

"We just haven't been flapping them hard enough."

Introduction to
Artificial Intelligence: **Programming in Logic**

CS540

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- Do you recall this quote?

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Programming in logic blurs this distinction.

Programming Styles

- Imperative:
 - Procedural

Step -by-step instructions for doing something

C, C++, Java, Python, Fortran, etc.

- Functional

Solve problems by reducing them to simpler problems Recursion is a basic motif Scheme, Lisp, Algol, Haskel, etc.

• Declarative:

 \sqrt{x} is the y such that $y^2 = x$ and $y \ge 0$ Um, ok? But what's $\sqrt{7}$? Prolog, Aleph, Golem, etc.

Preliminary Prolog

- This will be a gentle introduction to Prolog
 - The ideas are important
 - You should know this stuff is possible
- Prolog = "Programming in Logic"
 - Developed by Colmerauer, Roussel, Kowalski, and others around 1972
 "Programmation en Logique"
- Stems from two intellectual threads:
 - Logic as the theoretical foundation for Computer Science
 - Strong focus in AI to use logic to represent and reason about problems.

Early AI focused almost exclusively on symbolic logic. Probabilistic logics have made a strong resurgence in recent years, particularly with the popularity of *Bayesian* methods.

Some Comments about Logic Programming

- Prolog is the most popular logic programming language
 - Many versions of Prolog
 - SWI-Prolog is free, runs on all platforms, and very popular: <u>http://www.swi-prolog.org</u>
 - We'll be using SWI-Prolog for demos and the little bit of Prolog you may be playing with.
- Other popular implementations:
 - BProlog: Provides memoization and all the mathematical functions missing in ISO Prolog
 - Datalog: Russell and Norvig seem to like this. (Should have replaced SQL years ago...)
 - Not Turing-complete! (This is not a "real" programming language)
 - Many, many others... (Yap = "Yet Another Prolog" is popular here)
- Major programming languages have Prolog extensions, libraries...
 - Java, C, C++, Matlab, Scheme, Python, Haskell, SQL, Perl, Fortran, etc...
- Side note:
 - I program a lot in a language called Prism, a probabilistic version of Prolog.
 - Derives the *most likely* inference.
 - Wonderful tool for modeling human reasoning, especially "weird" human reasoning

Knowledge Representation

Towards a definition of "family!"

Motherhood: $\forall m, c \ Mother(c) = m \Leftrightarrow Female(m) \land Parent(m, c)$. Husband: $\forall w, h \ Husband(h, w) \Leftrightarrow Male(h) \land Spouse(h, w)$. Disjoint: $\forall x \ Male(x) \Leftrightarrow \neg Female(x)$. Inverse: $\forall p, c \ Parent(p, c) \Leftrightarrow Child(c, p)$. Sibling: $\forall x, y \ Sibling(x, y) \Leftrightarrow x \neq y \land \exists p \ Parent(p, x) \land Parent(p, y)$ Transitivity: $\forall g, c \ Grandparent(g, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \ Parent(g, p) \land Parent(p, c)$.

Recursion: $\forall a, c \ Ancestor(a, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists p \ Parent(p, c) \land Ancestor(a, p).$ Recursion: $\forall a, c \ Ancestor(a, c) \Leftrightarrow \exists r \ Ancestor(r, c) \land Parent(a, r).$

> Can we prove things in this system? $\therefore \forall x, y \ Sibling(x, y) \Leftrightarrow Sibling(y, x)$

Knowledge Representation in Prolog

Fatherhood: $\forall d, c \; Father(c) = d \Leftrightarrow Male(d) \land Parent(d, c)$. father (Dad, Child) (:) male (Dad), parent (Dad, Child).

So, what this rule really says is:

Fatherhood: $\forall d, c \; Male(d) \land Parent(d, c) \Rightarrow Father(c) = d$

How would I say "Mike is male"? male mike).

Things to remember:

- Variables are always **upper-cased**.
- Constants are lower-cased.
- Commas mean "and."
- Everything ends in a **period**.

mother(P,C) :- female(P), parent(P,C).
father(P,C) :- male(P), parent(P,C).

wife(W,H) :- female(W), spouse(W,H). husband(H,W):- male(H), spouse(H,W).

mother(P,C) := female(P), parent(P,C).
father(P,C) := male(P), parent(P,C).
wife(W,H) := female(W), spouse(W,H).
husband(H,W):= male(H), spouse(H,W).



