



INTRODUCTION TO PROLOG PROGRAMMING

Tutorial for
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Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Prolog

- **P**rogramming with **l**ogic
- Declarative programming paradigm
- Deduces new facts about a situation based on provided facts(**Knowledge Base**)
- Answers queries related to the situation

Prolog: Application

- Useful in many AI applications
 - Expert systems for solving complex problems
 - Decision support system

Reference Material

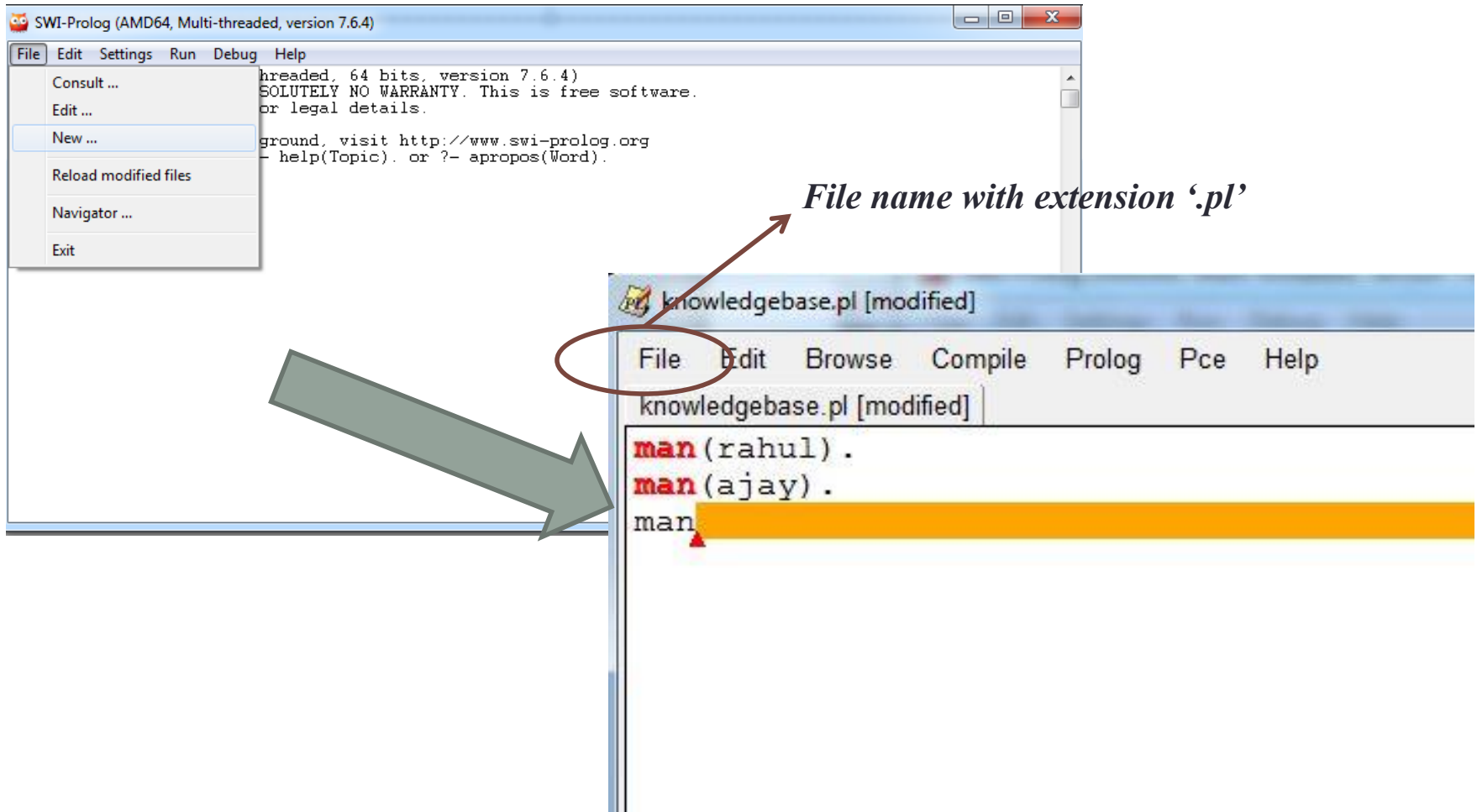
- Blackburn, Patrick, Johannes Bos, and Kristina Striegnitz. “*Learn prolog now!*”, Vol. 7. No. 7. Londres: College Publications, 2006.
- Online Version
<http://www.learnprolognow.org/lpnpage.php?pageid=online>

Prolog Interpreter

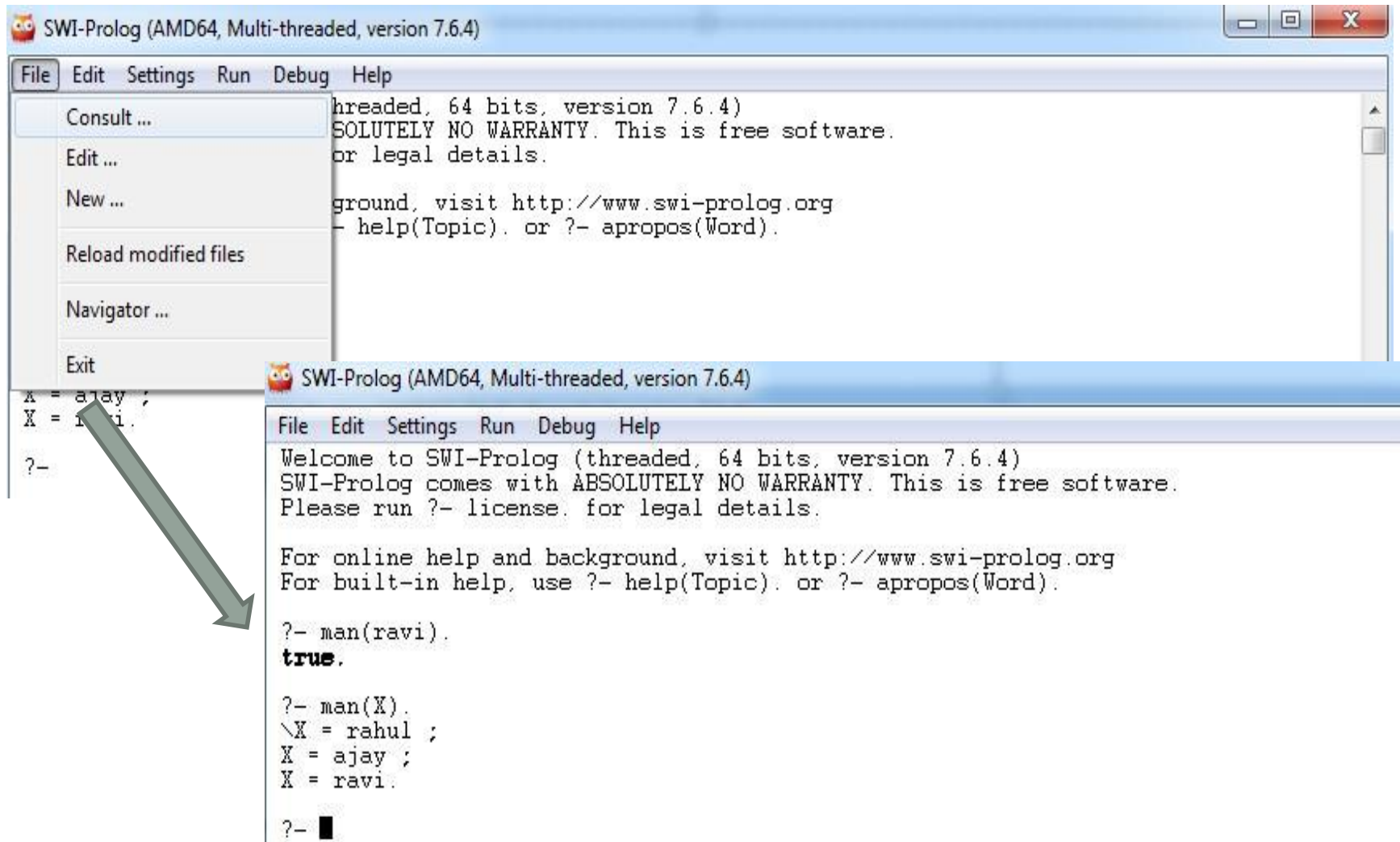
- SWI Prolog
 - Freely available
 - Works with Windows, Linux and Mac OS
 - ISO compliant
- Download interpreter and relevant material:
<http://www.swi-prolog.org/>



SWI Prolog: Basics



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The screenshot displays the SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4) interface. The 'File' menu is open, showing options: Consult ..., Edit ..., New ..., Reload modified files, Navigator ..., and Exit. The main window shows the Prolog REPL with the following text:

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threaded, 64 bits, version 7.6.4)
ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. This is free software.
for legal details.

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


?- man(ravi).
true.

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\X = rahul ;
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X = ravi.


?-
```

A green arrow points from the 'Exit' option in the File menu to the Prolog REPL window.

Knowledge Base

 knowledgebase.pl

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man(rahul).
man(ajay).
man(ravi).
swim(ajay).
dance.
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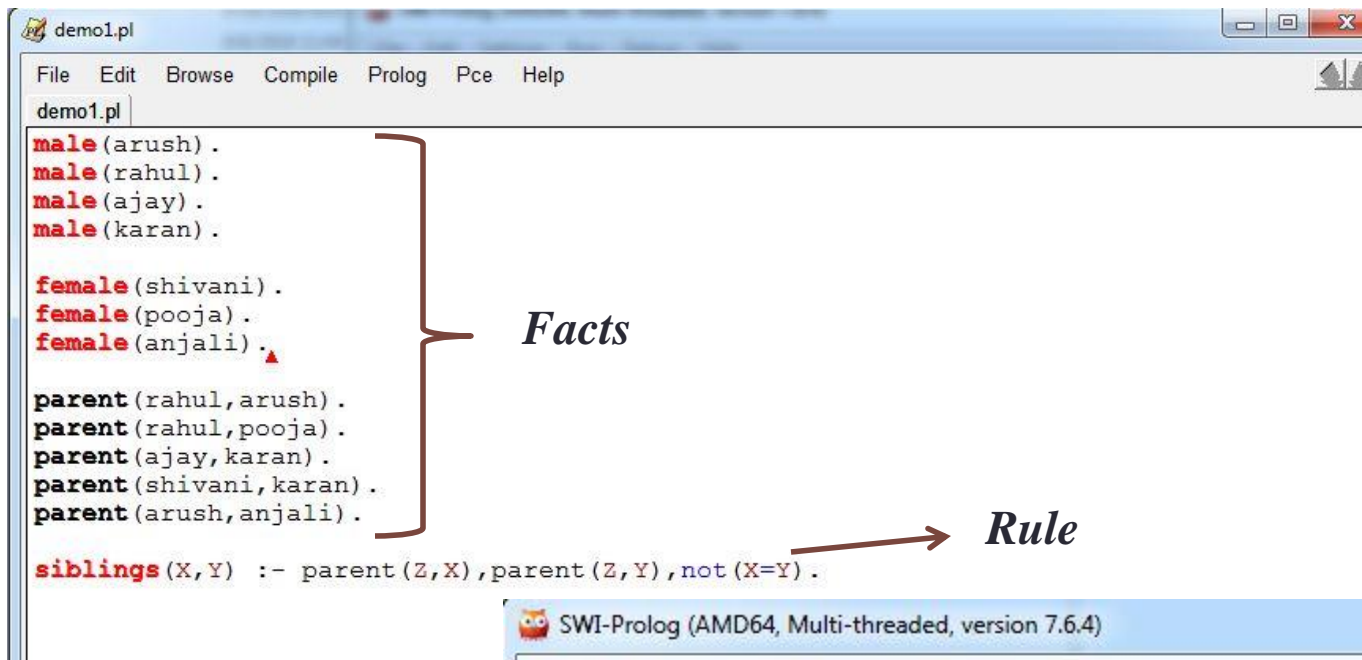
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true.
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false.
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true.
?- dance.
true.
?- dance(ajay).
ERROR: Undefined procedure: dance/1
ERROR:         However, there are definitions for:
ERROR:         dance/0
false.
?- play(ajay).
ERROR: Undefined procedure: play/1 (DWIM could not correct goal)
?-
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Basic structure of a Prolog program

- Three basic constructs of Prolog:
 - Facts
 - Rules
 - Queries

Basic structure of a Prolog program



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male(arush).
male(rahul).
male(ajay).
male(karan).

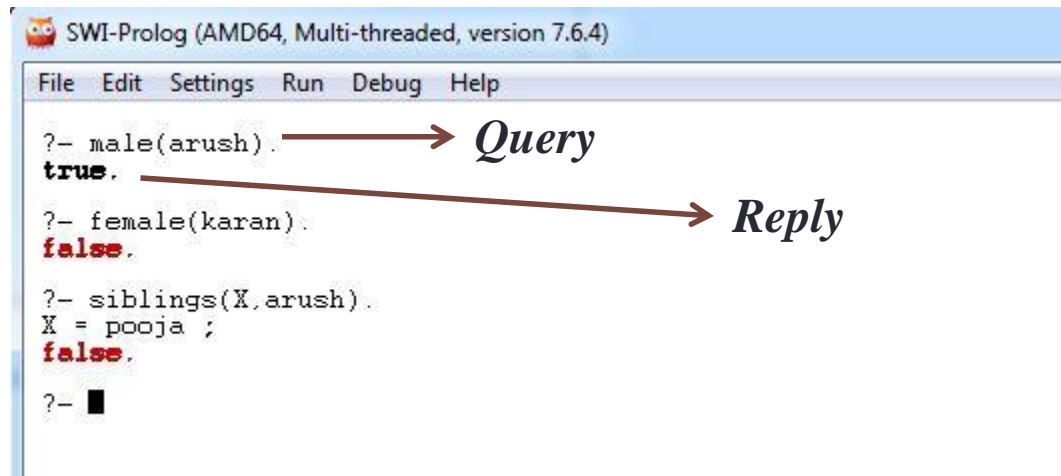
female(shivani).
female(pooja).
female(anjali).

parent(rahul,arush).
parent(rahul,pooja).
parent(ajay,karan).
parent(shivani,karan).
parent(arush,anjali).

siblings(X,Y) :- parent(Z,X),parent(Z,Y),not(X=Y).
```

Facts

Rule



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?- siblings(X,arush).
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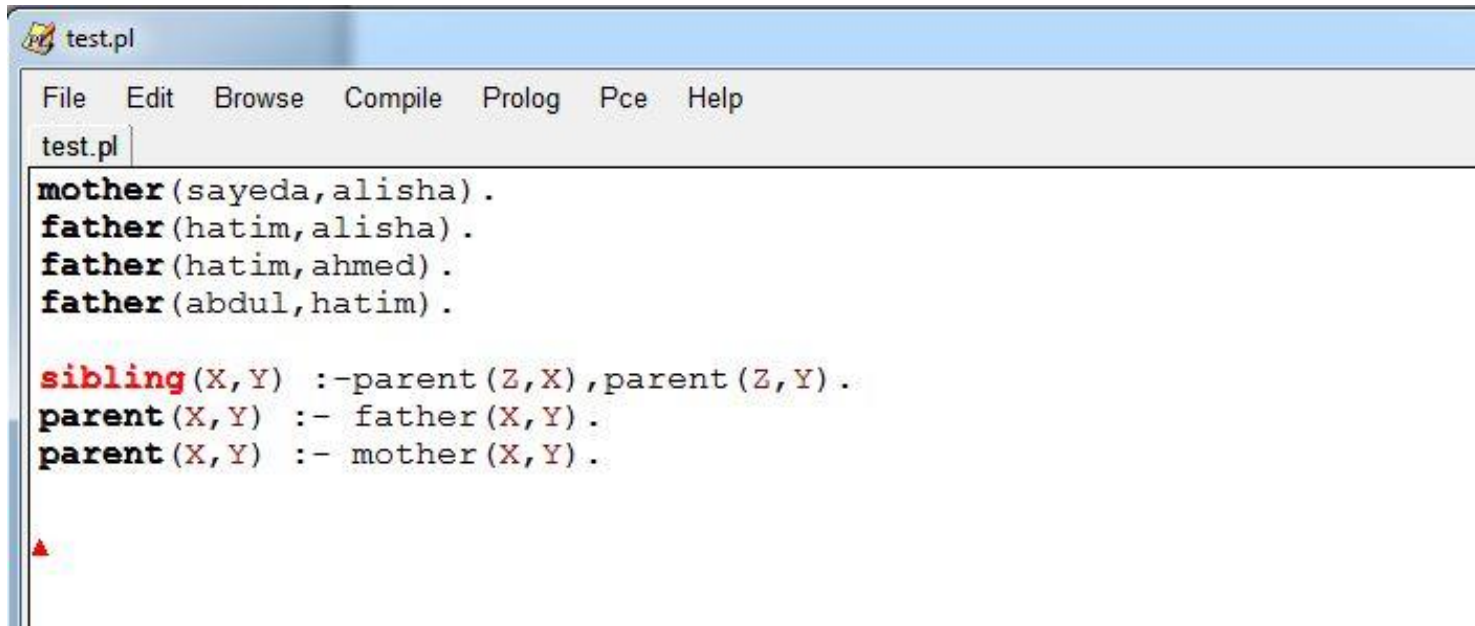
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Query

Reply

Clauses

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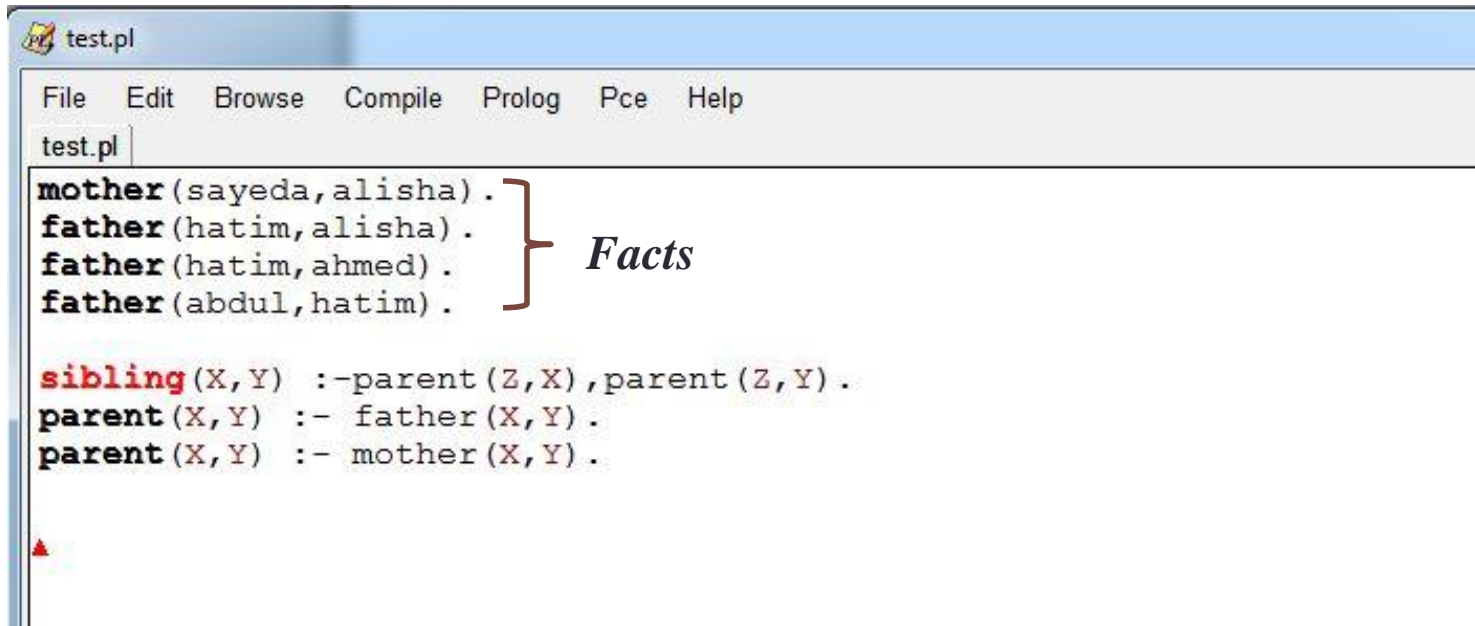


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father(hatim,aisha).
father(hatim,ahmed).
father(abdul,hatim).

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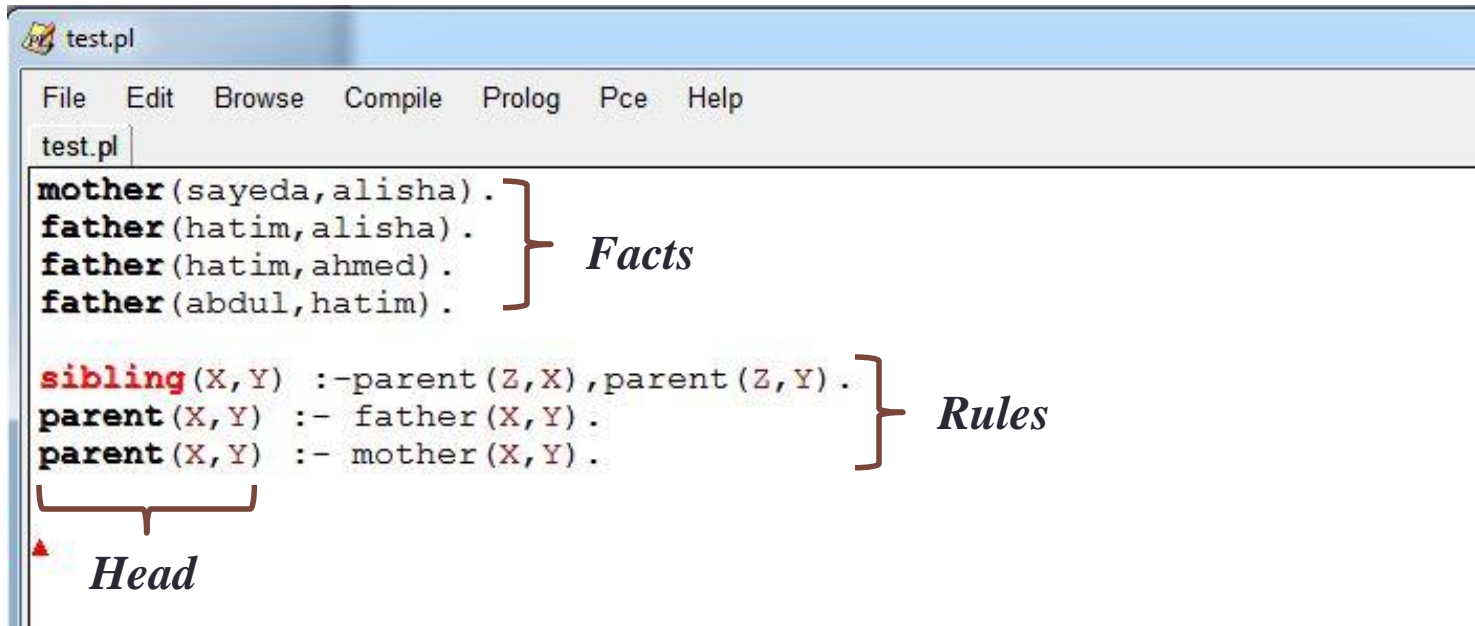
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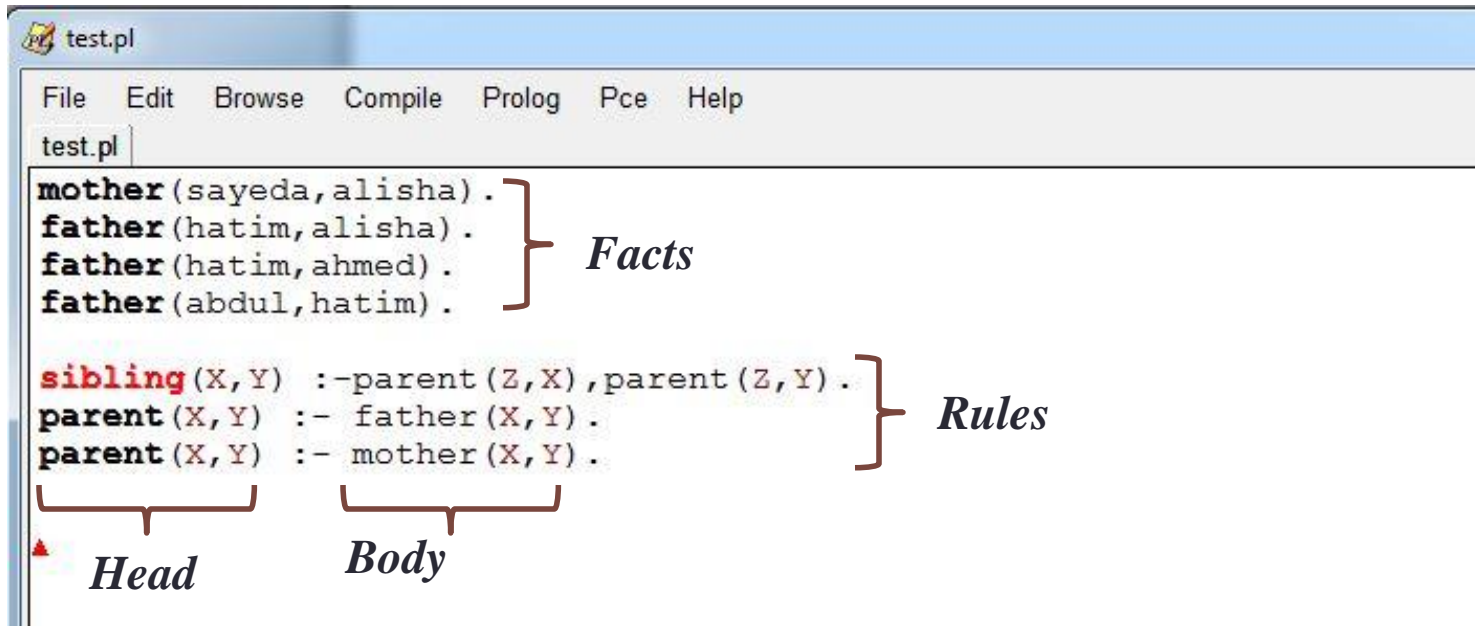
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Annotations in the image:

- A bracket on the right groups the first four lines (facts) under the label *Facts*.
- A bracket on the right groups the last three lines (rules) under the label *Rules*.
- A bracket on the left under the first rule's head `sibling(X,Y)` is labeled *Head*.

