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I. Instructions

1. How to use the UI mode

a. Running the Backend

- Download and extract the zip file provided to a directory
- Navigate to the extracted directory
- Install the required Python package
`python install -r requirements.txt`
- Start the FastAPI server
`uvicorn api:app --reload`

b. Running the Frontend

- Open a new terminal and navigate to the UI directory
`cd iengine-ui`
- Install the required Node packages (once only for the initial setup)
`npm install`
- Start the development server
`npm run dev`

c. Using the program for the UI mode

- Open your web browser and navigate to <http://localhost:5173/>
- Upload your input file and select the inference method (TT, FC, BC, or DPLL).
- The results will be displayed on the UI.

2. How to use the CLI mode

Open a new terminal and use the command:

```
python iengine.py <filename> <method>
```

Additional Notes:

- The project is divided into a backend implemented in Python using FastAPI and a frontend implemented using modern JavaScript frameworks.
- The inference methods implemented include Truth Table, Forward Chaining, Backward Chaining, and DPLL.
- The program supports both CLI and UI modes for user interaction.
- Ensure that all prerequisites such as Python, FastAPI, Uvicorn, and Node.js are installed before running the program.

II. Introduction

In this project, our team has implemented a propositional logic inference engine that determines whether a query can be logically derived from a given knowledge base. The system features four distinct reasoning methods:

- Truth Table (TT) checking: A complete method that systematically evaluates all possible truth values
- Forward Chaining (FC): A data-driven approach efficient for Horn clauses
- Backward Chaining (BC): A goal-oriented method that works backward from the queries
- DPLL (Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland): An advanced algorithm for satisfiability checking.

The implementation combines a Python backend for logical processing with a modern JavaScript frontend, supporting both command-line and web-based interfaces. The system can handle both Horn-form knowledge bases and general propositional logic formulas.

III. Inference methods

1. Truth Table (TT) checking

Truth Table checking is a complete but computationally intensive method for determining logical entailment.

a. How it works

- Enumerate all possible combinations of truth values for propositional symbols
- Evaluate the knowledge base (KB) under each combination
- Check if the query (α) is true in all models where KB is true
- If $KB \models \alpha$ is true, then α must be true in every model where KB is true

b. Complexity

- Time complexity: $O(2^n)$ where n is the number of propositional symbols
- Space complexity: $O(n)$ for storing truth assignments

c. Advantages

- Complete and sound for propositional logic
- Guarantees to find all models that satisfy the formula
- Simple and straightforward to implement and understand

d. Limitations

- Exponential complexity makes it impractical for large knowledge bases
- Must examine all possible combinations even when unnecessary

2. Forward Chaining (FC)

Forward chaining is a data-driven reasoning method that works efficiently with Horn clauses.

a. How it works

- Start with known facts in KB
- Apply Modus Ponens to derive new facts
- Add newly inferred facts to KB
- Repeat until either:
 - o Query is proven
 - o No new facts can be derived

b. Complexity

- Time complexity: $O(n)$, where n is the number of propositional symbols
- Space complexity: $O(n)$ for storing the agenda and inferred facts

c. Advantages

- Effective for Horn clauses
- Works well when many conclusions can be derived from facts
- Can quickly generate new knowledge from existing facts

d. Limitations

- Only works with Horn clauses
- Can generate many irrelevant facts, potentially leading to inefficiency
- May require extensive rule sets for complex problems

3. Backward Chaining (BC)

Backward Chaining is a goal-directed reasoning method that works backwards from the query.

a. How it works

- Start with the query goal
- Find rules that could prove the goal
- Add the premises of these rules as new subgoals
- Recursively prove subgoals
- Continue until reaching known facts or determining impossibility

b. Complexity

- Time complexity: $O(n)$, where n is the number of propositional symbols
- Space complexity: $O(n)$ for storing the goal stack

c. Advantages

- Efficient in focusing only on relevant facts needed to achieve the goal
- Reduces the search space by directly targeting the goal

d. Limitations

- Only works with Horn clauses
- Can get stuck in infinite loop if not implemented with cycle detection
- May require backtracking, which can be computationally expensive

