

Prolog Programming in Logic

Paper 7 Computer Science

Part 1B and Part II 50%

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Agenda for this lecture

- 1) Aims & Objectives for the course
- 2) What's the point?
- 3) View Video #1 - "Prolog Basics"
- 4) Recap: Programming style, program structure, terms, unification
- 5) Course outline
- 6) Success vs. Failure in Prolog - life lessons

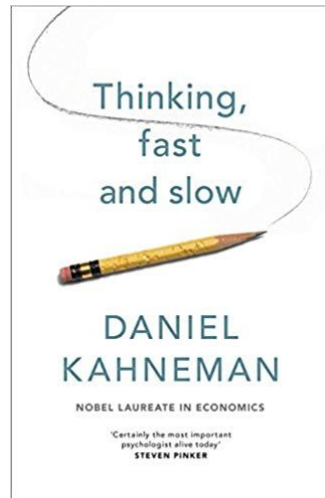
Aims

1. Introduce programming in the Prolog Language
2. A different programming style
3. Solve 'real' problems
4. Practical experimentation encouraged

Objectives

1. Understand the powerful capabilities of 'pure' Prolog: term structure, facts, rules and queries, unification.
2. Know how to model the backtracking behaviour of Prolog program execution, and recognize it as depth first, left-to-right search.
3. Appreciate the unique perspective Prolog gives to problem solving and algorithm design.
4. Understand how larger programs can be created using the basic programming techniques used in this course.

Why study Prolog?



Why study Prolog?

- In an imperative science, know and cherish the **declarative approach**

If you have a fact: `taller(andy, ian)`. you are DECLARING, or ASSERTING, a relationship “taller” to hold between atoms “andy” and “ian”.

You can declare `taller` as an infix operator: `op(500, xfx, taller)`.

Hence: `andy taller ian`.

?- `andy taller X`.

`X = ian`

Why study Prolog?

1200	xfx	-->, :-
1200	fx	:-, ?-
1150	fx	dynamic, discontinuous, initialization, meta_predicate, module_transparent, multifile, public, thread_local, thread_initialization, volatile
1100	xfy	:-!
1050	xfy	->, *->
1000	xfy	:-
990	xfx	:=
900	fy	\+
700	xfx	<, =, =.., =@=, \=@=, :=, =:=, =\=, >, >=, @<, @>, @>=, \=, \==, as, (s):<, :<
600	xfy	:
500	yfx	*, -, /, \, \., \xor
500	fx	?
400	yfx	*, /, //, div, rdiv, <<, >>, mod, rem
200	xfx	**
200	xfy	^
200	fy	+, -, \
100	yfx	:-
1	fx	\$

Table 5 : System operators

`len([],0).`
`len([X|T],N) :- len(T,M),`
`N is N + 1.`

Why study Prolog?

```
fun fact(1) = 1;
  fact(N) = N * fact(N-1).
```

```
fun fact(N) = if (N = 1)
  then 1
  else N * fact(N-1).
```

```
fun append([ ],Y) = Y;
  append([X|Xs],Y) = [X|append(Xs,Y)].
```

These are all valid Prolog terms.

“Everything is a relation” (mostly, with a few hairy edges, like arithmetic)

You can write programs about programs.

Why study Prolog?

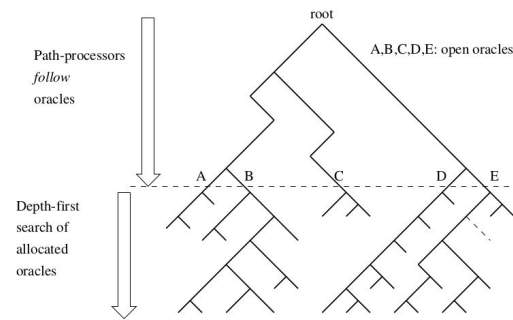


Figure 2.11: Second phase of *breadth-first partitioning*.

You will learn Prolog backtracking can be interpreted as a "search tree".

Actually, given that a Prolog program is itself a valid Prolog term, you can apply *simple* transformations to that program to manipulate the tree. E.g.

```
last([X], X).
last([_|T], X) :- last(T, X).
```

Goes to:

```
last([X], X, [1]).
last([_|T], X, [2|P]) :- last(T, X, P).
```

```
?- last([a,b,c,d], X, P).
X = d
P = [2,2,2,1]
```

Why study Prolog?

Don't worry about ANY of that.

Just recognize Prolog is all about DECLARING / ASSERTING RELATIONS.

"Everything" in Prolog is a 'meaningless' relation (with a few practical exceptions which are certain to torture you at some point).

Prolog programs are *facts* and *rules*, with *backtracking* providing a powerful search facility.

Unification on its own is an immensely powerful paradigm.

The combination of these 'simple' things can produce very complex behaviour.

Clauses + Unification + Backtracking = Programs.

Video #1: Prolog Basics

Programming Style

IMPERATIVE

```
l = [ 1,2,3,4,5 ];
sum = 0;
for (i=0; i<length(L); i++) {
    sum += 1;
}
return sum;
```

DECLARATIVE

```
fun sum([]) = 0
| sum(x::xs) = x + sum(xs);

sum([],0).
sum([X|L],S) :- sum(L,N), S is N+X.
```

Program Structure

Terms = atoms, variables, compound terms (can be infix)

Clauses = Facts + Rules.

Rules = Head :- Body.

Comments = % <anything>

?- = query prompt (often with side effects).

?- [<filename omitting .pl>]. = "consult" a file.

?- [user]. = "consult" user input (uses Prolog "assert")

Terms

?- X = foo.

X = foo.

?- X = 1.

?- X = a.

?- X = 1.2.

?- X = a(1,a,Y,2).

?- X is 1+2

X = 3. (actually "?- is(X,+(1,2))")

Compound term:

functor/arity

E.g.

foo(a,b(1),c) -> foo/3

Unification

Unification does not have a "direction"...

Atoms <-> Atoms (and constants)

Variable <-> Anything

Compound Term <-> (same functor/arity) & (arguments unify)

Occurs check e.g. X = a(X).

Unification

Term 1	Term 2	Result after unification
a	a	yes
1.2345	1.2345	yes
foo	X	X=foo
a(b,C)	a(X,p(q))	X=b,C=p(q)
a(b,c)	X(b,c)	

```
:- X = a(Y), Y = 7.  
X = a(7),  
Y = 7.
```

Backtracking

```
:- [user].
a(1).
a(3).
a(7).
a(9).
^D
:- X = a(Y), Y = 7.
X = a(7),
Y = 7
```

Prolog backtracking is depth-first, left-to-right

Life Lessons #1

Think DECLARATIVE.

`len([],0)` is asserting that “[]” and “0” are associated via the “len” relation.

Queries

```
:- len([],X).
```

```
:- len(X,0).
```

are equally reasonable.

Life Lessons #2

Think DEPTH-FIRST LEFT-TO-RIGHT

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:- [user].
a(1).
a(3).
a(7).
a(9).
^D
:- X = a(Y), Y = 7.
X = a(7),
Y = 7
```

Your program might never end...

Life Lessons #2

Think DEPTH-FIRST LEFT-TO-RIGHT

```
:- [user].
len([],0).
len([_|T],N) :- len(T,M), N is M+1.
^D
:- len([a,b,c,d],N).
N = 4.
:- len(L,0).
```

Your program might never end...

Life Lessons #3

Don't inject FUNCTIONAL support that doesn't exist in Prolog

```
foo(L) :- ... X = max(L) ...
```

Life Lessons #4

Comment each relation:

```
% len(L,N) succeeds if L is a list and N is the length of that list.  
len([],0)  
... .
```

Adhere to variable naming and ordering conventions:

If your relation has 'input' and 'output' arguments, say so in your comment AND put the input variables to the left of the output variables in the head of the clause.

Use variable names H and T (or L) for head and tail of a list (or H1, T1). Do not assume all variables have to be a single letter...

Summary:

Think DECLARATIVE.

Think DEPTH-FIRST LEFT-TO-RIGHT.

Comment each relation.

Adhere to variable naming and ordering conventions.

GOOD LUCK

Prolog Programming in Logic

Lecture #2

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Video/Lesson Recap

Lecture 1:

Video 1: Prolog Basics

Style (Imperative, Functional, Logic)

Facts

Queries

Terms (constants/atoms, Variables, compound)

Unification

Lecture 2:

Video 2: Logic Puzzle (zebra) - 5 houses, patterns

Facts + Unification++

Video 3: Rules: Head, Body, Recursion.

Video 4: Lists: [], [a], [a|T], [a,b|T]

Any questions from the FIRST lecture and video?

1. Interacting with the Prolog interpreter e.g. **[consult].**, **','** and, **','** or/next, **.'** stop.
2. The succeed/true, fail/false Closed-World of Prolog.
3. Prolog terms (atoms, variables, compound).
4. Unification.

Course Outline

1. Introduction, terms, facts, unification
2. Unification. Rules. Lists.
3. Arithmetic, Accumulators, Backtracking
4. Generate and Test
5. Extra-logical predicates (cut, negation, assert)
6. Graph Search
7. Difference Lists
8. Wrap Up.

Today's discussion

Videos:

Solving a logic puzzle

Prolog rules

Lists

Where's the Zebra ?

There are five houses.
The Englishman lives in the red house.
The Spaniard owns the dog.
Coffee is drunk in the green house.
The Ukrainian drinks tea.
The green house is immediately to the right of the ivory house.
The Old Gold smoker owns snails.
Kools are smoked in the yellow house.
Milk is drunk in the middle house.
The Norwegian lives in the first house.
The man who smokes Chesterfields lives in the house next to the man with the fox.
Kools are smoked in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.
The Lucky Strike smoker drinks orange juice.
The Japanese smokes Parliaments.
The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.

Where's the Zebra ?

Represent houses as 5-tuple (A,B,C,D,E).

Represent each house as `house(Nation,Pet,Smokes,Drinks,Colour)`

The Englishman lives in the red house.

can be represented with:

`house(british, _ , _ , red).`

Note we are structuring our COMPOUND TERMS here, not defining facts/rules. The similarity (and possible confusion) results from Prolog's symmetry between a PROGRAM and a TERM.

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A,(A,_,_,_)).
exists(A,(_ ,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_ ,_ ,A,_)).
exists(A,(_ ,_ ,_ ,A)).
exists(A,(_ ,_ ,_ ,_ ,A)).

rightOf(A,B,(B,A,_,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_ ,B,A,_,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_ ,_ ,B,A,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_ ,_ ,_ ,B,A)).

middleHouse(A,(_ ,_ ,A,_,_)).

firstHouse(A,(A,_,_,_)).

nextTo(A,B,(A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,A,B,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,_ ,A,B,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,_ ,_ ,A,B)).
nextTo(A,B,(B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,B,A,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,_ ,B,A,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_ ,_ ,_ ,B,A)).
```

```
:- exists(house(british,_ ,_ ,red),Houses),
exists(house(spanish,dog,_ ,_ ),Houses),
exists(house(_ ,_ ,coffee,green),Houses),
exists(house(ukrainian,_ ,_ ,tea,_ ),Houses),
rightOf(house(_ ,_ ,_ ,green),house(_ ,_ ,_ ,ivory),Houses),
exists(house(_ ,snail,oldgold,_ ,_ ),Houses),
exists(house(_ ,kools,_ ,yellow),Houses),
middleHouse(house(_ ,_ ,milk,_ ),Houses),
firstHouse(house(norwegian,_ ,_ ,_ ),Houses),
nextTo(house(_ ,chesterfields,_ ,_ ),house(_ ,fox,_ ,_ ,_ ),Houses),
nextTo(house(_ ,kools,_ ,_ ),house(_ ,horse,_ ,_ ,_ ),Houses),
exists(house(_ ,luckystrick,orangejuice,_ ),Houses),
exists(house(japanese,_ ,parliaments,_ ,_ ),Houses),
nextTo(house(norwegian,_ ,_ ,_ ),house(_ ,_ ,_ ,blue),Houses),
exists(house(WaterDrinker,_ ,_ ,water,_ ),Houses),
exists(house(ZebraOwner,zebra,_ ,_ ,_ ),Houses),
print(ZebraOwner),nl,
print(WaterDrinker),nl.
```

Zebra puzzle

(If you haven't watched the video you'll be confused at this point)

1. You're not expected to be able to write that program **yet**.
2. The example uses only **facts** and **UNIFICATION**, without **lists** and **rules**.
3. Typical query term: The Spaniard owns the dog:
`exists(house(spanish,dog,Smokes,Drinks,Colour),Houses).`

This 'exists' relation provides essential backtracking.

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A, (A,_,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,_,A)).
```

```
rightOf(A,B,(B,A,_,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_,B,A,_,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_,_,B,A,_,_)).
rightOf(A,B,(_,_,_,B,A)).
```

```
middleHouse(A,(_,_,A,_,_)).
```

```
firstHouse(A,(A,_,_,_)).
```

```
nextTo(A,B,(A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_,A,B)).
nextTo(A,B,(B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_,B,A)).
```

```
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exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_),Houses),
exists(house(,_,_,coffee,green),Houses),
exists(house(ukranian,_,_,tea,_,_),Houses),
rightOf(house(,_,_,green),house(,_,_,ivory),Houses),
exists(house(,_,_,snail,oldgold,_,_),Houses),
exists(house(,_,_,kools,_,_,yellow),Houses),
middleHouse(house(,_,_,milk,_,_),Houses),
firstHouse(house(norwegian,_,_,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(,_,_,chesterfields,_,_),house(,_,_,fox,_,_,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(,_,_,kools,_,_),house(,_,_,horse,_,_,_),Houses),
exists(house(,_,_,luckystrafe,orangejuice,_,_),Houses),
exists(house(japanese,_,_,parliaments,_,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(norwegian,_,_,_),house(,_,_,blue),Houses),
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exists(house(ZebraOwner,zebra,_,_,_),Houses),
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exists(A, (_,_,_,_,A)).
```

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...
```

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exists(A, (_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,_,A)).
```

```
?- exists(house(british,_,_,red), Houses).
Houses = (house(british,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)
```

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A, (A,_,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A, (_,_,_,_,A)).
```

```
:- exists(house(british,_,_,red), Houses),
A = house(british,_,_,red),
Houses = (house(british,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)
```

SUCCESS !!

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A,(A,_,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,_,A)).
```

```
:- exists(house(british,_,_,_,red),Houses),
A = house(british,_,_,_,red),
Houses = (house(british,_,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)
exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_),Houses),
```

Zebra puzzle

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exists(A,(_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,_,A)).
```

```
:- exists(house(british,_,_,_,red),Houses),
A = house(british,_,_,_,red),
Houses = (house(british,_,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)
exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_),(house(british,_,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)),
```

Zebra puzzle

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exists(A,(A,_,_,_)).
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exists(A,(_,_,_,_,A)).
```

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```

FAIL !!

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A,(A,_,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,_,A)).
```

BACKTRACK / RETRY

```
:- exists(house(british,_,_,_,red),Houses),
A = house(british,_,_,_,red),
Houses = (house(british,_,_,_,red),_,_,_,_)
exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_),Houses),
exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_), (house(british,_,_,_,red),_,_,_,_))
exists(house(spanish,dog,_,_,_), (house(british,_,_,_,red), house(spanish,dog,_,_,_),_,_,_))
```

SUCCESS !!

