

PROLOG

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Prolog is a **logic** programming language.

- Is intended primarily as a **declarative** programming language.
- Is a **collection** of **facts and rules** that can be **queried**, focused on describing facts and relationships about problems.

Facts are what is known.

Rules are used when you want to say that a **fact depends on a group of facts**

- **Facts** needs to be **defined** first, before being used in a **rule**.
- If, in one fact, we say **one thing is true** (for example what is behind the if), **the rest is also true** (what is after the if) and the other way around.

AND	,
IF	:-
OR	;
NOT	not

The facts and rules are **clauses** and are stored in a file called a **Database** or **Knowledge Base**.

Commands inside Prolog are called **predicates**.

We should keep **predicates** of the same type **organized** (grouped) in our Database.

A **Variable** is an object we can't name at the time of execution

- They written in are uppercase, and begin either with an **uppercase** letter or `_`, it can contain letters, numbers, `+`, `-`, `_`, `*`, `/`, `<`, `>`, `:`, `.`, `~`,
- An **instantiated** variable is one that stands for an object.
- If the **same variable** name is used in **2** different **questions**, it represents 2 different variables.
- An **uninstantiated** variable can be used to search for any match.
- We can also use variables in the **database**
 - The **singleton warning** means you defined a variable that you didn't do anything with.
- We can use sometimes an **anonymous variable**, if we don't intend to use the variable more than once. Example : `(male(_).)`
 - We can also use it when we don't want a value returned.

An **atom** is a constant, the argument(s) to the predicate-

- They are written in lowercase and it can contain letters, numbers, `+`, `-`, `_`, `*`, `/`, `<`, `>`, `:`, `.`, `~`, & but it cannot start by `_`

Complex terms and Structures -> A **Structure** is an object made up from many other objects (**components**)

- Structures allow us to add **context** about what an **object** is.
- They have a **functor** followed by a list of arguments.
- The number of arguments of a structure it's called an **arity**.

How to load a Knowledge Base:

- `[knowledge].`
- `consult('knowledge.pl').`

halt. -> exits the Prolog system.

listing. -> Disnlavs the contents of the database

Resources: Cátia Santos @2020

- Prolog Official:
 - <http://www.learnprolognow.org/>
- Learn Prolog in One Video:
 - <http://www.learnprolognow.org/> ❤
- Prolog Tutorial:
 - [Prolog - Introduction](#)

SWI Prolog (Windows):

<https://www.swi-prolog.org/>

gprolog(Windows):

<http://www.gprolog.org/#download>

Homebrew (Linux):

<https://brew.sh/>



The Art of
Prolog,...

Example of how to **output information:**

- `write('Hello World'),nl,write('Let\'s Program').`

write -> Prints text between quotes to the screen

nl -> stands for new line and

**** -> allows you to use quotes

Example of how to **create a Fact:**

`<relationship>(<object>,<object>).`

- `loves(romeo, juliet).`

loves -> **predicate**

romeo,juliet -> **atoms**(constants) and the **predicate arguments**

Example of how to **create a Rule:**

`<relationship>(object) :- <relationship>(object).`

- `loves(juliet, romeo) :- loves(romeo, juliet).`

:- -> **if**

If the item on the right is true, then so is the item on the left

To check the evaluation above:

`| ?- loves(romeo,X).`

`X = juliet`

`yes`

Example of how to **define a new**

predicate:

`does_alice_dance :- dances(alice),`

`write('When Alice is happy and with`

halt. -> exits the Prolog system.

listing. -> Displays the contents of the database

change_directory('pathname'). -> Changes directory.

Learn by examples

Example:

```
male(albert).
male(bob).
male(bill).
male(carl).
male(charlie).
male(dan).
male(edward).
female(alice).
female(betsy).
female(diana).
```

female(alice). = yes -> to find out if Alice is a woman.

listing(male). -> list all clauses defining the predicate male

male(X), female(Y). -> shows all combinations of male and female
use ; to cycle through the options.

When you are cycling through the results the **no** at the end **signals**
that there are **no more results**

X -> stands for a **variable**

female(X). -> returns all females

Example:

```
happy(albert).
happy(alice).
happy(bob).
happy(bill).
with_albert(alice).
parent(albert, bob).
parent(albert, betsy).
parent(albert, bill).
parent(alice, bob).
parent(alice, betsy).
parent(alice, bill).
parent(bob, carl).
parent(bob, charlie).
```

We can for example, define a new **fact**, saying that if Albert is happy, he runs.

```
runs(albert) :-
    happy(albert).
```

We can **input more than one condition** on a **rule**, using the comma(,).

