Assignment for Special Topics in Programming

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1 Introduction

Many puzzles and real world problems can be modeled as a state-transition system, which is a special case of a graph, where nodes represent system states and edges denote transitions between them. Solving a puzzle, then, involves describing it in terms of configurations (states) and changes between them (transitions), exploring the space of configurations, finding a desired configuration and extracting the sequence of changes leading to the desired configuration.

We present three classical puzzles which can easily be modeled as state-transition systems and can be used to demonstrate the method. The puzzle-modeling C++ code is appended.

1.1 Leaping Frogs

Green and brown frogs sit on rocks opposing each other with an unoccupied rock in between them. The frogs can only jump in one direction to the next unoccupied rock or over one other frog. The goal is to find a sequence of correct moves so that frogs pass each other and swap places. The initial state of the puzzle can be described by a



Figure 1: Leaping frogs, see also https://primefactorisation.com/frogpuzzle/.

configuration "GGG-BBB" where "G" means green frog, "B" means brown frog, dash means unoccupied rock, and "BBB-GGG" is the desired goal state. There are four possible moves from the initial state: two options for greens and two for browns, therefore four transitions to the following successor states: "GG-GBBB", "G-GGBBB", "GGGB-BB" and "GGGBB-B".

1.2 Wolf, Goat and Cabbage

A farmer went to a fair and bought a cabbage, a goat and a wolf. On the way home he has to cross a river using a boat, however only one item fits on the boat with the farmer. Moreover, the goat cannot be left alone with the cabbage, and the wolf cannot be trusted alone with the goat. The goal is to find a *shortest* sequence of river crossings so that all items are transferred to another side of the river. The puzzle state can be modeled by the positions of each



(a) Wolf, goat and cabbage.

(b) Japanese version https://www.pedagonet.com/Fun/flashgame185.htm.

Figure 2: River crossing puzzles.

of the three items. If we denote the shore on one side of the river as 1, the shore on the other side as 2 and the boat as –, the initial state is "111" and the desired goal is "222". There are three possible successors from the initial state:

"-11" (the wolf is on the boat, the goat is on the shore 1, the cabbage is on the shore 1), "1-1", "11-", however the states "-11" and "11-" are not valid due to conflicts among items. Further the state "1-1" has two successors: "111" and "121". Obviously the first one brings us back to the state we have already seen, and we need to detect that to avoid exploring it again.

1.3 Family Crossing

A mother, a father, two daughters, two sons, policeman and a prisoner need to cross a river using a raft which can hold only two persons at a time. Only the mother, the father and the policeman know how to operate the raft. The prisoner cannot be left alone with a family without the policeman. The daughters cannot be left alone with the father without the mother, and the sons cannot be left alone with the mother without the farther. The puzzle can be modeled the same way like the wolf, goat and cabbage problem, except we have many more solutions due to symmetries among the children. Suppose the sons get bored on the shore 1 and the longer they stay the more noise they make. Can you find a crossing sequence with the least noise?

1.4 Method

Once a puzzle is modeled using states and transitions, the problem can be solved using a graph search algorithm. One can easily develop a recursive procedure to follow the transitions, however the recursion is limited to depth-first search order and may exhaust the stack if the state space is deep. Alternatively, Algorithm 1 explores the graph and checks the states on the fly using passed and waiting lists of states. It remembers the states it has explored in the passed list and stores unexplored states in the waiting list. The popstate method can be customized to pick the first state (resulting in breadth-first order), the last state (resulting in depth-first order), or the lowest-cost state (cost-guided order). Also, on line 6, if the same state has already been visited, the state with the least amount of transitions (or any other cost function) can be recorded in the passed list. For most puzzles, the newly generated states on line 8 should be checked against the puzzle-invariant predicate to discard the invalid states (e.g., the wolf left alone with the goat).

