

List Processing Users' Guide

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1.) writelist(list)

a.) Parameters

- i.) list → a prolog list

b.) Overview

- i.) Prints out each element in the given list, starting at the first index, with a new line in between.

c.) Example

?- writelist([minnesota, vikings, green_bay, packers]).

minnesota

vikings

green_bay

packers

true.

2.) member(potential, list)

d.) Parameters

- i.) potential → the element to search for in the list
- ii.) list → a prolog list

e.) Overview

- i.) Returns true or false depending on if the potential element exists in the list.

f.) Example

?- member(5, [1,2,3,4]).
false.

?- member(4, [1,2,3,4]).
true.

3.) size(list, Size)

g.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list to find the size of
- ii.) Size → the Variable to bind the result to

h.) Overview

- i.) Calculates the number of elements in the given list, and binds the result to the variable Size.

i.) Example

?- size([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8], S).
S = 9.

4.) item(index, list, Item)

j.) Parameters

- i.) index → the index of the list to grab the item from
- ii.) list → the list to find the item in
- iii.) Item → the Variable to bind the result to

k.) Overview

- i.) Given a list and an index (integer), find the element of the list at the given index and bind it to the Item variable.

l.) Example

?- item(3, [vikings,packers,lions,bears], I).
I = bears .

5.) append(list_one, list_two, NewList)

m.) Parameters

- i.) list_one → the original list
- ii.) list_two → the list which is being appended
- iii.) NewList → the Variable to bind the result to

n.) Overview

- i.) Given 2 lists, append the second one to the end of the first, and bind the result to a variable.

o.) Example

?- append([happy, grim], [angry, excited], R).

R = [happy, grim, angry, excited].

?- append([happy],[grim],[angry],[excited],R).

R = [happy, grim, angry, excited].

6.) last(list, Last)

p.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list to find the last element of
- ii.) Last → the variable in which the last element will be bound to

q.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, find the last element in it and bind the value to the Last variable.

r.) Example

?- last([first, second, third, fourth], L).

L = fourth .

7.) remove(element, list, ResultingList)

s.) Parameters

- i.) element → the element to remove from the list
- ii.) list → the list to remove the element from
- iii.) ResultingList → the variable to bind the resulting list to

t.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, and an element, attempt to remove the element from the list and bind the remaining list to the ResultingList variable.

u.) Example

?- remove(love, [love, hate, relationship], R).

R = [hate, relationship] .

8.) replace(index, element, list, ResultingList)

v.) Parameters

- i.) index → the index of the list to replace
- ii.) element → the new element to replace the old one with
- iii.) list → the list which contains the element to replace
- iv.) ResultingList → the resulting list after the replacement

w.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, and index, and an element, replace the value at the index in the list with the element, and bind the resulting list to the ResultingList variable.

x.) Example

?- replace(0,steak,[seafood,pizza,vegetables,fruit],R).
R = [steak, pizza, vegetables, fruit] .

9.) makelist(number, element, ResultingList)

y.) Parameters

- i.) number → the number of elements to add to the list
- ii.) element → the element to fill the list with
- iii.) list → the created list

z.) Overview

- i.) Given a number (integer) and an element, create a new list filled with the specified number of elements, all set to the value of the provided element.

aa.) Example

?- makelist(10,vikings,L).
L = [vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings, vikings] .

10.) reverse(list, ResultingList)

bb.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list to reverse
- ii.) ResultingList → the variable to bind the reversed list to

cc.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, reverse it, and bind the resulting list to the ResultingList variable.

dd.) Example

?- reverse([r,a,c,e,c,a,r],R).
R = [r, a, c, e, c, a, r] .

11.) lastput(element, list, ResultingList)

ee.) Parameters

- i.) element → the element to append to the list
- ii.) list → the list to add the element to
- iii.) ResultingList → the variable to bind the resulting list to

ff.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, and an element, add the element to the end of the list.

gg.) Example

?- lastput(best, [franks, redhot, is, the], L).
L = [franks, redhot, is, the, best] .

