Heuristic:

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import heapq
GOAL\_STATE = ((1, 2, 3),
              (8, 0, 4),
              (7, 6, 5))
def misplaced tile(state):
    misplaced = 0
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if state[i][j] != 0 and state[i][j] !=
GOAL STATE[i][j]:
                misplaced += 1
    return misplaced
def find blank(state):
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if state[i][j] == 0:
                return i, j
def generate neighbors(state):
    neighbors = []
    x, y = find blank(state)
    directions = [(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0)]
    for dx, dy in directions:
        nx, ny = x + dx, y + dy
        if 0 \le nx \le 3 and 0 \le ny \le 3:
            new state = [list(row) for row in state]
            new state[x][y], new state[nx][ny] =
new state[nx][ny], new state[x][y]
            neighbors.append(tuple(tuple(row) for row in
new state))
   return neighbors
def reconstruct path(came from, current):
    path = [current]
    while current in came from:
        current = came from[current]
        path.append(current)
   path.reverse()
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return path
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def a star(start):
    open list = []
    heapq.heappush(open list, (0 + misplaced tile(start),
0, start))
    g score = {start: 0}
   came from = {}
  visited = set()
    while open list:
        _, g, current = heapq.heappop(open_list)
        if current == GOAL STATE:
            path = reconstruct path(came from, current)
            return path, g
        visited.add(current)
        for neighbor in generate_neighbors(current):
            if neighbor in visited:
                continue
            tentative g = g score[current] + 1
            if tentative g < g score.get(neighbor,</pre>
float('inf')):
                came from[neighbor] = current
                g score[neighbor] = tentative g
                f score = tentative g +
misplaced tile(neighbor) \# f(n) = g(n) + h(n)
                heapq.heappush(open list, (f score,
tentative g, neighbor))
return None, None
def print state(state):
    for row in state:
   print(row)
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print()
if name == " main ":
     start_state = ((2, 8, 3),
                           (1, 6, 4),
                           (7, 0, 5))
     print("Initial State:")
     print state(start state)
     print("Goal State:")
     print state(GOAL STATE)
     solution, cost = a star(start state)
     if solution:
           print(f"Solution found with cost: {cost}")
           print("Steps:")
           for step in solution:
             print state(step)
     else:
           print("No solution found.")
Output:
  Initial State:
  (2, 8, 3)
(1, 6, 4)
(7, 0, 5)
     Goal State:
     (1, 2, 3)
(8, 0, 4)
     (7, 6, 5)
     Solution found with cost: 5
     Steps:
     (2, 8, 3)
(1, 6, 4)
(7, 0, 5)
     (2, 8, 3)
     (1, 0, 4)
(7, 6, 5)
     (2, 0, 3)
(1, 8, 4)
     (7, 6, 5)
     (0, 2, 3)
     (1, 8, 4)
(7, 6, 5)
     (1, 2, 3)
(0, 8, 4)
(7, 6, 5)
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(1, 2, 3) (8, 0, 4) (7, 6, 5)