

CSE 259 - Logic in Computer Science

Recitation-2

Basic Building Blocks

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What is Prolog?

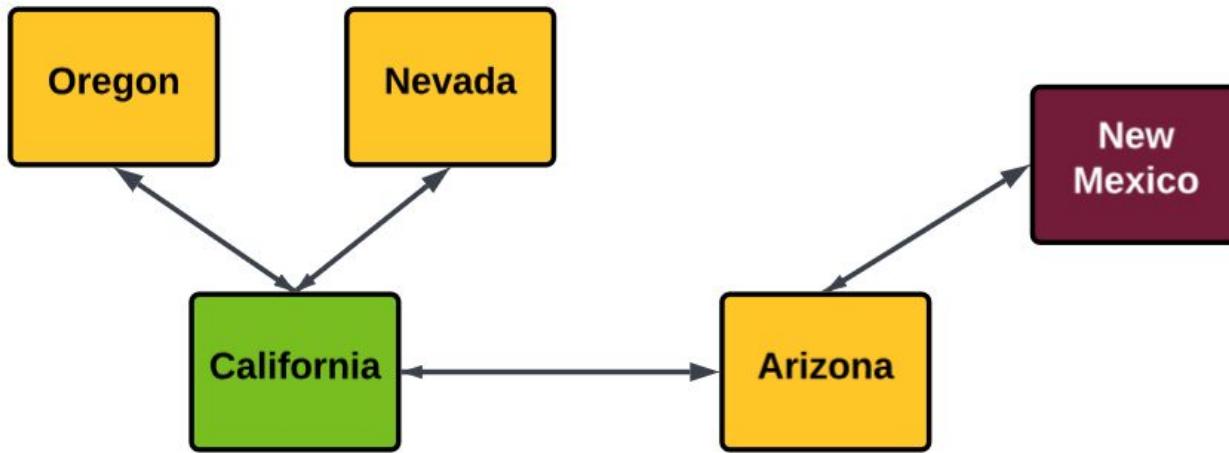
- Prolog is a **logic programming language**
- Prolog is intended primarily as a **declarative programming language**

Declarative Programming Language

Declarative programming is when you write your code in such a way that it describes what you want to do, and not how you want to do it. It is left up to the compiler to figure out the how.

Example: SQL, Prolog (Obviously :D)

An example



Suppose, we are in California. Which states can we visit from here? (We can travel if the states are adjacent)

Sample code for the example - Java

```
1  public class StateTravel {  
2  
3      public static void main(String[] args) {  
4          boolean oregonConnected = true;  
5          boolean nevadaConnected = true;  
6          boolean arizonaConnected = true;  
7          boolean newMexicoConnected = false; // Arizona only connects to New Mexico  
8  
9          // Individual if cases for each state  
10         if (oregonConnected) {  
11             System.out.println("Can travel to Oregon from California.");  
12         } else {  
13             System.out.println("Cannot travel to Oregon from California.");  
14         }  
15  
16         if (nevadaConnected) {  
17             System.out.println("Can travel to Nevada from California.");  
18         } else {  
19             System.out.println("Cannot travel to Nevada from California.");  
20         }  
21  
22         if (arizonaConnected) {  
23             System.out.println("Can travel to Arizona from California.");  
24         } else {  
25             System.out.println("Cannot travel to Arizona from California.");  
26         }  
27  
28         if (arizonaConnected && newMexicoConnected) {  
29             System.out.println("Can travel to New Mexico from California (via Arizona).");  
30         } else {  
31             System.out.println("Cannot travel to New Mexico from California.");  
32         }  
33     }  
34 }  
35
```

Sample code for the example - Prolog

```
1      next_to(oregon, california).
2      next_to(california, oregon).
3
4      next_to(california, nevada).
5      next_to(nevada, california).
6
7      next_to(california, arizona).
8      next_to(arizona, california).
9
10     next_to(arizona, new_mexico).
11     next_to(new_mexico, arizona).
12
13     travel(A, C) :- (next_to(A, C) ; (next_to(A, B), next_to(B, C), A \= C)).
```

Basic Syntax

Term

- Basic building blocks of programs and data structures
- Similar to how variables, constants, and expressions are in other programming languages.

Basic Syntax

Different Terms

- **Variable:** starts with an **uppercase letter** or with an **underscore**. Example: **A**, **Ab**, **_a**
- **Constant : atom or number.** Atom starts with **lowercase**. Example: **john**, **apple**, **23**, **45**, etc.
- **Compound term :** formed by combining other terms using functors and parentheses. A functor is an atom that represents a function or relation symbol, and arguments are terms separated by commas and enclosed in parentheses. Example: **person(john, 25)** “**person**” is a **functor**. “**john**” and “**25**” are atoms **(term!!)**

Basic Syntax

Predicate

- Fundamental concept used to define relations
- Represent statements or propositions that can be true or false
- Predicate name should be an **atom**
- There can be 0 or more arguments. Example: **likes(john, apple)**

Basic Syntax - Practice!

