

AI-ML Video Notes.

Rational: Maximally achieving pre-defined goals.

Being rational means maximising your expected utility.

Reflex Agent:

- Chooses action based on current percept (& maybe memory), also "it" doesn't consider the future consequences of their actions.

Search Problems:

→ A search problem usually consists of: a state space & a <sup>with actions, costs</sup> successor function, a start state & a goal state.

A sol<sup>n</sup> is essentially a sequence of steps which transform the start state to a goal state.

State Space Graph: It is a mathematical rep<sup>n</sup> of a search problem, with nodes representing configurations. Arcs representing successors. Each state occurs only once! And building the entire graph is very expensive memory wise.

General Tree Search Algorithm:

function TREE-SEARCH(problem, strategy) returns a sol<sup>n</sup>, or a failure

  initialize the search tree using the initial state of the problem.

  loop do

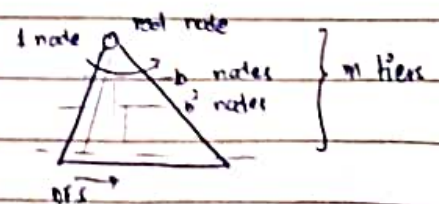
    if there are no candidates for expansion  $\Rightarrow$  return failure.

    choose a leaf node for expansion according to strategy.

    if node contains a goal state then return the corr. sol<sup>n</sup>

    else expand the node & add the resulting nodes to the search tree.

  end loop

Properties: (for DFS)

(i) It'll stop at the left most sol<sup>n</sup>.

In the worst case, it'll explore the entire tree.

$b$ : branch factor

$m$ : max<sup>m</sup> depth.

(ii) How much space does the fringe take?

No. of nodes =  $1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^m = O(b^{m+1})$

- ⇒ Only has siblings from on path to root, so  $O(bm)$
- ⇒ Is the algo complete? (or can we find a sol<sup>n</sup> whenever it is in the tree)

Ans: No as  $m$  could be infinite

### Breadth First Search:

- ⇒ It'll gonna process all sol<sup>n</sup>s above the shallowest sol<sup>n</sup>.

- ⇒ Search time in the worst case:  $O(b^m)$



How much space does the fringe take?

- ⇒ Roughly the last tier so  $O(b^4)$

- ⇒ If  $m$  is finite then we can find a sol<sup>n</sup>.

Uniform Cost Search: Special Case of  $A^*$  (Prove it)



### Search Heuristics:

- Heuristic is a function that maps states to real nos & estimates how close we are to the goal.
- Designed for a particular search problem.

### Greedy Search: (Best First Search)

Strategy: We expand a node that we think is the closest to the goal state.

Heuristic: We estimate the distance to the nearest goal for each state.

### Combining UCS & Greedy:

Uniform Cost Search orders by the path cost or backward cost  $g(n)$ .

A\* Search orders by the sum:  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$ .

→ We only stop when we dequeue a goal.

Admissibility: They slow down the bad plans but never outweigh true costs.

A heuristic is admissible (optimistic) if:

$$0 \leq h(n) \leq h^*(n)$$

where  $h^*(n)$  is the true cost to the nearest goal.

### Optimality of A\* Search:

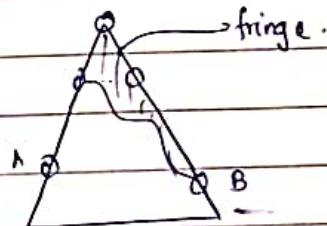
Assume that:

→ A is an optimal goal node & B is a suboptimal goal node.

→ h is admissible

Claim:

A will exit the fringe before



Proof:

→ Imagine B is on the fringe.

→ Now there will be some ancestor  $n$  of A that is on the fringe too (may even be A)

→  $n$  will be expanded before B.

1.  $f(n)$  is less than or equal to  $f(A)$ .

2.  $f(A) < f(B)$

→  $n$  expands before B

$$g(A) < g(B)$$

$$f(A) < f(B)$$

since A is goal.

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

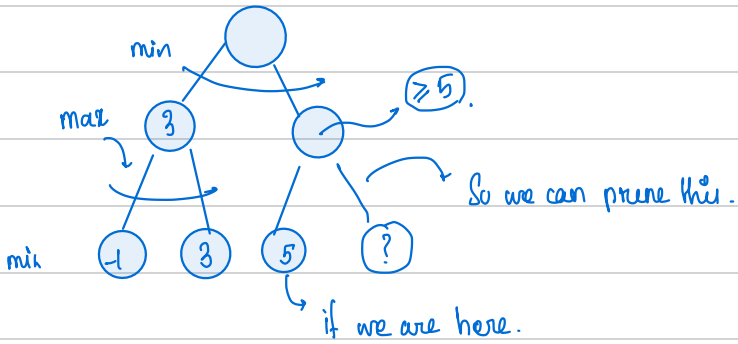
$$\text{and } f(n) \leq g(A)$$

cuz of  
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## Minimax Algorithm:

Convention: Suppose that we're playing chess then white tries to maximize the score while black tries to minimize it. Leaf nodes  $\Rightarrow$  static evaluation of nodes.

