

2. The following implementation of graph search may be incorrect. Circle all the problems with the code.

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function GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe)
  closed ← an empty set,
  fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop
    if fringe is empty then
      return failure
    end if
    node ← REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE[node]) then
      return node
    end if
    ADD STATE[node] TO closed
    fringe ← INSERTALL(EXPAND(node, problem), fringe)
  end loop
end function

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^{algorithm}
This is equivalent to tree search,
rather than graph search.

In graph search, nodes added to the
"closed" list should not be expanded again.

- (a) Nodes may be expanded twice.
(b) The algorithm is no longer complete.
(c) The algorithm could return an incorrect solution.
(d) None of the above.

3. (2 points) The following implementation of A* graph search may be incorrect. You may assume that the algorithm is being run with a consistent heuristic. Circle all the problems with the code.

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function A*-SEARCH(problem, fringe)
  closed ← an empty set
  fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop
    if fringe is empty then
      return failure
    end if
    node ← REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if STATE[node] IS NOT IN closed then
      ADD STATE[node] TO closed
      for successor IN GETSUCCESSORS(problem, STATE[node]) do
        fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(successor), fringe)
        if GOAL-TEST(problem, successor) then
          return successor
        end if
      end for
    end if
  end loop
end function

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When should A* terminate?

Should we stop when we enqueue a goal?

No. only stop when we dequeue a goal.

Otherwise, like the stated algorithm here,
it expands fewer nodes to
find a goal.

- (a) Nodes may be expanded twice.
(b) The algorithm is no longer complete.
(c) The algorithm does not always find the optimal solution.
(d) None of the above.

- (a) Recall that, a search algorithm is **complete**, if whenever there is at least one solution, the algorithm is guaranteed to find it within a finite amount of time. A search algorithm is **optimal** if when it finds a solution, it is guaranteed to be the best one (e.g. the least cost).

The word “incorrect” means “not optimal” or “suboptimal” here. The given incorrect graph search algorithm never checked whether the node is in *closed* (i.e. explored before), thus it is effectively doing tree search. Tree search could not return an “suboptimal solution” – when tree search returns any solution it will be the best optimal solution; however, it could possibly (e.g. depth-first tree search) not return any solution at all if stuck in infinite loops. Comparing to tree search, graph search will not only eliminate redundant paths but also avoid infinite loops.

- (b) The correct implementation of generic graph search and A* graph search looks as follows. By “generic”, it means that for depth-first (a stack - last in first out), breadth-first (a queue - first in first out), uniform cost (a priority queue), and A* tree search (a priority queue; also need heuristics), the only difference is what you use to implement the fringe; A* search in addition considers heuristics.

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  fringe  $\leftarrow$  INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop
    if fringe is empty then
      return failure
    end if
    node  $\leftarrow$  REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE[node]) then
      return node
    end if
    if STATE[node] is not in closed then
      add STATE[node] to closed
      fringe  $\leftarrow$  INSERTALL(EXPAND(node, problem), fringe)
    end if
  end loop
end function

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function A*-GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe, Heuristic)
  closed  $\leftarrow$  an empty set
  fringe  $\leftarrow$  INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop
    if fringe is empty then
      return failure
    end if
    node  $\leftarrow$  REMOVE-FRONT(fringe)
    if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE[node]) then
      return node
    end if
    if STATE[node] IS NOT IN closed then
      ADD STATE[node] TO closed
      for successor IN GETSUCCESSORS(problem, STATE[node]) do
        h  $\leftarrow$  Heuristic(successor, problem)
        fringe  $\leftarrow$  INSERT(MAKE-NODE(successor, h), fringe)
      end for
    end if
  end loop
end function

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