Backtracking

Note that Prolog backtracked and retried the 'Spanish' house assignment, not the 'British'.

Zebra puzzle

```
exists(A,(A,_,_)).
exists(A,(_A,_)).
exists(A,(_,_A,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_A,_)).
exists(A,(_,_,_,_A)).
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```

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nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_A,B)).
nextTo(A,B,(B,A,_)).
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nextTo(A,B,(_,_B,A,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_B,A)).
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:- exists(house(british,_,_red),Houses),
exists(house(spanish,dog,_),Houses),
exists(house(_,_coffee,green),Houses),
exists(house(ukranian,_,_tea,_),Houses),
rightOf(house(_,_green),house(_,_ivory),Houses),
exists(house(_snail,oldgold,_),Houses),
exists(house(_kools,_yellow),Houses),
middleHouse(house(_,_milk,_),Houses),
firstHouse(house(norwegian,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(_chesterfields,_),house(_fox,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(_kools,_),house(_horse,_),Houses),
exists(house(_luckystrafe,orangejuice,_),Houses),
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nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_B,A)).
```

GENERATE

```
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exists(house(_,_coffee,green),Houses),
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exists(house(_snail,oldgold,_),Houses),
exists(house(_kools,_yellow),Houses),
exists(house(_luckystrafe,orangejuice,_),Houses),
exists(house(japanese,_parliaments,_),Houses),
exists(house(WaterDrinker,_water,_),Houses),
exists(house(ZebraOwner,zebra,_),Houses),
```

TEST

```
rightOf(house(_green),house(_ivory),Houses),
middleHouse(house(_milk,_),Houses),
firstHouse(house(norwegian,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(_chesterfields,_),house(_fox,_),Houses),
nextTo(house(_kools,_),house(_horse,_),Houses),
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```

Course Outline

1. Introduction, terms, facts, unification
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Rules

Q: In the Zebra puzzle, why isn't the `rightOf` fact used help define the `nextTo` fact?

Improving on nextTo

```
nextTo(A,B,(A,B,_,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,A,B,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_,A,B)).
nextTo(A,B,(B,A,_,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,B,A,_,_)).
nextTo(A,B,(_,_,_,B,A)).
nextTo(A,B,Houses) :- rightOf(A,B,Houses).
nextTo(A,B,Houses) :- rightOf(B,A,Houses).
```

Unification recap

Which of these are true statements

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What's the result of unifying:

`cons(1,cons(X))` with
`cons(1,cons(2,cons(Y)))`

1. False: they don't unify
2. True: they unify
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cons(X) cannot unify with cons(2,cons(Y))

for the same reason, cons(X) cannot unify with cons(2,3)

Which of these is a list containing the numbers 1,2,3

1. [1, 2, 3]
2. [1 | [2, 3]]
3. [1 | 2, 3]
4. [1, 2 | 3]
5. [1, 2 | [3]]
6. [1, 2, 3 | []]

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3. [1 | 2, 3]
4. [1, 2 | 3]
5. [1, 2 | [3]]
6. [1, 2, 3 | []]

Lists, Unification, and program termination

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A: Its quite hard to do this without using things like arithmetic, but let's look at some examples now and then some more next time.

Does this program terminate?

```
a(X) :- a(X).
```

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```

Yes! Trick question. This program doesn't have any queries in it...

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```
a(X) :- a(X).  
:- a(1).
```

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```
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:- a(1).
```

NO.

In trying to 'solve' or 'prove' a(1), Prolog will unify X=1 in the single rule, and then try and prove a(1)...

Does this program terminate?

```
a([]).  
a([_|T]) :- a(T).  
:- X = <any_finite_list>, a(X).
```

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```

YES. Recursive call is with shorter list.

More interesting query: `:- a(X).`

What does this print?

```
a([],R) :- print(R), a(R,[]).  
a([H|T],R) :- a(T,[H|R]).  
:- a([1,2,3],[]).
```

Does this terminate?

```
a([]) :- a([1|X]).  
:- a([]).
```

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```
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:- a([]).
```

ABSOLUTELY! With fail/false.

In trying to prove `a([])`, Prolog tries to prove `a([1|X])`, and that fails to unify with any fact or rule.

Super-Heuristic - Determinism

```
last([H], H).  
last([_|T], H) :- last(H,T).
```

- (1) Call with ?- last([a,b,c],H).
H = c.
- (2) Call with ?- last(L, a).

Super-Heuristic - Determinism

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- (1) Call with ?- last([a,b,c],H).
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- (2) Call with ?- last(L, a).
L = [a] ;
L = [_222, a] ;
L = [_333, _222, a] ...

Super-Heuristic - Determinism

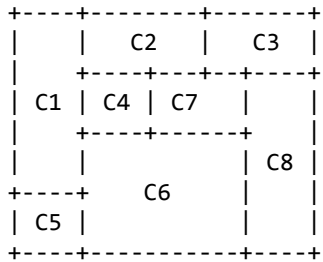
```
len([], 0).  
len([_|T], N) :- len(T,M), N is M + 1.
```

- (1) Call with ?- len([a,b,c],N).
N = 3.
- (2) Call with ?- len(L, 0).
L = [] ;
?

...

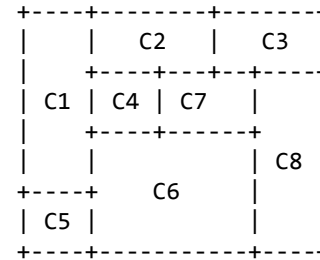
Today's programming challenge - Map colouring

Colour the regions shown below using four different colours so that no touching regions have the same colour.



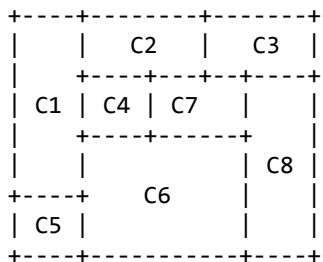
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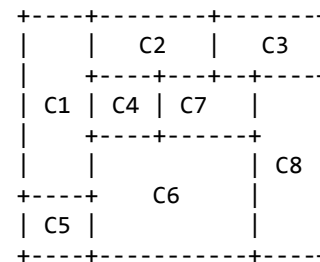
You have 4 colours and they are all different...



```
diff(red,green).
diff(red,blue).
diff(red,yellow).
diff(green,red).
diff(green,blue).
diff(green,yellow).
...etc...
```

Hint 2: Ask for the answer

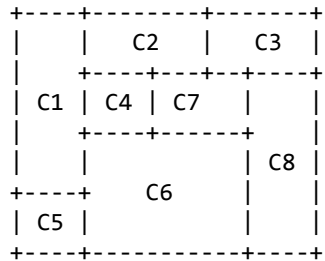
What colour does each region need to be so its different to its neighbours



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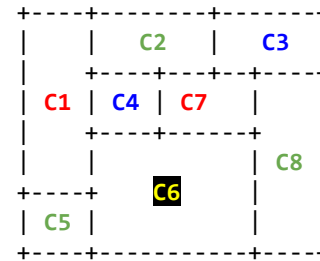
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```
:- diff(C1,C5),
   diff(C1,C2),
   diff(C1,C4),
   diff(C1,C6),
   diff(C2,C4),
   diff(C2,C7),
   ...etc...
```

Coloured map



Map colours

```
diff(X,Y) :- X \= Y.
color(red).
color(blue).
color(green).
color(yellow).
```

```
ans :- color(C1), color(C2), color(C3), color(C4), color(C5), color(C6), color(C7), color(C8),
       diff(C1,C5),
       diff(C1,C2),
       diff(C1,C4),
       diff(C1,C6),
       diff(C2,C3),
       diff(C2,C4),
       diff(C2,C7),
       diff(C3,C7),
       diff(C3,C8),
       diff(C4,C6),
       diff(C4,C7),
       diff(C5,C6),
       diff(C6,C7),
       diff(C6,C8),
       diff(C7,C8),
       print([C1,C2,C3,C4,C5,C6,C7,C8]).
```

Next time

Videos

Arithmetic

Backtracking

Prolog Programming in Logic

Lecture #3

Ian Lewis, Andrew Rice

Today's discussion

Videos:

Arithmetic - 'is', space efficiency, Last Call Optimisation, ACCUMULATORS

Backtracking

From last time...

```
?- [zebra].  
true ←what's this ?  
?-
```

Because:

- (1) '?' is the QUERY prompt
- (2) [zebra]. is syntactic sugar for `consult(zebra)`.
- (3) The query `consult(zebra)` *succeeds* (aka returns true) (`?- 1 = 1.` succeeds)
- (4) With a normal query, that would be the end, but `consult` is an extra-logical predicate with a side-effect of updating the internal database of clauses.

From last time...

```
...
```

Arithmetic: Which of these are true statements?

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. 2 is 1+1 | RHS ground numeric expression |
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| 3. 1+1 is 1+1 | LHS constant or variable |
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A brief aside: Last Call Optimisation

...a space optimization technique, which applies when a predicate is **determinate** at the point where it is about to call the last goal in the body of a clause.^[1]

[1] Sicstus Prolog Manual

Could you apply LCO to this?

```
last([L],L).
```

```
last([_|T],L) :- last(T,L).
```

What about:

```
foo(_,hello).
```

```
foo(I, W) :- I > 10, J is I - 1, foo(J, W).
```

DETERMINISTIC vs. **NON-DETERMINISTIC**

When does LCO get applied?

Interpreted Prolog

Easy - it's applied during execution. The interpreter basically avoids allocating a new stack frame when the predicate is determinate at the point that the last clause needs to be checked

Compiled Prolog

Depends how you compiled it. But you can tell statically that LCO is applicable

Does that make it partly determined^[1] by the arguments?

It's not determined by the type of the arguments: there's only one type! (everything is a term)

It's not determined by the value of the arguments:

think about how the search happens

Prolog would need to try the unification to know if it needs to come back

[1] haha!

Wrap up: Last Call Optimisation

applies when a predicate **is determinate** at the point where it is about to call the last goal in the body of a clause.

Accumulators

A space-efficient way of passing a partial result through a Prolog computation.

% len(L,N) succeeds if N is the length of input list L.

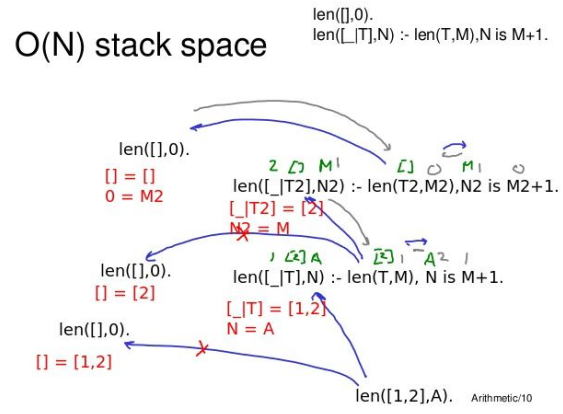
len([],0).

len(_|T,N) :- len(T,M), N is M + 1.

The execution stack grows $O(n)$.

Accumulators

`len([],0).`
`len([_|T],N) :- len(T,M), N is M + 1.`



Accumulators - length of a list: `len/2 + len_acc/3`:

`% len(L,N) succeeds if N is the length of input list L.`
`len(L,N) :- len_acc(L,0,N).`

`% len_acc(L,A,N) succeeds if`
`% input L is the remaining list to be counted`
`% input A is an accumulated length so far`
`% output N is the total length of the original list.`
`len_acc([],A,A).`
`len_acc([_|T],A,N) :- A1 is A + 1, len_acc(T,A1,N).`

Accumulators

- (1) `len_acc([],A,A).`
- (2) `len_acc([_|T],A,N) :- A1 is A + 1, len_acc(T,A1,N).`

`len(L,N) :- len_acc(L,0,N).`

?- `len([a,b,c],N).`

Call: `len_acc([a,b,c],0,N).`

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?- `len([a,b,c],N).`

Call: `len_acc([a,b,c],0,N).`

Try: (1) - fail

Try: (2) `T = [b,c], A = 0, N=N ... A1 is 0+1, len_acc([b,c],1,N).`

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Call: `len_acc([a,b,c],0,N).`

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Try: (2) `T = [c], A = 1, N=N ... A1 is 1+1, len_acc([c],2,N).`

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Try: (2) `T = [], A = 2, N=N ... A1 is 2+1, len_acc([],3,N).`

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- (2) `len_acc([_|T],A, N) :- A1 is A + 1, len_acc(T,A1,N).`

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Call: `len_acc([a,b,c],0,N).`

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Try: (1) `[]=[], A = 3, 3=N.`

+ with LCO...

Accumulators: List reverse - another (classic) example

% `rev(L1,L2)` succeeds if list `L2` is the reverse of input list `L1`

`rev([], []).`

`rev([H|T], L2) :- rev(T, Trev), append(Trev, [H], L2).`

% built-in `append`:

?- `append([a,b,c],[1,2,3],L)`

`L = [a,b,c,1,2,3]`

Lecture backtracking... let's write an 'append':

```
% Call it app/3 to avoid built-in append:  
?- app([a,b,c],[1,2,3],L)  
L = [a,b,c,1,2,3]
```

Pause .. think .. think ... think

Append: (1) Comment

```
% app(L1,L2,L3) succeeds if  
% list L3 is the concatenation of lists L1 and L2
```

Append: (2) base case

```
% app(L1,L2,L3) succeeds if  
% list L3 is the concatenation of lists L1 and L2  
app([],L,L).
```

Append: (3) Recursive case

```
% app(L1,L2,L3) succeeds if  
% list L3 is the concatenation of lists L1 and L2  
app([],L,L).  
app([H|T],L1,[H|L2]) :- app(T,L1,L2).
```

```
?- app([a,b,c],[1,2,3],L).  
L = [a,b,c,1,2,3].  
?- app(X,[1,2,3],[a,b,c,1,2,3]) or app(X,Y,[a,b,c]).  
???  
?- app([a,b,c],[1,X,3],L).  
???
```

Accumulators: List reverse - another (classic) example

% rev(L1,L2) succeeds if list L2 is the reverse of input list L1
 rev(L1, L2) :- rev_acc(L1, [], L2).

% rev_acc(L1, ListAcc, L2) succeeds if L2 is the reverse of
 % input list L1 pre-pended onto ListAcc.

% For empty list, ListAcc holds reverse of original list.

rev_acc([], ListAcc, ListAcc).

rev_acc([H|T], ListAcc, L2) :- rev_acc(T, [H|ListAcc], L2).

Can use inductive reasoning, LCO appies.

Accumulators: List reverse - another (classic) example

Can step through as with len_acc before:

```

Accumulators
(1) len_acc([],A,A).
(2) len_acc(_[_|T],A, N) :- A1 is A + 1, len_acc(T,A1,N).

len(L,N) :- len_acc(L,0,N).

?- len([a,b,c],N).
Call: len_acc([a,b,c],0,N).
Try: (1) - fail
Try: (2) T = [b,c], A = 0, N=N ... A1 is 0+1, len_acc([b,c],1,N).
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Try: (1) - fail
Try: (2) T = [], A = 2, N=N ... A1 is 2+1, len_acc([],3,N).
Try: (1) []=[], A = 3, 3=N.
    
