

Performance:

My test case for speedup/2 is to find all the counts and towers for 4X4 puzzles. This provides an upper bound as to how long it would take to provide. I originally wanted to do the same test for a 5X5, but the poor performance of my plain_tower/3 when enumerating all 5X5 puzzles made this test not feasible with regards to time.

The ratio of tower/3 to plain_tower/3 to enumerate all 4X4 puzzles is typically between 4 and 6.

For 5 runs on Linux Server 9.

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Averaging To a Speedup of:

5.41

Other Notes on Performance:

My tower/3 implementation favors powers of 2 beyond a certain threshold. For N=32 it can find a result faster than it can find a result for N=24, provided on the value of N.

Additionally, my plain_tower/3 implementation suffers very poor performance beyond N=4. For the test cases provided in the spec, when only counts is defined, it can take my implementation on the order of a minute of cpu time to find a solution. To enumerate all solutions, it can take 5 minutes for N=5.

It renders the correct solution to the tests in the spec, it simply suffers poor performance.

Ambiguous Towers

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| ?- ambiguous(5,C,T1,T2).
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C = counts([4,2,3,2,1],[1,3,2,3,2],[5,3,2,3,1],[1,2,3,2,2])
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T1 = [[1,2,3,4,5],[2,1,4,5,3],[4,5,2,3,1],[3,4,5,1,2],[5,3,1,2,4]]
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T2 = [[1,2,3,4,5],[3,1,4,5,2],[4,5,2,3,1],[2,4,5,1,3],[5,3,1,2,4]] ?
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(8834 ms) yes
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/*interestingly, it took only 45 milliseconds to find an ambiguous puzzle for a 6X6*/
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Sources:

Prolog Documentation for Finite Domain

http://www.gprolog.org/manual/html_node/gprolog054.html

Standard SWI-Prolog Functions:

<https://github.com/lamby/pkg-swi-prolog/blob/master/library/clp/clpfd.pl>