

IMPLEMENTATION OF FORWARD INFERENCE IN SNePS

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Abstract

This paper describes the details of the implementation of a forward inference system in SNePS and discusses the problems encountered during the implementation and the design decisions taken to solve those problems.

## 1. Introduction

Since the late 50's there has been a large amount of work done in AI concerning the design and implementation of systems capable of performing deduction. Early work on deduction systems focused mainly in the proof of theorems [Chang and Lee 73; Coelho and Pereira 75; Gelernter 63; Hewitt 72; Kowalski 70; 79; Newell et. al. 63; Nilsson 71; 80; Robinson 65; Sussman et. al. 71], later on AI researchers found it useful to apply deduction methods to Natural Language Understanding systems, Question-Answering systems and Data Base systems [Bobrow 68; Bruce 72; Fikes and Hendrix 78; Green 69; Hendrix 75; 78; 79; McCarthy 68; McCarthy and Hayes 69; Rieger 75; Shapiro 76; 78; 79; Shapiro and McKay 80].

Several formalisms have been developed to implement deductive systems: the Refutation Method [Chang and Lee 73; Nilsson, 71], Production Systems [Davis and King 77] and Semantic Networks [Deliyanni and Kowalski 79; Fikes and Hendrix 78; Hendrix 75; 78; 79; Schubert et. al. 79; Shapiro 76; 78; 79; Shapiro and McKay 80]. If one has a system capable of performing inference there are basically two types of inference modes that can be implemented:

1. Backward Inference or Inference at Question Time: starting with the goal that has to be proved the system searches for facts or rules that will help prove the desired goal; the advantage of backward inference is that it permits the maintenance of a relatively small data base of facts and rules for use when deducing new facts when they are

needed. The disadvantage of backward inference is the need to do some processing when ever a new new fact is requested, i.e. one has to wait until the fact is deduced.

2. Forward Inference or Inference at Knowledge Acquisition

Time: when some new fact is added to the system it tries to use it, together with all other stored information to infer new facts. Starting with the fact that has just been added the system searches for all facts and rules that would enable it to deduce new facts. The advantage of forward inference is that everything that the system knows is explicitly stored. The disadvantage of forward inference is the fact that the database will be full of information that may never be needed.

This paper describes the implementation of forward inference in the SNePS deduction system [Shapiro 76; 79]. This implementation grew out of the work done for an independent study course taken during the Spring '88 semester under the supervision of Dr. Stuart Shapiro.

## 2. Goals of the forward inference implementation

A SNePS semantic network [Shapiro 76; 79] is a labeled directed graph in which nodes represent concepts and arcs represent non-conceptual binary relations between concepts.

The SNePS network permits the representation of deduction rules. A deduction rule is represented in the network by a rule node.

Before the work being reported in this paper had started, the SNePS deduction system basically only allowed backward inference. Backward inference was done by setting up a set of processes, each one with certain duties, that run under the MULTI multiprocessing system [McKay and Shapiro 80]. The processes built during the deduction of some fact are not erased after the fact is deduced and may be used later on while deducing new facts (answering further questions).

Forward Inference has been implemented using the MULTI system and one of the goals kept in mind during the "working out" of the implementation details was that the set of processes left behind by the system after forward inferencing was done should be similar to the set of processes left behind by backward inference if it was trying to deduce the same results. This would mean that after the set of processes is built it would no longer be possible to tell whether <sup>any process was</sup> built by forward or backward inference. The processes built in either type of inference should also be able to intersect smoothly with each other, i.e. if some process built during one kind of inference needs a process that has already been built while deducing some fact using the other kind

of inference then the system should be able to find this process and use it, instead of creating a new one.

One of the earliest questions raised during this work was when to do (and when not to do) forward inferencing. It was clear that forward inference should only be triggered when the newly asserted node matches a node which is in antecedent position of some rule, but should it be triggered everytime this situation would happen? Perhaps the best way to analyse this problem is by looking at some examples.

Suppose that in the network there is the rule represented in Figure 1. Roughly we can read this rule as "if M1 then M2". In

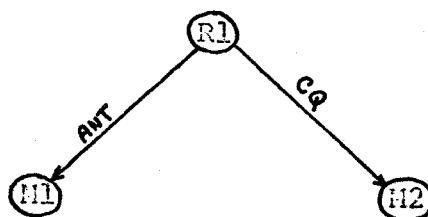


Figure 1  
Simple rule

the typical case both M1 and M2 contain variables and the rule should be interpreted in the following way: "If there is a node in the network, say A, which is a fully ground instance of the node M1, with  $\underline{b}$  being the substitution that when applied to M1 produces A, then we can infer the node resulting from applying the substitution  $\underline{b}$  to M2". We will henceforth refer to this by saying that if there is a node, say A, that matches  $M1\underline{b}$  then we can assert  $M2\underline{b}$ .

With rule R1 and the assertion in the network of some node

which matches  $M1b$  forward inference should deduce  $M2b$ . This corresponds to the well known "modus ponens" rule of inference.

But now, suppose that rule  $R1$  is not asserted in the network but rather embedded within some other rule. There are two possible cases for this rule embedding:

1.  $R1$  is in antecedent position of some other rule (Fig.2a).
2.  $R1$  is in consequent position of some other rule (Fig.2b).

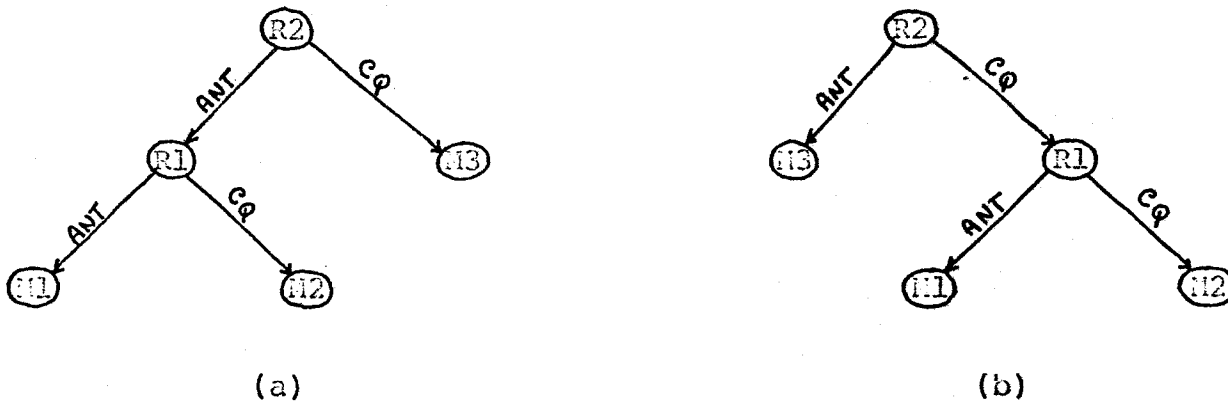


Figure 2  
Simple cases of rule embedding

Suppose that, in the first case, we assert a node that matches  $M1b$ . Then what? In this case since  $R1$  is not asserted in the network we can not infer  $M2b$  since we simply don't know if the rule  $R1$  "holds". The first step that we would have to do is to prove that rule  $R1$  holds and in that case assert  $M3b$  since the antecedent of  $R2b$  would then hold. The proof that rule  $R1b$  holds would have to be done in the following way: assume  $M1b$  and then using only sound rules of inference deduce  $M2b$ . The SNEPS inference system is not able to do this (yet), and therefore when

some newly asserted node matches a node which is in antecedent position of some rule which is in turn in antecedent position of other rule no forward inferencing is done.

Suppose now that in the case represented in Figure 2b we assert a node matching  $M1b$ . Again, we can not use rule  $R1$  unless we prove that it holds. But in this case it is quite simple: the rule of inference "modus ponens" enables us to infer  $R1b$  provided that  $M3b$  holds. What the forward inference system should then do is to start working on rule  $R2b$ , trying to prove its antecedent, i.e. trying to show that an instance of  $M3b$  exists in the network or that we can deduce it with the existing facts and rules. In the case of such a proof being successful modus ponens enables us to infer  $R1b$  and therefore since we know  $M1b$  again by modus ponens we can assert  $M2b$ .

From this example it is easy to see the cases where forward inference should be done: first, forward inference is only triggered when some newly asserted node matches a node in antecedent position of some rule; next, this rule should be either asserted or in consequent position of some other rule. The forward inference system should then start to work on the embedding rule and again, either the rule is asserted and it will try to prove its antecedents or the rule is in consequent position of some other rule and the process recurs. If during this procedure we encounter one rule in antecedent position of some other rule the whole process stops.

This line of reasoning can be directly applied to the SNePS connectives  $v \rightarrow$  and  $\& \rightarrow$ , the only difference between them being

that for  $v \rightarrow$  we can infer all the consequents of the rule as soon as we can prove one single antecedent whereas for the  $\& \rightarrow$  we need to prove all the antecedents of the rule before we can infer the consequents.

But, "what about the other SNePS connectives?" one may ask. Well, AND-OR and THRESH made no distinction among their arguments. This means that one particular argument may be looked at as being an antecedent or as being a consequent depending on the case in which the connective is being used. In the case of THRESH and AND-OR, if we assert in the network a node which is an ARGument of one of these connectives, the node matched will be looked at as being one antecedent and, depending on the parameters of the connective, to use the rule we may either need to find more antecedents or not, in either case all the nodes that are not used as antecedents are looked at as being consequents.

The cases in which forward inference will be triggered can then be summarized in the following way: "forward inference is done when a node is asserted which matches some node in antecedent (ANT or &ANT) or argument (ARG) position of some rule. If the rule is asserted it will try to use the rule. If the rule is not asserted and is in consequent (CQ) or argument (ARG) position of some other rule it will follow the  $CQ^c$  or  $ARG^c$  arc and apply the same reasoning."

The path of arcs to be followed during forward inference is represented in Figure 3 where "top?" means that an asserted node is found.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{ANT}^c \\ \&\text{ANT}^c \\ \text{ARG}^c \end{array} \right\} \cdot \left[ \left[ \text{CO}^c \right]^* \cdot \left[ \text{ARG}^c \right]^* \right]^* \cdot \text{top?}$$

Figure 3  
path of arcs to be followed during forward inference

Having determined when to do forward inference the next step will be to try to answer the following questions: "What processes should be responsible for forward inference?" and "What should these processes do?". These questions are answered in the next section which deals with the implementation details.

### 3. Forward Inference Processes

The forward inferencing mechanism is initiated through the use of the function ADD: (ADD  $R_1$   $NS_1$  ...  $R_k$   $NS_k$ ) instructs the system to add to the network the node with  $R_1$  to  $NS_1$ , ...,  $R_k$  to  $NS_k$  and do forward inferencing with that node. As we saw before the first step in forward inferencing will be to match the given node against the network and check if any of the matched nodes is in antecedent or argument position of some rule, in which case further processing has to be done.

