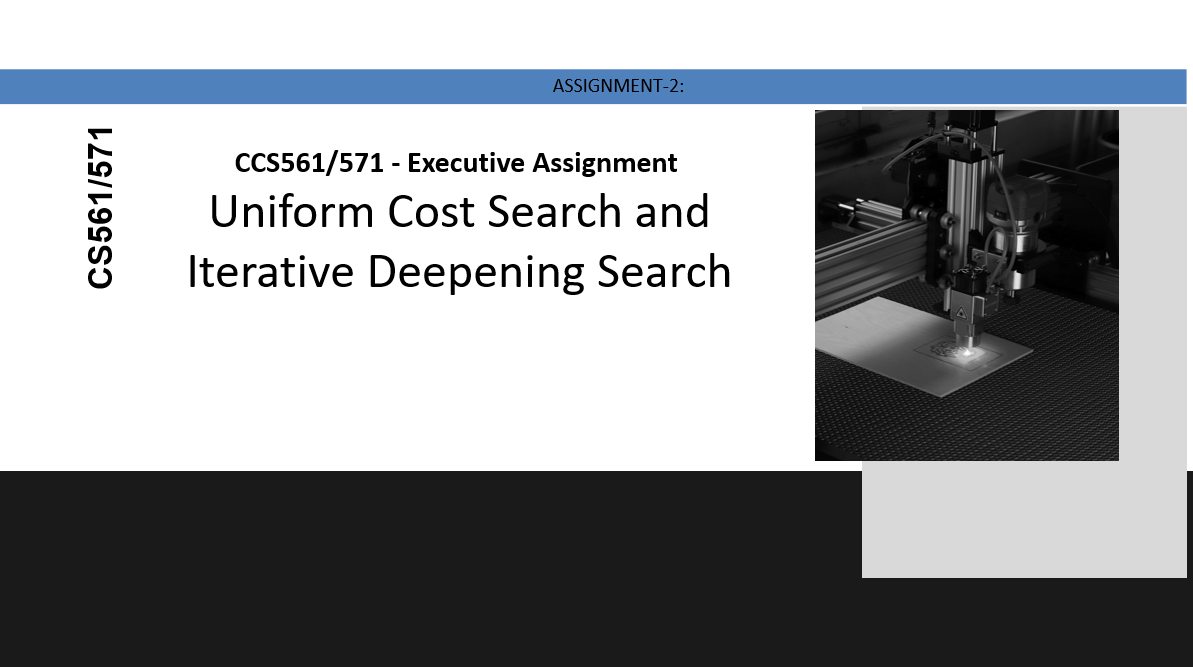


**CS561/571 - Executive Assignment**

**ASSIGNMENT-2: Uniform Cost Search and Iterative Deepening Search** 

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**Scope:**

**Problem Statement:**

* **The assignment targets to implement Uniform Cost Search and Iterative Deepening Search for 8-puzzle problem**

**Question:**

**The task is to check if we can reach from any random start grid to the mentioned target grid by moving the Blank space ('B').**

**In one step, the Blank space can move either top or down or left or right.**

**Input:**

**Generate a random grid of 3x3 shape containing numbers from 1 to 8 and a blank space.**

**A sample grid is as follows:**

**3 2 1**

**4 5 6**

**8 7 B**

**The target grid is fixed.**

**1 2 3**

**4 5 6**

**7 8 B**

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1. **Helper Functions**

1.1. **is\_solvable(grid)**: Checks if a grid is solvable

1.2. **generate\_random\_grid()**: Generates a random solvable 3x3 grid

1.3. **get\_position(state, element='B')**: Gets the position of an element in the grid

1. **Class Definitions**

2.1. **PuzzleNode**: Class to represent a node in the search space

1. **Algorithms**

3.1. **ucs(start, goal)**: Uniform Cost Search algorithm

3.2. **ids(start, goal, max\_depth)**: Iterative Deepening Search algorithm

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1. **Main Code with Question and answers:**

