Declarative programming

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Declarative Programming: Information

Homepage, Mailing-list

- Momepage: <http://dp.iit.bme.hu>
- Mailing-list: http://www.iit.bme.hu/mailman/listinfo/dp-1.
 Mails to the list members have to be sent to dp-1@www.iit.bme.hu.
 Only list members' mail arrives to others without moderator approval.

Lecture Notes

- Szeredi, Péter and Benkő, Tamás: Declarative Programming. Introduction to logic programming (in Hungarian)
- Hanák, D. Péter: Declarative Programming. Introduction to functional programming (in Hungarian)
- Electronic version is available on the homepage (ps, pdf)

REQUIREMENTS, INFORMATION

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Declarative Programming: Information (cont.)

Compiler and Interpreter

- SICStus Prolog version 3.12 (license may be requested through the ETS)
- Moscow SML (2.0, freeware)
- Both of them are installed on kempelen.inf.bme.hu.
- Both of them can be downloaded from the homepage (linux, Win95/98/NT)
- Exercising/tutoring through ETS on the Web (see homepage)
- System manuals in HTML and PDF format
- Other programs: swiProlog, gnuProlog, poly/ML, smlnj
- emacs-wordprocessor has SML and Prolog mode (linux, Win95/98/NT)

Big HomeWork (BHW)

- In both programming language (Prolog, SML)
- Work independently!
- Programs should be efficient (time limit!), well documented (with comments)
- Developer documentation: 5–10 pages, for both programming languages (TXT, TeX/LaTeX, HTML, PDF, PS; BUT NOT DOC or RTF)
- Announced in the 6th week, on the homepage, with downloadable frame-program
- Deadline in the 12th week; submission in electronic format (see homepage)
- The test-cases handed out and the test cases used at scoring are not the same, but of similar difficulty
- The programs which perfectly solve all the test cases, participate in a ladder competition (winners get additional points)

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Declarative Programming: Requirements during the Semester (cont.)

Small HomeWork (SHW)

- 2-3 exercises from both Prolog and from SML
- Handing in: electronically (see homepage)
- Optional, but very much recommended
- Every good solution earns 1 additional point

Using the Web Exercising system

- Optional, but *indispensable* for the successful midterm-test and exam!
- Embedded in the ETS system (see homepage)

Declarative Programming: Requirements during the Semester (cont.)

Big HomeWork (cont.)

- optional, but very much recommended!
- Can also be handed in if solved only in one programming language
- Until the deadline homeworks can be handed in several times, only the last one is scored
- Scoring (for both languages):
 - Each of the 10 test cases, which run correctly and within the time limit earns 0.5 points/test case, max 5, points in total, if at least 4 cases are correct
 - for the documentation, the readability of the code and comments max. 2,5 points
 - That means max. 7,5 total points/language
- The weight of the BHW in the final mark: 15% (15 points from 100 points)

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Midterm-test, Supplementary Midterm-test (MTT, SMTT, SSMTT)

- The midterm-test is mandatory, closed book test!
- Rule of 40% (for the pass, minimum 40%/language has to be obtained). Exception: those students who have already obtained a signature.
- The MTT is in the 7th-10th week, the SMTT is in the last week of the semester
- A single opportunity for SSMTT (in reasonable case) will be given in the first three weeks of the exam-period
- The material covered by the MTT is the first two blocks (1th-7th week)
- The material covered by the SMTT and, the SSMTT is the same as that of the MTT
- The test weights 15% (15 points from 100 points) in the final mark
- If more tests are written the *highest* score is valid

