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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:- Solⁿ 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.

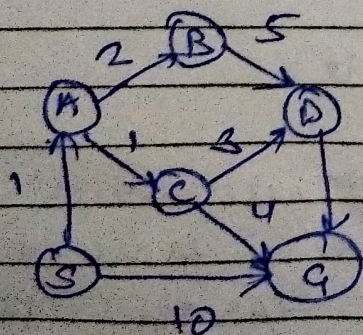
$$h(n) < h^*(n)$$

- 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?

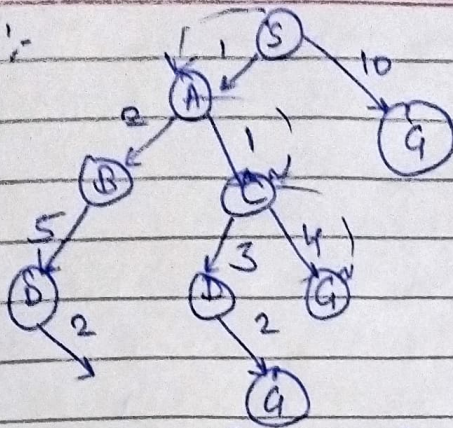
- A* algorithm is an informed algorithm or best first search meaning it is formulated in terms of weighted graph starting from specific node of graph. It aims to find a path to given goal node having smallest cost.



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.

Lab 1 Code

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class Node:
    def __init__(self,data,level,fval):
        # Initialize the node with the data, level of the node and the calculated
        fvalue
        self.data = data
        self.level = level
        self.fval = fval

    def find(self,puz,x):
        # Specifically used to find the position of the blank space
        for i in range(0,len(self.data)):
            for j in range(0,len(self.data)):
                if puz[i][j] == x:
                    return i,j

    def copy(self,root):
        # Copy function to create a similar matrix of the given node
        temp = []
        for i in root:
            t = []
            for j in i:
                t.append(j)
            temp.append(t)
        return temp

    def shuffle(self,puz,x1,y1,x2,y2):
        """ Move the blank space in the given direction and if the position value
        are out
            of limits the return None """
        if x2 >= 0 and x2 < len(self.data) and y2 >= 0 and y2 < len(self.data):
            temp_puz = []
            temp_puz = self.copy(puz)
            temp = temp_puz[x2][y2]
            temp_puz[x2][y2] = temp_puz[x1][y1]
            temp_puz[x1][y1] = temp
            return temp_puz
        else:
            return None

    def generate_child(self):
        """ Generate child nodes from the given node by moving the blank space
            either in the four directions {up,down,left,right} """
        x,y = self.find(self.data,0)
        """ val_list contains position values for moving the blank space in either
        of
            the 4 directions [up,down,left,right] respectively. """
        val_list = [[x,y-1],[x,y+1],[x-1,y],[x+1,y]]
        children = []
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    for i in val_list:
        child = self.shuffle(self.data,x,y,i[0],i[1])
        if child is not None:
            child_node = Node(child,self.level+1,0)
            children.append(child_node)
    return children

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class Puzzle:

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    def __init__(self):
        # Initialize the open and closed lists to empty
        self.open = []
        self.closed = []

    def accept(self):
        # Accepts the puzzle from the user
        print('Enter the values of a row and press enter')
        puz = []
        for i in range(0,3):
            temp = list(map(int, input().split(" ")))
            puz.append(temp)
        return puz

    # def solvable(self, tiles):
    #     # Checks if the puzzle is solvable in this state
    #     count = 0
    #     for i in range(8):
    #         for j in range(i+1, 9):
    #             if tiles[j] and tiles[i] and tiles[i] > tiles[j]:
    #                 count += 1

    #     # return True if count%2==0 else False

    def h(self,start,goal):
        # Calculates the different between the given puzzles
        temp = 0
        for i in range(0,3):
            for j in range(0,3):
                if start[i][j] != goal[i][j] and start[i][j] != '0':
                    temp += 1
        return temp

    def f(self,start,goal):
        # Heuristic Function to calculate heuristic value f(x) = h(x) + g(x)
        return self.h(start.data,goal)+start.level

    def solve(self):
        # Accept Start and Goal Puzzle state
        print("Enter the start state matrix \n")
        start = self.accept()

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print("Enter the goal state matrix \n")
goal = self.accept()
start_combined = [item for sublist in start for item in sublist]
# isSolvable = self.solvable(start_combined)
# if (isSolvable == False):
#     print("This puzzle is unsolvable")
#     quit()

start = Node(start,0,0)
start.fval = self.f(start,goal)
# Put the start node in the open list
self.open.append(start)
print("\n\n")
iteration = 0
while True:
    cur = self.open[0]
    print("\n")
    print("Step: {}".format(iteration))
    for i in cur.data:
        for j in i:
            print(j,end=" ")
        print("")
    # If the difference between current and goal node is 0 we have reached
the goal node
    if(self.h(cur.data,goal) == 0):
        break
    for i in cur.generate_child():
        i.fval = self.f(i,goal)
        self.open.append(i)
    self.closed.append(cur)
    del self.open[0]

    # sort the open list based on f value
    self.open.sort(key = lambda x:x.fval,reverse=False)
    iteration += 1

puzzle = Puzzle()
puzzle.solve()

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OUTPUT-

C:\Users\Divyang\Desktop\Final Year B.Tech\T9\AI\Lab 1>python a-star.py
Enter the start state matrix

Enter the values of a row and press enter

1 2 3

4 0 6

7 5 8

Enter the goal state matrix

Enter the values of a row and press enter

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 0

Step: 0

1 2 3

4 0 6

7 5 8

Step: 1

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 0 8

Step: 2

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 0

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