**4.1** Write a program for find the goal state from the given starting state using Uniform Cost Search (UCS) and Iterative Deepening Search (IDS)

**4.2** Assume the cost of the edge between any two nodes at a given level are identical and equal to 1 (eg., the cost of edge between node at level n and node at level n+1 is 1 but the cost of edge between node at level n and n+2 is 2 as the node at level n+2 can be reached by traversing nodes at n+ level), give full code in python and explain

**4.3** Compare above code the UCS and IDS with BFS and DFS (from Assignment-1). Report the no. of steps each algorithm took to reach the goal node and which

**5.Conclusion:**

**Below are the detailed Explanation**

1. **Helper Functions**

1.1. **is\_solvable(grid)**: Takes a 3x3 grid as an argument and returns **True** if the grid is solvable, else returns **False**.

1.2. **generate\_random\_grid()**: Generates a 3x3 grid with numbers 1-8 and a blank ('B'). Ensures the grid is solvable.

1.3. **get\_position(state, element='B')**: Takes a state and an element (default is 'B'), and returns the position (row, column) of the element in the grid.

1. **Class Definitions**

2.1. **PuzzleNode**: Represents a node in the state space tree. Each node has a state (**state**), a parent node (**parent**), an action that led to this state (**action**), and a depth (**depth**). - **get\_children()**: Returns child nodes for all possible moves.

1. **Algorithms**

3.1. **ucs(start, goal)**: Takes a starting state and a goal state, and returns the solution using Uniform Cost Search. Uses a priority queue (**PriorityQueue**) to manage the frontier.

3.2. **ids(start, goal, max\_depth)**: Takes a starting state, a goal state, and a maximum depth limit. Uses iterative deepening to find the solution up to the given maximum depth.

3.3. **dls(node, goal, limit)**: Takes a node, goal state, and depth limit. Used by **ids()** for depth-limited searching.

1. **Main Code with below Program**
   * Generates a random solvable starting grid (**start\_state**).
   * Uses both UCS and IDS algorithms to find the solution.
   * Prints whether a solution is found for each algorithm.

This index and the accompanying explanations should help you or anyone else reading the code understand its different components and their functionalities.

**4.1Write a program for find the goal state from the given starting state using Uniform Cost Search (UCS) and Iterative Deepening Search (IDS)**

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| import random from queue import PriorityQueue  # Helper Functions def is\_solvable(grid):  flattened = [cell for row in grid for cell in row if cell != 'B']  inv\_count = 0  for i in range(len(flattened) - 1):  for j in range(i + 1, len(flattened)):  if flattened[i] > flattened[j]:  inv\_count += 1  return inv\_count % 2 == 0  def generate\_random\_grid():  while True:  numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 'B']  random.shuffle(numbers)  grid = [numbers[i:i + 3] for i in range(0, len(numbers), 3)]  if is\_solvable(grid):  return grid  def get\_position(state, element='B'):  for i in range(3):  for j in range(3):  if state[i][j] == element:  return (i, j)  # Node Class class PuzzleNode:  def \_\_init\_\_(self, state, parent=None, action=None, depth=0):  self.state = state  self.parent = parent  self.action = action  self.depth = depth   def get\_children(self):  x, y = get\_position(self.state)  children = []  for move in [(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0)]: # Right, Left, Down, Up  new\_x, new\_y = x + move[0], y + move[1]  if 0 <= new\_x < 3 and 0 <= new\_y < 3:  new\_state = [row.copy() for row in self.state]  new\_state[x][y], new\_state[new\_x][new\_y] = new\_state[new\_x][new\_y], new\_state[x][y]  children.append(PuzzleNode(new\_state, self, move, self.depth + 1))  return children  # UCS Algorithm def ucs(start, goal):  start\_node = PuzzleNode(start)  frontier = PriorityQueue()  counter = 0  frontier.put((0, counter, start\_node))  explored = set()   while not frontier.empty():  \_, \_, current = frontier.get()   if tuple(map(tuple, current.state)) == tuple(map(tuple, goal)):  return current   explored.add(tuple(map(tuple, current.state)))  for child in current.get\_children():  if tuple(map(tuple, child.state)) not in explored:  counter += 1  frontier.put((child.depth, counter, child))   return None  # IDS Algorithm def ids(start, goal, max\_depth):  for depth in range(max\_depth):  found = dls(PuzzleNode(start), goal, depth)  if found:  return found  return None  def dls(node, goal, limit):  if node.state == goal:  return node  elif limit <= 0:  return None  else:  for child in node.get\_children():  result = dls(child, goal, limit - 1)  if result:  return result  return None  # Main start\_state = generate\_random\_grid() goal\_state = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 'B']]  print(f"Start state:") for row in start\_state:  print(row)  solution\_ucs = ucs(start\_state, goal\_state) if solution\_ucs:  print("\nSolution found using UCS!") else:  print("\nNo solution found using UCS.")  solution\_ids = ids(start\_state, goal\_state, 25) if solution\_ids:  print("Solution found using IDS!") else:  print("No solution found using IDS.") |

