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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**:

$$a \leftrightarrow b_1 \vee \dots \vee b_n$$

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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)

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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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