

INTRO. TO LOGIC & FUNCT. PROG.

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In this assignment, you will write a simplified version of a Prolog interpreter in OCaml by combining the implementations of Assignment 4 (terms, substitutions and unification) and Assignment 5 (Resolution and Backtracking)

You will first (re)define an ML data type to represent the structure of a legitimate Prolog program.

- A program is a set (list) of clauses.
- A clause can either be a fact or a rule. A fact has a head but no body. A rule has a head and a body.
- The head is a single atomic formula. A body is a sequence of atomic formulas.
- *An atomic formula is a k -ary predicate symbol followed by k terms.*
- *A term is either a variable, a constant, or a k -ary function symbol with k subterms.*
- A goal is a set (list) of atomic formulas.

You need to take your *implementation of unification* to use as the parameter-passing mechanism. (Note: by pretending the predicate symbol is a function symbol, you can perform resolution of goals and program clauses).

You also need to choose a back-tracking strategy to explore the resolution search space. You need to be able to replace a goal by subgoals, as found by applying a *unifier* to the body of a program clause whose head *unified* with the chosen subgoal.

Now provide examples of Prolog programs and queries, and test the execution of your interpreter.

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