Facts

```
male(mike).
female(aimee).
female(lila).
spouse(mike, aimee).
spouse(aimee, mike).
parent(mike, lila).
parent(aimee, lila).
```

Prolog programs consist of rules, facts, and queries!

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For help, use ?- help(Topic). or ?- apropos(Word).
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% /Volumes/MacintoshHD2/Users/mhcoen/Dropbox/FileS/Teaching/CS540-15/Lectures/Week
10/family-examples.pl compiled 0.00 sec, 20 clauses
1 ?- father(mike, lila). % Is mike the father of lila?
true.
```

% Who is the mother of aimee?

% The system doesn't know!

% Who is the mother of lila?

% Who is the father of who?

% What's this??

```
2 ?- mother(aimee, lila). % Is aimee the mother of lila?
true.
3 ?- father(mike, X). % Who is mike the father of?
x = lila.
```

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4 ?- mother(X, aimee).
false.
```

```
5 ?- mother(X, lila).
X = aimee
false.
```

```
6 ?- father(X, Y).
X = mike,
Y = lila.
```

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7 ?- father(mike,X), mother(aimee,X). % Who are aimee and mike the mother and father of? x = lila.
```

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8 ?-
```

Programs are

written in an editor.

Oueries are inside

the program or

typed at the read-

eval-print loop.

mother(P,C) := female(P), parent(P,C).
father(P,C) := male(P), parent(P,C).
wife(W,H) := female(W), spouse(W,H).
husband(H,W):= male(H), spouse(H,W).

Rules



Facts

Quick check...

18 ?- father(X, lila).
X = mike.

Okay, that's fine...



But????

1 ?- father(mike,lila).

true.

```
2 ?- father(X,lila).
```

false.

What's going on here? Why can it prove I am Lila's father, but it can't derive who the father of Lila is anymore???

It's because this rule

```
father(P,C) :- male(P), parent(P,C).
```

never unifies in the second query!! What fact or goal would P unify with?

All we have is this:

```
male(X) :- not(female(X)).
```

We can't unify a variable through a "negative" goal. There is nothing left to do! Prolog proves through *negation*! We can't prove through a "negative negation!" (Oy! Does my head hurt!!)

But????

If this had worked, you could write an evil rule like:

```
true(X) :- not(untrue(X)).
```

This would enumerate through all true interpretations of X. Not is unsound in Prolog!

The ghosts of numerous mathematicians would come yell at you if it were.



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ferm.pl
checkFermat(A, B, C, N) :-
         AtoN is A^N.
         BtoN is B^N,
         CtoN is C^N.
         Sum is AtoN + BtoN.
         CtoN = Sum.
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 % /Volumes/MacintoshHD2/Users/mhcoen/Dropbox/FileS/Teaching/CS540-15/Lectures/Week
 10/ferm.pl compiled 0.00 sec, 8 clauses
1 ?- checkFermat(3,4,5,2).
 I found that 3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2
 true.
 2 ?- proveFermat(1,4,5,2).
 I found that 3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2
 true .
 3 ?- not(proveFermat).
```



mother(P,C) :- female(P), parent(P,C). father (P,C) :- parent (P,C), male (P). wife(W,H) :- female(W), spouse(W,H). husband(H,W):- male(H), spouse(H,W). male(X) :- not(female(X)). female(aimee). female(lila). spouse(mike, aimee). spouse(aimee, mike). parent(mike, lila). parent(aimee, lila).



Facts

Rules

Facts





```
mother(P,C) := female(P), parent(P,C).
father(P,C) := parent(P,C),male(P).
wife(W,H) := female(W), spouse(W,H).
husband(H,W):= male(H), spouse(W,H).
male(X) := not(female(X)).
spouse(X,Y) := married(Y,X). % Good!
spouse(X,Y) := married(X,Y). % Good!
```

```
female(aimee).
female(lila).
married(mike, aimee).
parent(mike, lila).
parent(aimee, lila).
```

1 ?- spouse(aimee,mike). true . Facts

Rules

Query

Towards a definition of a family...

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Can we prove things in this system?

 $\therefore \forall x, y \ Sibling(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \ Sibling(y, x)$

More definitions

```
sibling(X,Y) :- mother(M,X), mother(M,Y), father(F,X),
father(F,Y), different(X,Y).
different(X,Y) :- not(X = Y).
sisters(X,Y) :- sibling(X,Y), female(X), female(Y).
brothers(X,Y) :- sibling(X,Y), male(X), male(Y).
```

```
parent(roberta,jenny).
parent(stanley,jenny).
parent(roberta, mike).
parent(stanley, mike).
```

```
1 ?- sibling(X,Y).
X = jenny,
Y = mike .
```

Facts

Rules

Query

Spanning the generations...