Comma stands for **and**

```
dances(alice) :-
    happy(alice),
    with_albert(alice).
```

Is also possible to define the 2 rules separately for the same fact.

```
dances(alice) :-
    happy(alice).
```

```
dances(alice) :-
    with_albert(alice)
```

predicate:

```
does_alice_dance :- dances(alice),
    write('When Alice is happy and with
    Albert she dances').
```

In the terminal we can use the
command:

```
| ?- does_alice_dance.
```

Result:

```
When Alice is happy and with Albert she
dances
yes
```

Format

Use format to get the results

- ~w represents where to put each value in the list at the end
- ~n is a newline
- ~s is used to input strings
- ~2f is used to show floats with two decimal digits.

Example custom predicate:

```
get_grandparent :-
    parent(X,carl),
    parent(X,charlie),
    format('~w ~s grandparent ~n',
    [X, "is the"]).
```

Result:

```
bob is the grandparent
```

We can also give **arguments** to a custom predicate:

```
grand_parent(X, Y) :-
    parent(Z, X),
    parent(Y, Z).
```

We can then call the predicate like:

```
grand_parent(carl, A).
```

How to create a **structure**:

has(albert,olive). -> without structure

owns(albert,pet(cat,olive)). -> with structure

We can also, for example define the meaning of being **vertical** and being **horizontal**:

```
vertical(line(point(X, Y), point(X, Y2))).
horizontal(line(point(X, Y), point(X2, Y))).
```

Arithmetic operations are allowed, and equal is represented by **is**.

Prolog provides 'is' to evaluate mathematical expressions

How to perform **comparisons**:

```
happy(alice).
```

```
dances(alice) :-  
    with_albert(alice).
```

We can perform a question with **more** than one **predicate**:

```
parent(X, bob), -> is bob's parent  
    dances(X). -> also dances  
parent of bob that dances  
X = alice ? ;  
no
```

And also with **more** than one **variable**:

```
parent(albert, X), -> is albert a parent  
    parent(X, Y). -> does his children have any children  
X = bob  
Y = carl ?  
X = bob  
Y = charlie ? ;  
no
```

We can then create a **custom predicate** on this situation, to be easier:

```
get_grandchild :-  
    parent(albert, X), -> is albert a parent  
    parent(X, Y), -> does his children have any children  
    write('Alberts grandchild is '),  
    write(Y), nl.
```

We can now check in the terminal:

```
| ?- get_grandchild.  
grandchildren of albert  
Alberts grandchild is carl  
true ? ;  
Alberts grandchild is charlie  
true ? ;  
no
```

if is not used in Prolog, we use different predicates for different situations, similar to a **case** operation.

Example:

```
what_grade(5) :-  
    write('Go to kindergarten').  
what_grade(6) :-  
    write('Go to 1stGrade').  
what_grade(Other) :- -> any other value  
    Grade is Other -5, -> argument -5  
    format('Go to grade ~w', [Grade]).
```

Use:

```
what_grade(5).  
Result:  
Go to kindergarten
```

Example:

```
warm_blooded(penguin).  
warm_blooded(human).  
produce_milk(penguin).  
produce_milk(human).  
have_feathers(penguin).  
have_hair(human).  
mammal(X) :-
```

Prolog provides 'is' to evaluate mathematical expressions

How to perform **comparisons**:

- =

Example:

```
alice = alice.  
yes  
'alice' = alice.  
yes
```

- \+ Not equal

Example:

```
\+ (alice = albert).  
yes
```

- >, >=, <=, <

Example:

```
5 > 2  
yes
```

- == Equality between expressions
- <= Inequality between expressions

Example:

```
5+4 == 4+5.  
yes
```

- ; Or is true if one or the other is true

Example:

```
5 > 10 ; 10 < 100.  
yes
```

- Also we can for example check if we can assign a value to a variable

Example:

```
W = alice.  
yes
```

Mathematical Operations:

- +, -, *, /
- You can also use **parenthesis** ().
- **mod** -> Modulus
- **random(X,Y,V)** -> Generate random values between X and Y
- **between(X,Y,V)** -> Get all values between X and Y
- **succ(X,V)** -> Increments a value to X and assigns it to V
- **abs** -> Get na absolute value
- **max** -> Gets the largest of the values
- **min** -> Gets the smallest of the values.
- **//** -> Divides while disregarding decimals
- round, truncate, floor, ceiling
- sqrt, sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan, atan2, sinh, cosh, tanh,
- asinh, acosh, atanh, log, log10, exp, pi, e, etc...

```

have_feathers(penguin).
have_hair(human).
mammal(X) :-
    warm_blooded(X),
    produce_milk(X),
    have_hair(X).

