

CSC 421 Assignment 1

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1 Introduction

These functions will solve a graph starting from City A, to find a path to City Z. This path can be the path of least resistance, depending on randomized distance data inputted to the system, or just a simple graph traversal to find the goal.

The state-space will consist of all possible routes through the cities. though not that many are reachable without reaching a goal state.

The successor functions will be slightly different depending on the type of search function. For uninformed searches, it will be whichever edge shows up first, depending on the search methodology. For the informed searches, it will traverse the cities based on closest distance to cities and cost estimates to the goal.

For the informed searches, it will use the Manhattan distance to estimate the distance to the goal. As long as this estimate is never over the true cost to reach the goal, the heuristic is considered heuristic. Since the Manhattan distance will relax the constraints, and ignore cities in the way, allowing the graph to traverse the cities freely. it will underestimate the true cost. Taking a detour to another node will always increase the cost of the function.

Additionally, we can remove the constraint that the function has to travel in x,y coordinates to the goal. (That we have to move on a grid) and we can use the Euclidean distance to the goal to create an admissible heuristic. Similar to the Manhattan distance, we have removed constraints to the goal, finding the shortest straight line path. Any deviation from this path will add to the length of this optimal path. Thus, it is admissible.

2 Experimental Results

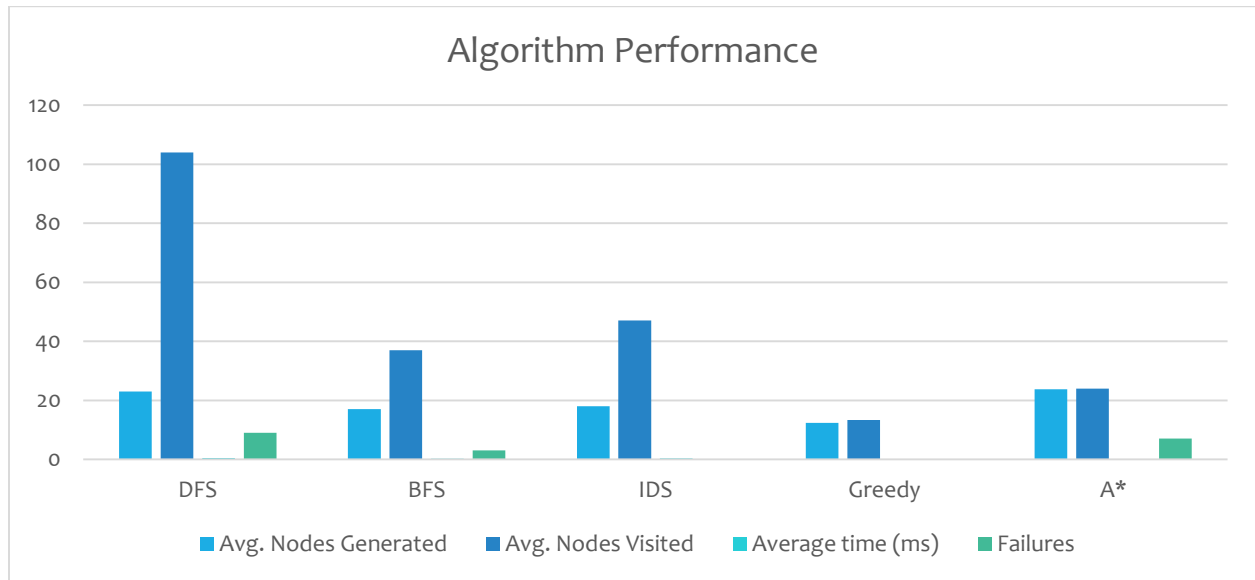


Figure 1: Algorithm Performance

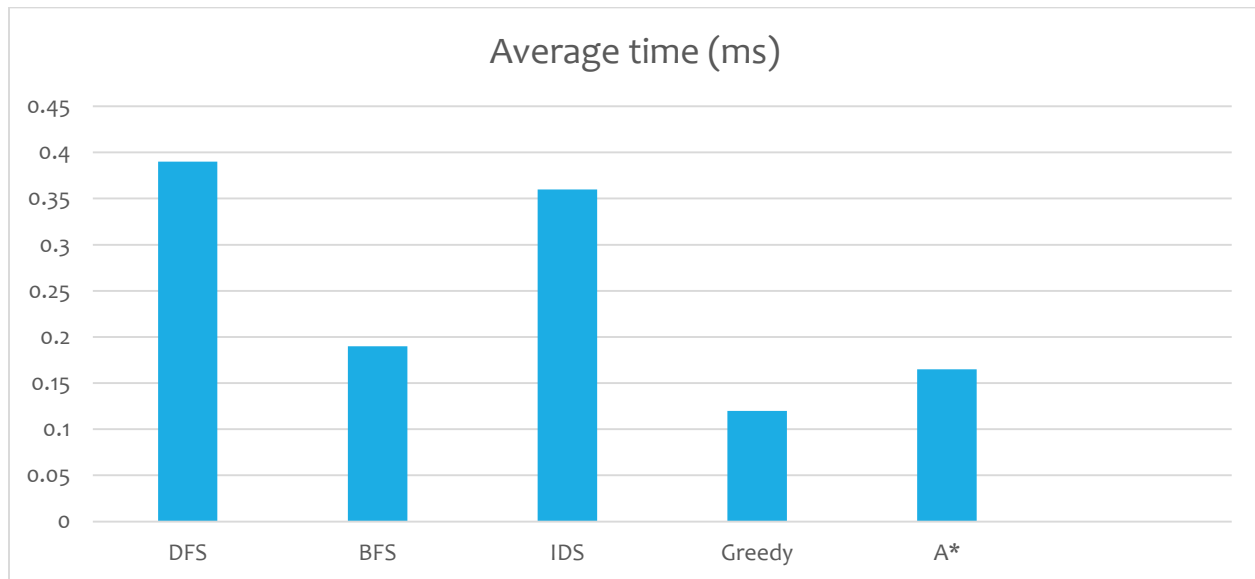


Figure 2: Response Time of Search Algorithms

	Avg. Nodes Generated	Avg. Nodes Visited	Average time (ms)	Failures
DFS	23	104	0.39	9
BFS	17	37	0.19	3
IDS	18	47	0.36	0
Greedy	12.39	13.39	0.12	0
A*	23.72	24	0.165	7

Table 1: Algorithm Performance

In this implementation, it is not unsurprising that the Depth First search struggled to keep up with the other algorithms. In the worst case, Depth first must iterate through the adjacency matrix several times, as it takes the lowest city (in alphabet terms) connected to a city. It makes traversing much more of the graph much more likely.

