

LING/C SC/PSYC 438/538

Lecture 22

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Today's Topics

- 538 Presentations
- Homework 11 Review
- So far for regular languages:
 - FSA: **yes**; regex: **yes** ; regular grammars: **no**
- Today:
 - a quick introduction to our programming language: Prolog
 - we'll be using this to explore regular grammars (*and beyond*)
- Homework 12:
 - install SWI-Prolog for next time

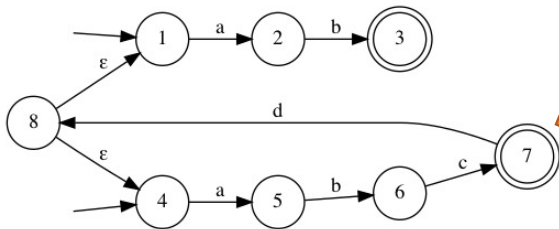
538 Presentations

- Do NOT pick an entire chapter!
 - Maybe pick one or two sub-sections (*depending on size of topic*).
- Remember you have 7 mins!
- Chapters available:
 - 3 N-gram Language Models
 - 6 Vector Semantics and Embeddings
 - 8 Sequence Labeling for Parts of Speech and Named Entities
 - 12 Constituency Grammars
 - 13 Constituency Parsing
 - 14 Dependency Parsing (*do not choose material we have covered in class*)
 - 15 Logical Representations of Sentence Meaning
 - 17 Information Extraction
 - 18 Word Senses and WordNet
 - 19 Semantic Role Labeling
 - 20 Lexicons for Sentiment, Affect, and Connotation
 - 21 Coreference Resolution
 - 22 Discourse Coherence
 - 23 Question Answering
 - 24 Chatbots & Dialogue Systems

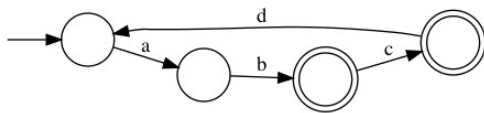
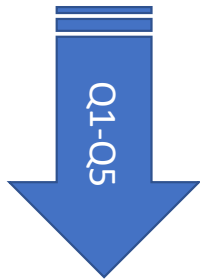
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 - Choose your top 3 topics from draft jm3.pdf.
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 - Subject: 538 Presentation *YOUR NAME*
 - When approved, make slides PPTX/PDF suitable for 7 mins
 - Then send me your slides

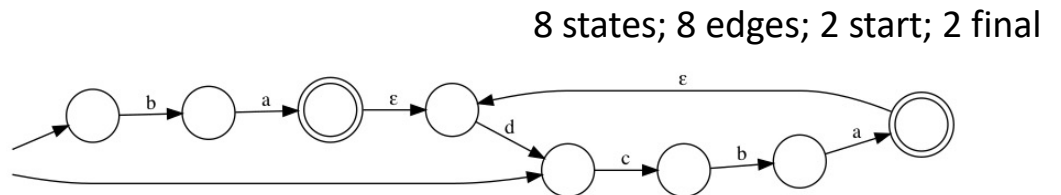
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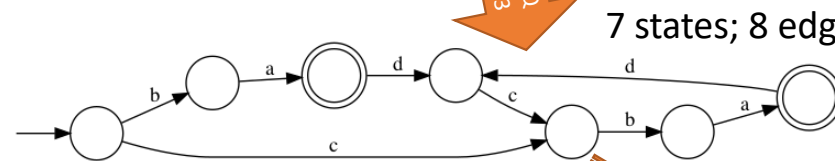
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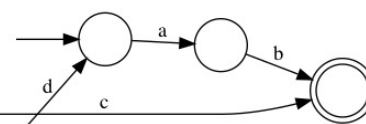
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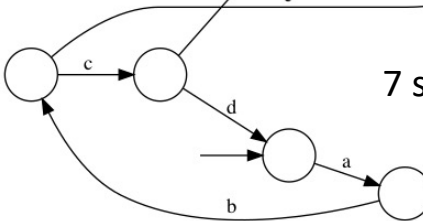
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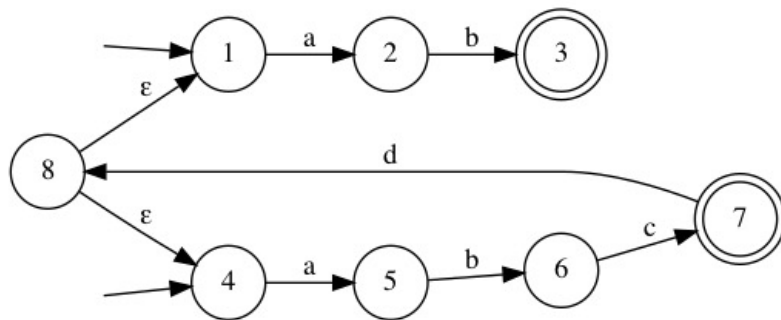
7 states; 8 edges; 1 start; 2 final



