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import numpy as np
import heapq
class Node:
    def init (self, state, parent=None, move=None):
        self.state = state
        self.parent = parent
        self.move = move
        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 Manhattan distance as heuristic
        goal_position = \{0: (1, 1), 1: (0, 0), 2: (0, 1), 3: (0, 2),
                         4: (1, 2), 5: (2, 2), 6: (2, 1), 7: (2, 0), 8: (1, 0)}
        distance = 0
        for num in range(9):
            x, y = self.find_zero(self.state) if num == 0 else np.argwhere(self.state == num)[0]
            goal_x, goal_y = goal_position[num]
            distance += abs(x - goal_x) + abs(y - goal_y)
        return distance
    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()
                \label{eq:new_state} 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, (new_x, new_y)))
        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.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
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    start_state = np.array([[2, 8, 3], [1, 6, 4], [7, 0, 5]])
     solution_node = a_star(start_state)
     \verb|if solution_node|:
          print("Solution found:")
          print_solution(solution_node)
     else:
          print("No solution exists.")
\rightarrow Solution found:
      [[2 8 3]
       [1 6 4]
[7 0 5]]
      [[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]]
      [7 6 5]]
[8 0 4]
[7 6 5]]
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