# **Second Prolog Programming Assignment**

## **Learning Abstract:**

In this assignment I learned how to implement a state space problem solver to solve the three disk and four disk Tower of Hanoi problem in Prolog. This involved writing state space operators to move disks, a predicate to test the validity of disks on pegs, a predicate that translated the moves into english, along with tester code to see what was happening in the world.

### Task 3 - One Move Predicate and a Unit Test

State space operator code:

```
m12([Tower1Before,Tower2Before,Tower3],[Tower1After,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
Tower1Before = [H|T],
Tower1After = T,
Tower2Before = L,
Tower2After = [H|L].
```

### Tester code:

```
test__m12 :-
   write('Testing: move_m12\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m12(TowersBefore,TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
```

```
?- consult('toh.pro').
true.
?- test__m12.
Testing: move_m12
TowersBefore' = '[[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter' = '[[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
true.
```

# Task 4 - The Remaining Five Move Predicates and a Unit Tests

State space operators code:

```
m12([Tower1Before, Tower2Before, Tower3], [Tower1After, Tower2After, Tower3]) :-
    Tower1Before = [H|T],
    Tower1After = T,
    Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
m13([Tower1Before, Tower2, Tower3Before], [Tower1After, Tower2, Tower3After]) :-
    Tower1Before = [H|T],
    Tower1After = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m21([Tower1Before,Tower2Before,Tower3],[Tower1After,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    Tower1Before = L,
    Tower1After = [H|L].
m23([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m31([Tower1Before, Tower2, Tower3Before], [Tower1After, Tower2, Tower3After]) :-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
    Tower1Before = L,
    Tower1After = [H|L].
m32([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
    Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
```

#### Tester code:

```
test__m12 :-
   write('Testing: move_m12\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m12(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m13 :-
   write('Testing: move_m13\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m13(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m21 :-
   write('Testing: move_m21\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m21(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m23 :-
   write('Testing: move_m23\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m23(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m23 :-
   write('Testing: move_m23\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m23(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m31 :-
   write('Testing: move_m31\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m31(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m32 :-
   write('Testing: move_m32\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m32(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
```

```
?- consult('toh.pro').
?- test__m12.
Testing: move_m12
TowersBefore' = '[[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter' = '[[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
true.
?- test__m13.
Testing: move_m13
TowersBefore' = '[[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter' = '[[s,m,l,h],[],[t]]
true.
?- test__m21.
Testing: move_m21
TowersBefore' = '[[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]]
TowersAfter' = '[[t],[s,m,l,h],[]]
true.
?- test__m23.
Testing: move_m23
TowersBefore' = '[[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]]
TowersAfter' = '[[],[s,m,l,h],[t]]
true.
?- test__m31.
Testing: move_m31
TowersBefore' = '[[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]]
TowersAfter' = '[[t],[],[s,m,l,h]]
true.
?- test__m32.
Testing: move_m32
TowersBefore' = '[[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]]
TowersAfter' = '[[],[t],[s,m,l,h]]
true.
```

## Task 5 - Valid State Predicate and Unit Test

Predicate code:

```
valid_state([P1,P2,P3]) :-
   valid_state(P1), valid_state(P2), valid_state(P3).
   valid_state([]).
   valid_state([t]).
   valid_state([t,s]).
   valid_state([t,s,m]).
   valid_state([t,s,m,l]).
   valid_state([t,s,m,l,h]).
   valid_state([t,s,m,h]).
   valid_state([t,s,l]).
   valid_state([t,s,l,h]).
   valid_state([t,s,h]).
   valid_state([t,m]).
   valid_state([t,m,l]).
   valid_state([t,m,l,h]).
   valid_state([t,m,h]).
   valid_state([t,l]).
   valid_state([t,l,h]).
   valid_state([t,h]).
   valid_state([s]).
   valid_state([s,m]).
   valid_state([s,m,l]).
   valid_state([s,m,l,h]).
   valid_state([s,m,h]).
   valid_state([s,l]).
   valid_state([s,l,h]).
   valid_state([s,h]).
   valid_state([m]).
   valid_state([m,l]).
   valid_state([m,l,h]).
   valid_state([m,h]).
   valid_state([l]).
   valid_state([l,h]).
   valid_state([h]).
```

### Tester code:

```
test__valid_state :-
    write('Testing: valid_state\n'),
    test__vs([[l,t,s,m,h],[],[]]),
    test__vs([[l,s,m,l,h],[]]),
    test__vs([[],[h,t,s,m],[l]]),
    test__vs([[],[h],[l,m,s,t]]),
    test__vs([[],[h],[t,s,m,l]]).
test__vs(S) :-
    valid_state(S),
    write(S), write(' is valid.'), nl.
test__vs(S) :-
    write(S), write(' is invalid.'), nl.
```

```
?- test_valid_state.
Testing: valid_state
[[l,t,s,m,h],[],[]] is invalid.
[[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]] is valid.
[[],[h,t,s,m],[l]] is invalid.
[[],[t,s,m,h],[l]] is valid.
[[],[h],[l,m,s,t]] is invalid.
[[],[h],[t,s,m,l]] is valid.
true .
```