7 states; 7 edges; 2 start; 1 final

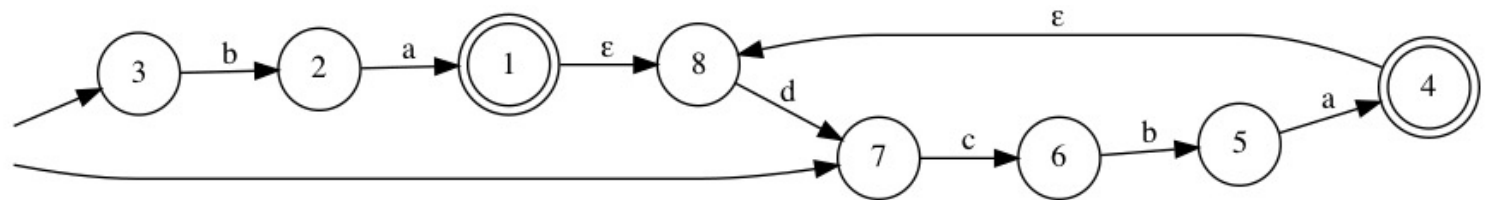


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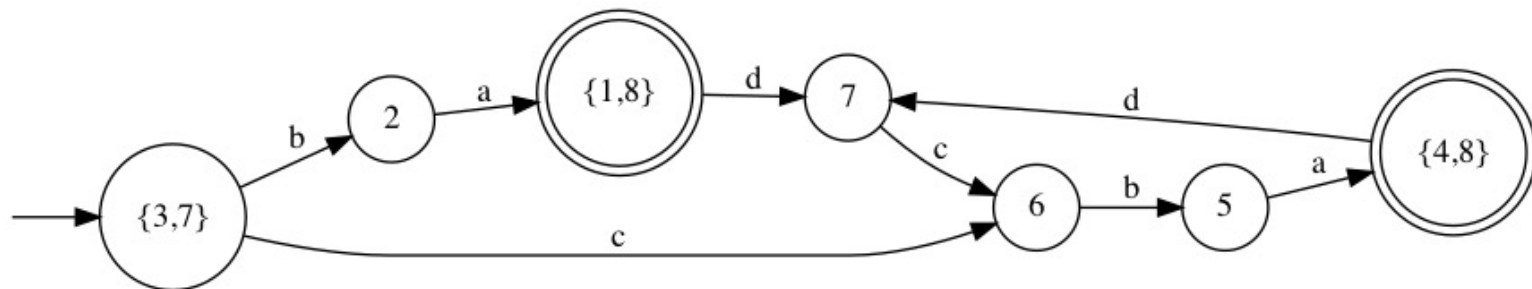
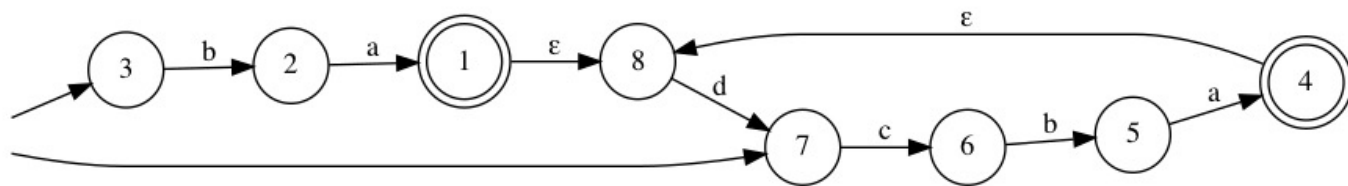
Q2: Reverse the machine:

- End states: 3, 7 \Rightarrow Start states: 3, 7
- Start states: 1, 4 \Rightarrow End states: 1, 4

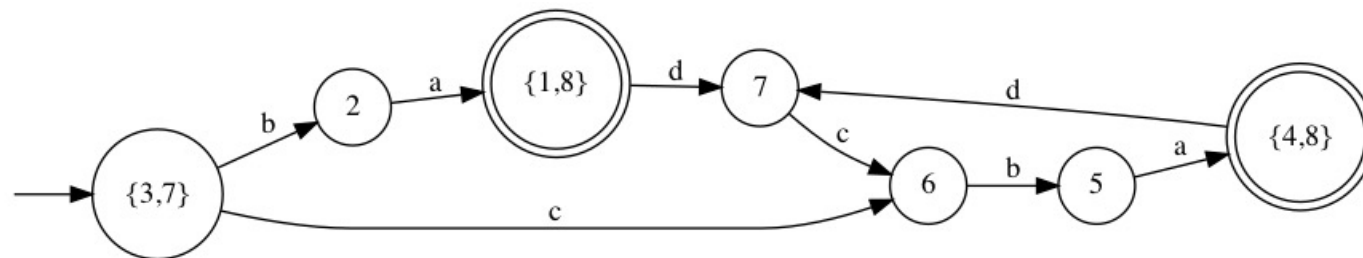


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- Q3: Determinize the machine

