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import copy
from heapq import heappop, heappush
n = 3 # Size of the puzzle (3x3 for the 8-puzzle)
# Directions for moving the empty tile: Down, Left, Up, Right
directions = [(1, 0), (0, -1), (-1, 0), (0, 1)]
def calculate_cost(matrix, goal):
    """Calculate the number of misplaced tiles."""
    return sum(1 for i in range(n) for j in range(n) if matrix[i][j] != goal[i][j] and matrix[i][j] != 0)
def is_safe(x, y):
    """Check if the new position is within the puzzle boundaries."""
    return 0 <= x < n and 0 <= v < n
def print_matrix(matrix):
     """Print the current state of the matrix."""
     for row in matrix:
         print(" ".join(map(str, row)))
    print()
def solve(initial, empty_pos, goal):
     """Solve the puzzle using a priority queue."""
     heappush(pg, (calculate_cost(initial, goal), initial, empty_pos, [])) # Include path
     while pg:
         cost, current_matrix, (empty_x, empty_y), path = heappop(pq)
         if cost == 0: # Goal state reached
             print("Solution path:")
             for state in path + [current_matrix]: # Include the final state
                 print_matrix(state)
             print("Goal achieved!")
             return
         # Generate possible moves
         for dx, dy in directions:
             new_x, new_y = empty_x + dx, empty_y + dy
             if is_safe(new_x, new_y):
                  new_matrix = copy.deepcopy(current_matrix)
                  # Swap the empty tile with the adjacent tile
                  new_matrix[empty_x] [empty_y], new_matrix[new_x] [new_y] = new_matrix[new_x] [new_y], new_matrix[empty_x] [empty_y]
                  new cost = calculate_cost(new_matrix, goal)
                  heappush(pq, (new_cost, new_matrix, (new_x, new_y), path + [current_matrix])) # Add current state to path
 # Initial configuration
 initial = [
      [1, 2, 3],
[0, 4, 6],
[7, 5, 8]
 # Final configuration
 goal = [
     [1, 2, 3],
[4, 5, 6],
[7, 8, 0]
 # Starting position of the empty tile
  empty_pos = (1, 0) # This matches the position of 0 in the initial matrix
  # Solve the puzzle
  solve(initial, empty_pos, goal)
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Goal achieved!

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def print matrix(matrix):
     """Print the current state of the matrix."""
     for row in matrix:
         print(" ".join(map(str, row)))
    print()
def dfs(matrix, empty_pos, goal, visited, path, depth, max_depth):
    """Depth-First Search to solve the puzzle."""
     if matrix == goal:
         print("Solution path:")
for state in path + [matrix]: # Include the final state
             print_matrix(state)
         print(f"Number of moves: {len(path)}") # Display the number of moves
         return True
    if depth >= max_depth:
         return False # Stop if we reach the maximum depth
    visited.add(tuple(map(tuple, matrix))) # Mark the current state as visited
    for dx, dy in directions:
         new_x, new_y = empty_pos[0] + dx, empty_pos[1] + dy
if 0 <= new_x < n and 0 <= new_y < n: # Check boundaries</pre>
             new_matrix = copy.deepcopy(matrix)
# Swap the empty tile with the adjacent tile
             new_matrix[empty_pos[0]][empty_pos[1]], new_matrix[new_x][new_y] = new_matrix[new_x][new_y], new_matrix[empty_pos[0]][empty_pos[1]]
             if tuple(map(tuple, new_matrix)) not in visited:
                 if dfs(new matrix, (new x, new y), qoal, visited, path + [matrix], depth + 1, max_depth):
                      return True
    visited.remove(tuple(map(tuple, matrix))) # Unmark the state for other paths
    return False
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[0, 4, 6],
[7, 5, 8]
# Final configuration
goal = [
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[4, 5, 6],
[7, 8, 0]
# Starting position of the empty tile
empty_pos = (1, 0)
# Solve the puzzle using DFS
visited = set() # To keep track of visited states
path = [] # To store the solution path
max_depth = 20 # Set a reasonable maximum depth
if not dfs(initial, empty_pos, goal, visited, path, 0, max_depth):
    print("No solution found.")
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Solution path:
1 2 3
0 4 6
7 5 8
       1 2 3
7 4 6
0 5 8
       1 2 3
7 4 6
5 0 8
       1 2 3
7 0 6
5 4 8
       1 2 3
0 7 6
5 4 8
       1 2 3
5 7 6
0 4 8
      1 2 3
5 7 6
4 0 8
      1 2 3
5 0 6
4 7 8
      1 2 3
0 5 6
4 7 8
      1 2 3
4 5 6
0 7 8
      1 2 3
4 5 6
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      1 2 3
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