

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:  
PROJECT 1  
**DESIGNING OF SEARCH AGENTS USING  
PACMAN**

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## 1- Introduction

In this project we are experimenting with 4 main search algorithms.

- \_ Depth First Search
- \_ Breadth First Search
- \_ Greedy Search
- \_ A\* search

We will use python3 as our tool to code the search algorithms. After that we will compare these 4 different search algorithms and compare them in terms of:

- \_ Performance
- \_ Completeness
- \_ Optimality

## 1- Search with Single dot(goal):

### 1-2) Depth First Search

"We used a visited set for repeated state detection".

Depth First Search is an uninformed search strategy also called blind search strategy which means that the strategies have no additional information about the states other than the ones provided in the problem definition. It expands the deepest node in the current frontier of the search tree. It uses a **stack** to keep track of the generated nodes. As a stack follows **LIFO** principle, the last generated node is the first one chosen for expansion. Once a node is completely expanded, it is popped from the stack. The Depth First Search algorithm applied on pacman in small maze, medium maze and big maze.

★ Pseudo code of DFS Algorithm:

```
Order=W→N→S→E
Push the start cell in Frontier and Explored
Repeat until Goal is reached or Frontier is Empty:

    currCell=Frontier.pop=

    for each direction(ESNW):
        childCell=Next Possible Cell
        if childCell already in Explored list→Do nothing
        otherwise→ Append/Push childCell to both Explored & Frontier
```

★ **COMPLETE**

Depth First Search is complete if the tree is finite or else it is not complete (i.e, if the state space graph has cycles).

★ **OPTIMAL**

Depth First Search is not optimal. It only finds the leftmost solution in the search tree regardless of the depth or cost of the node.

★ **Solutions**, path costs and numbers of nodes expanded for each maze are as follows:

## 1- Medium maze

**Path cost: 116**

**Node expanded: 138**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 2- Big maze

**Path cost: 238**

**Node expanded: 329**

**Solution:**

[illegible]



### 3- Open Maze

**Path cost: 238**

**Node expanded: 329**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 1-3) Breadth First Search

"We also used a visited set for repeated state detection." Breadth first search is a level by level search. All the nodes in a particular level are expanded before moving on to the next level. It expands the shallowest node first. It uses a **queue** data structure to maintain a list of all the nodes which have been expanded. The Breadth First Search algorithm applied on pacman in small maze, medium maze and big maze

### ★ Pesudo Code

```
Add start cell in both Frontier and Explored
```

```
Repeat until Goal is reached or Frontier is Empty:
```

```
  currCell=Frontier.pop(0)=
```

```
  for each direction(ESNW):
```

```
    childCell=Next Possible Cell
```

```
    if childCell already in Explored list → Do nothing
```

```
    otherwise → Append/Push childCell to both Explored & Frontier
```

### ★ COMPLETE

Breadth First Search is complete because if a solution exists then the tree is finite.

### ★ OPTIMAL

Breadth First Search is optimal only if the cost of all the arcs in the state space graph is the same.

★ **Solutions**, path costs and numbers of nodes expanded for each maze are as follows:

## 1- Medium maze

**Path cost: 94**

**Node expanded: 608**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 2- Big maze

**Path cost: 148**

**Node expanded: 1255**

**Solution:**

[illegible]



### 3- Open Maze

Path cost: 45

Node expanded: 527

Solution:

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path:  SSSSEEEEESSSSSSSSWWWWWWNWWWWWWWWWWSSSSSSSE
path cost:  45
nodes expanded:  527
```

## 1-4) Greedy Best First search

"we also used a visited set for repeated state detection". Greedy search falls under the category of informed search strategy. The difference between the BFS is that we use the **priority queue structure** (manhattan distance as the key) to store the frontier nodes.

**★COMPLETE**

Gready Search is not complete is finite.

**★ OPTIMAL**

## Greedy Search is not optimal

★ **Solutions**, path costs and numbers of nodes expanded for each maze are as follows:

## 1- Meduim Maze

**Path cost: 94**

**Node expanded:103**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 2- Big Maze

**Path cost: 222**

**Node expanded: 290**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

### 3- Open Maze

**Path cost: 57**

**Node expanded: 155**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 1-5) A\* Search

A\* search falls under the category of informed search strategy. This kind of search is also called best first search. A\* search evaluates which node to combine using  $g(n)$  i.e, the cost to reach the node and  $h(n)$  i.e, the cost to get from the current node to the goal node, represented as :  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$  The A\* Search algorithm applied on pacman in small maze, medium maze and big maze.

### ★ COMPLETE

A\* search is complete.

### ★ OPTIMAL

A\* search is optimal.

### ★ Pseudo Code

