CMPS 5113

Prolog Homework

Write a Prolog program based on the facts and rules given below.

For the facts below, use one of two binary-relationships: part_of (for components) or made_of (for material types metal, plastic, and fiber).

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A hotplate has the following parts:

cord, body, heating element, and cover

The cover of a hotplate has the following parts:

knobs

The cord of a hotplate has the following parts:

wire and insulator

A heating element is made of metal.

Knobs are made of plastic.

Wire is made of metal.

Insulator is made of fiber.

Example fact: part_of(cord, hotplate).

<u>Define rule(s)</u> for transitivity for part_of: If object A is part of B and object B is part of object C, then object A is part of object C.

<u>Define rule(s)</u> for upward inheritance of material with respect to part_of: An object is made of a material if any part of the item is made of the material.

Be careful to avoid infinite loops (a clue is the error message "Out of stack space" when running a program).

Transitivity rules of the following form can cause infinite recursion:

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rule(A, C) :- rule(A, B), rule(B, C). /* do not use this */
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Instead, use two rules:

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rule2(A,B) :- rule(A,B).
rule2(A,C) :- rule(A,B), rule2(B,C).
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Use your program to answer the following questions on the back of this page. Turn in this sheet at the beginning of class on the due date.

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Use your program to answer the following questions:	
1) Which objects contain metal?	
2) List all of the parts that make up a hotplate:	
3) Which objects contain plastic or fiber?	

4) Which objects contain metal or fiber?