

Experiment No: 2

Write a Prolog program to implement Water-Jug Problem.

Date: _____

Competency and Practical Skills: Knowledge of logic programming, Basics of search Techniques

Relevant CO: CO1, CO5

Objectives: To create a functional and efficient Prolog program for solving logic puzzles.

Equipment/Instruments: Personal Computer, SWI-Prolog Interpreter

Theory:

The Water-Jug Problem is a classic problem in Artificial Intelligence that involves two jugs of different sizes and the task of measuring a specific amount of water using these jugs. The problem can be formulated as follows:

Given two jugs of sizes x and y , where x is greater than y , and an amount z of water to be measured, the task is to find a sequence of steps to measure exactly z liters of water using only these two jugs.

The problem can be solved using various AI algorithms such as Depth-First Search, Breadth-First Search, or heuristic search algorithms like A* search. The Breadth-First Search algorithm is commonly used to solve the Water-Jug Problem.

To solve the problem using Breadth-First Search, we start with the initial state where both jugs are empty and generate all possible next states from this state by applying the allowed actions such as filling a jug, emptying a jug, or pouring water from one jug to another. We then add these generated states to a queue and continue generating states and adding them to the queue until we find the desired goal state, which is when one of the jugs contains exactly z liters of water. Once the goal state is reached, we backtrack to find the sequence of steps taken to reach the goal state.

State Representation and Initial State – we will represent a state of the problem as a tuple (x, y) where x represents the amount of water in the 4-gallon jug and y represents the amount of water in the 3-gallon jug.

Note $0 \leq x \leq 4$, and $0 \leq y \leq 3$.

Our initial state: $(0,0)$

Goal Predicate – state = $(2,y)$ where $0 \leq y \leq 3$.

Operators –

- Fill the 4-gallon jug: This operator fills the 4-gallon jug to its maximum capacity. The resulting state will be $(4, y)$, where y is the amount of water in the 3-gallon jug.
- Fill the 3-gallon jug: This operator fills the 3-gallon jug to its maximum capacity. The resulting state will be $(x, 3)$, where x is the amount of water in the 4-gallon jug.
- Empty the 4-gallon jug: This operator empties the 4-gallon jug completely. The resulting state will be $(0, y)$, where y is the amount of water in the 3-gallon jug.
- Empty the 3-gallon jug: This operator empties the 3-gallon jug completely. The resulting state will be $(x, 0)$, where x is the amount of water in the 4-gallon jug.
- Pour water from the 4-gallon jug into the 3-gallon jug: This operator pours water from the 4-gallon jug into the 3-gallon jug until the 3-gallon jug is full or the 4-gallon jug is empty. The resulting state will be $(x - (3 - y), 3)$ if the 4-gallon jug becomes empty or $(4, y)$ if the 3-gallon jug becomes full.
- Pour water from the 3-gallon jug into the 4-gallon jug: This operator pours water from the

3-gallon jug into the 4-gallon jug until the 4-gallon jug is full or the 3-gallon jug is empty. The resulting state will be $(4, y - (4 - x))$ if the 3-gallon jug becomes empty or $(x, 3)$ if the 4-gallon jug becomes full.

Safety and necessary Precautions:

It is important to handle edge cases such as unsolvable puzzles, invalid puzzle states, and memory limitations to avoid program crashes or incorrect results.

Procedure:

1. Define the initial state using a Prolog predicate.
2. Define the goal state predicate.
3. Define the goal state predicate.
4. Define the operators
5. Define the search algorithm.

Observation/Program:

<Write Prolog code and analyse goal statements>

Conclusion:**Quiz:** (Sufficient space to be provided for the answers)

1. What search algorithm can you use to find a solution to the Water-Jug Problem, and how would you implement it in Prolog?

2. How would you test the Prolog program to ensure that it works correctly?

Suggested Reference:

1. <http://lpn.swi-prolog.org/lpnpage.php?pageid=online>
2. “Artificial Intelligence” -By Elaine Rich And Kevin Knight (2nd Edition) Tata Mcgraw- Hill
3. “PROLOG Programming For Artificial Intelligence” -By Ivan Bratko(Addison-Wesley)

References used by the students: (Sufficient space to be provided)

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