# Unit 4 Seminar: Introduction to Logic Programming

1. Prolog can be used to test the questions included in Unit 2. For example, to test exercise 1 carry out the following steps.

    - Surf to https://swi-prolog.org
    - Click on “try swi-prolog online”.
    - On the SWISH page click on notebook.
    - Click on Query.
    - In the ‘query’ box enter “member(c, [a,b,c,2,3,4])”.
    - Click the go (>) button – it should give the answer ‘true’ (I.e., c is a member of the set).
    - How many of the questions in exercise 1 can you check in this way?

Given the following sets:

A = {a,b,c,2,3,4}

B = {a, b}

C = {c,2}

D = {b,c}

E = {a,b,{c}}

F = ∅

G = {{a, b},{c, 2}}

classify each of the following statements as true or false

(a) c ∈ A TRUE


(b) c ∈ F FALSE


(c) c ∈ E FALSE

(d) {c} ∈ E TRUE

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?- member([c], [a,b,[c]])
true
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(e) {c} ∈ C FALSE

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?- member([c], [c,2])
false
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(f) B ⊆ A TRUE

```
?- subset([a,b], [a,b,c,2,3,4])
true
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(g) D ⊂ A TRUE

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?- subset([b,c], [a,b,c,2,3,4])
true
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However this used the subset command. There is no **proper** subset feature in Prolog so it's a lucky coincidence that A does not also contain D as a subset

(h) A ⊆ C FALSE

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?- subset([a,b,c,2,3,4], [c,2])
false
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(i) D ⊆ E FALSE

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?- subset([b,c], [a,b,[c]])
false
```

(j) F ⊆ A TRUE

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?- subset([], [a,b,c,2,3,4])
true
```

(k) E ⊆ F FALSE

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?- subset([a,b,[c]], [])
false
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(l) B ∈ G TRUE

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?- member([a,b], [[a,b],[c,2]])
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true

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(m) B ⊆ G FALSE

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?- subset([a,b], [[a,b],[c,2]])
```

false

(n) {B} ⊆ G TRUE

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?- subset([[a,b]], [[a,b],[c,2]])
```

true

(o) D ⊆ G FALSE