Declarative Programming: Exam

Exam

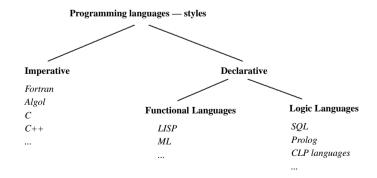
- Those students can sign in to the exam, who have already got a signature in the given semester, or up to 4 semesters before
- The exam is oral, with preparation in writing
- Prolog, SML: Several smaller tests (program-coding, -analyzing) for 2x35 points
- The final points obtained are the sum of the following: the max. 70 points got in the exam, plus the points got in the **present** semester: for MTT: max. 15 points, for BHW: max. 15 points, plus the additional points (SHW, ladder-competition)
- We do not accept points from earlier semesters!
- The exam is closed-book exam, but it is possible to ask for some help
- We check the "authenticity" of the BHW and MTT
- Rule of 40% (for the pass minimum 40%/language have to be obtained)
- Earlier exam questions are available on homepage

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Classifi cation of Programming Languages



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Imperative and Declarative Programming Languages

- Imperative Program
 - Imperative style, using commands
 - Variables: the value of a variable can be modified
 - example in C:

- Declarative Program
 - Declarative style, equations and statements
 - Variable: has a single value, unknown at program writing time
 - SML example :

- It is possible to program in C in a declarative way
 - If we do not use: assignments, loops, jumps, etc.,
 - One can use: (recursive) functions, if-then-else
- The powd is a declarative version of the pow function:

• The (above type of) recursion is expensive, requires non-constant memory :- (.

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Right Recursive Functions

- Is it possible to write a right recursive code for the exponentiation (pow(a,n)) task?
 - The problem is that when "coming out" from the recursion we are not able to do anything more, so the result has to be available inside the last call.
 - The solution: define an auxiliary function, which has an additional argument, a so called accumulator.
- Right recursive implementation of pow(a,n):

```
/* Auxiliary function: powa(a, n, p) = p*a^n */
int powa(int a,int n, int p) {
  if (n > 0)
    return powa(a, n-1, p*a);
  else
    return p;
}
int powr(int a, int n) {
  return powa(a, n, 1);
}
```

Effi cient Declarative Programming

- The recursion can be efficiently implemented under certain conditions
 - Example: Decide, if an a natural number is a power of a number b:

- Here the recursive call can be implemented as the assignment and jump shown in the comment!
- This can be done, because after the return from the recursive call, we immediately exit the function call.
- This kind of function invocation is called **right recursion** or **terminal recursion**
- The Gnu C compiler with a sufficient optimization level (gcc -o2) generates the same code from the recursive definition as from the non-recursive one!

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Cékla: A Declarative part of the C programming language

- Limitations:
 - Types: only int
 - Commands: if-then-else, return, block
 - Condition part: ($\langle \exp \rangle \langle \text{compare-op} \rangle \langle \exp \rangle$)
 - ⟨ compare-op ⟩: < | > | == | \= | >= | <=
 - Expressions: built from variables and integers using binary operators and function calls
 - ⟨ arithmetical-op ⟩: + | | * | / | % |
- The Cékla compiler is available on the homepage

- the syntax uses the so called. DCG (Definite Clause Grammar) symbol:
 - terminal symbol: [terminal]
 - on-terminal: non terminal
 - repetition (0, 1, or more repetition, is not in DCG): (to be repeated)...
- The syntax of program

```
program -->
                          function definition ... .
function definition -->
                          head, block.
head -->
                          type, identifier, ['('], formal args, [')'].
type -->
                          [int.].
                          formal_arg, ([","], formal_arg)...; [].
formal args -->
                          type, identifier.
formal arg -->
block -->
                          ['{'], declaration..., statement..., ['}'].
declaration -->
                          type, declaration elem, declaration elem..., [';'].
                          identifier, ['='], expression.
declaration elem -->
```

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1st Small Homework

- The sequence of symbols, which is equal to an other sequence of symbols written twice in a row, is called a stutterer. More precisely:
 - a sequence of symbols is a stutterer if its length is even (2n) and the first n elements are the same as the last n elements
 - Examples: adogadog, 10311031
- A program is to be written in the Cékla language which solves the following problem:
 - the main function should be: stutterer(a) = b meanomg: b is the smallest natural number such that the a natural number written in base b is a stutterer.
 - Examples:
 - stutterer(4) = 3
 - stutterer(10) = 2
 - stutterer(6) = 5
 - stutterer(8) = 3

