

CSc 372 — Comparative Programming Languages

18 : Prolog — Structures

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1 Prolog Structures

- Aka, *structured* or *compound* objects
- An object with several components.
- Similar to Pascal's *Record*-type, C's *struct*, Haskell's *tuples*.
- Used to group things together.

$\underbrace{\text{functor}}_{\text{course}} \underbrace{\text{arguments}}_{(\text{prolog}, \text{chris}, \text{mon}, 11)}$

- The *arity* of a functor is the number of arguments.

2 Structures — Courses

- Below is a database of courses and when they meet. Write the following predicates:
 - `lectures(Lecturer, Day)` succeeds if `Lecturer` has a class on `Day`.
 - `duration(Course, Length)` computes how many hours `Course` meets.
 - `occupied(Room, Day, Time)` succeeds if `Room` is being used on `Day` at `Time`.

```
% course(class, meetingtime, prof, hall).  
course(c231, time(mon,4,5), cc, plt1).  
course(c231, time(wed,10,11), cc, plt1).  
course(c231, time(thu,4,5), cc, plt1).  
course(c363, time(mon,11,12), cc, slt1).  
course(c363, time(thu,11,12), cc, slt1).
```

3 Structures – Courses...

```
lectures(Lecturer, Day) :-
    course(Course, time(Day,_,_), Lecturer, _).

duration(Course, Length) :-
    course(Course,
           time(Day,Start,Finish), Lec, Loc),
    Length is Finish - Start.

occupied(Room, Day, Time) :-
    course(Course,
           time(Day,Start,Finish), Lec, Room),
    Start =< Time,
    Time =< Finish.
```

4 Structures – Courses...

```
course(c231, time(mon,4,5), cc, plt1).
course(c231, time(wed,10,11), cc, plt1).
course(c231, time(thu,4,5), cc, plt1).
course(c363, time(mon,11,12), cc, slt1).
course(c363, time(thu,11,12), cc, slt1).
```

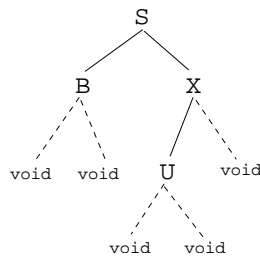
```
?- occupied(slt1, mon, 11).
yes
?- lectures(cc, mon).
yes
```

5 Binary Trees

- We can represent trees as nested structures:

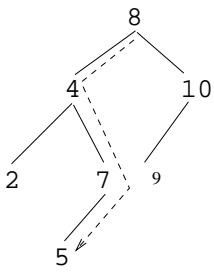
```
tree(Element, Left, Right)

tree(s,
     tree(b, void, void),
     tree(x,
          tree(u, void, void),
          void)).
```



6 Binary Search Trees

- Write a predicate `member(T,x)` that succeeds if `x` is a member of the binary search tree `T`:



```
atree(
  tree(8,
    tree(4,
      tree(2,void,void),
      tree(7,
        tree(5,void,void),
        void)),
    tree(10,
      tree(9,void,void),
      void))).
```

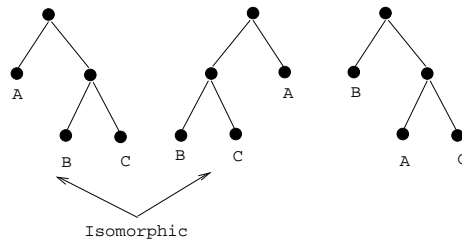
```
?- atree(T),tree_member(T,5).
```

7 Binary Search Trees...

```
tree_member(X, tree(X,_,_)).
tree_member(X, tree(Y,Left,_)) :-
  X < Y,
  tree_member(Y, Left).
tree_member(X, tree(Y,_,Right)) :-
  X > Y,
  tree_member(Y, Right).
```

8 Binary Trees – Isomorphism

Tree isomorphism:



Two binary trees T_1 and T_2 are *isomorphic* if T_2 can be obtained by reordering the branches of the subtrees of T_1 .

- Write a predicate `tree_iso(T1, T2)` that succeeds if the two trees are isomorphic.