```
grandparent(X,Z) :- parent(X,Y), parent(Y,Z).
ancestor(X,Z) :- parent(X,Z).
ancestor(X,Z) :- parent(X,Y), ancestor(Y,Z).
```

parent(stanley, mike).
parent(avraham, stanley).
parent(yitzhok, avraham).

Rules

Facts

Querying the Generations

1 ?- ancestor(yitzhok, mike). true .

2 ?- ancestor(yitzhok, lila). true .

3 ?- ancestor(lila, yitzhok).

false.

4 ?- ancestor(X,mike). X = roberta ; % A semicolon triggers a cut! X = stanley ; X = avraham ; X = chana ; X = yitzhok ; X = rivka ; false.

5 ?- ancestor(rivka, X). X = avraham ; X = stanley ; X = jenny ; X = mike ; X = lila ; false. 6 ?- ancestor(X, avraham). X = yitzhok ; X = rivka ; false.

7 ?- ancestor(aimee,X). X = lila .

8 ?- ancestor(X,lila), ancestor(Y,lila), spouse(X,Y).

X = aimee, Y = mike ; X = mike, Y = aimee ; false.



Important!

Variables are universally quantified

spouse(X,Y) :- married(Y,X). $\forall x, y \text{ married}(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{spouse}(x, y)$

Unless they only appear in the clause of the rule:
 ancestor(X,Z) :- parent(X,Y), ancestor(Y,Z).

 $\forall x, z (\exists y \text{ parent}(x, y) \land \text{ancestor}(y, z) \Rightarrow \text{ancestor}(x, z))$

Prolog will make up an internal variable to represent γ .

What expressive power is this exactly?!

Spanning the generations...



Which way is better?

Spanning the generations...

```
ancestor(X, Z) :- parent(X, Z).
```

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

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

```
ancestor(X, Z) :- parent(X, Z).
```

Rules

Rules_{Yuk}?

What's wrong with this?

Just replacing the operator names...

path(X,Z) \equiv ancestor(X,Z) ancestor(X,Z) :- parent(X,Z). link(X,Z) \equiv parent(X,Z) ancestor(X,Z) :- parent(X,Y), ancestor(Y,Z).

path(X,Z) :- link(X,Z). path(X,Z) :- link(X,Y), path(Y,Z).

Rules

```
path(X,Z) :- link(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
path(X,Z) :- link(X,Z).
```

Rules_{Yuk}?

What's wrong with this?

Suppose we have:

```
link(a,b), link(b,c)
```

NB: Russell & Norvig book gets this wrong!
path(X,Z) :- path(X,Y), link(Y).

Prolog Does Backward Chaining Depth First Search

path(X,Z) :- link(X,Z).
path(X,Z) :- link(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
link(a,b), link(b,c)
?- path(a,c).

path(X,Z) :- link(X,Y), path(Y,Z).
path(X,Z) :- link(X,Z).
link(a,b), link(b,c)
?- path(a,c).



Remember this?

```
VS.
```

```
(define (factorial x)
  (* x (factorial (- x 1)))
  (if (<= x 1)
        um, done???))</pre>
```

This is the same issue...

```
(define (ancestor X Z)
  (if (parent? X Z)
     true
     (and ∃Y (parent X Y) (ancestor Y Z))))
```

