Assignment 13

Exercises 2-5 are programming problems. Submit them in a single file named al3.pl electronically per the instructions for your course.

- 1. Study Bratko, Sections 6.1 6.6, except 6.1.2.
- Study the article, *Unification: A Multidisciplinary Survey*, Kevin Knight, ACM Computing Surveys, Vol 21, No. 1, March 1989.

http://www.cslab.pepperdine.edu/warford/cosc450/Unification-Knight.pdf

3. Do Bratko, Exercise 6.3.

Because ground/1 is a builtin predicate, you must name your predicate my_ground. The following two queries should succeed

?- my_ground(w(x(a) ,y(b), z(c))).
?- my_ground(w(x(a) ,b , z(c))).

and the following two queries should fail.

?- my_ground(w(x(a) ,y(B), z(c))).
?- my ground(w(x(a) ,B, z(c))).

should fail. An atomic term is grounded. A compound term is grounded if each of its arguments is grounded. For compound terms, use = . . to access the argument list, and write another predicate to test each argument in the list.

4. Do Bratko Exercise 6.7.

You must use asserta/1 and retract/1 and name your predicate my_copy_term. Here is a test of my_copy_term.

?- my_copy_term(abc(X, def(X), Y), C).

 $C = abc(A, def(A), _)$

You can do this with one rule for my_copy_term(Term, Copy). If you dynamically install a new predicate in the database with Term as its argument, then retract that predict with Copy as its argument, then Copy will be a copy of Term.

5. Do Bratko Exercise 6.8.

Here is the specification of powerset.

```
% powerset( Set, P)
% P is a set of all the subsets of Set
```

Here is a test of powerset.

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?- powerset( [a,b,c], P).
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P = [[a,b,c],[a,b],[a,c],[a],[b,c],[b],[c],[]]

Write a predicate subsets_with_backtracking that generates the subsets with backtracking, then use bagof to collect them all into a list of lists. Here is the specification of subsets_with_backtracking.

```
% subsets_with_backtracking( Set, Subset)
% Subset is a subset of Set
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For example, here is a sample run of subsets_with_backtracking.

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?- subsets_with_backtracking( [a,b,c], Subset).
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Subset = [a,b,c] ? ;
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Subset = [a,b] ?;
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Subset = [a,c] ? ;
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Subset = [a] ? ;
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Subset = [b,c] ? ;

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Subset = [b] ? ;
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Subset = [c] ? ;
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Subset = []
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You can write subsets_with_backtracking with one base case fact and two rules, each of which has only one goal. The first rule expresses the fact that the set of all subsets that begin with a are the sets with a and all the subsets of [b,c]. The second rule expresses the fact that Subset is a subset of [a,b,c] if Subset is a subset of [b,c].