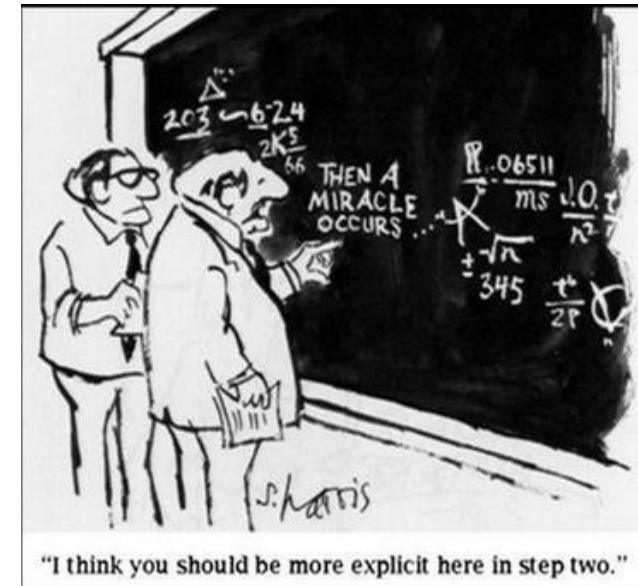


# Logic-based Learning

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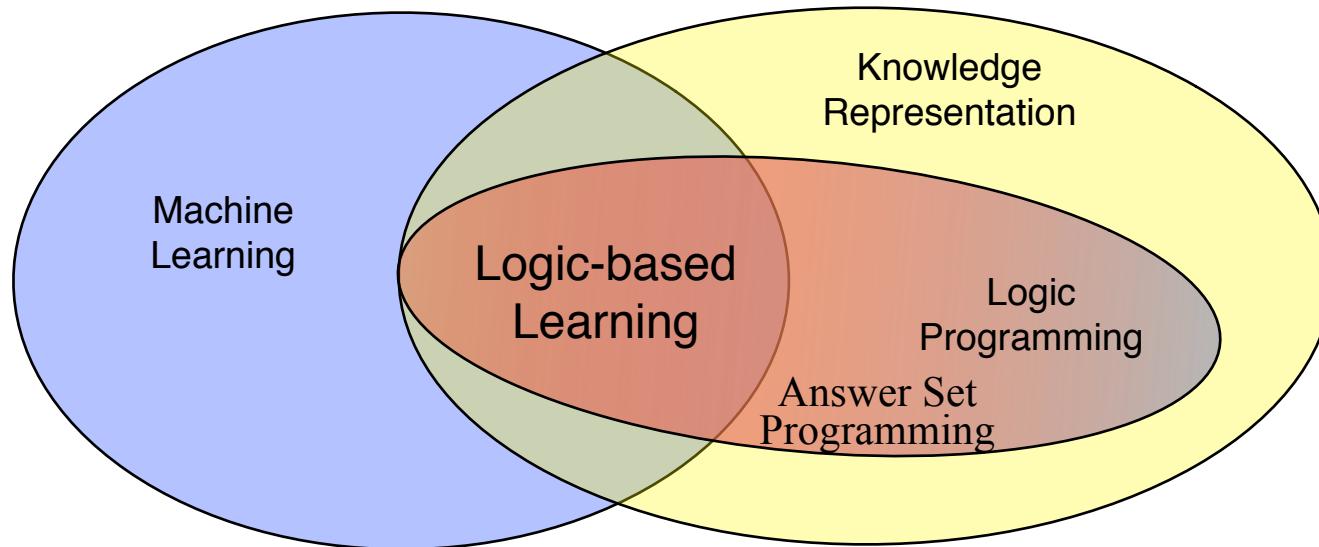


# Objectives



- Modelling complex problems using logic.
  - Why logic. (e.g. deductive, abductive and inductive inference).
  - How logic-based learning differs from other machine learning techniques.
  - Different formalisms and semantics (e.g. (non-)monotonicity, (non-)determinism)
- Logic-based learning frameworks
  - Different formalisms and semantics (logic programming)  
(e.g. (non-)monotonicity, (non-)determinism, learning from entailments)
  - Algorithms and refinement operators (e.g. top-down, bottom-up, meta-level)
  - Extended learning frameworks, enabling learning more expressive programs  
(answer set programs including constraints, choices and preferences)
- Evaluating and enriching the goodness of the learned models
  - Learning from noisy data
  - Probabilistic logic programming(e.g. ProbLog)
  - Learning probabilistic logic programs (ProbFOIL)

# What is logic-based learning?



- Knowledge extraction from observations
- Predictions about unseen data
- Ability to improve behavior over time.
- Declarative representation
- Clear semantics
- Inference mechanisms



Learning logic-based programs from  
observations and given background knowledge

# Why is it important?

Early Machine Learning techniques are limited in representation of data and learning outcomes:

- assume fixed number of features
- use propositional representation of data (e.g. set of features' values)
- learning outcomes depend on selection of features
- learning outcomes are in terms of single relationships between data and set of features.

Propositional representation is insufficient for domains with a variable number of features and multi-relations between features.

Logic-based learning is targeted to learning tasks in domains with a variable number of entities and multi-relations between entities.

# Why is it important?

Imagine that we have two tables: a customer can make multiple purchases and we would like to characterise customers that spend a lot.