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Input : Initial state state<sub>0</sub>, property goal
   Output: true if there exists a state satisfying goal
 1 waiting := \{state_0\};
 2 passed := \emptyset;
 3 while waiting \neq \emptyset do
       state := waiting.popstate();
       if goal(state) == true then return true;
 5
       if state ∉ passed then
 6
           passed := passed \cup {state};
 7
           foreach state ' such that state → state ' do
 8
               if state' ∉ waiting then
 9
                waiting := waiting ∪ { state' }
10
               end
           end
       \mathbf{end}
14 end
15 return false:
   Algorithm 1: Search using passed-waiting lists.
```

2 Requirements

The goal of the assignment is to develop a header-only library for solving puzzles which can be reduced to reachability questions in transition systems. The usage of the library should be demonstrated on the puzzles above. The library implementation should support the following features:

- 1. Create a generic successor generator function out of a transition generator function. A transition generator function generates functions that change a state. Each such function corresponds to a transition. A successor generator function takes a state and generates a set of its successor states.
- 2. Find a state satisfying the goal predicate when given an initial state and successor generating function.
- 3. Print the trace of a state sequence from the initial state to the found goal state.
- 4. Support various search orders: breadth-first search, depth-first search (the leaping frogs have different solutions).
- 5. Support a given invariant predicate (state validation function, like in river crossing puzzles).
- 6. Support custom cost function over states (like noise in Japanese river crossing puzzle).
- 7. The library should support any (iterable) containers (for transitions, state representation).
- 8. The library should be generic and applicable to all puzzles using the same library templates. If the search order or cost are not used, the library should assume reasonable defaults.
- 9. User friendly to use and fail with a message if the user supplies arguments of wrong types.
- 10. Try various storage and lookup strategies (e.g. tree, hash table), use benchmarks to find the best one.

A Puzzle Modeling Code

The following code listings contain suggested puzzle modeling examples, one may choose a different design, provided that the requirements are fulfilled. The library may require additional *generic operations* (e.g. operators for outputting, comparison, equality, hashing etc.), thus the proposed model code can be complemented with such support.

Listing 1: frogs.cpp

