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Tutorial 2 :- To understand State space problem formulation

Aim :- To understand state space based problem formulation of AI problems so that problem solving Agent can be applied

Theory :- First understand the problem Solving agent, Algorithm shown in figure 3 shows agent program for problem solving agent. Agent first formulates goal and problem then determines or rather searches an action sequence after which it returns the next action to be executed in a sequential manner.

Defining the problem is referred to as problem formulation. It involves defining following five things  
Initial state it is the starting state that the problem is in.

Actions it defines all possible actions available to the agent, given it is in some state. It is a function  $Action(s)$  that returns list of all possible actions.

Transition model also known as successor function



Function SIMPLE-PROBLEM-SOLVING-AGENT(percept)  
returns an action

Static :- Seq. can action sequence, initially empty state, some description of the current world state

goal, a goal, initially null.

problem, a problem formulation

$$state \leftarrow UPDATE\_STATE(state, percept)$$

if seq is empty then do.

goal  $\leftarrow$  FORMULATE - GOAL (state)

problem  $\leftarrow$  FORMULATE - PROBLEM (state, goal)

Seq  $\in$  SEARCH (problem)

action ← FIRST (seq)

$seq \leftarrow REST(seq)$

return action

## Problem Solving Agent Architecture

which define which step/s the system tend to move to when a particular action is executed by the agent. Successive application of transition model gives rise to what is known as state space.

Goal test This act as a stopping condition when the state passed to this function is goal state it will return true and searching would stop.

Path cost it is a accumulated cost of performing certain action sequence under consider action is optimal.

Thus a problem can formally specified by identifying initial state, actions transition model (successor function), goal test and path cost. In term of problem solving agent solution is the path from initial state to a goal state. optimal solution is lowest path cost of all solution process of finding a solution is called search.



Working : Based on understanding of problem formulation students need to formulate following problem. They will clearly show state space up to depth level 3 or till goal node which ever is shallowest.

1. Navigate to KGC workshop from HOD IT cabin with minimum number of moves, can be climbing or alighting stairs, turning left, right, walking through corridor.
2. Puzzle problem
3. The missionaries and cannibals problem  
There are three missionaries and three cannibals who must cross a river using a boat which can carry at most two people under the constraint that for both banks, if there are missionaries present on the bank they cannot be outnumbered by cannibals if they were, the cannibals would eat the missionaries. The boat cannot cross the river by itself with no people on board.
4. N Queen's problem, Arrange N queens on a N cross N chess board where no two queens attack.

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When no two queens attacks

when no ~~two~~ queens attack

each other

5. Two room vacuum cleaners would

6. water Tug problem.

