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1: Procedure Unify(t1,t2)
2:   Inputs
3:     t1,t2: atoms Output
4:     most general unifier of t1 and t2 if it exists or  $\perp$  otherwise
5:   Local
6:     E: a set of equality statements
7:     S: substitution
8:     E  $\leftarrow$  {t1=t2}
9:     S={ }
10:    while (E $\neq$ { })
11:      select and remove x=y from E
12:      if (y is not identical to x) then
13:        if (x is a variable) then
14:          replace x with y everywhere in E and S
15:          S $\leftarrow$  {x/y}  $\cup$  S
16:        else if (y is a variable) then
17:          replace y with x everywhere in E and S
18:          S $\leftarrow$  {y/x}  $\cup$  S
19:        else if (x is f(x1,...,xn) and y is f(y1,...,yn)) then
20:          E $\leftarrow$  E  $\cup$  {x1=y1,...,xn=yn}
21:        else
22:          return  $\perp$ 
23:    return S

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Example Suppose we want to unify $p(X,Y,Y)$ with $p(a,Z,b)$. Initially E is $\{p(X,Y,Y)=p(a,Z,b)\}$. The first time through the while loop, E becomes $\{X=a, Y=Z, Y=b\}$. Suppose $X=a$ is selected next. Then S becomes $\{X/a\}$ and E becomes $\{Y=Z, Y=b\}$. Suppose $Y=Z$ is selected. Then Y is replaced by Z in S and E. S becomes $\{X/a, Y/Z\}$ and E becomes $\{Z=b\}$. Finally $Z=b$ is selected, Z is replaced by b, S becomes $\{X/a, Y/b, Z/b\}$, and E becomes empty. The substitution $\{X/a, Y/b, Z/b\}$ is returned as an MGU.