```
/**
    * Model for leaping frogs puzzle:
    * https://primefactorisation.com/frogpuzzle/
    * Author: Marius Mikucionis <marius@cs.aau.dk>
    * Compile and run:
    * g++ -std=c++17 -pedantic -Wall -DNDEBUG -03 -o frogs frogs.cpp && ./frogs
    */
   #include "reachability.hpp" // your header-only library solution
   #include <iostream>
   #include <vector>
11
   #include <list>
12
   #include <functional> // std::function
   enum class frog { empty, green, brown };
15
   using stones_t = std::vector<frog>;
16
18
   auto transitions(const stones_t& stones)
   {
19
       auto res = std::vector<std::function<void(stones_t&)>>{};
20
       if (stones.size()<2)</pre>
21
            return res;
22
       auto i=0u;
23
       while (i < stones.size() && stones[i]!=frog::empty) ++i; // find empty stone</pre>
       if (i==stones.size())
            return res; // did not find empty stone
       // explore moves to fill the empty from left to right (only green can do that):
27
       if (i > 0 \&\& stones[i-1] == frog::green)
28
            res.push_back([i](stones_t& s){ // green jump to next
                               s[i-1] = frog::empty;
                                      = frog::green;
                               s[i]
                          });
        if (i > 1 && stones[i-2]==frog::green)
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            res.push_back([i](stones_t& s){ // green jump over 1
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                               s[i-2] = frog::empty;
35
                                      = frog::green;
                               s[i]
36
                          });
       // explore moves to fill the empty from right to left (only brown can do that):
38
       if (i < stones.size()-1 && stones[i+1]==frog::brown) {</pre>
39
            res.push_back([i](stones_t& s){ // brown jump to next
                               s[i+1] = frog::empty;
                               s[i]
                                      = frog::brown;
42
                          });
43
       if (i < stones.size()-2 && stones[i+2]==frog::brown) {</pre>
            res.push_back([i](stones_t& s){ // brown jump over 1
                               s[i+2]=frog::empty;
                               s[i]=frog::brown;
                          });
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       }
50
       return res;
51
   }
52
53
   void show_successors(const stones_t& state, const size_t level=0)
54
   {
55
       // Caution: this function uses recursion, which is not suitable for solving puzzles!!
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// 1) some state spaces can be deeper than stack allows.
        // 2) it can only perform depth-first search
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        // 3) it cannot perform breadth-first search, cheapest-first, greatest-first etc.
59
        auto trans = transitions(state); // compute the transitions
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        std::cout << std::string(level*2, ' ')</pre>
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                   << "state " << state << " has " << trans.size() << " transitions";</pre>
62
        if (trans.empty())
63
            std::cout << '\n';
        else
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            std::cout << ", leading to:\n";</pre>
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        for (auto& t: trans) {
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            auto succ = state; // copy the original state
            t(succ); // apply the transition on the state to compute successor
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            show_successors(succ, level+1);
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    }
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    void explain()
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    {
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        const auto start = stones_t{{ frog::green, frog::green, frog::empty,
                                        frog::brown, frog::brown }};
77
        std::cout << "Leaping frog puzzle start: " << start << '\n';</pre>
78
        show_successors(start);
        const auto finish = stones_t{{ frog::brown, frog::brown, frog::empty,
                                         frog::green, frog::green }};
81
        std::cout << "Leaping frog puzzle start: " << start << ", finish: " << finish << '\n';
82
        auto space = state_space_t(start, successors<stones_t>(transitions));// define state space
83
        // explore the state space and find the solutions satisfying goal:
        std::cout << "--- Solve with default (breadth-first) search: ---\n";</pre>
85
        auto solutions = space.check([&finish](const stones_t& state){ return state==finish; });
        for (auto&& trace: solutions) { // iterate through solutions:
            std::cout << "Solution: a trace of " << trace.size() << " states\n";</pre>
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            std::cout << trace; // print solution</pre>
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        }
    }
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    void solve(size_t frogs, search_order_t order = search_order_t::breadth_first)
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        const auto stones = frogs*2+1; // frogs on either side and 1 empty in the middle
        auto start = stones_t(stones, frog::empty); // initially all empty
96
        auto finish = stones_t(stones, frog::empty); // initially all empty
97
        while (frogs-->0) { // count down from frogs-1 to 0 and put frogs into positions:
98
            start[frogs] = frog::green;
                                                            // green on left
            start[start.size()-frogs-1] = frog::brown;
                                                            // brown on right
100
            finish[frogs] = frog::brown;
                                                            // brown on left
101
            finish[finish.size()-frogs-1] = frog::green; // green on right
102
103
        std::cout << "Leaping frog puzzle start: " << start << ", finish: " << finish << '\n';
104
        auto space = state_space_t{
105
            std::move(start),
                                                 // initial state
106
            successors<stones_t>(transitions) // successor-generating function from your library
107
108
        auto solutions = space.check(
109
            [finish=std::move(finish)](const stones_t& state){ return state==finish; },
            order);
        for (auto&& trace: solutions) {
112
            std::cout << "Solution: trace of " << trace.size() << " states\n";</pre>
113
            std::cout << trace;</pre>
114
        }
115
    }
116
117
    int main()
119
    {
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explain();
        std::cout << "--- Solve with depth-first search: ---\n";</pre>
121
        solve(2, search_order_t::depth_first);
122
        solve(4); // 20 frogs may take >5.8GB of memory
123
124
    }
    /** Sample output:
125
    Leaping frog puzzle start: GG_BB
126
    state GG_BB has 4 transitions, leading to:
127
      state G_GBB has 2 transitions, leading to:
128
        state _GGBB has 0 transitions
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        state GBG_B has 2 transitions, leading to:
130
          state GB_GB has 2 transitions, leading to:
131
            state _BGGB has 1 transitions, leading to:
132
              state B_GGB has 0 transitions
133
            state GBBG_ has 1 transitions, leading to:
134
              state GBB_G has 0 transitions
          state GBGB_ has 1 transitions, leading to:
136
            state GB_BG has 2 transitions, leading to:
137
              state _BGBG has 1 transitions, leading to:
138
                state B_GBG has 1 transitions, leading to:
                  state BBG_G has 1 transitions, leading to:
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                    state BB_GG has 0 transitions
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              state GBB_G has 0 transitions
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      state _GGBB has 0 transitions
      state GGB_B has 2 transitions, leading to:
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        state G_BGB has 2 transitions, leading to:
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          state _GBGB has 1 transitions, leading to:
146
            state BG_GB has 2 transitions, leading to:
147
              state B_GGB has 0 transitions
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              state BGBG_ has 1 transitions, leading to:
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                state BGB_G has 1 transitions, leading to:
                  state B_BGG has 1 transitions, leading to:
151
                    state BB_GG has 0 transitions
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          state GB_GB has 2 transitions, leading to:
153
            state _BGGB has 1 transitions, leading to:
              state B_GGB has 0 transitions
            state GBBG_ has 1 transitions, leading to:
156
              state GBB_G has 0 transitions
157
        state GGBB_ has 0 transitions
      state GGBB_ has 0 transitions
159
    Leaping frog puzzle start: GG_BB, finish: BB_GG
160
    --- Solve with default (breadth-first) search: ---
  Solution: a trace of 9 states
  State of 5 stones: GG_BB
164 State of 5 stones: G_GBB
   State of 5 stones: GBG_B
    State of 5 stones: GBGB_
    State of 5 stones: GB_BG
    State of 5 stones: _BGBG
   State of 5 stones: B_GBG
170 State of 5 stones: BBG_G
171 State of 5 stones: BB_GG
   --- Solve with depth-first search: ---
173 Leaping frog puzzle start: GG_BB, finish: BB_GG
174 Solution: trace of 9 states
   State of 5 stones: GG_BB
    State of 5 stones: GGB_B
177 State of 5 stones: G_BGB
178 State of 5 stones: _GBGB
179 State of 5 stones: BG_GB
180 State of 5 stones: BGBG_
181 State of 5 stones: BGB_G
182 State of 5 stones: B_BGG
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State of 5 stones: BB_GG
   Leaping frog puzzle start: GGGG_BBBB, finish: BBBB_GGGG
   Solution: trace of 25 states
   State of 9 stones: GGGG_BBBB
   State of 9 stones: GGG_GBBBB
   State of 9 stones: GGGBG_BBB
   State of 9 stones: GGGBGB_BB
   State of 9 stones: GGGB_BGBB
   State of 9 stones: GG_BGBGBB
   State of 9 stones: G_GBGBGBB
   State of 9 stones: GBG_GBGBB
   State of 9 stones: GBGBG_GBB
   State of 9 stones: GBGBGBG_B
   State of 9 stones: GBGBGBGB_
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   State of 9 stones: GBGBGB_BG
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   State of 9 stones: GBGB_BGBG
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   State of 9 stones: _BGBGBGBG
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   State of 9 stones: B_GBGBGBG
   State of 9 stones: BBG_GBGBG
   State of 9 stones: BBGBG_GBG
204 State of 9 stones: BBGBGBG_G
205 State of 9 stones: BBGBGB_GG
   State of 9 stones: BBGB_BGGG
   State of 9 stones: BB_BGBGGG
   State of 9 stones: BBB_GBGGG
   State of 9 stones: BBBBG_GGG
  State of 9 stones: BBBB_GGGG
   */
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```

