

# Logic, Knowledge Representation and Probabilities

## Problem solving and Knowledge representation

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- Logic, ← *March 11 and 18*
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## list\_length

`list_length(L,N)` is true when the list `L` contains `N` elements

```
list_length([],0).
list_length([_|T],N) :-
    list_length(T, N1),
    N is N1+1.
```

The following version failed:

```
list_length([],0).
list_length([_|T],N) :-
    N1 is N-1,
    list_length(T, N1).
```

## extract

`extract(X, List, Remainder)`  
 takes an element from a list: it  
 succeeds if `Remainder` is obtained  
 by removing `X` from `List`

`extract(a, [a, b, c], [b, c])`

succeeds

`extract(b, [a, b, c], [b, c])`

fails

Solution:

`extract(X, [X|T], T).`

`extract(X, [H|T], [H|Remainder]) :-`

`extract(X, T, Remainder).`

This can be called in different  
 ways:

`extract(b, [a, b, c], L).`

`extract(b, L, [b, c]).`

`extract` can both insert and  
 extract elements from a list. This  
 property is known as *reversibility*.

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# The task

- Description: see lab session and `monkey.pl`
- The world can be fully described by its *state*
- It is possible to go from one state to another using *actions*
- This vocabulary comes from *reinforcement learning*
- `state`(MonkeyXPos, MonkeyYPos, BoxPos, BananaHolding)
- `action`(StartingState, ActionID, EndState)

# The solving

- Run the monkey program with `trace`
- Individual actions may be taken before they are known
- They remain as variables until unified at the end
- How does Prolog choose the next action to take?
- Prolog uses backtracking: the Prolog solver tries all possibilities in the order they appear in
- Exercise: tower of Hanoi  
<https://ailab.r2.enst.fr/LKR/Hanoi.html>

## Inverting a list

Write the predicate `invert(List, Reverse)` where `Reverse` contains the same elements as `List` in the reverse order.

See `invert.pl`

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## findall and setof

- Very useful predicates
- `findall` and `setof` run an exhaustive query and return the results
- Some results may appear multiple times – see `sister` example

See `simpsons.pl`



- Write the predicate `purge(List, ListNoDuplicates)` where `ListNoDuplicates` contains exactly one copy of the elements of `List`
- Try to use it in reverse
- *Green cut vs red cut*

See `purge.pl`

## assert and retract

- The use of `assert` and `retract` should generally be avoided
- `assert` adds a clause to Prolog's memory
- `retract` removes a clause from Prolog's memory
- Both work like Prolog predicates: they succeed or fail
- `assert` succeeds if the predicate already exists
- `retract` succeeds if it unifies with something in the memory

See `weather.pl`

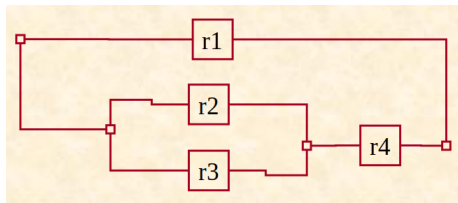
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# Data structures

Some simple examples:

- Dates `date(day(15), month(1), year(2024))`
- Electric circuit `par(r1, seq(par(r2, r3), r4))`



- We will see object-oriented programming in a minute

## Automatons

```

final(s3).                                % accept(StartingState, InputCharacters)
accept(State, []) :-
    final(State).

trans(s1,a,s1).
trans(s1,a,s2).
trans(s1,b,s1).
trans(s2,b,s3).
trans(s3,b,s4).

silent(s2,s4).
silent(s3,s1).

?- L=[_,_,_], accept(s1, L).
L=[a,a,b]; L=[b,a,b]

```

# Bird ontology

- Hierarchy of concepts
- Inheritance

See `birds.pl`

# Object-oriented programming

Python: `object.attribute = value`

Prolog: `Object(Attribute, Value).`

`bird(kind_of, animal).`

`bird(locomotion, flight).`

`bird(active_period, day).`

`bird(food, grain).`

`albatross(kind_of, bird).`

`albatross(colour,  
          black_and_white).`

`albatross(size, 115).`

`albatross(food, fish).`

`kiwi(kind_of, bird).`

`kiwi(colour, marron).`

`kiwi(active_period, night).`

`kiwi(locomotion, walk).`

`kiwi(size, 40).`

`albert(instance_of,  
          albatross).`

`albert(size, 120).`

`willy(instance_of, kiwi).`

# Object-oriented programming

*% try to find the attribute within the existing object*

```
value(Object, Attribute, Value) :-
    Request =.. [Object, Attribute, Value],
    Request,
    !.
```

*% otherwise look for its parent ("super" in Python)*

```
value(Object, Attribute, Value) :-
    parent(Object, Parent),
    value(Parent, Attribute, Value).
```

```
parent(Object, Parent) :-
    Request =.. [Object, kind_of, Parent],
    Request.
```

# Boeing

(1.1) "An object is thrown with a horizontal speed of 20 m/s from a cliff that is 125 m high."

```
isa(object01,object_n1),
isa(speed01,velocity_n1),
isa(horizontal01,horizontal_a1),
isa(cliff01,cliff_n1),
isa(height01,height_n1),
isa(throw01,throw_v1),
height(cliff01,height01),
value(speed01,[20,m/s_n1]),
mod(speed01,horizontal01),
value(height01,[125,m_n1]),
object(throw01,object01),
"with"(throw01,speed01),
origin(throw01,cliff01).
```

# Boeing

```
(1.2) "The object falls for the height of the cliff."  
isa(fall01,fall_v1),  
height(cliff01,height01),  
agent(fall01,object01),  
distance(fall01,height01).
```

```
(1.4) "What is the duration of the fall?"  
isa(fall01,fall_v1),  
isa(duration01,duration_n1),  
duration(fall01,duration01),  
query-for(duration01).
```

# Expert systems

## Advantages

- Queries and dialogs
- Explicit knowledge: auditable and editable
- Explainability
- Interface with ontologies and external knowledge

## Drawbacks

- Eliciting knowledge from experts: the *knowledge bottleneck*
- No learning



## Some ontologies

- Ontologies and knowledge bases were created as building blocks for AI
- Some examples:
  - WordNet
  - FrameNet
  - BabelNet
  - Mikrokosmos
  - OWL
- Two industries with large ontologies and expert systems:  
pharmaceutical and food industry

# Mikrokosmos

