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# 1 Warming up w/ Prolog!

In Prolog, lists are built in similarly to SML. The syntax for pattern matching on a list is [Head | Tail]. Using this we can implement a variety of programs for manipulating lists.

Task 1. Implement a prolog program, mymerge/3 which merges two sorted lists.

```
mymerge(L, [], L).
mymerge([], L, L).
mymerge([H1 | T1], [H2 | T2], [H1 | Out]) :-
    H1 =< H2,
    mymerge(T1, [H2 | T2], Out).
mymerge([H1 | T1], [H2 | T2], [H2 | Out]) :-
    H1 > H2,
    mymerge([H1 | T1], T2, Out).
```

### 2 Getting hotter w/ Prolog!

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**Task 2.** Implement a merge sorting procedure for lists, mysort/2, with mode (+, -) that takes in a list and merge sorts it.

### Hints:

- Use a helper procedure, split/3, that has mode (+, -, -), that takes in a list and splits it in half into two output lists.
- There are two base cases to consider....

```
split([], [], []).
split([X], [X], []).
split([H1 | [H2 | T]], [H1 | L1], [H2 | L2]) :-
    split(T, L1, L2).
mysort([], []).
mysort([X], [X]).
mysort([X1 | [X2 | L]], 0) :-
    split([X1 | [X2 | L]], Left, Right),
    mysort(Left, SLeft),
    mysort(Right, SRight),
    mymerge(SLeft, SRight, 0).
```

# 3 Now we're spicy w/ Prolog!

There are 4 men with last names Smith, Carpenter, Baker and Tailor. Very confusingly, their lastname does NOT correspond to their profession (either a tailor, baker, carpenter or smith). They each have a son. These sons have the same last name as their fathers, and even more confusingly, their professions do not correspond to their last names either. For example, Smith is not a smith, and SmithSon is also not a smith.

You also know:

- 1. No son has the same profession as his father.
- 2. Baker has the same profession as Carpenter's son.
- 3. Smith's son is a baker.

**Task 3.** Find the professions of the fathers and the sons using a Prolog program.

#### Hints:

- Use a variable for each profession you are trying to find.
- It might be useful to encode the professions in a list.
- List membership may also be useful. Recall that the following rules define list membership:

```
member(X, [X|_]).
member(X, [H|T]) :- member(X, T).
```

• You can say that A is not B. Example:

```
A = B
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Pc \= carpenter,

Are there multiple solutions? If so, what constraints could you add to make it so there is only one solution?

```
Pt \= tailor,
\% Son's professions are different from name
Pss \= smith,
Pbs \= baker,
Pcs \= carpenter,
Pts \= tailor,
% No son has the same profession as his father
Ps = Pss,
Pb = Pbs,
Pc = Pcs,
Pt = Pts,
% Baker has the same profession as Carpenter's son
Pb = Pcs,
% Smith's son is a baker
Pss = baker,
% Professions don't repeat
Ps \= Pb, Ps \= Pc, Ps \= Pt, Pb \= Pc, Pb \= Pt, Pc \= Pt,
Pss \= Pbs, Pss \= Pcs, Pss \= Pts, Pbs \= Pts, Pcs \= Pts.
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