

POPL2 class (2020-04-16)

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Prolog

- Logic programming
- A single data structure as the foundation of the language
- Simple syntax. $p(X) \text{ :- } q(X)$.
- Program{data equivalence.
- Weak typing : type of a variable in Prolog only becomes relevant when particular operations are performed
 - finding program bugs more difficult.
- Incremental program development.
- Extensibility. A Prolog system can be extended and modied.

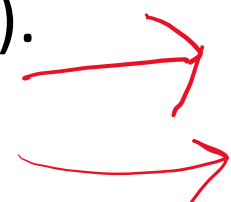
Some Prolog examples

- `Father(X) = X`
- `'mia' = mia` vs. `'2' = 2`
- `vertical(line(point(X,Y),point(X,Z)))`.
- `horizontal(line(point(X,Y),point(Z,Y)))`.

Recursion

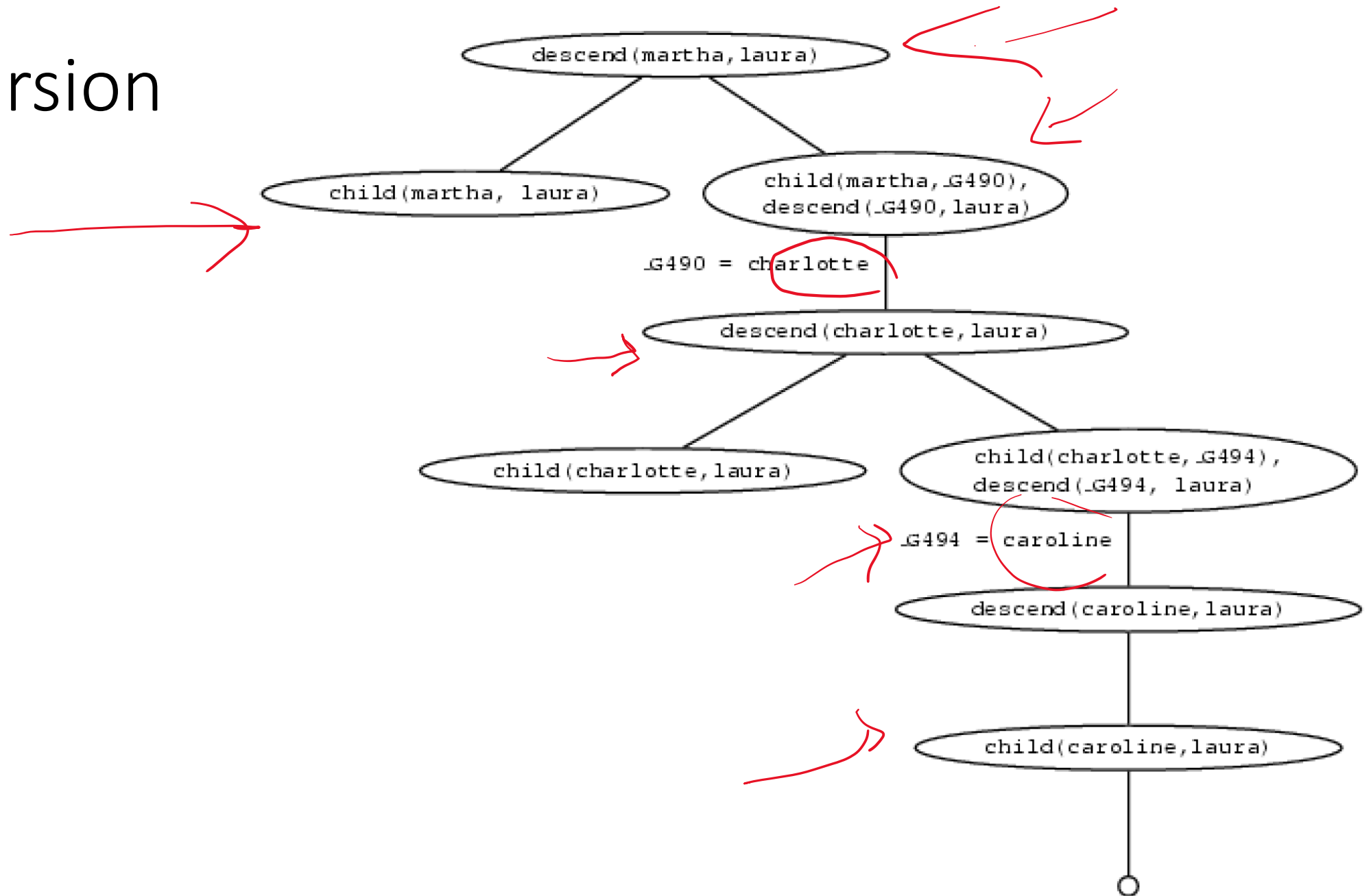
- `child(charlotte,caroline).`
- `child(caroline,laura).`
- `descend(X,Y) :- child(X,Y).`
- `descend(X,Y) :- child(X,Z), child(Z,Y).`

```
child(martha,charlotte).  
child(charlotte,caroline).  
child(caroline,laura).  
child(laura,rose).
```