Syntax of Cékla, Continued

Syntax of Commands

Syntax of Expressions

```
expression -->
                         term, (additive_op, term)....
term -->
                         factor, (multiplicative op, factor)....
                         identifier
factor -->
                       ; identifier, ['('], actual args, [')']
                       ; constant
                       ; ['('], expression, [')'].
                         integer.
constant -->
actual args -->
                         expression, ([','], expression)...; [].
comparison op -->
                         ['<']; ['>']; ['==']; ['\=']; ['>=']; ['<='].
                         ['+']; ['-'].
additive op -->
                         ['*']; ['/']; ['%'].
multiplicative op -->
```

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A Somewhat More Complicated Cékla Program

- The task: Convert a decimal number *num* which is between 0 and 1023 to a 10 digit decimal number containing only digits 0 and 1, so that when this sequence of digits is interpreted as a binary number, its value is *num*. Eg. bin(5) = 101, bin(37) = 100101.
- Solution in (imperative) C and in Cékla:

```
int bin(int num) {
                                  int bina(int num,
 int bp = 512;
                                          int bp.
 int dp = 10000000000;
                                         int dp.
 int bin = 0;
                                         int bin) {
 while (bp > 0) {
                                        if (bp > 0) {
   if (num >= bp) {
                                         if (num >= bp)
     num = num-bp;
                                           return bina(num-bp,bp/2,dp/10,bin+dp);
     bin = bin+dp;
                                           return bina(num, bp/2,dp/10,bin);
    bp = bp / 2;
   dp = dp / 10;
                                          if (num > 0)
                                           return -1;
 if (num > 0)
                                          else
   return -1;
                                           return bin;
 else
   return bin;
                                  int bind(int num) {
                                    return bina(num, 512, 1000000000,0); }
```

Declarative Programming Languages —Lessons Learned from Cékla

- What have we lost?
 - the mutable variables (variables whose value can be changed),
 - the assignment, loop, etc. statements
 - in general: a changeable state
- How can we handle state in a declarative way?
 - the state can be stored in the parameters of the (auxiliary) functions,
 - the change of the state (or keeping the state unchanged) has to be explicit!
- What have we won?
 - Stateless Semantics: the meaning of a language element does not depend on a state
 - Referential transparency eg. if $f(x) = x^2$, then f(a) substitutable with a^2 .
 - Single assignment parallel execution made easy.
 - The declarative programs are **decomposable**:
 - The parts of the program can be written, tested and verified **independently**
 - It is easy to make deductions regarding the program eg. proving its correctness.

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Declarative Programming —Why do We Teach it?

- New, high-level programming elements
 - recursion
 - pattern matching
 - backtrack
- New style of thinking
 - decomposable programs: parts of a program (relations, functions) have independent meaning
 - verifiable programs: the code and the meaning of a program can be compared.
- New application areas
 - symbolic application
 - tasks requiring deduction
 - high reliability software systems

Declarative Programming Languages —Motto

- WHAT rather than HOW: The program describes the task to be solved (WHAT to solve), rather than the exact steps of solution process (HOW to solve).
- In practice both aspects have to be taken care of dual semantics:
 - Declarative semantics What (what kind of task) does the program solve;
 - Procedural semantics How does the program solve it.

