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from copy import deepcopy
import numpy as np
import time
def bestsolution(state):
  bestsol = np.array([], int).reshape(-1, 9)
  count = len(state) - 1
  while count != -1:
     bestsol = np.insert(bestsol, 0, state[count]['puzzle'], 0)
     count = (state[count]['parent'])
  return bestsol.reshape(-1, 3, 3)
# checks for the uniqueness of the iteration(it).
def all(checkarray):
  set=∏
  for it in set:
     for checkarray in it:
        return 1
     else:
        return 0
# number of misplaced tiles
def misplaced_tiles(puzzle,goal):
  mscost = np.sum(puzzle != goal) - 1
  return mscost if mscost > 0 else 0
def coordinates(puzzle):
  pos = np.array(range(9))
  for p, q in enumerate(puzzle):
     pos[q] = p
  return pos
# start of 8 puzzle evaluaation, using Misplaced tiles heuristics
def evaluvate misplaced(puzzle, goal):
  steps = np.array([('up', [0, 1, 2], -3),('down', [6, 7, 8], 3),('left', [0, 3, 6], -1),('right',
[2, 5, 8], 1)],
          dtype = [('move', str, 1),('position', list),('head', int)])
  dtstate = [('puzzle', list),('parent', int),('qn', int),('hn', int)]
  costq = coordinates(goal)
  # initializing the parent, gn and hn, where hn is misplaced tiles function call
  parent = -1
  gn = 0
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hn = misplaced_tiles(coordinates(puzzle), costg)
  state = np.array([(puzzle, parent, gn, hn)], dtstate)
  #priority queues with position as keys and fn as value.
  dtpriority = [('position', int),('fn', int)]
  priority = np.array([(0, hn)], dtpriority)
  while 1:
     priority = np.sort(priority, kind='mergesort', order=['fn', 'position'])
     position, fn = priority[0]
     # sort priority queue using merge sort, the first element is picked for exploring.
     priority = np.delete(priority, 0, 0)
     puzzle, parent, gn, hn = state[position]
     puzzle = np.array(puzzle)
     blank = int(np.where(puzzle == 0)[0])
     gn = gn + 1
     c = 1
     start_time = time.time()
     for s in steps:
       c = c + 1
       if blank not in s['position']:
          openstates = deepcopy(puzzle)
          openstates[blank], openstates[blank + s['head']] = openstates[blank +
s['head']], openstates[blank]
          if ~(np.all(list(state['puzzle']) == openstates, 1)).any():
             end_time = time.time()
             if (( end_time - start_time ) > 2):
                print(" The 8 puzzle is unsolvable \n")
                break
             hn = misplaced_tiles(coordinates(openstates), costg)
             # generate and add new state in the list
             q = np.array([(openstates, position, gn, hn)], dtstate)
             state = np.append(state, q, 0)
             # f(n) is the sum of cost to reach node
             fn = gn + hn
             q = np.array([(len(state) - 1, fn)], dtpriority)
             priority = np.append(priority, q, 0)
             if np.array_equal(openstates, goal):
                print(' The 8 puzzle is solvable \n')
                return state, len(priority)
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# initial state
puzzle = []
puzzle.append(2)
puzzle.append(8)
puzzle.append(3)
puzzle.append(1)
puzzle.append(6)
puzzle.append(4)
puzzle.append(7)
puzzle.append(0)
puzzle.append(5)
#goal state
goal = []
goal.append(1)
goal.append(2)
goal.append(3)
goal.append(8)
goal.append(0)
goal.append(4)
goal.append(7)
goal.append(6)
goal.append(5)
state, visited = evaluvate_misplaced(puzzle, goal)
bestpath = bestsolution(state)
print(str(bestpath).replace('[', ' ').replace(']', ''))
totalmoves = len(bestpath) - 1
print('\nSteps to reach goal:',totalmoves)
visit = len(state) - visited
print('Total nodes visited: ',visit, "\n")
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