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# SWI Prolog

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

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MacOS

Windows

Link

# More Consult

?- consult(prime).

Load and compile prime.pl

?- [prime].

Short cut for consult(prime)

?- make.

load and recompiles files that have changed

?- edit(is\_prime).

Opens an editor on the file(s) containing is\_prime

?- listing(is\_prime).

Shows the current definition of is\_prime

# abolish

?- abolish(is\_prime/1).

Removes is\_prime/1 from the interpreter

# modules

```
% is_prime(P) :- P is a prime number  
% (integer) (+)
```

```
:- module(prime,[is_prime/1]).
```

```
is_prime(2).
```

```
is_prime(3).
```

```
is_prime(P) :- integer(P), P > 3, P mod 2 =\= 0, \+ has_factor(P,3).
```

```
% has_factor(N,L) :- N has an odd factor F >= L.
```

```
% (integer, integer) (+,+)
```

```
has_factor(N,L) :- N mod L =:= 0.
```

```
has_factor(N,L) :- L * L < N, L2 is L + 2, has_factor(N,L2).
```

# using has\_factor

?- [prime].

% prime compiled into prime 0.00 sec, 1,756 bytes  
true.

?- is\_prime(4).

false.

?- has\_factor(10,3).

Correct to: "prime:has\_factor(10, 3)"? yes  
true .

?-

# Some IO

read & write

?- write(cat).

cat

true.

?- write(cat),nl,write(dog).

cat

dog

true.

?- read(X).

|: mat.

X = mat.

?- read(X), write(X).

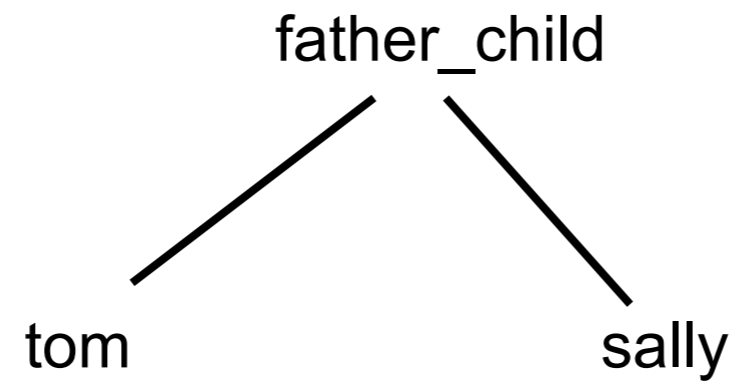
|: sat.

sat

X = sat.

# Structure

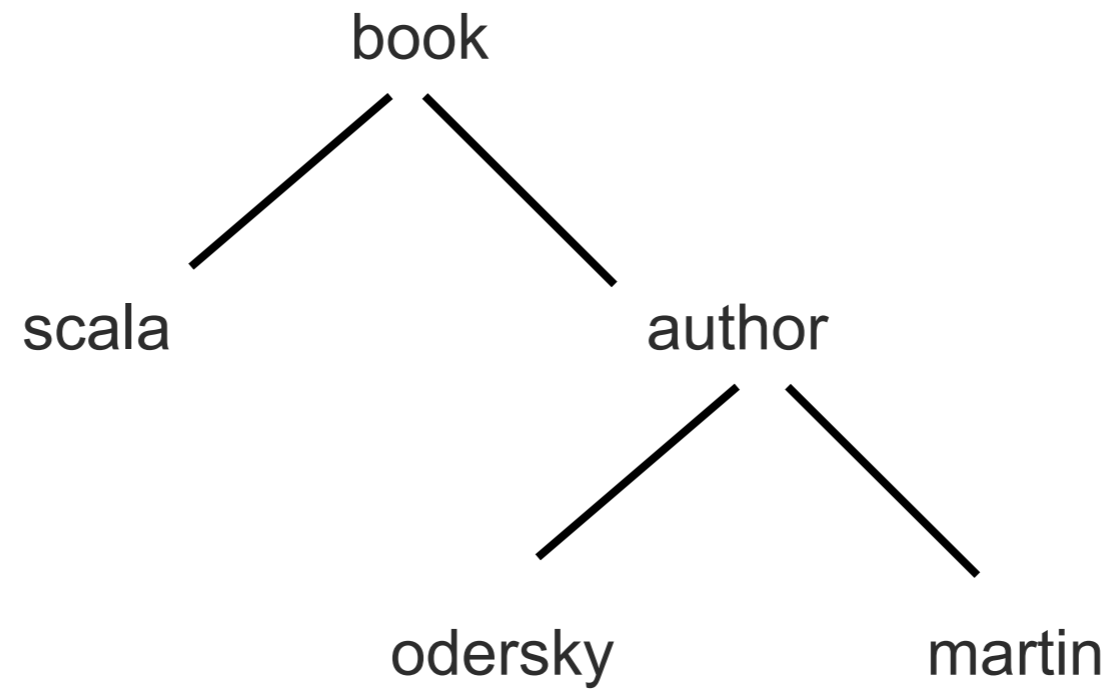
father\_child(tom, sally)





