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/*
Prolog statements to calculate the sum of individual digits
composing a positive, integer-valued argument. In addition,
a list of the character-based representation of these digits
is returned in sorted order.
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?- sum_digits(629174853, ListOfSorted, SumOfDigits).
ListOfSorted = ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9'],
SumOfDigits = 45.
?- X is 9 * 10 / 2.
X = 45.
?- number_string(1234, X), string_chars(X, [H\midT]), number_string(Y, [H]), Z is Y +
X = "1234",
H = '1'.
T = ['2', '3', '4'],
Y = 1
Z = 2.
*/
sum_digits(Num, SortedDigits, Sum) :-
    number_string(Num, NumAsString),
    string_chars (NumAsString, DigitsAsChars),
    quicksort (DigitsAsChars, SortedDigits), !,
    sum_digital_rep_of_chars(SortedDigits,Sum).
% As an independent exercise, contemplate how to rewrite this
% predicate in a manner that places constant pressure on the stack.
sum_digital_rep_of_chars([],0).
sum_digital_rep_of_chars([Hc|T],Sum) :-
    number_string(Hi,[Hc]),
    sum_digital_rep_of_chars(T,Sum1), % ignoring tail-call optimization! :(
    Sum is Hi + Sum1.
/* As a bonus, here's a specification in Haskell
   of Sir Tony Hoare's masterpiece:
quicksort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
quicksort[] = []
quicksort (x:xs) =
  let smaller = filter (<=x) xs</pre>
      larger = filter (>x) xs
  in quicksort smaller ++ [x] ++ quicksort larger
*/
quicksort([],[]).
quicksort([Pivot | Tail], Sorted) :-
    partition (Pivot, Tail, Smaller, Larger),
    quicksort (Smaller, SortedSmaller),
    quicksort (Larger, SortedLarger),
    append (SortedSmaller, [Pivot | SortedLarger], Sorted).
partition(_,[],[],[]).
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X @=< Pivot, !,
partition(Pivot, T, Smaller, Larger).

partition(Pivot, [X|T], Smaller, [X|Larger]) :-
    X @> Pivot, !, % the .GT. check's technically unnecessary
partition(Pivot, T, Smaller, Larger).
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partition(Pivot, [X | T], [X | Smaller], Larger) :-