```
VS.
```

```
(define (ancestor X Z)
  (and ∃Y(parent X Y) (ancestor Y Z))
  (if (parent? X Z)
     true))
```

Caveats



Finding a path from a to c can cause an infinite loop.

Finding a path from a to node J_4 can be very inefficient. Requires 877 inferences in this case because we try to find paths from nodes that can't reach the goal! Forward chaining would only look at 62 inferences.

> Memoization (*tabling*) fixes this! It's like adding dynamic programming.

More issues

- Most Prologs are not sound!
 - Missing something called occur check during unification.
 - Shouldn't unify variable x with something containing variable x, but Prolog doesn't check!



This is like saying $Y = _$ name(name(name(name(...name(Y)...)))) $\neg \infty$ number of tin

More thoughts

- Prolog allows both side-effects and backtracking.
 - What happens to side-effects when you backtrack???
- Equality (=) in Prolog means unifiable. It **does not** mean logical equality!
 - E.g., friend(bart, X) unifies with friend(Y, Milhouse)
 - But 2.999999999.... might not unify with 3, even though we know 2.999999... = 3
 - And in Prolog, foo \neq bar, even though they might actually be equal in FOL.
- Prolog is a compromise between representational power, inferential power, and efficiency.
Towers of Hanoi



move(1,X,Y,_) :- write('Move top disk from '), write(X), write(' to '), write(Y), nl.
move(N,X,Y,Z) :- N>1, M is N-1, move(M,X,Z,Y), move(1,X,Y,_), move(M,Z,Y,X).

<pre>(define (hanoi n) (hanoi-helper 'A (define (hanoi-hel) (cond ((= n 1) (printf ") (else (hanoi-he (hanoi-he (hanoi-he</pre>	?- move(3,left,right,center). Move top disk from left to right Move top disk from left to center Move top disk from right to center Move top disk from left to right Move top disk from center to left Move top disk from center to right Move top disk from left to right	

```
A list is built with brackets: [...]
e.g., [apple, pear, banana, peach], [] (empty list)
1 ?- member(2, [1,2,3]).% (What would happen with member(2,X)?)
true .
```

```
2 ?- member(X, [1,2,3]).
X = 1 ;
X = 2 ;
X = 3 ;
false.
3 ?- member(2, [1, X, 3]).
X = 2 .
```

First element

first([X[_], X). %_(underscore) means ignore the value 1 ?- first([1,2,3], X). X = 1.2 ?- first([X,2,3], 1). X = 1. 3 ?- first([1, X, 2,3], 1). true. 4 ?- first([2, X, 2,3], 1). false.

```
Append two lists:
append(X, Y, Z) is true if Z = [X | Y]. | partitions a list into head and tail
append ([], Y, Y).
append([A|X], Y, [A|Z]) :- append(X,Y,Z).
?- append([1,2], [3,4], Z).
   Z = G2044
   Z = [1, 2, 3, 4]
  append([1, 2], [3, 4], G2044)
  G2044 = [1 | G2126]
  G2044 = [1, 2, 3, 4]
  append([2], [3, 4], G2126)
  G2126 = [2 | G2129]
  G2126 = [2, 3, 4]
  append([], [3, 4], G2129)
  G2129 = [3, 4]
```

Append two lists:

```
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```

```
append([A|X], Y, [A|Z]) :- append(X,Y,Z).
```

```
1 ?- append([1,2], [3,4], Z).
T Call: (7) append([1, 2], [3, 4], _G2044)
T Call: (8) append([2], [3, 4], _G2126)
T Call: (9) append([], [3, 4], _G2129)
T Exit: (9) append([], [3, 4], [3, 4])
T Exit: (8) append([2], [3, 4], [2, 3, 4])
T Exit: (7) append([1, 2], [3, 4], [1, 2, 3, 4])
Z = [1, 2, 3, 4].
```

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append([],Y,Y).
append([A|X], Y, [A|Z]) :- append(X,Y,Z).
1 ?- append([X, Y, [1,2]).
X = [],
Y = [1, 2];
X = [1],
Y = [2];
X = [1, 2],
Y = [];
false.
```

Reversing a list

```
Reverse a list:
reverse([],X,X).
reverse ([X|Y], Z, W) :- reverse (Y, [X|Z], W).
reverse (A, R) :- reverse (A, [], R).
1 ?- reverse([1,2,3], X). (or reverse(X, [1,2,3]).)
X = [3, 2, 1].
last(List, Last) :- reverse(List,R), first(R, Last).
1 ?- last([1,2,3], X).
X = 3.
2 ?- last([1,2,X], 17).
X = 17.
                             last([Elem], Elem).
                             last([ |Tail], Elem) :- last(Tail,Elem).
3 ?- last([1,2],2).
true.
```

Visualizing This



Permutations

