

# Some Examples of OSCAR Reasoning Defeasibly

These problems are contained in the problem set *Combined-problems.lisp*, and can be run from OSCAR by typing *test(problem-number)*.

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## Problem #1

This is a case of collective rebutting defeat

Given premises:

P justification = 1.0

A justification = 1.0

Ultimate epistemic interests:

R interest = 1.0

### FORWARDS PRIMA FACIE REASONS

pf-reason\_1.1: {P}  $\Rightarrow$  Q strength = 1.0

pf-reason\_2.1: {Q}  $\Rightarrow$  R strength = 1.0

pf-reason\_3.1: {C}  $\Rightarrow$   $\sim$ R strength = 1.0

pf-reason\_4.1: {B}  $\Rightarrow$  C strength = 1.0

pf-reason\_5.1: {A}  $\Rightarrow$  B strength = 1.0

### ===== ULTIMATE EPISTEMIC INTERESTS =====

Interest in R  
is unsatisfied.

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Elapsed time = 0.02 sec  
Cumulative size of arguments = 7  
Size of inference-graph = 7 of which 0 were unused suppositions.  
100% of the inference-graph was used in the argument.  
10 interests were adopted.

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### THE FOLLOWING IS THE REASONING INVOLVED IN THE SOLUTION

Nodes marked DEFEATED have that status at the end of the reasoning.

# 1

P

given

# 2

A

given

# 1

interest: R

This is of ultimate interest

Of interest as a defeater for support-link 5 for node 5

# 3

B

Inferred by:

support-link #3 from { 2 } by pf-reason\_5.1

# 4



Interest in ~T1  
is unsatisfied.

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Elapsed time = 0.05 sec  
Cumulative size of arguments = 9  
Size of inference-graph = 9 of which 0 were unused suppositions.  
100% of the inference-graph was used in the argument.  
12 interests were adopted.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE REASONING INVOLVED IN THE SOLUTION  
Nodes marked DEFEATED have that status at the end of the reasoning.

# 1  
P  
given

# 1  
interest: R  
This is of ultimate interest  
# 2  
interest: ~T3  
This is of ultimate interest  
# 3  
interest: ~T2  
This is of ultimate interest  
# 4  
interest: ~T1  
This is of ultimate interest

# 2  
R

Inferred by:  
support-link #2 from { 1 } by pf-reason\_4.8 defeaters: { 9 }  
This discharges interest 1

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Justified belief in R  
with undefeated-degree-of-support 1.0  
answers #<Query 4: R>

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# 3

~T3 DEFEATED

Inferred by:  
support-link #3 from { 2 } by pf-reason\_3.8 defeaters: { 7 } DEFEATED  
This discharges interest 2

# 4

~T2 DEFEATED

Inferred by:  
support-link #4 from { 2 } by pf-reason\_2.8 defeaters: { 8 } DEFEATED  
This discharges interest 3

# 5

~T1 DEFEATED

Inferred by:  
support-link #5 from { 2 } by pf-reason\_1.8 defeaters: { 6 } DEFEATED  
This discharges interest 4

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Justified belief in ~T3  
with undefeated-degree-of-support 1.0  
answers #<Query 3: ~T3>

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Justified belief in ~T2