```

Backtracking

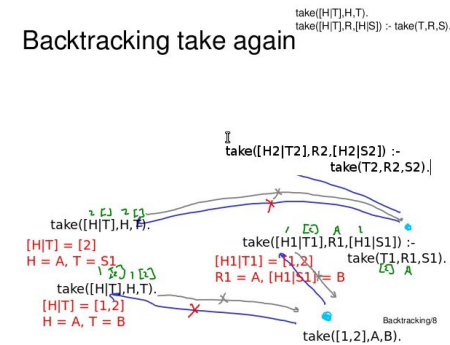
% take(L1,X,L2) succeeds if

% list L2 is the input list L1 omitting element X.

take([H|T],H,T).

take([H|T],X,[H|L]) :- take(T,X,L).

take([H|T],H,T)
 take([H|T],R,[H|S]) :- take(T,R,S).



Backtracking

- (1) `take([H|T],H,T).`
- (2) `take([H|T],X,[H|L]) :- take(T,X,L).`

`[trace] ?- take([a,b,c],X,L).`

```
Call: (8) take([a, b, c], _4088, _4090) ? creep
Exit: (8) take([a, b, c], a, [b, c]) ? creep
X = a,
L = [b, c];
Redo: (8) take([a, b, c], _4088, _4090) ? creep
Call: (9) take([b, c], _4088, _4356) ? creep
Exit: (9) take([b, c], b, [c]) ? creep
Exit: (8) take([a, b, c], b, [a, c]) ? creep
X = b,
L = [a, c];
Redo: (9) take([b, c], _4088, _4356) ? creep
Call: (10) take([c], _4088, _4362) ? creep
Exit: (10) take([c], c, []) ? creep
Exit: (9) take([b, c], c, [b]) ? creep
Exit: (8) take([a, b, c], c, [a, b]) ? creep
X = c,
L = [a, b];
Redo: (10) take([c], _4088, _4362) ? creep
Call: (11) take([], _4088, _4368) ? creep
Fail: (11) take([], _4088, _4368) ? creep
Fail: (10) take([c], _4088, _4362) ? creep
Fail: (9) take([b, c], _4088, _4356) ? creep
Fail: (8) take([a, b, c], _4088, _4090) ? creep
false.
```

`?- take([a,b,c],X,L).`

```
Call: take([a, b, c], X, L)
Exit: take([a, b, c], a, [b, c])
X = a,
L = [b, c];
Redo: take([a, b, c], X, L)
Call: take([b, c], X, L1)
Exit: take([b, c], b, [c])
Exit: take([a, b, c], b, [a, c])
X = b,
L = [a, c];
Redo: take([b, c], X, L1)
Call: take([c], X, L2)
Exit: take([c], c, [])
Exit: take([b, c], c, [b])
Exit: take([a, b, c], c, [a, b])
X = c,
L = [a, b];
Redo: take([c], X, L2)
Call: take([], X, L3)
Fail: take([], X, L3)
Fail: take([c], X, L2)
Fail: take([b, c], X, L1)
Fail: take([a, b, c], X, L)
false.
```

Backtracking

```
% take/3
take([H|T],H,T).
take([H|T],X,[H|L]) :- take(T,X,L).
```

```
% take_path/4
(1) take_path([H|T],H,T,[1]).
(2) take_path([H|T],X,[H|L],[2|Path]) :- take_path(T,X,L,Path).
```

`?- take_path([a,b,c],X,L,Path).`

```
X = a, L = [b, c], Path = [1];
X = b, L = [a, c], Path = [2, 1];
X = c, L = [a, b], Path = [2, 2, 1];
false.
```

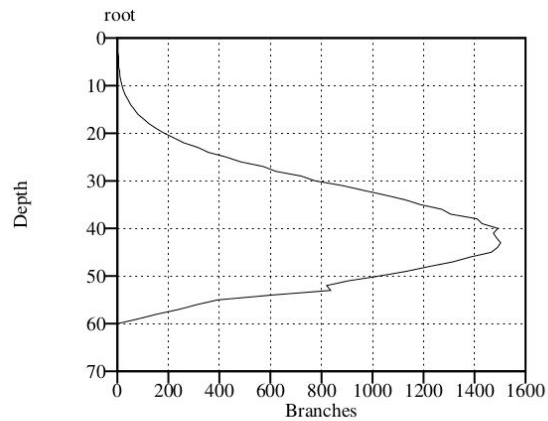
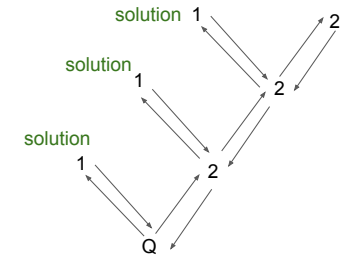


Figure 3.1: Search tree for 8 queens problem.

Next time

Videos

Generate and Test - ESSENTIAL PROLOG

Symbolic evaluation of arithmetic - just try and enjoy it...

Prolog Programming in Logic

Lecture #4

Ian Lewis, Andrew Rice

Q. What format are the comments?

There's a Prolog convention for comments

```
% take(+L,-H,-T)
```

```
% take succeeds if list T is list L with H removed.
```

```
take([H|T],H,T).
```

```
% if you take H from a list containing  
[H|T] you are left with T
```

```
take([H|T],E,[H|R]) :- take(T,E,R).
```

```
% you can take E from some list with  
head H and tail T leaving a list with  
head H and tail R if you can take E  
from T leaving R.
```

This are called 'modes'

- ++ The argument is ground (no variables anywhere).
- + Instantiated but not necessarily ground.
- The argument is an 'output' argument.
- ? Anything.

I've missed some of the classes out in the interests of time. See the full list here:

'Type, mode and determinism declaration headers'

<http://www.swi-prolog.org/pldoc/man?section=modes>

Q. Why use an accumulator? LCO?

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A. Space Optimisation.

The 'accumulator version' of a relation may permit LCO (len).

Or, working with lists, the accumulator may allow building a list by adding a 'head' rather than appending.

Q. Is Prolog logic 'incomplete' because it lacks functions?

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A. Prolog doesn't lack functions. These are deterministic relations implemented by flattening:

```
fun fact(1) = 1;  
    fact(N) = N * fact(N-1).
```

```
fact(1,1).  
fact(N,FN) :- N > 1, M is N - 1, fact(M,FM), FN is N * FM.
```

Q: Regarding cut, If we have rule
`answer :- generate, !, test.`
would this evaluate to false (& thus miss solutions) if
test is not true for the first generated solution?

A: Yes. But we're not talking about cut today...

Today's discussion

Videos:

Generate and Test (Dutch Flag, Sudoku)

Symbolic (Eval)

Course Outline

1. Introduction, terms, facts, unification
2. Unification. Rules. Lists.
3. Arithmetic, Accumulators, Backtracking
4. Generate and Test (Dutch Flag, Sudoku), eval.
5. Extra-logical predicates (cut, negation, assert)
6. Graph Search
7. Difference Lists
8. Wrap Up (..Sudoku..)

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Dutch Flag

```
?- dutch_national_flag([blue,red,white,blue],L)
```

```
L = [red,white,blue,blue]
```

```
dutch_national_flag(In,Out) :-  
    perm(In,Out), GENERATE  
    checkColours(Out). TEST
```

```
checkColours(List) :- checkRed(List).
```

```
checkRed([red|T]) :- checkRed(T).
```

```
checkRed([white|T]) :- checkWhite(T).
```

```
checkWhite([white|T]) :- checkWhite(T).
```

```
checkWhite([blue|T]) :- checkBlue(T).
```

```
checkBlue([blue|T]) :- checkBlue(T).
```

```
checkBlue([]).
```

brevity: Flag

LIST CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE OF EACH COLOUR

```
?-  
flag([b,r,w,b],L)  
  
L = [r,w,b,b]  
  
...
```

Flag

LIST CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE OF EACH COLOUR

```
?-  
flag([b,r,w,b],L)  
  
L = [r,w,b,b]  
  
...
```

```
% checkB(L) succeeds if all list L are blue or L empty.  
checkB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).  
checkB([]).
```

Flag

LIST CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE OF EACH COLOUR

```
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L = [r,w,b,b]  
  
...
```

```
% checkB(L) succeeds if all list L are blue or L empty.  
checkB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).  
checkB([]).  
  
% checkWB(L) succeeds if L is white followed by blue.  
checkWB([w|T]) :- checkWB(T).  
checkWB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).
```

Flag

LIST CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE OF EACH COLOUR

```
?-  
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L = [r,w,b,b]  
  
...
```

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checkB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).  
checkB([]).  
  
% checkWB(L) succeeds if L is white followed by blue.  
checkWB([w|T]) :- checkWB(T).  
checkWB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).  
  
% checkRWB succeeds if L is reds.. whites.. blues.  
checkRWB([r|T]) :- checkRWB(T).  
checkRWB([w|T]) :- checkWB(T).
```

Flag

```
?- flag([b,r,w,b],L)
```

```
L = [r,w,b,b]
```

```
...
```

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checkB([]).

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checkWB([w|T]) :- checkWB(T).
checkWB([b|T]) :- checkB(T).

% checkRWB succeeds if L is reds.. whites.. blues.
checkRWB([r|T]) :- checkRWB(T).
checkRWB([w|T]) :- checkWB(T).

% flag(L1,L2) succeeds if L2 is red-white-blue sorted L1
flag(L1,L2) :-
    perm(L1,L2), GENERATE
    checkRWB(L2). TEST
```

Dutch Flag

```
?- dutch_national_flag([blue,red,white,blue],L)
```

```
L = [red,white,blue,blue]
```

```
dutch_national_flag(In,Out) :-
    perm(In,Out), GENERATE
    checkColours(Out). TEST

checkColours(List) :- checkRed(List).

checkRed([red|T]) :- checkRed(T).
checkRed([white|T]) :- checkWhite(T).

checkWhite([white|T]) :- checkWhite(T).
checkWhite([blue|T]) :- checkBlue(T).

checkBlue([blue|T]) :- checkBlue(T).
checkBlue([]).
```

SUDOKU 8x8

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudoku>

5	3		7				
6		1	9	5			
	9	8				6	
8			6				3
4		8		3			1
7			2				6
	6				2	8	
		4	1	9			5
			8		7	9	

```
puzzle1 :- solve([5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_],
    [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
    [_,9,8,_,_,_,_,6,_],
    [8,_,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
    [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
    [7,_,_,_,2,_,_,_,6],
    [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_],
    [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
    [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
).
```

perm

```
% take(L1,X,L2) succeeds if output list L2 is input list L1 minus element X
take([H|T],H,T).
take([H|T],R,[H|S]) :- take(T,R,S).
```

```
% perm(L1,L2) succeeds if output list L2 is a permutation of input list L1
perm([],[]).
perm(A,[R|S]) :- take(A,R,P), perm(P,S).
```

```
% gen_digits(L) succeeds if L is a permutation of [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
gen_digits(L) :- perm([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9],L).
```


SUDOKU 9x9

```
puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
           B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
           C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_],
           D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,3],
           E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
           F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
           G = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_],
           H = [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
           I = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],

           gen_digits(A),
           gen_digits(B),
           gen_digits(C),
           gen_digits(D),
           gen_digits(E),
           gen_digits(F),
           gen_digits(G),
           gen_digits(H),
           gen_digits(I),
           Test fixed numbers,
           Test the 'boxes',
           Test the 'columns',
           Print Solution.
```

GENERATE: gen_digits(A), with and without 'seed'

```
puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9],
           B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
           C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_],
           D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,3],
           E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
           F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
           G = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_],
           H = [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
           I = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],

           gen_digits(A),
           gen_digits(B),
           gen_digits(C),
           gen_digits(D),
           gen_digits(E),
           gen_digits(F),
           gen_digits(G),
           gen_digits(H),
           gen_digits(I),
           Test fixed numbers,
           Test the 'boxes',
           Test the 'columns',
           Print Solution.
```

```
puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9],
           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
           C = [1,9,8,2,3,4,5,6,7],
           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],

           gen_digits(A),
           gen_digits(B),
           gen_digits(C),
           gen_digits(D),
           gen_digits(E),
           gen_digits(F),
           gen_digits(G),
           gen_digits(H),
           gen_digits(I),
           Test fixed numbers,
           Test the 'boxes',
           Test the 'columns',
           Print Solution.
```

SUDOKU 9x9

```
puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9],
           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
           C = [1,9,8,2,3,4,5,6,7],
           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],

           gen_digits(A),
           gen_digits(B),
           gen_digits(C),
           gen_digits(D),
           gen_digits(E),
           gen_digits(F),
           gen_digits(G),
           gen_digits(H),
           gen_digits(I),
           Test fixed numbers,
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           Test the 'columns',
           Print Solution.
```

SUDOKU 9x9

```
puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9],
           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
           C = [1,9,8,2,3,4,5,6,7],
           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],
```

```
gen_digits(A),
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
gen_digits(D),
gen_digits(E),
gen_digits(F),
gen_digits(G),
gen_digits(H),
gen_digits(I),
Test the 'boxes',
Test the 'columns',
Print Solution.
```

SUDOKU 9x9

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           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
           C = [1,9,8,2,3,4,5,6,7],
           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],
```

```
gen_digits(A),
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
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SUDOKU 9x9

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           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],
```

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gen_digits(A),
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
gen_digits(D),
gen_digits(E),
gen_digits(F),
gen_digits(G),
gen_digits(H),
gen_digits(I),
Test the 'boxes',
Test the 'columns',
Print Solution.
```

SUDOKU 9x9

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puzzle1 :- A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9],
           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
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           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],
```

```
gen_digits(A),
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
gen_digits(D),
gen_digits(E),
gen_digits(F),
gen_digits(G),
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Test the 'boxes',
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```

SUDOKU 9x9

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           B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,7,8],
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           D = [8,1,2,4,6,5,7,9,3],
           E = [4,2,5,8,6,3,7,9,1],
           F = [7,1,3,4,2,5,8,9,6],
           G = [1,6,3,4,5,7,2,8,9],
           H = [2,3,6,4,1,9,7,8,5],
           I = [1,2,3,4,8,5,6,7,9],
```

```
gen_digits(A),
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
gen_digits(D),
gen_digits(E),
gen_digits(F),
gen_digits(G),
gen_digits(H),
gen_digits(I),
Test the 'boxes',
Test the 'columns',
Print Solution.
```

```
puzzle1 :-A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
           B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
           C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_],
           D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,3],
           E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
           F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
           G = [_,6,_,_,2,8,_],
           H = [_,_,4,1,9,_,5],
           I = [_,_,8,_,7,9],
gen_digits(A), A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
...
Test the 'boxes'
Test the 'columns'
```

```
[5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]
[6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_]
[_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_]
[8,_,_,6,_,_,3]
[4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1]
[7,_,_,2,_,_,6]
[_,6,_,_,2,8,_]
[_,_,4,1,9,_,5]
[_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
```

```
puzzle1 :-A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
           B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
           C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_],
           D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,3],
           E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
           F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
           G = [_,6,_,_,2,8,_],
           H = [_,_,4,1,9,_,5],
           I = [_,_,8,_,7,9],
gen_digits(A), A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]
Test the 'columns'
gen_digits(B),
gen_digits(C),
...
Test the 'boxes'
```

```
[5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]
[6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_]
[_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_]
[8,_,_,6,_,_,3]
[4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1]
[7,_,_,2,_,_,6]
[_,6,_,_,2,8,_]
[_,_,4,1,9,_,5]
[_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
```

```
test_digits([5,6,_,8,4,7,_,_,_])
Input argument of VARS and DIGITS
Succeed if DIGITS unique in [1..9]
heads([[a,b,c],
       [d,e,f],
       [g,h,i]], X)
X = [a,d,g]
```

```
test_digits([5,6,_,8,4,7,_,_,_])
```

```
[5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]  
[6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_]  
[_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_]  
[8,_,_,_,6,_,_,_,3]  
[4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1]  
[7,_,_,_,2,_,_,_,6]  
[_,6,_,_,_,_,2,8,_,_]  
[_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5]  
[_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
```

