



# COM S-342

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# Today

- Logic programming examples and exercises
- Typelang homework Q&A



# Logic Programming Examples

# Food Example

```
%% food.pl
indian(curry).
indian(dahl).
indian(tandoori).
indian(kurma).
mild(dahl).
mild(tandoori).
mild(kurma).
chinese(chow_mein).
chinese(chop_suey).
chinese(sweet_and_sour).
italian(pizza).
italian(spaghetti).

likes(sam, Food) :-
    indian(Food),
    mild(Food).
likes(sam, Food) :-
    chinese(Food).
likes(sam, Food) :-
    italian(Food).
likes(sam, chips).
```

# Loading Food Example

- Go to the directory where the file was stored or pass the complete path
- **prolog** food.pl
  - If you install SWI-Prolog you can use **swipl**
- Find out what food sam likes
  - ?- **likes(sam, X).**
  - Type semi-colon (;) to see more values for X or type point (.) to stop the query
  - ?- likes(dan, X). %% should return **false.**

# Hello World

- prolog %% start prolog
  - **[user].** %% start writing user rules and facts
  - **hello :- format('Hello World~n').**
  - Type Ctrl-d
  - **hello.** %% query hello.
    - **Hello World**
    - **true.**

# Debugging

- Use the built-in structure **trace** to display instantiations of values at each step:
  - prolog distance.pl
  - ?- trace.
  - ?- distance(volvo, Volvo\_Distance).
- Tracing model describe prolog programs in four events:
  - 1) Call, attempts to satisfy a goal,
  - 2) Exit, when a goal has been satisfied
  - 3) Redo, when backtrack causes an attempt to resatisfy a goal
  - 4) Fail, when a goal fails

# Arithmetic Expressions

- Prolog supports integer variables and integer arithmetic
- Use the **is** operator
  - Takes an arithmetic expression as right operand
  - A variable as left operand
  - **C is 17 + 10.**



# Arithmetic Expressions

- Examples:
  - ?-  $X$  is  $10 + 5$ .
  - $X = 15$ .
  - true.
  - ?-  $X$  is  $10 * 5$ .
  - $X = 50$ .
  - true.

# Arithmetic Expressions

- Define a predicate `pow/3` that takes numbers as its first two arguments `X` and `Y` and returns as the value of its third argument a number which is `X` to the power of `Y` (`pow(X, Y, Z)`):
  - `?- pow(2, 3, Z).`
  - `Z = 8.`
  - `true.`

# Arithmetic Expressions

- Base case:
  - `pow(_,0,1).`
- Inductive case:
  - `pow(X, Y, Z) :-  
    Y1 is Y - 1,  
    pow(X, Y1, Z1),  
    Z is Z1 * X.`
- Another solution:
  - `pow(X, Y, Z) :- Z is X ** Y.`

# Arithmetic Expressions

- The semantics are not the same of assignment. Example:
  - Sum **is** Sum + 5. %% error in prolog
- Sum is not instantiated, reference in right side is undefined
- If Sum is instantiated, the clause fails because the left operand cannot have the current instantiation

# Arithmetic Expressions

```
%% distance.pl
speed(ford, 100).
speed(chevy, 105).
speed(dodge, 95).
speed(volvo, 80).
time(ford, 20).
time(chevy, 21).
time(dodge, 24).
time(volvo, 24).
distance(X, Y) :- speed(X, Speed),
                  time(X, Time),
                  Y is Speed * Time.
```

# Arithmetic Expressions

- prolog distance.pl
  - ?- distance(chevy, Chevy\_Distance).
  - Chevy\_Distance = 2205.
  - ?- distance(volvo, Volvo\_Distance).
  - Volvo\_Distance = 1920.