A new process was created to accomplish this job: the process F-INFER is given a newly asserted node and its task is to match the node against the network and for each of the matched nodes and respective bindings check if they are in antecedent (or argument) position of some rule(s) and if it is the case set up the appropriate set of processes (described later on) to use such rule(s).

Besides F-INFER another process was created, the process IMPLY. IMPLY is a process which is responsible for a given rule: it receives instances of the consequents of the rule and determines what to do with them. IMPLY receives messages of the kind "the consequents of the rule you are working on hold with binding  $\underline{b}$ ". Upon receiving such a message IMPLY looks at each consequent of the rule in turn. If the consequent is a rule it means that such a rule holds with binding  $\underline{b}$ , in which case IMPLY sets up the appropriate structure of processes to use the rule; if the consequent is not a rule it means that the node resulting from the application of the binding  $\underline{b}$  to the consequent can be

deduced and that is exactly what IMPLY does in this case: asserts the instance of the consequent in the network and sets up a new F-INFER process to do further forward inference on such a node.

4. How it all works

In this section an hypothetical example of how forward inference works will be fully developed.

Suppose that the rule represented in Figure 4 exists in the network. Suppose also that the user uses the function ADD to

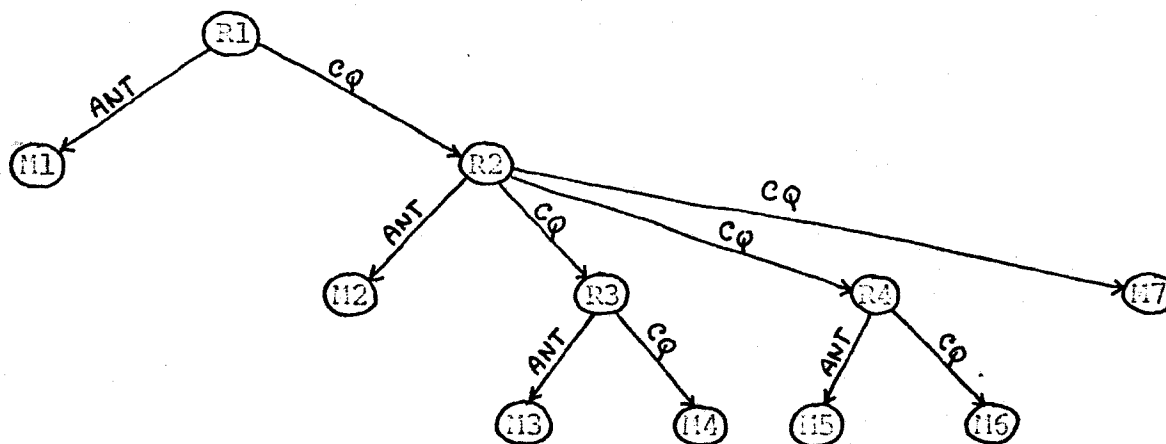


Figure 4  
rule existing in the network

build a node H2 which is a fully ground node matching H2<sub>b</sub>. The function ADD creates an F-INFER process to work on the node H2. This process does a match in the network and finds H2, which is in antecedent position of rule R2, and this is enough for the system to try to do some forward inferencing. Process F-INFER builds two processes: an IMPLY process which will be responsible for rule R2 and a GO-UP11 process that checks if the rule R2 is asserted and if not crawls up on CQ<sup>c</sup> or ARG<sup>c</sup> arcs (if such arcs exist) to take care of the next higher up rule. The process GO-UP11 is scheduled. Figure 5 shows the processes built so far. In this Figure and in the <sup>subsequent</sup> ~~forthcoming~~ Figures a solid arrow going from process A to process B means that A reports (sends messages)

to process B (sometimes said that B is the "boss" of A); a dashed arrow going from process A to process B means that process A creates process B. If process A also schedules process B, the arrow head will be solid. The job of the F-INFER process is now

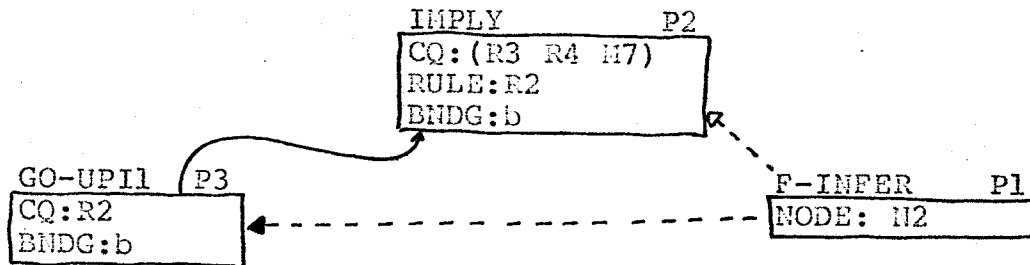


Figure 5  
Complete set of processes - phase 1

completed, it stops execution and the scheduler initiates the process GO-UP11. This process crawls up on the CQ<sup>C</sup> arc leading to rule R1. Its being able to do this means that the rule R2 is not asserted in the network and therefore before we can use it we have to prove that the rule holds with binding b, i.e. first we have to be able to use rule R1<sub>b</sub>. The job of GO-UP11, in this case, is to create an IMPLY process that will be responsible for rule R1 and which will be reporting (sending messages) to a data-collector (ANS-CATCH process) which, in turn, reports to the process P2 (Fig.6). Furthermore process P3 creates another GO-UP11 process which will check whether or not rule R1 is asserted and schedules this process. The set of processes built up to this point is shown in Figure 6. Since process P3 has completed its job it stops execution and the scheduler initiates the process P6. Since the rule R1 is asserted in the network the process P6 creates the structure necessary to use the rule, i.e.

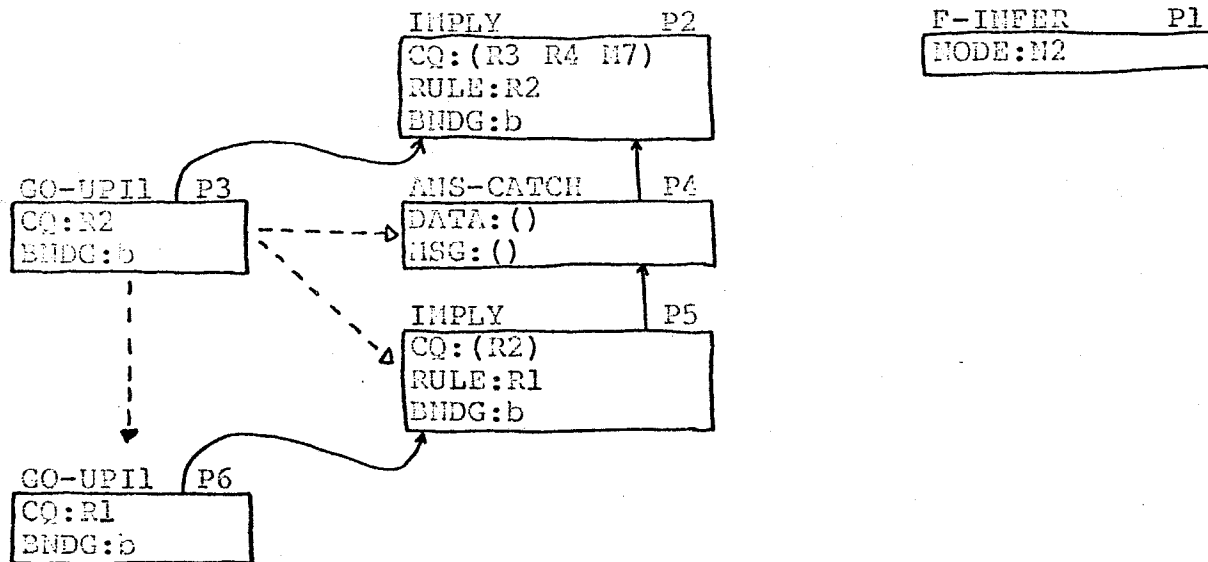


Figure 6  
Complete set of processes - phase 2

the processes ANS-CATCH (P7) and USE (P8) and schedules P8 for execution. The set of processes built up to this point is shown

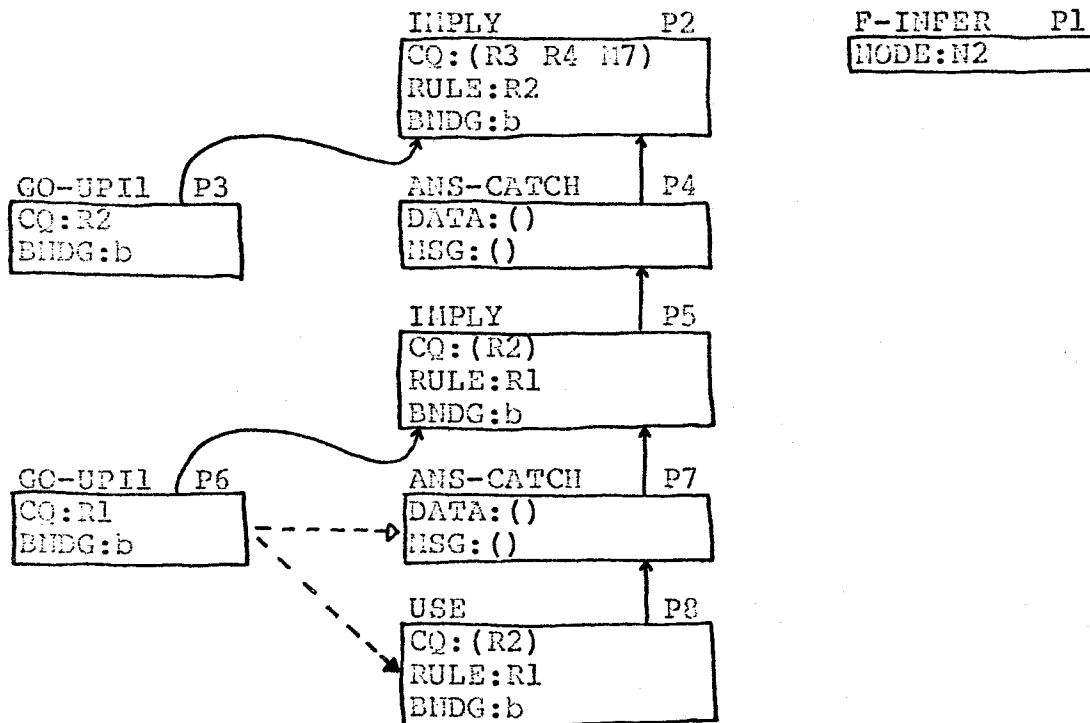


Figure 7  
Complete set of processes - Phase 3

in Figure 7. Process P6 stops execution and process P8 is

initiated. This process will, in turn, initiate some other processes whose joint task is to check if there is any node in the network that matches  $M1b$  (the antecedent of  $R1$ ). If such is the case modus ponens permits us to infer that the consequent of  $R1b$  holds. Let us suppose that there exists in the network a node satisfying such a condition, say  $N1$ . The processes that USE initiates will find this node and will report such a node to the ANS-CATCH above the USE (P8). ANS-CATCH compares the answer received with the data stored in its DATA: register (containing a record of all the messages received so far) and if a similar message has not been received before, as is the case, since no messages at all were received, it reports the message to its bosses, in this case IMPLY (P5). When IMPLY gets the message stating something like "the rule that you are interested in ( $R1$ ) holds and an instance of its antecedent was found with binding  $b$ ". IMPLY looks at the consequent of  $R1$  and since it is a rule ( $R2$ ) it sets up the structure of processes necessary to use the rule, which, as we have already seen before, is a USE process which reports to an ANS-CATCH. The job of the IMPLY process is now done, it schedules the newly created USE process and stops execution. The structure of the processes built so far is represented in Figure 8. The scheduler now initiates process  $P19$  (USE) which, as before, will set up some structure of processes to use the rule  $R2$ , i.e. find an instance of  $M2b$ . In this case, however, since an instance of the antecedent of  $R2$  was the node whose assertion in the network triggered the forward inference process, part of the structure to use the rule is already there. This piece of structure was built by the F-INFER ( $P1$ ) which was

