#### CSE 505, Fall 2021

# **HW1: Prolog Basics**

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This is a Prolog programming assignment. You are expected to write a Prolog program that consists of predicates described below. You will place the definitions of all the predicates in a single file and submit it via Blackboard.

#### Warm-Up

- 1. **prefix:** Write a predicate **prefix(L1,L2)** that succeeds if and only if list **L2** is a *prefix* of list **L1**: i.e. all elements if **L2** occur, in the same order, at the beginning of **L1**. For instance:
  - o prefix([1,2,3], []),prefix([1,2,3], [1]),prefix([1,2,3], [1,2]),
    prefix([1,2,3], [1,2,3]) all succeed.
  - o prefix([1,2,3],[2]),prefix([1,2,3], [1,4]),prefix([1,2], [1,2,3]) all
    fail.

#### For this question, your predicate definition cannot use any helper predicates.

For full credit, when L2 is not given, your predicate should return the possible values of L2 by backtracking. For instance, prefix([1,2,3], L2) should return L2 = [], and upon backtracking, return L2 = [1], L2 = [1,2] and L2 = [1,2,3].

2. **increasing\_subsequence:** Write a Prolog predicate incsub such that, given a list of integers L1, incsub (L1, L2) returns in L2 an increasing subsequence of L1. (You may assume that L1 contains distinct elements).

 $L_2$  is a subsequence of  $L_1$  if all elements of  $L_2$  also occur in  $L_1$ , and if **a** occurs before **b** in  $L_2$  then **a** occurs before **b** in  $L_1$ .

**L** is an increasing sequence if the elements are in ascending order: i.e. if **a** occurs before **b** in **L**, then **a < b**.

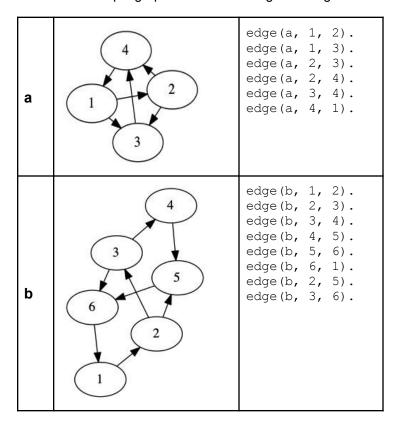
For instance, incsub ([2,4,1,7,3,8], L2) should succeed with answers L2 = [], L2 = [2], L2 = [4], L2 = [2,4], L2 = [1], ... (upon backtracking; a total of 26 distinct answers, not necessarily in this order).

3. **rotate**: Write a Prolog predicate  $\mathtt{rotate}(\mathtt{L1}, \mathtt{L2})$  that succeeds if and only if list  $\mathtt{L2}$  is a *prefix* of list  $\mathtt{L1}$ . A rotation of list  $[a_1, a_2, ..., a_n]$  is a list  $[a_k, a_{k+1}, ..., a_n, a_1, a_2, ..., a_{k-1}]$  for some k in [1,n]. For example, [2,3,4,5,1] and [4,5,1,2,3] are rotations of [1,2,3,4,5]. For full credit, when  $\mathtt{L2}$  is not given, your predicate should return the possible values of  $\mathtt{L2}$  by backtracking. For instance, rotate ([1,2,3], [1,2]) should return [1,2,3], and upon backtracking, return [1,2,3] and [1,2] (not necessarily in the same order).

### **Graph Problems:**

The following set of problems are over graphs, and we will use the following encoding to represent *directed* graphs in Prolog.

Each graph is given an identifier (name or number), and we enumerate its edges as triples in a 3-ary edge relation. Each triple of the form edge(i, v1, v2) represents an edge in the graph i from vertex v1 to vertex v2. Example graphs and their Prolog encoding are shown below:



4. exists\_path: Write a binary predicate exists\_path such that, given a graph *I* and a list of vertices *P*, exists path(*I*, *P*) succeeds if and only if vertices in *P* forms a path in the graph.

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For the example graphs above, exists_path(a, [1,3,4]), exists_path(a, [2,4,1,3,4,1,2]), exists_path(b, [1,2,3,4,5,6]) all succeed; exists_path(a, [1,2,3]) and exists path(b, [1,2,3,5]) fail.
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5. exists\_simple\_path: Write a binary predicate exists\_simple\_path such that, given a graph I and a list of vertices P, exists\_simple\_path(I, P) succeeds if and only if vertices in P forms a simple (i.e cycle-free) path in the graph.

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For the example graphs above, exists_simple_path(a, [1,3,4]) and exists_simple_path(b, [1,2,3,4,5,6]) succeed; exists_path(a, [1,2,3], exists path(a, [2,4,1,3,4,1,2]), and exists path(b, [1,2,5,6,1,2,3]) fail.
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6. simple\_path: Write a 4-ary predicate simple\_path such that, for queries of the form simple\_path(i, v1, v2, P) where i is a graph id, v1 and v2 are vertices in graph i, succeeds by binding P to a list of vertices that lie on a simple path (i.e. cycle-free) path from v1 to v2. For example, simple\_path(a, 1, 4, Y) should succeed with Y=[1,2,4], and upon backtracking, Y=[1,3,4] and Y=[1,2,3,4]. The order of answers does not matter.

## **Analysis of Program Traces**

For this problem, we consider *traces* of a procedural program's execution. We log four events in these traces:

- malloc(p): Allocate a block of memory and assign its address to pointer p.
- read(p): Read the value at the address in pointer p
- write(p): Write a value to address in pointer p
- free(p): Free (i.e. de-allocate) memory located at the address in pointer p.

A trace is a list of such events. (**Note:** this problem assumes no aliases: no two pointers refer to the same address in memory).

- 7. Write a predicate invalid\_access, that, given a trace, succeeds if and only if the trace has a read/write event after that pointer has been freed, or before that pointer is malloced.
- 8. Write a predicate memory\_safe, that, given a trace, succeeds if and only if all the memory operations are safe:
  - o reads and writes are to previously malloced (and not yet freed) memory.
  - o free refers to a previously malloced (but not yet freed) memory.
- 9. Write a predicate **leak**, that, given a trace, succeeds if and only there is a memory leak: a pointer is re-assigned with a malloc without freeing the earlier block.
- 10. Write a predicate useful\_writes, that, given a trace, succeeds if and only if every value that is written to an address is read before the pointer is freed or re-allocated.

Your program should be in a single file (see submission instructions below).

### **Grading:**

All problems are worth 3 points each. The grading rubric will be:

3	A correct solution or a solution with very few flaws
2	A solution that is substantially correct; some flaws but mostly correct
1	A solution that is substantially incorrect; many flaws with few correct parts
0	Incorrect or missing solution

Code documentation is expected unless the intent of the solution is obvious from its form. Partial credit may not be possible without clear documentation.

#### **Submission:**

Your submission will consist of a **single** Prolog program file (name of the file and the file extension does not matter for the submission). Submit the file as an attachment to the HW1 form on Blackboard.

<u>Important:</u> Work on the warm-up problems individually. You can work on Graph and Trace problems with 1 other team member. In that case, both have to submit complete solutions separately. Make sure that your submission has a clear marking of who your team mate is.

### Errata:

• Sep 9, 9:30am: Added note in the "Submission" section on teams (in purple)