Query Processing for Non-traditional Applications

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for all finite prefixes $(\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_\ell)$ of S where $n \leq \ell$ if *success*.

1. Initialize: $S \leftarrow (\,)$; $G \leftarrow \mathrm{Chase}_\Sigma(S)$; $n \leftarrow 0$; *success* $\leftarrow$ false.
2. If there exists $\psi \in G$ for which $S \mid (\psi)$ satisfies binding pattern requirements, then $S \leftarrow S \mid (\psi)$.
3. If there exists θ over the existential variables of Q for which $Q\theta \subseteq (\mathrm{Chase}_\Sigma(\mathrm{Setof}(S)) \cap G)$, then *success* $\leftarrow$ true. Otherwise $n \leftarrow n + 1$.
4. Resume at Step 2.

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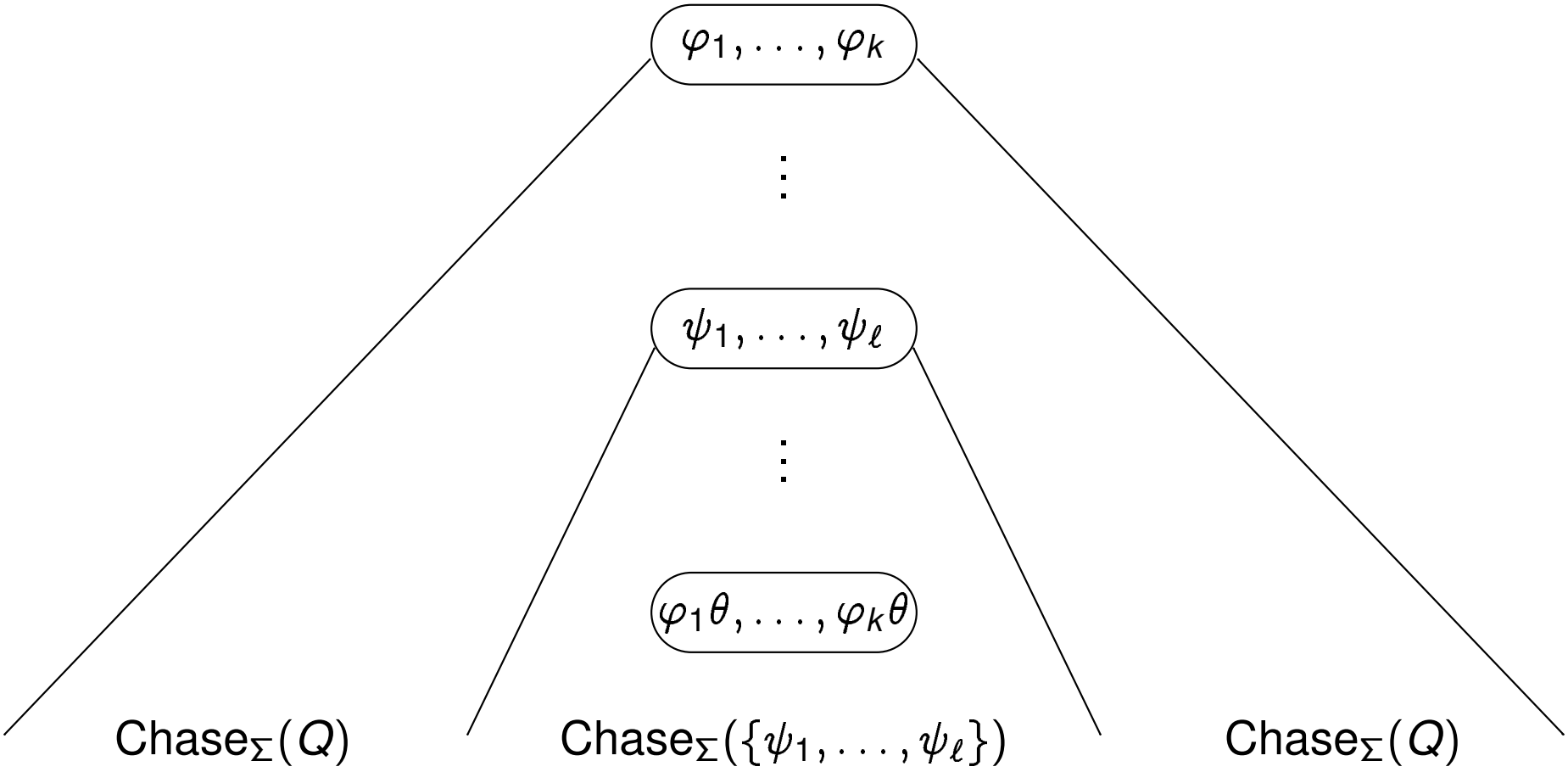

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The condition can be reformulated to the form "$\models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$".

$$\models ((\bigwedge \Sigma) \wedge Q) \rightarrow ((\bigwedge \Sigma^*) \rightarrow Q^*)$$

(*Craig's Theorem*) Let φ and ψ be WFFs. Then $\models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ implies that there is a WFF ϕ that contains only non-logical symbols common to both φ and ψ, called the *interpolant*, such that $\models \varphi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$.

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[1] Recall that Σ^* and Q^* are respective copies of Σ and Q in which all non-logical parameters *not present* in S_A are uniformly renamed.

A Revised Chase Procedure for Plan Synthesis

Input: A conjunctive user query $Q(= \{\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_k\})$ and a set Σ of TGDs.

Result: A (possibly infinite) sequence $S = (\psi_1, \psi_2, \ldots)$ satisfying binding pattern requirements, and such that

$$\Sigma \models Q \lhd \mathrm{Qp}((\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_\ell))$$

for all finite prefixes $(\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_\ell)$ of S where $n \leq \ell$ if *success*.

1. Initialize: $S \leftarrow (\,)$; $G \leftarrow \mathrm{Chase}_\Sigma(S)$; $n \leftarrow 0$; *success* $\leftarrow$ false.
2. If there exists $\psi \in G$ for which $S \mid (\psi)$ satisfies binding pattern requirements, then $S \leftarrow S \mid (\psi)$.
3. If
$$(\bigwedge \Sigma) \wedge (\bigwedge \Sigma^*) \wedge \psi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \psi_\ell \wedge (\neg Q^*)$$
is not satisfiable, then *success* $\leftarrow$ true. Otherwise $n \leftarrow n + 1$.
4. Resume at Step 2.

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The Nash case can be solved by this procedure.