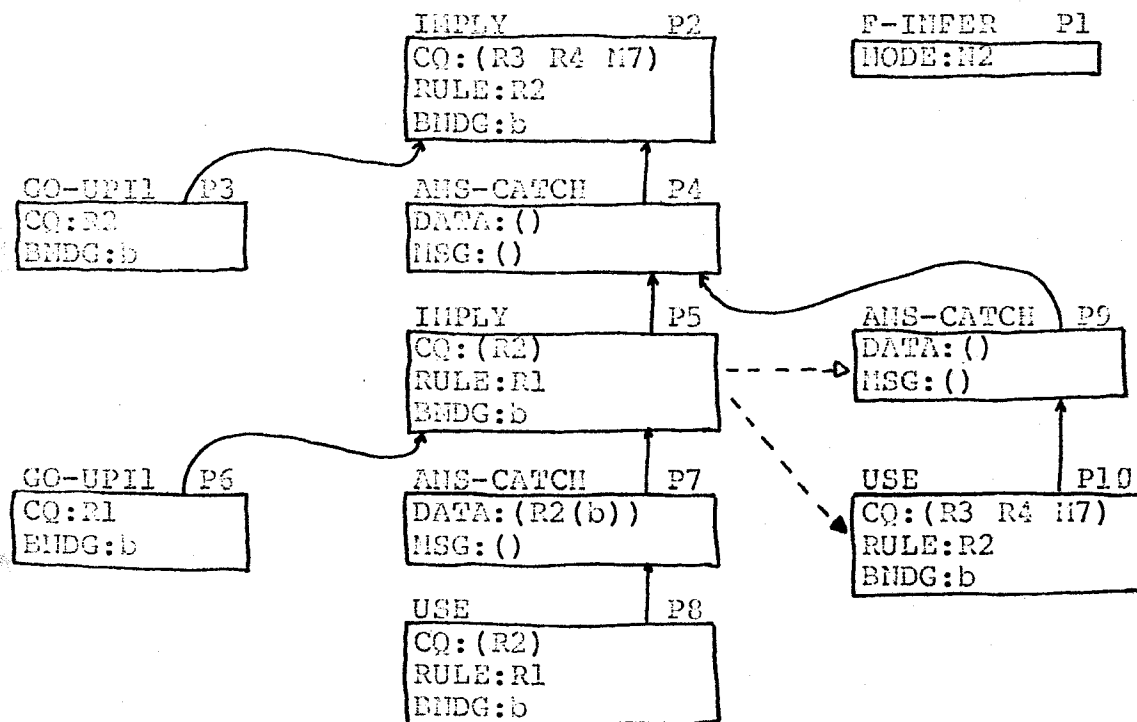


Figure 8  
Complete set of processes - phase 4

foreseeing the possibility that later on such set of processes would be needed. This set of processes is linked to the processes created by USE. The advantage of having F-INFER create these processes is that the system doesn't need to look at the network and check if there is a node which matches  $N2b$ , because in this case it knows that  $N2$  is a node in such a situation. The execution of these processes results in  $P9$  receiving a message stating that  $N2$  is a node that matches  $N2b$ . This message is propagated through the chain of processes until it reaches  $P2$ .  $P2$  gets a message stating that the rule it is interested in ( $R2$ ) holds and that an instance of its antecedent with binding  $b$  was found, therefore by modus ponens it can assert the consequents of the rule with binding  $b$ . What IMPLY does is looking at each consequent of  $R2$  in turn: both consequents  $R3$  and  $R4$  are rules and therefore these rules hold with binding  $b$ .  $P2$  creates an



IMPLY process that will be responsible for each of these rules and since the rules hold it also creates the structure to use the rules, i.e. USE processes P14 and P17 and schedules these processes for execution (Fig.9); the consequent N7 is not a rule,

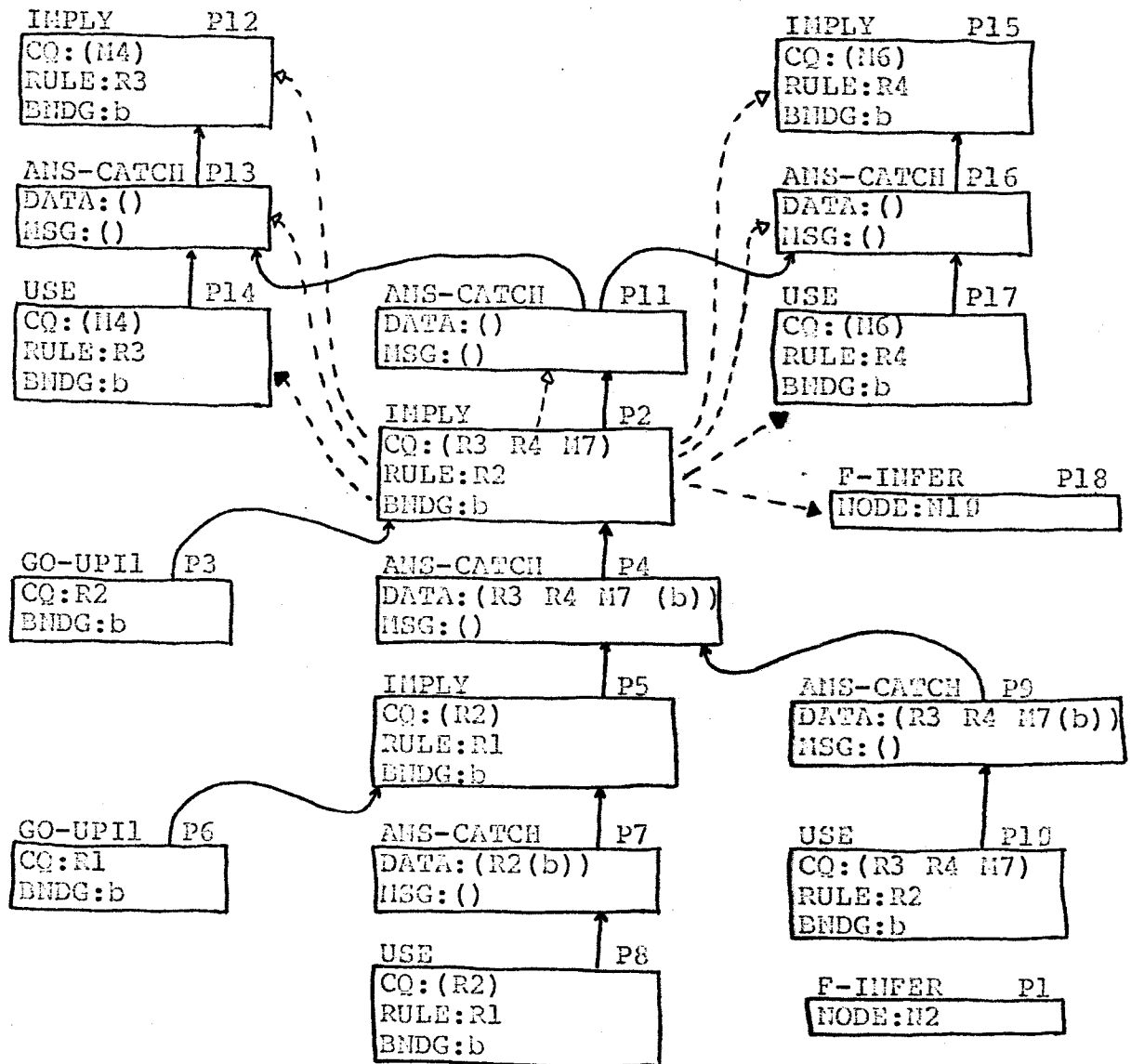


Figure 9  
Complete set of processes - phase 5

therefore an instance of N7b is asserted in the network, suppose it results in the assertion of node N10, an F-INFER process (P18) is created to do further forward inference on the node N10. The

task of process P2 is now completed, it stops execution and the scheduler picks up one of the processes P14, P17 or P18 for execution. Let us suppose that P14 is initiated first. The same procedure is repeated: USE (P14) creates the set of processes to use rule R3, the execution of these processes results in doing a match in the network to check if there is any node matching M3b. If that is the case messages are propagated to the IMPLY process P12 which will assert in the network an instance of node M4b and create an F-INFER to work on such a node. And the same holds for the task of process P17.

In the next section and in appendix 2 are presented further examples of use of forward inference.

### 5. ADDing rules to the network

The example presented in the previous section showed the case where we have rule(s) in the network and ADD a node that matches the antecedent of some rule. In this section is presented the case of having a network with rule and non-rule nodes and ADDing a rule whose antecedent(s) are matched by nodes existing in the network. In this case not only the rule should be asserted in the network but it should also be used to derive new facts.

In this case the function ADD does not initiate an F-INFER process that matches the newly asserted (rule) node against the network. The reason for this is that, as said before in section 2, we don't allow inference on rules which have other rules in antecedent position. Instead, the function ADD creates an IMPLY process that will be responsible for the new rule and a GO-UP11 process that, when scheduled, will create an USE process to use the rule. We present next a detailed and fully developed example of how this case works. Suppose that we have in the network a node that asserts that "Socrates is a man" (Fig.10) Suppose now

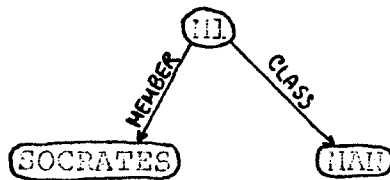


Figure 10  
Network representation of "Socrates is a man"

that using the function ADD we add to the network the rule that "All men are mortal" (Fig.11). As we said, the function ADD creates an IMPLY process responsible for rule M4 and a GO-UP11

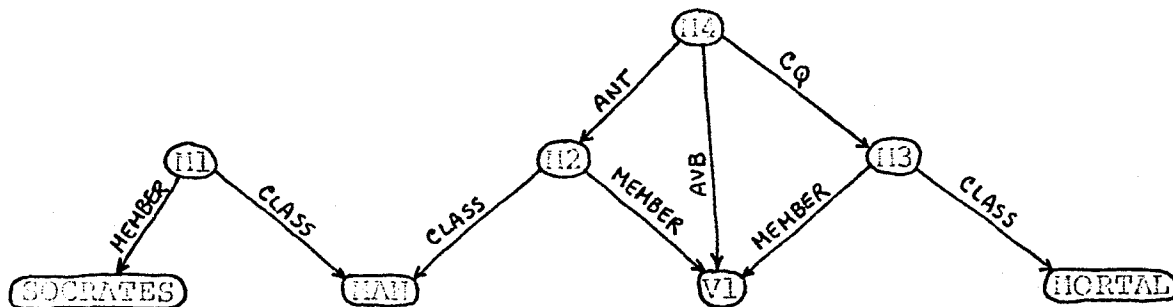


Figure 11  
Network built so far

process to work on such a rule. GO-UP11 is initiated and since M4 is asserted it creates an USE process to use the rule (Fig.12).