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An Example dialog with a 50-line Prolog program

(Translation from Hungarian.)

```
/ ?- dialog.
/: I am a Hungarian lad.
Understood.
/: Who am I?
Hungarian lad
/:Who is Péter?
I do not know.
/: Péter is student.
Understood.
/: Péter is smart student.
Understood.
/: Who is Péter?
student
smart student
/: I am happy.
Understood.
```

```
/: You are a Prolog program.
Understood.
/: Who am I?
Hungarian lad
Нарру
/: You are clever.
Understood.
/: You are the center of the world.
Understood.
/: Who are You?
a Prolog program
Clever
the center of the world
/:Really?
I do not understand.
/: I am fed up with You .
So am I.
```

INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC PROGRAMMING

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The Outline of the LP Part of the Course

- **Block 1:** The basics of Prolog programming language (6 lectures)
 - Logic background
 - Syntax
 - Execution mechanism
- Block 2: Prolog programming methods (6 lectures)
 - The most important built-in procedures
 - More advanced language and system elements
- Outlook: New directions in logic programming (1 lecture)

The Basic Idea of Logic Programming

- Logic Programming (LP):
 - Programming using mathematical logic
 - a logic program is a set of logic statements
 - the execution of a logic program is a deductive process
 - But: the deduction in (first order) logic requires traversing a huge search space
 - Let us restrict the language of the logic
 - Select a simple deduction algorithm, which can be followed by humans
 - The most widespread implementation of LP is the **Prolog** language: **Pro**gramming in **log**ic
 - a severely restricted sublanguage of the first order predicate logic, the so called **definite** or **Horn-clause** language
 - Execution mechanism: pattern matching directed procedure invocation with backtracking search.

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Short Historical Overview of Prolog/LP

60s	Early theorem proving programs		
1970-72	The theoretical basis of logic programming (R A Kowalski)		
1972	The first Prolog interpreter (A Colmerauer)		
1975	The second Prolog interpreter (P Szeredi)		
1977	The first Prolog compiler (D H D Warren)		
1977–79	Several trial Prolog applications in Hungary		
1981	The Japanese 5th generation project chooses logic		
	programming		
1982	The Hungarian MProlog is one of the first commercial Prolog		
	implementations		
1983	A new compiler model and abstract Prolog machine (WAM)		
	appears (D H D Warren)		
1986	The beginning of the Prolog standardization		
1987-89	New logic programming languages (CLP, Gödel stb.)		
1990	Prolog appears on parallel computers Highly-efficient Prolog compilers		

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- Implementations of Prolog:
 - SWI Prolog: http://www.swi-prolog.org/
 - SICStus Prolog: http://www.sics.se/sicstus
 - GNU Prolog: http://pauillac.inria.fr/~diaz/gnu-prolog/
- Network information sources:
 - The WWW Virtual Library: Logic Programming:

http://www.afm.sbu.ac.uk/logic-prog

CMU Prolog Repository:

(within http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/project/ai-repository/ai/lang/prolog/)

- Main page: 0.html
- Prolog FAQ: faq/prolog.faq
- Prolog Resource Guide: faq/prg_1.faq, faq/prg_2.faq

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English Textbooks on Prolog

- Logic, Programming and Prolog, 2nd Ed., by Ulf Nilsson and Jan Maluszynski, Previously published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd. (1995)
 - Downloadable as a pdf file from http://www.ida.liu.se/~ulfni/lpp
- Prolog Programming for Artificial Intelligence, 3rd Ed., Ivan Bratko, Longman, Paperback -March 2000
- The Art of PROLOG: Advanced Programming Techniques, Leon Sterling, Ehud Shapiro, The MIT Press, Paperback - April 1994
- Programming in PROLOG: Using the ISO Standard, C.S. Mellish, W.F. Clocksin, Springer-Verlag Berlin, Paperback - July 2003

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Our first Prolog program: checking if a number is a power of another

• A simple example in Cékla and Prolog:

- ispow is a Prolog **predicate**, that is a procedure (function) returning a Boolean value.
- The procedure consists of a single clause, of form *Head*:-*Body*.
- The head contains the parameters Num and Base which are variables (written in capitals!)
- The body consists of a single goal which is a **conditional structure**:

```
if Cond then ThenCode else ElseCode \equiv ( Cond -> ThenCode ; ElseCode )
```

• The "true", "A =:= B" and "A is B" structures are calls of built-in predicates.