```

We can use **trace** to see how Prolog evaluates queries one at a time, since it activates the debugger mode.

trace. -> Turns on trace

notrace. -> Turns off trace

After being activated we can then for example query for mammals and see how everything is processed:

```

{trace}
mammal(human).
1 1 Call: mammal(human) ?
2 2 Call: warm_blooded(human) ?
2 2 Exit: warm_blooded(human) ?
3 2 Call: produce_milk(human) ?
3 2 Exit: produce_milk(human) ?
4 2 Call: have_hair(human) ?
4 2 Exit: have_hair(human) ?
1 1 Exit: mammal(human) ?

```

(1ms) yes

{trace}

Example:

```

parent(albert, bob).
parent(albert, betsy).
parent(albert, bill).
parent(alice, bob).
parent(alice, betsy).
parent(alice, bill).
parent(bob, carl).
parent(bob, charlie).

```

Recursion cycles through possible results until related returns a true

```

related(X, Y) :-
    parent(X, Z),
    related(Z, Y).

```

How to **write to a file**:

In order to write to a file, you need to start by defining the file, then the text to write, and open a connection to the file, which is called a **stream**.

Example:

```

write_to_file(File, Text) :-
    open(File, write, Stream),
    write(Stream, Text), nl,
    close(Stream).

```

How to **read from a file**:

Example:

```

read_file(File) :-
    open(File, read, Stream)
    get_char(Stream, Char1), -> outputs the characters
    process_stream(Char1, Stream), -> continues getting the characters until
the end of the file.
    close(Stream).

```

- atan, atan2, sinh, cosh, tanh,
- asinh, acosh, atanh, log, log10, exp, pi, e, etc...
- % -> percentage

How to **output** a message:

- **write** -> outputs whatever message is inside quotes

Example:

```

write('Test123'),nl.
Test123

```

- **writeln** -> outputs whatever message is inside the parenthesis(quotes included)

Example:

```

write('Hello'),nl.
'Hello'

```

- **writeln** -> outputs the message + a new line

Example:

```

writeln('Test values').

```

- **writef** -> outputs the message allowing formatted content.

Example:

```

writef('Test values %w.\r\n', [List]).

```

How to get **input** from:

- **read** -> read input from the user

Example:

```

say_hi :-
    write('What is your name? '),
    read(X),
    write('Your name is').
    write(X).

```

Result:

```
say_hi.
```

```
What is your name? 'Cat'.
```

```
Your name is Cat
```

- **get/put** -> receives one character(ASCII value)

Example:

```

fav_char :-
    write('What is your fav character? '),
    get(X),
    format('The ASCII value ~w is ', [X]),
    put(X), nl.

```

Result:

```
fav_char.
```

```
What is your fav character? t
```

```
The ASCII value 116 is t
```

How to create a **loop**:

The technique previous seen of **recursion** is what we use to create a .

```
process_stream(Char1, Stream), -> continues getting the characters until
the end of the file.
close(Stream).
```

process_stream(end_of_file, _) :- !. -> ! or cut is used to end backtracking or this execution

```
process_stream(Char, Stream) :-
    write(Char),
    get_char(Stream, Char2),
    process_stream(Char2, Stream).
```

Result:

```
write_to_file('test1.txt', 'Random String').c
```

```
read_file('test1.txt').
Random String
```

Any predicate can be changed during the execution of the program, but in order to do so, they need to be marked as **dynamic** beforehand.

`:- dynamic(predicate/attribute number).`

Example:

```
:- dynamic(father/2).
:- dynamic(likes/2).
:- dynamic(friend/2).
:- dynamic(stabs/3).
father(lord_montague,romeo).
father(lord_capulet,juliet).
likes(mercutio,dancing).
likes(benvolio,dancing).
likes(romeo,dancing).
likes(romeo,juliet).
likes(juliet,romeo).
likes(juliet,dancing).
friend(romeo,mercutio).
friend(romeo,benvolio).
stabs(tybalt,mercutio,sword).
stabs(romeo,tybalt,sword).
```

- **assertz** -> adds a new clause at the end of the list(database)

Example:

```
assertz(friend(benvolio, mercutio)).
```

- **asserta** -> adds a new clause at the beginning of the list(database)

Example:

```
asserta(friend(benvolio, mercutio)).
```

- **retract** -> deletes a cause from the list

Example:

```
retract(likes(mercutio,dancing)).
```

- **retractall** -> deletes all causes that match a criteria

Example:

```
retractall(father(_,_)).
```

Example 2:

```
retractall(likes(_,dancing)).
```

How to create a **loop**:

The technique previous seen of **recursion** is what we use to create a loop.

