

Programming Paradigms

Third session about logic programming

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Problem 1

The natural numbers were defined in the podcast as

```
nat(zero).  
nat(succ(X)) :- nat(X).
```

- Implement the following relations on natural numbers: $-$, \cdot and **minimum**. Use the definitions of addition and \leq from the podcast for today.

```
nat(zero).  
nat(succ(X)) :- nat(X).  
  
leq(zero, Y) :- nat(Y).  
leq(succ(X), succ(Y)) :- leq(X, Y), nat(X), nat(Y).  
  
add(X, zero, X) :- nat(X).  
add(zero, Y, Y) :- nat(Y).  
add(succ(X), Y, succ(R)) :- add(X, Y, R), nat(X), nat(Y), nat(R).  
  
sub(X, zero, X) :- nat(X).  
sub(succ(X), succ(Y), zero) :- Y = X, nat(X).  
sub(succ(X), Y, W) :- W = succ(Z), sub(X, Y, Z), nat(Z).  
  
mult(X, zero, zero) :- nat(X).  
mult(X, succ(Y), Z) :- mult(X, Y, V), nat(V), add(V, X, Z), nat(Z).  
  
min(X, Y, X) :- nat(X), nat(Y), leq(X, Y).  
min(X, Y, Y) :- nat(X), nat(Y), leq(Y, X).
```

- Describe how Prolog enables computation of subtraction from addition.

An alternative solution is

```
sub1(X, Y, Z) :- add(Y, Z, X).
```

This says that $X - Y = Z$ if $Y + Z = X$. To find $N1 - N2$, simply make the query

```
sub1(N1-N2, R)
```

The R returned is the value of $N1 - N2$.

Problem 2

Use the representations from the solution to the previous problem to formulate and test Prolog queries that determine if the following equations have a solution:

- $x = 1 + 2$
- $x + 2 = 3$
- $x \cdot x + 1 = 5$
- $x \leq \text{minimum}(x, y)$

where x and y are natural numbers.

```
solve1(X) :- nat(X), mult(X,succ(X),succ(succ(succ(succ(succ(zero)))))).
```

```
solve2(X) :- nat(X), add(X,succ(succ(zero)),succ(succ(succ(zero)))).
```

```
solve3(X) :- nat(X), mult(X,X,V), succ(V) = succ(succ(succ(succ(succ(zero)))).
```

```
solve4(X,Y) :- nat(X), nat(Y), nat(Z), min(X,Y,Z), leq(X,Z).
```

Problem 3

Implement the Fibonacci function as a Prolog predicate `fib`.

```
fib(0,1).  
fib(1,1).  
fib(X,Z) :- N1 is X-1, N2 is X-2, fib(N1,Z1), fib(N2,Z2), Z is Z1+Z2.
```

Problem 4

Implement Prolog predicates `prefix(xs,ys)` and `suffix(xs,ys)` that tell us if the list `xs` is a prefix or suffix of `ys`.

```
prefix([],_).  
prefix([X|XS],[X|YS]) :- prefix(XS,YS).  
  
suffix([],_).  
suffix([X|XS],[X|XS]).  
suffix(XS,[_|YS]) :- suffix(XS,YS).
```

Problem 5

Implement the Prolog predicate `double(xs,ys)` that tells us that the list `ys` duplicates every element in the list `xs`. As an example, we should have that `double([1,2,3],[1,1,2,2,3,3])`.

```
double([],[]).  
double([X|XS],[X|X|XXS]) :- double(XS,XXS).
```

Problem 6

Implement `zip(xs,ys,zs)` to compute the pairing of the elements of the lists `xs` and `ys`. Then, implement `unzip(xs,rs,ss)` for the reverse.

As an example, we should have that

```
zip([1,2,3],[3,4,5],[(1,3),(2,4),(3,5)])
```

and that

```
unzip([(1,3),(2,4),(3,5)],[1,2,3],[3,4,5])
```

```
zip([],[],[]).  
zip([X|XS],[Y|YS],[(X,Y)|XSYS]) :- zip(XS,YS,XSYS).  
  
unzip([],[],[]).  
unzip([(X,Y)|XSYS],[X|XS],[Y|YS]) :- unzip(XSYS,XS,YS).
```

Problem 7

Implement `prefix` and `suffix` in terms of `append`.

```
append([],YS,YS).
append([X|XS],YS,[X|XSYS]) :- append(XS,YS,XSYS).
```

```
prefix1(X,Y) :- append(X,_,Y).
suffix1(X,Y) :- append(_,X,Y).
```

The last two definitions should remind us that existential quantification is our friend in Prolog.

`X` is a prefix of `Y` if there exists some list that, when appended to `X`, gives us `Y`.
`X` is a suffix of `Y` if there exists some list that, when `X` is appended to it, gives us `Y`.

For the miniproject

We can describe a directed graph with weighted edges by 3-place predicate `edge`.

Below is an example of this can be done. `edge(a,b,3)` tells us that there is an edge from vertex *a* to vertex *b* with weight 3.

```
edge(a,b,3).
edge(a,c,5).
edge(b,d,4).
edge(b,a,2).
edge(c,d,4).
```

Write a predicate `leastinpath(X,Y,V)` that holds if `V` is the least weight found in any path from `X` to `Y`. One way of approaching this is to find the list of weights that appears in any path from `X` to `Y`, but do we really need that?