

A Tutorial Reconstruction of miniKanren with Constraints

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After one learns to program in miniKanren, it is natural to want to understand how it is implemented. However, there is no resource to learn how to implement miniKanren with constraints such as `=/=`, `symbolo`, `numero`, and `absento`. Furthermore, these are used to implement a wide class of interesting programs such as relational interpreters and relational type inferencers, making the need for such a resource all the more felt. This paper aims to be that resource.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Many interesting relational programs such as relational interpreters and relational type inferencers require certain relational constraints (`=/=`, `numero`, `symbolo`, and `absento`). Therefore, if one wants to learn how to implement these constraints, one is compelled to study existing implementations. However, the two well-known implementations — faster-miniKanren [Ballantyne 2021] and Appendix D from Byrd et al. [2012] — make accomplishing this goal difficult for different reasons. The former is highly optimized for performance, and thus is not ideal to learn the ideas underlying implementing these constraints. The latter appendix is orthogonal to the problem solved by the paper and is not written with the intent to teach constraint implementation. As a result, it is hard to learn constraint implementation from this appendix. Thus, one interested in learning to implement miniKanren with constraints lacks an ideal resource.

This paper aims to demonstrate how to implement miniKanren with constraints. We walk the reader through implementing miniKanren with constraints capable of running the relational interpreter for quine generation [Byrd et al. 2012]. In particular, by the end of this paper, the reader will have implemented:

- (1) the `=/=` constraint;
- (2) `numero` and `symbolo` type constraints;
- (3) the `absento` constraint;
- (4) and reification in the presence of above constraints.

microKanren [Friedman 2013] serves as an excellent means to learn how to implement a minimalistic purely relational programming language. Thus, we take microKanren as our starting point and incrementally add the above constraints to it.

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1.1 Prerequisites

Firstly, proficiency with programming in Racket is required as this tutorial builds up an implementation of miniKanren in Racket. However, Scheme programmers will also be able to follow the paper with no difficulty. Next, proficiency with relational programming in miniKanren is also assumed. In particular, we assume the reader knows how to use the constraints we implement. We direct unfamiliar readers to [Byrd et al. \[2017\]](#) for the same. Finally, we assume the reader has implemented microKanren [\[Friedman 2013\]](#) and implement our miniKanren on top of this.

2 IMPLEMENTATION

We start with microKanren [\[Friedman 2013\]](#), and incrementally add constraints to it. Thus, we assume the reader has implemented `==`, `fresh`, conjunction, and disjunction.

The high level syntax of runnable programs to begin with is:

```
program = (run* (var) goal goal ...)
          | (run n (var) goal goal ...)
goal = (== term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
       | (conde (goal goal ...) (goal goal ...) ...)
       | (fresh (var var ...) goal goal ...)
```

The formal syntaxes of all our languages are deferred to [Appendix B](#) for the sake of brevity.

One major change we make to microKanren is using a list for the state instead of a pair. In microKanren, the state consisted of two components — the substitution and the fresh variable counter. Thus, implementing the state as a pair was sufficient. However, as we implement constraints we will have to extend the state. Therefore, we use a list for the state and add new elements to the list to extend the state.

This changed microKanren is provided in the [appendix A](#).

Before proceeding further, it is useful to outline the recipe for implementing any constraint (including constraints not discussed in this paper). This equips the reader with the essential idea of implementing constraints, which is far more valuable than learning to implement the limited set of constraints we discuss in this paper. To implement a new constraint `c`:

- (1) Extend the state with a field to store the information required by `c`.
- (2) Define how `c` updates the state when invoked.
- (3) Perform an exhaustive case-wise analysis on how `c` interacts with other constraints, and update both `c` and other constraints appropriately.
- (4) Update the reifier to display required information from the extended state.

For each of the constraints we implement now, we follow the above recipe.

2.1 Disequality

In this section, we extend the implementation to handle the `=/=` constraint. Thus, the high level syntax of runnable programs is:

```
program = (run* (var) goal goal ...)
          | (run n (var) goal goal ...)
```

```

105 goal = (== term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
106         | (conde (goal goal ...) (goal goal ...) ...)
107         | (fresh (var var ...) goal goal ...)
108         | (=/= term-expr-1 term-expr-2)

```

110 New additions are highlighted in boldface throughout this paper.

111 Using our recipe, implementing `=/=` can be broken down into four steps:

- 113 (1) extend the state to include a disequality constraint store;
- 114 (2) define the `=/=` goal constructor to update this store;
- 115 (3) verify after each new unification that no disequality constraints are violated, and possibly simplify
- 116 the disequality constraint store;
- 117 (4) update the reifier to display information from the disequality store.

119 **2.1.1 Extending the State.** Firstly, we extend the state to hold a disequality store in addition to a substitution and a counter.

```

123 (define (make-st S C D)
124   '(,S ,C ,D))
125
126 (define (S-of st)
127   (car st))
128
129 (define (C-of st)
130   (cadr st))
131
132 (define (D-of st)
133   (caddr st))
134
135 (define empty-state (make-st '() 0 '()))

```

139 The disequality store is a list of association lists, where each association list contains information corresponding to a single disequality constraint. To understand what an association list in the store means, consider the following fragment of a program:

```

143 (fresh (x y)
144   (=/= '(,x 3) '(cat ,y)))

```

146 This `=/=` constraint is violated only when `x` is unified with `cat` and `y` is unified with `3`. This is captured by the following association list:

```

149 ((y . 3) (x . cat))

```

151 That is, the pairs in an association list are those pairs whose `cars` and `cdrs` cannot be unified in conjunction. In the above example, the disequality constraint would be violated if `y` were unified with `3` in conjunction with `x` unified with the symbol `cat`.

155 As a more complicated example, consider the following program fragment:

```

157 (fresh (x y)
158   (=/= '(,x apple) '(banana ,y))
159   (=/= '(,x 5) '(7 ,y)))
160

```

The corresponding disequality store would be:

```

162 ((y . 5) (x . 7))
163 ((y . apple) (x . banana)))
164

```

2.1.2 Defining the constraint. Next, we have to define `=/=` to update the disequality store. To accomplish this we reuse `unify`. Consider `=/=` applied to terms say `t1` and `t2`. When we try to unify `t1` and `t2` in the current substitution, there are three cases possible:

- (1) `unify` fails. In this case, there is no possible way of extending the current substitution to make `t1` and `t2` hold (if there was, `unify` would have returned this extended substitution). Thus, the disequality constraint can safely be discarded.
- (2) `unify` succeeds without extending the current substitution. In this case, `t1` and `t2` are already equal, meaning the `=/=` constraint is violated.
- (3) `unify` succeeds and returns an extended substitution. In this case, the extension of the substitution contains precisely all those pairs whose `car` and `cdr` must be equal for the unification to succeed. In other words, for the `=/=` constraint to hold, this extension must not hold! Thus, we add this extension to our disequality store.

