

DEFINITIONS - SEARCH PROBLEM

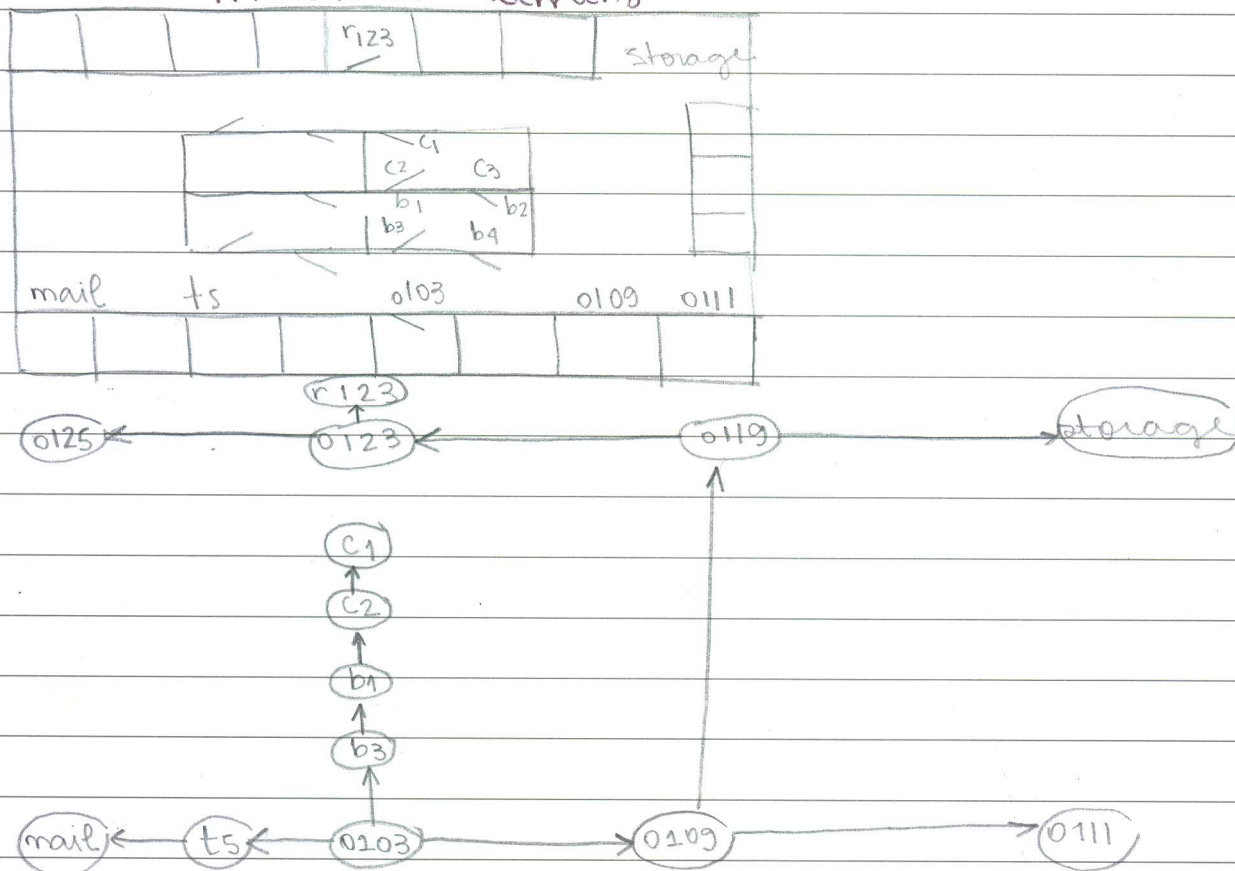
- Initial State (s)
- Agent design operators (set of actions)
- Action function: state, action \rightarrow new state
- Goal State (g)
- Search space: set of states that will be searched for a path from initial state to goal, given available actions.
 - \rightarrow states = nodes
 - \rightarrow actions = links
- Path Cost (later).