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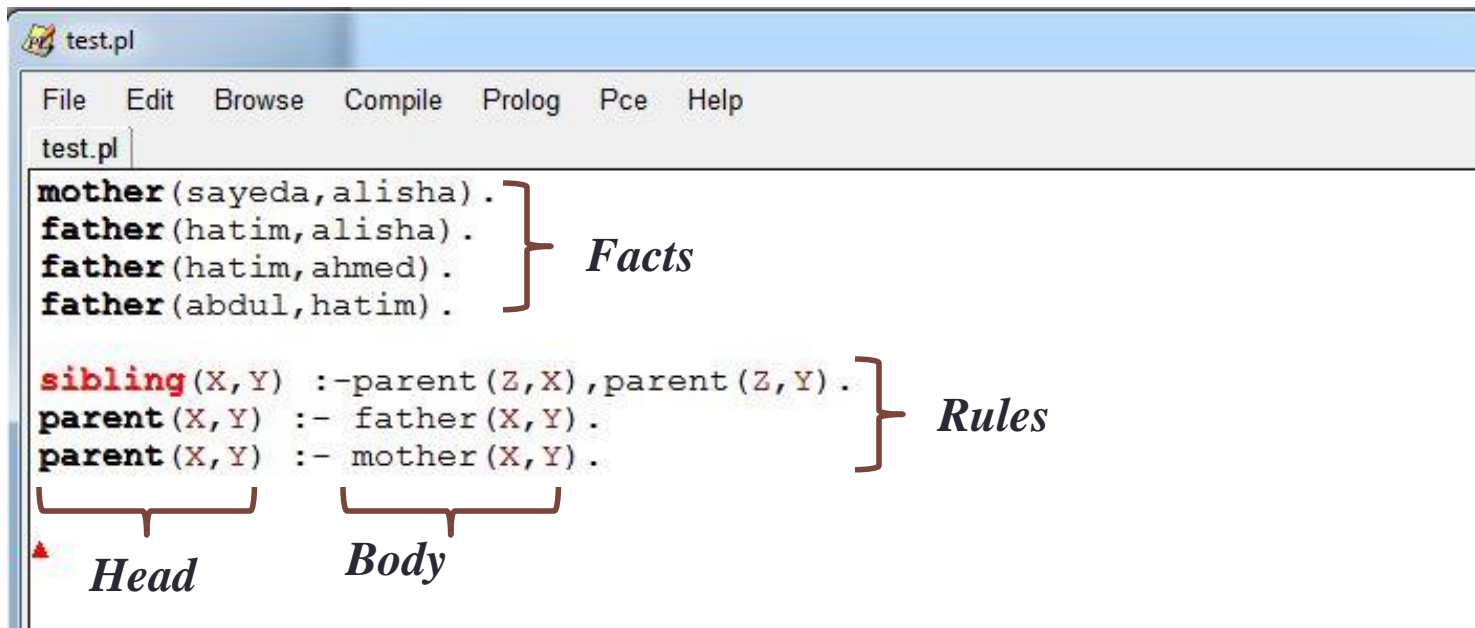
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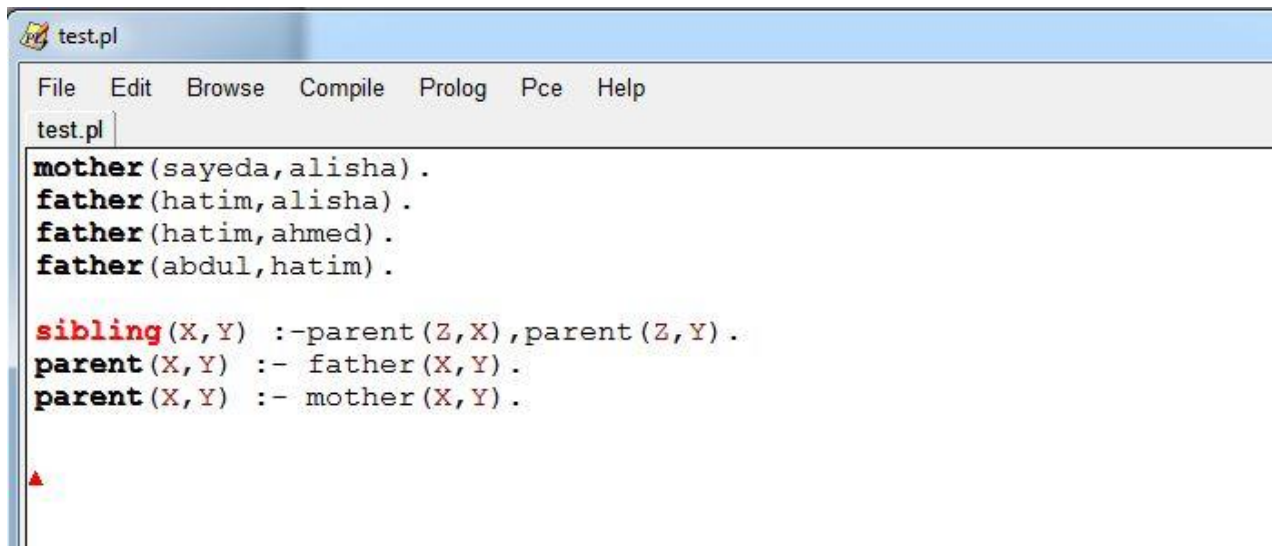
Annotations on the code:

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- A right curly bracket groups the three rule clauses (`sibling` and `parent` rules) and is labeled *Rules*.
- For the first rule clause (`sibling(X,Y) :-parent(Z,X),parent(Z,Y).`), a horizontal bracket under the head `sibling(X,Y)` is labeled *Head*, and another horizontal bracket under the body `:-parent(Z,X),parent(Z,Y).` is labeled *Body*.

7 Clauses: 4 Facts and 3 Rules

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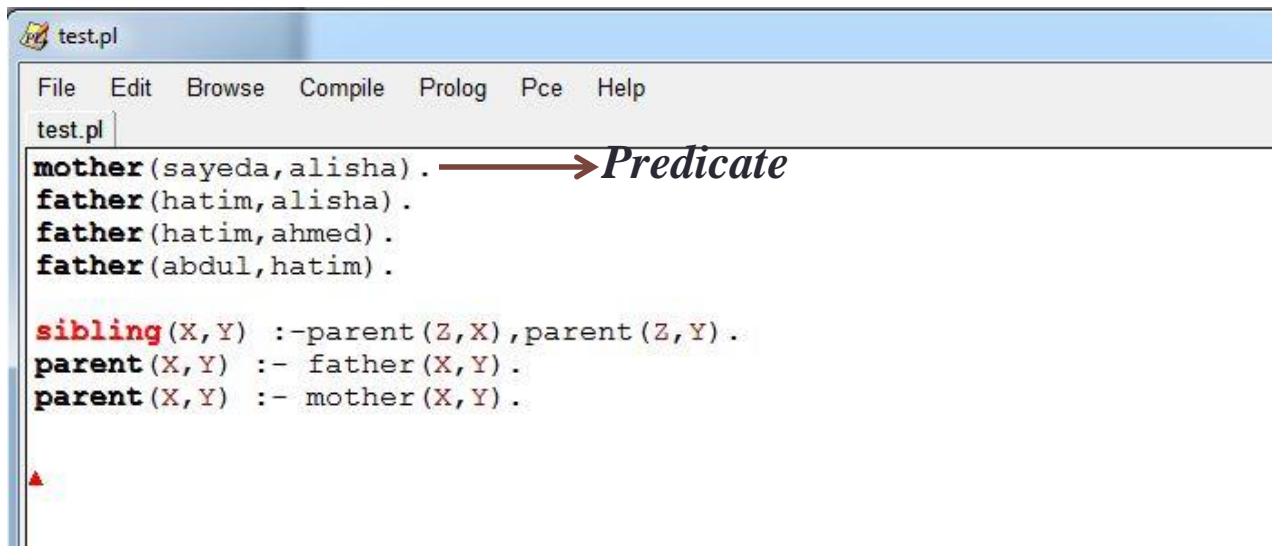


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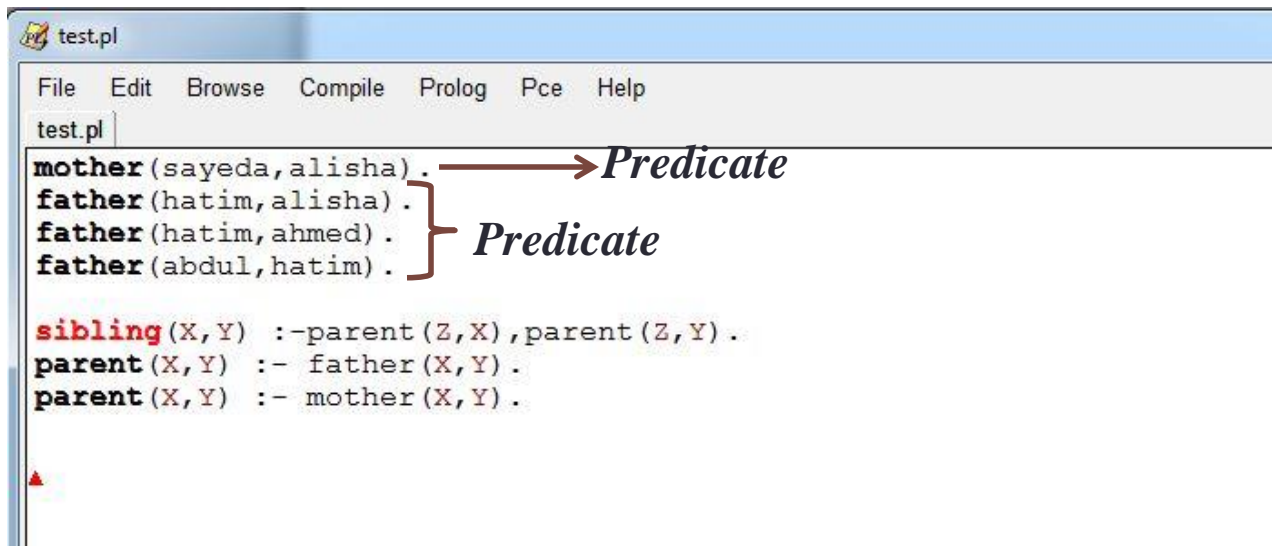


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Annotations in the image:

- An arrow points from the word *Predicate* to the `mother` predicate.
- A bracket groups the `father` and `sibling` predicates, with the word *Predicate* next to it.

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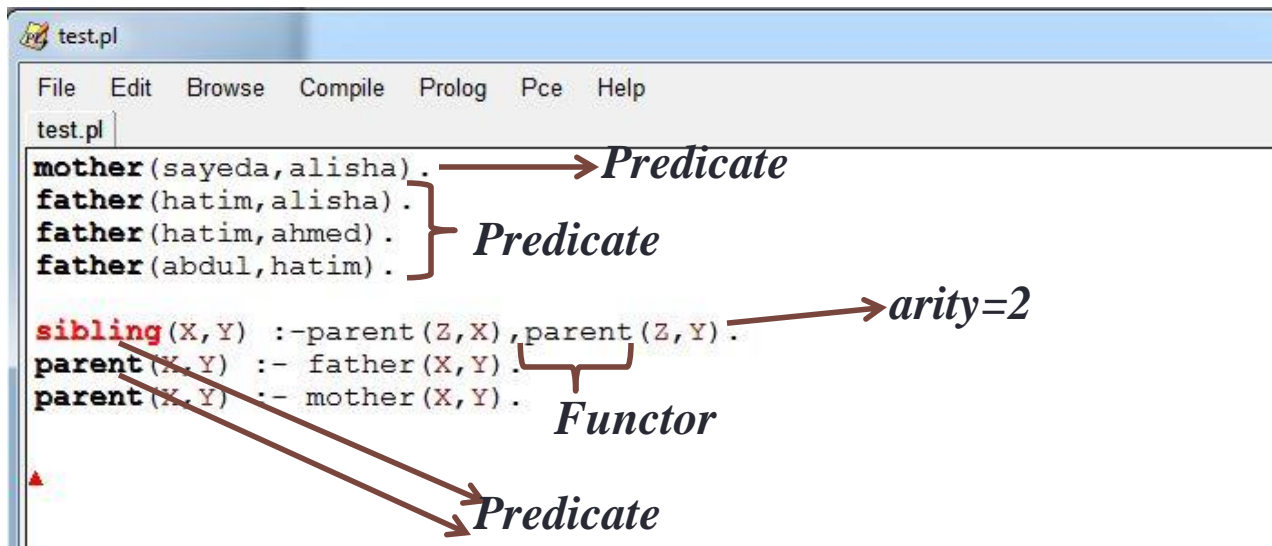
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- An arrow points from the word *Predicate* to a bracket grouping the next three clauses: `father(hatim, alisha).`, `father(hatim, ahmed).`, and `father(abdul, hatim).`
- An arrow points from the text *arity=2* to the arguments `X, Y` in the `sibling` predicate: `sibling(X, Y) :- parent(Z, X), parent(Z, Y).`
- An arrow points from the word *Functor* to the argument `X` in the `parent` predicate: `parent(X, Y) :- father(X, Y).`
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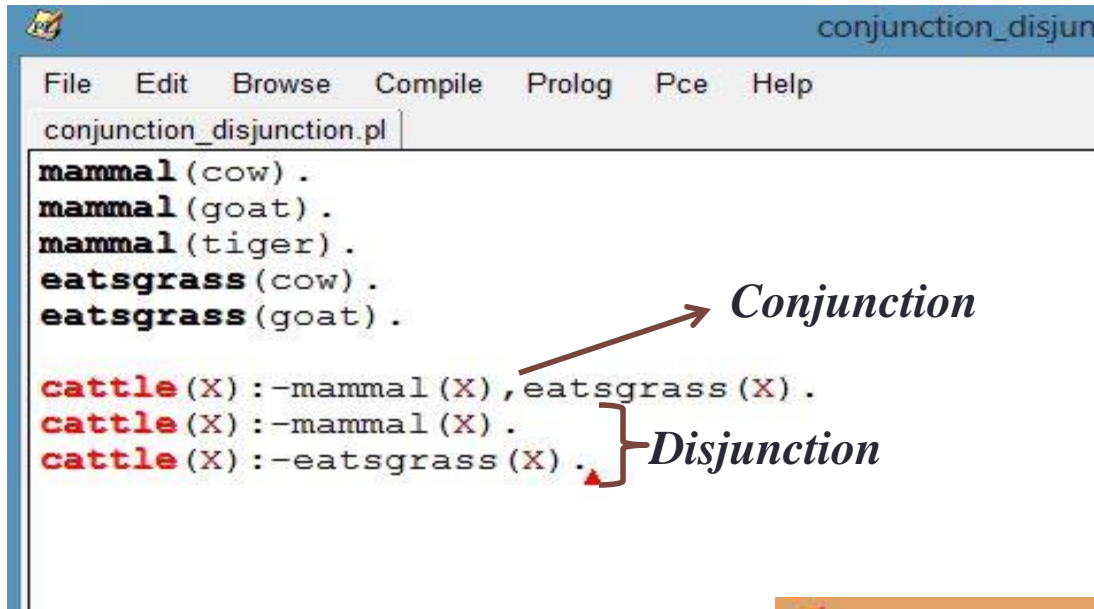
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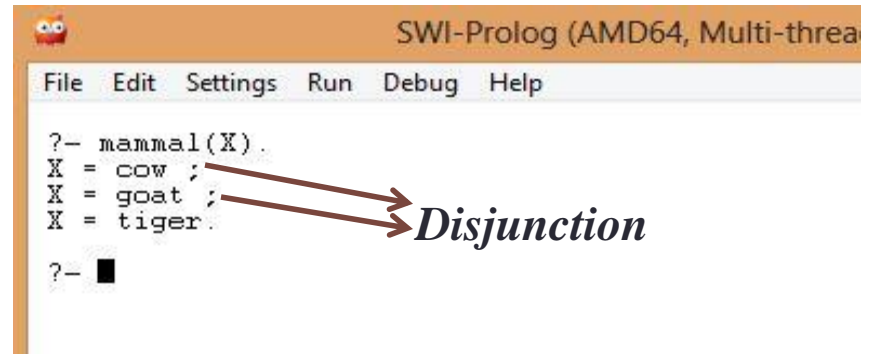
- In the above program, there are 4 predicates

Conjunction and Disjunction



```
conjunction_disjunction.pl
mammal(cow).
mammal(goat).
mammal(tiger).
eatsgrass(cow).
eatsgrass(goat).

cattle(X):-mammal(X),eatsgrass(X).
cattle(X):-mammal(X);
cattle(X):-eatsgrass(X).
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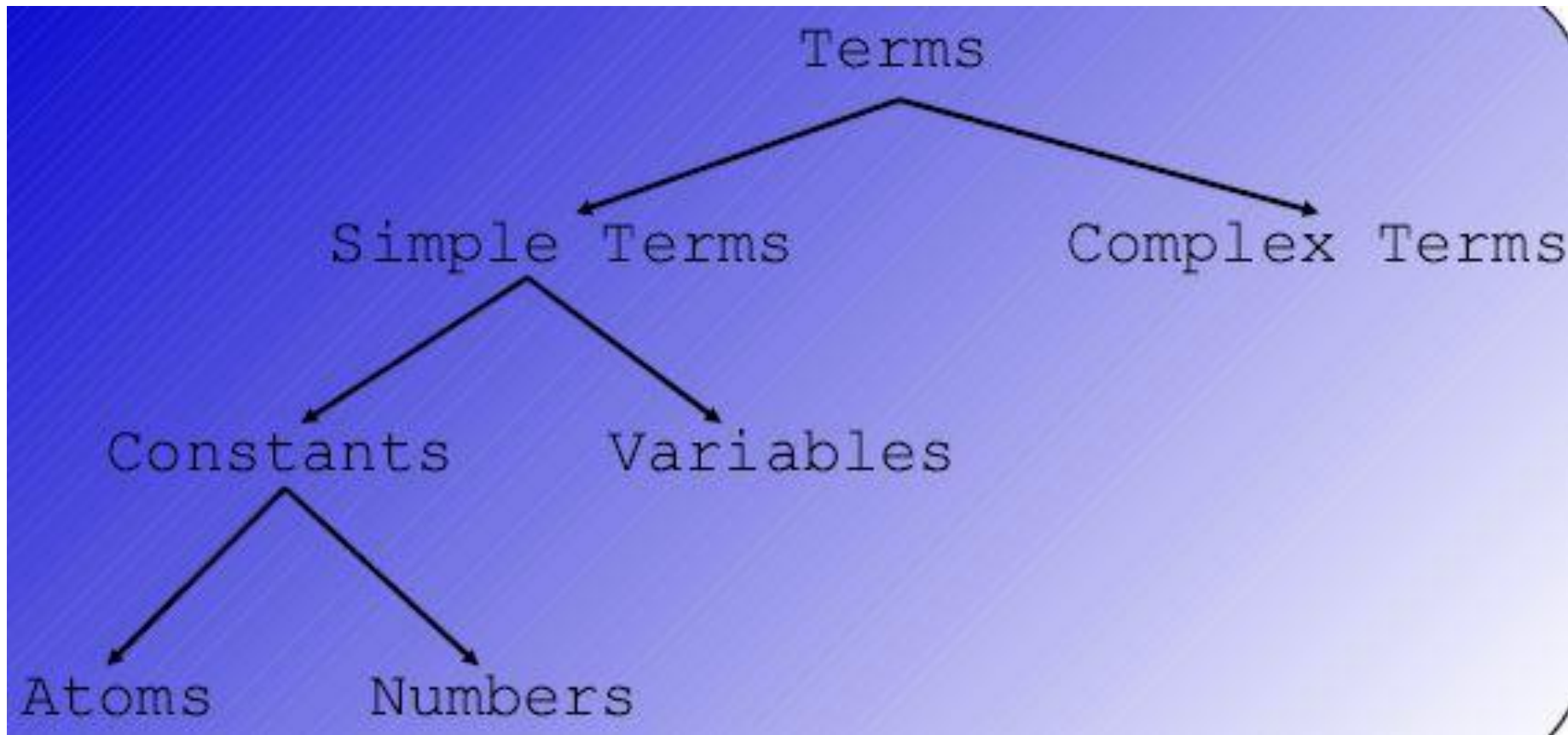


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?- mammal(X).
X = cow ;
X = goat ;
X = tiger ;
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```


Dissecting Prolog Constructs

- Facts, Rules and Queries are made up of terms.



Atoms

- A sequence of characters of upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with a **lowercase letter**
 - eg. **animal, likes_eating_flesh, loves2Play**
- An arbitrary sequence of characters enclosed in single quotes
 - eg. **‘Manish’, ‘One man army’, ‘\$#*%’**
- A sequence of special characters
 - *eg.* **: , ; . :-**

Numbers

- Integer

81,133,-48

- Float

765.2344

Variables

- A sequence of characters of uppercase letters, lower-case letters, digits, or underscore, starting with either an **uppercase letter** or an **underscore**
 - eg. X,Y, Amount, _score

Complex terms

- Complex terms is made up of atoms, numbers and variables
- It consists of a functor followed by a sequence of arguments
- Arguments are put in round brackets, separated by commas
- The functor must be an atom

eg. `playsFootball(Sameer)`

`loves(Ayesha,Danish)`

Nested complex terms

`works(X, mother(mother(bina)))`

Arity

- Number of arguments in a complex term
 - `man(rahul) → arity=1`
 - `parent(johan,isabela) → arity=2`, and so on
- Representation:
- `loves(mohan, anjali) → loves/2`
- In prolog if two predicates have same functor but different arity they are treated as different predicates

Instantiation

- It is a process of binding a value to a variable
eg. $X = \text{rahul}$ (variable X is bound to the value 'rahul')
 $Y = 3 + 2$ (variable Y is bound to the value $3 + 2$)
- Fully instantiated:- if the bounded value does not contain variable
eg. $X = \text{mother}(\text{rohan})$
- Partially instantiated:- if the bounded value contains variable
eg. $X = \text{father}(Y)$

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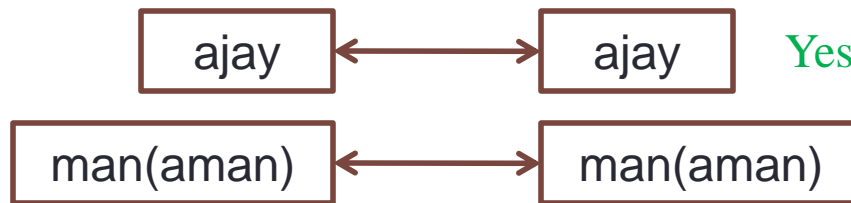


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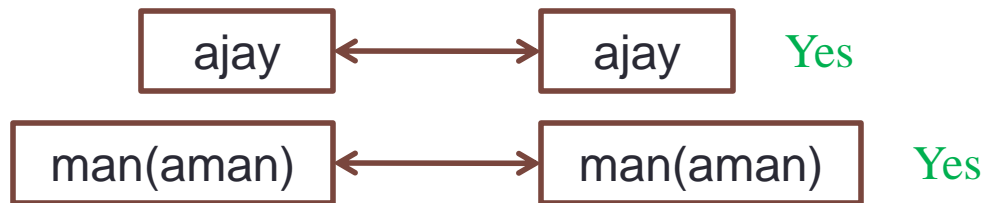


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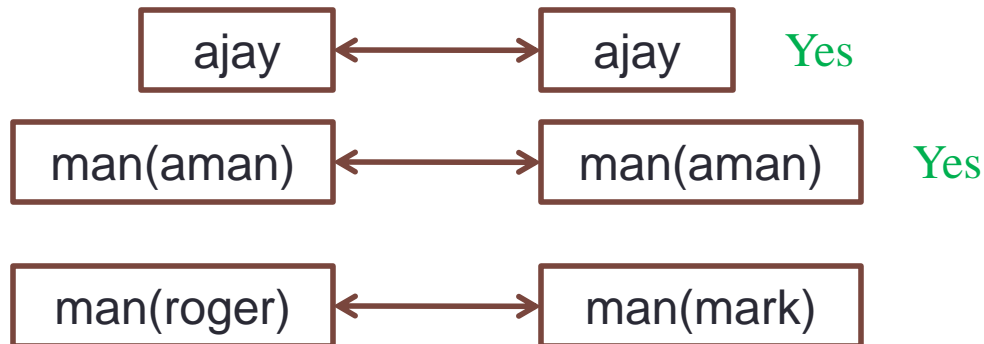


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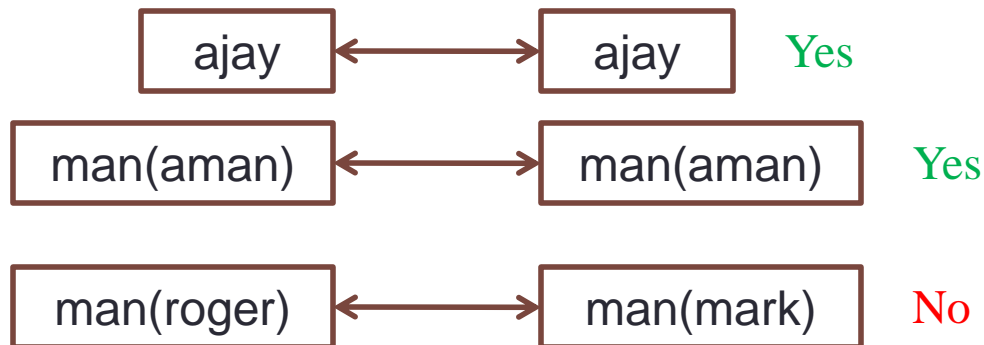


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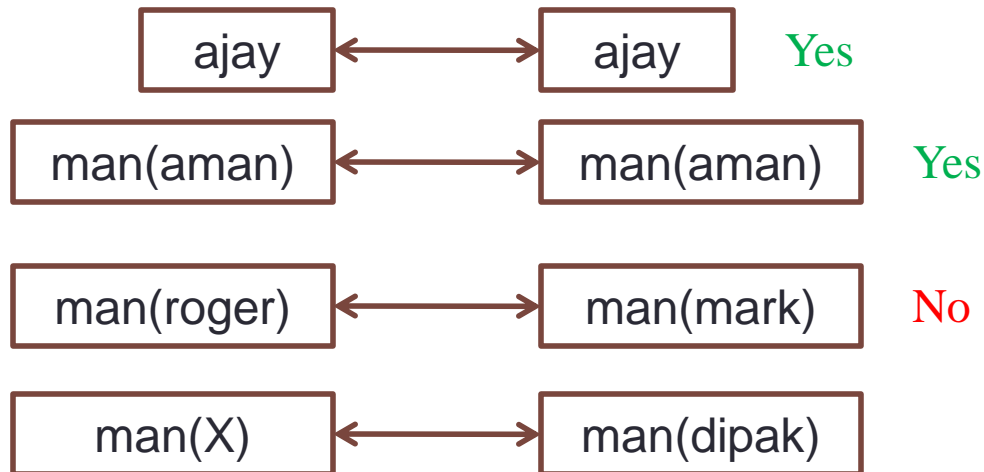


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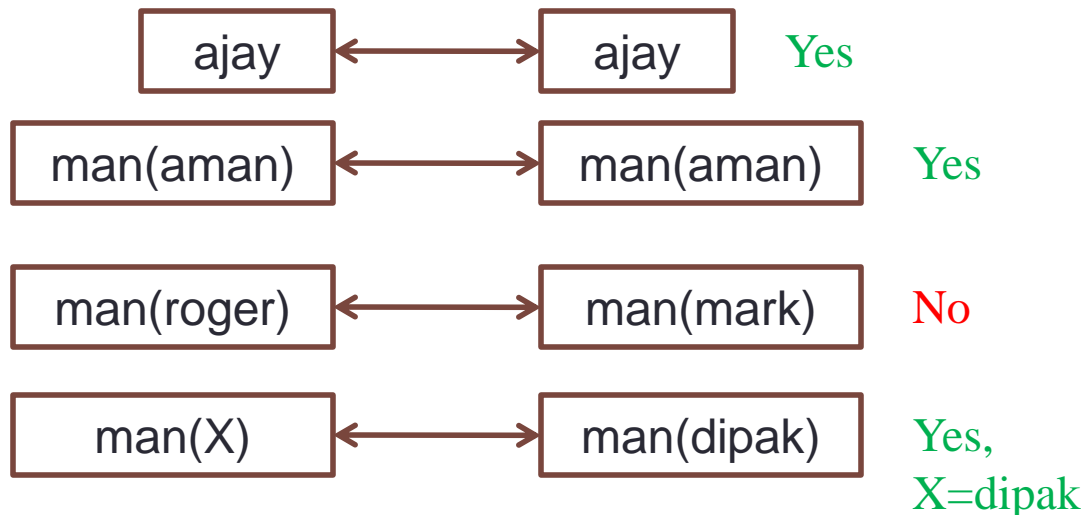


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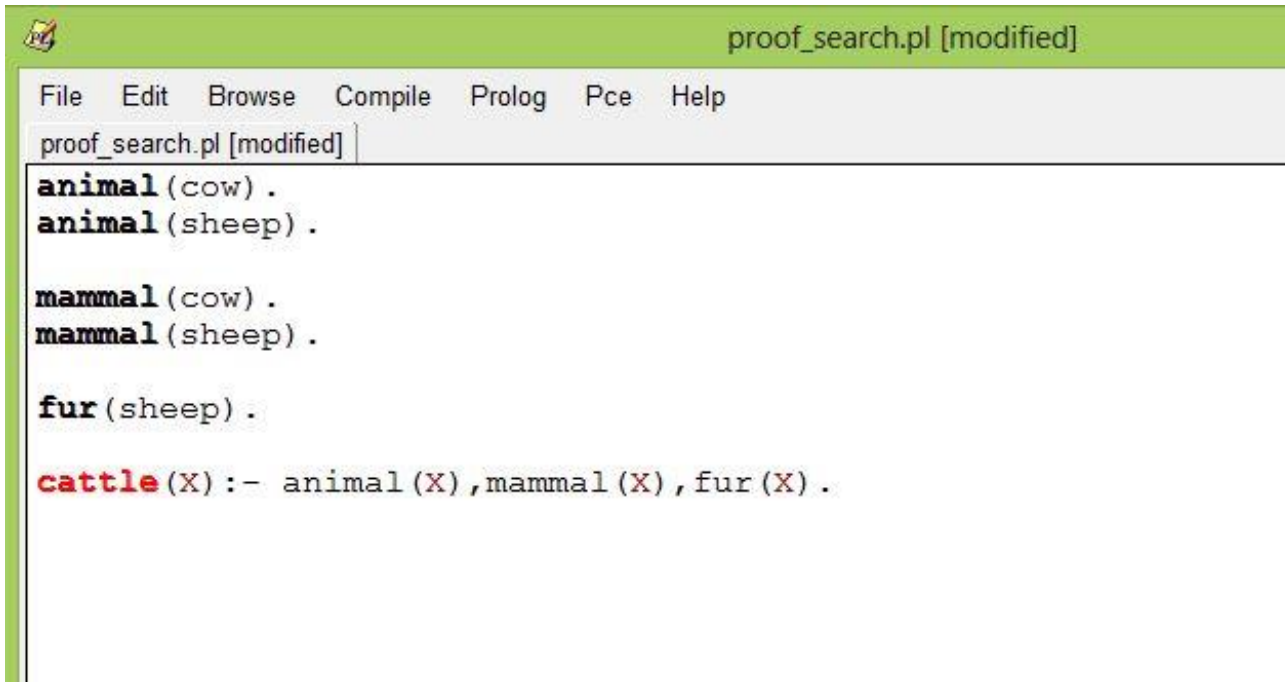
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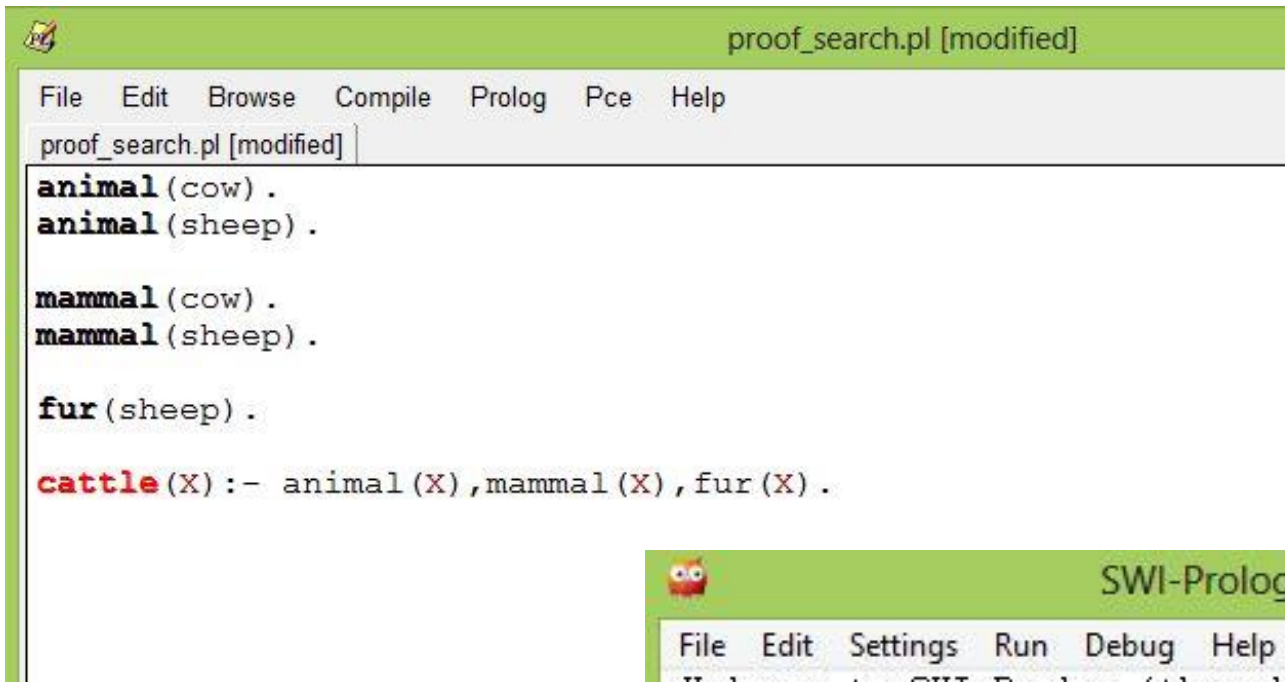
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animal(cow) .
animal(sheep) .

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fur(sheep) .

cattle(X) :- animal(X), mammal(X), fur(X).
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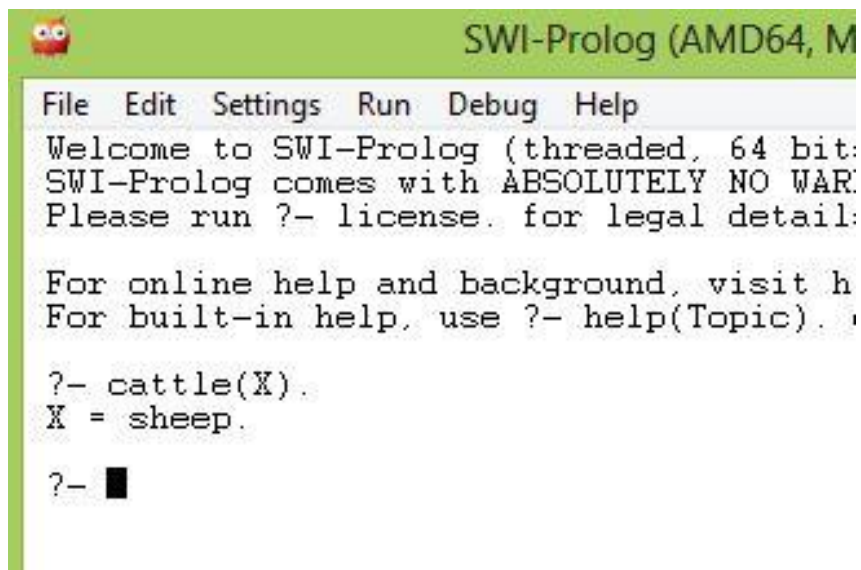


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?- cattle(X).
X = sheep.

?-
```

