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WEEK 7

## UNIFICATION IN FIRST ORDER LOGIC

### ALGORITHM-

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unify (expr1, expr2):

If predicates of expr1 and expr2 are not the same:

Return "Unification failed: Predicates do not match"

If the number of arguments in expr1 and expr2 differ:

Return "Unification failed: Different number of arguments"

Initialize an empty list for substitutions.

For each pair of arguments (arg1, arg2):

If  $arg1 == arg2$ :

Continue (no substitution needed).

Else If arg1 is a variable:

Add substitution  $arg1 \leftarrow arg2$ .

Else If arg2 is a variable:

Add substitution  $arg2 \leftarrow arg1$ .

Else:

Return "Unification failed. Argument mismatch."  
Return the list of substitutions.

## CODE-

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def unify(expr1, expr2):
    substitutions = []
    if expr1[0] != expr2[0]:
        return "Unification failed: Predicates do not match."
    args1 = expr1[1:]
    args2 = expr2[1:]

    if len(args1) != len(args2):
        return "Unification failed: Different number of arguments."

    for i, (arg1, arg2) in enumerate(zip(args1, args2)):
        if arg1 == arg2:
            pass
        elif isinstance(arg1, str) and arg1.islower(): # arg1 is a variable
            substitutions.append(f"{arg1} <- {arg2}")
        elif isinstance(arg2, str) and arg2.islower(): # arg2 is a variable
            substitutions.append(f"{arg2} <- {arg1}")
        else:
            return f"Unification failed: Argument mismatch at position {i + 1}."

    return substitutions or "No substitutions needed."

expr1_1 = ("P", "x", "a", "b")
expr1_2 = ("P", "y", "z", "b")
expr2_1 = ("P", "x", "f(Y)")
expr2_2 = ("P", "Z", "f(a)")
print("Problem 1:")
result1 = unify(expr1_1, expr1_2)
print(result1)
print("\nProblem 2:")
result2 = unify(expr2_1, expr2_2)
print(result2)
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## OUTPUT-

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Problem 1:

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['x <- y', 'a <- z']
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Problem 2:

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['x <- Z', 'f(a) <- f(Y)']
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