

## 1 INTRODUCTION

MARVIN's approach to learning a concept is two-fold. First of all, it requires a trainer to give examples of the concept to be learned. Secondly, the system asks questions like a good student in order to figure out exactly what the desired concept is.

At the beginning of the learning process the trainer presents the system with a positive example of the desired concept. MARVIN considers all the possible classes that the example or parts of it can be put into. Using these classes, it constructs all possible generalizations of the example given. One of these generalizations has to be the target concept.

Next, MARVIN starts generalizing the example in a systematic manner by using the set of classes obtained earlier. After a generalization is hypothesized, it is tested by constructing an example of the hypothesized generalization and presenting it to the trainer. If the trainer says that the example is in the target concept, the system continues by attempting to generalize the newly accepted generalization further. If the trainer says that the object is not in the target concept the current hypothesis is incorrect and the system specializes it because the hypothesized concept might have been too general. If no specialization of the trial (hypothesized) concept can be made, a completely new generalization is tried.

Once there are no more generalizations left to be made, the system must have converged on to the correct concept.

Needless to say, the above discussion is quite vague. In order to clarify some of the main ideas, a few definitions will be required. But to begin with, here is an example of the operation of MARVIN.

## 2 EXAMPLE OF MARVIN

Here is an example of MARVIN in action. The concept that we are trying to teach is the concept of a garden. We define a garden as a list of vegetables. As background information, we teach MARVIN the concept of vegetables, fruits and food. Food in this domain is just vegetables and fruits since the author is a vegetarian.

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C-Prolog version 1.5
| ?- [marvin],marvin.
marvin consulted 36412 bytes 8.08333 sec.

MARVIN v3.10

<marvin> learn.
-----
<learn concept> veggie.
Arity: 1.
-----
Example of 'veggie' (A): carrot.
A is a 'veggie' if:
    A is carrot
-----
The generalization =
A is a 'veggie' if:
    A is carrot
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('veggie')
-----
Example of 'veggie' (A): onion.
A is a 'veggie' if:
    A is onion
-----
The generalization =
A is a 'veggie' if:
    A is onion
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('veggie')
-----
Example of 'veggie' (A): pea.
A is a 'veggie' if:
    A is pea
-----
The generalization =
A is a 'veggie' if:
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A is pea  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('veggie')

---

Example of 'veggie' (A): no.  
A is a 'veggie' if:  
    A is carrot  
A is a 'veggie' if:  
    A is onion  
A is a 'veggie' if:  
    A is pea

---

<learn concept> fruit.  
Arity: 1.

---

Example of 'fruit' (A): apple.  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is apple

---

The generalization =  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is apple  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('fruit')

---

Example of 'fruit' (A): orange.  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is orange

---

The generalization =  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is orange  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('fruit')

---

Example of 'fruit' (A): banana.  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is banana

---

The generalization =  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is banana  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('fruit')

---

Example of 'fruit' (A): no.  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is apple

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A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is orange  
A is a 'fruit' if:  
    A is banana  
-----  
<learn concept> food.  
Arity: 1.  
-----  
Example of 'food' (A): pea.  
A is a 'food' if:  
    A is pea  
-----  
The trial concept is:  
    veggie(A)  
  
Is this:  
    A is carrot  
an example of the desired concept? yes.  
-----  
The generalization =  
A is a 'food' if:  
    veggie(A)  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('food')  
-----  
Example of 'food' (A): banana.  
A is a 'food' if:  
    A is banana  
-----  
The trial concept is:  
    fruit(A)  
  
Is this:  
    A is apple  
an example of the desired concept? yes.  
-----  
The generalization =  
A is a 'food' if:  
    fruit(A)  
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('food')  
-----  
Example of 'food' (A): no.  
A is a 'food' if:  
    veggie(A)  
A is a 'food' if:
```

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fruit(A)
-----
<learn concept> garden.
-----
Example of 'garden' (A): [onion,pea].
A is a 'garden' if:
    A is [onion,pea]
-----
The trial concept is:
    veggie(head(A))
    A is [pea]

Is this:
    A is [carrot,pea]
an example of the desired concept? yes.
-----
The trial concept is:
    food(head(A))
    A is [pea]

Is this:
    A is [apple,pea]
an example of the desired concept? no.
-----
The trial concept is:
    veggie(head(A))
    veggie(head(tail(A)))
    the tail of the tail of A is []

Is this:
    A is [carrot,carrot]
an example of the desired concept? yes.
-----
The trial concept is:
    veggie(head(A))
    food(head(tail(A)))
    the tail of the tail of A is []

Is this:
    A is [carrot,apple]
an example of the desired concept? no.
-----
The trial concept is:
    veggie(head(A))
```

```
garden(tail(A))

Is this:
A is [carrot,carrot,carrot]
an example of the desired concept? yes.
-----
The generalization =
A is a 'garden' if:
    veggie(head(A))
    garden(tail(A))
Saving a disjunct of the concept ('garden')
-----
Example of 'garden' (A): no.
A is a 'garden' if:
    veggie(head(A))
    the tail of A is []
A is a 'garden' if:
    veggie(head(A))
    garden(tail(A))
-----
<learn concept> no.
<marvin>
```

### **3 DEFINITIONS**

**Object** - the same as example.

**Trial concept** - a hypothesized generalization. In particular, it is the hypothesis currently being tested by MARVIN.

**Target concept** - the concept that the trainer wishes to teach MARVIN.

**All elaborations** - is the set of all possible concepts that an example (or trial) and parts of the example can belong to.

**Crucial object** - an object with special properties which make it an object which can be shown to the trainer; MARVIN will only present this type of object.

**Generalization** - a concept is said to be more general than another if it describes all objects in the other concept plus some more.

**Specialization** - a specialization of a concept involves restricting what objects it covers to a subconcept.

### **4 THE CRITICAL ROUTINES OF MARVIN**

Three sets of predicates make up the core of MARVIN.

**Elaboration.** This set contains the predicates required for elaborating examples and trials.

**Generalization.** This set contains the predicates required to generalize upon the examples given. This is the main process found in MARVIN.

**Crucial object construction.** This set contains the predicates required in finding the crucial objects to present to the trainer.

## 5 ELABORATION

One of the most important parts of MARVIN's algorithm is the process of elaboration. Elaboration is just deciding what possible classifications of an object or parts of an object can be made given the concepts already in memory.

For example, suppose that we have the concepts of digit and bit already in memory. The elaborations of the example `eq(A,1)` are `digit(A)`, `bit(A)` and `eq(A,1)` because all these are possible classifications.

We use the elaborations of a trial or an example in the constructing of hypotheses (trial concepts). Any possible generalization of a trial is a subset of the set of all elaborations of the trial. However, in order to construct a generalization, we need to know what replacement operations were used to obtain the set of elaborations.

