## Program 2 Implement AO\* Search algorithm

## **Algorithm**

- AO\* algorithm uses the concept of AND-OR graphs to decompose any complex problems into smaller set of problems.
- It's a knowledge based searching technique, where the start and goal nodes is defined, and the best path is found using the heuristic values.
- A\* gives the optimal solution. But AO\* doesn't guarantee optimal solution. It doesn't explore all the solutions paths.
- (1) Create a initial graph with a single node(start node)
- (2) Traverse the graph following the current path, accumulating node that has not yet been expanded or solved
- (3) Pick any of these nodes and expand it. If it has no successors call this value FUTILITY, otherwise calculate f' for each of the successors.
- (4) If f' is 0, then mark the node as SOLVED
- (5) Change the value of f' for the newly created node to reflect its successors by back propagation.
- (6) Wherever possible use the most promising routes and if a node is marked as SOLVED them mark the parent node as SOLVED
- (7) If starting node is SOLVED or value greater than FUTILITY, stop, else repeat from Step 2

## **Program**

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def recAOStar(n):
    global finalPath
    print("Expanding Node:", n)
    and_nodes = []
    or_nodes = []
    if (n in allNodes):
        if 'AND' in allNodes[n]:
            and_nodes = allNodes[n]['AND']
        if 'OR' in allNodes[n]:
            or_nodes = allNodes[n]['OR']
    if len(and_nodes) == 0 and len(or_nodes) == 0:
        return
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marked = {}
  while not solvable:
    if len(marked) == len(and_nodes) + len(or_nodes):
      min_cost_least, min_cost_group_least = least_cost_group(and_nodes, or_nodes, {})
      solvable = True
      change heuristic(n, min cost least)
      optimal_child_group[n] = min_cost_group_least
      continue
    min_cost, min_cost_group = least_cost_group(and_nodes, or_nodes, marked)
    is_expanded = False
    if len(min_cost_group) > 1:
      if (min_cost_group[0] in allNodes):
         is_expanded = True
         recAOStar(min_cost_group[0])
      if (min_cost_group[1] in allNodes):
         is_expanded = True
         recAOStar(min_cost_group[1])
    else:
      if (min_cost_group in allNodes):
         is_expanded = True
         recAOStar(min_cost_group)
    if is_expanded:
      min_cost_verify, min_cost_group_verify = least_cost_group(and_nodes, or_nodes, {})
      if min_cost_group == min_cost_group_verify:
         solvable = True
         change_heuristic(n, min_cost_verify)
         optimal_child_group[n] = min_cost_group
    else:
      solvable = True
      change heuristic(n. min cost)
      optimal_child_group[n] = min_cost_group
    marked[min_cost_group] = 1
  return heuristic(n)
def least_cost_group(and_nodes, or_nodes, marked):
  node_wise_cost = {}
  for node_pair in and_nodes:
    if not node_pair[0] + node_pair[1] in marked:
      cost = 0
      cost = cost + heuristic(node_pair[0]) + heuristic(node_pair[1]) + 2
      node_wise_cost[node_pair[0] + node_pair[1]] = cost
  for node in or nodes:
    if not node in marked:
      cost = 0
      cost = cost + heuristic(node) + 1
      node_wise_cost[node] = cost
  min_cost = 9999999
  min_cost_group = None
  for costKey in node wise cost:
    if node_wise_cost[costKey] < min_cost:
      min_cost = node_wise_cost[costKey]
      min_cost_group = costKey
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return [min_cost, min_cost_group]
def heuristic(n):
  return H_dist[n]
def change_heuristic(n, cost):
  H_dist[n] = cost
  return
def print_path(node):
  print(optimal_child_group[node], end="")
  node = optimal_child_group[node]
  if len(node) > 1:
     if node[0] in optimal_child_group:
       print("->", end="")
       print_path(node[0])
     if node[1] in optimal_child_group:
       print("->", end="")
       print_path(node[1])
  else:
     if node in optimal_child_group:
       print("->", end="")
       print_path(node)
H dist = {
  'A': -1,
  'B': 4,
  'C': 2,
  'D': 3,
  'E': 6,
  'F': 8,
  'G': 2,
  'H': 0,
  'I': 0,
  'J': 0
allNodes = {
  'A': {'AND': [('C', 'D')], 'OR': ['B']},
  'B': {'OR': ['E', 'F']},
  'C': {'OR': ['G'], 'AND': [('H', 'I')]},
  'D': {'OR': ['J']}
}
optimal_child_group = {}
optimal_cost = recAOStar('A')
print('Nodes which gives optimal cost are')
print_path('A')
print('\nOptimal Cost is :: ', optimal_cost)
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## **Result**

Expanding Node: A
Expanding Node: B
Expanding Node: C
Expanding Node: D

Nodes which gives optimal cost are

CD->HI->J

Optimal Cost is :: 5