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## Exercise sheet 2

(Submit as a plain text email message with subject "Homework 2" to dm@ling.osu.edu on Sunday, Jan. 22)

Provide Prolog definitions for the following relations. Define them using the minimal means necessary—in particular, there is no need to make use of other relations defined in class or predefined predicates.

Thoroughly test your predicates before handing them in!

1. next\_to\_last/2: a two place relation which takes a list as first argument and returns the
next to last element of that list (if there is one) as second argument; i.e.,
last(+List,-Next-to-Last-List-element)

Example queries:

- ?- next\_to\_last([a,b,c,d]),X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=c
- ?- next\_to\_last([a,b,c],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=b
- ?- next\_to\_last([],X).  $\Rightarrow$  no
- 2. wrap\_with\_f/2: a two place relation which takes a list and returns the same list with the functor f wrapped around every element; i.e.,

wrap\_with\_f(+List,-List-With-f-Wrapped-Elements)

Example queries:

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?- wrap_with_f([a,b,c,d],X). \Rightarrow [f(a),f(b),f(c),f(d)]
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?- wrap_with_f([],X). \Rightarrow X=[]
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3. delete\_b/2: a two place relation which takes a list and deletes one occurrence of b (if there is one); i.e., delete\_b(+List,-List-with-one-b-less)

Example queries:

?- delete\_b([b,e,b,d],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,b,d]; X=[b,e,d]

- ?- delete\_b([e,b,c,b,g,h],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,c,b,g,h]; X=[e,b,c,g,h]
- ?- delete\_b([e,g,b],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,g]
- ?- delete\_b([e,g,b,b],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,g,b]; X=[e,g,b]
- ?- delete\_b([e,c],X).  $\Rightarrow$  no

- 4. Define the relation delete\_one\_b which is just like delete\_b except that it removes only the first occurrence of a b.
  - ?- delete\_one\_b([b,e,b,d],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,b,d]
  - ?- delete\_one\_b([e,b,c,b,g,h],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,c,b,g,h]
  - ?- delete\_one\_b([e,g,b],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,g]
  - ?- delete\_one\_b([e,g,b,b],X).  $\Rightarrow$  X=[e,g,b]
  - ?- delete\_one\_b([e,c],X).  $\Rightarrow$  no
- 5. in\_list/2: a two place relation which succeeds if the first list is a sublist (with sublist being reflexive) of the second; i.e., in\_list(+Sublist,+List)

Example queries:

- ?- in\_list([b,c],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([b,c],[b,c]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([b,c],[a,b,b,c,d]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([a,b],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([a,b,c],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([a],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ yes ?- in\_list([],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ no ?- in\_list([b,d],[a,b,c,d]). ⇒ no
- 6. last\_added\_first/2: a two place relation which takes a list and returns the same list with the last element of the input list added to the beginning of the result; i.e., last\_added\_first(+List,-List-With-Last-Added-First)

Example queries:

- ?- last\_added\_first([a,b,c,d],X).  $\Rightarrow$  [d,a,b,c,d]
- ?- last\_added\_first([a,b,c],X).  $\Rightarrow$  [c,a,b,c]
- ?- last\_added\_first([],X).  $\Rightarrow$  no

7. same\_number/1: a one place relation which takes a list as argument and succeeds if the list contains the same number of a as b elements, with all a's coming first (i.e., the language  $a^n b^n$ , with each character being encoded as an element of a list).

Example queries:

?- same\_number([a,a,b,b]). ⇒ Yes ?- same\_number([a,a,a,b,b,b]). ⇒ Yes ?- same\_number([a,a,b,b,b]). ⇒ No ?- same\_number([a,a,a,b]). ⇒ No ?- same\_number([aaa,bbbb]). ⇒ No ?- same\_number([]). ⇒ No

8. same\_number\_mixed/1: a one place relation which takes a list as argument and succeeds if the list contains the same number of a as b elements, coming in any order and including the empty list.

Example queries:

- ?- same\_number\_mixed([b,a]).  $\Rightarrow$  Yes
- ?- same\_number\_mixed([b,a,a]).  $\Rightarrow$  No
- ?- same\_number\_mixed([a,a,b,b]).  $\Rightarrow$  Yes
- ?- same\_number\_mixed([a,b,a,a,b,b]).  $\Rightarrow$  Yes
- ?- same\_number\_mixed([a,b,a,a,b,b,a]).  $\Rightarrow$  No
- ?- same\_number\_mixed([]).  $\Rightarrow$  Yes
- 9. mix/2: a two place relation which takes a list as its first argument and returns as second argument each list that consists of all and only the elements of the input list in any order of occurrence; i.e., mix(+List,-Mixed-list)

Example queries:

?- mix([a,b,c],X). 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 X = [a,b,c] ; X = [b,a,c] ; X = [b,c,a] ; X = [a,c,b] ; X = [c,a,b] ; X = [c,b,a]

Hint: in defining mix it is useful to define an auxiliary relation insert which inserts a single element into an input list at any arbitrary position of the list and returns this newly constructed list.