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 - By a process called 'Proof Search'

Proof Search and Backtracking

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cattle(X):- animal(X),mammal(X),fur(X).
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?- cattle(Y).  
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?- ■
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Proof Search and Backtracking

cattle(Y)

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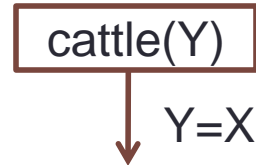


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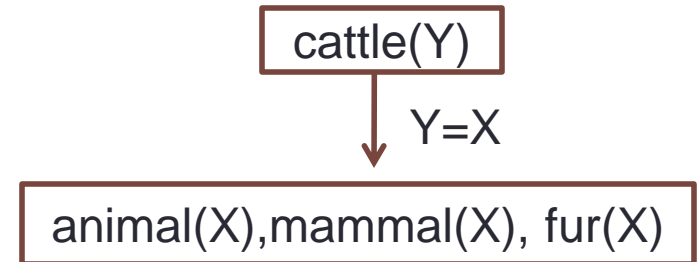


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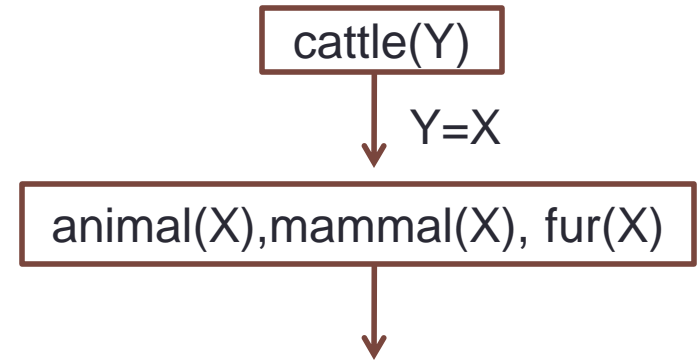


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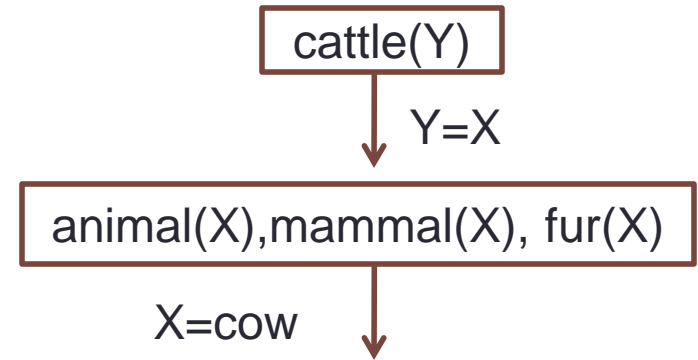


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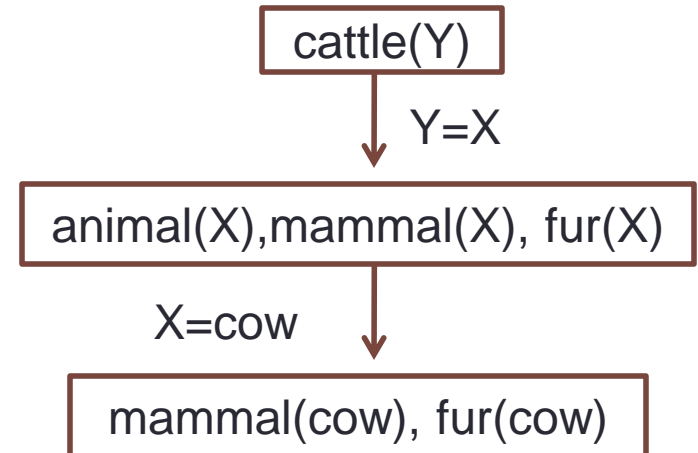


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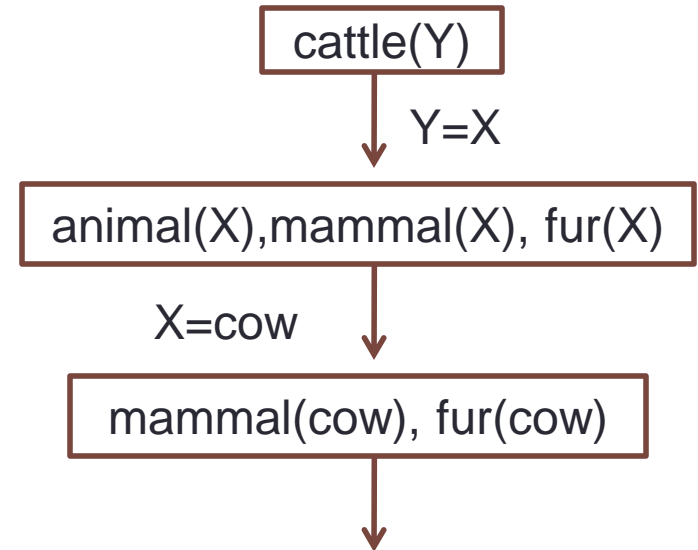


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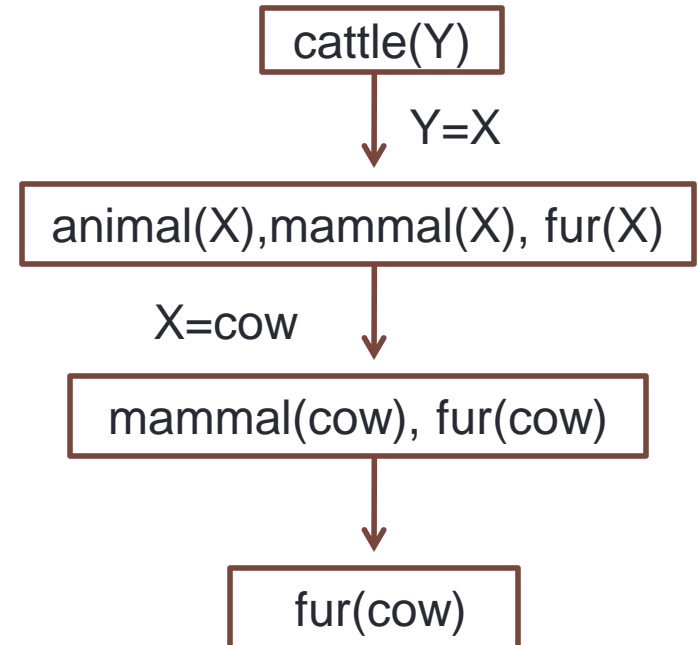


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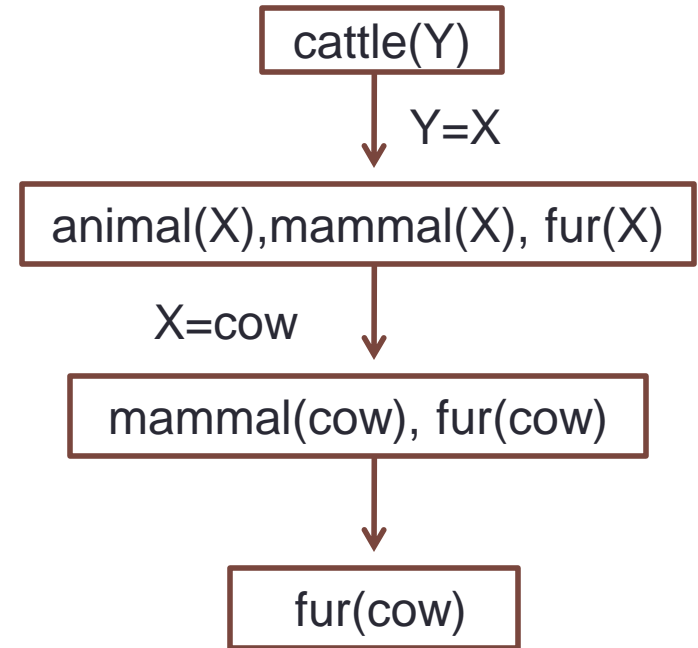


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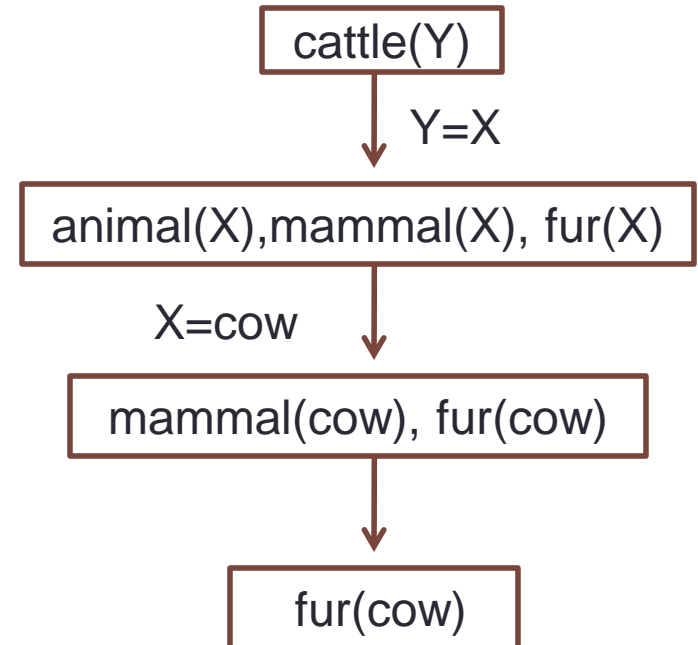
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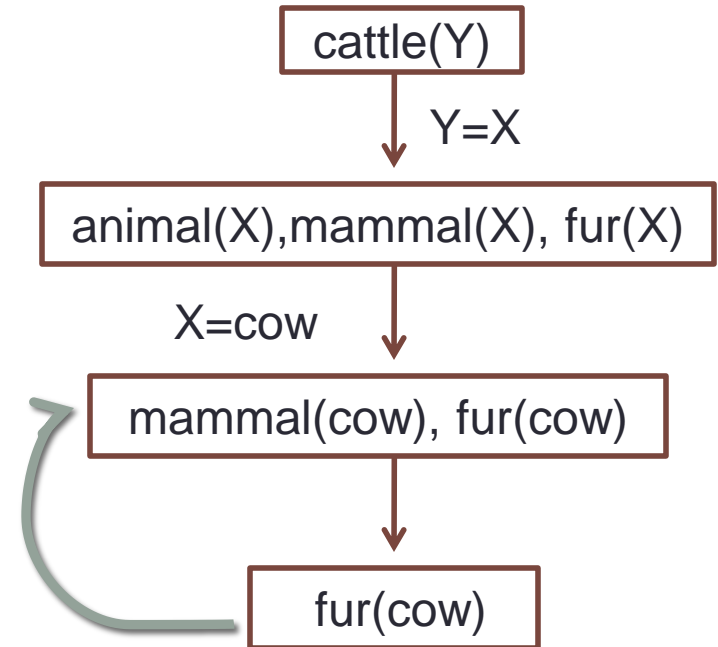


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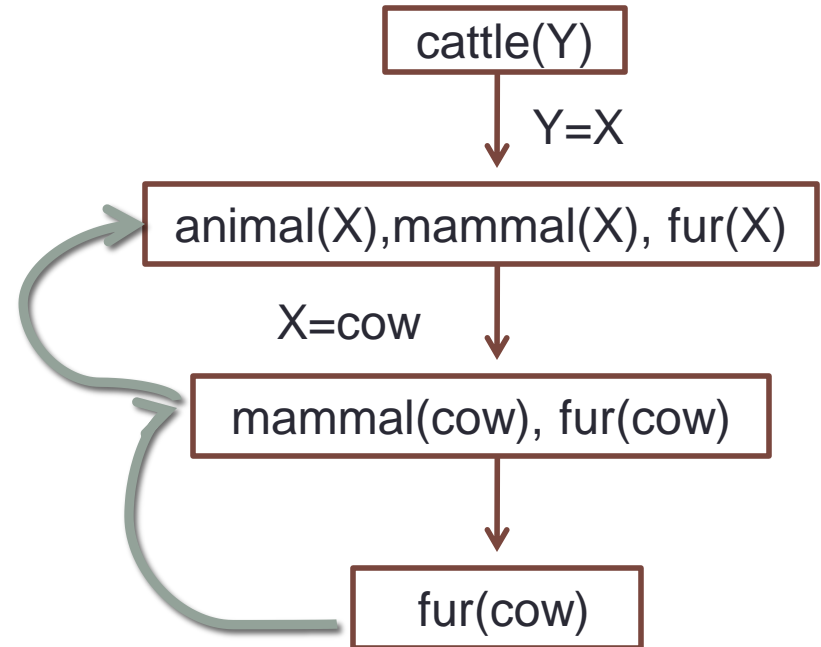


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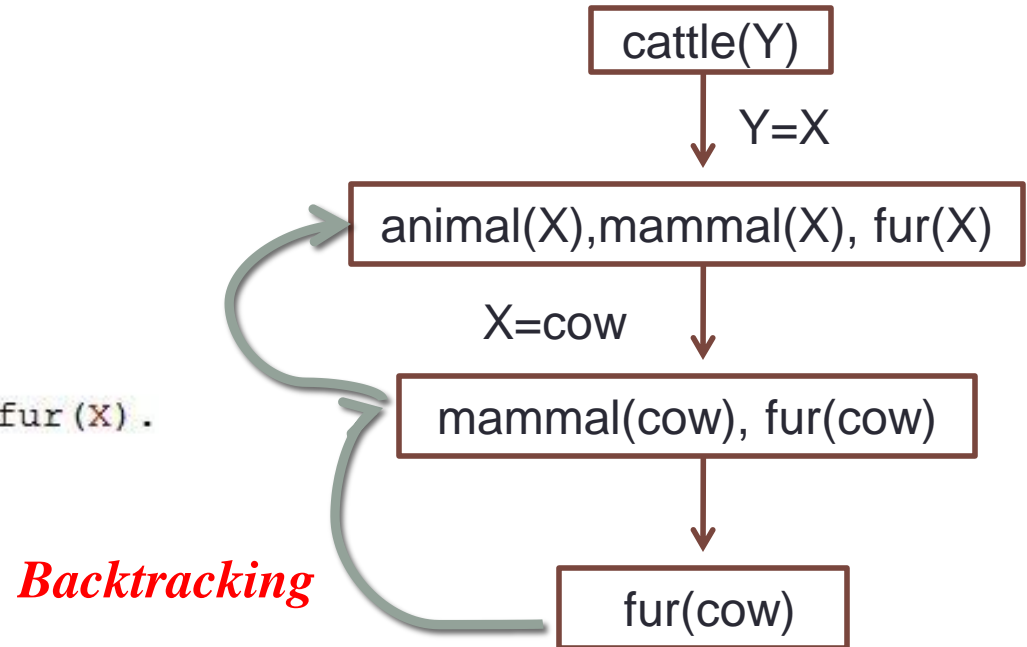
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?- ■
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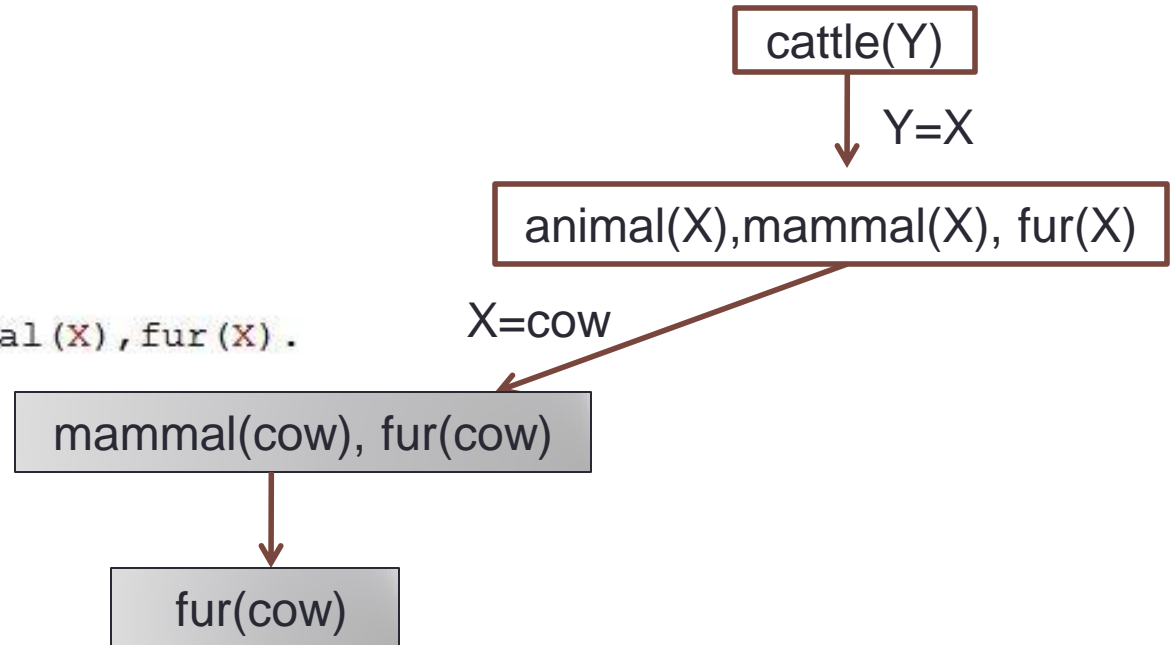
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Proof Search and Backtracking

