

## Heuristics for eating all food

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9994913/pacman-what-kinds-of-heuristics-are-mainly-used> 3.

1. Just store a list of how many dots are left. This prefers the solutions which are closer to end state, but that is all. It is admissible and also **surprisingly** it is consistent as well. Because the path gets always longer, but the heuristic might improve very sparsely.
2. Get all the shortest distance full path. Like in corners Heuristic
  - a. Intuitively the distance could be manhattan distance – explores more nodes
3. Triangular path thing . \* First find the furthest elements from each other. Then add that distance and the distance to the closest.
  - a. The furthest element.
  - b. \* precalculate the distance between all the dots and closest manhattan distance to any node in MST
4. Dynamic MST – precalculate the distance between all the dots and closest manhattan distance to any node in MST – the problem here is the how to build a new MST, when some dot is eaten. The MST could change more than 1 step if i recalculate the MST with new distances.

## Overall description

[http://www.gamasutra.com/view/feature/132330/the\\_pacman\\_dossier.php?page=4](http://www.gamasutra.com/view/feature/132330/the_pacman_dossier.php?page=4)

## For fighting ghosts

<http://gameinternals.com/post/2072558330/understanding-pac-man-ghost-behavior>