



State Space Problem Solving

Prolog Programming
Assignment 2

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Abstract

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State Space Operator Implementation

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Unit Test Demo

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Unit Test Code

Unit Test

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Unit Test Program Demo

Unit Test Program

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Unit Test Program Code

Task 7: Run the program to solve the 3 disk problem

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NextState = [[s],[m,l],[]]
Move = m23
NextState = [[], [m,l], [s]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[], [m,l], [s]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[m,s], [l], []]
Move = m23
NextState = [[s], [l], [m]]
Move = m32
NextState = [[], [s,m,l], []]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[m], [l], [s]], [[], [m,l], [s]], [[], [s,m,l], [
]]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[s],[m,l],[]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[m], [l], [s]], [[], [m,l], [s]], [[], [s,m,l], [
]], [[s], [m,l], []]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[], [s,m,l], []]
Move = m13
NextState = [[], [m,l], [s]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[m,s], [l], []]
Move = m23
NextState = [[s], [l], [m]]
Move = m23
NextState = [[], [m,l], [s]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[], [l], [m,s]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[l,m], [], [s]]
Move = m23
NextState = [[m], [], [l,s]]
Move = m31
NextState = [[s,m], [l], []]
Move = m32
NextState = [[m], [s,l], []]
Move = m21
NextState = [[l,s,m], [], []]
Move = m23
NextState = [[s,m], [], [l]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[s,m], [l], [s]], [[s,m], [], [l]]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[m], [s], [l]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[s,m], [l], [s]], [[m], [s], [l]], [[], [s], [m,l], [
]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[], [m,s], [l]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[], [s], [m,l]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[s,m], [l], [s]], [[m], [s], [l]], [[], [s], [m,l], [
]]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[s], [], [m,l]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[s,m], [l], [s]], [[m], [s], [l]], [[], [s], [m,l], [
]], [[s], [], [m,l]]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[], [s], [m,l]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[], [], [s,m,l]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], [], []], [[m,l], [s], []], [[l], [s], [m]], [[s,l], [], [m]], [[l], [], [s,m]], [[], [l], [s,m]], [[s], [l], [m]], [[], [s,l], [m]], [[m], [s,l], [], [[s,m], [l], []], [[s,m], [l], [s]], [[m], [s], [l]], [[], [s], [m,l], [
]], [[s], [], [m,l]]], [[], [], [s,m,l]]]
SolutionSoFar =
[m12,m13,m21,m13,m12,m31,m12,m31,m21,m23,m12,m13,m21,m13]
Solution ...
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.

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Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.  
True  
• ~/Documents/Programming/CSC-344/src/PA6/ [main*]
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Questions

1. What was the length of your program's solution to the three disk problem?

The program solved the three disk problem in 14 moves.

2. What is the length of the shortest solution to the three disk problem?

The shortest solution is 7 moves long. (M13, M12, M32, M13, M21, M23, M13)

3. How do you account for the discrepancy?

The program is not designed to find the most efficient solution, only the first path to the end it found. The program does a depth-first search, rather than a breadth-first search. The program takes the first path available to it, even if it was not a step toward an optimum solution.

Task 8: Run the program to solve the 4 disk problem

?- solve.

Solution ...

Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.
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Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
true.

1. What was the length of your program's solution to the four disk problem?

The program solved the four disk problem in 40 moves.

2. What is the length of the shortest solution to the four disk problem?

The four disk problem can be solved in 15 moves.