

# Artificial Intelligence (CS308)

## Assignment - 9

### U19CS012

Q.) Implement **8 Puzzle** problem using below algorithms in prolog.

#### 1.) Breadth First Search

- ✓ **Shallowest unexpanded** node is chosen for expansion
- ✓ Store frontier of nodes in **FIFO** queue
- ✓ Check if **goal** when generated, since placed on Queue and taken off of queue in same order
- ✓ Check to **avoid repeated** states

#### Code

```
% Breadth For Search Implementation of the 8 Puzzle Problem

% There are Cases When the Stack Overflows (>1 GB), Due to Space Complexity of BFS  $O(b^d)$ 

% Main F(x) to Solve the 8 Puzzle Problem
puzzle(State):-
    bfs([State],[State],N),!,
    write("Total Steps: "),
    write(N).

% Check if the Goal is Reached
bfs([State | _],_,0):-goal(State).

bfs([CurState | RemQueue],Visited,N):-
    % Find all the Possible Moves
    findall(X,move(CurState,X,_),AllPossibleState),
    % Avoid Repeated Nodes
    removeDuplicate(AllPossibleState,Visited,PossibleState),
    % Store Frontier of Nodes in FIFO Queue
    append(PossibleState,Visited,NewVisited),
    % Store Remaining in Other Queue
    append(RemQueue,PossibleState,NewRemQueue),
    % Recur for Updated Queue with New Visited Nodes
    bfs(NewRemQueue,NewVisited,N1),
    % Count the Required Number of Steps
    N is N1 + 1.

% F(x) to Remove Duplicates from the List
```

*% Base Case*

```
removeDuplicate([],_,[]).
```

*% If Member is Not in the List, then Add it to Answer*

```
removeDuplicate([H1|AllRem],Visited,[H1 | T1]):-
```

```
    not(memberchk(H1,Visited)),
```

```
    removeDuplicate(AllRem,Visited,T1).
```

*% If Member is in the List, then Don't Add it to Answer*

```
removeDuplicate([H1|AllRem],Visited,T1):-
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    memberchk(H1,Visited),
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    removeDuplicate(AllRem,Visited,T1).
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```
goal( state(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,*) ).
```

*% Reference for Below Moves - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/67642302/prolog-for-eight-puzzle>*

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move( state(*,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(B,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), right).
```

```
move( state(*,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(D,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), down ).
```

```
move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(*,A,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), left ).
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move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,C,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), right).
```

```
move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,E,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), down ).
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move( state(A,B,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,*,B,D,E,F,G,H,J), left ).
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move( state(A,B,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,F,D,E,*,G,H,J), down ).
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move( state(A,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), state(*,B,C,A,E,F,G,H,J), up ).
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move( state(A,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,E,*,F,G,H,J), right).
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move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,J), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,J,*), right).
```

```
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,*), state(A,B,C,D,E,*,G,H,F), up ).
```

```
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,*), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,H), left ).
```

## Analysis

Criteria (b is branching factor; d is depth of goal):

- Complete? Yes (if some goal at finite depth  $d$ , and  $b$  is finite)
- Space? Not great, size of frontier, so  $O(b^d)$  potentially
- Time? Nodes generated,  $b + b^2 + b^3 + \dots + b^d = O(b^d)$
- Optimal? Yes, if all actions have same cost

Note: Space Complexity is Major Problem in Breadth for Search Approach.

## Output

Easy: puzzle(state(1,2,3,4,\*,5,7,8,6)).

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?- puzzle(state(1,2,3,4,*,5,7,8,6)).  
Total Steps: 8  
true.
```

Medium: puzzle(state(1,2,3,\*,8,5,4,7,6)).

```
?- puzzle(state(1,2,3,*,8,5,4,7,6)).  
Total Steps: 56  
true.
```

Hard: puzzle(state(2,3,\*,1,8,5,4,7,6)).

```
?- puzzle(state(2,3,*,1,8,5,4,7,6)).  
Total Steps: 166  
true.
```

Hardest (Computable): puzzle(state(4,1,5,7,\*,2,8,3,6)).

```
?- puzzle(state(4,1,5,7,*,2,8,3,6)).  
Total Steps: 1922  
true.
```