Examples for each of the above cases are as follows:

- (1) `(=/= 1 2)` may be discarded safely as unification of 1 and 2 fails.
- (2) `(=/= 1 1)` violates the `=/=` constraint as unification of 1 and 1 succeeds in any substitution without extending it.
- (3) The previous example `(fresh (x y) (=/= '(,x 3) '(cat ,y)))` is a case where we have to insert into the disequality store. When this expression is evaluated in any state with a substitution say `S`, the result is an extended substitution that has the list `((y . 3) (x . cat))` prepended to it. Thus, we insert this extension into the disequality store.

The following code implements the above, with the auxiliary procedure `prefix-S` being used to compute the extension of a substitution:

```

194 (define (=/= u v)
195   (lambda (st)
196     (let ([S (S-of st)]
197           [C (C-of st)]
198           [D (D-of st)])
199       (cond
200         [(unify u v S) => (post-unify-=/= S C D)]
201         [else (unit st)]))))
202
205 (define (post-unify-=/= S C D)
206   (lambda (S+)
207

```

```

209 (cond
210   [(eq? S+ S) mzero]
211   [else (let ([d (prefix-S S+ S)])
212           (unit (make-st S C (cons d D))))))]
213

```

The implementation of `prefix-S` makes use of the fact that whenever `unify` extends a substitution, it always adds new pairs as prefixes to the existing substitution via `cons`. Thus, to find the extension of a substitution `S+` with respect to `S`, we simply take the prefix of `S+` which when removed makes `S+` equal to `S`.

```

218 (define (prefix-S S+ S)
219   (cond
220     [(eq? S+ S) '()]
221     [else (cons (car S+) (prefix-S (cdr S+) S))]))
223

```

2.1.3 Verifying Constraints' Validity. Next, we have to deal with the interaction between `==` and `≠` constraints. Here, there are two possible cases:

- (1) a `==` constraint may violate an existing `≠` constraint;
- (2) or, a `==` constraint may simplify an existing `≠` constraint.

Firstly, we have to ensure that new `==` constraints do not violate any existing disequality constraints. To check this, we once again make use of `unify` — if the unification of the `car` and the `cdr` of all the pairs in a disequality constraint `d` in a substitution `S` succeeds without extending it, `d` does not hold in `S`. For example, consider the following state:

```

235 (( 2 ((y . 'cat)) ((x . 5) (y . 3))))
236

```

Here, `x` and `y` are placeholders for logic variables, the substitution is the empty substitution, the value of two for the counter indicates two logic variables have been introduced so far, and the disequality store holds the disequality constraints introduced so far. Now, if the following `==` goal were to be applied to this state:

```

240 (== '(,x 3) '(5 ,y))
241

```

the new substitution would be:

```

243 ((y . 3) (x . 5))
244

```

In this new substitution, the unifications of the `car` and the `cdr` of all the pairs of the second disequality constraint `((x . 5) (y . 3))` would succeed. Thus, the above `==` constraint violates one of the existing disequality constraints.

Similarly, if the following `==` constraint were to be applied:

```

250 (== '(,x cat) '(5 ,y))
251

```

the new substitution would be:

```

253 ((y . 'cat) (x . 5))
254

```

In this new substitution, the unifications of the `car` and the `cdr` of all the pairs of the first disequality constraint `((y . cat))` would succeed. Thus, the above `==` constraint violates one of the existing disequality constraints.

On the other hand, a `==` constraint such as:

```
261 (== '(,x 5) '(3 ,y))
```

262 would not violate any existing disequality constraints, as the extended substitution:

```
263 ((y . 5) (x . 3))
```

264 would not result in the successful unification of the `car` and the `cdr` of all the pairs in any disequality
265 constraint.

266 We define the auxiliary procedure `unify*` to unify the `car` and the `cdr` of all the pairs in a disequality
267 constraint in a given substitution. It returns an extended substitution where all the unifications succeed by
268 going through each pair in the disequality constraint and attempting to unify the `car` and the `cdr` in the
269 current substitution. If any of the unifications fails, it returns `#f` instead.

```
273 (define (unify* d S)
274   (cond
275     [(null? d) S]
276     [(unify (caar d) (cdar d) S) =>
277       (lambda (S)
278         (unify* (cdr d) S))]
279     [else #f]))
```

280 Other than violating an existing disequality constraint, new `==` constraints may instead simplify some of
281 the disequality constraints in the store. As an example consider the following program fragment:

```
285 (fresh (x y)
286   (=/= '(,x 3) '(cat ,y))
287   (== x cat))
```

288 Before the `==` constraint, the disequality constraint would have been `((y . 3) (x . cat))`. But after
289 the `==` constraint, the disequality simplifies to `((y . 3))` as `x` has already been unified with `3`. To perform
290 this simplification we first perform `unify*` of a disequality constraint in the substitution resulting from
291 the `==` constraint, say `S`. If we call the resulting substitution from `unify*` say `S+`, then the extension of `S+`
292 with respect to `S` will be the reduced disequality constraint. This is because whatever unifications have
293 taken place because of the `==` constraint will be in `S`, and thus will not be in the extension. As a result, the
294 extension will contain only those pairs which are missing from `S`, but whose unification will result in the
295 violation of the disequality constraint.

296 Thus, we go through each of the disequality constraints in the disequality constraint store and check for
297 both violation and simplification in the new substitution.

```
302 (define (reform-D D D^ S)
303   (cond
304     [(null? D) D^]
305     [(unify* (car D) S) =>
306       (lambda (S^)
307         (cond
308           [(eq? S S^) #f]
309           [else (let ([d (prefix-S S^ S)])
```

```

313         (reform-D (cdr D) (cons d D^) S))))))
314     [else (reform-D (cdr D) D^ S)))]
315

```

We now update the definition of our == constraint to use `reform-D`.

```

317 (define (== u v)
318   (lambda (st)
319     (==-verify (unify u v (S-of st)) st)))
320
321
322 (define (==-verify S+ st)
323   (cond
324     [(not S+) mzero]
325     [(eq? (S-of st) S+) (unit st)]
326     [(reform-D (D-of st) '() S+) =>
327      (lambda (D)
328        (unit (make-st S+ (C-of st) D)))]
329     [else mzero]))
330
331
332

```

2.1.4 Reification. When implementing miniKanren, we transform programs into internal representations such as logic variables, streams, constraint stores, etc. However, when presenting the final answer to the program writer, presenting such internal representations would demand of the programmer to know the underlying implementation of the system. To avoid this, we take the internal representations and render them in a form that is easily comprehensible by the programmer without knowing the internal implementation details. This process of rendering the internal data structures of our implementation is called "reification".