Input argument of VARS and DIGITS

Succeed if DIGITS unique in [1..9]

```
heads([[a,b,c],  
       [d,e,f],  
       [g,h,i]], X, Tails)
```

```
X = [a,d,g]
```

```
Tails = [[b,c],  
         [e,f],  
         [h,i]]
```

test_digits(L)

```
% test_digits(L) succeeds if:  
%   input list L contains digits and/or variables  
%   the digits in L are unique from [1..9]  
test_digits(L) :- test_set(L,[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]).  
  
% test_set(L1,L2) succeeds if:  
%   input list L1 contains digits and/or variables  
%   the digits in L1 are unique in input list L2  
test_set([],_).  
test_set([H|T], Digits) :- var(H),  
                           test_set(T,Digits).  
test_set([H|T], Digits) :- ground(H),  
                           take(Digits,H,RemainingDigits),  
                           test_set(T,RemainingDigits).
```

heads(LL, LHeads, LTails)

```
% heads(LL, LHeads, LTails) succeeds if:  
%   LL is an input list of lists  
%   LHeads is a list of the heads of each list in LL  
%   LTails is LL with the head of each list removed.  
heads([],[],[]).  
heads([[H|T1]|T],[H|Hs],[T1|Tails]) :- heads(T,Hs,Tails).  
  
:- heads([[1,2,3],  
         [4,5,6],  
         [7,8,9]],Heads, Tails).  
Heads = [1,4,7]  
Tails = [[2,3],[5,6],[8,9]]
```

test_cols(Rows)

```
% test_cols(Rows) succeeds if:  
%   input Rows is a list of lists of digits and variables  
%   the 'columns' of digits and variables contain unique digits from [1..9]  
test_cols([[[]|_]).  
test_cols(Rows) :- heads(Rows,Heads,Tails),  
                   test_digits(Heads),  
                   test_cols(Tails).  
  
[5,3,1,2,7,4,6,8,9]  
[6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_]  
[_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_]  
[8,_,_,_,6,_,_,_,3]  
[4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1]  
[7,_,_,_,2,_,_,_,6]  
[_,6,_,_,_,_,2,8,_,_]  
[_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5]  
[_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
```

```

puzzle1 :-A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
          B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
          C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_],
          D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
          E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
          F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
          G = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_,_],
          H = [_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
          I = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],
          gen_digits(A), A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,9,8]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(B), B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,8,7]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(C),
          ...
          Test the 'boxes'

```

```

puzzle1 :-A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
          B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
          C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_],
          D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
          E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
          F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
          G = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_,_],
          H = [_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
          I = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],
          gen_digits(A), A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,9,8]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(B), B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,8,7]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(C),
          ...
          Test the 'boxes'

```

```

puzzle1 :-A = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
          B = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
          C = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_],
          D = [8,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
          E = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
          F = [7,_,_,2,_,_,6],
          G = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_,_],
          H = [_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
          I = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],
          gen_digits(A), A = [5,3,1,2,7,4,6,9,8]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(B), B = [6,2,3,1,9,5,4,8,7]
          Test the 'columns'
          gen_digits(C),
          Test the 'boxes'

```

test_boxes(RowA,RowB,RowC)

```

% test_boxes(RowA,RowB,RowC) succeeds if:
%   RowA, RowB, RowC are input lists of 9 unique digits [1..9]
%   each aligned 3x3 'box' contains 9 unique digits 1..9
test_boxes([A1,A2,A3,A4,A5,A6,A7,A8,A9],
           [B1,B2,B3,B4,B5,B6,B7,B8,B9],
           [C1,C2,C3,C4,C5,C6,C7,C8,C9]) :- test_digits([A1,A2,A3,B1,B2,B3,C1,C2,C3]),
                                             test_digits([A4,A5,A6,B4,B5,B6,C4,C5,C6]),
                                             test_digits([A7,A8,A9,B7,B8,B9,C7,C8,C9]).

```

Note by time of test, boxes are fully instantiated, i.e. ground.

```

solve(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I) :- gen_digits(A),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(B),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(C),
                             test_boxes(A,B,C),
                             gen_digits(D),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(E),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(F),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             test_boxes(D,E,F),
                             gen_digits(G),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(H),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(I),
                             test_boxes(G,H,I),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]).

solve([5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
      [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
      [_,9,8,_,_,_,_,6,_],
      [8,_,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
      [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
      [7,_,_,_,2,_,_,_,6],
      [_,6,_,_,_,_,2,8,_],
      [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
      [_,_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
      ).

```

SUDOKU 8x8

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudoku>

5	3			7			
6			1	9	5		
	9	8					6
8				6			3
4			8		3		1
7				2			6
	6					2	8
			4	1	9		5
				8			7
						7	9

```

puzzle1 :- solve([5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
                 [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
                 [_,9,8,_,_,_,_,6,_],
                 [8,_,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
                 [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
                 [7,_,_,_,2,_,_,_,6],
                 [_,6,_,_,_,_,2,8,_],
                 [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
                 [_,_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
                 ).

```

SUDOKU 8x8

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudoku>

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9

Symbolic Evaluation: eval, reduce, flatten

```

eval(add(A,B),C) :- eval(A,A1), eval(B,B1), C is A1+B1.
reduce(+ (A,B),C) :- reduce(A,A1), reduce(B,B1), add(A1,B1,C).

```

Function support:

```

fun fact(1) = 1;
   fact(N) = N * fact(N-1).

```

```

fun(;(=(fact(1),1), =(fact(N),*(N,fact(-(N,1)))))).

```

Flattening:

```

foo(X,Y) :- moo(fact(X+3),Y).

```

becomes:

```

foo(X,Y) :- add(X,3,A1), fact(A1,A2), moo(A2,Y).

```

NOTE THAT FUNCTIONAL REDUCTION IS DETERMINISTIC

Next time

Videos

Cut

Negation

Databases

Course Outline

1. Introduction, terms, facts, unification
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Prolog Programming in Logic

Lecture #5

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A: swipl has `ground(X)` which is true if X is a ground term. `gnd()` is just a compound term. Don't use `ground(X)` in the exam... also `atom(X)`, `var(X)` ...

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A: I can't remember an exam question where I asked for a search tree to be drawn out. Instead a question might ask for what happens: e.g. what results do you get. We'll see more of the 'search tree' in this lecture.

Today's discussion

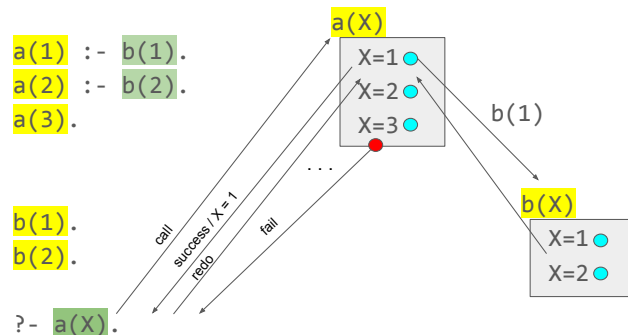
Videos

Cut

Negation

Databases (using the relational calculus for a relational database)

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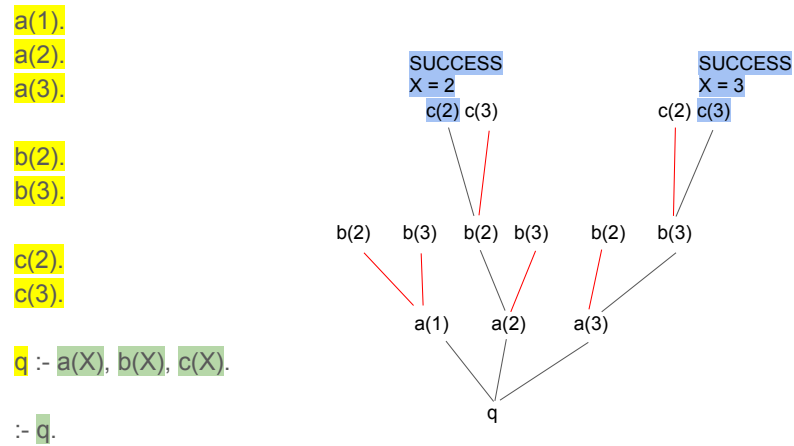
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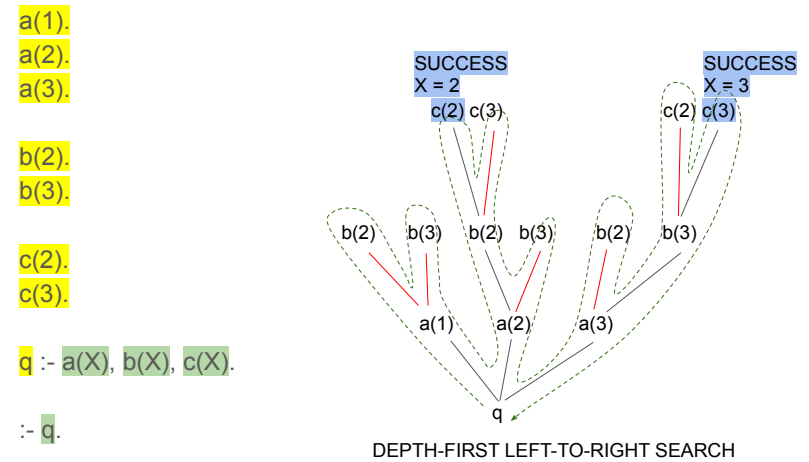
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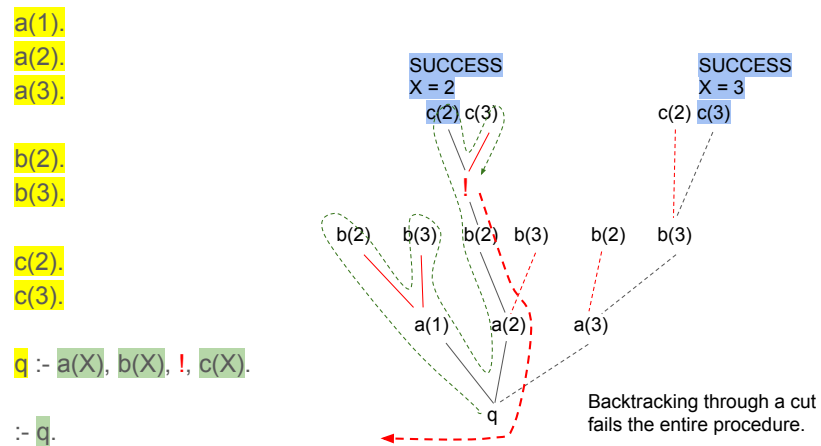
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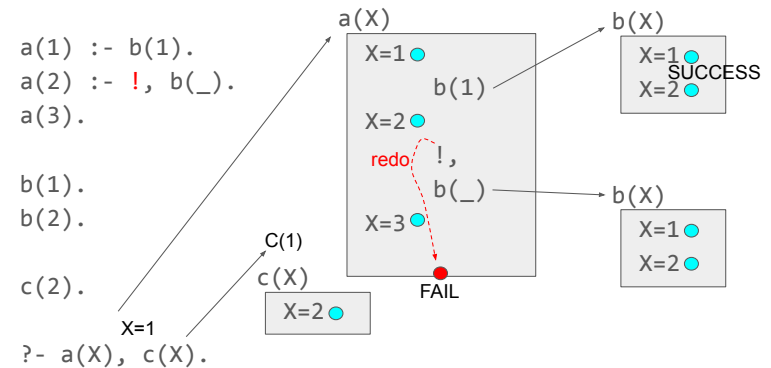
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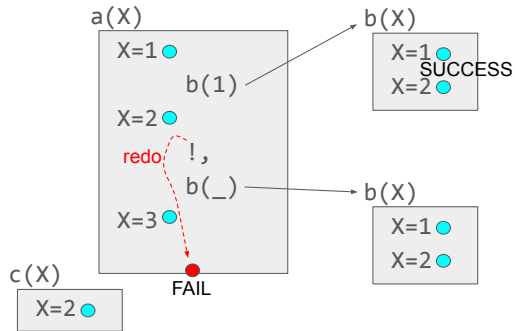
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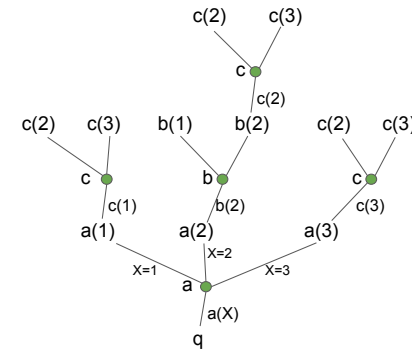
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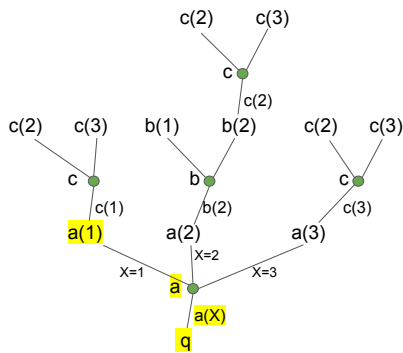
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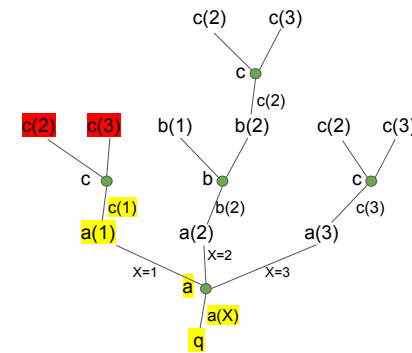
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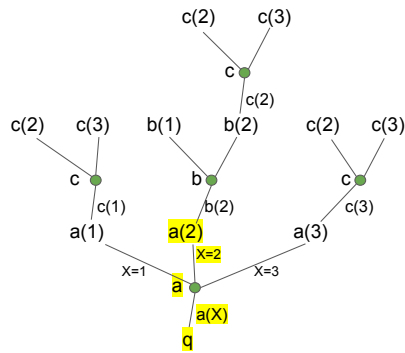
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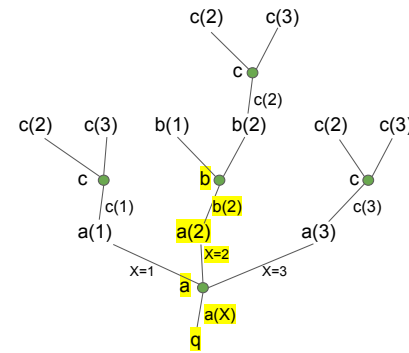
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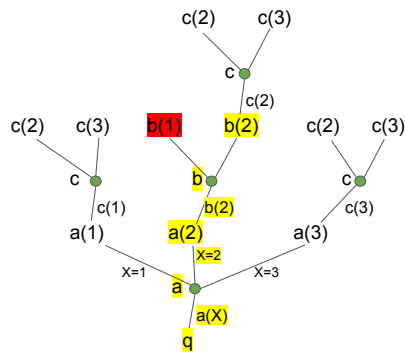
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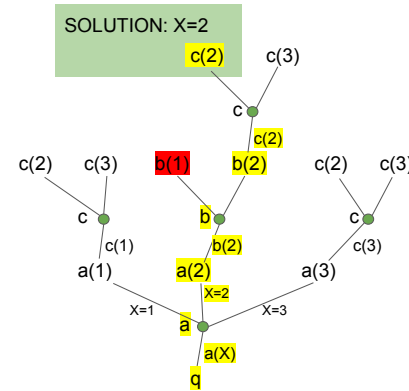
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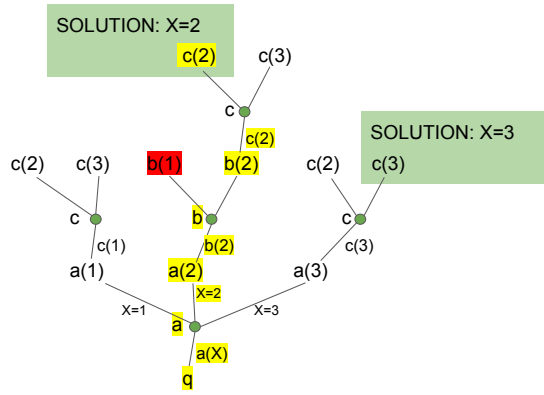
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the last word on what cut does...

