

# Ask-the-user meta-interpreter

% *aprove*(*G*) is true if *G* is a logical consequence of the  
% base-level KB and yes/no answers provided by the user.

*aprove*(*true*).

*aprove*((*A* & *B*)) ← *aprove*(*A*) ∧ *aprove*(*B*).

*aprove*(*H*) ← *askable*(*H*) ∧ *answered*(*H*, *yes*).

*aprove*(*H*) ←

*askable*(*H*) ∧ *unanswered*(*H*) ∧ *ask*(*H*, *Ans*) ∧

*record*(*answered*(*H*, *Ans*)) ∧ *Ans* = *yes*.

*aprove*(*H*) ← (*H* ⇐ *B*) ∧ *aprove*(*B*).



# Meta-interpreter to collect rules for WHY

%  $wprove(G, A)$  is true if  $G$  follows from base-level KB, and  
%  $A$  is a list of ancestor rules for  $G$ .

$wprove(true, Anc)$ .

$wprove((A \& B), Anc) \leftarrow$

$wprove(A, Anc) \wedge$

$wprove(B, Anc)$ .

$wprove(H, Anc) \leftarrow$

$(H \Leftarrow B) \wedge$

$wprove(B, [(H \Leftarrow B)|Anc])$ .



# Delaying Goals

Some goals, rather than being proved, can be collected in a list.

- To delay subgoals with variables, in the hope that subsequent calls will ground the variables.
- To delay assumptions, so that you can collect assumptions that are needed to prove a goal.
- To create new rules that leave out intermediate steps.
- To reduce a set of goals to primitive predicates.

# Delaying Meta-interpreter

% *dprove*( $G, D_0, D_1$ ) is true if  $D_0$  is an ending of list of  
% delayable atoms  $D_1$  and  $KB \wedge (D_1 - D_0) \models G$ .

*dprove*(*true*,  $D, D$ ).

*dprove*(( $A \& B$ ),  $D_1, D_3$ )  $\leftarrow$

*dprove*( $A, D_1, D_2$ )  $\wedge$  *dprove*( $B, D_2, D_3$ ).

*dprove*( $G, D, [G|D]$ )  $\leftarrow$  *delay*( $G$ ).

*dprove*( $H, D_1, D_2$ )  $\leftarrow$

( $H \Leftarrow B$ )  $\wedge$  *dprove*( $B, D_1, D_2$ ).

# Example base-level KB

$live(W) \Leftarrow$

$connected\_to(W, W_1) \ \&$   
 $live(W_1).$

$live(outside) \Leftarrow true.$

$connected\_to(w_6, w_5) \Leftarrow ok(cb_2).$

$connected\_to(w_5, outside) \Leftarrow ok(outside\_connection).$

$delay(ok(X)).$

$?dprove(live(w_6), [], D).$



# Meta-interpreter that builds a proof tree

%  $hprove(G, T)$  is true if  $G$  can be proved from the base-level  
% KB, with proof tree  $T$ .

$hprove(true, true).$

$hprove((A \ \& \ B), (L \ \& \ R)) \leftarrow$

$hprove(A, L) \wedge$

$hprove(B, R).$

$hprove(H, if(H, T)) \leftarrow$

$(H \Leftarrow B) \wedge$

$hprove(B, T).$