4. DPLL (Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland)

DPLL is a complete algorithm for solving the satisfiability problem in propositional logic.

a. How it works

- Apply unit propagation
- Apply pure literal elimination
- Choose a literal and recursively:
 - o Try setting it to true
 - o If unsatisfiable, try setting it to false
- Repeat until finding a satisfying assignment or proving unsatisfiability

b. Complexity

- Time complexity: $O(2^n)$ in worst case, but often much better in practice
- Space complexity: $O(n)$ for storing assignments

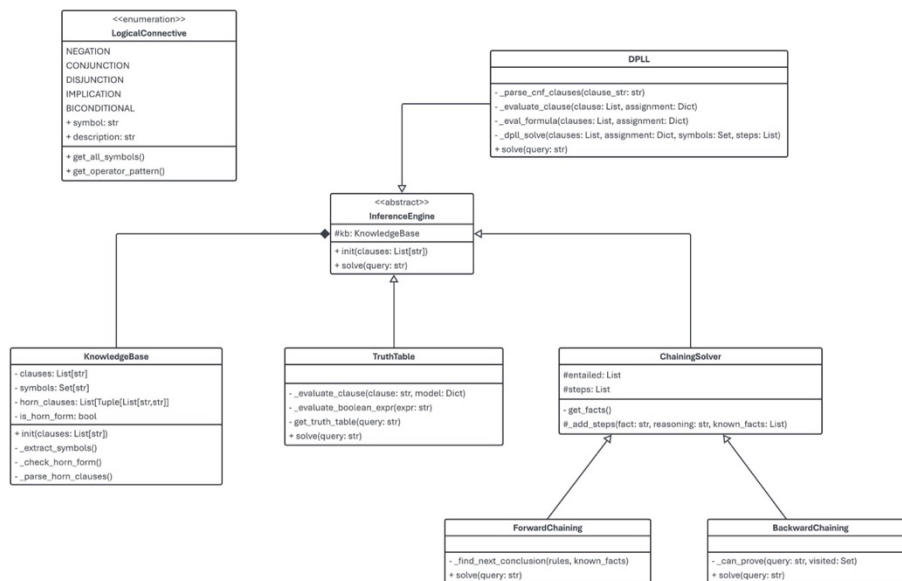
c. Advantages

- Complete for all propositional logic formulas
- Generally more efficient than truth tables
- Can handle non-Horn clauses

d. Limitations

- May still face exponential time complexity in the worst-case scenarios
- Requires the formula to be in CNF, which may complicate preprocessing

IV. Implementation



1. TruthTable

a. Implementation

- The **TruthTable** class generates all possible truth assignments for the propositional symbols in the knowledge base.
- It evaluates each clause and the query under these assignments to check if the query is entailed.
- The **_evaluate_clause** method replaces symbols with their boolean values and evaluates the resulting expression.
- The **get_truth_table** method generates the truth table by iterating over all possible models and checking which models satisfy the knowledge base and the query.

b. Approach

- This method is exhaustive, checking all possible truth value assignments to ensure the query is entailed.