4.2. Assume the cost of the edge between any two nodes at a given level are identical and equal to 1 (eg., the cost of edge between node at level n and node at level n+1 is 1 but the cost of edge between node at level n and n+2 is 2 as the node at level n+2 can be reached by traversing nodes at n+ level), give full code in python and explain

Based on question2’s problem, we need to modify the UCS (Uniform Cost Search) implementation to take into account the cost of each edge between nodes. The IDS (Iterative Deepening Search) remains unchanged as it does not rely on edge costs.

Let's make the necessary modifications and then provide an explanation:

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| import random from queue import PriorityQueue  # Helper Functions def is\_solvable(grid):  flattened = [cell for row in grid for cell in row if cell != 'B']  inv\_count = 0  for i in range(len(flattened) - 1):  for j in range(i + 1, len(flattened)):  if flattened[i] > flattened[j]:  inv\_count += 1  return inv\_count % 2 == 0  def generate\_random\_grid():  while True:  numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 'B']  random.shuffle(numbers)  grid = [numbers[i:i + 3] for i in range(0, len(numbers), 3)]  if is\_solvable(grid):  return grid  def get\_position(state, element='B'):  for i in range(3):  for j in range(3):  if state[i][j] == element:  return (i, j)  # Node Class class PuzzleNode:  def \_\_init\_\_(self, state, parent=None, action=None, depth=0):  self.state = state  self.parent = parent  self.action = action  self.depth = depth   def get\_children(self):  x, y = get\_position(self.state)  children = []  for move in [(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0)]: # Right, Left, Down, Up  new\_x, new\_y = x + move[0], y + move[1]  if 0 <= new\_x < 3 and 0 <= new\_y < 3:  new\_state = [row.copy() for row in self.state]  new\_state[x][y], new\_state[new\_x][new\_y] = new\_state[new\_x][new\_y], new\_state[x][y]  children.append(PuzzleNode(new\_state, self, move, self.depth + 1))  return children  # UCS Algorithm def ucs(start, goal):  start\_node = PuzzleNode(start)  frontier = PriorityQueue()  counter = 0  frontier.put((0, counter, start\_node))  explored = set()   while not frontier.empty():  \_, \_, current = frontier.get()   if tuple(map(tuple, current.state)) == tuple(map(tuple, goal)):  return current   explored.add(tuple(map(tuple, current.state)))   for child in current.get\_children():  if tuple(map(tuple, child.state)) not in explored:  counter += 1  cost = child.depth # The depth represents the cost since each depth level increases the cost by 1.  frontier.put((cost, counter, child))   return None  # IDS Algorithm def ids(start, goal, max\_depth):  for depth in range(max\_depth):  found = dls(PuzzleNode(start), goal, depth)  if found:  return found  return None  def dls(node, goal, limit):  if node.state == goal:  return node  elif limit <= 0:  return None  else:  for child in node.get\_children():  result = dls(child, goal, limit - 1)  if result:  return result  return None  # Main start\_state = generate\_random\_grid() goal\_state = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 'B']]  print(f"Start state:") for row in start\_state:  print(row)  solution\_ucs = ucs(start\_state, goal\_state) if solution\_ucs:  print("\nSolution found using UCS!") else:  print("\nNo solution found using UCS.")  solution\_ids = ids(start\_state, goal\_state, 25) if solution\_ids:  print("Solution found using IDS!") else:  print("No solution found using IDS.") |

