

Problem Set 5 - Discussion  
TK2ICM: *Logic Programming* (CSH4Y3)  
Second Term 2018-2019

Day, date : Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
Duration : **60 minutes**  
Type : ***open all***, individual (no cooperation between/among class participants)

Instruction:

1. You are not allowed to discuss these problems with other class participants.
2. You may use any reference (books, slides, internet) as well as other students who are not enrolled to this class.
3. Use the predicate name as described in each of the problem. **The name of the predicate must be precisely identical.** Typographical error may lead to the cancellation of your points.
4. Submit your work to the provided slot at CeLoE under the file name PS5-<your\_name>.pl. For example: PS5-Albert.pl. Please see an information regarding your nickname at google classroom.

## 1 Interactive Grade Converter

**Remark 1** This problem is worth 20 points.

Write the predicate `igc/0` that interactively ask the user to input a number between 0 and 100 (inclusive) and outputs the corresponding index grade of that number. The grade is converted using the following rule. Suppose  $G \in [0, 100]$ , then the index of  $G$ , denoted by  $ind(G)$ , is defined as follows

$$ind(G) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{A}, & \text{if } 80 < G \leq 100 \\ \mathbf{AB}, & \text{if } 70 < G \leq 80 \\ \mathbf{B}, & \text{if } 65 < G \leq 70 \\ \mathbf{BC}, & \text{if } 60 < G \leq 65 \\ \mathbf{C}, & \text{if } 50 < G \leq 60 \\ \mathbf{D}, & \text{if } 40 < G \leq 50 \\ \mathbf{E} & \text{if } 0 \leq G \leq 40. \end{cases}$$

The interaction will be halted if the user type the word `end`. In addition, the program outputs a warning Input must be a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes. if the input is not a number in  $[0, 100]$  neither a string `end`. An example of an I/O interaction is as follows:

?- igc.

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: 79.99.

The index is AB

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: 90.11.

The index is A

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: 56.57.

The index is C

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: 101.50.

Input must be a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes.

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: twenty.

Input must be a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes.

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: 0.

The index is E

Write a number between 0 - 100 (inclusive) or a string "end" without quotes:

|: end.

You choose to end the program, thank you!

**true.**

### Discussion:

The problem is easy if we breakdown this problem into several predicates:

- (a). the main predicate `igc/0` which to read the input from the user,
- (b). the predicate `grade_convert/2` which converts a grade `G` into its corresponding index,
- (c). the predicate `valid` which checks whether an input is a number between 0 and 100 (inclusive), and
- (d). the predicate `process` which process the user input.

For the predicate `process` above, we have:

- (a). `process(X)` converts `X` into its corresponding index if `X` is a number between 0 and 100 (inclusive),  
or
- (b). `process(X)` ends the program if `X = end`, we simply put this as a fact `process(end)`, or
- (c). `process(X)` gives an exception if `X` neither a valid grade nor a string `end`.

## 2 Monotone List

**Remark 2** This problem is worth 20 points.

Let  $L = [a[0], a[1], \dots, a[n-1]]$  be a list of length  $n$ . We say  $L$  is *monotone* if one of the following condition is satisfied:

- for all  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$  we have  $a[i] \leq a[j]$ , formally  $\forall i \forall j (i \leq j \rightarrow a[i] \leq a[j])$ , in this case the list  $L$  is *monotonically increasing*; or
- for all  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$  we have  $a[i] \geq a[j]$ , formally  $\forall i \forall j (i \leq j \rightarrow a[i] \geq a[j])$ , in this case the list  $L$  is *monotonically decreasing*.

For instance, we have:

- the list  $L = [-1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3]$  is *monotonically increasing*,
- the list  $L = [2, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -3]$  is *monotonically decreasing*,
- the list  $L = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]$  is both *monotonically increasing* and *monotonically decreasing*
- the list  $L = [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1]$  is neither *monotonically increasing* nor *monotonically decreasing*,
- the list  $L = [1, 2]$  is *monotonically increasing*,
- the list  $L = [2, 1]$  is *monotonically decreasing*,
- the list  $L = [8]$  is both *monotonically increasing* and *monotonically decreasing*.

Write the predicate `monotone/1` that takes a non-empty list  $L$  as input, `monotone(L)` is true whenever  $L$  is a monotone list ( $L$  is monotonically increasing, monotonically decreasing, or both). Several examples:

- `?- monotone([-2, -1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 2, 7, 9]).` returns **true**.
- `?- monotone([100, 11, 9, 9, 8, 3, 1, 0, -1]).` returns **true**.
- `?- monotone([9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9]).` returns **true**.
- `?- monotone([1, 2]).` returns **true**.
- `?- monotone([3, 2]).` returns **true**.
- `?- monotone([3, 2, 3]).` returns **false**.
- `?- monotone([1, 2, 1]).` returns **false**.
- `?- monotone([1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]).` returns **false**.
- `?- monotone([9, 8, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 4, 1, 0]).` returns **false**.

