

Search Problem Example + Complexity of IDDFS

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Two Jug Problem

There is a large bucket B full of water and Two (02) jugs, J1 of volume 3 litre and J2 of volume 5 litre.

You are allowed to fill up any empty jug from the bucket, pour all water back to the bucket from a jug or pour from one jug to another.

The goal is to have jug J1 with exactly one (01) litre of water.

Two Jug Problem

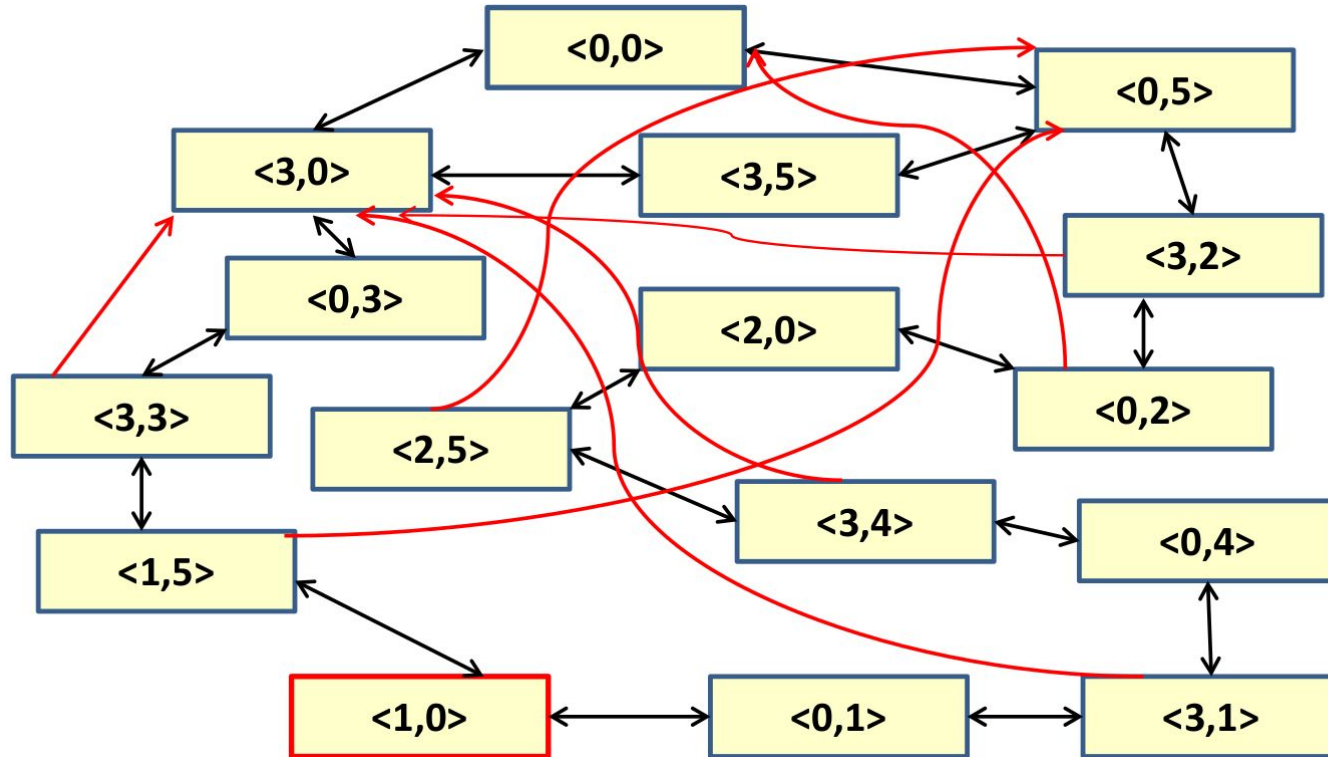
State Definition: $\langle J1, J2 \rangle$

Start: $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$, Goal: $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$

Rules:

1. Fill (J1): $\langle J1, J2 \rangle$ to $\langle 3, J2 \rangle$
2. Fill (J2): $\langle J1, J2 \rangle$ to $\langle J1, 5 \rangle$
3. Empty (J1), Empty (J2): Similarly defined
4. Pour (J1, J2): $\langle J1, J2 \rangle$ to $\langle X, Y \rangle$, where
 - a. $X = 0$ and $Y = J1 + J2$ if $J1 + J2 \leq 5$,
 - b. $Y = 5$ and $X = (J1 + J2) - 5$, if $J1 + J2 > 5$
5. Pour (J2, J1): Similarly defined

Two Jug Problem - Partial State Space



Tower of Hanoi

3 Discs

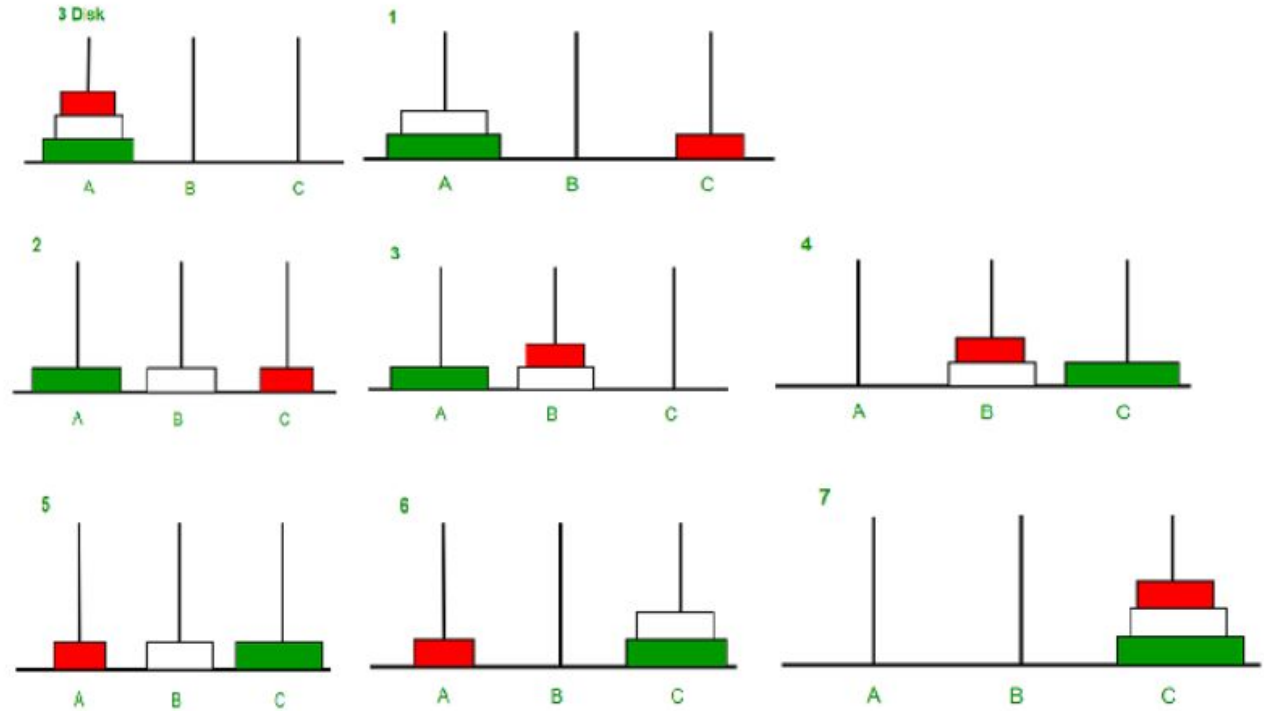
3 poles

Constraint:

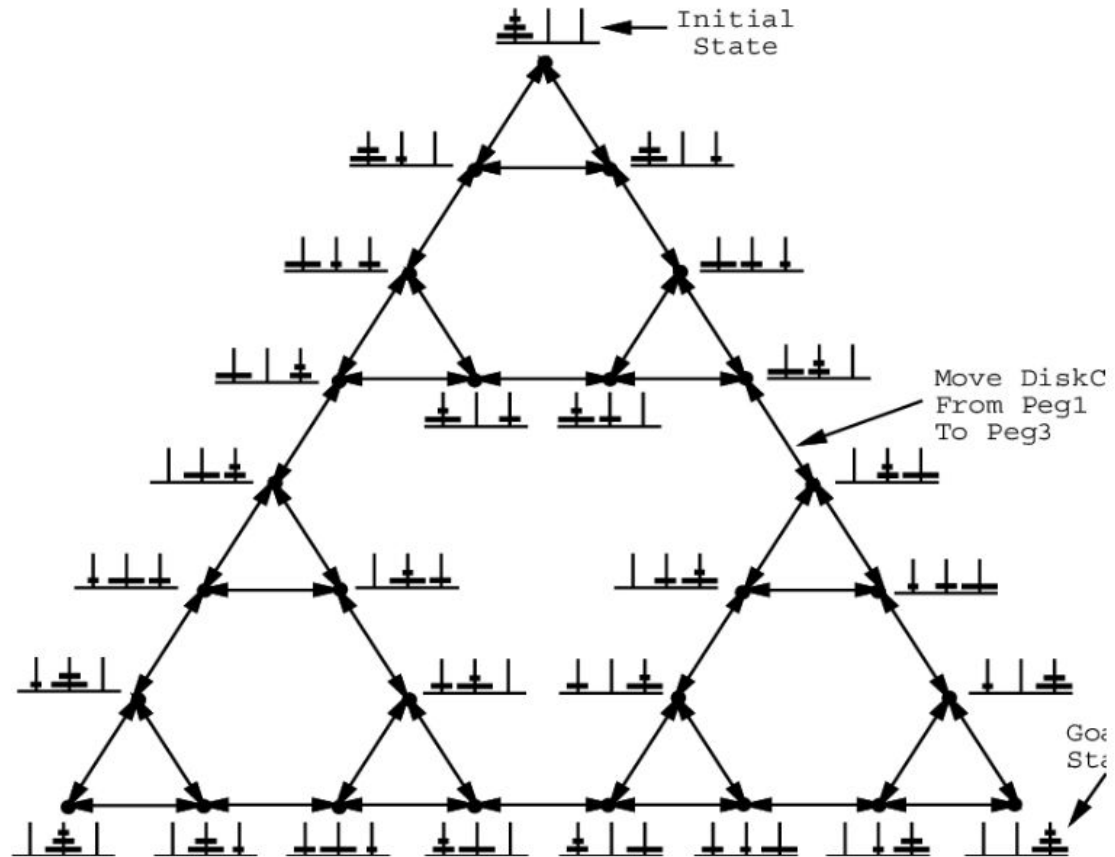
Cannot put a
larger disc on
a smaller one.

Rules:

Move top disc from one pole to top position of another.



Tower of Hanoi



IDDFS

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Time Complexity

In an iterative deepening search, the nodes at depth d are expanded once, those at depth $d - 1$ are expanded twice, and so on up to the root of the search tree, which is expanded $d + 1$ times.^{[1]:5} So the total number of expansions in an iterative deepening search is

$$b^d + 2b^{d-1} + 3b^{d-2} + \dots + (d-1)b^2 + db + (d+1) = \sum_{i=0}^d (d+1-i)b^i$$

where b^d is the number of expansions at depth d , $2b^{d-1}$ is the number of expansions at depth $d - 1$, and so on. Factoring out b^d gives

$$b^d(1 + 2b^{-1} + 3b^{-2} + \dots + (d-1)b^{2-d} + db^{1-d} + (d+1)b^{-d})$$

Now let $x = \frac{1}{b} = b^{-1}$. Then we have

$$b^d(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + (d-1)x^{d-2} + dx^{d-1} + (d+1)x^d)$$

This is less than the infinite series

$$b^d(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots) = b^d \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} \right)$$

which [converges](#) to

$$b^d(1-x)^{-2} = b^d \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}, \text{ for } \text{abs}(x) < 1$$

That is, we have

$$b^d(1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + (d-1)x^{d-2} + dx^{d-1} + (d+1)x^d) \leq b^d(1-x)^{-2}, \text{ for } \text{abs}(x) < 1$$

Since $(1-x)^{-2}$ or $\left(1 - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-2}$ is a constant independent of d (the depth), if $b > 1$ (i.e., if the branching factor is greater than 1),

the running time of the depth-first iterative deepening search is $O(b^d)$.