When it comes to reifying the disequality store, we insist the following properties.

- (1) A fresh variable involved in disequality constraints should be reified as the appropriate symbol, which is consistent with the symbol used in the answer set. For example, as the zeroth fresh variable is rendered as `_ .0` in the answer set, it must also be rendered as `_ .0` in the reified disequality store.
- (2) Every semantically equivalent program should produce the same answer, irrespective of the constraint order in the program. We simply sort the constraints and constraint store lexicographically to ensure this.
- (3) Irrelevant and redundant constraints must not be rendered in the final answer.

For the first property, we reuse the reification substitution built by `reify-S` in microKanren and abusively `walk*` the disequality store `D` in it as `walk*` recursively looks up the `car` and the `cdr` of a pair, and `D` is a list of pairs.

```

355 (define (reify-1st st*)
356   (map (reify-var-state (var 0)) st*))
357
358
359 (define ((reify-var-state v) st)
360   (let ([S (S-of st)]
361         [D (D-of st)])
362     (let ([v (walk* v S)]

```

```

365         [D (walk* D S)])
366     (let ([r (reify-S v '())])
367         (let ([v (walk* v r)]
368             [D (walk* (drop-dot-D D) r)])
369             (pretty v D r))))))
370
371

```

drop-dot-D turns the pairs into lists and **pretty** formats the answers and information in the disequality store so that it may appear in a user-friendly manner. In particular, **pretty** does the following and helps with accomplishing the second goal.

- 376 (1) Translate the association lists in the disequality store into a list of lists.
- 377 (2) Sort each association list internally lexicographically.
- 378 (3) Sort all the association lists lexicographically.

```

379
380 (define (pretty v D r)
381     (let ([D (sorter (map sorter D))])
382         (cond
383             [(null? D) v]
384             [else '(,v (=/= . ,D))]))))
385
386
387 (define (drop-dot-D D)
388     (map (lambda (d)
389         (map (lambda (d-pr)
390             (let ([x (lhs d-pr)]
391                 [u (rhs d-pr)])
392                 '(,x ,u)))
393             d))
394         D))
395
396
397

```

The auxiliary procedure **sorter** is used to lexicographically sort a list. The Racket procedure **display** takes two arguments — a datum and an output port. It then displays the datum to the output port in such a way that byte- and character-based datatypes are written as raw bytes or characters (see ?).

```

402 (define (sorter ls) (sort ls lex<?))
403
404
405 (define (lex<? t1 t2)
406     (let ([t1 (datum->string t1)]
407         [t2 (datum->string t2)])
408         (string<? t1 t2)))
409
410
411 (define (datum->string d)
412     (let ([op (open-output-string)])
413         (begin (display d op)
414             (get-output-string op))))
415
416

```


Finally, we implement filtering out irrelevant and redundant constraints. Firstly, we can discard disequality constraints that do not affect the final answer. For example, consider the following program:

```
(run* (q) (== 'cat q) (fresh (x) (=/= 5 x)))
```

Here, the disequality constraint on the fresh variable `x` is irrelevant when it comes to the final answer of the query variable `q`. We call this optimization "purify", and the key idea behind implementing it is this — if a disequality constraint contains a pair where the `car` (resp., `cdr`) is a fresh variable, then we may discard this disequality constraint. This is because when the `car` (resp., `cdr`) is a fresh variable, we can always pick something for this fresh variable that is not equal to the `cdr` (resp., `car`) and satisfy the disequality constraint. Continuing the above example, as `x` is a fresh variable, we may pick something other than 5 for `x` and satisfy the disequality constraint.

```
(define (purify-D D* r)
  (cond
    [(null? D*) '()]
    [(anyvar? (car D*) r)
     (purify-D (cdr D*) r)]
    [else (cons (car D*)
                 (purify-D (cdr D*) r))]))

(define (anyvar? v r)
  (cond
    [(var? v) (var? (walk v r))]
    [(pair? v) (or (anyvar? (car v) r) (anyvar? (cdr v) r))]
    [else #f]))
```

Secondly, we can discard disequality constraints that are *subsumed* by other disequality constraints. We say that a constraint `d1` subsumes `d2` (or `d2` is subsumed by `d1`) if whenever `d1` holds, `d2` also holds. For example consider the following program fragment:

```
(fresh (x y)
  (=/= 3 x)
  (=/= '(,x cat) '(3 ,y)))
```

If the first disequality constraint `(=/= 3 x)` holds, then the second constraint should also hold. Therefore, the first constraint subsumes the second constraint and the latter can be safely discarded. The important observation to make here is that `d1` subsumes `d2` if every pair in `d1` is also contained in `d2` (with possibly more pairs not in `d1`).

The key idea behind removing subsumed disequality constraints is `d1` subsumes `d2` if we can `unify*` `d1` by treating `d2` as a substitution (which we can, since disequality constraints are also association lists) without extending `d2`. This is because if each pair in `d1` is contained in `d2`, unifying them by treating `d2` as a substitution should not require extending `d2`. The following code implements this:

```
(define (rem-subsumed-D<D D D^)
  (cond
```

```

469     [(null? D) D~]
470     [(or (subsumed? (car D) D~) (subsumed? (car D) (cdr D)))
471      (rem-subsumed-D<D (cdr D) D~)]
472     [else (rem-subsumed-D<D (cdr D) (cons (car D) D~))]]))
473
474
475 (define (subsumed? d D)
476   (and (not (null? D))
477        (or (eq? (unify* (car D) d) d)
478            (subsumed? d (cdr D)))))
479
480 We incorporate these two optimizations into our reifier.
481
482 (define ((reify-var-state v) st)
483   (let ([S (S-of st)]
484         [D (D-of st)])
485     (let ([v (walk* v S)]
486           [D (walk* D S)])
487       (let ([r (reify-S v '())])
488         (let ([v (walk* v r)]
489               [D (walk* (drop-dot-D (rem-subsumed-D<D (purify-D D r) '()) r)]
490                     (prettify v D r)))])))))
491
492
493

```

2.2 Type constraints

In this section, we extend our implementation to also support the type constraints `numero` and `symbolo`.

Our programs are now of the form:

```

496
497
498 program = (run* (var) goal goal ...)
499           | (run n (var) goal goal ...)
500
501 goal = (== term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
502        | (conde (goal goal ...) (goal goal ...) ...)
503        | (fresh (var var ...) goal goal ...)
504        | (=/= term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
505        | (numero term-expr)
506        | (symbolo term-expr)
507
508

```

Once again, using our recipe, implementing type constraints can be broken down into four steps.