For example, suppose that the bit class is a subset of the digit class. (It must be defined as a subclass in MARVIN; see [2]). The elaborations of `eq(A,1)` are `eq(A,1)`, `bit(A)`, `digit(A)` and the replacement operations used to obtain this list are `bit(A) :- eq(A,1)` and `digit(A) :- bit(A)`. To construct a hypothesis we apply a replacement operation on our currently accepted generalization. In this case, our accepted generalization would be `eq(A,1)` if 1 was presented by the trainer. Applying the first replacement operation (`bit(A) :- eq(A,1)`) we obtain the hypothesized generalization `bit(A)`. Note that the other replacement operation cannot be applied yet. It can only be applied if the `bit(A)` generalization becomes accepted.

Another and more important use of the set of elaborations is in constructing crucial objects. See the section on crucial objects for more information.

The predicate `all_elaborations` is the only predicate used by the generalization predicates. All other predicates in this section are internal.

```

all_elaborations(Trial Concept,
    Replacement Operations,
    All Elaborations)

1      all_elaborations(Tr,ReOps,AE) :-  

2          assert_trial(Tr),  

3          bagof([A,B], elaboration(A,B), L),  

4          usable_elaborations(L,Tr,ReOps,AE),  

5          retract_trial(Tr),  

6          !.  

7      all_elaborations(Tr,[],Tr) :-  

8          retract_trial(Tr),  

9          !.

```

**all\_elaborations** is given the trial to be elaborated as its first argument. The set of all elaborations possible is returned as the third argument. Meanwhile, the set of replacement operations used to create the elaborations is composed and is returned as the second argument.

The trial concept is asserted in order that normal Prolog matching can be used rather than by doing matching in lists or something similar.

Obtaining the bag of the elaborations is not sufficient because the elaboration predicate does not always report all items in the trial. It will report them all only if they can be used in some generalization. Also, in the bag there will be repetitions. Further, the bag is a list of replacement operation / elaboration pairs. To make them usable, they must be divided into two lists. The **usable\_elaborations** predicate accomplishes this.

Note the use of the cut. We want only want one possible elaboration set, not all permutations of it.

Notice that the first clause may fail if there are not any replacements possible. In this case the second predicate will simply return the trial concept itself as all elaborations.

```

usable_elaborations(Bag of Elaborations,
    Trial Concept,
    Replacement Operations,
    All Elaborations)

10      usable_elaborations(L,Tr,ReOps,AE) :-
11          bagof(X,firstmember(X,L),ReOps1),
12          bagof(Y,secondmember(Y,L),AE1),
13          flattened(ReOps1,ReOps2),
14          flattened(AE1,AE2),
15          norepeats(ReOps2,ReOps3),
16          norepeats(AE2,AE3),
17          union(Tr,AE3,AE),
18          delete_list( [ [] ], ReOps3, ReOps).

19      firstmember(X,L) :-
20          member([X,_],L).

21      secondmember(Y,L) :-
22          member([_,Y],L).

```

Usable replacement operations are those that are in a list on their own (not along with their respective elaborations) and those that appear in the list only once. Note that [] replacement operations are useless.

Elaboration is useful if they too are in a list on their own, have no repeats and also include the items in the trial concept being elaborated.

**elaboration(Replacement Operations, All Elaborations)**

```

23      elaboration(ReOps,AE) :-
24          concept(_,_ ,Hd),
25          prolog_trace(Hd,ReOps,AE).

```

This predicate says what is true given the current trial in the database. It reports if a classification is possible. If it is possible, the elaborations obtained and replacement operations used in the classification are reported.

### **prolog\_trace(Goal, Replacement Operations, Satisfied Goals)**

```
26      prolog_trace((A,B), ReOps, Trace) :-  
27          prolog_trace(A,R1,T1),  
28          prolog_trace(B,R2,T2),  
29          concat(R1,R2,ReOps),  
30          concat(T1,T2,Trace).  
  
31      prolog_trace(A, [], [A]) :-  
32          clause(A,true).  
  
33      prolog_trace(A, [(A:-Body)|ReOps], [A|Trace]) :-  
34          clause(A,Body),  
35          ( not symmetric(A) ;  
36              ( symmetric(A) ->  
37                  A =.. [,_|Args],  
38                  OGoal =.. [ordered|Args],  
39                  OGoal ),  
40          prolog_trace(Body,ReOps,Trace).
```

This predicate is a Prolog interpreter which reports back which goals it satisfied during its attempt to satisfy the major goal. Also reported are the clauses used during the process.

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### **ordered(FirstArg, SecondArg)**

```
41      ordered(A,B) :- var(A),var(B),!.  
42      ordered(head(A),head(B)) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
43      ordered(tail(A),tail(B)) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
44      ordered(A,head(B)) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
45      ordered(A,tail(B)) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
46      ordered(head(A),B) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
47      ordered(tail(A),B) :- !,ordered(A,B).  
48      ordered(A,B) :- !,name(A,[A1]),name(B,[B1]),A1 < B1.
```

**ordered** is used to cut down on processing for symmetric predicates. It accomplishes this by only allowing those variables that are in order. For example, **same(A,B)** will be allowed but **same(B,A)** will not.

In order to make MARVIN realize that a concept is symmetric, put the predicate **symmetric** in the saved concept file. For example, in the file which contains the **same** concept put the line

```
symmetric( same(A,B) ).
```

## 6 GENERALIZATION

This set of predicates contains the core of MARVIN. MARVIN is just a system which attempts to generalize examples. This is exactly what these generalization predicates do.

```
generalization_of_example(Example, Generalization)
```

```
49      generalization_of_example(Ex,Gen) :-  
50          all_elaborations(Ex,ReOps,AE),  
51          generalization(Ex,ReOps,ReOps,AE,Gen).
```

Given an example of the target concept, this predicate gives the least specific generalization possible which is still consistent. This means that MARVIN will try to generalize the example as much as possible.

At all times during the generalization process there will be a currently accepted generalization. To start off with, we let the currently accepted generalization be the example itself since that is the most specific generalization possible.

Instead of having to recalculate all\_elaborations of the currently accepted generalization several times, it is computed once and instantiated to the AE variable.

Also, the Replacement Operations computed while finding All Elaborations of the original example will be computed once, here in this predicate. These will be used in two ways: the first set will be used to generalize trials and the second set will be used to help specialize inconsistent generalizations.

```

generalization(Accepted Trial,
    Replacement Operations for generalizing,
    Replacement Operations for specializing,
    All Elaborations, Generalization)

52      generalization(Tr, [], _, _, Tr).

53      generalization(Tr, [R|Rtail], ReOps, AE, Gen) :- 
54          replacement(Tr, R, Tr1),
55          qualifies(gen, AE, Tr1, R, ReOps, Gen1),
56          all_elaborations(Geni, ReOps1, GenAE),
57          intersect(ReOps, ReOps1, ReOps2),
58          generalization(Gen1, ReOps2, ReOps2, GenAE, Gen).

59      generalization(Tr, [R|Rtail], ReOps, AE, Gen) :- 
60          not (Rtail = []),
61          not (replacement(Tr, R, _)),
62          append(R, Rtail, ReOps1),
63          generalization(Tr, ReOps1, ReOps, AE, Gen).

64      generalization(Tr, [R|Rtail], ReOps, AE, Gen) :- 
65          delete(R, ReOps, ReOps1),
66          R = (A :- _),
67          all_elaborations([A], _, ElabsofA),
68          delete_list(ElabsofA, AE, NewAE),
69          generalization(Tr, Rtail, ReOps1, NewAE, Gen).

