

Logic Programming

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Overview

Outline of the Lecture

Monotone Logic Programs

introduction, basic constructs, logic foundations, unification, semantics, database and recursive programming, termination, complexity

Incomplete Data Structures and Constraints

incomplete data structures, definite clause grammars, constraint logic programming, answer set programming

Full Prolog

semantics (revisted), correctness proofs, meta-logical predicates, cuts non-deterministic programming, efficient programs, complexity

Summary of Last Lecture

Example (design as function)

```
delete([X|Xs],X,Ys) :-
    delete(Xs,X,Ys).
delete([X|Xs],Z,[X|Ys]) :-
    dif(X,Z),
    delete(Xs,Z,Ys).
delete([],_X,[]).
```

Example (use as relation)

```
delete2([X|Xs],X,Ys) :-
    delete2(Xs,X,Ys).
delete2([X|Xs],Z,[X|Ys]) :-
    delete2(Xs,Z,Ys).
delete2([],_X,[]).
```

SWI-Prolog

[zid-gpl.uibk.ac.at] swipl

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For help, use ?- help(Topic). or ?- apropos(Word).

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SWI-Prolog Emacs Mode

Bruda's Prolog Mode

- 1 goto http://bruda.ca/emacs/prolog_mode_for_emacs
- 2 download prolog.el, compile and put into sub-directory site-lisp
- 3 put the following into .emacs:


```
(autoload 'run-prolog "prolog"
  "Start a Prolog sub-process." t)
(autoload 'prolog-mode "prolog"
  "Major mode for editing Prolog programs." t)
(setq prolog-system 'swi)
(setq auto-mode-alist
  (cons (cons "\\\\.pl" 'prolog-mode) auto-mode-alist))
```

Example (Xs is a subset of Ys)

```
members([X|Xs],Ys) :- member(X,Ys), members(Xs,Ys).
members([],Ys).
```

Example (Xs is a subset of Ys)

```
selects([X|Xs],Ys) :- select(X,Ys,Ys1), selects(Xs,Ys1).
selects([],Ys).
```

Observations

- 1 *members/2* ignores the multiplicity of elements
- 2 *members/2* terminates iff 1st argument is complete
- 3 the first restriction is lifted, the second altered with *selects/2*
- 4 *selects/2* strongly normalises iff 2nd argument is complete; weakly normalises iff at least one argument is complete

Example

```
% no_doubles(Xs,Ys) <--
%   Ys is the list obtained by removing duplicate
%   elements from the list Xs
```

Example

```
non_member(X,[Y|Ys]) :- dif(X,Y), non_member(X,Ys).
non_member(X,[]).

no_doubles([X|Xs],Ys) :-
  member(X,Xs), no_doubles(Xs,Ys).
no_doubles([X|Xs],[X|Ys]) :-
  non_member(X,Xs), no_doubles(Xs,Ys).
no_doubles([],[]).
```

Built-in Predicates for List Manipulation

- *append/3*
- *member/2*
- *last/2*

```
?- last([a,b,c,d],X).      ?- last(X,a).
X = d                      X = [a] ;
                           X = [_G324,a] ;
                           X = [_G324,_G327,a]
```
- *reverse/2*

```
?- reverse([a,b,c,d],X).
X = [d,c,b,a]
```
- *select/3*

```
?- select(b,[a,b,c,d],X).   ?- select(b,[a,b,c,b,d],X).
X = [a,c,d]                 X = [a,c,b,d]
```
- *length/2*

```
?- length([a,b,c,d],X).
X = 4
```

Incomplete Data Structures

Observation

given a list $[1,2,3]$ it can be **represented** as the **difference** of two lists

- 1 $[1,2,3] = [1,2,3] \setminus []$
- 2 $[1,2,3] = [1,2,3,4,5] \setminus [4,5]$
- 3 $[1,2,3] = [1,2,3,8] \setminus [8]$
- 4 $[1,2,3] = [1,2,3|Xs] \setminus Xs$

Definition

the difference of two lists is denoted as $As \setminus Bs$ and called **difference list**

Example

`append_dl(Xs \ Ys, Ys \ Zs, Xs \ Zs).`

Application of Difference Lists

Example

```
reverse(Xs,Ys) :- reverse_dl(Xs, Ys \ []).
reverse_dl([], Xs \ Xs).
reverse_dl([X|Xs], Ys \ Zs) :-
    reverse_dl(Xs, Ys \ [X | Zs]).
```