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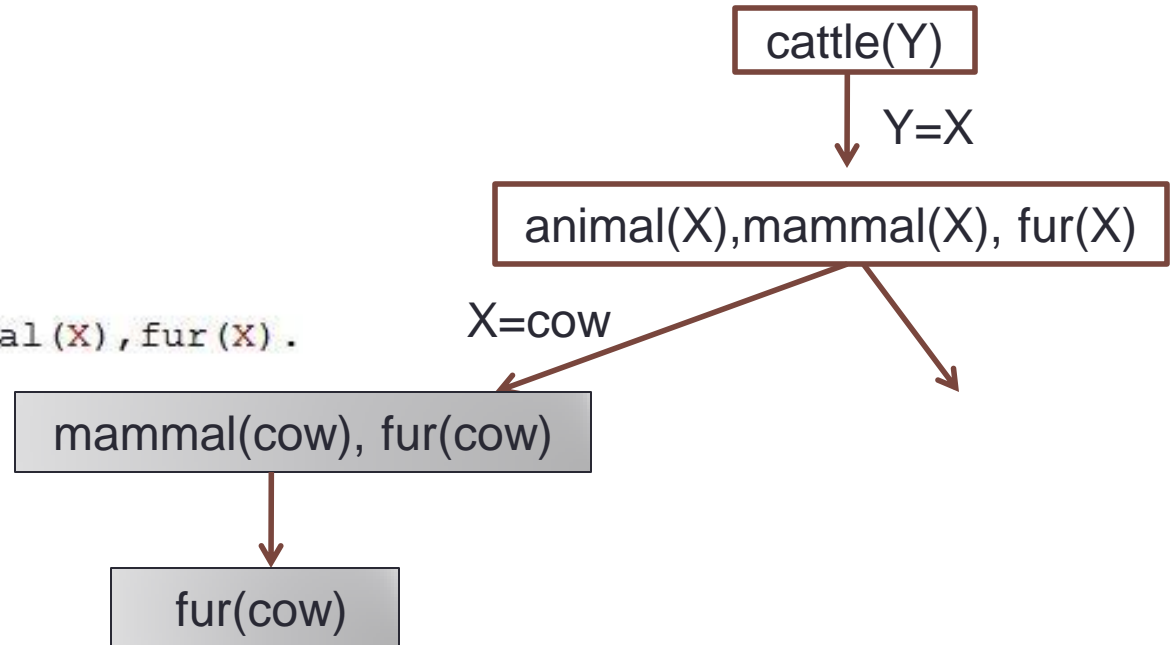
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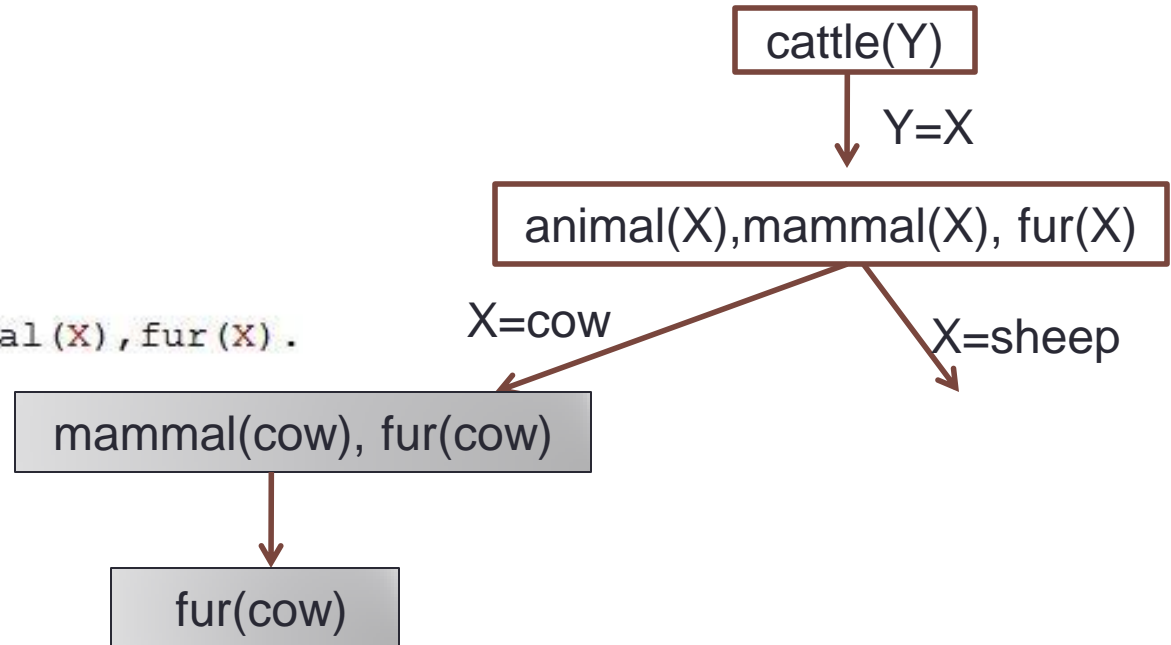
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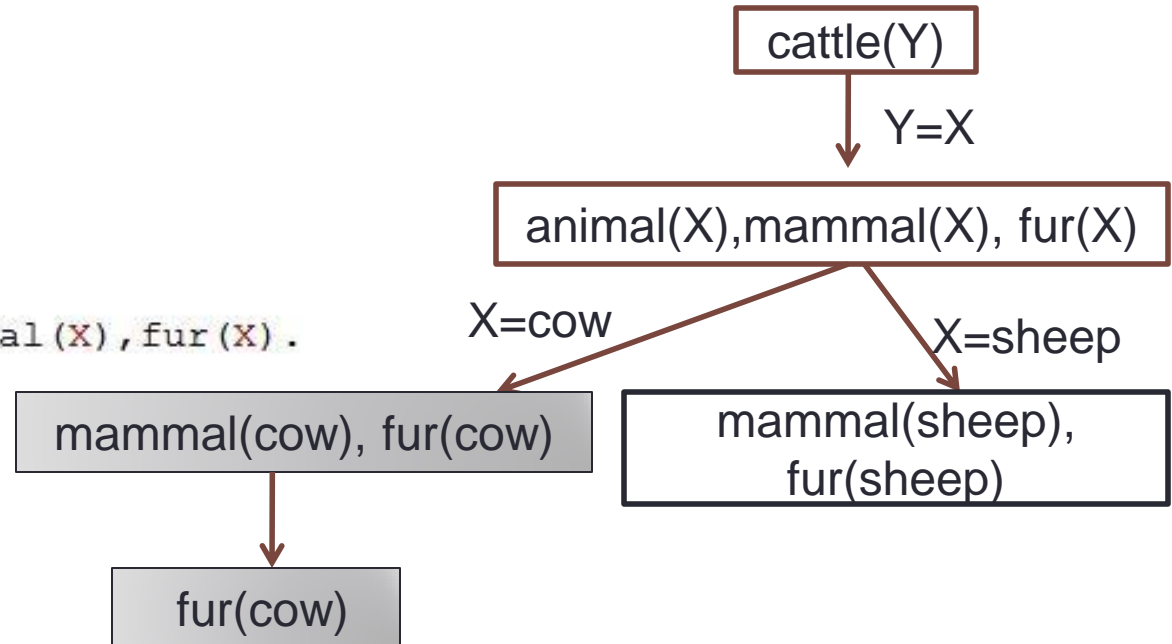
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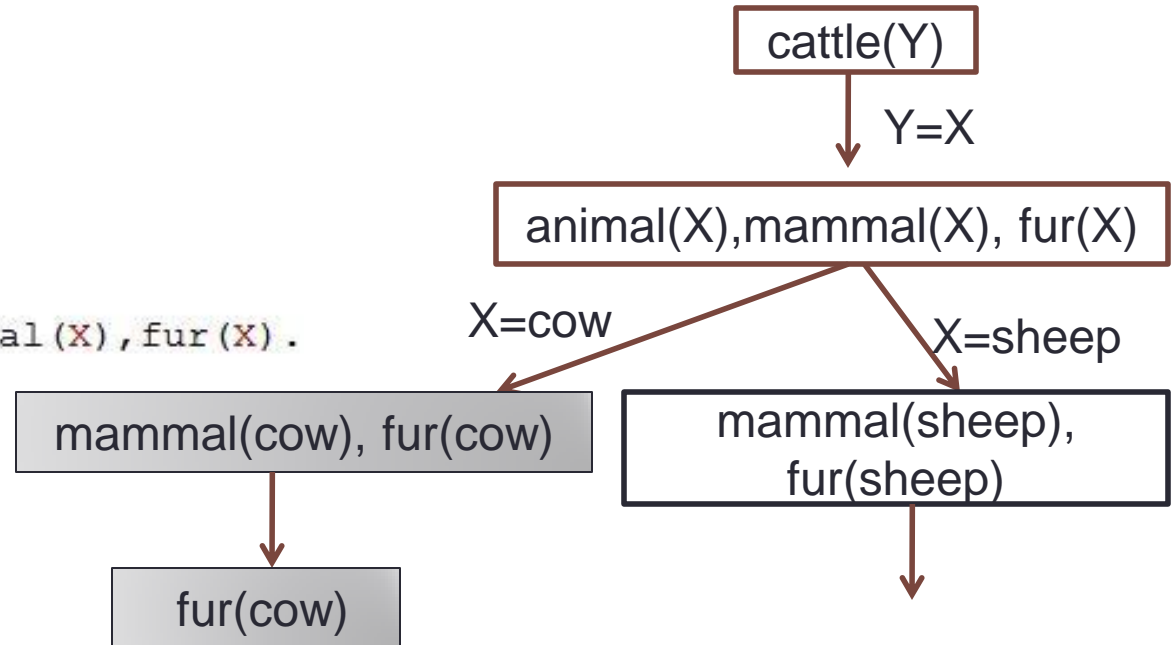
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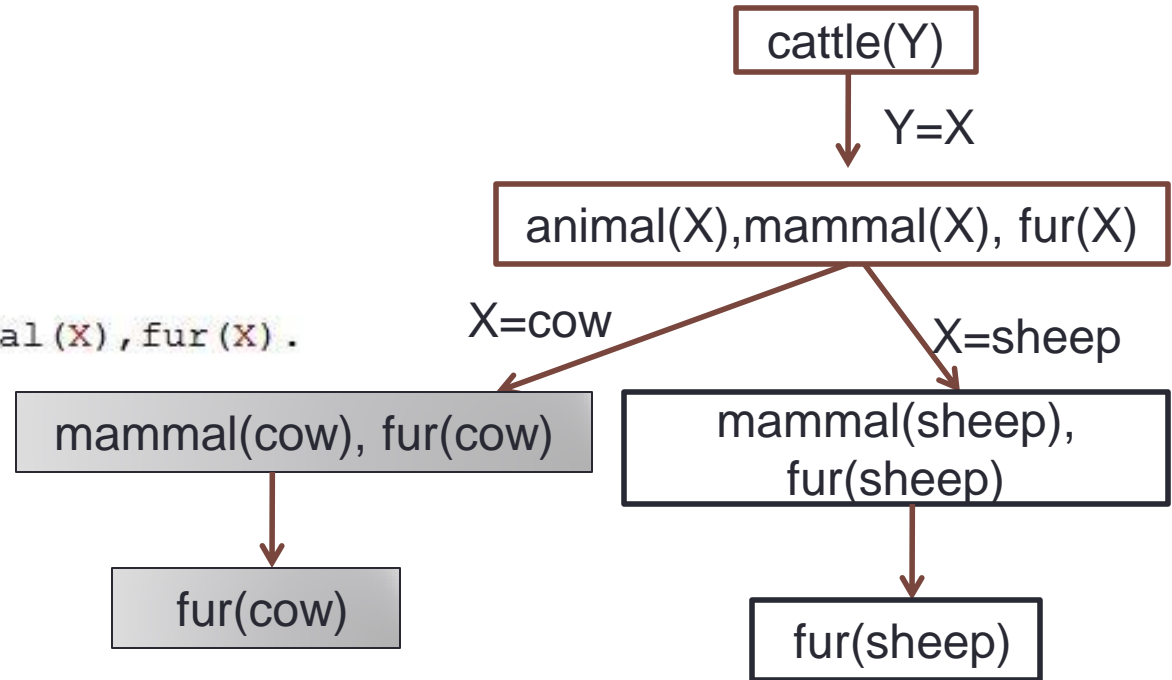
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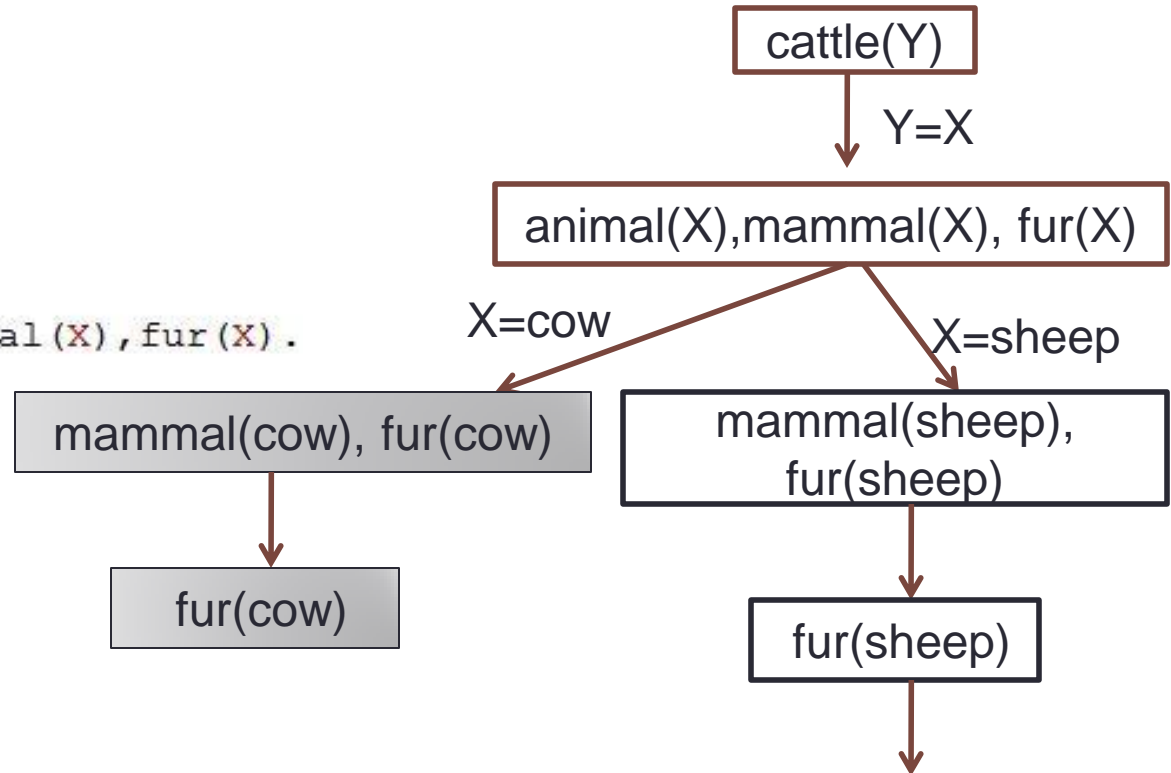
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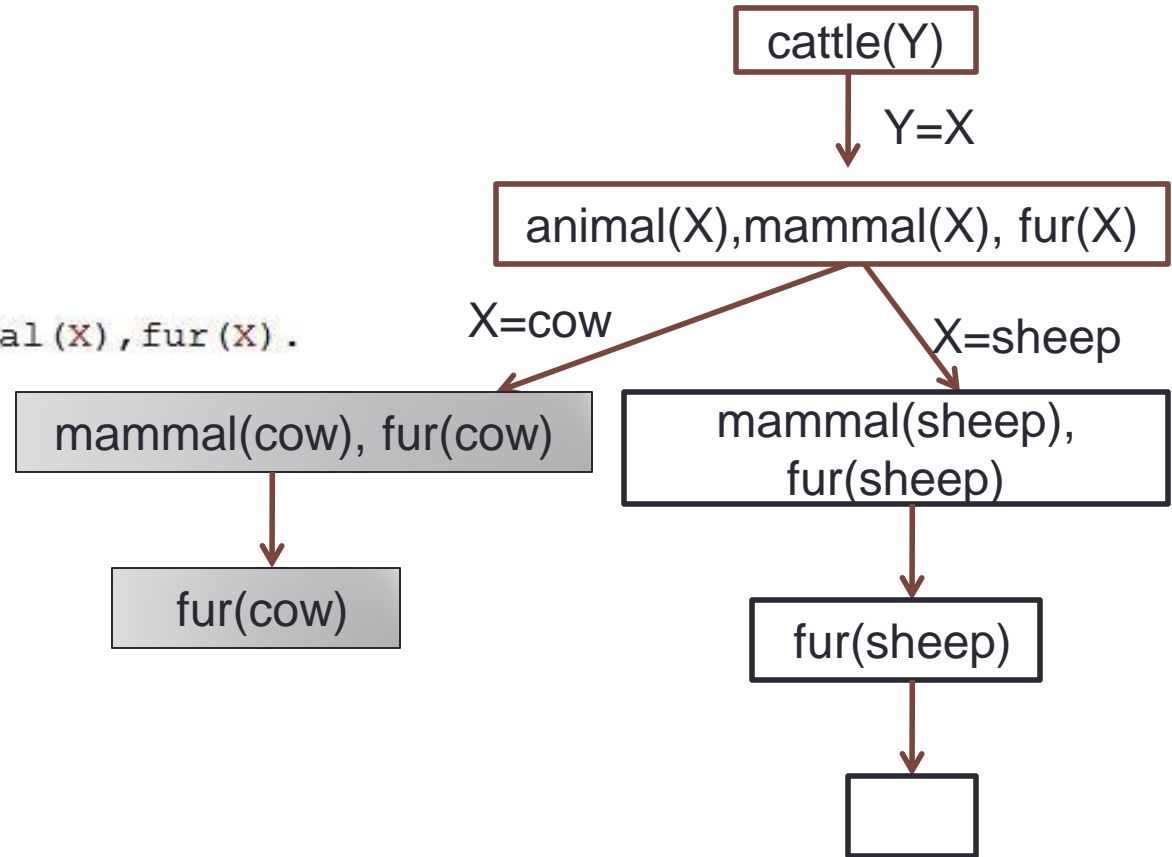
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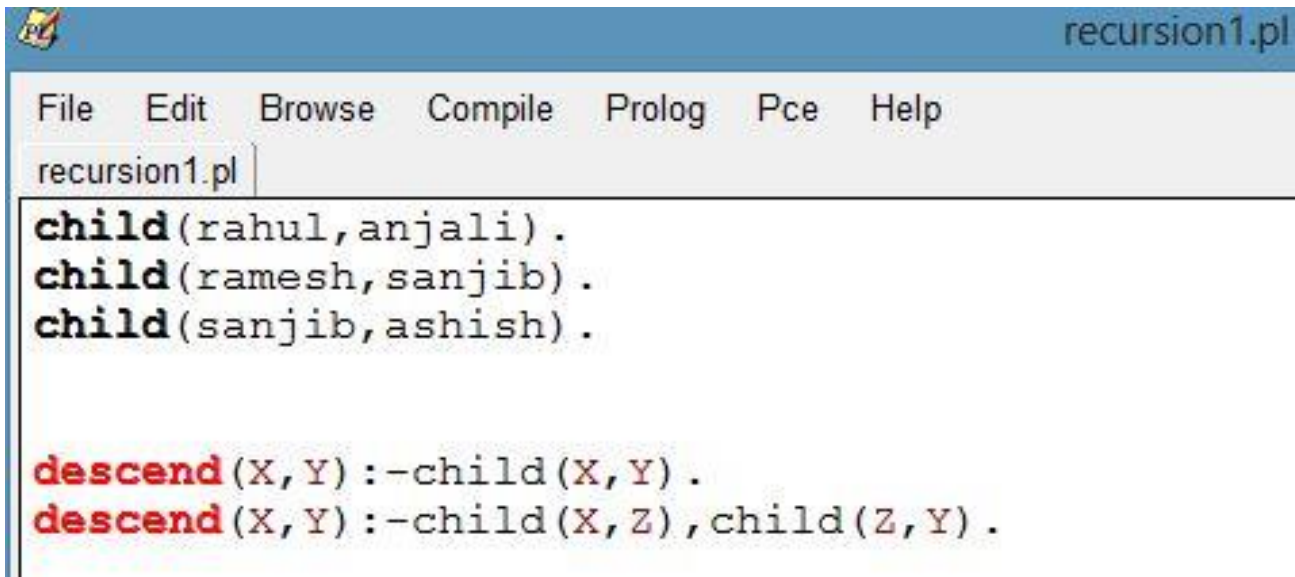


Recursion

- In prolog, predicates are allowed to be defined recursively
- A predicate is recursively defined if one or more rules in its definition refers to itself

Recursion

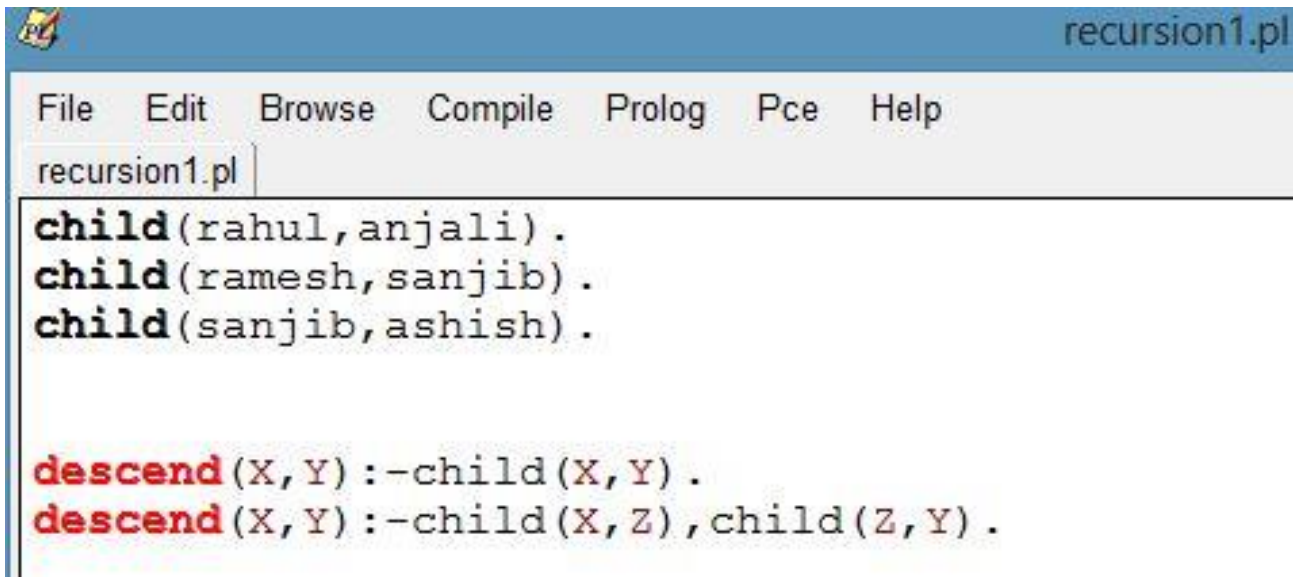
Recursion



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recursion1.pl
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recursion1.pl
child(rahul,anjali) .
child(ramesh,sanjib) .
child(sanjib,ashish) .

descend(X,Y):-child(X,Y) .
descend(X,Y):-child(X,Z),child(Z,Y) .
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descend(X,Y):-child(X,Y).  
descend(X,Y):-child(X,Z),child(Z,Y).
```


```
?- descend(ramesh,ashish).
```

```
true.
```

```
?- ■
```

Recursion

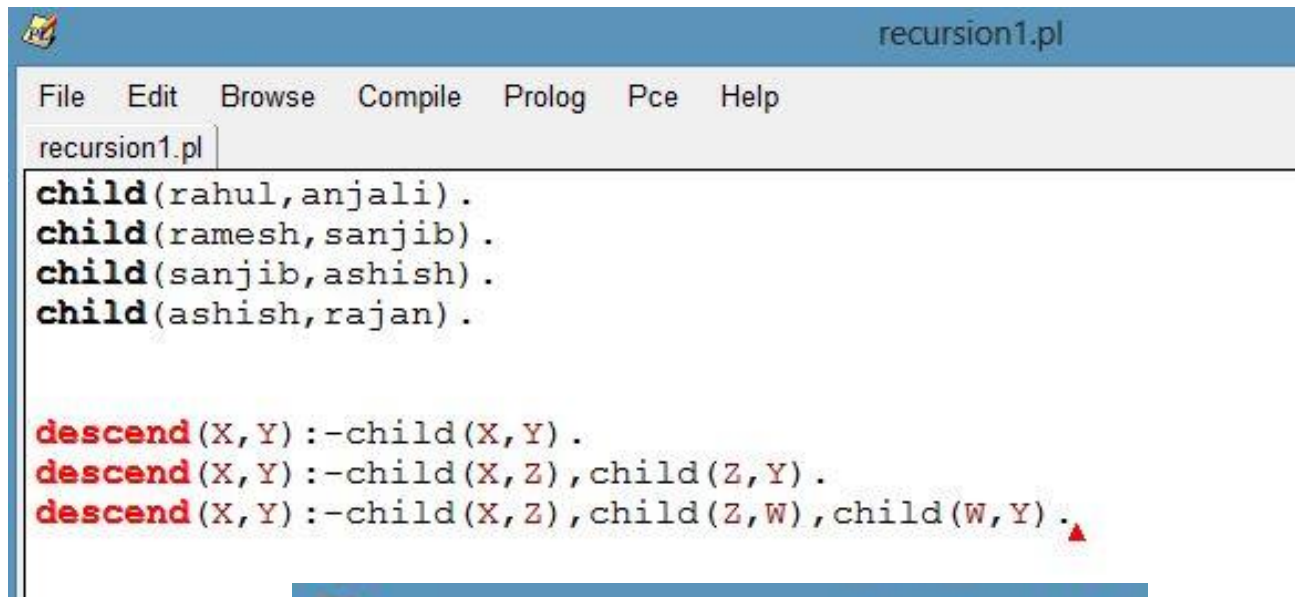
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child(rahul,anjali).
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child(ashish,rajan).

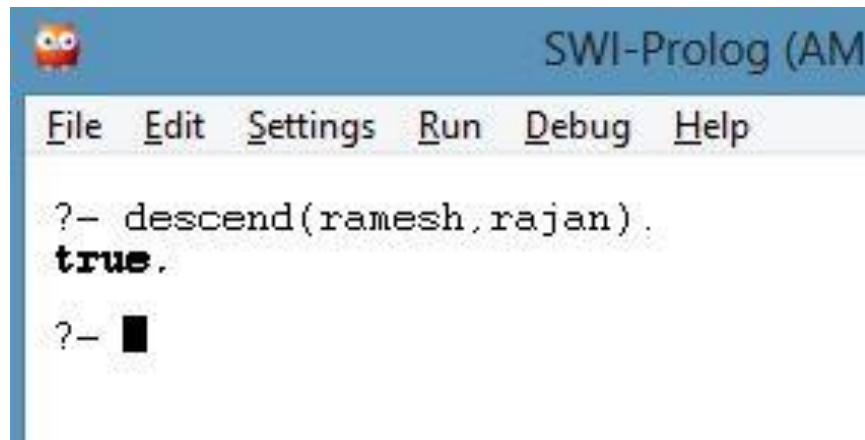
descend(X,Y):-child(X,Y).
descend(X,Y):-child(X,Z),child(Z,Y).
descend(X,Y):-child(X,Z),child(Z,W),child(W,Y).
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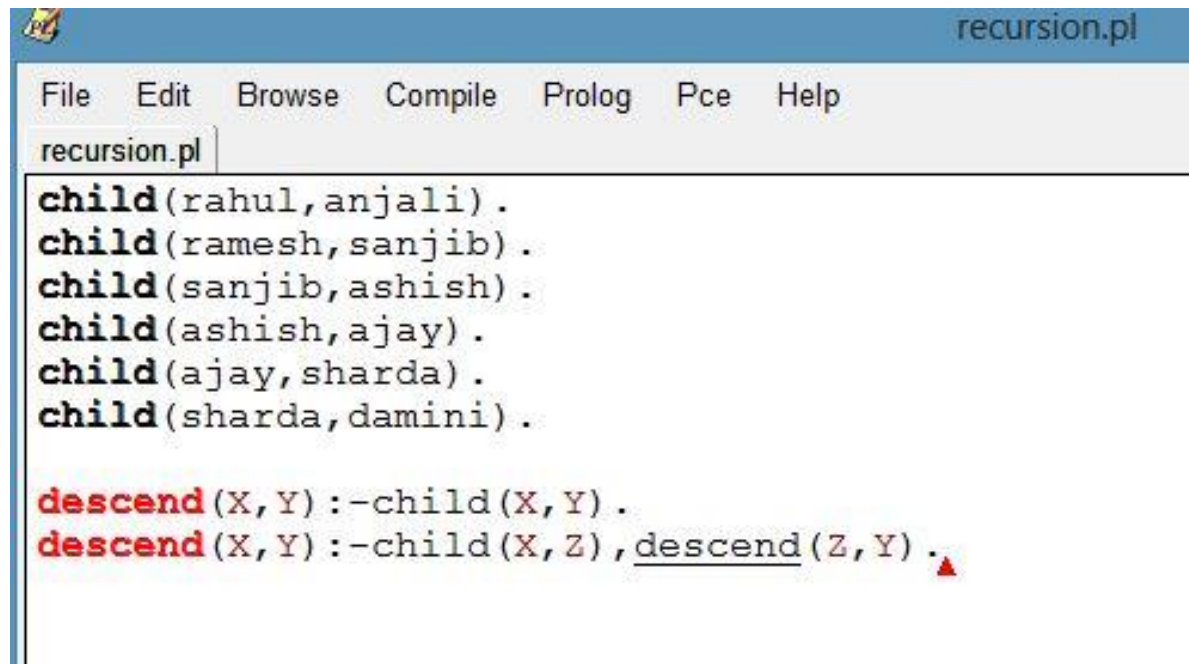
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?- descend(ramesh,rajan).
true.
?-
```

Recursion

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child(rahul,anjali).
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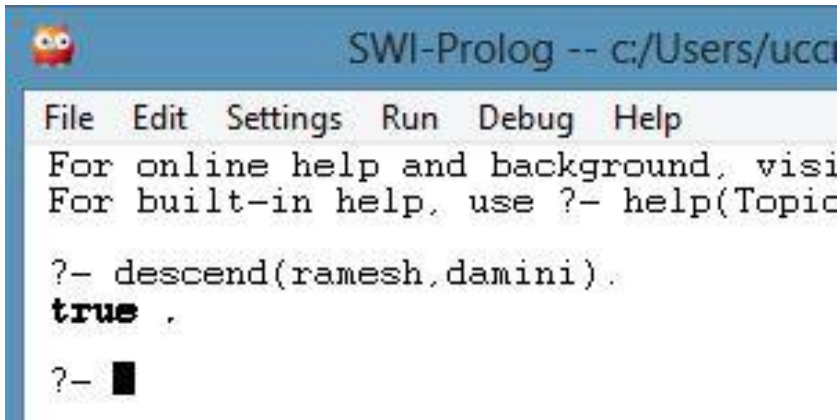
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For online help and background, visit
For built-in help, use ?- help(Topic)

?- descend(ramesh,damini).
true .

