

Search_type	Start State	Solution Found	Depth	Nodes Expanded	Search Time
BFS	[7, 8, 5, 2, 4, 1, 3, 0, 6]	FALSE	31	181440	3.924894084
DFS	[7, 8, 5, 2, 4, 1, 3, 0, 6]	FALSE	66743	181440	2.612528109
A* Misplaced Tiles	[7, 8, 5, 2, 4, 1, 3, 0, 6]	FALSE	30	181440	4.402434843
A* Manhattan Distance	[7, 8, 5, 2, 4, 1, 3, 0, 6]	FALSE	30	181440	5.376699357
BFS	[0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 1]	FALSE	31	181440	3.471148665
DFS	[0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 1]	FALSE	67098	181440	2.582264824
A* Misplaced Tiles	[0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 1]	FALSE	32	181440	4.414914438
A* Manhattan Distance	[0, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 2, 1]	FALSE	28	181440	5.649405907
BFS	[4, 3, 6, 8, 1, 7, 2, 0, 5]	TRUE	19	51323	1.028549113
DFS	[4, 3, 6, 8, 1, 7, 2, 0, 5]	TRUE	65369	151263	2.284568269
A* Misplaced Tiles	[4, 3, 6, 8, 1, 7, 2, 0, 5]	TRUE	19	3705	0.105340361
A* Manhattan Distance	[4, 3, 6, 8, 1, 7, 2, 0, 5]	TRUE	19	551	0.013911298
BFS	[4, 3, 1, 2, 0, 5, 6, 7, 8]	FALSE	30	181440	2.830970998
DFS	[4, 3, 1, 2, 0, 5, 6, 7, 8]	FALSE	66996	181440	2.581061467
A* Misplaced Tiles	[4, 3, 1, 2, 0, 5, 6, 7, 8]	FALSE	30	181440	3.536945749
A* Manhattan Distance	[4, 3, 1, 2, 0, 5, 6, 7, 8]	FALSE	30	181440	4.420362335
BFS	[0, 4, 2, 8, 1, 6, 3, 5, 7]	FALSE	31	181440	2.783622097
DFS	[0, 4, 2, 8, 1, 6, 3, 5, 7]	FALSE	67098	181440	2.549682134
A* Misplaced Tiles	[0, 4, 2, 8, 1, 6, 3, 5, 7]	FALSE	30	181440	3.582126552
A* Manhattan Distance	[0, 4, 2, 8, 1, 6, 3, 5, 7]	FALSE	30	181440	4.386839003
BFS	[3, 0, 6, 8, 7, 1, 5, 4, 2]	TRUE	25	167788	2.417670386
DFS	[3, 0, 6, 8, 7, 1, 5, 4, 2]	TRUE	18891	34007	0.323441522
A* Misplaced Tiles	[3, 0, 6, 8, 7, 1, 5, 4, 2]	TRUE	25	42209	0.645347441
A* Manhattan Distance	[3, 0, 6, 8, 7, 1, 5, 4, 2]	TRUE	25	3808	0.072354313

BFS	[0, 2, 6, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 3]	TRUE	24	154312	2.219178098
DFS	[0, 2, 6, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 3]	TRUE	66014	131541	1.376305085
A* Misplaced Tiles	[0, 2, 6, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 3]	TRUE	24	28179	0.419687965
A* Manhattan Distance	[0, 2, 6, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 3]	TRUE	24	5221	0.095366641

BFS	[2, 1, 0, 6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 5]	TRUE	26	170988	2.490635069
DFS	[2, 1, 0, 6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 5]	TRUE	53900	167437	1.869649881
A* Misplaced Tiles	[2, 1, 0, 6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 5]	TRUE	26	53697	0.846556171
A* Manhattan Distance	[2, 1, 0, 6, 8, 7, 4, 3, 5]	TRUE	26	5673	0.105770188

BFS	[3, 1, 5, 7, 6, 4, 0, 8, 2]	FALSE	31	181440	2.789354438
DFS	[3, 1, 5, 7, 6, 4, 0, 8, 2]	FALSE	66906	181440	2.593582938
A* Misplaced Tiles	[3, 1, 5, 7, 6, 4, 0, 8, 2]	FALSE	31	181440	3.58851035
A* Manhattan Distance	[3, 1, 5, 7, 6, 4, 0, 8, 2]	FALSE	30	181440	4.516754555

