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Symbolic Generative Al

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Outline

Claim 1

Data integration, properly (i.e., rigorously, mathematically) understood, is (deterministically and universally) generative.

Claim 2

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Therefore: Many expert systems are generative Als.

Speculation: Generative symbolic Al could be more useful than generative stochastic Al

An aside on applied category theory

- Expert systems became popular in the 80s and data integration has been understood as logic since the 2010s, so why is "symbolic generativity" new?
- From a logic point of view, it is natural to "minimize generativity".
- But from an algebraic view, it is natural to "maximize generativity".
- In other words, realizing that data integration is "symbolically generative" requires a viewpoint change from one aspect of the "computational trinity" to another (logic to algebra).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Applied_category_theory

In **artificial intelligence**, an **expert system** is a computer system emulating the decision-making ability of a human expert.^[1] Expert systems are designed to solve complex problems by **reasoning** through bodies of knowledge, represented mainly as if-then rules rather than through conventional **procedural code**.^[2] The first expert systems were created in the 1970s and then proliferated in the 1980s.^[3] Expert systems were among the first truly successful forms of artificial intelligence (AI) software.^{[4][5][6][7][8]} An expert system is divided into two subsystems: the **inference engine** and the **knowledge base**. The knowledge base represents facts and rules. The inference engine applies the rules to the known facts to deduce new facts. Inference engines can also include explanation and debugging abilities.

From wikipedia

Expert Systems

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There are mainly two modes for an inference engine: forward chaining and backward chaining. The different approaches are dictated by whether the inference engine is being driven by the antecedent (left hand side) or the consequent (right hand side) of the rule. In forward chaining an antecedent fires and asserts the consequent. For example, consider the following rule:

Rule1: $Man(x) \rightarrow Mortal(x)$

A simple example of forward chaining would be to assert Man (Socrates) to the system and then trigger the inference engine. It would match Rule1 and assert Mortal(Socrates) into the knowledge base.

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Forward Chaining

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Backward chaining is a bit less straightforward. In backward chaining the system looks at possible conclusions and works backward to see if they might be true. So if the system was trying to determine if Mortal (Socrates) is true it would find Rule1 and guery the knowledge base to see if Man(Socrates) is true. One of the early innovations of expert systems shells was to integrate inference engines with a user interface. This could be especially powerful with backward chaining. If the system needs to know a particular fact but does not, then it can simply generate an input screen and ask the user if the information is known. So in this example, it could use R1 to ask the user if Socrates was a Man and then use that new information accordingly.

From wikipedia

Backward Chaining

Forward chaining only determines a unique model for certain logics. cf "why it is mathematically impossible to use RDF/OWL for data integration"

$\forall x, Actor(x) and US Governor (x) \rightarrow Bodybuilder(x) or not(Austrian(x))$

Such a formula lacks "repairs" because if you have an actor and US governor who is neither a bodybuilder nor non-Australian, there is no canonical choice of which model the repair should be - do you make them a bodybuilder, or do you make them non-Austrian, or both? Logics with disjunction at best admit "multi-repairs", i.e., databases can be repaired into unique sets of databases that individually satisfy the given theory. It is for this reason that relational data integration technology has traditionally favored the logic of existential Horn clauses over other, more expressive logic: RL posses "certain answers", tuples that must occur in all solutions, but DL does not. The existence of certain answers allows us to meaningfully query the result of a repaired/chased database without having to consider how it was repaired/chased. This is why RDF/OWL can perform poorly at data integration

Backward Chaining Dominant in Expert System Practice

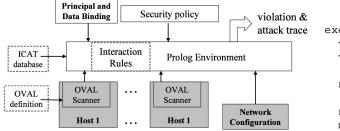


Figure 1: The MulVAL framework

From MulVAL: A Logic-based Network Security Analyzer

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"proof": Many expert systems can be expressed in the language of 'existential horn clauses', the largest logic that generates unique forward chains. This is also the logic upon which modern data integration is based. In fact, modern data integration is based on this logic because it is the largest logic that generates unique forward chains.

