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- The **complete knowledge assumption** is sometimes called the **closed world assumption**.

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- Under the CKA, the clauses for  $a$  mean **Clark's completion**:

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- You can interpret negations in the body of clauses.

$$\sim h$$

means that  $h$  is false under the complete knowledge assumption

This is **negation as failure**.

Idea: only represent up and use \+ up instead of down

- Easier to specify
- Less error prone (exactly one must be true)

# Negation as failure example (naf.pl)

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- Note that you need *finite* failure. Example  $p \leftarrow p$ .

# Default Reasoning

- When giving information, we don't want to enumerate all of the exceptions, even if we could think of them all.
- In default reasoning, we specify general knowledge and modularly add exceptions. The general knowledge is used for cases we don't know are exceptional.
- Classical logic is **monotonic**: If  $g$  logically follows from  $A$ , it also follows from any superset of  $A$ .
- Default reasoning is **nonmonotonic**: When we add that something is exceptional, we can't conclude what we could before.

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*ab\_swim\_at\_beach*  $\leftarrow$  *enclosed\_bay*  $\wedge$  *big\_city*  $\wedge$   $\sim$ *ab\_no\_swim*.

*ab\_no\_swim*  $\leftarrow$  *in\_BC*  $\wedge$   $\sim$ *ab\_BC\_beaches*.

See end of `logicNegation.py` in `aipython.org` or  
<https://artint.info/3e/resources/ch05/beach.pl>

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