

Basic rules for writing Prolog programs

Query evaluation in Prolog

Program in Prolog can be seen as a database of facts and rules.

Two sources of nondeterminism during searching and unification:

- > Which rule is to be used? Depth-first search.
- Which subgoal is to be used? From left to right.

Recursive definitions

Nonrecursive:

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dědeček(U,Z):-muž(U), rodič(U,V), rodič(V,Z).

pradědeček(A,B):-muž(A), rodič(A,C), rodič(C,D), rodič(D,B).

rod_linie(P,PP):-rodič(P,PP).

rod_linie(P,PP):-dědeček(P,PP).

rod_linie(P,PP):-pradědeček(P,PP)...
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Recursive:

```
rod_linie(P,PP):-rodič(P,PP).
rod_linie(P,PP):-rodič(P,P1),rod_linie(P1,PP).
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Example – finding a way in graph

```
hrana(a,b). hrana(a,c). hrana(c,d). hrana(c,e).
4 possibilities how to find a way between two nodes in the graph:
c1(Y,Y).
c1(Z,K):-hrana(Z,M),c1(M,K).
c2(Y,Y).
c2(Z,K):-c2(Z,M),hrana(M,K).
c3(Z,K):-hrana(Z,M),c3(M,K).
c3(Y,Y).
c4(Z,K):-c4(Z,M),hrana(M,K).
c4(Y,Y).
Which is the best?
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General rules

- > We go from the simplest to the most complicated:
 - > Facts.
 - > Rules without recursion.
 - > Rules with recursion (tail recursion is preferred).

```
c1(Y,Y).
c1(Z,K):-hrana(Z,M),c1(M,K).
```

Comments

Line comments:

% this is a line comment.

Block comments:

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/* This is a block comment */
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- Comments of predicates:
- % predek(?predek,?dite).
 - > +X input parameters
 - > -X output parameters
 - > ?X both input and output parameters

Parameters can be used both as input and output parameters

% matka(?X,?Y). X is mother of Y.

?-matka(ludmila,X).

?-matka(X,vaclav).

> % spojeni(?S1,?S2, ?Vysledek). Lists S1 and S2 are joined to Vysledek.

?-spojeni([1,2,3],[4,5],X).Yes, X=[1,2,3,4,5] ?-spojeni([1,2,3],Z,[1,2,3,4,5]) Yes, Z=[4,5]. ?-spojeni(X, Z, [1,2,3,4,5]). Yes, X=[], Y=[1,2,3,4,5] Yes, X=[1], Y=[2,3,4,5] Yes, X=[1,2], Y=[3,4,5], ...

Arithmetics

Operator cut (řez)

Cut -!

Y.1

Non-logical predicate!

> ! is always succeeded. The evaluation goes through.

>! does not allow backtracking.

Mějme program obsahující následující 3 klauzule

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1.b(X,Y):-e(X,Y), f(Y), !, g(X), h(Y,Z).

2.b(X,Y):-k(X,Y).

3.p(X):-a(X), b(X,Y), c(Y), d.
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- Řez fixuje přijaté "částečné řešení" omezuje splnění podcílů vlevo od řezu (e & f) na jedinou možnost.
- Překročení řezu zamezí využití ostatních pravidel. Uvažme např., že platí (e & f) pro nějaké hodnoty X a Y. V takovém případě se při dotazu ?-b. nikdy nedostaneme ke zjišťování, zda platí k.
- Řez neovlivňuje zpětný chod vpravo do svého výskytu, t.j. mezi cíli g a h.

Sestrojme proceduru, která vloží do seznamu prvek jen v tom případě, že tam již nebyl:

% pridej(+X,+L,-NL) seznam NL vznikne ze seznamu L
% přidání prvku X na jeho začátek ovšem jen
% v tom případě, že X v L již není %

pridej(X,L,L):- prvek(X,L), % je-li X již prvkem L, nepřidám ho
! . % a zakáži návrat
pridej(X,L,[X | L]). % X není prvkem L (jinak bych se
% sem nedostal), mohu ho tedy přidat

Operators of negation fail, not

Operator fail

"Jana má ráda muže, ale ne plešaté" .

