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Q1.

In the vacuum cleaner domain in part 1, what were the states and actions? What is the branching factor?

A1. Actions: Removing a node from [frontier].

States: Positions in the grid

Branching factor: 4 - maximal possible numbers of branches from a node.

Q2.

What is the difference between Breadth First Search and Uniform Cost Search in a domain where the cost of each action is 1?

A2. The implementation (FIFO queue vs priority queue). They behave in the same way though when the cost is constant (e.g. the domain given in the question).

Q3.

Suppose that h_1 and h_2 are admissible heuristics (used in for example A^). Which of the following are also admissible?*

a) $(h_1 + h_2)/2$

b) $2h_1$

c) $\max(h_1, h_2)$

A3. (a) and (c)

Q4.

If one would use A^ to search for a path to one specific square in the vacuum domain, what could the heuristic (h) be? The cost function (g)? Is it an admissible heuristic?*

A4. (h): $\sqrt{\Delta x \Delta y}$ where $\Delta\{x, y\}$ is the absolute distance from current position to target in the axis (euclidian distance) is one possible heuristic which will always underestimate the distance. The manhattan/taxicab distance $|\Delta x| + |\Delta y|$ is another possible heuristic which in the given domain never will overestimate and most often underestimate. Both are admissible in the given domain.

(g): Any non-descending function. The depth of the node in the current search tree is a sensible option.

Q5.

Draw and explain. Choose your three favorite search algorithms and apply them to any problem domain it might be a good idea to use a domain where you can identify a good heuristic function).

Draw the search tree for them, and explain how they proceed in the searching. Also include the memory usage. You can attach a hand-made drawing.

A5. Drawing included on page 3. Memory usage is implicitly expressed in the number of nodes mapped in the search tree.

Q6.

Look at all the offline search algorithms presented in chapter 3 plus A search. Are they complete? Are they optimal? Explain why!*

A6.

| Algorithm | Complete | Optimal |
|---------------------|----------|---------|
| Breadth-First | Yes | Yes |
| Depth-First | No | No |
| Iterative-Deepening | Yes | Yes |
| Bidirectional | BFS | No |
| Greedy Best First | Graph | No |
| A* | Yes | Yes |

BFS is complete if the branching factor is finite and there is a solution, and it is optimal if the cost is a non-decreasing function.

DFS is incomplete as it can get stuck in infinite branches.

Iterative Deepening Search is complete if the branching factor is finite, and it is optimal if the cost is a non-decreasing function.

Bidirectional Search is implementation (DFS or BFS) dependent regarding completeness. It is not optimal since the path found needs to be verified optimal.

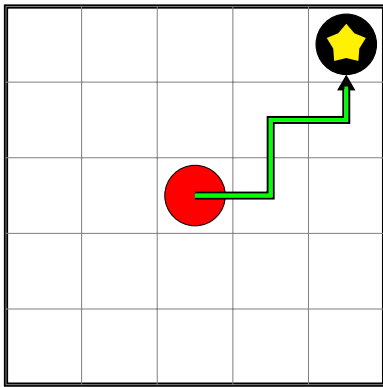
For Greedy BFS, tree search is incomplete as it can get stuck in dead-end branches, but graph search is complete thanks to keeping track of explored nodes.

A* is complete. It requires the existence of a finite number of paths where the cost equals that of the optimal path. It is optimal if the heuristic function is admissible.

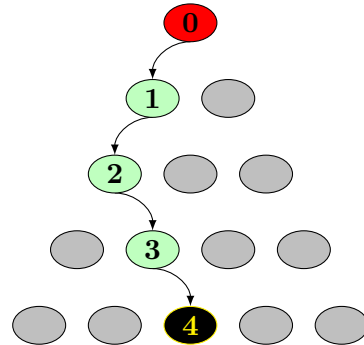
Q7.

Assume that you had to go back and do Lab 1/Task 2 once more (if you did not use search already). Remember that the agent did not have perfect knowledge of the environment but had to explore it incrementally. Which of the search algorithms you have learned would be most suited in this situation to guide the agent's execution? What would you search for? Give an example.

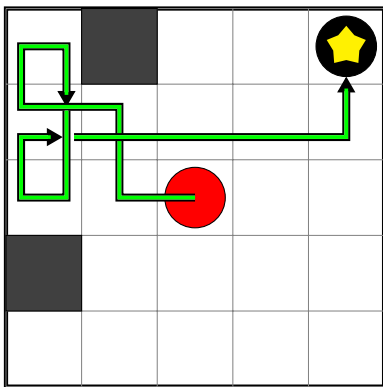
A7. We did use search (BFS), even though either one could do the work in the given domain. The objective would be to find that something doesn't exist in the domain, i.e. accessible unexplored nodes.



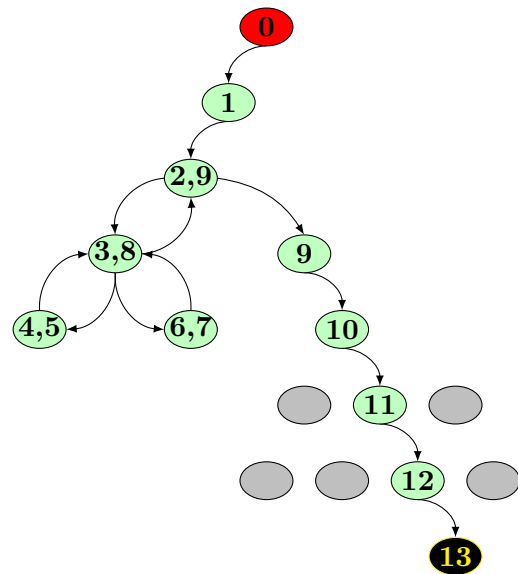
(a) A* Search: search through maze



(b) A* Search: search tree, 15 nodes



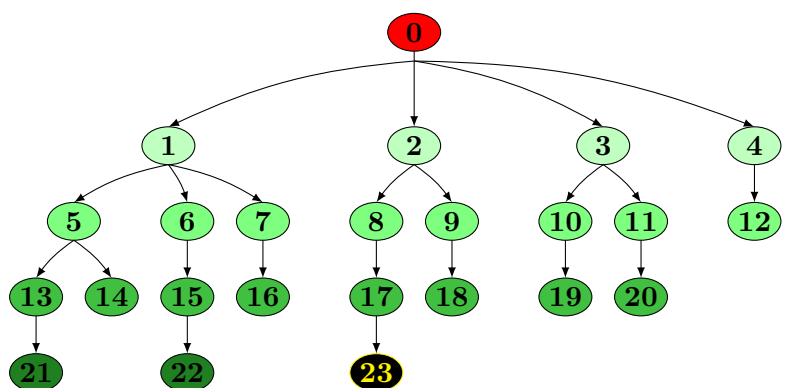
(c) DFS: search through maze



(d) DFS: search tree, 16 nodes

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|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 19 | 10 | 18 | 23 |
| 20 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 17 |
| 12 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 16 |
| 21 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 22 |

(e) BFS: search tree, 24 nodes



(f) BFS: search tree