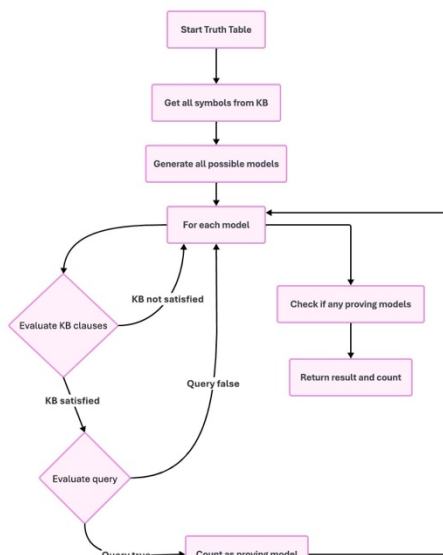


Figure 1: Truth Table Flowchart

```

class TruthTable(InferenceEngine):
    Method _evaluate_clause(clause: str, model: Dict[str, bool]):
        Replace symbols in clause with their boolean values from model
        Try:
            While '=' in clause:
                Split clause by '='
                Evaluate left and right parts
                Set result to (not left) or right
                Replace clause with result
            Return evaluated clause as boolean
        Except Exception:
            Print error message and return False

    Method _evaluate_boolean_expr(expr: str):
        Replace logical operators in expr with Python boolean operators
        Try:
            Return evaluated expr as boolean
        Except:
            Return False

    Method get_truth_table(query: str):
        Initialize symbols, total_models, and truth_table
        For each model (combination of boolean values for symbols):
            Initialize model dictionary
            Evaluate each clause and query with model
            Add results to truth_table
        Calculate summary of truth_table
        Return truth_table

    Method solve(query: str):
        Generate truth table for query
        Return whether query is entailed and number of proving models
  
```

Figure 2: Truth Table pseudocode

2. ForwardChaining

a. Implementation

- The **ForwardChaining** class derives new facts from known facts using inference rules.
- The **_find_next_conclusion** method finds the next rule that can be applied based on the current set of known facts.
- The **solve** method iteratively applies rules adding new conclusions to the set of known facts until the query is proven or no more rules can be applied.

b. Approach

- This method is data-drive, incrementally building on known facts by applying rules that connect premises to conclusions.

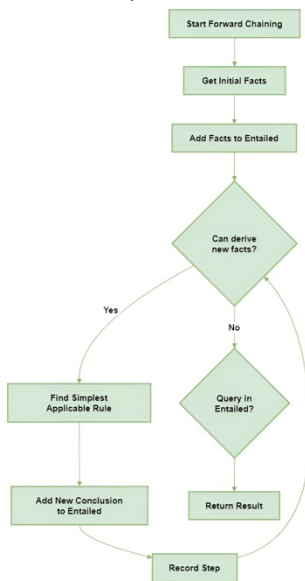


Figure 3: ForwardChaining Flowchart

```

Class ForwardChaining(ChainingSolver):
    Method _find_next_conclusion(rules, known_facts):
        Initialize candidate_rules
        For each rule in rules:
            If premises are satisfied by known_facts:
                Add rule to candidate_rules with complexity
        If no candidate_rules:
            Return None, None
        Sort candidate_rules by complexity
        Return premises and conclusion of simplest rule

    Method solve(query: str):
        Initialize self.entailed and self.steps
        Initialize facts from _get_facts()
        For each fact in sorted facts:
            Add fact to self.entailed and add reasoning step
        Get rules excluding pure facts
        While True:
            Find next conclusion using _find_next_conclusion()
            If no conclusion:
                Break
            Add conclusion to self.entailed and add reasoning step
            Remove used rule
        Return whether query is in self.entailed and self.entailed
  
```

Figure 4: ForwardChaining pseudocode

3. BackwardChaining

a. Implementation

- The **BackwardChaining** class works backwards from the query to see if it can be derived from known facts.
- The **_can_prove** method recursively attempts to prove the query by breaking it down into sub-queries and checking if each can be proven.
- The **solve** method initiates the proof attempt and tracks the reasoning steps.

b. Approach

- This method is goal-driven, focusing on proving the query by recursively breaking it down into sub-queries and checking if each can be satisfies.

