

CER4C3

Abstraction and Paradigms of Programming

Bachelor of Engineering

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List Membership

To check whether an object X is a member of the list L .

`list_member(X,L).`

X is an element in the list

L is a list of elements

The query :

?-`list_member(X,L)` will hold true if the element X occurs in the list L .

For example – `list_member(b,[a,b,c]).` – True

`list_member(p,[a,b,c]).` – False

List Membership

The program for list membership relation can be based on the following facts –

X is a member of the list L if –

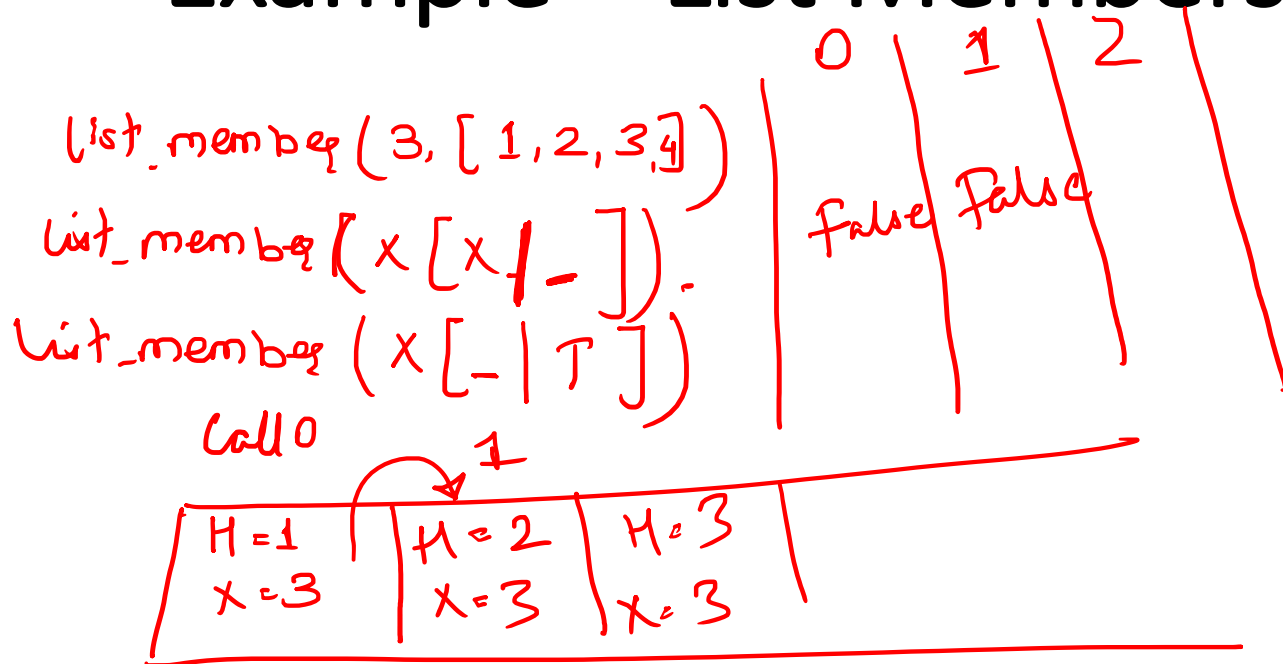
Either element X is present in the head part of the list or,

The element X is present in the tail part of the list.

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

`list_member(X,[_|T]) :-list_member(X,T).`

Example – List Membership



Dividing the list in head, tail
 $[1 | [2, 3, 4]]$
 the tail is stored as a separate list

Recursion start

Tail at 1 $[2, 3, 4]$
 Tail at 2 $[3, 4]$

Tail is stored as a list
 invoking the second statement,
 invokes the entire procedure

True

List Length Calculation

`list_length(List,N).`

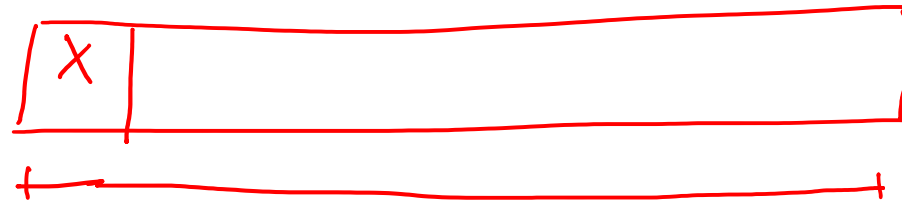
It will be useful considering two cases –

- If the list is empty then, the length of the list will be zero.
- If the list is represented in the head tail notation. As `list[X|Y]`
- Then the length of the list will be `tail+1`.

`list_length([],0).`

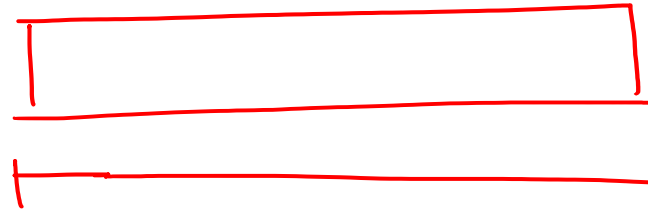
`list_length([_|TAIL],N) :- list_length(TAIL,N1),
N is N1 +1.`

List Concatenation

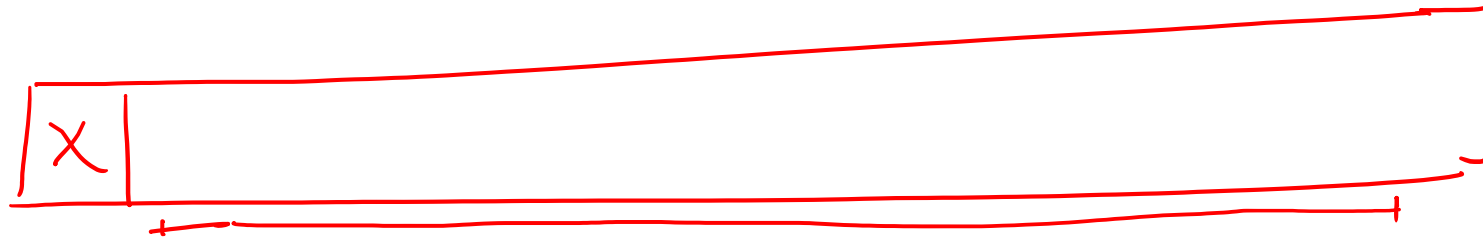


List L1

Head = X



List L2



List L3

L3 = concatenation of L1 and L2.

List Concatenation

Following can be the possible scenarios-

If we concatenate a blank list [] with a list L of N elements then, the concatenated will be the same list L with N elements.

`concat([],L,L).`

`concat([X1 | L1],L2,[X1 | X3]) :-concat(L1,L2,L3).`

List Deletion

Deleting an item from the given list –

There can be following cases –

- Deleting an element from the list which is the only element then, after deletion we will be left with an empty list.
- If the item to be deleted is the head of the list then, the result after deletion will be the tail of the list.
- If X is in the tail then, it is deleted from there.

List Deletion

`del(Y,[Y],[]).`

`del(X,[X|List1],List1).`

`del(X,[Y|List1],[Y|List1]) :- del(X,List,List1).`