



Prolog Programming AI(Artificial Intelligence)

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PROLOG

- Prolog is a logic programming language. It has important role in artificial intelligence.
- Unlike many other programming languages, Prolog is intended primarily as a declarative programming language.
- In prolog, logic is expressed as relations (called as Facts and Rules). Core heart of prolog lies at the logic being applied.
- Formulation or Computation is carried out by running a query over these relations.





Features of Prolog Programming

- **Unification:** The basic idea is, can the given terms be made to represent the same structure.
- **Backtracking:** When a task fails, prolog traces backwards and tries to satisfy previous task.
- **Recursion:** Recursion is the basis for any search in program.





Advantages/Disadvantages of Prolog Programming

➤ Advantages :

- ✓ 1. Easy to build database. Doesn't need a lot of programming effort.
- ✓ 2. Pattern matching is easy. Search is recursion based.
- ✓ 3. It has built in list handling. Makes it easier to play with any algorithm involving lists.

➤ Disadvantages :

- ✓ 1. LISP (another logic programming language) dominates over prolog with respect to I/O features.
- ✓ 2. Sometimes input and output is not easy.

➤ Applications :

- ✓ Prolog is highly used in artificial intelligence(AI). Prolog is also used for pattern matching over natural language parse trees.





Facts, Predicates of Prolog Programming

- A fact is a predicate expression that makes a declarative statement about the problem domain. Whenever a variable occurs in a Prolog expression, it is assumed to be universally quantified. Note that all Prolog sentences must end with a period.
- Fact is the relation between two or more objects. Name of fact is called predicate name.

- ✓ likes(john, susie). /* John likes Susie */
- ✓ likes(X, susie). /* Everyone likes Susie */
- ✓ likes(john, Y). /* John likes everybody */
- ✓ likes(john, Y), likes(Y, john). /* John likes everybody and everybody likes John */
- ✓ likes(john, susie); likes(john, mary). /* John likes Susie or John likes Mary */
- ✓ not(likes(john, pizza)). /* John does not like pizza */
- ✓ likes(john, susie) :- likes(john, mary). /* John likes Susie if John likes Mary.
- ✓ father(Bill, Alen) /*Bill is the father of Alen*/





Rules of Prolog Programming

- A rule is a predicate expression that uses logical implication ($:-$) to describe a relationship among facts. Thus a Prolog rule takes the form *left_hand_side :- right_hand_side*
- This sentence is interpreted as: *left_hand_side if right_hand_side*.
- The **left_hand_side** is restricted to a **single, positive, literal**, which means it must consist of a positive atomic expression. It cannot be negated and it cannot contain logical connectives.
- **Examples of valid rules:**
 - friends(X,Y) :- likes(X,Y),likes(Y,X). /* X and Y are friends if they like each other */
 - hates(X,Y) :- not(likes(X,Y)). /* X hates Y if X does not like Y. */
 - enemies(X,Y) :- not(likes(X,Y)),not(likes(Y,X)). /* X and Y are enemies if they don't like each other */
- **Examples of invalid rules:**
 - ✓ left_of(X,Y) :- right_of(Y,X) /* Missing a period */
 - ✓ likes(X,Y),likes(Y,X) :- friends(X,Y). /* LHS is not a single literal */
 - ✓ not(likes(X,Y)) :- hates(X,Y). /* LHS cannot be negated */





Clause of Prolog Programming

- In Prolog, the program contains a sequence of one or more clauses.
- The clauses can run over many lines. Using a dot character, a clause can be terminated.
- This dot character is followed by at least one 'white space' character.
- The clauses are of two types: facts and rules.

```
grandfather(X,Y):-parent(X,Z),father(Z,Y).
```

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Head Body

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Clause of Prolog Programming

- Prolog clauses consist of
 - ✓ Head
 - ✓ Body: a list of goal separated by commas (,)
- Prolog clauses are of three types:
 - ✓ Facts:
 - declare things that are always true
 - facts are clauses that have a head and the empty body
 - ✓ Rules:
 - declare things that are true depending on a given condition
 - rules have the head and the (non-empty) body
 - ✓ Questions:
 - the user can ask the program what things are true
 - questions only have the body





Addition of two numbers in Prolog

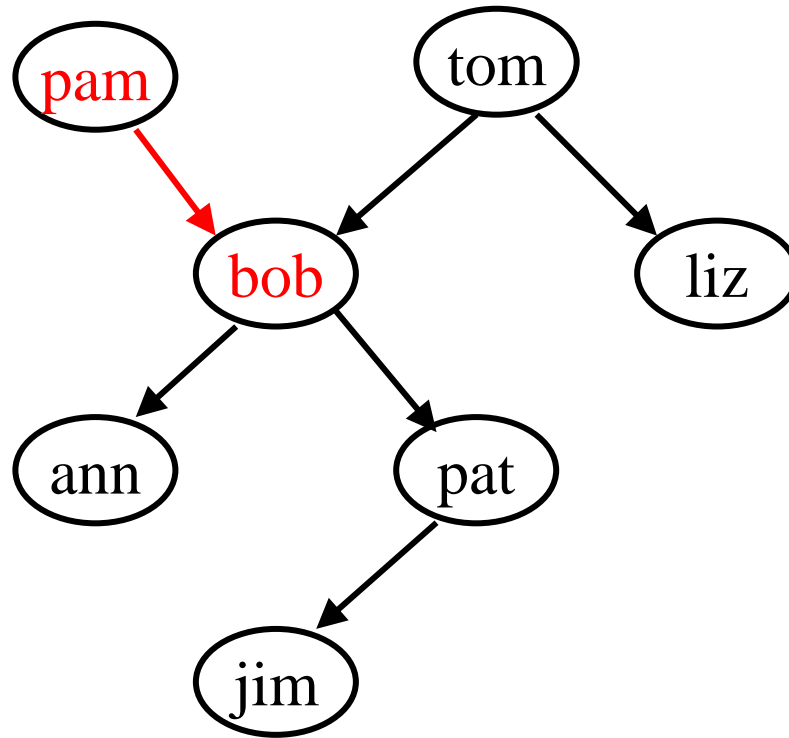
```
1 % Addition of two numbers
2
3 go:- write('Enter the first number: '), read(X), nl,
4      write('Enter the second number: '), read(Y), nl,
5      sum(X, Y).
6
7 sum(X, Y):-
8     S is X + Y,
9     write('Summation is: '),
10    write(S), nl.
11
```