# Complex Structure

book(scala,author(odersky,martin))



# Some Book Facts

`book(scala,author(odersky,martin),publisher(artima)).`

`book(stripes,author(daoud,frederic),publisher(pragmaticProgramers)).`

`book(masteringDojo,author(riecke,craig),publisher(pragmaticProgramers)).`

`book(programingGroovy,author(subramaniam,venkat),publisher(pragmaticProgramers)).`

# Book Questions

?- book(scala,X,Y).

X = author(odersky, martin),

Y = publisher(artima).

?- book(scala,X,\_).

X = author(odersky, martin).

?- book(Title,author(odersky,\_),\_publisher).

Title = scala,

\_publisher = publisher(artima) .

?- book(Title,\_,publisher(pragmaticProgramers)).

Title = stripes ;

Title = masteringDojo ;

Title = programingGroovy.

?-

# Matching

Atom match themselves

Variables match anything

\_ is don't care variable

# Don't Care Example

?- book(scala,X,X).  
false.

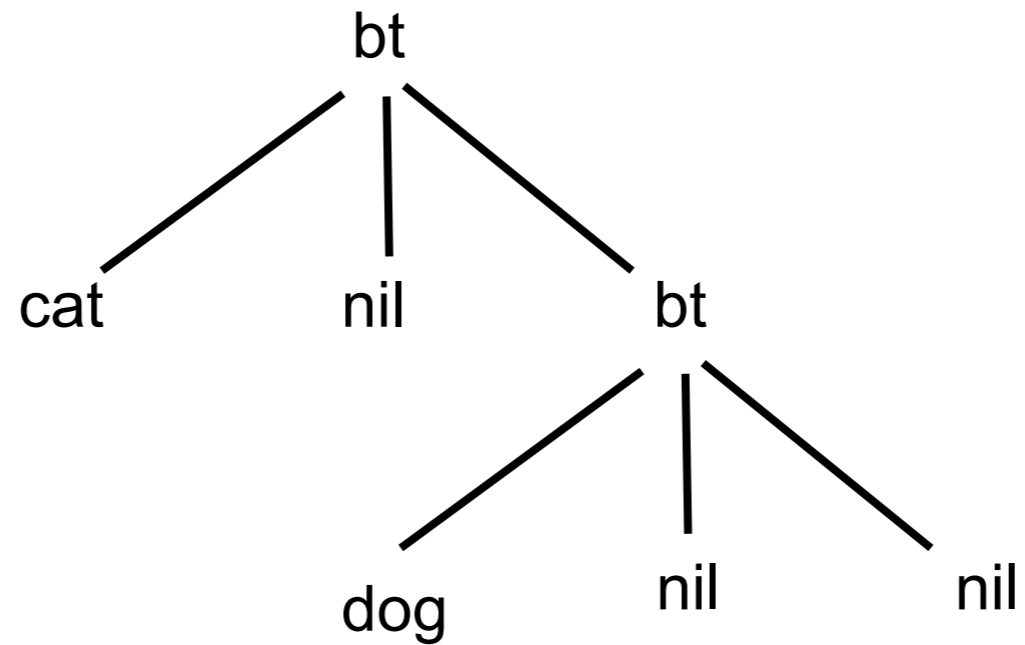
?- book(scala,\_,\_).  
true.