```
takeout(X, [X|R], R).
takeout(X, [F|R], [F|S]) :- takeout(X, R, S).
perm([],[]).
perm([X|Y],Z) := perm(Y,W), takeout(X,Z,W).
1 ?- perm([1,2,3], P).
P = [1, 2, 3];
P = [2, 1, 3];
P = [2, 3, 1];
P = [1, 3, 2];
P = [3, 1, 2];
P = [3, 2, 1];
false.
```

Verifying rather than computing



Permutations

```
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takeout(X, [F|R], [F|S]) :- takeout(X, R, S).
perm([],[]).
perm([X|Y],Z) := perm(Y,W), takeout(X,Z,W).
1 ?- perm([1,2,3,4, 5], P), first(P, 2), last(P, 4).
P = [2, 1, 3, 5, 4];
P = [2, 3, 1, 5, 4];
P = [2, 3, 5, 1, 4];
P = [2, 1, 5, 3, 4];
P = [2, 5, 1, 3, 4];
P = [2, 5, 3, 1, 4];
false.
```

Permutations

```
sumlist([],0).
sumlist([X|Rest],Sum) :- sumlist(Rest, Sum1), Sum is X + Sum1.
1 ?- perm([1,2,3,4], P), first(P,X), last(P,Y), sumlist([X, Y],
  5).
P = [1, 2, 3, 4];
P = [1, 3, 2, 4];
P = [3, 1, 4, 2];
P = [3, 4, 1, 2];
P = [2, 1, 4, 3];
P = [2, 4, 1, 3];
P = [4, 2, 3, 1];
P = [4, 3, 2, 1];
```

false.

Revisiting Lists & Append

```
A list is built with brackets: [...]
[apple, pear, banana, peach], [] (Ø or the empty list)
```

```
The | operator unifies this way:
[Head | Tail] = [apple | pear, banana, peach]
```

Examining unification:

[X|Y] unifies with [a,b,c] with the unifier {X = a, Y = [b,c]}.
[X|Y] unifies with [a,b,c,d] with the unifier {X = a, Y = [b,c,d]}.
[X|Y] unifies with [a] with the unifier {X = a, Y = []}.
[X|Y] does not unify with [].

Append two lists:

```
append(X,Y,Z) is true if Z = [X | Y]. | partitions a list into head and tail
append([],List,List).
```

