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# Dinesh Rathod (TA57) - Experiment 2
import heapq
# Define the 8-Puzzle class
class EightPuzzle:
  def __init__(self, initial_state):
    self.initial_state = initial_state
    self.goal_state = [1, 2, 3, 8, 0, 4, 7, 6, 5] # The goal state
    self.actions = [(1, 0), (-1, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1)] # Possible move directions
  def is_valid(self, state):
    # Check if a given state is a valid state
    return set(state) == set(self.goal state)
  def get_blank_position(self, state):
    # Find the position of the blank (0) in the puzzle
    return state.index(0) // 3, state.index(0) % 3
  def get_neighbors(self, state):
    # Generate neighboring states by moving the blank tile
    x, y = self.get_blank_position(state)
    neighbors = []
    for dx, dy in self.actions:
       new_x, new_y = x + dx, y + dy
       if 0 \le \text{new}_x < 3 and 0 \le \text{new}_y < 3:
         new_state = state[:]
         new_index = new_x * 3 + new_y
         new_state[x * 3 + y], new_state[new_index] = new_state[new_index],
new_state[x * 3 + y]
         neighbors.append(new_state)
    return neighbors
  def heuristic(self, state):
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# A heuristic function for estimating the cost to reach the goal state
    h = 0
    for i in range(9):
       if state[i] != self.goal_state[i]:
         h += 1
    return h
  def a_star_search(self):
    open_list = [(self.initial_state, 0, self.heuristic(self.initial_state))]
    closed_set = set()
    g_values = {tuple(self.initial_state): 0}
    while open_list:
       state, g, h = heapq.heappop(open_list)
       if self.is_valid(state):
         return state
       if state in closed_set:
         continue
       closed_set.add(state)
       for neighbor in self.get_neighbors(state):
         if neighbor not in closed_set:
            new_g = g + 1
            if new_g < g_values.get(tuple(neighbor), float('inf')):</pre>
              g_values[tuple(neighbor)] = new_g
              f = new_g + self.heuristic(neighbor)
              heapq.heappush(open_list, (neighbor, new_g, f))
    return None
# Example usage:
initial_state = [2, 8, 3, 1, 6, 4, 7, 0, 5]
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puzzle = EightPuzzle(initial_state)
solution = puzzle.a_star_search()

if solution:
    print("Solution found:")
    for i in range(0, 9, 3):
        print(solution[i:i+3])
else:
    print("No solution found.")
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## **Output:**

Solution found:
 [2, 8, 3]
 [1, 6, 4]

[7, 0, 5]