9 Binary Trees – Isomorphism...

```
tree_iso(void, void).
```

```
tree_iso(tree(X, L1, R1), tree(X, L2, R2)) :-
  tree_iso(L1, L2), tree_iso(R1, R2).
```

```
tree_iso(tree(X, L1, R1), tree(X, L2, R2)) :-
  tree_iso(L1, R2), tree_iso(R1, L2).
```

1. Check if the roots of the current subtrees are identical;

2. Check if the subtrees are isomorphic;
3. If they are not, backtrack, swap the subtrees, and again check if they are isomorphic.

10 Binary Trees – Counting Nodes

- Write a predicate `size_of_tree(Tree,Size)` which computes the number of nodes in a tree.

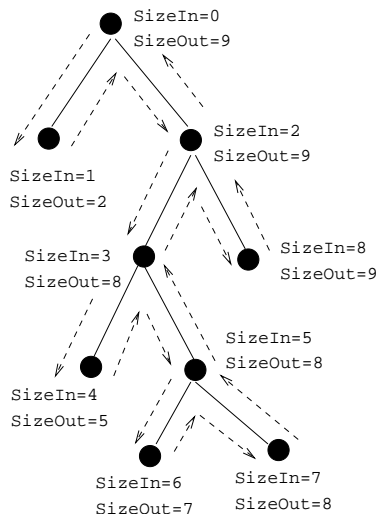
```
size_of_tree(Tree, Size) :-
    size_of_tree(Tree, 0, Size).
```

```
size_of_tree(void, Size, Size).
```

```
size_of_tree(tree(_, L, R), SizeIn, SizeOut) :-
    Size1 is SizeIn + 1,
    size_of_tree(L, Size1, Size2),
    size_of_tree(R, Size2, SizeOut).
```

- We use a so-called *accumulator pair* to pass around the current size of the tree.

11 Binary Trees – Counting Nodes...



12 Binary Trees – Tree Substitution

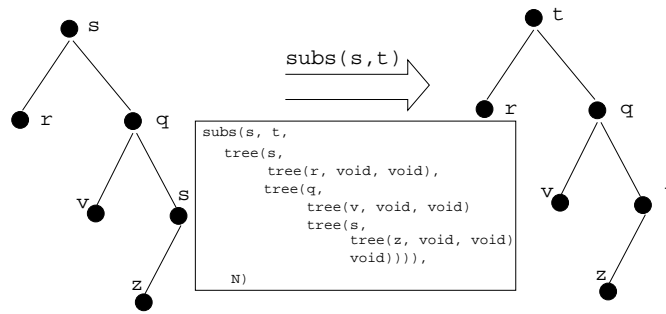
- Write a predicate `subs(T1,T2,Old,New)` which replaces all occurrences of `Old` with `New` in tree `T1`:

```
subs(X, Y, void, void).
```

```
subs(X, Y, tree(X, L1, R1), tree(Y, L2, R2)) :-
    subs(X, Y, L1, L2),
    subs(X, Y, R1, R2).
```

```
subs(X, Y, tree(Z, L1, R1), tree(Z, L2, R2)) :-
    X =\= Y, subs(X, Y, L1, L2),
    subs(X, Y, R1, R2).
```

13 Binary Trees – Tree Substitution...



14 Symbolic Differentiation

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx} = 1 \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{d(U^c)}{dx} = cU^{c-1} \frac{dU}{dx} \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{d(-U)}{dx} = -\frac{dU}{dx} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{d(U + V)}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} + \frac{dV}{dx} \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{d(U - V)}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} - \frac{dV}{dx} \tag{6}$$

15 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{d(cU)}{dx} = c \frac{dU}{dx} \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{d(UV)}{dx} = U \frac{dV}{dx} + V \frac{dU}{dx} \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{d(\frac{U}{V})}{dx} = \frac{V \frac{dU}{dx} - U \frac{dV}{dx}}{V^2} \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{d(\ln U)}{dx} = U^{-1} \frac{dU}{dx} \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{d(\sin(U))}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} \cos(U) \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{d(\cos(U))}{dx} = -\frac{dU}{dx} \sin(U) \tag{12}$$

