# 数字华容道 A\*算法实验报告

## 一、 问题重述

数字华容道一般是指在3×3的九宫格上随意排列1至8共八位数字,通过利用剩余的一个空格进行数字的上下左右移动,最终达到数字按行有序排列的问题。 其大致过程如下图所示:

类似的问题还有最终状态不同的八数码问题,但本质上都可以看作是从初始状态转化为有序终态的搜索问题,搜索空间是整个九宫格的各种可能排列的状态。

由此,数字华容道同样可以扩展为 4 阶 5 阶甚至任意更高阶的问题,当然越高阶的搜索空间越大,也会产生更大的时间和空间开销。

## 二、 A\*算法求解概述

A\*(AStar)算法是一种很常用的路径查找和图形遍历算法。它有较好的性能和准确度,可以被认为是 Dijkstra 算法的扩展,但由于借助启发函数的引导, A\*算法通常拥有更好的性能。

对于每个可能的搜索状态,我们将其称作节点,A\*算法通过函数f(n)来计算每个节点的优先级:

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

其中f(n)是综合优先级,该节点的f(n)越小则优先级越大。g(n)是节点 n 距离初始节点的代价,h(n)是节点 n 距离终点的预计代价,也即 A\*算法的启发函数。在运算过程中,每次选择优先级最高的节点进行遍历,并且 A\*算法构建了 open 表和 close 表来分别表示待遍历的节点和已经遍历的节点。

在本题中, h(n)的定义一般有两种方式:

- 1.  $h_1(n) = "不在位"的将牌数"$
- 2. h<sub>2</sub>(n) = 将牌"不在位"的距离之和

可见第二种启发函数的定义更符合真实情况,同时由于数字华容道的规则,故选用所有"不在位"将牌的曼哈顿距离之和作为h(n)的定义。

本题算法的描述大致如下:

- 1. \* 初始化 open\_set 和 close\_set;
- 2. \* 将起点加入 open set 中,并设置优先级为 0 (优先级最高);
- 3. \* while(open):
  - \* 从 open set 中选取优先级最高的节点 n:
- 5. \* 如果节点 n 为终点,则:
- 6. \* 从终点开始逐步追踪 parent 节点,一直达到起点;

7.	* 返回找到的结果路径,算法结束;	
8.	* 如果节点 n 不是终点,则:	
9.	* 将节点 n 从 open_set 中删除,并加入 close_set 中;	
10.	* 遍历节点 n 所有的邻近节点:	
11.	* 如果邻近节点 m 在 close_set 中,则:	
12.	* 判断是否需要更新	
13.	* 如果邻近节点 m 在 open_set 中,则:	
14.	* 判断是否需要更新	
15.	* 如果邻近节点 m 既不在 close_set 中也不在 open_set 中,则:	
16.	* 设置节点 m 的 parent 为节点 n	
17.	* 计算节点 m 的优先级	
18.	* 将节点 m 加入 open_set 中	

在本题中进行了高阶的扩展,对于自定输入的阶数,会在算法之前随机生成该阶数的棋盘作为初始状态,通过 A\*算法进行搜索。但由于 4 阶及以上的搜索空间较大,所以程序在搜索速度上还有一定的改进空间。

### 三、 讨论

#### 1. 数字华容道是否有解

首先按照行从上往下,列从左往右的顺序可以把棋盘上的数字排列为一串序列。按照游戏规则,在移动数字的过程中,棋盘数字序列的逆序数的奇偶性不会改变。由于终态是升序排列的,即可看做逆序数是偶数,所以只要初态数字序列的逆序数为偶数,则该问题一定有解,否则无解。在算法随机生成了棋盘之后,首先进行了逆序数的计算,由此可以得到是否有解,再进行后续搜索。

2. 附加题: 修改 A\*算法, 当问题存在多于 n 个解时, 求解前 n 个最好的解由于 A\*算法的核心在于启发函数f(n) = g(n) + h(n), 该启发函数的设置会影响 A\*算法的搜索过程。如果h(n)始终小于等于节点 n 到终点的代价,则 A\*算法保证一定能够找到最短路径。但是当h(n)的值越小,算法将遍历越多的节点,也就导致算法越慢。在极端情况下,若h(n)趋于零,则将由g(n)决定节点的优先级,此时 A\*算法退化为 Dijkstra 算法; 若h(n)远大于g(n),则此时只有h(n)产生效果,此时 A\*算法趋近于最佳优先(Best First)搜索算法。