The A* search had several failures in trying to reach the goal with a reasonable cost. This could be due to a number of different reasons, likely due to the algorithm getting stuck in cost loops or other programming bugs. Ideally it should have a similar performance cost as the Greedy search, but in this experiment it is not the case.

The Iterative Depth search proved to have the close to the slowest runtime, at least in terms algorithm latency. However, the search function found the goal the most reliably, edging a basic breadth-first search in terms of errors.

The Greedy algorithm has proven to be the fastest and most reliable search algorithm in these results. This could be due to the speed of the implementation; however, the greedy search requires much more pre-processing of the data in order to be ran. In these results, the pre-processing times are not shown.

3 Implementation Overview

This program was chosen to be written in Java. The uninformed searches are all part of the same Java class, “adjacenymatrix” named after its data implementation (incorrectly). This is due to all three algorithms taking in the same input, of an adjacency matrix of the 26 cities. To begin, the program will generate a random instance of the adjacency matrix and process it. Each search is a method written for the class.

The informed search strategies are a little more complicated. The searches have been implemented as separate classes, extending from a master search class. Ideally, this class could be implemented into both subclasses. In the initial design of this system, the master class had more functions, that were eventually absorbed elsewhere.

Both types of searches draw from a list of class objects called Cities, that store adjacent city data as well as compute shortest paths and Euclidean costs. The representation of adjacencies is a list of

cities. Each City also has a Position object, which is a x and y coordinate on a 100x100 graph of the cities. No two cities can occupy the same spot.

The test class generates all of my initial state data. Each City must look into its adjacency matrix and generate a list of positional data of all the cities near it. Then, the City object can process this data and make decisions for the searching algorithms. Once this is done, the testing algorithms simply calls the searching algorithms.

