

# The append Predicate

```
?- append([1,2],[3,4],Z).
```

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

```
Yes
```

- Library predicate `append(X,Y,Z)` succeeds if and only if `Z` is the result of appending the list `Y` onto the end of the list `X`

# Not Just A Function

```
?- append(X, [3,4], [1,2,3,4]).
```

```
X = [1, 2]
```

```
Yes
```

- **append is flexible:**
- can be used with any pattern of instantiation (that is, with variables in any positions)

# Not Just A Function

```
?- append(X,Y,[1,2,3]).
```

```
X = []
```

```
Y = [1, 2, 3] ;
```

```
X = [1]
```

```
Y = [2, 3] ;
```

```
X = [1, 2]
```

```
Y = [3] ;
```

```
X = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
Y = [] ;
```

```
No
```

# An Implementation

```
append([], B, B).  
append([Head|TailA], B, [Head|TailC]) :-  
    append(TailA, B, TailC).
```

# Other Predefined List Predicates

Predicate	Description
<b>member (X, Y)</b>	Provable if the list <b>Y</b> contains the element <b>X</b> .
<b>select (X, Y, Z)</b>	Provable if the list <b>Y</b> contains the element <b>X</b> , and <b>Z</b> is the same as <b>Y</b> but with one instance of <b>X</b> removed.
<b>nth0 (X, Y, Z)</b>	Provable if <b>X</b> is an integer, <b>Y</b> is a list, and <b>Z</b> is the <b>X</b> th element of <b>Y</b> , counting from 0.
<b>length (X, Y)</b>	Provable if <b>X</b> is a list of length <b>Y</b> .

- All flexible, like **append**
- Queries can contain variables anywhere