

Assignment 1

CPSC 449

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Abstract

The purpose of this assignment is to assess your ability to solve problems using the logical programming paradigm.

Question 1

Translate the following from English into Prolog.

1. The cat sat on the mat.
2. Mary had a little lamb.
3. The lamb's fleece was white as snow.
4. If Mary went there, then so did the lamb.
5. If a thing is both a human and totally consistent, then the thing is dead.

Question 2

Translate the following Prolog into English.

1. `scaredyCat(scooby_doo).`
2. `lessThan(1,3).`
3. `likes(ice_cream,bill).`
4. `has_red_hair(bill).`
5. `red(X) :- rose(X).`
6. `even(zero).`
7. `even(suc(suc(N))) :- even(N).`

Question 3

Define a predicate `odd`, that is true precisely when a number (encoded using zero and `suc`) is odd.

Question 4

A binary relation, in Prolog, is a symbol of arity 2. Suppose the symbol `lt` is used to encode a binary relation. Use Prolog give extensions to `lt`, so that the relation becomes:

1. reflexive
2. symmetric
3. transitive

Could you make the relation antisymmetric?

Question 5

1. Describe a predicate `app(L1, X, L2)` of arity 3, in English, that holds precisely when $L2$ is the list $L1$ with X appended onto the end of it. Define this predicate in Prolog.
2. Describe a predicate `reversed(L1, L2)` of arity 2, in English, that holds precisely when $L2$ is $L1$ written backwards. Define this predicate in Prolog.
3. Describe a predicate `palindromic(L)` of arity 1, in English, that holds precisely when L is a palindromic list. Define this predicate in Prolog.
4. Describe a predicate `subset(L, Ls)` that holds precisely when Ls is the list of sublists of elements of the list L . Define this predicate in Prolog.
5. Describe a predicate `subset(L, Ls)` that holds precisely when Ls is the list of permutations of L .
6. Can you use the builtin `setof` to do the last two?

Question 6

Bonus Describe a predicate `gcd(m, n, d)` of arity 3 that is true when d is the greatest common divisor of m and n .

1. Write an inefficient Prolog program that can be used to determine if a number is prime.

Bonus Goldbach's conjecture says that every even number is the sum of two primes. Write (an inefficient) Prolog program that can be used, given an even number n to find the prime numbers p_1, p_2 with $n = p_1 + p_2$.

Question 7

1. A labelled binary tree in Prolog can be modelled using an arity 3 predicate, `node(l, t1, t2)`, with leaves being given by a unary predicate `l(x)`. For example, a labelled tree representing the expression $1 + (3 * 2)$ is represented by `node(+, l(1), node(*, l(3), l(2)))`. Write a Prolog program that can be used to change all occurrences of a label X to a label Y . For example, `change(+, *, node(+, l(1), l(2)), node(*, l(1), l(2)))`.
2. Let $p(m, n)$ be some binary symbol. Write a predicate `assoc(M, N)` that can be used to determine if N is a reassociation of p in M . For example, `assoc(p(1, p(2, 3)), p(p(1, 2), 3))`. Use the builtin `setof` to collect all possible reassociations of p in some term.

Bonus Write a predicate `deriv(M, N)` that is true when N is the derivative of M . You may assume that you have only the 1 variable case. You may assume any function symbols you want. For example, `deriv(sin(N), cos(N) * T)` should hold when `deriv(N, T)`.

Not for points An antiderivative F of f is a term whose derivative is f . Can you use the above to define antiderivatives?

Question 8

Explain the solution to Prolog problems number 09 and 19. <http://www.ic.unicamp.br/~meidanis/courses/mc336/2009s2/prolog/problemas/p09.pl>

Question 9

Family relations may be encoded in Prolog as a list of facts using only two predicates `mother(X, Y)` and `father(X, Y)`. Use these two basic relations to (as Prolog predicates):

1. Define the brother, sister, uncle, grandparent, and cousin relation.
2. Define a more general relation: `relative_of`.
3. Allow for the list of facts to contain one more kind of predicate: `married(X, Y)`. Use these three basic predicates to define an even more general relation: `extended_relative`.
4. Suppose finally that the list of facts contains one more kind of predicate, `wealthy(X)`. Use this to define a program that can be used to find wealthy members of your extended family.