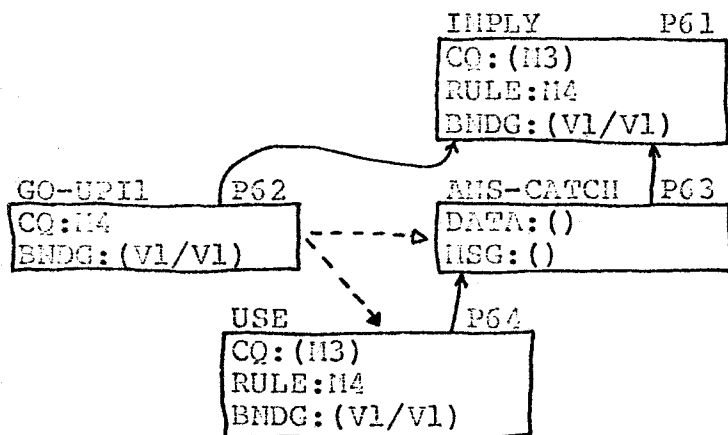


Figure 12  
Structure of processes - phase 1

At this point process P62 stops execution and process P64 (USE) is initiated. The USE process creates the set of processes that use the rule, such set of processes is represented in Figure 13 (for a description of these processes refer to Appendix 1).

Process P64 schedules P68 for execution and halts. The scheduler initiates process P68 which does a match in the network to see if there is any node matching N2 and finds N1. INFER informs its boss (TOPINF) about this fact, which in turn informs process P65 (which is now NAME:ed CHENT-R because it is receiving messages --

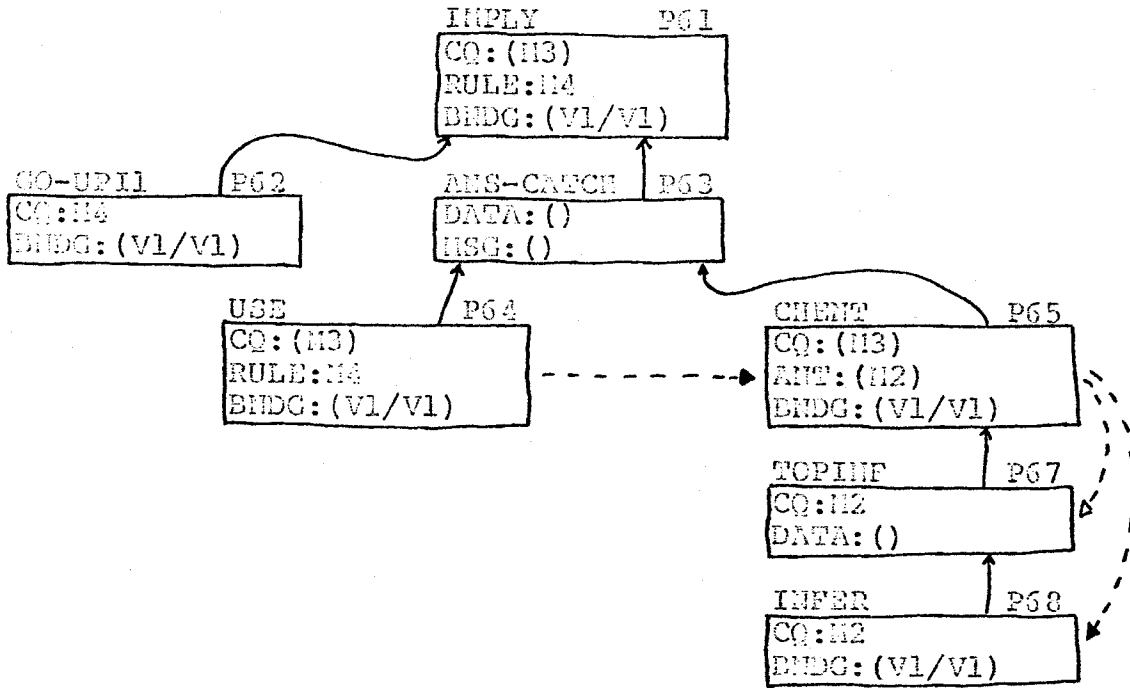


Figure 13  
Structure of processes - phase 2

refer to Appendix 1) and so on. The message finally reaches P61 which asserts in the network the node resulting from applying the binding (SOCRATES,V1) to node H3 (Fig.14) and creates an F-INFER

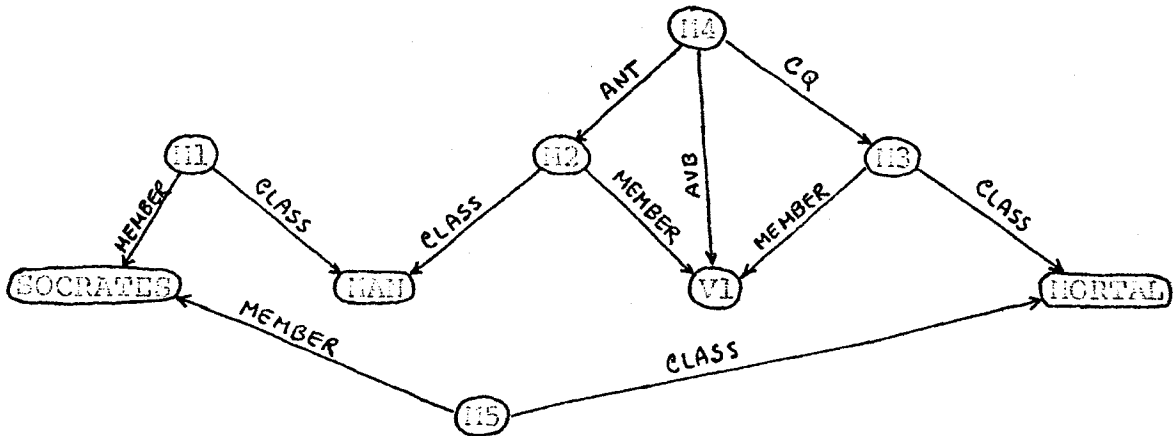


Figure 14  
Network after forward inference

process which tries to do further forward inference with such a node (H5), which is not possible since there are no rules in the

network whose antecedent(s) are matched by N5, and the whole process stops. The final structure of processes after forward

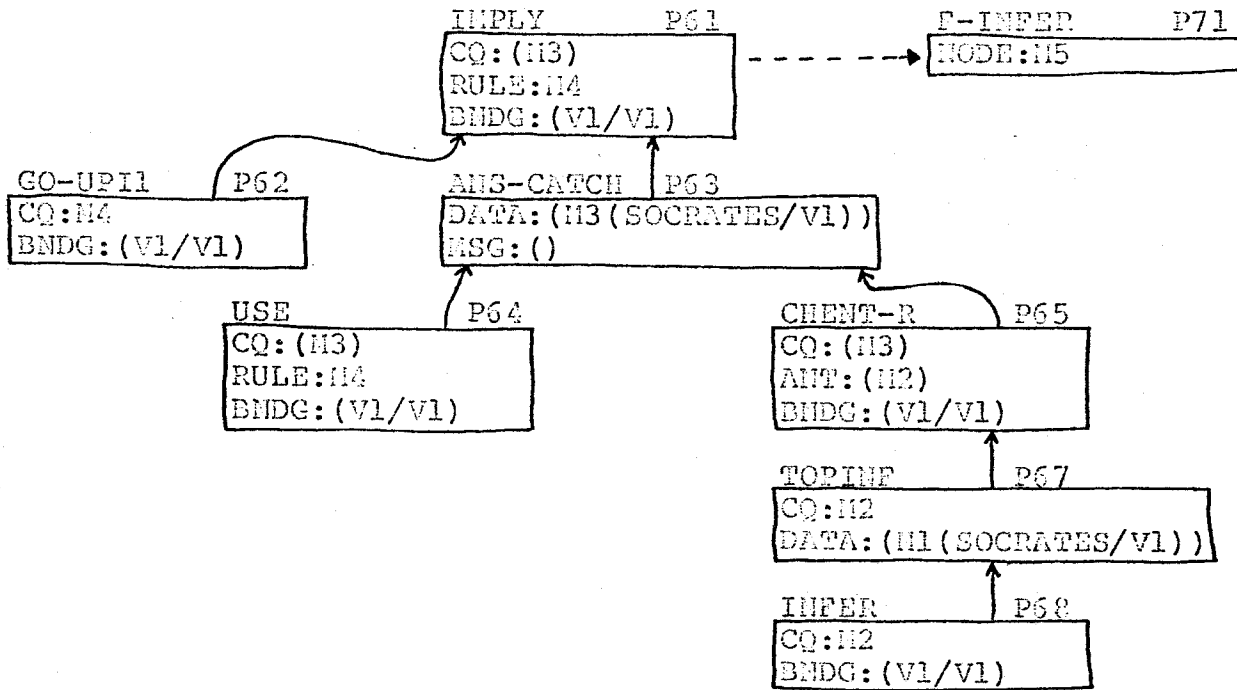


Figure 15  
Structure of processes - last phase

inference is done is represented in Figure 15.

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APPENDIX 1: Some particular processes

The material presented in this appendix was adapted from a Grant Proposal submitted by Dr. Stuart Shapiro to N.S.F. in November 1979.

1. INFER is the process which matches a network structure in a particular binding within the current data base. The result of the match yields assertions and patterns which are possible rule structures. Assertions are immediately sent to INFER's boss as instances of the original structure. Possible rule structures are investigated further. Each INFER process which is created is remembered. Whenever a new INFER process is to be constructed a check is first made to determine if some other INFER is already working on the same problem. If no such INFER process exists a new INFER with a TOPINF as its boss (see below for a description of TOPINF) is created. If an already existing INFER is acceptable then the process trying to create the INFER is added to the bosses of the existing INFER's TOPINF and is immediately sent any results the TOPINF has recorded.
2. TOPINF acts as data collector for INFER processes. TOPINF receives messages from processes created below it and remembers each different message. When a message is received that has not been propagated previously TOPINF sends the message to all its bosses.
3. CHENT is the process which performs or-entailment ( $\vee \rightarrow$ ).