?-
```

Lists

- List in prolog is a finite sequence of elements
- It can be homogeneous and heterogeneous
- A list is enclosed in a square bracket
- Examples:

[rajan,rahul,babita,shreya,ajay]

[babita, 3.4,X,9,nilufer]

[X, man(sam), animal(tiger)]

[[1,2,3],[a,b,c]]

[]

Lists

- Length of a list = number of elements
- Special list with no elements → empty list []
- A non empty list has two parts:
 - Head
 - Tail
- Head: First element of the list
- Tail: Remaining elements of the list
- Tail of a list is also a list

Lists: Examples

- [arif, binay, sonal, mitali]
- [[], 2.5, fruit(X),[a,[b,c]]]
- [ramesh]

Lists: Examples

- [arif, binay, sonal, mitali]
 - Head: arif
 - Tail: [binay, sonal, mitali]
- [[], 2.5, fruit(X),[a,[b,c]]]
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 - Tail: [binay, sonal, mitali]
- [[], 2.5, fruit(X),[a,[b,c]]]
 - Head: []
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Lists: Examples


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 - Tail: [binay, sonal, mitali]
- [[], 2.5, fruit(X),[a,[b,c]]]
 - Head: []
 - Tail: [2.5, fruit(X),[a,[b,c]]]
- [ramesh]
 - Head: ramesh
 - Tail: []

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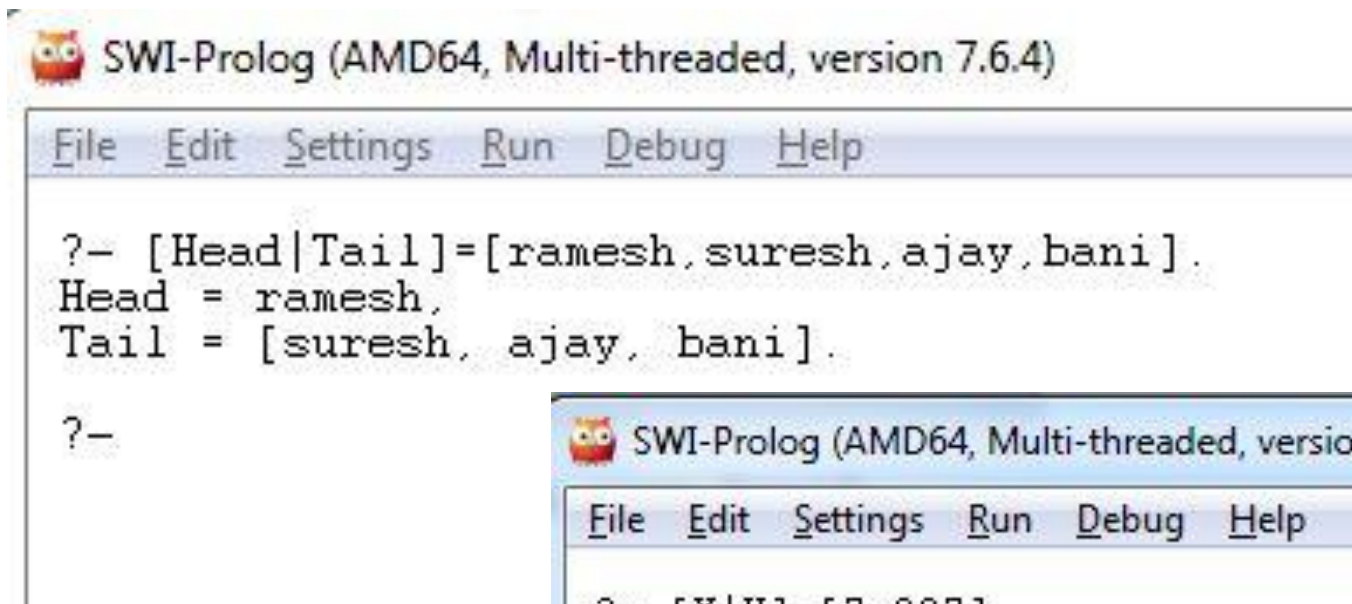
 SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)

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?- [Head|Tail]=[ramesh,suresh,ajay,bani].  
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?-
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?- [X|Y]=[7.987].  
X = 7.987,  
Y = [].  
  
?-
```

Lists: Operator '|'

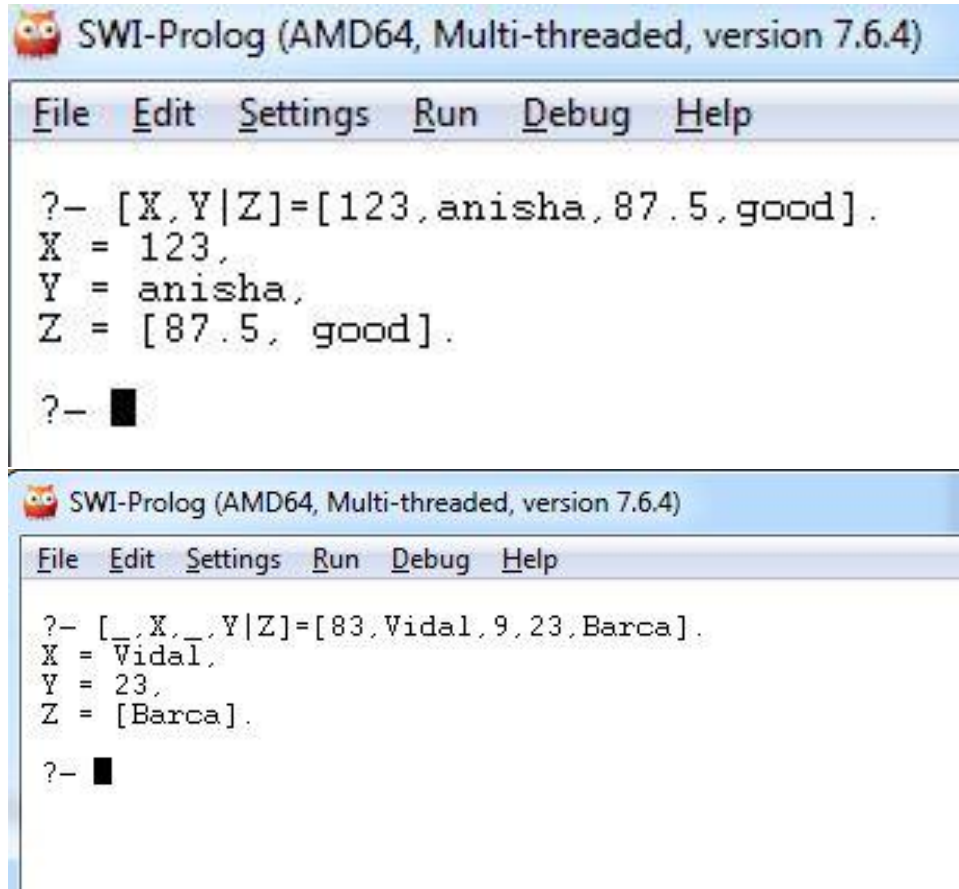
Lists: Operator ‘|’

 SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)
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?- [X,Y|Z]=[123,anisha,87.5,good].
X = 123,
Y = anisha,
Z = [87.5, good].

?- 


Lists: Operator ‘|’



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The image shows two screenshots of the SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4) window. The first screenshot shows a successful query where a list is decomposed into its head, tail, and remaining elements. The second screenshot shows a similar query with different values.

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?- [X,Y|Z]=[123,anisha,87.5,good].  
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```

```
?- █
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```
?- [_,X_,Y|Z]=[83,Vidal,9,23,Barca].  
X = Vidal,  
Y = 23,  
Z = [Barca].
```

```
?- █
```

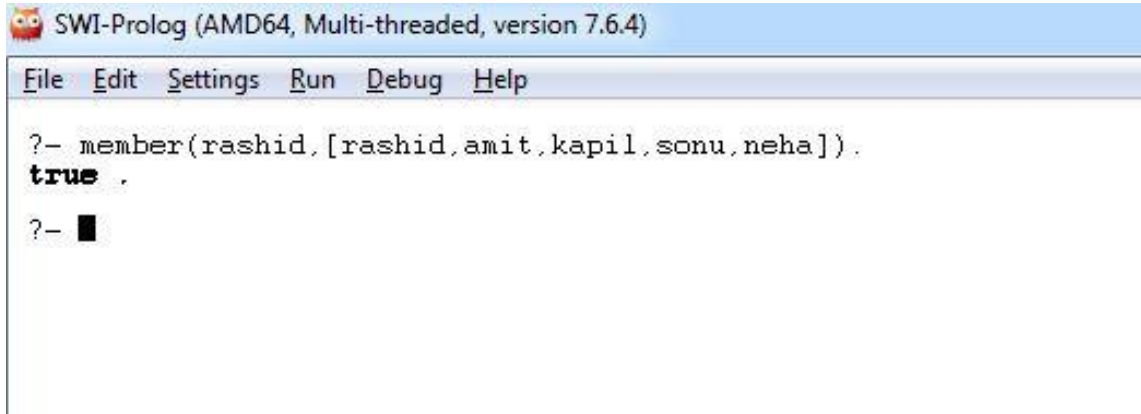
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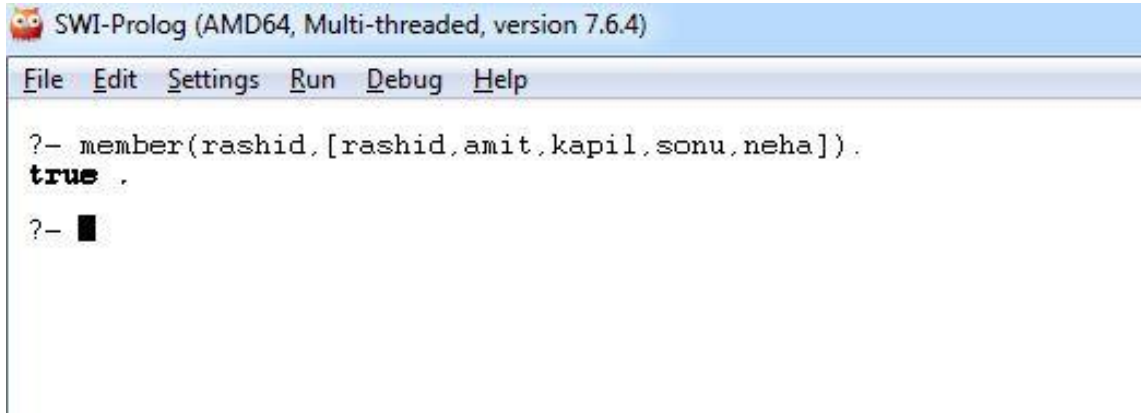


A screenshot of the SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4) window. The window has a title bar with the text "SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)". Below the title bar is a menu bar with the following items: File, Edit, Settings, Run, Debug, Help. The main text area contains the following text: ?- member(rashid,[rashid,amit,kapil,sonu,neha])., true ., and ?- █.

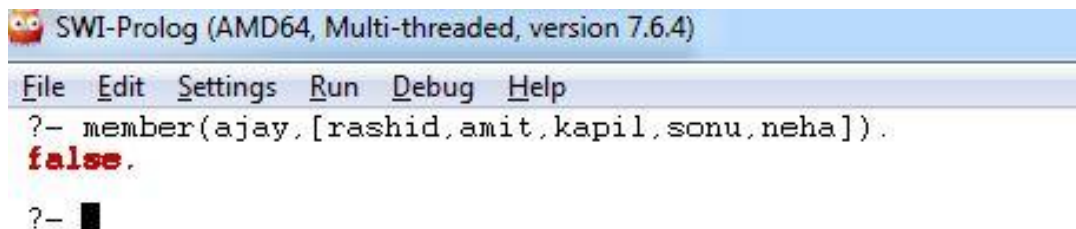
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true .
?- █
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true.
?-
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?- member(ajay,[rashid,amit,kapil,sonu,neha]).
false.
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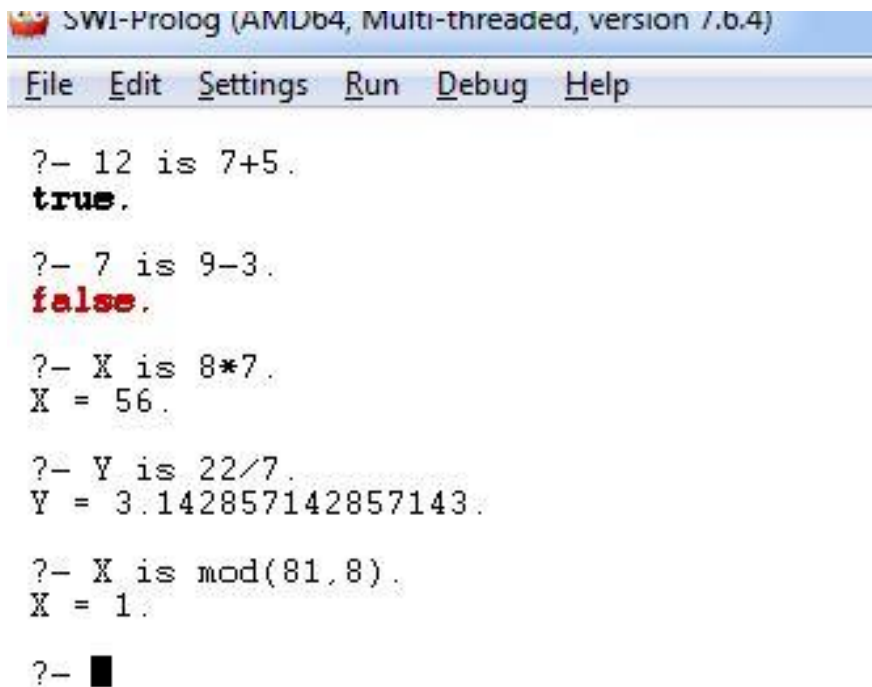
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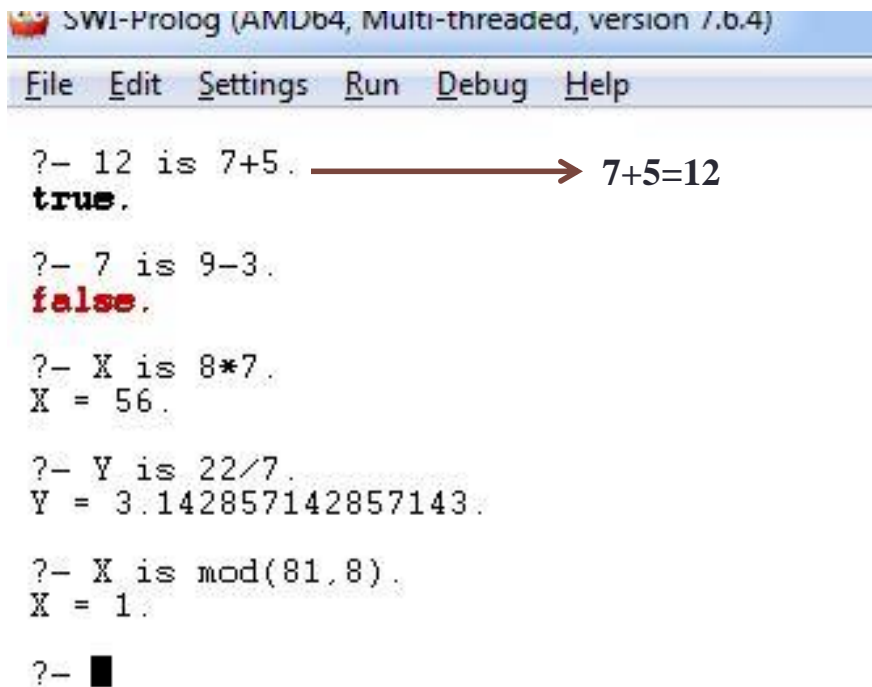
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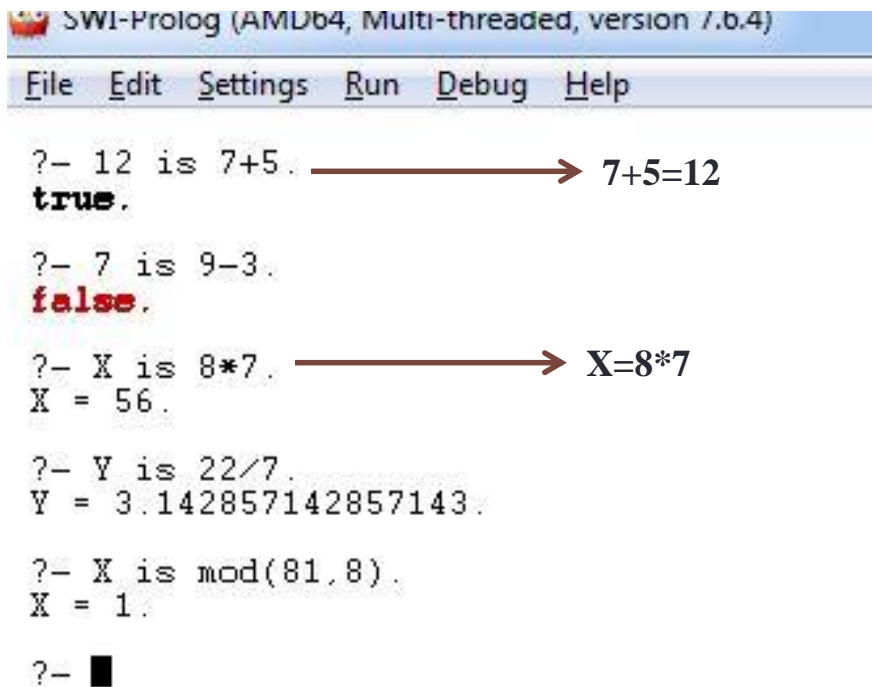
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The screenshot shows the SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4) interface. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Settings, Run, Debug, and Help. The main window displays several Prolog queries and their results:

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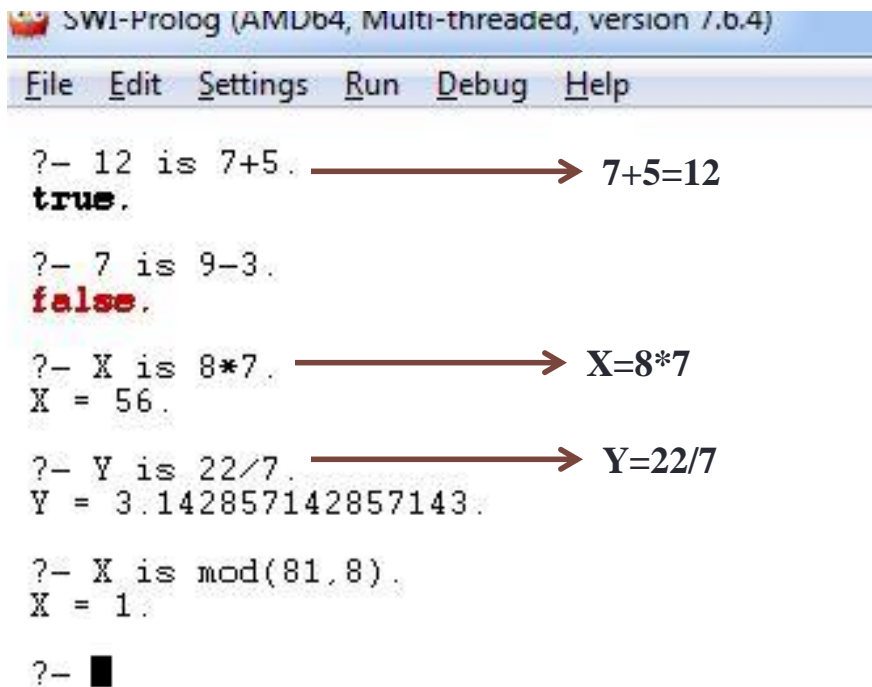
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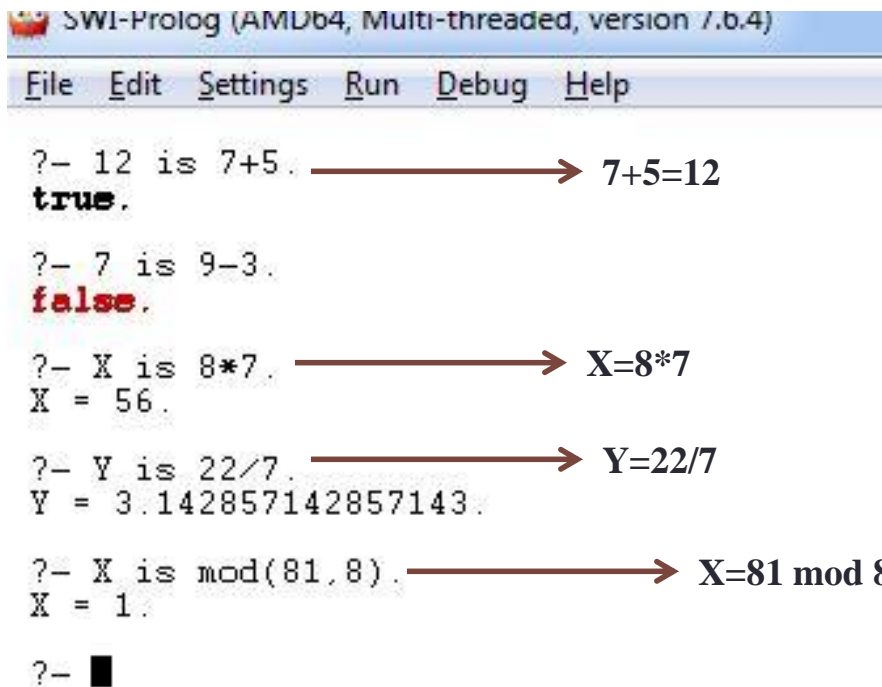
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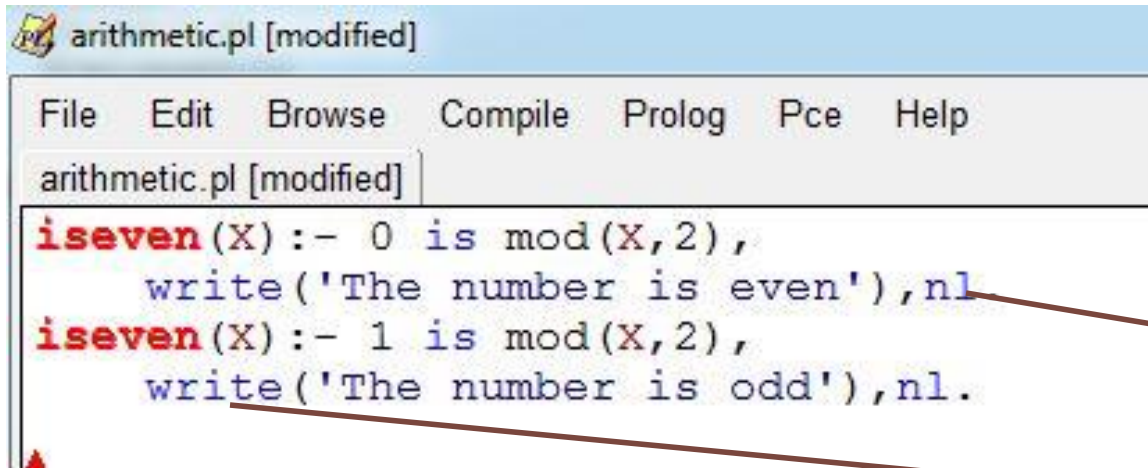
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?- X is mod(81,8). -----> X=81 mod 8
X = 1.

?- ■
```

Predicates with arithmetic



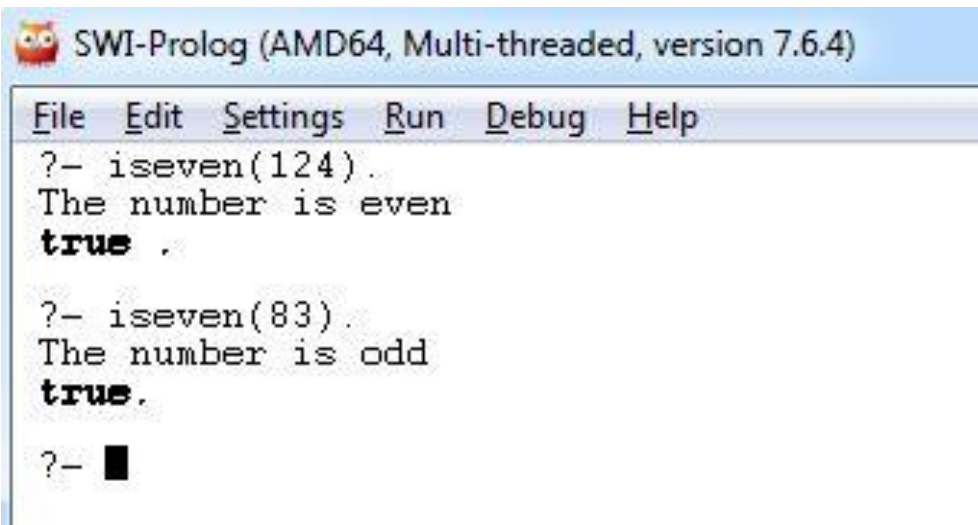
The screenshot shows a Prolog editor window with a menu bar (File, Edit, Browse, Compile, Prolog, Pce, Help) and a toolbar. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
iseven(X) :- 0 is mod(X,2),  
            write('The number is even'),nl  
iseven(X) :- 1 is mod(X,2),  
            write('The number is odd'),nl.
```

Two red arrows point from the code to labels on the right. One arrow points from the `nl` at the end of the first clause to the label *New Line*. The other arrow points from the `iseven(X) :-` of the second clause to the label *Predicate to print*.

New Line

Predicate to print



The screenshot shows the SWI-Prolog console window with the title bar 'SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)' and a menu bar (File, Edit, Settings, Run, Debug, Help). The console output is as follows:

```
?- iseven(124).  
The number is even  
true .  
  
?- iseven(83).  
The number is odd  
true.  
  
?- █
```

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SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)
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?- is(X,-(9,2)).
X = 7.

