

Algorithm for compiling pattern matching.

We start with a list of ^(a match) rules, each of which is a pair consisting of a binding pattern and a body expression.

rule ::= pat : pattern , body : expr.

The goal is to construct a decision or discrimination tree that unifies the matching of a pattern against an argument value to select a particular rule body to evaluate (in an environment given by binding the variables in the corresponding pattern to the appropriate argument components).

There are two functions to be performed.

- (1) discrimination of cases
- (2) binding of pattern variables.