Listing 2: crossing.cpp

```
/**
    * Model for goat, cabbage and wolf puzzle.
    * Author: Marius Mikucionis <marius@cs.aau.dk>
    * Compile and run:
    * g++ -std=c++17 -pedantic -Wall -DNDEBUG -03 -o crossing crossing.cpp && ./crossing
   #include "reachability.hpp" // your header-only library solution
   #include <functional> // std::function
   #include <list>
   #include <array>
11
   #include <iostream>
12
   enum actor { cabbage, goat, wolf }; // names of the actors
   enum class pos_t { shore1, travel, shore2}; // names of the actor positions
15
   using actors_t = std::array<pos_t,3>; // positions of the actors
16
17
   auto transitions(const actors_t& actors)
19
   {
       auto res = std::list<std::function<void(actors_t&)>>{};
20
       for (auto i=0u; i<actors.size(); ++i)</pre>
21
           switch(actors[i]) {
           case pos_t::shore1:
23
               res.push_back([i](actors_t& actors){ actors[i] = pos_t::travel; });
24
               break;
               res.push_back([i](actors_t& actors){ actors[i] = pos_t::shore1; });
27
               res.push_back([i](actors_t& actors){ actors[i] = pos_t::shore2; });
               break:
           case pos_t::shore2:
30
               res.push_back([i](actors_t& actors){ actors[i] = pos_t::travel; });
31
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break;
33
        return res;
34
35
   }
36
   bool is_valid(const actors_t& actors) {
37
       // only one passenger:
38
       if (std::count(std::begin(actors), std::end(actors), pos_t::travel)>1)
            return false;
40
       // goat cannot be left alone with wolf, as wolf will eat the goat:
41
       if (actors[actor::goat]==actors[actor::wolf] && actors[actor::cabbage]==pos_t::travel)
42
            return false;
       // goat cannot be left alone with cabbage, as goat will eat the cabbage:
44
        if (actors[actor::goat]==actors[actor::cabbage] && actors[actor::wolf]==pos_t::travel)
45
            return false:
        return true;
   }
48
49
   void solve(){
50
       auto state_space = state_space_t{
           actors_t{},
                                        // initial state
52
            successors<actors_t>(transitions), // successor generator from your library
53
                                                 // invariant over all states
           &is_valid};
       auto solution = state_space.check(
            [](const actors_t& actors){ // all actors should be on the shore2:
56
                return std::count(std::begin(actors), std::end(actors), pos_t::shore2)==actors.size();
57
           });
        for (auto&& trace: solution)
59
            std::cout << "# CGW\n" << trace;</pre>
60
   }
61
   int main(){
63
       solve();
64
65
   }
66
   /** Sample output:
   # CGW
68
   0: 111
   1: 1~1
   2: 121
   3: ~21
   4: 221
   5: 2~1
   6: 211
   7: 21~
76
   8: 212
   9: 2~2
   10: 222
79
   */
```

