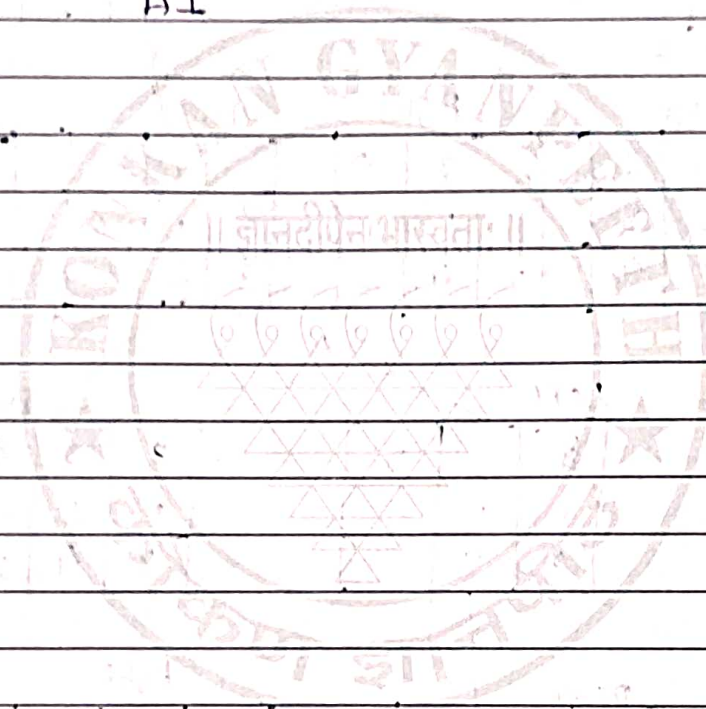


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Q 2.

Consider following instance of 8 puzzle problem

8	7	6	-	8	7
2	1	5	2	1	6
3	4	-	3	4	5

Initial

Final configuration

Consider Heuristic functions defined below:

$h_1$  = Misplaced tiles count except space.

$h_2$  = Correctly placed tiles count except space.

$h_3$  = sum of Manhattan distance between current and correct position of the all tiles except space.

Answer the following question.

- (a) In 8 puzzle problems we are concerned with getting to goal configuration within least number of steps. All moves are thus equally costly. Define  $g(n)$  in your own words what tells be the cost of a step solution to some arbitrary 8 puzzle instance?

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The lowest path cost  $g(n)$  can be the cost to reach the goal configuration in least steps.

In our case, we can reach the final configuration in at least 4 moves; VP, VP, LEFT, LEFT. Since all the moves are equally costly, we complete  $g(n)$  as



$$g(n) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$g(n) = 4$$

Consider the following ordering 8 puzzle - instance with gives solution in 6 steps :

8	7	6
2	1	5
-	3	4

The solution can be represented as :

$\{ \{ 8, 7, 6 \} \{ 2, 1, 5 \} \{ 3, 4 \} \} \rightarrow \{ \{ 8, 7, 6 \} \{ 2, 1, 5 \} \{ 3, -4 \} \} \rightarrow$   
 $\{ \{ 8, 7, 6 \} \{ 2, 1, 5 \} \{ 3, 4, - \} \} \rightarrow \{ \{ 8, 7, 6 \} \{ 2, 1, - \} \{ 3, 4, 5 \} \} \rightarrow$   
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Since all the moves are equally costly, the cost would be

$$g(n) = 6$$

Q) Draw exhaustive state space tree of depth limited to 4 for instance of 8-puzzle problem in the question

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configuration.

Q Compute  $h_i(n)$  where  $i=1,2,3$  and  $n$  = initial state, final / goal state from question.

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for  $i=1$ ,  $n$  = initial state

$h_1(\text{initial})$  = misplaced tile count except space

$$h_1(\text{initial}) = 4$$

$n$  = goal state

$$h_1(\text{goal}) = 0$$

for  $i=2$ ,  $n$  = initial state

$h_2(\text{initial})$  = correctly placed tiles count except space

$$h_2(\text{initial}) = 4$$

for  $n$  = goal state

$$h_2(\text{goal}) = 8$$

for  $i=3$ ,  $n$  = initial state.

$h_3(\text{initial})$  = sum of Manhattan distance between current and correct position of all tiles except space

$$h_3(\text{initial}) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\ = 4$$

for  $n$  = goal state

$$h_3(\text{goal}) = 0$$