BFS	[6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 8, 0, 5, 3]	TRUE	22	100384	1.335753611
DFS	[6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 8, 0, 5, 3]	TRUE	51004	169562	1.929571216
A* Misplaced Tiles	[6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 8, 0, 5, 3]	TRUE	22	12057	0.171211322
A* Manhattan Distance	[6, 7, 2, 4, 1, 8, 0, 5, 3]	TRUE	22	1223	0.02296176

			Avg Depth	Avg Nodes	Avg Time
Average BFS			27	155199.5	2.529177656
Average DFS			66968.2	156101	2.079816747
Avg A* Misplaced Tiles			26.9	104704.7	2.171307519
Avg A* Manhattan Distance			26.4	92367.6	2.466042536
<p>The Averages of these searches include valid puzzles as well as invalid puzzles.</p> <p>* The breadth first search (BFS) has a similar depth to the A* searches, but the node count is considerably higher which shows that the breadth first search is defiantly not memory friendly.</p> <p>* The DFS has an extremely high depth due to the search expanding as far as possible before traversing down the next possible path. The node count is also high. This result could be different with other random puzzles. The average search time for depth first was slightly better than the average time for the breadth first search.</p> <p>* The A* misplaced tiles had a very similar depth to the BFS, which is expected. The average nodes were a good bit lower. This average would have been even lower if the invalid puzzles would not have been a factor. The average time was slightly faster, and again this is due to the invalid solutions being a factor in some of the searches.</p> <p>* The A* Manhattan distance had a slightly better average depth than the breadth first search and A* misplaced tiles search. The average nodes expanded was the least of all the search types, which is definitely expected. The average search time for the A* Manhattan was slightly higher than the misplaced tiles search which came as a surprise, but then I considered that this was again due to the invalid solutions being a factor in the averages.</p>					

Solution Path

9 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 1
9 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 1
9 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 1

4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 3, ', '3 swapped for 2, ', '2 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 9, ', '9 swapped for 6
4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 2, ', '2 swapped for 1, ', '1 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 3, ', '3 swapped for 2
4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 3, ', '3 swapped for 2, ', '2 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 9, ', '9 swapped for 6

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for 3, '3 swapped for 2, ', '2 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 9, ', '9 swap
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for 6, '6 swapped for 5, '5 swapped for 4, '4 swapped for 1, '1 swapped for 2, '2 swap
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for 2, '2 swapped for 5, '5 swapped for 8, '8 swapped for 7, '7 swapped for 4, '4 swapped

			Average Depth for Valid Puzzles	Average Node Count For Valid Puzzles	Average Time for Valid Puzzles
Average BFS			23.2	128959	1.898357
Average DFS			51035.6	130762	1.556707
Avg A* Misplaced Tiles			23.2	27969.4	0.437629
AvgA* Manhattan Distance			23.2	3295.2	0.062073
<p>The Averages of these searches includes only valid puzzle solutions. The invalid solutions were not added into the calculations.</p> <p>*The breadth first search A* misplaced and A* Manhattan searches all have the same average depth which is expected. The node count for the depth first search is considerably higher than all the other searches, which again is due to the stack data structure causing the search to traverse all the way down one branch before moving to the next branch.</p> <p>*The average node count for the breadth first search shows that this types search is definitely not memory friendly. Even though only valid solutions were factors in these averages, breadth first search still expanded A LOT of nodes to find the solution. This is due to the queue data structure.</p> <p>*The average node count for the A* misplaced tiles is quite a bit lower than the node count for BFS or DFS. This is due to the heuristic being used in correlation with the depth of each node. This value is used to add nodes to the priority queue. The lower the heuristic value, the better chance at finding a solution. The search time is considerably less and again this is due to the heuristic being used.</p> <p>* The average node count for the A* Manhattan distance is much, much lower than all the other searches. This is completely because the A* Manhattan searches finds the optimal solution with the depth of the node added to the heuristic value. The heuristic calculates how many positions the current tile is out of place and then adds that number to the total heuristic for that state. This total heuristic value for the state is then added with the depth to that point and this value is used to determine where the node should be placed in the priority queue. This ensures that the node with the lowest heuristic will be chosen every time. The search time for the A* Manhattan distance is incredibly fast. The optimal solution is found faster, due to the heuristic being more precise than it was for the A* misplaced tiles.</p>					

i, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 9, ']

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i, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 9, ']

pped for 2, ', '2 swapped for 3, ', '3 swapped for 6, ', '6 swapped for 5, ', '5 swapped for 4, ', '4 swapped for 7, ', '7 swapped for 8, ', '8 swapped for 9, ']

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