?- 9-2 is X.
ERROR: Arguments are not sufficiently instantiated
ERROR: In:
ERROR:      [8] 9-2 is _6278
ERROR:      [7] <user>
?-
```

Comparison operators

- Operators to compare numbers:

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?- 4<7.

true.

?- 9=<9.

true.

?- 9=<10.

true.

?- 8=:3+5.

true.

?- 7=\=19.

true.

?- 21>=20.

true.

?- 21>=21.

true.

?- 33>21.

true.

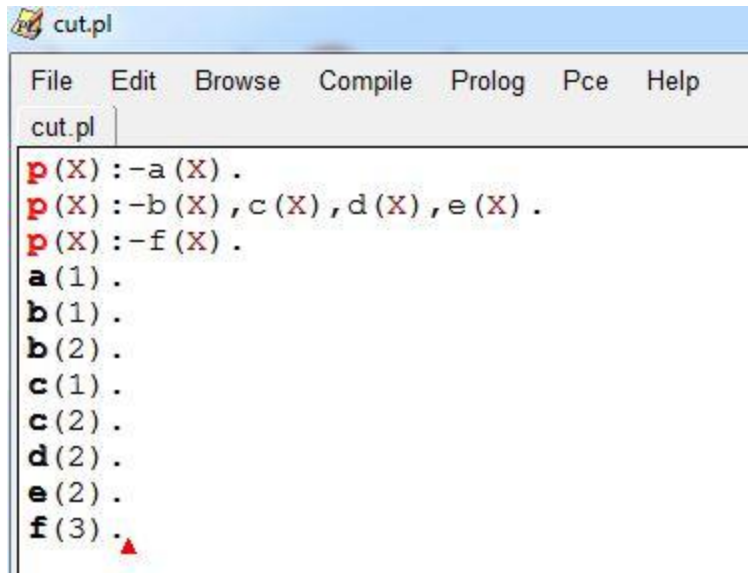
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Cut

- Backtracking is a characteristic feature of Prolog
- However it can lead to inefficiency:
 - Prolog may waste time in exploring all possibilities unnecessarily
 - It should have some control mechanism
- The cut predicate (!/0) provides a way for controlled backtracking
- The cut predicate always succeeds

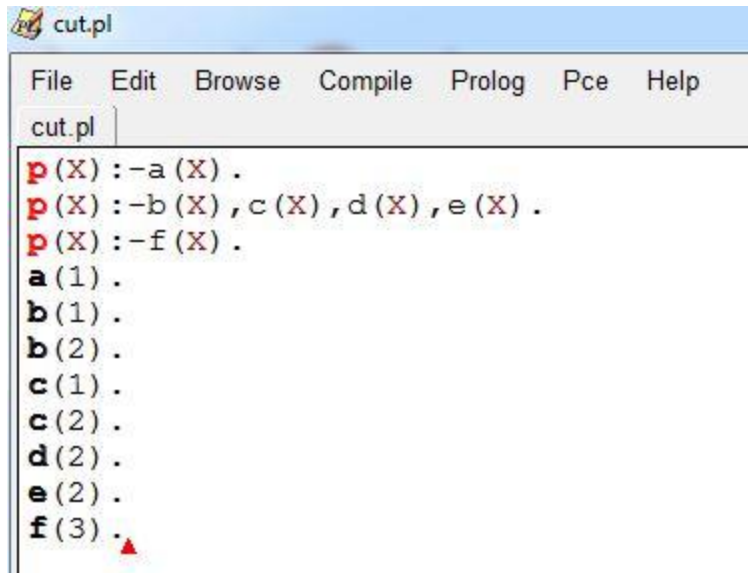
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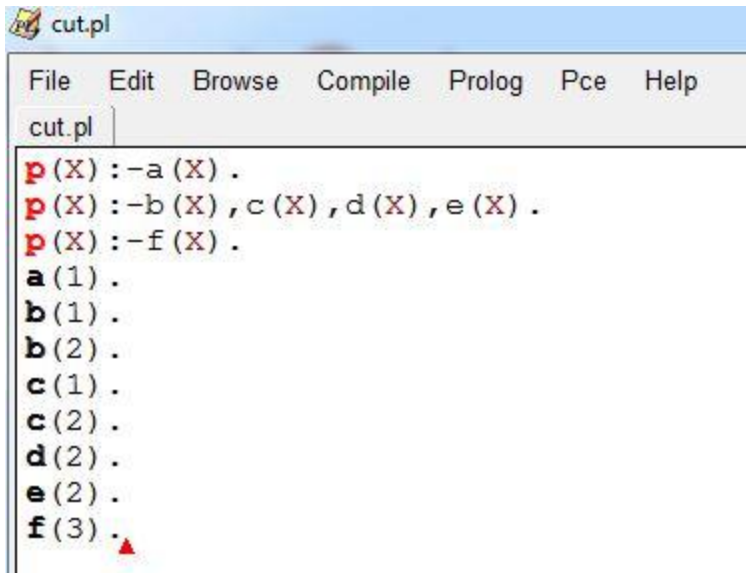
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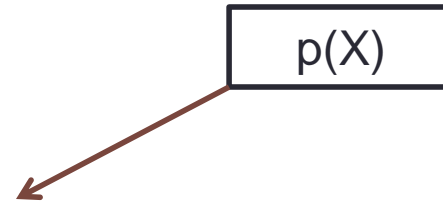
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p(X)

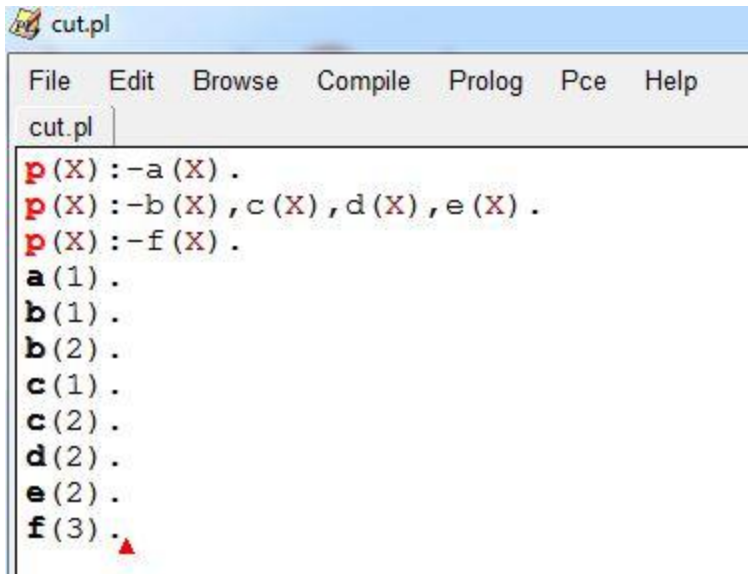
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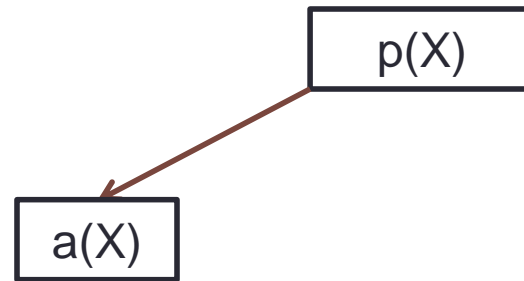
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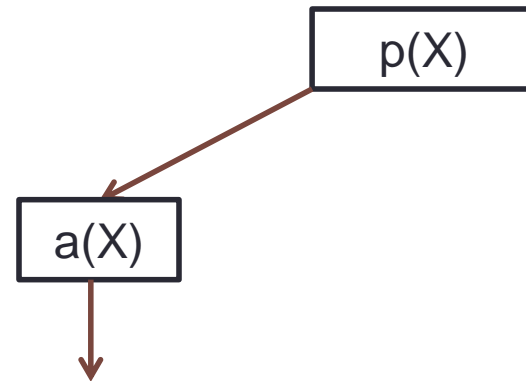


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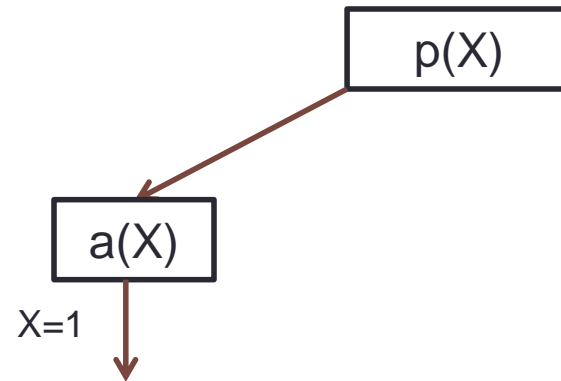
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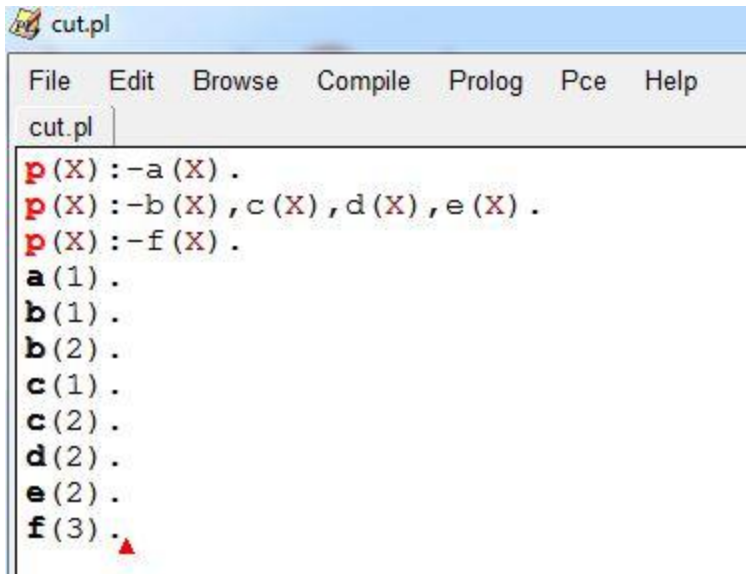


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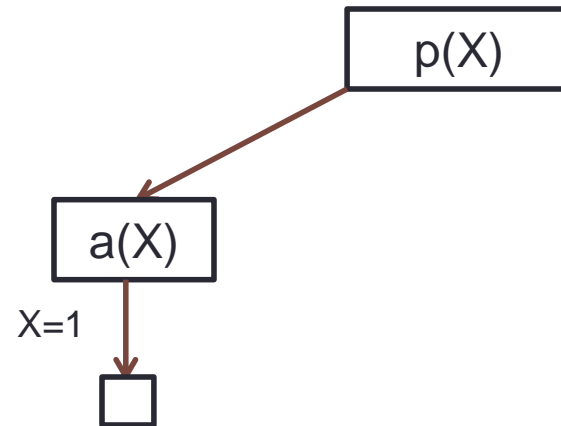
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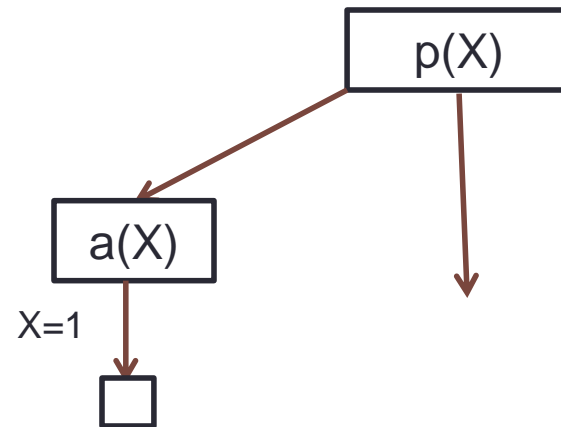


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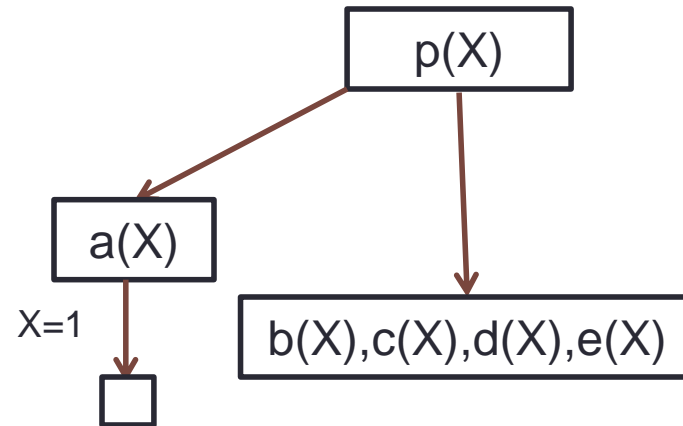
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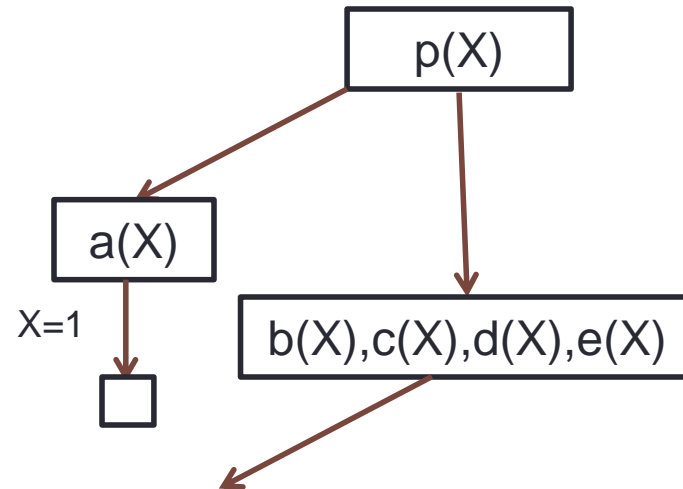
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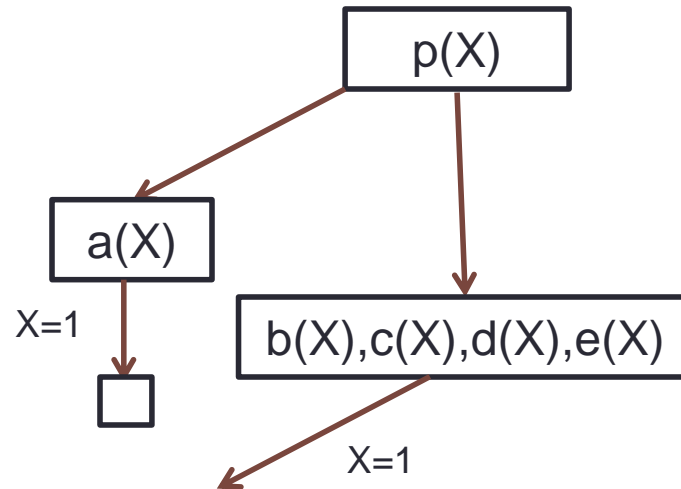
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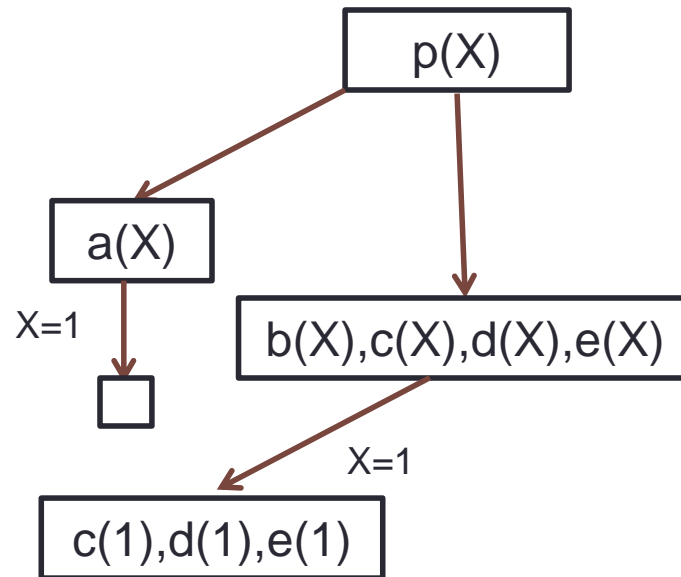
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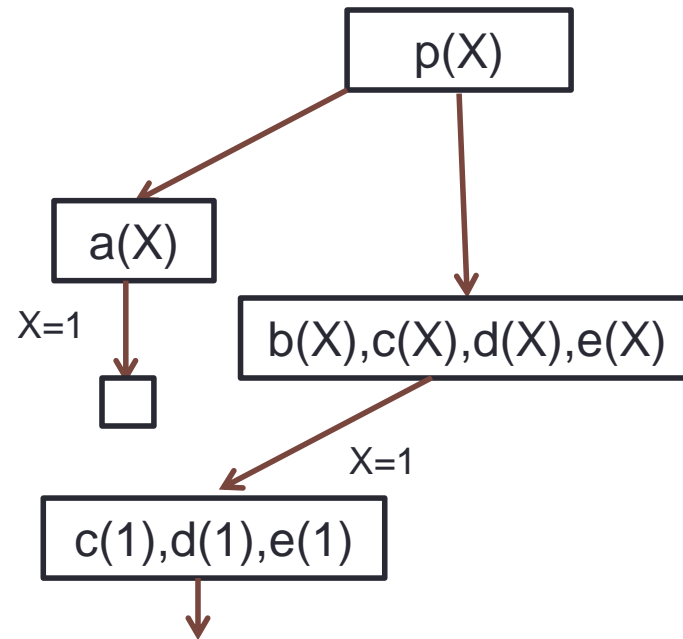
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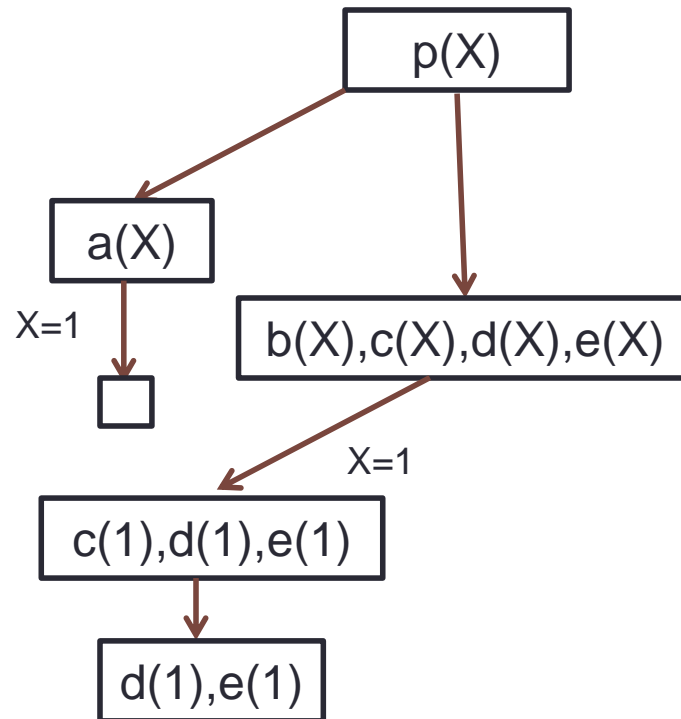
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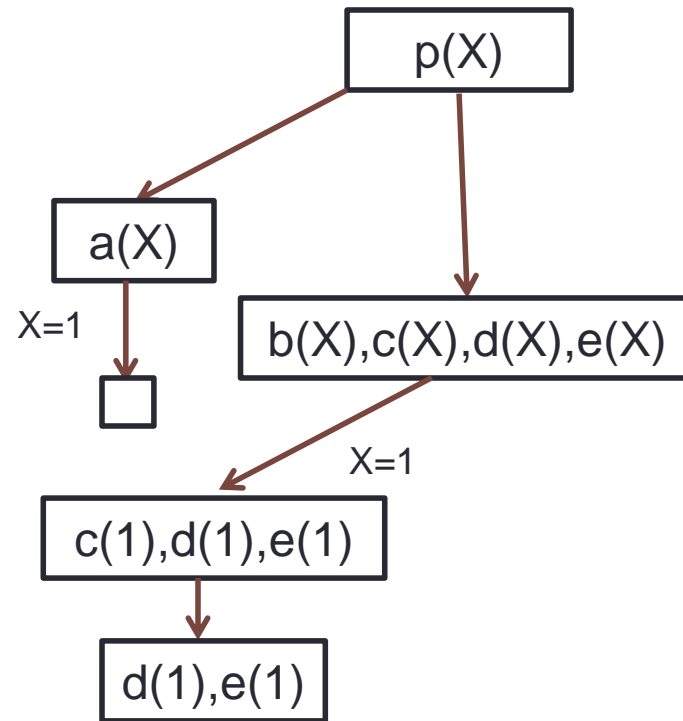
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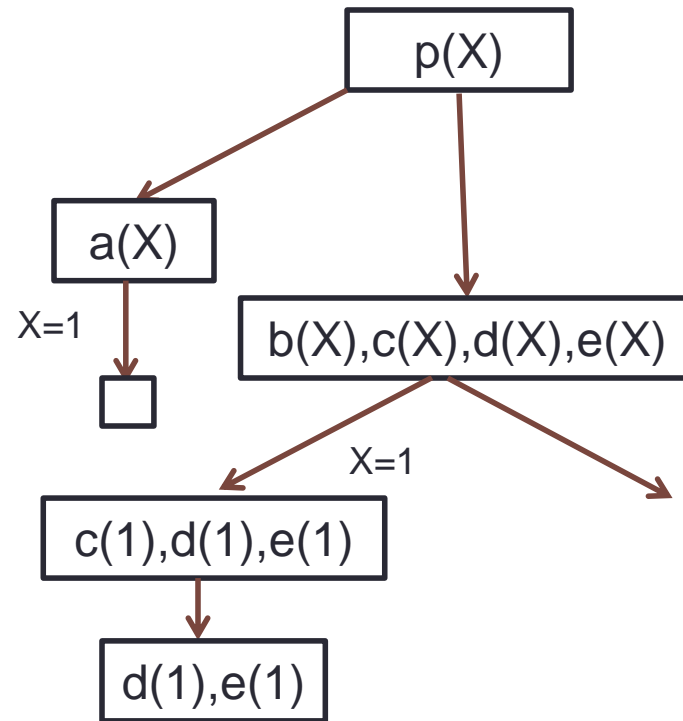
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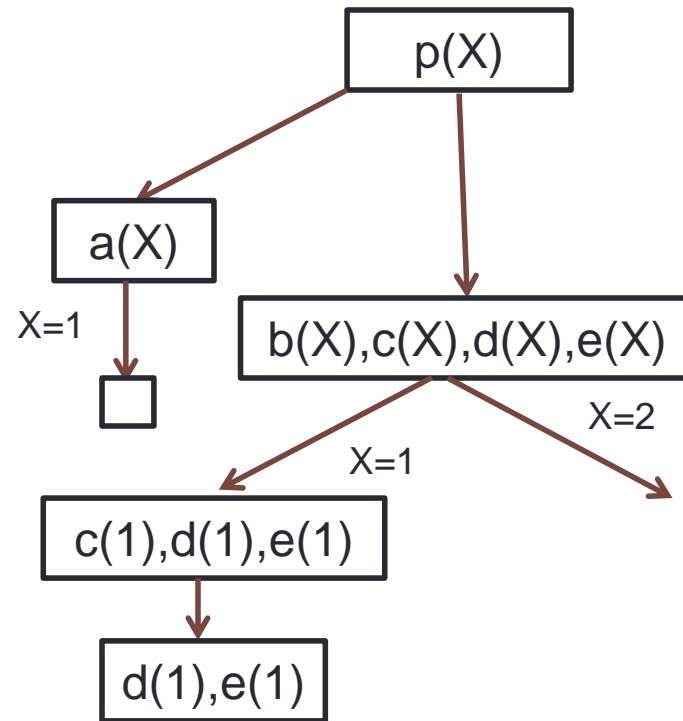
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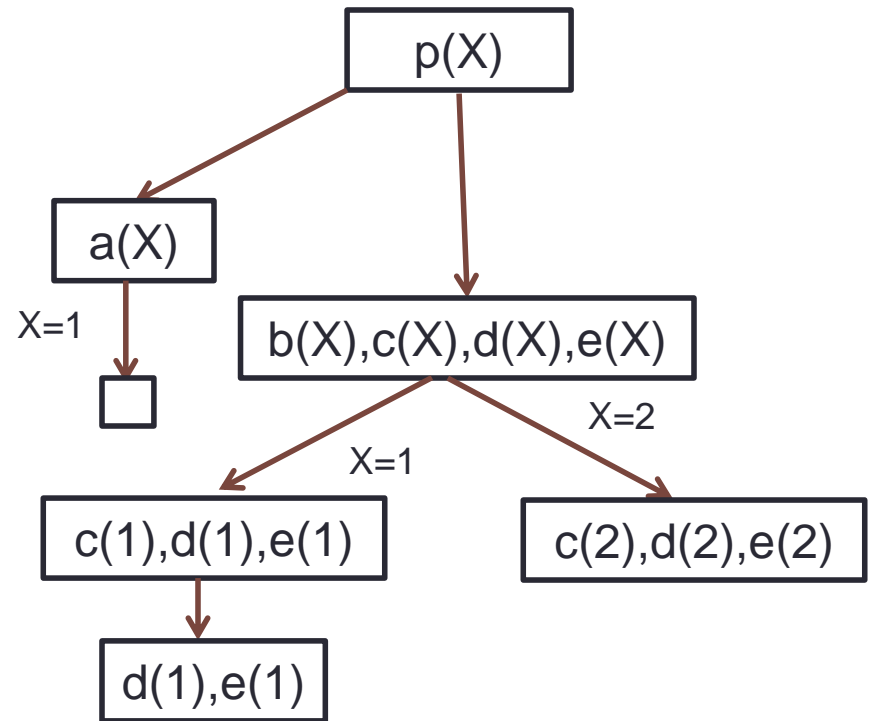
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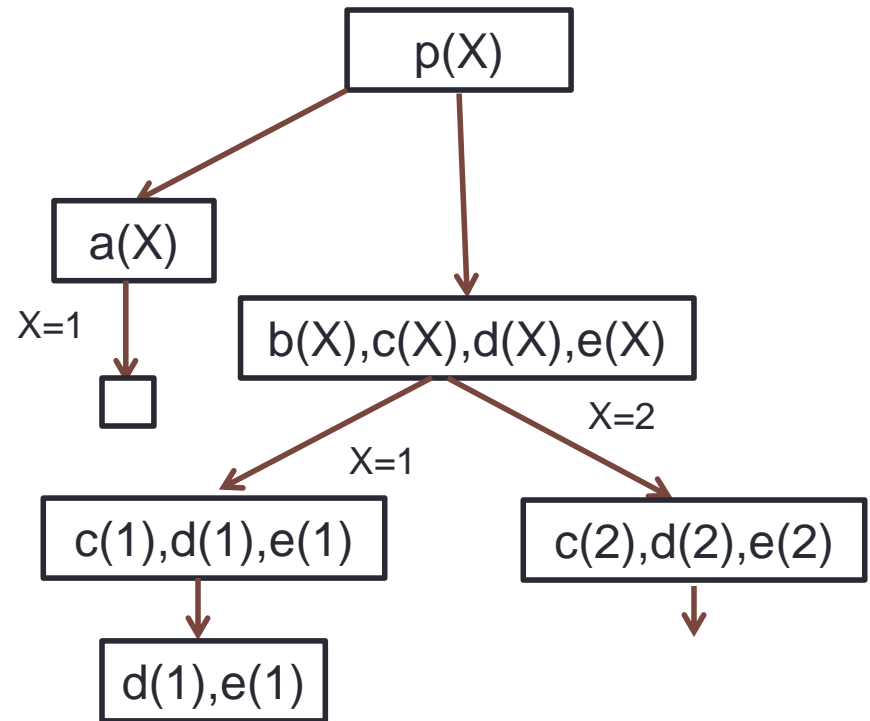
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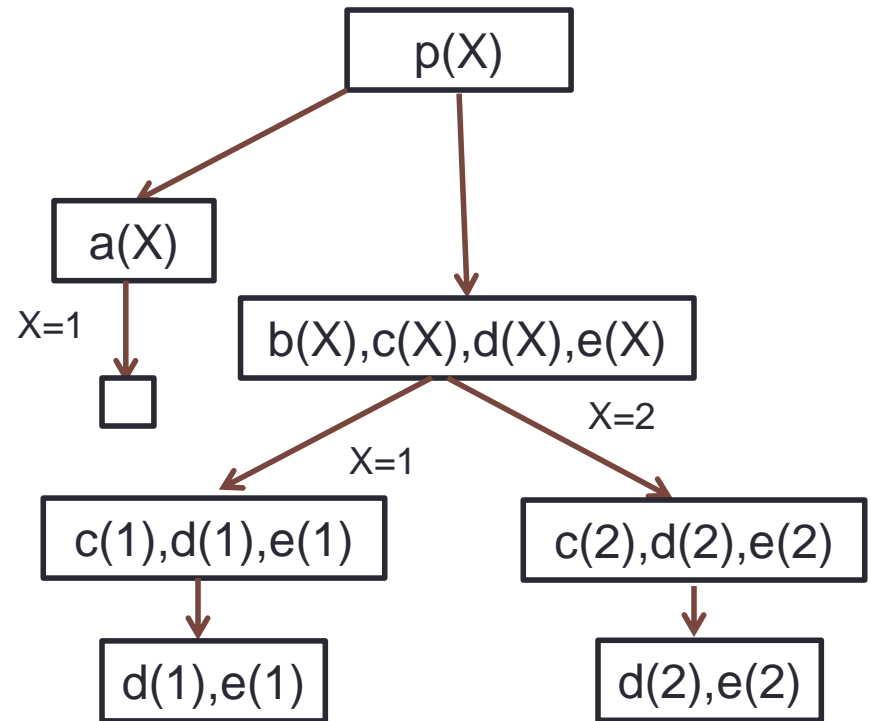
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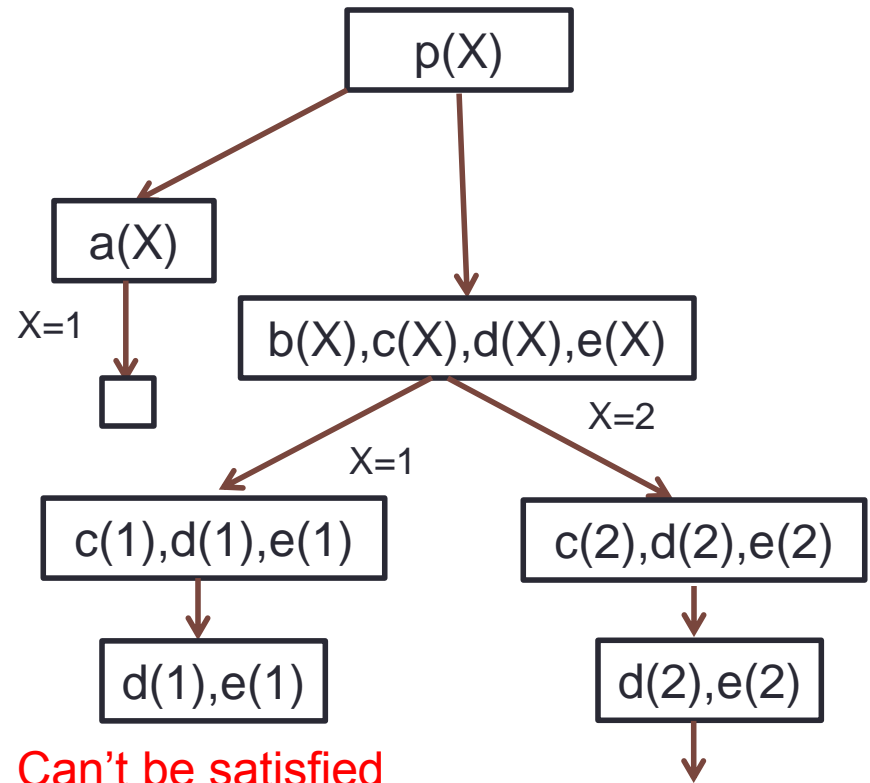
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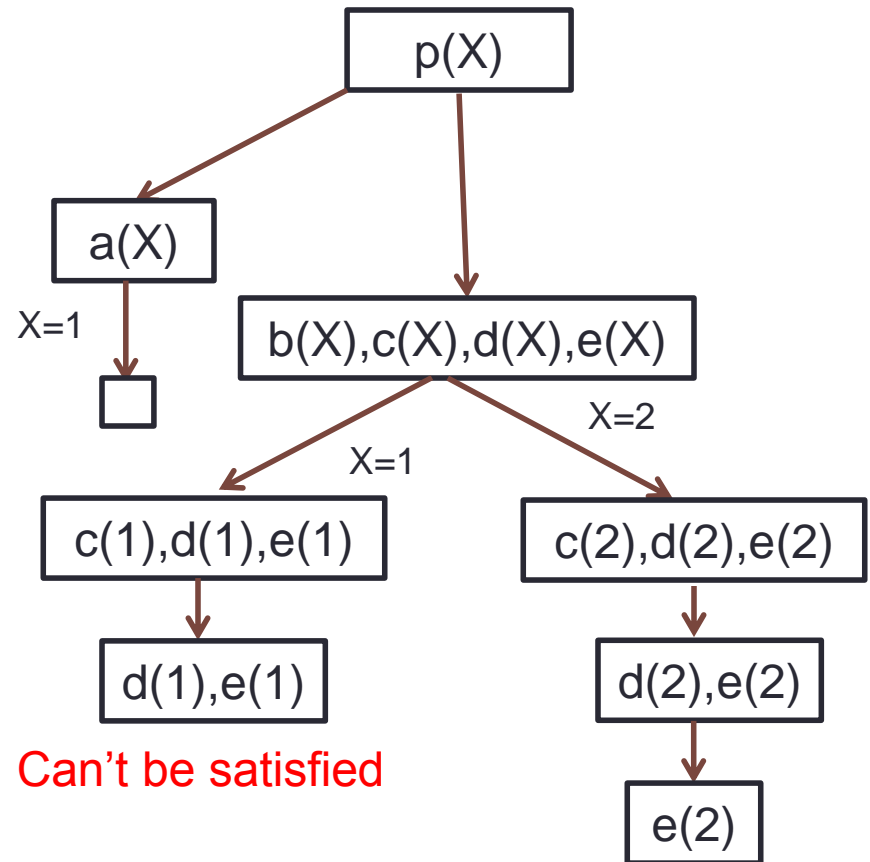
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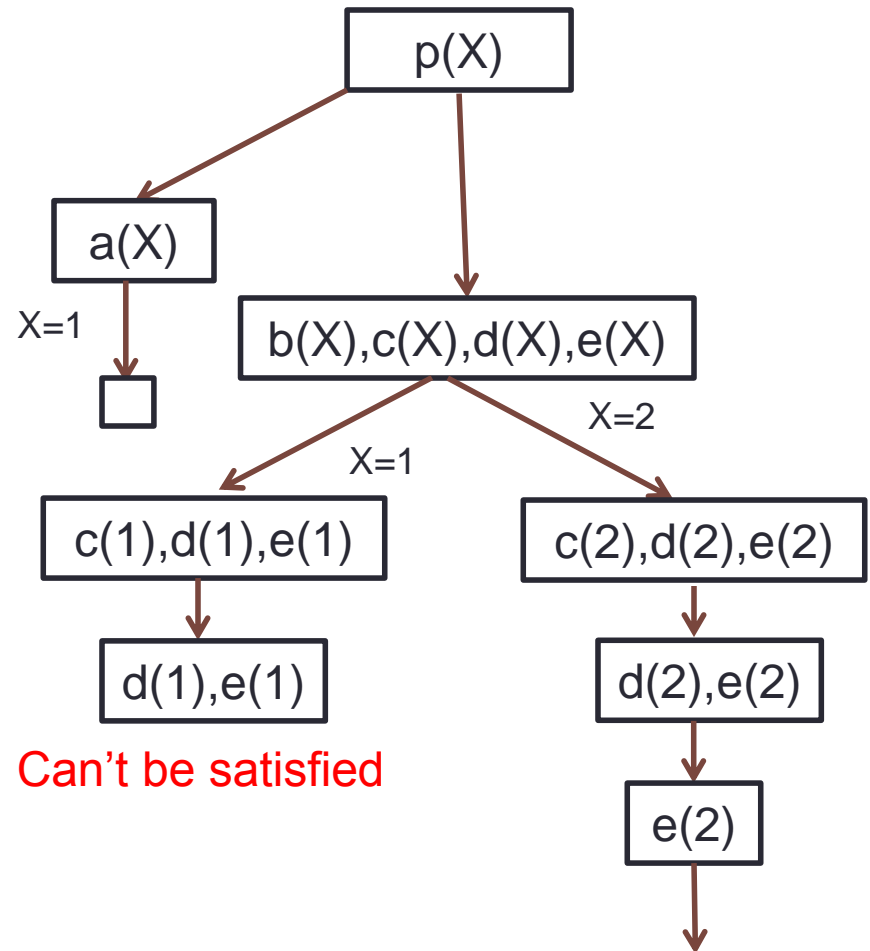
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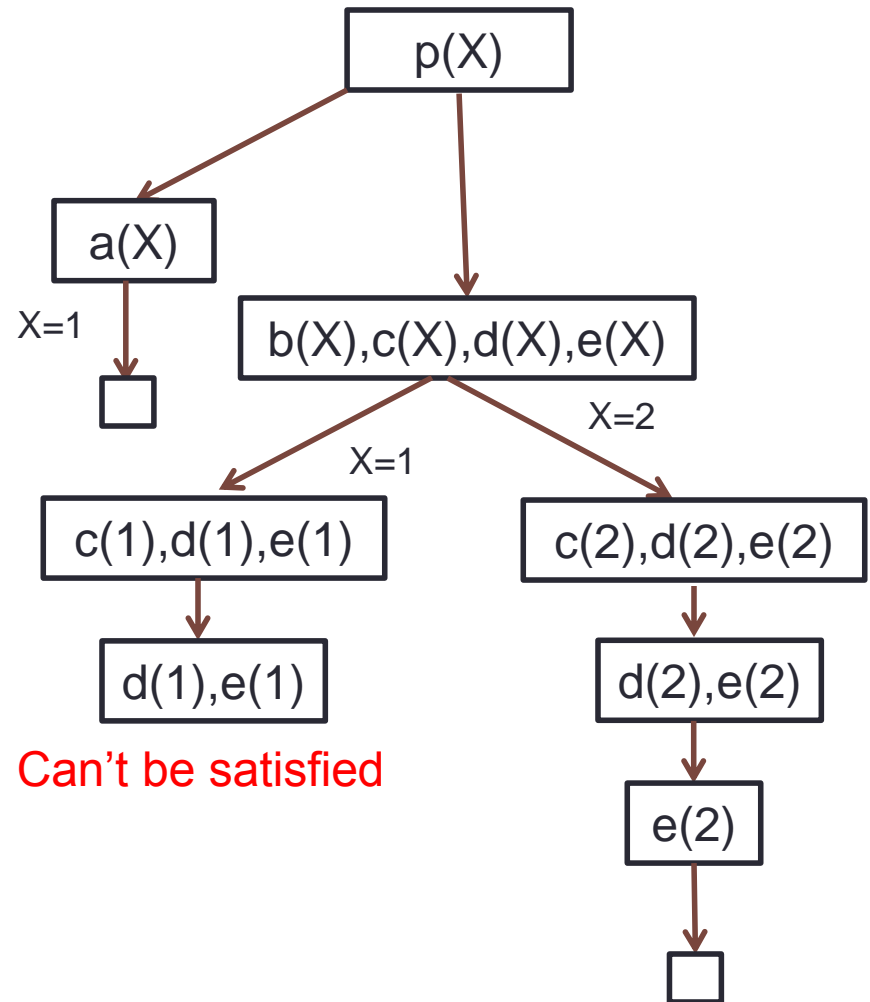
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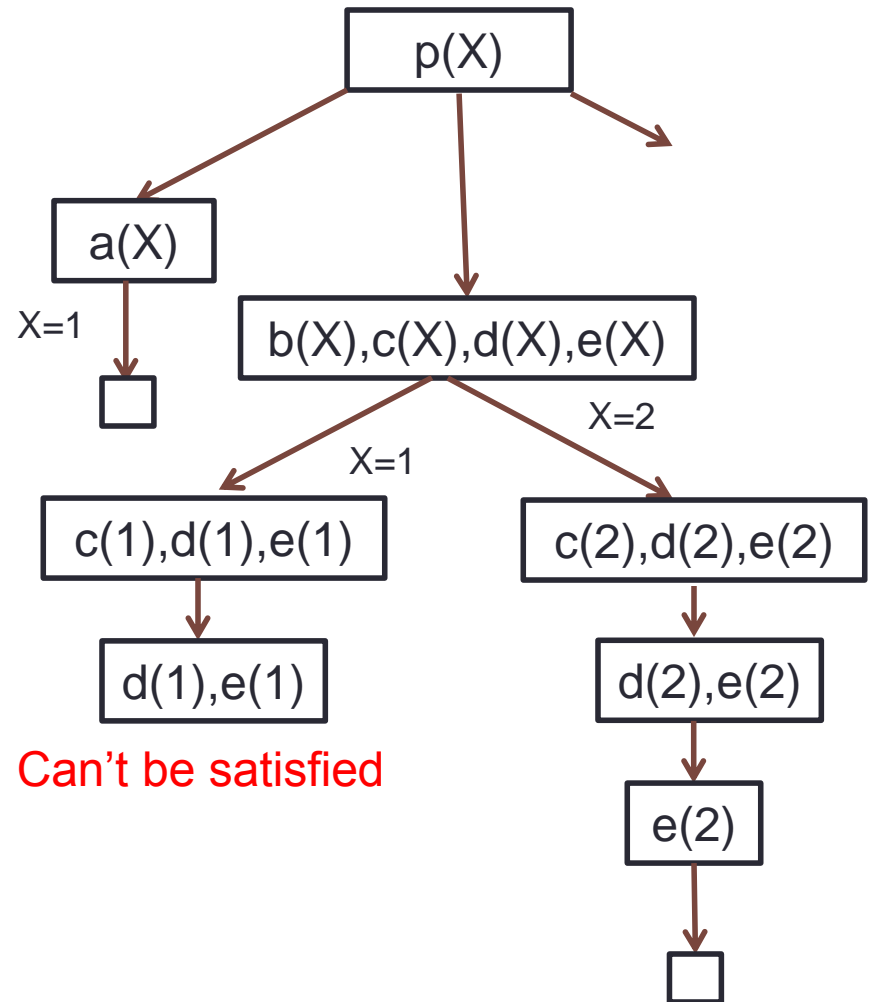
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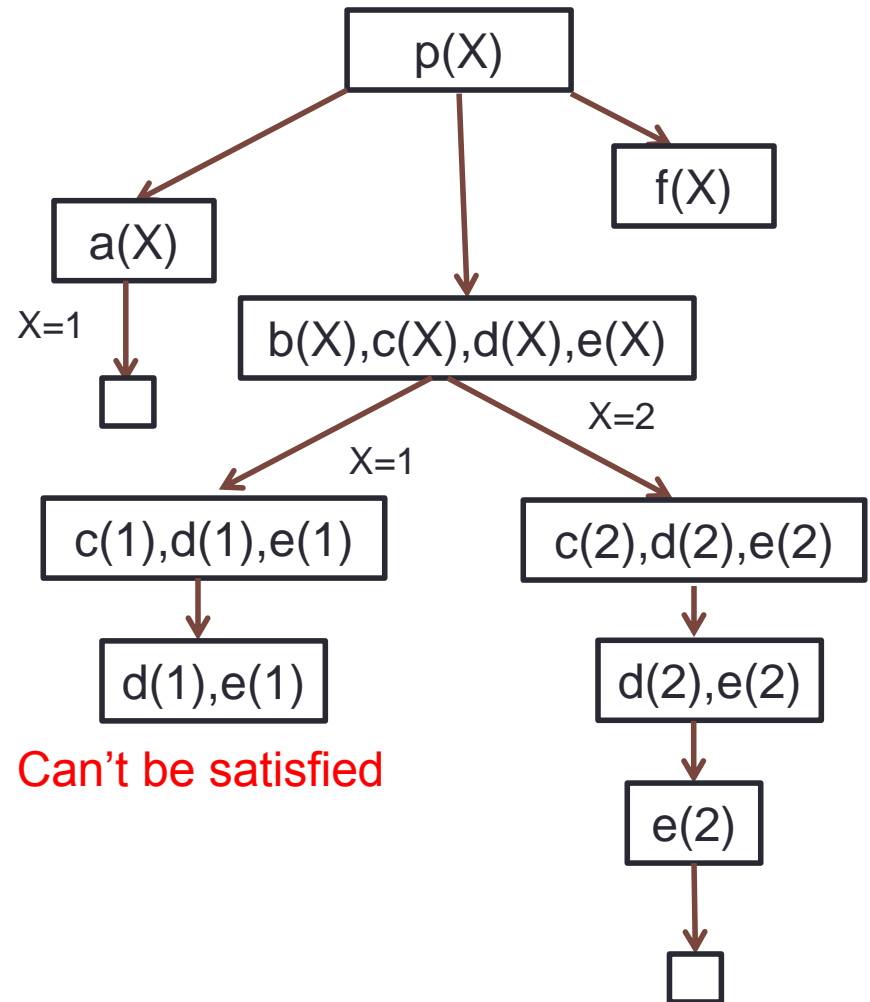
Example without Cut

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cut.pl
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cut.pl
p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
b(1) .
b(2) .
c(1) .
c(2) .
d(2) .
e(2) .
f(3) .
```