```
?- subset([b,c], [[a,b],[c,2]])
```

false

(p) {D} ⊆ G FALSE

```
?- subset([[b,c]], [[a,b],[c,2]])
```

false

(q) G ⊆ A FALSE

```
?- subset([[a,b],[c,2]], [a,b,c,2,3,4])
```

false

(r) {{c}} ⊆ E TRUE

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?- subset([[c]], [a,b,[c]])
```
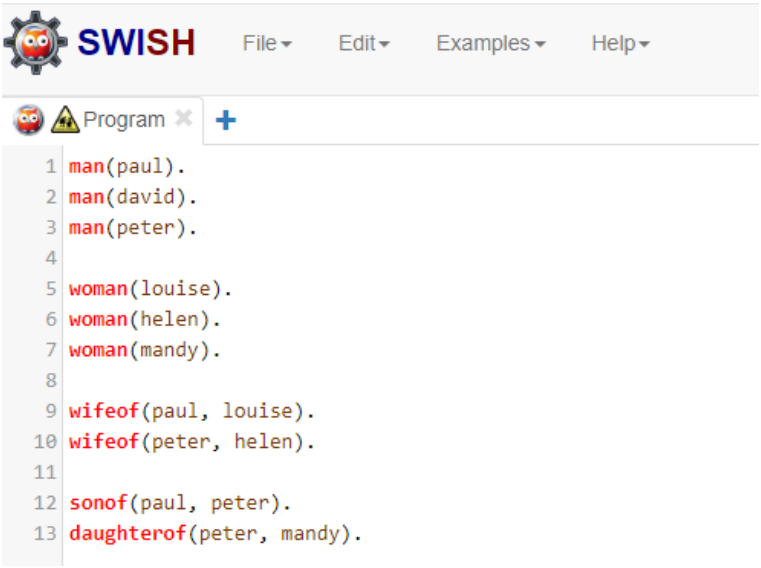
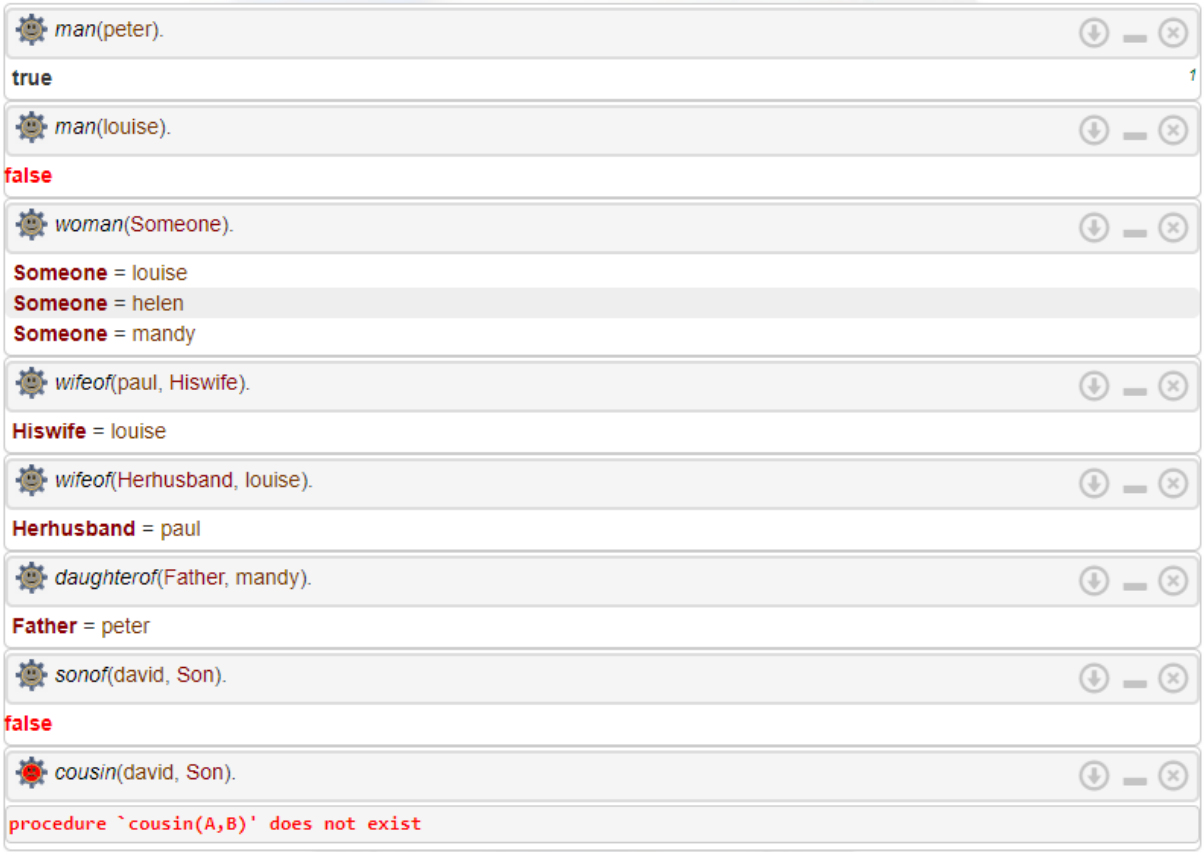

true

2. Read Ritchie (2002) section 8.2 (starting on pg 12). Input the facts into the SWI-SWISH page and run the queries. To do this:

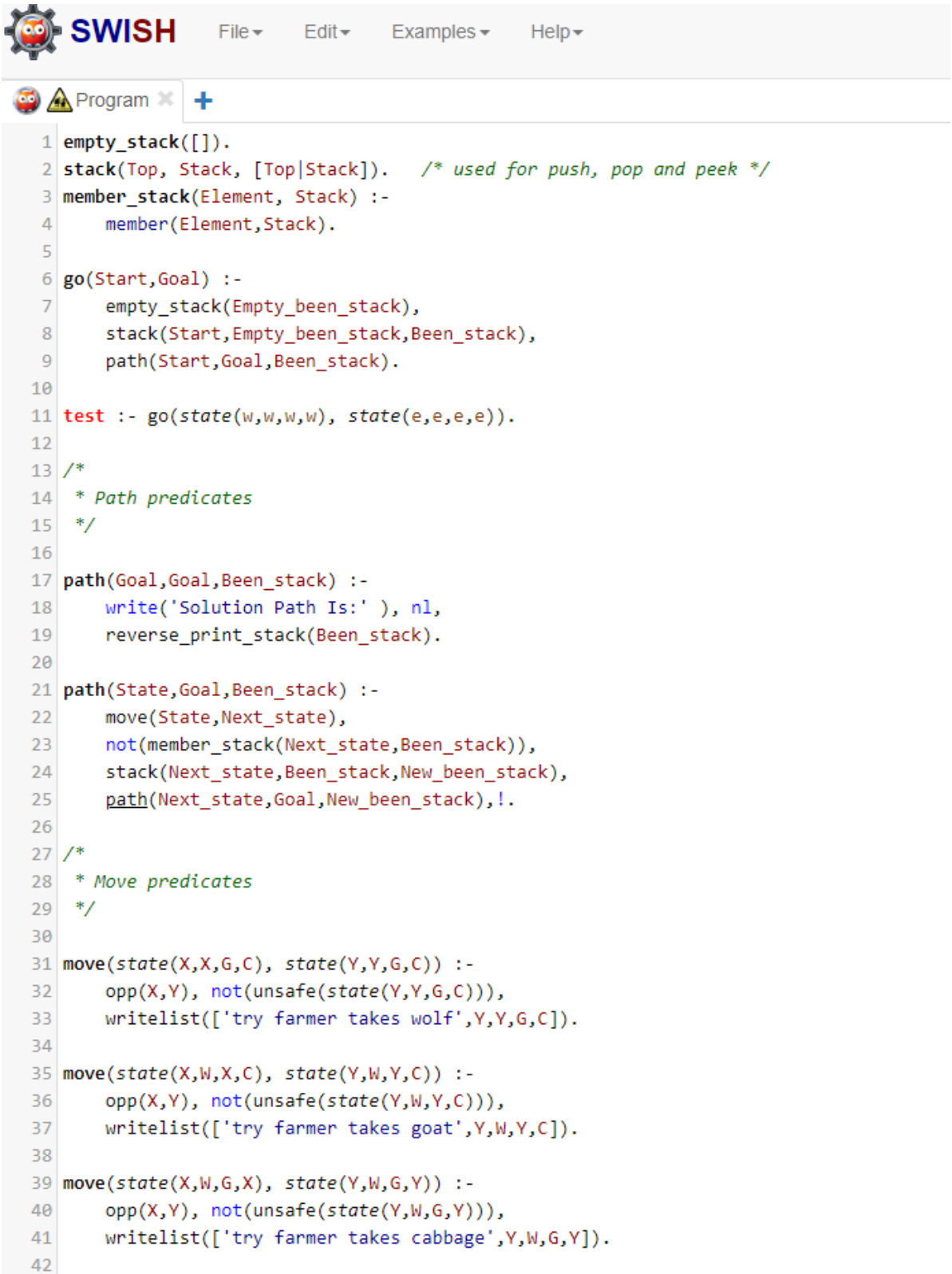
    - Click the + sign next to the word notebook.
    - Choose program.
    - Enter the facts (printed in the Ritchie book) into the large window.
    - On the right hand side of the screen you will see a smaller window, with a "?- " at the top corner – this is the query box.
    - Enter your queries into the box then click the run button.
    - Try all the queries presented in sections 8.2 and 8.3 of the Ritchie book.



