

VIVA

1] What is A\* search algorithm

A] A\* search algorithm is an optimal algorithm that uses the function  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$

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path cost upto node n      heuristic function

2] What are the different methods used to calculate distance approximation heuristically.

A] 1) Manhattan distance

2) Displacement.

3) Hamming distance

3] What is a heuristic function.

A] A heuristic function gives us an approximation of how far the goal state is from the current state.

It helps us to check whether we are going closer to the solution or away from it.

Ex: Manhattan Distance.

4] What are agents?

A] An agent is an entity that takes the input from the environment through sensors and ~~acts~~ performs actions through actuators.

Ex: Part Picking robot, Vacuum cleaner.

5] How an agent senses?

A] An agent senses using sensors. The information <sup>it</sup> senses is called as a percept.

Ex: Camera, Infrared sensor.

6] Why IDS is better than other search algorithms

A] It has the best time complexity. Its max depth is initially 1.

Then it increases by 1 each time until the solution is found.  
This prevents the algorithm from searching indefinitely.

7) Where are IDS, A\* implemented in real-life applications?

A) GPS, Routing algorithms in Computer Networks, Flow