

2 Tutorial 2 : To understand state space
problem for formulation.

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function SIMPLE-PROBLEM-SOLVING-AGENT (percept) returns an action
static : seq an action sequence, initially empty
state, some description of the current world state
goals, a goal, initially null
problem, a problem formulation

state \leftarrow UPDATE-STATE (state, percept)

if seq is empty then do

goal \leftarrow FORMULATE-GOAL (state)

problem \leftarrow FORMULATE-PROBLEM (state, goal)

seq \leftarrow SEARCH (problem)

action \leftarrow FIRST (seq)

seq \leftarrow REST (seq)

return action

1.2 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 goals and problem, then determines or rather searches an action sequences, after which it returns the next action 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.

Action : It defines all possible actions available to the agent, given it is in some state s currently. It is an function $Action(s)$ that returns list of all possible actions.

Transition model also known as successor function which define which state/s the system tend to move to when a particular

model 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 actions. This can help in determining whether the action sequence under consideration is optimal.

Thus a problem can formally specified by identifying initial state, action (operator), transition model (successor function), goal test and path cost. In term 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.

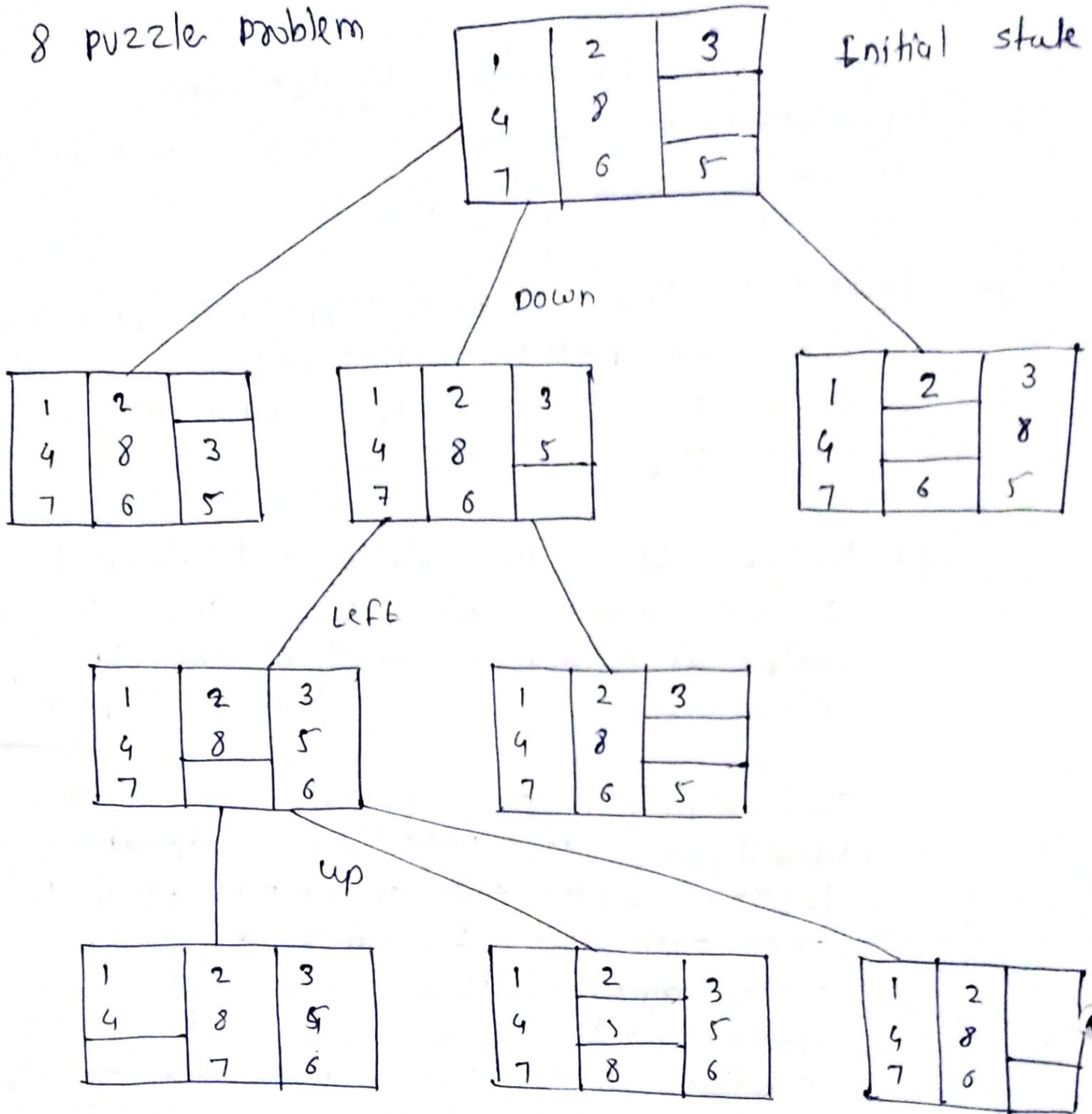
Working : Based on understanding of problem formulation students need to formulate following problems. They will clearly show state space up to depth level 3 or till goal node which ever is shallowest

