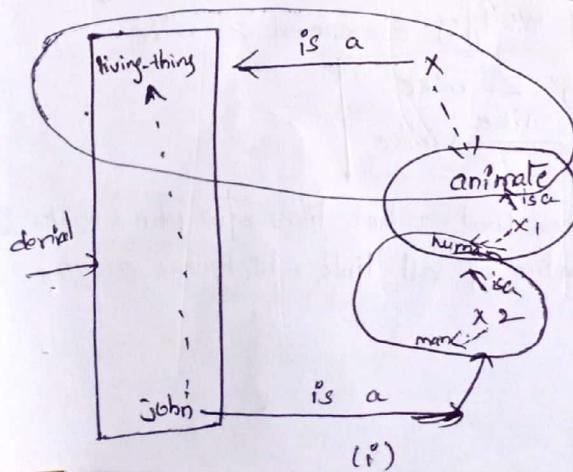
The new assertion *john* is *human* can be inferred as derived in previous example. The steps for inferring that *john* is *animate* is given below. The assertion *john* is a living-thing can be inferred similarly.

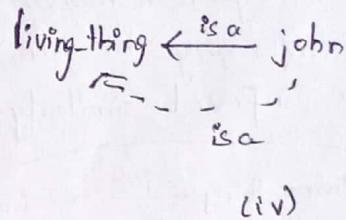
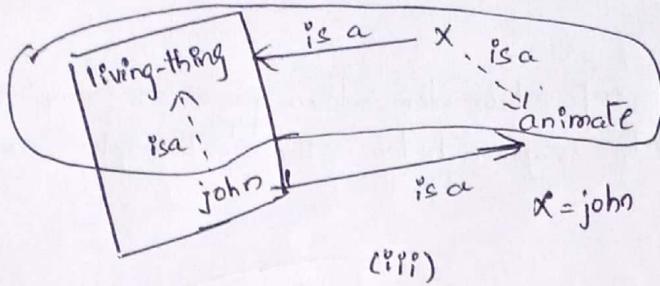


Derivation of *john* is *animate*
John is living-thing can be derived by binding *X* with *John*

• Backward Reasoning Inference:

To solve a query *isal(john, living-thing)* (i.e., Is John a living thing?) using backward inference mechanism. In this mechanism, we add the denial of the fact that John is not a living-thing in ESNet & see if we can derive inconsistency (or) an empty netcode. In following figure each part shows reduction in the n/w by elimination of assertions & their denial links with the help of appropriate substitutions. Denial links are enclosed in rectangles. Box to distinguish it from rest of n/w. Dotted lines are denial links, while continuous lines are assertion links. These are removed after substitution of actual values of variables if possible.





leads to empty clause
(or)
contradiction

Solving Qvay $\text{isa}(\text{john}, \text{living-thing})$

Clausal Representation:

The clausal representation of the sentences given above may be written as
 $\text{likes}(x, z) \leftarrow \text{action}(\epsilon, \text{give}), \text{object}(\epsilon, y), \text{actor}(\epsilon, x), \text{recipient}(\epsilon, z), \text{likes}(x, y)$

$\text{action}(\epsilon, \text{give}).$

$\text{object}(\epsilon, \text{apple}).$

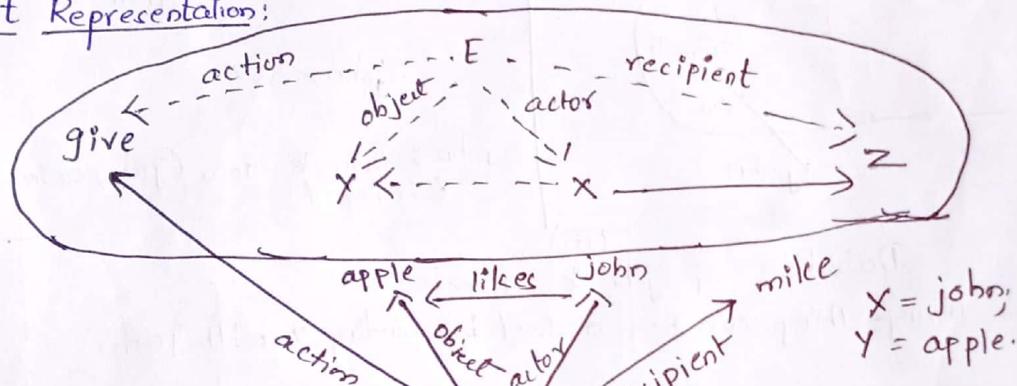
$\text{actor}(\epsilon, \text{john}).$

$\text{recipient}(\epsilon, \text{mike}).$

$\text{likes}(\text{john}, \text{apple}).$

Here ϵ is a variable which will be bound to an actual event ' e ' in the process of resolution.

