

# La programmazione logica come metodologia per la codifica e la risoluzione di rompicapi

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- We'll make use of 0-ary atoms. E.g.  $p, q, r, \dots$ . This way, we can encode propositional logics (vs first-order logic)

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# Constraints

$$\leftarrow B_1, \dots, B_m, \text{not } B_{m+1}, \dots, \text{not } B_n \quad (2)$$

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If  $m = n$  (i.e. `not` does not occur in (2)) there are no positive literals.

*Horn clauses* are those that have at most one.

# Programs

A program is simply a set of rules (1) and constraints (2) (order does not matter, in principle).

To start, let us focus on **definite** clause programs (a.k.a. pure Prolog programs), namely programs made exclusively by rules

$$H \leftarrow B_1, \dots, B_m \quad (3)$$

where  $H, B_1, \dots, B_m$  are atoms,  $m \geq 0$ .

# Programs

## Databases

Here is a simple program giving information about the British Royal family:

```
parent(elizabeth, charles).  
parent(philip, charles).  
parent(diana, william).  
parent(diana, harry).  
parent(charles, william).  
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```

Here `parent` is a predicate. All names are (terms consisting of) constant symbols.

These above rules have empty bodies and thus they are *facts*. They allow to populate extensionally a Database.

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A **solver** should be able to deduce:

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grandparent (philip, william) .  
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Let us enlarge the database (order does not matter)

```
parent(william, george).  
parent(william, charlotte).  
parent(kate, george).  
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```

We can define now the “ancestor” predicate.

```
ancestor(X, Y) :- parent(X, Y).  
ancestor(X, Y) :- parent(X, Z), ancestor(Z, Y).
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This is the first use of “*recursion*”. Recursion is fundamental in declarative programming (either functional or logic).

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Let us add some extra information:

```
female(elizabeth) .      female(diana) .
female(kate) .           female(charlotte) .
male(philip) .           male(charles) .
male(william) .          male(harry) .
male(george) .
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Then we can define other predicates, e.g.

```
isfather(X) :- parent(X,Y), male(X) .
ismother(X)  :- parent(X,Y), female(X) .
brother(X,Y) :- sibling(X,Y), male(X) .
has_a_sister(X) :- sibling(X,Y), female(Y) .
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In the following, let us denote  $\underbrace{s(s(\dots(s(0))\dots))}_n$  by  $\bar{n}$ .



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Let us define now the “sum’ predicate’:

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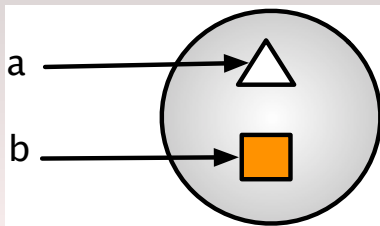
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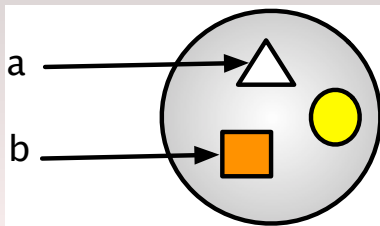
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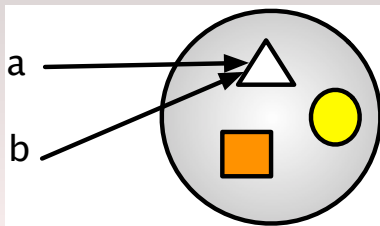
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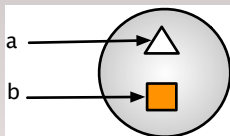
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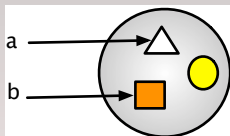


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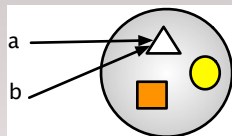
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$$\exists X (X \neq a \wedge X \neq b)$$



$$a = b$$

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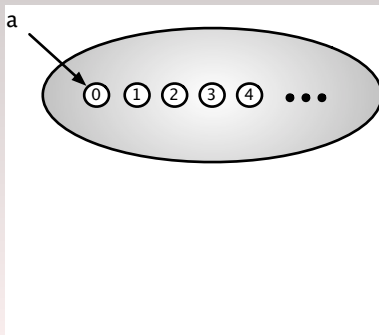
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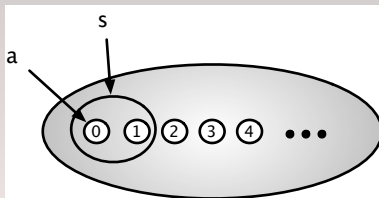
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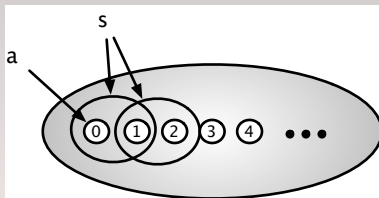
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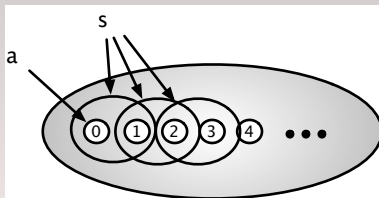
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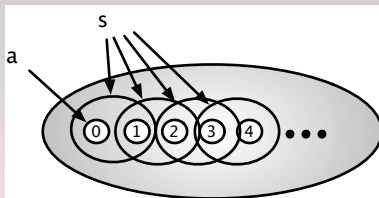
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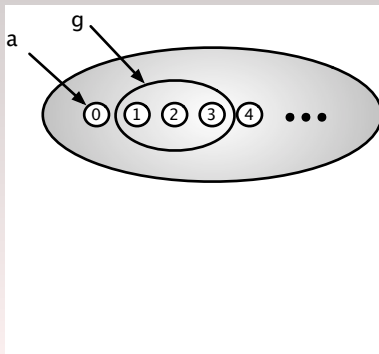
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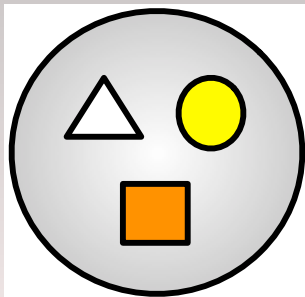
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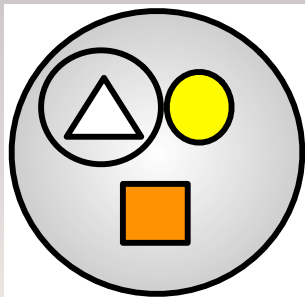
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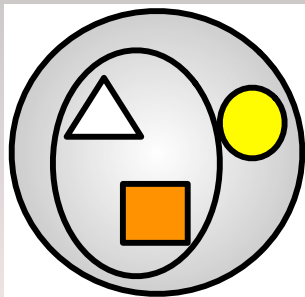
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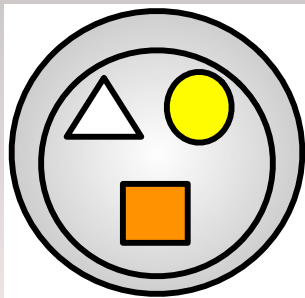
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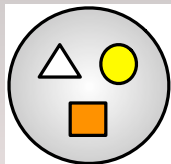
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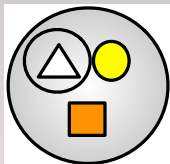


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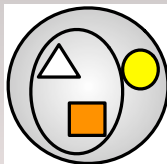
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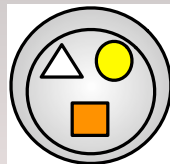
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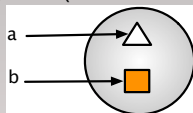
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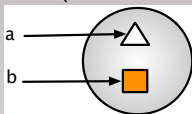
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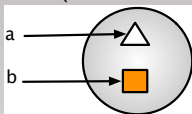
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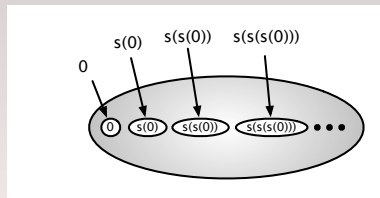
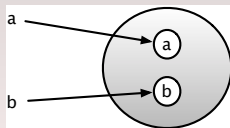
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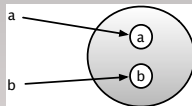
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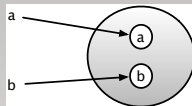
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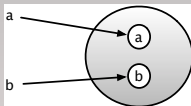
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