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AIML [Experiment 1]

Aim:- To implement water jug problem.

Problem statement:- You are given a m liter jug and n liter jug, Both are initially empty. The jugs don't have marking to allow measuring. You have jugs to measure x litres of water in jug 1 and y litres of water in jug 2. Find a path from initial state (x_i, y_i) to final state (x_f, y_f) by following given below operations.

- 1) Empty A jug
- 2) Fill a jug fully
- 3) Pour water from jug A to B or vice versa

Approach:- For this problem BFS technique is used to generate the state space tree and reach the final goal. We conclude all possible operation that both jugs can perform.

- Fill jug A completely
- Fill B jug completely
- Empty jug A
- Empty jug B
- Pour jug A to jug B till full and vice-versa
- Pour jug A to jug B completely and vice versa

We take a queue ^{of nodes} & run it till its empty and add each of the condition in queue and keep track of visited nodes in order to avoid repetition. As the loop progresses, state space tree of nodes is generated and eventually a solution.

Data Structures :- Queue <Node>, ArrayList <Node> [for visited Nodes]

Input :- $(0, 0)$ ^{initial state}, $(4, 2, 0)$ ^{final state} Cap A = 4 Cap B = 3

Path :- $\{(0, 0), (0, 3), (4, 0), (4, 3), (3, 0), (1, 3), (3, 3), (4, 2), (0, 2)\}$

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Abbr :- Missionary (M) *

Cannibal (C)

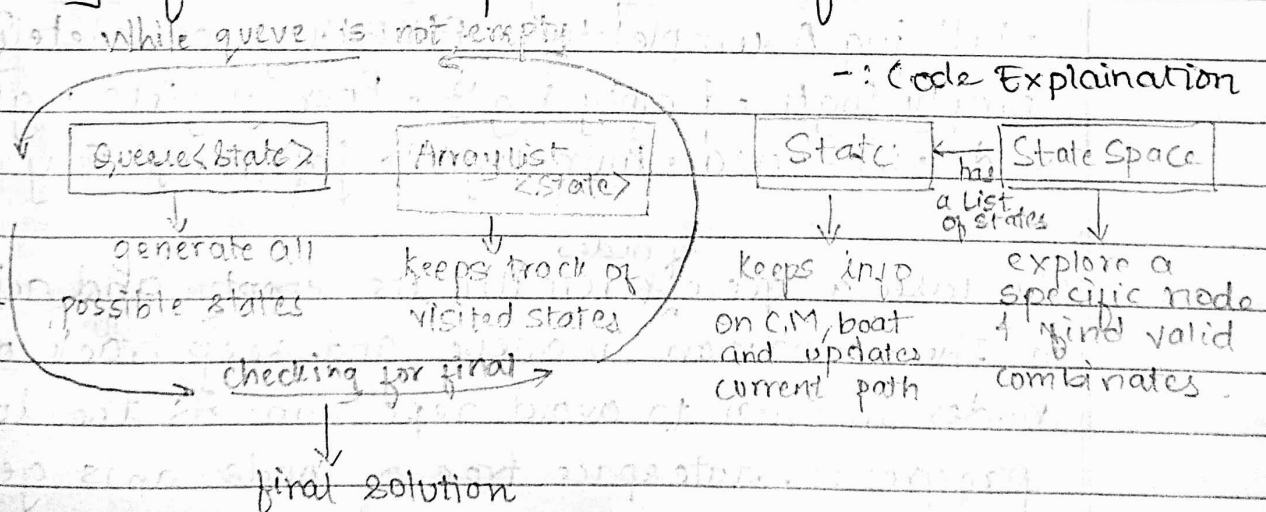
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Experiment 2 :- (Missionary Cannibal Problem)

Problem Statement :- In this problem, there are 3M and 3C. They must cross a river from Bank A [initially all there] to Bank B, Boat can carry at most 2 people. If there are more cannibals than M on a bank, the M will kill C. The boat cannot cross the river by itself with no people.

Explanation :- In this problem, we can use the BFS approach to find all possible ^{states} and find the path to final state. Initially all C, M are at bank A, we have to make such combination that $[C > M]$ remains true at all times on both banks. We create/generate a state where we check if a certain number of C, M are possible to make on a boat and explore that specific state making a tree of states that will cover all the valid cases pertaining to C, M travelling and staying on a bank. Then it is easily found which path leads to final state.



Why BFS is used?

In this M/C problem, BFS is used to find the shallowest goal in the state space tree along all the many different possible outcomes making it effective.