Listing 3: family.cpp

```
/**
    * Model for Japanese family river crossing puzzle:
    * https://www.funzug.com/index.php/flash-games/japanese-river-crossing-puzzle-game.html
    * Author: Marius Mikucionis <marius@cs.aau.dk>
    * Compile using:
    * g++ -std=c++17 -pedantic -Wall -DNDEBUG -O3 -o family family.cpp && ./family
    * Inspect the solution (only the traveling part):
    * ./family | grep trv | grep '~~~'
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#include <iostream>
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   #include <deque>
   #include <array>
   #include <functional> // std::function
17
   /** Model of the river crossing: persons and a boat */
18
   struct person_t
   {
20
       enum { shore1, onboard, shore2 } pos = shore1;
21
       enum { mother, father, daughter1, daughter2, son1, son2, policeman, prisoner };
22
   };
23
24
   /** Model of a boat */
25
   struct boat_t
       enum { shore1, travel, shore2 } pos = shore1;
28
       uint16_t capacity{2};
29
       uint16_t passengers{0};
30
   };
31
32
   /** Model of an entire system */
   struct state_t
35
       boat_t boat;
36
       std::array<person_t,8> persons;
37
38
   };
39
   /** Returns a list of transitions applicable on a given state.
40
    * Transition is a function modifying a state */
41
   auto transitions(const state_t& s)
   {
43
       auto res = std::deque<std::function<void(state_t&)>>{};
44
       switch (s.boat.pos) {
45
       case boat_t::shore1:
46
       case boat_t::shore2:
           if (s.boat.passengers>0) // start traveling
                res.push_back([](state_t& state){ state.boat.pos = boat_t::travel; });
           break;
       case boat_t::travel:
51
           res.push_back([](state_t& state){ // arrive to shore1
52
                                 state.boat.pos = boat_t::shore1;
53
                                  state.boat.passengers = 0;
                                  for (auto& p: state.persons)
                                      if (p.pos == person_t::onboard)
                                          p.pos = person_t::shore1;
                             });
           res.push_back([](state_t& state){ // arrive to shore2
59
                                 state.boat.pos = boat_t::shore2;
60
                                  state.boat.passengers = 0;
                                  for (auto& p: state.persons)
                                      if (p.pos == person_t::onboard)
                                          p.pos = person_t::shore2;
                             });
           break;
67
       for (auto i=0u; i<s.persons.size(); ++i) {</pre>
68
           switch (s.persons[i].pos) {
           case person_t::shore1: // board the boat on shore1:
70
                if (s.boat.pos == boat_t::shore1)
                    res.push_back([i](state_t& state){
                                       state.persons[i].pos = person_t::onboard;
                                       ++state.boat.passengers;
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});
                break;
76
            case person_t::shore2: // board the boat on shore2:
77
                if (s.boat.pos == boat_t::shore2)
                     res.push_back([i](state_t& state){
                                        state.persons[i].pos = person_t::onboard;
                                        ++state.boat.passengers;
                                   });
                break;
            case person_t::onboard:
84
                if (s.boat.pos == boat_t::shore1) // leave the boat to shore1
85
                     res.push_back([i](state_t& state){
                                        state.persons[i].pos = person_t::shore1;
                                        --state.boat.passengers;
                                   }):
                else if (s.boat.pos == boat_t::shore2) // leave the boat to shore2
                     res.push_back([i](state_t& state){
                                        state.persons[i].pos = person_t::shore2;
92
                                        --state.boat.passengers;
93
                                   });
                break;
95
            }
96
        }
        return res;
98
    }
99
100
    bool river_crossing_valid(const state_t& s)
101
102
    {
        if (s.boat.passengers > s.boat.capacity) {
103
            log(" boat overload\n");
104
            return false;
106
        if (s.boat.pos == boat_t::travel) {
107
            if (s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == person_t::onboard) {
108
                if (s.boat.passengers==1 ||
109
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
111
                     (s.persons[person\_t::son2].pos == person\_t::onboard) \ | \ |
                     (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos == person_t::onboard)) {
                     log(" d1 travel alone\n");
114
                     return false;
115
                }
116
            } else if (s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == person_t::onboard) {
                if (s.boat.passengers==1 ||
118
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
119
                     (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::son2].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos == person_t::onboard)) {
122
                     log(" d2 travel alone\n");
123
                     return false;
125
            } else if (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::onboard) {
126
                if (s.boat.passengers==1 ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::son2].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
130
                     (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos == person_t::onboard)) {
131
                     log(" s1 travel alone\n");
132
                     return false;
133
134
            } else if (s.persons[person_t::son2].pos == person_t::onboard) {
135
                if (s.boat.passengers==1 ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
137
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(s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
                     (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::onboard) ||
139
                     (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos == person_t::onboard)) {
140
                     log(" s2 travel alone\n");
141
                     return false;
142
                 }
143
            }