CHENT attempts to establish any of the antecedents of the or-entailment so that a given set of consequents (eventually containing all of the consequents) can be instantiated in a particular binding  $b$ . For each antecedent an INFER process is created which is to verify the antecedent in the binding  $b$ . If a suitable INFER process already exists, a new one is not created. (see above) The CHENT changes its name to CHENT-R to receive answers. When an INFER process reports an answer consisting of a particular antecedent and a particular binding and meaning that an instance of such antecedent with such a binding was found, the message that the set of consequents in which the CHENT-R process is interested holds in such a binding is sent to the CHENT-R's boss.

4. CHENT is the process which performs and-entailment ( $\wedge \rightarrow$ ). It works similarly to CHENT but it tries to establish all the antecedents of the and-entailment in a particular binding.
5. CHANDOR is the process that implements the and-or connective ( $\wedge \vee$ ). One of the particularities of this connective is that any argument can be either antecedent or consequent. CHANDOR tries to create or find INFER processes for all its arguments. CHANDOR changes its name to CHANDOR-R to receive answers. When the answers are returned CHANDOR-R maintains counts of the answers indexed on the bindings in the result. Those arguments for which answers are supplied are considered antecedents and the remaining the consequents. If  $j$  antecedents are ever derived for a

particular binding b a message is sent to CHANDOR-R's boss stating that the negation of the consequents (all ARGUMENTS of the AND-OR except the j antecedents derived) hold with binding b.

6. CHTHRESH is the process that implements the thresh connective. It works very similarly to CHANDOR.
7. USE the process USE tries to deduce a set of consequents using a given rule with a given binding. It creates a CH-process (CHENT, CH&ENT, CHANDOR or CHTHRESH, depending on the connective of the rule) that will work on the rule.
8. F-INFER is a process which triggers forward inference. It is given a newly asserted node and its task is to match the node against the network and for each of the matched node(s) and respective bindings check if they are in antecedent (or argument) position of some rule(s) and if it is the case set up the appropriate set of processes to use the rule(s).
9. IMPLY is a process which is responsible for a given rule. It receives messages stating that certain consequents of the rule hold in a given binding and determines what to do with them: if the consequent is a rule it sets up the processes necessary to use the rule; if the consequent is not a rule it asserts in the network the node resulting from applying the binding to the consequent.

APPENDIX 2: Fully developed example

In this appendix is presented a complete example of forward inference which involves several of the connectives available in SNEPS (a->, AND-OR and THRESH). Also shown here are some of the options available to the users of the inference system regarding the form of the final output.

Consider the network represented in Figure 16. The network

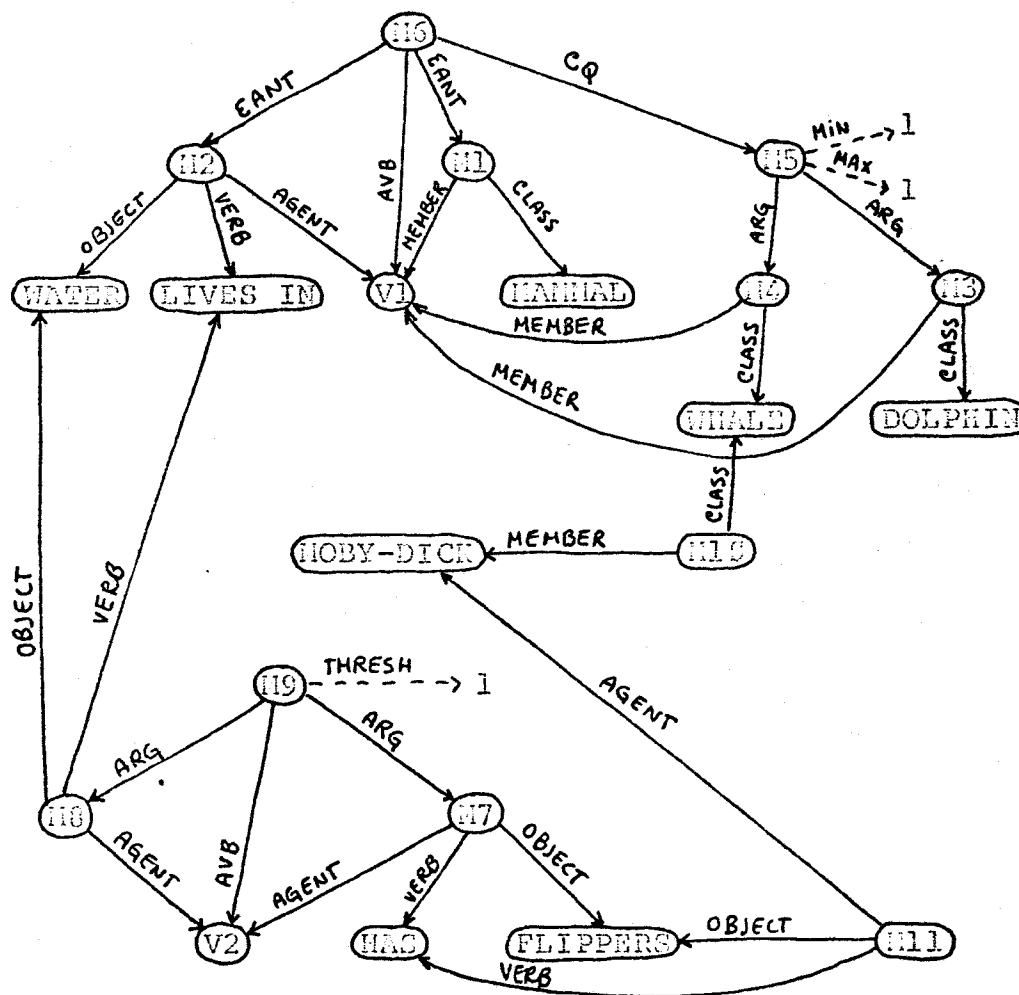


Figure 16  
Network before forward inference

contains two rules: "Every mammal which lives in water is either a whale or a dolphin" (116) and "An animal lives in water iff it

has flippers" (H9). It also contains two ground assertions: "Hoby-Dick is a whale" (H10) and "Hoby-Dick has flippers" (H11). The sample run presented in this appendix consists of first building such a network and then using the function ADD to add the node "Hoby-Dick is a mammal" (H12) to the network.

The first run, presented next, uses an ATH grammar generator to output the inferences done by the system in a natural English way:

```
? (SHEPS)
SHEPS
* (DEFINE MEMBER MEMBER-1 CLASS CLASS-1 AGENT AGENT-
*      VERB VERB- OBJECT OBJECT-)
(MEMBER MEMBER-1)
(CLASS CLASS-1)
(AGENT AGENT-)
(VERB VERB-)
(OBJECT OBJECT-)
(DEFINED)
34 MSECS

* (SURFACE (BUILD AVB $X
*           SANT ((BUILD MEMBER *X CLASS MAMMAL)
*                 (BUILD AGENT *X
*                   VERB LIVES/ IN
*                   OBJECT WATER))
*           CQ   (BUILD HIN 1
*                 MAX 1
*                 ARG ((BUILD MEMBER *X CLASS WHALE)
*                     (BUILD MEMBER *X
*                       CLASS DOLPHIN))))))
IF V1 LIVES IN WATER AND
V1 IS A MAMMAL
THEN EITHER V1 IS A DOLPHIN OR
V1 IS A WHALE

(DUMPED)
3329 MSECS

* (SURFACE (BUILD AVB $Y
*           THRESH 1
*           ARG ((BUILD AGENT *Y
*                 VERB HAS
*                 OBJECT FLIPPERS)
*               (BUILD AGENT *Y
*                 VERB LIVES/ IN
*                 OBJECT WATER))))
```

V2 LIVES IN WATER IF AND ONLY IF  
 V2 HAS FLIPPERS  
 (DUMPED)  
 1156 MSECS

\* (SURFACE (BUILD MEMBER MOBY-DICK CLASS WHALE))  
 MOBY-DICK IS A WHALE  
 (DUMPED)  
 1102 MSECS

\* (SURFACE (BUILD AGENT MOBY-DICK VERB HAS OBJECT FLIPPERS))  
 MOBY-DICK HAS FLIPPERS  
 (DUMPED)  
 323 MSECS

\* (SURFACE (ADD MEMBER MOBY-DICK CLASS MAMMAL))

SINCE  
 MOBY-DICK HAS FLIPPERS

WE INFER  
 MOBY-DICK LIVES IN WATER

SINCE  
 MOBY-DICK LIVES IN WATER AND  
 MOBY-DICK IS A MAMMAL

WE INFER  
 EITHER MOBY-DICK IS A WHALE OR  
 MOBY-DICK IS A DOLPHIN

SINCE  
 MOBY-DICK IS A WHALE

WE INFER  
 MOBY-DICK IS NOT A DOLPHIN

MOBY-DICK IS A MAMMAL AND  
 MOBY-DICK LIVES IN WATER AND  
 MOBY-DICK IS NOT A DOLPHIN  
 (DUMPED)  
 16244 MSECS

\* (LISP)  
 END SNEPS

After forward inference is completed the network has three more nodes: "Moby-Dick is a mammal" (M12), "Moby-Dick lives in water" (M13) and "Moby-Dick is not a dolphin" (M15). Such a network is presented in Figure 17.