customer

CID	Name	Age	SpendALot

purchase

CID	ProdID	Date	Value	PaymentMode

purchase1

CID	Name	Age	SpendALot	ProdID	Date	Value	PaymentMode

customer1

CID	Name	Age	NofPurchases	TotalValue	SpendALot

We cannot analyse  
information wrt customers

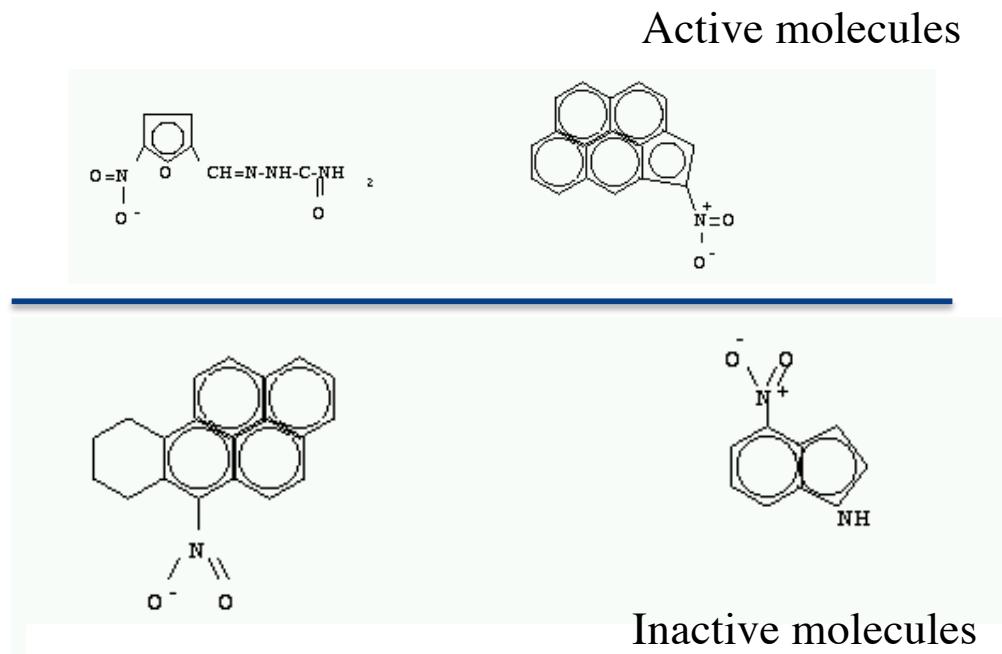
Loss of information during  
aggregation

Customer(CID, Name, Age, yes) :-  
 Age > 30,  
 purchase(CID, PID, D, Value, PM),  
 PM = creditcard,  
 Value > 100.

# Example 1: Mutagenicity prediction

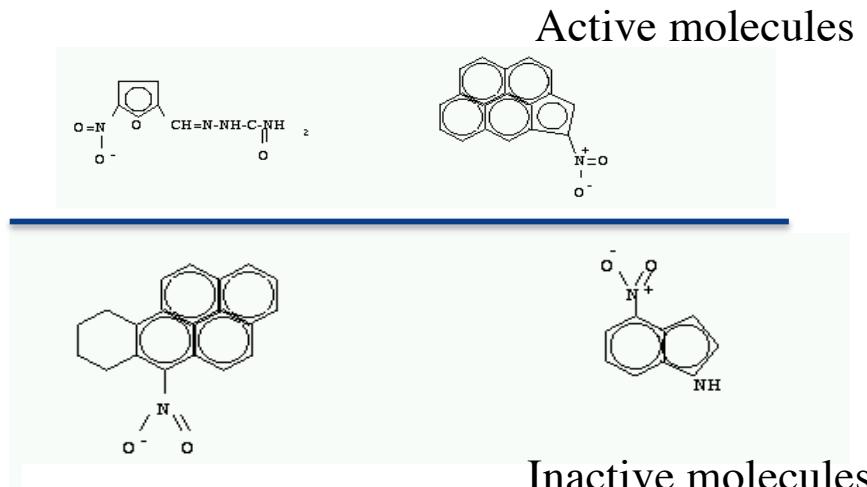
Some molecules (e.g. mutagenic) can cause mutation in DNA, others don't.  
Mutations can lead to cancer.

How to predict which molecules are active mutagenic?  
Can we use just information about their molecular structure?



Compound	Attr1	Attr2	Attr3	Class
ID1	true	false	true	Active
ID2	true	true	true	Active
ID3	false	false	true	Inactive
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# Example1: Mutagenicity prediction



active(f1).  
atom(f1, f1<sub>1</sub>, c, 21, 0.817).  
atom(f1, f1<sub>2</sub>, c, 21, -0.143).  
atom(f1, f1<sub>3</sub>, c, 21, -0.143).

.....  
bond(f1, f1<sub>1</sub>, f1<sub>2</sub>, 7).  
bond(f1, f1<sub>2</sub>, f1<sub>3</sub>, 7).  
bond(f1, f1<sub>3</sub>, f1<sub>4</sub>, 7).

.....  
logmutag(f1, 0.64).  
lumo(f1, -1.785).  
logp(f1, 1.01).

ring\_size5(f1, [f1<sub>5</sub>, f1<sub>1</sub>, f1<sub>2</sub>, f1<sub>3</sub>, f1<sub>4</sub>]).

.....

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mutagenic(M) ← ring_size5(M, L),
    atom(M, A1, _, _, _),
    atom (M,A2,_,_,_),
    member(A1,L), bond(M, A1 ,A2, 2)
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# Example2: Web Mining

Learning single large graphs or networks

e.g. protein networks, social networks, Web-based link network

The screenshot shows the Imperial College London Department of Computing website. A network graph is overlaid on the page, connecting various staff members and their research interests. Nodes include Dr. Alessandra Russo, Mr. Mark Law, Mr. Calin-Rares Turluc, Mr. Graham Deane, and Călin-Rares Turluc. Edges represent relationships like staff membership and project involvement.

$\text{staff(url1, alessandra)}$   
 $\text{staff(url2, stephen)}$   
 $\text{project(url4, privacy)}$   
 $\text{student(url6 rares)}$   
 $\text{student(url7 mark)}$   
 $\text{department(url9, computing)}$

$\dots \dots \dots$   
 $\text{project(alessandra,privacy)}$   
 $\text{staffOf(alessandra, computing)}$   
 $\text{people(privacy, rares)}$

$\text{researcherOf(Lect, RA) } \leftarrow \text{project(Lect, Proj),}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{people(Proj, RA)}$   
 $\text{researcherAt(RA, Dept) } \leftarrow \text{staffOf(Lect, Dept),}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{researcherOf(Lect, RA)}$

Background knowledge

# Example2: Web Mining

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The screenshot shows two web pages from the Imperial College London Department of Computing website. The left page is for Dr. Alessandra Russo, a Reader in Applied Computational Logic. It includes her photo, research interests in Structured and Probabilistic Knowledge Engineering (SPIKE), and a list of publications. The right page is for Călin-Rares Turluc, a student. It includes his photo, research interests in machine learning, bioinformatics, and natural language processing, and contact information (ct1810@imperial.ac.uk).

staff(url1, alessandra)  
 staff(url2, stephen)  
 project(url4, privacy)  
 student(url6 rares)  
 student(url7 mark)  
 department(url9, computing)  
 .....  
 project(alessandra,privacy)  
 staffOf(alessandra, computing)  
 people(privacy, rares)

supervisor(Prof, Stud)  $\leftarrow$  student(URL, Stud),  
 contains(URL, advisor),  
 contains(URL, Prof).

