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# Prolog

## Introduction

Mestrado Integrado em Engenharia Informática  
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Inteligência Artificial



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## Summary

- Introduction to Prolog;
- Facts, Rules and Queries;
- Prolog Syntax.



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## Prolog

- "Programming with Logic";
- Different from other programming languages;
- Declarative;
- Recursion;
- Relations;
- Unification.

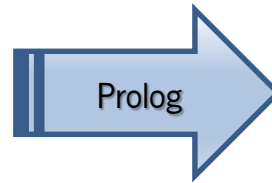


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## Prolog

- Describe the problem in hands;
- Ask a Question.



- Logically deduces new facts about the problem in hands;
- Returns its deductions as answers.



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## Prolog

- Think declaratively, not procedurally;
- Challenging;
- Requires a different approach;
- High-level language;
- Relatively low efficiency ;
- Rapid prototyping;
- Useful in many AI applications (knowledge representation, inference).



- Programming in Prolog is :
  - Providing axioms that indicate some facts about the world;
  - Providing rules that allow to infer other facts about the world.

What should be computed rather than how it should be computed...



- Facts, rules and queries are built out off Prolog terms;
- A term is either:
  - A constant, which can be either an atom or a number;
  - A variable;
  - A complex term.



- A sequence of characters of upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with a lowercase letter:
  - Examples: `filho`, `somaNumeros`, `jogar...`
- An arbitrary sequence of characters enclosed in single quotes
  - Examples: `'Miguel'`, `'Abraço'`, `'@$%'`
- A sequence of special characters
  - Examples: `:`, `,`, `;`, `.`, `:-`





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## Numbers

- Integers:

- 12, -34, 22342

- Floats:

- 3473.32, 0.4567



- A sequence of characters of upper- case letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with either an uppercase letter or an underscore.
- **Examples:**
  - X, Y, Variable, Ana, \_tag.
  - underscore ( \_ ) represents an unknown variable.



- Atoms, numbers and variables are building blocks for complex terms;
- Complex terms are built out of a functor directly followed by a sequence of arguments:
  - Arguments are put in round brackets, separated by commas;
  - The functor must be an atom.



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## Complex terms

- Examples:
  - `toca_piano(joana).`
  - `gosta(mario, ana).`
  - `inveja(miguel, mario).`
- Complex terms inside complex terms:
  - `relacao(X,pai(pai(pai(rui))))`



- The number of arguments a complex term has is called its arity
- **Examples:**
  - `mulher(sara)` is a term with arity 1;
  - `gosta(vicente,sara)` arity 2;
  - `pai(pai(rui))` arity 1.



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**Arity is important**

- Predicates with the same functor but with different arity are not the same!
- Arity of predicate usually indicated with the suffix "/" followed by a number to indicate the arity:
  - Example: filho/2



## Example of Arity

feliz(ana).  
ouvemusica(carlos).  
ouvemusica(ana):- feliz(ana).  
tocapiano(ana):- ouvemusica(ana).  
tocapiano(joana):- ouvemusica(joana).

- This knowledge base defines:
  - feliz/1
  - ouvemusica/1
  - tocapiano/1



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## Knowledge Base example 1

mulher(ana).  
mulher(joana).  
tocaGuitarra(joana).  
festa.

?- mulher(ana).  
yes  
?- tocaGuitarra(joana).  
yes  
?- tocaGuitarra(ana).  
false





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mulher(ana).  
mulher(joana).  
mulher(paula).  
tocaguitarra(joana).  
festa.

?- tatuada(joana).

! Existence error in user: tatuada/1

?-

?-concertoRock.

(answer?)

## Knowledge Base example 1



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## Knowledge Base example 2

feliz(paula).  
ouveMusica(ana).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(ana):- ouveMusica(ana).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).



## Knowledge Base example 2

feliz(paula).

fact

ouveMusica(ana).

fact

ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).

tocaGuitarra(ana):- ouveMusica(ana).

tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).

rule

rule

rule



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## Knowledge Base Example 2

```
feliz(paula).  
ouveMusica(ana).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(ana):- ouveMusica(ana).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).
```

Diagram illustrating the knowledge base structure with two categories:

- head**: feliz(paula).
- body**: ouveMusica(ana).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(ana):- ouveMusica(ana).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).



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## Knowledge Base example 2

feliz(paula).  
ouveMusica(marco).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(marco):- ouveMusica(marco).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).