            if (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos != s.persons[person_t::policeman].pos) {
                 auto prisoner_pos = s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos;
146
                 if ((s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == prisoner_pos) ||
147
                     (s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == prisoner_pos) ||
148
                     (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == prisoner_pos) ||
149
                     (s.persons[person_t::son2].pos == prisoner_pos) ||
150
                     (s.persons[person_t::mother].pos == prisoner_pos) ||
151
                     (s.persons[person_t::father].pos == prisoner_pos)) {
                     log(" pr with family\n");
                     return false;
154
                 }
155
            }
156
            if (s.persons[person_t::prisoner].pos == person_t::onboard && s.boat.passengers<2) {</pre>
                 log(" pr on boat\n");
158
                 return false;
159
            }
161
        if ((s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos == s.persons[person_t::father].pos) &&
162
             (s.persons[person_t::daughter1].pos != s.persons[person_t::mother].pos)) {
163
            \log("d1 with f(n");
164
             return false;
165
        } else if ((s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos == s.persons[person_t::father].pos) &&
166
                    (s.persons[person_t::daughter2].pos != s.persons[person_t::mother].pos)) {
167
            log(" d2 with f(n");
             return false;
169
        } else if ((s.persons[person_t::son1].pos == s.persons[person_t::mother].pos) &&
170
                    (s.persons[person_t::son1].pos != s.persons[person_t::father].pos)) {
171
            log(" s1 with m n");
172
             return false;
        } else if ((s.persons[person_t::son2].pos == s.persons[person_t::mother].pos) &&
                    (s.persons[person_t::son2].pos != s.persons[person_t::father].pos)) {
             log(" s2 with m \ n");
             return false;
177
        }
178
        log(" OK\n");
179
        return true;
180
    }
181
182
    struct cost_t {
183
        size_t depth{0}; // counts the number of transitions
184
        size_t noise{0}; // kids get bored on shore1 and start making noise there
185
        bool operator<(const cost_t& other) const {</pre>
186
            if (depth < other.depth)</pre>
                 return true;
188
            if (other.depth < depth)</pre>
189
                 return false:
190
             return noise < other.noise;</pre>
        }
192
    };
193
194
    bool goal(const state_t& s){
195
        return std::all_of(std::begin(s.persons), std::end(s.persons),
196
                             [](const person_t& p) { return p.pos == person_t::shore2; });
197
198
    }
    template <typename CostFn>
200
```

```
void solve(CostFn&& cost) { // no type checking: OK hack here, but not good for library.
        // Overall there are 4*3*2*1/2 solutions to the puzzle
202
        // (children form 2 symmetric groups and thus result in 2 out of 4 permutations).
203
        // However the search algorithm may collapse symmetric solutions, thus only one is reported.
204
        // By changing the cost function we can express a preference and
205
        // then the algorithm should report different solutions
206
        auto states = state_space_t{
207
            state_t{}, // initial state
            cost_t{},
                        // initial cost
209
            successors<state_t>(transitions), // successor generator from your library
210
                                                // invariant over states
            &river_crossing_valid,
211
            std::forward<CostFn>(cost)};
                                                // cost over states
212
        auto solutions = states.check(&goal);
213
        if (solutions.emptv()) {
214
            std::cout << "No solution\n";</pre>
        } else {
            for (auto&& trace: solutions) {
217
                std::cout << "Solution:\n";</pre>
218
                std::cout << "Boat,</pre>
                                          Mothr,Fathr,Daug1,Daug2,Son1, Son2, Polic,Prisn\n";
219
                for (auto&& state: trace)
                     std::cout << *state << '\n';</pre>
221
            }
222
        }
    }
224
225
    int main() {
226
        std::cout << "-- Solve using depth as a cost: ---\n";</pre>
227
        solve([](const state_t& state, const cost_t& prev_cost){
228
                   return cost_t{ prev_cost.depth+1, prev_cost.noise };
229
              }); // it is likely that daughters will get to shore2 first
230
        std::cout << "-- Solve using noise as a cost: ---\n";</pre>
231
        solve([](const state_t& state, const cost_t& prev_cost){
232
                   auto noise = prev_cost.noise;
233
                   if (state.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::shore1)
234
                       noise += 2; // older son is more noughty, prefer him first
235
                   if (state.persons[person_t::son2].pos == person_t::shore1)
                       noise += 1;
237
                   return cost_t{ prev_cost.depth, noise };
238
              }); // son1 should get to shore2 first
        std::cout << "-- Solve using different noise as a cost: ---\n";</pre>
240
        solve([](const state_t& state, const cost_t& prev_cost){
241
                   auto noise = prev_cost.noise;
242
                   if (state.persons[person_t::son1].pos == person_t::shore1)
                       noise += 1;
244
                   if (state.persons[person_t::son2].pos == person_t::shore1)
245
                       noise += 2; // younger son is more distressed, prefer him first
                   return cost_t{ prev_cost.depth, noise };
              }); // son2 should get to the shore2 first
248
249
    /** Example solutions (shows only the states with travel):
    --- Solve using depth as a cost: ---
251
              Mothr, Fathr, Daug1, Daug2, Son1, Son2, Polic, Prisn
252
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~}
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{-~~},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~}
256
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},
257
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},
259
    {trv,1,2},{SH2},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1}
260
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~}
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2}
```

