CSCE 580: Artificial Intelligence

Codinw HW 1: Uninformed and Informed Search

Due: 1/28/2022 at 11:59pm

In this homework, you will implement breadth-first search, iterative-deepening search, and a best-first search algorithm that encompasses uniform cost search, greedy best-first search, A\* search, and weighted A\* search.

Keep in mind that "frontier" is the same as "OPEN" and "reached" is the same as CLOSED.

When debugging, use this code to set a breakpoint. import pdb pdb.set\_trace()

Your code must run in order to receive credit.

Do not change the signature of the function. Your code must accept the exact arguments and return exactly what is specified in the documentation.

### Installation

We will be using the same conda environment as in Homework 0.

The entire GitHub repository should be downloaded again as changes were made to other files. You can download it with the green "Code" button and click "Download ZIP".

## **Helper Classes and Functions**

Node: the Node class used in the search algorithms

get\_next\_state\_and\_transition\_cost(env, state, action): gets the resulting state and transition cost of taking the given action in the given state.

visualize\_bfs(viz, closed\_set, queue, wait): to visualize breadth-first search or best-first search while it is running (can be used for debugging).

visualize\_dfs(viz, popped\_node, lifo): to visualize depth-first search while it is running (can be used for debugging). popped\_node is the node that was just removed from the LIFO.

env.is\_terminal(state): returns True if the state is a goal state and False otherwise.

env.get\_actions(state): gets the actions (a list of integers) available in that state

# 1 Breadth-First Search (30 pts)

Implement the breadth\_first\_search function. This pseudo-code is shown in Algorithm 1.

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To check your implementation, run: python run_assignment_1.py --map maps/map1.txt --method breadth_first
```

### Algorithm 1 Breadth-First Search

```
1: procedure BREADTH_FIRST_SEARCH(start_state)
       if start_state is a goal then
2:
3:
          return []
       end if
4:
5:
      Initialize OPEN (should be a FIFO queue)
6:
       Initialize CLOSED (should be a set of states)
7:
       Create node root with state start_state
8:
      push root to OPEN
9:
       CLOSED.add(root.state)
10:
       while OPEN is not Empty do
11:
12:
          pop node n from the front of OPEN
          for child in expand(n) do
13:
             if child.state is a goal then
14:
                 return get_soln(child)
15:
             end if
16:
17:
             if child.state not in CLOSED then
18:
                 CLOSED.add(child.state)
19:
                 push child to OPEN
20:
             end if
21:
          end for
22:
       end while
23:
       return None
24:
25: end procedure
```

# 2 Iterative Deepening Search (30 pts)

Implement iterative\_deepening\_search and depth\_limited\_search. The pseudocode for iterative deepening search is shown in Algorithm 2 and the pseudocode for depth-limited search is shown in Algorithm 3.

For depth-limited search, you will have to implement a function that checks for cycles. This function should return True if any of the ancestors of the given node have the same state and False otherwise. You can compare states with the == operator.

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To check your implementation, run:

python run_assignment_1.py --map maps/map1.txt --method itr_deep
```

#### Algorithm 2 Iterative Deepening Search

```
1: procedure ITERATIVE_DEEPENING_SEARCH(start_state)
     soln = None
2:
     limit = 0
3:
      while soln is None do
4:
         soln = depth_limited_search(start_state, limit)
5:
         limit += 1
6:
      end while
7:
      return soln
8:
9: end procedure
```

### Algorithm 3 Depth-Limited Search

```
1: procedure DEPTH_LIMITED_SEARCH(start_state, limit)
2:
       Initialize OPEN (should be a LIFO queue)
       Create node root with state start_state
3:
      push root to OPEN
 4:
       while OPEN is not Empty do
 5:
          pop node n from the back of OPEN
 6:
 7:
          if n.state is a goal then
             return get_soln(n)
 8:
          end if
9:
          if (n.depth < limit) and (not is_cycle(n)) then
10:
             for child in expand(n) do
11:
                 push child to OPEN
12:
             end for
13:
          end if
14:
      end while
15:
       return None
16:
17: end procedure
```

# 3 Best-First Search (40 pts)

For this section, you will implement best\_first\_search which encompasses uniform cost search, greedy best-first search, A\* search, and weighted A\* search. You will find that only a small modification sets these algorithms apart. The pseudocode is shown in Algorithm 4.

At each iteration, a node is popped from OPEN that has the highest priority. The priority is determined by the cost f where the node with the lowest cost has the highest priority. The cost f is computed as  $f(n) = \lambda_g g(n) + \lambda_h h(n)$ . g(n) is the cost of getting to the start node to node n, h(n) is the heuristic, which is the estimated cost of getting from node n to the goal node and  $\lambda_g$  and  $\lambda_h$  are weights.

For the heuristic value h(n) of a node n is the Manhattan distance to the goal. The Manhattan distance between an object located at  $(x_1, y_1)$  and an object located at  $(x_2, y_2)$  is:

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|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2|
Use state.agent_idx and state.goal_idx in your solution.
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To implement a priority queue, see the Python documentation on heappush and heappop from heapq.

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Uniform cost search is obtained by setting \lambda_q = 1 and \lambda_h = 0.
Greedy best-first search is obtained by setting \lambda_g = 0 and \lambda_h = 1.
A* search is obtained by setting \lambda_q = 1 and \lambda_h = 1.
Weighted A* search is obtained by varying either \lambda_a or \lambda_h.
To run best first search do:
python run_assignment_1.py --map maps/map1.txt --method best_first
To run each of the methods use add the following switches:
Uniform Cost Search
--weight_g 1.0 --weight_h 0.0
Greedy Best-First Search
--weight_g 0.0 --weight_h 1.0
A* Search Search
--weight_g 1.0 --weight_h 1.0
Weighted A* Search Search
--weight_g 1.0 --weight_h 8.0
--weight_g 1.0 --weight_h 16.0
where --g_weight is \lambda_q and --h_weight \lambda_h
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#### Algorithm 4 Best-First Search

```
1: procedure BEST_FIRST_SEARCH(start_state,h,\lambda_q, \lambda_h)
       Initialize OPEN (should be a priority queue)
2:
3:
       Initialize CLOSED (should be a dictionary mapping states to path costs)
       Create node root with state start_state
4:
       push root to OPEN with priority \lambda_q * \text{root.path\_cost} + \lambda_h * \text{h(root)}
 5:
       CLOSED[root.state] = root.path\_cost
 6:
       while OPEN is not Empty do
 7:
           pop highest priority node n from OPEN
 8:
           if n is a goal node then
9:
10:
              return get_soln(n)
           end if
11:
12:
           for child in expand(n) do
13:
              if (child.state not in CLOSED) or (child.path_cost < CLOSED[child.state]) then
14:
                  CLOSED[child.state] = child.path_cost
15:
                  push child to OPEN with priority \lambda_q*child.path_cost + \lambda_h*h(child)
16:
              end if
17:
18:
           end for
       end while
19:
       return None
20:
21: end procedure
```

## What to Turn In

Turn in your implementation of coding\_hw/coding\_hw1.py to Blackboard.