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```

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Cut(!) toxicology

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negation / not

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q :- ... , \+ foo(X), ...
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relational database

```
% name age name floor
age(andy, 35). location(andy, 2).
age(alastair, 45). location(alastair, 2).
age(ian, 65). location(ian, 1).
age(jon, 60).
```

```
SELECT name, floor FROM age, location
WHERE age.name=location.name AND age > 40.
```

```
:- age(Name, Age), location(Name, Floor), Age > 40.
```

List relations - len/2, mem/2

```
% len(+L,-N)
% succeeds if length of list L is N.
len([],0).
len(_|_|T,N) :- len(T,M), N is M+1.
```

```
% mem(?X,?L)
% succeeds if X is in list L.
mem(X,[_|_|_]).
mem(X,[_|_|T]) :- mem(X,T).
```

List relations - app/3, reverse/2

```
% app(?L1,?L2,?L3) = APPEND
% succeeds if L1 appended to L2 is L3.
app([],L2,L2).
app(_|_|T,L2,[_|_|L3]) :- app(T,L2,L3).
```

```
% reverse(+L1,-L2)
% succeeds if list L2 is the reverse of list L1
reverse([],[]).
reverse(_|_|T, L) :- reverse(T, L1), append(L1,[_|_|_],L).
```

List relations - take/3, perm/2

```
% take(+L1,-X,-L2)
% succeeds if list L2 is list L1 minus element X
take([H|T],H,T).
take([H|T],R,[H|S]) :- take(T,R,S).

% perm(+L1,-L2)
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List relations - len/2, rev/2 with accumulators

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% len(+L,-N) succeeds if length of list L is N.
len(L,N) :- len_acc(L,0,N).

% len_acc(+L,+A,-N) succeeds if A is an accumulated length so far,
% L is the remaining list to be counted, N is the total length of the original list.
len_acc([],A,A).
len_acc([_|T],A,N) :- A1 is A + 1, len_acc(T,A1,N).

% rev(+L1,-L2) succeeds if list L2 is the reverse of list L1
rev(L1,L2) :- rev_acc(L1,[],L2).

% rev_acc(+L1,+ListAcc,-L2) succeeds if ListAcc is the accumulated reversed list so far,
% L1 is the remaining list to be reversed, L2 is the reverse of the original list.
rev_acc([],ListAcc,ListAcc).
rev_acc([H|T],ListAcc,L2) :- rev_acc(T,[H|ListAcc],L2).
```

List relations - len/2, rev/2 with accumulators

Simple:

```
len(+L,-N)
mem(?X,?L)
app(?L1,?L2,?L3)
reverse(+L1,-L2)
take(+L1,-X,-L2)
perm(+L1,-L2)
```

Accumulator:

```
len(+L,-N)
rev(+L1,-L2)
ASSUME member(X,L), append(L1,L2,L3).
```


Next time

Lecture #6: Videos

Countdown (more generate-and-test)

Graph search

Lecture #7: Difference lists

Lecture #8: (Sudoku), Wrap Up.

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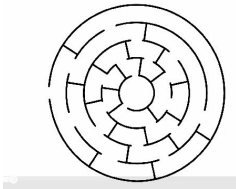
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A: **No.** You also can't use `!;`, assume any library predicates, or use any extra-logical stuff (except cut) like `findAll`, `call` etc.

Q: When figuring out what a Prolog program does, how can we work out which of the arguments are intended to be supplied with constants, and which with variables.

A: Did I manage to answer this last time?

```
% foo(+X,-Y) succeeds if output number Y
% is double input number X
foo(X,Y) :- Y is 2 * X.
```

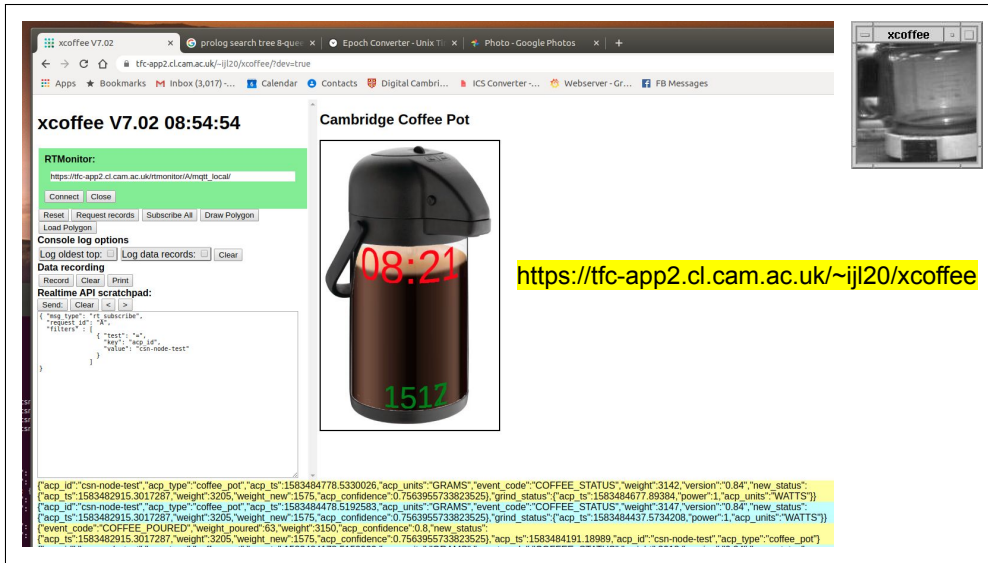
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A:

- * Pure Prolog subset 'Datalog' used for network verification.
- * Prolog used for Java Virtual Machine verification
- * Prolog quite good at digital logic simulation
- ... theorem provers written in Prolog.

* Sooner or later, some method of reasoning with NN data will emerge.



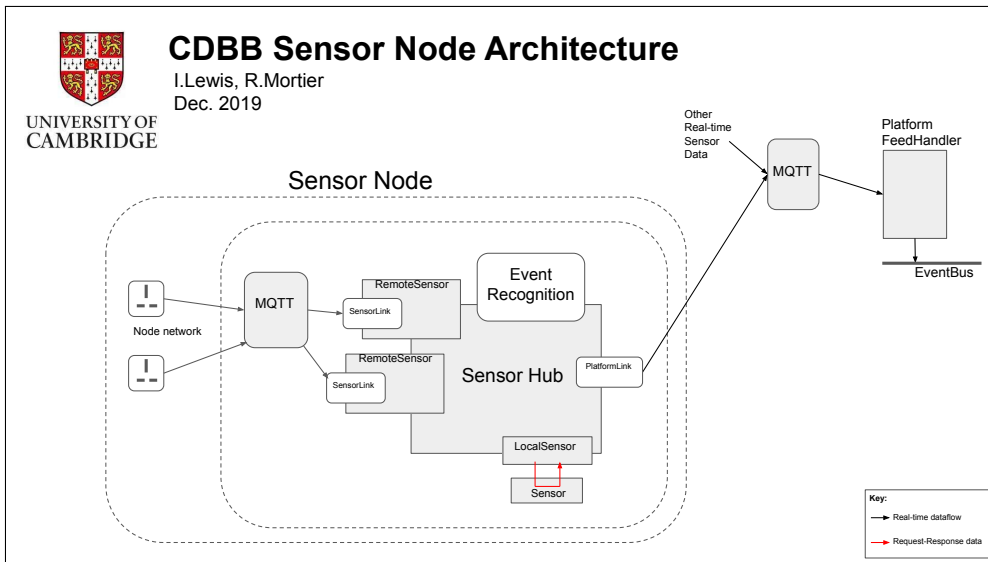
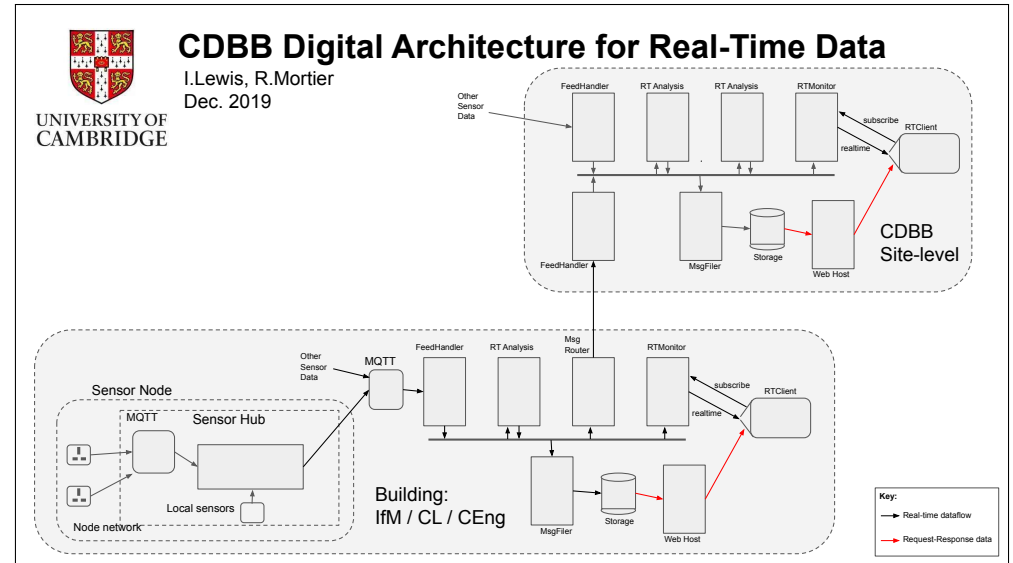
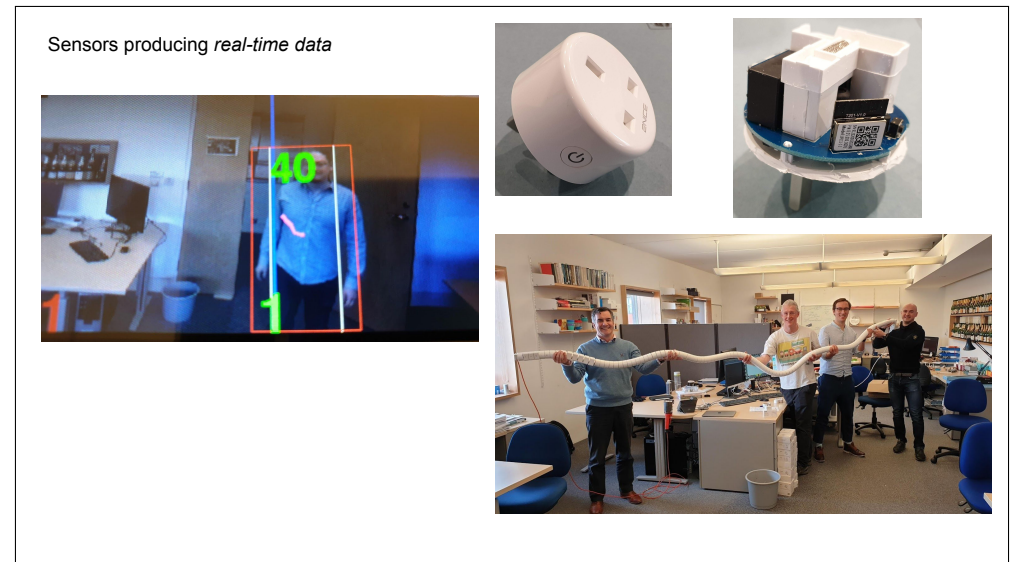
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Cambridge Coffee Pot

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Sensors producing real-time data

Left: A person in a blue shirt is shown with a bounding box and the number 40, indicating real-time detection.

Middle: A white, cylindrical sensor device with a power button.

Right: A sensor node on a table, featuring a QR code and various components.

Bottom: A group of people in a lab setting holding a long, thin sensor strip.



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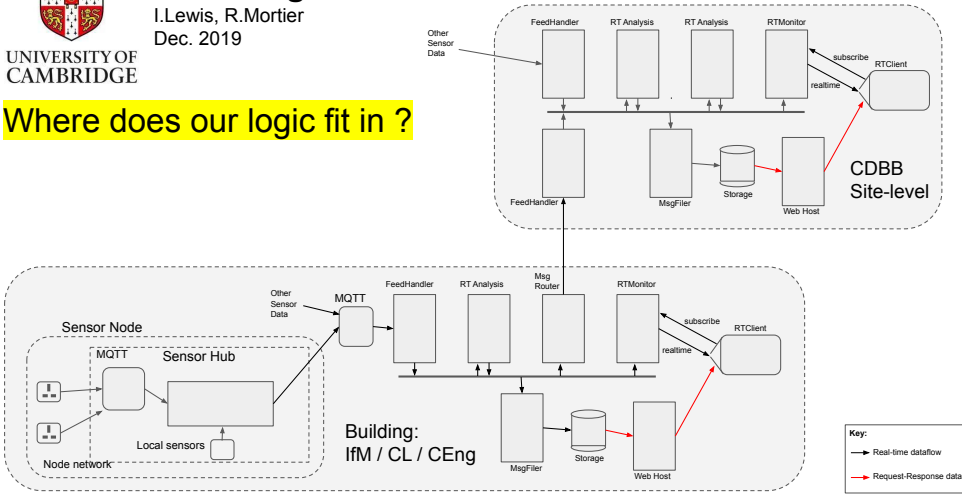
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Where does our logic fit in ?



