NOPT042 Constraint programming: Tutorial 12 - Planning

In [1]: %load_ext ipicat

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The planning problem

Abstractly, planning refers to a class of problems where we are given:

- · an initial state,
- final states (a set of them, or perhaps a property that makes a state final),
- a set of possible actions (how they transforming a state to another state),

and our task is to find a sequence of actions transforming the inital state to the final state, possibly optimizing some objective, and satisfying some resource limits. This problem appears in many practical applicatios (e.g. logistics, robotics), as well as in logical puzzles (e.g. the 15 puzzle) or games (e.g. Sokoban).

On an abstract level, we are trying to find a path (from the initial state to some final state) in the state graph (aka state transition diagram). The state graphis not explicitly constructed, as it is typically huge.

Several (all?) of the exercises from the last tutorial (on Tabling) can be seen as planning problems, generally following this pseudocode (the book):

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table (+,-,min)

path(S,Plan,Cost),final(S) =>
    Plan=[],Cost=0.

path(S,Plan,Cost) =>
    action(S,NextS,Action,ACost),
    path(NextS,Plan1,Cost1),
    Plan = [Action|Plan1],
    Cost = ACost+Cost1.
```

The planner module

For planning problems, Picat provides the module planner which implements essentially the above pseudocode. It is enough to define the predicates

- final(S),
- action(S, NextS, Action, ACost),

and provide an initial state SInit. The ACost must be nonnegative. For example, if we only care about the number of steps, we set it to 1. The actions are tried in the order in which they are defined (as rules defining the predicate action). Remember that if there are multiple actions, all but the last rule must be backtrackable (?=>).

The above pseudocode implements *depth-unbounded search*. The module planner also implements *depth-bounded search* (e.g. *iterative deepening* and *branch and bound*) and heuristic search.

See the guide, Chapter 8 for more details. (The module is not big, only \sim 300 LOC.)

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In [2]: !wget http://picat-lang.org/download/planner.pi
        !cat planner.pi
       --2024-10-17 15:02:37-- http://picat-lang.org/download/planner.pi
       Resolving picat-lang.org (picat-lang.org)...
       64.71.35.59
       Connecting to picat-lang.org (picat-lang.org) | 64.71.35.59 | :80...
       connected.
       HTTP request sent, awaiting response...
       200 OK
       Length: 13806 (13K)
       Saving to: 'planner.pi.3'
       planner.pi.3
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% best_plan(S,Limit,Plan) => best_plan(S,Limit,Plan).
% best plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => best plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
% best_plan(S,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% best_plan(S,Plan) => best_plan(S,Plan).
% best plan bin(S,Limit,Plan) => best plan bin(S,Limit,Plan).
% best_plan_bin(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_bin(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
% best_plan_bin(S,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_bin(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% best plan bin(S,Plan) => best plan bin(S,Plan).
% best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan) => best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan).
% best_plan_bb(S,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_bb(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% best plan bb(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => best plan bb(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
% best_plan_bb(S,Plan) => best_plan_bb(S,Plan).
% best plan nondet(S,Limit,Plan) => best plan nondet(S,Limit,Plan).
% best_plan_nondet(S,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_nondet(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% best_plan_nondet(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_nondet(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCos
t).
% best_plan_nondet(S,Plan) => best_plan_nondet(S,Plan).
% best plan unbounded(S,Limit,Plan) => best plan unbounded(S,Limit,Plan).
% best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost) => best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% best plan unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => best plan unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,Pla
nCost).
% best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan) => best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan).
% current plan() = current plan().
% current_resource() = current_resource().
% current_resource_plan(Amount,Plan) => current_resource_plan(Amount,Plan).
% current_resource_plan_cost(Amount,Plan,Cost) => current_resource_plan_cost(Amount,
Plan, Cost).
% insert_state_list(StateL,Elm) = insert_state_list(StateL,Elm).
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% is_tabled_state(S) => is_tabled_state(S).
% new_state_list(List) = new_state_list(List).
% plan(S,Limit,Plan) => plan(S,Limit,Plan).
% plan(S,Plan,PlanCost) => plan(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
% plan(S,Plan) => plan(S,Plan).
% plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan) => plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan).
% plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost) => plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost).
% plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) => plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
% plan_unbounded(S,Plan) => plan_unbounded(S,Plan).
% A state-list is an ordered list, where the ordering of symbols is determined
% by the addresses of the symbols in the symbol table, not by the characters that
% constitute the symbols. This ordering allows for efficient ordering of symbols.
% Note that this ordering is different from lexicographical ordering, which is used
by sort().
new_state_list(List) = SList => new_state_list_aux(List,[],SList).