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# Example3: Learning Language in Logic



NLP ideal for logic-based learning: structured data, recursive definitions and background knowledge

Expressivity and flexibility of logic makes it suitable for NLP.

Hand-craft logic-based description of NL is too costly and not very robust.

Statistical approaches lead to descriptions that are difficult to interpret.

Learning task aims at learning grammar rules from a background knowledge of a partial grammar and (positive only or positive and negative) examples

- Learn missing grammatical concepts
- Revise existing grammar rules

Recursion

Multiple rules

# Example3: Learning Language in Logic

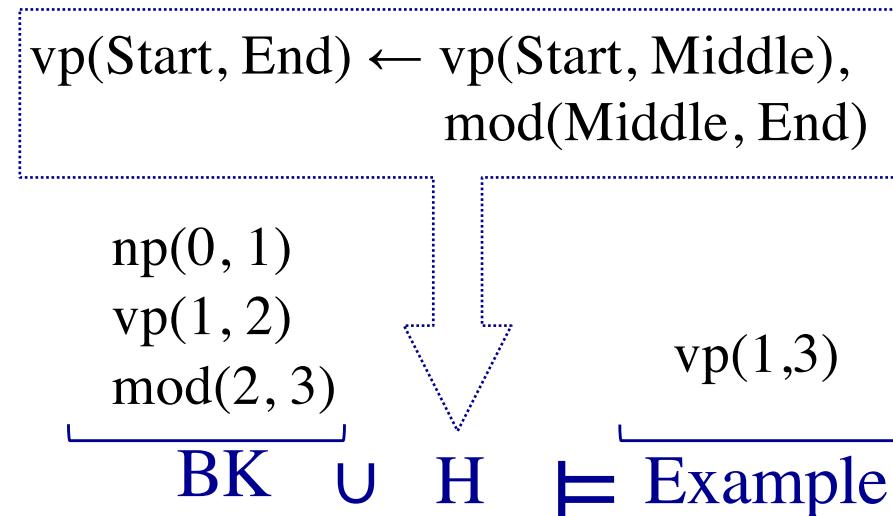
$\text{VP} ::= \text{VP MOD}$

$_0 \text{ She } _1 \text{ ran } _2 \text{ quickly } _3$

However many other clauses could also explain the example

- $\text{vp}(\text{Start}, \text{End})$
- $\text{vp}(\text{Start}, \text{End}) \leftarrow \text{vp}(\text{Start}, \text{Middle})$

Negative examples are necessary to avoid over generalization



Training Examples		Background knowledge
vp(1, 3) +	vp(0, 1) -	np(0, 1)
	vp(0, 2) -	vp(1, 2)
	vp(0, 3) -	mod(2, 3)
	vp(2, 3) -	

# Example3: Learning Language in Logic

What about learning multiple target concepts?

What about learning concepts that are different from given example?

<i>Secondary examples</i>	<b>Training Examples</b>	<b>Background knowledge (BK)</b>
	$s(0, 3) + np(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{word}(\text{"She"}, X, Y)$	$\text{word}(\text{"She"}, 0, 1)$
	$mod(X, Y) \leftarrow \text{word}(\text{quickly}, X, Y)$	$\text{word}(\text{quickly}, 2, 3)$
	$s(X, Y) \leftarrow np(X, Z), vp(Z, Y)$	$\text{word}(\text{ran}, 1, 2)$
	$vp(X, Y) \leftarrow v(X, Y)$	$\leftarrow v(1, 3)$

$vp(\text{Start}, \text{End}) \leftarrow vp(\text{Start}, \text{Middle}),$   
 $mod(\text{Middle}, \text{End})$   
 $v(1, 2) \leftarrow$

$$BK \cup H \models \frac{s(0,3)}{\text{Example}}$$

## Example 4: Learning from human-robot dialogue



Oizuu.com

ANN and DNN have recently been able to support highly accurate NLP

- SyntaxNet (from Google)
- Core-NLP (from Stanford)

But, limited in extracting common-sense and domain expert knowledge, needed for deeper semantic Understanding.

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Aq-g0J2JpSjPox7CC5YSCvXLYNgl>

# Example 5: Machine Comprehension of Text

- End-to-end semantic representation of English text into interpretable modes.
- Learning common-sense knowledge from Q&A

Text comprehension

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Given correct and incorrect answers

**Story:**

1. John went to the local restaurant.
2. The waiter brought John a glass of water and took the order.
3. As John was waiting, he took out the book and began to read it.
4. The steak which he ordered finally arrived.
5. After John had finished the meal, he took the jacket but he forgot to take the book.
6. He paid the bill and went back to the hotel.