Hardest (Not Computable): puzzle(state(2,3,5,1,\*,4,8,7,6)).

```
?- puzzle(state(2,3,5,1,*,4,8,7,6)).
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ERROR: [11,574] user:bfs([length:6,108], [length:17,671], \_228560998)

ERROR: [11,573] user:bfs([length:6,108], [length:17,670], \_228561032)

ERROR: [11,572] user:bfs([length:6,108], [length:17,669], \_228561066)

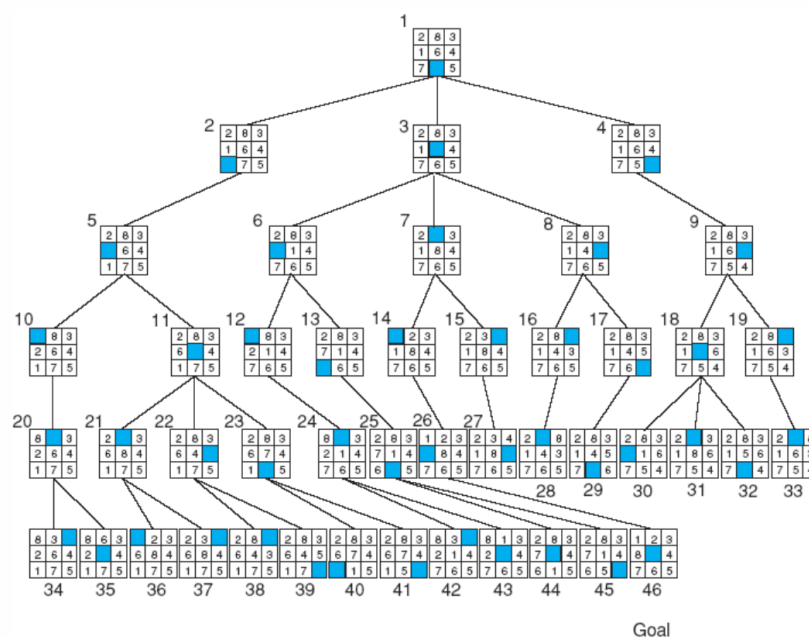
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ERROR: ?- set\_prolog\_flag(stack\_limit, 2\_147\_483\_648). to double the limit.

## BFS tree for 8-puzzle



## 2.) Depth First Search

- ✓ Always expand the **Deepest Node** in the **Current Frontier**
- ✓ Uses a **LIFO** queue (a.k.a. **Stack**)
- ✓ Commonly Implemented with **Recursion**

### Code

```
% Depth For Search Implementation of the 8 Puzzle Problem

% Main F(x) to Solve the 8 Puzzle Problem
puzzle(State):-
    length(Moves, N),
    dfs([State], Moves, Path), !,
    show([start|Moves], Path),
    format('~nmoves = ~w~n', [N]).

dfs([State|States], [], Path) :-
    % If the Goal State is Reached
    goal(State), !,
    % Otherwise Backtrack using Stack
    reverse([State|States], Path).

dfs([State|States], [Move|Moves], Path) :-
    % Move to Deepest State Possible
    move(State, Next, Move),
    % If the 'Next' is Not a Member of States
    not(memberchk(Next, [State|States])),
    % Recur for Next State
    dfs([Next,State|States], Moves, Path).

% F(x) to Display the 8 Puzzle Board
show([], _).
show([Move|Moves], [State|States]) :-
    State = state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I),
    format('~n~w~n~n', [Move]),
    format('~w ~w ~w~n', [A,B,C]),
    format('~w ~w ~w~n', [D,E,F]),
    format('~w ~w ~w~n', [G,H,I]),
    show(Moves, States).

% Goal State to be Acheived
goal( state(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,*) ).

% Empty position is marked with '*'
move( state(*,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(B,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), right).
move( state(*,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(D,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), down ).
move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(*,A,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), left ).
move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,C,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), right).
```