Q: Operators & precedence? :- op(700, xfx, arc).

300	xfx	mod	Arithmetic function
400	yfx	*	Arithmetic function
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500	fx	+	Arithmetic function
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500	yfx	+	Arithmetic function
500	yfx	-	Arithmetic function
700	xfx	<	Predicate
700	xfx	=	Predicate
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700	xfx	<	Predicate
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700	xfx	is	Predicate
900	fy	\+	Predicate
1000	xyf		Predicate
1100	xyf	:	Predicate
1200	fx	:-	Introduces a directive
1200	xfx	:-	head :- body, separator

- Precedence 0..1200 (0 highest)
- (...) has precedence 0
- :- and | both have low precedence so you can have (complicated stuff) :- (more complicated stuff) | ... | ... |
- | is an "end delimiter"

fx	Prefix (non-associative).
fy	Prefix (right-associative) e.g. fact fact 3.
xfx	Infix (non-associative)
xyf	Infix (right-associative)
yfx	Infix (left-associative)

Q: Operators & precedence?

`arc(X,Y)`
`op(700, xfx, arc).`

Used 700 because that's typical for a relation (aka Predicate)
Used xfx because we won't have `A arc B arc C`.

`a arc b.`
`b arc c.`
`c arc d.`
`c arc e.`

`path(A,B) :- A arc B.`
`path(A,B) :- A arc X, path(X,B).`

Countdown



Countdown [25, 50, 75, 100, 3, 6], Target 952

Start with 6 values: [25, 50, 75, 100, 3, 6]

Remove any 2 values (e.g. [75, 3]) and generate symbolic formula for this pair, add to head of remaining list, e.g.

[(75+3), 25, 50, 100, 6] (note list now of length 5)

If head of list evaluates to 952: SUCCESS

else repeat, e.g. new pair [(75 + 3), 100], (leaves [25, 50, 6])

generate new operator for pair (e.g. +): [(75 + 3) + 100, 25, 50, 6] (length 4)

Countdown [25, 50, 75, 100, 3, 6], Target 952

`countdown([Soln|_],Target, Soln) :- eval(Soln,Target).`

`countdown(L,Target,Soln) :- choose(2,L,[A,B],R), arithop(A,B,C), countdown([C|R],Target,Soln).`

```
generate pair,  
generate arithmetic op on pair  
  Solution?  
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choose

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Seconds recursive case: ignore Head, choose N from Tail, Remaining = H + remaining from tail.

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FLATTENING

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Does choose look familiar to you ?

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For our purposes choose/4 could be choose/3...

choose is basically **take**: -- I've swapped arguments around, keeping you on your toes...

```
take(H,[H|T],T).
take(X,[H|T],[H|R]) :- take(X,T,R).
```

Alternative version of choose

```
% choose(N, List, Chosen, Remaining)
choose(0, L, [], L).
choose(N,[H|T], [H|C], Remaining) :- N > 0, M is N-1, choose(M,T,C,Remaining).
choose(N,[H|T], Chosen, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N,T,Chosen,S).
```

choose is basically **take**:

```
take(H, [H|T], T).
take(X, [H|T], [H|R]) :- take(X,T,R).
```

E.g. we can write a **take_list(A,B,C)**:

```
% take_list(+A,+B,-C) succeeds if list C is the remaining elements from B after removing list A.
% call with A instantiated to a list of variables, and B ground.
```

```
take_list([], L, L).
take_list([H|T],L,R) :- take(H,L,LR), take_list(T, LR, R).
```

```
?- take_list([A,B], [a,b,c], L).
A=a, B=b, L = [c]
```

eval : reducing arithmetic terms to a number.

```
countdown([Soln|_],Target, Soln) :- eval(Soln,Target).
```

```
countdown(L,Target,Soln) :- choose(2,L,[A,B],R), arithop(A,B,C), countdown([C|R],Target,Soln).
```

```
generate pair,  
generate arithmetic op on pair  
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...
```

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```
% eval(+ArithTerm, -N)  
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eval(A*B,C) :- eval(A,A1), eval(B,B1), C is A1 * B1.  
eval(A/B,C) :- eval(A,A1), eval(B,B1), C is A1 / B1.  
eval(A-B,C) :- eval(A,A1), eval(B,B1), C is A1 - B1.  
eval(A,A) :- number(A).
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Can you spot anything here?

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? Did you spot this alternative implementation:

```
eval(ArithTerm, N) :- N is ArithTerm.
```

arithop - generating arithmetic expressions

```
% arithop(+A, +B, -ArithTerm)  
arithop(A,B,A+B).  
arithop(A,B,A-B) :- eval(A,D), eval(B,E), D>E.  
arithop(B,A,A-B) :- eval(A,D), eval(B,E), D>E.  
arithop(A,B,A*B) :- eval(A,D), D \== 1, eval(B,E), E \== 1.  
arithop(A,B,A/B) :- eval(B,E), E \== 1, E \== 0, eval(A,D), 0 is D rem E.  
arithop(B,A,A/B) :- eval(B,E), E \== 1, E \== 0, eval(A,D), 0 is D rem E
```

We're only generating arithmetic terms relevant to the puzzle, i.e. we're using the result of the `eval` to check the term.

* There's a minor detail/choice here, whether the 'choose' generates both pairs (e.g. 3,4 and 4,3) or this can be provided by `arithop` as we are doing here.

Countdown - alternative version of countdown/3

Current version:

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test(Soln,Target,Soln) :- eval(Soln,Target).  
  
countdown(L,Target,Soln) :- take_list([A,B], L, R),  
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countdown(L,Target,Soln) :- take_list([A,B], L, R),  
    arithop(A,B,C),  
    test_or_calc(C,Target,Soln,R).  
  
test_or_calc(C,Target,Soln,_) :- test(C, Target, Soln).  
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Countdown Iterative Deepening

The whole point of this section is that you understand *how/why* to apply iterative deepening, rather than assume a specific implementation.

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```

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test(Soln,Target,Soln, Threshold) :- eval(Soln,Result), diff(Result,Target,Diff), Diff =< Threshold.
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```

We add a 'Threshold' to the search clause, implement a 'diff' function, test succeeds within bounds.

Diff =< Threshold: the approach is slightly different here than in the video (both are valid) - we are asking for solutions *within* a 'distance' from the exact answer (not *at* an exact distance).

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```
:- countdown([25,50,75,100,3,6],952,Soln,5)
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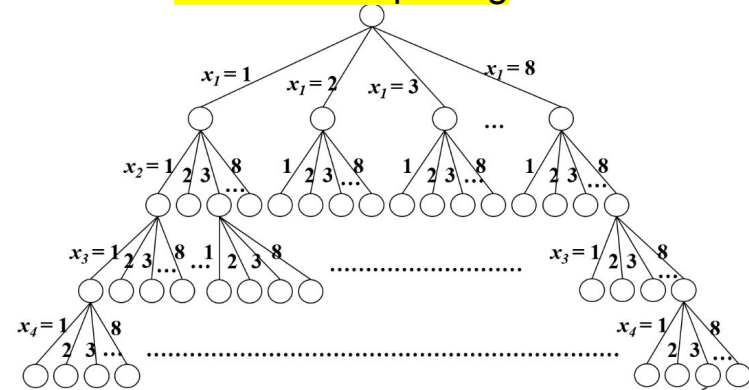
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..EXAMPLE

Countdown Iterative Deepening



Find "simpler" solutions first, then try harder...

SOLUTION!

Countdown Iterative Deepening - Conclusion

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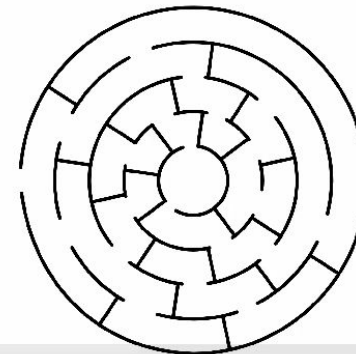
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Summary: use-case can be "find solution within threshold, check difference, find better solution ..."

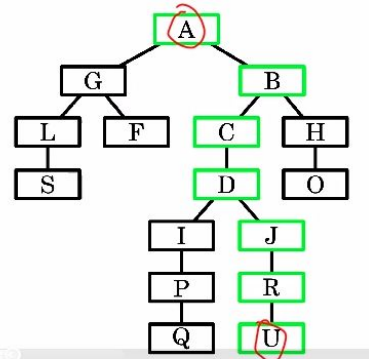
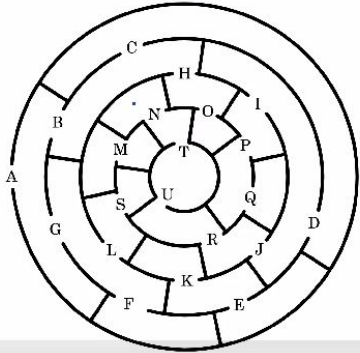
Also as video: `closest(L, Target, Soln, Threshold) :- range(0,100,Threshold), solve2(L,Target,Soln,Threshold).`

Graph Search



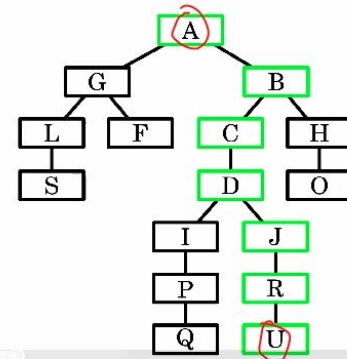
Problem statement

Graph Search



Convert to graph...

Graph Search



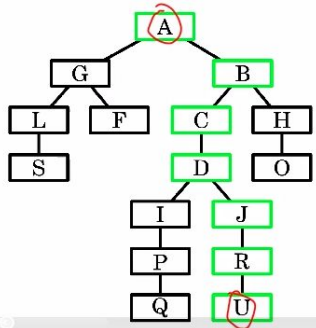
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route(a,g).          start(a).
route(g,l).          finish(u).
route(l,s).
...
travel(A,A).
travel(A,C) :- route(A,B),travel(B,C).

solve :- start(A),finish(B), travel(A,B).
    
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Sample implementation (simple, given graph)

Graph Search



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h arc o.
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p arc q.
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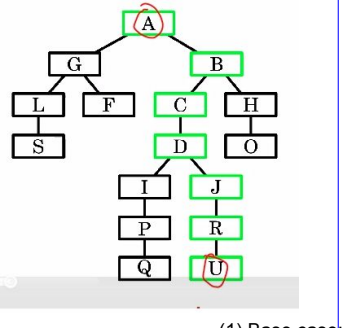
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X path Y :- X arc Y.
X path Y :- X arc W, W path Y.
    
```

```

arcs(a,[b,g]).
arcs(b,[c,h]).
arcs(c,[d]).
arcs(d,[i,j]).
arcs(g,[l,f]).
arcs(h,[o]).
arcs(i,[p]).
arcs(j,[r]).
arcs(l,[s]).
arcs(p,[q]).
arcs(r,[u]).

X arc Y :- arcs(X,Nodes),
            member(Y,Nodes).
    
```

Graph Search



Accumulating the path (or cost...):

```

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j arc r.
l arc s.
p arc q.
r arc u.

% path(+Start,+Finish,-Path) succeeds if...
path(Start,Finish,Path) :- path_acc(Start,Finish,[],Path).

% path_acc(+Start,+Finish,+PathSoFar,-FullPath)
path_acc(X,Finish,Acc,Path) :- X arc Finish,
                                reverse([Finish,X|Acc],Path).

(1) Base case: path_acc(X,Finish,Acc,Path) :- X arc Z,
                                                    path_acc(Z,Finish,[X|Acc],Path).

(2) Recursive case:
    
```

Copying to solution here
(via reverse/2)

Accumulating here

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A: you would make a small saving if you only wanted one answer but more answers were possible. But you would still have all the choice points. Remember that order often matters when you have cut.

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A: I won't ask you to write ML in the exam. (But I would expect you to recall the concepts of the ML course as a general principle - what's the point of your degree otherwise?)

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A: a compound term is a 'term' in first order logic, a rule is 'formula' in first order logic.

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This pointlessly backtracks after finding the answer.

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A: It's fine to put a cut on a fact. The! Thing! To!
Avoid! Is! Putting! One! Everywhere!

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AI

What's the first step?

Challenge: Write a tic-tac-toe (noughts and crosses)
AI

What predicate will you write and when will it succeed

```
% nextMove(Before,Player,After) succeeds if After represents the  
% next state of the board after Player has made a move from state  
% Before
```

Next step?

Challenge: Write a tic-tac-toe (noughts and crosses) AI

Choose a representation for the board...

Challenge: Write a tic-tac-toe (noughts and crosses) AI

Suggestion: represent each board position as a number 1 to 9, represent the state of the board as the list of moves that have been made, e.g. [move(5,x),move(1,o)].

Challenge: Write a tic-tac-toe (noughts and crosses) AI

Now try to implement nextMove(Before,Player,After)
Represent moves as move(Position,Player)
Represent the game state as a list of moves that have been made

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```
pos(Index) :- member(Index, [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]).

used(I, [move(I,_) | _]).
used(I, [_|T]) :- used(I,T).

nextMove(Before,P,[move(Index,P)|Before]) :-
    pos(Index), \+used(Index,Before).
```


How could we make it smarter?

Teach it heuristics about good moves

- Prefer a corner at the start
- Take the middle if the corner is gone
- Win if you can
- Block the other player from winning if you can

Prolog Programming in Logic

Lecture #7

Ian Lewis, Andrew Rice

Today's discussion

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A: if you are running out of stack space you probably have a searching-forever problem are more rules matching than you thought? General state representation hint: as little redundancy as possible.

```
% Towers of Hanoi
% Represent the current state as rings(A,B,C) where
% A is the peg that the smallest ring is on
% B is the peg that the middle ring is on
% C is the peg that the largest ring is on
% Start rings(1,1,1). Finish rings(3,3,3).

range(Min,_,Min).
range(Min,Max,Next) :- N2 is Min+1, N2 < Max, range(N2,Max,Next).

move(rings(Src,A,B),rings(Dest,A,B)) :-
    range(1,4,Src),
    range(1,4,Dest),
    Src \= Dest.

move(rings(A,Src,B),rings(A,Dest,B)) :-
    range(1,4,Src),
    range(1,4,Dest),
    A \= Src, A \= Dest.

move(rings(A,B,Src),rings(A,B,Dest)) :-
    range(1,4,Src),
    range(1,4,Dest),
    A \= Src, A \= Dest,
    B \= Src, B \= Dest.

search(Dest,Dest,_,[]).
search(Src,Dest,Closed,[Mid|Path]) :-
    move(Src,Mid),
    \+member(Mid,Closed),
    search(Mid,Dest,[Mid|Closed],Path).

solve :- search(rings(1,1,1),rings(3,3,3),[rings(1,1,1)],Path),
    print([rings(1,1,1)|Path]).
```

```
% Hanoi puzzle
% Rings number 1,2,3.
% Each tower A,B,C a list of rings (Head = top).
% State stored as state(A, B, C).
% Start state([1,2,3],[],[1]). Finish state([],[1,2,3]).