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1. X
2. y
3. _y
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1. X
2. y
3. _y
4. Fun(car).
5. fun(Car)

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4. Fun(car).
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Basic Syntax

Rule

- Contains **four** parts:

Head, :-, Body, and a dot (.)

fun(X) :- red(X), car(X).

This example means - if X is a car and is red then it is fun.

- Symbols used:

Implication :-

Conjunction , (and)

Disjunction ; (or)

Basic Syntax

Facts

- Represents a relation between items
- Should **always begin with a lowercase letter and end with a full stop**. The facts themselves can consist of any letter or number

Lets solve a problem!

1. Define some facts
 - “ana”, “casey”, “grace” are mothers
 - “bob”, “dan”, “esion”, “frank” are fathers
2. Define two simple rules
 - If someone(X) is a mother then she is a female
 - If someone(Y) is a father then he is a male
3. Ask the following questions-
 - Is “ana” a female or male?
 - Is “frank” a female or male?

Lets solve a problem!

```
1  % facts
2  mother(ana).
3  mother(casey).
4  mother(grace).
5
6  father(bob).
7  father(dan).
8  father(esion).
9  father(frank).
10
11 % rules
12 female(X) :- mother(X).
13 male(Y) :- father(Y).
```

Lets solve a problem!

```
SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 9.2.9)
File Edit Settings Run Debug Help
Welcome to SWI-Prolog (threaded, 64 bits, version 9.2.9)
SWI-Prolog comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. This is free software.
Please run ?- license. for legal details.

For online help and background, visit https://www.swi-prolog.org
For built-in help, use ?- help(Topic). or ?- apropos(Word).

?- % e:/Programming/TA/ASU-CSE-259-Prolog/old/Recitation-2/family-relationship.pl compiled 0.02 sec, 9 clauses
?- female(ana).
true.

?- male(ana).
false.

?- female(frank).
false.

?- male(frank).
true.

?-
```

Lets solve a problem!

Running the code

- [Windows] Open SWI Prolog -> File -> consult -> select the file
- [Mac] Open SWI Prolog -> write `consult("full path of the file").`

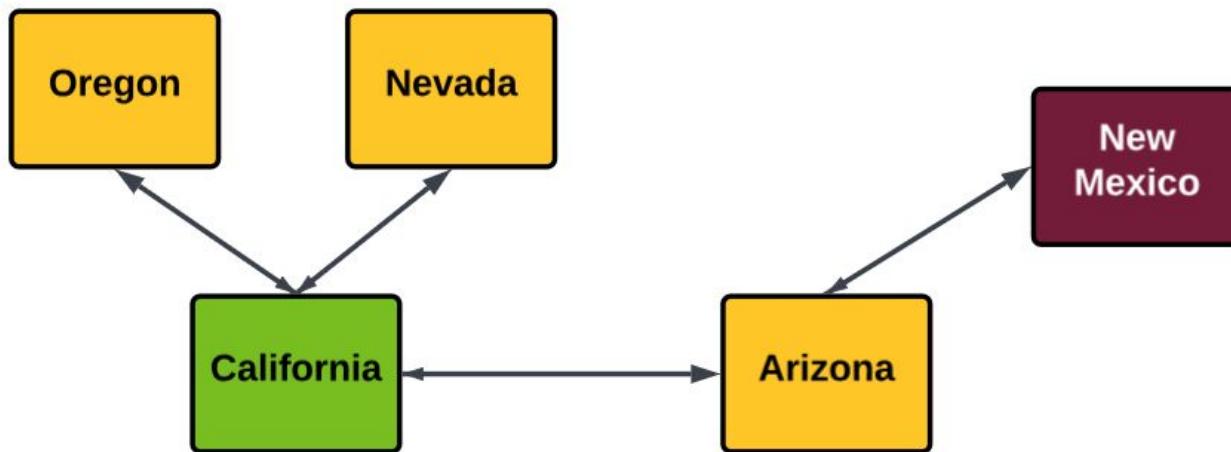
Inside consult, don't forget the double quotes!

Understanding the result

- True or false will be displayed.

Lets solve another problem!

Where can we travel from California?



Lets solve another problem!

```
1  % facts
2  next_to(oregon, california).
3  next_to(california, oregon).
4
5  next_to(california, nevada).
6  next_to(nevada, california).
7
8  next_to(california, arizona).
9  next_to(arizona, california).
10
11 next_to(arizona, new_mexico).
12 next_to(new_mexico, arizona).
13
14 % rule -- when can we travel from state A to state B?
15 √ travel(A, C) :- (
16   next_to(A, C);
17   (next_to(A, B), next_to(B, C), A \= C)).
```

Lets solve another problem!

```
% e:/Programming/TA/ASU-CSE-259-Prolog/Recitation-2/travel.pl compiled 0.00 sec, 9 clauses
?- travel(california, arizona).
true .

?- travel(oregon, california).
true .

?- travel(oregon, new_mexico).
false .

?- travel(oregon, arizona).
true .

?-
```

Lets solve another problem!

Problem

- `travel(oregon, new_mexico).` did not work!