ESNet Representation:



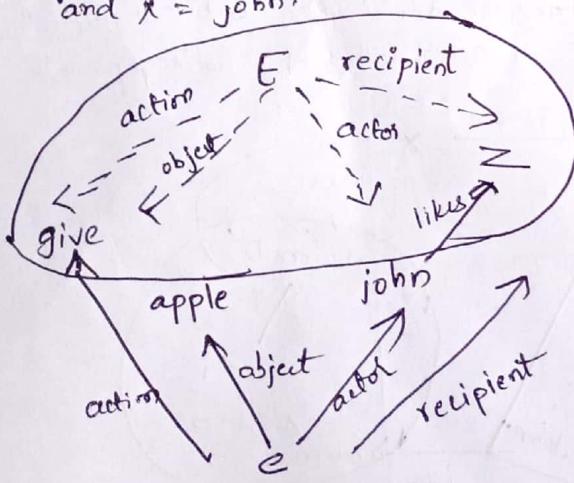
From ESNet

prove
 $\text{likes}(\text{john}, \text{mike})$

done using both forward reasoning inference & backward reasoning inference

Forward Reasoning Inference:

Reduce the r/w by resolving clauses till we obtain the desired assertion. It is easy to eliminate assertion ϵ & its corresponding denial with likes links by unifying $y = \text{apple}$ and $x = \text{john}$.



The r/w is further reduced to following conclusion by unifying $\epsilon = e$ and $z = \text{mike}$

$\boxed{\epsilon = e, z = \text{mike}}$
 $\boxed{\text{john} \xrightarrow{\text{likes}} \text{mike}}$

