COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part IB – 2024 – Paper 4

4 Prolog (ijl20)

In your answers ensure each relation which you define has a comment giving a declarative reading of its behaviour. Avoid unnecessary use of *cut* or other extra-logical relations. The library relations $\=$, is, and atomic(X) may be used, the last succeeding if X is a number or atom e.g. 42 or abc. Other relations should not be assumed.

- (a) Define a relation eval/2 to reduce arithmetic terms, so that e.g. eval(1+2*3,N) succeeds with N=7. Atoms should reduce to themselves, so e.g. eval(a,Ans) succeeds with Ans=a.
- (b) Extend eval to allow function calls within arithmetic terms, such that 2 * apply(inc, [2+3]) reduces to 12. We will declare functions as Prolog facts in a fun/2 relation, e.g. inc above will be specified by the fact fun(apply(inc,[N]), N+1). Note the function arguments are held in a list, [N] in this example, to support multi-argument functions. [6 marks]
- (c) Extend relation eval to support a ==/2 operator, which reduces term A==B to true if A and B reduce to the same number or atom and false otherwise. For example eval(1+3==2+2,Ans) succeeds with Ans=true. [3 marks]
- (d) Extend relation eval to support terms of the form if (Condition, Then, Else). These if/3 terms should reduce to the reduction of either the Then term or the Else term determined by Condition reducing to true or false. For example eval(if(1+2==4+5,a,b), Ans) succeeds with Ans=b. Add a fact to the fun relation specifying the *factorial* function such that eval(apply(fact, [5]), N) succeeds with N=120. [7 marks]