- 510 (1) Extend the state to include a type constraint store.
- 511 (2) Define `numero` and `symbolo` goal constructors that update the state.
- 512 (3) Now we have two interactions to deal with — between type and `==` constraints, and between type
- 513 and disequality constraints. We need to:
- 514 (a) verify after each `==` constraint that no type constraints are violated, and possibly simplify the
- 515 type constraint store.
- 516 (b) implement subsumption of disequality constraints by type constraints;
- 517
- 518 (4) Update the reifier to display information from the type store.
- 519
- 520

2.2.1 *Extending the State.* Firstly, we extend the state to hold a type constraint store.

```
(define (make-st S C D T)
  '(,S ,C ,D ,T))

...

(define (T-of st)
  (caddr st))

(define empty-state (make-st '() 0 '() '()))
```

The type constraint store is a list of constraints, where each constraint consists of three components:

- (1) the logic variable on which the constraint exists (in our implementation type constraints on constant terms such as numbers and symbols get immediately resolved and are never added to the constraint store);
- (2) a tag naming the constraint, which will be useful while displaying the final answer;
- (3) a predicate corresponding to the constraint which can be applied to terms to see they satisfy the constraint.

Thus, for example if we were to apply the `numero` constraint on a logic variable `x`, the generated constraint would be:

```
(x . (num . number?))
```

Here, `x` would be replaced by the actual logic variable it is represented by, the symbol `num` is the tag used to represent the `numero` constraint, and the predicate `number?` can be applied to terms to see if they satisfy they constraint.

2.2.2 *Defining the constraints.* As both `symbolo` and `numero` are quite similar, we implement them both using a common goal constructor we call `make-type-constraint`. It constructs a goal given a tag, a predicate, and a term. The implementation of a type constraint can be broken down into three cases, each corresponding to a different type of invocation.

- (1) When applied to a variable, we first need to check if there are any disjoint type constraints already on that variable (e.g. applying both `symbolo` and `numero` to the same variable must lead to no answers). If not, then this constraint must be added to the store (unless the same constraint already exists in the store).
- (2) When applied to a pair, then no type constraint can hold as our type constraints only operate on atomic terms.
- (3) When applied to a constant term (e.g number or symbol) we may immediately apply the predicate corresponding to the constraint to determine whether the constant satisfies the constraint.

```
(define (make-type-constraint tag pred)
  (lambda (u)
    (lambda (st)
      (let ([S (S-of st)])
```

```

573         [C (C-of st)]
574         [D (D-of st)]
575         [T (T-of st)]
576         [A (A-of st)]]
577     (let ([u (walk u S)])
578       (cond
579         [(var? u) (cond
580                   [(make-type-constraint/x u tag pred st S C D T A) =>
581                    unit]
582                   [else mzero])])
583         [(pair? u) mzero]
584         [else (cond
585                 [(pred u) (unit st)]
586                 [else mzero])])])])])])])
587
588
589
590

```

```

591 (define symbolo (make-type-constraint 'sym symbol?))
592
593

```

```

594 (define numero (make-type-constraint 'num number?))
595

```

596 The auxiliary procedure `make-type-constraint/x` attempts to construct a type constraint on the logic
 597 variable `x` in a given state `st`. As discussed, when a type constraint is applied to a variable, we have to check
 598 for two cases — if the same constraint already exists on the variable (in which case we return the state as
 599 is), else if there is a disjoint type constraint on the variable (in which case we fail and return the empty
 600 stream as there are no answers). We implement this via the auxiliary procedure `ext-T`, which goes through
 601 the type constraints in the type store and for each type constraint, checks for both the cases.

```

602
603 (define (ext-T x tag pred S T)
604   (cond
605     ; Ran out of type constraints without any conflicts, add new type constraint
606     ; to the store.
607     [(null? T) '((x . (tag . ,pred)))]
608     [else (let ([t (car T)]
609                 [T (cdr T)])
610              (let ([t-tag (tag-of t)])
611                (cond
612                  ; Is the current constraint on x?
613                  [(eq? (walk (lhs t) S) x)
614                   (cond
615                     ; Is it same as the new constraint? Then do not extend the
616                     ; store.
617                     [(tag=? t-tag tag) '()]
618                     ; Is it conflicting with the new constraint? Then fail.

```

```

625         [else #f]])
626     ; The current constraint is not on x, continue going through
627     ; rest of the constraints
628     [else (ext-T x tag pred S T)])))]))
629

```

We can now use `ext-T` to define `make-type-constraint/x`:

```

630
631 (define (make-type-constraint/x u tag pred st S C D T)
632   (cond
633     [(ext-T u tag pred S T) =>
634      (lambda (T+)
635        (cond
636          [(null? T+) st]
637          [else (let ([T (append T+ T)])
638                  (make-st S C D T))]])]
639     [else #f]))
640

```

2.2.3 Implementing Subsumption. There is an important optimization to be implemented here to avoid redundancy in the disequality constraint store — delete any disequality constraints that are subsumed by a type constraint. For example, consider the following program fragment:

```

641 (fresh (a) (=/= 'cat a) (numero a))
642

```

The disequality constraint can be safely discarded as there is no number that is the symbol `cat`.

As a more complicated example, consider:

```

643 (fresh (x y) (=/= '(cat dog) '(x ,y) (numero x))
644

```

Here, the disequality constraint consists of two disequalities — between `cat` and `x`, and `dog` and `y`. As the variable `x` is constrained to be a number by the `numero` constraint, we can safely discard the disequality constraint.

However, we must be careful not to discard disequality constraints in cases such as the following:

```

645 (fresh (a) (=/= 'cat a) (symbolo a))
646

```

We implement this by removing all disequality constraints containing a disequality between a type constrained logic variable and a value not satisfying the type constraint. Such disequality constraints can safely be discarded as the type constraint on the logic variable ensures that unifying the variable with values not satisfying the type constraint leads to failure. We use the auxiliary procedure `subsumed-d-pr?` to check if a pair from a disequality constraint `d-pr` is subsumed by any type constraint in a type store `T`.

```

647 (define (subsumed-d-pr? T)
648   (lambda (d-pr)
649     (let ([u (rhs d-pr)])
650       (cond
651         ; We want the disequality to be between a variable and a constant, can
652         ; ignore constraints between two variables.
653         [(var? u) #f]
654

```

```

677     [else
678       (let ([sc (assq (lhs d-pr) T)])
679         ; Check if the variable is type constrained
680         (and sc
681           (let ([tag (tag-of sc)])
682             (cond
683               ; Check if the constant satisfies the type constraint
684               [((pred-of sc) u) #f]
685               [else #t])))))])))))
686
687
688

