



#### Reasoning Example: first try

```
(F1)
parent (peter, paul).
                                                          (F2)
parent (paul, mary).
ancestor(X, Y) :- ancestor(X, Z), parent(Z, Y).
                                                          (R1)
                                                          (R2)
ancestor (A, B) :- parent (A, B).
?- ancestor(peter, paul)
?- ancestor(peter, mary)
```

?- ancestor(peter, carl)



#### Reasoning Example: infinite loop with Q1

```
?- ancestor(peter, paul)
      L = {ancestor(peter, paul)}
R1:
   L = \{ ancestor(peter, Z1), parent(Z1, paul) \}
             L = \{ ancestor(peter, Z2), parent(Z2, Z1), \}
R1:
                    parent(Z1, paul)}
R1:
                    L = \{ancestor(peter, Z3),
                           parent(Z3, Z2),
                           parent (Z2, Z1),
                           parent(Z1, paul) }
                                          not expected answer ("true")!
```



#### Reasoning Example: next try

```
(F1)
parent (peter, paul).
                                                         (F2)
parent (paul, mary).
ancestor(A, B) :- parent(A, B).
                                                         (R1)
ancestor(X, Z) :- ancestor(X, Y), parent(Y, Z).
                                                         (R2)
?- ancestor(peter, paul)
?- ancestor(peter, mary)
?- ancestor(peter, carl)
```



## Reasoning Example (next try): Q1 works

```
?- ancestor(peter, paul)

L = {ancestor(peter, paul)}

R1: L = {parent(peter, paul)}

F1: L = {}
```



#### Reasoning Example (next try): Q2 works too

```
?- ancestor(peter, mary)
      L = {ancestor(peter, mary)}
R1:
   L = {parent(peter, mary)} FAIL
R2: L = \{ ancestor(peter, Z1), parent(Z1, mary) \}
             L = \{ parent(peter, Z1), parent(Z1, mary) \}
R1:
                   L = \{ parent(paul, mary) \}
F1{Z1/paul}:
F2:
                          L = \{ \}
```



# Reasoning Example (next try): Q3 ends up in infinite loop

```
?- ancestor(peter, carl)
          L = {ancestor(peter, carl)}
         L = {parent(peter, carl)} FAIL
R1:
R2:
          L = {ancestor(peter, Z1), parent(Z1, carl)}
R1:
                    L = {parent(peter, Z1), parent(Z1, carl)}
F1{Z1/paul}:
                              L = {parent(paul, carl)} FAIL
                    L = \{ancestor(peter, Z2), parent(Z2, Z1), \}
R2:
                              parent(Z1, carl)}
                              L = \{parent(pete_{\underline{r}, \underline{Z2}}), parent(\underline{Z2}, \underline{Z1}), \}
R1:
                                        parent(Z1, carl)}
                                        L = \{parent(paul, Z1),
F1{Z2/paul}:
                                                  parent(Z1, carl) } FAIL
R2:
                              L = \{ancestor(peter, Z3), parent(Z3, Z2), \}
                              parent(Z2, Z1), parent(Z1, carl) }
```



Infinite Loop; not expected answer ("false")!



#### Reasoning Example (final try)

```
(F1)
parent (peter, paul).
                                                         (F2)
parent (paul, mary).
ancestor(A, B) :- parent(A, B).
                                                         (R1)
ancestor(X, Y) :- parent(X, Z), ancestor(Z, Y).
                                                         (R2)
?- ancestor(peter, paul)
?- ancestor(peter, mary)
?- ancestor(peter, carl)
```

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## Reasoning Example (final try): Q1 works

```
?- ancestor(peter, paul)

L = {ancestor(peter, paul)}

R1: L = {parent(peter, paul)}

F1: L = {}
```



#### Reasoning Example (final try): Q2 works too

```
?- ancestor(peter, mary)

L = {ancestor(peter, mary)}

R1: L = {parent(peter, mary)} FAIL

R2: L = {parent(peter, Z1), ancestor(Z1, mary)}

F1{Z1/paul}: L = {ancestor(paul, mary)}

R1: L = {parent(paul, mary)}

F2: L = {}
```



#### Reasoning Example (3/3): Q3 also works!!

```
?- ancestor(peter, carl)
       L = {ancestor(peter, carl)}
R1:
       L = {parent(peter, carl)} FAIL
R2:
       L = {parent(peter, Z1), ancestor(Z1, carl)}
F1\{Z1/paul\}: L = {ancestor(paul, carl)}
                      L = {parent(paul, carl)} FAIL
R1:
R2:
                      L = \{parent(paul, Z2), ancestor(Z2, carl)\}
F2\{Z2/mary\}:
                              L = {ancestor(mary, carl)}
R1:
                                     L = {parent(mary, carl)} FAIL
                                     L = \{ parent(mary, Z3) \}
R2:
                                           ancestor(Z3, carl) } FAIL
```

#### FAIL