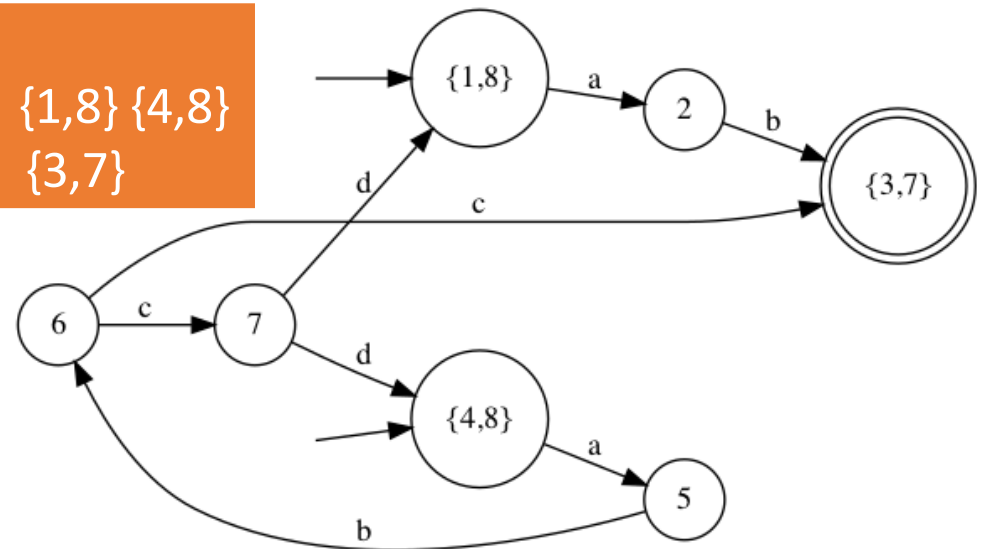


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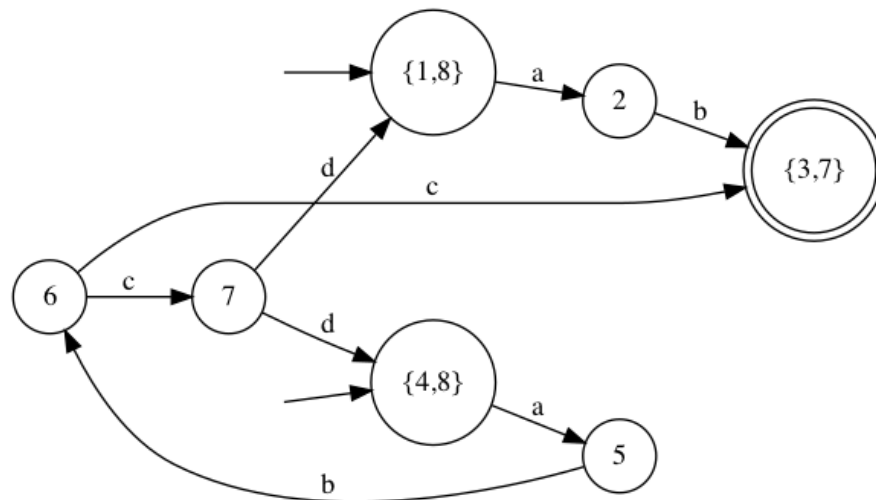


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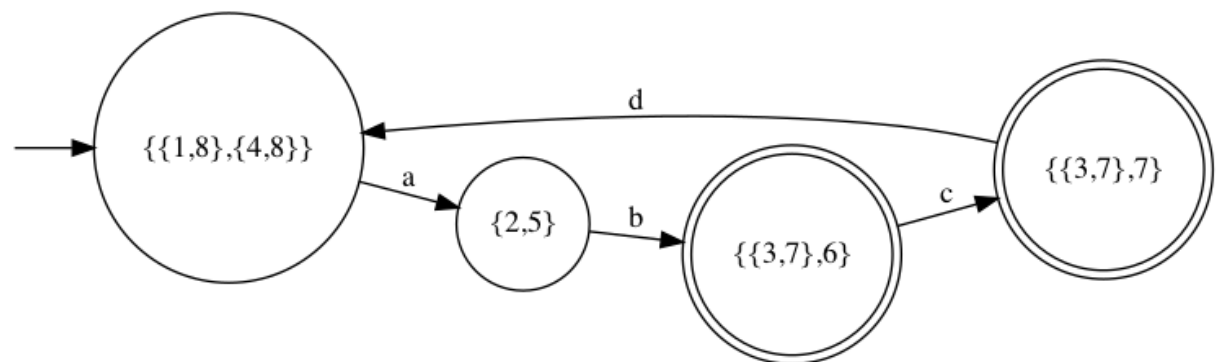
- End states: $\{1,8\}$ $\{4,8\}$ \Rightarrow Start states: $\{1,8\}$ $\{4,8\}$
- Start states: $\{3,7\}$ \Rightarrow End states: $\{3,7\}$