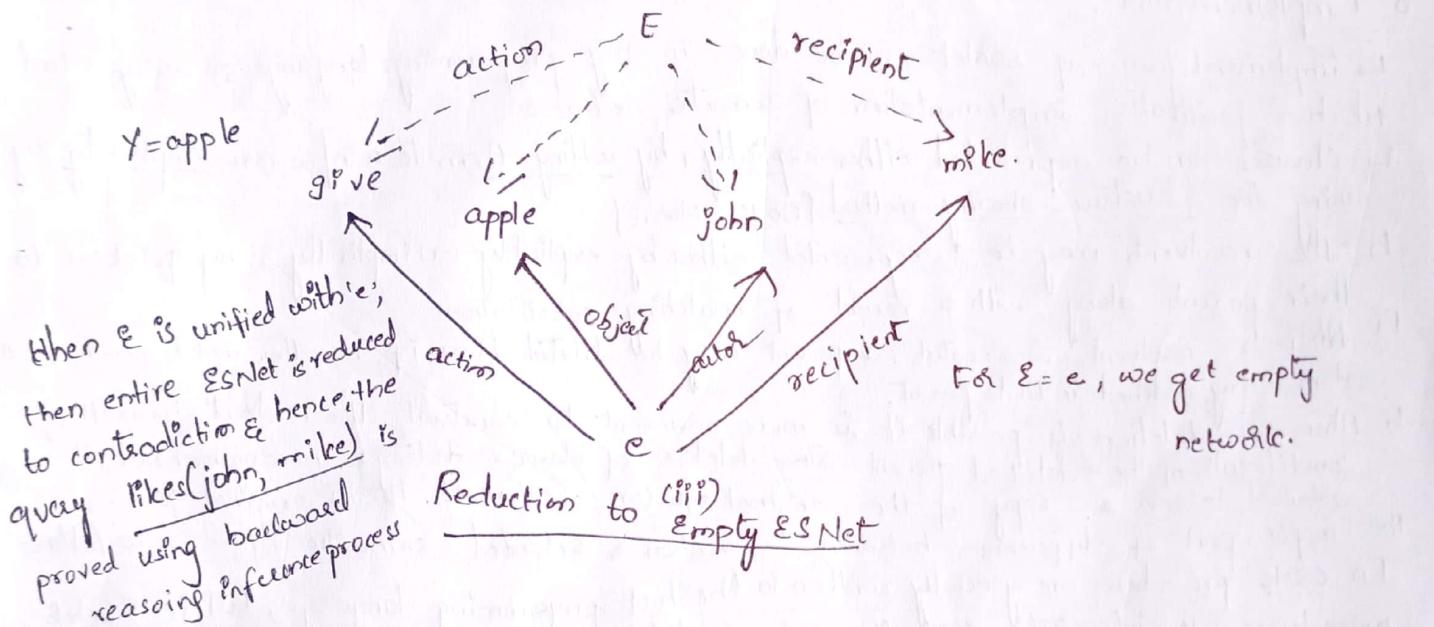
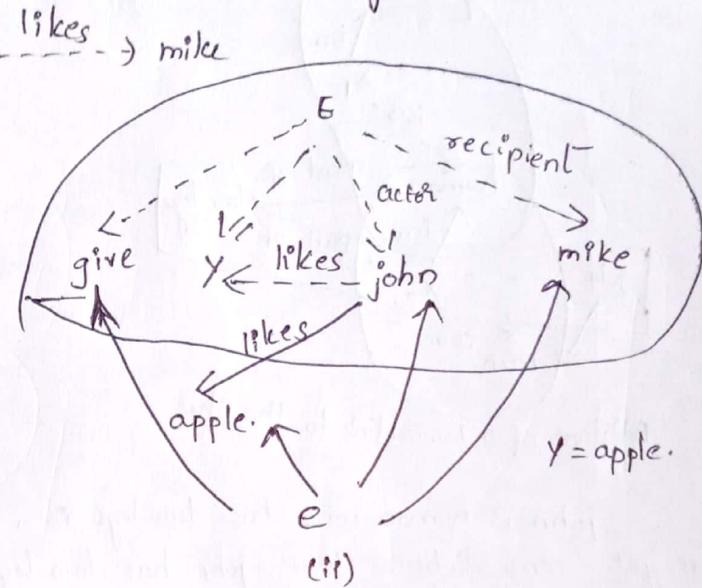
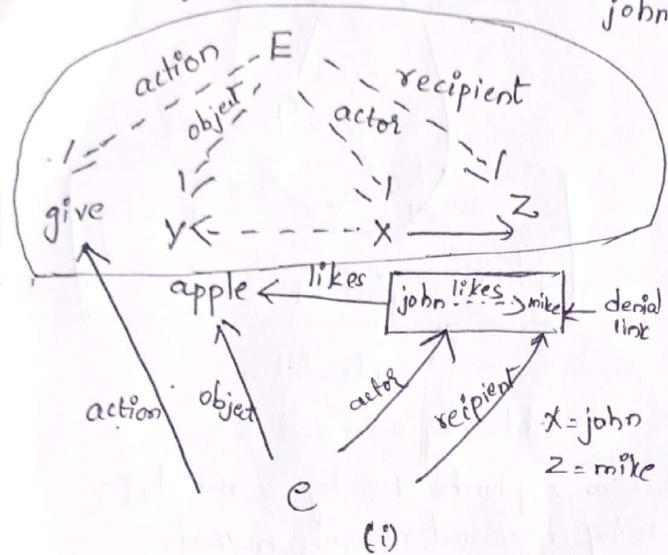
He can clearly see that a link likes b/w john & mike is deduced after elimination of all links which are assertions & denials

After elimination of assertions

o Backward Reasoning Inference:

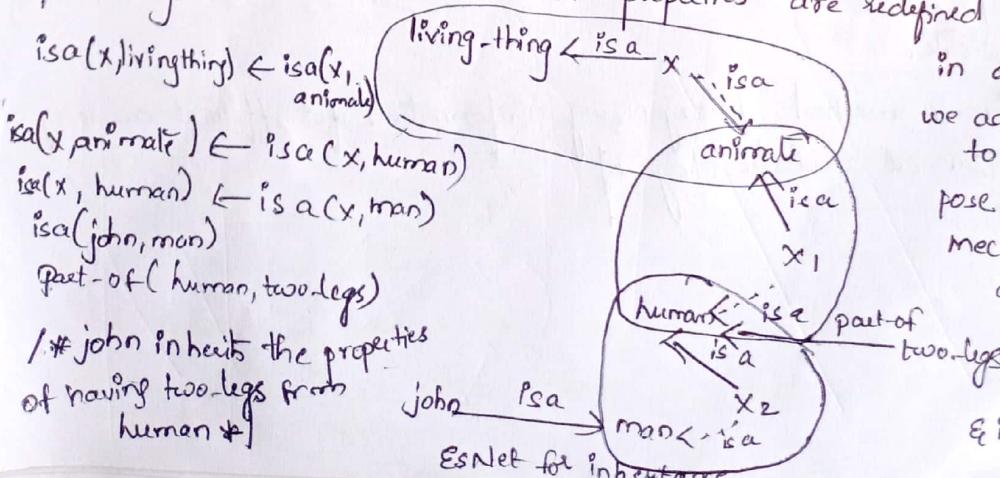
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Prove $\text{likes}(\text{john}, \text{mike})$ using Backward Reasoning method. In order to prove $\text{likes}(\text{john}, \text{mike})$, add the denial link to the network and try to reduce the network to empty. The denial link is



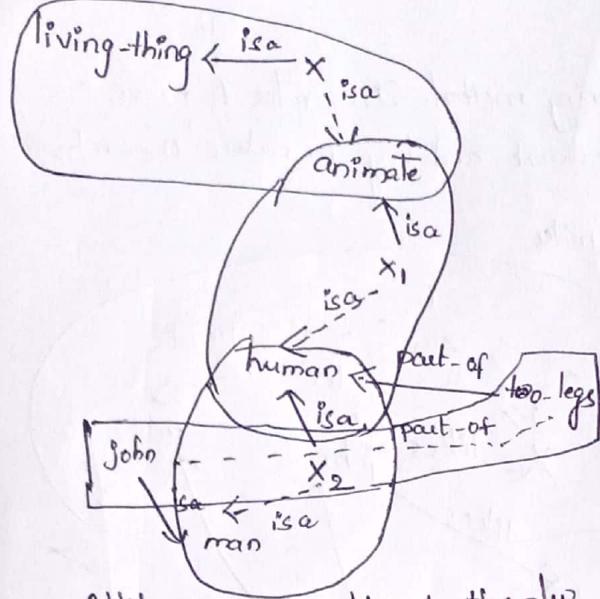
o Inheritance:

In conventional semantic network, lower level nodes in isa hierarchy inherit properties from higher level nodes unless the properties are redefined in the node itself. Consider,



in order to show John has two legs, we add denial link of John has two legs to now. & we use general purpose reasoning inference mechanism & try to get a contradiction.

we get $x_2 = \text{john}$ after elimination of association & its denial links. The reduced ESNet is

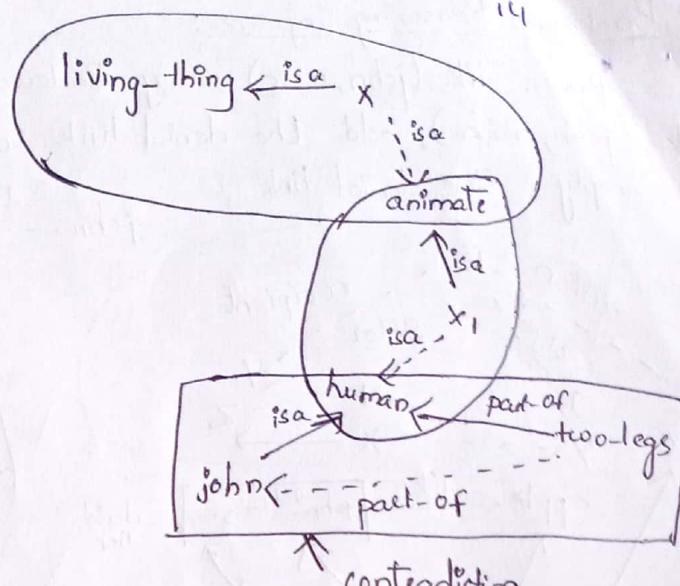


Addition of a Denial link to the n/w

john is human who has two-legs is a assertion & john has two-legs is denial, so we get contradiction. Thus john has two-legs using backward reasoning method.