**Questions:**

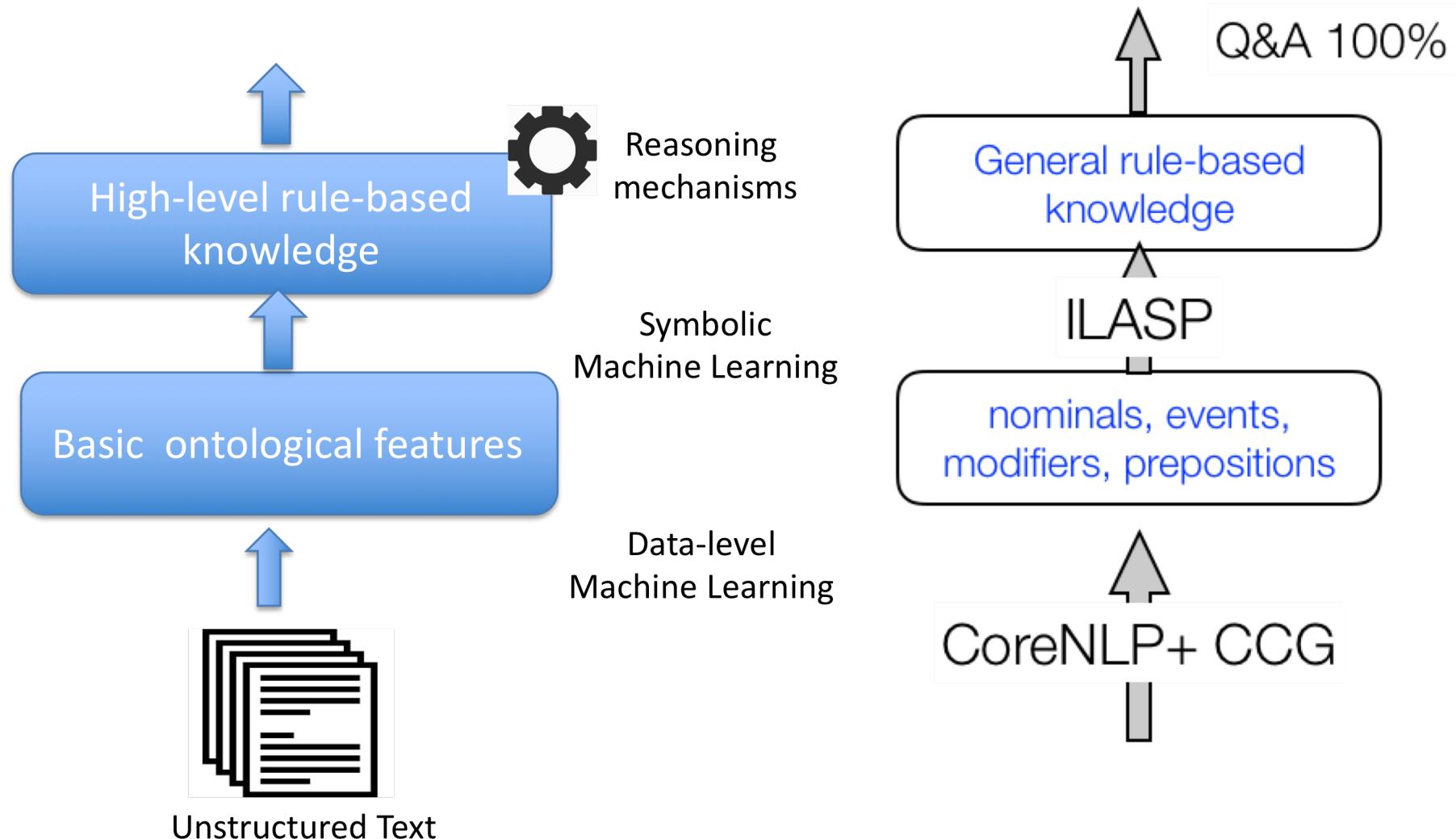
1. Where is John?
2. Where was John before he went to the hotel?
3. Who took the order?
4. Who received a glass of water?
5. Did John have to wait?
6. What did John read?
7. What did John choose?
8. Where is the book?
9. Where is the jacket?



