

## Open Problem: AnsProlog encoding of win and lose (Chs 2,4)

*The goal here is to develop an AnsProlog program that has the same characterization of winning and losing as the following logic program with respect to the well-founded semantics.*

$win(X) \leftarrow move(X, Y), \mathbf{not} win(Y).$   
an arbitrary set of ‘move’ facts.

We will now give another characterization of this which does not appeal to the well-founded semantics.

1. We have a set of nodes.
2. We are given a set of facts about a binary predicate *move*. Intuitively,  $move(a, b)$  means that there is an available move from node  $a$  to node  $b$ .
3. A strategy  $S$  is a function from nodes to nodes such that  $S(X) = Y$  only if  $move(X, Y)$  is true.
4. Given two strategies  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , and a node  $a$  we define the trajectory followed by alternatively applying  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  as:  $traj(a, S_1, S_2) = X_0^{a, S_1, S_2} X_1^{a, S_1, S_2} \dots$ , where
$$\begin{aligned} X_0^{a, S_1, S_2} &= a \\ X_{k+1}^{a, S_1, S_2} &= S_1(X_k^{a, S_1, S_2}) \text{ if } k \text{ is even} \\ &= S_2(X_k^{a, S_1, S_2}) \text{ if } k \text{ is odd} \end{aligned}$$
5. The length of a trajectory  $X_0 X_1 \dots X_k$  is  $k$ .
6. A node  $a$  is said to be a winning node if there exists  $S_1$  such that for all  $S_2$  the sequence  $traj(a, S_1, S_2)$  terminates and its length is odd.

7. A node  $a$  is said to be a losing node if for all  $S_1$  there exists  $S_2$  such that the sequence  $\text{traj}(a, S_1, S_2)$  terminates and its length is even.

*Question 1:* Write an AnsProlog program  $\Pi$  whose answer set semantics corresponds to the *win* and *lose* above. (The solution to this is known.)

*Question 2:* Write an AnsProlog program  $\Pi$  which has a unique answer set corresponding to the *win* and *lose* above. (To the best of my knowledge, this is an open problem.)

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