• Implementation:

- ↳ implementation of esNet can be done in any programming language (C/C++) using a tool which facilitates implementation of semantic networks.
 - ↳ clauses can be represented either explicitly, by adding them to a n/w or implicitly by using the structure-sharing method [Boyer & Moore]
 - ↳ The resolvents may be represented either explicitly or implicitly & by pointers to their parents along with a record of matching substitution.
 - ↳ When a resolvent is created, a parent may be deleted from if no other match exists for the atom being matched in that parent.
 - ↳ whenever deletion is possible it is more convenient to construct the resolvent from the constituents of the deleted parent. Since deletion of clauses destroys the original net, it is advised to save a copy of the original n/w (or) restore it to its original form.
 - The major point of difference between conventional & extended semantic n/w's is as follows
In CSNs procedures are generally written in the host programming language, but in EsNets, procedures are integrated with the rest of database & are executed by same general purpose mechanism which performs inference in the n/w.
 - ↳ The EsNet can also be considered as an abstract data structure for the implementation of a proof procedure.
 - ↳ A characteristic procedure of feature of EsNet is indexing on argument or predicate where direct access is provided to all atoms (both conditions & conclusions) containing the given term (or) predicate.
- /* Indexing scheme is a method of organizing information for efficient access of the same information at a later stage */



contradiction
Obtaining a contradiction

Knowledge Representation using Frames:

- ↳ Frame System used for process of representation of knowledge was first introduced by Marvin Minsky.
- ↳ Frames are regarded as an extension to semantic nets; each node of semantic net is represented by a frame.
- ↳ A frame may be defined as a datastructure that is used for representing a stereotyped situation. It consists of a collection of attributes (or slots) & associated values that describe some real-world entity.
- ↳ There are several types of information attached to each frame. Frame system form a powerful way of encoding information that supports reasoning.
- ↳ With the increase in complexity of a problem, the representation should become more structured for more beneficial use.
- ↳ Frames may be considered to represent the ways of organising as well as packing knowledge in a more structured form.
- ↳ Frames are slightly similar to the concept of class/object oriented paradigm; class also contains attributes and methods.
- ↳ In frames, it consists of attributes (or slots); slots are described with attribute-value pairs <slot-name, value>. Slots are generally complex structures that have facets/fillers describing their properties.
- ↳ The values of a slot may be primitive, such as text/string, constant (or an integer), (or) it may be another frame. Slots may contain value, refer to other frames (relations) or contain methods. Most of the frame systems allow multiple values for slots & some systems support procedural attachment as well.
- ↳ These procedural attachments (methods) can be used for computing the slot value whenever required. Frames may contain triggers for checking consistency & obtaining updates of other slots.
- ↳ Frames are basically a machine usable formalization of concept of schemata.

General structure of Frame

frame name
Slot-filler
default-values
constraints on values within the slots of a frame
pointers (links) to other frames
also (a-kind-of or subclass)
inst (instance)
instantiation procedure
inheritance procedure
default inference procedure
triggers

A frame may contain as many <slots-filler> pairs as required to describe an object. Fillers are also known as facets. Each slot may contain one/more facets (or) fillers.

Facet Name

Description

value	→	Value of the slot
default	→	Default value of the slot & it may be redefined by lower classes
range	→	The range of integer or enumerated values that a slot contains
methods	→	Procedural attachments such as if-needed, if-deleted, if-added, etc.
others	→	May contain rules, other frames, semantic net, or any type of

A class frame generally has certain default values which can be redefined at lower levels. In case a class frame possesses an actual value facet, then decendent frames cannot modify that value; this value then remains unchanged for all subclasses & instances of that class. The related frames are linked together into frame systems & are organized into hierachies (or) n/w of frames.

