Let U be the set of user selected symptoms. Let $D = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}}^{length(D)} Di$, where D is the set of matched disorders from boqa. Find a set of symptoms S_i associated with every D_i and let $S = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} S_i$. Define,

A(s): a set of ancestor symptoms of symptom s

Then any s is more specific than A(s). Any s symptom **is** any $a \in A(s)$; however $\forall a \in A(s)$ is not necessarily s.

- 1. if $\exists x \in D$ such that x is equal to $s \in S_i$, then x is an exact match to s.
- 2. Let A(s) for some $s \in S_i$ for some i. If $\forall u \in U$ such that $u \in A(s)$, then u is an ancestor of the symptom s. x is a fuzzy match
- 3. Let A(u) for some $u \in U$, If $\exists s \in S_i$ for some i such that $s \in A(u)$. Therefore u implies s and therefore u is an exact match.
- 4. Otherwise there is no match

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