


$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

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## 11. PROGRAMOVÁNÍ V JAZYKU PROLOG – DOKONČENÍ, PŘÍKLADY.

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# Some more arithmetics examples

# Unevaluated Terms

- Prolog operators allow terms to be written more concisely, but are not evaluated
- These are all the same Prolog term:

`+ (1, * (2, 3) )`

`1+ * (2, 3)`

`+ (1, 2*3)`

`(1+ (2*3) )`

`1+2*3`

- That term does *not* unify with 7

# Evaluating Expressions

```
?- X is 1+2*3.
```

```
X = 7
```

```
Yes
```

- The predefined predicate **is** can be used to evaluate a term that is a numeric expression
- **is (X, Y)** evaluates the term **Y** and unifies **X** with the resulting atom
- It is usually used as an operator

# Instantiation Is Required

? -  $Y = X + 2, X = 1.$

$Y = 1 + 2$

$X = 1$

Yes

? -  $Y \text{ is } X + 2, X = 1.$

**ERROR: Arguments are not sufficiently instantiated**

? -  $X = 1, Y \text{ is } X + 2.$

$X = 1$

$Y = 3$

Yes

# Evaluable Predicates

- For `X is Y`, the predicates that appear in `Y` have to be *evaluable predicates*
- This includes things like the predefined operators `+`, `-`, `*` and `/`
- There are also other predefined evaluable predicates, like `abs (Z)` and `sqrt (Z)`

# Real Values And Integers

```
?- X is 1/2.  
X = 0.5  
Yes  
?- X is 1.0/2.0.  
X = 0.5  
Yes  
?- X is 2/1.  
X = 2  
Yes  
?- X is 2.0/1.0.  
X = 2  
Yes
```

There are two numeric types: integer and real.

Most of the evaluable predicates are overloaded for all combinations.

Prolog is dynamically typed; the types are used at runtime to resolve the overloading.

But note that the goal `2=2.0` would fail.

# Comparisons

- Numeric comparison operators:  
 $<, >, = <, >=, =: =, = \backslash =$
- To solve a numeric comparison goal, Prolog evaluates both sides and compares the results numerically
- So both sides must be fully instantiated



# Comparisons

? -  $1+2 < 1*2$ .

No

? -  $1 < 2$ .

Yes

? -  $1+2 \geq 1+3$ .

No

? -  $X$  is 1-3,  $Y$  is 0-2,  $X ::= Y$ .

$X = -2$

$Y = -2$

Yes

# Equalities In Prolog

- We have used three different but related equality operators:
  - `X is Y` evaluates `Y` and unifies the result with `X`: `3 is 1+2` succeeds, but `1+2 is 3` fails
  - `X = Y` unifies `X` and `Y`, with no evaluation: both `3 = 1+2` and `1+2 = 3` fail
  - `X == Y` evaluates both and compares: both `3 == 1+2` and `1+2 == 3` succeed
- Any evaluated term must be fully instantiated

# Example: mylength

```
mylength([], 0).  
mylength([_|Tail], Len) :-  
    mylength(Tail, TailLen),  
    Len is TailLen + 1.
```

```
?- mylength([a,b,c], X).
```

```
X = 3
```

```
Yes
```

```
?- mylength(X, 3).
```

```
X = [_G266, _G269, _G272]
```

```
Yes
```

# Counterexample: mylength

```
mylength([],0).  
mylength([_|Tail], Len) :-  
    mylength(Tail, TailLen),  
    Len = TailLen + 1.
```

```
?- mylength([1,2,3,4,5],X).
```

```
X = 0+1+1+1+1+1
```

```
Yes
```

# Example: sum

```
sum([], 0).  
sum([Head|Tail], X) :-  
    sum(Tail, TailSum),  
    X is Head + TailSum.
```

```
?- sum([1, 2, 3], X).
```

```
X = 6
```

```
Yes
```

```
?- sum([1, 2.5, 3], X).
```

```
X = 6.5
```

```
Yes
```

# Example: gcd

```
% gcd(+X,+Y,-Z)

gcd(X,Y,Z) :-
    X == Y,
    Z is X.
gcd(X,Y,Denom) :-
    X < Y,
    NewY is Y - X,
    gcd(X,NewY,Denom) .
gcd(X,Y,Denom) :-
    X > Y,
    NewX is X - Y,
    gcd(NewX,Y,Denom) .
```

# The gcd Predicate At Work

```
?- gcd(5,5,X) .
```

```
X = 5
```

```
Yes
```

```
?- gcd(12,21,X) .
```

```
X = 3
```

```
Yes
```

```
?- gcd(91,105,X) .
```

```
X = 7
```

```
Yes
```

```
?- gcd(91,X,7) .
```

```
ERROR: Arguments are not sufficiently instantiated
```



## More examples - space search



# Problem Space Search

- Prolog's strength is (obviously) not numeric computation
- The kinds of problems it does best on are those that involve problem space search
  - You give a logical definition of the solution
  - Then let Prolog find it

# The 8-Queens Problem

- Chess background:
  - Played on an 8-by-8 grid
  - Queen can move any number of spaces vertically, horizontally or diagonally
  - Two queens are *in check* if they are in the same row, column or diagonal, so that one could move to the other's square
- The problem: place 8 queens on an empty chess board so that no queen is in check

# Representation

- We could represent a queen in column 2, row 5 with the term **queen (2, 5)**
- But it will be more readable if we use something more compact
- Since there will be no other pieces—no **pawn (X, Y)** or **king (X, Y)**—we will just use a term of the form **X/Y**
- (We won't evaluate it as a quotient)

# Example

8								
7			Q					
6								
5		Q						
4								
3								
2								
1						Q		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

- A chessboard configuration is just a list of queens
- This one is  $[2/5, 3/7, 6/1]$

```

/*
  nocheck(X/Y,L) takes a queen X/Y and a list
  of queens. We succeed if and only if the X/Y
  queen holds none of the others in check.
*/
nocheck(_, []).
nocheck(X/Y, [X1/Y1 | Rest]) :-
  X \= X1,
  Y \= Y1,
  abs(Y1-Y) \= abs(X1-X),
  nocheck(X/Y, Rest).

```

```
/*  
    legal(L) succeeds if L is a legal placement of  
    queens: all coordinates in range and no queen  
    in check.  
*/  
legal([]).  
legal([X/Y | Rest]) :-  
    legal(Rest),  
    member(X, [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]),  
    member(Y, [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]),  
    nocheck(X/Y, Rest).
```

# Adequate

- This is already enough to solve the problem: the query `legal(X)` will find all legal configurations:

```
?- legal(X).
```

```
X = [] ;
```

```
X = [1/1] ;
```

```
X = [1/2] ;
```

```
X = [1/3]
```

# 8-Queens Solution

- Of course that will take too long: it finds all 64 legal 1-queens solutions, then starts on the 2-queens solutions, and so on
- To make it concentrate right away on 8-queens, we can give a different query:

```
? - X = [_ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _ , _] , legal(X) .
```

```
X = [8/4 , 7/2 , 6/7 , 5/3 , 4/6 , 3/8 , 2/5 , 1/1]
```

```
Yes
```



# Example

8			Q					
7						Q		
6				Q				
5		Q						
4								Q
3					Q			
2							Q	
1	Q							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

- Our 8-queens solution
- $[8/4, 7/2, 6/7, 5/3, 4/6, 3/8, 2/5, 1/1]$

# Room For Improvement

- Slow
- Finds trivial permutations after the first:

? -  $X = [_, _, _, _, _, _, _, _], \text{legal}(X).$

$X = [8/4, 7/2, 6/7, 5/3, 4/6, 3/8, 2/5, 1/1] ;$

$X = [7/2, 8/4, 6/7, 5/3, 4/6, 3/8, 2/5, 1/1] ;$

$X = [8/4, 6/7, 7/2, 5/3, 4/6, 3/8, 2/5, 1/1] ;$

$X = [6/7, 8/4, 7/2, 5/3, 4/6, 3/8, 2/5, 1/1]$

# An Improvement

- Clearly every solution has 1 queen in each column
- So every solution can be written in a fixed order, like this:  
$$x = [1/_ , 2/_ , 3/_ , 4/_ , 5/_ , 6/_ , 7/_ , 8/_]$$
- Starting with a goal term of that form will restrict the search (speeding it up) and avoid those trivial permutations

```
/*  
    eightqueens(X) succeeds if X is a legal  
    placement of eight queens, listed in order  
    of their X coordinates.  
*/  
eightqueens(X) :-  
    X = [1/_,2/_,3/_,4/_,5/_,6/_,7/_,8/_],  
    legal(X).
```

```

nocheck(_, []).
nocheck(X/Y, [X1/Y1 | Rest]) :-
    % X \= X1, assume the X's are distinct
    Y \= Y1,
    abs(Y1-Y) \= abs(X1-X),
    nocheck(X/Y, Rest).

```

```

legal([]).
legal([X/Y | Rest]) :-
    legal(Rest),
    % member(X, [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]), assume X in range
    member(Y, [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]),
    nocheck(X/Y, Rest).

```

- Since all X-coordinates are already known to be in range and distinct, these can be optimized a little

# Improved 8-Queens Solution

- Now much faster
- Does not bother with permutations

```
? - eightqueens(X) .
```

```
X = [1/4, 2/2, 3/7, 4/3, 5/6, 6/8, 7/5, 8/1] ;
```

```
X = [1/5, 2/2, 3/4, 4/7, 5/3, 6/8, 7/6, 8/1] ;
```

# The Knapsack Problem

- You are packing for a camping trip
- Your pantry contains these items:

Item	Weight in kilograms	Calories
bread	4	9200
pasta	2	4600
peanut butter	1	6700
baby food	3	6900

- Your knapsack holds 4 kg.
- What choice  $\leq 4$  kg. maximizes calories?

# Greedy Methods Do Not Work

Item	Weight in kilograms	Calories
bread	4	9200
pasta	2	4600
peanut butter	1	6700
baby food	3	6900

- Most calories first: bread only, 9200
- Lightest first: peanut butter + pasta, 11300
- (Best choice: peanut butter + baby food, 13600)



# Search

- No algorithm for this problem is known that
  - Always gives the best answer, and
  - Takes less than exponential time
- So brute-force search is nothing to be ashamed of here
- That's good, since search is something Prolog does really well

# Representation

- We will represent each food item as a term `food(N,W,C)`
- Pantry in our example is  
    `[food(bread,4,9200),`  
      `food(pasta,2,4500),`  
      `food(peanutButter,1,6700),`  
      `food(babyFood,3,6900)]`
- Same representation for knapsack contents

```

/*
    weight(L,N) takes a list L of food terms, each
    of the form food(Name,Weight,Calories). We
    unify N with the sum of all the Weights.
*/
weight([],0).
weight([food(_,W,_) | Rest], X) :-
    weight(Rest,RestW),
    X is W + RestW.

/*
    calories(L,N) takes a list L of food terms, each
    of the form food(Name,Weight,Calories). We
    unify N with the sum of all the Calories.
*/
calories([],0).
calories([food(_,_,C) | Rest], X) :-
    calories(Rest,RestC),
    X is C + RestC.

```

```

/*
    subseq(X,Y) succeeds when list X is the same as
    list Y, but with zero or more elements omitted.
    This can be used with any pattern of instantiations.
*/
subseq([], []).
subseq([Item | RestX], [Item | RestY]) :-
    subseq(RestX, RestY).
subseq(X, [_ | RestY]) :-
    subseq(X, RestY).

```

- A subsequence of a list is a copy of the list with any number of elements omitted
- (Knapsacks are subsequences of the pantry)

**? -** *subseq*( [1, 3] , [1, 2, 3, 4] ) .

**Yes**

**? -** *subseq*(X, [1, 2, 3] ) .

**X =** [1, 2, 3] ;

**X =** [1, 2] ;

**X =** [1, 3] ;

**X =** [1] ;

**X =** [2, 3] ;

**X =** [2] ;

**X =** [3] ;

**X =** [] ;

***subseq** can do more than just test whether one list is a subsequence of another; it can generate subsequences, which is how we will use it for the knapsack problem.*

**No**

```
/*
    knapsackDecision(Pantry,Capacity,Goal,Knapsack) takes
    a list Pantry of food terms, a positive number
    Capacity, and a positive number Goal. We unify
    Knapsack with a subsequence of Pantry representing
    a knapsack with total calories >= goal, subject to
    the constraint that the total weight is =< Capacity.
*/
knapsackDecision(Pantry,Capacity,Goal,Knapsack) :-
    subseq(Knapsack,Pantry),
    weight(Knapsack,Weight),
    Weight =< Capacity,
    calories(Knapsack,Calories),
    Calories >= Goal.
```

```
? - knapsackDecision(  
|   [food(bread,4,9200),  
|   food(pasta,2,4500),  
|   food(peanutButter,1,6700),  
|   food(babyFood,3,6900)],  
|   4,  
|   10000,  
|   X).
```

```
X = [food(pasta, 2, 4500),  
food(peanutButter, 1, 6700)]
```

**Yes**

- This decides whether there is a solution that meets the given calorie goal
- Not exactly the answer we want...

# Decision And Optimization

- We solved the knapsack *decision problem*
- What we wanted to solve was the knapsack *optimization problem*
- To do that, we will use another predefined predicate: **findall**



# The `findall` Predicate

- `findall(X, Goal, L)`
  - Finds all the ways of proving `Goal`
  - For each, applies to `X` the same substitution that made a provable instance of `Goal`
  - Unifies `L` with the list of all those `X`'s

# Collecting Particular Substitutions

```
?- findall(X, subseq(X, [1, 2]), L).
```

```
L = [[1, 2], [1], [2], []]
```

```
Yes
```

- A common use of **findall**: the first parameter is a variable from the second
- This collects all four **X**'s that make the goal **subseq(X, [1, 2])** provable

```
/*  
    legalKnapsack(Pantry,Capacity,Knapsack) takes a list  
    Pantry of food terms and a positive number Capacity.  
    We unify Knapsack with a subsequence of Pantry whose  
    total weight is =< Capacity.  
*/  
legalKnapsack(Pantry,Capacity,Knapsack):-  
    subseq(Knapsack,Pantry),  
    weight(Knapsack,W),  
    W =< Capacity.
```

```

/*
    maxCalories(List,Result) takes a List of lists of
    food terms. We unify Result with an element from the
    list that maximizes the total calories. We use a
    helper predicate maxC that takes four paramters: the
    remaining list of lists of food terms, the best list
    of food terms seen so far, its total calories, and
    the final result.
*/
maxC([],Sofar,_,Sofar).
maxC([First | Rest],_,MC,Result) :-
    calories(First,FirstC),
    MC =< FirstC,
    maxC(Rest,First,FirstC,Result).
maxC([First | Rest],Sofar,MC,Result) :-
    calories(First,FirstC),
    MC > FirstC,
    maxC(Rest,Sofar,MC,Result).
maxCalories([First | Rest],Result) :-
    calories(First,FirstC),
    maxC(Rest,First,FirstC,Result).

```

```

/*
  knapsackOptimization(Pantry,Capacity,Knapsack) takes
  a list Pantry of food items and a positive integer
  Capacity. We unify Knapsack with a subsequence of
  Pantry representing a knapsack of maximum total
  calories, subject to the constraint that the total
  weight is =< Capacity.
*/
knapsackOptimization(Pantry,Capacity,Knapsack) :-
  findall(K,legalKnapsack(Pantry,Capacity,K),L),
  maxCalories(L,Knapsack).

```

```
? - knapsackOptimization(  
|   [food(bread,4,9200),  
|   food(pasta,2,4500),  
|   food(peanutButter,1,6700),  
|   food(babyFood,3,6900)],  
|   4,  
|   Knapsack).
```

```
Knapsack = [food(peanutButter, 1, 6700),  
            food(babyFood, 3, 6900)]
```

**Yes**