```

The currently accepted generalization is kept if it cannot be generalized any more.

If can be generalized using a certain replacement operation, we make the new generalization our currently accepted generalization if it qualifies. Note that a new set of replacement operations is created to be used in subsequent generalizations.

If this particular replacement operation cannot be used to generalize the currently accepted generalization, then we try to generalize using the replacement operations we haven't tried yet and save the current replacement operation for later.

If it doesn't qualify then we try to generalize using the replacement operations we haven't tried yet. Note that since the generalization didn't work out, we know that it cannot be used in later specializations.

```
replacement(Trial, Replacement Operation, New Trial)
```

```
70      replacement(Tr,(Head:-Body),NewTr) :-  
71          structure_to_list(Body,BodyList),  
72          subtract_list(BodyList,Tr,Tr1),  
73          not member(Head,Tr1),  
74          append(Head,Tr1,NewTr).
```

This takes the current trial and applies a replacement operation to it to create a new trial concept

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```
qualifies(Gen or Spec,  
         All Elaborations,  
         Trial,  
         Last Replacement Operation,  
         All Replacement Operations,  
         Generalization)
```

```
75      qualifies(gen,AE,Tr,R,ReOps,Gen) :-  
76          all_elaborations(Tr,_,AE1),  
77          delete_list(AE1,AE,Diff),  
78          !,  
79          ((crucial_object(Tr,Diff,Obj) ->  
80              ask_trainer(Tr,Obj),  
81              Gen = Tr);  
82          (specialization(Tr,ReOps,R,NewR,Spec),  
83              qualifies(spec,AE1,Spec,NewR,ReOps,Gen))).  
  
84      qualifies(spec,AE,Tr,R,ReOps,Gen) :-  
85          all_elaborations(Tr,_,AE1),  
86          delete_list(AE1,AE,Diff),           %list_difference  
87          !, not(Diff = []),                 % redundant specialization  
88          ((crucial_object(Tr,Diff,Obj) ->  
89              ask_trainer(Tr,Obj),  
90              Gen = Tr);  
91          (specialization(Tr,ReOps,R,NewR,Spec),  
92              qualifies(spec,AE,Spec,NewR,ReOps,Gen))).
```

To qualify a generalization, we must create a crucial object. If a crucial object can be found, we present it to the trainer and ask the trainer whether the object is in the target. If one cannot be found, or the trainer says the object is not in the target, we specialize the current trial.

Note there are two qualify clauses. The first qualifies generalizations while the second qualifies generalizations which have been specialized.

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**ask\_trainer(Trial, Object)**

```
93      ask_trainer(Tr,Obj) :-  
94          draw_line,  
95          show(['The trial concept is: ',nl]),  
96          show_trial(Tr),  
97          show([nl,'Is this: ',nl]),  
98          show_trial(Obj),  
99          show(['an example of the desired concept? ']),  
100         yes_no,  
101         !.
```

Here we ask the trainer (oracle) if the object is in the target concept. Note that in a real system, the generalization (trial concept) would not be presented.

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**specialization(Trial,  
All Replacement Operations,  
Latest Replacement Operation,  
Replacement Operation Used,  
New Specialized Trial)**

```
102     specialization(Tr,ReOps,R,NewR,NewTr) :-  
103         non_disjoint_clause(NewR,ReOps,R,Int),  
104         concat(Tr,Int,Tr1),  
105         replacement(Tr1,NewR,NewTr).
```

To specialize a generalization we need the replacement operation which was used to create the generalization. We can create a generalization which is more specialized by combining two possible generalizations which have something in common. To do this, look through the list of replacement operations to find a clause which has a predicate in its body in common with a predicate in the body of the old replacement operation.

We fail if no such clause can be found. Otherwise, we create the new specialized trial.

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```
non_disjoint_clause(Clause,  
                     Replacement Operations,  
                     Latest Replacement Operation,  
                     Intersection of Clauses)
```

```
106      non_disjoint_clause((S:-M),ReOps,(S1:-M1),Int):-  
107          member((S:-M),ReOps),  
108          not ((S:-M) = (S1:-M1)),  
109          structure_intersect(M,M1,Int),  
110          not( Int = [] ).
```

## 7 CRUCIAL OBJECT CONSTRUCTION

Perhaps the most interesting part about MARVIN is the fact that it is a learning by experimentation system. To do experiments requires not only hypothesis formation, but also a method of testing these hypotheses. To do this, MARVIN constructs objects to present to his trainer.

We have four pieces of information that we use to construct a crucial object.

1. The Hypothesis (Trial Concept)
2. All Elaborations of the Trial Concept
3. The Currently Accepted Generalization
4. All Elaborations of the Currently Accepted Generalization

First of all, we find an object which is covered by the trial concept. Suppose that the currently accepted generalization was just the object presented by the trainer:

1,1            Prolog: `eq(A,1), eq(B,1)`

Also suppose that our trial concept is:

`digit(A), digit(B)`

Clearly we want to present an object like 0,4 or 1,3 etc, not an object that has nothing to do with digits (like mary,bob).

To test out our hypothesis we shouldn't present any objects covered by the currently accepted generalization. In this case, we shouldn't present 1,1 again. We know that all objects in the currently accepted generalization are positive examples of the target concept. Presenting one of these won't tell us anything new.

Now suppose that we have the concept `same(A,B)` in memory. In this case we should not present an object to the trainer that has both digits equal. If we do and the trainer verifies the object, we won't know if the object is in the target because both parts of the object are digits or because they have the additional property of being the same.

So, we should not produce an object that is in danger of being in the target concept for a reason other than the one currently being tested.

In satisfying these goals we will make an object called a crucial object, one that will adequately help us refute or verify our hypothesis.

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```
crucial_object(Trial Concept,
               Elaboration Difference,
               Crucial Object)

111      crucial_object(Tr,Diff,Obj) :-  
112          covered_object(Tr,Obj),  
113          not infer(Diff,Obj),  
114          !.  
  
115      crucial_object(Tr,Diff,Obj) :-  
116          recursive_concept(Tr,C1),  
117          recursively_expanded(Tr,C1,Tr1),  
118          covered_object(Tr1,Obj),  
119          delete_list(Tr1,Diff,NewDiff),  
120          !, % only try once, else infinite loop may occur  
121          not infer(NewDiff,Obj),  
122          !.  
  
