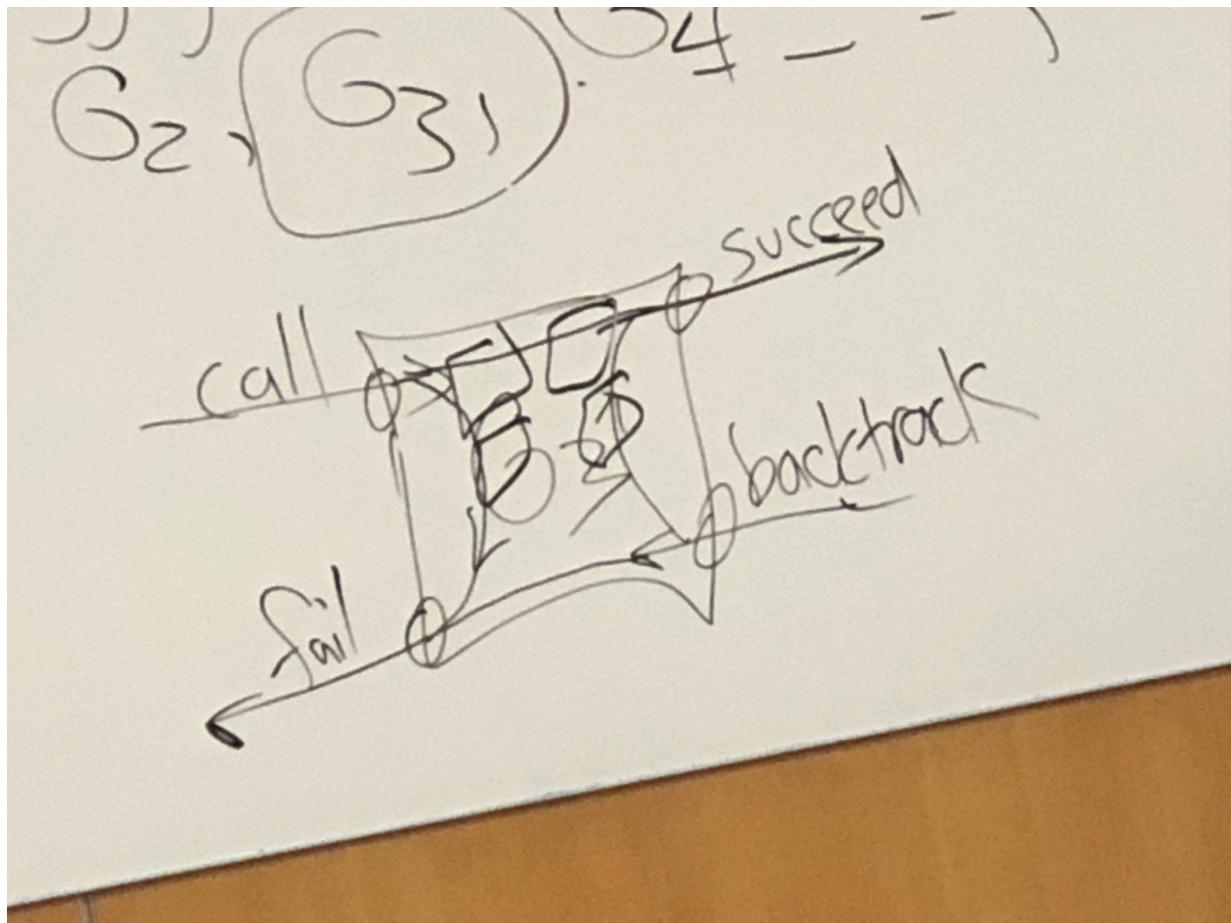


## Debugging

- simplest way to debug is to **print**

- "Understanding"
  - ?- trace
  - 4 port debugging model
  - G1 > G2 > G3 > G4 > ... > G100



## Variables and Unification

### 2 ways to bind vars

fact: p(a, b).

query: ?- p(X, Y)

X = a, Y = b

bind goal vars to program values.