new_stte_list_aux([],SList0,SList) => SList = SList0.
new state list aux([E|List],SList0,SList) =>
   bp.b_INSERT_STATE_LIST_ccf(SList0,E,SList1),
   new_state_list_aux(List,SList1,SList).
insert_state_list(SList0,Elm) = SList => bp.b_INSERT_STATE_LIST_ccf(SList0,Elm,SLis
t).
%%%
current_resource() = Amount =>
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bp.b_PLANNER_CURR_RPC_fff(Amount,_Plan,_Cost).
current_plan() = Plan =>
   bp.b_PLANNER_CURR_RPC_fff(_Amount,Plan,_Cost).
current_resource_plan(Amount,Plan) =>
   bp.b_PLANNER_CURR_RPC_fff(Amount,Plan,_Cost).
current_resource_plan_cost(Amount,Plan,Cost) =>
   bp.b_PLANNER_CURR_RPC_fff(Amount,Plan,Cost).
%%%
plan(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
   bp.picat_plan(S,268435455,Plan,_). % the limit is assumed to be 268435455
plan(_S,Plan) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,plan).
plan(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
   bp.picat_plan(S,Limit,Plan,_).
plan(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    bp.picat_plan(S,268435455,Plan,PlanCost).
plan(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,plan).
plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
   bp.picat_plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
plan(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,plan).
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plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    bp.picat_plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS).
plan(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_FinS) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,plan).
%%%
plan_unbounded(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
   bp.picat_plan_unbounded(S,268435455,Plan,_). % the limit is assumed to be 2684
35455
plan_unbounded(_S,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,plan_unbounded).
plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    bp.picat_plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,_).
plan unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    bp.picat_plan_unbounded(S,268435455,Plan,PlanCost).
plan_unbounded(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,plan_unbounded).
plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=
0 =>
    bp.picat_plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
plan_unbounded(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,plan_unbounded).
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best_plan(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
    best_plan_downward(S,0,268435455,Plan,_,_).
best_plan(_S,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,best_plan).
best_plan(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    best_plan_downward(S,0,Limit,Plan,_,_).
best_plan(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    best_plan_downward(S,0,268435455,Plan,PlanCost,_).
best_plan(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,best_plan).
best_plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    best_plan_downward(S,0,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_).
best_plan(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan).
best_plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=
0 =>
    best_plan_downward(S,0,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS).
best_plan(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_FinS) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan).
%%%
best_plan_downward(S,Level,_Limit,_Plan,_PlanCost,_FinS) ?=>
    (bp.global_get('_$picat_log',0,1) -> printf("%% Searching with the bound %d\n",L
evel); true),
    call_picat_plan(S,Level),
    fail.
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best_plan_downward(S,_Level,_Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS),
   Map = get_table_map('_$planner'),
   Map.has_key($current_best_plan(S))
=>
   Map.get($current_best_plan(S)) = Plan,
   Map.get($current_best_plan_cost(S)) = PlanCost,
    Map.get($current_best_plan_fin_state(S)) = FinS.
best_plan_downward(S,Level,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS) =>
    bp.global_get('_$planner_explored_depth',0,Depth),
    (Depth == 268435455 -> Level1 = Level+1; Level1 = Depth),
        Level1 =< Limit,
    best_plan_downward(S,Level1,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS).
%%% iterative deeping and binary search
best_plan_bin(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
    best_plan_downward_bin(S,0,268435455,Plan,_,_).
best_plan_bin(_S,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,best_plan).
best_plan_bin(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    best_plan_downward_bin(S,0,Limit,Plan,_,_).
best_plan_bin(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    best_plan_downward_bin(S,0,268435455,Plan,PlanCost,_).
best_plan_bin(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,best_plan).
best_plan_bin(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=0
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best_plan_downward_bin(S,0,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_).
best_plan_bin(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan).
best_plan_bin(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Lim
it>=0 =>
    best_plan_downward_bin(S,0,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS).
best_plan_bin(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_FinS) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan).
%%%
best_plan_downward_bin(S,Level,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS) =>
   Map = get_table_map('_$planner'),
    loop_best_plan_downward_bin(S,Level,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS,Map).
loop_best_plan_downward_bin(S,Level,Limit,_Plan,_PlanCost,_FinS,_Map) ?=>
    Level =< Limit,
    (bp.global_get('_$picat_log',0,1) -> printf("%% Searching with the bound %d\n",L
evel); true),
    call_picat_plan(S,Level),
   fail.
loop_best_plan_downward_bin(S,_Level,_Limit,Plan,PlanCost,_FinS,Map),
   Map.has_key($current_best_plan(S))
=>
    Lower = Map.get($current_lower_bound(S),0),
