



ICT 4102

Artificial intelligence Lab

**Prolog -02**

# Prolog – Comparison (1)

%sectionA

goal(brazil,4).

goal(germany,3).

goal(france,1).

%sectionB

goal(argentina,2).

goal(portugal,5).

goal(japan,1).

## Prolog – Comparison (2)

go:-

```
write('enter section A country name'),nl,  
read(X),nl,  
goal(X,Y),nl,  
write('Section A country score is '),nl,  
write(Y),nl,
```

```
write('enter section B country name'),nl,  
read(P),nl,  
goal(P,Q),nl,  
write('Section B country score is '),nl,  
write(Q),nl,
```

```
compare(Y,Q).
```

```
compare(Y,Q):-
```

```
Y>Q,nl,
```

```
write('Section A country is the winner');
```

```
Y<Q,nl,
```

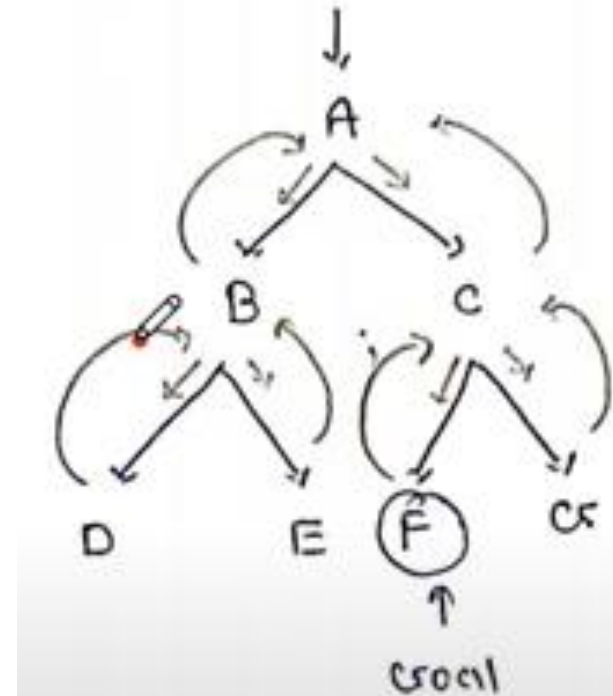
```
write('Section B country is the winner');
```

```
Y:=Q,nl,
```

```
write('Draw in both section').
```

# Backtracking

- In prolog, until it reach it's proper destination it try to backtrack whether the destination is found.
- “;” = try to find another goal.
- “.”=stop, reached destination node.



# Example

- Possible pairs for girls & boys (X,Y)

Y is girl and X is boy.

**Rule:-**

`possible_pair(X,Y) :- boys(X),girls(Y).`

**Facts:-**

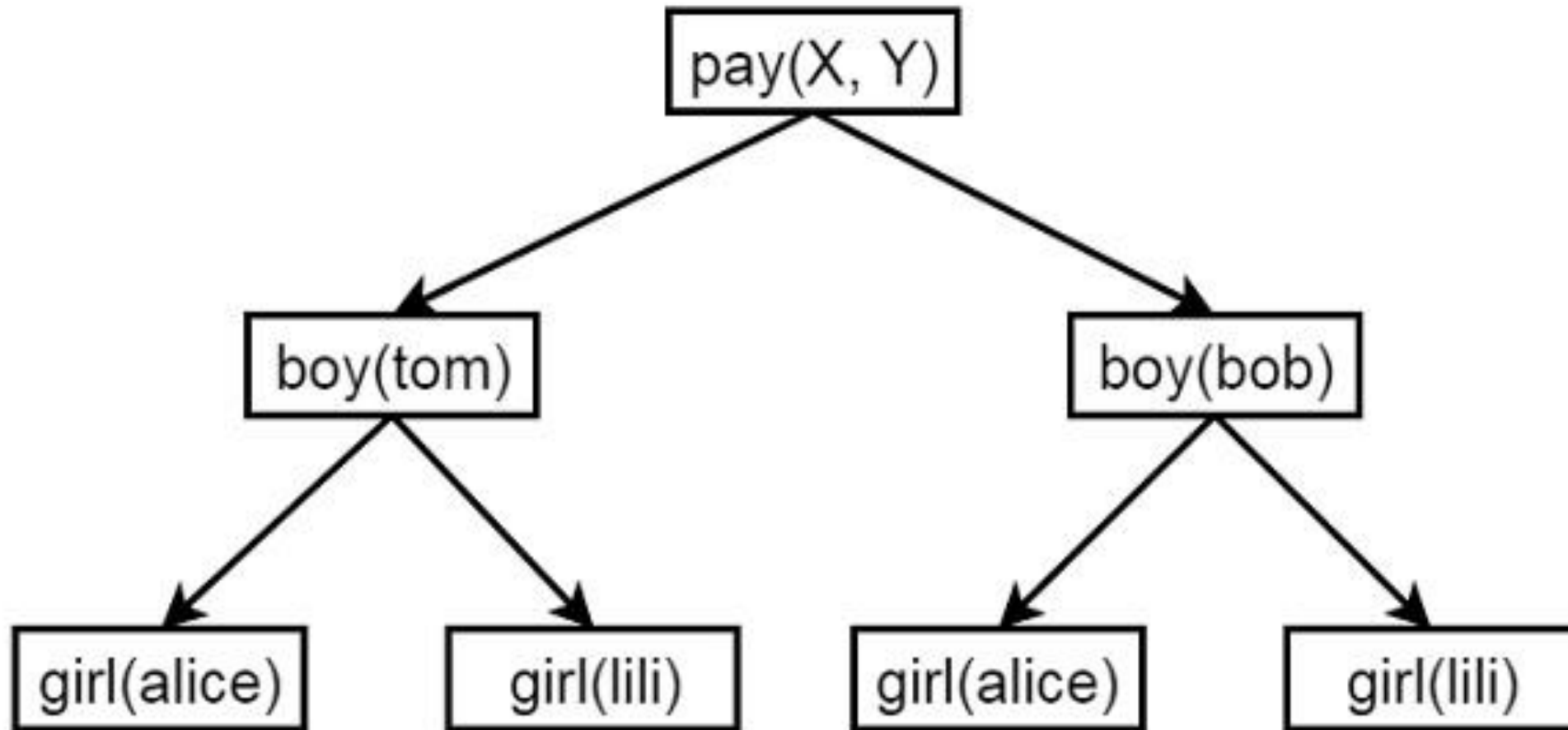
`boy(tom).`

`boy(bob).`

`girl(alice).`

`girl(lili).`

# Backtracking



possible\_pairs(X,Y)

=> X = tom, Y = alice.

=> X is tom, Y = lili.

Left traverse

=> X is bob, Y = alice.

=> X is bob, Y = lili.

Right traverse

# Prolog Program

boy(tom).

boy(bob).

girl(alice).

girl(lili).

pay(X,Y):-boy(X),girl(Y).



# Recursion

- Theory
  - – Introduce recursive definitions in Prolog
  - – Go through four examples
  - – Show that there can be mismatches between
    - the declarative and procedural meaning of a
- Prolog program

# Recursive Definitions

- Prolog predicates can be defined recursively
- A predicate is recursively defined if one or more rules in its definition refers to itself.

## Example 1: Eating

isDigesting(X,Y):- justAte(X,Y).

isDigesting(X,Y):- justAte(X,Z), isDigesting(Z,Y).

justAte(mosquito,blood(john)).

justAte(frog,mosquito).

justAte(stork,frog).

?- isDigesting(stork,mosquito).

Yes

## Example 2: Factorial

% Base case: Factorial of 0 is 1  
factorial(0, 1).

% Recursive case: Calculate factorial of N as N multiplied by factorial of N-1  
factorial(N, Result) :-  
    N > 0,  
    N1 is N - 1,  
    factorial(N1, SubResult),  
    Result is N \* SubResult.

?- factorial(0, Result). % Output: Result = 1  
?- factorial(5, Result). % Output: Result = 120  
?- factorial(10, Result). % Output: Result =  
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## Example 3: Descendant

child(anna,bridget).

child(bridget,caroline).

child(caroline,donna).

child(donna,emily).

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

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

?- descend(anna,donna).

No

## Example 3: Descendant

child(anna,bridget).

child(bridget,caroline).

child(caroline,donna).

child(donna,emily).

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

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

?- descend(anna,donna).  
yes

?- descend(A,B).

# LIST

## Theory

- Introduce lists, an important recursive data structure often used in Prolog programming
- Define the member/2 predicate, a fundamental Prolog tool for manipulating lists
- Illustrate the idea of recursing down lists



# LIST

- A list is a finite sequence of elements

## Examples of lists in Prolog:

1. [mia, vincent, jules, yolanda]
2. [mia, robber(honeybunny), X, 2, mia] []
3. [mia, [vincent, jules], [butch, friend(butch)]]
4. [[], dead(z), [2, [b,c]], [], Z, [2, [b,c]]]



# Important things about lists

- List elements are enclosed in square brackets
- The length of a list is the number of elements it has
- All sorts of Prolog terms can be elements of a list
- There is a special list: the empty list `[]`

# Head and Tail

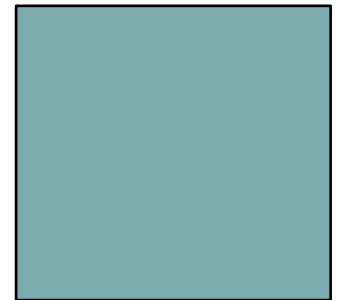
- A non-empty list can be thought of as consisting of two parts
  - The head
  - The tail
- The head is the first item in the list
- The tail is everything else
  - The tail is the list that remains when we take the first element away
  - The tail of a list is always a list

# Head and Tail example 1

- [mia, vincent, jules, yolanda]

Head:

Tail:

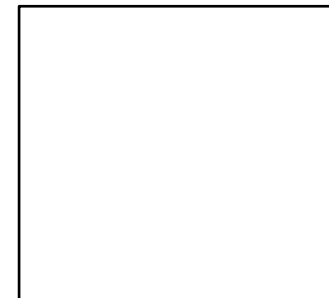


# Head and Tail example 1

- [**mia**, vincent, jules, yolanda]

Head: mia

Tail: [vincent,jules,yolanda]



# Head and Tail example 2

- `[[ ], dead(z), [2, [b,c]], [ ], Z, [2, [b,c]]]`
- Head:
- Tail:

## Head and Tail example 2

- ?- [**Head** | **Tail** ]=[[ ], dead(z), [2, [b,c]], [ ], Z, [2, [b,c]]]

**Head:** [ ]

**Tail:** [dead(z), [2, [b,c]], [ ], Z, [2, [b,c]]]

# Head and Tail example 3

- [dead(z)]

Head:

Tail:

# Head and Tail example 3

- `[dead(z)]`

Head: `dead(z)`

Tail:



# Head and Tail example 3

- [dead(z)]

Head: dead(z)

Tail: [ ]

# Head and tail of empty list

- The empty list has neither a head nor a tail
- For Prolog, `[]` is a special simple list without any internal structure
- The empty list plays an important role in recursive predicates for list processing in Prolog

# The built-in operator |

- Prolog has a special built-in operator | which can be used to decompose a list into its head and tail
- The | operator is a key tool for writing Prolog list manipulation predicates

# The built-in operator |

```
?- [Head|Tail] = [mia, vincent, jules, yolanda].
```

```
Head = mia
```

```
Tail = [vincent,jules,yolanda]
```

```
yes
```

```
?-
```

# The built-in operator |

```
?- [X|Y] = [mia, vincent, jules, yolanda].
```

```
X = mia
```

```
Y = [vincent,jules,yolanda]
```

```
yes
```

```
?-
```

# The built-in operator |

?- [X|Y] = [ ].

no

?-

# The built-in operator |

```
?- [X,Y|Tail] = [[ ], dead(z), mia] .
```

```
X = [ ]
```

```
Y = dead(z)
```

```
Tail = mia
```

```
yes
```

```
?-
```

# Anonymous variable

- Suppose we are interested in the second and fourth element of a list

```
?- [X1,X2,X3,X4|Tail] = [mia, vincent, marsellus, jody, yolanda].
```

```
X1 = mia
```

```
X2 = vincent
```

```
X3 = marsellus
```

```
X4 = jody
```

```
Tail = [yolanda]
```

```
yes
```

```
?-
```



# Some Operations on Lists

- Lists can be used to represent sets although there is a difference; the order of elements in a set does not matter while the order of items in a list does; also, the same object can occur repeatedly in a list. Still, the most common operations on lists are similar to those on sets. Among them are:
- checking whether some object is an element of a list, which corresponds to checking for the set membership;
- Concatenation of two lists, obtaining a third list, which corresponds to the union of sets;
- Adding a new object to a list, or deleting some object from it.

# Membership

- Let us implement the membership relation as `member(X, L)` where `X` is an object and `L` is a list. The goal `member(X, L)` is true if `X` occurs in `L`. For example,

`member(b, [a,b,c])`

- is true,

`member(b, [a,[b,c]])`

- is not true, but

`member([b,c], [a,[b,c]])`

- Is true.

# Membership

?- member(b,[a,b,c]).

true.

?- member(b,[a,[b,c]]).

false.

?- member([b,c],[a,[b,c]]).

true.

# Concatenation

- For concatenating lists we will define the relation `conc(L1, L2, L3)`

Rules:

```
concat_lists(L1, L2, Concat) :- append(L1, L2, Concat).
```

*After writing the rules in the prolog file , we have to consult it from the SWI-Prolog window.*

- Here L1 and L2 are two lists, and **Concat** is their concatenation. For example  
    `?- concat_lists([a,b,c],[mia, yolanda], Concat).`  
    **Concat = [a, b, c, mia, yolanda].**

# Deleting an item from Last

## Rules:

`delete_last([_], []).`

`delete_last([Head | Tail], [Head | NewTail]) :- delete_last(Tail, NewTail).`

`?- delete_last([1,2,3,4,5], L).`

`L = [1, 2, 3, 4].`

# Deleting from an item

Rules:

```
delete_item(X,[X|Tail],Tail).
```

```
delete_item(X,[Y|Tail],[Y|Tail1]):- delete_item(X,Tail,Tail1).
```

Queries:

```
?- delete_item(a,[d,b,a,c],New_list).
```

```
New_list = [d, b, c].
```

# Adding an item

In Prolog, lists are immutable, which means you cannot directly modify a list once it is defined. However, you can create a new list by *appending* an item to an existing list. Here's an example of how you can add an item to a list in Prolog:

## Rules:

```
add_item(Item, List, NewList) :- append(List, [Item], NewList).
```

```
?- add_item(dena,[hiyana,dona,mia],L).
```

```
L = [hiyana, dona, mia, dena].
```

## Exercise Task

1. Implement a Prolog predicate '**equal\_length/2**' that takes two lists as input and succeeds if both lists have the same length. **Give some example queries and their expected outputs.**
2. Write a Prolog predicate '**maximum/3**' that takes three integers as input and returns the maximum of the three.
3. Write a Prolog predicate to find the length of a list.