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minimax ( pos , depth , playerOne )  
    if depth == 0 or gameOver in pos :  $\leftarrow$  This is for the leaf nodes.  
        return static evaluation of pos  
  
    if playerOne :  
        maxEval =  $-\infty$   
        for each child of pos :  
            eval = minimax ( child , depth-1 , False )  
            maxEval = max ( eval , maxEval )  
        return maxEval.  
  
    else :  
        minEval =  $+\infty$   
        for each child of pos :  
            eval = minimax ( child , depth-1 , True )  
            minEval = min ( eval , minEval )  
        return minEval
```



maximising Player :

$$\alpha = \max(\alpha, \text{eval})$$

if  $\alpha > \beta$

break

minimizing Player :

$$\beta = \min(\beta, \text{eval})$$

if  $a \geq \beta$

break

## Constraint Satisfaction Problems: (Part - i)

Map Coloring: We want to color each of the countries but we don't want neighbouring countries to have the same colors.

State: It is a black box

Goal test: It is a function that checks if a particular state is a goal state or not.

CSPs:

State  $\rightarrow$  variables  $X_i$  with values from domain  $D$ .

Goal test  $\rightarrow$  set of constraints specifying allowable combinations of values for subset of variables.

Map Coloring:

Each country  $\rightarrow$  variables.

Domains :  $D = \{\text{color set}\}$

Constraints : Adjacent regions should have different colors.

$\hookrightarrow$  Explicit : Constraints in terms of domain

Implicit : Direct inequalities.

Sol<sup>n</sup> : Assignment of variables that satisfies all constraints.

N-Queens :

Variables : Position of queen in each row  $Q_k$

Domains:  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow$  row numbers

Constraints:

$\forall i, j \quad (Q_i, Q_j) \Rightarrow \text{non-threatening.} \quad (\text{implicit})$

$(Q_i, Q_j) \in \{ \dots \} \quad (\text{explicit})$

Constraint Graphs:

Binary CSP: Each constraint relates at most 2 variables

Nodes are variables & edges are constraints.

Cryptarithmic Puzzles:

$$\begin{array}{r} x_3 \quad x_2 \quad x_1 \\ \text{TWO} \\ + \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$

Variables:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, T, W, O, F, U, R$

Domain:  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$

Constraints

↳ Graph won't be binary

Waltz Algorithm: (Example of CSP)

Used for the interpretation of line drawings of solid polyhedra as 3D objects.

Approach:

Each intersection is a variable.

Adjacent intersections impose constraints on each other.

Some are physically realizable 3D interpretations.

## Types of CSPs:

### a) Discrete Variables

finite domain  $\rightarrow d \rightarrow O(d^n)$   
eg: Boolean CSPs

infinite domains  
integers, strings  
eg: Job Scheduling

### b) Continuous Variables

eg: linear constraints solvable in polynomial time by LP methods.

## Types of Constraints:

Unary Constraints: eg:  $var \neq x$   $\swarrow$  value.

Binary Constraints: eg:  $var_1 \neq var_2$

Higher ordered: (involving 3 or more variables)

Preferences  $\Rightarrow x$  is better than  $y$ .

## Solving CSPs:

**Backtracking Search:** [Bad name]  $\nearrow$  cuz we backtrack only we don't have more options !!

$\rightarrow$  One variable at a time! (Only need to consider assignments to one variable at a time s.t. that doesn't break the constraints)

$\rightarrow$  Check constraints on the go! (Incremental goal test)

## Pseudocode:



function Backtrack (cp)  
    <sup>initially assignment is empty.</sup>  
    return recursiveSearch ( {}, cp)

function recursiveSearch ( angn, cp)  
    if angn is complete  $\Rightarrow$  passes all constraints.  
        return angn

var  $\leftarrow$  select un-assigned-variable ( variables [cp], angn, cp)  
for each value in Order-domain-values (var, angn, cp):

    if value == consistent given Constraints [cp]:

        add { var = value } to angn

        result  $\leftarrow$  recursiveSearch ( angn, cp)

        if result  $\neq$  failure

            return result

} Normal backtracking  
with this check.

        remove { var = value } from angn

    return failure.

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Improving:

Ordering: Order of assignment

Filtering: Can we detect a failure early on.

<sup>Ruling out suspects.</sup>

Structure: Can we exploit the problem structure.