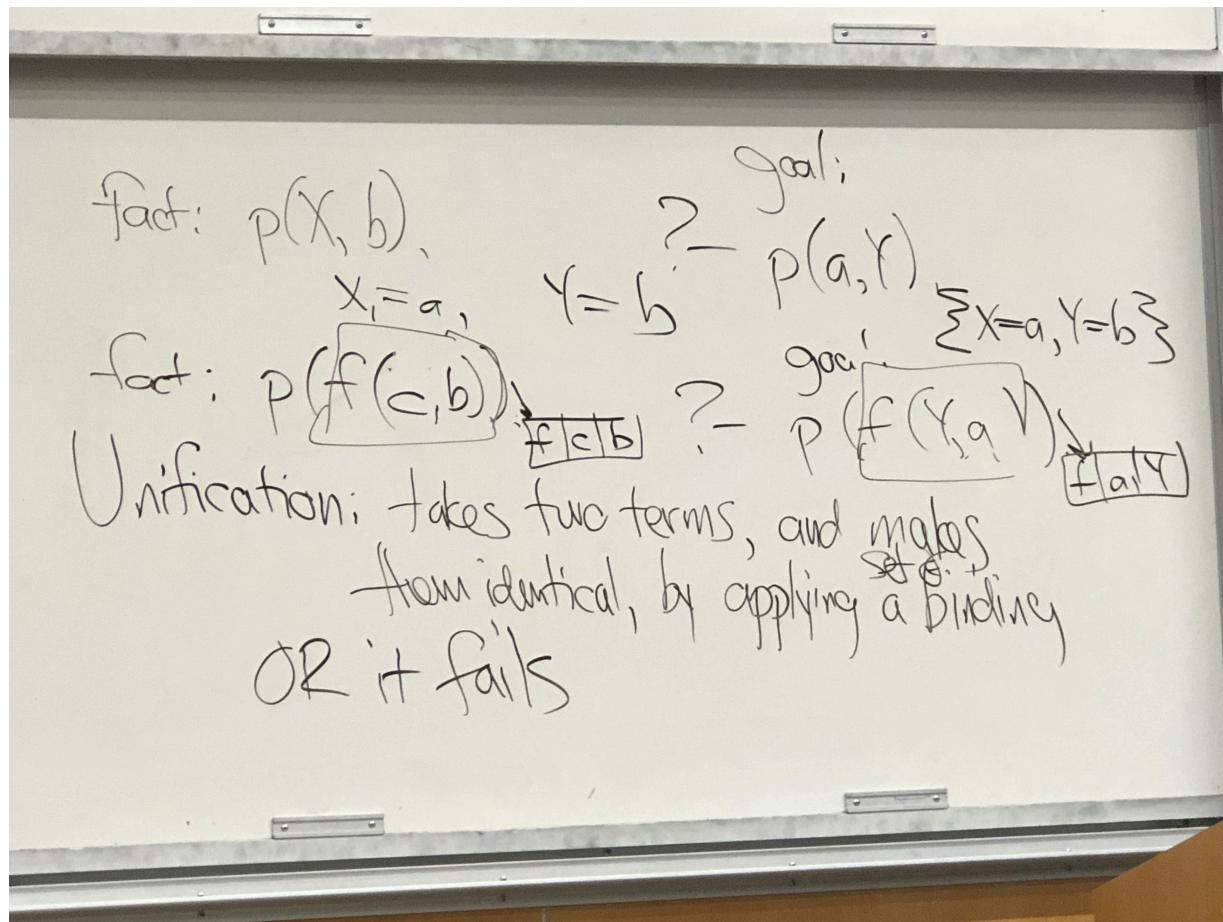
p(X, Y)

X1 = a, Y1 = b

?- p(a, b).

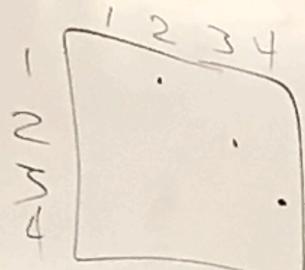
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bind program vars to goal values

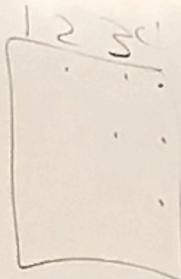


$$(x+1=y)$$

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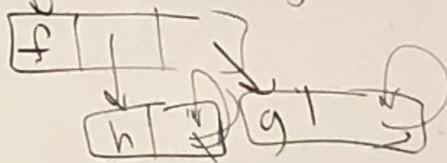
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$$p(X, f(x, g(Y))) \quad ? = p(h(A), B),$$