    Upper = Map.get($current_best_plan_cost($))-1,
    loop_best_plan_bin(S,Map,Lower,Upper,Plan,PlanCost).
loop_best_plan_downward_bin(S,Level,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS,Map) =>
    bp.global_get('_$planner_explored_depth',0,Depth),
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%
    writeln(depth=Depth),
    (Depth == 268435455 -> Lower = Level+1; Lower = Depth),
   Map.put($current_lower_bound(S),Lower),
    Lower < Limit,
    Level1 = 2*Lower,
   NewLevel = cond(Level1>Limit, Limit, Level1),
    loop_best_plan_downward_bin(S,NewLevel,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS,Map).
% binary search
loop_best_plan_bin(S,Map,Lower,Upper,Plan,PlanCost),
   Lower =< Upper
=>
   NewLimit = Lower + (Upper-Lower) div 2,
    (bp.global_get('_picat_log',0,1) -> printf("%% Searching with the bound %d\n",N
ewLimit); true),
    if call_picat_plan(S,NewLimit) then
        NewUpper = Map.get($current_best_plan_cost($))-1,
        loop_best_plan_bin(S,Map,Lower,NewUpper,Plan,PlanCost)
   else
        NewLower = NewLimit+1,
        loop_best_plan_bin(S,Map,NewLower,Upper,Plan,PlanCost)
    end.
loop_best_plan_bin(S,Map,_Lower,_Upper,Plan,PlanCost) =>
   Map.has_key($current_best_plan(S)),
   Map.get($current_best_plan(S)) = Plan,
   Map.get($current_best_plan_cost(S)) = PlanCost.
%%%
best_plan_nondet(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
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best_plan_nondet_aux(S,268435455,Plan,_).
best_plan_nondet(_S,Plan) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,best_plan_nondet).
best_plan_nondet(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
   best_plan_nondet_aux(S,Limit,Plan,_).
best_plan_nondet(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
   best_plan_nondet_aux(S,268435455,Plan,PlanCost).
best_plan_nondet(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,best_plan_nondet).
best_plan_nondet(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit
>=0 =>
   best_plan_nondet_aux(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
best_plan_nondet(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan_nondet).
best_plan_nondet_aux(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
   not not (M = get_global_map(),
            M.put('_first_best_plan',[]),
            to find the first best plan
            M.put('_first_best_plan',(Plan0,PlanCost0))),
   get_global_map().get('_first_best_plan') = (Plan0,PlanCost),
        Plan = Plan0
       bp.picat_best_plan_nondet_nontabled_search(S,Plan,PlanCost),
       Plan0 != Plan
   ).
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%%% Branch-and-Bound
best_plan_bb(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
    loop_best_plan_bb(S,268435455,Plan,_).
best_plan_bb(_S,Plan) =>
   throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,best_plan_bb).
best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    loop_best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan,_PlanCost).
best_plan_bb(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    loop_best_plan_bb(S,268435455,Plan,PlanCost).
best_plan_bb(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,best_plan_bb).
best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Limit>=0
=>
    loop_best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost).
best_plan_bb(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan_bb).
loop_best_plan_bb(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),
    (bp.global_get('_picat_log',0,1) -> printf("%% Searching with the bound %d\n",L
imit); true),
    call_picat_plan(S,Limit)
=>
    get_table_map('_$planner').get($current_best_plan_cost($)) = PlanCost1,
    loop_best_plan_bb(S,PlanCost1-1,Plan,PlanCost).
loop_best_plan_bb(S,_Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
   Map = get_table_map('_$planner'),
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Map.has_key($current_best_plan(S)),
   Map.get($current_best_plan(S)) = Plan,
   Map.get($current_best_plan_cost($)) = PlanCost.
call_picat_plan(S,Limit) =>
    bp.global_set('_$planner_explored_depth',0,268435455),
    not not call_picat_plan_aux(S,Limit). % discard exception catchers created by p
icat_plan
call_picat_plan_aux(S,Limit) =>
   bp.picat_plan(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost,FinS),
   Map = get_table_map('_$planner'),
   Map.put($current_best_plan(S),Plan),
   Map.put($current_best_plan_cost(S),PlanCost),
   Map.put($current_best_plan_fin_state(S),FinS).
%%%
best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan),var(Plan) =>
    bp.picat_best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,_).
best_plan_unbounded(_S,Plan) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(1,Plan,_,best_plan_unbounded).
best_plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan),var(Plan),integer(Limit),Limit>=0 =>
    bp.picat_best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost),
   PlanCost=<Limit.
best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost) =>
    bp.picat_best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost).
best_plan_unbounded(_S,Limit,Plan) =>
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best_plan_unbounded(S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost),var(Plan),var(PlanCost),integer(Limit),Li
mit>=0 =>
    bp.picat_best_plan_unbounded(S,Plan,PlanCost),
   PlanCost =< Limit.
best_plan_unbounded(_S,Limit,Plan,PlanCost) =>
    throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,PlanCost,best_plan_unbounded).
%%%
is_tabled_state(S) =>
   bp.b_IS_PLANNER_STATE_c(S).
throw_plan_arg_error(_Limit,Plan,_PlanCost,Source),nonvar(Plan) =>
    handle_exception($var_expected(Plan),Source).
throw_plan_arg_error(_Limit,_Plan,PlanCost,Source),nonvar(PlanCost) =>
    handle_exception($var_expected(PlanCost),Source).
throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,_Plan,_PlanCost,Source),integer(Limit) =>
    handle_exception($nonnegative_integer_expected(Limit),Source).
throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,_Plan,_PlanCost,Source) =>
    handle_exception($integer_expected(Limit),Source).
```