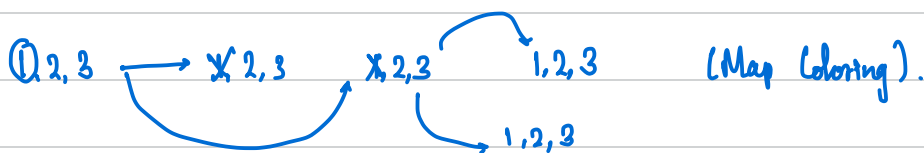
## Filtering:

We keep a track of domains for unassigned variables & cross-off the bad options.

Forward Checking: (It re-filtering of all variables after each assignment)

We cross-off values that could violate a constraint when added to existing assignment

eg:



Essentially forward checking doesn't contribute to early detection of failures which is precisely what we want!! It doesn't care about "rel" b/w assigned & unassigned variables

Constraint Propagation: Reason from constraint to constraint.

↳ it's slow!!

## Consistency of a Single Arc:

Def<sup>n</sup>: An arc  $X \rightarrow Y$  is consistent if and only if for every  $x$  in the tail, there is some  $y$  in the head which could be assigned without violating a constraint.

To make  $X \rightarrow Y$  consistent, we need to delete smth from the tail.

A simple form of propagation makes sure that all arcs (or edges) are consistent.

In forward filtering, we are just checking the consistency of all nodes with the new assignment.

Note:

If  $X$  loses a value, then neighbours of  $X$  need to be re-checked!

Limitation: There can be 1, 0 or multiple solns

Enforcing Arc Consistency in a CSP:

function AC-3 (CSP) return CSP

$$T = O(n^2 d^3) \Rightarrow O(n^2 d^2) \text{ can be done.}$$

$q \rightarrow$  queue of arcs (Initially all arcs in CSPs)

while  $q \neq \emptyset$  do:

$(x_i, x_j) \leftarrow \text{remove-first}(q)$

if  $\text{re-move-inconsistent-values}(x_i, x_j)$  then:

for each  $x_u$  in  $\text{Neighbours}[x_i]$  do:

add  $(x_i, x_u)$  to the  $q$ .

function  $\text{re-move-inconsistent-values}(x_i, x_j)$

removed  $\leftarrow$  false

for each  $x$  in  $\text{Domain}[x_i]$

if no value  $y$  in  $\text{Domain}[x_j]$  allows  $x_i \leftrightarrow x_j$

remove  $x$  from  $\text{Domain}[x_i]$

removed  $\leftarrow$  true

return removed

( $x_i, y$ ) to satisfy

$\downarrow$

## CSPs Part-II

### Ordering:

What's a good place to start?

**MRV - Minimum Remaining Variables:** Choose the variable with the fewest legal values left in the domain post assignment.

Why min?  $\Rightarrow$  Most constrained variable!! (Hard ones first)

Choose a variable that doesn't cross-off too many things  $\Rightarrow$  Least constraining

Picking a value  $\Rightarrow$  Choose the easy one. value.

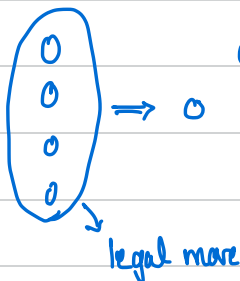
**K-Consistency:** (Doesn't violate constraints)

**1-Consistency:** (Node): Each single node's domain has a value which meets the node's unary constraints.

**2-Consistency:** (Arc): For each pair of nodes, any consistent assignment to one can be extended to the other. (delete from the tail after assignment)

⋮

**k-consistency:** For each  $k$  nodes, any consistent assignment to  $(k-1)$  can be extended to the  $k^{\text{th}}$  node.



can be extended to one more node.

Strong  $k$ -consistency:  $\Rightarrow$  also  $k-1 \Rightarrow k-2 \dots \Rightarrow 1$ -consistent

Claim: Strong  $n$ -consistency means we can solve without backtracking!

Why?

Choose any assignment to a variable

Choose a new variable

By 2-consistent, the given choice is consistent with the first

$\vdots$

$\vdots$

$k=3 \Rightarrow$  path consistency.

↓  
Bottom to up.

How to utilize the structure of problems to gain advantages?

Dividing a given problem into smaller sub-problems.

eg: If originally we have  $n$  variables  $\Rightarrow$  divided into sub-problems of only variables  
 $T = O((n/c)^d)$ , linear in  $n$ .

Theorem: If consistent graph has no loops, then CSP can be solved in  $O(nd^2)$   
compared to general case,  $T = O(d^n)$

Tree-Structured CSP

Algo:  $\nearrow$  Topological Sorting

- Order: Choose a root, order the variables so that parents precede children
- Remove backward: for  $i = n$  to 2: Remove Inconsistent (Parent( $x_i$ ),  $x_i$ )

- Assign forward : For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  : assign  $X_i$  consistently with  $\text{Parent}(X_i)$

Run-time :  $O(nd^2)$   $\rightarrow$  Refer the book for the proof.



## Adversarial Search.

All searches we've seen till now  $\rightarrow$  Single Agent Trees

Leaves  $\Rightarrow$  values of the state

Value of a state is the best achievable outcome (utility) from that state.

$V(s)$  = known for terminal states

$V(s) = \max_{v' \in \text{child}(s)} V(v')$  for non-terminal states.

Minimax (Cuz it's like exhaustive DFS)

$$T = O(b^m)$$

$$S = O(b \cdot m)$$