

----- INTRODUCTION -----

Prolog programs are a collection of Facts, and Rules that we can Query. Prolog focuses on describing facts and relationships about problems rather than on creating a series of steps to solve that problem. These Facts and Rules are stored in a file called a Database or Knowledge Base

You load a knowledge base like this [knowledge]. or this
`consult('knowledge.pl').`

`halt.` exits the prolog system

`listing.` Displays the contents of the database

All these commands are called predicates

`write` prints text between quotes to the screen

`nl` stands for new line and `\'` allows you to use quotes

```
write('Hello World'),nl,write('Let\'s Program').
```

This is a fact where `loves` is a predicate and `romeo` and `juliet` are atoms (constants) and `loves` arguments

```
loves(romeo, juliet).
```

This is a rule where `:-` (if) says if the item on the right is true, then so is the item on the left

```
loves(juliet, romeo) :- loves(romeo, juliet).
```

Evaluating whether the goal was met in the terminal

```
loves(juliet, romeo).
```

```
= yes
```

Facts and Rules are called clauses. A Variable is an object we can't name at the time of execution. Variables are uppercase while atoms are lowercase

```
loves(romeo, X).
```

```
= X = juliet
```

----- FACTS -----

Write the relationship first followed by the objects between parentheses followed by a dot

`albert`, `male`, `female` are atom constants that must begin with a lowercase letter unless they are between single quotes

An atom can contain letters, numbers, `+`, `-`, `_`, `*`, `/`, `<`, `>`, `:`, `.`, `~`, `&`

AN ATOM CANNOT START WITH `_`

The name before parentheses is called the predicate

The names in parentheses are called arguments

Let's define information about the people above

```
male(albert).
```

```
male(bob).
```

```
male(bill).
```

```
male(carl).
```

```
male(charlie).
```

```
male(dan).
```

```
male(edward).
```

```
female(alice).
```

```
female(betsy).
```

```
female(diana).
```

We can find out if `alice` is a woman with

```
female(alice).
```

```
= yes
```

```
listing(male).
```

```
= list all clauses defining the predicate male
```

```
male(X), female(Y).
```

```
= Show all combinations of male and female
```

----- RULES -----

Rules are used when you want to say that a fact depends on a group of facts

NOTE : You'll get the discontiguous predicate warning if you don't keep your predicates together

```
happy(albert).
happy(alice).
happy(bob).
happy(bill).
with_albert(alice).
```

We can define the Fact that when Bob is happy he runs, :- stands for if

```
runs(albert) :- happy(albert).
runs(albert).
= yes
```

We can check if 2 conditions are true by putting a comma (and) between questions (CONJUNCTIONS)

```
dances(alice) :-
    happy(alice),
    with_albert(alice).
```

We can define predicates to keep commands brief

```
does_alice_dance :- dances(alice),
    write('When Alice is happy and with Albert she dances').
```

Just type does_alice_dance. in the terminal

Both rules must be true to get a yes result

```
swims(bob) :-
    happy(bob),
    near_water(bob).
```

```
swims(bob).
= no
```

We can create 2 instances and if either comes back true the result will be yes

```
swims(bill) :-
    happy(bill).
```

```
swims(bill) :-
    near_water(bill).
```

```
swims(bill).
= yes
```

----- VARIABLES -----

A variable is an object we are unable to name when writing a program.

An instantiated variable is one that stands for an object.

A variable begins with an uppercase letter or _ and can contain the same symbols as atoms.

The same variable name used in 2 different questions represents 2 completely different variables.

An uninstantiated variable can be used to search for any match.

Return all females (Type ; to cycle through them)

```
female(X).
X = alice
X = betsy
X = diana
```

```
parent(albert, bob).
parent(albert, betsy).
parent(albert, bill).
```

```
parent(alice, bob).
parent(alice, betsy).
parent(alice, bill).
```

```
parent(bob, carl).
parent(bob, charlie).
```

When you are cycling through the results the no at the end signals

that there are no more results

```
parent(X, bob).
= X = albert, X = alice
```

```
parent(X, bob), dances(X).
= X = alice
```

Who is Bobs parent? Does he have parents?

```
parent(Y, carl), parent(X, Y).
= X = albert, Y = bob
= X = alice, Y = bob
```

Find Alberts grandchildren

Is Albert a father? Does his children have any children?

```
parent(albert, X), parent(X, Y).  
= X = bob, Y = carl  
= X = bob, Y = charlie
```

Use custom predicate for multiple results

```
get_grandchild :- parent(albert, X), parent(X, Y),  
write('Alberts grandchild is '),  
write(Y), nl.
```

Do Carl and Charlie share a parent?

