

# Problem: Conflicting Data

Large language models (LLMs) often struggle with conflicting data



- **Legal data**

- similar cases may decide differently
- different statutes may conflict

- **Medical data**

- similar medical applications may produces different results in different studies

- **Fact-Checking**

- different sources may conflict

# Solution I: Integrating with CBR

Case-based reasoning (CBR) is a traditional approach to resolve conflicting cases

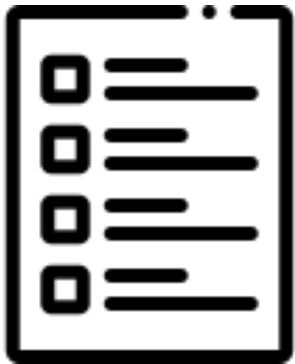


- **analogical reasoning:** why a case is similar to one but distinguish from another ?
- **non-monotonic reasoning:** why an additional factor might oppose the decision ?
- **preferential reasoning:** how a priority of the cases can help handling a new decision ?

**ongoing research:** Studying LLM abilities of analogical reasoning based on Ashley (2009)

# Solution II: Integrating with Inductive Learning

Inductive Learning is a logical approach to resolve conflicting statutes e.g., Li et al (2013)



| Visa Regulations                                                                                           |               | University Policy                                                                                        |               |
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| $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) :$                                                                  |               | $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) :$                                                                |               |
| $\langle \emptyset, \text{applyStudentVisa}(\text{Student}) \rangle$                                       | $\rightarrow$ | $\langle \emptyset, \text{applyToStudy}(\text{Student}, \text{Nationality}) \rangle$                     | $\rightarrow$ |
| $\{ \text{intStudentApplyVisa}(\text{Student}) \}$                                                         |               | $\{ \text{intApplication}(\text{Student}) \}$                                                            |               |
| $\mathcal{C}^i(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) :$                                                                |               | $\mathcal{C}^i(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) :$                                                              |               |
| $\langle \{ \text{person}(\text{Student}, \text{overseas}), \text{acceptOffer}(\text{Student}) \}$         | $\rightarrow$ | $\langle \emptyset, \text{intApplication}(\text{Student}) \rangle$                                       | $\rightarrow$ |
| $\{ \text{obl}(\text{applyStudentVisa}(\text{Student}), \text{arrival}(\text{Student}),$                   |               | $\{ \text{obl}(\text{sendOfferLetter}(\text{Student}), \text{startofTerm},$                              |               |
| $\text{illegalImmigrant}(\text{Student})),$                                                                |               | $\text{invalidOffer} \}$                                                                                 |               |
| $\text{pow}(\text{intStudentApplyVisa}(\text{Student})),$                                                  |               | $\langle \{ \text{person}(\text{Student}, \text{Nationality}), \text{intApplication}(\text{Student}) \}$ | $\rightarrow$ |
| $\text{perm}(\text{intStudentApplyVisa}(\text{Student})) \rangle$                                          |               | $\{ \text{offer}(\text{Student}, \text{Nationality}) \}$                                                 |               |
| $\langle \{ \text{person}(\text{Student}, \text{overseas}), \text{intStudentApplyVisa}(\text{Student}) \}$ | $\rightarrow$ | $\langle \emptyset, \text{sendOfferLetter}(\text{Student}) \rangle$                                      | $\rightarrow$ |
| $\{ \text{studentVisa}(\text{Student}, \text{tier4}),$                                                     |               | $\{ \text{sendOfferLetter}(\text{Student}) \}$                                                           |               |
| $\text{perm}(\text{work}(\text{Student}, \text{twenty})) \rangle$                                          |               | $\langle \{ \text{offer}(\text{Student}, \text{Nationality}), \text{acceptOffer}(\text{Student}) \}$     | $\rightarrow$ |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\{ \text{offerConfirmed}(\text{Student}, \text{Nationality}),$                                          |               |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\text{perm}(\text{askStudentShip}(\text{Student})) \rangle$                                             |               |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\langle \{ \text{availability}, \text{askStudentShip}(\text{Student}),$                                 |               |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\text{intComp}(\text{Promissor}, \text{Promisee}, \text{ContractID}, \text{AgreedFine}) \rangle$        | $\rightarrow$ |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\{ \text{obl}(\text{work}(\text{Student}, \text{thirty}), \text{endOfStudy},$                           |               |
|                                                                                                            |               | $\text{withdrawStudentship}), \text{perm}(\text{work}(\text{Student}, \text{thirty})) \rangle$           |               |
| $\mathcal{C}^i(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) = \emptyset$                                                      |               | $\mathcal{C}^i(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) = \emptyset$                                                    |               |

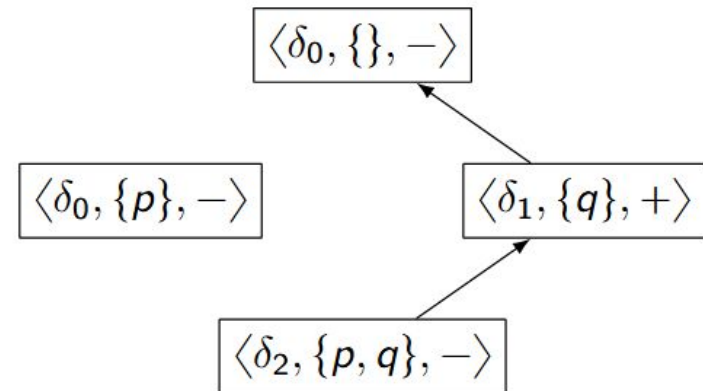
- **logical structure of statutes:** can we represent statutes logically ?
- **ongoing research:** investigating whether LLMs can understand and interpret statutes into logical structures

# Solution III: Integrating with Argumentation

Argumentation framework (Dung 1995) is commonly used in explaining conflicts



$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_0 &= \langle \{p \rightarrow \neg r\}, \{q \rightarrow r\}, \{\neg r\} \rangle : \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_1 &= \langle \{p \rightarrow \neg r\}, \{q \rightarrow r\}, \{\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_2 &= \langle \{p \rightarrow \neg r\}, \{\}, \{\neg r\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_3 &= \langle \{p \rightarrow \neg r\}, \{\}, \{\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_4 &= \langle \{\}, \{q \rightarrow r\}, \{\neg r\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_5 &= \langle \{\}, \{q \rightarrow r\}, \{\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_6 &= \langle \{\}, \{\}, \{\neg r\} \rangle \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 \delta_7 &= \langle \{\}, \{\}, \{\} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$



- **graphical structures:** how can we define arguments and attacks ?
- **ongoing research:** investigating integration of argumentation framework with LLMs to explain certain types of conflicts