

Rule-Based Systems: Logic Programming



Reasoning Example: first try

```
parent (peter, paul).
                                                         (F1)
parent(paul, mary).
                                                         (F2)
ancestor(X, Y) :- ancestor(X, Z), parent(Z, Y).
                                                         (R1)
ancestor(A, B) :- parent(A, B).
                                                         (R2)
?- 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)\}
R1:
             L = \{ ancestor(peter, Z2), parent(Z2, Z1), \}
                    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

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



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



Reasoning Example (final try)

```
parent (peter, paul).
                                                         (F1)
parent(paul, mary).
                                                         (F2)
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)
```



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

FAIL