```

We use the Racket procedure `findf` to implement subsumption. `findf` takes two arguments, a predicate and a list, and returns the first element in the list satisfying the predicate or `#f` if no such element exists. For each disequality constraint `d` in the disequality store `D`, we use `findf` to check if `d` has a pair that is subsumed by any type constraint in the store `T`. If so, we remove this `d` from `D`.

```

694 (define (rem-subsumed-D<T T D)
695   (filter (lambda (d) (not (findf (subsumed-d-pr? T) d)))
696     D))
697

```

We update `make-type-constraint+` to use this optimization:

```

700 (define (make-type-constraint/x x tag pred st S C D T)
701   ...
702   [else (let ([D (rem-subsumed-D<T T+ D)])
703     [T (append T+ T)])
704     (make-st S C D T)))]))
705
706
707

```

2.2.4 Verifying Constraints' Validity. Next, similar to disequality constraints, we have to ensure that no new unifications break any type constraints. For example, consider the following program fragment:

```

711 (fresh (x)
712   (symbolo x)
713   (== 5 x))
714

```

The unification here breaks the `symbolo` constraint on `x`. Furthermore, unifications may also simplify the constraint store. For instance:

```

719 (fresh (x)
720   (numero x)
721   (== 10 x))
722

```

After unification, we may discard the `numero` constraint.

To implement these two, we go through each type constraint and check for both the cases — whether the new unification broke a type constraint or whether it may be discarded. If neither, we return false to indicate the constraint is retained as it is.

```

729 (define (reform-T T S)
730   (cond
731     [(null? T) '()]
732     [(reform-T (cdr T) S) =>
733       (lambda (T0)
734         (let ([u (walk (lhs (car T)) S)]
735               [tag (tag-of (car T))]
736               [pred (pred-of (car T))])
737           (cond
738             [(var? u)
739              (cond
740                [(ext-T u tag pred S T0) =>
741                  (lambda (T+)
742                    (append T+ T0))]
743                [else #f])]
744             [else (and (pred u) T0)])))]
745     [else #f]))

```

We now update `==verify` to use `reform-T`, and to remove any disequality constraints subsumed by this reformed type store.

```

753 (define (==verify S+ st)
754   (cond
755     ...
756     [(reform-D (D-of st) '() S+) =>
757       (lambda (D)
758         (cond
759           [(reform-T (T-of st) S+) =>
760             (lambda (T)
761               (unit (make-st S+ (C-of st) (rem-subsumed-D<T T D) T)))]
762           [else mzero])])
763     ...))

```

2.2.5 Reification. Again, as with `=/=` we filter out constraints not relevant to the final answer during reification. Any type constraint on a fresh variable may be discarded as it can always be satisfied by making the fresh variable a value satisfying the constraint.

```

772 (define ((reify-var-state v) st)
773   (let ([S (S-of st)]
774         [D (D-of st)])
775     (let ([v (walk* v S)]
776           [D (walk* D S)])
777       (let ([r (reify-S v '())])

```

```

781      (let ([v (walk* v r)]
782            [D (walk* (drop-dot-D (rem-subsumed-D<D (purify-D D r) '()) r)]
783                  [T (walk* (drop-pred-T (purify-T T r)) r)])
784            (prettify v D T r))))))
785
786
787 (define (purify-T T r)
788   (filter (lambda (t)
789             (not (var? (walk (lhs t) r))))
790           T))
791
792
793 (define (drop-pred-T T)
794   (map (lambda (t)
795          (let ([x (lhs t)]
796                [tag (tag-of t)])
797            (tag (tag-of t))
798                '(',tag ,x)))
799         T))
800

```

In addition to the previous demands set out for reification, we have one additional demand : variables with the same constraint must be grouped together for improved readability. For example:

```

804 > (run* (x) (fresh (a b c)
805                    (== (list a b c) x)
806                    (symbolo a)
807                    (numero b)
808                    (symbolo c)))
809
810 '(((_.0 _.1 _.2) (num _.1) (sym _.0 _.2)))
811

```

Here, the variables with the `symbolo` constraint are grouped together.

To implement this, we repeatedly group all elements having the same constraint tag as the first element in the constraint store until there are no more elements in the constraint store. Additionally, as with disequality constraints, we sort lexicographically each part as well as the entire partition by tag to ensure the same answer for all semantically equivalent programs.

```

818 (define (prettify v D T r)
819   (let ([D (sorter (map sorter D))]
820         [T (sorter (map sort-part (partition* T)))]
821         (cond
822           [(and (null? D) (null? T)) v]
823           [(null? D) '(',v . ,T]]
824           [(null? T) '(',v (=/= . ,D))]
825           [else '(',v (=/= . ,D) . ,T))]))
826
827
828
829 (define partition*
830   (lambda (A)
831
832

```



```

833      (cond
834        ((null? A) '())
835        (else
836         (part (lhs (car A)) A '() '())))))
837
838
839 (define part
840   (lambda (tag A x* y*)
841     (cond
842       ((null? A)
843        (cons '(',tag . ,(map car x*)) (partition* y*)))
844       ((tag=? (lhs (car A)) tag)
845        (let ((x (rhs (car A))))
846          (let ((x* (cond
847                    ((memq x x*) x*)
848                    (else (cons x x*)))))
849            (part tag (cdr A) x* y*))))
850       (else
851        (let ((y* (cons (car A) y*)))
852          (part tag (cdr A) x* y*))))))
853
854
855 (define (sort-part pr)
856   (let ((tag (car pr))
857         (x* (sorter (cdr pr))))
858     '(',tag . ,x*)))
859
860

```

2.3 absento

The final constraint we implement is **absento**. We implement a restricted version of **absento**, where we require the first argument to be a symbol only (although the second argument can be an arbitrary term expression). Our programs are now of the form:

```

869 program = (run* (var) goal goal ...)
870           | (run n (var) goal goal ...)
871
872 goal = (== term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
873       | (conde (goal goal ...) (goal goal ...) ...)
874       | (fresh (var var ...) goal goal ...)
875       | (=/= term-expr-1 term-expr-2)
876       | (numbero term-expr)
877       | (symbolo term-expr)
878       | (absento tag term-expr)
879
880

```

Implementing **absento** can be broken down into four steps, in accordance with our recipe.

- (1) Extend the state to include a **absento** constraint store;

- 885 (2) Define the **absento** goal constructor to update this store;
- 886 (3) Now we have three interactions to a deal with — between **absento** and **==** constraints, between
- 887 **absento** and disequality constraints, and between **absento** and type constraints. We need to:
- 888 (a) verify after each **==** constraint that no **absento** constraints are violated, and possibly simplify
- 889 the **absento** constraint store;
- 890 (b) discard any disequality constraints subsumed by **absento** constraints;
- 891 (c) use type constraint information to reduce **absento** constraints to disequality constraints.
- 892 (4) Update the reifier to display information from the disequality store.
- 893
- 894

895 **2.3.1 Extending the State.** Firstly, we extend the state to contain an **absento** constraint store.

```
896 (define (make-st S C D T A)
897   '(,S ,C ,D ,T ,A))
898
899 ...
900
901
902
903 (define (A-of st)
904   (caddrdr st))
905
906
907 (define empty-state (make-st '() 0 '() '() '()))
908
```

909 The **absento** constraint store contains a list of constraints, where each constraint contains three compo-
 910 nents.

