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Lists. Example #1

```

/* select(X,Xs,Ys) is true if Ys is the result of removing the first
/* occurrence of X from Xs. */

```

Example:

```

?- select(a, [a,b,c], [b,c]).
true
?- select(a, [b,a,c], [b,c]).
true
?- select(b, [a,b,c], [b,c]).
false

```

Solution:

```

select(X,[X|Xs],Xs).

select(X,[Y|Ys],[Y|Zs]):- X \= Y, select(X,Ys,Zs).

```

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Graph. Example #2



- We have the following knowledge base:

directTrain(a,b).
directTrain(c,a).
directTrain(d,e).
directTrain(e,a).
directTrain(b,f).
directTrain(g,d).
directTrain(h,g).

That is, this knowledge base holds facts about towns it is possible to travel between by taking a direct train. But of course, we can travel further by 'chaining together' direct train journeys. Write a recursive predicate **travelBetween/2** that tells us when we can travel by train between two towns. For example, when given the query:

?- travelBetween(h,b).
true

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Graph. Example #2



- We have the following knowledge base:

directTrain(a,b).
directTrain(c,a).
directTrain(d,e).
directTrain(e,a).
directTrain(b,f).
directTrain(g,d).
directTrain(h,g).

?- travelBetween(h,b).
true

Solution:

travelBetween(X,Y) :- directTrain(X,Y).

travelBetween(X,Y) :- directTrain(X,Z), travelBetween(Z,Y).

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Graph. Example #2



- We have the following knowledge base:

```
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directTrain(e,a).
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directTrain(g,d).
directTrain(h,g).
```

- It is, furthermore, plausible to assume that whenever it is possible to take a direct train from A to B, it is also possible to take a direct train from B to A. Can you encode this in Prolog? Your program should e.g. answer 'yes' to the following query:

```
?- travelBetween(b,h).
true
```

Solution:
Homework!

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Lists. Example #3



How does Prolog respond to the following queries?

```
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,[b,c,d]].
false
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a|[b,c,d]].
true
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b,[c,d]].
false
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b|[c,d]].
true
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b,c,[d]].
false
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b,c|[d]].
true
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b,c,d,[]].
false
?- [a,b,c,d] = [a,b,c,d|[]].
true
?- [ ] = [ ].
false
```

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Lists. Example #4



Write a predicate **addone/2** whose first argument is a list of integers, and whose second argument is the list of integers obtained by adding 1 to each integer in the first list. For example, the query

```
?- addone([1,2,7,2],X).
```

should give

```
X = [2,3,8,3].
```

Solution:

```
addone([],[]).
```

```
addone([X|Xs],[Y|Ys]) :- Y is X+1, addone(Xs,Ys).
```

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Lists. Example #5



Check if a list is a prefix of another list: The prefix predicate accepts as input two lists and returns true if the first list is a prefix of the second. For Example

```
?- prefix([2,4],[2,4,5,6]).
```

```
true,
```

```
?- prefix([2,5],[2,4,5,6]).
```

```
false.
```

Solution:

- The empty list is a prefix to any other list.
- If the list is not empty, then List1 is a prefix to List2 iff they have the same head and the tail of List1 is a prefix of the tail of List2.

```
prefix([],_).
```

```
prefix([Head|Tail1],[Head|Tail2]):-prefix(Tail1,Tail2).
```

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Lists. Examples #6 and #7



Write a predicate `second(X,List)` which checks whether `X` is the second element of `List`.

Solution:

```
second(X,[_ ,X|_]).
```

Write a predicate `swap12(List1,List2)` which checks whether `List1` is identical to `List2`, except that the first two elements are exchanged.

Solution:

```
swap12([X,Y|T],[Y,X|T]).
```

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Cut. Examples #8



Suppose we have the following Prolog database:

```
p(1).
```

```
p(2) :- !.
```

```
p(3).
```

Write all of Prolog's answers to the following queries:

```
?- p(X).
```

Solution:

```
X = 1;
```

```
X = 2
```

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Cut. Examples #9



Suppose we have the following Prolog database:

```
p(1).  
p(2) :- !.  
p(3).
```

Write all of Prolog's answers to the following queries:

```
?- p(X),p(Y).
```

Solution:

```
X = 1  
Y = 1
```

```
X = 1  
Y = 2
```

```
X = 2  
Y = 1
```

```
X = 2  
Y = 2
```

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Cut. Examples #10



Suppose we want to write a version of the delete predicate, `delete(X,L,M)`, which deletes only the first occurrence of X in the list L and binds the result to the list M.

The **cut** can be used to achieve this as follows:

Solution:

```
delete(X,[],[]).  
delete(X,[X|L],L):-!.  
delete(X,[Y|L],[Y|M]):- delete(X,L,M).  
Then  
?- delete(a,[d,a,b,a,c],M).  
M=[d,b,a,c];  
false
```

- The search terminates after the first deletion because of the cut which kills the delete

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Examples #11

How PROLOG derives answers to the query

?- grand_child_of(A,B).

using the following program. Will any backtracking occur? Justify your answer using the corresponding derivation diagram.

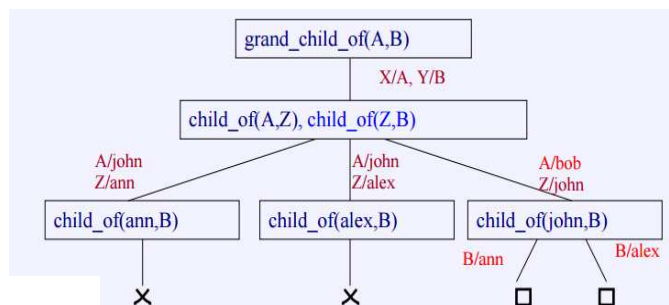
child_of(john,ann).

child_of(john, alex).

child_of(bob, john).

grand_child_of(X,Y) :- child_of(X,Z), child_of(Z,Y).

Solution:



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Examples #12

The following program says that two people are relatives if:

- (a) one is a predecessor of the other, or
- (b) they have a common predecessor, or
- (c) they have a common successor:

relatives(X,Y) :-
predecessor(X,Y).

relatives(X,Y) :-
predecessor(Y, X).

relatives(X,Y) :-
predecessor(Z,X),
predecessor(Z,Y).

relatives(X,Y) :-
predecessor(X,Z),
predecessor(Y,Z).

Solution:

```

relatives( X, Y) :-
  predecessor( X, Y);
  predecessor( Y, X);
  predecessor( Z, X),
  predecessor( Z, Y);
  predecessor( X, Z),
  predecessor( Y, Z).
  
```

Can you shorten this program by using the combination of coma and semicolon notation?

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