

# COMP3411-9814- Artificial Intelligence



## Prolog Built-in Predicates 2019 – Summer Term

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### **Lecture 4**

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## Groups of Built-in Predicates

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- ◆ Testing the type of terms
- ◆ Construction and decomposition of terms: `=..`, `functor`, `arg`, `name`
- ◆ Various types of equality and comparison
- ◆ “Database manipulation”: `assert`, `retract`
- ◆ Control facilities
- ◆ *bagof*, *setof* and *findall*
- ◆ Input, output



## Testing the type of terms

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<b>var( X)</b>	succeeds if X is currently instantiated variable
<b>nonvar( X)</b>	X is not a variable or X is instantiated variable
<b>atom( X)</b>	is true if X currently is an atom
<b>integer( X)</b>	is true if X currently stands for an integer
<b>float( X)</b>	is true if X currently stands for a real number
<b>number( X)</b>	is true if X currently stands for a number
<b>atomic( X)</b>	is true if X currently stands for a number or an atom
<b>compound( X)</b>	is true if X currently stands for a compound term (a structure)



## Example: Arithmetic Operations

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...,

**number( X),**

% Value of X number?

**number( Y),**

% Value of Y number?

**Z is X + Y,**

% Then addition it is possible

...

## Construction and decomposition of terms:

*=.. , functor, arg, name*

Term =.. [ Functor, Arg1, Arg2, Arg3, ...] % „univ“

Example: Increase the geometric figure by a factor of 1.5

?- Figure = square( 3), % square side 3

...

Figure =.. [ Type, Size],

NewSize is 1.5 \* Size,

NewFigure =.. [ Type, NewSize].

NewFigure = square( 4.5). % square with side 4.5

# Substitute

the sub-phrase in the New Sub-phrase

substitute( Subterm, Term, Subterm1, Term1):

if all occurrences of Subterm in Term are substituted with Subterm1  
then we get Term1.

?- substitute( sin(x), 2\*sin(x)\*f(sin(x)), t, F).

$F = 2*t*f(t)$

% Case 1: Substitute whole term

**substitute( Term, Term, Term1, Term1) :- !.**

% Case 2: Nothing to substitute if Term atomic

**substitute( \_, Term, \_, Term) :-**

**atomic( Term), !.**

% Term is a constant

% Case 3: Do substitution on arguments

**substitute( Sub, Term, Sub1, Term1) :-**

**Term =.. [F | Args],**

% Get arguments

**substlist( Sub, Args, Sub1, Args1),**

% Perform substitution on them

**Term1 =.. [F | Args1].**

% Construct Term1

% substlist( SubTerm, Term\_List, NewSubTerm, NewTerm\_List)



## Example - Use of *substitute* / 4

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?- E0 = (a+b) \* (a-b),  
    substitute( a, E0, 6, E1),  
    substitute( b, E1, 3, E2),  
    Value is E2.

$$E1 = (6+b) * (6-b)$$

$$E2 = (6+3) * (6-3)$$

$$\text{Value} = 27$$





## Various types of equality and comparison

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$X = Y$  is true if X and Y match

$X == Y$  if X and Y are identical

$X \backslash == Y$  if X and Y are not identical

$X @< Y$  X is lexicographically smaller than Y,  
term X precedes term Y by alphabetical  
or numerical ordering  
(paul @< peter)

## „Database Manipulation“

<b>assert( Clause)</b>	% add – assert <b>Clause</b> to the DB
<b>asserta( Clause)</b>	% assert <b>Clause</b> at the beginning
<b>assertz( Clause)</b>	% assert <b>Clause</b> at the end
 <b>retract( Clause)</b>	 %remove <b>Clause</b> from the DB

Example: robot world (see Lecture1)

% move( X, Y, Z): move block X from Y to Z	
move( X, Y, Z) :-	%move X from Y to Z
retract( on(X,Y)), !,	% X is no longer on Y
assertz( on(X,Z)).	% now X is on Z

# Množice Rešitev - findall, bagof in setof



## **findall( Object, Condition, List)**

List = list of Object objects that satisfy the Condition

## **bagof( Object, Condition, List)**

% produce a List of all Objects that satisfy Condition

## **setof( Object, Condition, List)**

% produce a sorted List of all Objects that satisfy Condition

Example: robot world (see Lecture1)

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?- findall( B, on(B,_), L).
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% L is a List of all blocks

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L = [a,b,c,d,e]
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?- setof( Z:B, B2^( on(B,B2), z(B,Z)), L). % Block are ordered on Z coord
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L = [ 0:c, 0:d, 0:e, 1:b, 2:c]
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# Procedure findall, bagof in setof



## Examples:

child(joze, ana).    child(miha, ana).  
child(lili, ana).    child(lili, andrej).

?- findall(X, child(X, ana), S).  
S = [joze, miha, lili]

?- setof(X, child(X, ana), S).  
S = [joze, lili, miha]

?- findall(X, child(X, Y), S).  
S = [joze, miha, lili, lili]

?- bagof(X, child(X, Y), S).  
S = [joze, miha, lili]  
Y = ana;



## Input, output

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?- consult(File).

?- see(File).                   % File becomes the current input stream

?- see(user).                   % user input

?- seen.                       % close the current input stream

?- seeing(X).                  % binds X to the current input file

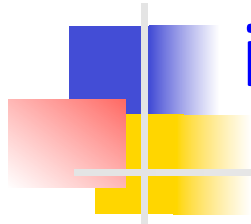
?- tell(File).                 % File becomes the current output stream

?- tell(user).                 % user output

?- told.                       % close the current output stream

?- telling(X).                 % binds X to the current output file

# Working with input, output and files



?- open/4. %

?- close(Datoteka). %

?- get0(C). %.

?- get(C). %

?- put(C). % write C on the output.

?- read(I). % input to I

?- write(I). % output I .



## Example

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write_char(Dat) :-  
    see(Dat),  
    get0(Char),  
    put(Char),  
    see(user).
```

```
input_char(Dat) :-  
    get0(Char),  
    tell(Dat),  
    put(Char),  
    tell(user).
```



## Example

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```
process(Dat) :-  
    seeing(OldStream),  
    see(Dat),  
    repeat,                % Repeat procedure !  
    read(T),  
    process(T),  
    T == end_of_file, !,    %  
    seen,  
    see(OldStream).
```





# SWI Prolog Manual - links

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## SWI Prolog Manual

- ◆ 4.17 Input and output

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=IO>

- ◆ 4 Built-in Predicates

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=builtin>

- ◆ 4.39 Debugging and Tracing Programs

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=debugger>