- 911 (1) The logic variable on which the constraint exists. In our implementation **absento** constraints on
- 912 constant variable terms (such as numbers, symbols, and pairs consisting of only constants) get
- 913 immediately resolved and are never added to the constraint store.
- 914 (2) A tag naming the constraint, which will be useful while displaying the final answer.
- 915 (3) A predicate corresponding to the constraint which can be applied to terms to see they satisfy the
- 916 constraint.
- 917
- 918
- 919

920 **2.3.2 Defining the constraint.** To implement **absento**, we first check if its invocation was valid.

```
921 (define (absento tag u)
922   (cond
923     [(not (tag? tag)) (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
924     [else
925      (lambda (st)
926        (let ([S (S-of st)]
927              [C (C-of st)]
928              [D (D-of st)]
929              [T (T-of st)]
930              [A (A-of st)])
931          (cond
932            [else
933             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
934            [else
935             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
936            [else
937             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
938            [else
939             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
940            [else
941             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
942            [else
943             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
944            [else
945             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
946            [else
947             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
948            [else
949             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
950            [else
951             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
952            [else
953             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
954            [else
955             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
956            [else
957             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
958            [else
959             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
960            [else
961             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
962            [else
963             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
964            [else
965             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
966            [else
967             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
968            [else
969             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
970            [else
971             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
972            [else
973             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
974            [else
975             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
976            [else
977             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
978            [else
979             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
980            [else
981             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
982            [else
983             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
984            [else
985             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
986            [else
987             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
988            [else
989             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
990            [else
991             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
992            [else
993             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
994            [else
995             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
996            [else
997             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
998            [else
999             (error "Incorrect absento usage: ~s is not a tag" tag)]
1000           ]
1001         )
1002       ]
1003     ]
1004   )
1005 )
```

940 Then, we do a case-wise analysis on its second argument. If the second argument is:

- We end up with the following code for the case-wise analysis.

Before extending the `absento` store, we first check if the constraint being inserted already exists in the store. As an optimization we also make sure to never create a new `absento` predicate for a tag that already has a predicate.

19

```

989     [else
990       (let ([a (car A)]
991             [A (cdr A)])
992         (let ([a-tag (tag-of a)])
993           (cond
994             [(eq? (walk (lhs a) S) x)
995              (cond
996                [(tag=? a-tag tag) '()]
997                (else ext-A x tag S A))]
998             [(tag=? a-tag tag)
999              (let ([a-pred (pred-of a)])
1000                (ext-A-with-pred x tag a-pred S A))]
1001             [else (ext-A x tag S A)])))]))
1002
1003
1004
1005
1006 (define (ext-A-with-pred x tag pred S A)
1007   (cond
1008     [(null? A) '((,x . (,tag . ,pred)))]
1009     [else
1010      (let ([a (car A)]
1011            [A (cdr A)])
1012        (let ([a-tag (tag-of a)])
1013          (cond
1014            [(eq? (walk (lhs a) S) x)
1015             (cond
1016               [(tag=? a-tag tag) '()]
1017               [else
1018                (ext-A-with-pred x tag pred S (cdr A))])]
1018            [else
1019             (ext-A-with-pred x tag pred S (cdr A))])])])])])])
1019
1020
1021
1022
1023
1024
1025 (define (make-pred-A tag)
1026   (lambda (x)
1027     (not (and (tag? x) (tag=? x tag)))))
1028
1029
1030
1031
1032
1033
1034
1035
1036
1037
1038
1039
1040

```

2.3.3 Reduction of Constraints. An important optimization to implement here for performance is the reduction of **absento** constraints to disequality constraints. For instance, consider the following program fragment:

```

1033 (fresh (x)
1034   (absento 'cat x)
1035   (symbolo x))

```

Here, since x is constrained to be a symbol, we can safely recast the **absento** constraint as a disequality between x and the symbol `cat`. Similarly, in a case such as follows:

```

1041 (fresh (x)
1042   (absento 'cat x)
1043   (numero x))
1044
1045 We can altogether discard the absento constraint safely.
1046 To implement this, we go through each variable with a type constraint on it and check if there are any
1047 absento constraints on it as well. If so, we try to do one of the following, in that order:
1048
1049 (1) Discard the absento constraint.
1050 (2) Reduce the absento constraint to a disequality constraint.
1051 (3) Leave the absento constraint as it is.
1052
1053 (define (absento->diseq A+ S C D T A)
1054   (let ([x* (remove-duplicates (map lhs T))])
1055     (absento->diseq+ x* A+ S C D T A)))
1056
1057
1058 (define (absento->diseq+ x* A+ S C D T A)
1059   (cond
1060     [(null? x*)
1061      (let ([A (append A+ A)])
1062        (make-st S C D T A))]
1063     [else
1064      (let ([x (car x*)]
1065            [x* (cdr x*)])
1066        (let ([D/A (absento->diseq/x x S D T A)]]
1067          (let ([D (car D/A)]
1068                [A+ (cdr D/A)])
1069            (absento->diseq+ x* A+ S C D T A))))))])
1070
1071
1072
1073
1074 (define (absento->diseq/x x S D T A)
1075   (cond
1076     [(null? T)
1077      '(,D . ,A)]
1078     [else
1079      (let ([t (car T)])
1080        (cond
1081          [(and (eq? (lhs t) x)
1082                (or (tag=? (tag-of t) 'sym)
1083                    (tag=? (tag-of t) 'num)))
1084           (absento->diseq/x+ x '() S D A)]
1085          [else
1086           (absento->diseq/x x S (cdr T) A)]))])
1087
1088
1089
1090
1091
1092

```

```

1093 (define (absento->diseq/x+ x A+ S D A)
1094   (cond
1095     [(null? A)
1096      '(',D . ,A+)]
1097     [else
1098      (let ([a (car A)]
1099            [A (cdr A)])
1100        (cond
1101          [(eq? (lhs a) x)
1102           (let ([D (ext-D x (tag-of a) D S)])
1103             (absento->diseq/x+ x A+ S D A))]
1104          [else
1105           (let ([A+ (cons a A+)])
1106             (absento->diseq/x+ x A+ S D A))]]))]
1109   (define (ext-D x tag D S)
1110     (cond
1111       [(findf (lambda (d)
1112                 (and (null? (cdr d))
1113                      (let ([d-lhs (lhs (car d))]
1114                            [d-rhs (rhs (car d))]
1115                          (and
1116                            (eq? (walk d-lhs S) x)
1117                            (tag? d-rhs)
1118                            (tag=? d-rhs tag))))))
1119        D)
1120       [else (cons '(',x . ,tag) D)]]))

```

2.3.4 *Subsuming disequality constraints.* Next, to keep the disequality store as simple as possible, we delete any disequality constraint that is subsumed by an **absento** constraint. For example,

```

1132 (run 1 (x) (=/= x 'cat) (absento 'cat '(bat . ,x)))

```

Here, whenever the **absento** constraint holds, so does the disequality constraint. Therefore, we may discard the disequality constraint.