Who is Carls parent? Is this same X a parent of Charlie

```
parent(X, carl), parent(X, charlie).  
= X = bob
```

Use format to write to the screen:

~w represents where to put each value in the list at the end

~n is a newline

~s is used to input strings

```
get_grandparent :- parent(X, carl),  
parent(X, charlie),  
format('~w ~s grandparent~n', [X, "is the"]).
```

Does Carl have an Uncle?

Who is Carls parent? Who is Carls fathers brother?

```
brother(bob, bill).  
parent(X, carl), brother(X, Y).  
= X = bob, Y = bill
```

Demonstrate axioms and derived facts

We can also use variables in the database

If you get the singleton warning, that means you defined a variable that you didn't do anything with. (This is ok sometimes)

```
grand_parent(X, Y) :-  
parent(Z, X),  
parent(Y, Z).  
grand_parent(carl, A).  
= A = albert  
= A = alice
```

X blushes if X is human

```
blushes(X) :- human(X).  
human(derek).
```

If we say one thing is true when something else is true, we can also find that match if we only assign one thing to be true here.

```
blushes(derek).  
= yes
```

Another example on cause and effect

```
stabs(tybalt,mercutio,sword).  
hates(romeo, X) :- stabs(X, mercutio, sword).
```

```
hates(romeo, X).  
= X = tybalt
```

We can use _ (anonymous variable) if we won't use the variable more than once

The value of an anonymous var is not output. Check if any males exist in the database :

```
male(_).  
= yes
```

----- WHERE IS IF? -----

You can use a type of case statement instead

```
what_grade(5) :-  
write('Go to kindergarten').  
what_grade(6) :-  
write('Go to first grade').  
what_grade(Other) :-  
Grade is Other - 5,  
format('Go to grade ~w', [Grade]).
```

--- COMPLEX TERMS / STRUCTURES ---

A Structure is an object made up from many other objects (components). Structures allow us to add context about what an object is to avoid confusion.

```
has(albert,olive)
```

Does Albert have a pet named Olive? Does Albert have the food named Olive?

Structures have a functor followed by a list of arguments. The number of arguments a Structure has is its arity.
"female(alice)." has an arity of one.

Albert owns a pet cat named Olive. This is a recursive definition.

```
owns(albert, pet(cat, olive)).
```

```
owns(albert, pet(cat, X)).  
= X = olive
```

```
---  
customer(tom, smith, 20.55).  
customer(sally, smith, 120.55).
```

An anonymous variable is used when we don't want a value returned. Is there a customer named sally and what is her balance.

```
customer(sally,_Bal).
```

tab puts the defined number of spaces on the screen. ~2f says we want a float with 2 decimals.

```
get_cust_bal(FName, LName) :-  
    customer(FName, LName, Bal),  
    write(FName), tab(1),  
    format('~w owes us $~2f ~n', [LName, Bal]).
```

Use a complex term to define what it means to be a vertical versus a horizontal line.

```
vertical(line(point(X, Y), point(X, Y2))).  
horizontal(line(point(X, Y), point(X2, Y))).
```

```
vertical(line(point(5, 10), point(5, 20))).  
= yes
```

```
horizontal(line(point(10, 20), point(30, 20))).  
= yes
```

We can also ask what the value of a point should be to be vertical

```
vertical(line(point(5, 10), point(X, 20))).  
= X = 5
```

We could also ask for the X and Y points

```
vertical(line(point(5, 10), X)).  
= X = point(5,_)
```

----- COMPARISON -----

```
alice = alice.  
= yes
```

Prolog considers these to be the same:

```
'alice' = alice.  
= yes
```

How to check for not equal:

```
\+ (alice = albert).  
= yes
```

```
---  
3 > 15.  
= no
```

```
3 >= 15.  
= no
```

```
3 <= 15.  
= yes
```

This says that we can assign the value of alice to W and not that W is equal to alice

```
W = alice.  
= yes
```

This says that any variable can be assigned anything and one of those things is another variable

```
Rand1 = Rand2.  
= yes
```

If variables can be matched up between 2 complex terms and the functors are equal then the complex terms are equal.

```
rich(money, X) = rich(Y, no_debt).
```

----- TRACE -----

Using trace we can see how Prolog evaluates queries one at a time

```
warm_blooded(penguin).
warm_blooded(human).
produce_milk(penguin).
produce_milk(human).
have_feathers(penguin).
have_hair(human).
mammal(X) :-
    warm_blooded(X),
    produce_milk(X),
    have_hair(X).
```

trace.

mammal(human).

```
1 1 Call: mammal(human) ?
2 2 Call: warm_blooded(human) ?
2 2 Exit: warm_blooded(human) ?
3 2 Call: produce_milk(human) ?
3 2 Exit: produce_milk(human) ?
4 2 Call: have_hair(human) ?
4 2 Exit: have_hair(human) ?
1 1 Exit: mammal(human) ?
    = yes
```

mammal(penguin).

```
1 1 Call: mammal(penguin) ?
2 2 Call: warm_blooded(penguin) ?
2 2 Exit: warm_blooded(penguin) ?
3 2 Call: produce_milk(penguin) ?
3 2 Exit: produce_milk(penguin) ?
4 2 Call: have_hair(penguin) ?
4 2 Fail: have_hair(penguin) ?
1 1 Fail: mammal(penguin) ?
    = no
```

notrace.