# Debugging

```
distance(volvo, Volvo_Distance).  
  Call: (8) distance(volvo, _4870) ? creep  
  Call: (9) speed(volvo, _5094) ? creep  
  Exit: (9) speed(volvo, 80) ? creep  
  Call: (9) time(volvo, _5094) ? creep  
  Exit: (9) time(volvo, 24) ? creep  
  Call: (9) _4870 is 80*24 ? creep  
  Exit: (9) 1920 is 80*24 ? creep  
  Exit: (8) distance(volvo, 1920) ? creep  
Volvo_Distance = 1920.
```

# List Structures

- Lists are sequences of any number of elements
- Lists can be composed by:
  - Atoms
  - Atomic prepositions
  - Any other terms, including lists
- Syntax:
  - [apple, prune, grape, kumquat]
  - [] %% empty list
  - [X | Y ] %% denotes head X and tail Y (car and cdr in LISP)



# List Structures

- Check if a term is a member of a list:
  - `?- member(a, [b, c, d]).`
  - `false.`
  - `?- member(b, [a, b, c]).`
  - `True.`
- `member(X, L) :- ??`

# List Structures

- `member(X, [X | _]).`
- `member(X, [_ | L]) :-  
    member(X, L).`

# Debugging

```
[trace] ?- member(a, [a, b, c]).  
  Call: (8) member(a, [a, b, c]) ? creep  
  Exit: (8) member(a, [a, b, c]) ? creep  
true .
```

```
[trace] ?- member(d, [a, b, c]).  
  Call: (8) member(d, [a, b, c]) ? creep  
  Call: (9) member(d, [b, c]) ? creep  
  Call: (10) member(d, [c]) ? creep  
  Call: (11) member(d, []) ? creep  
  Fail: (11) member(d, []) ? creep  
  Fail: (10) member(d, [c]) ? creep  
  Fail: (9) member(d, [b, c]) ? creep  
  Fail: (8) member(d, [a, b, c]) ? creep  
false.
```



# Typelang homework Q&A

Questions?



# Logic Programming Reference



# Logic Programming

- Declarative languages
  - Consist of declarations rather than assignments
- Non-procedural programming languages
  - HOW instead of WHAT
- Programmer defines:
  - Sets of objects
  - Relationships between objects
  - Constraints that need to hold
- Interpreter or compiler
  - Solve equations (how to satisfy constraints)



# Logic Programming

- Based on formal logic
- A proposition can be thought of as a logical statement that may or may not be true
  - consists of **objects** and the **relationships** among objects
- Formal logic developed to describe propositions check their validity
- Symbolic logic used to inferred other propositions from true propositions



# Logic Programming

- **Individuals** or **objects** = **constants** or **terms**
- **Relations** over individuals = **properties** or **predicates**
  - They can have arity (number of individuals)
- **Quantifiers**
  - Use to describe **all individuals**, or
  - **Some individuals**





# Fact Statements

- Used to construct the hypotheses, or database of information
  - father(bill, jake).
  - father(bill, shelley).
  - mother(mary, jake).
  - mother(mary, shelley).

# Rules Statements

- A conclusion can be drawn if a set of given conditions is satisfied
- Right side is called *antecedent* and left side is the *consequence*
- Antecedent can be a single term or a conjunction
- Example:
  - `parent(X, Y) :- mother(X, Y).`
  - `parent(X, Y) :- father(X, Y).`
  - `grandparent(X, Z) :- parent(X, Y) , parent(Y, Z).`

# Goals or Queries Statements

- Basis of theorem-proving model
- The theorem is a proposition that we want the system to prove
- Syntax is identical to facts statements
- Example:
  - `man(fred).` // answer is yes or no
  - `father(X, mike).` // search for result that satisfies the value of X and results true

# Prolog Example

## Facts

```
isamother(mary).          %% Horn Clause with no Antecedent
childof(tom, mary).       %% Horn Clause with no Antecedent
```

## Rules

```
%% Rule: Horn Clause with antecedent
loves(mary, tom) :-
    isamother(mary), childof(tom, mary).
```

## Query

```
%% Query: Horn Clause with no consequent
?- loves(mary, tom).
```

# Horn Clauses

- Horn Clause with no Antecedent = **Fact**
- Horn Clause with Antecedent = **Rule**
- Horn Clause with no Consequence = **Query**
- **Logic Programming is a collection of Horn Clauses**

$$c \leftarrow h_1 \vee h_2 \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} c \leftarrow h_1 \\ c \leftarrow h_2 \end{array}$$

# Horn Clauses

## Facts

```
isamother(mary).          %% Horn Clause with no Antecedent
childof(tom, mary).       %% Horn Clause with no Antecedent
childof(jerry, mary).     %% Horn Clause with no Antecedent
```