This can be implemented by a simple modification to the subsumption criteria in our subsumption implementation from the previous subsection. A disequality constraint is subsumed by an **absento** constraint if both of them involve the same variable, and the tag the variable is not allowed to be equal is same as the tag in the **absento** constraint.

```

1141 (define (rem-subsumed-D<T/A T/A D)
1142   (filter (lambda (d) (not (findf (subsumed-d-pr? T/A) d)))
1143 
```

```

1145         D))
1146
1147 (define (subsumed-d-pr? T/A)
1148   ...
1149   (let ([c (assq (lhs d-pr) T/A)])
1150     (and c
1151       (let ([tag (tag-of c)])
1152         (cond
1153           [(and (tag? tag)
1154                (tag? u)
1155                (tag=? u tag))]
1156           ...))))))
1157
1158
1159

```

With this implemented, we also have to update our **absento** implementation to use the above optimization.

```

1160
1161
1162 (define (absento/u u tag st S C D T A)
1163   (let [(u (walk u S))]
1164     (cond
1165       ...
1166       [else
1167         (let ([D (rem-subsumed-D<T/A A+ D)]]
1168           (unit (absento->diseq A+ S C D T A)))]))
1169   ...)))
1170
1171
1172

```

2.3.5 Verifying Constraints' Validity. Similar to previous constraints, we next have to ensure that new unifications do not break any existing **absento** constraints and perform simplifications, if any, resulting from new unifications.

```

1173
1174
1175
1176
1177 (define (reform-A A S)
1178   (cond
1179     [(null? A) '()]
1180     [(reform-A (cdr A) S) =>
1181      (reform-A+ (lhs (car A)) A S)]
1182     [else #f]))
1183
1184
1185
1186 (define (reform-A+ x A S)
1187   (lambda (AO)
1188     (let ([u (walk x S)]
1189           [tag (tag-of (car A))]
1190           [pred (pred-of (car A))])
1191       (cond
1192         [(var? u)
1193          (cond

```

```

1197      [(ext-A-with-pred x tag pred S A0) =>
1198        (lambda (A+)
1199          (append A+ A0)))]
1200    [(pair? u)
1201      (let ([au (car u)]
1202            [du (cdr u)])
1203        (cond
1204          [((reform-A+ au A S) A0) =>
1205            (reform-A+ du A S)]
1206          [else #f])])
1207    [else (and (pred u) A0)))]))
1211
1212 (define (==-verify S+ st)
1213   (cond
1214     ...
1215     [(reform-D (D-of st) '() S+) =>
1216       (lambda (D)
1217         (cond
1218           [(reform-T (T-of st) S+) =>
1219             (lambda (T)
1220               (cond
1221                 [(reform-A (A-of st) S+) =>
1222                   (lambda (A)
1223                     (unit (make-st S+ (C-of st) (rem-subsumed-D<T/A T D) T A)))]
1224                 [else #f])])
1225             [else #f])])
1226       [else #f])])
1227     ...))
1228

```

2.3.6 *Reification.* Once again, we remove *absento* constraints involving free variables from the final answer. Since the structure of an *absento* constraint and a type constraint is the same, we reuse **drop-pred-T** by renaming it to reflect its new purpose as **drop-pred-T/A**.

```

1233 (define ((reify-var-state v) st)
1234   (let ([S (S-of st)]
1235         [D (D-of st)])
1236     (let ([v (walk* v S)]
1237           [D (walk* D S)])
1238       (let ([r (reify-S v '())])
1239         (let ([v (walk* v r)]
1240               [D (walk* (drop-dot-D (rem-subsumed-D (purify-D D r) T)) r)]
1241               [T (walk* (drop-pred-T/A (purify-T/A T r)) r)]
1242               [A (walk* (drop-pred-T/A (purify-T/A A r)) r)])
1243           (prettify v D T A r))))))
1244

