Week 7

FOL-implement unification in first order logic

Code:

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import re

def occurs_check(var, x):
    """Checks if var occurs in x (to prevent circular substitutions)."""
    if var == x:
        return True
    elif isinstance(x, list):  # If x is a compound expression (like a
function or predicate)
        return any(occurs_check(var, xi) for xi in x)
    return False


def unify_var(var, x, subst):
    """Handles unification of a variable with another term."""
    if var in subst:  # If var is already substituted
        return unify(subst[var], x, subst)
    elif isinstance(x, (list, tuple)) and tuple(x) in subst:  # Handle
compound expressions
        return unify(var, subst[tuple(x)], subst)
    elif occurs_check(var, x):  # Check for circular references
        return "FAILURE"
    else:
        # Add the substitution to the set (convert list to tuple for
hashability)
        subst[var] = tuple(x) if isinstance(x, list) else x
        return subst


def unify(x, y, subst=None):
    """
    Unifies two expressions x and y and returns the substitution set if
they can be unified.
    Returns 'FAILURE' if unification is not possible.
    """
    if subst is None:
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        subst = {}  # Initialize an empty substitution set

    # Step 1: Handle cases where x or y is a variable or constant
    if x == y:  # If x and y are identical
        return subst
    elif isinstance(x, str) and x.islower():  # If x is a variable
        return unify_var(x, y, subst)
    elif isinstance(y, str) and y.islower():  # If y is a variable
        return unify_var(y, x, subst)
    elif isinstance(x, list) and isinstance(y, list):  # If x and y are
compound expressions (lists)
        if len(x) != len(y):  # Step 3: Different number of arguments
            return "FAILURE"

        # Step 2: Check if the predicate symbols (the first element) match
        if x[0] != y[0]:  # If the predicates/functions are different
            return "FAILURE"

        # Step 5: Recursively unify each argument
        for xi, yi in zip(x[1:], y[1:]):  # Skip the predicate (first
element)
            subst = unify(xi, yi, subst)
            if subst == "FAILURE":
                return "FAILURE"
        return subst
    else:  # If x and y are different constants or non-unifiable structures
        return "FAILURE"


def unify_and_check(expr1, expr2):
    """
    Attempts to unify two expressions and returns a tuple:
    (is_unified: bool, substitutions: dict or None)
    """
    result = unify(expr1, expr2)
    if result == "FAILURE":
        return False, None
    return True, result
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def display_result(expr1, expr2, is_unified, subst):
    print("Expression 1:", expr1)
    print("Expression 2:", expr2)
    if not is_unified:
        print("Result: Unification Failed")
    else:
        print("Result: Unification Successful")
        print("Substitutions:", {k: list(v) if isinstance(v, tuple) else v
for k, v in subst.items()})


def parse_input(input_str):
    """Parses a string input into a structure that can be processed by the
unification algorithm."""
    # Remove spaces and handle parentheses
    input_str = input_str.replace(" ", "")

    # Handle compound terms (like p(x, f(y)) -> ['p', 'x', ['f', 'y']])
    def parse_term(term):
        # Handle the compound term
        if '(' in term:
            match = re.match(r'([a-zA-Z0-9_]+)(.*)', term)
            if match:
                predicate = match.group(1)
                arguments_str = match.group(2)
                arguments = [parse_term(arg.strip()) for arg in
arguments_str.split(',')]
                return [predicate] + arguments
        return term

    return parse_term(input_str)


# Main function to interact with the user
def main():
    while True:
        # Get the first and second terms from the user
        expr1_input = input("Enter the first expression (e.g., p(x, f(y))):
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        expr2_input = input("Enter the second expression (e.g., p(a,
f(z))): ")

        # Parse the input strings into the appropriate structures
        expr1 = parse_input(expr1_input)
        expr2 = parse_input(expr2_input)

        # Perform unification
        is_unified, result = unify_and_check(expr1, expr2)

        # Display the results
        display_result(expr1, expr2, is_unified, result)

        # Ask the user if they want to run another test
        another_test = input("Do you want to test another pair of
expressions? (yes/no): ").strip().lower()
        if another_test != 'yes':
            break


if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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Output:

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Enter the first expression (e.g., p(x, f(y))): p(b,x,f(g(z)))
Enter the second expression (e.g., p(a, f(z))): p(z,f(y),f(y))
Expression 1: ['p', '(b', 'x', ['f', '(g(z))']]
Expression 2: ['p', '(z', ['f', '(y)'], ['f', '(y))']]
Result: Unification Successful
Substitutions: {'(b': '(z', 'x': ['f', '(y)'], '(g(z))': '(y))'}
Do you want to test another pair of expressions? (yes/no): yes
Enter the first expression (e.g., p(x, f(y))): p(x,h(y))
Enter the second expression (e.g., p(a, f(z))): p(a,f(z))
Expression 1: ['p', '(x', ['h', '(y))']]
Expression 2: ['p', '(a', ['f', '(z))']]
Result: Unification Failed
Do you want to test another pair of expressions? (yes/no): yes
Enter the first expression (e.g., p(x, f(y))): p(f(a),g(y))
Enter the second expression (e.g., p(a, f(z))): p(x,x)
Expression 1: ['p', '(f(a)', ['g', '(y))']]
Expression 2: ['p', '(x', 'x)']
Result: Unification Successful
Substitutions: {'(f(a)': '(x', 'x)': ['g', '(y))']}
Do you want to test another pair of expressions? (yes/no): no
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Observation:

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FIRST ORDER LOGIC implement unification in first order logic

Algorithm:

Step-1: If ψ_1 or ψ_2 is a variable or constant then;
(a) If ψ_1 or ψ_2 are identical, then return NIL
(b) Else if ψ_1 is a variable,
a. then if ψ_1 occurs in ψ_2, then return failure
b. else return $\{(\psi_1 / \psi_2)\}$
~~d. Else return Failure~~
(c) Else if ψ_2 is a variable,
(a) if ψ_2 occurs in ψ_1 then return FAILURE
(b) Else return $\{(\psi_1 / \psi_2)\}$
(d) Else return FAILURE

Step 2: If the initial Predicate symbol in ψ_1 and ψ_2 are not same, then return FAILURE

Step-3: If ψ_1 and ψ_2 have a different number of arguements, then return FAILURE

Step-4: Set Substitution set (SUBST) to NIL

~~Step-5: For i=1 to the number of arguments, then return FAILURE~~

Step-5: For i=1 to the number of elements in ψ_1
(a) Call unify function with ith element in ψ_1
(b) If S = failure then returns FAILURE
(c) if S ≠ NIL then do,
a. Apply S to the remainder of both L1 and L2
b. SUBST = APPEND (S, SUBST)

Step-6: Return SUBST

Output:

Enter the first sentence: parent john x
Enter the second sentence: parent john mary
substitution: {'x': 'mary'}

1. unify P(x,a,b) and P(y,z,b)

   x and y can unify with substitution x=y
   a and z by z=a
   b=b
   ∴ unification can be succeded by substitution
   {x=y, z=a}

2. unify ∀x P(x,f(y)) and P(z,f(a))

   x and z can be unified by x=z
   f(y) and f(a) by y=a
   ∴ unification is possible with substitution
   {x=z, y=a}