Defining Relations by Facts

➤ Given a whole family tree



➤ The tree defined by the Prolog program:

`parent(pam, bob).` % Pam is a parent
of Bob

`parent(tom, bob).`

`parent(tom, liz).`

`parent(bob, ann).`

`parent(bob, pat).`

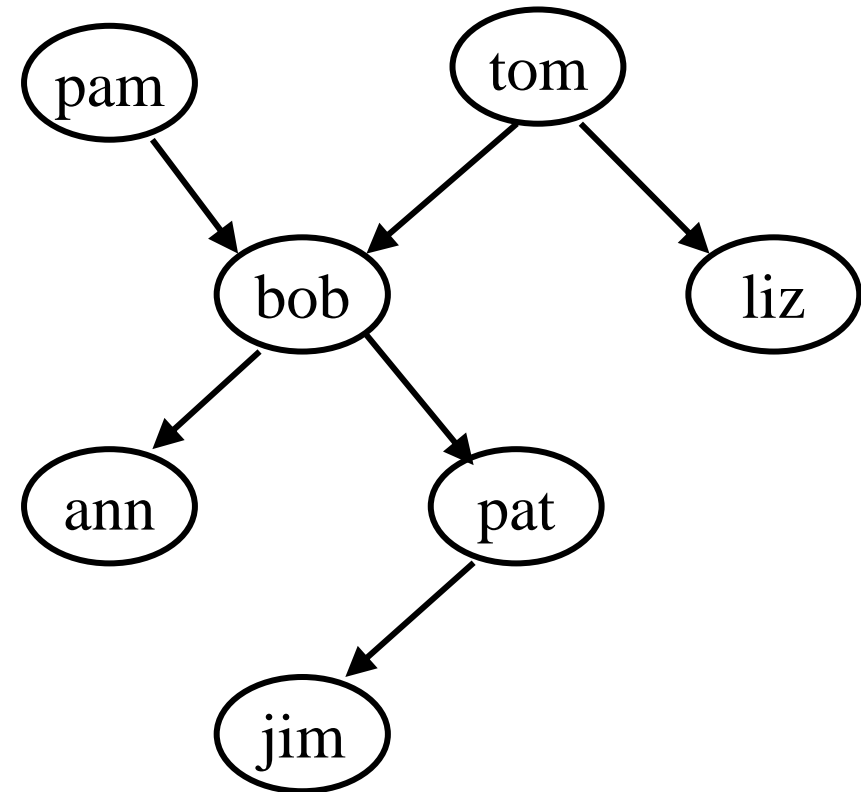
`parent(pat, jim).`





Defining Relations by Facts

- Questions:
 - Is Bob a parent of Pat?
 - ?- parent(bob, pat).
 - ?- parent(liz, pat).
 - ?- parent(tom, ben).
 - Who is Liz's parent?
 - ?- parent(X, liz).
 - Who are Bob's children?
 - ?- parent(bob, X).