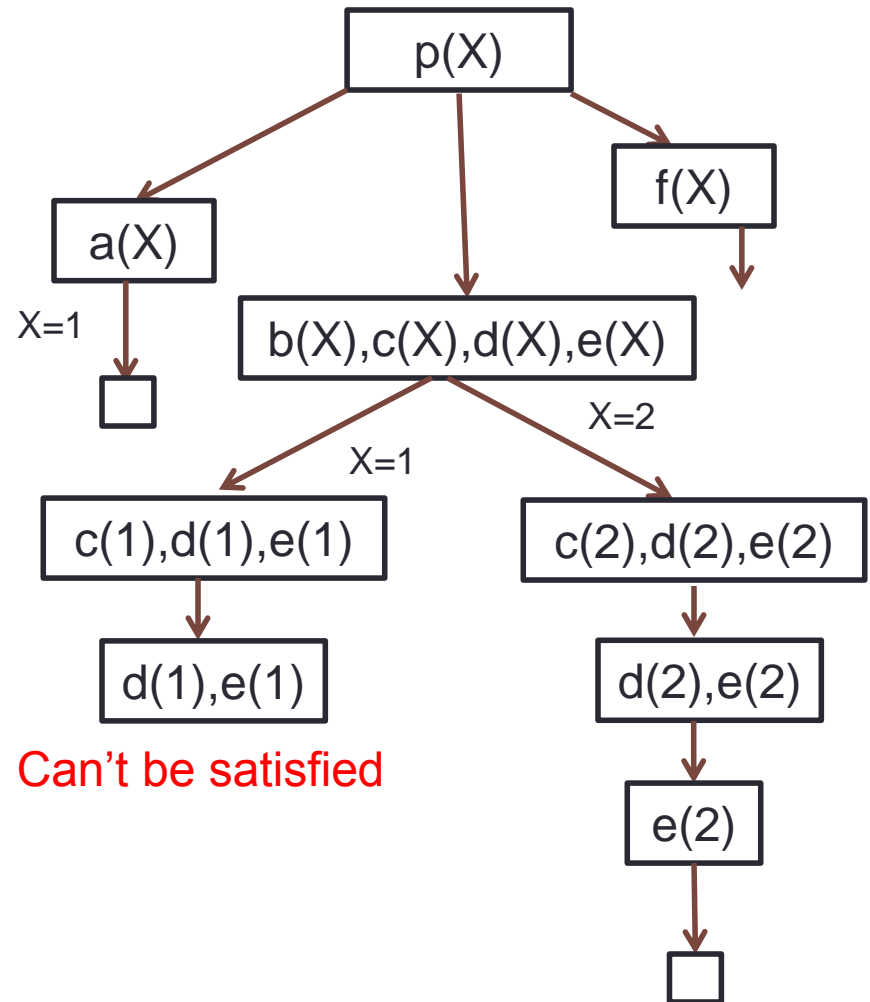
Example without Cut

```
cut.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
cut.pl
p(X):-a(X).
p(X):-b(X),c(X),d(X),e(X).
p(X):-f(X).
a(1).
b(1).
b(2).
c(1).
c(2).
d(2).
e(2).
f(3).
```



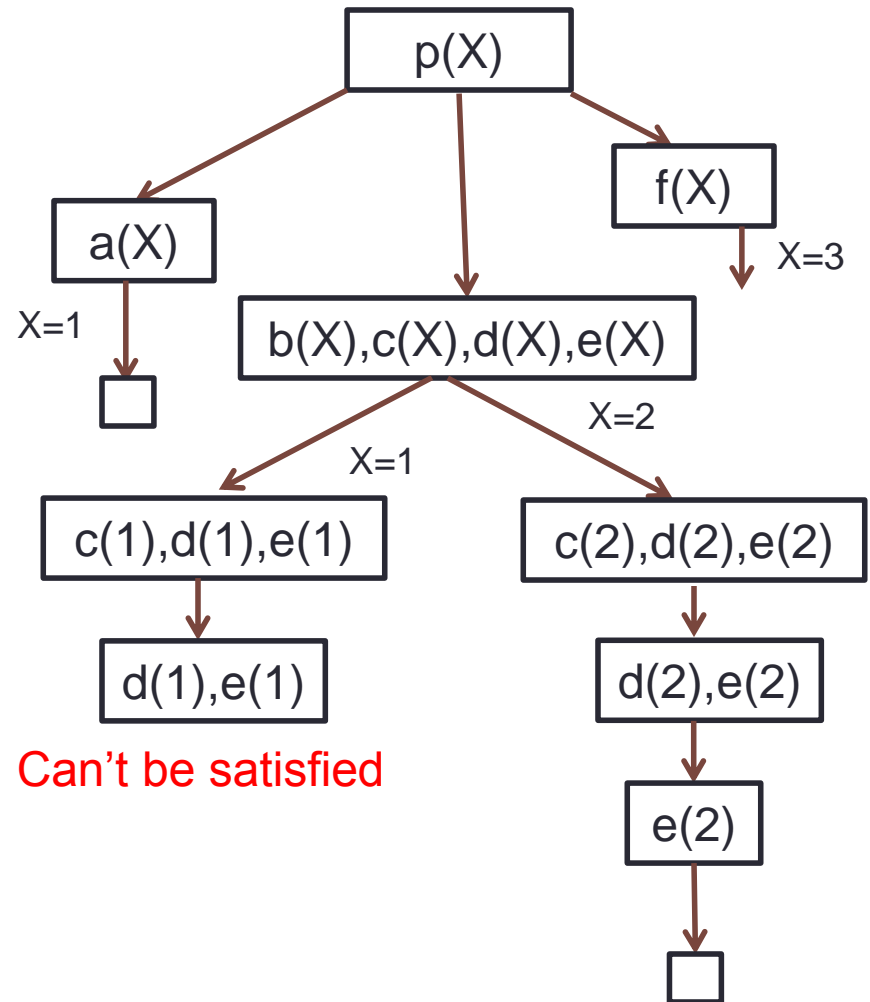
Example without Cut

```
cut.pl
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cut.pl
p(X):-a(X).
p(X):-b(X),c(X),d(X),e(X).
p(X):-f(X).
a(1).
b(1).
b(2).
c(1).
c(2).
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f(3).
```



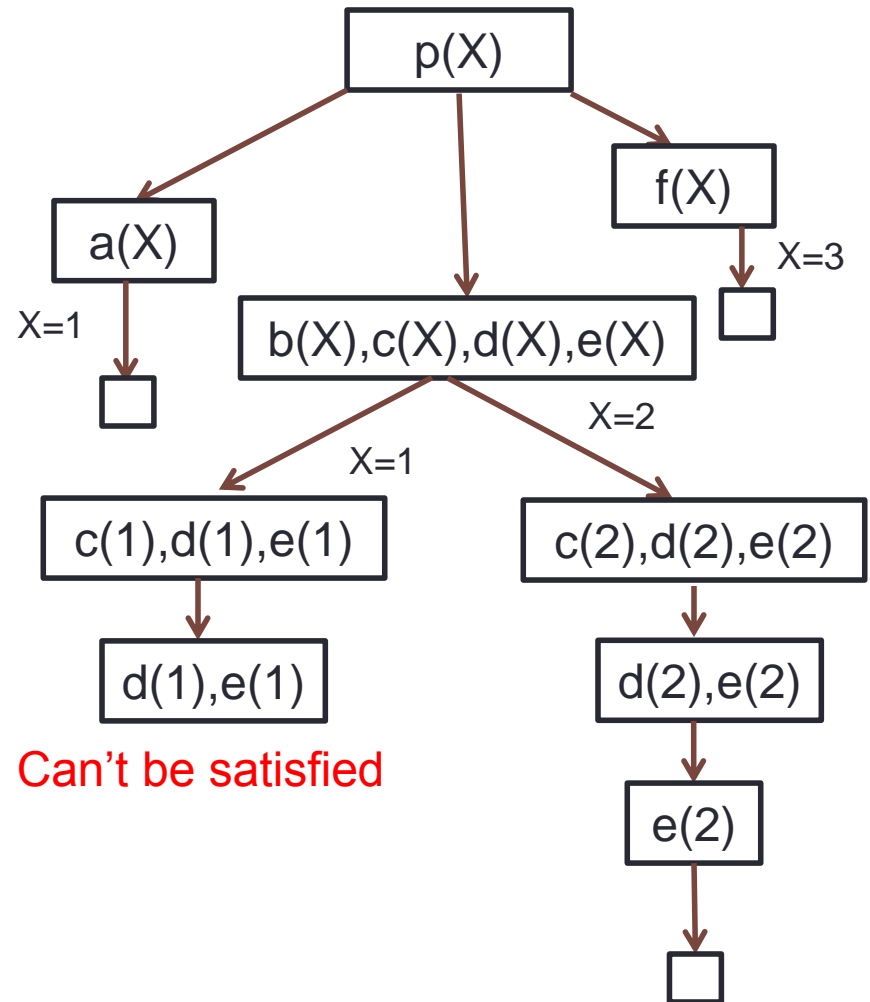
Example without Cut

```
cut.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
cut.pl
p(X):-a(X).
p(X):-b(X),c(X),d(X),e(X).
p(X):-f(X).
a(1).
b(1).
b(2).
c(1).
c(2).
d(2).
e(2).
f(3).
```



Example without Cut

```
cut.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
cut.pl
p(X):-a(X).
p(X):-b(X),c(X),d(X),e(X).
p(X):-f(X).
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b(1).
b(2).
c(1).
c(2).
d(2).
e(2).
f(3).
```

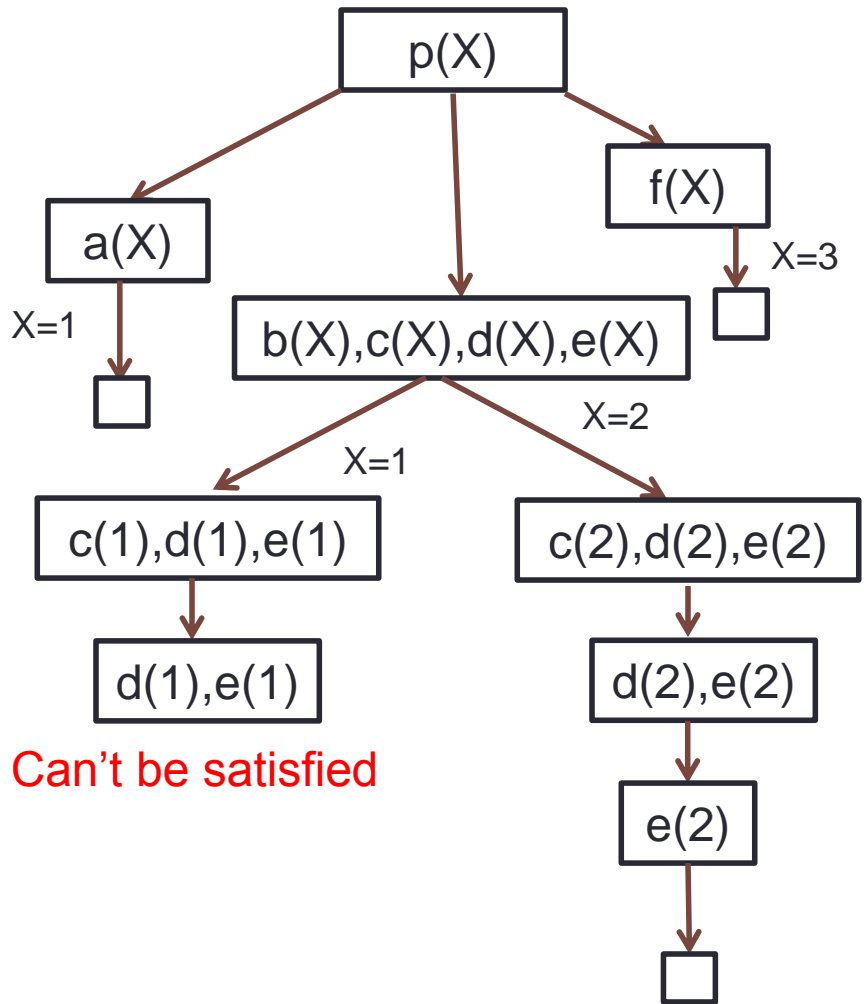


Can't be satisfied

Example without Cut

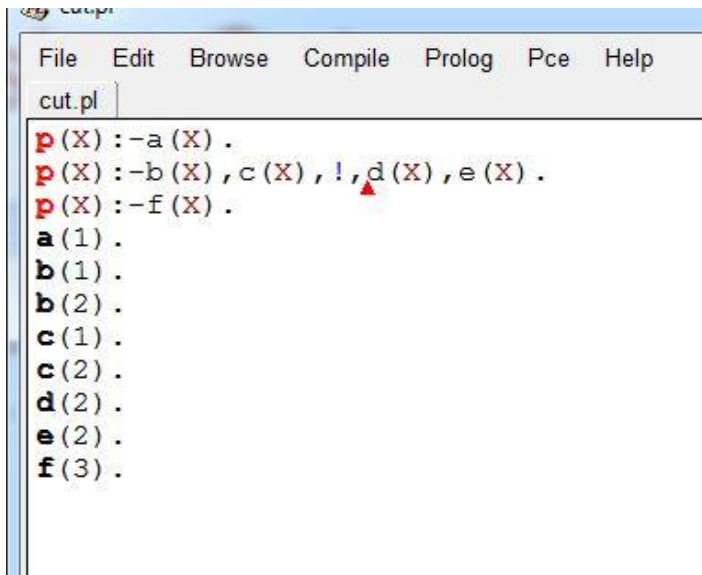
```
cut.pl
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cut.pl
p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
b(1) .
b(2) .
c(1) .
c(2) .
d(2) .
e(2) .
f(3) .
```

```
SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)
File Edit Settings Run Debug Help
?- p(X) .
X = 1 ;
X = 2 ;
X = 3 ;
?-
```



Example using Cut

Example using Cut



```
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
cut.pl
p(X):-a(X).
p(X):-b(X),c(X),!,d(X),e(X).
p(X):-f(X).
a(1).
b(1).
b(2).
c(1).
c(2).
d(2).
e(2).
f(3).
```

