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Lab- assignment - 1

- Aim : Solve 8 puzzle problem using A* algorithm
- Objective : To study and implement A* algorithm for 8-puzzle problem.
- Theory

→ Best-first search methods and OR graphs

BFS is a traversal technique that decides which node is to be visited next by checking which node is the most promising one and then check it.

A solution graph of OR graph is a subgraph of OR graph which represent one deviation from a solution of the problem.

→ 8-puzzle problem

8-puzzle is played on a 3 by 3 grid with 8 square blocks labelled as 1 to 8 and a blank space. The goal of the problem is to reach the goal state by sliding the blocks one at a time.

→ A* algorithm

A* algorithm is used to approximate the shortest path in real life situations like in maps.

We use a set data structure for best optimization of A* algorithm with boolean hash table for closed list.

- Input: Initial State

- Output: Goal State with optimal path

- Algorithm

- ① Initialize open list.

- ② Initialize closed list and put starting node in open list.

- ③ While open list is not empty,

 ④ find node with least f, call it "q".

 ⑤ pop q off the open list.

 ⑥ generate q's successor and set their parent to q.

 ⑦ for each successor

 i) if successor is goal, stop.

 ii) else compute both g and h for successor.

 iii) if node with same position as successor is in open list, skip the successor.

 iv) if a node with same position as successor is in closed list with a lower f than successor skip, or add node to open list.

 ⑧ push q on closed list.

end (while loop)

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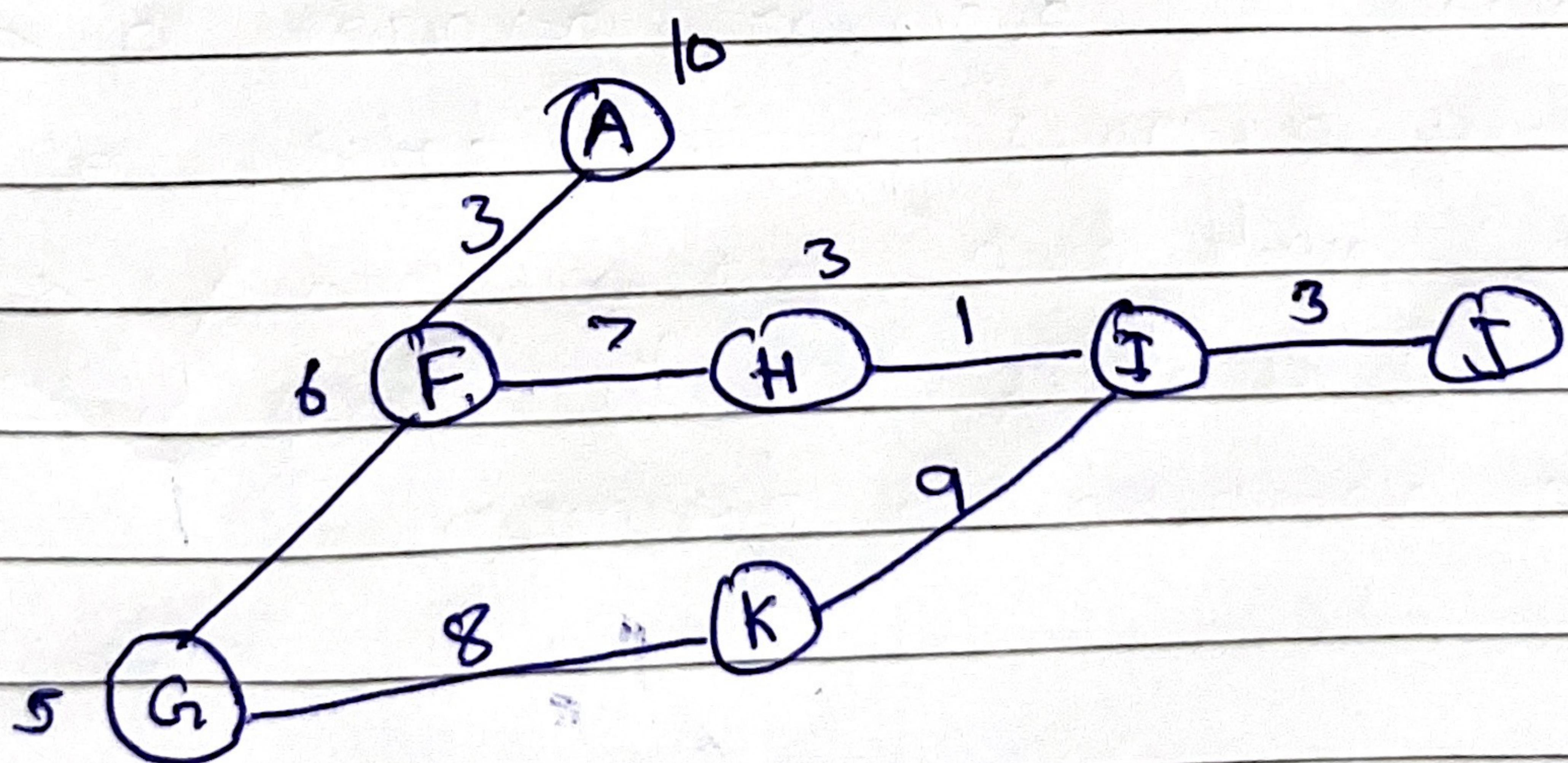
Q.1 What is a heuristic function? What is the advantage of using a heuristic function?