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- Q5: Determinize the machine

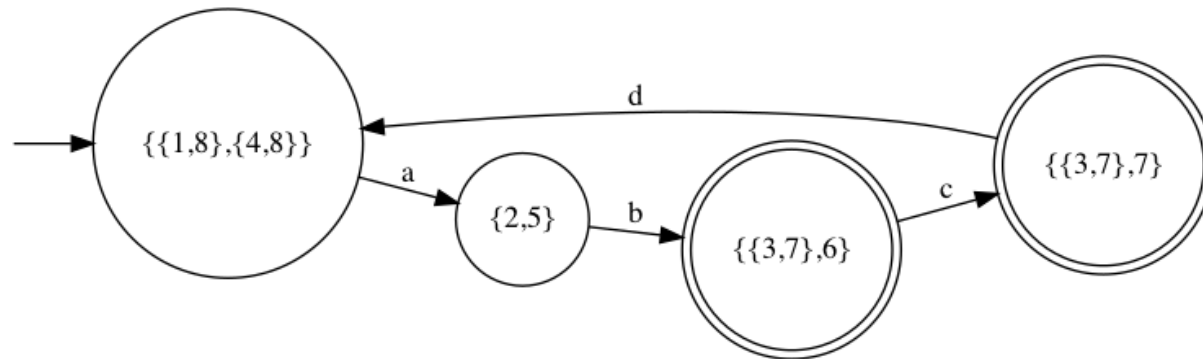


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- Do you think you could build a machine for $L (= L^{RR})$ with fewer states?

NOPE

- Brzozowski, J.A. Canonical regular expressions and minimal state graphs for finite events. In *Proc. Sympos. Math. Theory of Automata (New York, 1962)*, pages 529–561. Polytechnic Press of Polytechnic Inst. of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1963.
- Basically, the set of states construction can be used to optimize the number of states