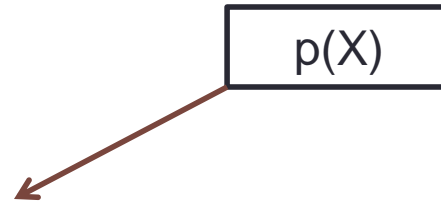
Example using Cut

$p(X)$

```
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cut.pl
p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
b(1) .
b(2) .
c(1) .
c(2) .
d(2) .
e(2) .
f(3) .
```

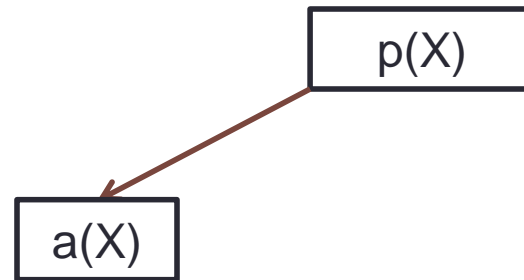
Example using Cut

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cut.pl
p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
b(1) .
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```



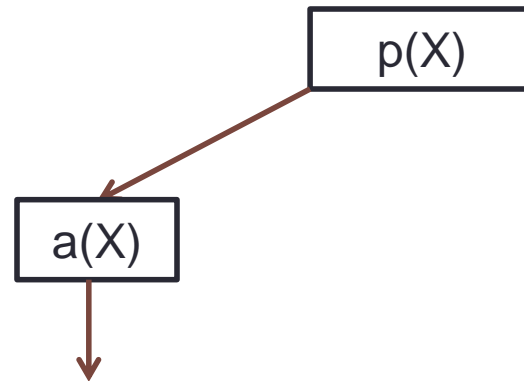
Example using Cut

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p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
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c(1) .
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```



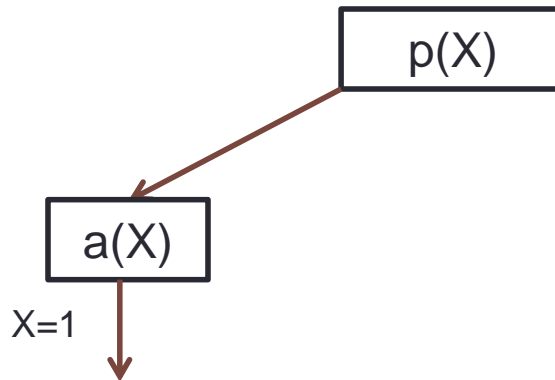
Example using Cut

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p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
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f(3) .
```



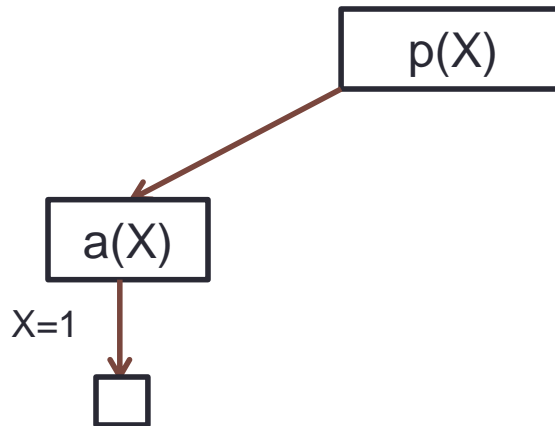
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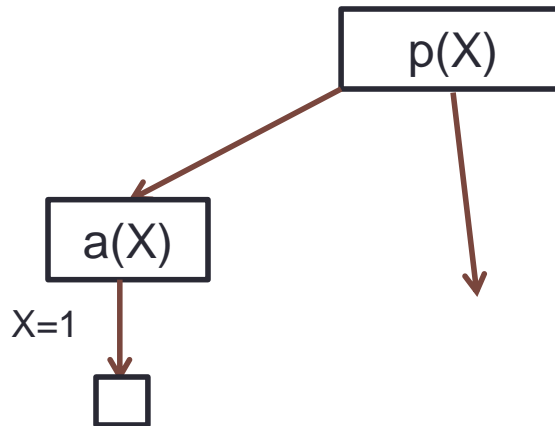
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p(X) :- a(X) .
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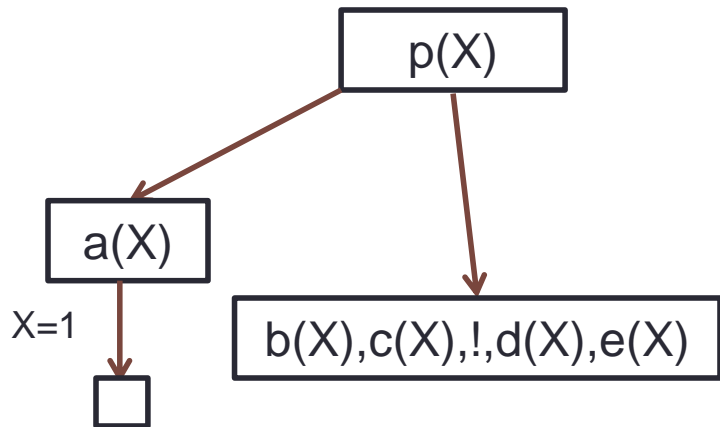
Example using Cut

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p(X) :- a(X) .
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```



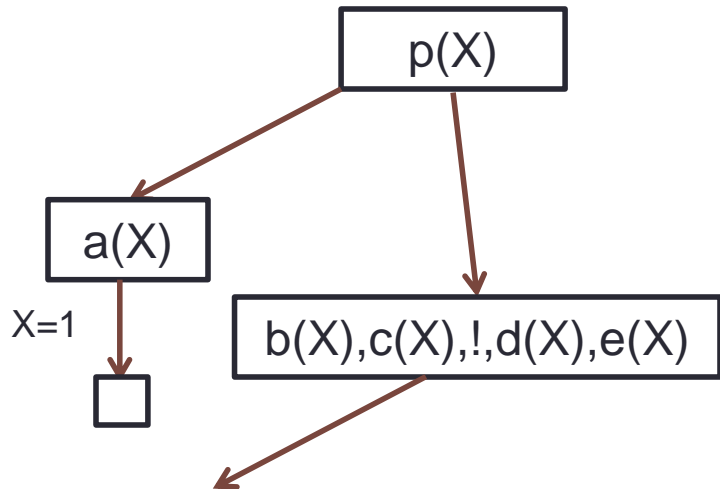
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p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
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f(3) .
```



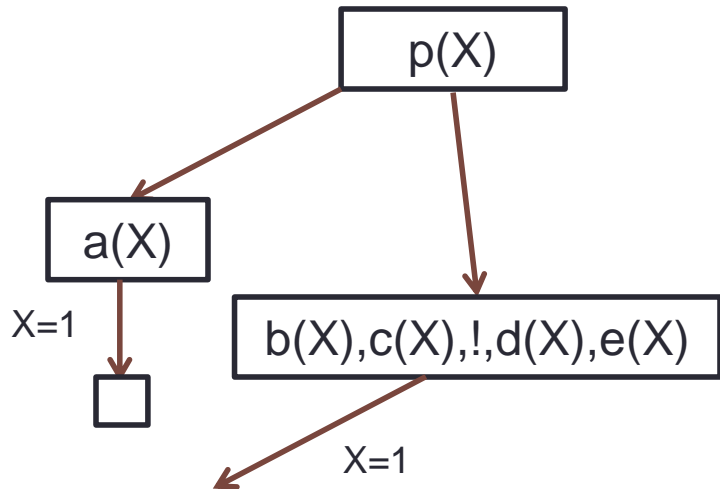
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p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
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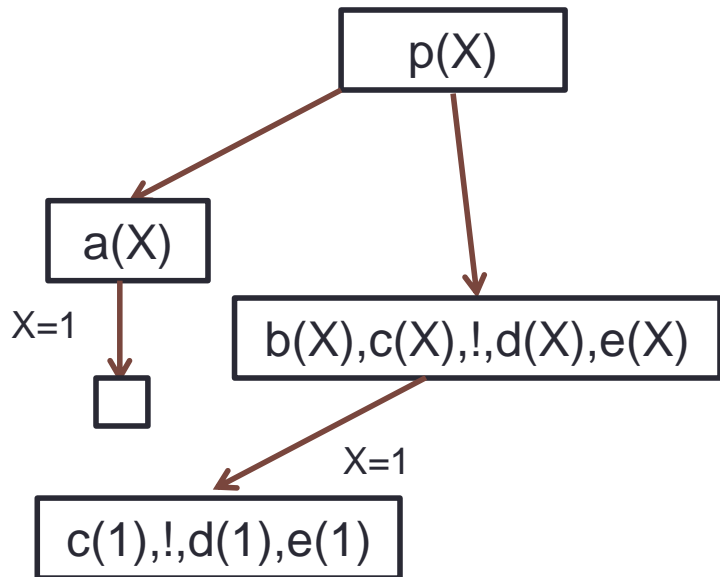
Example using Cut

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p(X) :- a(X) .
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```



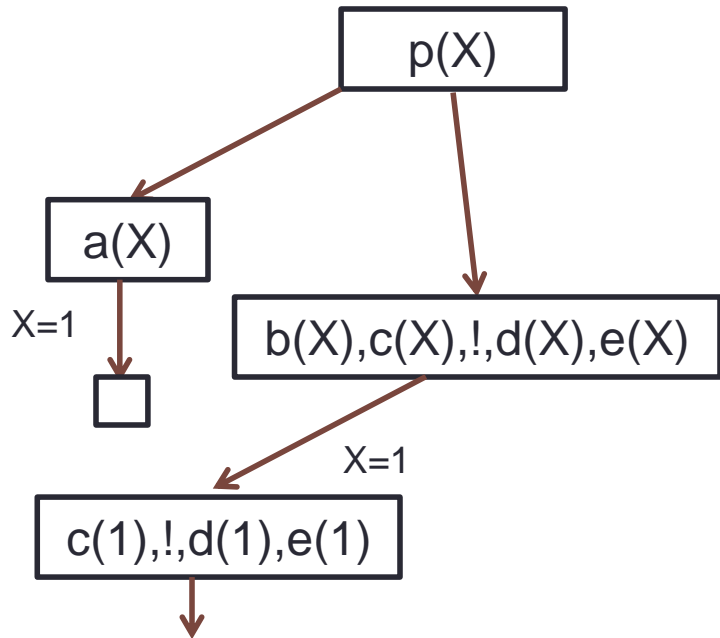
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p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
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```



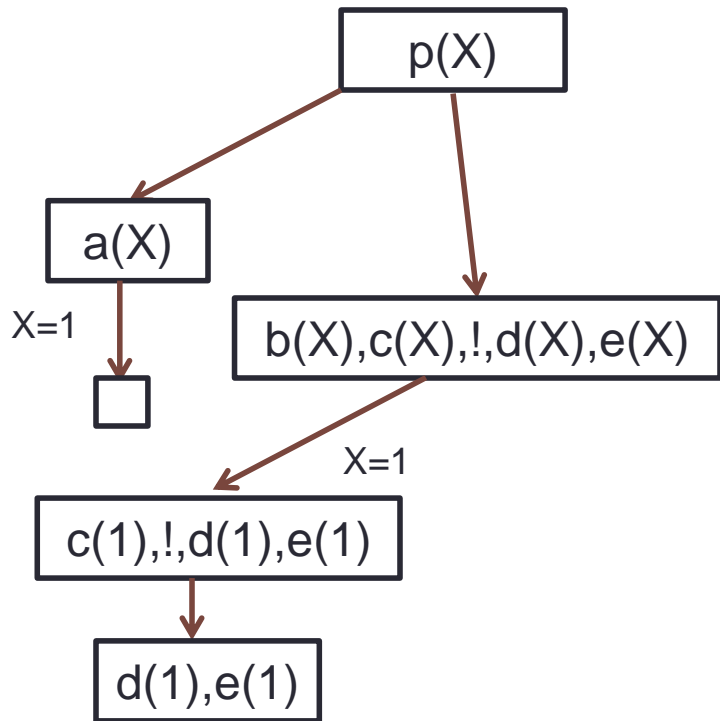
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cut.pl
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p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
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e(2) .
f(3) .
```



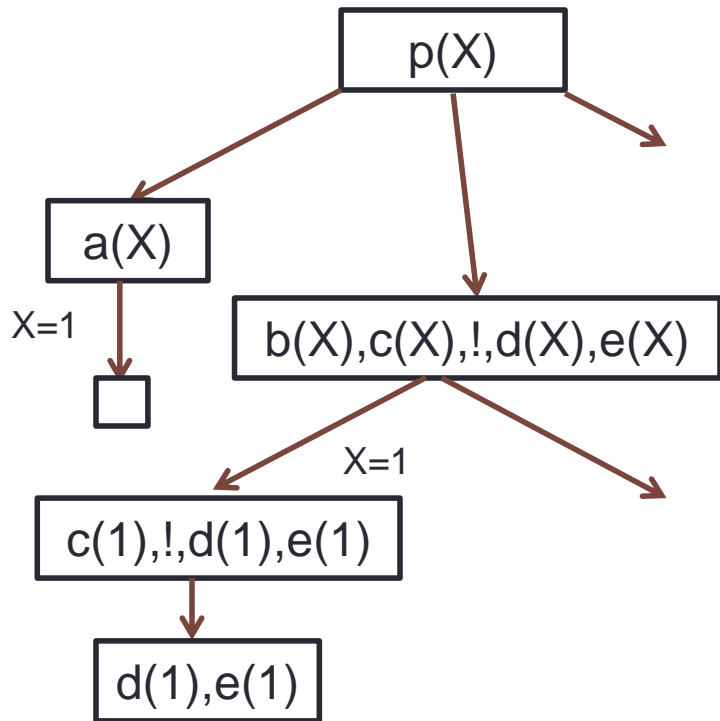
Example using Cut

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p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
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```



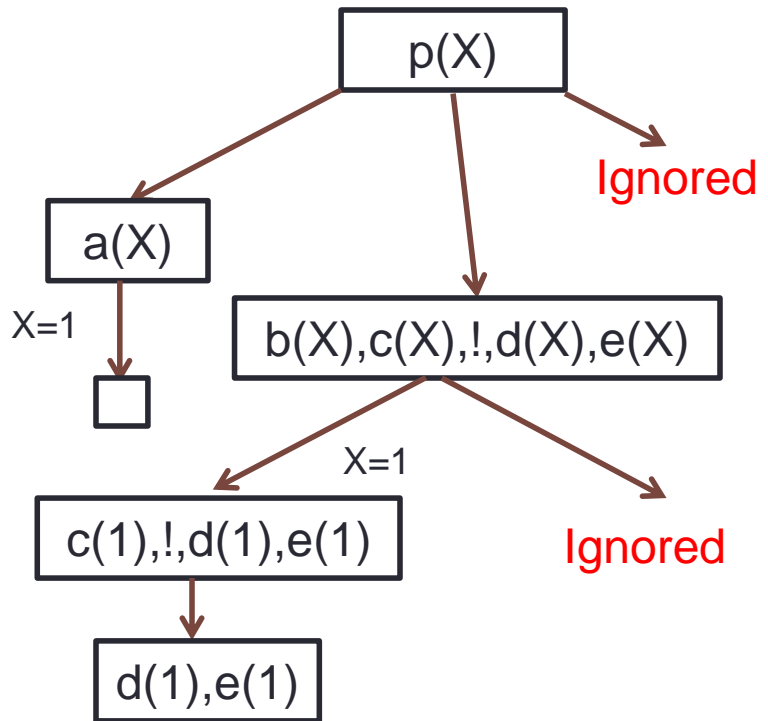
Example using Cut

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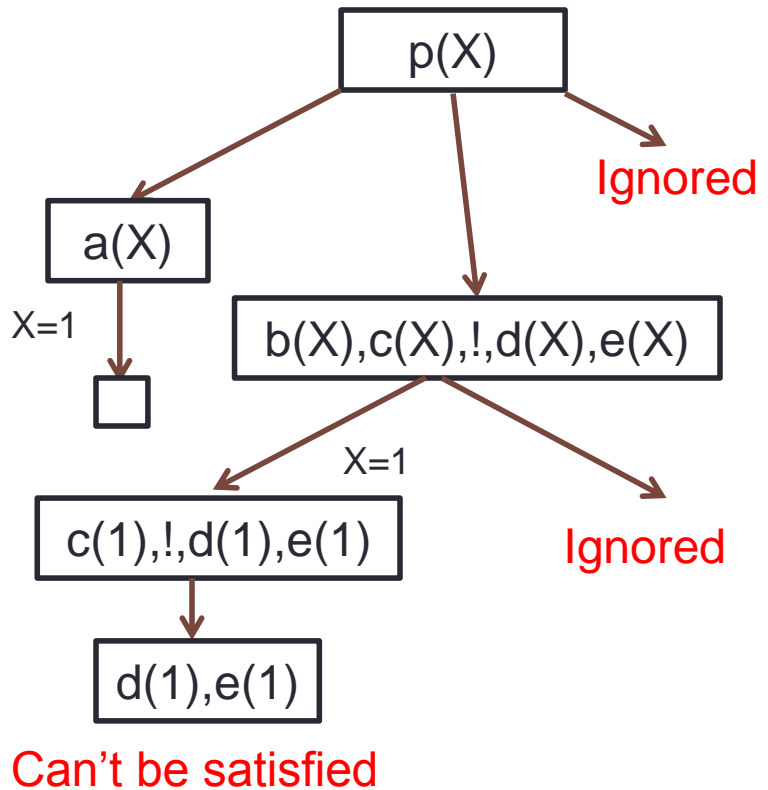
Example using Cut

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cut.pl
p(X) :- a(X) .
p(X) :- b(X), c(X), !, d(X), e(X) .
p(X) :- f(X) .
a(1) .
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```



Example using Cut

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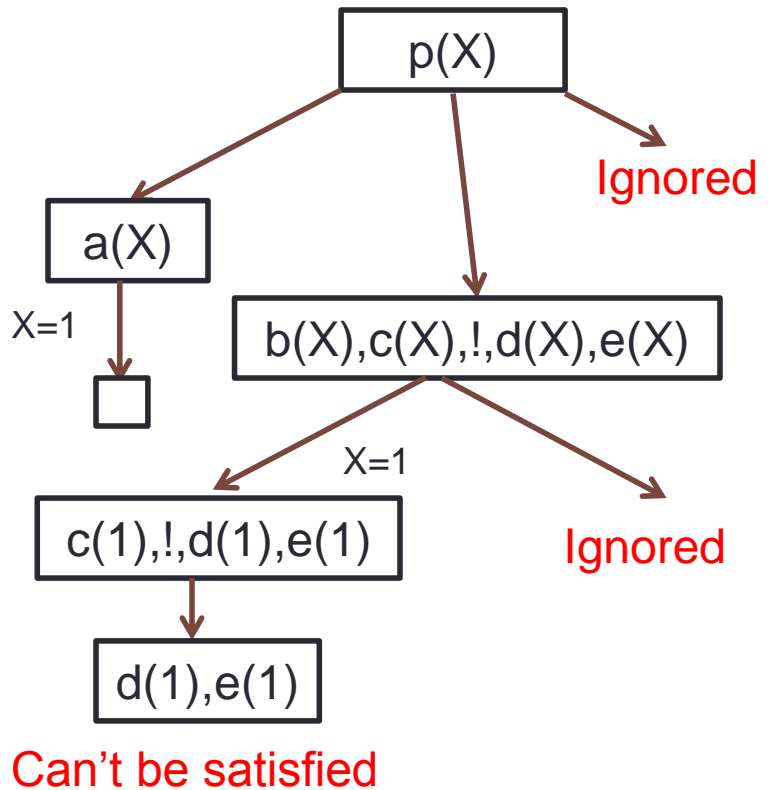
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a(1) .
b(1) .
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c(1) .
c(2) .
d(2) .
e(2) .
f(3) .
```

```
SWI-Prolog (Am64, multi-threaded, version 7.0.4)
File Edit Settings Run Debug Help

?- p(X) .
X = 1 .

?-
```



File handling

- Prolog allows us to read data from a file and write data to a file.
- Operations on file: read, write and append

Writing to a file

A screenshot of a Prolog IDE window titled "file_handling.pl". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Browse", "Compile", "Prolog", "Pce", and "Help". Below the menu bar is a tab labeled "file_handling.pl". The main area is a code editor containing the following Prolog code:

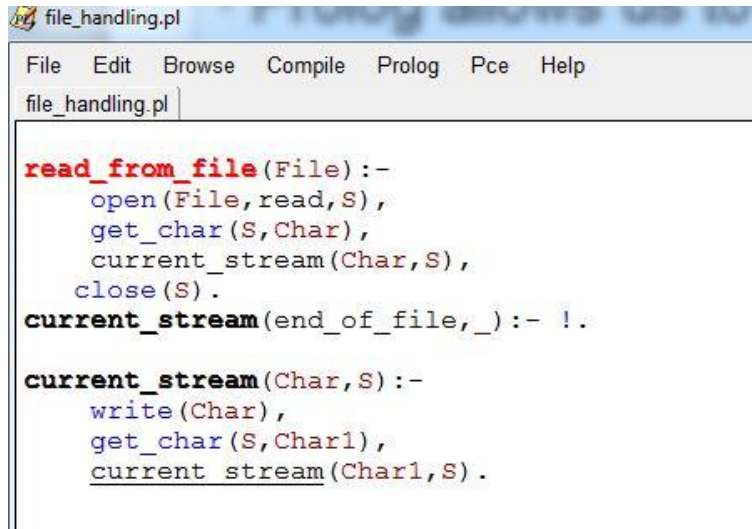
```
write_to_file(File,Text):-  
    open(File,write,S),  
    write(S,Text),nl,  
    close(S).
```

File handling

Reading from a file

File handling

Reading from a file



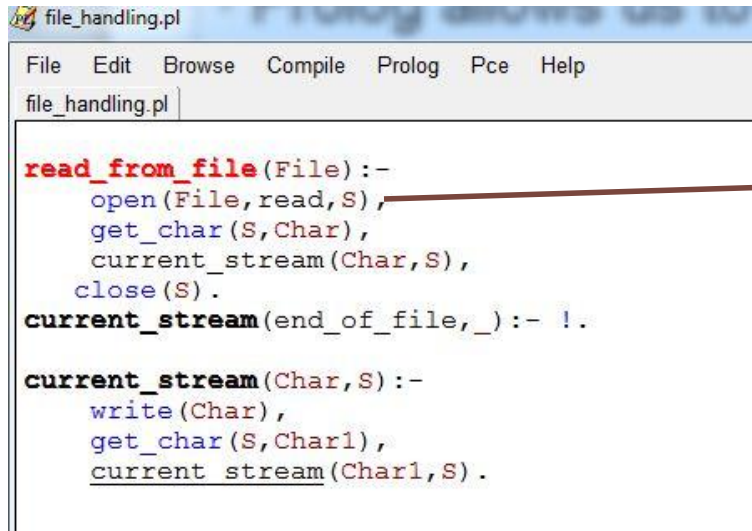
```
file_handling.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
file_handling.pl

read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):- !.

current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

File handling

Reading from a file



```
file_handling.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
file_handling.pl

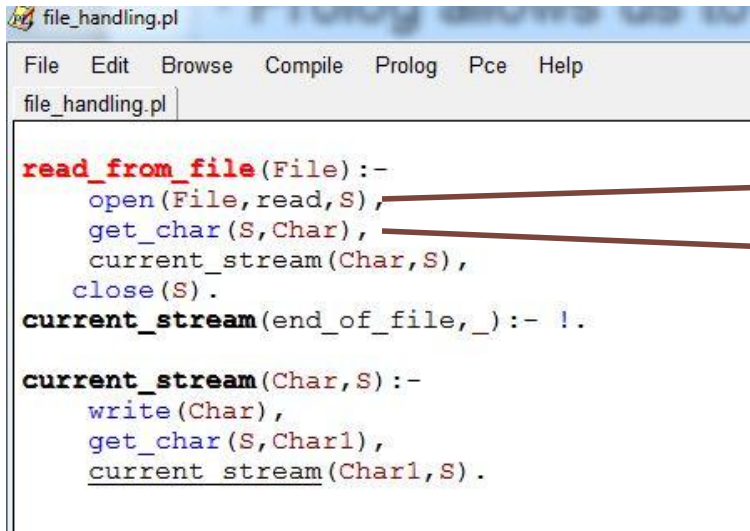
read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):- !.

current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

Open the file, File in read mode

File handling

Reading from a file



```
file_handling.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
file_handling.pl

read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):- !.

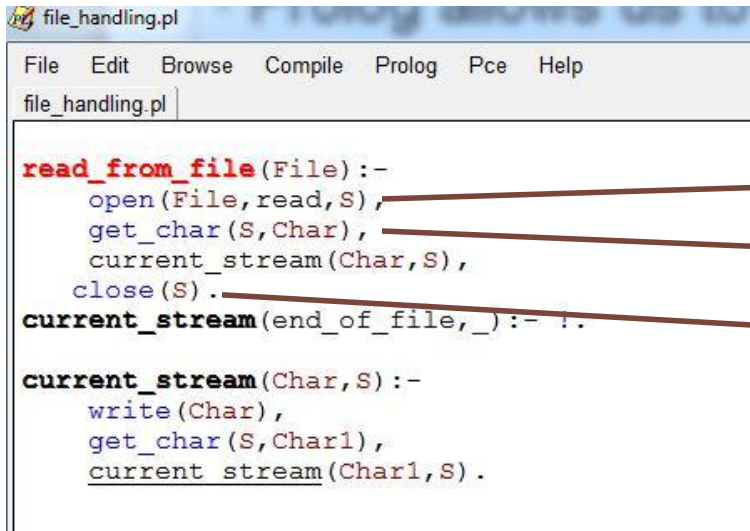
current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

→ *Open the file, File in read mode*

→ *Reading character from the stream, S*

File handling

Reading from a file



```
file_handling.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
file_handling.pl

read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):-!.
current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

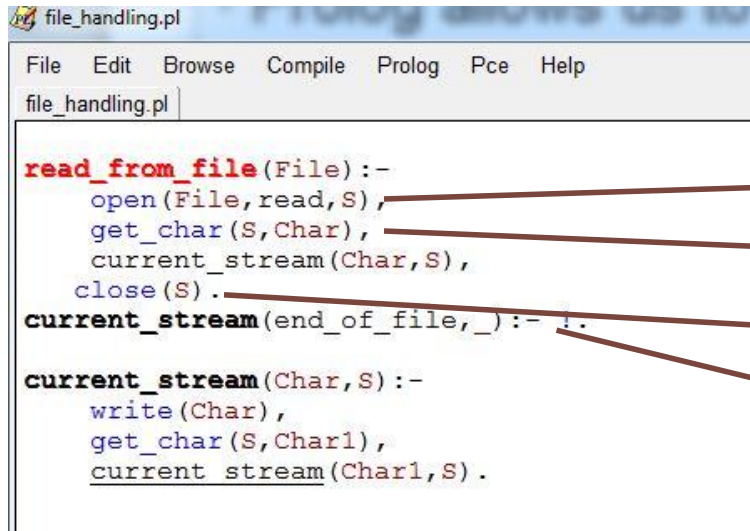
→ *Open the file, File in read mode*

→ *Reading character from the stream, S*

→ *Closing the file*

File handling

Reading from a file



```
file_handling.pl
File Edit Browse Compile Prolog Pce Help
file_handling.pl

read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):-!.
current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

→ *Open the file, File in read mode*

→ *Reading character from the stream, S*

→ *Closing the file*

→ *Cut(Stop when end of the file)*

File handling

Reading from a file

```
file_handling.pl
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file_handling.pl

read_from_file(File):-
    open(File,read,S),
    get_char(S,Char),
    current_stream(Char,S),
    close(S).
current_stream(end_of_file,_):-!.
current_stream(Char,S):-
    write(Char),
    get_char(S,Char1),
    current_stream(Char1,S).
```

→ *Open the file, File in read mode*

→ *Reading character from the stream, S*

→ *Closing the file*

→ *Cut(Stop when end of the file)*

```
SWI-Prolog (AMD64, Multi-threaded, version 7.6.4)
File Edit Settings Run Debug Help
?- write_to_file('test.txt','This is a prolog tutorial').

true.

?- read_from_file('test.txt').
This is a prolog tutorial
true.

?- █
```

Built-in prolog predicates

- Many useful built-in predicates.
- Check the following link:

http://www.gprolog.org/manual/html_node/gprolog024.html

THANK

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