### Discussion:

A list  $L = [a[0], a[1], \dots, a[n-1]]$  is monotone if one of these conditions applies:

- $a[0] \leq a[1] \leq \dots \leq a[n-1]$ , or
- $a[0] \geq a[1] \geq \dots \geq a[n-1]$ .

We process the conditions using two different predicates, i.e., `monotone_increase` for the first case and `monotone_decrease` for the second case. Both cases are analogous to each other. For the `monotone_increase`, we have:

```
monotone_increase([_]). % base case, a singleton list
monotone_increase([X,Y]):- X =< Y, !. % base case, list of two elements
monotone_increase([H|T]):-
    T = [H1|_] % taking the head of the tail
    H =< H1, % comparing the current head with the head of the tail
    monotone_increase(T).
```

Observe that, if  $[a[0], a[1], \dots, a[n-1]]$  is monotonically increasing, then:

- (a).  $a[0] \leq a[1]$ ,  $a[1] \leq a[2]$ , and so on until  $a[n-2] \leq a[n-1]$ ,
- (b). thus the head of the list  $L$  (i.e.,  $a[0]$ ) is less than or equal to the head of the tail of list  $L$  (i.e.,  $a[1]$ ),
- (c). the above steps are performed recursively.

### 3 Hamming Distance

**Remark 3** This problem is worth 20 points.

Suppose  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are two lists of the same lengths, the *Hamming distance* between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is the number of digits at which the corresponding components of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are different. Formally, suppose  $L_1 = [L_1[0], L_1[1], \dots, L_1[n-1]]$  and  $L_2 = [L_2[0], L_2[1], \dots, L_2[n-1]]$ , then the Hamming distance between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , denoted by  $\text{dist}_H(L_1, L_2)$ , is defined as

$$\text{dist}_H(L_1, L_2) = |\{i \mid (0 \leq i \leq n-1) \wedge (L_1[i] \neq L_2[i])\}|.$$

For example, the Hamming distance between  $L_1 = [2, 1, 7, 3, 8, 9, 6]$  and  $L_2 = [2, 2, 3, 3, 7, 9, 6]$  is 3, because the different components of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  occurs at positions 2, 3 and 5.

In this problem your task is to write the predicate `hamming/3` such that `hamming(L1, L2, D)` is true whenever the Hamming distance between `L1` and `L2` is `D`. The first two arguments (i.e., `L1` and `L2`) are always instantiated. If the length of `L1` and `L2` are different, then the program returns the string 'dimension error'. Several examples:

- `?- hamming([k,a,r,o,l,i,n],[k,a,t,h,r,i,n],D).` returns `D = 3`.
- `?- hamming([k,a,r,o,l,i,n],[k,e,r,s,t,i,n],D).` returns `D = 3`.
- `?- hamming([k,a,t,h,r,i,n],[k,e,r,s,t,i,n],D).` returns `D = 4`.
- `?- hamming([1,0,1,1,1,0,1],[1,0,0,1,0,0,1],D).` returns `D = 2`.
- `?- hamming([2,1,7,3,8,9,6],[2,2,3,3,7,9,6],D).` returns `D = 3`.
- `?- hamming([1,2,3],[3,2],D).` returns `D = 'dimension error'`.
- `?- hamming([1,2],[3,2,1],D).` returns `D = 'dimension error'`.
- `?- hamming([a,b,c],[3,2,1],D).` returns `D = 3`.

**Discussion:**

Suppose we have two lists  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  of the same length, we are interested to determine the Hamming distance between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  (in case their lengths are different, the third argument is simply 'dimension error'). We first construct a list  $L_3$  such that

$$L_3[i] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } L_1[i] \neq L_2[i] \\ 0, & \text{if } L_1[i] = L_2[i]. \end{cases}$$

For example:

- (a). from the list `[k,a,r,o,l,i,n]` and `[k,a,t,h,r,i,n]` we obtain the list `L3 = [0,0,1,1,1,0,0]`,
- (b). from the list `[k,a,t,h,r,i,n]` and `[k,e,r,s,t,i,n]` we obtain the list `L3 = [0,1,1,1,1,0,0]`,  
and
- (c). from the list `[2,1,7,3,8,9,6]` and `[2,2,3,3,7,9,6]` we obtain the list `L3 = [0,1,1,0,1,0,0]`.

The Hamming distance between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is simply the sum of all elements of  $L_3$ .

