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Q1 What is the time complexity of the water jug problem?

→ In the worst-case scenario, we would need to visit every possible state to find a solution. Each state has six possible next states (filling, emptying or pouring each jug), so the branching factor is 6. Therefore, the time complexity is exponential $O(6^d)$, where d is the depth of the search tree.

Q2 Why is DFS not used for solving a water jug problem?

→ DFS is not typically used for solving the water jug problem because it may get stuck in deep branches without finding a solution. It does not guarantee finding the shortest path to the solution and may exhaust memory if the search space is large.