123      recursive_concept(P,C2) :-  
124          current_concept(C,C1),  
125          functorcopy(C1,C2),  
126          member(C2,P).  
  
127      recursively_expanded(P,C,P1) :-  
128          delete(C,P,P2),  
129          current_concept(CName,_),  
130          make_gen_clause(CName,P,(C:-C1)),  
131          structure_to_list(C1,L1),  
132          concat(L1,P2,P1).
```

The elaboration difference is all elaborations of the currently accepted generalization except for those that are also members of all elaborations the trial concept. The objects covered by items in this difference are those that are cov-

ered by the currently accepted generalization and those that can be in the target concept for a different reason other than the reasons in the trial concept.

For example, suppose the currently accepted generalization was the object 1,1 as above. All elaborations of it are

`eq(A,1),eq(B,1),digit(A),digit(B),same(A,B)`

Also suppose that the trial concept is `digit(A),digit(B)`. All elaborations of it are

`digit(A),digit(B)`

The elaboration difference in this case is

`eq(A,1),eq(B,1),same(A,B)`

This says we should pick an object such that the two parts are not the same and neither equal 1.

So in general we need an object covered by the trial concept which does not satisfy anything in this elaboration difference.

Note that we might have to make a recursive application of the current trial to obtain a crucial object.

Note also the cut at the end of the predicate. We will only produce one crucial object.

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#### `covered_object(Trial Concept, Object)`

This predicate says the object instantiated to the second argument is covered (satisfies) the trial concept.

The middle argument called `Sofar` is the part of the object that has been created so far during processing. It is required for processing `same(X,Y)` correctly.

Notice that there will no be repeated items in the object.

```

133      covered_object(Tr,Obj) :-  

134          covered_object(Tr,[],Obj1),  

135          norepeats(Obj1,Obj).  

  

136      covered_object([],_,[]).

```

The builtin concept `same` poses problems because when it is used, its arguments had better be instantiated. To handle this problem we deal with `same` after the rest of the trial concept is satisfied.

```

137      covered_object([same(A,B)|Q],SoFar,Obj) :-  

138          covered_object(Q,SoFar,Obj1),  

139          concat(SoFar,Obj1,Tot),  

140          member(eq(A,C),Tot),  

141          member(eq(B,D),Tot),  

142          C = D, % inst after member  

143          concat([eq(A,C),eq(B,D)],Obj1,Obj).

```

An item in the trial concept is atomic if there is a clause in the database for it without a body

```

144      covered_object([P],_,[P]) :-  

145          clause(P,true).

```

An item in the trial concept is not atomic if there is a clause in the database which has a body corresponding to it.

```

146      covered_object([P],SoFar,Obj) :-  

147          not (P = same(_,_)),  

148          clause(P,Body),  

149          Body \== true,  

150          structure_to_list(Body,BL),  

151          ((not recursive(P,BL),  

152              covered_object(BL,SoFar,Obj));  

153          (recursive(P,BL),  

154              covered_object(BL,SoFar,Obj),  

155              !)). % only one per recursive application!

```

An item in the trial concept is atomic if there are no clauses in the database for it.

```

156      covered_object([P],_, [P]) :-  

157          not clause(P,_).
```

If the first item in the trial concept has variables in it, we process it after we have processed the rest of the trial concept

```

158      covered_object([P|Q],SoFar,Obj) :-  

159          [P|Q] \== [P],  

160          not(P = same(_,_)),  

161          ((novars(P),  

162              covered_object([P],[],Obj1),  

163              concat(SoFar,Obj1,SoFar1),  

164              covered_object(Q,SoFar1,Obj2));  

165              (not novars(P),  

166                  covered_object(Q,[],Obj1),  

167                  concat(SoFar,Obj1,SoFar1),  

168                  covered_object([P],SoFar1,Obj2))),  

169              concat(Obj1,Obj2,Obj)).
```

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### infer(Conditions List, Object)

```

170      infer([],[]) :- !,fail.  

171      infer([D|Dtail],Obj) :- infer1(D,Obj) ; infer(Dtail,Obj).  

172      infer1(D,Obj) :- assert_trial(Obj),  

173          D,  

174          retract_trial(Obj).  

175      infer1(D,Obj) :- retract_trial(Obj),!,fail.
```

This predicate says that at least one condition in the conditions list can be satisfied by, or inferred from, the object.

In this case the conditions list will be the elaboration difference.

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## A LIBRARY ROUTINES

### A.1 Common Predicates

```
176      member(A, [A|L]).  
177      member(A, [_|L]) :- member(A, L).  
  
178      concat([], L, L).  
179      concat([X|L1], L2, [X|L3]) :- concat(L1, L2, L3).  
  
180      append(A, [], [A]).  
181      append(A, [X|T], [X|T1]) :- append(A, T, T1).  
  
182      reverse([],[]).  
183      reverse([A|T],T1) :-  
184          reverse(T,T2),  
185          append(A,T2,T1).  
  
186      delete(A, [A|L], L).  
187      delete(A, [B|L],[B|L1]) :- delete(A,L,L1).  
  
188      flattened([],[]).  
189      flattened([X|Y],[X|Z]) :-  
190          not list(X),  
191          flattened(Y,Z).  
192      flattened([X|Y],L) :-  
193          list(X),  
194          flattened(X,X1),  
195          flattened(Y,Z),  
196          concat(X1,Z,L).  
  
197      union([],L,L).  
198      union([A|A1],L,[A|L1]) :-  
199          not member(A,L),  
200          union(A1,L,L1).  
201      union([A|A1],L,L1) :-  
202          union(A1,L,L1).
```

```

203      intersect([],L1,[]).
204      intersect([A|L],L1,[A|L2]) :-
205          delete(A,L1,L3),
206          intersect(L,L3,L2).
207      intersect([A|L],L1,L2) :- 
208          not member(A,L1),
209          intersect(L,L1,L2).

210      norepeats(A,X) :- 
211          norepeats(A,A,X),!.
212      norepeats([],L1,L1).
213      norepeats([A|L],L1,Lf) :- 
214          delete(A,L1,L2),
215          (( member(A,L2),
216              norepeats([A|L],L2,Lf)) ;
217              (not member(A,L2),
218                  norepeats(L,L1,Lf))). 

219      delete_list([],A,A).
220      delete_list([A|L],L1,L2) :- 
221          delete(A,L1,L3),
222          delete_list([A|L],L3,L2).    % delete all
223      delete_list([A|L],L1,L2) :- 
224          not member(A,L1),
225          delete_list(L,L1,L2).

226      subtract_list([],A,A) :- !.
227      subtract_list([A|L],L1,L2) :- 
228          member(A,L1),
229          delete_list([A],L1,L3), % delete all occurrences
230          subtract_list(L,L3,L2),!.