Turns off trace.

Output what ever matches the clauses warm_blooded and produce_milk:

```
warm_blooded(X), produce_milk(X), write(X), nl.
```

----- RECURSION -----

```
parent(albert, bob).
parent(albert, betsy).
parent(albert, bill).
```

```
parent(alice, bob).
parent(alice, betsy).
parent(alice, bill).
```

```
parent(bob, carl).
parent(bob, charlie).
```

Works for exact matches:

```
related(X, Y) :- parent(X, Y).
related(albert, bob).
    = true
```

Cycles through possible results until related returns a true

```
related(X, Y) :-
    parent(X, Z),
    related(Z, Y).
```

```
related(albert, carl).
    = true
```

```
parent(albert, Z).
    = true
    = Z = bob, betsy, bill
```

```
related(Z, carl).
    = true (when Z = bob)
```

----- MATH -----

Prolog provides 'is' to evaluate mathematical expressions

X is 2 + 2.
= X = 4

You can use parentheses

X is 3 + (2 * 10).
= X = 23

You can also make comparisons

50 > 30.
= yes

(3*10) >= (50/2).
= yes

\+ (3 = 10). (How to check for not equal)
= yes

5+4 =:= 4+5. (Check for equality between expressions)
= yes

5+4 =\= 4+5. (Check for non-equality between expressions)
= yes

5 > 10 ; 10 < 100. (Checks if 1 OR the other is true)

X is mod(7,2).
= X = 1 (Modulus)

Take the 1st argument, multiply it times 2 and return it as the 2nd argument

double_digit(X,Y) :- Y is X*2.
double_digit(4,Y).
= Y = 8

Get random value between 0 and 10

random(0,10,X).

Get all values between 0 and 10

between(0,10,X).

Add 1 and assign it to X

succ(2,X).

Get absolute value of -8

X is abs(-8).

Get largest value

X is max(10,5).

Get smallest value

X is min(10,5).

Round a value

X is round(10.56).

Convert float to integer

X is truncate(10.56).

Round down

X is floor(10.56).

Round up

X is ceiling(10.56).

2^3

X is 2** 3.

Check if a number is even

10//2 = 5 (is 10 = 2 * 5)
is_even(X) :- Y is X//2, X =:= 2 * Y.

More math functions: sqrt, sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan, atan2, sinh, cosh, tanh, asinh, acosh, atanh, log, log10, exp, pi, e

----- INPUT / OUTPUT -----

```
write('You saw me'), nl.  
writeq('I show quotes'), nl.
```

You can read data with read

```
say_hi :-  
    write('What is your name? '),  
    read(X),  
    write('Hi '),  
    write(X).  
say_hi.  
    = What is your name?  
'Derek'.  
    = Hi Derek
```

fav_char :-

```
write('What is your favorite character? '),  
  
% Receives a char and saves its ascii value to X get(X),  
format('The Ascii value ~w is ', [X]),  
  
% Outputs Ascii value as the char  
put(X),nl.
```

Write to a file by defining the file, text to write, connection to the file (Stream)

```
write_to_file(File, Text) :-  
    open(File, write, Stream),  
    write(Stream, Text), nl,  
    close(Stream).
```

Read from a file

```
read_file(File) :-  
    open(File, read, Stream),  
  
    % Get char from the stream  
    get_char(Stream, Char1),  
  
    % Outputs the characters until end_of_file  
    process_stream(Char1, Stream),  
    close(Stream).
```

```
process_stream(end_of_file, _) :- !.
```

```
process_stream(Char, Stream) :-  
    write(Char),  
    get_char(Stream, Char2),  
    process_stream(Char2, Stream).
```

Continue getting characters until end_of_file: ! or cut is used to end backtracking or this execution

----- HOW TO LOOP -----

Use recursion to loop

```
count_to_10(10) :- write(10), nl.
```

```
count_to_10(X) :-
```

```
    write(X),nl,
```

```
    Y is X + 1,
```

```
    count_to_10(Y).
```