Example:

```
count_to_10(10) :- write(10), nl.
count_to_10(X) :-
    write(X),nl,
    Y is X + 1, -> increments one to the X
value
    count_to_10(Y). -> calls the same
predicate for a new argument
```

Example 2:

```
count_down(Low, High) :- -> Assigns
values between Low and High to Y
    between(Low, High, Y), -> Assigns the
difference to Z
    Z is High - Y,
    write(Z),nl,
```

Strings can be manipulated according with our needs

- **name** -> converts a string into a series of Ascii characters

Example:

```
name('A random string', X).
```

Result:

```
X =
[65,32,114,97,110,100,111,109,32,115,
116,114,105,110,103]
```

We can also use it the other way around:

Example 2:

```
name(X,
[65,32,114,97,110,100,111,109,32,115,
116,114,105,110,103]).
```

Result:

```
X = A random string
```

Relating two lists:

You can use **maplist** to relate two lists together.

Example:

```
maplist(Result, List1, List2).
```

Search a variable for it's elements:

In order to find a certain term within a variable, we can use the **findall** function.

Example:

```
findall(Variable, Term, Result).
```

Get **totals** from lists

There are several ways we can get a total from a list, one of them is using

Is possible to store atoms, complex terms, variables, numbers and others lists in a **list**.

In Prolog we use lists to store data that has **an unknown number of elements**.

Use a **list constructor** to add values to a list:

Example:

`write([albert|[alice, bob]]), nl.` -> adds albert to the list

- **length** -> gets the length of a list

Example:

`length([1,2,3], X).`

- We can **divide** a list into its **head** and **tail** with |

Example:

`[H|T] = [a,b,c].`

- We can use | to access values of lists in lists

Example:

`[_, _|[X|Y], _|[Z|T]] = [a, b, [c, d, e], f, g, h].`

- **member** -> finds out if a value is in a list with member

Example:

`member(a, List1).`

Example 2:

`member(X, [a, b, c, d]).`

- **reverse** -> reverses a list

Example:

`reverse([1,2,3,4,5], X).`

- **append** -> concatenate 2 lists together

Example:

`append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], X).`

Example on how to output the items in a list on separate lines:

```
write_list([Head|Tail]) :-  
  write(Head), nl,  
  write_list(Tail).
```

Result:

```
write_list([1,2,3,4,5]).
```

1
2
3
4
5

Usefull operations with Lists:

```
count(0, []).  
count(Count, [Head|Tail]) :-  
  count(TailCount, Tail), Count is TailCount + 1.
```

```
sum(0, []).  
sum(Total, [Head|Tail]) :-  
  sum(Sum, Tail), Total is Head + Sum.
```

Get **totals** from lists

There are several ways we can get a total from a list, one of them is using the **sum_list** function:

Example:

`sum_list(List, Result).`

You can also do a **sum** like:

Example:

`sum(List, Result).`

Or to sum a value from inside a list

`sum([], 0).`

`sum([mensal(_D)|T], Sum) :-`

`sum(T, DT),`

`Sum is DT + D.`

How to **count** the number of times a predicate is true:

Example:

`count(P, Count) :-`

`findall(1, P, L),`

`length(L, Count).`

If you want the value aggregated is better to use **aggregate_all**:

Example:

```
aggregate_all(count,  
whatwewanttofind, Variable),
```

How to **sort** your lists:

Example:

`keysort(List, ResultList).`

And in order to **reverse** the list

Example:

`reverse(List, ResultList).`

Other functions:

bagof

```
append(List1, List2, List3)  
member(Element, List)  
reverse(List1, List2)  
delete(List1, Element, List2)  
select(Element, List1, List2)  
permutation(List1, List2)  
prefix(Prefix, List)  
suffix(Suffix, List)  
sublist(List1, List2)  
last(List, Element)  
length(List, Length)  
nth(N, List, Element)  
min_list(List, Min)  
max_list(List, Max)  
sum_list(List, Sum)  
sort(List1, List2)
```

sum(0, []).

sum(Total, [Head|Tail]) :-

sum(Sum, Tail), Total is Head + Sum.

average(Average, List) :-

sum(Sum, List),

count(Count, List),

Average is Sum/Count.

sum_list(List, Sum)

sort(List1, List2)