

Assignment Four: Logic Programming Introduction Solution

Question One

- (a) The query is `?- assignment(A, march, D).`

Here are the results from the query:

```
% swipl
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```

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For online help and background, visit https://www.swi-prolog.org
For built-in help, use ?- help(Topic). or ?- apropos(Word).
```

```
?- [cs312_2024].
true.
```

```
?- assignment(As,march,Day).
As = as4,
Day = 7 ;
As = as5,
Day = 14.
```

- (b) Query is `?- ta(cs312,2024,P), email(P,E).`

There are no answers because the file doesn't specify the emails of the TAs.

- (c) We could write a rule such as the following where `dif(X,Y)` is true if X and Y refer to different people.

```
?- office_hour(P1,Day,_,_), office_hour(P2,Day,_,_),dif(P1,P2).
P1 = ilias,
Day = wednesday,
P2 = lily ;
P1 = lily,
Day = wednesday,
P2 = ilias ;
P1 = lily,
Day = friday,
P2 = ilias ;
P1 = ilias,
```

```
Day = friday,  
P2 = lily ;  
false.
```

(Without the `dif`, it could return the same person who has office hours on one day. I used `dif` which is a built-in predicate that true when the symbols are different – which, in general, does not imply the individuals are different). You could write your own facts about `dif` for the given constants.

(d) Here is the trace:

```
?- office_hour(P1,Day,_,_), office_hour(P1,Day2,_,_),nextday(Day,Day2), pname(P1,N1).  
P1 = ilias,  
Day = wednesday,  
Day2 = thursday,  
N1 = "Ilias" ;  
P1 = ilias,  
Day = thursday,  
Day2 = friday,  
N1 = "Ilias" ;  
false.
```

(e) You can't define this given the language defined so far. There may be a TA called *sam* who is not listed and doesn't have any office hours. All of the given facts would be true, and yet the answer would be different. You could define a predicate such as *ta_with_no_office_hours(sam)* to indicate that *sam* is a TA with no office hours.

(f) You need to know:

- When classes start
- What days of the week classes are on
- Which dates are holidays
- When classes end

Question Two

See http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~poole/cs312/2024/as4/plumbing_ws.pl for a solution.

Figure 1 shows the interpretation for the symbols in (d).

Question Three

(a) The following table gives the atoms added and the clause responsible for one possible sequence of clauses selected.