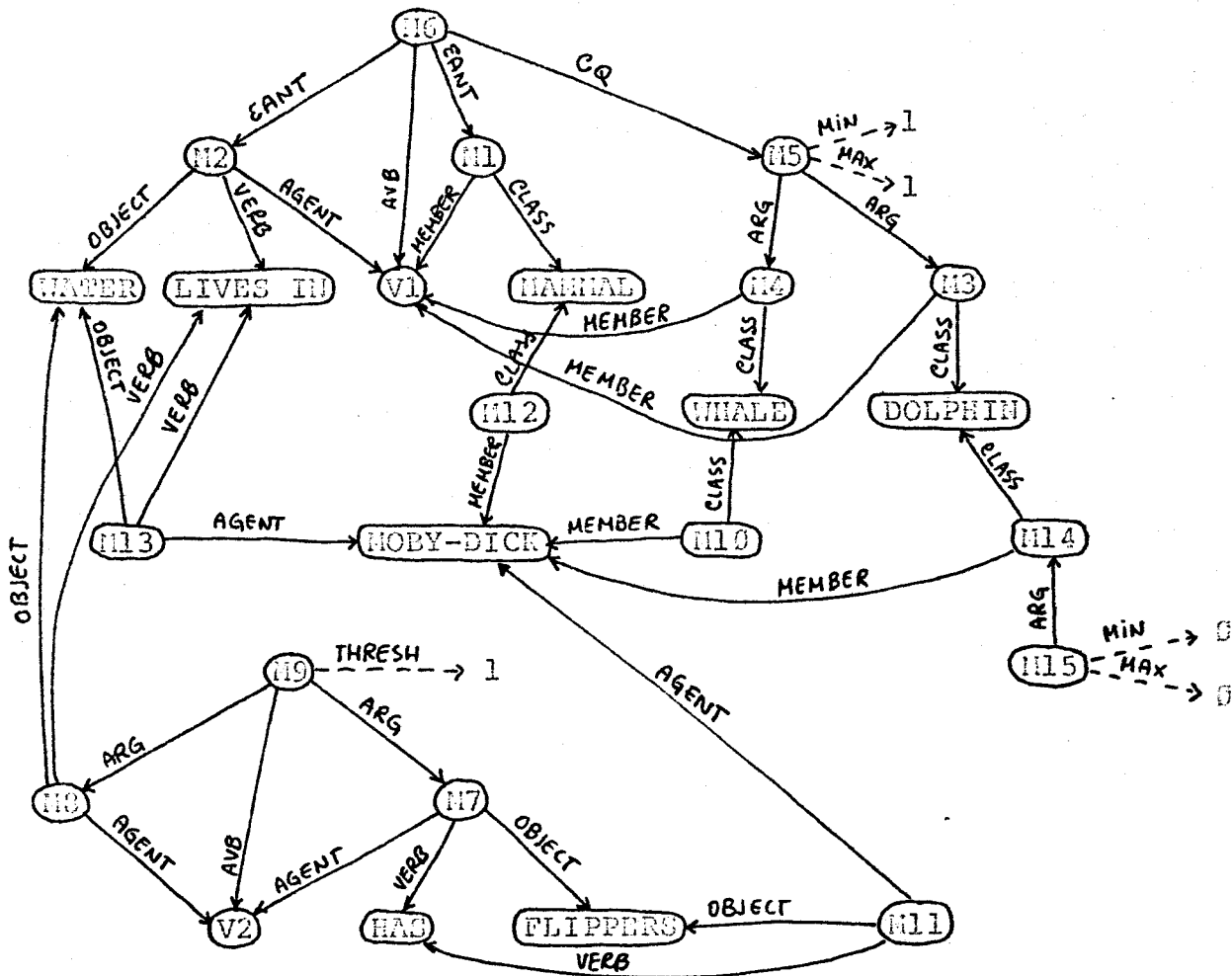


Figure 17  
Network after forward inference

The second run, presented next, traces the execution of all the processes and does not use the ATM grammar generator.

? (SNEPS)

SNEPS

```
* (DEFINE MEMBER MEMBER-1 CLASS CLASS-1 AGENT AGENT-
* VERB VERB- OBJECT OBJECT-)
```

```
(MEMBER MEMBER-1)
```

```
(CLASS CLASS-1)
```

```
(AGENT AGENT-)
```

```
(VERB VERB-)
```

```
(OBJECT OBJECT-)
```

```
(DEFINED)
```

35 MSECS

```
* (DESCRIBE (BUILD AVB $X
* &ANT ((BUILD MEMBER *X CLASS MAMMAL)
* (BUILD AGENT *X
* VERB LIVES/ IN
* OBJECT WATER))
```

```

*           CQ      (BUILD MIN 1
*                   MAX 1
*                   ARG ((BUILD MEMBER *X
*                           CLASS WHALE)
*                           (BUILD MEMBER *X
*                           CLASS DOLPHIN))))))

```

```

-(H6
  (CQ
    (H5
      (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T))))
      (ARG
        (H4 (CLASS (DOLPHIN))
              (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T))))
              (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T))))))
        (H3 (CLASS (WHALE))
              (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T))))
              (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T))))))
        (MAX (1))
        (MIN (1))))

```

```

*(AGENT
  (H2 (OBJECT (WATER))
        (VERB (LIVES IN))
        (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T))))
        (AGENT (V1 (:VAR (T))))))
  (H1 (CLASS (MAMMAL))
        (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T))))
        (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T))))))
  (AVB (V1 (:VAR (T))))

```

```

(DUMPED)
1253 NSECS

```

```

* (DESCRIBE (BUILD AVB      $Y
*           THRESH 1
*           ARG ((BUILD AGENT *Y
*                   VERB HAS
*                   OBJECT FLIPPERS)
*                   (BUILD AGENT *Y
*                   VERB LIVES/ IN
*                   OBJECT WATER))))

```

```

(H9
  (ARG
    (H8 (OBJECT (WATER))
          (VERB (LIVES IN))
          (:SVAR (V2 (:VAR (T))))
          (AGENT (V2 (:VAR (T))))))
    (H7 (OBJECT (FLIPPERS))
          (VERB (HAS))
          (:SVAR (V2 (:VAR (T))))
          (AGENT (V2 (:VAR (T))))))
    (AVB (V2 (:VAR (T))))
    (THRESH (1)))

```

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(DUMPED)
338 NSECS

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* (DESCRIBE (BUILD MEMBER NOBY-DICK CLASS WHALE))
(H10 (CLASS (WHALE)) (MEMBER (NOBY-DICK)))
(DUMPED)

```

57 MSECS

\* (DESCRIBE (BUILD AGENT HOBY-DICK VERB HAS OBJECT FLIPPERS))  
 (H11 (OBJECT (FLIPPERS)) (VERB (HAS)) (AGENT (HOBY-DICK)))  
 (DUMPED)  
 75 MSECS

\* (DESCRIBE (ADD MEMBER HOBY-DICK CLASS MAMMAL))

\*\* NEW - F-INFER ID - P60 \*\*

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P60 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: F-INFER  
 CLINK: NIL  
 NODE: H12

\*\* NEW - IMPLY ID - P61 \*\*

\*\* NEW - TOPINF ID - P63 \*\*

\*\* NEW - INFER ID - P64 \*\*

\*\* NEW - GO-UP11 ID - P65 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - GO-UP11 ID - P65 INITIATED BY - P60

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P60 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: F-INFER  
 CLINK: NIL  
 NODE: H12

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P65 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: GO-UP11  
 CLINK: P61  
 CQ: H6  
 BNDG: ((V1,HOBY-DICK))

\*\* NEW - AMS-CATCH ID - P66 \*\*

\*\* NEW - USE ID - P67 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - USE ID - P67 INITIATED BY - P65

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P65 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: GO-UP11  
 CLINK: P61  
 CQ: H6  
 BNDG: ((V1,HOBY-DICK))

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P67 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: USE  
 CLINK: P66  
 CQ: (H5)  
 RULE: H6  
 BNDG: ((V1,HOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - CH&ENT ID - P68 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - CH&ENT ID - P68 INITIATED BY - P67

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P67 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: USE  
CLINK: P66  
CQ: (M5)  
RULE: R6  
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CH&ENT  
CLINK: P66  
CQ: (M5)  
ANT: (M2 M1)  
TOT: 2  
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - TOPINF ID - P70 \*\*

\*\* NEW - INFER ID - P71 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - INFER ID - P71 INITIATED BY - P68

\*\* INITIATE - CH&ENT ID - P68 INITIATED BY - P68

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CH&ENT-R  
CLINK: P66  
CQ: (M5)  
ANT: (M2 M1)  
TOT: 2  
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: ((M1 (M12 ((V1,NOBY-DICK))))))

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CH&ENT-R  
CLINK: P66  
CQ: (M5)  
ANT: (M2 M1)  
TOT: 2  
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: ((M1 (M12 ((V1,NOBY-DICK))))))

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CH&ENT-R  
CLINK: P66  
CQ: (M5)  
ANT: (M2 M1)  
TOT: 2  
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))

DATA: (((V1,MOBY-DICK)) (M1) 1 NIL 9))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P71 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P70  
CQ: M2  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - SWITCH ID - P72 \*\*

\*\* NEW - GO-UPIL ID - P73 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - GO-UPIL ID - P73 INITIATED BY - P71

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P71 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P70  
CQ: M2  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P73 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UPIL  
CLINK: P72  
CQ: M8  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P74 \*\*

\*\* NEW - IMPLY ID - P75 \*\*

\*\* NEW - GO-UPIL ID - P76 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - GO-UPIL ID - P76 INITIATED BY - P73

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P73 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UPIL  
CLINK: P72  
CQ: M8  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P76 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UPIL  
CLINK: P75  
CQ: M9  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P77 \*\*

\*\* NEW - USE ID - P78 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - USE ID - P78 INITIATED BY - P76

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P76 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UPIL

CLINK: P75  
CQ: H9  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P78 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: USE  
CLINK: P77  
CQ: (H8)  
RULE: H9  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - CHTHRESH ID - P79 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - CHTHRESH ID - P79 INITIATED BY - P78

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P78 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: USE  
CLINK: P77  
CQ: (H8)  
RULE: H9  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P79 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CHTHRESH  
CLINK: P77  
THRESH: 1  
TOT: 2  
CQ: (H8 H7)  
ANT: (H8 H7)  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - TOPINF ID - P81 \*\*

\*\* NEW - INFER ID - P82 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - INFER ID - P82 INITIATED BY - P79

\*\* NEW - TOPINF ID - P84 \*\*

\*\* NEW - INFER ID - P85 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - INFER ID - P85 INITIATED BY - P79

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P79 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: CHTHRESH-R  
CLINK: P77  
THRESH: 1  
TOT: 0  
CQ: (H8 H7)  
ANT: (H8 H7)  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: NIL

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P82 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P81
CQ: H8
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL

** NEW - SWITCH ID - P86 **

** NEW - GO-UPIL ID - P87 **

** INITIATE - GO-UPIL ID - P87 INITIATED BY - P82

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P82 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P81
CQ: H8
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P85 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P84
CQ: H7
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL

** INITIATE - TOPINF ID - P84 INITIATED BY - P85

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P85 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P84
CQ: H7
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P84 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P79
CQ: H7
BOSSB: (P79)
DATA: NIL
MSG: ((H7 (H11 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))
MTR: P83

** INITIATE - CHTHRESH-R ID - P79 INITIATED BY - P84

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P84 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P79
CQ: H7
BOSSB: (P79)
DATA: ((H11 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: NIL
MTR: P83
```

```

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P79 *****
NAME: CHTHRESH-R
CLINK: P77
THRESH: 1
TOT: 5
CQ: (M8 M7)
ANT: (M8 M7)
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
DATA: NIL
MSG: ((M7 (NIL ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

```

SINCE

```

(M7 (OBJECT (FLIPPERS))
  (VERB (HAS))
  (:SVAR (V2 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))
  (AGENT (V2 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK)))))

```

WE INFER

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(M8 (OBJECT (WATER))
  (VERB (LIVES IN))
  (:SVAR (V2 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))
  (AGENT (V2 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK)))))

```

\*\* INITIATE - ANS-CATCH ID - P77 INITIATED BY - P79

```

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P79 *****
NAME: CHTHRESH-R
CLINK: P77
THRESH: 1
TOT: 5
CQ: (M8 M7)
ANT: (M8 M7)
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))
DATA: (((V2,MOBY-DICK)) (M7) 1 NIL 5))
MSG: NIL

