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## LAB ASSIGNMENT-1

AIM:- To solve 8 puzzle problem using A\* algorithm

OBJECTIVE:- To study and implement A\* algorithm for 8 puzzle problem.

THEORY:-

1) BFS and OR graph:-

- BFS concept of priority queue & heuristic search
- BFS method uses two list of tracking the traversal as 'open'.

2) 8-puzzle problem:-

- It is played on 8 by 8 grid with 8 square blocks labeled through 8 & 9 block.

- Eg:-

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

initial.

Goal state

- Data Structure and other details:-

- Most commonly known for BFS uses heuristic function  $h(n)$  and costs to reach node  $n$  from start  $g(n)$ .
- It finds shortest path through search space using heuristic fun.

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n).$$



INPUT:- Initial and final state

OUTPUT:- Sol<sup>n</sup> state with optimal path.

ALGORITHM:- A\*

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE:- Python.

FAQ'S

Q1 What is heuristic function? What is advantage of using heuristic function?

→ It is a function that rank alternatives in search algorithm at each searching step based on available information to decide which search to follow.

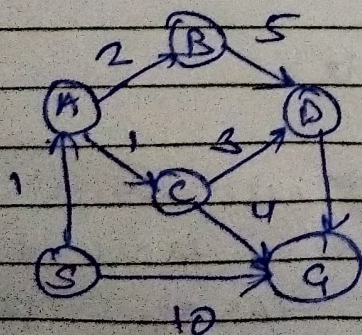
$$h(n) < h^*(n)$$

- Advantages of heuristic function:-

- 1) Can provide some quick relatively inexpensive feedback
- 2) You can obtain feedback easily in design process.

Q2 Explain A\* algorithm with examples?

- A\* algorithm is an informed algorithm or best first search meaning it is formulated in terms of weighted graph starting from specific node of graph. It aims to find a path to given goal node having smallest cost.

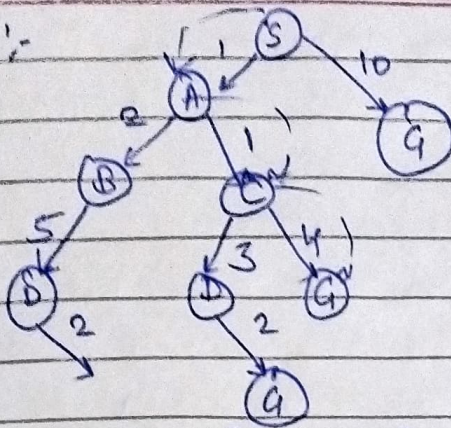


State	$h(n)$
S	5
A	3
B	4
C	2
D	6
G	0





Solution:-



- Initialization =  $\{(S, S)\}$

1.  $\{(S \rightarrow A, 4), (S \rightarrow G, 10)\}$

2.  $\{(S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C, 4), (S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B, 7), (S \rightarrow G, 12)\}$

3.  $\{(S \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow G, 6), (S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D, 1), (S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B, 7), (S \rightarrow G, 10)\}$

4.  $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G$  if provided.

optimal path with cost 4.

Q.3 List different heuristic function used in 8 puzzle problem?

→ Admissible Heuristic

i) n-max swap

ii) n-max representative swap.

→ Non-Admissible Heuristics

i) Nilsson's Sequence Score.