

Problem1

breadth_first_search:

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using breadth_first_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
43	56	180

Plan length: 6 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.05047972351741667

depth_first_graph_search:

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using depth_first_graph_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
21	22	84

Plan length: 20 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.02573355243532336

uniform_cost_search

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using uniform_cost_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
55	57	224

Plan length: 6 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.06007537919750669

greedy_best_first_graph_search h_1

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using greedy_best_first_graph_search with h_1...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
7	9	28

Plan length: 6 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.00743163500316286

astar_search h_1

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using astar_search with h_1...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
55	57	224

Plan length: 6 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.05949298619444103

astar_search h_ignore_preconditions

Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using astar_search with h_ignore_preconditions...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
41	43	170

Plan length: 6 Time elapsed in seconds: 0.058020013931599244

astar_search h_pg_levelsum

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 1 using astar_search with h_pg_levelsum...
Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    11         13         50

Plan length: 6   Time elapsed in seconds: 0.9087934626582961
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Problem2

breadth_first_search:

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using breadth_first_search...

Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    3343       4609    30509

Plan length: 9   Time elapsed in seconds: 19.67697101903366
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depth_first_graph_search:

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using depth_first_graph_search...

Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    624        625    5602

Plan length: 619   Time elapsed in seconds: 4.489640398002795
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uniform_cost_search

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using uniform_cost_search...

Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    4852       4854    44030

Plan length: 9   Time elapsed in seconds: 17.99821607570635
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greedy_best_first_graph_search with h_1

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using greedy_best_first_graph_search with h_1...

Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    990        992    8910

Plan length: 17   Time elapsed in seconds: 3.500348289981141
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astar_search h_1

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Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using astar_search with h_1...

Expansions   Goal Tests   New Nodes
    4852       4854    44030

Plan length: 9   Time elapsed in seconds: 18.565844981522652
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astar_search h_ignore_preconditions

Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using astar_search with h_ignore_preconditions...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
1450	1452	13303

Plan length: 9 Time elapsed in seconds: 6.344480719986313

astar_search h_pg_levelsum

Solving Air Cargo Problem 2 using astar_search with h_pg_levelsum...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
86	88	841

Plan length: 9 Time elapsed in seconds: 64.66915968275781

Problem3

breadth_first_search:

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using breadth_first_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
8602	11196	64308

Plan length: 12 Time elapsed in seconds: 64.63650774396993

depth_first_graph_search

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using depth_first_graph_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
1292	1293	5744

Plan length: 875 Time elapsed in seconds: 5.168086364852226

uniform_cost_search

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using uniform_cost_search...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
11484	11486	85804

Plan length: 12 Time elapsed in seconds: 48.215552579933835

greedy_best_first_graph_search with h_1

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using greedy_best_first_graph_search with h_1...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
907	909	5581

Plan length: 19 Time elapsed in seconds: 3.2517711819772677

astar_search h_1

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using astar_search with h_1...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
11484	11486	85804

Plan length: 12 Time elapsed in seconds: 46.75077767640996

astar_search h_ignore_preconditions

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using astar_search with h_ignore_preconditions...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
4118	4120	31475

Plan length: 13 Time elapsed in seconds: 19.878763872826546

astar_search h_pg_levelsum

Solving Air Cargo Problem 3 using astar_search with h_pg_levelsum...

Expansions	Goal Tests	New Nodes
278	280	1946

Plan length: 12 Time elapsed in seconds: 149.54619257610915

Visualization

The table below shows Problem k Plan length and Problem k running time and the averages among each of the problems. Listed for each searching algorithms which are Breadth first search (BFS), Depth first graph search (DFGS), Uniform cost search (UCS), Greedy best first graph search h1 (GBFGSh1), Astar search h1 (A*h1), Astar search h ignore preconditions (A*hIP), and Astar search h pg levelsum (A*hPgLS)

	BFS	DFGS	UCS	GBFGSh1	A*h1	A*hIP	A*hPgLS
Problem 1							
Plan length	6	20	6	6	6	6	6
Time	0.05047972	0.02573355	0.06007538	0.00743164	0.05949299	0.05802001	0.90879346
Expansion	43	21	7	55	55	41	11
Problem 2							
Plan length	9	619	9	17	9	9	9
Time	19.676971	4.4896404	17.9982161	3.50034829	18.565845	6.34448072	64.6691597
Expansion	3,343	624	4,852	990	4,852	1450	86
Problem 3							
Plan length	12	875	12	19	12	13	12
Time	64.6365077	5.16808636	48.2155526	3.25177118	46.7507777	19.8787639	149.546193
Expansion	8,602	1292	11,484	907	11,484	4,118	278
Average							
Plan length	9	504.666667	9	14	9	9.33333333	9
Time	28.1213195	3.22782011	22.0912813	2.2531837	21.7920385	8.76042154	71.7080486
Expansion	3,996	646	5,448	651	5,464	1,870	125

Conclusion

The best result is A-Star search h1 because I consider the less plan length is the better result.

If considering computing time alone, Greedy Best First Graph Search h1 is the best because it's 9.67 times faster than A-Star Search h1! Although it provided 14 average plan length, whilst the minimum average is 9 plan length.

If considering only expansion which means consuming less memory, A-Star search h Planning graph Level sum would be the best. It has just 125 average expansions.

If expecting both minimum plan length and minimum computing time, A-Star h Ignore Preconditions would be the best.

Analysis

DFS is always suboptimal. It may be very fast comparing to BFS, but optimal in planning means shortest plan length. If the problem represents as a tree, DFS searches the deepest nodes in the search tree first from the leftmost. If it reaches the leaf child node, it back-tracks to the upper depth. The more depth and back-tracking means the more plan length. ^(Becker, 2015) The worst-case search space of DFS can be $O(b^d)$ ^(Depth-first search, 2017). I guess many possible goals are in the planning graph, or the goal is not too far (rightmost), so DFS can find one of them (or it). That's why DFS is faster for our problems.

BFS is much slower as it checks to all branches for each depth (search space = $O(b^d)$ ^(Breadth-first search, 2017)), because it searches the shallowest nodes in the search tree first. If the tree is very wide (with lots of available actions per state), it could take a long time to search. ^(Becker, 2015)

A-star search (or BFS with heuristic) is more optimal. As a good heuristic helps BFS skips unnecessary branches using a calculated cost. An admissible heuristic can be derived by defining a relaxed problem that is easier to solve. The exact cost of a solution to this easier problem then becomes the heuristic for the original problem. Ignore preconditions heuristic drop all preconditions from actions. This almost implies that the number of step required to solve the relaxed problem is the number of unsatisfied goals. ^(Stuart Russell, 2014) It runs very fast with almost optimum result.

Whilst planning graph with level sum heuristic estimates the sum of the levels where any literal of the goal first appears (in the planning graph). ^(Grastien) Although it is optimal and it has the minimum average expansions (least memory usage), it has the maximum average time. Planning graph has advantage properties such as: search must terminate, any plan found is a sound plan, and it finds shortest length plan assuming that multiple actions may occur at the same time.

The reason why planning graph is the slowest is because it's disadvantage properties such as: it has polynomial time to construct the planning graph, and planning is PSPACE-complete. Thus, extraction may be intractable. ^(Beek)

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