## 4 Arithmetic List

**Remark 4** This problem is worth 20 points.

A list  $L$  of  $n$  elements,  $L = [L[0], L[1], \dots, L[n-1]]$  is called as an *arithmetic list* if  $L[i+1] - L[i] = c$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ . In other words, the differences between two consecutive elements is a constant and it is always identical for every pair of consecutive elements. Hence, an arithmetic list  $L$  of  $n$  elements can be represented as

$$[a, a + b, a + 2b, \dots, a + (n-2)b, a + (n-1)b].$$

For example, we have:

- $[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$  is an arithmetic list of length 6,
- $[1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19]$  is an arithmetic list of length 7,
- $[5, 1, -3, -7, -11]$  is an arithmetic list of length 5,
- $[3, 3, 3, 3]$  is an arithmetic list of length 4,
- $[1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1]$  is not an arithmetic list,
- $[1, 3, 9, 27]$  is not an arithmetic list,
- $[1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8]$  is not an arithmetic list.

Write a predicate `arithmetic/1` that returns true whenever the input is an arithmetic list. For example:

- `?- arithmetic([1,2,3,4,5,6]).` returns **true**.
- `?- arithmetic([1,4,7,10,13,16,19]).` returns **true**.
- `?- arithmetic([5,1,-3,-7,-11]).` returns **true**.
- `?- arithmetic([3,3,3,3]).` returns **true**.
- `?- arithmetic([1,0,1,0,1,0,1]).` returns **false**.
- `?- arithmetic([1,3,9,27]).` returns **false**.
- `?- arithmetic([1,1,2,3,5,8]).` returns **false**.

**Discussion:**

Suppose we have an arithmetic list  $L = [a, a + b, a + 2b, \dots, a + (n-1)b]$  of length  $n$ , if we take the tail, we get the list  $T$ ,

$$T = [a + b, a + 2b, \dots, a + (n-1)b],$$

and if we take the prefix of  $L$  by excluding the last element of  $L$ , we get the list  $E$ ,

$$E = [a, a + b, \dots, a + (n-2)b],$$

since both lists are of length  $n-1$ , we can consider  $T$  and  $E$  as vector of size  $n$  and calculate  $T - E$ . Thus, we obtain:

$$T - E = [b, b, \dots, b].$$

Hence, a list  $L$  is an arithmetic list if  $T - E$  is a list of identical elements of length  $n - 1$ .

We have:

% base case

arithmetic([]):- !.

% recursive case

arithmetic(L):-

length(L,Length), Length > 1, % only if the list contains two or more elements

get\_tail(L,TailL), % extracting the tail of L

except\_last(L,ExceptLastL), % extracting the prefix without the last element

minus(TailL,ExceptLastL,Delta), % subtracting prefix from the tail

sameElemList(Delta). % checking whether the difference contains identical elements

To get the tail we simply use `get_tail([_|T],T)`. and to get the prefix without the last element, we use `except_last(L,L_except_last):-append(L_except_last,[],L),!`.

## 5 Maximum Odd Number

**Remark 5** This problem is worth 20 points.

Write a predicate `maxodd/2` that takes two argument, the first argument is a list of numbers and the second argument is the maximum odd value of such list. If the list contains no odd values, the predicate returns **false**. For example, we have:

- ?- `maxodd([1,1,2,3,5,8],M)` . returns `M = 5`.
- ?- `maxodd([1,1,2,3,9,10],M)` . returns `M = 9`.
- ?- `maxodd([10,12,2,30,52,88],M)` . returns **false**.

### Discussion:

We can modify our program for finding maximum value using accumulator to solve this problem. The idea is as follows:

- (a). We first find an odd element of the list `L`, we do this using the predicate `odd_element(X,L)`, this predicate returns **true** if `X` is odd and `X` is the member of `L`. Since we only need to find one odd element (i.e., the leftmost element), we can do this using the rule:
- ```
member(X,L), number(X), 1 is X mod 2, !.
```

- (b). We use accumulator technique to update the maximum odd values. Here we have:

(i) Base case: `accmaxodd([],A,A):-!`.

- (ii) If the head is odd and it is more than the accumulator:

```
accmaxodd([H|T],A,MaxOdd):-
    H > A, 1 is H mod 2, !,
    accmaxodd(T,H,MaxOdd).
```

- (iii) If the head is less than or equal to the accumulator, or if the head is even:

```
accmaxodd([H|T],A,MaxOdd):-
    (H <= A; 0 is H mod 2), !,
    accmaxodd(T,A,MaxOdd).
```

Then, to find the maximum odd number of the list, we simply use:

```
maxodd(L,MaxOdd):-
    odd_element(Odd,L), accmaxodd(L,Odd,MaxOdd).
```