EXAMPLES

① Delivery Robot - route in building

} on book

movement limits



② Vacuum cleaner world

States { 2 rooms: r_1, r_2
Each can be dirty/not
vacuum can be at r_1 or r_2

Features: entities { vacuum (robot) - properties { r_1
 r_2
rooms - properties { dirty
not

$$= dr_1(r) = T/F$$

$$dr_2(r) = T/F$$

$$loc = r_1 \text{ or } r_2$$

all binary features

$$\text{number of states} = 8 \quad (2^3)$$

Peculiar: $K \text{ rooms} \rightarrow K \times 2^K$

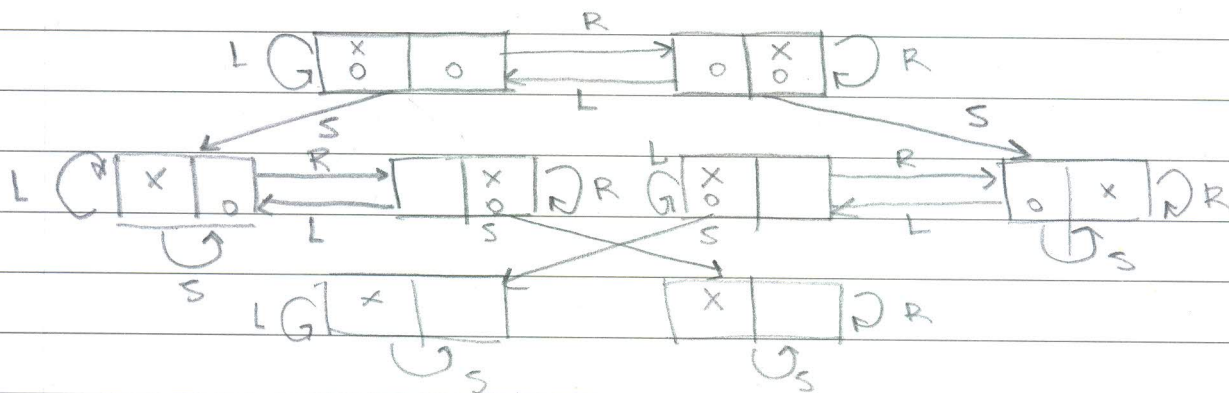
* States: $x = \text{vacuum}, 0 = \text{dirty}$



* Actions: left, right, suck

- Successor states in graph show effect of each action applied to a given state

* Goal: no dirt



③ EIGHT PUZZLE

* STATES: each state specifies which number/blank occupies each of the 9 tiles

→ $9!$ states.

* ACTIONS: Blank-up, Blank-down, Blank-left, blank-right

* GOAL: Sequence, etc. Blank on middle.

→ Search Space:

HOW CAN WE FIND A SOLUTION:

- Find sequence of actions and appropriate order to lead to goal.

↳ Agent to solve: given space graph, need smart ways to search into space and get into the goal.

SEARCH:

- ① Start at start state
- ② Evaluate the effect of taking different actions starting from states that have been encountered in the search so far.
- ③ Stop when goal state is encountered

GRAPHS SPECIFICATION FOR DELIVERY ROBOT (Example 1):

$N = \{ \text{mail}, ts, 0103, b3, 0109, \dots \}$

$A = \{ \langle ts, \text{mail} \rangle, \langle 0103, ts \rangle, \langle 0103, b3 \rangle, \langle 0103, 0109 \rangle, \dots \}$

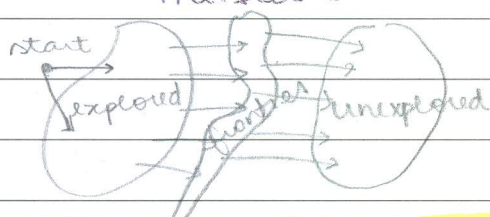
One of several solution paths: $\langle 0103, 0109, 0119, 0123, r1237 \rangle$

GRAPH SEARCHING

→ Generic Search Algorithms:

- given graph, start nodes and goal nodes
 - ↳ incrementally explore paths from start nodes
- maintain a frontier of paths
(have been explored)
- expand frontier as search continues
until goal node is encountered.

* the way in which the frontier is expanded defines the search strategy.



GENERIC SEARCH ALGORITHM:

Input: { graph
set of start nodes
boolean procedure $goal(n)$ if n is a goal

frontier := [$\langle s \rangle$: s is a start node],

↳ path that only contains start node

while frontier is not empty: { through graph

select and remove path $\langle n_0, \dots, n_k \rangle$ from frontier

if $goal(n_k)$

return $\langle n_0, \dots, n_k \rangle$ } solution

for every neighbor n of n_k

add $\langle n_0, \dots, n_k, n \rangle$ to frontier

{ new path for
each of
neighbors
to frontier

end

Pelicker: b^n nodes n steps away, factor b , graph = tree
at every level, every node has b more.

NEXT: 3.5 textbook, AIspace Practice Ex 3.A, definitions