

Graph search, continued

Note Title

OPEN — a list of all nodes that have been generated, but not expanded
Initially, $OPEN = \{ \text{startNode} \}$

CLOSED — a list of all nodes that have been (generated and) expanded
Initially $CLOSED = \{ \}$

DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH

New nodes are added to front of OPEN. (OPEN is a stack)

BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH

New nodes are added to rear of OPEN. (OPEN is a queue)

Graph search will build a search tree of the program graph, with root of tree at start node

$OPEN \leftarrow \{ start \}$ \longrightarrow $OPEN$ is a list of all nodes that have been seen but not expanded (leaf nodes)

$CLOSED \leftarrow \{ \}$ \longrightarrow $CLOSED$ is a list of nodes that have been expanded (interior nodes)

while $OPEN \neq \{ \}$ will iterate until entire graph has been explored OR a goal node is reached

$s \leftarrow \text{first}(OPEN)$

$OPEN \leftarrow \text{rest}(OPEN)$

$CLOSED \leftarrow CLOSED + \{ s \}$

take first node from $OPEN$
and expand it (generate all successors
and add it to $CLOSED$

if goal(s), exit

for each $r \in \text{ApplicableRules}(s)$

$s' \leftarrow \text{ApplyRule}(r, s)$

if $s' \notin \{ OPEN \cup CLOSED \}$

parent(s') $\leftarrow s$

depth(s') \leftarrow depth(s) + 1

$OPEN \leftarrow \text{Insert}(s', OPEN)$

if a successor state has not already been seen (i.e., is not already on $OPEN$ or $CLOSED$)
put it on $OPEN$. Its parent is s . Its depth is one greater than depth of its parent (s).

else if $s' \in OPEN$ where to insert?

parent(s') $\leftarrow \arg \min \{ \text{depth}(s), \text{depth}(\text{parent}(s')) \}$

depth(s') \leftarrow depth(parent(s')) + 1

else if $s' \in CLOSED$

parent(s') $\leftarrow \arg \min \{ \text{depth}(s), \text{depth}(\text{parent}(s')) \}$

for each $d \in \text{descendants}(s')$

depth(d) \leftarrow depth(parent(d)) + 1

successor state has been seen but not expanded - Figure out if s is a better choice for parent than its current parent. Recompute depth appropriately.

successor state has been seen and expanded already - and so all its descendants need depth recomputation if the parent is reassigned.

if goal(s),

path is $\{ s \rightarrow \text{parent}(s) \rightarrow \text{parent}(\text{parent}(s)) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{start} \}$

Example (Depth-First)

start

2	8	3
1	6	4
7		5

goal

1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

OPEN : ①

CLOSED : — (empty)

OPEN : 2 18 ☐

CLOSED : ①

OPEN : 3 18 ☐

CLOSED : ① ②

.... order of elements on CLOSED not important

OPEN : 4 8 18 ☐

CLOSED : ① ② ③

OPEN : 5 8 18 ☐

CLOSED : 1 2 3 4

OPEN : 6 7 8 18 ☐

CLOSED : 1 2 3 4 5

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NOTE: Applicable Rules can
check depth bound
So no successors to
6 + 7 are generated.

Breadth First

Items are put at rear of OPEN —

OPEN: 1

CLOSED: _____

OPEN: 2 3 4

CLOSED: 1

OPEN: 3 4 5

CLOSED: 1 2

OPEN: 4 5 6 7 8

CLOSED: 1 2 3

...

IDEA : Why can't we find a more intelligent way of guessing the order to try the children nodes?

□ instead of "insert at rear"
or "insert at front"

try "insert most promising nodes at front,
less promising at rear"

"Best First Search" [use a heuristic to evaluate
states — low value \Rightarrow good
high value \Rightarrow bad
use priority queue to insert states
on OPEN using this heuristic —
(requires good heuristic)