12.) pick(list, RandomElement)

hh.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list to pick from
- ii.) RandomElement → the variable to bind the random element to

ii.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, pick a random element from it, and bind it to the RandomElement variable.

jj.) Example

?- pick([1,10,100,1000,10000,100000,1000000],Random).

Random = 100000 .

13.) take(list, Element, ResultingList)

kk.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list to take from
- ii.) Element → the variable to bind the random element to
- iii.) ResultingList → the variable to bind the resulting list to

ll.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, pick and remove a random element from it. Bind the random element to the Element variable, and bind the remaining list to the ResultingList variable.

mm.) Example

?- take([banana,apple,orange,mango],E,L).

E = mango,

L = [banana, apple, orange] .

14.) iota(number, List)

nn.) Parameters

- i.) number → the number of elements to add to the list
- ii.) List → the variable to bind the resulting list to

oo.) Overview

- i.) Given a number (integer), create a list with ascending elements (starting at 1, up to the given number), and bind the resulting list to the List variable.

pp.) Example

?- iota(5,L).

L = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] .

15.) sum(list, Sum)

qq.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list whose elements we are summing
- ii.) Sum → the variable to bind the sum of the elements to

rr.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, sum all of its elements and bind the result to the Sum variable.

ss.) Example

?- sum([10,20,40,30],S).

S = 100.

16.) min(list, Min)

tt.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list whose elements we're finding the minimum of
- ii.) Min → the variable to bind the minimum element to

uu.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, find the minimum element, and bind it to the Min variable.

vv.) Example

?- min([10,20,40,60,5,80,100],M).

M = 5.

17.) max(list, Max)

ww.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list whose elements we're finding the maximum of
- ii.) Max → the variable to bind the maximum element to

xx.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, find the maximum element, and bind it to the Max variable.

yy.) Example

?- max([10,20,40,60,5,80,100],Max).

Max = 100 .

18.) sort_inc(list, Ordered)

zz.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list whose elements we're sorting incrementally
- ii.) Ordered → the variable to bind the resulting sorted list to

aaa.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, sort it incrementally, and bind the resulting list to the Ordered variable.

bbb.) Example

?- sort_inc([10,20,40,60,5,80,100],Ordered).

Ordered = [5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100] .

19.) sort_dec(list, Ordered)

ccc.) Parameters

- i.) list → the list whose elements we're sorting decrementally
- ii.) Ordered → the variable to bind the resulting sorted list to

ddd.) Overview

- i.) Given a list, sort it decrementally, and bind the resulting list to the Ordered variable.

eee.) Example

?- sort_dec([10,20,40,60,5,80,100],Ordered).

Ordered = [100, 80, 60, 40, 20, 10, 5] .

20.) alist(first_list, second_list, AssociationList)

fff.) Parameters

- i.) first_list → the first list to create the association from
- ii.) second_list → the second list to create the association from
- iii.) AssociationList → the variable to bind the associative list to

ggg.) Overview

- i.) Create an association list from two lists of equal length, and bind it to the AssociationList variable

hhh.) Example

?- alist([minnesota, green_bay, chicago, detroit],[vikings, packers, bears, lions], Assoc_List).

Assoc_List = [pair(minnesota, vikings), pair(green_bay, packers), pair(chicago, bears), pair(detroit, lions)].

21.) assoc(alist, key, Value)

iii.) Parameters

- i.) alist → the association list to grab the value from
- ii.) key → the key to search the association list for
- iii.) Value → the variable to bind the value for the key to

jjj.) Overview

- i.) find the Value in the second slot corresponding to the key in the first slot of some alist pair.

kkk.) Example

?-assoc([pair(minnesota,vikings),pair(green_bay,packers),pair(detroit,lions),pair(chicago,bears)],minnesota,V).

V = vikings .

22.) flatten(list, FlattenedList)

lll.) Parameters

- i.) list → a list of lists to flatten
- ii.) FlattenedList → the variable to bind the flattened list to

mmm.) Overview

- i.) Turn a list of lists into a one-dimensional list, and bind it to FlattenedList variable.

nnn.) Example

?- flatten([[java,scala],[python,ruby], [c], [html,javascript]], L).

L = [java, scala, python, ruby, c, html, javascript] .