

# State Space Problem Solving

Prolog Programming Assignment 2

Prolog Programming Assignment #2: State Space Problem Solving
Abstract
Task 3: One Move Predicate and a Unit Test
State Space Operator Implementation
Unit Test Code
Unit Test Demo

Task 4: The Remaining Five Move Predicates and a Unit Tests

State Space Operator Implementation

### Unit Test Code

Unit Test

Task 5: Valid State Pr	redicate and Unit	Test	
Unit Test Program D	emo		
Unit Test Program			

Task 6:	Defining th	e write_sequ	ence predica	ite		
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Unit Te	est Program	Code				



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

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?- solve.
PathSoFar = [[[s,m,l],[],[]]]
rathsorar = [[[s,m,t],[],[]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[m,t],[s],[]]
Pathsorar = [[[s,m,t],[],[],[[m,t],[s],[]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[[],[m,s],[]]
Move = m13
MOVE = |||13
| NextState = [[[],[s],[m]]
| PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]]] | Move =
m12
NextState = [[],[1,s],[m]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[],[s],[1,m]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[s,1],[],[m]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l],[],[]],[[m,l],[s],[]],[[l],[s],[m]],[[s,l],[],[m]]]
[[l ],[],[s,m]]]

Move = m12

NextState = [[],[l],[s,m]]
PathSofar = [[[s,m,1],[],[],[[s],[]],[[t],[s],[m]],[[s,l],[,m]], [[t],[],[s],[m]], [[s,l],[],[m]], [[t],[s,m]]] Move = m21
NextState = [[1],[],[s,m]]

Move = m23

NextState = [[],[],[1,s,m]]
Move = m31
Move = m31

PathSoFar = [[[s],[1],[m]]

PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[],[[m,1],[s],[],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],

[[l],],[s,m],[[],[],[s,m],[[s],[l],[m]]]

Move = m12

NextState = [[],[s,1],[m]]
Move = m21

NextState = [[s],[1],[m]]

Move = m23
Move = m23

NextState = [[],[l],[s,m]]

Move = m31

NextState = [[m],[s,l],[]]
NextState = [[m],[s,t],[]]
PathSfare =
[[[s,m,1],[],]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[m]],[[m]],
[[1],[],[s,m]],[[],[1],[s,m]],[[s],[1],[m]],[[m],[m]],
[[s, 1],[m]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[],[m,s,l],[]]
Move = m13
Move = m13

NextState = [[],[s,1],[m]]

Move = m21

NextState = [[s,m],[l],[]]
Move = m13

NextState = [[m],[1],[s]]

PathSoFar =
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l], ], ], [[m,l],[s], ], [[l],[s],[m]], [[s,l], ], [m]],
[[l], ], [s,m], [l], [l], [s,m], [[s], [l], [m]], [[m], [m],
[m], [s,m], [l], ], [[m], [l], [s]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[],[m,l],[s]]
PathSoFar =
PathSoFar =
rathsorar =
[[[s,m,1,], ], ], [[m,1,],[s], ], [[1], [s], [m], [[s,1], ], [m]],
[[1,1,],[s,m], [], [1,1,], [[s], [1], [m], [], [s,1], [m]],
[[s,1], ], [[s,m], [1], ], [[m], [1], [s]], [[m,1], [s]]]
[extState = [[m], [1], [s]]
Move = m23
NextState = [[],[1],[m,s]]
Move = m31
[m,l],[]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[],[s,m,l],[]]
PathSoFar =
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NextState = [[s],[m,1],[]]
Move = m23

NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]]

Move = m13
Move = mis

NextState = [[],[m,l],[s]]

Move = m21

NextState = [[m,s],[l],[]]
Move = m23
NextState = [[s],[l],[m]]
Move = m32
Move = m21
NextState = [[s],[m,l],[]]
PathSoFar =
NextState = [[],[s,m,l],[]]

Move = m13

NextState = [[],[m,l],[s]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[m,s],[1],[]]
Move = m23

NextState = [[s],[1],[m]]

Move = m23
NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[],[1],[m,s]]
NextState = [[],[[],[m,s]]

Move = m21

Move = m23

NextState = [[m],[],[1,s]]

Move = m31
Move = m31

NextState = [[s,m],[l],[]]

Move = m32

NextState = [[m],[s,l],[]]

Move = m21
NextState = [[1,s,m],[],[]]
NextState = [[t,s,m],[],[]]

Move = m23

NextState = [[s,m],[],[]]

PathSofar = [[s,m,1],[],[]],[[n,1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1]])

1],[[s,m],[1],[],[[s,m],[],[],[]]]
Move = m12
NextState = [[m],[s],[1]]
PathSoFar =
Move = m12

NextState = [[],[m,s],[1]]

Move = m13
]]
Move = m21
NextState = [[s],[],[m,1]]
PathSoFar =
[[[s,m,l],[],[]],[[m,l],[s],[]],[[l],[s],[m]],[[s,l],[],[m]],[[l
],[],(s,m]),[[],(t],(s,m]),[[s],(t],(m]),[[],(s,t],(m]),[[m],(s,
t],(]),([s,m],(t],(]),([s,m],(],(t)),([m],(s],(t)),((),(s],(m,t)
],([s],(],(m,t)])
Move = m12
NextState = [[],[s],[m,1]]
Move = m13
NextState = [[],[],[s,m,l]]
PathSoFar =
],[[s],[],[m,1]],[[],[],[s,m,1]]]
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 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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## 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

Task 8: Run the program
?-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.
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 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 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 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.
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 3 to tower 1.
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 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 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.

### Questions

- **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.