

COMP3411-9814- Artificial Intelligence

Prolog

Built-in Predicates

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Groups of Built-in Predicates

- ◆ Testing the type of terms
- ◆ Construction and decomposition of terms: `=`, `..`, `functor`, `arg`, `name`
- ◆ Various types of equality and comparison
- ◆ “Database manipulation”: `assert`, `retract`
- ◆ Control facilities
- ◆ *bagof*, *setof* and *findall*
- ◆ Input, output



Testing the type of terms

var(X)	succeeds if X is currently instantiated variable
nonvar(X)	X is not a variable or X is instantiated variable
atom(X)	is true if X currently is an atom
integer(X)	is true if X currently stands for an integer
float(X)	is true if X currently stands for a real number
number(X)	is true if X currently stands for a number
atomic(X)	is true if X currently stands for a number or an atom
compound(X)	is true if X currently stands for a compound term (a structure)



Example: Arithmetic Operations

...,

number(X),

% Value of X number?

number(Y),

% Value of Y number?

Z is $X + Y$,

% Then addition it is possible

...



Construction and decomposition of terms: *=.. , functor, arg, name*

Term =.. [Functor, Arg1, Arg2, Arg3, ...] % „univ“

Term =.. L.

is true if L is a list that contains the principal functor of **Term**, followed by its arguments.

Example:

?- f(a, b) =.. L.

L = [f, a, b]

?- T =.. [rectangle, 3,5].

T = rectangle(3, 5)



Construction and decomposition of terms: =.. *, functor, arg, name*

Term =.. [Functor, Arg1, Arg2, Arg3, ...] % „univ“

Example: Increase the geometric figure by a factor of 1.5

?- Figure = square(3), % square side 3

...

Figure =.. [Type, Size],

NewSize is 1.5 * Size,

NewFigure =.. [Type, NewSize].

NewFigure = square(4.5). % square with side 4.5

Substitute

the sub-phrase in the New Sub-phrase

substitute(Subterm, Term, Subterm1, Term1):

if all occurrences of Subterm in Term are substituted with Subterm1
then we get Term1.

?- substitute(sin(x), 2*sin(x)*f(sin(x)), t, F).

$F = 2*t*f(t)$

Substitute

the sub-phrase in the New Sub-phrase

% Case 1: Substitute whole term

substitute(Term, Term, Term1, Term1) :- !.

% Case 2: Nothing to substitute if Term atomic

substitute(_, Term, _, Term) :-

atomic(Term), !.

% Term is a constant

% Case 3: Do substitution on arguments

substitute(Sub, Term, Sub1, Term1) :-

Term =.. [F | Args],

% Get arguments

substlist(Sub, Args, Sub1, Args1),

% Perform substitution on them

Term1 =.. [F | Args1].

% Construct Term1

% substlist(SubTerm, Term_List, NewSubTerm, NewTerm_List)



Example - Use of *substitute* / 4

?- E0 = (a+b) * (a-b),
 substitute(a, E0, 6, E1),
 substitute(b, E1, 3, E2),
 Value is E2.

$$E1 = (6+b) * (6-b)$$

$$E2 = (6+3) * (6-3)$$

$$\text{Value} = 27$$



Various types of equality and comparison

$X = Y$ is true if X and Y match

$X == Y$ if X and Y are identical

$X \neq Y$ if X and Y are not identical

$X @< Y$ X is lexicographically smaller than Y ,
term X precedes term Y by alphabetical
or numerical ordering
(paul @< peter)

„Database Manipulation“



assert(Clause)

% add - assert **Clause** to the DB

asserta(Clause)

% assert **Clause** at the beginning

assertz(Clause)

% assert **Clause** at the end

retract(Clause)

%remove **Clause** from the DB

Example: robot world (see Lecture1)

% move(X, Y, Z): move block X from Y to Z

move(X, Y, Z) :-

%move X from Y to Z

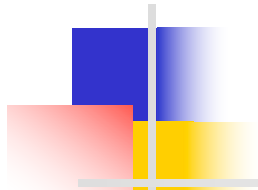
 retract(on(X,Y)), !,

% X is no longer on Y

 assertz(on(X,Z)).

% now X is on Z

Findall, bagof in setof



findall(Object, Condition, List)

List = list of Object objects that satisfy the Condition

bagof(Object, Condition, List)

% produce a List of all Objects that
satisfy Condition

setof(Object, Condition, List)

% produce a sorted List of all
Objects that satisfy Condition

Example: robot world (see Lecture1)

?- findall(B, on(B,_), L).

L = [a,b,c,d,e]

% L is a List of all blocks

Procedure findall, bagof in setof

Examples:

child(joze, ana). child(miha, ana).
child(lili, ana). child(lili, andrej).

?- findall(X, child(X, ana), S).
S = [joze, miha, lili]

?- setof(X, child(X, ana), S).
S = [joze, lili, miha]

?- findall(X, child(X, Y), S).
S = [joze, miha, lili, lili]

?- bagof(X, child(X, Y), S).
S = [joze, miha, lili]
Y = ana;



Input, output

?- consult(File).

?- see(File).

% File becomes the current input stream

?- see(user).

% user input

?- seen.

% close the current input stream

?- seeing(X).

% binds X to the current input file

?- tell(File).

% File becomes the current output stream

?- tell(user).

% user output

?- told.

% close the current output stream

?- telling(X).

% binds X to the current output file

Working with input, output and files



?- open/4. %

?- close(Datoteka). %

?- get0(C). %.

?- get(C). %

?- put(C). % write C on the output.

?- read(I). % input to I

?- write(I). % output I .



Example

```
write_char(Dat) :-  
    see(Dat),  
    get0(Char),  
    put(Char),  
    see(user).
```

```
input_char(Dat) :-  
    get0(Char),  
    tell(Dat),  
    put(Char),  
    tell(user).
```




Example

```
process(Dat) :-  
    seeing(OldStream),  
    see(Dat),  
    repeat,                % Repeat procedure !  
    read(T),  
    process(T),  
    T == end_of_file, !,   %  
    seen,  
    see(OldStream).
```



SWI Prolog Manual - links

SWI Prolog Manual

- ◆ 4.17 Input and output

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=IO>

- ◆ 4 Built-in Predicates

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=builtin>

- ◆ 4.39 Debugging and Tracing Programs

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=debugger>