Defining Relations by Facts

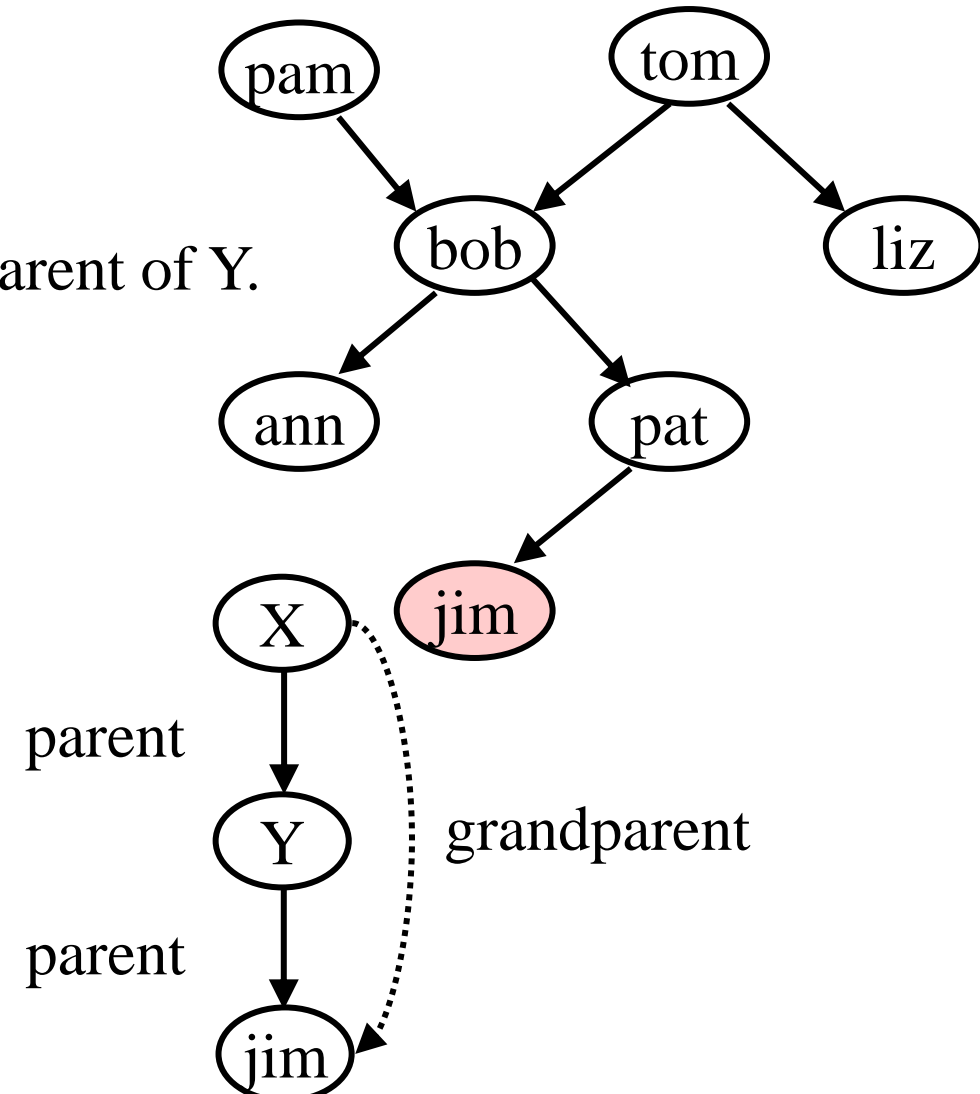
- Questions:

- Who is a parent of whom?

- Find X and Y such that X is a parent of Y.
 - ?- parent(X, Y).

- Who is a grandparent of Jim?

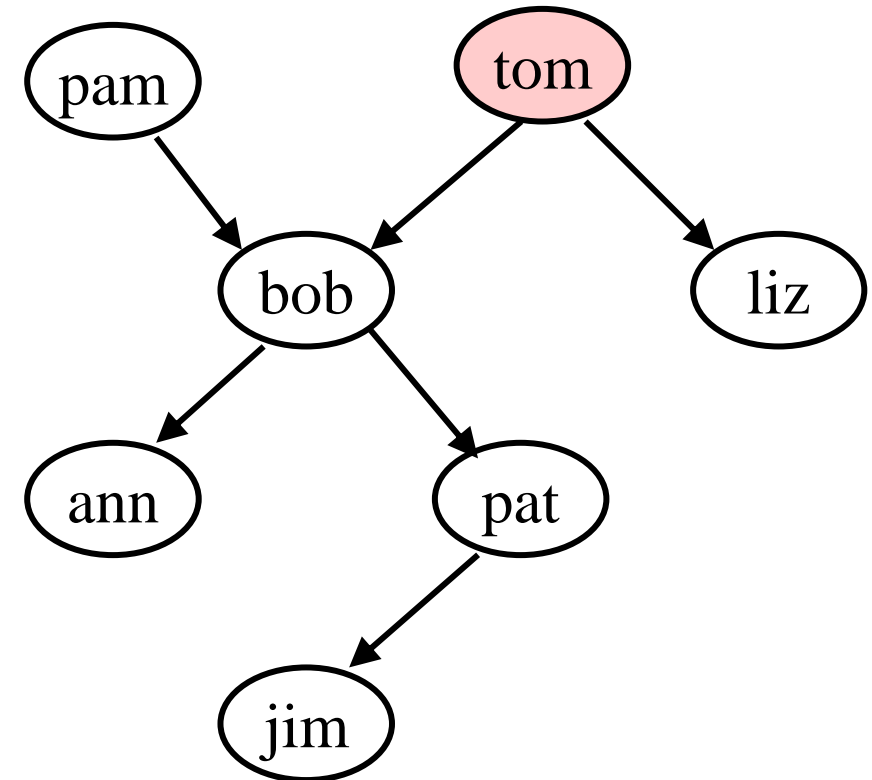
- ?- parent(Y, jim),
parent(X, Y).





Defining Relations by Facts

- Questions:
 - Who are Tom's grandchildren?
 - ?- parent(tom, X),
parent(X, Y).
 - Do Ann and Pat have a common parent?
 - ?- parent(X, ann),
parent(X, pat).