```

move( state(A,*,C,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,E,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), down ).
move( state(A,B,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,*,B,D,E,F,G,H,J), left ).
move( state(A,B,*,D,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,F,D,E,*,G,H,J), down ).
move( state(A,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), state(*,B,C,A,E,F,G,H,J), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,E,*,F,G,H,J), right).
move( state(A,B,C,*,E,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,G,E,F,*,H,J), down ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), state(A,*,C,D,B,F,G,H,J), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,D,F,*,G,H,J), right).
move( state(A,B,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,D,H,F,G,*,J), down ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,*,F,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,*,D,F,G,H,J), left ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,*,G,H,J), state(A,B,*,D,E,C,G,H,J), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,*,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,D,*,E,G,H,J), left ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,*,G,H,J), state(A,B,C,D,E,J,G,H,*), down ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,*,H,J), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,H,*,J), left ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,*,H,J), state(A,B,C,*,E,F,D,H,J), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,J), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,*,G,J), left ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,J), state(A,B,C,D,*,F,G,E,J), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,J), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,J,*), right).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,*), state(A,B,C,D,E,*,G,H,F), up ).
move( state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,*), state(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,*,H), left ).

```

% Reference for Code - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/67642302/prolog-for-eight-puzzle>

## Analysis

Complete? No: fails in infinite-depth spaces with loops, but is complete in finite spaces (when avoiding repeated states)

Optimal? No.

Time?  $O(b^m)$ , where  $m$  is maximum depth of any node. Bad if  $m$  is much larger than  $d$

Space (only good thing!): Need only store path from root of search tree and siblings of those nodes, so  $O(bm)$

## Output

Easy: puzzle(state(1,2,3,4,\*,5,7,8,6)).

?- puzzle(state(1,2,3,4,\*,5,7,8,6)).

start

1 2 3  
4 \* 5  
7 8 6

right

1 2 3  
4 5 \*  
7 8 6

down

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 \*

moves = 2

**true.**



Medium: puzzle(state(1,2,3,\*,8,5,4,7,6)).

?- puzzle(state(1,2,3,\*,8,5,4,7,6)).

start

1 2 3  
\* 8 5  
4 7 6

down

1 2 3  
4 8 5  
\* 7 6

left

1 2 3  
4 8 5  
7 \* 6

up

1 2 3  
4 \* 5  
7 8 6

right

1 2 3  
4 5 \*

right

1 2 3  
4 5 \*  
7 8 6

down

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 \*

moves = 5

**true.**



Hard: puzzle(state(2,3,\*,1,8,5,4,7,6)).

?- puzzle(state(2,3,\*,1,8,5,4,7,6)).

start

2 3 \*  
1 8 5  
4 7 6

left

2 \* 3  
1 8 5  
4 7 6

left

\* 2 3  
1 8 5  
4 7 6

down

1 2 3  
\* 8 5  
4 7 6

down

1 2 3  
4 8 5

down

1 2 3  
\* 8 5  
4 7 6

down

1 2 3  
4 8 5  
\* 7 6

left

1 2 3  
4 8 5  
7 \* 6

up

1 2 3  
4 \* 5  
7 8 6

right

1 2 3  
4 5 \*  
7 8 6

right

1 2 3  
4 5 \*  
7 8 6

down

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 \*

moves = 8  
**true.**

Hardest (Computable): puzzle(state(4,1,5,7,\*,2,8,3,6)).

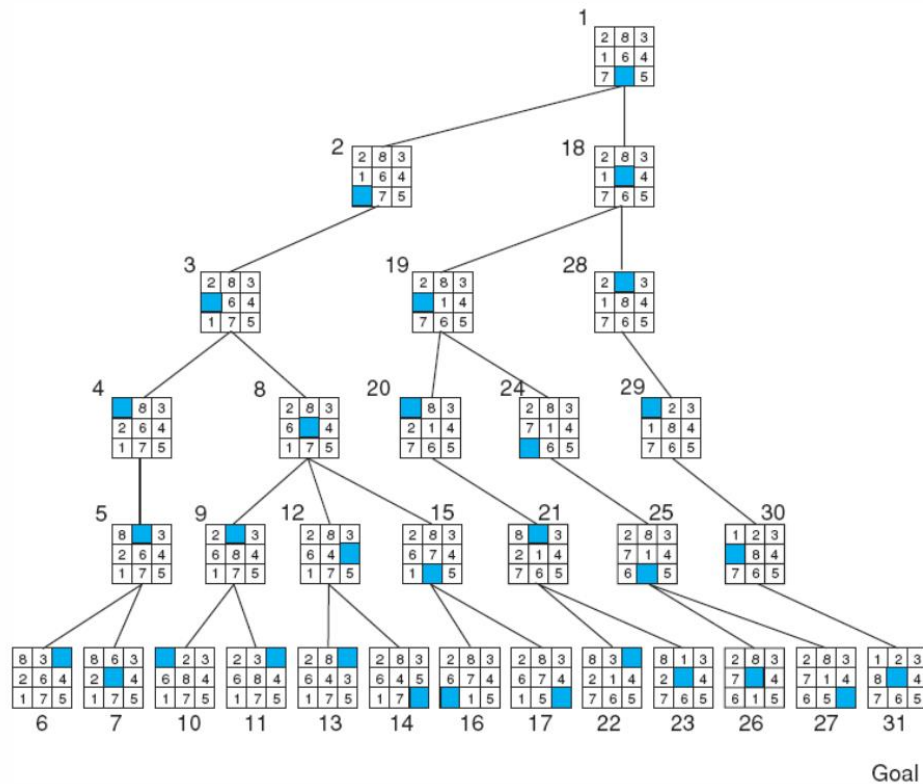
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down	1 * 5 4 3 2 7 8 6	right
4 1 5 7 3 2 8 * 6	right	1 2 * 4 5 3 7 8 6
left	1 5 * 4 3 2 7 8 6	down
4 1 5 7 3 2 * 8 6	down	1 2 3 4 5 * 7 8 6
up	1 5 2 4 3 * 7 8 6	down
4 1 5 * 3 2 7 8 6	left	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 *
up	1 5 2 4 * 3 7 8 6	moves = 12 <b>true.</b>
* 1 5 4 3 2		

Hardest (Not Computable): puzzle(state(2,3,5,1,\*,4,8,7,6)).

WORST CASE - ( $m \gg b$ )

Time Complexity -  $O(b^m)$  **Too High** and will take **Hours** to Solve it.

# DFS tree for 8-puzzle



## 3.) Uniform Cost Search

Uniform-cost search expands the node  $n$  with the **lowest path cost**

- ✓ For each node  $n$ , keep track of the "**path cost**",  $g(n)$
- ✓ Maintain frontier as a **priority queue**

### Differences from BFS:

- Must check for goal when node chosen for expansion (instead of when generated)
- Must also check for each state generated that is in frontier, whether this new path has lower path cost.

## Code

