

Practical 10

1. Define a predicate `nu/2` ("not unifiable") which takes two terms as arguments and succeeds if the two terms do not unify. For example:

```
nu(foo,foo).  
  
no  
  
nu(foo,blob).  
  
yes  
  
nu(foo,X).  
  
no
```

You should define this predicate in three different ways:

- a. First (and easiest) write it with the help of `=` and `\+`.

```
nu(X,Y) :- \+ X=Y.
```

- b. Second write it with the help of `=`, but don't use `\+`.

```
nu(X,Y) :- ( X=Y -> fail ; true ).
```

- c. Third, write it using a cut-fail combination. Don't use `=` and don't use `\+`.

```
nu(X,X) :- !,fail.
```

```
nu(_,_) :- !.
```

2. Define a predicate `unifiable(List1,Term,List2)` where `List2` is the list of all members of `List1` that match `Term`, but are not instantiated by the matching. For example,

```
unifiable([X,b,t(Y)],t(a),List+).
```

should yield

```
List = [X,t(Y)].
```

Note that `x` and `y` are still not instantiated. So the tricky part is: how do we check that they match with `t(a)` without instantiating them? (Hint: consider using the test `\+ (term1 = term2)`. Why? Think about it. You might also like to think about the test `\+(\+ (term1 = term2)).`)

```
unifiable([],_,[]).
```

```
unifiable([X|Xs],Term,[X|Result]) :-  
    \+(\+ X=Term),  
    unifiable(Xs,Term,Result).  
unifiable([X|Xs],Term,Result) :-  
    \+ X=Term,  
    unifiable(Xs,Term,Result).
```