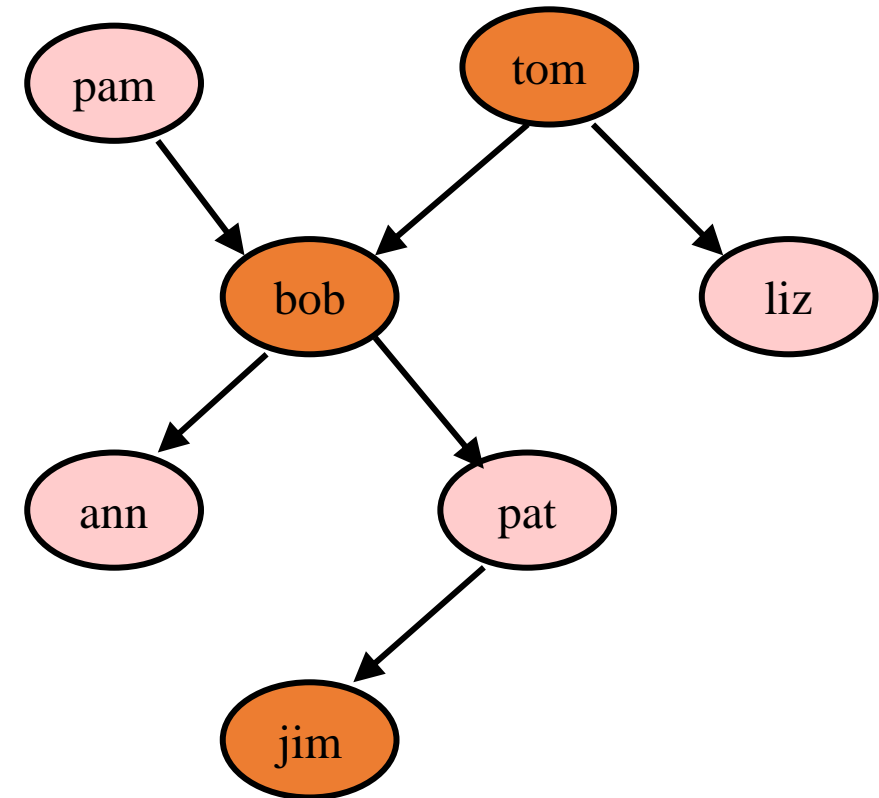
Defining Relations by Rules

- Facts:

- female(pam). % Pam is female
- female(liz).
- female(ann).
- female(pat).
- male(tom). % Tom is male
- male(bob).
- male(jim).

- Define the “offspring” relation:

- Fact: offspring(liz, tom).
- **Rule: offspring(Y, X) :- parent(X, Y).**
 - For all X and Y,
Y is an offspring of X if X is a parent of Y.





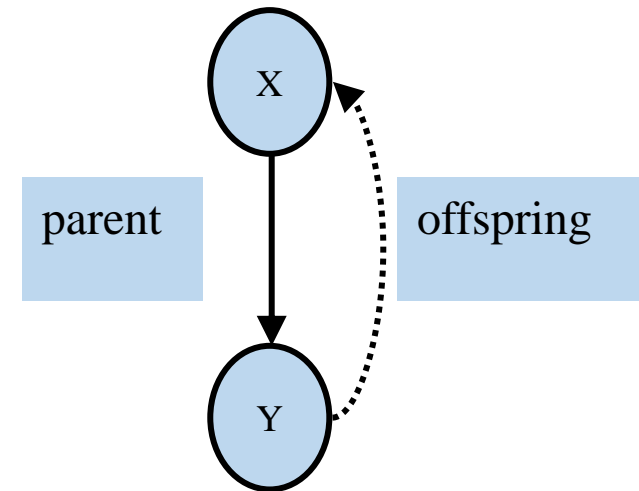
Defining Relations by Rules

- **Rules** have:

- A **condition** part (body)
 - the right-hand side of the rule
- A **conclusion** part (head)
 - the left-hand side of the rule

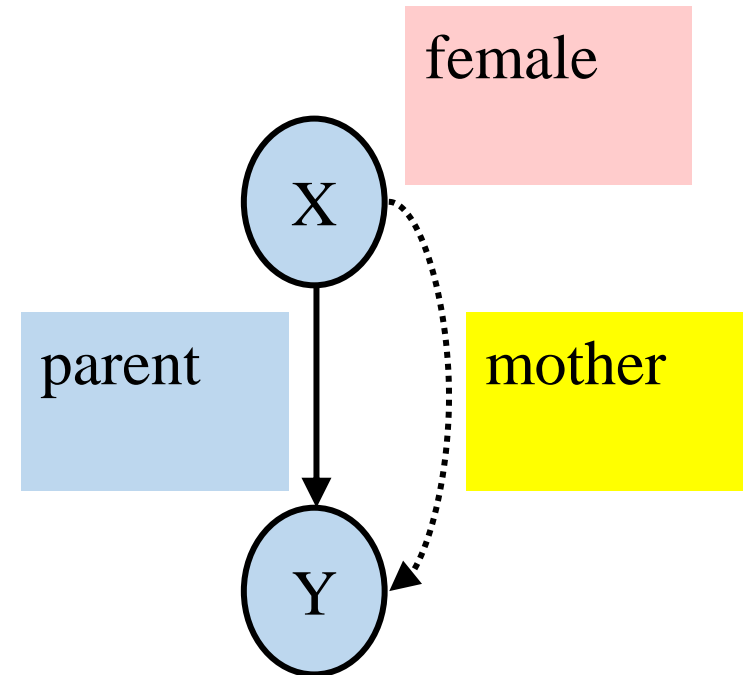
- Example:

- **offspring(Y, X) :- parent(X, Y).**
- The rule is general in the sense that it is applicable to any objects X and Y.
- A special case of the general rule:
 - **offspring(liz, tom) :- parent(tom, liz).**
- **?- offspring(liz, tom).**
- **?- offspring(X, Y).**



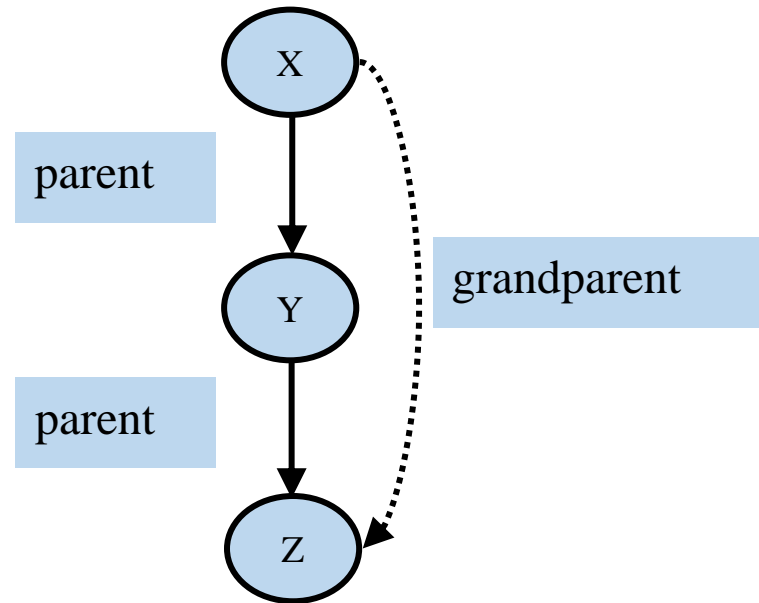
Defining Relations by Rules

- Define the “mother” relation:
 - **mother(X, Y) :- parent(X, Y), female(X).**
 - For all X and Y,
X is the mother of Y if
X is a parent of Y **and**
X is a female.



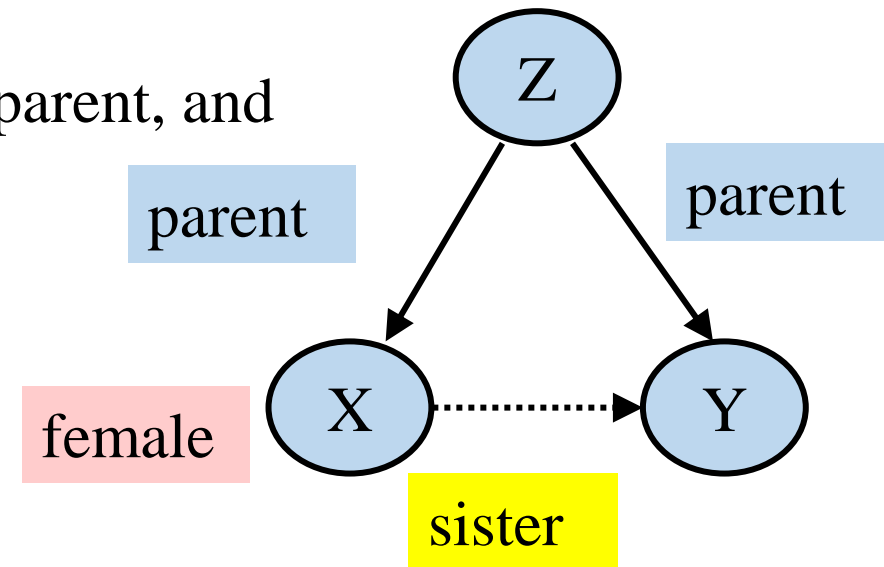
Defining Relations by Rules

- Define the “grandparent” relation:
 - **grandparent(X, Z) :-**
parent(X, Y), parent(Y, Z).



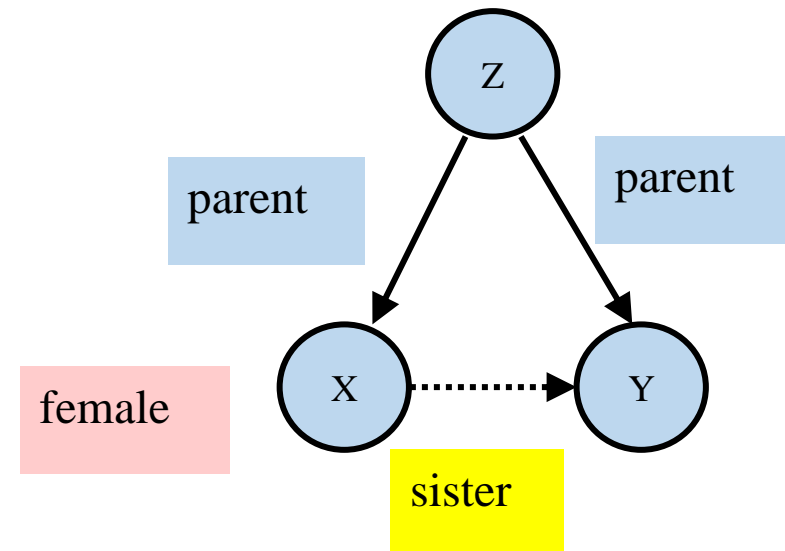
Defining Relations by Rules

- Define the “sister” relation:
 - **sister(X, Y) :-**
 parent(Z, X), parent(Z, Y), female(X).
 - For any X and Y,
 X is a sister of Y if
 - (1) both X and Y have the same parent, and
 - (2) X is female.
- ?- sister(ann, pat).
- ?- sister(X, pat).
- ?- sister(pat, pat).
 - Pat is a sister to herself?!