Eg: hospital frame

Slot Name	Facet Name	Facet Value
F-name	value	Metro hospital
Country	default	India
Phone-No	default	23456778
Address	default	abc

Frames in a n/w of frames are connected using the links below. Other required information may be made available using slot-value pair concept

- Ako — link connects two class frames, one of which is a kind of the other class. A class can define its own slots & also inherits slot-value pairs from its super class. It gives a sub-typing hierarchy where all instances of class frame are instances of super class frames. With this link knowledge representation becomes more structured & memory efficient.
- Inst — This link connects a particular instance frame to a class frame. An instance class possesses the same structure as a class frame.
- Inpartof — This link connects two class frames one of which is contained in other class.

Example: Descriptions of frames of n/w (Hospital)

* Hospital Frame (Root of the Network)

F-name: hospital
 Country: (Value-India)
 Phn-No: (default - 23456778)
 Address: (Default - NewDelhi)
 Director: (Default - xyz)
 Labs: lab (Lab Frame)
 Wards: ward (Ward Frame)
 Doctors: doctor (Doctor Frame)

* Child Hospital Frame

F-name : child-hospital
 Ako : hospital (Hospital Frame)
 Age : (Range - [0-12], Rule - if-added)

* Heart Hospital Frame

F-name : heart-hospital
 Ako : hospital (Hospital Frame)

* Lab Frame:

F-name : lab

Part-of : hospital (Hospital Frame)

Pathology : pathology (Pathology frame)

X-Ray : X-ray (X-ray frame)

* Hard Frame

Fname : ward

Part-of : hospital (Hospital frame)

Ortho : orthopedic (Orthopaedic Ward Frame)

* Doctor Frame

F-name : doctor

Part-of : hospital

Qualification : (default-MBBS)

* Orthopaedic Hard Frame

F-name : orthopaedic
Ako : ward (Ward Frame)

* Pathology Frame

F-name : pathology

Part-of : lab (Lab-frame)

Incharge : (default-xyz)

Types-of-test : (....)

* X-ray frame

F-name : X-ray

Part-of : lab (Lab-frame)

Incharge : (default-pqr)

◦ Frame Instance Descriptions:

◦ Hospital Frame instance:

F-name : AIIMS
 Inst : Hospital Frame
 Phn-No : (value - 91116591425)
 Address : (value - Central - Delhi)
 City : (value - New Delhi)
 Director : (value - Dr. Smith)
 Labs : (Lab-name)
 Hards : wards FrameInst
 Doctors : Doctors Frame Inst

◦ Labs Frame Instance

F-name : lab-name
 Inst : lab (LabFrame)
 Part-of : AIIMS (Hospital Frame instance)
 Pathology : pathology frame instance
 X-ray : X-ray Frame instance.

◦ Pathology Frame instance:

F-name : pathology-lab-name
 Inst : pathology (Pathology frame)
 Part-of : lab-names (Labs frameInst)
 Incharge : (value - M + John)
 Types-of-test : (value - [ECG, Blood Test, Urine])