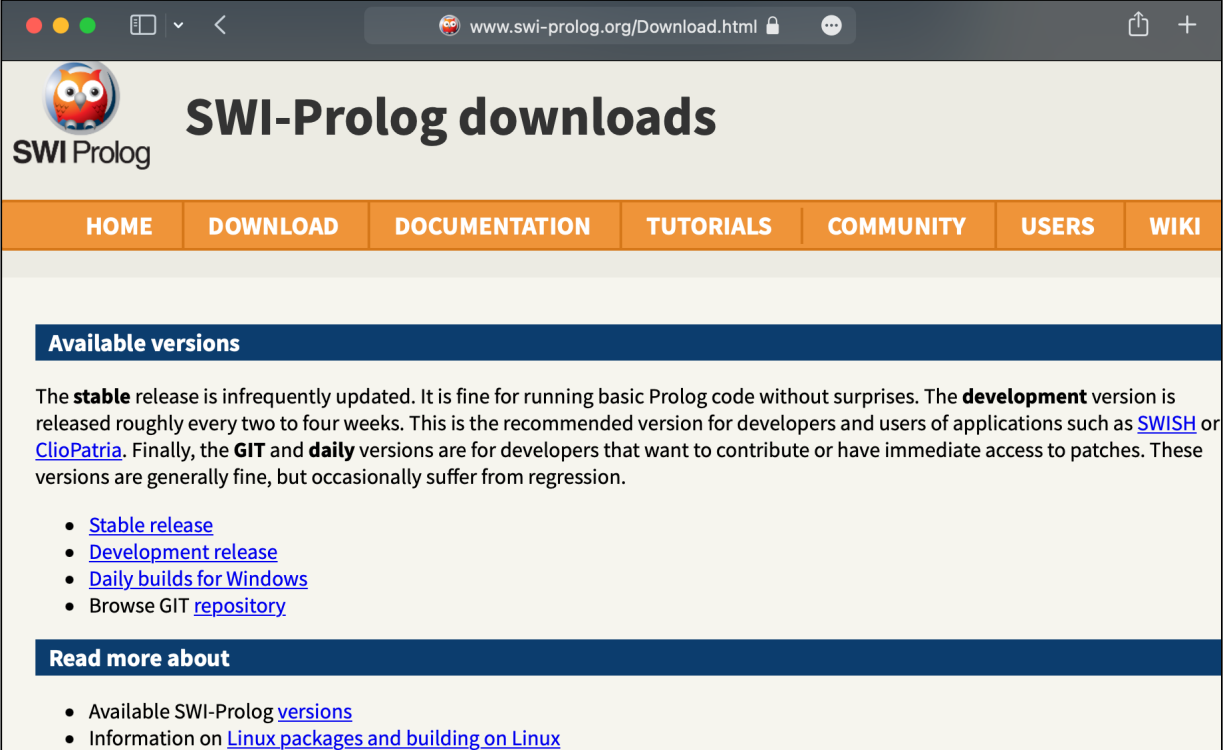


Homework 12

Install SWI-Prolog
www.swi-prolog.org

e.g.

Windows 10
installer



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.swi-prolog.org/Download.html. The page features the SWI-Prolog logo (an owl) and the title "SWI-Prolog downloads". A navigation bar contains links for HOME, DOWNLOAD, DOCUMENTATION, TUTORIALS, COMMUNITY, USERS, and WIKI. The main content area is titled "Available versions" and contains a paragraph explaining the different release types: **stable** (infrequently updated), **development** (released every two to four weeks), **GIT**, and **daily** (for developers). Below the text is a bulleted list of links: "Stable release", "Development release", "Daily builds for Windows", and "Browse GIT repository". At the bottom, a section titled "Read more about" contains links for "Available SWI-Prolog versions" and "Information on Linux packages and building on Linux".

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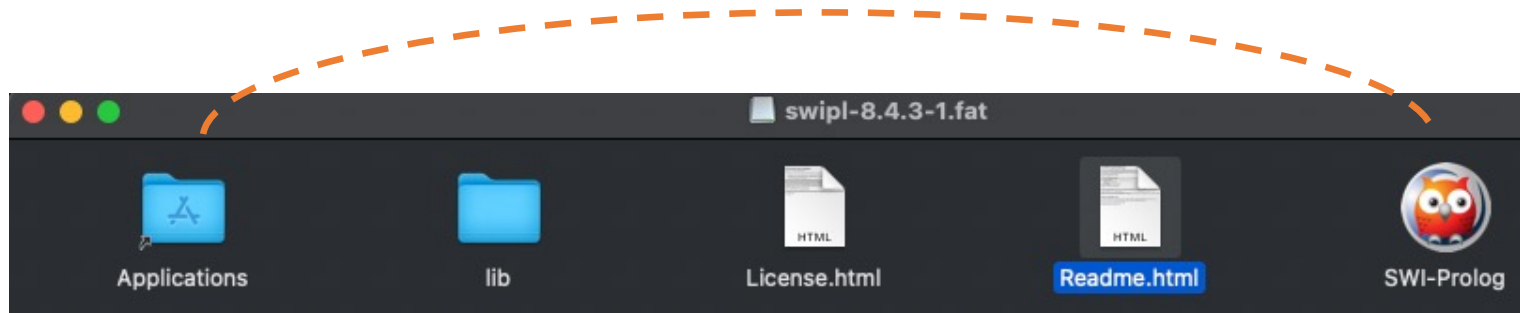
The **stable** release is infrequently updated. It is fine for running basic Prolog code without surprises. The **development** version is released roughly every two to four weeks. This is the recommended version for developers and users of applications such as [SWISH](#) or [ClioPatria](#). Finally, the **GIT** and **daily** versions are for developers that want to contribute or have immediate access to patches. These versions are generally fine, but occasionally suffer from regression.