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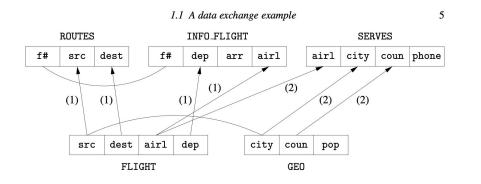


Figure 1.2 Schema mapping: a proper graphical representation

1.1 A data exchange example

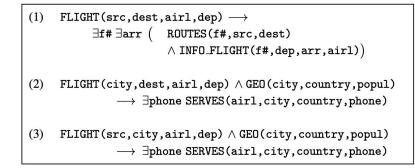


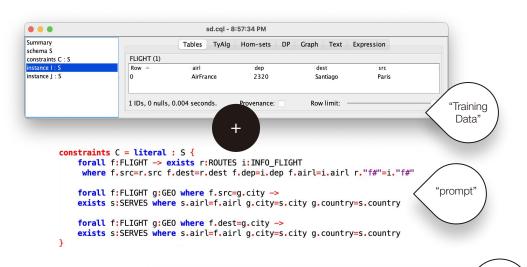
Figure 1.3 A schema mapping

From "Foundations of Data Exchange"

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The "existential horn clauses" shown at left define a unique way to generate missing information from known information.



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Example in CQL

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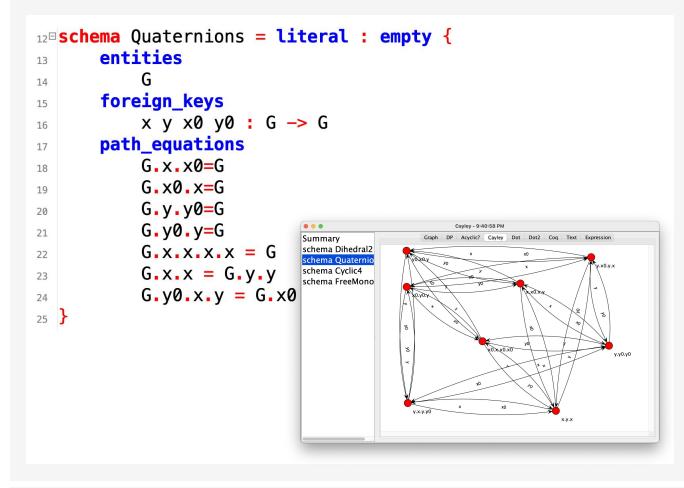
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Conclusion: Ramifications of Generative Symbolic Al

- Generative symbolic AI is deterministic, but not predictable- arbitrarily complex behavior can be encoded using existential horn clauses
- The future is formal expert systems can be made even more useful thanks to discoveries in categorical algebra
- Al systems will be composed of social-statistical-symbolic components, all generative in their own way
- Rest of talk: examples of symbolic generativity

Bonus claim: Knowledge graph merge and ontology merge are generative by definition



"Presentations by generators and relations"

Generativity

A universal mathematical phenomenon.

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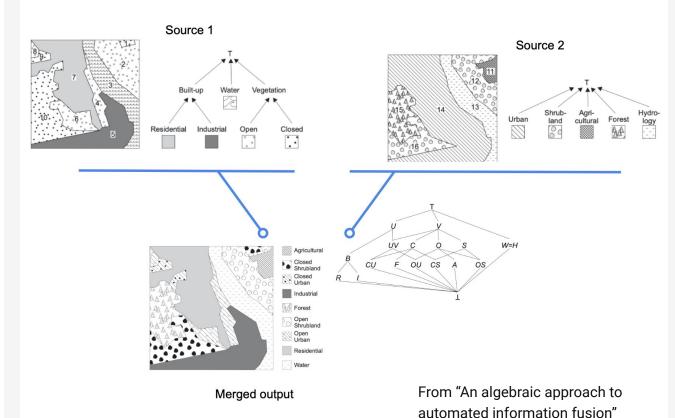
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Generative Warehousing is Bidirectional Exchange





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