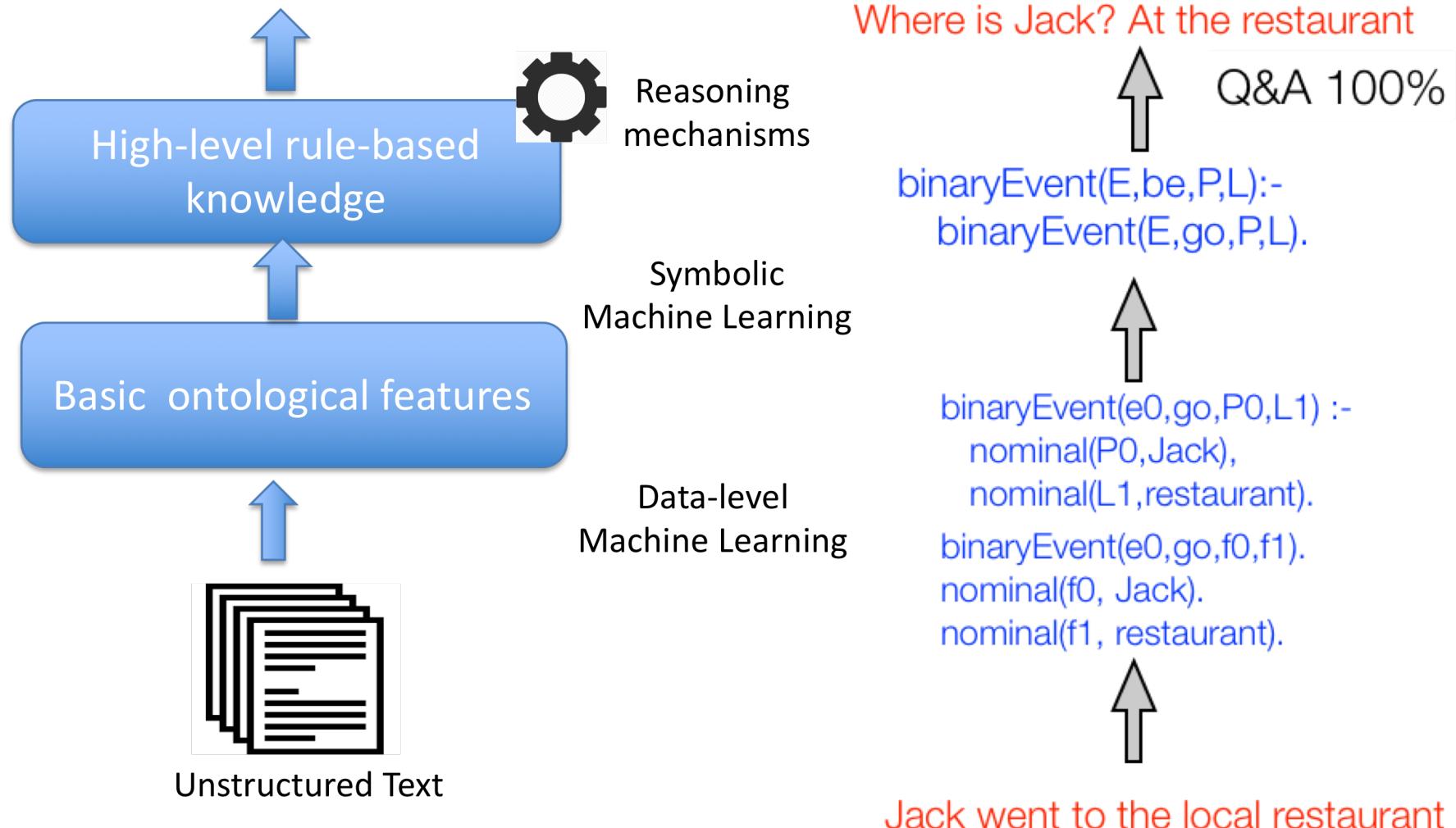
## Learned Knowledge

- If a person goes somewhere then he/she will be at that location.
- If a person picks an object then he/she will carry that object
- If a person carries an object and he/she goes to a location then the object will be at that location

# Example5: Machine Comprehension of Text



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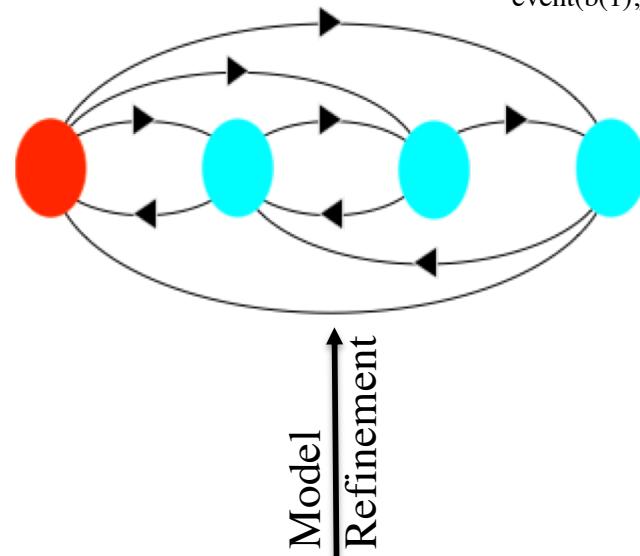


# Example 6: Learning Software Models

Informal  
requirements



*Model  
Elaboration*



*Model  
Refinement*

Execution traces

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event(b(1),start,complete,0,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),applyForLicense,complete,1,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),attendClassesRideMotorBikes,complete,2,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),doTheoreticalExam,complete,3,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),obtainSpecialInsurance,complete,4,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),doPracticalExamRideMotorBikes,complete,5,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
event(b(1),getResult,complete,6,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
  
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*Model  
Evolution*

Logic-based learning  
can enable **elaboration**  
and **evolution** of  
software models

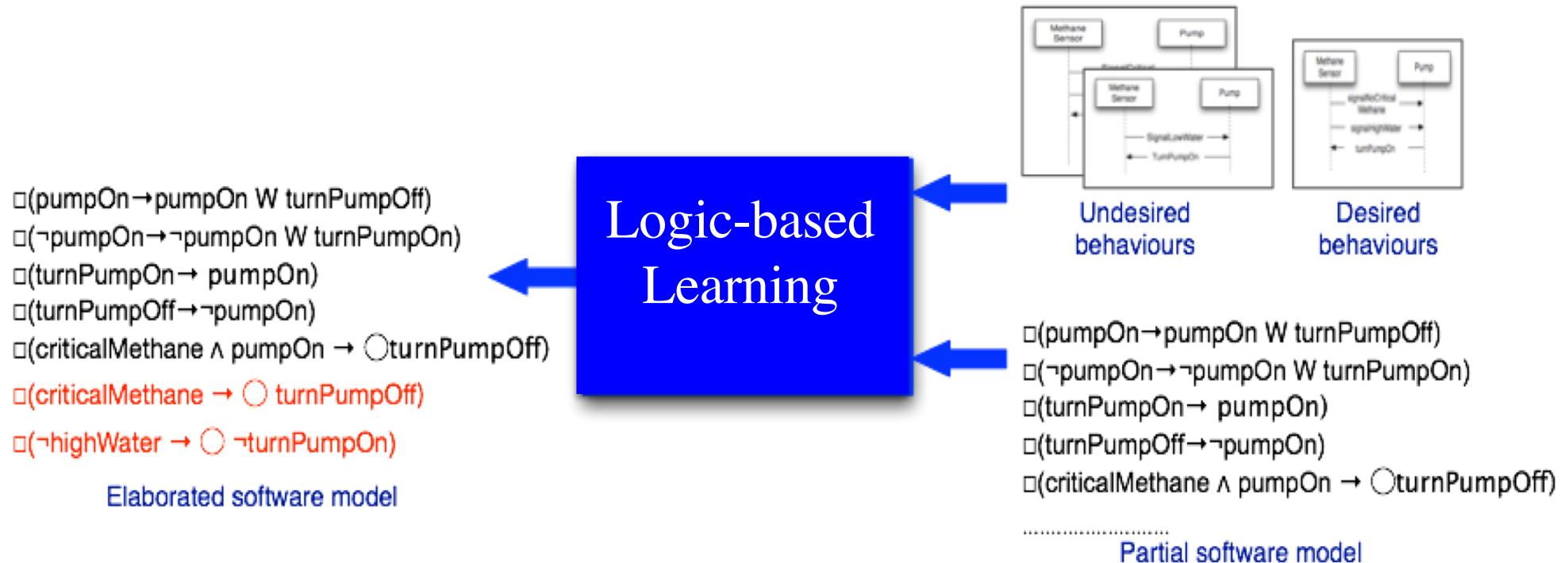
$\square (\text{critical Methane} \wedge \text{pumpOn} \rightarrow \bigcirc \text{turnPumpOn})$

