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1. what is  $A^*$  search algorithm?
2. what are the ~~m~~ different methods used to calculate distance approximation heuristically?
3. what is a heuristic function?
4. what are agents? How an agent uses sensors?
5. why IDS algo is better than other search algo?
6. where are IDS and  $A^*$  algorithm implemented in real life?

Ans 1.  $A^*$  is a informed search algorithm used in graph traversals and path finding.

Ans 2. ~~The~~  $A^*$  Blind Search, uninformed search. manhattan, euclidean, diagonal etc.

Ans 4. agent observe environment i.e. perceive it through sensors and act accordingly in order to achieve goal.

agent sense environment through sensors. Through ~~agent~~ <sup>sensor</sup>, it can see state of environment.

Ans 3. It helps in finding shortest solutions. it never overestimates the no. of steps to



goal.

Ans. 5. IDS is better than other search algo as it uses best of DFS & BFS and uses it to implement it. i.e

in DFS we need to traverse till the leaf node has been encountered ~~even then~~ while in BFS we traverse through entire level even tho we know the loca<sup>n</sup> of node

IDS uses algo that traverse through a known depth i.e DFS do a limited 2 level. and then perform BFS at that level. Hence more effective.

Ans. 6. A\* used in <sup>solving</sup> :- 8 puzzle problem

IDS :- to search shortest path while travelling b/w cities.