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P77 *****
NAME: ANS-CATCH
CLINK: P75
BOSSES: (P75)
DATA: NIL
MSG: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))

```

\*\* INITIATE - IMPLY ID - P75 INITIATED BY - P77

```

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P77 *****
NAME: ANS-CATCH
CLINK: P75
BOSSES: (P75)
DATA: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: NIL

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P75 *****
NAME: IMPLY
CLINK: P74
CQ: (M8)
RULE: M9

```



BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: (((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* NEW - F-INFER ID - P68 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - F-INFER ID - P68 INITIATED BY - P75

\*\* INITIATE - ANS-CATCH ID - P74 INITIATED BY - P75

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P75 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: IMPLY  
 CLINK: P74  
 CQ: (M8)  
 RULE: M9  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P74 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P72  
 BOSSES: (P72)  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: (((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* INITIATE - SWITCH ID - P72 INITIATED BY - P74

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P74 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P72  
 BOSSES: (P72)  
 DATA: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P72 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: SWITCH  
 CLINK: P70  
 CQ: M2  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: (((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* INITIATE - TOPINF ID - P70 INITIATED BY - P72

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P72 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: SWITCH  
 CLINK: P70  
 CQ: M2  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P70 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: TOPINF  
 CLINK: P68  
 CQ: M2  
 BOSSES: (P68)  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: ((M2 (M8 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))  
 MTR: P69

\*\* INITIATE - CH&ENT-R ID - P68 INITIATED BY - P70

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P70 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: TOPINF  
 CLINK: P68  
 CQ: M2  
 BOSSES: (P68)  
 DATA: ((M8 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))  
 MSG: NIL  
 MTR: P69

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: CH&ENT-R  
 CLINK: P66  
 CQ: (M5)  
 ANT: (M2 M1)  
 TOT: 2  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 DATA: (((V1,MOBY-DICK)) (M1) 1 NIL 0))  
 MSG: ((M2 (M8 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))

SINCE

(M2 (OBJECT (WATER))  
 (VERB (LIVES IN)  
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))  
 (AGENT (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))  
 (M1 (CLASS (MAMMAL))  
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))  
 (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))

WE INFER

(M5  
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))  
 (ARG  
 (M4 (CLASS (DOLPHIN))  
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))  
 (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))  
 (M3 (CLASS (WHALE))  
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))  
 (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))  
 (MAX (1))  
 (MIN (1)))

\*\* INITIATE - ANS-CATCH ID - P66 INITIATED BY - P68

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P68 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: CH&ENT-R  
 CLINK: P66  
 CQ: (M5)  
 ANT: (M2 M1)  
 TOT: 2  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 DATA: (((V1,MOBY-DICK)) (M2 M1) 2 NIL 0))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P66 \*\*\*\*\*

NAME: ANS-CATCH  
CLINK: P61  
BOSSSES: (P61)  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: (((M5 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* INITIATE - IMPLY ID - P61 INITIATED BY - P66

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P66 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: ANS-CATCH  
CLINK: P61  
BOSSSES: (P61)  
DATA: (((M5 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P61 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: IMPLY  
CLINK: NIL  
CQ: (M5)  
RULE: M6  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: (((M5 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P89 \*\*

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P90 \*\*

\*\* NEW - USE ID - P91 \*\*

\*\* NEW - IMPLY ID - P92 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - USE ID - P91 INITIATED BY - P61

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P61 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: IMPLY  
CLINK: P89  
CQ: (M5)  
RULE: M6  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P87 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UP11  
CLINK: P86  
CQ: M8  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\* INITIATE - SWITCH ID - P86 INITIATED BY - P87

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P87 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: GO-UP11  
CLINK: P86  
CQ: M8  
BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P86 \*\*\*\*\*  
NAME: SWITCH

CLINK: P81  
 CQ: M8  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: (((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* INITIASE - TOPINF ID - P81 INITIATED BY - P86

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P86 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: SWITCH  
 CLINK: P81  
 CQ: M8  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P81 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: TOPINF  
 CLINK: P79  
 CQ: M8  
 BOSSES: (P79)  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: ((M8 (M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))  
 NTR: P80

\*\* INITIATE - CHTHRESH-R ID - P79 INITIATED BY - P81

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P81 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: TOPINF  
 CLINK: P79  
 CQ: M8  
 BOSSES: (P79)  
 DATA: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))  
 MSG: NIL  
 NTR: P80

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P79 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: CHTHRESH-R  
 CLINK: P77  
 THRESH: 1  
 TOT: 0  
 CQ: (M8 M7)  
 ANT: (M8 M7)  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 DATA: (((V2,MOBY-DICK)) (M7) 1 NIL 0))  
 MSG: ((M8 (M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P79 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: CHTHRESH-R  
 CLINK: P77  
 THRESH: 1  
 TOT: 0  
 CQ: (M8 M7)  
 ANT: (M8 M7)  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 DATA: (((V2,MOBY-DICK)) (M8 M7) 2 NIL 0))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P88 \*\*\*\*\*

NAME: F-INFER  
 CLINK: NIL  
 NODE: M13

\*\* INITIATE - INFER ID - P82 INITIATED BY - P88

\*\* INITIATE - INFER ID - P71 INITIATED BY - P88

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P88 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: F-INFER  
 CLINK: NIL  
 NODE: M13

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P91 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: USE  
 CLINK: P99  
 CQ: (M4 M3)  
 RULE: M5  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\* NEW - CHANDOR ID - P93 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - CHANDOR ID - P93 INITIATED BY - P91

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P91 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: USE  
 CLINK: P99  
 CQ: (M4 M3)  
 RULE: M5  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P82 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: INFER  
 CLINK: P81  
 CQ: M8  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: ((M13 NIL ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))

\*\* INITIATE - TOPINF ID - P81 INITIATED BY - P82

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P82 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: INFER  
 CLINK: P81  
 CQ: M8  
 BNDG: ((V2,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P81 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: TOPINF  
 CLINK: P79  
 CQ: M8  
 BOSSES: (P79)  
 DATA: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))  
 MSG: ((M8 (M13 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))))  
 NTR: P88

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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P81 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P79
CQ: M8
BOSSSES: (P79)
DATA: ((M8 ((V2,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: NIL
MTR: P88
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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P71 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P70
CQ: M2
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: ((M13 NIL ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))
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** INITIATE - TOPINF ID - P76 INITIATED BY - P71
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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P71 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P70
CQ: M2
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL
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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P70 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P68
CQ: M2
BOSSSES: (P68)
DATA: ((M8 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: ((M2 (M13 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))
MTR: P69
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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P70 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P68
CQ: M2
BOSSSES: (P68)
DATA: ((M8 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: NIL
MTR: P69
```

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P93 *****
NAME: CHANDOR
CLINK: P90
MIR: 1
MAX: 1
TOT: 2
CQ: (M4 M3)
ANT: (M4 M3)
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))
DATA: NIL
MSG: NIL
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** NEW - TOPINF ID - P95 **
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** NEW - INFER ID - P96 **  
  
** INITIATE - INFER ID - P96 INITIATED BY - P93  
  
** NEW - TOPINF ID - P98 **  
  
** NEW - INFER ID - P99 **  
  
** INITIATE - INFER ID - P99 INITIATED BY - P93  
  
***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P93 *****  
NAME: CHANDOR-R  
CLINK: P98  
MIN: 1  
MAX: 1  
TOT: 2  
CQ: (M4 M3)  
AMT: (M4 M3)  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
DATA: NIL  
MSG: NIL  
  
***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P96 *****  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P95  
CQ: M4  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL  
  
** NEW - SWITCH ID - P100 **  
  
** NEW - GO-UPIL ID - P101 **  
  
** INITIATE - GO-UPIL ID - P101 INITIATED BY - P96  
  
***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P96 *****  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P95  
CQ: M4  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL  
  
***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P99 *****  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P98  
CQ: M3  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
MSG: NIL  
  
** INITIATE - TOPINF ID - P98 INITIATED BY - P99  
  
***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P99 *****  
NAME: INFER  
CLINK: P98  
CQ: M3  
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))
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MSG: NIL

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P93 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P93
CQ: M3
BOSSSES: (P93)
DATA: NIL
MSG: ((M3 (M10 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))
HTR: P97
```

\*\* INITIATE - CHANDOR-R ID - P93 INITIATED BY - P98

```
***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P93 *****
NAME: TOPINF
CLINK: P93
CQ: M3
BOSSSES: (P93)
DATA: ((M10 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))
MSG: NIL
HTR: P97
```

```
***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P93 *****
NAME: CHANDOR-R
CLINK: P90
MIN: 1
MAX: 1
TOT: 2
CQ: (M4 M3)
ANT: (M4 M3)
BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))
DATA: NIL
MSG: ((M3 (M10 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))
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SINCE

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(M3 (CLASS (WHALE))
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))
 (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))
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WE INFER

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(T102
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))
 (ARG (M4 (CLASS (DOLPHIN))
 (:SVAR (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))
 (MEMBER (V1 (:VAR (T)) (:VAL (MOBY-DICK))))))
 (MAX (9))
 (MIN (9)))
```

\*\* INITIATE - ANS-CATCH ID - P90 INITIATED BY - P93

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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P93 *****
NAME: CHANDOR-R
CLINK: P90
MIN: 1
MAX: 1
TOT: 2
CQ: (M4 M3)
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ANT: (M4 M3)  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 DATA: (((V1,MOBY-DICK)) (M3) 1 NIL 5))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P90 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P92  
 BOSSES: (P92)  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: (((T192 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* INITIATE - IMPLY ID - P92 INITIATED BY - P90

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P90 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P92  
 BOSSES: (P92)  
 DATA: ((T192 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P92 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: IMPLY  
 CLINK: NIL  
 CQ: (M4 M3)  
 RULE: M5  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: (((T192 ((V1,MOBY-DICK))))))

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P193 \*\*

\*\* NEW - F-INFER ID - P194 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - F-INFER ID - P194 INITIATED BY - P92

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P92 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: IMPLY  
 CLINK: NIL  
 CQ: (M4 M3)  
 RULE: M5  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P191 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: GO-UP11  
 CLINK: P199  
 CQ: M4  
 BNDG: ((V1,MOBY-DICK))

\*\* NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P195 \*\*

\*\* NEW - IMPLY ID - P196 \*\*

\*\* NEW - GO-UP11 ID - P197 \*\*

\*\* INITIATE - GO-UP11 ID - P197 INITIATED BY - P191

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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P101 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P100
CQ: M4
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))
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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P104 *****
NAME: F-INFER
CLINK: NIL
NODE: M15
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** INITIATE - INFER ID - P96 INITIATED BY - P104
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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P104 *****
NAME: F-INFER
CLINK: NIL
NODE: M15
```

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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P107 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P106
CQ: M5
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))
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***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P107 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P106
CQ: M5
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))
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***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P96 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P95
CQ: M4
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))
MSG: ((M14 NIL ((V1,NOBY-DICK))))
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** NEW - SWITCH ID - P108 **
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** NEW - GO-UP11 ID - P109 **
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** INITIATE - GO-UP11 ID - P109 INITIATED BY - P96
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```
***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P96 *****
NAME: INFER
CLINK: P95
CQ: M4
BNDG: ((V1,NOBY-DICK))
MSG: NIL
```

