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8 – Puzzle Problem using C (Programming Language)

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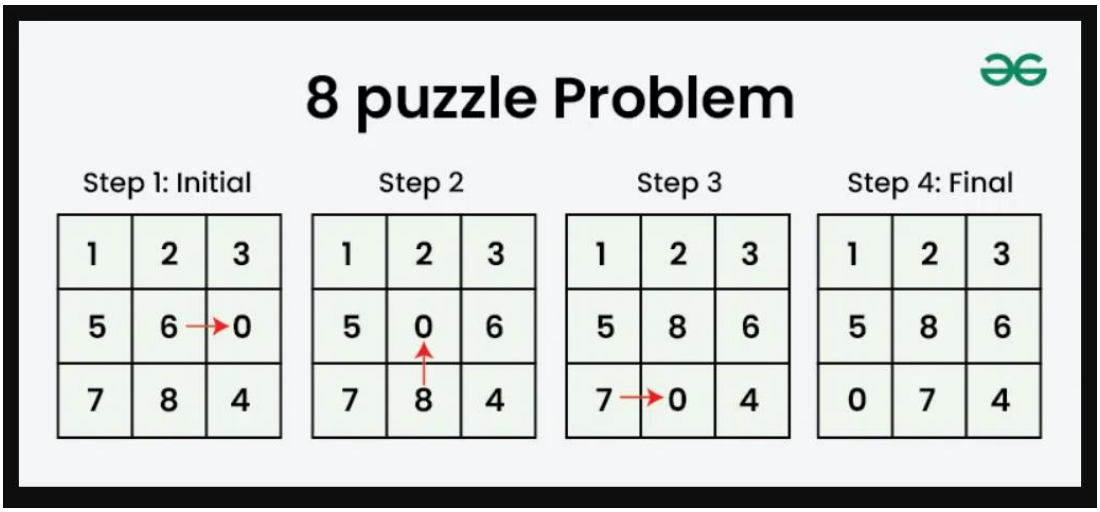
I. Introduction:

- The 8-puzzle problem is a classic problem in Artificial Intelligence, widely used to demonstrate state-space search algorithms.
- It consists of a 3x3 grid with eight numbered tiles and one blank space. The goal is to arrange the tiles into a predefined order by sliding them into the blank space.
- This problem provides insight into problem-solving techniques such as search algorithms and heuristic-based approaches.



II. Aim:

- The aim of this project is to develop a C program that simulates the 8-puzzle problem.
- Users will be able to input an initial configuration of the puzzle, make moves, and attempt to reach the goal state.
- The program will count and display the number of moves needed to solve the puzzle.

III. Algorithm:

1. **Initialize**: Set up a 3x3 puzzle grid and input the starting configuration.
2. **Validate Configuration**: Ensure one blank tile is present (represented by 0).
3. **Loop**:
    - Display the puzzle board.
    - Ask for the user's move (up, down, left, right).
    - Validate the move and update the board.
    - Repeat until the puzzle is solved.

4. **Solution**: When the goal state is reached, print the number of moves and congratulate the user.

IV. Code Implementation:

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```c
//This is an implementation of the 8 puzzle problem solved for AI Lab CIA 1
#include <stdio.h>

#define SIZE 3

void display(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE]);
int isSolved(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE]);
void moveTile(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE], int direction, int *x, int *y);

int main() {
    int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE];
    int zeroX, zeroY, move, steps = 0;

    // Input puzzle configuration
    printf("Enter the puzzle configuration (use 0 for blank):\n");
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            scanf("%d", &puzzle[i][j]);
            if (puzzle[i][j] == 0) {
                zeroX = i; zeroY = j;  // Track the blank tile
            }
        }
    }

    // Main loop: Continue until the puzzle is solved
    while (!isSolved(puzzle)) {
        display(puzzle);
        printf("Enter move (1=Up, 2=Down, 3=Left, 4=Right): ");
        scanf("%d", &move);
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31          // Make the move and update blank tile position
32          moveTile(puzzle, move, &zeroX, &zeroY);
33          steps++;
34      }
35
36      // Puzzle solved
37      display(puzzle);
38      printf("Puzzle solved in %d moves!\n", steps);
39      return 0;
40  }
41
42  // Function to display the puzzle board
43  void display(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE]) {
44      for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
45          for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
46              if (puzzle[i][j] == 0) {
47                  printf("   ");
48              } else {
49                  printf("%2d ", puzzle[i][j]);
50              }
51          }
52          printf("\n");
53      }
54      printf("\n");
55  }
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// Check if the puzzle is solved
int isSolved(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE]) {
    int goal[SIZE][SIZE] = {{1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6}, {7, 8, 0}};
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            if (puzzle[i][j] != goal[i][j]) return 0;
        }
    }
    return 1;
}

// Function to move tiles based on user input
void moveTile(int puzzle[SIZE][SIZE], int direction, int *x, int *y) {
    int newX = *x, newY = *y;

    // Calculate new position based on direction
    if (direction == 1 && *x > 0) newX--;        // Move up
    else if (direction == 2 && *x < SIZE-1) newX++; // Move down
    else if (direction == 3 && *y > 0) newY--;    // Move left
    else if (direction == 4 && *y < SIZE-1) newY++; // Move right
    else return; // Invalid move, do nothing

    // Swap tiles
    int temp = puzzle[*x][*y];
    puzzle[*x][*y] = puzzle[newX][newY];
    puzzle[newX][newY] = temp;
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        else return; // Invalid move, do nothing

        // Swap tiles
        int temp = puzzle[*x][*y];
        puzzle[*x][*y] = puzzle[newX][newY];
        puzzle[newX][newY] = temp;

        // Update blank tile position
        *x = newX;
        *y = newY;
    }

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V. Output:

```
Welcome to the 8-puzzle game!
Please enter the initial configuration of the board (0 for empty space):
Enter value for cell (0, 0): 1
Enter value for cell (0, 1): 2
Enter value for cell (0, 2): 3
Enter value for cell (1, 0): 4
Enter value for cell (1, 1): 0
Enter value for cell (1, 2): 5
Enter value for cell (2, 0): 7
Enter value for cell (2, 1): 8
Enter value for cell (2, 2): 6
 1  2  3
 4     5
 7  8  6

Enter move (1 = Up, 2 = Down, 3 = Left, 4 = Right): 4
 1  2  3
 4  5
 7  8  6

Enter move (1 = Up, 2 = Down, 3 = Left, 4 = Right): 2
 1  2  3
 4  5  6
 7  8

Congratulations! You've solved the puzzle in 2 steps!
[1] + Done                       "/usr/bin/gdb" --interpreter=mi --tty=${DbgTerm}
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VI. Conclusion:

- The 8-puzzle problem was successfully implemented using a simple C program.
- The program allows the user to input an initial puzzle state and move the tiles to solve the puzzle.
- The approach is basic yet effective, demonstrating problem-solving and state-space search.

VII. Result:

- The program was executed successfully, and the puzzle was solved with valid moves.
- The solution was reached after several steps, confirming the functionality of the algorithm.