throw_plan_arg_error(Limit,Plan,_,best_plan_unbounded).

Depth-unbounded search

The module planner implements the following two predicates:

- plan_unbounded(S, Limit, Plan, PlanCost): find any plan where PlanCost
 <= Limit
- best_plan_unbounded(S, Limit, Plan, PlanCost): find the best plan

The arguments PlanCost and Limit can be omitted.

Resource-bounded search

The module planner also implements the following predicates:

- plan(S, Limit, Plan, PlanCost): perform resource-bounded search (i.e., keep a resource amount, do not explore a state if the resource amount is negative or if the state has previously failed with the same or more resource), if the resource is plan length (number of actions), this is depth-bounded search.
- best_plan(S, Limit, Plan, PlanCost): finds the lowest-cost plan, using
 iterative deepening; calls plan/4 setting the initial cost to 0 and then
 iteratively increasing.
- best_plan_bb(S, Limit, Plan, PlanCost): first find any plan using plan/4, then branch and bound lowering the limit.

And we can use the function <code>current resource() = Limit</code> which returns the resource of the last call of <code>plan</code>; this can be used to implement a heuristic to prune the search (e.g. in 01-knapsack, if taking all of the remaining items, ignoring weight, won't give us sufficient total value, better than best so far).

Example: 15 puzzle

We will use the planner module to solve the 15 puzzle. Before checking the solution, think about what are the states and actions.

See this paper for a solution and more examples.