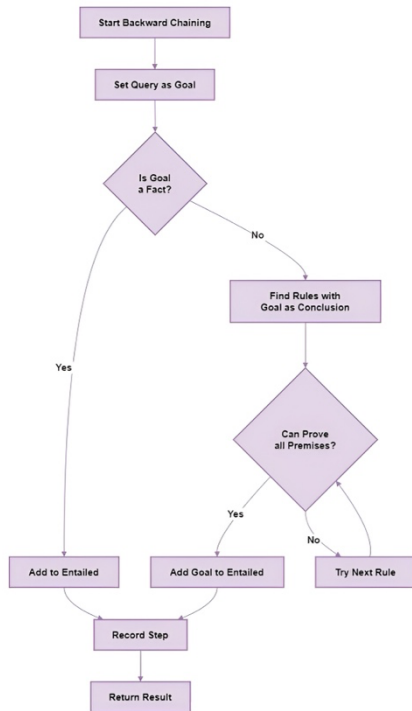


Figure 5: BackwardChaining Flowchart

```

Class BackwardChaining(ChainingSolver):
    Method _can_prove(query: str, visited: Set[str]):
        If query in visited:
            Return False
        Add query to visited
        If query is a fact:
            Add query to self.entailed and add reasoning step
            Return True
        For each premises and conclusion in self.kb.horn_clauses:
            If conclusion is query:
                Initialize all_premises_proven and required_premises
                For each premise:
                    If _can_prove(premise, visited.copy()):
                        Add premise to required_premises
                Else:
                    Set all_premises_proven to False and break
            If all_premises_proven:
                Add query to self.entailed and add reasoning step
                Return True
        Return False

    Method solve(query: str):
        Initialize self.entailed and self.steps
        Add initial goal step with query
        Call _can_prove(query, set())
        Return result and self.entailed
    
```

Figure 6: BackwardChaining pseudocode

4. DPLL

a. Implementation

- The **DPLL** class uses recursive backtracking to determine the satisfiability of a propositional logic formula in CNF.
- The **_parse_cnf_clauses** method converts input clauses to CNF format.
- The **_dpll_solve** method uses unit propagation, pure literal elimination, and recursive splitting to simplify and solve the formula.
- The **solve** method integrates the entire process, including negating the query and combining it with the knowledge base for satisfiability checking.

b. Approach

- This method employs logical simplifications and recursive search to efficiently determine satisfiability, making it suitable for larger and more complex formulas.

Flowchart

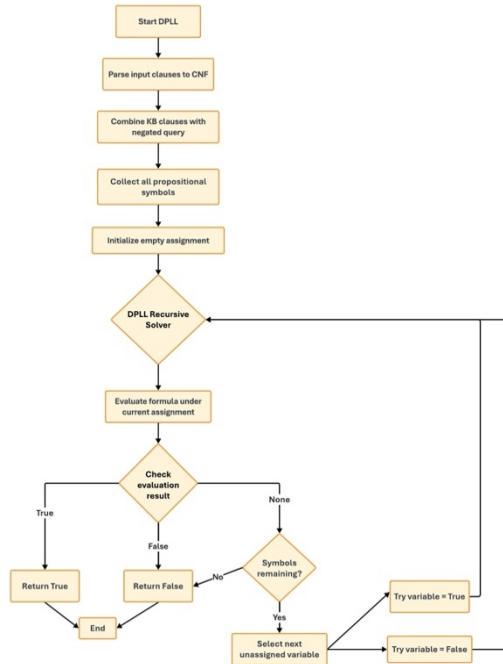


Figure 7: DPLL Flowchart

```

class DPLL(InferenceEngine):
    Method _parse_cnf_clauses(clause_str: str):
        Split clause_str into individual clauses by '&'
        Initialize result_clauses
        For each clause:
            Remove outer parentheses
            If clause contains '<=>':
                Convert to equivalent clauses and parse recursively
                Add results to result_clauses
                Continue
            If clause contains '<=>':
                Convert to equivalent clause
                Split clause by '|' and add literals to result_clauses
        Return result_clauses

    Method _evaluate_clause(clause: List[Tuple[str, str]], assignment: Dict[str, bool]):
        For each literal in clause:
            If literal is satisfied by assignment:
                Return True
            Else:
                Return None
        Return False

    Method _eval_formula(clauses: List[List[Tuple[str, str]]], assignment: Dict[str, bool]):
        Initialize results
        For each clause in clauses:
            Evaluate clause with assignment
            If clause is False:
                Return False
            Add result to results
        If all clauses are evaluated:
            Return True
        Return None

    Method _dpll_solve(clauses: List[List[Tuple[str, str]]], assignment: Dict[str, bool], symbols: Set[str], steps: List[str]):
        Evaluate formula with assignment
        If formula is True:
            Return True
        If formula is False:
            Return False
        If no symbols left:
            Return False
        Get next symbol and remaining symbols
        Try assigning True to symbol and solve recursively
        If solved:
            Update assignment and return True
        Try assigning False to symbol and solve recursively
        If solved:
            Update assignment and return True
        Return False

    Method solve(query: str):
        Parse CNF clauses from self.kb.clauses and query
        Negate query clauses and add to all_clauses
        Initialize symbols from all_clauses
        Initialize assignment and steps
        Solve using _dpll_solve()
        Return whether formula is satisfiable and assignment
  
```

Figure 8: DPLL pseudocode

5. Comparison

Characteristics	Truth Table (TT)	Forward Chaining (FC)	Backward Chaining (BC)	DPLL
Core approach	Brute force evaluation for all possible assignments	Data-driven, derives new facts from known facts	Goal-driven, works backwards from query to facts	SAT-based with intelligent pruning and backtracking
Formula support	All propositional formulas	Horn clauses only	Horn clauses only	All propositional formulas (in CNF)
Best use case	Small KBs with few variables (< 20)	Many derivable facts, rule-based systems	Specific goal queries, hierarchical KBs	Large KBs, non-Horn clauses
Key limitation	Impractical for large KBs	Cannot handle non-Horn clauses	Cannot handle non-Horn clauses, potential cycles	Complex implementation, requires CNF
Main data structure	Truth value matrix	Fact set & agenda	Goal stack & visited set	Clause set & assignments
Key advantage	Simple, guaranteed to find all solutions	Fast for Horn-clauses, straightforward	Goal-directed, efficient for queries	Handles all propositional logic with good average performance

V. Testing

For this implementation, we have developed a comprehensive testing framework consisting of 20 test cases to verify the logical inference system. The test suite includes both Horn Knowledge Base (KB) and Non-Horn Knowledge Base scenarios, covering various real world and abstract logic scenarios:

Test case 1: Horn KB – Basic Chain Reasoning

```

Executing Test Case 1
-----
Running TT method:
YES: 3
Running FC method:
NO
Running BC method:
NO
Running DPLL method:
YES
  
```

Test case 2: Non-Horn KB- Logical Equivalence and Contradiction

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase2.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase2.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (a<=>b)&c
- b||d
- ~d<=>e

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase2.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (a<=>b)&c
- b||d
- ~d<=>e

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase2.txt DPLL
YES
  
```

Test case 3: Horn KB - Medical Symptoms Chain

```

Executing Test Case 3
-----

Running TT method:
YES: 5

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 5: Horn KB - Weather Conditions Chain

```

Executing Test Case 5
-----

Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
NO
    
```

Test case 7: Horn KB - Student Graduation System

```

Executing Test Case 7
-----

Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
YES: completed_credits, passing_grades, thesis_done, eligible, extra_credit, can_graduate, honors

Running BC method:
YES: completed_credits, thesis_done, extra_credit, honors

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 9: Horn KB - Recipe Success Chain

```

Executing Test Case 9
-----

Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
NO
    
```

Test case 11: Horn KB - Computer Boot Sequence

```

Executing Test Case 11
-----

Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 13: Horn KB - Disease Diagnosis System

```

Executing Test Case 13
-----

Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 15: Horn KB - Software Deployment Pipeline

Test case 4: Non-Horn KB - Complex Logical Operators

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase4.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase4.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (x<=>y)||z
- v||w

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase4.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (x<=>y)||z
- v||w

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase4.txt DPLL
YES
    
```

Test case 6: Non-Horn KB - Logical Disjunction

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase6.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase6.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (p||q)&-r
- s<=>(pq)
- t||~s

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase6.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (p||q)&-r
- s<=>(pq)
- t||~s

