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import numpy as np
import heapq
class Node:
   def init (self, state, parent=None):
        self.state = state
       self.parent = parent
        self.zero_position = self.find_zero(state)
        self.g = 0 # Cost from start to current node
       self.h = self.heuristic() # Estimated cost from current to goal
        self.f = self.g + self.h # Total cost
    def find_zero(self, state):
        return tuple(np.argwhere(state == 0)[0])
    def heuristic(self):
       # Using Misplaced Tiles heuristic
        goal_state = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [8, 0, 4], [7, 6, 5]])
       misplaced\_count = 0
       for i in range(3):
            for j in range(3):
                if self.state[i, j] != goal\_state[i, j] and <math>self.state[i, j] != 0:
                    misplaced_count += 1
        return misplaced_count
    def generate_children(self):
       children = []
        x, y = self.zero_position
       directions = [(-1, 0), (1, 0), (0, -1), (0, 1)] # Up, Down, Left, Right
       for dx, dy in directions:
            new_x, new_y = x + dx, y + dy
            if 0 \le \text{new}_x \le 3 and 0 \le \text{new}_y \le 3:
                new_state = self.state.copy()
                new\_state[x, y], new\_state[new\_x, new\_y] = new\_state[new\_x, new\_y], new\_state[x, y]
                children.append(Node(new state, self))
        return children
    def __lt__(self, other):
        return self.f < other.f
def a_star(start_state):
    start_node = Node(start_state)
    goal_state = np.array([[1, 2, 3], [8, 0, 4], [7, 6, 5]])
   open_set = []
   closed_set = set()
    heapq.heappush(open_set, start_node)
    while open_set:
        current_node = heapq.heappop(open_set)
        if np.array_equal(current_node.state, goal_state):
            return current_node
        closed set.add(tuple(map(tuple, current node.state)))
        for child in current_node.generate_children():
            if tuple(map(tuple, child.state)) in closed_set:
                continue
            child.g = current_node.g + 1
            child.h = child.heuristic()
            child.f = child.g + child.h
            if not any(child.f < node.f and np.array_equal(child.state, node.state) for node in open_set):
                heapq.heappush(open_set, child)
    return None
def print_solution(node):
   path = []
    while node:
       path.append(node.state)
       node = node.parent
    for state in reversed(path):
       print(state)
# Example usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
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start_state = np.array([[2, 8, 3], [1, 6, 4], [7, 0, 5]])
    solution_node = a_star(start_state)
    if solution_node:
       print("Solution found:")
       print_solution(solution_node)
    else:
       print("No solution exists.")
[[2 8 3]
      [1 0 4]
      [7 6 5]]
    [[2 0 3]
[1 8 4]
[7 6 5]]
[[0 2 3]
     [1 8 4]
[7 6 5]]
     [[1 2 3]
      [0 8 4]
      [7 6 5]]
     [[1 2 3]
     [8 0 4]
      [7 6 5]]
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