16 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d(U^c)}{dx} = cU^{c-1} \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (3)$$

```
deriv(C, X, 0) :- number(C).
```

```
deriv(X, X, 1).
```

```
deriv(U ^ C, X, C * U ^ L * DU) :-  
    number(C), L is C - 1, deriv(U, X, DU).
```

17 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{d(-U)}{dx} = -\frac{dU}{dx} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d(U+V)}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} + \frac{dV}{dx} \quad (5)$$

```
deriv(-U, X, -DU) :-  
    deriv(U, X, DU).
```

```
deriv(U+V, X, DU + DV) :-  
    deriv(U, X, DU),  
    deriv(V, X, DV).
```

18 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{d(U-V)}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} - \frac{dV}{dx} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d(cU)}{dx} = c \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (7)$$

```
deriv(U-V, X, _____) :-  
    <left as an exercise>
```

```
deriv(C*U, X, _____) :-  
    <left as an exercise>
```

19 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{d(UV)}{dx} = U \frac{dV}{dx} + V \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{U}{V}\right)}{dx} = \frac{V \frac{dU}{dx} - U \frac{dV}{dx}}{V^2} \quad (9)$$

```
deriv(U*V, X, _____) :-  
  <left as an exercise>
```

```
deriv(U/V, X, _____) :-  
  <left as an exercise>
```

20 Symbolic Differentiation...

$$\frac{d(\ln U)}{dx} = U^{-1} \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d(\sin(U))}{dx} = \frac{dU}{dx} \cos(U) \quad (11)$$

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```
deriv(log(U), X, _____) :- <left as an exercise>
```

```
deriv(sin(U), X, _____) :- <left as an exercise>
```

```
deriv(cos(U), X, _____) :- <left as an exercise>
```

21 Symbolic Differentiation...

```
?- deriv(x, x, D).  
D = 1
```

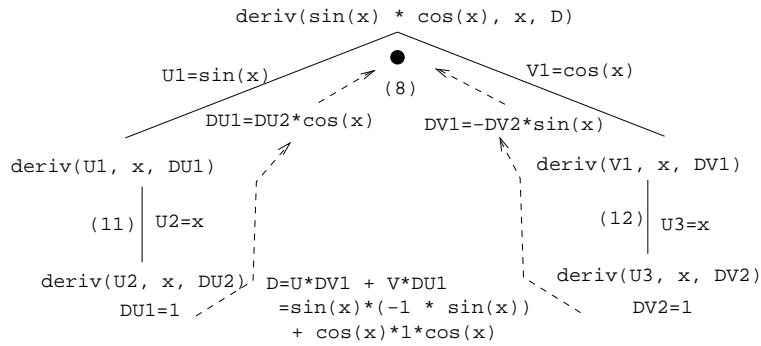
```
?- deriv(sin(x), x, D).  
D = 1*cos(x)
```

```
?- deriv(sin(x) + cos(x), x, D).  
D = 1*cos(x) + (-1*sin(x))
```

```
?- deriv(sin(x) * cos(x), x, D).  
D = sin(x) * (-1*sin(x)) + cos(x) * (1*cos(x))
```

```
?- deriv(1 / x, x, D).  
D = (x*0-1*1) / (x*x)
```

22 Symbolic Differentiation...



23 Symbolic Differentiation...

```
?- deriv(1/sin(x), x, D).
D = (sin(x)*0-1*(1*cos(x)))+(sin(x)*sin(x))

?- deriv(x ^3, x, D).
D = 1*3*x^2

?- deriv(x^3 + x^2 + 1, x, D).
D = 1*3*x^2+1*2*x^1+0

?- deriv(3 * x ^3, x, D).
D = 3* (1*3*x^2)+x^3*0

?- deriv(4* x ^3 + 4 * x^2 + x - 1, x, D).
D = 4* (1*3*x^2)+x^3*0+(4* (1*2*x^1)+x^2*0)+1-0
```

24 Readings and References

- Read [Clocksin-Mellish, Sections 2.1.3, 3.1.](#)

25 Prolog So Far...

- Prolog *terms*:
 - atoms (a, 1, 3.14)
 - structures
guitar(ovation, 1111, 1975)
- Infix expressions are abbreviations of “normal” Prolog terms:

infix	prefix
a + b	+(a, b)
a + b* c	+(a, *(b, c))