```
append([H|T], List, [H|New]) :- append(T,List,New).
```

Let's examine: **append([],List,List)**.

Query	Unifier	Prolog Output
?- append([],[b,c,d],[b,c,d]).	List = [b,c,d]	True.
?- append([],[b,c,d],X).	{List = [b,c,d], X = [b,c,d]}	X = [b,c,d]
?- append(X,Y,Z).	{X = [], Y = List, Z = List}	X = [], Y = Z
?- append([],[b,c],[b,c,d]).	{}	False.

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One way to think about this:

If we have append (T,List,New) is true, meaning New = [T, List], then
adding something to the beginning of T and New doesn't change the
interpretation, so append([H|T], List, [H|New]) is also true,
implying [H|New] = [[H|T], List].

If this makes sense, then just think about it backwards!

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```
?- append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], Result).
Unifies: { H = 1, T = [2,3], List = [4,5,6], Result = [1|New] }
?- append([2,3], [4,5,6], New).
Unifies: { H = 2, T = [3], List = [4,5,6], Result = [2|New] }
?- append([3], [4,5,6], New).
Unifies: { H = 3, T = [], List = [4,5,6], Result = [3|New] }
?- append([], [4,5,6], New).
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(1) append([],List,List).
(2) append([H|T], List, [H|New]) :- append(T,List,New).
?- append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], Result).
Unifies: { H = 1, T = [2,3], List = [4,5,6], Result = [1 | New] }
?- append([2,3], [4,5,6], New).
Unifies: { H = 2, T = [3], List = [4,5,6], Result = [2 | New']  }
?- append([3], [4,5,6], New').
Unifies: { H = 3, T = [], List = [4,5,6], Result = [3] New''] }
?- append([], [4,5,6], New''). (This now matches (1)!)
Unifies: {New'' = [4,5,6] }
?- append([], [4,5,6], [4,5,6]).
?- append([3], [4,5,6], [3,4,5,6]).
?- append([2,3], [4,5,6], [2,3,4,5,6]).
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?- append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], [1,2,3,4,5,6]).

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Append two lists:
append(X,Y,Z) is true if Z = [X | Y]. | partitions a list into head and tail
append([],List,List).
append([H|T], List, [H|New]) :- append(T,List,New).
1 ?- append([1], [2,3], Z).
Z = [1, 2, 3].
2 ?- append([1], [2,3], Z).
 T Call: (7) append([1], [2, 3], G751)
 T Call: (8) append([], [2, 3], G826)
 T Exit: (8) append([], [2, 3], [2, 3])
 T Exit: (7) append([1], [2, 3], [1, 2, 3])
Z = [1, 2, 3].
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1 ?- append([1,2,3], [4,5,6], Z).
Z = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].
2 ?- append([1,2,3],[4,5,6],Z).
 T Call: (7) append([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], G777)
 T Call: (8) append([2, 3], [4, 5, 6], G861)
 T Call: (9) append([3], [4, 5, 6], G864)
 T Call: (10) append([], [4, 5, 6], G867)
 T Exit: (10) append([], [4, 5, 6], [4, 5, 6])
 T Exit: (9) append([3], [4, 5, 6], [3, 4, 5, 6])
 T Exit: (8) append([2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
 T Exit: (7) append([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
Z = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].
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N-Queens

If two queens can attack each other, then one of the following must be the case:

- They must be on the same column.
- They must be on the same row.



- The sum of the row and column must be the same for both.
- The difference of the row and column must be the same for both.

To solve N-Queens, we simply need to be able to describe a bad solution. We don't need to know how to "generate" a good one!

Check that a position is safe

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queenDoesntHit(_,_,[]) :- !.
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queenDoesntHit(Col,Row_dist,[A_queen_col|OtherQueens]) :- !,
Diag_hit_col1 is Col + Row_dist, A_queen_col =\= Diag_hit_col1,
Diag_hit_col2 is Col - Row_dist, A_queen_col =\= Diag_hit_col2,
Row_dist1 is Row_dist + 1, queenDoesntHit(Col,Row_dist1,OtherQueens).
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safePosition([_]) :- !. % A single queen position is always safe

How many ways to make change from a dollar?

?- findall(T, change([H,Q,D,N,P]), B), length(B,C).

Note: It's easier to show one solution exists than to count all possible solutions!

Parsing in Prolog

"The agent likes dry martinis."



A Very Simple Grammar

S	\rightarrow np, vp.	
np	\rightarrow det, n.	
vp	\rightarrow V, np.	This is called a definite clause grammar (DCG).
vp	\rightarrow V.	Prolog can automatically turn these into Prolog
det	\rightarrow [the].	programs!
det	→ [a].	S
det	\rightarrow [dry].	
n	\rightarrow [agent].	NP VP
n	\rightarrow [hero].	
n	\rightarrow [martinis].	Det N V NP
V	\rightarrow [likes].	
V	\rightarrow [drinks].	the agent likes Det N

?- parse(Structure, [the,agent,likes,dry,martinis]).
Structure = s(np(the, agent), vp(likes, np(dry, martinis)))

dry

martinis

Using Probabilistic Prolog

- Suppose we are less interested in whether something is true but rather **how likely** it is to be true.
- We want to attach probabilities to our rules in Prolog and guide the search along the probabilistic most likely path!