```
open=Priority Queue
g_score = {cell : infinity → for all cells and 0 for start cell}
f_score = {cell : infinity → for all cells and h(start) for start cell}

open.put → (f_score(start), h(start), start)
while open is Not empty or Goal reached:
    currCell → open.get cell value
    for each direction(ESNW):
        childCell = Next Possible Cell
        temp_g_score=g_score(currCell)+1
        temp_f_score= temp_g_score+h(childCell)

        if temp_f_score < f_score(childCell):
            g_score(childCell) = temp_g_score
            f_score(childCell) = temp_f_score
            open.put → (f_score(childCell), h(childCell), childCell)
```



★ **Solutions**, path costs and numbers of nodes expanded for each maze are as follows:

## 1- Medium Maze

**Path cost: 94**

**Node expanded:335**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 2- Big Maze

**Path cost: 148**

**Node expanded: 1113**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

### 3- Open Maze

**Path cost: 148**

**Node expanded: 1113**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## 1-6) Conclusion of Search with Single dot (goal):

The path costs and numbers of nodes expanded for each algorithm on each maze is summarized

	Path cost			Expanded nodes		
	medium	big	open	medium	big	open
DFS	116	238	238	138	329	329
BFS	94	148	45	608	1255	527
Greedy	94	222	57	103	290	155
A*	94	148	148	335	1113	1113

From this table we can see that:

- 1. In medium Maze:** Best Search Algorithm is (Greedy), however both BFS, GREEDY and A\* have the same Path Cost but Greedy Search used the least Expanded nodes.
- 2. In Big Maze:** Best Search Algorithm is (A\*), however both BFS and A\* have the same Path Cost but A\* Search used the least Expanded nodes.
- 3. In Open Maze:** Best Search Algorithm is (BFS), because BFS search take the least Path Cost.

## 2- Search with multiple dots(goals):

### -- Using A\* Search Algorithm:

## 1- Tiny search

**Path cost: 7**

**Node expanded: 10**

**Solution:**

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b'%    %    %'
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b'% %    % %'
b'%    %.%    %'
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b'%          %@%'
b'%%%%%%%%%'
path:  S E E E E S S
path cost:  7
nodes expanded:  10
```

## 2- Small search

**Path cost: 165**

**Node expanded: 332**

**Solution:**

[illegible]



### 3- Medium search

Path cost: 256

Node expanded: 591

Solution:

```
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b'% ...% .....% .....% .% % % %@.%'
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path cost: 256
nodes expanded: 591
```

## -- Using BFS Algorithm:

Tiny search

Path cost: 7

Node expanded: 38

Solution:

```
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path: SEEEESS
path cost: 7
nodes expanded: 38
```

## Small search

**Path cost: 167**

**Node expanded: 672**

**Solution:**

[illegible]

## Medium search

**Path cost: 246**

**Node expanded: 1195**

**Solution:**

```

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SWSEEEEEESSWWNEEENNNNNEEEWWSSSSWWNNNNNNNNENNEEEEE
path cost: 246
nodes expanded: 1195

```

## -- Conclusion of Search with Single dot (goal):

	Path cost			Expanded nodes		
	tiny	small	medium	tiny	small	medium
BFS	7	167	246	38	672	1195
A*	7	165	256	10	332	591

**From this table we can see that:**

1. **In small search** : Best Search Algorithm is (A\*), because A\* search take the least Path Cost.
2. **In tiny search** : Best Search Algorithm is (A\*), however both BFS and A\* have the same Path Cost but A\* Search used the least Expanded nodes.
3. **In Medium Maze**: Best Search Algorithm is (BFS), because BFS search take the least Path Cost.