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To understand State Space problem Formulation

Aim :- To understand state Space based problem Formulation of AI problems so that problem Solving Agent and Environments can be applied.

Theory :- First we understand the problem solving agent Algorithm shown in Figure 3 shows agent program for problem, then determines or rather searches an action sequence, after which it return the next action to be executed in sequential manner

Function SIMPLE-PROBLEM-SOLVING( $\text{Percept}$ ) return an action

Static : seq, an action sequence, initially empty

state, some description of current world state

goal, a goal, initially empty null

problem, a problem Formulation.

state  $\leftarrow$  UPDATE-STATE (state, percept)

if seq is empty then do

goal  $\leftarrow$  FORMULATE-GOAL(state)

problem  $\leftarrow$  FORMULATE-PROBLEM(state, goal)

seq  $\leftarrow$  SEARCH(problem)

action  $\leftarrow$  FIRST(seq)

seq  $\leftarrow$  REST(seq)

return action.

Figure 3: Problem Solving Agent Architecture.

Defining the Problem is referred to as problem Formulation. It involves defining following five things:-

Initial state :- It is the starting state that the problem is in.

Action :- It defines all possible action available to agent given it is in some state currently. It is a function Action that return list of all possible actions.

Transition Model :- It also known as successor function which define, which state the system tend to move to when a particular action is executed by the agent. Successive application of Transition model gives rise to what is known as State space.

Goal Test :- This act as a stopping condition when the state passed to this Function is goal state it will return true and Searching would stop.

Path cost :- It is accumulated cost of performing certain sequence of actions. This can help in determining whether the action sequence under consideration is optimal.



Thus a problem can formally specified by Identifying initial state, action operations, transition model (Successor Function), goal test and path cost. In term of problem solving agent solution is the path from initial state to a goal state, optimal solution is the lowest path cost of all solutions, process of finding a solution is called search.

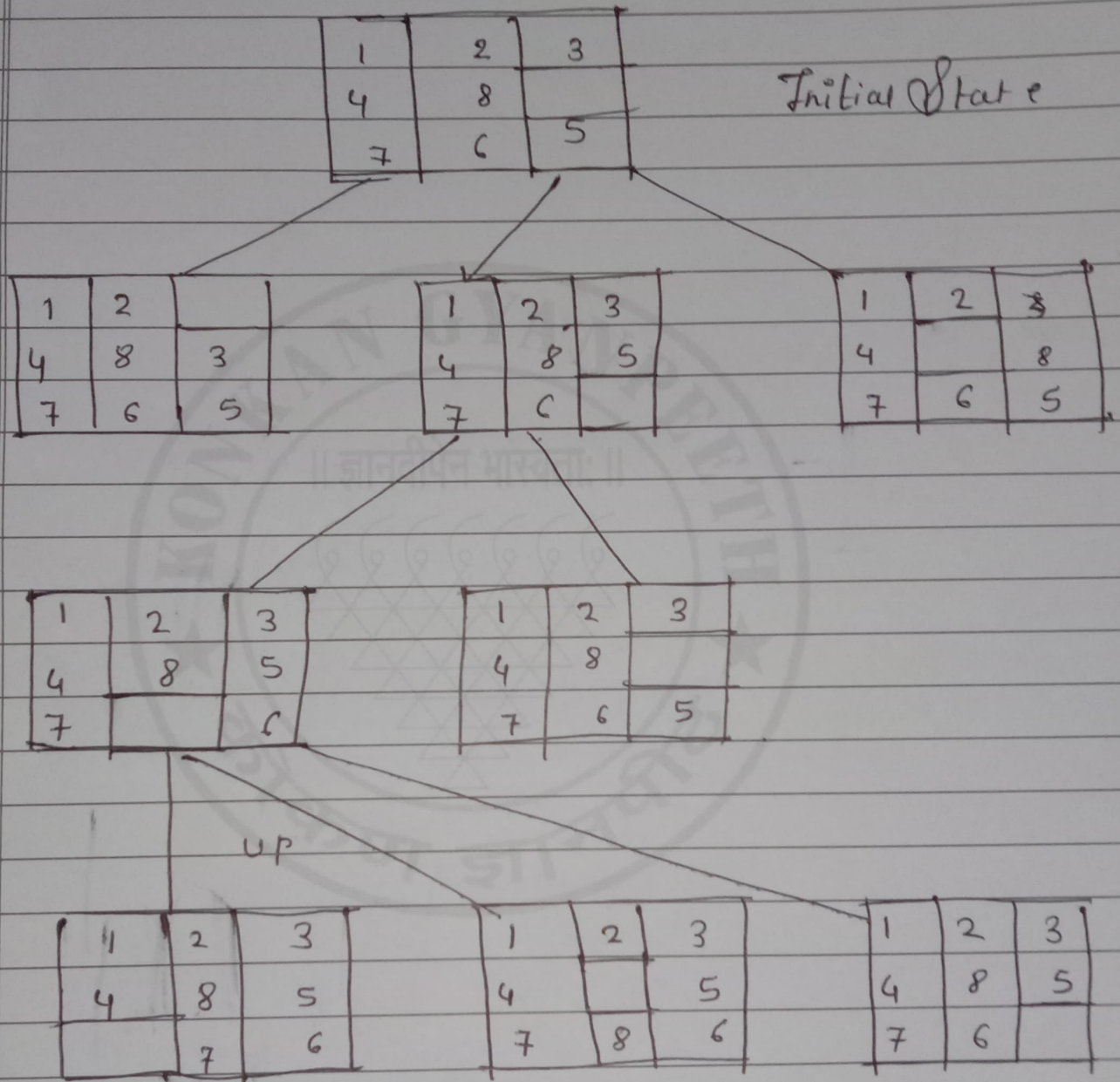
Working :- Based on understanding of problem Formulation students needs to Formulate Following problem. They will clearly show state Space up to depth level 3 or till goal node which ever is shallowest.

1. Navigate to KGC Workshop from HOD IT cabin with minimum number of moves, moves can be climbing or alighting staircase, turning left walking through a corridor
2. 8 puzzle problem
3. The missionaries and cannibals problem. There are three missionaries and three cannibals who must cross a river using a boat which can carry at most two people, under the constraint that, for both banks, if there are missionaries present on the bank, they cannot be outnumbered by cannibals. If they were, the cannibals would eat the missionaries. The boat cannot cross the

5) path cost :- Number OF steps to reach to the final state.



## 8 - Puzzle Problem :-



Goal state

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

Solution :- Solve in 5 step.

### Water Jug Problem :-

There are two jugs of volume  $A$  litre and  $B$  litre. Neither has any measuring mark on it. There is a pump that can be used to fill the jugs with water.

A water Jug problem. you are given two jug, a 4-gallon and 3-gallon one a pump which has unlimited water which you can use to fill the jug. And the the ground, on which water may poured.