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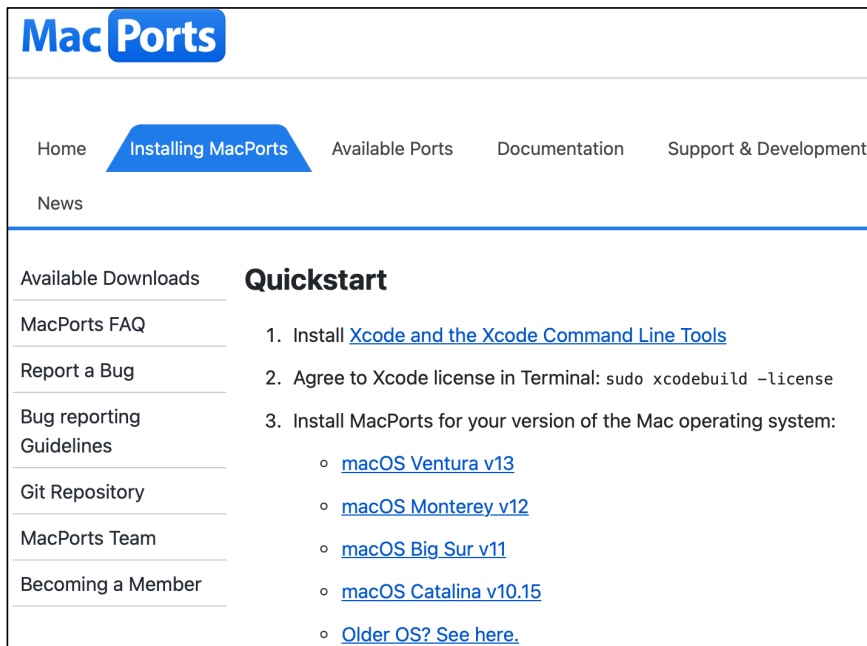
Using the commandline tools

The traditional command line tools are included in the app. To access them from the Terminal application, add the directory

- `/Applications/SWI-Prolog.app/Contents/MacOS`
to `$PATH`

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An alternative to the OSX application:



The screenshot shows the MacPorts website. At the top is the 'Mac Ports' logo. Below it is a navigation bar with links: Home, Installing MacPorts (highlighted), Available Ports, Documentation, and Support & Development. A 'News' link is also present. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Available Downloads', contains links for MacPorts FAQ, Report a Bug, Bug reporting Guidelines, Git Repository, MacPorts Team, and Becoming a Member. The right column, titled 'Quickstart', contains a numbered list of instructions for installing MacPorts, including links for different macOS versions (Ventura v13, Monterey v12, Big Sur v11, Catalina v10.15) and a link for older OS versions.

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Becoming a Member

1. Install [Xcode and the Xcode Command Line Tools](#)
2. Agree to Xcode license in Terminal: `sudo xcodebuild -license`
3. Install MacPorts for your version of the Mac operating system:
 - [macOS Ventura v13](#)
 - [macOS Monterey v12](#)
 - [macOS Big Sur v11](#)
 - [macOS Catalina v10.15](#)
 - [Older OS? See here.](#)

<https://www.macports.org/install.php>

```
port install swi-prolog
```

Yet another one is Homebrew



<https://brew.sh>

```
brew install swi-prolog
```

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Stable versions

```
% sudo apt-add-repository ppa:swi-prolog/stable  
% sudo apt-get update  
% sudo apt-get install swi-prolog
```

Development versions

```
% sudo apt-add-repository ppa:swi-prolog/devel  
% sudo apt-get update  
% sudo apt-get install swi-prolog
```

Linux: Debian-based
e.g. Ubuntu

SWI-Prolog

- **Good for:**

1. formal logic
2. directly handling **non-determinism** (through backtracking)
3. phrase structure grammars (PSG)
4. **partially instantiated** data structures (lists, terms)

- **Not good for:**

- regex (*there is a library though*)
- math (linear algebra: arrays etc.)
- looping

SWI-Prolog Regular Expression library

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Abstract

The library `library(pcre)` provides access to Perl Compatible Regular Expressions.

Table of Contents

- [1. Motivation](#)
- [2. library\(pcre\): Perl compatible regular expression matching for SWI-Prolog](#)

SWI Prolog Cheatsheet

- **At the prompt ?-**

1. halt. ^{^D}
2. listing. listing(*name*).
3. [*filename*]. loads *filename.pl*
4. trace.
5. notrace.
6. debug.
7. nodebug.
8. spy(*name*).
9. pwd.
10. working_directory(_,Y).
switch directories to Y

- **Anytime**

- ^C (then a(bort) or h(elp) for other options)

Notation:

\+ negation
, conjunction
; disjunction
:- if

Facts:

sing(man).

predicate(*Args*).

Rules:

p(*Args*) :- q(*Args*)

sing(X) :- human(X).
sing(X) :- bird(X).

Data structures:

list: [a, .. b]

empty list: []

[the, man, sings]

head/tail: [*head*|*List*]

Atom:

name, number

man, 12

Term:

functor(arguments)

arguments: comma-separated terms/atoms

s(np(dt(the),nn(man)),vp(vbz(sings)))

Example: as a logic programming language

```
*scratch* 1 test.pl 2
1 bird(tweety).
2 bird(penguin).
3
4 cantfly(penguin).
5
6 canfly(X) :- bird(X).
```

Learn Prolog Now!

P. Blackburn, J. Bos & K. Striegnitz
free online version

<http://www.learnprolognow.org>

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by Patrick Blackburn,

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Thanks!

