

Heuristic Analysis:

Air Cargo Problem 1:

The optimal plan is of plan length 6 with the following plan

Load(C1, P1, SFO)
Load(C2, P2, JFK)
Fly(P2, JFK, SFO)
Unload(C2, P2, SFO)
Fly(P1, SFO, JFK)
Unload(C1, P1, JFK)

Depth first search, methods, takes one path and traverses to the leaf level nodes and tries to find the solution to the problem. So, we see the plan length is not optimal. But the number of nodes expanded is optimum.

Bread-first search methods, processes the tree level by level. So, we can see the plan length is 6, which is the optimal plan length. But the number of expansions are more.

Hueristic functions, reduces the number of node expansions and provides us with the optimal solution in optimal time elapses. But none of the heuristics are accurate.
Out of all heuristic search with ignore pre-conditions gives the consistent optimal performance across all the problmes.

Method	Expansions	Goal Tests	New nodes	Plan length	Time elapsed
1. breadth_first_search	43	56	180	6	0.03
2. breadth_first_tree_search	1458	1459	5960	6	0.88
3. depth_first_graph_search	21	22	84	20	0.012
4. depth_limited_search	101	271	414	50	0.08
5. uniform_cost_search	55	57	224	6	0.033
6. recursive_best_first_search h_1	4229	4230	17023	6	2.552
7. greedy_best_first_graph_search h_1	7	9	28	6	0.004
8. astar_search h_1	55	57	224	6	0.033
9. astar_search h_ignore_preconditions	41	43	170	6	0.034
10. astar_search h_pg_levelsum	11	13	50	6	1.092

Air Cargo Problem 2:

The optimal plan is of plan length 9, with the following plan

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(C2, P2, SFO)
 Unload(C1, P1, JFK)

Method	Expansions	Goal Tests	New nodes	Plan length	Time elapsed
1. breadth_first_search	3343	4609	30509	9	12.55
3. depth_first_graph_search	624	625	5602	619	3.23
5. uniform_cost_search	4853	4855	44041	9	10.08
8. astar_search h_1	4853	4855	44041	9	10.69
9. astar_search h_ignore_preconditions	1450	1452	13303	9	3.8

Other methods were taking longer time more than 10 mins

Air Cargo Problem 3:

The optimal plan is of plan length 12, with the following plan

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(C2, P2, SFO)
 Unload(C1, P1, JFK)

Method	Expansions	Goal Tests	New nodes	Plan length	Time elapsed
1. breadth_first_search	14663	18089	129631	12	90
3. depth_first_graph_search	408	409	3364	392	1.5
5. uniform_cost_search	18223	18225	159618	12	44.16
8. astar_search h_1	18223	18225	159618	12	47.30
9. astar_search h_ignore_preconditions	5040	5042	44944	12	14.6

Other methods were taking longer time of more than 10 mins.
 The detailed log are present in the respective log files.