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{trv,1,2},{SH2},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2}
265
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~}
266
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~},{sh1}
    {trv,1,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1}
268
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
269
    --- Solve using noise as a cost: ---
270
    Boat,
              Mothr, Fathr, Daug1, Daug2, Son1, Son2, Polic, Prisn
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{-~~},{~~~}
272
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{SH2}
273
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{-~~},{sh1},{-~~},{SH2}
274
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1}
276
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
277
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
280
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2}
281
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2}
282
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},
284
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1}
    {trv,1,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1}
287
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
288
    -- Solve using different noise as a cost: ---
289
              Mothr, Fathr, Daug1, Daug2, Son1, Son2, Polic, Prisn
    Boat.
290
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~}
291
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{SH2}
292
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{~~~},{SH2}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh1},{sh2},{~~~},{~~~}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{~~~},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
295
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
296
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
297
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1}
    {trv,2,2},{sh1},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
299
    {trv,1,2},{sh1},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2}
300
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{~~~},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},
301
    {trv,1,2},{~~~},{SH2},{sh1},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},
302
    {trv,2,2},{~~~},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2}
303
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{sh1},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{~~~}
304
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1}
305
    {trv,1,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~},{sh1}
306
    {trv,2,2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{SH2},{~~~}
307
308
```

Listing 4: CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.10)
project(PuzzleEngine CXX)

set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 17)
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD_REQUIRED ON)
set(CMAKE_CXX_EXTENSIONS OFF)

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set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_DEBUG "${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_DEBUG} -fsanitize=undefined -fsanitize=address")
set(CMAKE_LINK_FLAGS_DEBUG "${CMAKE_LINK_FLAGS_DEBUG} -fsanitize=undefined -fsanitize=address")
add_executable(frogs frogs.cpp)
add_executable(crossing crossing.cpp)
add_executable(family family.cpp)
```