Learn Prolog Now! is an introductory course to programming in Prolog. The online version has been available since 2001, and now there is also a thoroughly revised version available in book form.

We wanted to do two things with this course. First, we wanted to provide a text that would permit someone with little or no knowledge of computing to pick up the basics. We also wanted the text to be clear enough to make it useful for self study. We believe associated exercises, you will gain a useful partial entry to the world of Prolog.

But only a partial entry, and this brings us to our second point. We want to emphasize Prolog is something you do. You can't learn a programming language simply by reading the most out of this course, we strongly advise you to get hold of a Prolog interpreter on this website) and work through all the Practical Sessions that we provide. As you provide. The more you program, the better you'll get...

We hope you enjoy the course. And whether you're using this book to teach yourself or teaching others, we would like to hear from you. Please send us any comments to take them into account in later versions.

```
?- listing(canfly).
canfly(A) :-
    bird(A).

true.

?- canfly(X).
X = tweety ;
X = penguin.

?- [test].
true.

?- canfly(X), \+ cantfly(X).
X = tweety ;
false.

?- listing(cantfly).
cantfly(penguin).

true.
```

Notation:

\+ negation
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; disjunction
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Facts:

predicate(Args).

Rules:

p(Args) :- q(Args) , ... , r(Args).

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empty list: []

head/tail: [h | List]

Atom:

name, number

Term:

functor(arguments)

arguments:

comma-separated terms/atoms

Prolog Recursion

- **Example** (factorial):
 - $0! = 1$
 - $n! = n * (n-1)!$ for $n > 0$
- In Prolog:
 - `factorial(0,1).`
 - `factorial(N,NF) :- M is N-1, factorial(M,MF), NF is N * MF.`
- Prolog arithmetic built-in `is/2`:
 - `X is <math expr>`
 - compute *expr* and assign value to variable `X`
- Run
 - `?- factorial(5,X).`

(hit ; for more answers)

Prolog Recursion

- In Prolog:
 - `factorial(0,1).`
 - `factorial(N,NF) :- M is N-1, factorial(M,MF), NF is N * MF.`
- Problem: *infinite loop when you press ;* for more answers

```
[?- factorial(10,X).  
X = 3628800 ;  
ERROR: Stack limit (1.0Gb) exceeded  
ERROR:   Stack sizes: local: 1.0Gb, global: 0.2Mb, trail: 1Kb  
ERROR:   Stack depth: 11,178,615, last-call: 0%, Choice points: 3  
ERROR:   In:  
ERROR:     [11,178,615] user:factorial(-11178595, _59108)  
ERROR:     [11,178,614] user:factorial(-11178594, _59128)  
ERROR:     [11,178,613] user:factorial(-11178593, _59148)  
ERROR:     [11,178,612] user:factorial(-11178592, _59168)  
ERROR:     [11,178,611] user:factorial(-11178591, _59188)  
ERROR:  
ERROR: Use the --stack_limit=size[KMG] command line option or  
ERROR: ?- set_prolog_flag(stack_limit, 2_147_483_648). to double the limit.  
?-
```

Prolog Recursion

- In Prolog:
 - `factorial(0,1).`
 - `factorial(N,NF) :- M is N-1, factorial(M,MF), NF is N * MF.`
- Fix: 2nd case only applies to numbers > 0
 - `factorial(N,NF) :- N>0, M is N-1, factorial(M,MF), NF is N * MF.`

```
[?- [factorial2].
Warning: /Users/sandiway/courses/538/ling538-20/factorial2.prolog:2:
Warning:   Redefined static procedure factorial/2
Warning:   Previously defined at /Users/sandiway/courses/538/ling538-20/factori
al.prolog:2
true.

[?- factorial(10,X).
X = 3628800 ;
false.

?-
```

Prolog Recursion

- Formal language example:
 - Suppose alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, enumerate Σ^*

```
1%% Alphabet: {a, b}
2sigma(a).
3sigma(b).
4
5%%  $\Sigma^*$ 
6sigmastar([]).
7sigmastar([X|L]) :- sigmastar(L), sigma(X).
```

Run (hit ; for more answers)

?- sigmastar(L).

