4. Solve 8 puzzle problem using A* algorithm

Using misplaced tiles

Code:

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class PuzzleNode:
    def __init__(self, state, parent=None, g=0, h=0):
        self.state = state
        self.parent = parent
        self.g = g  # Cost from start to current node
        self.h = h  # Heuristic cost to goal
        self.f = g + h  # Total cost

    def __lt__(self, other):
        return self.f < other.f

def misplaced_tiles(state):
    """Heuristic function that counts the number of misplaced tiles."""
    misplaced = 0
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if state[i][j] != 0 and state[i][j] != GOAL_STATE[i][j]:
                misplaced += 1
    return misplaced
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def get_zero_position(state):
    """Find the position of the zero (empty tile) in the puzzle."""
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if state[i][j] == 0:
                return i, j
    return None

def generate_successors(node):
    """Generate successors by moving the empty tile in all possible directions."""
    successors = []
    zero_x, zero_y = get_zero_position(node.state)

    for move_x, move_y in MOVES:
        new_x, new_y = zero_x + move_x, zero_y + move_y
        if 0 <= new_x < 3 and 0 <= new_y < 3:
            new_state = [row[:] for row in node.state]
            new_state[zero_x][zero_y], new_state[new_x][new_y] = new_state[new_x][new_y],
new_state[zero_x][zero_y]
            h = misplaced_tiles(new_state)
            successors.append(PuzzleNode(new_state, parent=node, g=node.g + 1, h=h))
    return successors

def is_goal(state):
    """Check if the current state is the goal state."""
    return state == GOAL_STATE

def reconstruct_path(node):
    """Reconstruct the path from the start state to the goal state."""
    path = []
    while node:
        path.append(node.state)
        node = node.parent
    return path[::-1]

def a_star(start_state):
    """A* algorithm to solve the 8-puzzle problem."""
    start_node = PuzzleNode(start_state, g=0, h=misplaced_tiles(start_state))
    open_list = []
    closed_set = set()

    heapq.heappush(open_list, start_node)

    while open_list:
        current_node = heapq.heappop(open_list)
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        if is_goal(current_node.state):
            return reconstruct_path(current_node)

        closed_set.add(tuple(map(tuple, current_node.state)))

        for successor in generate_successors(current_node):
            if tuple(map(tuple, successor.state)) in closed_set:
                continue
            heapq.heappush(open_list, successor)

    return None

def get_user_input():
    """Get a valid 8-puzzle input state from the user."""
    print("Enter your 8-puzzle configuration (0 represents the empty tile):")
    state = []
    values = set()

    for i in range(3):
        row = input(f"Enter row {i+1} (space-separated numbers between 0 and 8): ").split()
        if len(row) != 3:
            print("Each row must have exactly 3 numbers. Please try again.")
            return None

        row = [int(x) for x in row]

        if not all(0 <= x <= 8 for x in row):
            print("Values must be between 0 and 8. Please try again.")
            return None

        state.append(row)
        values.update(row)

    if values != set(range(9)):
        print("All numbers from 0 to 8 must be present exactly once. Please try again.")
        return None

    return state

# Main function
def main():
    start_state = None
    while start_state is None:
        start_state = get_user_input()
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    solution = a_star(start_state)

    # Print the solution steps
    if solution:
        print("Solution found in", len(solution) - 1, "moves:")
        for step in solution:
            for row in step:
                print(row)
            print()
    else:
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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Output:

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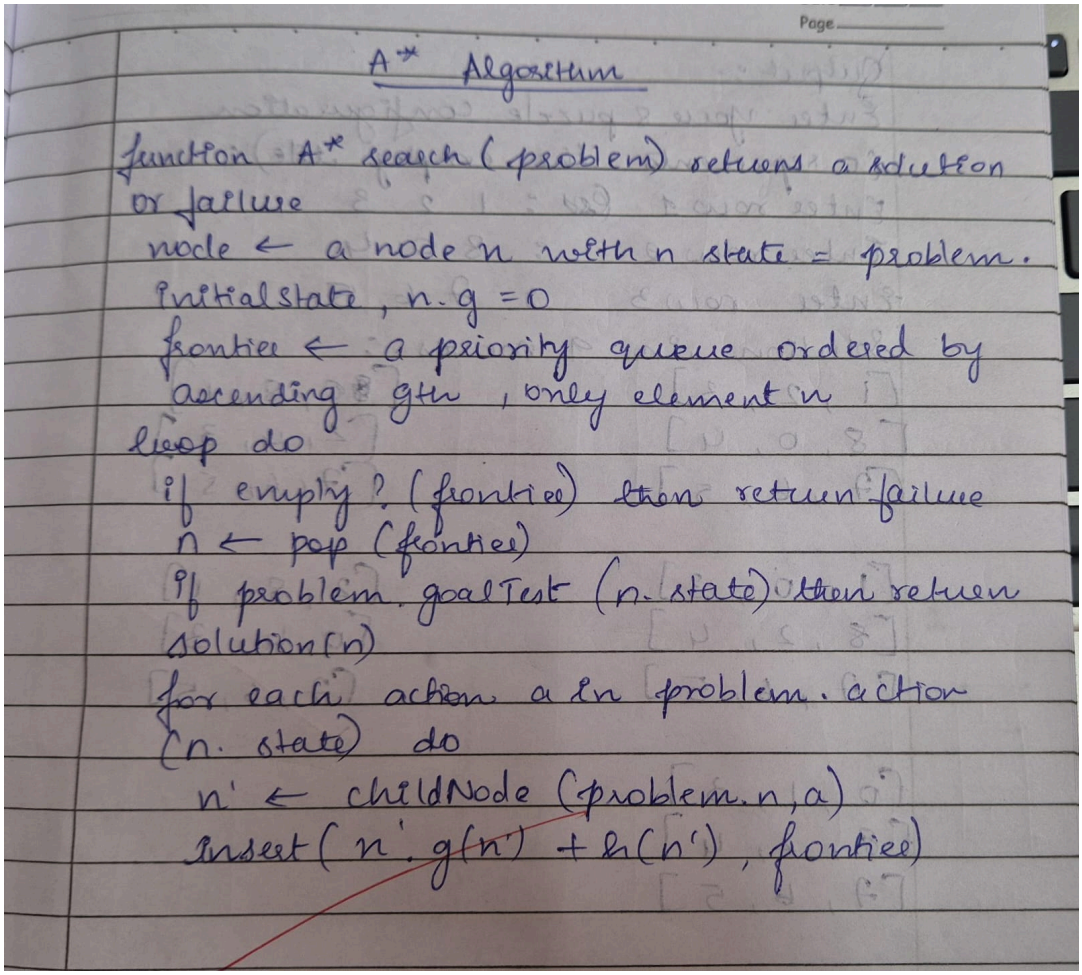
Observation book screenshots:



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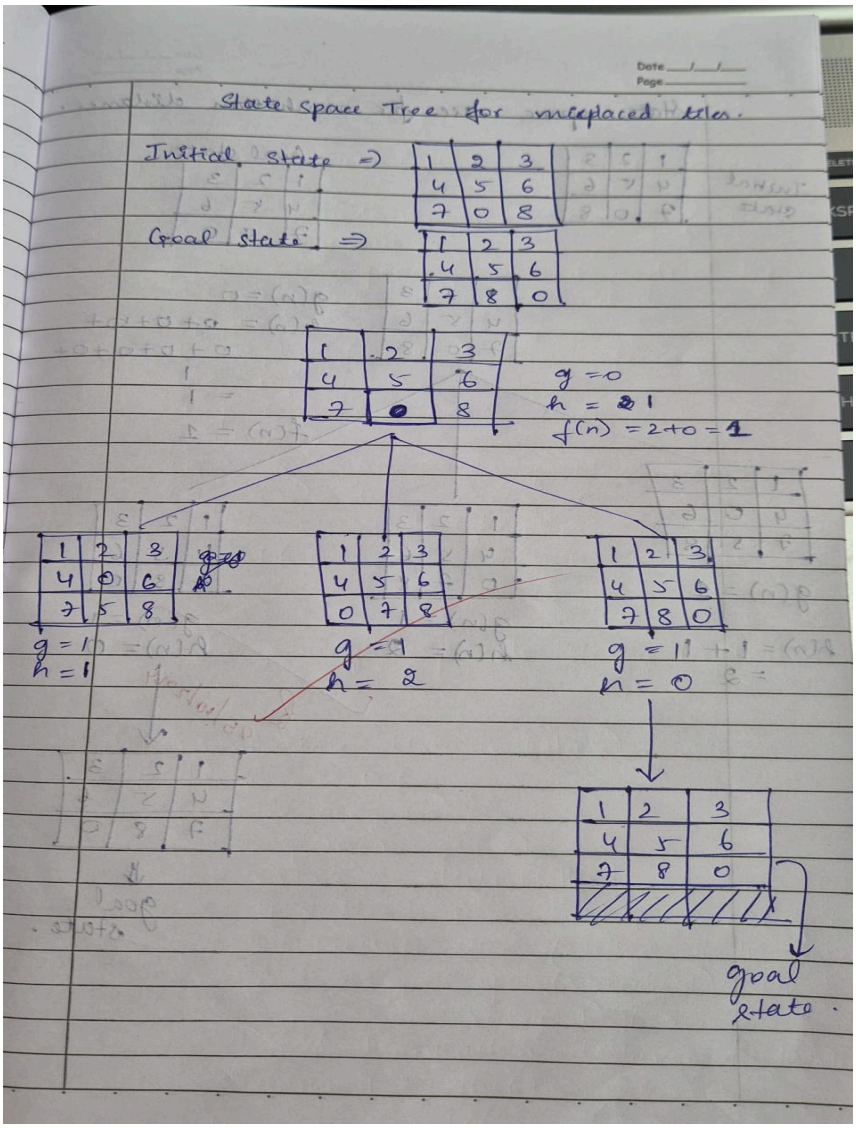
A* Algorithm

function A* search (problem) returns a solution or failure
node ← a node n with n state = problem.
initialstate, n.g = 0
frontier ← a priority queue ordered by ascending g(n), only element n
loop do
if empty? (frontier) then return failure
n ← pop (frontier)
if problem.goalTest (n.state) then return solution(n)
for each action a in problem.action (n.state) do
n' ← childNode (problem, n, a)
insert (n', g(n') + h(n'), frontier)