?-

# Binary Tree

`bt(value,leftTree,rightTree)`

`bt(cat,nil, bt(dog,nil,nil))`



# Binary Tree Example

```
istree(nil).
```

```
istree(bt(_,L,R)) :- istree(L), istree(R).
```

```
% bt(value,leftTree,rightTree)
```

```
?- istree( bt(a,nil,nil) ).
```

```
true.
```

```
?- istree( bt(a, bt(c,nil,nil), bt(d,nil,nil))).
```

```
true.
```

```
?- istree( bt(a, bt(c,nil,nil), bt(d,nil, bt(e,nil,nil)))).
```

# Lists

<code>.(head,tail)</code>	<code>[head tail]</code>	<code>[]</code> empty list
<code>.(a,[])</code>	<code>[a]</code>	tails of lists are lists
<code>.(a,.(b,[]))</code>	<code>[a,b]</code>	
<code>.(a,.(b,.(c,[])))</code>	<code>[a,b,c]</code>	



# Some Lists

[this, is, a, simple, list]

[this, list, has, [a, nested, list], in, it]

[one, [can, nest, [lists, as, deep], as], one, [needs, to]]

# Heads and Tails

[Head | Tail]

	Head	Tail
[Head   Tail] = [a, b, c]	a	[b, c]
[Head   Tail] = [the, [cat, sat]]	the	[[cat, sat]]
[Head   Tail] = [the, [dog, sat], down]	the	[[dog, sat], down]
[Head   Tail] = [[the, man], sat, down]	[the, man]	[sat, down]

# Some Matches

$[X, Y, Z] = [\text{the}, \text{red}, \text{hat}]$

$X = \text{the}, Y = \text{red}, Z = \text{hat}$

$[\text{the}, \text{red}, \text{hat}] = [X, Y, Z]$

$X = \text{the}, Y = \text{red}, Z = \text{hat}$

$[\text{cat}] = [X \mid Y]$

$X = \text{cat}, Y = []$

$[X, Y \mid Z] = [\text{the}, \text{red}, \text{hat}]$

$X = \text{the}, Y = \text{red}, Z = [\text{hat}]$

$[[\text{the}, Y] \mid Z] = [[X, \text{hat}], [\text{is}, \text{here}]]$

$X = \text{the}$

$Y = \text{hat}$

$Z = [[\text{is}, \text{here}]]$

# Contains

`% contains(element, List) true if element is in the list`

`contains(X, [X|_]).`

`contains(X, [_| Y]) :- contains(X, Y).`

`?- contains(10,[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]).`

`true ;`

`false.`

`?- contains(X,[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]).`

`X = 1 ;`

`X = 2 ;`

`X = 3 ;`

# Sum

`sum([],Sum) :- Sum = 0.`

`sum([H|T],Sum) :- sum(T,SublistSum), Sum is SublistSum + H.`

`?- sum([1,10,2],S).`

`S = 13.`

# Append

append([],L, L).

append([X|L1], L2, [X| L3]) :- append(L1, L2, L3).

?- append([a,b], [c, d], X).

X = [a, b, c, d].

?- append(X, [c, d], [a, b, c, d]).

X = [a, b] ;

false.

?- append([a, b], [c, d], [a, b, c, d]).

true.

# Problems

Find the last element of a list

?- lastElement(X, [a,b,c,d]).

X = d

Find the K'th element of a list

?- elementAt(X, [a, b, c, d], 3).

X = c

Find the length of a list

Reverse a list

# Problem

mother\_child(susan, sally).  
mother\_child(susan, matt).

father\_child(tom, sally).  
father\_child(tom, erica).  
father\_child(tom, pete).  
father\_child(mike, tom).

sibling(X, Y) :- parent\_child(Z, X), parent\_child(Z, Y).

parent\_child(X, Y) :- father\_child(X, Y).  
parent\_child(X, Y) :- mother\_child(X, Y).