?- tocaGuitarra(marco).  
yes  
?- tocaGuitarra(paula).  
yes



feliz(paula).  
ouveMusica(marco).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(marco):- ouveMusica(marco).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).

*There are five clauses in this knowledge base: two facts, and three rules.*

*The end of a clause is marked with a full stop.*



feliz(paula).  
ouveMusica(marco).  
ouveMusica(paula):- feliz(paula).  
tocaGuitarra(marco):- ouveMusica(marco).  
tocaGuitarra(paula):- ouveMusica(paula).

There are three predicates in this knowledge base:

feliz, ouveMusica, and tocaGuitarra



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## Expressing Conjunction

`feliz(bruno).`

`ouveMusica(miguel).`

`tocaGuitarra(bruno):- ouveMusica(bruno), feliz(bruno).`

`tocaGuitarra(miguel):- feliz(miguel).`

`tocaGuitarra(miguel):- ouveMusica(miguel).`

The comma “,” expresses conjunction in Prolog





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## Knowledge Base example 3

feliz(bruno).  
ouveMusica(miguel).  
tocaGuitarra(bruno):- ouveMusica(bruno), feliz(bruno).  
tocaGuitarra(miguel):- feliz(miguel).  
tocaGuitarra(miguel):- ouveMusica(miguel).

?- tocaGuitarra(bruno).

no

?-



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## Knowledge Base example 3

feliz(bruno).

ouveMusica(miguel).

tocaGuitarra(bruno):- ouveMusica(bruno), feliz(bruno).

tocaGuitarra(miguel):- feliz(miguel).

tocaGuitarra(miguel):- ouveMusica(miguel).

?- tocaGuitarra(miguel).

yes

?-



**feliz(bruno).**

**ouveMusica(miguel).**

**tocaguitarra(bruno):- ouveMusica(bruno), feliz(bruno).**

**tocaGuitarra(miguel):- feliz(miguel).**

**tocaGuitarra(miguel):- ouveMusica(miguel).**

**feliz(bruno). ouveMusica(miguel).**

**tocaGuitarra(bruno):- ouveMusica(bruno), feliz(bruno).**

**tocaGuitarra(miguel):- feliz(miguel); ouveMusica(miguel).**



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## Knowledge Base example 4

mulher(ana).  
mulher(berta).  
mulher(paula).

gosta(mario, ana).  
gosta(miguel, ana).  
gosta(pedro, helena).  
gosta(helena, pedro).



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## Knowledge Base example 4

mulher(ana).  
mulher(berta).  
mulher(paula).

gosta(mario, ana).  
gosta(miguel, ana).  
gosta(pedro, helena).  
gosta(helena, pedro).

```
?- mulher(X).  
X=ana;  
X=berta;  
X=paula;  
no
```



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## Knowledge Base example 4

mulher(ana).  
mulher(berta).  
mulher(paula).

gosta(mario, ana).  
gosta(miguel, ana).  
gosta(pedro, helena).  
gosta(helena, pedro).

?- gosta(mario,X), mulher(X).

X=ana

yes

?-



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## Knowledge Base example 4

mulher(ana).  
mulher(berta).  
mulher(paula).

gosta(mario, ana).  
gosta(miguel, ana).  
gosta(pedro, helena).  
gosta(helena, pedro).

?- gosta(pedro,X), mulher(X)

No

?-



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## Knowledge Base example 5

`gosta(miguel,ana).`

`gosta(bruno,ana).`

`gosta(pedro, helena).`

`gosta(helena, pedro).`

`ciume(X,Y):- gosta(X,Z), gosta(Y,Z).`





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## Knowledge Base example 5

`gosta(miguel,ana).`

`gosta(bruno,ana).`

`gosta(pedro, helen).`

`gosta(helen, pedro).`

`ciume(X,Y):- gosta(X,Z), gosta(Y,Z).`

`?- ciume(bruno,W).`

`W=miguel`

`?-`



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## Some Prolog Implementations

**SWI-Prolog** - A Free Software Prolog environment, licensed under the Lesser GNU public license. This popular interpreter was developed by Jan Wielemaker. This is the interpreter we used while developing this book.

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/>

**SICStus Prolog** - Industrial strength Prolog environment from the Swedish Institute of Computer Science. <http://www.sics.se/sicstus/>

**GNU Prolog** - Another more widely used free Prolog compiler developed by Daniel Diaz. <http://www.gprolog.org>

**YAP Prolog** - A Prolog compiler developed at the Universidade do Porto and Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Free for use in academic environments.

<http://www.ncc.up.pt/~vsc/Yap/>

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