System goals

# Example 6: Software Model Elaboration

Learning task aims at learning software models from

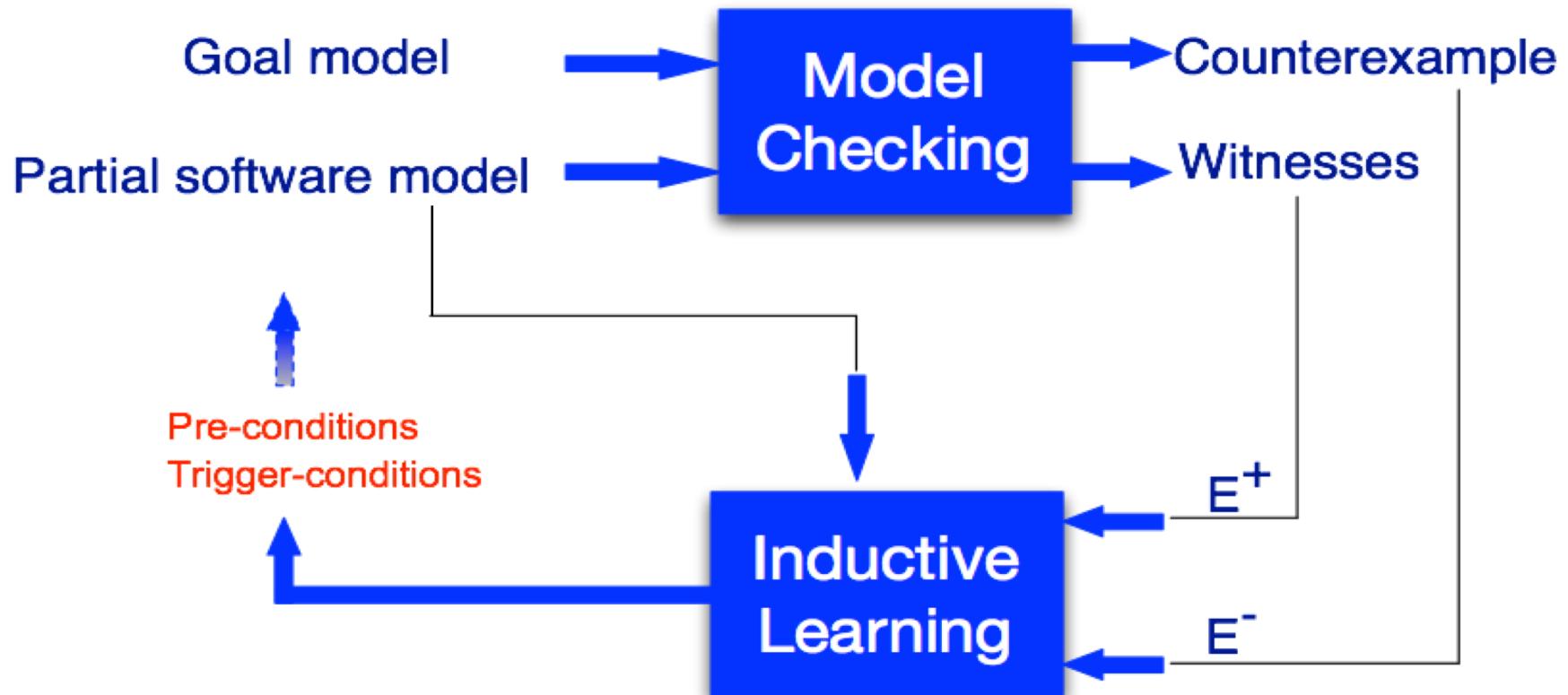
- scenarios provided by the user
- domain knowledge



# Example 6: Software Model Refinement

Learning task aims at refining and/or revising software models from

- counterexamples of system properties
- system goals



# Example 6: Reverse Engineering Models

Learning task aims at reverse engineering software models from execution traces

- systems logs are positive examples
- generating negative examples from execution traces and Close World Assumption (CWA)

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[],noAgentIdAvailable).
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event(b(1),getResult,complete,6,[],noAgentIdAvailable).
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Not-conforming model