% make_move(+Tower1,+Tower2,-Tower1_after,-Tower2_after).
% Will only make valid moves, i.e. onto empty or bigger tower.
make_move([A1|A],[_],A,[A1]).
make_move([A1|A],[B1|B],A,[A1,B1|B]) :- A1 < B1.

% move(+State_before,-State_after)
% Generate valid moves
% move A->B or A->C or B->A or B->C or C->A or C->B.
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,BN,C)) :- make_move(A,B,AN,BN).
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,B,CN)) :- make_move(A,C,AN,CN).
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move(state(A,B,C), state(A,B,CN)) :- make_move(B,C,BN,CN).
move(state(A,B,C), state(A,BN,CN)) :- make_move(C,CN,CN).

search(State_from, State_to, Path) :- move(State_from,State_to),
    print(Path).

search(State_from, State_to, Path) :-
    move(State_from, Next_state),
    \+ member(Next_state, Path),
    search(Next_state,State_to,[Next_state|Path]).

solve :- search(state([1,2,3],[],[1]),state([],[1,2,3]), []).
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Q. $N > 0$? extra-logical ?

```
choose(0, L, [], L).
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :- N > 0, N2 is N-1, choose(N2, T, R, S).
choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N, T, R, S).
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```
:- choose(2, [a,b,c,d], Chosen, Remaining).
```

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```

```
% Trace version
choose2(0, L, [], L) :-
    print('clause 1- success'), nl.
choose2(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :-
    print('clause 2- N='), print(N), print(' from '), print([H|T]), nl,
    N2 is N-1, choose2(N2, T, R, S).
choose2(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :-
    print('clause 3- N='), print(N), print(' from '), print([H|T]), nl,
    choose2(N, T, R, S).
```

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A gentle introduction to difference lists.

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$X = [1,2,4096,4,5].$

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```

That's great! But what's the point ????

You can pass around as-yet-incomplete data structures.

e.g. you can add an element to the Tail of a list (the canonical example).

You get to hone your unification comprehension.

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?- X = [1,2,3|A].  
X = [1,2,3|A]. --- A list with a hole in it...  
  
-- Retrospectively fill in the tail...
```

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?- X = [1,2,3|A].  
X = [1,2,3|A].      --- A list with a hole in it...
```

The tail of a list is always a list. So what about:

```
?- X = [1,2,3|7].  
X = [1,2,3|7].
```

```
? X = [1,2,3|7], X = [A,B,C].  
false
```

```
? X = [1,2,3|7], X = [A,B,C,D].  
false
```

In fact you just have a compound term `(3,7)` stuck on the end of the list and all the relations expecting `(last_element,[])` simply fail. Depends on implementation.

So `[1,2,3|7]` IS NOT A LIST.

A gentle introduction to difference lists.

Very few of you will *write* a list `[1,2,3|7]`... it arises from:

```
?- X = [1,2,3|A], A=7.      Correct would be A = [7].
```

A gentle introduction to difference lists.

A more significant / common / relevant example:

Set the `difflist` var as the empty list.

```
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X = [1,2,3],  
A = [].      -- we are simply terminating the list.
```

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A more significant / common / relevant example:

```
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X = [1,2,3],  
A = [].      -- we are simply terminating the list.
```

For the avoidance of doubt, the 'X' list is equally:

```
?- X = [ 1 | [ 2 | [ 3 | [ ] ] ] ].  
X = [1,2,3].
```

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With two lists:

```
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```

Linking the lists...

```
?- X = [1,2,3|A], Y = [4,5,6|B], A = Y.  
X = [1,2,3,4,5,6|B], -- so we have managed to append, via unification  
A = Y,  
Y=[4,5,6|B].
```

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This is great! How to write an append ?

```
?- X = [1,2,3|A], Y = [4,5,6|B], append(X,Y,Z).
```

```
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append(?,?,?) :- ...
```

You can't, is the short answer... you need to propagate a reference to A and B.

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```
?- X = [1,2,3|A]-A, Y = [4,5,6|B]-B, append(X,Y,Z).
```

So you can pass the list and its tail var as a single compound term.

```
append(X,Y,Z) :- X = XL-XVar, -- get the list/var components of X
                  Y = YL-YVar, -- get the list/var components of Y
                  Z = ZL-ZVar, -- make a new diff list for Z
                  XVar = YL,   -- unify the X var with the Y list
                  ZL = XL,     -- unify the X list with the Z list
                  ZVar = YVar. -- make the var of Z as for Y
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
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A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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append(XL-XVar,YL-YVar,ZL-ZVar) :-
    XVar = YL, -- unify the X var with the Y list
    ZL = XL,  -- unify the X list with the Z list
    ZVar = YVar. -- make the var of result the same as Y
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
?- X = [1,2,3|XVar]-XVar, Y = [4,5,6|YVar]-YVar, append(X,Y,Z).
```

Now we can propagate the remaining unifications:

```
append(XL-XVar,YL-YVar,ZL-ZVar) :-
    XVar = YL, -- unify the X var with the Y list
    ZL = XL,
    ZVar = YVar. -- make the var of result the same as Y
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
?- X = [1,2,3|XVar]-XVar, Y = [4,5,6|YVar]-YVar, append(X,Y,Z).
```

```
Rename XL to A:  
append(XL-XVar,XVar-YVar,XL-YVar).
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).  
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,  
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
?- X = [1,2,3|XVar]-XVar, Y = [4,5,6|YVar]-YVar, append(X,Y,Z).
```

```
Rename XVar to B:  
append(A-XVar,XVar-YVar,A-YVar).
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).  
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,  
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```


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```
?- X = [1,2,3|XVar]-XVar, Y = [4,5,6|YVar]-YVar, append(X,Y,Z).
```

Rename YVar to C:

```
append(A-B,B-YVar,A-YVar).
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).
```

```
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,
```

```
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
?- X = [1,2,3|B]-B, Y = [4,5,6|C]-C, append(X,Y,Z).
```

```
append(A-B,B-C,A-C).
```

```
?- app([1,2,3|A]-A,[4,5,6|B]-B,C).
```

```
C = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6|B]-B,
```

```
A = [4, 5, 6|B].
```

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```
% Final empty diff list list thoughts.
```

```
?- X = [a,b,c|A]-A, A = [], X = MyList-_.
```

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

```
? X = A-A, A=[], X = MyList-_.
```

```
MyList = [].
```

```
Empty diff list is ALWAYS A-A. But to TEST for it you attempt a unification with something that only matches <freevar>-<freevar>.
```

FWIW I think of diff lists a bit like complex numbers - with real and the imaginary parts. Ultimately you're interested in the real part.

Challenge: Implement Quicksort

Partition the list into two pieces

Quicksort each half

Implement Quicksort

```
% partition(+Pivot,+List,-Left,-Right) succeeds if Left is all the
% elements in List less than or equal to the pivot and Right is
% all the elements greater than the pivot
```

```
% quicksort(+L1,-L2) succeeds if L2 contains the elements in L1 in
% ascending order
```

Implement partition

```
% partition(+Pivot,+List,-Left,-Right) succeeds if Left is all the
% elements in List less than or equal to the pivot and Right is
% all the elements greater than the pivot
```

```
partition(_,[],[],[]).
partition(P,[H|T],[H|L],R) :- P <= H, partition(P,T,L,R).
partition(P,[H|T],L,[H|R]) :- P > H, partition(P,T,L,R).
```

```
:- partition(5, [1,3,5,7,9], Left, Right).
Left = [1,3,5]
Right = [7,9]
```

Implement quicksort

```
partition(_,[],[],[]).
partition(P,[H|T],[P|L],R) :- P <= H, partition(P,T,L,R).
partition(P,[H|T],L,[P|R]) :- P > H, partition(P,T,L,R).
```

```
quicksort([],[]).
quicksort([P|T],Sorted) :-
    partition(P,T,L,R),
    quicksort(L,L1), quicksort(R,R1),
    append(L1,R1,Sorted).
```

Is it useful to turn this into difference lists?

```
partition(_,[],[],[]).
partition(P,[H|T],[P|L],R) :- P <= H, partition(P,T,L,R).
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```

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    append(L1,[P|R1],Sorted).
```

Step 1: Replace appended lists with difference lists

```
quicksort([], []).  
quicksort([P|T], Sorted) :-  
    partition(P,T,L,R),  
    quicksort(L, L1), quicksort(R, R1),  
    append(L1, [P|R1], Sorted).
```

What do you notice?

Step 1: Replace appended lists with difference lists

```
quicksort([], A-A).  
quicksort([P|T], Sorted-S2) :-  
    partition(P,T,L,R),  
    quicksort(L, L1-L2), quicksort(R, R1-R2),  
    append(L1-L2, [P|R1]-R2, Sorted-S2).
```

The input list remains a 'normal' list.

Step 2: Worry about empty difference lists

```
quicksort([], A-A).  
quicksort([P|T], Sorted-S2) :-  
    partition(P,T,L,R),  
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    append(L1-L2, [P|R1]-R2, Sorted-S2).
```

Should this be []-[] or A-A ?

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    append(L1-L2, [P|R1]-R2, Sorted-S2).
```

Should this be []-[] or A-A ?

A-A because we are RETURNING an empty list, not TESTING for it.

We will call quicksort(+L, -Sorted) with the answer terminated, i.e.:

```
?- quicksort([2,5,3,9,4,6], Ans-[]).
```

Step 3: Substitutions to make the append irrelevant

```
append(A-B,B-C,A-C).
```

Replace **L2** with **[P|R1]**

```
quicksort([],A-A).  
quicksort([P|T],Sorted-S2) :-  
    partition(P,T,L,R),  
    quicksort(L,L1-[P|R1]), quicksort(R,R1-R2),  
    append(L1-[P|R1],[P|R1]-R2,Sorted-S2).
```

Step 3: Substitutions to make the append irrelevant

```
append(A-B,B-C,A-C).
```

Replace **Sorted** with **L1**

```
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    append(L1-[P|R1],[P|R1]-R2,L1-R2).  
append(A - B , B - C , A-C).
```

Step 4: Remove the append because it doesn't do anything any more.

```
% partition(+Pivot,+List,-Left,-Right).
partition(_,[],[],[]).
partition(P,[H|T],[H|L],R) :- H <= P, partition(P,T,L,R).
partition(P,[H|T],L,[H|R]) :- H > P, partition(P,T,L,R).

% quicksort(+List,-DiffList)
quicksort([],A-A).
quicksort([P|T],L1-R2) :-
    partition(P,T,L,R),
    quicksort(L,L1-[P|R1]), quicksort(R,R1-R2).
```

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% quicksort(+List,-DiffList)
quicksort([],A-A).
quicksort([P|T],L1-R2) :-
    partition(P,T,L,R),
    quicksort(L,L1-[P|R1]), quicksort(R,R1-R2).
```

```
?- quicksort([2,5,3,9,4,6],Ans-[]).
```

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Lecture #8

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Constraints

Q: What are the extra-logical equalities?

A: So you know to **avoid** them:

```
x(A) == x(A)    -- Equivalence. x(A) == x(B) fails.
D \== 1         -- Not equivalent
Exp1 ::= Exp2   -- E1 is Exp1, E1 is Exp2
Exp1 \= Exp2    -- \+ E1 is Exp1, E1 is Exp2
A @= B          -- variants (<Equivalence >Unification).
:=             -- ? defined operator, no function
<=            -- ? undefined (use =<)
unify_with_occurs_check(A,B) -- should be an infix op.
```

```
foo :- ..., \+ Term, ...
```

Q: Is $[a,b,c|A]-B$ a difference list?

A: If it's a quiz: answer is NO.

A: If it's a CS conversation, you could reason if:

$A = [d,e,f|B]$, $X = [a,b,c|A]-B$
means that $[a,b,c|A]-B$ is a difference list.

Although, similar is X an integer? yes if $X=7$...

Q: When is Prolog not ML-like?

ML factorial:

```
fun fact 0 = 1
  | fact n = n * fact (n - 1)
```

```
f = fact 5
```

Prolog factorial:

```
fact(1,1).
fact(N,Fact) :- N > 1, M is N-1, fact(M,Mfact), Fact is N * Mfact.

-? fact(5,F).
```

For a procedure intended to be used deterministically, with ground arguments, there is very little difference apart from syntax.

Type inference is a very clever bit of ML, while Prolog is typeless.

Q: When is Prolog not ML-like?

ML reverse list:

```
fun reverse [] = []
  | reverse (x::xs) = (reverse xs) @ [x]
```

```
l = reverse([1,2,3,4])
```

Prolog reverse list:

```
reverse([], []).
reverse([X|XS], L) :- reverse(XS, XSrev), append(XSrev, [X], L).
```

```
?- reverse([1,2,3,4], L).
?- reverse(X, [4,3,2,1]). -- almost.
?- reverse([1,2,X,4], L).
?- reverse([1,2,X,Y], [4,3,2,A]).
```

Q: When is Prolog not ML-like?

Ultimately you can write a **unification function** in any language, define a data structure representing **relations**, and create a **backtracking algorithm**.

At that point you have 'Prolog' embedded in your language of choice.

Or you can modify Prolog to support higher-order functions...

I.e. implement the relational calculus in ML, or the functional calculus in Prolog.

Q: Last Call Optimisation

...a space optimization technique, which applies when a predicate is **determinate** at the point where it is about to call the last goal in the body of a clause.^[1]

```
last([L], L).
last([_|T], L) :- last(T, L).
```

What about:

```
foo(_, hello).
foo(I, W) :- I > 10, J is I - 1, foo(J, W).
```

^[1]Sicstus user manual

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Example

```
A B 4 D
E 2 G H
I J 1 L
M 3 O P
```

```
range([]).
range([H|T]) :- range(1,5,H), range(T).

range(X,_,X).
range(X,Y,Next) :- N is X+1, N < Y, range(N,Y,Next).

diff(A,B,C,D) :- A=\=B, A=\=C, A=\=D, B=\=C, B=\=D, C=\=D.

rows([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,C,D), diff(E,F,G,H), diff(I,J,K,L), diff(M,N,O,P).
cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,E,I,M), diff(B,F,J,N), diff(C,G,K,O), diff(D,H,L,P).
boxes([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,E,F), diff(C,D,G,H), diff(I,J,M,N), diff(K,L,O,P).

