

# Logic Programming

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# Summary of Last Lecture

## Two Choices

- 1 goal in sequence of goals
- 2 rule in logic program  
substitution – avoid choice by always taking mgu

## Computation Model of Logic Programs

- the choice of goal is arbitrary  
if there is a successful computation for a specific order, then there is a successful computation for any other order
- the choice of rules is essential  
not every choice will lead to a successful computation; thus the computation model is **nondeterministic**

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overloading with the same predicate name, but different arity, is fine

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lecturer(Lecturer,Course) ←
  course(Course,Time,Lecturer,Location).

duration(Course,Length) ←
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## The Art of Prolog says

*We believe that the appearance of a program is important, particularly when attempting difficult problems*



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- to define complex types, **recursive** logic programs may be necessary
- the latter types are called **recursive types**
- recursive types, defined by unary recursive programs, are called **simple recursive types**
- a program defining a type is a **type definition**; a call to a predicate defining a type is a **type condition**

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- the type  $\{0, s(0), s(s(0)), \dots\}$  is complete
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factorial(s(N),F) ← factorial(N,F1), times(s(N),F1,F).
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| formal object               | cons pair syntax        | element syntax     |
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| <code>.(a, .(b, []))</code> | <code>[a [b []]]</code> | <code>[a,b]</code> |

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prefix([X|Xs], [X|Ys]) ←
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suffix(Xs, Xs).
suffix(Xs, [Y|Ys]) ←
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## Example

```

length([],0).
length([X|Xs],s(N)) ← length(Xs,N).

```

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```

```
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```

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```

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delete2([],X,[]).  
  
← delete2([a,b,c,b],b,[a,c])  
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```

## Example

```

select(X,[X|Xs],Xs).
select(X,[Y|Ys],[Y|Zs]) ← select(X,Ys,Zs)

← delete([a],b,[a])
true

← select([a],b,X)
false

```

## Example

```
select(X, [X|Xs], Xs).  
select(X, [Y|Ys], [Y|Zs]) ← select(X, Ys, Zs).
```



## Example

```
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```

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```

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```

## Example

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permutation(Xs,[Z|Zs]) ← select(Z,Xs,Ys), permutation(Ys,Zs).  
permutation([],[]).
```

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ordered([X,Y|Ys]) ← X ≤ Y, ordered([Y|Ys]).  
select(X,[X|Xs],Xs).  
select(X,[Y|Ys],[Y|Zs]) ← select(X,Ys,Zs).
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```

## Example

```

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insertionsort([],[]).

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select(X,[Y|Ys],[Y|Zs]) ← select(X,Ys,Zs).

```

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insert(X,[],[X]).
insert(X,[Y|Ys],[Y|Zs]) ← X > Y, insert(X,Ys,Zs).
insert(X,[Y|Ys],[X,Y|Ys]) ← X ≤ Y.

```

## Example

```
quicksort([X|Xs],Ys) ←  
  partition(Xs,X,Littles,Bigs),  
  quicksort(Littles,Ls), quicksort(Bigs,Rs),  
  append(Ls,[X|Rs],Ys).
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```

```
partition([X|Xs],Y,[X|Ls],Bs) ←  
    X =< Y, partition(Xs,Y,Ls,Bs).  
partition([X|Xs],Y,Ls,[X|Bs]) ←  
    X > Y,    partition(Xs,Y,Ls,Bs).  
partition([],Y,[],[]).
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partition([],Y,[],[]).
```

## Example (Recursive Datastructures)

```
isotree(nil,nil).
isotree(tree(X,Left1,Right1),tree(X,Left2,Right2)) ←
  isotree(Left1,Left2), isotree(Right1,Right2).
isotree(tree(X,Left1,Right1),tree(X,Left2,Right2)) ←
  isotree(Left1,Right2), isotree(Right1,Left2).
```