

A Star Algorithm - Optimal Path from given Graph

Code:

In [2]:

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def aStarAlgo (start_node, stop_node):
    open_set = set(start_node)
    closed_set = set()
    g = {}
    parents = {}
    g[start_node] = 0
    parents[start_node] = start_node
    while len (open_set) > 0:
        n= None
        for v in open_set:
            if n == None or g[v] + heuristic(v) < g[n] + heuristic (n):
                n = v
        if n == stop_node or Graph_nodes[n] == None:
            pass
        else:
            for (m, weight) in get_neighbors(n):
                if m not in open_set and m not in closed_set:
                    open_set.add(m)
                    parents[m] = n
                    g[m] = g[n] + weight
                else:
                    if g[m] > g[n] + weight:
                        g[m] = g[n] + weight
                        parents [m] = n
                    if m in closed_set:
                        closed_set.remove(m)
                        open_set.add(m)

        if n == None :
            print('Path does not exist!')
            return None
        if n == stop_node:
            path = []
            while parents[n] != n:
                path.append(n)
                n = parents[n]
            path.append(start_node)
            path.reverse()
            print('Path found:')
            return path
        open_set.remove(n)
        closed_set.add(n)

def get_neighbors (v):
    if v in Graph_nodes:
        return Graph_nodes[v]
    else:
        return None

def heuristic(n):
    H_dist = {
        'A': 11,
        'B': 6,
        'C': 99,
        'D': 1,
        'E': 7,
        'G': 0,
    }
    return H_dist[n]

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Graph_nodes = {  
    'A': [('B', 2), ('E', 3)],  
    'B': [('C', 1), ('G', 9)],  
    'C': None,  
    'E': [('D', 6)],  
    'D': [('G', 1)],  
}
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aStarAlgo('A', 'G')
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Output:

Path found:

Out[2]:

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['A', 'E', 'D', 'G']
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Step 1: Place the starting node in the OPEN list. Step 2: Check if the OPEN list is empty or not, if the list is empty then return failure and stops. Step 3: Select the node from the OPEN list which has the smallest value of evaluation function ($g+h$), if node n is goal node then return success and stop, otherwise Step 4: Expand node n and generate all of its successors, and put n into the closed list. For each successor n' , check whether n' is already in the OPEN or CLOSED list, if not then compute evaluation function for n' and place into Open list. Step 5: Else if node n' is already in OPEN and CLOSED, then it should be attached to the back pointer which reflects the lowest $g(n')$ value. Step 6: Return to Step 2.