Some Built-In Predicates

- Unification: X = Y: The x és y symbolic expressions can be brought to the same form, by instantiating variables (and carries out these instantiations).
- Arithmetic predicates
 - x is Exp: The arithmetic expression Exp is evaluated and its value is unified with x.
 - Exp1<Exp2, Exp1=<Exp2, Exp1>Exp2, Exp1>=Exp2, Exp1=:=Exp2, Exp1=\=Exp2:
 The values of arithmetic expressions Exp1 and Exp2 are in the given relation with each other
 (=:= means arithmetic equality, =\= means arithmetic inequality).
 - If any of Exp, Expl or Exp2 is not a **ground** (variable-free) arithmetic expressions ⇒error.
 - the most important arithmetic operators +, -, *, /, rem, // (integer-div)
- Output predicates
 - write(X): The Prolog expression X is written out (displayed on the screen).
 - nl: A new line is written out.
- Other predicates
 - true, fail: Always succeeds vs. always fails.
 - trace, notrace: Turns (exhaustive) tracing on/off.

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Writing General (non Boole-valued) Functions in Prolog

• Example: Calculating the power of a natural number in Cékla and Prolog:

```
/* powd(a,n) = a^n */
                                  /* powd(A, N, P): A^N = P. */
int powd(int a, int n) {
                                  powd(A, N, P) :-
 if (n > 0)
                                          ( N > 0
   return a*powd(a,n-1);
                                          -> N1 is N-1,
                                              powd(A, N1, P1),
                                              P is A*P1
 else
                                          P = 1
   return 1;
                                          ).
                                  ?- powd(2, 8, P).
                                  P = 256?
```

- The predicate powd with 3 arguments corresponds to the powd function with 2 arguments.
- The two arguments of the function correspond to the first two arguments of the predicate, which are input i.e. instantiated arguments.
- The result of the function is the last, output argument of the predicate, which is usually an uninstantiated variable.

Built-In Predicates for Program Development

- consult(File) or [File]: Reads the program from the File and stores it in interpreted format. (if File = user \Rightarrow read from the terminal)
- listing or listing(Predicate): Lists all interpreted predicates, or all interpreted predicates with the given name.
- ompile(File): Reads the program from the File and compiles it.
- The compiled format is faster, but cannot be listed, and tracing is **slightly less** accurate.
- halt: Exit the Prolog system.

```
> sicstus
SICStus 3.11.0 (x86-linux-glibc2.3): Mon Oct 20 15:59:37 CEST 2003
| ?- consult(ispow).
% consulted /home/user/ispow.pl in module user, 0 msec 376 bytes
yes
| ?- ispow(8, 3).
no
| ?- ispow(8, 2).
yes
| ?- listing(ispow).
(...)
yes
| ?- halt.
```

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Predicates with Multiple Clauses

- The conditional structure is not a basic element of the Prolog language (it was not there in the first Prologs)
- Instead a conditional a predicate with two, **mutually exclusive** clauses can be used:

- If a predicate has multiple clauses, Prolog tries all of them:
 - If the 2nd parameter of pow2 (N) is positive, then the first clause is used,
 - otherwise (i.e. if $\mathbb{N} = < 0$) the second one.
- If the second clause of powd2 is: powd(A,0,1), then a call with a negative exponent fails.
- In general the clauses need not be exclusive: a single question can lead to multiple answers:

```
equation_root(A, B, C, X) :- X is (-B + sqrt(B*B-4*A*C))/(2*A).
equation_root(A, B, C, X) :- X is (-B - sqrt(B*B-4*A*C))/(2*A).
```

Predicates with Multiple Answers —Family Relationships

Data

A child-parent relation, eg. family relations in the family of King Stephen I, the first king of Hungary:

child	parent
Imre	István
Imre	Gizella
István	Géza
István	Sarolta
Gizella	Civakodó Henrik
Gizella	Burgundi Gizella

The Exercise:

We have to define the grandchild–grandparent relation, i.e. write a program which finds the grandparents of a given person.