```



```

1249 (define (prettify v D T A r)
1250   (let ([D (sorter (map sorter D))])
1251     [T (sorter (map sort-part (group-types-T T)))]
1252     [A (sorter A)])
1253     (let ([AT (append (if (null? A) '() '(((absento . ,A))) T)])
1254       (cond
1255         [(and (null? D) (null? AT)) v]
1256         [(null? D) '(,v . ,AT)]
1257         [(null? AT) '(,v (=/= . ,D))]
1258         [else '(,v (=/= . ,D) . ,AT)]))))
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3 RELATED WORK

microKanren [Friedman 2013] demonstrates how to implement a minimal subset of miniKanren. We use this as the starting point for our implementation as it provides the implementation of the core functionality of a miniKanren implementation.

Hemann and Friedman [2017] present a framework based on macros for generating Kanren implementations supporting various constraints, given as input predicates for the constraints. While this discusses how to build up constraint stores corresponding to various constraints, it does not discuss how to solve these constraints or reify the constraint stores into a final answer.

Byrd [2009] discusses how to implement `=/=`, including reification and subsumption. Our implementation of the disequality constraint was based on this.

Finally, Byrd et al. [2012] briefly discusses how to implement the constraints we do in the appendix. As the focus of the paper is on relational interpreters, it does not serve as an ideal resource to learn about implementing the relational constraints themselves. Our implementation here however, was based on the code provided in the appendix of this paper.

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1308 A MODIFIED MICROKANREN

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1309 #lang racket
1310
1311 (provide (all-defined-out))
1312
1313 (define (var c) (vector c))
1314 (define var? vector?)
1315 (define (var=? x1 x2) (= (vector-ref x1 0) (vector-ref x2 0)))
1316
1317 (define (make-st S C)
1318   '(,S ,C))
1319
1320 (define (S-of st)
1321   (car st))
1322
1323 (define (C-of st)
1324   (cadr st))
1325
1326 (define empty-state (make-st '() 0))
1327
1328 (define mzero '())
1329 (define (unit st) (cons st mzero))
1330
1331 (define (ext-S u v S) '((,u . ,v) . ,S))
1332
1333 (define (walk u S)
1334   (let ([pr (and (var? u) (assoc u S var=?))])
1335     (if pr
1336         (walk (cdr pr) S)
1337         u)))
1338
1339 (define (unify u v S)
1340   (let ([u (walk u S)]
1341         [v (walk v S)])
1342     (cond
1343       (
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1353      [(and (var? u) (var? v) (var=? u v)) S]
1354      [(var? u) (ext-S u v S)]
1355      [(var? v) (ext-S v u S)]
1356      [(and (pair? u) (pair? v))
1357       (let ([S (unify (car u) (car v) S)])
1358         (and S (unify (cdr u) (cdr v) S)))]
1359      [else (and (eqv? u v) S)))]
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1363 (define (= u v)
1364   (lambda (st)
1365     (let ([S (unify u v (S-of st))])
1366       (if S (cons (make-st S (C-of st)) mzero) mzero))))
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1369 (define-syntax fresh
1370   (syntax-rules ()
1371     [( _ () g0 g ...) (conj+ g0 g ...) ]
1372     [( _ (x0 x ...) g0 g ...)
1373      (call/fresh (lambda (x0) (fresh (x ...) g0 g ...)))]))
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1377 (define (call/fresh f)
1378   (lambda (st)
1379     (let ([C (C-of st)])
1380       ((f (var C)) (make-st (S-of st) (+ C 1))))))
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1383 (define (disj g1 g2)
1384   (lambda (st)
1385     (mplus (g1 st) (g2 st))))
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1388 (define (conj g1 g2)
1389   (lambda (st)
1390     (bind (g1 st) g2)))
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1393 (define (mplus $1 $2)
1394   (cond
1395     [(null? $1) $2]
1396     [(procedure? $1) (lambda () (mplus $2 ($1)))]
1397     [(pair? $1) (cons (car $1) (mplus (cdr $1) $2))]))
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1399
1400 (define (bind $ g)
1401   (cond
1402     [(null? $) mzero]
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1405      [(procedure? $) (lambda () (bind ($) g))]
1406      [(pair? $) (mplus (g (car $)) (bind (cdr $) g))]]))
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1409 (define-syntax Zzz
1410   (syntax-rules ()
1411     [(_ g) (lambda (st) (lambda () (g st)))]))
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1414 (define-syntax disj+
1415   (syntax-rules ()
1416     [(_ g) (Zzz g)]
1417     [(_ g0 g ...) (disj (Zzz g0) (disj+ g ...))]))
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1420 (define-syntax conj+
1421   (syntax-rules ()
1422     [(_ g) (Zzz g)]
1423     [(_ g0 g ...) (conj (Zzz g0) (conj+ g ...))]))
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1426 (define-syntax conde
1427   (syntax-rules ()
1428     [(_ (g0 g ...) ...) (disj+ (conj+ g0 g ...) ...))])
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1431 (define (pull $)
1432   (if (procedure? $) (pull ($)) $))
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1435 (define (take n $)
1436   (if (zero? n) empty
1437       (let ([ $ (pull $)])
1438         (cond
1439           [(null? $) $]
1440           [else (cons (car $) (take (- n 1) (cdr $)))]))))
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1443 (define (take-all $)
1444   (let ([ $ (pull $)])
1445     (if (null? $) $ (cons (car $) (take-all (cdr $)))))
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1448 (define (reify-1st st*)
1449   (map (reify-var-state (var 0)) st*))
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1452 (define ((reify-var-state v) st)
1453   (let ([v (walk* v (S-of st))])
1454     (walk* v (reify-S v '()))))
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1457
1458 (define (reify-S v S)
1459   (let ([v (walk v S)])
1460     (cond
1461       [(var? v)
1462        (let ([n (reify-name (length S))])
1463          (cons '(',v . ,n) S))]
1464       [(pair? v) (reify-S (cdr v) (reify-S (car v) S))]
1465       [else S]])); number, bool
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1469 (define (reify-name n)
1470   (string->symbol
1471     (string-append "_" (number->string n))))
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1474 (define (walk* v S)
1475   (let ([v (walk v S)])
1476     (cond
1477       [(var? v) v]
1478       [(pair? v) (cons (walk* (car v) S)
1479                        (walk* (cdr v) S))]
1480       [else v]))
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1484 (define-syntax run*
1485   (syntax-rules ()
1486     [(_ (x) g0 g ...)
1487      (reify-1st (take-all (call/empty-state
1488                            (fresh (x) g0 g ...))))))]
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1492 (define-syntax run
1493   (syntax-rules ()
1494     [(_ n (x) g0 g ...)
1495      (reify-1st (take n (call/empty-state
1496                          (fresh (x) g0 g ...))))))]
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1500 (define (call/empty-state g) (g empty-state))
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B FORMAL SYNTAXES

B.1 Modified microKanren

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<program> ::= (run <number> (<id>) <goal-expr>))
           | (run* (<id>) <goal-expr>))

<goal-expr> ::= (== <term-expr> <term-expr>))
               | (fresh (<id>+) <goal-expr>+)
               | (conde (<goal-expr>+)+)

<term-expr> ::= (quote <value>))
               | <id>
               | <value>
               | (cons <term-expr>*)

<value> ::= A Racket number or symbol

<id> ::= Any valid Racket identifier

Term expressions evaluate to terms, whose grammar is:

<term> ::= <logic-var>
        | <symbol>
        | <number>
        | <pair>

<logic-var> ::= miniKanren logic variable

<symbol> ::= Any valid Racket symbol

<number> ::= Any valid Racket number

<pair> ::= Any valid Racket pair of <term>s

The difference between term and values is that terms are unified with logic variables, but values may
not be.

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B.2 Adding disequality

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<goal-expr> ::= (== <term-expr> <term-expr>))
               | (fresh (<id>+) <goal-expr>+)
               | (conde (<goal-expr>+)+)
               | (=/= <term-expr> <term-expr>))

Rest of the grammar remains the same.

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B.3 Adding type constraints

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<goal-expr> ::= (== <term-expr> <term-expr>))
               | (fresh (<id>+) <goal-expr>+)

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1561 | (conde ((goal-expr)+)+)
1562 | (=/= <term-expr> <term-expr>)
1563 | (numero <term-expr>)
1564 | (symbolo <term-expr>)
1565 | (symbolo <term-expr>)
1566 | (symbolo <term-expr>)
1567 Rest of the grammar remains the same.
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B.4 Adding absento

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1571 <goal-expr> ::= (== <term-expr> <term-expr>)
1572 | (fresh ((id)+) <goal-expr>+)
1573 | (conde ((goal-expr)+)+)
1574 | (=/= <term-expr> <term-expr>)
1575 | (numero <term-expr>)
1576 | (symbolo <term-expr>)
1577 | (symbolo <term-expr>)
1578 | (absento <symbol> <term-expr>)
1579 | (absento <symbol> <term-expr>)
1580 Rest of the grammar remains the same.
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