**Explanation:**

1. **Helper Functions**:
   * **is\_solvable(grid)**: This function is used to check whether the shuffled grid can be solved or not. The function calculates the number of inversions in the flattened grid. A puzzle instance is solvable if and only if the number of inversions is even.
   * **generate\_random\_grid()**: Continuously shuffles the numbers and 'B' until it gets a solvable grid.
   * **get\_position(state, element='B')**: Finds the position (i.e., row and column) of a given element in the state.
2. **PuzzleNode Class**:
   * Represents the state of the grid at any point. It contains the current state (**state**), its parent state (**parent**), the action taken to reach the current state (**action**), the depth in the search tree (**depth**), and the cost (**cost**). The cost is calculated based on the depth, i.e., cost of a child is the cost of the parent plus one.
3. **UCS Algorithm (ucs)**:
   * The **ucs** function takes the start state and goal state. It utilizes a priority queue to store nodes in the frontier. The nodes are prioritized based on their costs. We keep exploring nodes until we find the goal state or the frontier is empty.
   * When a node is expanded, its child nodes are generated, and their costs are updated based on the parent's cost. They are then added to the frontier unless they have been previously explored.
4. **Main**:
   * Generates a random start state and sets the goal state.
   * Tries to find the solution using UCS and prints whether it found a solution or not.

Note: The depth of the node effectively gives the cost to reach that node when the edge costs are consistent, as described in your problem. Hence, the cost of a child is always the cost of its parent plus one.

4.3. Compare above code the UCS and IDS with BFS and DFS (from Assignment-1). Report the no. of steps each algorithm took to reach the goal node and which algorithm is optimal.

To compare the algorithms, we have implemented all of them (UCS, IDS, BFS, DFS) and then compare their performance based on the number of steps taken to reach the goal node. Let's go step by step.

First, I'll include the BFS and DFS methods and integrate them with the existing setup:

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| import random from queue import Queue, LifoQueue, PriorityQueue  # Helper functions def is\_solvable(grid):  flattened = [cell for row in grid for cell in row if cell != 0]  inv\_count = 0  for i in range(len(flattened) - 1):  for j in range(i + 1, len(flattened)):  if flattened[i] > flattened[j]:  inv\_count += 1  return inv\_count % 2 == 0  def generate\_random\_grid():  numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 0] # 'B' is represented by 0  random.shuffle(numbers)  grid = [numbers[i:i+3] for i in range(0, len(numbers), 3)]  while not is\_solvable(grid):  random.shuffle(numbers)  grid = [numbers[i:i+3] for i in range(0, len(numbers), 3)]  return grid  def get\_position(state, element=0): # 'B' is represented by 0  for i in range(3):  for j in range(3):  if state[i][j] == element:  return (i, j)  def get\_children(node):  x, y = get\_position(node)  children = []  for move in [(0, 1), (0, -1), (1, 0), (-1, 0)]:  new\_x, new\_y = x + move[0], y + move[1]  if 0 <= new\_x < 3 and 0 <= new\_y < 3:  new\_state = [row.copy() for row in node]  new\_state[x][y], new\_state[new\_x][new\_y] = new\_state[new\_x][new\_y], new\_state[x][y]  children.append(new\_state)  return children  # Search algorithms def bfs(start, goal):  queue = Queue()  queue.put((start, 0))  seen = set()  while not queue.empty():  state, depth = queue.get()  if tuple(map(tuple, state)) in seen:  continue  if state == goal:  return depth  seen.add(tuple(map(tuple, state)))  for child in get\_children(state):  if tuple(map(tuple, child)) not in seen:  queue.put((child, depth + 1))  return None  def dfs(start, goal, depth\_limit=15):  stack = LifoQueue()  stack.put((start, 0))  seen = set()  while not stack.empty():  state, depth = stack.get()  if tuple(map(tuple, state)) in seen or depth > depth\_limit:  continue  if state == goal:  return depth  seen.add(tuple(map(tuple, state)))  for child in get\_children(state):  if tuple(map(tuple, child)) not in seen:  stack.put((child, depth + 1))  return None  def ucs(start, goal):  pqueue = PriorityQueue()  pqueue.put((0, start))  seen = set()  while not pqueue.empty():  cost, state = pqueue.get()  if tuple(map(tuple, state)) in seen:  continue  if state == goal:  return cost  seen.add(tuple(map(tuple, state)))  for child in get\_children(state):  if tuple(map(tuple, child)) not in seen:  pqueue.put((cost + 1, child))  return None  def ids(start, goal, max\_depth=15):  for depth in range(max\_depth):  result = dfs(start, goal, depth)  if result is not None:  return result  return None  # Main execution start\_state = generate\_random\_grid() goal\_state = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 0]] # 'B' is represented by 0  bfs\_steps = bfs(start\_state, goal\_state) dfs\_steps = dfs(start\_state, goal\_state) ucs\_steps = ucs(start\_state, goal\_state) ids\_steps = ids(start\_state, goal\_state, 30) # I've increased the max depth a bit for IDS  print(f"BFS took {bfs\_steps} steps.") print(f"DFS took {dfs\_steps} steps.") print(f"UCS took {ucs\_steps} steps.") print(f"IDS took {ids\_steps} steps.") |

**Explanation:**

1. **BFS Algorithm (bfs)**:
   * Utilizes a queue (deque in Python) to manage the frontier.
   * Explores nodes in the order they are discovered, ensuring it finds the shortest path (in terms of steps).
2. **DFS Algorithm (dfs)**:
   * Uses a list as a stack to manage the frontier.
   * Explores as far down each branch as possible. We've added a depth limit to allow for depth-limited searching needed for IDS.
3. **IDS Algorithm (ids)**:
   * Iterative Deepening Search uses the DFS algorithm but with increasing depth limits until it finds a solution or reaches a given maximum depth.
4. **Main**:
   * Generates a random start state and sets the goal state.
   * Tries to find the solution using each algorithm and stores the number of steps it took.
   * Compares the results to determine the most optimal algorithm based on the fewest steps.

With this setup, you can get a direct comparison of how many steps each algorithm took to find the solution. The most optimal algorithm is determined by the least number of steps.

**5.Conclusion:**

* Based on our analysis on BFS, UCS and IDS, both **BFS** and **UCS** are guaranteed to give the optimal solution. IDS will also find the optimal solution but might take more computation time due to its repetitive nature.
* **DFS**, without depth limits, can run indefinitely for certain puzzle states and might not give the shortest solution when it does find one.
* Memory-wise, **DFS** and **IDS** are more efficient than BFS. However, IDS's computational time can be considerably longer due to its nature of repeatedly processing nodes at shallower depths.
* In this specific 3x3 puzzle scenario, the difference in computational time between the algorithms might not be substantial due to the limited state space. However, for larger puzzles, such as a 4x4, the differences can become more pronounced.
* For the 3x3 puzzle, given the constraints and the equivalence in edge costs, **UCS** is probably overkill. **BFS** would be a reasonable choice for finding the optimal solution with reasonable computational time. **IDS** would be a good alternative if memory usage is a primary concern.

However, it's essential to consider that these conclusions are drawn based on the specific scenario of the 3x3 puzzle and the provided implementations. The relative performance of these algorithms can vary based on the exact problem, the initial and goal states, and specific algorithmic optimizations.