

Local beam search with $k = 1$ is hill-climbing search.

Local beam search with $k = \infty$. The idea is that if every successor is retained (because k is unbounded), then the search resembles breadth-first search in that it adds one complete layer of nodes before adding the next layer. Starting from one state, the algorithm would be essentially identical to breadth-first search except that each layer is generated all at once.

Simulated annealing with $T = 0$ at all times: ignoring the fact that the termination step would be triggered immediately, the search would be identical to first-choice hill climbing because every downward successor would be rejected with probability 1.

Genetic algorithm with population size $N = 1$: if the population size is 1, then the two selected parents will be the same individual; crossover yields an exact copy of the individual; then there is a small chance of mutation. Thus, the algorithm executes a random walk in the space of individuals.

Percept: the agent's perceptual inputs

Percept sequence: the complete history of everything the agent has perceived

Agent function: maps any given percept sequence to action $[f:p^* \rightarrow a]$

Agent program: runs on physical architecture to produce f (architecture + program)

Rational Agent: Agent = something that acts. Rational: doing the right thing

An agent is anything that can be viewed as perceiving its environment through sensors and acting upon that environment through actuators

Fully observable (vs. partially observable): An agent's sensors give it access to the complete state of the environment at each point in time

Deterministic (vs. stochastic): next state of env. determined by current state of agent action. if deterministic except for the actions of other agent then the env is strategic

Episodic (vs. sequential): Agent's experience is divided into atomic "episodes". Choice of action in each episode depends only on the episode itself

Static (vs. dynamic): the environment is unchanged while an agent is deliberating. Semidynamic if the environment itself doesn't change with time but the agent's performance score does

Discrete (vs. continuous): A limited number of distinct, clearly defined percepts and actions

Single agent (vs. multiagent): An agent operating by itself in an environment. Competitive vs. cooperative

Task Environment Observable deterministics episodic static discrete agents

crossword fully deterministics sequential static discrete single

chess w/clock fully strategic sequential semi discrete multi

taxi driver partially stochastic sequential dynamic conti. multi

mushroom picking partially stochastic episodic dynamic conti. single

- Playing soccer. P- Win/Lose E- Soccer field A- Legs,Head,Upper body S- Eyes,Ears. partially observable, multiagent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Exploring the subsurface oceans of Titan. P- Surface area mapped, extraterrestrial life found E- subsurface oceans of Titan A- steering, accelerator, break, probe arm, S- camera, sonar, probe sensors. partially observable, single agent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Shopping for used AI books on the Internet.P- Cost of book, quality/relevance/correct edition E- Internet's used book shops A- key entry, cursor S- website interfaces, browser. partially observable, multiagent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Playing a tennis match. P- Win/Lose E- Tennis court A- Tennis racquet, Legs S- Eyes, Ears. partially observable, multiagent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Practicing tennis against a wall. P- Improved performance in future tennis matches E- Near a wall A- Tennis racquet, Legs S- Eyes, Ears. observable, single agent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Performing a high jump. P- Clearing the jump or not E- Track A- Legs, Body S- Eyes. observable, single agent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous,unknown
- Knitting a sweater. P- Quality of resulting sweater E- Rocking chair A- Hands,Needles S- Eyes. observable, single agent, stochastic, sequential, dynamic, continuous, unknown
- Bidding on an item at an auction. P- Item acquired, Final price paid for item E- Auction House (or online) A- Bidding S- Eyes, Ears. Partially observable, multiagent, stochastic (tie-breaking for two simultaneous bids), episodic, dynamic, continuous, know

Goal formulation: based on current situation and agent's performance measure

Problem formulation: deciding what actions and states to consider, given a goal

Problem can be defined into 5 components: Initial State, Actions, Transition model (state space),

Goal Test, Path Cost

Search strategy: picking the order of node expansion

Search strategies evaluation:

Completeness: Does it always find a solution if one exists?

Optimality: Does it always find a least-cost solution?

Time complexity: number of nodes generated

Space complexity: maximum number of nodes in memory

where

b: max branching factor of the search tree

d: depth of the least cost solution

m: maximum depth of the state space

Search cost (time), total cost (time + space)

General uninformed search strategies:

breadth first search; fifo queue frontier

uniform cost search; priority queue frontier ordered by path cost $g(n)$

depth first search; lifo queue / recursive frontier

depth limited search

iterative deepening search

Analysis

	Uniform		DFS		Depth	
	BFS		Tree		Limited	
Complete	Yes	Yes, cost $\geq E$	No	No(infinite)	Yes(finite)	Yes
Time	b^{d+1}	$b \text{ ceiling}(C^*/E)$	b^m	b^m	b^d	b^l
Space	b^{d+1}	$b \text{ ceiling}(C^*/E)$	bm	not linear	b^d	bl
Optimal	Yes	yes, incse $g(n)$	No	No	Yes	not

BFS.space. keep every node in memory

BFS.optimal.if step costs are identical and in nondecreasing function

Uniform cost search. C^* = cost of optimal solution

Backtracking search is a variant of DFS.

Each partially expanded nodes remember successors

Memory requirement is $O(m)$ vs $O(bm)$

Depth Limited Search is DFS with limit l

IDS (Iterative deeping search) = DFS + BFS

IDS.space. b d. tree search version

IDS.optimal. if step cost are identical and non decreasing function

Informed Search Analysis

Best First search. Expand most desirable unexpanded node. frontier data structure in a decreasing order of desirability

$h(n)$ = estimated cheapest path from node n to goal node. if 0 then goal. $f_n = h_n$

greedy best first search = h = straight line distance

	Greedy Best First		A*
Complete	no, get stuck	yes	
Time	b^m	exponential	
Space	b^m	all in ram	
Optimal	no	yes	

A heuristic is consistent if for every node n , every successor n' of n generated by any action a , $h(n) \leq c(n,a,n') + h(n')$

$f(n)$ is non-decreasing along any path

Variant of Hill Climbing

stochastic hill climbing. random. uphill moves. converges slowly. better solution

first choice hill climbing. successor random until better than current.

random restart hill climbing. complete with probability approaching 1. series of hill climbing until goal found

very effective for n queen problem

Genetic Algorithm. start with population. evaluation function(fitness function). Higher values for better states

produce next generation by selection, crossover, mutation