

AI Exp-5

Topic: Postlab

Q.1] T.C of A^* algo

→ T.C of A^* depends on quality of heuristic funcⁿ. In worst-case, the algo can be $O(b^d)$ where b = branching factor, the avg no of edges from each node.

Q.2] Limitations of A^* algo?

→ A^* algo, while renowned for efficiency, has limitations
1.] computational cost

→ A^* can be computationally expensive, especially in some:
Extensive search spaces: when dealing with vast no of paths, the exploration process can become resource-intensive

High branching factors: If each node in search space has potential, the algo needs to evaluate numerous options

2] Reliance on heuristics:

A^* heavily relies on quality of heuristic funcⁿ used to estimate dist to goal

Poor heuristic: A poor design can lead algo down suboptimal paths.

Domain-specific: Design an effective heuristic often req significant domain

Q. 3] Discuss A*, BFS, DFS & Dijkstra algo?

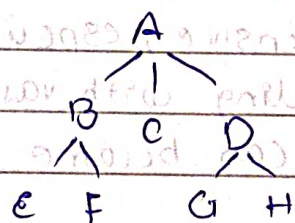
A] BFS

BFS is an algo for traversing tree or graph D.S
It starts at root, explores all of neighbor nodes at present depth prior to moving on nodes at next depth level

BFS uses queue D.S to keep track of next nodes

BFS guarantees shortest path in terms of number

Eg



If we perform BFS starting from node A

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow H$

DFS

Graph D.S

→ Starts at root explores as far as possible before backtracking

→ uses stack D.S to keep track of next node

→ DFS does not guarantee shortest path. It may traverse deep into branch

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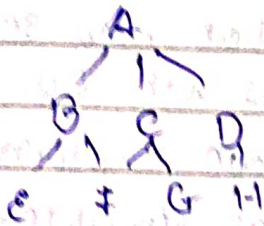
same graph

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Dijkstra's algo

- used to find shortest path from single source vertex to all other vertices in a graph
- maintains shortest distance from source vertex
- iteratively selects vertex with smallest dist from source & updates it

e.g.



A* algo

- To find short path in graph b/w start node & target node
- uses heuristic to estimate cost from current node to goal
- A* keep track of total estimated cost of rec'd node called f-score, which is sum of cost from start to current node