4 Code Listings

4.1 Uninformed Searches

```
/*
 *
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 */
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
import java.util.PriorityQueue;
import java.util.Stack;

public class Adjacenyatrix {

    /**
     * @param args
     */
    //global variables
    private int Vertices;
    private int Edges;
    private boolean[][] matrix;
    private static int alphabetno = 26;
    int depthbound = 1;
    static int[] visited = new int[26]; // list of visited cities
    static int nodesvisited = 0;
    static int nodesgenerated = 0;
    static int totalnodesv = 0; // total visited nodes for statistics
    static int totalnodesg = 0; //total generated nodes for statistics
    static long totaltime = 0;
    static long endTime;
    static long startTime;
    static int failures = 0; //how many failures has the algorithm had?

    static int depth = 0;

    int maxDepth = 1;
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boolean goalFound = false;
public Adjacencymatrix(int vertices){
    //make empty matrix with 26 vertices
    this.Vertices = vertices;
    this.Edges = 0;
    this.matrix = new boolean[Vertices][Vertices];
    diagonalMatrix();
}

public void diagonalMatrix(){
    // generate zeroes in the diagonal
    for (int i = 0; i<26; i++){

        // cities cannot be adjacent to themselves
        matrix[i][i] = false;

    }

    randomAssignment();
}

public void randomAssignment(){

    //populate remaining graph with 260 0's and 390 1's

    int lcount = 390;

    while (lcount>0){

        int x = (int) (Math.random()*26);
        int y = (int) (Math.random()*26);

        //Around 60% of the graph will be 1's

        if(x == y){

            matrix[x][y] = false;
            //place cities in matrix
        }

        else if(matrix[x][y] == false){

            matrix[x][y] = true;

            lcount--;
            //Don't waste 1's on spaces already adjacent
        }

    }

}

public void dfs(){

    //Depth-first searching of the adjacency matrix

    Stack<Integer> search = new Stack<Integer>();

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search.push(0);
for(int i=0; i<26 ; i++){

    for (int j=0; j<26 ; j++){

        //System.out.println("I: " + i + "J: " + j);
        // Print the system state for debugging

        if (nodesvisited > 676){

            failures++;

            return;
            // if the stack is stuck in a loop, terminate and
            indicate failure
        }
        if (matrix[i][j] == true && j == 25){

            System.out.println("Found the city: Z");
            System.out.println("Complexities: " +
nodesgenerated + " " + nodesvisited);
            return;
            //if goal city is found, exit and print state
        }
        if(matrix[i][j] == true){

            if(!search.contains(j)){
                //Graph traversal of nodes with children
                //System.out.println("Traversed: " + j);
                search.push(j);
                if(visited[i] == 0){
                    nodesgenerated++;
                    visited[i] = 1;
                    //indicated the node has been visited before
                }

                nodesvisited++;
                i = j;
                j = 0;
            }

        }

        if (j == 25 && matrix[i][j] != true){

            j = (Integer)search.pop();
            nodesvisited++;
            //if the goal hasn't been found for a given row
        }

    }

}

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public void bfs(){

    //Breadth first search implementation with a priority queue.

    PriorityQueue<Integer> queue = new PriorityQueue<Integer>();

    for (int row=0 ; row<26; row++){

        //iterate through adjacency matrix
        for (int column = 0; column < 26 ; column++){

            if (matrix[row][column] == true && column == 25){

                System.out.println("Found the city Z:");
                System.out.println("Complexities:    " +
nodesgenerated + " " + nodesvisited);
                // nodesvisited = nodesgenerated = 0;

                // System.exit(0);
                // if City Z has been found, terminate
                for (int j = 0 ;j< 26; j++){

                    if (visited[j] == 1){

                        nodesgenerated++;
                        //calculated how many unique
nodes were visited

                    }

                }

                return;

            }

        }

        if(nodesvisited > 676){

            // if stuck in a search loop, indicate failure
            for (int j = 0 ;j< 26; j++){

                if (visited[j] == 1){

                    nodesgenerated++;

                }

            }

            failures++; // up failure count for stats
            return;

        }

        if(matrix[row][column] == true){
            if(!queue.contains(column)){
                //queue a node if not already in the queue and
indicate it has been visited
                queue.add(column);
            }
        }
    }
}

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        visited[column] = 1;
        nodesvisited++;
    }

    }

    }
    // travel to next node
    row = queue.remove();
    nodesvisited++;

}

}

//Iterative Deepening Search with Stack
public void depthLimitedSearch(int source, int goal)
{
    Stack<Integer> stack;

    while(!goalFound){
        //while the goal hasn't been found: do
        int element, destination = 1;

        //start by pushing the start node
        stack = new Stack<Integer>();
        stack.push(source);

        depth = 0;

        //start max depth at 0

        // System.out.println("\nAt Depth " + maxDepth);

        // System.out.print(source + "\t");

        //printing for debugging

        while (!stack.isEmpty())
        {
            element = stack.peek();
            //What's on top?
            while (destination <= 25)

            {

                if (depth < maxDepth)

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{
    //terminate past max depth
    if (matrix[element][destination] == true)

    {

        stack.push(destination);
        nodesvisited++;
        //mark that a node has been visited for stats
        visited[destination] = 1;

        System.out.print(destination + "\t");
        // debugging
        depth++;

        if (goal == destination)

        {
            //found the goal and terminate
            goalFound = true;
            for (int i = 0; i < 26 ; i ++ ){

                if (visited[i] == 1){

                    nodesgenerated++;

                }

            }
            return;

        }
        //breadth - first on children
        element = destination;
        //row = column of adjacency matrix
        destination = 1;
        // start columns at 1
        continue;

    }

} else

{

    break;

}

destination++;
//keep looping through the adjacency matrix
}
//avoid nullstack errors
destination = stack.pop() + 1;
nodesvisited++;

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        //if pop, you've moved one level up
        depth--;

    }
    maxDepth++;
    //restart from new depth
}

}

// reset the variables for multiple trials in a loop
public static void reset(){
    visited = null;

    visited = new int[26];

}

public static void main(String[] args) {

    // Main for calling the searching algorithms. Keeps track of
    execution time and separate variables.

    //The searches must be ran separately.
    int i = 0;
    failures = 0;
    while(i < 100){
        // TODO Auto-generated method stub
        AdjacenyMatrix test;
        test = new AdjacenyMatrix(alphabets);
        //System.out.println(test.toString());

        reset();

        startTime = System.nanoTime();
        //test.bfs();

        test.depthLimitedSearch(0, 25);
        endTime = System.nanoTime();

        totalnodesv += nodesvisited;

        totalnodesg += nodesgenerated;

        nodesvisited = 0;

        nodesgenerated = 0;

        totalTime += (endTime - startTime);

        totalTime += endTime - startTime;
    }
}

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        i++;
    }

    System.out.println("Complexities:    " + totalnodesg/100 + " " +
totalnodesv/100 + " " + totaltime/1000000 + " " + failures);

    //test.bfs();
    //test.ids();

    //test.depthLimitedSearch(0, 25);
    //System.out.println("\nGoal Found at depth " + depth);

    //System.out.println("Complexities:    " + nodesgenerated + " " +
nodesvisited);
    System.exit(0);

    }

}