```
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% There are Cases When the Stack Overflows (>1 GB), Due to Space Complexity of UFS  $O(b^d)$ 

% Main F(x) to Solve the 8 Puzzle Problem
puzzle(State):-
    ucs([State],[State],N),!,
    write("Total Steps: "),
    write(N).

% Check if the Goal is Reached
ucs([State | _],_,0):-goal(State).

ucs([CurState | RemQueue],Visited,N):-
    % Find all the Possible Moves
    findall(X,move(CurState,X,_),AllPossibleState),
    % Avoid Repeated Nodes
    removeDuplicate(AllPossibleState,Visited,PossibleState),
    % Store Frontier of Nodes in FIFO Queue
    append(PossibleState,Visited,NewVisited),
    % Store Remaining in Other Queue
    append(RemQueue,PossibleState,NewRemQueue),
    % Recur for Updated Queue with New Visited Nodes
    ucs(NewRemQueue,NewVisited,N1),
    % Count the Required Number of Steps
    N is N1 + 1.

% F(x) to Remove Duplicates from the List

% Base Case
removeDuplicate([],_,[]).

% If Member is Not in the List, then Add it to Answer
removeDuplicate([H1|AllRem],Visited,[H1 | T1]):-
    not(memberchk(H1,Visited)),
    removeDuplicate(AllRem,Visited,T1).

% If Member is in the List, then Don't Add it to Answer
removeDuplicate([H1|AllRem],Visited,T1):-
    memberchk(H1,Visited),
    removeDuplicate(AllRem,Visited,T1).

% Goal State to be Acheived
goal( state(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,*) ).

% Reference for Below Moves - https://stackoverflow.com/questions/67642302/prolog-for-eight-puzzle
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```

### Analysis

**Optimal?** Yes, UCS expands nodes in order of optimal path cost

**Complete?** Yes

**Time and space** are harder to characterize

Assume  $C^*$  is cost of optimal solution, then time and space in worst case is  $O(b^{1+\text{floor}(C^*/\epsilon)})$ , which can be worse than  $O(b^d)$ .

### Output

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Q2.) Compare Algorithms.

Criterion	Breadth-First	Uniform-Cost	Depth-First
Complete?	Yes	Yes	No
Time	$O(b^{d+1})$	$O(b^{\lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$	$O(b^m)$
Space	$O(b^{d+1})$	$O(b^{\lceil C^*/\epsilon \rceil})$	$O(bm)$
Optimal?	Yes	Yes	No

Q3.) Which Algorithm is **Best** suited for implementing **8 Puzzle problem** and why?

For **Smaller Test Cases**, Depth for Search Works **Fast** and is **Efficient** with **Space Complexity**, But Only *Drawback* is that in case it Gets in Wrong Branch {in Tricky Cases} and Keep Going Deeper and Deeper, it Will Lead to **Infinite Path Problem**.

**Breadth for Search** is better in Case where we want the **Right Answer** for Smaller Depth, Even though we are using **Lots of Space**. It may or may **not** give the **Optimal Path** to Reach the Goal State.

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