# Backtracking

mother\_child(susan, sally).  
mother\_child(susan, matt).

father\_child(tom, sally).  
father\_child(tom, erica).  
father\_child(tom, pete).  
father\_child(mike, tom).

sibling(X, Y) :- parent\_child(Z, X), parent\_child(Z, Y), \+ X = Y.

parent\_child(X, Y) :- father\_child(X, Y).  
parent\_child(X, Y) :- mother\_child(X, Y)

# Backtracking & Database

Each time a rule/fact matches Prolog keeps track of where in the database the match occurred

# Variables

C/C++/Java variables

- Point to a memory location

- Can change the value of a variable

- $X = X + 1$

Mathematical Variables

- Represent value(s) that make equations true

- $X = X + 1$  has no solution

Prolog variables are like mathematical variables

# Backtracking & Unification

In backtracking Prolog tries out various values for variables

# Cut !

```
mother_child(susan, sally).  
mother_child(susan, matt).
```

```
father_child(tom, sally).  
father_child(tom, erica).  
father_child(tom, pete).  
father_child(mike, tom).
```

```
sibling(X, Y) :- parent_child(Z, X), !, parent_child(Z, Y), \+ X = Y.
```

```
parent_child(X, Y) :- father_child(X, Y).  
parent_child(X, Y) :- mother_child(X, Y).
```

# Cut !

Once a cut is reach in a rule

Prolog will not try to re-satisfy any goal between parent goal and cut

Cuts

Reduce the number of paths searched

Reduce bookkeeping needed for backtracking

# What Happens Here?

```
mother_child(susan, sally).  
mother_child(susan, matt).
```

```
father_child(tom, sally).  
father_child(tom, erica).  
father_child(tom, pete).  
father_child(mike, tom).
```

```
related(X,Y) :- father_child(_, X), sibling(X,Y).
```

```
sibling(X, Y) :- parent_child(Z, X), !, parent_child(Z, Y), \+ X = Y.
```

```
parent_child(X, Y) :- father_child(X, Y).  
parent_child(X, Y) :- mother_child(X, Y).
```

# Common Reasons for using Cut

Tell Prolog that it has found the correct rule

Tell Prolog to fail a goal without trying other solutions (! , fail)

Tell Prolog it has found a correct solution and stop looking for more



# What Happens Here?

```
sumTo(1,1).
sumTo(N,Sum) :-
  N1 is N -1,
  sumTo(N1,Sum2),
  Sum is Sum2 + N.
```

```
?- sumTo(5,X).
X = 15 ;
```

```
ERROR: Stack limit (1.0Gb) exceeded
ERROR: Stack sizes: local: 0.9Gb, global: 77.8Mb, trail: 0K
ERROR: Stack depth: 10,189,004, last-call: 0%, Choice point
ERROR: In:
ERROR: [10,189,004] user:sumTo(-10188989, _20404320)
ERROR: [10,189,003] user:sumTo(-10188988, _20404340)
ERROR: [10,189,002] user:sumTo(-10188987, _20404360)
ERROR: [10,189,001] user:sumTo(-10188986, _20404380)
ERROR: [10,189,000] user:sumTo(-10188985, _20404400)
ERROR:
ERROR: Use the --stack_limit=size[KMG] command line option
ERROR: ?- set_prolog_flag(stack_limit, 2_147_483_648). to
```

# Found the correct rule - so stop

sumTo(1,1) :- !.

sumTo(N,Sum) :-

  N1 is N - 1,

  sumTo(N1,Sum2),

  Sum is Sum2 + N.

?- sumTo(5,X).

X = 15.

# Replacing ! with \+

sumTo(1,1).

sumTo(N,Sum) :-

\+(N = 1),

N1 is N - 1,

sumTo(N1,Sum2),

Sum is Sum2 + N.

# !, fail

```
average_taxpayer(X) :- foreigner(X), !, fail.
```

```
average_taxpayer(X) :-  
    spouse(X, Y),  
    gross_income(Y, Income),  
    Income > 300000,  
    !, fail.
```

```
average_taxpayer(X) :-  
    gross_income(X, Income),  
    20000 < Income, Income < 200000.
```

# Replace !, fail with \+

average\_taxpayer(X) :-

\+ foreigner(X),

\+(spouse(X, Y), gross\_income(Y, SpouseIncome), SpouseIncome > 300000),

gross\_income(X, Income),

20000 < Income, Income < 200000.

gross\_income(X, Y) :-

\+ (receives\_pension(X, Pension), Pension < 20000),

gross\_salary(X, Z),

investment\_income(X, W),

Y is Z + W.

# Found a Correct Solution - So Stop

is\_integer(0).

is\_integer(X) :- is\_integer(Y), X is Y + 1.

divide(Numerator,Denominator, Result) :-

is\_integer(Result),

Product is Result \* Denominator,

ProductNext is (Result + 1) \* Denominator,

Product =< Numerator, ProductNext > Numerator,

!.