```

4.2 City Class

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//City class for informed searches
//acts as a storage object for

import java.util.ArrayList;

public class City {
    //City data
    Position parent; // parent node when searching. Stores it's position
data
    final Position current; // Position data of current Node
    boolean goal; // is this the goal?
    int number; // number 0-26 of City
    double cost, Euclidean; // cost funstions
    boolean visited = false;
    int isave =0;
    Position closest = null; //closest city to current city
    ArrayList<Position> adjacencyList; // Copy of adjacency for processing
    ArrayList<Position> adjacencyList2;

    public City(int x, int y, int number){
        //initialize the city
        this.current = new Position(x, y);
        cost = 0;
        this.number = number;
        this.adjacencyList = new ArrayList<Position>();
        this.adjacencyList2 = null;
        Euclidean = Math.sqrt((Math.pow((26-x), 2)+Math.pow((26-y), 2)));
        if (number == 25){

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        goal = true;
    }
}

public Position findclosest(){
    //calculates the closest city, that has not been visited by the
algorithm
    // removes visited nodes from consideration
    adjacencyList2 = adjacencyList;
    double smallest = 500;

    if(adjacencyList2.size() == 1){
        // if there's only one city left
        closest = new Position(adjacencyList2.get(0).x,
adjacencyList2.get(0).y);
        //return it
    }

    for (int i = 0; i< adjacencyList2.size(); i++){

        Euclidean = Math.sqrt((Math.pow(Math.abs((current.x-
adjacencyList2.get(i).x)), 2)+Math.pow(Math.abs((current.y-
adjacencyList2.get(i).y)), 2)));

        if (Euclidean < smallest){

            smallest = Euclidean;

            isave= i;
            //save position of closest city in list
        }
    }

    if (isave == adjacencyList2.size()){

        return closest;

    }

    closest = new Position(adjacencyList2.get(isave).x,
adjacencyList2.get(isave).y);

    return closest;

}

public void remove() {
    //remove nodes from consideration
    if (!(adjacencyList2.size() == 1))
        adjacencyList.remove(isave);
}

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    }
}

```

4.3 Position Class

//Stores position data of the cities in the grid

```

public class Position {

    int x, y;
    //x,y coordinates
    public Position(int x, int y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    }
}

```

4.4 Informed Search Class

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

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//Master Search class

//Contains some shared assets for both searches, so I didn't have to generate them seperately

```

public class InformedSearch {
    int startx, starty;
    protected Position startNode;
    protected City[][] cities = new City[100][100]; //graph of cities in 2D
space
    protected List<City> visitedList = new ArrayList<City>(); //visited
list of cities
    static int[] visited = new int[26]; // easier processing of generated
nodes
    //Create the necessary data structures
    public InformedSearch() {
        this.startNode = new Position(startx, starty);
    }

    public void createCities(String fileName){

        for (int i = 0; i < 26 ; i++){
            //Create the positional data for the cities
            int x = (int) (Math.random()*100);
            int y = (int) (Math.random()*100);

            if (cities[x][y] == null && i > 0){

                cities[x][y] = new City(x, y, i);