1. Navigate to KGCE Workshop from HOD IT cabin with minimum number of moves, moves can be climbing or alighting staircase, turning left, right, walking through a corridor.
2. 8 Puzzle problem.
3. The missionaries and cannibals problem. There are three missionaries and three cannibals who must cross a river using a boat which can carry at most two people, under the constraint that, for both banks, if there are missionaries present on the bank, they cannot be outnumbered by cannibals if they were, the cannibals would eat the missionaries by cannibals if. The boat cannot cross the river by itself with no people on board.
4. N Queen's problem, Arrange N queen on a N cross N chess board where no two queen attack each other.
5. Two room vacuum cleaners world.
6. Water Jug Problem.

Resource Refer to second chapter from 'Artificial Intelligence, A Modern Approach'

8 puzzle problem

Initial state



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

Goal state

(i) 8 - puzzle problem

The problem can be formulated as :

- states : states can be represented by a 3×3 matrix data structure with blank denoted by an underscore '_'.

1. Initial state : $\{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 8, -0\} \{7, 5, 6\}$

2. Action : The blank space move in left, right, up, and down direction specifying the action

3. Successors function : If we apply 'down' operation to the start state, the next state, the next state has '5' and '-' switched.

4. Goal test - $\{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 5, 6\} \{7, 8, -\}$

5. Path cost : No. of steps to reach to final state.

Solution :-

$\{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 8, -\} \{7, 6, 5\} \} \rightarrow \{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 8, 5\} \{7, 6, -\} \}$

$\{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 8, 5\} \{7, -6\} \} \rightarrow \{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, -5\} \{7, 8, 6\} \}$

$\{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 5, -\} \{7, 8, 6\} \} \rightarrow \{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{4, 5, 6\} \{7, 8, -\} \}$

Path cost = 5 steps

(ii) Navigate to kgée workshop from HOP M cabin with minimum number of moves, moves can be climbing on alighting staircase, turning left, right, walking through a corridor.

states : It can be represented as a top view of the agent along with moves in direction left, right, forward and backward. We use 'climb' and 'alight' for moving through staircase.

1. Initial state

Exit ← → Corridor

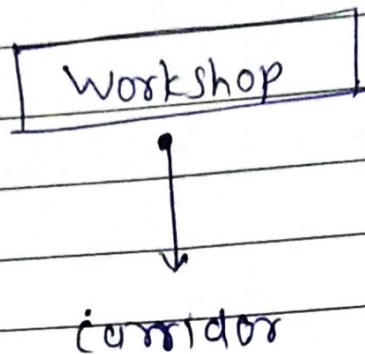
HOP IT
Cabin

Box represents current location of agent

2. Action : The agent moves in left, right, forward and backward direction along with alighting and climbing the stairs (if any)

3. Successor function : If we apply 'right' operation to the start state, the agent enters the corridor, the first step toward goal state.