Example

```
quicksort(Xs,Ys) :- quicksort_dl(Xs, Ys \ []).
quicksort_dl([X|Xs], Ys \ Zs) :-
    partition(Xs,X,Littles, Bigs),
    quicksort_dl(Littles,Ys \ [X|Ys1]),
    quicksort_dl(Bigs,Ys1 \ Zs).
quicksort_dl([],Xs \ Xs).
```

Observations

- difference lists are effective if independently different sections of a list are built, which are then concatenated
- the separation operator \setminus simplifies reading, but can be eliminated: " $As \setminus Bs$ " \rightarrow " As, Bs "
- the explicit constructor should be removed, if time or space efficiency is an issue

More Observations

- the tail Bs of a difference list acts like a pointer to the end of the first list As
- this works as As is an **incomplete** list
- thus we represent a concrete list as the difference of two incomplete data structures
- generalises to other recursive data types

Difference-structures

Example

convert the sum $(a + b) + (c + d)$ into $(a + (b + (c + (d + 0))))$

Definition

we make use of **difference-sums**: $E1++E2$, where $E1, E2$ are incomplete; the empty sum is denoted by 0

Example

```
normalise(Exp,Norm) :- normalise_ds(Exp,Norm ++ 0).
normalise_ds(A+B, Norm ++ Norm0) :-
    normalise_ds(A, Norm ++ NormB),
    normalise_ds(B, NormB ++ Norm0).
normalise_ds(A,(A + Norm) ++ Norm) :-
    constant(A).
```

Context-Free Grammars

Definition

a **grammar** G is a tuple $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$, where

- 1 V finite set of **variables** (or **nonterminals**)
- 2 Σ alphabet, the **terminal symbols**, $V \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$
- 3 R finite set of **rules**
- 4 $S \in V$ the **start symbol** of G

a **rule** is a pair $P \rightarrow Q$ of words, such that $P, Q \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$ and there is at least one variable in P

Definition

grammar $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ is **context-free**, if \forall rules $P \rightarrow Q$:

- 1 $P \in V$
- 2 $Q \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

Example

```
sentence → noun_phrase, verb_phrase.
noun_phrase → determiner, noun_phrase2.
noun_phrase → noun_phrase2.
noun_phrase2 → adjective, noun_phrase2.
noun_phrase2 → noun.
verb_phrase → verb, noun_phrase.
verb_phrase → verb.
determiner → [the].
determiner → [a].
noun → [pie-plate].
noun → [surprise].
adjective → [decorated].
verb → [contains].

sentence  $\Rightarrow$  "the decorated pie-plate contains a surprise"
```

Example

```
sentence(S \ S0) :- noun_phrase(S \ S1), verb_phrase(S1 \ S0).
noun_phrase(S \ S0) :-
    determiner(S \ S1), noun_phrase2(S1 \ S0).
noun_phrase(S) :- noun_phrase2(S).
noun_phrase2(S \ S0) :-
    adjective(S \ S1), noun_phrase2(S1 \ S0).
noun_phrase2(S) :- noun(S).
verb_phrase(S \ S0) :- verb(S \ S1), noun_phrase(S1 \ S0).
verb_phrase(S) :- verb(S).
determiner([the|S] \ S).
determiner([a|S] \ S).
noun([pie-plate|S] \ S).
noun([surprise|S] \ S).
adjective([decorated|S] \ S).
verb([contains|S] \ S).
```

Extension: Add Parsetree

Example

```
sentence(sentence(N,V), S \ S0) :-
    noun_phrase(N, S \ S1),
    verb_phrase(V, S1 \ S0).
```

Example (Definite Clause Grammars)

```
sentence(sentence(N,V)) → noun_phrase(N), verb_phrase(V).
noun_phrase(np(D,N)) → determiner(D), noun_phrase2(N).
noun_phrase(np(N)) → noun_phrase2(N).
noun_phrase2(np2(A,N)) → adjective(A), noun_phrase2(N).
noun_phrase2(np2(N)) → noun(N).
verb_phrase(vp(V,N)) → verb(V), noun_phrase(N).
verb_phrase(vp(V)) → verb(V).
```