

# Homework #4: Pattern Databases

**Due** Monday by 11:59pm **Points** 100 **Submitting** a file upload  
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HW #4

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For this assignment, undergraduates can work in teams with up to one other student, while graduate students must work individually. You may discuss the assignment with other students in thinking about how to solve these problems, but all programming and other portions of the assignment must be entirely your own work. You may not show your code to other students. If you are working with another student, you need to designate this by forming a group in Canvas.

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## Task:

In this assignment you will implement two pattern databases for the 3x5 sliding-tile puzzle.

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## Pattern Databases:

You should build pattern databases containing the following files:

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a) 0 1 2 3 4 5 (3,603,600 entries)

b) 0 9 10 11 12 13 14 (32,432,400 entries)

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Undergraduates can hard-code these patterns into the PDB code and ranking function. Graduate students should write code that takes any pattern as input for building the pdb.

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Your PDB should store its values as an array/vector of 8-bit values. To build the PDB, do a breadth-first search from the goal state. Compute the (abstract) rank of a state to store its depth in the PDB. If you generate a state in the BFS which is already in the PDB you should discard the state to avoid generating states multiple times.

## Ranking/Unranking:

Use a lexicographical ranking and unranking function (as described in class). To compute the abstract rank you must:

- 1) Compute the dual of the pattern
- 2) Compute the mixed-radix value of the pattern
- 3) Compute the rank of the mixed-radix pattern

Note that a naive implementation of step 1 takes  $O(n^2)$  time, while a smarter implementation (which computes the location of each tile first) will only take  $O(n)$  time.

## Testing:

Test your code on the 20 test instances from homework three. Correctness is expanded using:

- Only Manhattan distance
- The max of Manhattan distance and the PDBs

## What to turn in:

Your submission should include a PDF file for the assignment. In the PDF, include your program that tests on all 20 test instances. The students should be able to run your program and it provides the experimental results. The PDF should explain the pattern.

## Verifying Correctness:

If you print the distribution of depths in your PDBs, you should get

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PDB complete; 3603600 of 3603600 entries written
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PDB Distribution
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0 : 1
1 : 2
2 : 4
3 : 9
4 : 20
5 : 32
6 : 53
7 : 78
8 : 140
9 : 215
10 : 383
11 : 572
12 : 994
13 : 1487
14 : 2551
15 : 3662
16 : 6083
17 : 8412
18 : 13285
19 : 17198
20 : 25715
21 : 31361
22 : 44669
23 : 51069
24 : 69998
25 : 76509
26 : 102351
27 : 108545
28 : 142635
29 : 146533
30 : 187956
31 : 184448
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32 : 225205  
33 : 207344  
34 : 240235  
35 : 208040  
36 : 231516  
37 : 190931  
38 : 204510  
39 : 159615  
40 : 162910  
41 : 120053  
42 : 116888  
43 : 80612  
44 : 74123  
45 : 47370  
46 : 40866  
47 : 23813  
48 : 19044  
49 : 9876  
50 : 7331  
51 : 3174  
52 : 2077  
53 : 658  
54 : 369  
55 : 62  
56 : 8  
PDB complete; 32432400 of 32432400 entries written  
PDB Distribution  
0 : 1  
1 : 2  
2 : 3  
3 : 3  
4 : 4  
5 : 8  
6 : 17  
7 : 27  
8 : 54  
9 : 98  
10 : 184  
11 : 294  
12 : 540  
13 : 863  
14 : 1582  
15 : 2471  
16 : 4440  
17 : 6836  
18 : 11915  
19 : 17564  
20 : 29623  
21 : 41898  
22 : 68189  
23 : 91631  
24 : 142003  
25 : 179843  
26 : 266385  
27 : 319689  
28 : 455866

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30 : 720291  
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33 : 1117571  
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35 : 1457091  
36 : 1820909  
37 : 1730218  
38 : 2067704  
39 : 1863445  
40 : 2138225  
41 : 1833591  
42 : 2021831  
43 : 1644785  
44 : 1735078  
45 : 1331858  
46 : 1337673  
47 : 963259  
48 : 915737  
49 : 614432  
50 : 551891  
51 : 343792  
52 : 291498  
53 : 167802  
54 : 133293  
55 : 68521  
56 : 49397  
57 : 21711  
58 : 13909  
59 : 4827  
60 : 2605  
61 : 508  
62 : 252  
63 : 22  
64 : 14

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