# Task 6: Defining the Write Sequence Predicate

Predicate code:

Tester code:

```
test__write_sequence :-
   write('First test of write_sequence ...'), nl,
   write_sequence([m31,m12,m13,m21]),
   write('Second test of write_sequence ...'), nl,
   write_sequence([m13,m12,m32,m13,m21,m23,m13]).
```

```
?- test_write_sequence.
First test of write_sequence ...
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.
Second test of write_sequence ...
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 2.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
```

# Task 7: Run the Program to Solve the 3 Disk Problem

Intermediate output demo:

```
'[[[s,m,l],[],[]]]
             '[[m,l],[s],[]]
'[[[s,m,l],[],[]],[[m,l],[s],[]]]
             '[[l],[m,s],[]]
             '[[\],[s],[m]]
'[[[s,m,\],[],[]],[[m,\],[s],[]],[[\],[s],[m]]]
             '[[],[l,s],[m]]
             '[[],[s],[l,m]]
             '[(s,\],[],[m]]
'[[(s,m,\],[],[]],[[m,\],(s],[]],[[\],[s],[m]],[[s,\],[],[m]]]
             '[[l],[s],[m]]
             '([\],[],[s,m])
'([[s,m,\],[],[]],[[m,\],[s],[]],[(\],[s],[m]],[[s,\],[],[m]],[(\],[],[s,m]])
             '([],(\],(s,m)]
'(((s,m,\],(],([),([m,\],(s),(]),([\],(s),(m)],((s,\],(],(m)],((\],(s,m)],((],(\],(s,m)])
             '[[l],[],[s,m]]
             '[[],[],[l,s,m]]
             '([s],[\],[m]]
'([[s,m,\],[],[]),[[m,\],[s],[]),[[\],[s],[m]],[[s,\],[],[m]],[[\],[],[s,m]],[[],[\],[s,m]],[[s],[\],[m]])
             '[[],[s,\],[m]]
'[[s,m,\],[],[]],[[m,\],[s],[]],[[\],[s],[m]],[[s,\],[],[m]],[[\],[],[s,m]],[[],[\],[s,m]],[[s],[\],[m]],[[],[s,\],[m]])
             '[[s],[l],[m]]
             '[[],[l],[s,m]]
             '[[m],[s,\],[]]
'[[[s,m,\],[],[[m,\],[s],[]],[[\],[s],[m]],[[s,\],[],[m]],[[\],[],[],[\],[],[\],[s,m]],[[s],[\],[m],[],[s,\],[m]],[[m],[s,\],[]]]
Move' = mis
NextState' =
Move' = 'm21
NextState' =
PathSoFar' =
Move' = 'm12
             '[[],[s,l],[m]]
             '([s,m],(U),[]]
'([(s,m,U,[],[]),([m,U,[s],[]),([U,[s],[m]),([s,U,[),[m]),([U,[),[s,m]),([),[s,m]),([s],[U,[m]),([),[s,U,[m]),([m],[s,U,[]),([s,m],[U,[])]
'[[m],[s,l],[]]
```

```
e' = 'm23
tState' =
e' = 'm13
xtState' =
ve' = 'm21
xtState' =
ve' = 'm23
      '[[m,s],[l],[]]
    e' =
'm23
 tState' =
e' = 'm23
      '[[s],[l],[m]]
 tState' =
e' = 'm13
      '[[],[m,l],[s]]
      '[[],[l],[m,s]]
 tState' =
re' = 'm23
      '[[l,m],[],[s]]
 /e =
ktState' =
ve' = 'm31
      '[[m],[],[l,s]]
'[[s,m],[l],[]]
      '[[m],[s,l],[]]
      '[[l,s,m],[],[]]
extstate = '([3,m],[],[0])

ove' = 'm23

lextState' = '[[s,m],[],[U])

athSoFar' = '[[[s,m,U],[]],[[m,U],[s],[]],[[U],[s],[m]],[[U],[s],[U],[s,m]],[[s],[U],[m]],[[m],[s,U],[]],[[s,m],[U],[]],[U])
ove' = 'm12
extState' = '[[],[s],[m,l]]
ove' = 'm13
```

### English output demo:

```
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 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
```

## **Questions:**

- 1. What was the length of your program's solution to the three disk problem?

  The length was 14 moves.
- **2.** What is the length of the shortest solution to the three disk problem? The length is 7 moves.
- 3. How do you account for the discrepancy?

The program is testing all different paths to reach a solution whereas humans can do it fairly easily in their heads.

Task 8: Run the Program to Solve the 4 Disk Problem

English output demo:

```
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
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
                               1 to
Transfer a disk from tower
                                     tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower
                              1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower
                               1 to
                                     tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower
                              1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
                               3 to
Transfer a disk from tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower
                              1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to
                                    tower
Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower
Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
```

# **Questions:**

- 1. What was the length of your program's solution to the four disk problem? The length was 40 moves.
- 2. What is the length of the shortest solution to the four disk problem?

  The length is 15 moves.

