

Problem1	breadth_first			depth_first			uniform_cost			h_ignore_pre			astar_search		
Time(s)	0.0323			0.0086			0.0410			0.0447			3.2470		
Plan length	6			12			6			6			6		
Expansion	Expansions	43		Expansions	2		Expansions	55		Expansions	41		Expansions	41	
	Goal Tests	56		Goal Tests	13		Goal Tests	57		Goal Tests	43		Goal Tests	43	
	New Nodes	180		New Nodes	48		New Nodes	224		New Nodes	170		New Nodes	170	
Plan	Load(C2, P2, JFK) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK)			Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Load(C1, P2, SFO) Fly(P2, SFO, JFK) Fly(P1, JFK, SFO) Unload(C1, P2, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Load(C2, P1, JFK) Fly(P2, SFO, JFK) Fly(P1, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P1, SFO)			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)		
Optimal	Yes			No			Yes			Yes			Yes		

Problem2	breadth_first			depth_first			uniform_cost			h_ignore_pre			astar_search		
Time(s)	11.99			12.4			35.93			11.2			1476.5		
Plan length	9			1444			9			9			9		
Expansions	Expansions	3343		Expansions	1669		Expansions	4852		Expansions	1506		Expansions	1245	
	Goal Tests	4609		Goal Tests	1670		Goal Tests	4854		Goal Tests	1508		Goal Tests	1247	
	New Nodes	30509		New Nodes	14863		New Nodes	44030		New Nodes	13820		New Nodes	11307	
Plans	Load(C2, P2, JFK) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C3, P3, ATL) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Fly(P3, ATL, SFO) Unload(C3, P3, SFO)			Too long to put here...			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Load(C3, P3, ATL) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Fly(P3, ATL, SFO) Unload(C3, P3, SFO) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C3, P3, ATL) Fly(P3, ATL, SFO) Unload(C3, P3, SFO) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C3, P3, ATL) Fly(P3, ATL, SFO) Unload(C3, P3, SFO) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)		
Optimal	Yes			No			Yes			Yes			Yes		

Problem3	breadth_first			depth_first			uniform_cost			h_ignore_pre			astar_search		
Time(s)	87.11			2.538			297.5			68.359			5105		
Plan length	12			571			12			12			12		
Expansions	Expansions	663		Expansions	592		Expansions	18235		Expansions	5118		Expansions	2934	
	Goal Tests	18098		Goal Tests	593		Goal Tests	18237		Goal Tests	5120		Goal Tests	2936	
	New Nodes	129631		New Nodes	4927		New Nodes	159716		New Nodes	45650		New Nodes	26122	
Plans	Load(C2, P2, JFK) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P2, JFK, ORD) Load(C4, P2, ORD) Fly(P1, SFO, ATL) Load(C3, P1, ATL) Fly(P1, ATL, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C3, P1, JFK) Fly(P2, ORD, SFO) Unload(C2, P2, SFO) Unload(C4, P2, SFO)			Too long to put here			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P1, SFO, ATL) Load(C3, P1, ATL) Fly(P2, JFK, ORD) Load(C4, P2, ORD) Fly(P2, ORD, SFO) Fly(P1, ATL, JFK) Unload(C4, P2, SFO) Unload(C3, P1, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P2, JFK, ORD) Load(C4, P2, ORD) Fly(P2, ORD, SFO) Unload(C4, P2, SFO) Load(C1, P1, SFO) Fly(P1, SFO, ATL) Load(C3, P1, ATL) Fly(P1, ATL, JFK) Unload(C3, P1, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)			Load(C1, P1, SFO) Load(C2, P2, JFK) Fly(P1, SFO, ATL) Load(C3, P1, ATL) Fly(P2, JFK, ORD) Load(C4, P2, ORD) Fly(P2, ORD, SFO) Fly(P1, ATL, JFK) Unload(C4, P2, SFO) Fly(P1, ATL, JFK) Unload(C3, P1, JFK) Unload(C1, P1, JFK) Unload(C2, P2, SFO)		
Optimal	Yes			No			Yes			Yes			Yes		

All problems	breadth_first			depth_first			uniform_cost			h_ignore_pre			astar_search		
Total time:	99.4			14.9			333.4			79.54			6584		

Performance summary:

In my report I compared breath first search, depth first graph search, uniform cost research, and a start search using two different heuristics, ignore preconditions and level sum heuristic. Overall all algorithms except depth first search gave me the optimal plan with the shortest length. As explained in the videos, the reason why the depth first search fails to find the optimal path is that it always explores the deepest branches and stops as soon as it finds a goal. In this case we have essentially an unlimited tree because we can always keep doing a different actions, so depth first search can keep on going forever. I still think that this algorithm can be useful in a case where we want to know whether there is a path to the goal.

In terms of the time performance of optimal algorithms a star search with ignore preconditions was the best with the shortest total time across all three problems. I think this is expected because a*star is like breath first search with the addition of a heuristic that allows us to guess the total cost of a path. So instead of expanding from the initial state in circles we expand towards to the goal according to the heuristic.

In terms of expanding the least number of nodes a star search with level sum heuristic was the best among the optimal algorithms. What this tell us is that level sum heuristic is more accurate than ignore preconditions heuristic and better in guiding us toward the goal. However because calculating level sum heuristic was very slow, we ended up making a huge sacrifice in total execution time. I think this algorithm would still be preferred in situations where it takes more time to expand a node than to calculate the heuristic, like in real life when expanding a node corresponds to an important decision like making a career change.

Overall, 4 of the 5 algorithm gave the optimal plan, a star search with ignore preconditions had the fastest time and a star with level sum had the last number of nodes expanded.