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Data Structures in Declarative Languages —Example

- The binary tree data structure is
 - either a node (node) which joins two subtrees (left, right) into a single tree
 - or a leaf (leaf) which contains an integer
- Let us define binary tree structures in different languages:

```
% Declaration of a structure in C
                                          % Data type declaration in SML
enum treetype Node, Leaf; struct tree {
                                           datatype Tree =
  enum treetype type;
                                                   Node of Tree * Tree
  union {
                                                 | Leaf of int
    struct { struct tree *left;
             struct tree *right;
                                          % Data type description in Prolog
            node;
    struct { int value;
                                           :- type tree --->
            leaf;
                                                 node(tree, tree)
  } u;
                                                leaf(int).
};
```

The Grandparent Problem —Prolog Solution

```
% Who are Imre's grandparents?
| ?- grandparent('Imre', GP).
GP = 'Géza' ?;
GP = 'Sarolt' ?;
GP = 'Civakodó Henrik' ?;
GP = 'Burgundi Gizella' ?; no
% Who are Géza's grandchilds?
| ?- nagyszuloje(GC, 'Géza').
GC = 'Imre' ?; no
```

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Calculating the Sum of a Binary Tree

- To calculate the sum of the leaves of a binary tree:
 - if the tree is a node, add the sums of the two subtrees
 - if the tree is a leaf, return the integer in the leaf

```
% C function (declarative)
int sum_tree(struct tree *tree) {
   switch(tree->type) {
   case Leaf:
    return tree->u.leaf.value;
   case Node:
   return
      sum_tree(tree->u.node.left) +
      sum_tree(tree->u.node.right);
   }
}
```

```
% Prolog procedure (predicate)
sum_tree(leaf(Value), Value).
sum_tree(node(Left,Right), S) :-
    sum_tree(Left, S1),
    sum_tree(Right, S2),
    S is S1+S2.
```

Sum of Binary Trees

Prolog sample run:

• The cause of the error: the built-in arithmetic is one-way: the 10 is S1+S2 call causes an error!

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Building Trees with a Given Sum

Building a tree with a given sum, using Peano arithmetic:

• the running of the procedure:

Peano Arithmetic —Addition

• We can define the addition for natural numbers using Peano axioms if the numbers are built by repeated application of the s(x) "successor" function:

```
 1 = s(0), \ 2 = s(s(0)), \ 3 = s(s(s(0))), \ \dots \ \text{(Peano representation)}.   \$ \text{ plus}(X, Y, Z) \colon \text{The sum of } X \text{ and } Y \text{ is } Z \ (X,Y,Z \text{ are in Peano representation)}.   \$ \text{ plus}(0, X, X).   \$ \text{ } 0+X = X.   \$ \text{ plus}(s(X), Y, s(Z)) :-   \$ \text{ plus}(X, Y, Z).   \$ \text{ } s(X)+Y = s(X+Y).
```

• The plus predicate can be used in multiple directions:

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The Data Structure of Prolog, the Notion of Term

- constant (atomic)
 - number: numeric constant (number) integer or float, eg. 1, -2.3, 3.0e10
 - name: symbolic constant (atom), eg. 'István', ispow, +, -, <, sum tree
- compound or structure (compound)
 - so called canonical form: \langle name of structure \rangle (\langle arg₁ \rangle ,...)
 - the \langle name of structure \rangle is an atom, the \langle arg_i \rangle arguments are arbitrary Prolog terms
 - examples: leaf(1), person(william, smith, 2003, 1, 22), <(X,Y), is(X, +(Y,1))
 - syntactical "sweeteners", ie. operators: X is $Y+1 \equiv is(X, +(Y,1))$
- Variable (var)
 - eg. X, Parent, X2, _valt, _, _123
 - The variable is initially uninstantiated, ie. it has no value, it can be instantiated to an arbitrary Prolog term (including another variable), in the process of unification (pattern matching)