A A heuristic function is a shortcut to solving a problem when there are no exact solutions for it or the time to obtain a solution is too large. It can provide quick and relatively inexpensive feedback to the developer.

Q.2 Explain A* algorithm with example

A A* algorithm maintains a tree of paths and extends the path that minimizes the following function.

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$



Find cost effective path from A to J.

We start with node A and move to F.

Path $\Rightarrow A \rightarrow F$

G and H nodes can be reached

$$f(G) = 3 + 1 + 5 = 9$$

$$f(H) = 3 + 7 + 3 = 13$$

Path $\Rightarrow A \rightarrow F \rightarrow G$

no choice left now

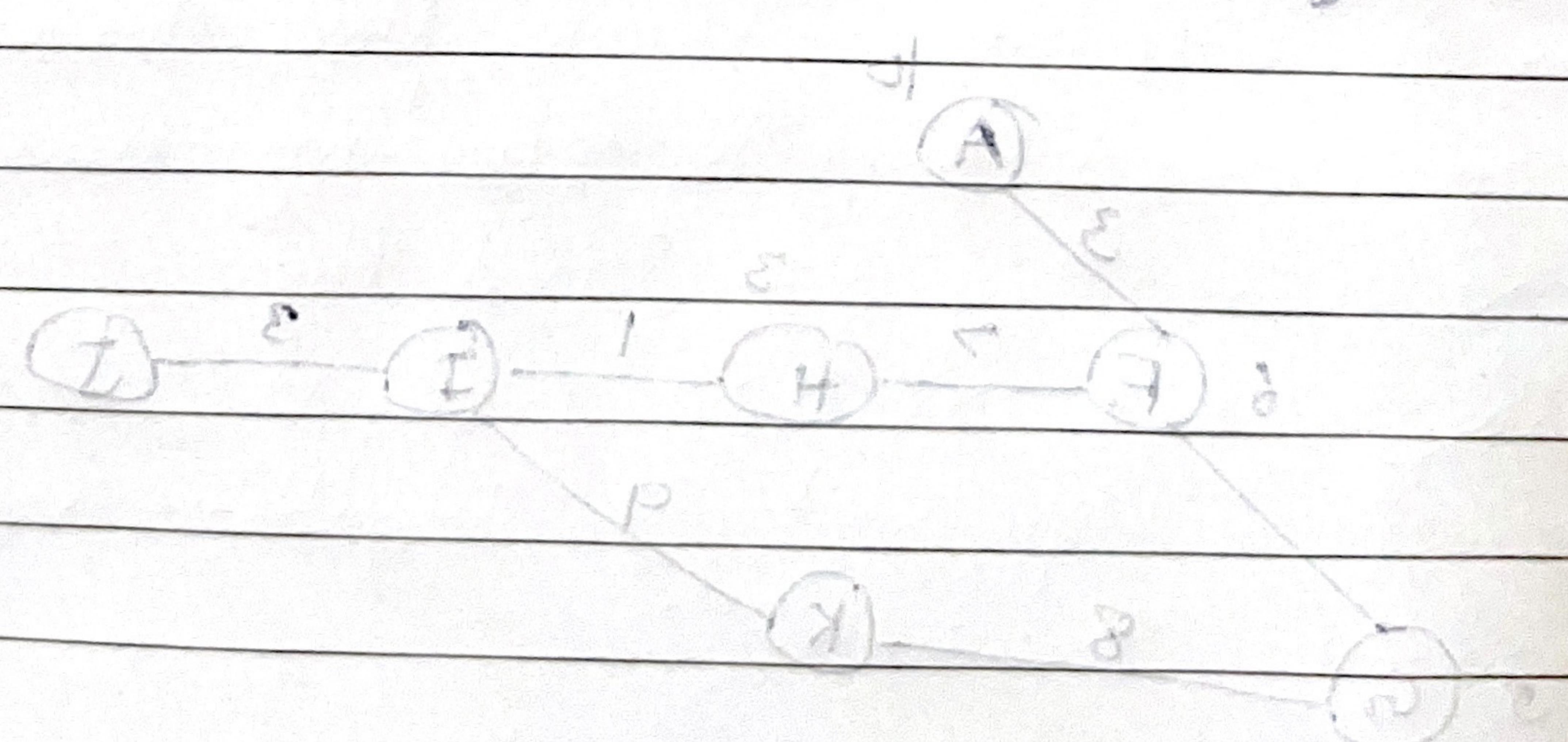
To go further, Path $\Rightarrow A \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow K \rightarrow I \rightarrow J$ is taken
and now it is evident a cycle

Q.3 Explain different heuristic functions that can be used for 8 puzzle problems.

