

# Artificial Intelligence

## Lab 1

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# Jess?

*Acronym of Java Expert System Shell*

- A small environment written in Java

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Rule-based system: the main programming construct is the *rule*  
*if <cond> then <action>*

It is derived from an older and much larger system: CLIPS

Adopts the syntax of the LISP programming language

A program in Jess is mostly made up of a set *rules*  
to be applied to a set of *facts*

# Java: using the CLASSPATH variable

You do not know what this is?  
It's normal: you never used Java at all

## Impostazione della variabile CLASSPATH

```
$ CLASSPATH=<value>      $ is the system prompt (do not write it, the system does)
$ export CLASSPATH
To make sure that the above worked
$ echo $CLASSPATH
```

## In our case:

```
$ CLASSPATH=/home/opt/Jess61p8
$ export CLASSPATH
```

Make sure you respect small and capital letters! (It's Linux, not Windows)

## Starting Jess

```
$ java jess.Main
Jess>
```

## Quitting Jess

```
Jess> (exit)
$
```

(Wow, you made it!)

# Lists

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- The LISP syntax

It could hardly be simpler: everything is either an symbol or a list.

*LISP: Lots of Impossible Stupid Parenthesis*

*Example:*

```
(deftemplate fsm
  (slot current-state)
  (multislot input-stream)
  (multislot output-stream)
)
```

Lists can be nested at will (make sure you balance parentheses)

*Example:*

```
(exit)
```

Every Jess command is a list.

- *Every legitimate Jess expression is a list*

# deftemplate

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- It defines *template* for structured *facts* (=basic data items in Jess)

*Example:*

```
(deftemplate event
  (slot current-state)
  (slot input-symbol)
  (slot output-symbol)
  (slot new-state)
)
```

It is the template of individual facts like this:

```
(event
  (current-state even)
  (input-symbol 1)
  (output-symbol 1)
  (new-state odd)
)
```

Every slot will have exactly one value

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The meaning: the whole Jess language could fit it in.

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Name of the rule, just an id

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Separator:  
just find this  
first

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(LHS - Left Hand Side):  
the logical conditions  
that determine the  
applicability of the rule

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Think about the LHS  
as the description  
of a *pattern*  
to be applied to facts

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(*RHS - Right Hand Side*):  
it describes the actions  
to be performed  
when the rule is *FIREd*

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Facts can be either  
*asserted* or *retracted*

Messages can be  
printed

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This is a variable

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A Jess variable  
is always preceded by ?

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If the overall pattern matches  
each variable will bind to a symbol

**CAUTION:**  
*matching the pattern in the LHS  
is an “all or nothing” matter...*



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- It defines a *rule*

*Example:*

```
(defrule state-transition
  A variable ?current can also bind to a fact
  (event (current-state ?cs)
         (input-symbol ?is)
         (output-symbol ?os)
         (new-state ?ns))

  =>
  (printout t "From state " ?cs " input " ?is
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The \$ operator  
makes the variable  
bind to a *list* of values

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Different occurrences  
of the same variable  
in the LHS:  
they all bind to  
the same value

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A logical *clause*, part of the LHS

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If the pattern matches, each clause binds to a *fact*, not necessarily distinct

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Another logical clause.  
There are two clauses  
in this LHS.

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Different occurrences of the same variable define a constraint across clauses, since they all bind to the same value

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This variable binds to the fact that matches the clause

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The binding of variables propagates from the LHS to the RHS

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More examples

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The **(reset)** command erases the working memory and re-asserts all facts defined with **deffacts**

*Example:*

```
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All of them will be executed by the command **(reset)**