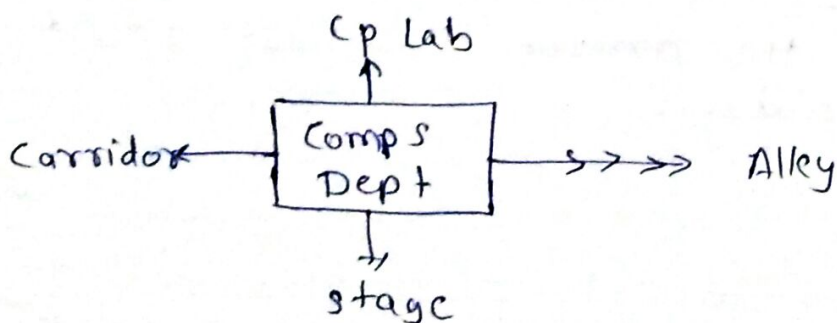
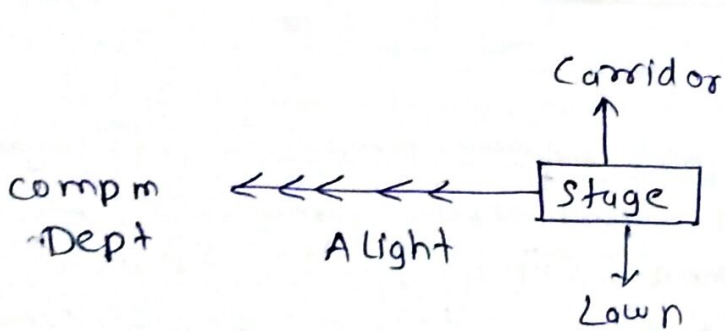
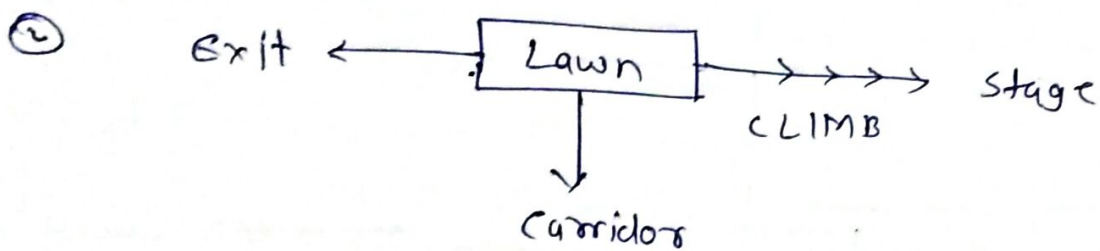
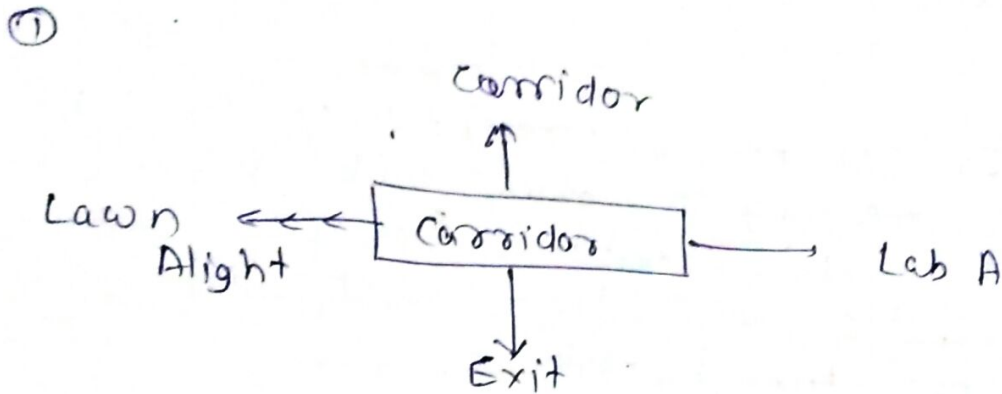
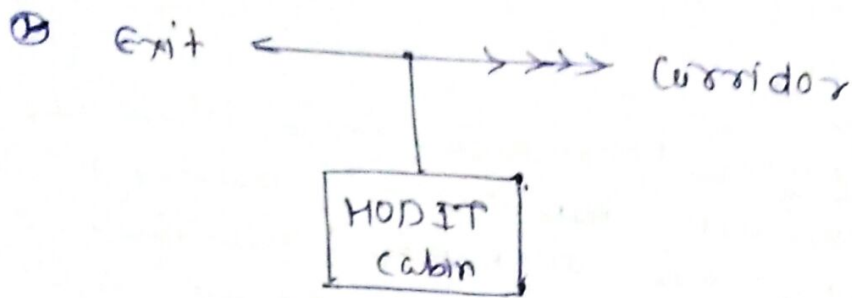
4. Goal test



5. Path cost = No. of action to reach the workshop

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Path cost} &= 8 \text{ direction} + 4 \text{ staircases} \\ &= 12\end{aligned}$$

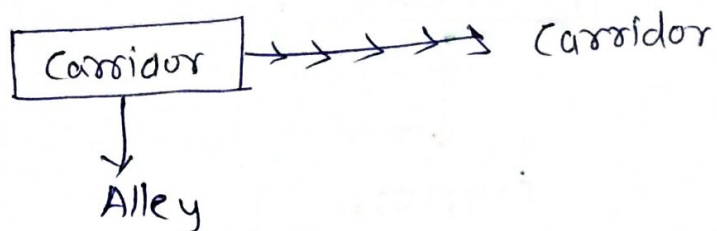
HOD IT cabin → KGCE Workshop Solution



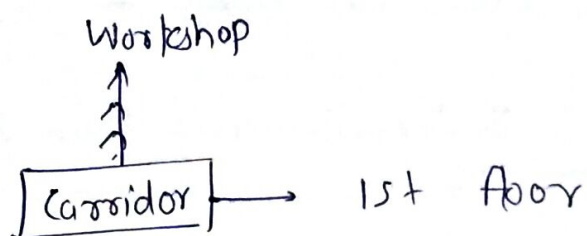
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8



State space