```
***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P109 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P108
CQ: M14
BNDG: NIL
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** NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P110 **
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** NEW - IMPLY ID - P111 **

** NEW - GO-UP11 ID - P112 **

** INITIATE - GO-UP11 ID - P112 INITIATED BY - P109

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P109 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P108
CQ: M14
BNDG: NIL

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P112 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P111
CQ: M15
BNDG: NIL

** NEW - ANS-CATCH ID - P113 **

** NEW - USE ID - P114 **

** INITIATE - USE ID - P114 INITIATED BY - P112.

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P112 *****
NAME: GO-UP11
CLINK: P111
CQ: M15
BNDG: NIL

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P114 *****
NAME: USE
CLINK: P113
CQ: (M14)
RULE: M15
BNDG: NIL
MSG: NIL

** NEW - CHANDOR ID - P115 **

** INITIATE - CHANDOR ID - P115 INITIATED BY - P114

***** "LEAVING" PROCESS : P114 *****
NAME: USE
CLINK: P113
CQ: (M14)
RULE: M15
BNDG: NIL
MSG: NIL

***** "ENTERING" PROCESS : P115 *****
NAME: CHANDOR
CLINK: P113
MIN: 0
MAX: 0
TOT: 1
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CQ: (M14)  
 ANT: (M14)  
 BNDG: NIL  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: NIL

\*\* INITIATE - ANS-CATCH ID - P113 INITIATED BY - P115

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P115 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: CHANDOR  
 CLINK: P113  
 MIN: 0  
 MAX: 0  
 TOT: 1  
 CQ: (M14)  
 ANT: (M14)  
 BNDG: NIL  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P113 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P111  
 BOSSES: (P111)  
 DATA: NIL  
 MSG: (((T116 NIL)))

\*\* INITIATE - IMPLY ID - P111 INITIATED BY - P113

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P113 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: ANS-CATCH  
 CLINK: P111  
 BOSSES: (P111)  
 DATA: ((T116 NIL))  
 MSG: NIL

\*\*\*\*\* "ENTERING" PROCESS : P111 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: IMPLY  
 CLINK: P110  
 CQ: (M14)  
 RULE: M15  
 BNDG: NIL  
 MSG: (((T116 NIL)))

\*\*\*\*\* "LEAVING" PROCESS : P111 \*\*\*\*\*  
 NAME: IMPLY  
 CLINK: P110  
 CQ: (M14)  
 RULE: M15  
 BNDG: NIL  
 MSG: NIL

(M12 (CLASS (MAMMAL)) (MEMBER (MOBY-DICK)))  
 (M13 (OBJECT (WATER)) (VERB (LIVES IN)) (AGENT (MOBY-DICK)))  
 (M15 (ARG (M14 (CLASS (DOLPHIN)) (MEMBER (MOBY-DICK))))

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(MAX (0))  
(MIN (0))  
(DUMPED)  
9765 MSECS
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* (LISP)  
END SHEPS
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In Figures 18 and 19 are presented the processes left behind by the system after forward inference is completed. In both Figures the word 'MOBY-DICK' has been abbreviated to 'M-D'. Hopefully this would not cause confusion to the reader.

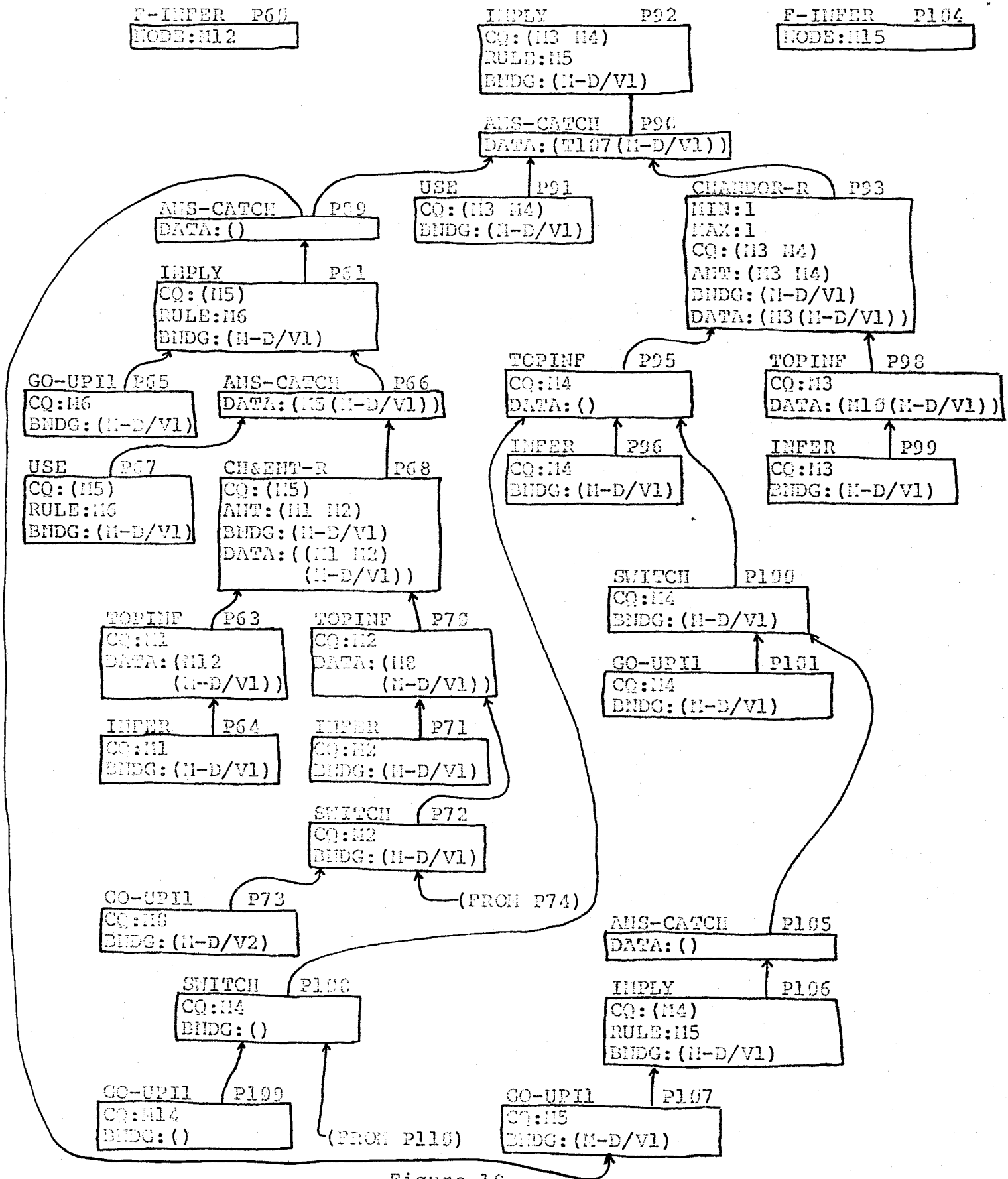


Figure 16  
Set of processes

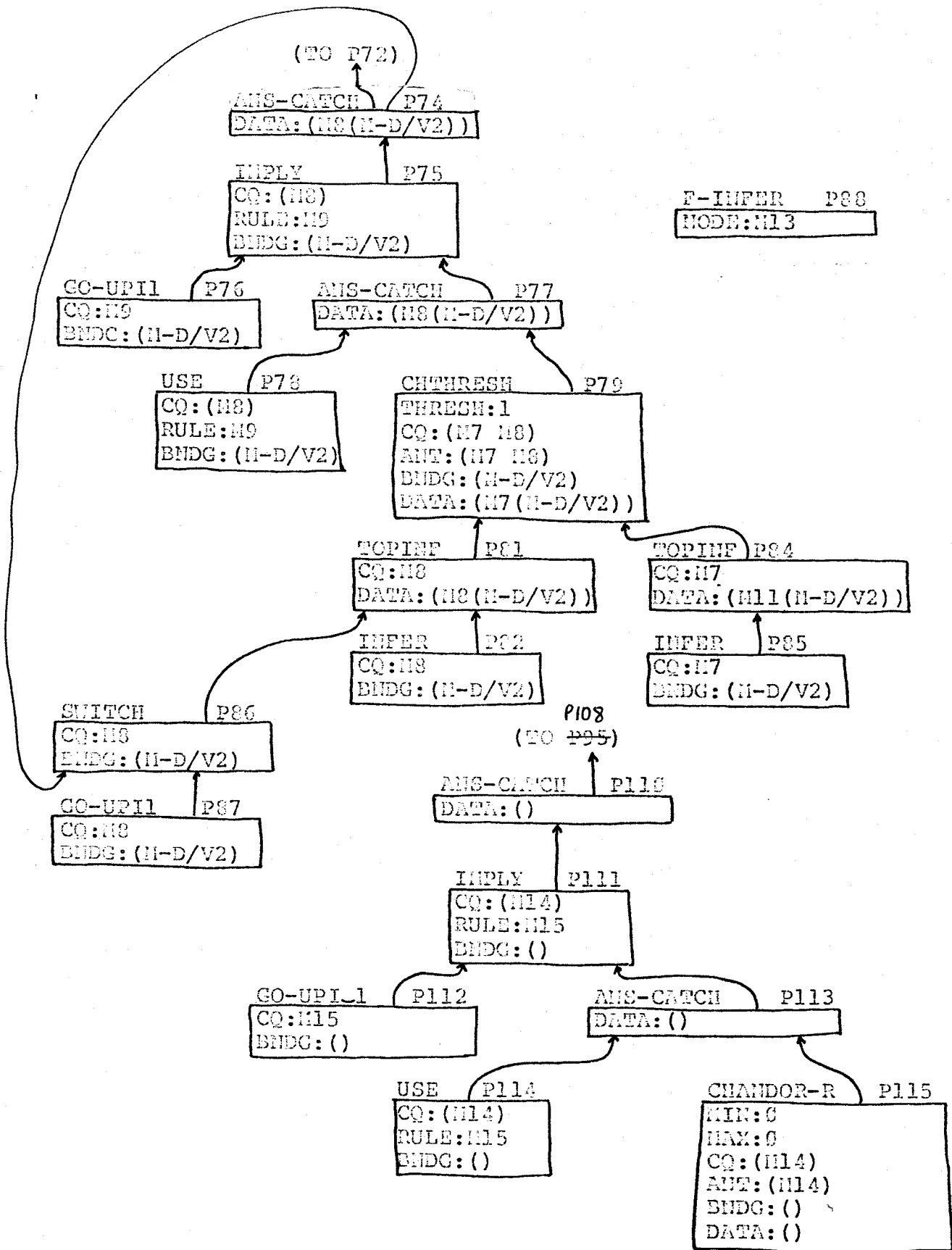


Figure 19  
Set of processes (contd.)