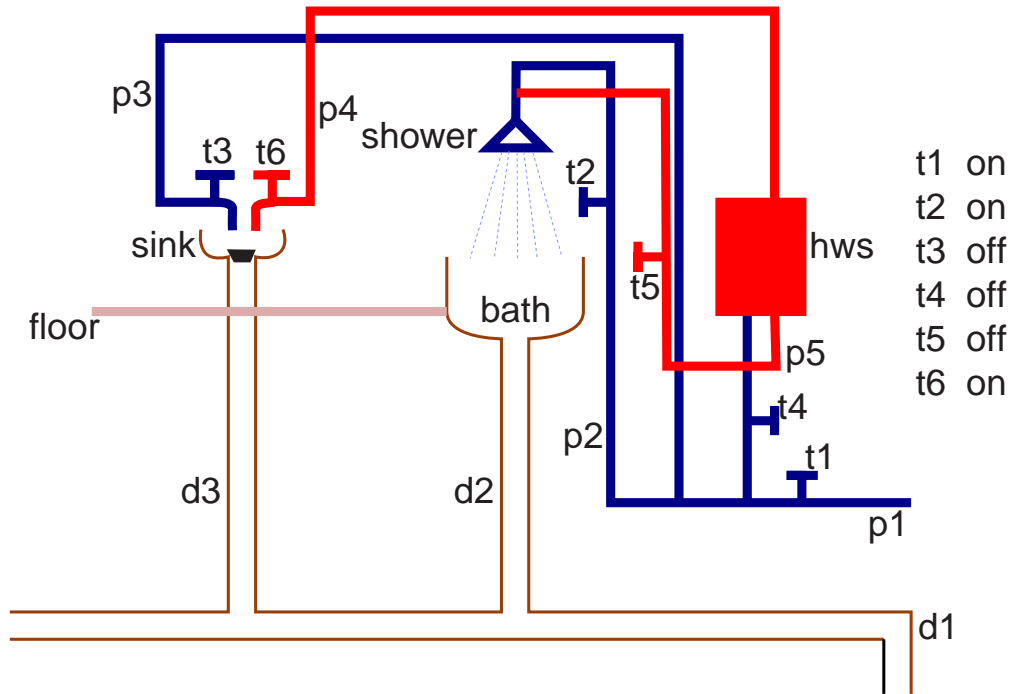


Figure 1: The Plumbing Domain

Atom Added	Clause
<i>outgrabe</i>	<i>outgrabe.</i>
<i>manxome</i>	<i>manxome.</i>
<i>toves</i>	<i>toves</i> ← <i>manxome.</i>
<i>vorpal</i>	<i>vorpal</i> ← <i>manxome.</i>
<i>gyre</i>	<i>gyre</i> ← <i>manxome.</i>
<i>gimble</i>	<i>gimble</i> ← <i>outgrabe.</i>
<i>wabe</i>	<i>wabe.</i>
<i>slithy</i>	<i>slithy</i> ← <i>gyre, gimble, wabe.</i>

(b) For the query ? – *slithy*. here is one failing derivation:

Answer clause	Clause to resolve
<i>yes</i> ← <i>slithy</i>	<i>slithy</i> ← <i>toves, brillig.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>toves, brillig.</i>	<i>toves</i> ← <i>outgrabe, vorpal.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>outgrabe, vorpal, brillig.</i>	<i>outgrabe.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>vorpal, brillig.</i>	<i>vorpal</i> ← <i>manxome.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>manxome, brillig.</i>	<i>manxome.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>brillig.</i>	<i>brillig</i> ← <i>jubjub.</i>
<i>yes</i> ← <i>jubjub.</i>	FAIL

(c) For the query ? – *slithy*. Here is one successful derivation:

Answer clause	Clause to resolve
<i>yes</i> ← <i>slithy</i>	<i>slithy</i> : − <i>gyre</i> , <i>gimble</i> , <i>wabe</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← <i>gyre</i> , <i>gimble</i> , <i>wabe</i> .	<i>gyre</i> : − <i>manxome</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← <i>manxome</i> , <i>gimble</i> , <i>wabe</i> .	<i>manxome</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← <i>gimble</i> , <i>wabe</i> .	<i>gimble</i> : − <i>outgrabe</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← <i>outgrabe</i> , <i>wabe</i> .	<i>outgrabe</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← <i>wabe</i> .	<i>wabe</i> .
<i>yes</i> ← .	SUCCESS!

here is part of the trace

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Call: (8) brillig ? creep
Call: (9) jubjub ? creep (*)
Fail: (9) jubjub ? creep (**)
Fail: (8) brillig ? creep
Redo: (8) toves ? creep (***)
Call: (9) manxome ? creep
Exit: (9) manxome ? creep (****)

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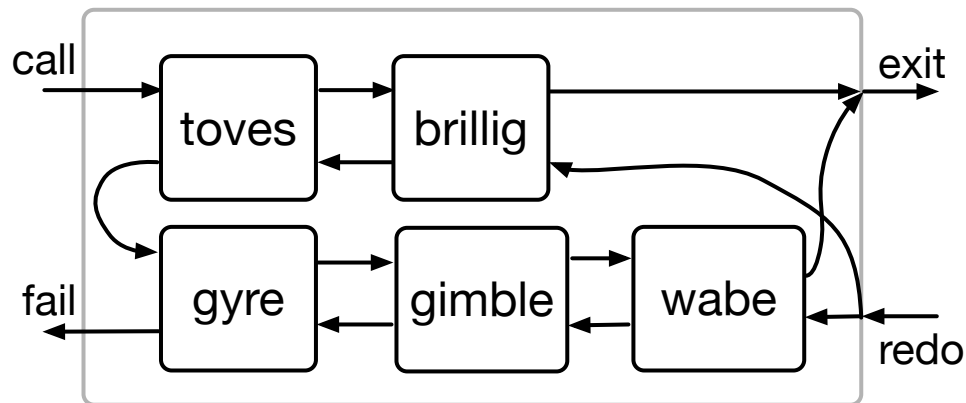
(*) it is calling jubjub after brillig because of the clause *brillig* : −*jubjub*.

(**) jubjub has no clauses so it fails. And then brillig fails as all of its clauses fail.

(***) toves needs to find another proof, so it calls the second one. SWI Prolog is reporting redo when it executes the down arrow (from fail to call).

(****) manxome succeeds as there is a fact for it.

(d) Figure



(e) There are 4 answers. There are 2 proofs for gyre, and 2 proofs for gimble. There is a proof for slithy for each combination of these.

Question Four

It should not have taken more than a few hours. Most of this should have been in understanding the material, not in doing busy work. I hope it was reasonable, and you learned something.

This question took about 3 minutes.