3. Enter the Prolog version of the “crossing problem” into the SWISH program window and run it. What is the result?

The excerpt from the lecturecast was incomplete. I was also unable to find Luger & Stubblefield (2003), however I found the code in Luger (2005), including required stack predicates earlier in the book to make it work:

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1  empty_stack([]).
2  stack(Top, Stack, [Top|Stack]).   /* used for push, pop and peek */
3  member_stack(Element, Stack) :-
4      member(Element,Stack).
5
6  go(Start,Goal) :-
7      empty_stack(Empty_been_stack),
8      stack(Start,Empty_been_stack,Been_stack),
9      path(Start,Goal,Been_stack).
10
11 test :- go(state(w,w,w,w), state(e,e,e,e)).
12
13 /*
14  * Path predicates
15  */
16
17 path(Goal,Goal,Been_stack) :-
18     write('Solution Path Is:' ), nl,
19     reverse_print_stack(Been_stack).
20
21 path(State,Goal,Been_stack) :-
22     move(State,Next_state),
23     not(member_stack(Next_state,Been_stack)),
24     stack(Next_state,Been_stack,New_been_stack),
25     path(Next_state,Goal,New_been_stack),!.
26
27 /*
28  * Move predicates
29  */
30
31 move(state(X,X,G,C), state(Y,Y,G,C)) :-
32     opp(X,Y), not(unsafe(state(Y,Y,G,C))),
33     writelist(['try farmer takes wolf',Y,Y,G,C]).
34
35 move(state(X,W,X,C), state(Y,W,Y,C)) :-
36     opp(X,Y), not(unsafe(state(Y,W,Y,C))),
37     writelist(['try farmer takes goat',Y,W,Y,C]).
38
39 move(state(X,W,G,X), state(Y,W,G,Y)) :-
40     opp(X,Y), not(unsafe(state(Y,W,G,Y))),
41     writelist(['try farmer takes cabbage',Y,W,G,Y]).
42
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43 move(state(X,W,G,C), state(Y,W,G,C)) :-
44     opp(X,Y), not(unsafe(state(Y,W,G,C))),
45     writelist(['try farmer takes self',Y,W,G,C]).
46
47 move(state(F,W,G,C), state(F,W,G,C)) :-
48     writelist(['      BACKTRACK from:',F,W,G,C]), fail.
49
50 /*
51  * Unsafe predicates
52  */
53
54 unsafe(state(X,Y,Y,_)) :- opp(X,Y).
55 unsafe(state(X,_,Y,Y)) :- opp(X,Y).
56
57 /*
58  * Definitions of writelist, and opp.
59  */
60
61 writelist([]) :- nl.
62 writelist([H|T]):- print(H), tab(1),  /* "tab(n)" skips n spaces. */
63                    writelist(T).
64
65 opp(e,w).
66 opp(w,e).
67
68 reverse_print_stack(S) :-
69         empty_stack(S).
70 reverse_print_stack(S) :-
71         stack(E, Rest, S),
72         reverse_print_stack(Rest),
73         write(E), nl.
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test.

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'try farmer takes goat' e w e w
'try farmer takes goat' w w w w
'try farmer takes self' w w e w
'try farmer takes wolf' e e e w
'try farmer takes wolf' w w e w
'try farmer takes goat' w e w w
'try farmer takes goat' e e e w
'try farmer takes cabbage' e e w e
'try farmer takes wolf' w w w e
'try farmer takes wolf' e e w e
'try farmer takes goat' e w e e
'try farmer takes goat' w w w e
'try farmer takes cabbage' w w e w
'      BACKTRACK from:' e w e e
'      BACKTRACK from:' w w w e
'try farmer takes cabbage' w e w w
'try farmer takes self' w e w e
'try farmer takes goat' e e e e
Solution Path Is:
state(w,w,w,w)
state(e,w,e,w)
state(w,w,e,w)
state(e,e,e,w)
state(w,e,w,w)
state(e,e,w,e)
state(w,e,w,e)
state(e,e,e,e)
true
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**References**

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