$\underbrace{(X = h(A), B = f(h(A), g(Y)))}$

$$B = f(h(A), g(-263))$$



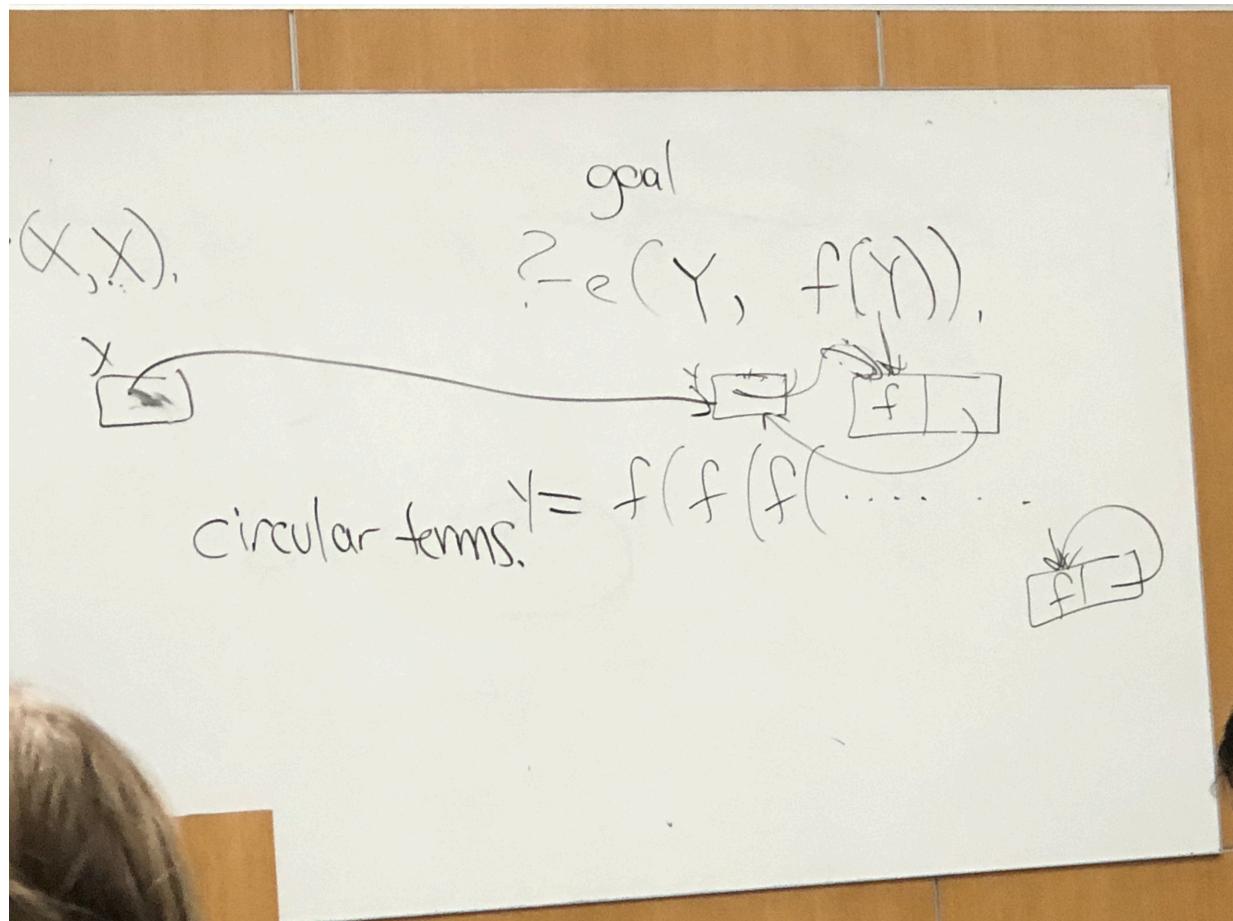
## Problem of Circular Terms

Fucked up Prolog fact:

$e(X, X)$ .

Goal:

?-  $e(Y, f(Y))$ .



**Circular terms** break the prolog program

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2nd half of lecture:

'=' ( $X, X$ ).

fact:  $X = X$ .

goal

?-  $Y = f(g(h(a, Y)), q(C))$

## Peano Arithmetic

Nonnegative integer addition

$z = s(X)$   
 $\text{zero} = X+1$

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add(z, X, X).  
add(s(X), X, s(X plus Y)) :- add(X, Y, X plus Y).  
sub(X, Y, Z) :- add(Y, Z, X).  
?- add(s(s(z)), s(s(z)), R).
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eq(X, X).  
lt(X, s(X)).  
lt(s(X), Y) :- lt(X, Y)  
    X+1<Y if X<Y  
le(X, Y) :- eq(X, Y).  
le(X, Y) :- lt(X, Y).
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PROBLEM:

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// if you want to do OR, just put 2 predicates not on the same line  
// with lt(N, N) and lt(X, s(X)).  
// will match N = X, N = s(X)  
// therefore N = s(s(s(s(s(...))))))  
// N = inf  
##### infinite terms are verboten
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FIX: change

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lt(X, s(X1)) :- unify with occurs check (X, X1)  
lt(X, s(Y)) :- lt(X, Y)
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$X = Y: O(\min(|X|, |Y|))$

unify with occurs check (X, X1) :- acts like  $X=Y$ , but refuses to create cycles. fails if it would create one  
 $O(\max(|X|, |Y|))$   
// dunno how to implement this

fact:

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generate(X, L, Y), membercheck(X, L), check(X, L, Y).  
    ^a ^[q,a,b,a,a,c]
```

fail -> true -> <-

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membercheck(X, [X|_]) :-      -> ! -><-          // this is the CUT symbol
membercheck(X, [_|L]) :- membercheck (X, L).
```

## Operators

- :-
- if
- <-
- ,
- and
- &
- ;
- or
- |

(P; Q) :- P.

(P; Q) :- Q.

not(P) :- P, !, fail.

not(\_).

?- not(a=b).

yes

?- not(a=a).

?- X=3, not(X=4).

X=3

?- not(X=4), X=3.

## Some symbol definitions

| - P              P is provable

| = P              P is true

| - P (3 bar =) | = P

| \+ P              P is not provable

## What is a cut

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