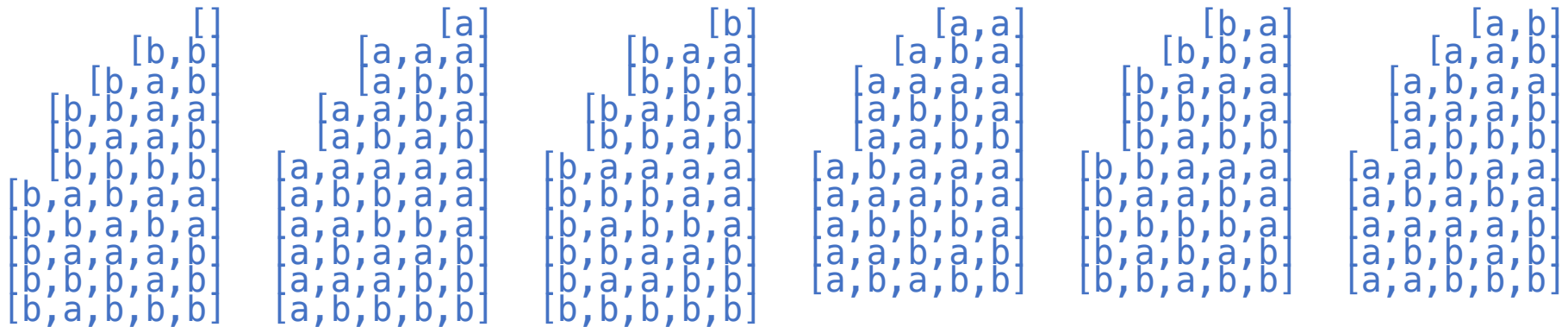
backtracking

```
L = [] ;
L = [a] ;
L = [b] ;
L = [a, a] ;
L = [b, a] ;
L = [a, b] ;
L = [b, b] ;
L = [a, a, a] ;
L = [b, a, a] ;
L = [a, b, a] ;
L = [b, b, a] ;
L = [a, a, b] ;
L = [b, a, b] ;
L = [a, b, b] ;
L = [b, b, b] ;
...
```

Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

width: 6 x 13 = 78

```
?- sigmastar(X), length(X,N), (N>5 -> ! ; format('~|~t~p~13+', [X])), fail).
```



```
X = [a, a, a, a, a, a],
N = 6.
```

If-Then-Else: (*Condition* -> *Then* ; *Else*)

! (cut: cut off previous choice points),

fail (cause backtracking)

Formatted output: <https://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?predicate=format/2>

Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

```
?- findall(X, (sigmastar(X), length(X,N), (N>5 -> !, fail ; true)), List).  
List = [[], [a], [b], [a, a], [b, a], [a, b], [b, b], [a|...],  
[...|...]|...].
```

- abbreviated output (...), change it with:

```
?- set_prolog_flag(answer_write_options, [max_depth(0)]).  
true.
```

Explanation:

- `findall(Variable, Goal, List)` – accumulate solutions for `Variable` in `Goal` into a `List`.
- `true : nop` (No operation) – does nothing.

Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

```
?- set_prolog_flag(answer_write_options,[max_depth(0)]).  
true.
```

- A list of solutions:

```
?- findall(X, (sigmastar(X), length(X,N), (N>5 -> !, fail ; true)), List).
```

```
List = [[], [a], [b], [a,a], [b,a], [a,b], [b,b], [a,a,a], [b,a,a], [a,b,a], [b,b,a], [a,a,b],  
[b,a,b], [a,b,b], [b,b,b], [a,a,a,a], [b,a,a,a], [a,b,a,a], [b,b,a,a], [a,a,b,a], [b,a,b,a],  
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[a,b,a,b,b], [b,b,a,b,b], [a,a,b,b,b], [b,a,b,b,b], [a,b,b,b,b], [b,b,b,b,b]].
```


Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

```
?- findall(X, (sigmastar(X), length(X,N), (N>5 -> !, fail ; true)), List), length(List, M).  
List = [[], [a], [b], [a,a], [b,a], [a,b], [b,b], [a,a,a], [b,a,a], [a,b,a], [b,b,a], [a,a,b],  
[b,a,b], [a,b,b], [b,b,b], [a,a,a,a], [b,a,a,a], [a,b,a,a], [b,b,a,a], [a,a,b,a], [b,a,b,a],  
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M = 63.
```

Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

```
?- set_prolog_flag(answer_write_options, [max_depth(10)]).  
true.
```

```
?- findall(X, (sigmastar(X), length(X,N), (N>5 -> !; true)),  
List), length(List, M).
```

```
List =  
[[], [a], [b], [a,a], [b,a], [a,b], [b,b], [a|...], [...|...]|...],  
M = 63.
```

Prolog Recursion and Non-determinism

Is 63 the right answer?

- $L = \{s \mid s \in \Sigma^*, |s| \leq 5, \Sigma = \{a, b\}\}$
- length 0: [] (1)
- length 1: choice of either a or b (2)
- length 2: (4)
- length 3: (8)
- length 4: (16)
- length 5: (32)
- $32 + (16 + 8 + 4 + 2) + 1 = 63$

$$2^{n+1} - 1$$