Task 9: Review the Code and Archive It

```
-- Line: Program to solve the Towers of Hanoi problem
:- consult('inspector.pro').
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m12) :-
m12(TowersBeforeMove, TowersAfterMove).
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m13) :-
{\tt m13}({\sf TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove}) .
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m21) :-
m21(TowersBeforeMove, TowersAfterMove).
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m23) :-
m23(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove).
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m31) :-
m31(TowersBeforeMove, TowersAfterMove).
make_move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,m32) :-
m32(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove).
m12([Tower1Before,Tower2Before,Tower3],[Tower1After,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
    Tower1Before = [H|T],
    Tower1After = T,
    Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
m13([Tower1Before,Tower2,Tower3Before],[Tower1After,Tower2,Tower3After]):-
    Tower1Before = [H|T],
    Tower1After = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m21([Tower1Before,Tower2Before,Tower3],[Tower1After,Tower2After,Tower3]):-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    Tower1Before = L,
    Tower1After = [H|L].
m23([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]):-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m31([Tower1Before,Tower2,Tower3Before],[Tower1After,Tower2,Tower3After]):-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
    Tower1Before = L,
    Tower1After = [H|L].
```

```
m32([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]):-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
% --- valid_state(S) :: S is a valid state
valid_state([P1,P2,P3]) :-
    valid_state(P1), valid_state(P2), valid_state(P3).
    valid_state([]).
    valid_state([t]).
    valid_state([t,s]).
    valid_state([t,s,m]).
    valid_state([t,s,m,l]).
    valid_state([t,s,m,l,h]).
    valid_state([t,s,m,h]).
    valid_state([t,s,l]).
    valid_state([t,s,l,h]).
    valid_state([t,s,h]).
    valid_state([t,m]).
valid_state([t,m,l]).
    valid_state([t,m,l,h]).
    valid_state([t,m,h]).
    valid_state([t,l]).
    valid_state([t,l,h]).
    valid_state([t,h]).
    valid_state([s]).
valid_state([s,m]).
    valid_state([s,m,l]).
    valid_state([s,m,l,h]).
    valid_state([s,m,h]).
    valid_state([s,l]).
    valid_state([s,l,h]).
    valid_state([s,h]).
    valid_state([m]).
    valid_state([m,l]).
    valid_state([m,l,h]).
    valid_state([m,h]).
    valid_state([l]).
    valid_state([l,h]).
    valid_state([h]).
```

```
test__valid_state :
    write('Testing: valid_state\n'),
    test_vs([[l,t,s,m,h],[],[]]),
test_vs([[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]),
test_vs([[],[h,t,s,m],[l]]),
    test__vs([[],[t,s,m,h],[l]]),
    test_vs([[],[h],[l,m,s,t]]),
test_vs([[],[h],[t,s,m,l]]).
test__vs(S) :-
    valid_state(S),
    write(S), write(' is valid.'), nl.
test_vs(S) :-
    write(S), write(' is invalid.'), nl.
% --- from the start state to the goal state.
solve :-
    extend_path([[[s,m,l,h],[],[]]],[],Solution),
    write_solution(Solution).
extend_path(PathSoFar,SolutionSoFar,Solution) :-
PathSoFar = [[[],[],[s,m,l,h]]|_],
    showr('PathSoFar',PathSoFar),
    showr('SolutionSoFar',SolutionSoFar),
    Solution = SolutionSoFar.
extend_path(PathSoFar,SolutionSoFar,Solution) :-
PathSoFar = [CurrentState|_],
    showr('PathSoFar',PathSoFar),
    make_move(CurrentState,NextState,Move),
    show('Move', Move),
    show('NextState',NextState),
    not(member(NextState,PathSoFar)),
    valid_state(NextState),
    Path = [NextState|PathSoFar],
    Soln = [Move|SolutionSoFar],
    extend_path(Path,Soln,Solution).
write_solution(S) :-
    nl, write('Solution ...'), nl, nl,
    reverse(S,R),
    write_sequence(R),nl.
```

```
write_sequence([]).
write_sequence([H|T]) :-
   (H = m12 \rightarrow
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.'), nl;
     H = m13 ->
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.'), nl;
     H = m21 ->
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.'), nl;
     H = m23 ->
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.'), nl;
     H = m31 ->
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.'), nl;
     H = m32 ->
       write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 2.'), nl
    write_sequence(T).
test__write_sequence :-
    write('First test of write_sequence ...'), nl,
   write_sequence([m31,m12,m13,m21]),
    write('Second test of write_sequence ...'), nl,
   write_sequence([m13,m12,m32,m13,m21,m23,m13]).
test__m12 :-
    write('Testing: move_m12\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
    trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m12(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
    trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m13 :-
   write('Testing: move_m13\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
    trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m13(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
    trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m21 :-
    write('Testing: move_m21\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]],
    trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m21(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
    trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__m23 :-
    write('Testing: move_m23\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[],[t,s,m,l,h],[]],
    trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m23(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
    trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
 test__m31 :-
    write('Testing: move_m31\n'),
     TowersBefore = [[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]],
     trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
    m31(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
    trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
 test__m32 :-
    write('Testing: move_m32\n'),
     TowersBefore = [[],[],[t,s,m,l,h]],
     trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
     m32(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
     trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
```