Logic Programming Introduction

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## Lecture will begin at ~1:35 PDT.

## **Programmed Computer System**



## **Specifications versus Programs**











## **Traditional Program**



## Logic Program



## Specification = Program

A logic program is effectively a **runnable specification**.

## Logic as a Specification Language

Language of Logic

Domain Independent + Highly expressive

## **Logic Interpreters / Compilers**

Automated Reasoners capable of drawing conclusions Can take advantage of domain-dependent reasoners but are also capable domain-independent reasoning

## Types of Logic Programming

Database Programming (Datalog, SQL) Classical Logic Programming (Prolog) Dynamic Logic Programming (Epilog, LPS)

Constraint Satisfaction Program Synthesis

Answer Set Programming (ASP) Probabilistic Logic Inductive Logic Programming (Progol)

# Why Logic Programming

## **Traditional Programming**

## Benefits

Efficiency Lots of traditional programmers Well established software engineering practices

## Disadvantages

Creation, maintenance expensive and time-consuming Different programs for different tasks Difficult to explain results Programs not comprehensible to ordinary users

## Ease of Creation

Logic Programs are relatively easy to create.

Requires **little work**. The specification is the program; no need to make choices about data structures and algorithms.

Specification authors can get by with **few assumptions** about the capabilities of systems executing those programs.

Easier to learn logic programming than traditional programming. Think spreadsheets.

Oddly, expert computer programmers often have more trouble with logic programming than novices.

## Adaptability

#### Easy to deal with changing circumstances



## Versatility

Easy to use for multiple tasks

## Sample Program

A person X is the grandparent of a person Z if and only if there is a person Y such that X is the parent of Y and Y is the parent of Z.

## Uses

Determine whether Art is the grandparent of Cal. Determine all of the grandchildren of Art. Compute the grandparents of Cal. Compute all grandparent-grandchildren pairs.

## McCarthy's Example



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## Explanation



## **Explanations of Results**

Why was my building plan rejected? Your plan is illegal because your <u>shadow line (262 cm)</u> exceeds <u>the allowable shadow (240 cm)</u>.

What is my shadow line? Your shadow line (262 cm) is the maximum intrusion into the yard of a side neighbor determined by a 45 degree line from the highest point of the building.



What is the allowable shadow line? Your parcel is in zone R-1 and in zone R-1, the maximum shadow that can be cast on a side neighbor is 240 cm.

# Successes

# Engineering



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$$o \Leftrightarrow (x \land \neg y) \lor (\neg x \land y)$$
  
 $a \Leftrightarrow z \land o$   
 $b \Leftrightarrow x \land y$   
 $s \Leftrightarrow (o \land \neg z) \lor (\neg o \land z)$   
 $c \Leftrightarrow a \lor b$ 

Applications: Simulation Configuration Diagnosis Test Generation

## **Deductive Databases**



## Interactive Web Pages (Worksheets)

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## **Business Rules and Workflow**







## **Computational Law**

**Computational Law** is that branch of legal informatics concerned with the mechanization of legal reasoning.

## **Automated Compliance Management**

Legal analysis of specific cases Planning for compliance in specific cases Analysis of regulations for overlap, consistency, etc.

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## **General Game Playing**



## **General Game Playing**



#### Pelican Hunters

# Non-Successes

## Natural Language Processing



#### **Lecture Notes**

#### PROLOG AND NATURAL-LANGUAGE ANALYSIS

Fernando C.N. Pereira and Stuart M. Shieber



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## **Theorem Proving**



## Japan's Fifth Generation Project





# LGP-30 (1GL)









## IBM 360







Figure 4. Card Codes and Graphics for 64-Character Set

## Assembly Language (2GL)



## Higher Level Languages (3GL)



## Symbolic Processing Languages (3GL)

# david s. touretzky COMMON LISS

A Gentle Introduction to Symbolic Computation





## Programming in Prolog

Springer

Using the ISO Standard Fifth Edition

## Imperative Programming Languages



## **Declarative Programming Languages**



## John McCarthy



The main advantage we expect the **advice taker** to have is that its behavior will be improvable merely by making statements to it, telling it about its ... environment and what is wanted from it.

- John McCarthy1958

## Ed Feigenbaum



The potential use of computers by people to accomplish tasks can be "onedimensionalized" into a spectrum representing the nature of the instruction that must be given the computer to do its job. Call it the what-to-how spectrum. At one extreme of the spectrum, the user supplies his intelligence to instruct the machine with precision exactly how to do his job step-by-step. ... At the other end of the spectrum is the user with his real problem. ... He aspires to communicate what he wants done ... without having to lay out in detail all necessary subgoals for adequate performance.

- Ed Feigenbaum 1974

## Chris Date (Mr. SQL)





## Val Huber



Years of experience have taught us ... it takes far too long to turn a relatively simple set of requirements into a system that meets the user needs.

If code is the problem, the only possible answer is to eliminate the coding by building systems directly from their specifications.

- Val Huber, 1997

# This course

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## Background

Sets

$$\{a, b, c\} \cup \{b, c, d\} = \{a, b, c, d\}$$
$$a \in \{a, b, c\}$$
$$\{a, b, c\} \subseteq \{a, b, c, d\}$$

#### **Functions and Relations**

f(a, b) = cr(a, b, c)

## Grades

### **Numerical Score**

15% for each of Assignments 1, 2, 3, 440% for the Term Project

### **Reported Grade**

Based on numerical score (see above) \*No\* curve - independent of number of students Satisfactory = 70% and above

## **Extra Credit**

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## Textbook

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