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function [outPuzzle] = produce_random_puzzle(goalState, numStep,
numPuzzle)

% Check if the input is a column vector otherwise take transpose
if size(goalState, 1) == 1
    goalState = goalState';
end

outPuzzle = []; % Initialize the output

for iPuzzle = 1:numPuzzle
    currState = goalState; % Initialize current state as being the
    goal
    visitedStateMatrix = [];

    for iStep = 1:numStep
        visitedStateMatrix = [visitedStateMatrix currState];
        successorStates = successors(currState); % Generate successors
        numSucc = size(successorStates,2); % Number of the successors
        validSuccessors = []; % Store successors that can be visited
        for the next step

            for iSucc = 1:numSucc
                curSucc = successorStates(:, iSucc);

                if ~any(ismember(curSucc', visitedStateMatrix', 'rows'))
                    validSuccessors = [validSuccessors curSucc];
                end
            end

            numValidSucc = size(validSuccessors, 2); % Number of valid
            successors
            k = floor(numValidSucc*rand) + 1; % Choose a random number
            between [1, numValidSucc]

            currState = validSuccessors(:, k); % Next state to be
            considered
        end

        outPuzzle = [outPuzzle currState];
    end
end

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