Second Prolog Programming Assignment Solution

This assignment served as an exercise in state space problem solving. We wrote predicates for a program that solves the Tower of Hanoi problem with three, four, or five disks. The program recursively iterates every possible move until a solution is found.

Task 3: One Move Predicate and a Unit Test

Code:

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ml2([TowerlBefore,Tower2Before,Tower3],[TowerlAfter,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
TowerlBefore = [H|T],
TowerlAfter = T,
Tower2Before = L,
Tower2After = [H|L].
test_ml2 :-
write('Testing: move_ml2\n'),
TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,1,h],[],[]],
trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
ml2(TowersBefore,TowersAfter),
trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
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Demo:

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?- test__m12.
Testing: move_m12
TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter = [[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
true.
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Task 4: The Remaining Five Move Predicates and Unit Tests

Code:

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ml2([TowerlBefore,Tower2Before,Tower3],[TowerlAfter,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
    TowerlBefore = [H|T],
    TowerlAfter = T,
    Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
ml3([TowerlBefore,Tower2,Tower3Before],[TowerlAfter,Tower2,Tower3After]) :-
    TowerlBefore = [H|T],
    TowerlAfter = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m21([TowerlBefore,Tower2Before,Tower3],[TowerlAfter,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    TowerlBefore = L,
    TowerlAfter = [H|L].
m23([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
    Tower2Before = [H|T],
    Tower2After = T,
    Tower3Before = L,
    Tower3After = [H|L].
m31([TowerlBefore,Tower2,Tower3Before],[TowerlAfter,Tower2,Tower3After]) :-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
    TowerlBefore = L,
    TowerlAfter = [H|L].
m32([Tower1,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Tower1,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
    Tower3Before = [H|T],
    Tower3After = T,
    Tower2Before = L,
    Tower2After = [H|L].
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test ml2 :-
    write('Testing: move ml2\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   ml2(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test ml3 :-
   write('Testing: move ml3\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   ml3(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m21 :-
   write('Testing: move_m21\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[t],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m21(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m23 :-
   write('Testing: move m23\n'),
    TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[t],[]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m23(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m31 :-
   write('Testing: move m31\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[],[t]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m31(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m32 :-
   write('Testing: move m32\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[],[t]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m32(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
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Demo:

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?- test__m12.
Testing: move_m12
TowersAfter = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter = [[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
true.
?- test__m13.
Testing: move_m13
TowersAfter = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
TowersAfter = [[s,m,l,h],[],[t]]
true.
?- test__m21.
Testing: move_m21
TowersBefore = [[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
TowersAfter = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
true.
?- test__m23.
Testing: move_m23
TowersBefore = [[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
TowersAfter = [[s,m,1,h],[],[t]]
true.
?- test__m31.
Testing: move_m31
TowersBefore = [[s,m,l,h],[],[t]]
TowersAfter = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]
true.
?- test__m32.
Testing: move_m32
TowersBefore = [[s,m,l,h],[],[t]]
TowersAfter = [[s,m,l,h],[t],[]]
true.
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Task 5: Valid State Predicate and Unit Test

Code:

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% _____
 % --- valid state(S) :: S is a valid state
 allowed([]).
 allowed([t]).
 allowed([s]).
 allowed([m]).
 allowed([1]).
 allowed([h]).
 allowed([t,s]).
 allowed([s,m]).
 allowed([m,1]).
 allowed([1,h]).
 allowed([m,h]).
 allowed([s,h]).
 allowed([t,h]).
 allowed([s,1]).
 allowed([t,1]).
 allowed([t,m]).
 allowed([m,l,h]).
 allowed([s,1,h]).
 allowed([t,1,h]).
 allowed([s,m,h]).
 allowed([t,m,h]).
 allowed([t,s,h]).
 allowed([s,m,l]).
 allowed([t,m,1]).
 allowed([t,s,l]).
 allowed([t,s,m]).
 allowed([t,s,m,l]).
 allowed([s,m,l,h]).
 allowed([t,s,m,h]).
 allowed([t,m,l,h]).
 allowed([t,s,l,h]).
 allowed([t,s,m,l,h]).
 valid state([Tower1,Tower2,Tower3]) :-
     allowed(Towerl),
     allowed(Tower2),
     allowed(Tower3).
test valid state :-
   write('Testing: valid state\n'),
   test vs([[1,t,s,m,h],[],[]]),
   test vs([[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]]),
   test_vs([[],[h,t,s,m],[1]]),
   test vs([[],[t,s,m,h],[1]]),
   test__vs([[],[h],[1,m,s,t]]),
   test vs([[],[h],[t,s,m,1]]).
test vs(S) :-
   valid state(S),
   write(S), write(' is valid.'), nl.
test vs(S) :-
   write(S), write(' is invalid.'), nl.
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Demo:

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?- test__valid_state.
Testing: valid_state
[[1,t,s,m,h],[],[]] is invalid.
[[t,s,m,1,h],[],[]] is valid.
[[],[h,t,s,m],[1]] is invalid.
[[],[t,s,m,h],[1]] is valid.
[[],[h],[1,m,s,t]] is invalid.
[[],[h],[t,s,m,1]] is valid.
true .
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Task 6: Defining the write_sequence Predicate

Code:

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% --- write_sequence_reversed(S) :: Write the sequence, given by S,
% --- expanding the tokens into meaningful strings.
write solution(S) :-
  nl, write('Solution ...'), nl, nl,
   reverse(S,R),
   write_sequence(R),nl.
move(ml2) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.'),nl.
move(m21) :-
  write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.'),nl.
move(m31) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.'), nl.
move(ml3) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.'),nl.
move(m23) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.'),nl.
move(m32) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 2.'),nl.
write_sequence([]).
write_sequence(R) :-
   R = [H|T],
   move(H),
 ?- 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 3 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 2 to tower 3.
 Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.
 true.
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Demo:

Task 7: Run the program to solve the 3 disk problem

Output:

Move = m21 NextState = [[s],[m,1],[]] Move = m23 NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]] Move = m13NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]] Move = m21 NextState = [[m,s],[1],[]] Move = m23NextState = [[s],[1],[m]] Move = m32 NextState = [[s],[m,1],[]]
PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[[1],[],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[s],[1],[m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s],[1],[s]],[[1],[s]], Move = m12NextState = [[],[s,m,1],[]] Move = m13 NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]] Move = m21NextState = [[m,s],[1],[]] Move = m23NextState = [[s],[1],[m]] Move = m23NextState = [[],[m,1],[s]] Move = m13NextState = [[],[1],[m,s]] Move = m21NextState = [[1,m],[],[s]] Move = m23 NextState = [[m],[],[1,s]] Move = m31 NextState = [[s,m],[1],[]] Move = m32NextState = [[m],[s,1],[]] Move = m21 NextState = [[1,s,m],[],[]] Move = m23 NextState = [[s,m],[],[1]]
PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[[1],[],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[s,m]],[[s],[1],[m]],[[1],[s,1],[m]],[[m],[s,1],[1],[]],[[s,m],[1],[]],[[s,m],[1],[]]]
Mana = m12 Move = m12NextState = [[m],[s],[1]] PathSoFars = [[m],[s],[1]] PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[],[],[[1],[],[s,m]],[[],[s,m]],[[s],[1],[]],[[s,m]],[[],[s,m]],[[s],[1],[]],[[s,m]],[1],[]],[[s],[1]],[[s],[1]]) Hence a 12 Move = m12NextState = [[],[m,s],[1]] Move = m13 NextState = [[],[s],[m,1]]
PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[[1],[],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s,m]],[[1],[s],[1],[m],[s],[1],[1],[[1],[s],[m],[s],[1],[1],[1],[n]],[[1],[s],[m],[s],[1],[1],[n]],[[1],[s],[m],[s],[1],[1],[n]],[[1],[s],[m],[s],[n]]])
Mareo = n21 Move = m21 NextState = [[],[s],[m,1]] Move = m13 Move - mi3 NextState = [[],[],[s,m,1]] PathSoFar = [[[s,m,1],[],[]],[[m,1],[s],[]],[[1],[s],[m]],[[s,1],[],[m]],[]],]],[[1],[],[s,m]],[[],[1],[s,m]],[[s],[1],[m]],[[],[s,1],[m]],[[m],[s, 1],[]],[[s,m],[1],[]],[[s,m],[],[1]],[[m],[s],[1]],[[],[s],[m,1]],[[s], 1],[],[[s,m],[1],[],[s,m,1]]] ColutionSoFar = [m12 m13.m21.m13,m12,m31,m12,m31,m21,m23,m12,m13,m21,m SolutionSoFar = [m12,m13,m21,m13,m12,m31,m12,m31,m21,m23,m12,m13,m21,m 131 Solution ... Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 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 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.

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

Output 2:

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

14 moves

2. What is the length of the shortest solution to the three disk problem?

7 moves

3. How do you account for the discrepancy?

The program is not designed to find the shortest solution, it simply iterates through all of them until it meets the end goal state.

Task 8: Run the program to solve the 4 disk problem

Demo:

Solution ...

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Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tover	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tover	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	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	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	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	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	a	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	3	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	2.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	2	to	tower	1.
Transfer	а	disk	from	tower	1	to	tower	З.

true

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

40 moves.

