

CS 411 - Artificial Intelligence I
Assignment 3
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Total Points: 25

15 puzzle is a sliding puzzle game with numbered squares arranged in 4X4 grid with one tile missing.

Initial State

1		2	4
5	7	3	8
9	6	11	12
13	10	14	15

The puzzle is solved when the numbers are arranged in order.

Goal State

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

The actions are defined in terms of direction where empty square can be moved to

UP (U), Down(D), Left(L), Right(R)

Write a program which performs a breadth-first search to find the solution to any given board position for 15 puzzle

The pseudocode is below:

Figure 3.9

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function BREADTH-FIRST-SEARCH(problem) returns a solution node or failure
  node ← NODE(problem.INITIAL)
  if problem.IS-GOAL(node.STATE) then return node
  frontier ← a FIFO queue, with node as an element
  reached ← {problem.INITIAL}
  while not IS-EMPTY(frontier) do
    node ← POP(frontier)
    for each child in EXPAND(problem, node) do
      s ← child.STATE
      if problem.IS-GOAL(s) then return child
      if s is not in reached then
        add s to reached
        add child to frontier
  return failure
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function UNIFORM-COST-SEARCH(problem) returns a solution node, or failure
  return BEST-FIRST-SEARCH(problem, PATH-COST)
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Breadth-first search and uniform-cost search algorithms.

Input

The input should be given in the form of a sequence of numbered tiles for initial board configuration, '0' indicating the empty space (see example below)

Output

1. Moves
2. Number of Nodes expanded
3. Time Taken
4. Memory Used

Example

> 1 0 2 4 5 7 3 8 9 6 11 12 13 10 14 15

Moves: RDLDDRR

Number of Nodes expanded: 361

Time Taken: 0.238

Memory Used: 704kb

Hint

- You can use hashset to keep track of explored nodes and fast lookup

Submission

Please upload the code to gradescope. The starter code written in python is helpful for compatibility with gradescope autograder.

- Source Code
- Readme.txt including instruction to run the code, include version of compiler you are using (e.g. java 1.8, c++11)

Programming Language

You can choose from C++, Java, Python.

Currently the gradescope autograder isn't compatible with Java and C++, I'm working on it, in the mean time I'll grade them manually, please upload it to gradescope as well.

Rubric

Print the moves to reach the solution => 10

Check for repeated states => 3

Print number of nodes expanded => 3

Print total memory usage => 3

Print total time taken => 3

Coding style, comments, readme instruction => 3

Your submission should be your own work. You can take reference from aima codebase but you are not allowed to use the code directly. All submissions will be checked for plagiarism using MOSS (Measure Of Software Similarity).