231      list([]).
232      list([_|_]).
```

## A.2 Less Common Predicates

**assert\_once** asserts something into the data base only if it is not there already

```
233      assert_once(G) :- call(G), !.  
234      assert_once(G) :- assertz(G).
```

**structure\_to\_list** the first argument is the equivalent to the second argument except for the fact that the second argument is a list and the first is in structure form.

```
235      structure_to_list(X, [X]) :-  
236          var(X).  
237      structure_to_list((X,Y), [X|Z]) :-  
238          structure_to_list(Y, Z).  
239      structure_to_list(X, [X]) :-  
240          not X=(_,_).
```

**functorcopy** the second argument is a duplication of the first argument but with different variables. This is useful if we need to temporally instantiate something when we cannot backtrack.

```
241      functorcopy(In, Out) :-  
242          functorcopy(In, Out, _).  
  
243      functorcopy(Atom, Atom, _) :-  
244          atomic(Atom), !.  
245      functorcopy(Var, Vari, Ids) :-  
246          var(Var), !,  
247          check_binding((Var,Vari), Ids).  
248      functorcopy([], [], _) :- !.  
249      functorcopy([Arg|Rest], [Arg1|Rest1], Ids) :-  
250          !,  
251          functorcopy(Arg, Arg1, Ids),  
252          functorcopy(Rest, Rest1, Ids).  
253      functorcopy(Functor, Functor1, Ids) :-  
254          Functor =.. [Name|Args],  
255          functorcopy(Args, Args1, Ids),  
256          Functor1 =.. [Name|Args1].
```

**check\_binding** used by **functorcopy**

```
257      check_binding(Thing, [End|_])      :-  
258          var(End), !, Thing = End.  
259      check_binding((A,A1), [(B,B1)|Rest]) :-  
260          A == B, !, A1=B1.  
261      check_binding(Thing, [_|Rest])      :-  
262          check_binding(Thing, Rest).
```

**novars** succeeds if there are no uninstantiated variables in the object given

```
263      novars([A]) :-  
264          var(A),  
265          !, fail.  
266      novars([A|T]) :-  
267          not(var(A)),  
268          atomic(A),  
269          novars(T).  
270      novars([A|T]) :-  
271          not(var(A)),  
272          not(atomic(A)),  
273          A =.. [G|Args],  
274          novars(Args),  
275          novars(T).  
  
276      novars(A) :-  
277          atom(A).  
278      novars(A) :-  
279          not(list(A)),  
280          A =.. [G|Args],  
281          novars(Args).
```

**functornames** the first argument is a list of things such as [cat(felix),dog(goofy),bird(tweety)]. The second variable is instantiated to a list of just the principal functors of the items in the first list. In this case: [cat,dog,bird].

```
282      functornames([],[]).  
283      functornames([A|T],[A1|T1]) :-  
284          A =.. [A1|_],  
285          functornames(T,T1).
```

recursive the arguments here represent the head and the body of a Prolog Clause. A Prolog Clause is recursive if something in the body has the same principal functor as the principal functor of the head.

```
286      recursive(Head,BodyList) :-  
287          Head =.. [H|_],  
288          functorsnames(BodyList,Flist),  
289          member(H,Flist).
```

**structure\_intersect** Instead of taking the intersection of two lists we intersect two structures, typically the body part of Prolog Clauses.

```
290      structure_intersect(S1,S2,Int) :-  
291          structure_to_list(S1,S1list),  
292          structure_to_list(S2,S2list),  
293          intersect(S1list,S2list,Int).
```

## B MARVIN USER INTERFACE

### B.1 MAIN PREDICATES

#### MAIN LOGIC

```
294      marvin:-init,
295          repeat,
296          prompt,
297          read1(X),
298          menu(X),
299          fail.

300      version('3.10').

301      init :- version(X),show([nl,'MARVIN v',write(X),nl,nl]).

302      prompt :- show(['<marvin> ']).

303      good_bye :-
304          show(['Do you really want to quit? ']),
305          read1(X),
306          yes(X),
307          show([nl,'MARVIN SESSION COMPLETE',nl]),
308          halt.
309      good_bye.
```

#### THE MENU

```
310      menu_item(help) :- give_help.
311      menu_item(active) :- active_concepts.
312      menu_item(bye) :- good_bye.
313      menu_item(deactivate) :- kill_concepts.
314      menu_item(activate) :- load_concepts.
315      menu_item(classify) :- classify_objects.
316      menu_item(learn) :- learn_concepts.
317      menu_item(store) :- store_concepts.
318      menu_item(show) :- show_concepts.
```

```

319      menu(A) :- menu_item(A),!.
320      menu(A) :- alias(A,B), menu_item(B),!.
321      menu(A) :- show(['I don''t understand!',nl,
322                      'Type help for help',nl]).
```

#### MENU ALIASES

```

323      alias(a,active).
324      alias(c,classify).
325      alias(halt,bye).
326      alias(load,activate).
327      alias(new,learn).
328      alias(u,activate).
329      alias(use,activate).
330      alias(q,bye).
331      alias(end,bye).
332      alias(b,bye).
333      alias(h,help).
334      alias(d,deactivate).
335      alias(kill,deactivate).
336      alias(l,learn).
337      alias(s,store).
338      alias(sh,show).
339      alias(display,show).
```

#### HELP

```

340      give_help :-
341          write('MARVIN MENU v1.0'), nl,nl,
342          write('KEYWORD           '),
343          write('  MEANING'),nl,
344          write('-----      '),
345          write('  -----      '),
346          write('-----      '),
347          write('a,active           '),
348          write('- display a list of the active concepts'),nl,
349          write('c,classify         '),
350          write('- classify concepts'),nl,
351          write('d,deactivate,kill   '),
352          write('- deactivate an active concept'),nl,
```

```

353         write('h,help           '),
354         write('- display this message '),
355         write('(bet you didn't know that)'),nl,
356         write('l,learn,new          '),
357         write('- learn a new concept '),
358         write('(or add a new disjunct to an old one)'),nl,
359         write('s,save,store        '),
360         write('- store a concept'),nl,
361         write('sh,show,display     '),
362         write('- show a concept''s internal representation'),nl,
363         write('u,use,activate,load   '),
364         write('- make a stored concept active'),nl,
365         write('b,bye,q,halt,end    '),
366         write('- end the MARVIN session'),nl.

```

#### ACTIVE CONCEPTS

```

367      active_concepts :- setof(A,active(A),X),
368          X \== [],
369          showlist(X),!.
370      active_concepts :- show(['No active concepts',nl]).  

371      active(A) :- concept(A,_,_).

```

#### RETRIEVAL OF PREVIOUSLY LEARNED CONCEPTS

```

372      load_concepts  :-
373          show(['<activate> ']),
374          read1(X),
375          not no(X),
376          consult(X),
377          load_concepts.
378      load_concepts.

```

#### DEACTIVATION OF CONCEPTS

```

379      kill_concepts :-  

380          show(['<deactivate> ']),

```

```

381         read1(X),
382         not no(X),
383         ((concept(X,_,Hd),
384          killconcept(Hd),
385          show([write(X), ' deactivated',nl]),!);
386          (show([write(X), ' is not active.',nl]))),
387          kill_concepts.
388      kill_concepts.