Defining Relations by Rules

- To correct the “sister” relation:
 - **sister(X, Y) :-**
 parent(Z, X), parent(Z, Y), female(X),
 different(X, Y).
 - different (X, Y) is satisfied if and only if X and Y are not equal. (Please try to define this function)





Defining Relations by Rules

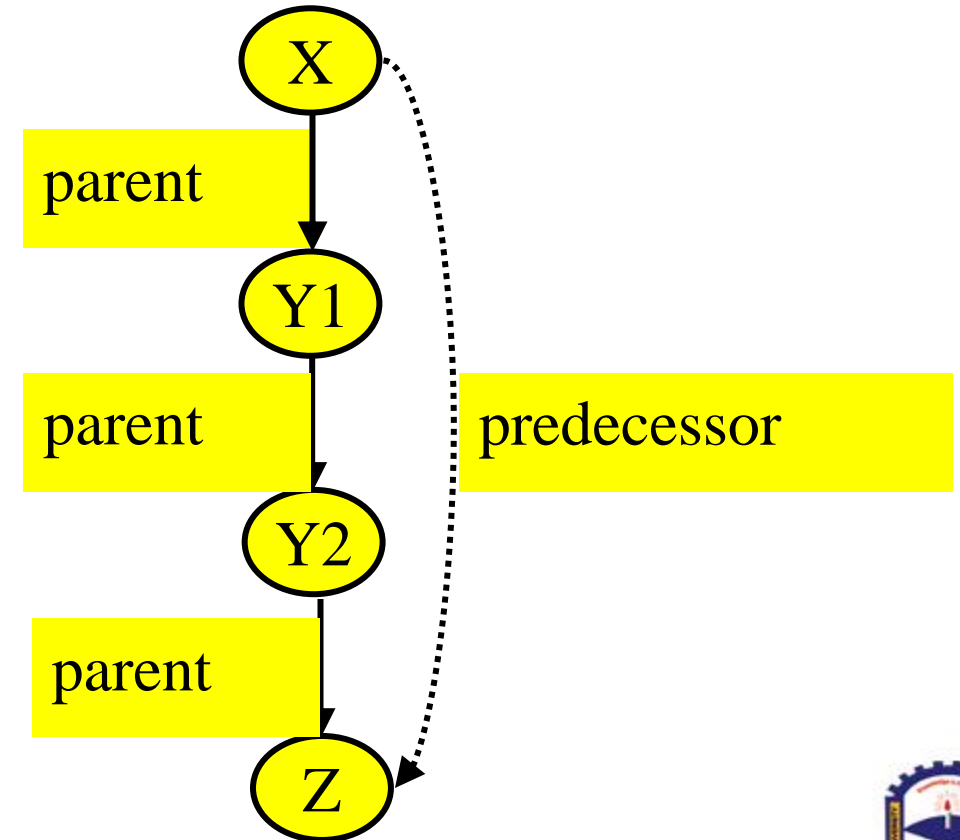
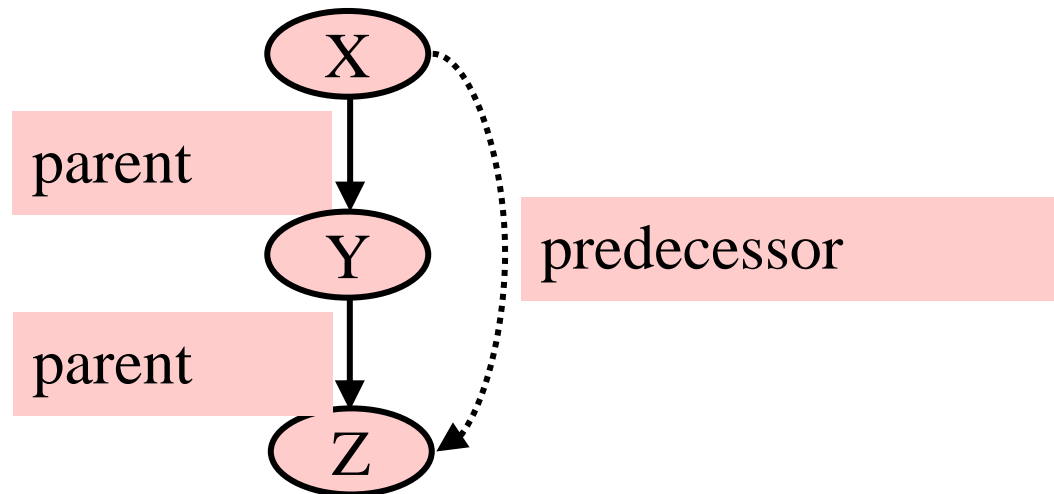
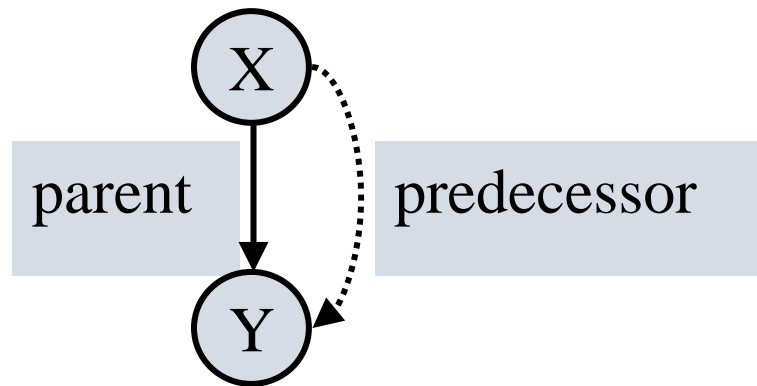
- A **variable** can be substituted by another object.
- Variables are assumed to be universally quantified and are read as “**for all**”.
 - ✓ For example:
hasachild(X) :- parent(X, Y).
can be read in two way
 - (a) **For all** X and Y,
if X is a parent of Y then X has a child.
 - (b) **For all** X,
X has a child if there is **some** Y such that X is a parent of Y.