- So, we assign every rule $\alpha_i := \beta_i$ a unique probability (p_i) $\alpha_i := \beta_i \ (p_i)$
- Two questions:
 - When would we want to do this?
 - How do we know what the probabilities should be?
 - How does this change Prolog's semantics?

Remember this game? ?

We'll call it the *next number* game:

Given an ordered sequence of numbers, come up with the next number!

6? (Even numbers) No, how do you explain the 1?

1, 2, 4, ?

8? (Powers of 2) Seems good!

Joint work with Yue Gao.

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Why? This is the sequence x^3 .



Why? These are the prime numbers.

But is it always so obvious?

6, n = prime numbers - 11, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 16, ...

7, *n*=*i*(*i*+1)/2+1 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, 22, 29, ...

1, 2, 4, ?

8, $n = 2^i$ 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, ...

9, n = partial sums of Catalan numbers 1, 2, 4, 9, 23, 65, 197, ...

The Problem of Inductive Bias

- How do you make a guess with so little data?!
 - Classic problem in philosophy and AI!
- We *innately* prefer certain explanations to others.
 - Called the *inductive bias*
- For computers to reason as people do, they need to share our innate preferences!
- But what are our innate cognitive biases?!

A Grammar for Mental Arithmetic

- Expression \rightarrow PrefixOp (Expression) p_{-1}
- Expression \rightarrow Expression InfixOp Expression p_{-2}
- Expression \rightarrow Previous_{i-1}^{p_3} | Previous_{i-2}^{p_4} | Previous_{i-3}^{p_5}
- Expression \rightarrow Number ^{p_6}
- Expression \rightarrow Index p_{-7}
- PrefixOp $\rightarrow \exp^{p_8} | \log^{p_9} | \sin^{p_{10}} | \cos^{p_{11}} | \tan^{p_{12}}$
- PrefixOp \rightarrow floor p_{-13} | ceiling p_{-14} | mod p_{-15} | rem p_{-16} | prime p_{-17}
- InfixOp $\rightarrow + p_{-18} \mid p_{-19} \mid \times p_{-20} \mid \div p_{-21} \mid \wedge p_{-22}$
- Number → SmallNum | LargeNum | SpecialNum
- SmallNum \rightarrow [-9^{p_26},...,9^{p_45}]
- LargeNum \rightarrow [-50,..., -11, 11, ..., 50] ^{p_46}
- SpecialNum \rightarrow -100 ^{p_47} | -10 ^{p_48} | $\frac{1}{4}$ ^{p_49} | $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{p_50}
- SpecialNum $\rightarrow \pi^{p_{51}} \mid 10^{p_{52}} \mid 100^{p_{53}}$
- Index \rightarrow [1,...,10] ^{p_54}

Collect Data of People Solving Problems

• Consider the sequence [1, 4, 9]. We found that all subjects predicted the next number would be *16*, but provided two syntactically different but numerically equivalent generating formulae.

40% guessed: $f(index) = index^2$

60% guessed: $f(index) = Previous_{index-1} + 2 \times index + 1$

Who would have imagined this??

Collect Data of People Solving Problems

• Consider the sequence [1,2,10]. That this sequence is in some sense more difficult was apparent because subjects spent more time studying it, often commenting it felt "difficult" or under constrained.

All but one: f(*index*) = Previous_{index-1} + (*index* - 1)³ Yielding: [1, 2, 10, 37, 101, ...]

One guess: $f(index) = Previous_{index-1} + (Previous_{index-1})^3$ Yielding: [1, 2, 10, 1010, 1.0303×10⁹,...]

Structurally quite similar.

Collect Data of People Solving Problems

• Consider the sequence [0,7,26], where all the subjects agreed on the next element (63) and on the generating formula:

 $f(index) = index^3 - 1$

Here, cubing is the "simplest" explanation for people. We had to pick a sequence to force them to cube.

Deriving the Probabilities

Production Rule	Probability
Expression \rightarrow PrefixOp (Expression)	0.00402
Expression \rightarrow Expression InfixOp Expression	0.349
Expression \rightarrow Previous _{i-1}	0.177
Expression \rightarrow Previous _{i-2}	0.0321
Expression \rightarrow Number	0.317
Expression \rightarrow Index	0.104
InfixOp \rightarrow +	0.388
InfixOp \rightarrow –	0.143
InfixOp \rightarrow ×	0.263
$InfixOp \rightarrow \div$	0.0388
InfixOp \rightarrow ^	0.163
SmallNum \rightarrow -1	0.04
SmallNum \rightarrow 1	0.24
SmallNum \rightarrow 2	0.40
SmallNum \rightarrow 3	0.08
SmallNum \rightarrow 4	0.04

From a *corpus* of solutions, we can derive the probabilities on each rule using the inside-outside algorithm.

The sequence [8,4,1]


The sequence [1, 2, 4, 6]



The system predicts (A) is 91% likely. The second most likely solution, in (B), has probability of 1%.



Probabilistic Prolog

- A very interesting tool for modeling cognition
 - Predicting human behavior is also commercially valuable!
- We need a *corpus* of data to train our system.
 - This is how we derive the probabilities.
 - Alternatively, you might know them in advance.
- The probabilities capture the inductive bias of the sample population represented in the corpus.
- There is also inductive bias reflected in the structure of the grammar, but learning a grammar is much more difficult.
 - For math, it seems unnecessary.
- We use a programming language called **Prism** to implement this.
 - Uses the Viterbi algorithm to derive the most likely proofs.
 - A very different notion than a traditional proof in mathematics.