                //place cities in graph

                // System.out.println("City Generated at :" + x + " "
+ y);

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    }

    if (i == 0){

        cities[x][y] = new City(x, y, i);

        startx = x;

        starty = y;

        //if it's city 0 or "A", it's the start of the graph

    }

}
}

```

4.5 Greedy Search

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.Comparator;
import java.util.List;

//Greedy Best First Implmentation, from the Informed Search Class

public class GreedyBestFirst extends InformedSearch {
    public GreedyBestFirst(Position startNode, City[][] cities, List<City>
visitedList) {
        this.startNode = startNode;
        this.cities = cities;
        this.visitedList = visitedList;
        //Initialized Variables
    }

    public void greedy(){
        int nodesvisited =0;
        //System.out.println("Startnodes: " + startNode.x + " " +
startNode.y);

        List<City> queue = new ArrayList<City>(); //store cities
        List<City> visitedList2 = new ArrayList<City>(); // store which
ones you've visited
        queue.add(cities[startNode.x][startNode.y]); // add the start to
the queue

        City closest;
        while(!queue.isEmpty()){

            City r = queue.remove(0);
            //remove top city
            //System.out.println("City x-y:"+r.current.x+"-
"+r.current.y);
            nodesvisited++;
            //System.out.println(r.number);

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        if (r.goal) {

            // if the goal, exit
            //System.out.println("Found the Goal ");

            System.out.println(" " + visitedList2.size() + " " +
nodesvisited);

            //System.exit(0);

            return;
        }

        visitedList.add(r);
        if (!visitedList2.contains(r)){
            // add the visited to the list for stats
            visitedList2.add(r);}

        r.visited = true;
        closest = (cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y]);//
find the closest euclidean distance
        while(closest.visited == true){
            try{
                r.remove();// keep iterating through nodes that haven't
been visited
            }
            catch(NullPointerException e){

                System.out.println("Failed to find goal");
            }
            closest = (cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y]);
        }

        if(!visitedList.contains(cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y])
&& !queue.contains(cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y])){

            //moce to closest node and select the parent

            closest.parent = r.current;

            queue.add(closest);

        }

    }

}

}

```

4.6 A* Class

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

//Astar implementation with cost analysis
public class Astar extends InformedSearch {

    public Astar(Position startNode, City[][] cities, List<City>
visitedList) {
        this.startNode = startNode;
        this.cities = cities;
        this.visitedList = visitedList;
        //initialize the object
    }

    public void astar(){
        ArrayList<City> queue = new ArrayList<City>(); //list of nodes to
visit
        queue.add(cities[startNode.x][startNode.y]); // initialize start
state
        City closest = null; // store closest city
        List<City> visitedList2 = new ArrayList<City>(); // store visited
cities
        int nodesvisited = 0;

        while(!queue.isEmpty()){

            City r = queue.remove(0);
            double cost = 0;
            //add cost to goal
            closest = (cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y]);
            //find the closest with least cost
            while(closest.visited == true){
                //System.out.println("Where am I hanging");
                try{
                    r.remove();
                }
                //keep iterating through adjacency list to find
closest
                catch(NullPointerException e){

                    System.out.println("Failed to find goal");
                } // catch failure

                closest =
(cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y]);
            }

            if(r.parent != null){
                //find total cost of movement
                cost =
cities[r.parent.x][r.parent.y].cost+1+r.Euclidean;
            }
            //System.out.println("City x-y:"+r.current.x+"-
"+r.current.y);
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        if (!visitedList2.contains(r)){

            visitedList2.add(r);
            }// second visited list for stats

        if(nodesvisited > 100){

            System.out.println("Failure");
            // catch failure
            return;
        }

        visitedList.add(r);
        r.visited = true;
        nodesvisited++;
        if (r.goal) {
            //printSolution("astar", r);

            //System.out.println("Cost: " + cost + " Astar
Completed");
            System.out.print(" " + visitedList2.size() + " " +
nodesvisited);

            //find goal and exit
            //System.exit(0);
            return;
        }

        if(!visitedList.contains(cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y])
&& !queue.contains(cities[r.findclosest().x][r.findclosest().y])){

            queue.add(closest);
            //add closest one to queue
            closest.parent = r.current;
            //set parent node in path
            cities[r.current.x][r.current.y].cost = cost;

            //total cost of running so far

        }

    }
}
}

```