389      killconcept(Hd) :- clause(Hd,Body),retract((Hd:-Body)),fail.
390      killconcept(Hd) :- retract(concept(_,_,Hd)).

```

#### SAVING OF CONCEPTS FOR OTHER MARVIN SESSIONS

```

391      store_concepts :- show(['<store concept> ']),
392                  read1(X),
393                  not no(X),
394                  ((concept(X,A,Hd),
395                   show(['What File? ']),
396                   read1(File),
397                   not no(File),
398                   tell(File),
399                   write(concept(X,A,Hd)),
400                   write('.'),nl,
401                   write_things(Hd),
402                   close(File),
403                   tell(user),
404                   show(['Wrote ',write(File),nl]),!);
405                   (show([write(X), ' is not active',nl]))),
406                   store_concepts.
407      store_concepts.

408      write_things(Y) :-
409                  clause(Y,Z),
410                  write((Y:-Z)),
411                  write('.'),nl,
412                  fail.
413      write_things(_).

```

## CLASSIFY OBJECTS

```
414      classify_objects:-  
415          show(['<classifier> ']),  
416          read1(Ex),  
417          not no(Ex),  
418          structure_to_list(Ex,ExL),  
419          make_trial(0,ExL,Tr1),  
420          expand_lists(Tr1,Tr),  
421          show_trial(Tr),  
422          show(['Possible Classifications are: ',nl]),  
423          all_classifications(Tr),!,  
424          classify_objects.  
  
425      classify_objects.  
  
426      all_classifications(Tr):-  
427          assert_trial(Tr),  
428          concept(_,_,Head),  
429          Head,  
430          indent,write(Head),nl,  
431          fail.  
  
432      all_classifications(Tr):-  
433          retract_trial(Tr).
```

## DISPLAY CONCEPTS

```
434      show_concepts :-  
435          show(['<show concept> ']),  
436          read1(X),  
437          not no(X),  
438          ((concept(X,_,Hd),  
439              showconcept(X,Hd),!);  
440              (show([write(X),' is not active.',nl]))),  
441          show_concepts.  
442      show_concepts.  
  
443      showconcept(X,Hd):-  
444          show(['Something is a ',quote(X),' if ',nl]),  
445          clause(Hd,Tail),  
446          name_args((Hd:-Tail),(Hd:-Tail)),
```

```

447         structure_to_list(Tail,Tr),
448         showtheor,
449         show_trial(Tr),
450         fail.
451     showconcept(_,_):- (sh1, retract(sh1)); true.

452     showtheor :- sh1,      show(['or if',nl]).
453     showtheor :- not sh1, assert_once(sh1).

```

#### NEW CONCEPTS

```

454     learn_concepts :-
455         (( retract(current_concept(_,_) ),! ); true ),
456         draw_line,
457         validconceptname(X),
458         new_concept(X),
459         learn_concepts.

460     learn_concepts.

461     validconceptname(X) :-
462         show(['<learn concept> ']),
463         read1(X1),
464         not no(X1),
465         ((concept(X1,_,_),,
466          X = X1,! );
467          (current_predicate(X1,_),
468           show([write(X1),' is an internal predicate!',nl]),
469           validconceptname(X),! );
470          (not current_predicate(X1,_),
471           X = X1)).
472

473     new_concept(Concept) :-
474         concept(Concept,_,_),
475         get_examples(Concept), !.
476     new_concept(Concept) :-
477         not concept(Concept,_,_),
478         assertz(concept(Concept,Arity,Head)),
479         get_examples(Concept), !.
480     new_concept(Concept) :-
481         show_concept(Concept).

```

## GET EXAMPLES FROM THE USER

```
482      get_examples(Concept) :-  
483          arityof(Concept,Ar),  
484          draw_line,  
485          show(['Example of ', quote(Concept), ' ']),  
486          show_args(Ar),  
487          read1(Example), !,  
488          not no(Example),  
489          example(Concept, Example),  
490          !, get_examples(Concept).  
  
491      example(Concept, Example) :-  
492          structure_to_list(Example, ExampleList),  
493          make_trial0(Concept, ExampleList, T0),  
494          ( old_example(Concept, T0)  
495            ; new_example(Concept, T0) ).
```

## NEW EXAMPLES

```
496      new_example(Concept,Ex) :-  
497          show_trial(Concept,Ex),  
498          generalization_of_example(Ex,Gen),  
499          draw_line,  
500          write('The generalization = '),nl,  
501          show_trial(Concept,Gen),  
502          store_generalization(Concept,Gen).
```

## INPUT PREPROCESSING

```
503      make_trial0(Concept,EL,Tr) :-  
504          make_trial(0,EL,T0),  
505          expand_lists(T0,Tr),  
506          arityof(Concept,Ar),  
507          make_vars(Ar,Vars),  
508          G1 =.. [Concept|Vars],  
509          retract(concept(Concept,Arity,_)),  
510          assertz(concept(Concept,Arity,G1)),  
511          assert_once(current_concept(Concept,G1)),!.
```

```

512      make_trial(_,[],[]) :-!.
513      make_trial(Acnt, [[A|B]|Atail],
514                  [eq(head(V),A),eq(tail(V),B)|Tail]) :-  

515          (atom(A) ; number(A)),!,
516          N2 is Acnt + 65,
517          name(V,[N2]),
518          Acnt1 is Acnt + 1,  

519          make_trial(Acnt1,Atail,Tail).  

520      make_trial(Acnt,[A|Atail],[eq(V,A)|Tail]) :-  

521          (atom(A) ; number(A)),!,
522          N2 is Acnt + 65,
523          name(V,[N2]),
524          Acnt1 is Acnt + 1,  

525          make_trial(Acnt1,Atail,Tail).
526      make_trial(Acnt,[A|Atail],[A|Tail]) :-  

527          make_trial(Acnt,Atail,Tail).  

528      expand_lists([],[]).
529      expand_lists([eq(tail(A),[Lhead|Ltail])|T],
530                  [eq(head(tail(A)),Lhead)|T1]) :-  

531          expand_lists([eq(tail(tail(A)),Ltail)|T],T1).
532      expand_lists([A|T],[A|T1]) :- expand_lists(T,T1).  

533      make_vars(0,[]) :- !.
534      make_vars(N,[A|Atail]) :- N1 is N-1, make_vars(N1,Atail).

```

#### STORE CONCEPT (a single disjunct) IN MEMORY

```

535      store_generalization(Concept,Gen):-  

536          show(['Saving a disjunct of the concept ',quote(Concept),',',nl]),  

537          make_gen_clause(Concept,Gen,CL),
538          assertz(CL).  