2. What is the length of the shortest solution?

15 moves

Task 9: Review your code and archive it

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% -----
% --- File: towers of hanoi.pro
% --- Line: Program to solve the Towers of Hanoi problem
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   :- consult('inspector.pl').
of _____
% --- make move(S,T,SSO) :: Make a move from state S to state T by SSO
make move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,ml2) :-
   ml2(TowersBeforeMove, TowersAfterMove).
make move(TowersBeforeMove,TowersAfterMove,ml3) :-
   ml3(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).
ml2([TowerlBefore,Tower2Before,Tower3],[TowerlAfter,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
   TowerlBefore = [H|T],
   TowerlAfter = T,
   Tower2Before = L,
   Tower2After = [H|L].
ml3([TowerlBefore,Tower2,Tower3Before],[TowerlAfter,Tower2,Tower3After]) :-
   TowerlBefore = [H|T],
   TowerlAfter = T,
   Tower3Before = L,
   Tower3After = [H|L].
m21([TowerlBefore,Tower2Before,Tower3],[TowerlAfter,Tower2After,Tower3]) :-
   Tower2Before = [H|T],
   Tower2After = T,
   TowerlBefore = L,
   TowerlAfter = [H|L].
m23([Towerl,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Towerl,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
   Tower2Before = [H|T],
   Tower2After = T,
   Tower3Before = L,
   Tower3After = [H|L].
m31([TowerlBefore,Tower2,Tower3Before],[TowerlAfter,Tower2,Tower3After]) :-
   Tower3Before = [H|T],
   Tower3After = T,
   TowerlBefore = L,
   TowerlAfter = [H|L].
m32([Towerl,Tower2Before,Tower3Before],[Towerl,Tower2After,Tower3After]) :-
   Tower3Before = [H|T],
   Tower3After = T,
   Tower2Before = L,
   Tower2After = [H|L].
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% --- valid_state(S) :: S is a valid state
allowed([]).
allowed([t]).
allowed([s]).
allowed([m]).
allowed([1]).
allowed([h]).
allowed([t,s]).
allowed([s,m]).
allowed([m,1]).
allowed([1,h]).
allowed([m,h]).
allowed([s,h]).
allowed([t,h]).
allowed([s,1]).
allowed([t,1]).
allowed([t,m]).
allowed([m,l,h]).
allowed([s,1,h]).
allowed([t,1,h]).
allowed([s,m,h]).
allowed([t,m,h]).
allowed([t,s,h]).
allowed([s,m,l]).
allowed([t,m,l]).
allowed([t,s,l]).
allowed([t,s,m]).
allowed([t,s,m,l]).
allowed([s,m,l,h]).
allowed([t,s,m,h]).
allowed([t,m,l,h]).
allowed([t,s,l,h]).
allowed([t,s,m,l,h]).
valid state([Tower1,Tower2,Tower3]) :-
   allowed(Towerl),
   allowed(Tower2),
   allowed(Tower3).
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% --- solve(Start,Solution) :: succeeds if Solution represents a path
% --- from the start state to the goal state.
solve :-
   extend_path([[[s,m,1,h],[],[]]],[],Solution),
   write_solution(Solution).
extend path(PathSoFar,SolutionSoFar,Solution) :-
   PathSoFar = [[[],[],[s,m,1,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_sequence_reversed(S) :: Write the sequence, given by S,
% --- expanding the tokens into meaningful strings.
write solution(S) :-
   nl, write('Solution ...'), nl, nl,
   reverse(S,R),
   write_sequence(R),nl.
move(m12) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 2.'),nl.
move(m21) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 1.'),nl.
move(m31) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 1.'),nl.
move(ml3) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 1 to tower 3.'),nl.
move(m23) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 2 to tower 3.'),nl.
move(m32) :-
   write('Transfer a disk from tower 3 to tower 2.'),nl.
write sequence([]).
write sequence(R) :-
   R = [H|T],
   move(H),
   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([ml3,ml2,m32,ml3,m21,m23,ml3]).
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% --- Unit test programs
test ml2 :-
   write('Testing: move ml2\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   ml2(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test ml3 :-
   write('Testing: move_ml3\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[t,s,m,l,h],[],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   ml3(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m21 :-
   write('Testing: move_m21\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[t],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m21(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test m23 :-
   write('Testing: move m23\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[t],[]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m23(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m31 :-
   write('Testing: move m31\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[],[t]],
   trace('','TowersBefore',TowersBefore),
   m31(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('','TowersAfter',TowersAfter).
test m32 :-
   write('Testing: move m32\n'),
   TowersBefore = [[s,m,1,h],[],[t]],
   trace('', 'TowersBefore', TowersBefore),
   m32(TowersBefore, TowersAfter),
   trace('', 'TowersAfter', TowersAfter).
test__valid_state :-
   write('Testing: valid state\n'),
   test vs([[1,t,s,m,h],[],[]]),
   test vs([[t,s,m,1,h],[],[]]),
   test_vs([[],[h,t,s,m],[1]]),
   test vs([[],[t,s,m,h],[1]]),
   test_vs([[],[h],[1,m,s,t]]),
   test_vs([[],[h],[t,s,m,1]]).
test vs(S) :-
   valid state(S),
   write(S), write(' is valid.'), nl.
test vs(S) :-
   write(S), write(' is invalid.'), nl.
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