Bez operátoru řezu to nejde. S ním a se standardním predikátem fail, který, je-li volán, okamžitě selže, ji sestavíme poměrně snadno:

```
marada(jana,X):- plesaty(X), % je-li X plešaté uspěje,
!, % zakáže návrat
fail. % a selže.
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marada(jana,X):- % k této klauzuli se výpočet dostane, pokud X není plešaté, muz(X). % je-li to muz, má ho Jana ráda

Operator not

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% not(P) uspěje, pokud se nepodaří cíl P splnit
not(P) :- P, ! , fail.
not(P).
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```
%reverse(List, RevL) % reversing a list (using tail recursion)
reverse(X,RX) :- rev1(X,[],RX).
rev1([],RX,RX).
rev1([X|Rest],Acc,RX) :- rev1(Rest,[X|Acc],RX).

delete(Elm,List,Result) % delete first occurrence
delete(X,[X|Rest],Rest).
delete(X,[Y|Rest],[Y|DRest]) :- delete(X,Rest,DRest).
insert(Elm,List,Result) % insert an element
insert(Elm,List,Result) :- delete(Elm,Result,List).
% or directly mimicking the definition of delete
insert(X,L,[X|L]).
insert(X,[Y|L],[Y|LX]) :- insert(X,L,LX).
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%perm(S,P)
                              % generate a list permutation
% a nice example of declarative thinking
perm([],[]).
perm([X|Rest],P) :- perm(Rest,PRest), insert(X,PRest,P).
% or another way round ...
perm([],[]).
perm(S,[X|P]) :- delete(X,S,Rest), perm(Rest,P).
length(S, N)
                              % list length
length([],0).
length([X | Rest],N) :- length(Rest,N1), N is N1+1.
gcd(X, Y, D)
                              % greatest common divisor
gcd(0,Y,Y).
gcd(X,Y,R) := X >= Y, !, X1 is X-Y, gcd(X1,Y,R).
gcd(X,Y,R) := X < Y, !, Y1 is Y-X, gcd(Y1,X,R).
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Some built-in predicates

Some Built-in Prolog Predicates

Loading Prolog programs

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consult(F) - loads program from the file F
reconsult(F) - like consult except that each predicate already
defined has its definition replaced by the new defintion being
loaded
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Debugging tools

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help(S) - gives help on a symbolic atom, e.g., help(see)
halt - stops Prolog
trace, notrace - turns tracing on and off, resp.
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Controls

true, fail - always succeeds/fails as a goal
call(P) - forces P to be a goal; succeeds if P does, else fails
! - Prolog cut
repeat - succeeds any number of times
not(Q), \+Q - negation as failure og Q

Testing

atom(X) - succeeds if X is bound to a symbolic atom
integer(X) - succeeds if X is bound to an integer
atomic(X) - succeeds if X is bound to a symbolic atom or number
compound(X) - succeeds if X is bound to a compound term
float(X) - succeeds if X is bound to a real number
string(X) - succeeds if X is bound to a string
ground(G) - succeeds if G has unbound variables
var(X) - succeeds if X is an uninstantiated variable
nonvar(X) - succeeds if X is an instantiated variable

Input/output

seeing(X) - succeeds if X is (or can be) bound to current read port. X=user is keybord input

see(X) - opens port for input file bound to X so that input for 'read' is then taken from that port

seen - closes any selected input port/file, and causes 'read' to look at user
read(X) - reads into XProlog type expression from current port
telling(X) - succeeds if X is (or can be) bound to current output port X=user is
screen

tell(X) - opens port for output file bound to X so that output from 'write' or 'display' is sent to that port

told - closes any selected output port/file and reverts to screen output
 write(E) - writes Prolog expression bound to E into current output port
 nl - next line (line feed).

tab(N) - write N spaces to selected output port

Terms and clauses

clause(H,B) - retrieves clauses in memory whose head matches H and body matches B

functor(E,F,N) - E must be bound to a functor expression of the form 'f(...)'. F will be bound to 'f', and N will be bound to the number of arguments that f has

arg(N,E,A) - E must be bound to a functor expression, N is a whole number, and A will be bound to the Nth argument of E (or fail)

=.. - 'univ' converts between term and list

asserta(C) - assert clause C into database above other clauses with the
 same predicate

assertz(C), assert(C) - assert clause C into database below otherclauses with the same predicate.

retract(C) - retract clause C from the database

Special

findall(T,G,L)- finds all solutions of G, instantiates variables of T to the values they have in that solution and adds that instantiation of T to L

bagof(T,G,L) - like findall, but with free variables in G existentially quantified

setof(T,G,L) - like bagof but terms in L sorted alphabetically and duplicates removed

Simulation of iterative cycles

Repeat

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% repeat nulární predikát okamžitě uspěje
% a uspěje vždy i při návratu
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repeat.
repeat:- repeat.

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% vstup přečte ze vstupu jeden term
% pokud to není přirozené číslo menší než 100,
% opakuje výzvu a čtení
vstup:- repeat,
write('Zadej přizené číslo menší než 100:'), % výzva
read(N),
                      % přečtení termu ze vstupu
integer(N), % uspěje je-li term N celé číslo (standardní predikát)
N>0,
                      % uspěje, je-li číslo, které vstoupilo
N<100,
                      % větší než 0 a menší než 100
```

The conclusion: our motivating example and its solution in Prolog

Einstein riddle

- 1. In a street there are five houses, painted five different colours.
- 2. In each house lives a person of different nationality.
- 3. These five homeowners each drink a different kind of beverage, smoke different brand of cigar and keep a different pet.

Question: Who owns the fish?

Hints:

- 1. The Brit lives in a red house.
- 2.The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
- 3. The Dane drinks tea.
- 4. The Green house is next to, and on the left of the White house.
- 5. The owner of the Green house drinks coffee.
- 6.The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
- 7. The owner of the Yellow house smokes Dunhill.
- 8. The man living in the centre house drinks milk.
- 9. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
- 10. The man who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats.
- 11. The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.
- 12. The man who smokes Blue Master drinks beer.
- 13. The German smokes Prince.
- 14. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
- 15. The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water.

Program in Prolog

- > The Nationalities are: brit, swede, dane, norwegian, german.
- The Colors are: red, green, white, yellow, blue.
- > The Beverages are: tea, coffee, milk, beer, water.
- The Cigars are: pallmall, dunhill, blend, bluemaster, prince.
- The Pets are: fish, dog, bird, cat, horse.

As the main data structure we use a list of five elements for the particular houses. Each of these lists contains five values (nationality,color,drink,smoke,animal).

Constructor of the initial list:

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% persons(+N,-R). Creating a list of N lists of 5 elements.
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persons(0, []) :- !.

persons(N, [(_Men,_Color,_Drink,_Smoke,_Animal) | T]) :-

N1 is N-1, persons(N1,T).
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? - persons(5,R).

R = [(_,_,_,_),(_,_,_,),(_,_,_,_)]
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> Auxilliary selector of the n-th element:

% person(+N,+L,-R). Returns the N-th element form the list L.

$$V = b$$

The hints are translated into predicates:

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% The Brit lives in a red house
hint1([(brit,red,__, _, _)|__]). % the valid value
hint1([\_|T]):-hint1(T). % the iteration to iterate over the list elements.
% the predicate is true when the list contains the valid value
% The Swede keeps dogs as pets
hint2([(swede,__,_,dog)|_]).
hint2([\_|T]) := hint2(T).
% The Dane drinks tea
hint3([(dane,\_,tea,\_,\_)|\_]).
hint3([\_|T]) := hint3(T).
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% The Green house is on the left of the White house hint4([(_,green,_,_,),(_,white,_,_,_)|_]). hint4([_|T]):- hint4(T).
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% The owner of the Green house drinks coffee. hint5([(_,green,coffee,_,_)|_]). hint5([_|T]):- hint5(T).
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% The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds $hint6([(_,_,_,pallmall,bird)|_])$. $hint6([_|T]) := hint6(T)$.

% The owner of the Yellow house smokes Dunhill $hint7([(_,yellow,_,dunhill,_)|_])$. $hint7([_|T]) := hint7(T)$.

- % The man living in the centre house drinks milk hint8(Persons):- person(3, Persons, (_,_,milk,_,_)).
- % The Norwegian lives in the first house hint9(Persons):- person(1, Persons, (norwegian,__,_,_)).
- % The man who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats

 $hint 10([(_,_,_,blend,_),(_,_,_,_,cat)|_]).$

hint10([(_,_,_,cat),(_,_,blend,_)|_]).

hint10([_|T]) :- hint10(T).

% The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill

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hint11([(_,_,_,dunhill,_),(_,_,_,horse)|_]).
hint11([(_,_,_,horse),(_,_,,dunhill,_)|_]).
hint11([_|T]):- hint11(T).
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% The man who smokes Blue Master drinks beer hint12([(_,_,beer,bluemaster,_)|_]). hint12([_|T]):- hint12(T).

% The German smokes Prince hint13([(german,__,_,prince,__)|__]). hint13([_|T]):- hint13(T).

% The Norwegian lives next to the blue house hint 14([(norwegian,__,_,_),(_,blue,__,_,_)|__]). hint 14([(_,blue,_,_,_),(norwegian,_,_,_,_)|__]). hint 14([_|T]):- hint 14(T).

% The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water hint $1.5([(_,_,_,blend,_),(_,_,water,_,_)|_])$. hint $1.5([(_,_,water,_,_),(_,_,_,blend,_)|_])$. hint $1.5([_|T])$:- hint 1.5(T).

The question:

% We just iterate the list, specifying that there is a man with a fish.

question([(_,_,_,fish)|_]).
question([_|T]) :- question(T).

% solution(-L). The solution must validate all the created predicates. solution(Persons) :persons(5, Persons), hint1(Persons), hint2(Persons), hint3(Persons), hint4(Persons), hint5(Persons), hint6(Persons), hint7(Persons), hint8(Persons), hint9(Persons), hint10(Persons), hint11(Persons), hint12(Persons), hint13(Persons), hint14(Persons), hint15(Persons), question(Persons).

Run of our program

?- solution(Persons).

Persons=[(norwegian, yellow, water, dunhill, cat), (dane, blue, tea, blen d, horse), (brit, red, milk, pallmall, bird), (german, green, coffee, prince, fi sh), (swede, white, beer, bluemaster, dog)]?;

no