sudoku(L) :- range(L), rows(L), cols(L), boxes(L).
```

```
[trace] ?- sudoku([A,B,4,D,E,2,G,H,I,J,1,L,M,3,O,P]).
Call: (8) sudoku([_1472, _1478, 4, _1490, _1496, 2, _1508, _1514|...])? creep
Call: (9) range([_1472, _1478, 4, _1490, _1496, 2, _1508, _1514|...])? skip
Exit: (9) range([1, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1])? creep
Call: (9) rows([1, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1])? creep
Call: (10) diff(1, 4, 1)? creep
Call: (11) 1=1? creep
Fail: (11) 1=1? creep
Fail: (10) diff(1, 4, 1)? creep
Fail: (9) rows([1, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1])? creep
Redo: (9) range([1, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, _1562])? creep
Exit: (9) range([1, 4, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2])?
```


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```
range([]).
range([H|T]) :- range(1,5,H), range(T).
```

```
range(X,_,X).
range(X,Y,Next) :- N is X+1, N < Y, range(N,Y,Next).
```

```
diff(A,B,C,D) :- A=\=B, A=\=C, A=\=D, B=\=C, B=\=D, C=\=D. -- arithmetic not equals
```

```
rows([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,C,D), diff(E,F,G,H), diff(I,J,K,L), diff(M,N,O,P).
```

```
cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,E,I,M), diff(B,F,J,N), diff(C,G,K,O), diff(D,H,L,P).
```

```
boxes([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,E,F), diff(C,D,G,H), diff(I,J,M,N), diff(K,L,O,P).
```

```
sudoku(L) :- range(L), rows(L), cols(L), boxes(L).
```

```
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Call: (9) range([_1472,_1478,4,_1490,_1496,2,_1508,_1514|..])? skip
Exit: (9) range([1,4,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,1])? creep
Call: (9) rows([1,4,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,1])? creep
Call: (10) diff(1,4,1)? creep
Call: (11) 1=\=1? creep
Fail: (11) 1=\=1? creep
Fail: (10) diff(1,4,1)? creep
Fail: (9) rows([1,4,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,1])? creep
Redo: (9) range([1,4,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,_1562])? creep
Exit: (9) range([1,4,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,2])?
```

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Video efficiency improvement

```
diff(A,B,C,D) :- perm([1,2,3,4],[A,B,C,D]).
```

```
rows([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,C,D), diff(E,F,G,H), diff(I,J,K,L), diff(M,N,O,P).
```

```
cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,E,I,M), diff(B,F,J,N), diff(C,G,K,O), diff(D,H,L,P).
```

```
boxes([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,E,F), diff(C,D,G,H), diff(I,J,M,N), diff(K,L,O,P).
```

```
sudoku(L) :- rows(L), cols(L), boxes(L).
```

```
?- sudoku([A,B,4,D,
           E,2,G,H,
           I,J,1,L,
           M,3,O,P]).
```

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Video efficiency improvement

```
diff(A,B,C,D) :- perm([1,2,3,4],[A,B,C,D]).
```

```
rows([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,C,D), diff(E,F,G,H), diff(I,J,K,L), diff(M,N,O,P).
```

```
cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,E,I,M), diff(B,F,J,N), diff(C,G,K,O), diff(D,H,L,P).
```

```
boxes([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,E,F), diff(C,D,G,H), diff(I,J,M,N), diff(K,L,O,P).
```

```
sudoku(L) :- rows(L), cols(L), boxes(L).
```

```
?- sudoku([A,B,4,D,
           E,2,G,H,
           I,J,1,L,
           M,3,O,P]).
```

Prolog vs ML... Imperative program ?:

```
function sudoku(board) {
  answer = make_board(board)
  if rows(answer) and cols(answer) and boxes(answer)
  then
    return answer
  else
    return fail
}
```

Sudoku 4x4 (video)

Video efficiency improvement

```
diff(A,B,C,D) :- perm([1,2,3,4],[A,B,C,D]).
```

```
rows([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,C,D), diff(E,F,G,H), diff(I,J,K,L), diff(M,N,O,P).
```

```
cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,E,I,M), diff(B,F,J,N), diff(C,G,K,O), diff(D,H,L,P).
```

```
boxes([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P]) :- diff(A,B,E,F), diff(C,D,G,H), diff(I,J,M,N), diff(K,L,O,P).
```

```
sudoku(L) :- rows(L), cols(L), boxes(L).
```

```
?- sudoku([A,B,4,D,
           E,2,G,H,
           I,J,1,L,
           M,3,O,P]).
```

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function sudoku(board) {
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  if rows(answer) and cols(answer) and boxes(answer)
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  else
    return fail
}
```

-- unification and backtracking ???

Sudoku 9x9 (Lecture #4)

```
% take(L1,X,L2) succeeds if output list L2 is input list L1 minus element X
take([H|T],H,T).
take([H|T],R,[H|S]) :- take(T,R,S).

% perm(L1,L2) succeeds if output list L2 is a permutation of input list L1
perm([],[]).
perm(A,[R|S]) :- take(A,R,P), perm(P,S).

% gen_digits(L) succeeds if L is a permutation of [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
gen_digits(L) :- perm([1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9],L).
```

SUDOKU 9x9

```
puzzle1 :- RowA = [5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
            RowB = [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
            RowC = [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_],
            RowD = [8,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
            RowE = [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
            RowF = [7,_,_,2,_,_,_,6],
            RowG = [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_,_],
            RowH = [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
            RowI = [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9],

            gen_digits(RowA),
            gen_digits(RowB),
            gen_digits(RowC),
            gen_digits(RowD),
            gen_digits(RowE),
            gen_digits(RowF),
            gen_digits(RowG),
            gen_digits(RowH),
            gen_digits(RowI),
            Test fixed numbers,
            Test the 'boxes',
            Test the 'columns',
            Print Solution.
```

```
solve(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I) :- gen_digits(A),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(B),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(C),
                             test_boxes(A,B,C),
                             gen_digits(D),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(E),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(F),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             test_boxes(D,E,F),
                             gen_digits(G),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(H),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]),
                             gen_digits(I),
                             test_boxes(G,H,I),
                             test_cols([A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I]).

solve([5,3,_,_,7,_,_,_,_],
      [6,_,_,1,9,5,_,_,_],
      [_,9,8,_,_,_,6,_,_],
      [8,_,_,6,_,_,_,3],
      [4,_,_,8,_,3,_,_,1],
      [7,_,_,2,_,_,_,6],
      [_,6,_,_,_,2,8,_,_],
      [_,_,_,4,1,9,_,_,5],
      [_,_,_,8,_,_,7,9]
      ).
```

Q: Is our countdown mod **iterative deepening**?

A: ...

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

```
choose(0, L, [], L).
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :- N > 0, N2 is N-1, choose(N2, T, R, S).
choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N, T, R, S).
```

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

```
1. choose(0, L, [], L).
2. choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :- N > 0, N2 is N-1, choose(N2, T, R, S).
3. choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N, T, R, S).
```

Step 1. Assign 'number' to each of the clauses in the procedure.

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

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2. choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :- N > 0, N2 is N-1, choose(N2, T, R, S).
3. choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N, T, R, S).
```

Step 1. Assign 'number' to each of the clauses in the procedure.

Step 2. Add 2 arguments (+PathIn, -PathOut) to every (non-deterministic) relation, for the accumulated path so far and the path when this clause succeeds, e.g.:

```
choose(0,L,[],L).
```

becomes:

```
choose(0,L,[],L, PathIn, [1|PathIn]).
```

When we initially call 'choose' we will set 'PathIn' to [], and expect the completed path in PathOut:

```
?- choose(2,[a,b,c,d,e],Chosen,Remaining,[],Path).
```

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

```
1. choose(0,L,[],L, PathIn, [1|PathIn]).
2. choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :- N > 0, N2 is N-1, choose(N2, T, R, S).
3. choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S]) :- N > 0, choose(N, T, R, S).
```

Step 1. Assign 'number' to each of the clauses in the procedure.

Step 2. Add 2 arguments (+PathIn, -PathOut) to every (non-deterministic) relation, for the accumulated path so far and the path when this clause succeeds.

Step 3.

```
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S) :-
    N > 0, N2 is N-1,
    choose(N2, T, R, S).
```

becomes:

```
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    N > 0, N2 is N-1,
    choose(N2, T, R, S, [2|PathIn], PathOut).
```

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

```
choose(0,L,[],PathIn, [1|PathIn]).
```

```
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    N > 0, N2 is N-1,
    choose(N2, T, R, S, [2|PathIn],PathOut).
```

```
choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S], PathIn, PathOut) :-
    N > 0,
    choose(N, T, R, S, [3|PathIn],PathOut).
```

?- choose(2, [a,b,c,d,e], Chosen, Remaining, [], Path).

```
Chosen = [a, b],           Chosen = [a, e],
Remaining = [c, d, e],    Remaining = [b, c, d, f, g],
Path = [1, 2, 2]         Path = [1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 2]
```

Path should be read 'backwards'

Q: Accumulating the Path to a Solution

```
choose(0,L,[],PathIn, [1|PathIn]).
```

```
choose(N, [H|T], [H|R], S, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    N > 0, N2 is N-1,
    choose(N2, T, R, S, [2|PathIn],PathOut).
```

```
choose(N, [H|T], R, [H|S], PathIn, PathOut) :-
    N > 0,
    choose(N, T, R, S, [3|PathIn],PathOut).
```

?- choose(2, [a,b,c,d,e], Chosen, Remaining, [], [1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 2]).

```
Chosen = [a, e],
Remaining = [b, c, d, f, g]
```

...DEMO ...

Q: Is our countdown mod iterative deepening?

```
% solve(+N, +SolnAcc, -Soln) succeeds if Soln is a solution
% to the NxN queens problem and is an extension of
% the accumulated solution in SolnAcc.
% e.g. :- solve(10, [], Soln), draw(Soln).
solve(N, SolnAcc, SolnAcc) :- length(SolnAcc,N).
solve(N, SolnAcc, Soln) :-
    move(N, SolnAcc, Square),
    solve(N, [Square | SolnAcc], Soln).

% move(+N, +Soln, -Square) acts as a generator for
% 'safe' squares in the next row to those already
% allocated in the partial solution in Soln.
move(N, [], sq(1, Col)) :- drange(N, Col).
move(N, [sq(I,J) | Rest], sq(Row, Col)) :-
    I < N, Row is I + 1, drange(N, Col), safe(sq(Row, Col), [sq(I,J)|Rest]).

% drange(+N, -X) acts as generator for X = N down to 1.
drange(N, N).
drange(N, X) :- M is N - 1, M > 0, drange(M, X).

% safe_square(+QueenSquare,+Square) succeeds if QueenSquare
% does not attack Square (or vice-versa).
safe_square(sq(I, J), sq(X, Y)) :- I \== X, J \== Y,
    U1 is I - J, V1 is X - Y, U1 \== V1,
    U2 is I + J, V2 is X + Y, U2 \== V2.

% safe(+Square,+Soln) succeeds if Square does not attack
% any queens in the partial solution Soln.
safe(_, []).
safe(Square, [QueenSquare | L]) :-
    safe_square(QueenSquare, Square), safe(Square, L).
```

N-Queens

?- solve(10,[],Soln).

Q: Is our countdown mod iterative deepening?

```
% solve(+N, +SolnAcc, -Soln) succeeds if Soln is a solution
% to the NxN queens problem and is an extension of
% the accumulated solution in SolnAcc.
% e.g. :- solve(10, [], Soln), draw(Soln).
solve(N, SolnAcc, SolnAcc) :- length(SolnAcc,N).
solve(N, SolnAcc, Soln) :-
    move(N, SolnAcc, Square),
    solve(N, [Square | SolnAcc], Soln).

% move(+N, +Soln, -Square) acts as a generator for
% 'safe' squares in the next row to those already
% allocated in the partial solution in Soln.
move(N, [], sq(1, Col)) :- drange(N, Col).
move(N, [sq(I,J) | Rest], sq(Row, Col)) :-
    I < N, Row is I + 1, drange(N, Col), safe(sq(Row, Col), [sq(I,J)|Rest]).

% drange(+N, -X) acts as generator for X = N down to 1.
drange(N, N).
drange(N, X) :- M is N - 1, M > 0, drange(M, X).

% safe_square(+QueenSquare,+Square) succeeds if QueenSquare
% does not attack Square (or vice-versa).
safe_square(sq(I, J), sq(X, Y)) :- I \== X, J \== Y,
    U1 is I - J, V1 is X - Y, U1 \== V1,
    U2 is I + J, V2 is X + Y, U2 \== V2.

% safe(+Square,+Soln) succeeds if Square does not attack
% any queens in the partial solution Soln.
safe(_, []).
safe(Square, [QueenSquare | L]) :-
    safe_square(QueenSquare, Square), safe(Square, L).
```

N-Queens

?- solve(10,[],Soln).

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N-Queens with path accumulation

```

solve(N, SolnAcc, SolnAcc, PathIn, [1|PathIn]) :- length(SolnAcc,N).
solve(N, SolnAcc, Soln, PathIn,PathOut) :-
    move(N, SolnAcc, Square, [2|PathIn],PathOut1),
    solve(N, [Square | SolnAcc], Soln, PathOut1, PathOut).

move(N, [], sq(1, Col), PathIn, PathOut) :- drange(N, Col, [1|PathIn], PathOut).
move(N, [sq(I,J) | Rest], sq(Row, Col), PathIn, PathOut) :-
    I < N, Row is I + 1,
    drange(N, Col, [2|PathIn], PathOut), safe(sq(Row, Col), [sq(I,J)|Rest]).

% drange(N,X) acts as generator for X = N down to 1.
drange(N, N, PathIn, [1|PathIn]).
drange(N, X, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    M is N - 1, M > 0,
    drange(M, X, [2|PathIn], PathOut).
    
```

N-Queens

?- solve(10,[],Soln,[],Path).

ANOTHER DEMO...

Hanoi with path accumulation

```

% Hanoi puzzle
% Towers A, B, C. Each a list of rings 1,2,3 (Head = top).
ok_move([A1|A],[],A,[A1]).
ok_move([A1|A],[B1|B],A,[A1,B1|B]) :- A1 < B1.

% move A -> B
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,BN,C), PathIn, [1|PathIn]) :- ok_move(A,B,AN,BN).
% move A -> C
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,B,CN), PathIn, [2|PathIn]) :- ok_move(A,C,AN,CN).
% move B -> A
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,BN,C), PathIn, [3|PathIn]) :- ok_move(B,A,BN,AN).
% move B -> C
move(state(A,B,C), state(A,BN,CN), PathIn, [4|PathIn]) :- ok_move(B,C,BN,CN).
% move C -> A
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,B,CN), PathIn, [5|PathIn]) :- ok_move(C,A,CN,AN).

hanoi(States, State_from, State_to, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    move(State_from,State_to, [1|PathIn], PathOut),
    nl,print(States).

hanoi(States, State_from, State_to, PathIn, PathOut) :-
    move(State_from, Next_state, [2|PathIn], PathOut1),
    \+ member(Next_state, States),
    hanoi([Next_state|States],Next_state,State_to, PathOut1, PathOut).

solve(Path) :- hanoi([],state([1,2,3],[],[]),state([],[],[1,2,3]), [], Path).
    
```

YET ANOTHER DEMO...

Hanoi with depth limit

```

% Hanoi puzzle
% Towers A, B, C. Each a list of rings 1,2,3 (Head = top).
ok_move([A1|A],[],A,[A1]).
ok_move([A1|A],[B1|B],A,[A1,B1|B]) :- A1 < B1.

% move A -> B
move(state(A,B,C), state(AN,BN,C), PathIn, [1|PathIn]) :- length(PathIn,N), N < Limit, ok_move(A,B,AN,BN).

.
.
.

solve(Path, Limit) :- hanoi([],state([1,2,3],[],[]),state([],[],[1,2,3]), [], Path, Limit).
    
```

YET ANOTHER DEMO...

End... of... the... course...

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