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1.2 Tutorial 2: To understand state space Problem Formulation.

Aim: To understand state space based Problem Formulation of AI problems so that problem Solving Agent can be Applied

Theory: First we understand problem solving agent. Algorithm shown in above figure shows agent program for problem solving agent. Agent first formulates goal and problem then determines or searches an action sequence.

Function ~~SIMPLE~~ SIMPLE-PROBLEM-SOLVING-AGENT returns an action sequence, initially empty
state, some description of current world state
goal, a goal, initially null
problem, a problem formulation
state \leftarrow UPDATE-STATE (state, percept)
if seq is empty then do
 goal \leftarrow FORMULATE-GOAL
 problem \leftarrow FORMULATE-PROBLEM (state, goal)
seq \leftarrow Search(problem)

action \leftarrow First(seq)
seq \leftarrow REST(seq)
return action

* Problem Solving Agent *

Defining problem is referred as to as problem formulation. It involves five things:

Initial state: It is starting state that problem is in.

Actions: It defines all possible actions available to agent, given it is in some state's currently.

Transition model: It is also known as successor function which defines which states system tend to move to when particular ~~set~~ action is executed by agent.

Goal Test: This act as stopping condition when state passed to this function is goal state it will return true & searching would stop.

Path Cost:

It is accumulated cost of performing certain sequence of

actions. This can help in determining weather action sequence under consideration is optimal.

Thus a problem can formally specified by identifying, initial state, actions, transition model, goal test and path.

Working: Based on understanding of problem
formulation students need to formulate

all problems. They will clearly show
state space up to depth level 3 or till
goal node which ever is shallowest.

1. Navigate to KGCE workshop from HOD IT
cabin with min. number of moves, moves can be
climbing staircase, turning left, right.
2. ~~10~~ 8 puzzle problem.
3. Missionaries & cannibals Problem. There
are 3 missionaries & 3 ~~can~~ cannibals
who must cross river using boat which
can carry atmost two people, under
constraint that, for both banks.
4. N Queen's Problem. Arrange N queens on
N cross N chess board where no 2
queens attack each other
5. Two room vacuum cleaner world.
6. Water Jug problem