A Exact Heuristic: We can find exact values of h by pre computing distance between each nodes.

Approximate heuristic: finds approximate values of h using one of the following.

- ① Manhattan Distance
- ② Diagonal Distance
- ③ Euclidean Distance



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import numpy as np
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[ ] class Puzzle:
    def __init__(self):
        self.matrix = []
        f_of_n = 999
        g_of_n = 999
        h_of_n = 999
        parent_index = 999
        self_index = 999
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[ ] def HeuristicCost(A,B):
    count = 0
    for i in range(len(A.matrix)):
        for j in range(len(A.matrix[i])):
            if A.matrix[i][j] != B.matrix[i][j]:
                count += 1
    return count
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[ ] def CopyMatrix_3d(A,B):
    for i in range(3):
        temp = []
        for j in range(3):
            temp.append(B[i][j])
        A.append(temp)
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[ ] def index_2d(myList, v):
    for i, v in enumerate(myList):
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[ ] def index_2d(myList, v):
    for i, x in enumerate(myList):
        if v in x:
            return i, x.index(v)
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[ ] def ExchangePlaces(A,B):
    variable_index = index_2d(A.matrix,0)
    variable = A.matrix[B[0]][B[1]]
    A.matrix[B[0]][B[1]] = 0
    A.matrix[variable_index[0]][variable_index[1]] = variable
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[ ] def PossibleWays(A):
    choices = []
    index = index_2d(A.matrix,0)
    if index[0] + 1 < 3:
        choices.append([index[0] + 1,index[1]])
    if index[0] - 1 >= 0:
        choices.append([index[0] - 1,index[1]])
    if index[1] + 1 < 3:
        choices.append([index[0],index[1] + 1])
    if index[1] - 1 >= 0:
        choices.append([index[0],index[1] - 1])
    return choices
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[ ] def ReturnMin(A):
    min_value = 999
    temp = Puzzle()
    for i in A:
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[ ] def ReturnMin(A):
    min_value = 999
    temp = Puzzle()
    for i in A:
        if i.f_of_n <= min_value:
            min_value = i.f_of_n
            temp = i
    return temp

[ ] puzzle = Puzzle()
print("Enter the puzzle:")
for i in range(3):
    temp = input()
    temp = list(temp.split(" "))
    temp = [int(x) for x in temp]
    puzzle.matrix.append(temp)
print(puzzle.matrix)

Enter the puzzle:
1 2 3
0 4 6
7 5 8
[[1, 2, 3], [0, 4, 6], [7, 5, 8]]
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[] expected_puzzle = Puzzle()
print("Enter the puzzle:")
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 temp = [int(x) for x in temp]
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print(expected_puzzle.matrix)

Enter the puzzle:
1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 0
[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 0]]

[ ] expected_puzzle.matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 0]]
puzzle.matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [0, 4, 6], [7, 5, 8]]

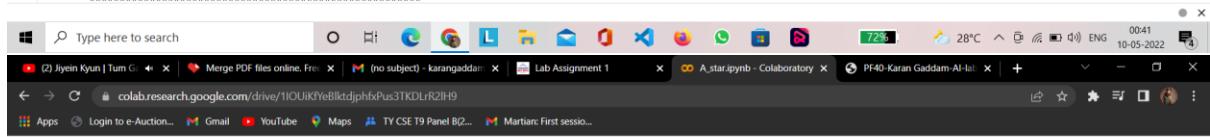
[ ] puzzle.g_of_n = 0
puzzle.h_of_n = HeuristicCost(puzzle,expected_puzzle)
puzzle.f_of_n = puzzle.h_of_n + puzzle.g_of_n

[ ] all_puzzles = []
all_puzzles.append(puzzle)
level = 0
while puzzle.matrix != expected_puzzle.matrix:
    choices = Possibleways(puzzle)
    previous_index = index_2d(puzzle.matrix,0)
    level = level + 1
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while puzzle.matrix != expected_puzzle.matrix:
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    previous_index = index_2d(puzzle.matrix,0)
    level = level + 1
    for i in choices:
        if i != previous_index:
            temp = Puzzle()
            copyMatrix_3d(temp.matrix,puzzle.matrix)
            ExchangePlaces(temp,i)
            temp.h_of_n = HuristicCost(temp,expected_puzzle)
            temp.g_of_n = level
            temp.f_of_n = temp.h_of_n + temp.g_of_n
            all_puzzles.append(temp)
puzzle = ReturnMin(all_puzzles)
print("#####")
print(puzzle.matrix)
print(f"({n})= {puzzle.f_of_n}")
print(f"({n})= {puzzle.g_of_n}")
print(f"({n})= {puzzle.h_of_n}")

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[[1, 2, 3], [4, 0, 6], [7, 5, 8]]
F(n)= 4
G(n)= 1
H(n)= 3
#####
[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 0, 8]]
F(n)= 4
G(n)= 2
H(n)= 2
#####
[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 0]]
F(n)= 3
G(n)= 3
H(n)= 0
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