

CSc 372

Comparative Programming Languages

19 : Prolog — Structures

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## Introduction

### 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.

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

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

## Example – Course

## 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).
```

## 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.
```

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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
```

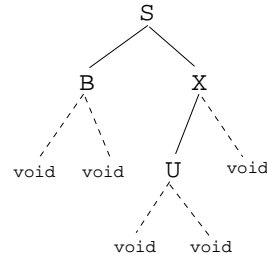
## Example – Binary Trees

## Binary Trees

- We can represent trees as nested structures:

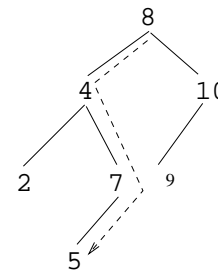
```
tree(Element, Left, Right)
```

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



## 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)))
```

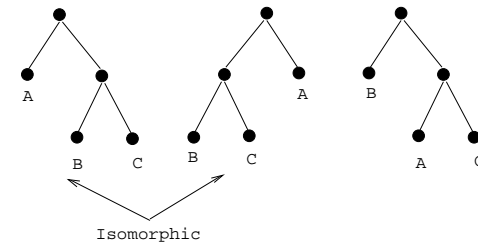
```
?- atree(T),tree_member(5,T).
```

## 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).
```

## 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.

## 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.

## Binary Trees – Counting Nodes

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

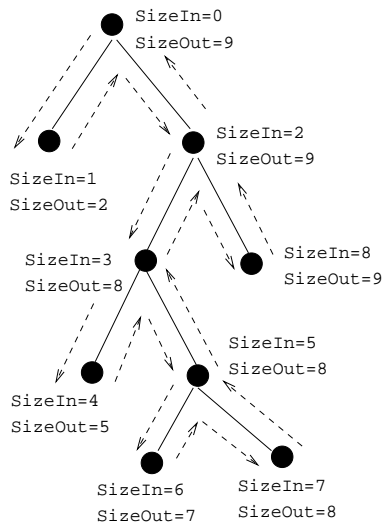
```
size_of_tree(Tree, Size) :-  
    size_of_tree(Tree, 0, Size).
```

```
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.

## Binary Trees – Counting Nodes...



## Binary Trees – Tree Substitution

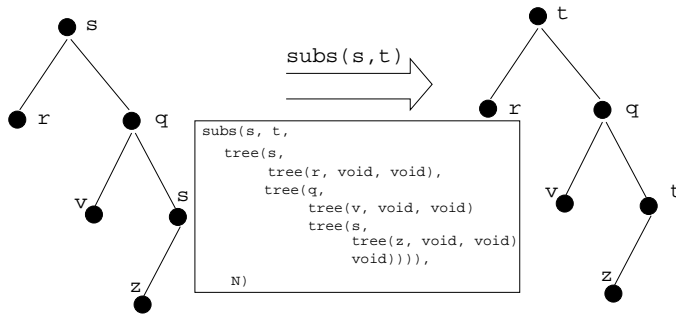
- Write a predicate `subs(T1, T2, Old, New)` which replaces all occurrences of `Old` with `New` in tree `T1`:

```
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).
```

## Binary Trees – Tree Substitution...



## Symbolic Differentiation

### Symbolic Differentiation

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Symbolic Differentiation...

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

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

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

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`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).`

## 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).`

## Symbolic Differentiation...

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

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

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

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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>

## Symbolic Differentiation...

?- deriv(x, x, D).

$$D = 1$$

?- deriv(sin(x), x, D).

$$D = 1 * \cos(x)$$

?- deriv(sin(x) + cos(x), x, D).

$$D = 1 * \cos(x) + (-1 * \sin(x))$$

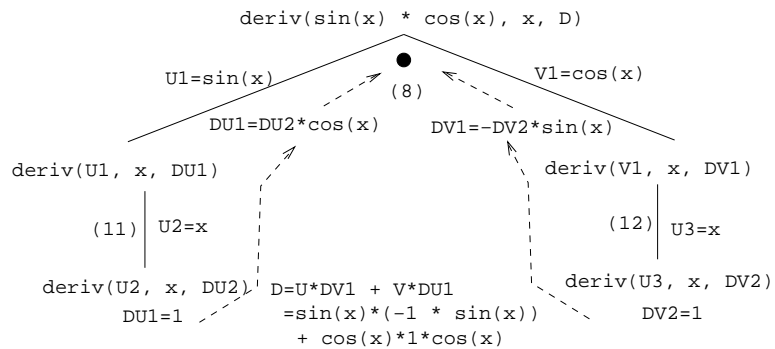
?- deriv(sin(x) \* cos(x), x, D).

$$D = \sin(x) * (-1 * \sin(x)) + \cos(x) * (1 * \cos(x))$$

?- deriv(1 / x, x, D).

$$D = (x * 0 - 1 * 1) / (x * x)$$

## Symbolic Differentiation...



## 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).

$$D = 4 * (1 * 3 * x^2) + x^3 * 0 + (4 * (1 * 2 * x^1) + x^2 * 0) + 1 - 0$$

# Summary

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

## 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))