539      make_gen_clause(Concept,Gen,(C1:-C2)):-  

540          arityof(Concept,Ar),
541          varnames(Ar,Varnames),
542          make_vars(Ar,Vars),
543          getothercavars(Gen,Varnames,Exnames,Num),

```

```

544         make_vars(Num,ExVars),
545         concat(Varnames,Exnames,Allnames),
546         concat(Vars,ExVars,AllVars),
547         replacevars(Allnames,AllVars,Gen,NewGen),
548         C1 =.. [Concept|Vars],
549         structure_to_list(C2,NewGen).

550     getothercapvars([],_,[],0).
551     getothercapvars([Thing|Gen],VN,CN,Num) :-
552         getothercapvars(Gen,VN,CN1,Num1),
553         getvarsfrom(Thing,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2),
554         concat(CN2,CN1,CN),
555         Num is Num1 + Num2.

556     getvarsfrom([],VN,CN1,[],0).

557     getvarsfrom([A|T],VN,CN1,[A|CN2],Num2) :-
558         atom(A),
559         capitalized(A),
560         not member(A,VN),
561         not member(A,CN1),
562         getvarsfrom(T,VN,CN1,CN2,Num3),
563         Num2 is 1 + Num3.

564     getvarsfrom([A|T],VN,CN1,CN2,Num2) :-
565         atom(A),
566         capitalized(A),
567         ( member(A,VN);
568             member(A,CN1) ),
569         getvarsfrom(T,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2).

570     getvarsfrom([A|T],VN,CN1,CN2,Num2) :-
571         (atom(A); number(A)),
572         not capitalized(A),
573         getvarsfrom(T,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2).

574     getvarsfrom([A|T],VN,CN1,CN3,Num3) :-
575         not atom(A),
576         not number(A),
577         getvarsfrom(A,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2),
578         getvarsfrom(T,VN,CN2,CN3,Num3).

579     getvarsfrom(Thing,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2) :-
580         not atom(Thing),

```

```

581          not list(Thing),
582          Thing =.. [T|Args],
583          getvarsfrom(Args,VN,CN1,CN2,Num2).

584      capital(Ascii) :- Ascii < 91, Ascii > 64.
585      capitalized(Name) :- name(Name,[A|_]), capital(A).

586      replacevars([],[],Gen,Gen).
587      replacevars([Name|Ntail],[V|Vtail],Gen,NewGen) :-
588          replacevar(Name,V,Gen,TmpGen),
589          replacevars(Ntail,Vtail,TmpGen,NewGen).

590      replacevar(Name,V,[],[]).
591      replacevar(Name,V,[G|Gen],[New|NewGen]) :-
592          G =.. [F|Args],
593          replvar(Name,V,Args,NewArgs),
594          New =.. [F|NewArgs],
595          replacevar(Name,V,Gen,NewGen).
596
597      replvar(Name,V,[],[]).
598      replvar(Name,V,[A|Args],[NA|NewArgs]) :-
599          (A == head(Name); A == tail(Name)),
600          A =.. [A1,Name],
601          NA =.. [A1,V],
602          replvar(Name,V,Args,NewArgs).
603      replvar(Name,V,[A|Args],[NA|NewArgs]) :-
604          ((A == Name, NA=V);
605           (not(A==Name), NA=A)),
606          replvar(Name,V,Args,NewArgs).
607

```

## OTHER PREDICATES

```

608      name_args((C:-E), (C1:-E1)) :- 
609          name_args((C:-E), _, _, (C1:-E1)).
610      name_args((C:-E), Concept, Args, (C1:-E1)) :- 
611          functorcopy((C:-E), (C1:-E1)),
612          functor(C,_,NumArgs),
613          varnames(NumArgs,Args),

```

```

614          C1=..[Concept|Args].  

  

615      varnames(N,Args) :- varnames(N,0,Args).  

616      varnames(N,N,[ ]) :- !.  

617      varnames(N,N1,[A|Atail]) :-  

618          N2 is N1 + 65,  

619          name(A,[N2]),  

620          N3 is N1 + 1,  

621          varnames(N,N3,Atail).  

  

622      arityof(Concept,Ar) :-  

623          concept(Concept,Ar,_),  

624          not var(Ar), !.  

625      arityof(Concept,Ar) :-  

626          show(['Arity: ']),  

627          read1(Ar),  

628          not no(Ar),  

629          integer(Ar),  

630          retract( concept(Concept,Ar,X) ),  

631          assertz( concept(Concept,Ar,X) ).  


```

#### OLD EXAMPLE CHECKING

```

632      old_example(Concept, TO) :-  

633          assert_trial(TO),  

634          example_of(Concept,_),  

635          show(['The example is already an instance of ',  

636                 quote(Concept), nl]),  

637          retract_trial(TO).  

  

638      old_example(Concept, TO) :-  

639          retract_trial(TO), !, fail.  

  

640      example_of(Concept,Goal) :-  

641          concept(Concept,Ar,Head),  

642          name_args((Head:-true),(Goal:-true)),  

643          Goal.  

  

644      assert_trial(Ex) :- member(M,Ex), asserta(M), fail.  

645      assert_trial(Ex).  


```

```
646      retract_trial(Ex) :- member(M,Ex), retract(M), fail.  
647      retract_trial(Ex).
```

## B.2 INPUT PREDICATES

```

648      read1(X) :- myread(Y), read1(X, Y), !.
649      read1(_, X) :- abort(X), abort.
650      read1(X, spy(S)) :- spy(S), !, read1(X).
651      read1(X, nodebug) :- nodebug, !, read1(X).
652      read1(X, X).

653      myread(X) :- myread1(X1), name(X2,X1), atom_to_structure(X2,X), !.
654      myread1([N|X]) :- get(N), N \== 46, myread1(X).
655      myread1([])      :- get0(_). % CR

656      atom_to_structure(Atom,Struct) :-%
657          name(Atom,Alist),
658          cl(StructList,Alist,[]),
659          structure_to_list(Struct,StructList).

660      cl([T|SL])  --> term(T), comma, cl(SL).
661      cl([T])     --> term(T).

662      term(T)   --> listterm(T).
663      term(T)   --> termhead(H), args(A), {name(H1,H), T=..[H1|A]}.

664      listterm(X) --> opensquarebracket, closesquarebracket ,
665          { X =.. [] } .
666      listterm(H)  --> opensquarebracket, termlist(H), closesquarebracket.

667      termlist([H|T]) --> term(H), comma, termlist(T).
668      termlist([H])   --> term(H).

669      termhead([H|T]) --> alphanumeric(H), termhead(T).
670      termhead([H|T]) --> pathnamechar(H), termhead(T).
671      termhead([],A,A).

672      args(A) --> openroundbracket, arglist(A), closeroundbracket.
673      args([],A,A).