◦ Child Hospital frame instance

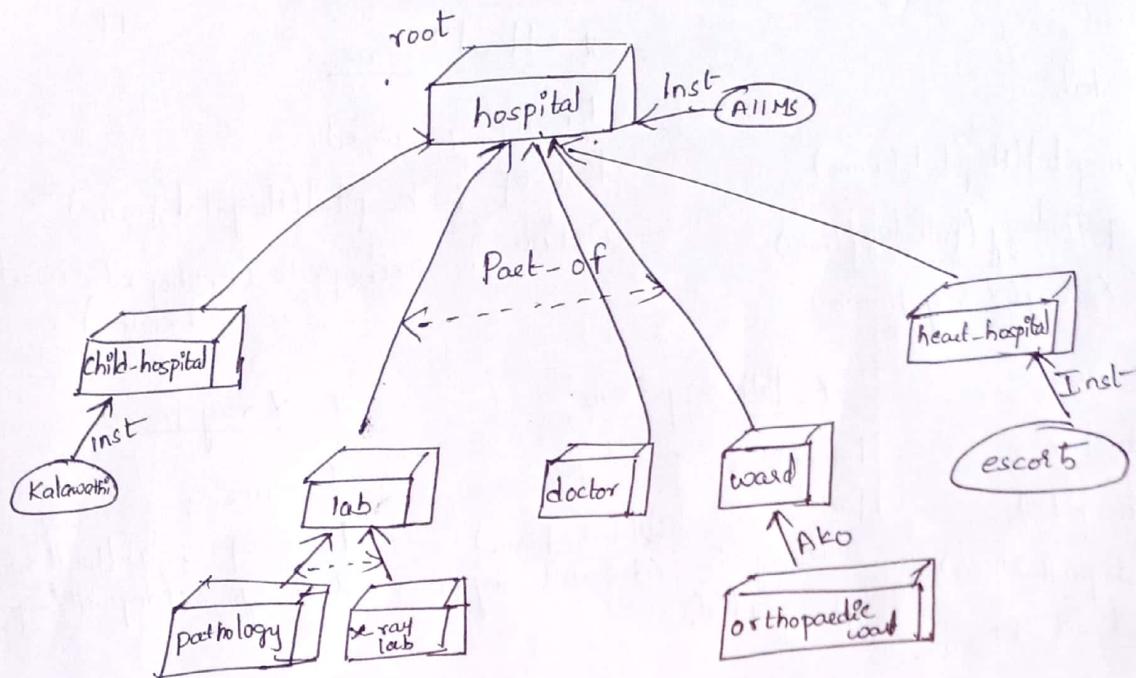
F-name : Kalawathi
 Inst : child-hospital (Child Hospital Frame)
 Address : (value - 1234 New Delhi)
 Phone : (value - 0116573891)
 Director : Dr. Milke

Heart hospital Frame instance

F-name : escort
 Inst : heart-hospital (Heart Hospital Frame)
 Phn-No : (value - 0114563732)
 Address : (value - Faizabad)

The graphical representation of a frame network for the class

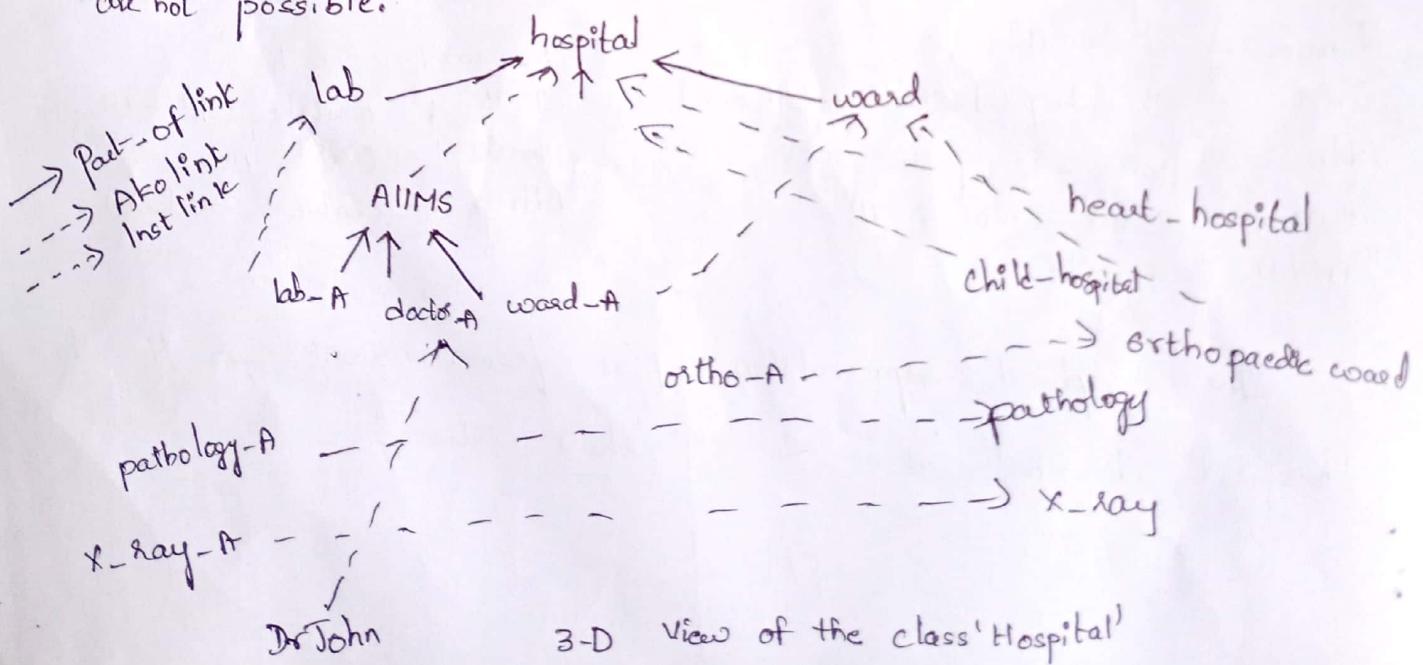
'hospital' described above is as shown below:



A Simple Frame System

A network of frames can be viewed as a 3D figure. One dimension concerned with the description of a class along with all the classes contained in it & connected Part-of link. The 2D in the hierarchy is of Ako link, while the third dimension contains the instances of all classes connected with Inst links. It is important to note that each frame can have at most two links with the following combinations:

- A frame can be an instance of some frame & a part of another frame. So it can have both Inst & Part-of links
- A frame can be a-kind-of frame of one frame & a part of another frame. So, it can have Ako & Part-of-links
- However, it is not possible to have a frame which is both an instance and a-kind-of-some class at the same time. So the links Inst & Ako in a frame are not possible.



An instance of a hospital is a specific hospital, such as AIIMS, which will have instances of all the classes in the nw of hospital frame, that is, instances of the lab, doctors & ~~ward~~ ward.

Further, if we wish to represent the 3-D structure of a nw of frames in first order predicate logic, it could be done as follows:

$$\forall x (\text{frame}(x) \equiv \exists y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n ((\text{Ako}(x, y_1) \vee \text{Inst}(x, y_1)) \wedge \text{Part-of}(x, y_2) \\ \wedge \text{slot}_3(x, y_2) \wedge \text{slot}_4(x, y_4) \wedge \dots \wedge \text{slot}_n(x, y_n))),$$

where, $\text{frame}(x)$ means that x is a frame, $\text{slot}_i \in \{\text{Inst}, \text{Ako}\}$; $\text{slot}_2 = \text{Part-of}$, and $\text{slot}_i(x, y_i)$ means that y_i is value of slot_i of frame x .

Inheritance in Frames:

Inheritance is defined as a mechanism which is utilized for passing knowledge from one frame to other frames down through the taxonomy from general to specific frame. It leads to cognitive economy, where information is only stored in one place, while it can be retrieved from different parts of the nw.

* Attachment of Demons (Rules):

Demons allows us to invoke rules within the frames and are considered to be a powerful style of programming. These can be attached with a slot along with other required facets. For example, an attached demon if-needed may be used for monitoring the behaviour of the system; another demon if-added may be used to validate data when the data is added in value slot.

This allows dynamic information retrieval & storage. One may get values directly from the slot or may have to dynamically calculate the value of the required slot on the basis of other values.

* Implementation of Frame Knowledge:

Frames can be easily implemented using OOP languages. Concept of class in OOP can be directly used to code frames that has the concept of a subclass (Ako) & containment (part-of link) of a class within another class. Instances of the frames can be declared as objects of the relevant classes. Slots can be defined as variables & procedural attachment as method. Inheritance is in built in these languages.

* Representation of Frames in Prolog: Frames can also be easily implemented using Prolog language. Each frame is represented as a fact in Prolog as frame

$\text{frame}(\text{F-name}, [\text{slot}_1(\text{facet}(\text{value}), \dots), \text{slot}_2(\text{facet}(\text{value}), \dots), \dots]).$

Eg:

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* Inheritance Rules in Prolog:

Since we have coded n/w of frames in Prolog, we need to write inheritance rules as well to obtain relevant information either directly available in frames or through inheritance. Inheritance rules for frame are given below

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find(X, Y) :- frame(X, Z), search(Y, Z), !.
find(X, Y) :- frame(X, [inst(Z)|_]), find(Y, Z), !.
find(X, Y) :- frame(X, [alloc(Z)|_]), find(Y, Z), !.
find(X, Y) :- frame(X, [part_of(Z)|_]), find(Y, Z).

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Predicate search will basically retrieve the lists of slot-facet pair & will try to match Y for slot. If a match is found, then its facet value is retrieved, otherwise process is continued till we reach the root frame.