所以要想找到 n 个最好的解,一是要保证算法在搜索到第一个解之后要继续搜索下去,二是可以减小h(n)用于扩大搜索的范围。此外,还可以为于h(n)函数设置权重值w(n),构造动态衡量启发式函数,即f(n) = g(n) + w(n) \* h(n),其中 $w(n) \geq 1$ 。通过对w(n)值的控制,可以对搜索返回和搜索速度进行调整来进行优化。

## 四、 结果展示

#### - Case 1:

Please input the dimension of the grid:3
The init state is:
[3, 5, 0]

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[6, 1, 8]
[2, 7, 4]
The problem has a solution, in searching...
Search times: 1076 Steps: 22
The each step of moving:
* STEP 0 :
[3, 5, 0]
[6, 1, 8]
[2, 7, 4]
F(n) = 18 , G(n) = 0 , H(n) = 18
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* STEP 1 :
[3, 0, 5]
[6, 1, 8]
[2, 7, 4]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 1 , H(n) = 20
* STEP 2 :
[3, 1, 5]
[6, 0, 8]
[2, 7, 4]
F(n) = 20 , G(n) = 2 , H(n) = 18
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* STEP 3 :
[3, 1, 5]
[0, 6, 8]
[2, 7, 4]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 3 , H(n) = 18
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* STEP 4 :
[3, 1, 5]
[2, 6, 8]
[0, 7, 4]
F(n) = 20 , G(n) = 4 , H(n) = 16
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* STEP 5 :
[3, 1, 5]
[2, 6, 8]
[7, 0, 4]
F(n) = 19 , G(n) = 5 , H(n) = 14
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* STEP 6 :
[3, 1, 5]
[2, 6, 8]
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[7, 4, 0]
F(n) = 18 , G(n) = 6 , H(n) = 12
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* STEP 7 :
[3, 1, 5]
[2, 6, 0]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 19 , G(n) = 7 , H(n) = 12
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* STEP 8 :
[3, 1, 5]
[2, 0, 6]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 20 , G(n) = 8 , H(n) = 12
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* STEP 9 :
[3, 0, 5]
[2, 1, 6]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 9 , H(n) = 14
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* STEP 10 :
[0, 3, 5]
[2, 1, 6]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 24 , G(n) = 10 , H(n) = 14
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* STEP 11 :
[2, 3, 5]
[0, 1, 6]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 11 , H(n) = 12
* STEP 12 :
[2, 3, 5]
[1, 0, 6]
[7, 4, 8]
F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 12 , H(n) = 10
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* STEP 13 :
[2, 3, 5]
[1, 4, 6]
[7, 0, 8]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 13 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 14 :
[2, 3, 5]
[1, 4, 6]
[7, 8, 0]
F(n) = 20 , G(n) = 14 , H(n) = 6
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* STEP 15 :
[2, 3, 5]
[1, 4, 0]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 15 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 16 :
[2, 3, 0]
[1, 4, 5]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 24 , G(n) = 16 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 17 :
[2, 0, 3]
[1, 4, 5]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 25 , G(n) = 17 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 18 :
[0, 2, 3]
[1, 4, 5]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 26 , G(n) = 18 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 19 :
[1, 2, 3]
[0, 4, 5]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 25 , G(n) = 19 , H(n) = 6
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* STEP 20 :
[1, 2, 3]
[4, 0, 5]
[7, 8, 6]
F(n) = 24 , G(n) = 20 , H(n) = 4
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* STEP 21 :
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[1, 2, 3]
   [4, 5, 0]
   [7, 8, 6]
   F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 21 , H(n) = 2
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   * STEP 22 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [4, 5, 6]
   [7, 8, 0]
   F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 22 , H(n) = 0
- Case 2:
   Please input the dimension of the grid:3
   The init state is:
   [1, 2, 3]
   [8, 4, 6]
   [7, 5, 0]
   The problem has a solution, in searching...
   Search times: 257 Steps: 14
   The each step of moving:
   * STEP 0 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [8, 4, 6]
   [7, 5, 0]
   F(n) = 4 , G(n) = 0 , H(n) = 4
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   * STEP 1 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [8, 4, 0]
   [7, 5, 6]
   F(n) = 7 , G(n) = 1 , H(n) = 6
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   * STEP 2 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [8, 0, 4]
   [7, 5, 6]
   F(n) = 10 , G(n) = 2 , H(n) = 8
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   * STEP 3 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [0, 8, 4]
   [7, 5, 6]
   F(n) = 11 , G(n) = 3 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 4 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 8, 4]
[0, 5, 6]
F(n) = 12 , G(n) = 4 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 5 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 8, 4]
[5, 0, 6]
F(n) = 13 , G(n) = 5 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 6:
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 0, 4]
[5, 8, 6]
F(n) = 14 , G(n) = 6 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 7 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 4, 0]
[5, 8, 6]
F(n) = 13, G(n) = 7, H(n) = 6
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* STEP 8 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 4, 6]
[5, 8, 0]
F(n) = 12 , G(n) = 8 , H(n) = 4
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* STEP 9 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 4, 6]
[5, 0, 8]
F(n) = 15, G(n) = 9, H(n) = 6
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* STEP 10 :
