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bool CheckExpr (String E, int &i, NPType &L0, NPType &R0)
// check if the substring between E[i] (an opening bracket)
// and the corresponding closing bracket is a DNA expression;
// pre: E satisfies conditions related to the opening brackets
//      and the closing brackets;
//      E[i] is an opening bracket
// post: if return value is true, then i is position past the closing bracket
//      mentioned above
{ Symbol Oper;
  int Operi, // position of the operator
    n; // number of arguments of the operator
      // consecutive N-word-arguments are counted as 1 argument
  bool OK;
  NPType L1, R1; // types of leftmost and rightmost nucleotide pair
                  // of an argument of the operator

  i = NextIndexUsed[i]; // go to next symbol (past the opening bracket)
  Oper = E[i]; // by assumption, Oper is indeed an operator
  Operi = i; // remember this position

  i = NextIndexUsed[i]; // go to next symbol (past the operator)
  OK = true;
  n=0;
  while (OK && (E[i] != Closebr))
    // invariant: E[i-1] is not an opening bracket
    // this is true at first iteration (as E[i-1] is an operator then)
    // this is true at subsequent iterations (as E[i-1] is an N-word
    // or a closing bracket then)
    // consequently, E[i] is not an operator
  { n++; // another argument

    if ((Oper==Uda) && (n>1))
    { cout << "Operator Uda with more than one argument at position "
      << Operi << ".\n";
      OK = false;
    }
    else // this argument is in principle allowed

    { if (WordElt(E[i])) // this argument is an N-word
      { do
        i = NextIndexUsed[i];
        while (WordElt(E[i]));

        switch (Oper)
        { case Upa: L1 = Pp;
          R1 = Pp;
            break;
          case Doa: L1 = Pm;
          R1 = Pm;
            break;
          case Uda: L1 = P;
          R1 = P;
        } // switch
      }
    }
  }
}

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else // E[i] is not a closing bracket (by while condition),
    // E[i] is not an operator (by invariant)
    // E[i] is not an N-word (by this else)
    // consequently, E[i] is an opening bracket:
    // this argument is a DNA expression
    OK = CheckExpr (E, i, L1, R1);

if (OK) // nothing went wrong yet
    if (Oper==Uda) // apparently, n==1
        { LO = P;
          RO = P;
        }
    else // operator = Upa or Doa
        if (n==1) // first argument
            { LO = L1;
              RO = R1;
            }
        else // n>1
            switch (Oper)
                { case Upa: if ((RO!=Pm) && (L1!=Pm)) // upper prefit
                        RO = R1;
                        else // not an upper prefit
                        { cout << n-1 << "-th Argument is not an upper prefit for "
                          << n << "-th argument of operator Upa\n"
                          << " at position " << Operi << ".\n";
                        OK = false;
                        }
                    break;
                case Doa: if ((RO!=Pp) && (L1!=Pp)) // lower prefit
                        RO = R1;
                        else // not a lower prefit
                        { cout << n-1 << "-th Argument is not a lower prefit for "
                          << n << "-th argument of operator Doa\n"
                          << " at position " << Operi << ".\n";
                        OK = false;
                        }
                }
            } // switch

} // else: argument in principle allowed

} // while

if (OK) // E[i] is a closing bracket
    if (n==0)
        { cout << "Operator with no arguments at position " << Operi << ".\n";
          OK = false;
        }

if (OK)
    i = NextIndexUsed[i]; // go to next symbol (past the closing bracket)

return OK;

} // CheckExpr

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