Recursive Rules

- Define the “predecessor” relation





Recursive Rules

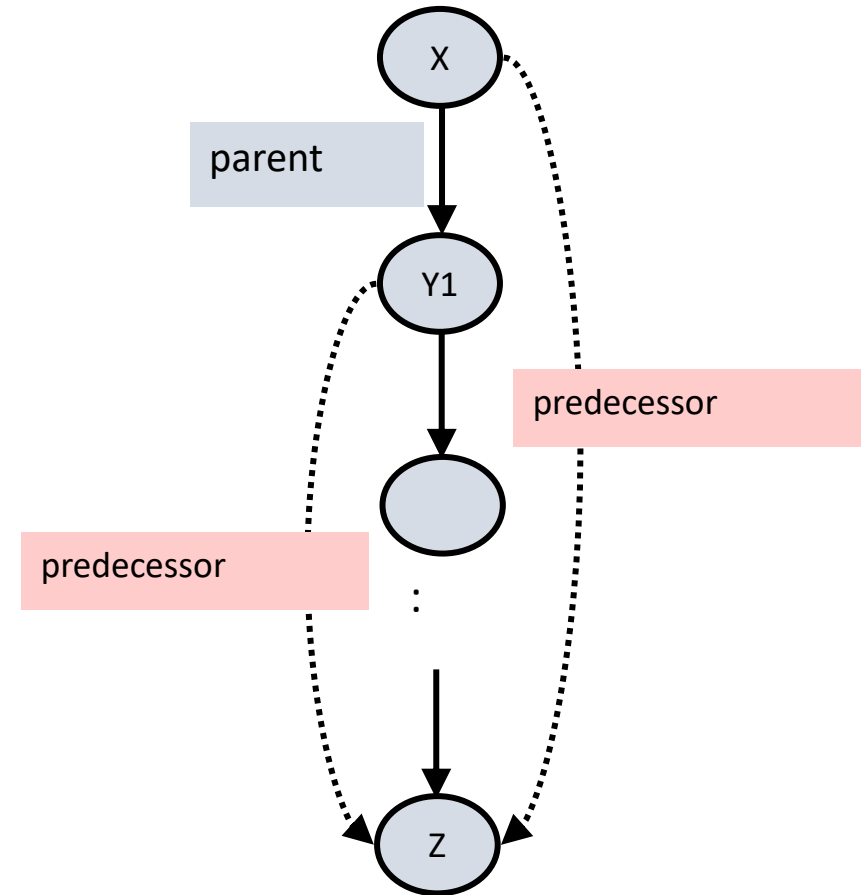
➤ Define the “predecessor” relation

predecessor(X, Z):- parent(X, Z).

**predecessor(X, Z):-
parent(X, Y), predecessor(Y, Z).**

- ✓ **For all** X and Z,
X is a predecessor of Z if
there is a Y such that
(1) X is a parent of Y and
(2) Y is a predecessor of Z.

- ✓ ?- predecessor(pam, X).





