

**TE Comps-A**  
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**Experiment No: 7**

**Q] Travelling Salesman Problem in Prolog.**

**Code:**

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/* Travelling salesman code in prolog. */
/* This is the data set. */
edge(a, b, 3).
edge(a, c, 4).
edge(a, d, 2).
edge(a, e, 7).
edge(b, c, 4).
edge(b, d, 6).
edge(b, e, 3).
edge(c, d, 5).
edge(c, e, 8).
edge(d, e, 6).
edge(b, a, 3).
edge(c, a, 4).
edge(d, a, 2).
edge(e, a, 7).
edge(c, b, 4).
edge(d, b, 6).
edge(e, b, 3).
edge(d, c, 5).
edge(e, c, 8).
edge(e, d, 6).
edge(a, h, 2).
edge(h, d, 1).

/* Finds the length of a list, while there is something in the list it increments N
   when there is nothing left it returns. */

len([], 0).
len([H|T], N):- len(T, X), N is X+1 .

/*Best path, is called by shortest_path. It sends it the paths found in a
   path, distance format*/

best_path(Visited, Total):- path(a, a, Visited, Total).

/*Path is expanded to take in distance so far and the nodes visited */

path(Start, Fin, Visited, Total) :- path(Start, Fin, [Start], Visited, 0, Total).

/*This adds the stopping location to the visited list, adds the distance and then calls recursive
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*to the next stopping location along the path \*/*

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path(Start, Fin, CurrentLoc, Visited, Costn, Total) :-  
    edge(Start, StopLoc, Distance), NewCostn is Costn + Distance, \+ member(StopLoc,  
    CurrentLoc),  
    path(StopLoc, Fin, [StopLoc|CurrentLoc], Visited, NewCostn, Total).
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*/\*When we find a path back to the starting point, make that the total distance and make  
sure the graph has touch every node\*/*

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path(Start, Fin, CurrentLoc, Visited, Costn, Total) :-  
    edge(Start, Fin, Distance), reverse([Fin|CurrentLoc], Visited), len(Visited, Q),  
    (Q=7 -> Total is 100000; Total is Costn + Distance).
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*/\*This is called to find the shortest path, takes all the paths, collects them in holder.  
Then calls pick on that holder which picks the shortest path and returns it\*/*

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shortest_path(Path):-setof(Cost-Path, best_path(Path,Cost), Holder),pick(Holder,Path).
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*/\* Is called, compares 2 distances. If cost is smaller than bcost, no need to go on. Cut it.\*/*

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best(Cost-Holder,Bcost-_,Cost-Holder):- Cost<Bcost,!.  
best(_,X,X).
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*/\*Takes the top path and distance off of the holder and recursively calls it.\*/*

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pick([Cost-Holder|R],X):- pick(R,Bcost-Bholder),best(Cost-Holder,Bcost-Bholder,X),!.  
pick([X],X).
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## Output:

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compiling /home/cg/root/642a910f6812b/main.pg for byte code...  
/home/cg/root/642a910f6812b/main.pg:33: warning: singleton variables [H] for len/2  
/home/cg/root/642a910f6812b/main.pg compiled, 71 lines read - 7258 bytes written, 4 ms  
| ?- shortest_path(Path).  
shortest_path(Path).  
Path = 20-[a,h,d,e,b,c,a]  
  
(1 ms) yes  
| ?-
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