

CS 140 Logic Programming
Fall 2006
Machine Assignment #5
Due Monday, November 6

Constraint Logic Programming (CLP)
Read Chapter 14 of Bratko

A very simple introduction to CLP(R) is in
http://www.sju.edu/~jhodgson/clp/howto_clpr.html

The problem is to use CLP to solve the following self-referential puzzle:
Given an integer n , determine a list Z containing n elements (positive integers), i.e., $Z = [X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n]$ such that Z satisfies the properties:

- (a) $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n = 2 * n$
- (b) $0 * X_1 + 1 * X_2 + 2 * X_3 + \dots + (n-1) * X_n = n * (n+1) / 2$
- (c) The integers X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n in Z are such that the number of 1's in Z occurs $X_1 - 1$ times, the number of 2's in Z occurs $X_2 - 1$ times and the number n occurs $X_n - 1$ times. In other words, X_i represents the number of elements i in Z plus one.

For example when $n=7$ your program should generate the list:

$Z = [4, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1]$

the sum of elements of Z is $2 * 7 = 14$ satisfying property (a);

also: $4 * 0 + 3 * 1 + 2 * 2 + 2 * 3 + 1 * 4 + 1 * 5 + 1 * 6 = 28 = 7 * 8 / 2$ satisfying property (b);

notice that in Z there are 3 one's, 2 two's, one three, one four, no fives sixes or sevens and therefore the elements of Z are $[4, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1]$ satisfy property (c).

Your program should try to determine Z for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 20$

An interesting pattern should emerge. Describe that pattern as n increases. Is there a number theory conjecture about it?

Hints:

You should use strict equality, and *do not utilize the Prolog “is”*.

Your solution should include the predicates:

length(L, N) - the length of list *L* is *N* (do not use “is”).

sum(L, S) - the sum of the elements (integers) in list *L* is *S* (see property (a)).

wsum(L, WS) – *WS* is the weighted sum of the elements of *L* (see property (b))

count(L, C) – the list *C* is such that its first element is the number of ones in *L* plus 1, the second element is the number of two’s in *L* plus 1 and so forth (see property (c))

You may also want to use *member(X, [0,1,2,3...])* to non-deterministically generate integers that are candidates for the lists you are determining.