674      arglist([H|T]) --> term(H), comma, arglist(T).
675      arglist([A])  --> term(A).

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676      opensquarebracket --> [91].
677      closesquarebracket --> [93].
678      openroundbracket --> [40].
679      closeroundbracket --> [41].
680      comma --> [44].

681      pathnamechar(47) --> [47]. % '/'
682      pathnamechar(126) --> [126]. % '~~'

683      alphanumeric(A) --> alphabetical(A).
684      alphanumeric(A) --> numeric(A).
685      alphabetical(A) --> capital(A).
686      alphabetical(A) --> lowercase(A).

687      numeric(A,[A|T],T) :- A < 58, A > 47.
688      capital(A,[A|T],T) :- A < 91, A > 64.
689      lowercase(A,[A|T],T) :- A > 96, A < 124.

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#### OTHER INPUT-RELATED PREDICATES

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690      yes_no :- read(X), yes_no(X).

691      yes_no(A) :- abort(A), abort.
692      yes_no(Y) :- yes(Y), !.
693      yes_no(N) :- no(N), !, fail.
694      yes_no(X) :- write('please answer yes or no (or abort)'), nl, yes_no.

696      yes(yes).
697      yes(y).

698      no(no).
699      no(n).

700      abort(abort).
701      abort(ab).
702      abort(quit).

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### B.3 OUTPUT PREDICATES

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703      show([])      :- !.
704      show(do(A))  :- !, call(A).
705      show(write(A))  :- !, write(A).
706      show(quote(A))  :- !, write(''), write(A), write('').
707      show(list(A))  :- !, show_list(A).
708      show(nl)       :- !, nl.
709      show([A|B])   :- !, show(A), show(B).
710      show(A)       :- write(A).

711      show_list([])  :- !.
712      show_list([A])  :- !, show(A).
713      show_list([A|L])  :- !, show(A), write(','), show_list(L).
714      show_list(A)  :- show(A).

715      show_args(N)  :- show_args(N,0).
716      show_args(N,N)  :- write(')') , ! .
717      show_args(N,0)  :- write('('), alpha(0), show_args(N,1).
718      show_args(N,N1)  :- write(',') , alpha(N1), N2 is N1+1, show_args(N,N2).

719      alpha(N)  :- N1 is N + 65, name(X,[N1]), write(X).

720      sorted_trial([],[]).
721      sorted_trial([A|T],S) :- 
722          sorted_trial(T,ST),
723          insertit(A,ST,S).
724      insertit(A,[B|S],[B|S1])  :- 
725          ic(B,A), !,
726          insertit(A,S,S1).
727      insertit(A,S,[A|S]). 

728      ic(A,B)  :- varof(A,_,Asc), varof(B,_,Asc1),
729          ((Asc < Asc1);
730          (Asc = Asc1,
731           ia(A,B))).

732      ia(A,B)  :- 
733          A =.. [_, [A2|_]],
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734          B =.. [_.|[_B2|_.]],
735          io(A2,B2).

736          io(A,A).
737          io(head(A),tail(B)) :- io(A,B).
738          io(head(A),head(B)) :- io(A,B).
739          io(A,B) :- atom(A), not atom(B).

varof(structure,nesting,varname,asciiofvar)

740          varof(S,S,Ascii) :- atom(S), name(S,[Ascii]).
741          varof(head(S),S1,Ascii) :- varof(S,S1,Ascii).
742          varof(tail(S),S1,Ascii) :- varof(S,S1,Ascii).
743          varof(S,S1,Ascii) :- S=.. [_.|[H|_.]], varof(H,S1,Ascii).

744          show_trial(Concept,Tr) :-
745              sorted_trial(Tr,SortedTr),
746              concept(Concept,Ar,G1),
747              show_clause_list(G1,SortedTr),!.
748
749          show_trial(Tr) :-
750              sorted_trial(Tr,Tr2),
751              structure_to_list(Tr1,Tr2),
752              show_clause(8,Tr1),!.

753          show_object([]).
754          show_object([0|0tail]) :- show_clause(8,0),show_object(0tail).

755          show_clause_list(Head, List) :-
756              structure_to_list(Body, List),
757              show_clause((Head:-Body)).
758
759          show_clause((C:-E)) :-
760              name_args((C:-E), Concept, Args, (C1:-E1)),
761              structure_to_list(Args2,Args),
762              show([do(write(Args2)), ' is a ',
763                  quote(Concept), ' if:', nl]),
764              show_clause(8, E1),!.

765          show_clause(_,[]).
766          show_clause(Indent, (A,B)) :- A = (eq(head(_),_)),
767              listable((A,B)),tab(Indent),
768              show_list(start,(A,B),C),show_clause(Indent,C).

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767      show_clause(Indent, (A,B)) :-  

768          show_clause(Indent, A), show_clause(Indent, B).  

769      show_clause(Indent, A) :-  

770          not A=(_,_), tab(Indent), show_clause(A).  

  

771      show_clause(eq(X,B)) :-  

772          show_thing(X),  

773          show([' is ', do(write(B)), nl]),!.  

774      show_clause(isa(X,B)) :-  

775          show_thing(X),  

776          show([' is an instance of ', quote(B), nl]),!.  

777      show_clause(same(X, Y)) :-  

778          show_thing(X),  

779          show([' is the same as ']), show_thing(Y), nl,!.  

780      show_clause(A) :- write(A),nl.  

  

781      listable(A) :- structure_to_list(A,L), listable1(L).  

782      listable1([]).  

783      listable1([eq(tail(_),_)|_]).  

784      listable1([eq(head(_),_)|B]) :- listable1(B).  

  

785      show_list(start,(eq(head(A),B),C),D) :- varof(A,V,_), show_thing(V),  

786          show([' is [',do(write(B))]),  

787          show_list(middle,C,D),!.  

788      show_list(middle,(eq(head(A),B),C),D) :- show([' ','do(write(B))']),  

789          show_list(middle,C,D),!.  

790      show_list(middle,(eq(tail(A),[]),C),C) :- write(']'),nl,!.  

791      show_list(middle,eq(tail(A),[]),[]) :- write(']'),nl,!.  

  

792      show_thing(head(X)) :- show(['the head of ']), show_thing(X).  

793      show_thing(tail(X)) :- show(['the tail of ']), show_thing(X).  

794      show_thing(X) :- atomic(X), write(X).  

  

795      show_concept(Concept) :-  

796          concept(Concept,Ar,C),  

797          not var(C),  

798          clause(C, E),  

799          show_clause((C:-E)),  

800          fail.  

801      show_concept(_).  

  

802      draw_line :-  

803          show(['-----',nl]).
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804      showlist([]).
805      showlist([A|T]) :- indent, write(A), nl, showlist(T).
806      indent   :- tab(8).
807      mytab(0) :- !.
808      mytab(N) :- write(' '), N1 is N - 1, mytab(N1).
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