[1, 2, 3]
[7, 4, 6]
[0, 5, 8]
F(n) = 16 , G(n) = 10 , H(n) = 6
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* STEP 11 :
[1, 2, 3]
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[0, 4, 6]
   [7, 5, 8]
   F(n) = 17, G(n) = 11, H(n) = 6
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   * STEP 12 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [4, 0, 6]
   [7, 5, 8]
   F(n) = 16, G(n) = 12, H(n) = 4
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   * STEP 13 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [4, 5, 6]
   [7, 0, 8]
   F(n) = 15, G(n) = 13, H(n) = 2
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   * STEP 14 :
   [1, 2, 3]
   [4, 5, 6]
   [7, 8, 0]
   F(n) = 14 , G(n) = 14 , H(n) = 0
- Case 3:
   Please input the dimension of the grid:5
   The init state is:
   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
   [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
   [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
   [16, 17, 18, 19, 20]
   [0, 21, 23, 24, 22]
   The problem has a solution, in searching...
   Search times: 8728 Steps: 20
   The each step of moving:
   * STEP 0 :
   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
   [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
   [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
   [16, 17, 18, 19, 20]
   [0, 21, 23, 24, 22]
   F(n) = 8 , G(n) = 0 , H(n) = 8
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   * STEP 1 :
   [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
   [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
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[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 17, 18, 19, 20]
[21, 0, 23, 24, 22]
F(n) = 7, G(n) = 1, H(n) = 6
* STEP 2 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 0, 18, 19, 20]
[21, 17, 23, 24, 22]
F(n) = 10 , G(n) = 2 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 3 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 0, 19, 20]
[21, 17, 23, 24, 22]
F(n) = 11 , G(n) = 3 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 4 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 23, 19, 20]
[21, 17, 0, 24, 22]
F(n) = 12 , G(n) = 4 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 5 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 23, 19, 20]
[21, 17, 24, 0, 22]
F(n) = 13 , G(n) = 5 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 6:
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 23, 19, 20]
[21, 17, 24, 22, 0]
F(n) = 12 , G(n) = 6 , H(n) = 6
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* STEP 7 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 23, 19, 0]
[21, 17, 24, 22, 20]
F(n) = 15 , G(n) = 7 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 8 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 23, 0, 19]
[21, 17, 24, 22, 20]
F(n) = 18 , G(n) = 8 , H(n) = 10
* STEP 9 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 0, 23, 19]
[21, 17, 24, 22, 20]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 9 , H(n) = 12
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* STEP 10 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 24, 23, 19]
[21, 17, 0, 22, 20]
F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 10 , H(n) = 12
* STEP 11 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 24, 23, 19]
[21, 17, 22, 0, 20]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 11 , H(n) = 10
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* STEP 12 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
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[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 24, 0, 19]
[21, 17, 22, 23, 20]
F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 12 , H(n) = 10
* STEP 13 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 18, 0, 24, 19]
[21, 17, 22, 23, 20]
F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 13 , H(n) = 10
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* STEP 14 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 0, 18, 24, 19]
[21, 17, 22, 23, 20]
F(n) = 24 , G(n) = 14 , H(n) = 10
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* STEP 15 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 17, 18, 24, 19]
[21, 0, 22, 23, 20]
F(n) = 23 , G(n) = 15 , H(n) = 8
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* STEP 16 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 17, 18, 24, 19]
[21, 22, 0, 23, 20]
F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 16 , H(n) = 6
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* STEP 17 :
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
[11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
[16, 17, 18, 24, 19]
[21, 22, 23, 0, 20]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 17 , H(n) = 4
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* STEP 18 :
 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
 [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
 [16, 17, 18, 0, 19]
 [21, 22, 23, 24, 20]
F(n) = 22 , G(n) = 18 , H(n) = 4
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* STEP 19 :
 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
 [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
 [16, 17, 18, 19, 0]
 [21, 22, 23, 24, 20]
F(n) = 21 , G(n) = 19 , H(n) = 2
 * STEP 20 :
 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
 [11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
 [16, 17, 18, 19, 20]
 [21, 22, 23, 24, 0]
F(n) = 20 , G(n) = 20 , H(n) = 0
Case 4:
Please input the dimension of the grid:3
The init state is:
 [6, 5, 4]
 [2, 7, 3]
 [8, 1, 0]
No solution!
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