

A Water Jug Problem.

You are given two jugs, a 4 gallon one and a 3-gallon one. Neither has any measuring markers on it. There is a pump that can be used to fill the jugs with water. How can we get exactly 2 litres of water into 4-litre jug.

State space is the set of ordered pairs of integers (x, y) .
State: (x, y) .

$x = 0, 1, 2, 3$ or 4 . $y = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

Start state: $(0, 0)$

Goal state: $(2, n)$ for any n .

Production rules

1. $(x, y) \rightarrow (4, y)$ Fill the 4-gallon Jug.
if $x < 4$
2. $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 3)$ Fill the 3-gallon Jug.
if $y < 3$
3. $(x, y) \rightarrow (x-d, y)$ Pour some water out of
if $x > 0$ the 4-gallon jug.
4. $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y-d)$ Pour some water out of
if $y > 0$ the 3-gallon jug.
5. $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, y)$ Empty the 4-gallon jug
if $(x > 0)$ on the ground.
6. $(x, y) \rightarrow (x, 0)$ Empty the 3-gallon
if $(y > 0)$ jug on the ground.
7. $(x, y) \rightarrow (4, y - (4-x))$ Pour water from the
if $(x+y \geq 4, y > 0)$ 3 gallon jug into the
4 gallon jug until the
4 gallon jug is full

8. (x, y) .
if $(x+y \geq 3, x > 0) \rightarrow (x - (3-y), 3)$ Pour water from 4-gallon jug into 3-gallon jug until the 3-gallon jug is full
9. (x, y) .
if $(x+y \leq 4, y > 0) \rightarrow (x+y, 0)$ Pour all water from 3-gallon jug into 4-gallon jug
10. (x, y) .
if $(x+y \leq 3, x > 0) \rightarrow (0, x+y)$ Pour all water from 4-gallon jug into 3-gallon jug
11. $(0, 2) \rightarrow (2, 0)$ Pour the 2 gallons from 3-gallon jug into the 4-gallon jug
12. $(2, y) \rightarrow (0, y)$ Empty the 2 gallons in the 4-gallon jug on ground

Solution to Water Jug problem

- Current state = $(0, 0)$.
- Loop until reaching the goal state $(2, 0)$.
 - Apply a rule whose left side matches the current state
 - Set the new current state to be resulting state

Gallons in 4-Gallon jug	Gallons in 3-gallon jug.	Rule applied
0	0	2
0	3	9
3	0	9, 2
3	3	7
4	0	5 or 12
0	2	9 or 11.
2	0	