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase6.txt DPLL
YES
    
```

Test case 8: Non-Horn KB - Circuit Logic System

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase8.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase8.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (power_on<=>battery_full)&-short_circuit
- power_on||backup_power

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase8.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (power_on<=>battery_full)&-short_circuit
- power_on||backup_power

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase8.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 10: Non-Horn KB - Security System Logic

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase10.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase10.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (alarm_on<=>motion_detected)||door_open
- guard_present||camera_on

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase10.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (alarm_on<=>motion_detected)||door_open
- guard_present||camera_on

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase10.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 12: Non-Horn KB - Weather Prediction System

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase12.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase12.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (clouds<=>humidity_high)&wind_strong
- precipitation||~clouds

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase12.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (clouds<=>humidity_high)&wind_strong
- precipitation||~clouds

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase12.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 14: Non-Horn KB - Smart Home System

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase14.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase14.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (lights_on<=>motion_detected)&time_night
- energy_save||~lights_on
- presence_mode<-sleeping=>motion_detected

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase14.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (lights_on<=>motion_detected)&time_night
- energy_save||~lights_on
- presence_mode<-sleeping=>motion_detected

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase14.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 16: Non-Horn KB - Transportation Logic

```

Executing Test Case 15
-----
Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
YES: code_tested, db_migrated, server_up, ready_deploy, deployment, app_running, success

Running BC method:
YES: code_tested, ready_deploy, server_up, deployment, db_migrated, app_running, success

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 17: Horn KB - Plant Growth System

```

Executing Test Case 17
-----
Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
YES: nutrients, pests, sunlight, water, ~healthy_plant, growth, healthy_plant, blooming

Running BC method:
YES: water, sunlight, growth, nutrients, healthy_plant, blooming

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

Test case 19: Horn KB - Restaurant Service Flow

```

Executing Test Case 19
-----
Running TT method:
NO

Running FC method:
NO

Running BC method:
NO

Running DPLL method:
NO
    
```

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase16.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase16.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (vehicle_ready=>fuel_full)||maintenance_done
- emergency||driver_available

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase16.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (vehicle_ready=>fuel_full)||maintenance_done
- emergency||driver_available

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase16.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 18: Non-Horn KB - Network Security System

```

alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase18.txt TT
NO
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase18.txt FC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (firewall_active=>security_protocol)&system_updated
- ~malware||antivirus_running
- firewall_active&~malware=>secure_system

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase18.txt BC
Error: Knowledge base contains non-Horn clauses. Found:
- (firewall_active=>security_protocol)&system_updated
- ~malware||antivirus_running
- firewall_active&~malware=>secure_system

Only TT (truth table) method and DPLL can be used with non-Horn clauses.
alice@Alices-MacBook-Air Assignment 2 % python iengine.py testcase18.txt DPLL
NO
    
