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3. Logic and Codes



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3.01 (**) Truth tables for logical expressions.

Define predicates and/2, or/2, nand/2, nor/2, xor/2, impl/2 and equ/2 (for logical equivalence) which succeed or fail according to the result of their respective operations; e.g. and(A,B) will succeed, if and only if both A and B succeed. Note that A and B can be Prolog goals (not only the constants true and fail).

A logical expression in two variables can then be written in prefix notation, as in the following example: and(or(A,B),nand(A,B)).

Now, write a predicate table/3 which prints the truth table of a given logical expression in two variables.

Example:

```
?-table(A,B,and(A,or(A,B))).
true true true
true fail true
fail true fail
fail fail fail
```

3.02 (*) Truth tables for logical expressions (2).

Continue problem 3.01 by defining and/2, or/2, etc as being operators. This allows to write the logical expression in the more natural way, as in the example: A and (A or not B). Define operator precedence as usual; i.e. as in Java.

Example:

```
?-table(A,B, A and (A or not B)).
true true true
true fail true
fail true fail
fail fail fail
```

3.03 (**) Truth tables for logical expressions (3).

Generalize problem 3.02 in such a way that the logical expression may contain any number of logical variables. Define table/2 in a way that table(List,Expr) prints the truth table for the expression Expr, which contains the logical variables enumerated in List.

Example:

```
?- table([A,B,C], A and (B or C) equ A and B or A and C). true true true true true true true fail true true fail true true fail fail true fail fail true
```

3.04 (**) Gray code.

An n-bit Gray code is a sequence of n-bit strings constructed according to certain rules. For example,

```
n = 1: C(1) = ['0','1'].

n = 2: C(2) = ['00','01','11','10'].

n = 3: C(3) = ['000','001','011','010','110','111','101','100'].
```

Find out the construction rules and write a predicate with the following specification:

```
% gray(N,C) :- C is the N-bit Gray code
```

Can you apply the method of "result caching" in order to make the predicate more efficient, when it is to be used repeatedly?

3.05 (***) Huffman code.

First of all, study a good book on discrete mathematics or algorithms for a detailed description of Huffman codes, or consult Wikipedia

We suppose a set of symbols with their frequencies, given as a list of fr(S,F) terms. Example: [fr(a,45),fr(b,13),fr(c,12),fr(d,16),fr(e,9),fr(f,5)]. Our objective is to construct a list hc(S,C) terms, where C is the Huffman code word for the symbol S. In our example, the result could be Hs = [hc(a,'0'), hc(b,'101'), hc(c,'100'), hc(d,'111'), hc(e,'1101'), hc(f,'1100')] [hc(a,'01'),...etc.]. The task shall be performed by the predicate huffman/2 defined as follows:

% huffman(Fs,Hs) :- Hs is the Huffman code table for the frequency table Fs

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