In [3]: !picat puzzle15/puzzle15.pi

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In [4]: !cat puzzle15/puzzle15.pi

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15_puzzle.pi
 from Constraint Solving and Planning with Picat, Springer
  by Neng-Fa Zhou, Hakan Kjellerstrand, and Jonathan Fruhman
import planner.
main =>
   InitS = [(1,2),(2,2),(4,4),(1,3),
            (1,1),(3,2),(1,4),(2,4),
            (4,2),(3,1),(3,3),(2,3),
            (2,1),(4,1),(4,3),(3,4)],
   best plan(InitS, Plan),
   foreach (Action in Plan)
      println(Action)
   end.
final(State) => State=[(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(1,4),
                      (2,1),(2,2),(2,3),(2,4),
                      (3,1),(3,2),(3,3),(3,4),
                      (4,1),(4,2),(4,3),(4,4)].
action([P0@(R0,C0)|Tiles],NextS,Action,Cost) =>
   Cost = 1,
    (R1 = R0-1, R1 >= 1, C1 = C0, Action = up;
    R1 = R0+1, R1 = < 4, C1 = C0, Action = down;
    R1 = R0, C1 = C0-1, C1 >= 1, Action = left;
    R1 = R0, C1 = C0+1, C1 = <4, Action = right),
   P1 = (R1,C1),
    slide(P0,P1,Tiles,NTiles),
    current_resource() > manhattan_dist(NTiles),
   NextS = [P1|NTiles].
% slide the tile at P1 to the empty square at P0
slide(P0,P1,[P1|Tiles],NTiles) =>
   NTiles = [P0|Tiles].
slide(P0,P1,[Tile|Tiles],NTiles) =>
   NTiles=[Tile|NTilesR],
    slide(P0,P1,Tiles,NTilesR).
manhattan_dist(Tiles) = Dist =>
   final([_|FTiles]),
   Dist = sum([abs(R-FR)+abs(C-FC) :
               {(R,C),(FR,FC)} in zip(Tiles,FTiles)]).
```

Exercise: 01-Knapsack

Implement the 01-knapsack problem using the planner module. (Every CSP can be viewed as a planning problem where states are partial assignments and actions represent the choice of value for a variable. We are looking for a path from the root of the search tree to one of the leaves.)

```
instance(ItemNames, Capacity, Values, Weights) =>
        ItemNames = {"tv", "desktop", "laptop", "tablet", "vase", "bottle", "jacket"},
        Capacity = 23,
        Values = {500,350,230,115,180,75,125},
        Weights = {15,11,5,1,7,3,4}.

In [6]: !cd knapsack && picat knapsack.pi instance.pi

        (take,tv)
        (leave,desktop)
        (take,laptop)
        (take,tablet)
        (leave,vase)
        (leave,bottle)
        (leave,jacket)

In [7]: !cat knapsack/knapsack.pi
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import planner.
main([Filename]) =>
    cl(Filename),
    instance(ItemNames, TotalCapacity, Values, Weights),
   AllItems = [(ItemNames[I], Values[I], Weights[I]) : I in 1..ItemNames.length],
   % state: S@(RemainingItems, RemainingCapacity)
   InitialState = (AllItems, TotalCapacity),
   % PlanCost is the value of items we did not take
   best_plan(InitialState, Plan, PlanCost),
    foreach (Action in Plan)
       println(Action)
    end.
% take the current item
action(CurrentState@(Items, Capacity), NextState, Action, Cost) ?=>
    Items = [Item | RemainingItems],
    Item = (ItemName, ItemValue, ItemWeight),
   Action = (take, ItemName),
   % taking an item costs nothing
   Cost = 0,
   % is this action valid?
   Capacity >= ItemWeight,
   % take the item, lower capacity
   NextState = (RemainingItems, Capacity - ItemWeight).
% leave the current item
action(CurrentState@(Items, Capacity), NextState, Action, Cost) =>
    Items = [Item | RemainingItems],
    Item = (ItemName, ItemValue, ItemWeight),
   Action = (leave, ItemName),
   % leaving an item costs its value
   Cost = ItemValue,
   % leave the item, capacity does not change
   NextState = (RemainingItems, Capacity).
% finish if no remaining items
final(S@(Items, Capacity)) => Items = [].
```

Exercise: Jugs

Solve the Three Jugs Problem (exercise 3.12/8 in the book):

There are 3 water jugs. The first jug can hold 3 liters of water, the second jug can hold 5 liters, and the third jug is an 8-liter container that is full of water. At the start, the first and second jugs are empty. The goal is to get exactly 4 liters of water in one of the containers. (We are not allowed to spill water).

Generalize to any number of jugs with arbitrary maximum and intial volumes, and any target volume, e.g.: