

1 Notes - TDDD08

Unification in Prolog

1. term1 and term2 are constants then they unify if they are the same constant or number
2. term1 is a variable and term2 is any type of term term1 unify with term2. same other way around and if both are variables the substitutes to each other and term1 = term2
3. If both are complex terms they unify if
 - (a) They have the same functor and arity,
 - (b) All their arguments unify,
 - (c) The variable instantiations are compatible.

Prolog cheats and doesn't use a full unification algorithm for example : $a(X) = X$ unifies because of the second clause but does no in theory. To combat this one can specify occur checks in prolog.

Program specification

Example:

$$S = split(l, l_1, l_2) \in \mathbf{B}_A | l_1, l_2 \text{ are lists}, |l_1| - |l_2| \in 0, 1 \quad (1)$$

Proving S: for every ground instance of a clause, if each body atom is in S then the head must be in S.

$$split([h|t], [h|t_2], t_1) \leftarrow split(t, t_1, t_2) \quad (2)$$

assume $split(t, t_1, t_2) \in S$ means $|l_1| - |l_2| \in \{0, 1\}$ meaning $|[h|t_2] - |t_1| = 1 + |t_2| - |t_1| \in \{1 - 0, 1 - 1\}$

SLDNF - forest Do regular SLD - tree but break into a new tree for each negation.

Finitely failed means a finite tree with no answer substitutions Floundering means anything that doesn't terminate.

Program completion Convert clauses and add qualifiers

- $s(L, M) \leftrightarrow \sim ns(L, M)$
- $ns(L, M) \leftrightarrow \exists_X m(X, L) \sim m(X, M))$
- $m(X, L') \leftrightarrow \exists_L (L' = [X|L]) \vee \exists_{Y,L} (L' = [Y|L] m(X, L))$

Insert the queries to test and check if the logic holds true. if it's true $\text{comp}(\text{program}) \models \text{query}$.

Herbrand interpretation

- Universe: U_A is collection of all constants and function symbols.
- Base: $B_A = \{predicate(p) | p \in U_A\} \cup \{predicate2(p) | p \in U_A\}$
- Least Model: $M_P = \{A \in B_A | P \models A\}$

PTR

- $PTR_0 = \{gt(t) | t \text{ is a term}\}$
- $PTR_1 = \{\text{all terms proven with } PTR_0\} \cup PTR_0$
- General proof is done with inference, prove PTR_0, PTR_1 , etc, until general pattern, then prove PTR_K and then PTR_{K+1} . Remember to specify bounds of K.

Extra bits

- Soundness means all computed answers are logical consequences of a program.
- Completeness means that all logical consequences of a program are a computed answer.