

	Humans, Robots and Ferry		Farmer, Fox, Chicken, Grain		Towers of Hanoi (4 Disks)	
	<b>DFS</b>	<b>BFS</b>	<b>DFS</b>	<b>BFS</b>	<b>DFS</b>	<b>BFS</b>
Path found (start to goal):	See [5]	See [6]	See [4]	See [3]	See [1]	See [2]
Length of path:	9	7	7	7	40	15
Number of nodes expanded	10	10	7	9	40	70

- 1) Why is the maximum length of the OPEN list longer for BFS than DFS? (16 vs. 7)
  - a. Since BFS spreads breadth-first, it can have all nodes at a certain depth in its OPEN list at once. Depth-first is limited to having as many nodes as it goes deep.
- 2) Why is the solution path length different between DFS and BFS?
  - a. DFS goes deeper first, potentially finding a solution in less time than BFS. However, since BFS goes wider first, it is guaranteed to pick the shortest path. The downside is that the processing time can be significantly higher – see the 40 states expanded for DFS to BFS's 70!

[1]: Towers of Hanoi, 4 disks, DFS Solution Path

1. [[4, 3, 2, 1], [], []]
2. [[4, 3, 2], [1], []]
3. [[4, 3], [1], [2]]
4. [[4, 3, 1], [], [2]]
5. [[4, 3], [], [2, 1]]
6. [[4], [3], [2, 1]]
7. [[4, 1], [3], [2]]
8. [[4], [3, 1], [2]]
9. [[4, 2], [3, 1], []]
10. [[4, 2, 1], [3], []]
11. [[4, 2], [3], [1]]
12. [[4], [3, 2], [1]]
13. [[4, 1], [3, 2], []]
14. [[4], [3, 2, 1], []]
15. [[], [3, 2, 1], [4]]
16. [[1], [3, 2], [4]]
17. [[], [3, 2], [4, 1]]
18. [[2], [3], [4, 1]]
19. [[2, 1], [3], [4]]
20. [[2], [3, 1], [4]]
21. [[], [3, 1], [4, 2]]
22. [[1], [3], [4, 2]]
23. [[], [3], [4, 2, 1]]
24. [[3], [], [4, 2, 1]]
25. [[3, 1], [], [4, 2]]
26. [[3], [1], [4, 2]]
27. [[3, 2], [1], [4]]
28. [[3, 2, 1], [], [4]]
29. [[3, 2], [], [4, 1]]
30. [[3], [2], [4, 1]]
31. [[3, 1], [2], [4]]
32. [[3], [2, 1], [4]]
33. [[], [2, 1], [4, 3]]
34. [[1], [2], [4, 3]]
35. [[], [2], [4, 3, 1]]
36. [[2], [], [4, 3, 1]]
37. [[2, 1], [], [4, 3]]
38. [[2], [1], [4, 3]]
39. [[], [1], [4, 3, 2]]
40. [[1], [], [4, 3, 2]]
41. [[], [], [4, 3, 2, 1]]

[2] Towers of Hanoi, 4 disks, BFS Solution Path

1. [[4, 3, 2, 1], [], []]
2. [[4, 3, 2], [1], []]
3. [[4, 3], [1], [2]]
4. [[4, 3], [], [2, 1]]
5. [[4], [3], [2, 1]]
6. [[4, 1], [3], [2]]
7. [[4, 1], [3, 2], []]
8. [[4], [3, 2, 1], []]
9. [[], [3, 2, 1], [4]]
10. [[], [3, 2], [4, 1]]
11. [[2], [3], [4, 1]]
12. [[2, 1], [3], [4]]
13. [[2, 1], [], [4, 3]]
14. [[2], [1], [4, 3]]
15. [[], [1], [4, 3, 2]]
16. [[], [], [4, 3, 2, 1]]

[3] Farmer-fox-chicken-grain BFS Path

1-----

Left side:

farmer  
fox  
chicken  
grain

Right side:

2-----

Left side:

fox  
grain

Right side:

farmer  
chicken

3-----

Left side:

fox  
grain  
farmer

Right side:

chicken

4-----

Left side:

Grain

Right side:

chicken  
farmer  
fox

5-----

Left side:

grain  
farmer  
chicken

Right side:

fox

6-----

Left side:

Chicken

Right side:

fox  
farmer  
grain

7-----

Left side:

chicken  
farmer

Right side:

fox  
grain

8-----

Left side:

Right side:

fox  
grain  
farmer  
chicken

[4] Farmer-fox-chicken-grain BFS Path

1-----

Left side:

farmer  
fox  
chicken  
grain

Right side:

2-----

Left side:

fox  
grain

Right side:

farmer  
chicken

3-----

Left side:

fox  
grain  
farmer

Right side:

chicken

4-----

Left side:

grain

Right side:

chicken  
farmer  
fox

5-----

Left side:

grain  
farmer  
chicken

Right side:

fox

6-----

Left side:

chicken

Right side:

fox  
farmer  
grain

7-----

Left side:

chicken  
farmer

Right side:

fox  
grain

8-----

Left side:

Right side:

fox  
grain  
farmer  
chicken

[5] Humans Robots Ferry DFS Path

H on left:3  
R on left:3  
H on right:0  
R on right:0  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:2  
R on left:2  
H on right:1  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:3  
R on left:2  
H on right:0  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:2  
H on right:3  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:2  
R on left:2  
H on right:1  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:1  
R on left:1  
H on right:2  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:3  
R on left:1  
H on right:0  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:1  
H on right:3  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:1  
R on left:1  
H on right:2  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:0  
H on right:3  
R on right:3  
ferry is on the right.

[6] Humans Robots Ferry BFS Path

H on left:3  
R on left:3  
H on right:0  
R on right:0  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:2  
R on left:2  
H on right:1  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:3  
R on left:2  
H on right:0  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:2  
H on right:3  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:2  
R on left:2  
H on right:1  
R on right:1  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:1  
H on right:3  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the right.

H on left:1  
R on left:1  
H on right:2  
R on right:2  
ferry is on the left.

H on left:0  
R on left:0  
H on right:3  
R on right:3  
ferry is on the right.