Logic-based learning

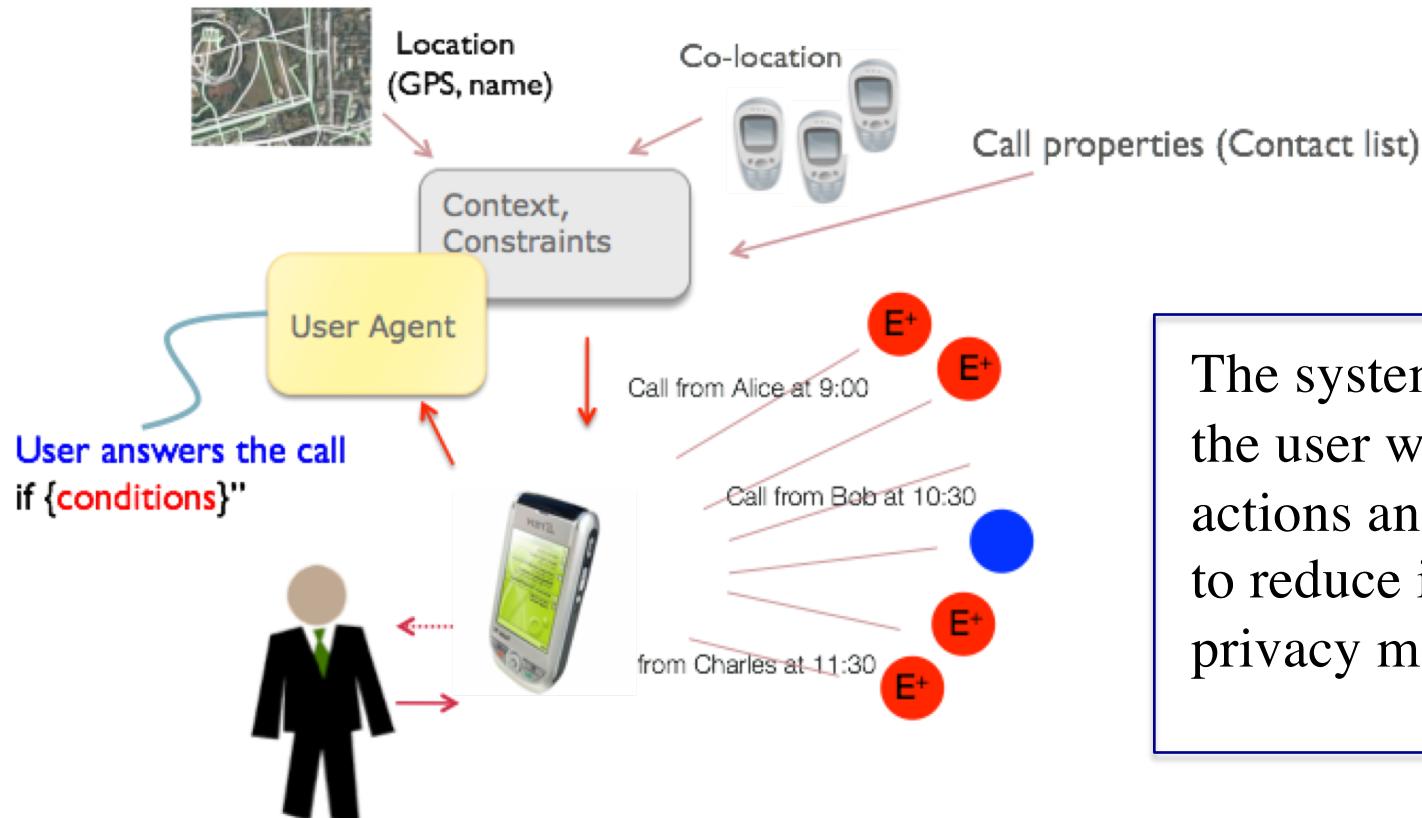


Model conforming with the logs



# Example 7: Learning User Behaviours

- Improve a system automatically with experience
- Reverse engineering from execution traces
- Indirect management of policies (learning instead of specifying rules)



The system learns what the user wants from past actions and uses model to reduce intervention in privacy management.

# Example 7: Learning User Behaviours

Find a set of rules of the type

accept(...) IF condition<sub>1,1</sub>, ..., condition<sub>max\_1,1</sub>

accept(...) IF condition<sub>1,2</sub>, ..., condition<sub>max\_2,2</sub>

.....

How many?

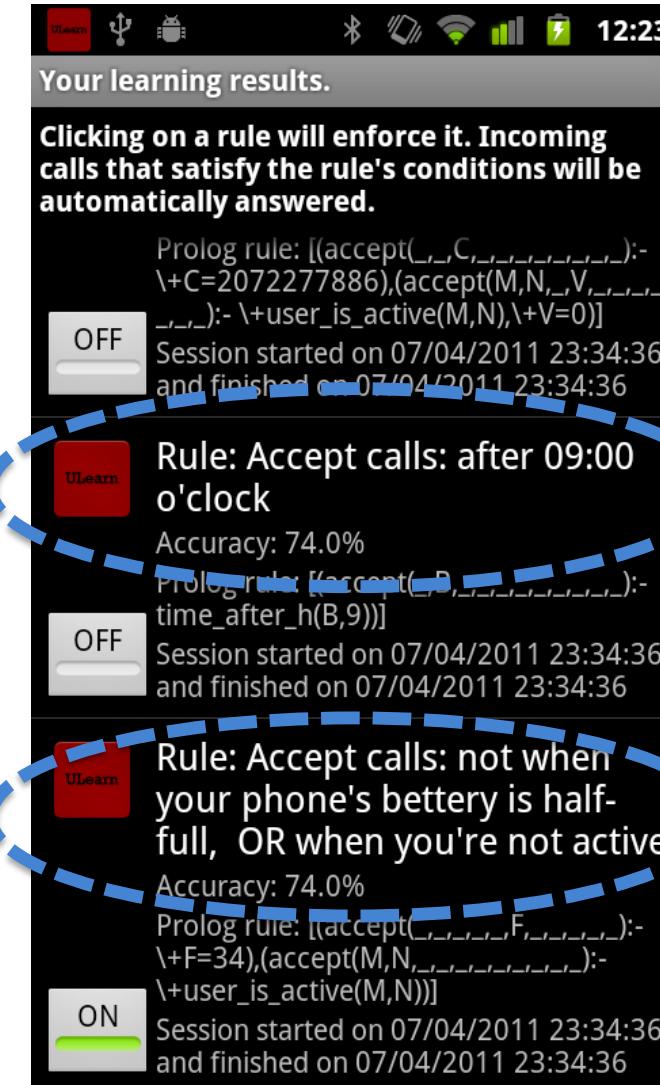
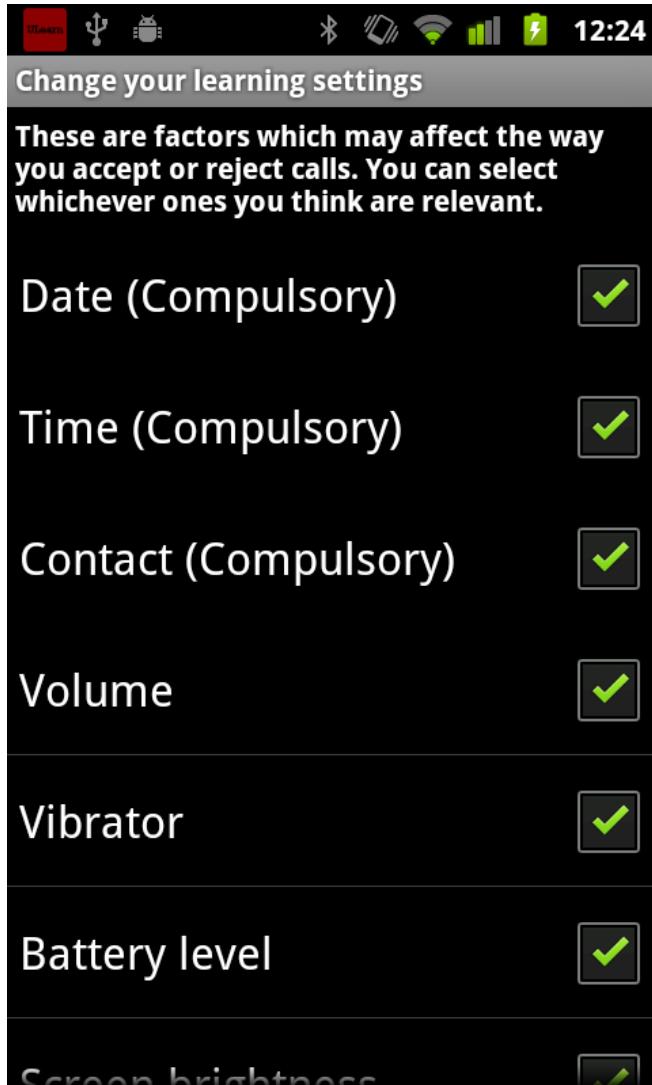
- modeh(accept(+date, +time, +contact, +volume, +vibrator, +battery\_level, +screen\_brightness, +headset, +screen\_status, +light\_level, +battery\_charging)). 1
- modeb(=+contact, #contact), [no ground constants, name(c)]). 200
- modeb(=+volume, #volume), [no ground constants, name(vol)]). 20
- modeb(=+vibrator, #vibrator), [no ground constants, name(vib)]). 20
- modeb(=+battery\_level, #battery\_level), [no ground constants, name(bl)]). 200
- modeb(=+screen\_brightness, #screen\_brightness), [no ground constants, name(scb)]). 20
- modeb(=+headset, #headset), [no ground constants, name(hs)]). 20
- modeb(=+screen\_status, #screen\_status), [no ground constants, name(ss)]). 20
- modeb(=+light\_level, #light\_level), [no ground constants, name(l)]). 200
- modeb(=+battery\_charging, #battery\_charging), [no ground constants, name(bc)]). 200
- modeb(weekday(+date)). (Positive, Negative)
- modeb(weekend(+date)). 2
- modeb(evening(+time)). 2
- modeb(morning(+time)). 2
- modeb(afternoon(+time)). 2
- modeb(in\_call(+date, +time)). 200
- modeb(at(+date, +time, #cell)). 200
- modeb(nearDevice(+date, +time, #device)). 2000
- modeb(neighbourhood(+cell, #cell)). 200
- modeb(user\_been\_in(+date, +time, +cell)). 2
- modeb(user\_is\_active(+date, +time)). 2
- modeb(phone\_charging(+date, +time)). 2
- modeb(phone\_on(+date, +time)). 2
- modeb(user\_is\_using\_app(+date, +time, #app)). 20
- modeb(time\_before\_h(+time, #hour), [no ground constants.name(before)]). 100
- modeb(time\_after\_h(+time, #hour), [no ground constants.name(after)]). 100

