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import heapq
import copy

# Define the 8-puzzle state class
class PuzzleState:
    def __init__(self, board, parent=None, move="Initial"):
        self.board = board
        self.parent = parent
        self.move = move
        self.g = 0
        self.h = 0

    def __lt__(self, other):
        return (self.g + self.h) < (other.g + other.h)

    def __eq__(self, other):
        return self.board == other.board

    def __hash__(self):
        return hash(tuple(map(tuple, self.board)))

# Define the goal state
goal_state = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 0]]

# Define possible moves
moves = [(0, 1), (1, 0), (0, -1), (-1, 0)]
move_names = ["Right", "Down", "Left", "Up"]

# Manhattan distance heuristic
def calculate_manhattan_distance(state):
    distance = 0
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if state.board[i][j] != 0:
                x, y = divmod(state.board[i][j] - 1, 3)
                distance += abs(x - i) + abs(y - j)
    return distance

# Helper function to print board
def print_board(board):
    for row in board:
        print(" ".join(str(x) for x in row))
    print()

# A* search algorithm
def solve_8_puzzle(initial_state):
    open_list = []
    closed_set = set()

    # Set heuristic for initial state
    initial_state.h = calculate_manhattan_distance(initial_state)
    heapq.heappush(open_list, initial_state)

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while open_list:
    current_state = heapq.heappop(open_list)

    # Check if goal reached
    if current_state.board == goal_state:
        path = []
        temp = current_state
        while temp.parent is not None:
            path.append((temp.move, temp.board))
            temp = temp.parent
        path.reverse()
        return path

    if current_state in closed_set:
        continue

    closed_set.add(current_state)

    # Find blank tile (0)
    curr_i, curr_j = -1, -1
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if current_state.board[i][j] == 0:
                curr_i, curr_j = i, j
                break
    if curr_i != -1:
        break

    # Generate new states
    for move, move_name in zip(moves, move_names):
        new_i, new_j = curr_i + move[0], curr_j + move[1]

        if 0 <= new_i < 3 and 0 <= new_j < 3:
            new_board = copy.deepcopy(current_state.board)

            # Swap blank tile
            new_board[curr_i][curr_j], new_board[new_i][new_j] = (
                new_board[new_i][new_j],
                new_board[curr_i][curr_j],
            )

            new_state = PuzzleState(new_board, current_state, move_name)
            new_state.g = current_state.g + 1
            new_state.h = calculate_manhattan_distance(new_state)

            if new_state not in closed_set:
                heapq.heappush(open_list, new_state)

    return None

# Main function
def main():
    initial_board = [[1, 2, 4], [6, 5, 0], [7, 8, 3]]
    initial_state = PuzzleState(initial_board)

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solution = solve_8_puzzle(initial_state)

if solution:
    print("Initial state:")
    print_board(initial_board)

    print(f"Solution found in {len(solution)} moves:\n")
    for step, (action, board) in enumerate(solution, 1):
        print(f"Step {step}: Move blank {action}")
        print_board(board)
    else:
        print("No solution found.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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OUTPUT:

Initial state:

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1 2 4
6 5 0
7 8 3
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Solution found in 15 moves:

Step 1: Move blank Down

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1 2 4
6 5 3
7 8 0
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Step 2: Move blank Left

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1 2 4
6 5 3
7 0 8
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Step 3: Move blank Up

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1 2 4
6 0 3
7 5 8
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Step 4: Move blank Left

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1 2 4
0 6 3
7 5 8
```

Step 5: Move blank Up

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0 2 4
1 6 3
7 5 8
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Step 6: Move blank Right

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2 0 4
1 6 3
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7 5 8

Step 7: Move blank Right

2 4 0

1 6 3

7 5 8

Step 8: Move blank Down

2 4 3

1 6 0

7 5 8

Step 9: Move blank Left

2 4 3

1 0 6

7 5 8

Step 10: Move blank Up

2 0 3

1 4 6

7 5 8

Step 11: Move blank Left

0 2 3

1 4 6

7 5 8

Step 12: Move blank Down

1 2 3

0 4 6

7 5 8

Step 13: Move blank Right

1 2 3

4 0 6

7 5 8

Step 14: Move blank Down

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 0 8

Step 15: Move blank Right

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 0