Receives Low (lowest value) and High (highest value)

```
count_down(Low, High) :-
```

```
    % Assigns values between Low and High to Y
```

```
    between(Low, High, Y),
```

```
    % Assigns the difference to Z
```

```
    Z is High - Y,
```

```
    write(Z),nl,
```

```
    % Continue looping until Y = 10
```

```
    Y = 10.
```

```
count_up(Low, High) :-
```

```
    between(Low, High, Y),
```

```
    Z is Y + Low,
```

```
    write(Z), nl,
```

```
    Y = 10.
```

Loop until they guess a number start is a dummy value used to start the looping

```
guess_num :- loop(start).
```

When they guess 15 they execute this message and exit

```
loop(15) :- write('You guessed it!').
```

```
loop(X) :-
```

```
    X \= 15,
```

```
    write('Guess Number '),
```

```
    read(Guess),
```

```
    write(Guess),
```

```
    write(' is not the number'), nl,
```

```
    loop(Guess).
```

```
guess_num.
```

```
    = Guess Number
```

```
12.
```

```
    = 12 is not the number
```

```
    = Guess Number
```

```
15.
```

```
    = 15 is not the number
```

```
    = You guessed it!
```


----- CHANGING THE DATABASE -----

Any predicate you plan to modify should be marked as dynamic before this predicate is used in any way

```
:- dynamic(father/2).
:- dynamic(likes/2).
:- dynamic(friend/2).
:- dynamic(stabs/3).
```

```
father(lord_montague,romeo).
father(lord_capulet,juliet).
```

```
likes(mercutio,dancing).
likes(benvolio,dancing).
likes(romeo,dancing).
likes(romeo,juliet).
likes(juliet,romeo).
likes(juliet,dancing).
```

```
friend(romeo,mercutio).
friend(romeo,benvolio).
friend(X, romeo) :- friend(romeo, X).
```

```
stabs(tybalt,mercutio,sword).
stabs(romeo,tybalt,sword).
```

Add new clause to the database at the end of the list for the same predicate

```
assertz(friend(benvolio, mercutio)).
friend(benvolio, mercutio).
= yes
```

Add clause at the start of the predicate list

```
asserta(friend(mercutio, benvolio)).
friend(mercutio, benvolio).
= yes
```

Delete a clause

```
retract(likes(mercutio,dancing)).
likes(mercutio,dancing).
= no
```

Delete all clauses that match

```
retractall(father(_,_)).
```

```
father(lord_montague,romeo).
= no
```

Delete all matching clauses

```
retractall(likes(_,dancing)).
likes(_,dancing).
= no
```

----- LISTS -----

You can store atoms, complex terms, variables, numbers and other lists in a list. They are used to store data that has an unknown number of elements

We can add items to a list with the | (List Constructor)

```
write([albert|[alice, bob]]), nl.
```

Get the length of a list

```
length([1,2,3], X).
```

We can divide a list into its head and tail with |

```
[H|T] = [a,b,c].
```

```
= H = a/
```

```
= T = [b,c]
```

We can get additional values by adding more variables to the left of |

```
[X1, X2, X3, X4|T] = [a,b,c,d].
```

We can use the anonymous variable _ when we need to reference a

variable, but we don't want its value

Let's get the second value in the list

```
[_ , X2, _ , _|T] = [a,b,c,d].
```

We can use | to access values of lists in lists

```
[_ , _ , [X|Y], _ , Z|T] = [a, b, [c, d, e], f, g, h].
```

Find out if a value is in a list with member

```
List1 = [a,b,c].
```

```
member(a, List1).
```

```
= yes
```

We could also get all members of a list with a variable

```
member(X, [a, b, c, d]).
```

Reverse a list

```
reverse([1,2,3,4,5], X).
```

Concatenate 2 lists

```
append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], X).
```

Write items in list on separate line

```
write_list([]).
```

```
write_list([Head|Tail]) :-
```

```
write(Head), nl,
```

```
write_list(Tail).
```

```
write_list([1,2,3,4,5]).
```

```
= Outputs the list
```

----- STRINGS -----

Convert a string into an Ascii character list

```
name('A random string', X).
```

Convert a Ascii character list into a string

```
name(X, [65, 32, 114, 97, 110, 100, 111, 109, 32, 115, 116, 114, 105, 110, 103]).
```

Append can join strings

```
join_str(Str1, Str2, Str3) :-
```

Convert strings into lists

```
name(Str1, StrList1),
```

```
name(Str2, StrList2),
```

Combine string lists into new string list

```
append(StrList1, StrList2, StrList3),
```

Convert list into a string

```
name(Str3, StrList3).
```

```
join_str('Another ', 'Random String', X).
```

```
= X = 'Another Random String'
```

Get the 1st char from a string:

```
name('Derek', List),
```

```
nth0(0, List, FChar),
```

```
put(FChar).
```

Get length of the string

```
atom_length('Derek',X).
```