

# Review on Prolog

## Example 1

`contact_list([],List,List).`

`contact_list([Elem | List1], List2,[Elem | List3]):-  
contact_list(List1,List2,List3).`

`? contact_list(X,Y,[a,b,c,d]).`

## Example 1 (Solution)

$X = []$ ,  
 $Y = [a, b, c, d]$

$X = [a]$ ,  
 $Y = [b, c, d]$

$X = [a, b]$ ,  
 $Y = [c, d]$

$X = [a, b, c]$ ,  
 $Y = [d]$

$X = [a, b, c, d]$ ,  
 $Y = []$

(Try to solve it yourself and write all the steps of unification/Resolution)

## Example 2

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solve([_ | T],X):- solve(T,X).  
solve([H | _],H).
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solve([a,a,a,b,b],Y).
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**X = b**

**X = b**

**X = a**

**X = a**

**X = a**

Pay Attention to the order of  
found unifications and  
resolutions

## Example 2 Solution elaboration

$\text{solve}([a,a,a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  unification  $\text{solve}([_ | a,a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  resolution:-  $\text{solve}([a,a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  unification  
 $\text{solve}([_ | a,a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  resolution:-

$\text{solve}([a,a,b,b,X1],Y) \Rightarrow$  unification  $\text{solve}([_ | a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  resolution:-

$\text{solve}([a,b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  unification  $\text{solve}([_ | b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  resolution:-  $\text{solve}([b,b],Y) \Rightarrow$  unification  $\text{solve}([_ | b],Y) \Rightarrow$  resolution:-  $\text{solve}(b,Y)$

$\Rightarrow$  unification with fact  $\text{solve}([H | _],H) \Rightarrow Y=b$  (1<sup>st</sup> found answer)

Backtrack to unification of  $\text{solve}([b,b],Y)$  with the fact (second line)  $\Rightarrow \text{solve}(b | _,b) \Rightarrow Y=b$  (2<sup>nd</sup> found answer)

Backtrack: unification of  $\text{solve}([a,b,b],Y)$  with the fact (second line)  $\Rightarrow \text{solve}(a | _,a) \Rightarrow Y=a$  (3<sup>rd</sup> found answer)

Backtracking: unification of  $\text{solve}([a,a,b,b],Y)$  with the fact (second line)  $\Rightarrow \text{solve}(a | _,a) \Rightarrow Y=a$  (4<sup>th</sup> found answer)

Backtracking: unification of  $\text{solve}([a,a,a,b,b],Y)$  with the fact (second line)  $\Rightarrow \text{solve}(a | _,a) \Rightarrow Y=a$  (5<sup>th</sup> found answer)

## Example 3

$f(0,0).$

$f(1,1).$

$f(N,X):- N1 \text{ is } N-1, N2 \text{ is } N-2, f(N1,X1), f(N2,X2), X \text{ is } X1+X2.$

?  $f(4,X)$

## Example 3 (Solution)

$f(4,X) \Rightarrow$  unification with the rule (line 3):

$\text{:- } N1 \text{ is } 3, N2 \text{ is } 2, f(3,X1), f(2,X2), X \text{ is } X1+X2.$

$\Rightarrow f(3,X1) \Rightarrow$  unification:  $\text{- } N3 \text{ is } 2, N4 \text{ is } 1, f(2,X3), f(1,X4), X1 \text{ is } X3+X4.$

$\text{: } X4=1$

$\Rightarrow f(2,X2) \Rightarrow N5 \text{ is } 1, N6 \text{ is } 0, f(1,X5), f(0,X6), X2 \text{ is } X5+X6$

$\text{: } X5=1, X6=0 \Rightarrow X2=1$

$f(2,X3) \text{: - } N7 \text{ is } 1, N8 \text{ is } 0, f(1,X7), f(0,X8), X3 \text{ is } X7+X8$

$\text{: } X7=1, X8=0, X3 \text{ is } 1$

$X1 = 1+1=2$

$X = 2(X1) + 1(X2) = 3$  (Final answer)

## Example 4

function(1,\_,[]).

function(0,\_,[]).

function(\_,[],[]).

function(M,[A|A1],[A|B1]) :- M > 1, C is M-1,number(A), function(C,A1,B1). (rule 1)

function(M,[A|A1],[A|B1]) :- M > 1, C is M-2,\+ number(A), function(C,A1,B1). (rule 2)

?function(6, [8,a,11,4], M).



# Solution

function(6, [8,a,11,4], M).

⇒ Unification with head of rule 1: function(6,[8,a,11,4], [8|B1])

⇒ Resolution: -function(5,[a,11,4], B1)

⇒ Unification with head of rule 2: function (5,[a,11,4], [a|B2])

⇒ Resolution: :-function(3,[11,4],B2)

⇒ Unification with head of rule 1: function(3,[11,4], [11|B3])

⇒ Resolution: :-function (2,[4],B3)

⇒ Unification with head of rule 1: function (2,[4], 4|B4)

⇒ Resolution :- function(1,[],B4).

⇒ Unification with fact: B4=[] ⇒ B3(4|B4)= [4] ⇒ B2=[11,4] ⇒ B1= [a,11,4] ⇒  
**M=[8,a,11,4]**

# Recommendation

- Review all the Examples solved in the class and textbook.
- Review **Cut !** In prolog
- In multiple-choice question, first remove irrelevant answers to save your time. Maybe you do not need to solve the whole problem to find the right answer.
- If a ground query is false means there is no fact or rule in data base to be matched with
- **findall** and **forall** are different! (what is the difference?)
- **Constants** always start with a **lower case letter** and **variables** start with an **upper case letter**:

Example:

func (func,X):-.....

func: name of rule

fun inside the parenthesis is constant