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Tutorial 2 : To understand State Space problem formulation.

Aim : To understand State Space based problem formulation of AI problems so that problem solving agent can be applied.

Theory : First we understand the problem solving agent. Agent first formulates goal and problem, then determines or rather searches an actⁿ sequence, after which it returns the next actⁿ to be executed in a sequential manner.

Defining the problem is referred to as problem formulation. It involves defining following five things :

- Initial state - It is the starting state that the problem is in.
- Actions - It defines all possible actⁿ available to the agent, given it is in some states currently. It is a function Action(s) that returns list of all possible actions.
- Transition Model - also known as successor functⁿ which define which state/s the system

function SIMPLE - PROBLEM - SOLVING - AGENT (percept)
returns an action

static : seq, an action sequence, initially empty
state, some description of the current world
goal, a goal, initially null
problem, a problem formulation

state ← UPDATE - STATE (state, percept)

if seq is empty then do

goal ← FORMULATE - GOAL (state)

problem ← FORMULATE - PROBLEM (state, goal)

seq ← SEARCH (problem)

action ← First (seq)

seq ← REST (seq)

return action

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tend to move to when a particular action is executed by the agent. Successive application of transition model gives rise to what is known as state space.

- Goal Test - This act as a stopping condition when the state passed to this function is goal state it will return true and searching would stop.
- Path cost - It is accumulated cost of performing certain sequence of action. This can help in determining whether the action sequence under consideration is optimal.

Thus a problem can formally specified by identifying initial state, action (operators), transition model (successor function), goal test and path cost. In turn of problem solving agent solution is the path from initial state to a goal state, optimal solution is the lowest path cost of all solution. Process of finding a solution is called search.

Working :

Based on understanding of problem formulation students need to formulate following problem. They will clearly show state space up to depth level 3 or till goal node whichever is shallowest.

c. Water Jug Problem :