

## Session 1: Basics of Procedural and Declarative Knowledgebase

### I. OBJECTIVES

- To be able to use basic elements of Python for procedural programming of knowledgebase;
- To be able to represent query processing environments declaring facts and rules in Prolog.

### II. DEMONSTRATION OF USEFUL RESOURCES

#### Knowledgebase and Queries to a Knowledgebase

A simple knowledgebase (KB) from the Kinship Domain

Object relationships as a KB:

*Hasib is a parent of Rakib. Rakib is a parent of Sohel. Rakib is a parent of Rebeka. Rashid is a parent of Hasib.* If X is a parent of Y and Y is a parent of Z, then X is a grandparent of Z.

List of tuples and sample procedure to manipulate the KB in **Python**:

```
tupleList1=[('parent', 'Hasib', 'Rakib'),('parent', 'Rakib', 'Sohel'),
            ('parent', 'Rakib', 'Rebeka'),('parent', 'Rashid', 'Hasib')]

# Procedure to find the grandchildren of X

X=str(input("Grandparent:"))
print('Grandchildren:', end=' ')
i=0
while(i<=3):
    if ((tupleList1[i][0] == 'parent') & ( tupleList1[i][1] == X)):
        for j in range(4):
            if ((tupleList1[j][0] == 'parent') & ( tupleList1[i][2] == tupleList1[j][1])):
                print(tupleList1[j][2], end=' ')
        i=i+1
```

Facts and Rules (KB) in **Prolog**:

```
parent('Hasib' , 'Rakib'). parent('Rakib' , 'Sohel'). parent('Rakib' , 'Rebeka').
parent('Rashid' , 'Hasib'). grandparent(X, Z) :- parent(X, Y), parent(Y, Z).
```

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/* [Built-in KB is enhanced with the 4 facts and 1 rule; two 2-place predicates; 3 variables; full stop
(.) as the end marker of a clause/ sentence / statement; :- as 'if'; comma (,) as logical AND. ] */
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/* Procedure to find the grandchildren of X */
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findGc :- write(' Grandparent: '), read(X), write('Grandchildren: '),
          grandparent(X, Gc), write(Gc), tab(5), fail.
findGc.
```

**How** can we **modify** the codes to find the grandparents of somebody?

**Note** that we need to make more changes in Python than in Prolog.

**Moreover**, we can pose diverse queries to Prolog code and get interpretable answers.

### **III. LAB EXERCISE**

- 1) Explore thoroughly the supplementary material provided for this session.
- 2) Run and analyze the codes demonstrated in this session.
- 3) Modify the Python and Prolog codes demonstrated above to find the grandparents of somebody.
- 4) Enrich the KB demonstrated above with 'brother', 'sister', 'uncle' and 'aunt' rules in Python and Prolog.