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

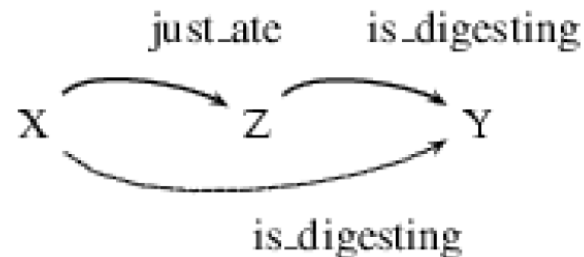
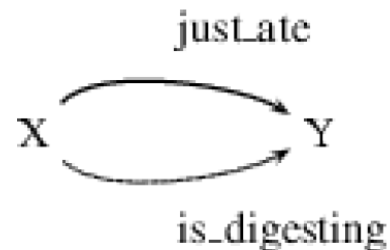
Recursion



Example

```
is_digesting(X,Y) :- just_ate(X,Y).  
is_digesting(X,Y) :-  
    just_ate(X,Z),  
    is_digesting(Z,Y).
```

```
just_ate(mosquito,blood(john)).  
just_ate(frog,mosquito).  
just_ate(stork,frog).
```



```
mother(wilhelmina,juliana).  
mother(juliana,beatrix).  
mother(juliana,christina).  
mother(juliana,irene).  
mother(juliana,margriet).  
mother(beatrix,friso).  
mother(beatrix,alexander).  
mother(beatrix,constantijn).  
mother(emma,wilhelmina).
```

```
father(hendrik,juliana).  
father(bernard,beatrix).  
father(bernard,christina).  
father(bernard,irene).  
father(bernard,margriet).  
father(claus,friso).  
father(claus,alexander).  
father(claus,constantijn).  
father(willem,wilhelmina).
```

```
queen(beatrix).  
queen(juliana).  
queen(wilhelmina).  
queen(emma).  
king(willem).
```

predicates or functors

constants or atoms

Variables has to be upper-case letter or underscore.

Prolog rules

```
parent(X, Y) :- mother(X,Y).  
parent(X, Y) :- father(X,Y).  
ruler(X) :- queen(X).  
ruler(X) :- king(X).
```

```
predecessor(X,Y) :-  
parent(X,Y),  
ruler(X),  
ruler(Y).  
predecessor(X,Y) :-  
ruler(X),  
parent(X,Z),  
predecessor(Z,Y).
```

