

## Problem 2

Below is where you would want to substitute in cuts.

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substitute(Old,New,Old,New) :- !.  
substitute(Old,New,Term,Term) :- constant(Term), !, Term \= Old.
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substitute(Old,New,Term,Term1) :-  
    compound(Term), !,  
    functor(Term,F,N),  
    functor(Term1,F,N),  
    substitute(N,Old,New,Term,Term1).
```

```
substitute(N,Old,New,Term,Term1) :-  
    N > 0, !,  
    arg(N,Term,Arg),  
    substitute(Old,New,Arg,Arg1),  
    arg(N,Term1,Arg1),  
    N1 is N-1,  
    substitute(N1,Old,New,Term,Term1).
```

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substitute(0,Old,New,Term,Term1) :- !.
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I think that a cut-fail combination would be useful due to the fact that you do not want to backtrack to the old term when substituting in a new term, to begin with. Also, the explicit conditions can be omitted because if you use a cut fail combination some of the conditions would not be used. This is because the cut fail would stop before those conditions are met.