# How to load a program

Start Jess first (it improves the effect)

```
$ java jess.Main  
Jess>
```

- Loading a file

```
(batch paritychecker-fsa.jess)
```

also

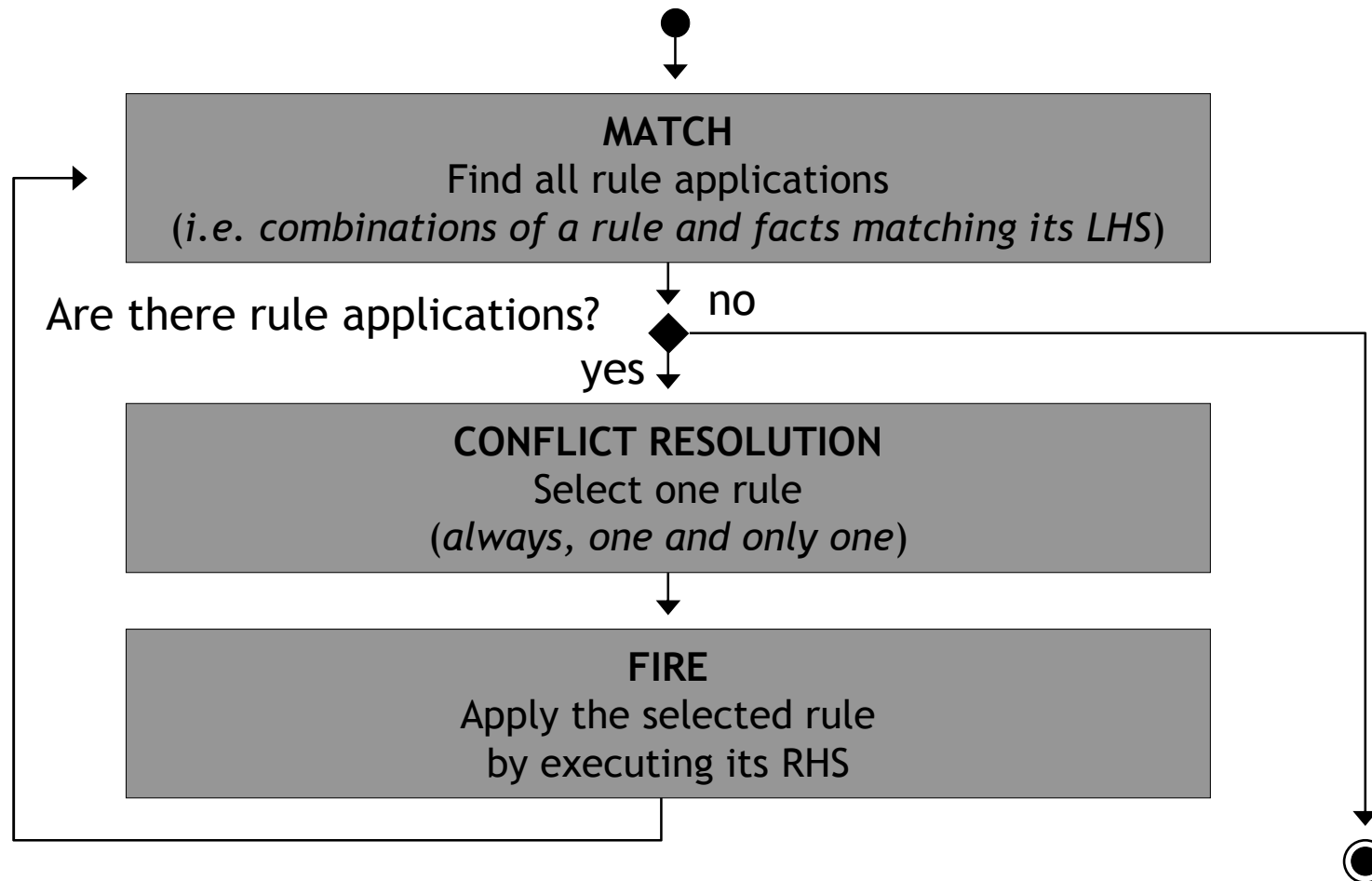
```
(batch "paritychecker-fsa.jess")
```

If it worked, Jess will say:

```
TRUE
```

## How Jess works (in a first approximation)

- Once activated, Jess repeats the same execution cycle



# How to start Jess execution

- **Reset:** erases memory and re-asserts the initial facts

It causes the execution of **defacts**

Make sure you always do a “reset” before a new run!

**(reset)**

Jess answers:

**TRUE**

- **Run:** starts the main execution cycle

**(run)**

Jess answers:

<here comes the program's output>

**TRUE**

## A few debugging commands

- Execute one cycle at time (i.e. *step mode*)

(**run 1**)

Also (**run n**) to execute *n* cycles

- List all facts currently in memory

(**facts**)

The answer is not very readable, it takes some effort to decode it

- List all rule applications (*one rule + facts matching its LHS*)

(**agenda**)

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