Around 5000  
choices for  
condition

Battery\_level ~ 10<sup>2</sup>  
Contacts ~ 10<sup>1</sup>  
Devices ~ 10<sup>3</sup>  
Cells ~ 10<sup>2</sup>  
Date\*Time ~ 10<sup>3</sup>  
Other options ~ 10



# Example 7: My mobile knows me!



# In summary



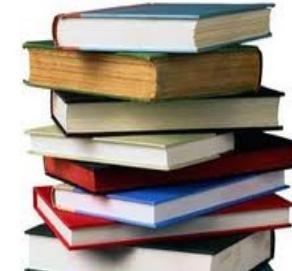
- Logic-based learning implies *inductive inference*
  - Generalise specific facts into general principles
- Aims at developing general purpose learning systems
  - Reasoning about structured data
  - Capable of learning complex, structured and readable hypothesis
  - Able to make use of existing relevant background knowledge.
- Needs positive and negative examples
  - Positive examples only, could cause over generalisation
  - Negative examples generated from problem domain or close word assumption
- Can be used for classification and knowledge acquisition.

# A Brief History

Finds its origin in philosophy of science

Use of predicate logic for studying machine learning problem	1960
Plotkin's generalisation and specialisation properties	1970
Computational models of scientific discovery	1978
INDUCE system (Michalski) – induction as inverse of deduction	1980
Shapiro's model inference system for program synthesis	1983
Inductive Logic Programming (Muggleton)	1991
e.g FOIL, GOLEM, PROGOL	more focus on ML and Data Mining
Learning in probabilistic logic setting	1993
Hybrid abductive and inductive learning	2004
Non-monotonic inductive logic programming	2010
Meta-level learning	2011
Inductive Learning of Answer Set Programs	2014

# Reading Material



- *Prolog Programming for Artificial Intelligence*,  
Ivan Bratko Pearson 2012.
- *Logical and Relational Learning*, Luc de Raedt, Springer 2008.
- *Answer Set Solving in Practice*  
<http://www.cs.uni-potsdam.de/~torsten/Potassco/Slides/asp.pdf>
- *Knowledge Representation, Reasoning, and the Design of Intelligent Agents* – Michael Gelfond & Yulia Gelfond Kahl  
Januray 2014
- Collection of research papers and PhD thesis

Slides and notes, complemented with information given during lectures and tutorials.



# Course Structure

What is logic-based learning and why it is important

- Deductive, Abductive and Inductive Reasoning
- Monotonic Inductive Logic Programming
- Learning from entailment
  - » Bottom-up learning and incompleteness of PROGOL5
  - » Hybrid abductive and inductive learning (HAIL)
  - » Meta-level learning (TAL)
- Non-monotonic Inductive Logic Programming
  - Answer Set Programming and Stable Model Semantics
    - » Abductive learning ASPAL
    - » Meta-level learning ILASP
  - Context and Preference Learning
  - Learning from Noisy Examples
- Probabilistic Logic Programming and Probabilistic Rule Learning