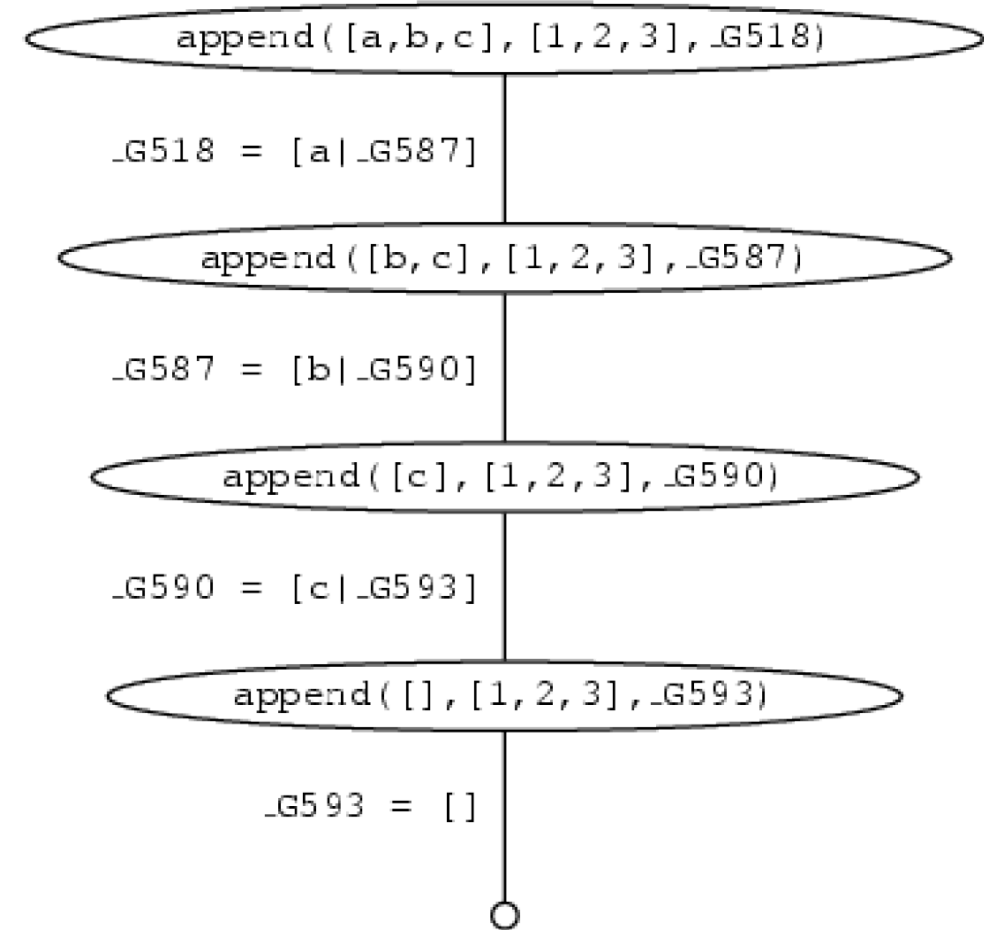
Prolog queries

```
?- parent(beatrix,alexander).  
?- parent(beatrix,X).  
?- parent(beatrix,emma).  
?- parent(X,Y), ruler(Y).  
?- predecessor(X,beatrix).
```

Append

```
append([], L, L).  
append([H|T], L2, [H|L3]) :-  
    append(T, L2, L3).
```

```
append([a, b, c], [1, 2, 3], _G518)  
append([b, c], [1, 2, 3], _G587)  
append([c], [1, 2, 3], _G590)  
append([], [1, 2, 3], _G593)  
append([], [1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3])  
append([c], [1, 2, 3], [c, 1, 2, 3])  
append([b, c], [1, 2, 3], [b, c, 1, 2, 3])  
append([a, b, c], [1, 2, 3], [a, b, c, 1, 2,  
3])  
X = [a, b, c, 1, 2, 3]  
yes
```



Reverse

- Reverse using append

```
naiverev([], []).  
naiverev([H|T], R) :- naiverev(T, RevT), append(RevT, [H], R).
```

- Reverse using accumulators

```
accRev([H|T], A, R) :- accRev(T, [H|A], R).  
accRev([], A, A).
```

```
rev(L, R) :- accRev(L, [], R).
```