```

Test case 20: Horn KB - Simple Pet Care System

```

Executing Test Case 20
-----
Running TT method:
YES: 3

Running FC method:
YES: hungry, feed, happy

Running BC method:
YES: hungry, feed, happy

Running DPLL method:
YES
    
```

VI. Features/Bugs/Missing

1. Features

a. Inference Methods

- **Truth Table (TT):**
 - o Implements systematic evaluation of all truth assignments.
 - o Provides detailed truth table generation and query evaluation.
- **Forward Chaining (FC):**
 - o Implements rule-based forward derivation with efficient rule prioritization.
- **Backward Chaining (BC):**
 - o Implements goal-directed reasoning using recursive query resolution.
- **DPLL Algorithm:**
 - o Implements SAT-solving with features like unit propagation and pure literal elimination.
 - o Efficiently handles CNF-based propositional logic.

b. File Parsing and Command-Line Interface (CLI):

- Parses TELL and ASK sections from input files.
- Supports invocation via `python iengine.py <filename> <method>`.
- Outputs results in specified format:
 - o **YES/NO** for query entailment.
 - o Additional information on models or derived facts.

c. Web-Based User Interface (UI):

- Allows users to upload .txt files and select inference methods.
- Visualizes inference processes:
 - o **ChainViz** for FC/BC visualizations.

- **DPLLViz** for tree-based visualization of the DPLL process.
- Displays truth tables for TT results.
- d. Error Handling:**
 - Provides error messages for invalid input formats, missing files, and unsupported features.
 - Handles edge cases, such as cyclic dependencies in chaining algorithms.
- e. Testing Support:**
 - Designed to be tested with diverse input files containing Horn clauses and queries.
- f. Visualization Enhancements:**
 - Clear and interactive visualization of inference steps in ChainViz and DPLLViz.
 - Step-by-step animation with playback controls for visual clarity.

2. Known Bugs

a. DPLL Visualization:

Even with the implementation of screen tracking that automatically focuses on nodes as they are explored, the visualization of very large CNF formulas can still be challenging. When the tree becomes exceedingly large, observing and interpreting the structure and steps may remain difficult due to the sheer number of nodes and connections.

b. Frontend Responsiveness:

While mechanisms to enhance responsiveness, such as progressive rendering and efficient table handling, are implemented, the UI may still experience delays when handling extremely large truth tables. This is particularly noticeable in the Truth Table (TT) method, where rendering numerous models and results can take a significant amount of time for large knowledge bases.

3. Missing

a. Non-Horn Clause Support for FC/BC:

- Forward and Backward Chaining methods are limited to Horn-form knowledge bases as required.
- General propositional logic formulas cannot be processed using FC/BC.

b. Advanced Optimizations:

- Optimizations for Truth Table (TT) and DPLL algorithms (e.g., heuristic variable ordering) are not fully implemented.

Additional Notes

- **Visualization Contributions:**
 - ChainViz and DPLLViz provide intuitive insights into the inference process.
 - Include step-by-step visualizations and playback controls for enhanced understanding.
- **Testing:**
 - Comprehensive test cases are prepared for all methods, demonstrating correctness and edge case handling.
- **File Format Compliance:**
 - Ensures compatibility with the required TELL and ASK file format for smooth operation.

VII. Research

1. Extension to General Knowledge Bases

To address the requirement of extending the inference engine to handle general propositional logic knowledge bases, I explored and implemented two key approaches:

a. Truth Table (TT) for General Knowledge Bases

- The Truth Table method in my implementation is designed to work with all types of knowledge bases, including those beyond Horn form.
- By leveraging logical connectives such as disjunction (\vee), conjunction (\wedge), negation (\neg), implication (\Rightarrow), and biconditional (\Leftrightarrow), the TT method systematically evaluates every possible truth assignment for the propositional symbols in the knowledge base.
- Implementation Highlights:
 - o A comprehensive truth table is generated for all models.
 - o Logical expressions are evaluated in each model to determine the satisfaction of both the knowledge base and the query.
 - o The method outputs whether the query is entailed and provides the count of models that support the query.
- Key Observations:
 - o While the TT method guarantees completeness, its exponential complexity limits scalability for large knowledge bases with many symbols.
 - o To address this, optimization techniques like incremental evaluation and caching of intermediate results could be considered in future work.

b. DPLL (Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland) Algorithm for General Knowledge Bases

- The DPLL algorithm was implemented to solve the satisfiability problem efficiently for knowledge bases in Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF).
- DPLL is well-suited for general knowledge bases as it does not rely on Horn form restrictions and incorporates advanced features for efficiency.
- Implementation Highlights:
 - o Conversion of logical formulas to CNF.
 - o Utilization of unit propagation and pure literal elimination to simplify clauses.
- Recursive decision-making with backtracking to explore possible truth assignments.
- Enhancements:
 - o Visualization: A tree-based visualization (DPLLViz) was developed to track the algorithm's decision-making process. Each node represents a step in the search tree, and edges indicate decisions or backtracks.
 - o Screen Tracking: The UI includes automatic focus adjustments to ensure the active node remains in view as the algorithm explores the tree.
- Key Observations:
 - o DPLL significantly outperforms TT for large and complex knowledge bases due to its pruning capabilities and targeted search.
 - o However, even with visualization and screen tracking, large CNF formulas can produce trees too complex for effective observation.

2. Automated Testing and Insights

To validate and benchmark the implementation, I conducted extensive automated testing across various types of knowledge bases:

a. Test Cases:

- Included both Horn-form and general propositional logic knowledge bases.
- Varied the size and complexity of the knowledge bases to test scalability and robustness.
- Incorporated edge cases such as unsatisfiable queries and redundant clauses.

b. Insights from Testing:

- **TT Method:**
 - o Guaranteed correctness but experienced exponential growth in runtime and memory usage as the number of symbols increased.
 - o Showed clear limitations for knowledge bases with more than 15 symbols.
- **DPLL Algorithm:**
 - o Demonstrated significantly better scalability compared to TT.
 - o Handled larger knowledge bases efficiently by pruning large portions of the search space.
 - o Provided valuable insights into the satisfiability of queries, particularly for complex CNF formulas.

3. Future Work

• Optimizations:

- o Introduce heuristic-based decision-making in DPLL to prioritize variables with higher impact on clause satisfaction.
- o Implement lazy evaluation for TT to avoid unnecessary computation of unsatisfied models.

• Additional Research:

- o Explore the implementation of a resolution-based theorem prover to complement the existing methods.
- o Investigate techniques to simplify and preprocess knowledge bases before applying inference methods.

By implementing both DPLL and TT for general knowledge bases, this research advances the versatility and effectiveness of the inference engine, paving the way for further enhancements and practical applications.

VIII. Team summary report

1. Collaboration and Workflow

Throughout this project, we maintained a highly collaborative approach. Both of us were actively involved in all aspects of the assignment, working closely together to ensure a high-quality implementation and report. Here are the key aspects of our teamwork:

a. Coding:

- We jointly contributed to the coding process, often sitting together to discuss and implement solutions in real time.
- We used Git for version control, regularly pushing and pulling code changes to stay synchronized. This allowed us to identify and fix bugs collaboratively and iteratively.

b. Bug Fixing and Testing:

- We tested the code extensively as a team, identifying edge cases and refining the implementation until both of us were satisfied with the results.
- Whenever a bug was encountered, we brainstormed solutions together and worked through the debugging process as a pair.

c. Report Writing:

- We shared the responsibility of writing the report.
- Each of us contributed to different sections of the report, reviewing and providing feedback on each other's writing to ensure clarity and coherence.

d. Feedback and Review:

- We provided constant feedback to each other during the development process, offering suggestions for improvements and alternative approaches.
- This iterative process of review and refinement helped us produce a polished and well-rounded submission.

2. Contribution Breakdown

We divided the work equally to ensure fairness and balanced effort. Below is the contribution percentage for each team member:

Team Member	Contribution Percentage	Areas of Contribution
Thien	50%	Coding, debugging, report writing, testing
Truc	50%	Coding, debugging, report writing, testing

Total Contribution: 100%

IX. Conclusion

1. Discussion of Best Type of Search Algorithms

For propositional logic inference, the choice of the best search algorithm depends on the nature of the problem and the size of the knowledge base:

- DPLL Algorithm:** The DPLL algorithm is highly efficient for large and complex knowledge bases, particularly those in Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF). It leverages pruning techniques such as unit propagation and pure literal elimination, making it scalable and effective for satisfiability problems. With implemented optimizations like heuristic-based decision-making, DPLL stands out for its efficiency and robustness.
- Truth Table (TT) Method:** The TT method provides a complete and sound approach, systematically evaluating all possible truth assignments. While ideal for small to medium-sized knowledge bases, its exponential complexity limits its practicality for larger problems.

2. Performance Improvements

To enhance performance, future efforts could include:

- a. **Conflict-Driven Clause Learning (CDCL):** Integrating CDCL into DPLL for better efficiency in resolving conflicts.
- b. **Parallel Processing:** Implementing parallel processing for truth table evaluations to handle large models more effectively.
- c. **Advanced Preprocessing:** Simplifying and compacting the knowledge base before applying inference algorithms to reduce complexity.

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1. Python Official Documentation:

- a. Used extensively to reference language-specific implementations, such as working with regular expressions and optimizing data structures.
- b. URL: [Python Docs](#)

2. FastAPI Documentation:

- a. Provided guidance on setting up the backend API for file handling and inference method integration.
- b. URL: [FastAPI Docs](#)

3. React.js Documentation:

- a. Supported the development of the frontend, particularly for building the ChainViz and DPLLViz components for visualization.
- b. URL: [React Docs](#)

4. GitHub and Stack Overflow:

- a. Leveraged GitHub repositories and Stack Overflow discussions for debugging issues and exploring best practices for algorithm implementations.
- b. URLs: [GitHub](#) | [Stack Overflow](#)

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