## Rules

```
%% Rule: Horn Clause with antecedent and with variables
%%      X and Y are universally quantified
loves(X, Y) :-
    isamother(X), childof(Y, X).
```

```
%%      X is universally quantified
%%      Y, Z are existentially quantified
hassibling(X) :-
    childof(X, Y), childof(Z, Y).
```

## Query

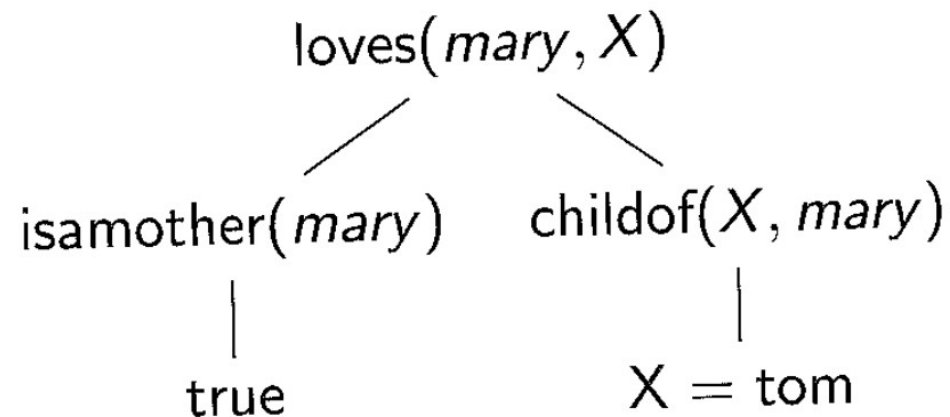
```
%% Query: Horn Clause with no consequent
?- loves(mary, X). %% X is existentially quantified
?- hassibling(jerry).
```

# Queries

Queries:

?- loves(mary, X).

means: does there exists an  $X$  such that loves( $mary$ ,  $X$ ) is true.





# Executing Logic Programs

- Queries are called **goals**
- When a query is a rule, then each antecedent is a **subgoal**
- To prove a goal is true, the inference must find a chain of inference rules or facts





# Executing Logic Programs

- Unification → Variable Binding
- Backward Chaining → Reducing goals into simpler subgoals
- Backtracking → Search for answers

# Unification

Given two atomic formula (predicates), they can be unified if and only if they can be made syntactically identical by replacing the variables in them by some terms.

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- Unify `childof(jane, X)` and `childof(jane, mary)`?  
yes by replacing `X` by `mary`
- Unify `childof(jane, X)` and `childof(jane, Y)`?  
yes by replacing `X` and `Y` by the same individual
- Unify `childof(jane, X)` and `childof(Y, mary)`?  
yes by replacing `X` by `mary`, and `Y` by `jane`
- Unify `childof(jane, X)` and `childof(tom, Y)`? No.

# Computing with Logic

- Given a query
  - Search for facts and rules and,
  - Verify whether the query unifies with any consequence
  - If search fails, return false
  - If search is successful, then
    - if the unification occurs with the consequent of a fact, return the substitution of the variables (if any)
    - if the unification occurs with the consequent of a rule, instantiate the variables (if any) and prove the subgoals



# Backtracking

- Incrementally builds candidates to the solutions
- Abandons a candidate (backtrack) when does not unify in a subgoal
- It then reconsiders previous subgoal and tries to find another solution
- Multiples solutions results on different instantiations of a variable

# Backtracking

```
male(X), parent(X, shelley).
```

This goal asks whether there is an instantiation of `X` such that `X` is a `male` and `X` is a parent of `shelley`. As its first step, Prolog finds the first fact in the database with `male` as its functor. It then instantiates `X` to the parameter of the found fact, say `mike`. Then, it attempts to prove that `parent(mike, shelley)` is true. If it fails, it backtracks to the first subgoal, `male(X)`, and attempts to resatisfy it with some alternative instantiation of `X`. The resolution process may have to find every `male` in the database before it finds the one that is a parent of `shelley`. It definitely must find all males to prove that the goal cannot be satisfied. Note that our example goal might be processed more efficiently if the order of the two subgoals were reversed. Then, only after resolution had found a parent of `shelley` would it try to match that person with the `male` subgoal. This is more efficient if `shelley` has fewer parents than there are males in the database, which seems like a reasonable assumption. Section 16.7.1 discusses a method of limiting the backtracking done by a Prolog system.