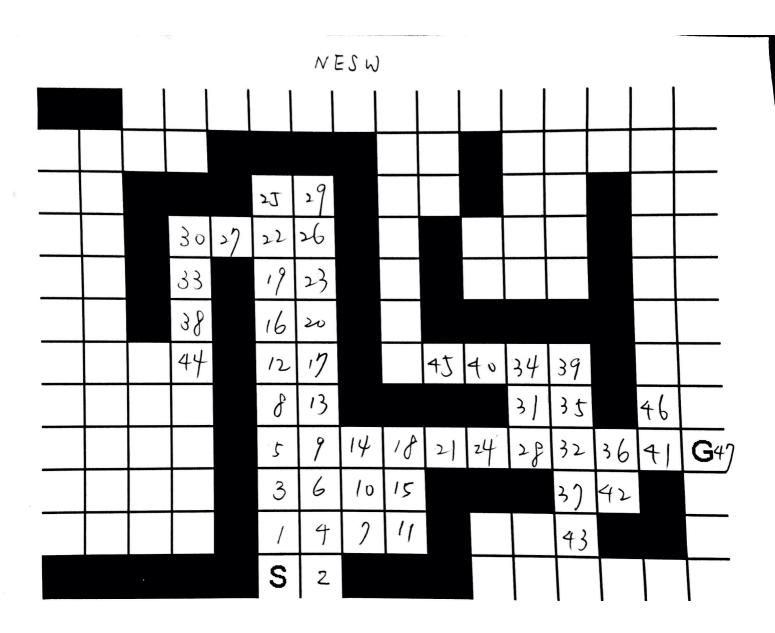
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2.

DFS and BFS both have its pros and cons depending on different cases. Normally DFS has much lower memory requirement because it doesn't have to go through all the nodes (or steps) until finding the goal. However we should consider different cases. On one hand, if the goal is far from the initial node, then BFS would take lots of steps to reach the goal, while DFS might reach that within less steps. On the other hands, if the goal is closed to the initial node, then BFS might be better solution, while the DFS with bad direction might take more than enough steps to get there. In conclusion, which is better should be depending on different situation.

4.

Number of moves: 4

(b)

Number of moves= 8

(c)

Number of moves: 14

Bonus:

I wrote an extra function to calculate heuristic value at the bottom of my code. If you want to test it, please remove the comment mark.

(a)

Number of moves: 4

(b)

Number of moves = 8

(c)

Number of moves: 14

The results are exactly the same, and it took much less time to find the path!!