Recursive Rules

```
% The family program.
parent( pam, bob).
parent( tom, bob).
parent( tom, liz).
parent( bob, ann).
parent( bob, pat).
parent( pat, jim).

female( pam).
female( liz).
female( ann).
female( pat).
male( tom).
male( bob).
male( jim).

offspring( Y, X) :-
    parent( X, Y).

mother( X, Y) :-
    parent( X, Y),
    female( X).

grandparent( X, Z) :-
    parent( X, Y),
    parent( Y, Z).

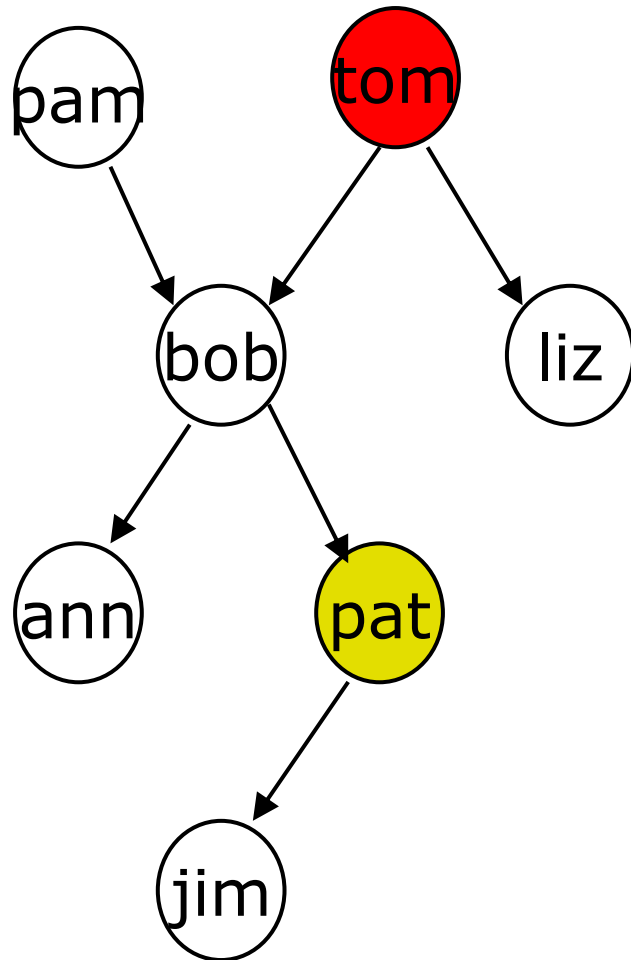
sister( X, Y) :-
    parent( Z, X),
    parent( Z, Y),
    female( X),
    X \= Y.

predecessor( X, Z) :- % Rule pr1
    parent( X, Z).

predecessor( X, Z) :- % Rule pr2
    parent( X, Y),
    predecessor( Y, Z).
```



How Prolog Answer Questions



```
predecessor( X, Z ) :- parent( X, Z).           % Rule pr1
predecessor( X, Z ) :- parent( X, Y),           % Rule pr2
                        predecessor( Y, Z).
```

```
parent( pam, bob).
parent( tom, bob).
parent( tom, liz).
parent( bob, ann).
parent( bob, pat).
parent( pat, jim).
```

- `?- predecessor(tom, pat).`
 - How does the Prolog system actually find a proof sequence?
 - Prolog first tries that clause which appears first in the program. (rule pr1)
 - Now, $X = \text{tom}$, $Z = \text{pat}$.
 - The goal `predecessor(tom, pat)` is then replaced by `parent(tom, pat)`.
 - There is **no** clause in the program whose head matches the goal `parent(tom, pat)`.
 - Prolog **backtracks** to the original goal in order to try an alternative way (rule pr2).



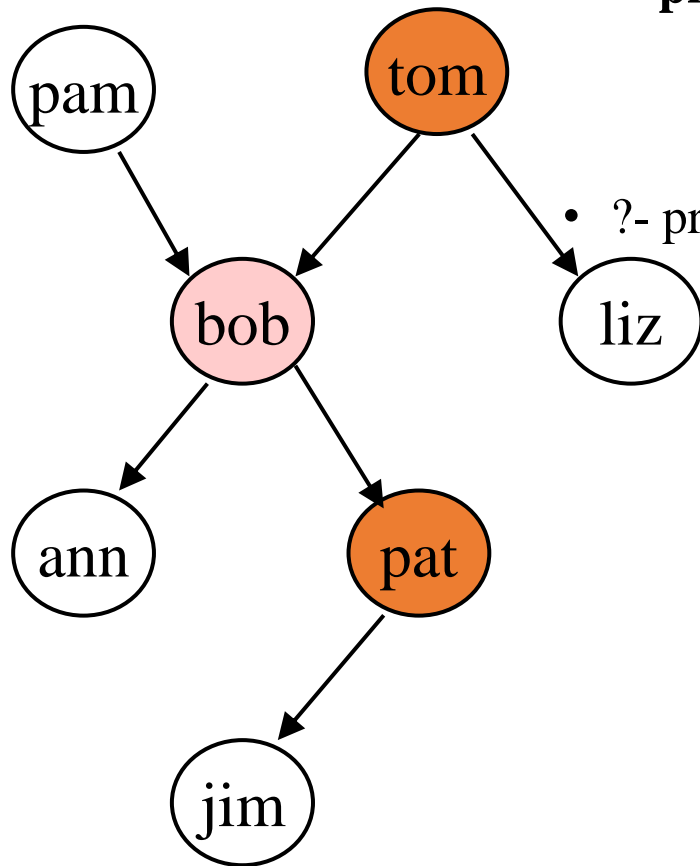


How Prolog Answer Questions

```
predecessor( X, Z) :- parent( X, Z).  
predecessor( X, Z) :- parent( X, Y),  
                        predecessor( Y, Z).
```

% Rule **pr1**

% Rule **pr2**



• ?- predecessor(tom, pat).

- Apply rule **pr2**, X = tom, Z = pat, but Y is not instantiated yet.
- The top goal predecessor(tom, pat) is replaced by two goals:
 - parent(tom, Y)
 - predecessor(Y, pat)
- The first goal matches one of the facts. (Y = bob)
- The remaining goal has become predecessor(bob, pat)
- Using rule **pr1**, this goal can be satisfied.
 - predecessor(bob, pat) :- parent(bob, pat)

```
parent( pam, bob).  
parent( tom, bob).  
parent( tom, liz).  
parent( bob, ann).  
parent( bob, pat).  
parent( pat, jim).
```





Thank You