Using Manhattan distance:

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        self.f = g + h  # Total cost

    def __lt__(self, other):
        return self.f < other.f

def manhattan_distance(state):
    """Heuristic function that calculates the Manhattan distance for each tile."""
    distance = 0
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            value = state[i][j]
            if value != 0:  # Skip the empty tile
                # Calculate goal position for this value
                goal_x, goal_y = (value - 1) // 3, (value - 1) % 3
                # Add the Manhattan distance for this tile
                distance += abs(i - goal_x) + abs(j - goal_y)
    return distance

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    """Generate successors by moving the empty tile in all possible directions."""
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        if 0 <= new_x < 3 and 0 <= new_y < 3:
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            new_state[zero_x][zero_y], new_state[new_x][new_y] = new_state[new_x][new_y],
new_state[zero_x][zero_y]
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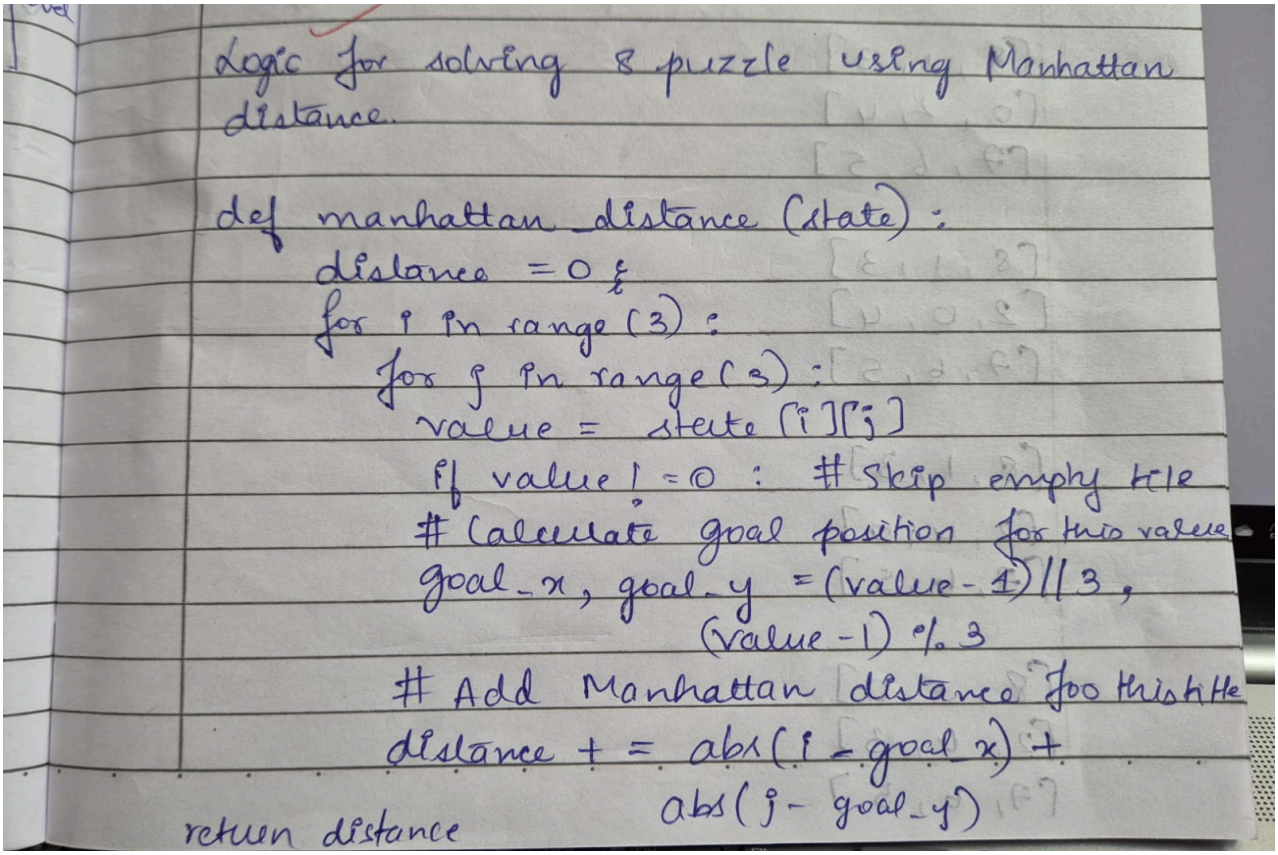

Logic for solving 8 puzzle using Manhattan distance.

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return distance
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State space tree for manhattan distance

Initial state

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	0	8

Goal state

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	0

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	0	8

$g(n) = 0$

$h(n) = 0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0$

$= 1$

$f(n) = 1$

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1	2	3
4	0	6
7	5	8

$g(n) = 1$

$h(n) = 1 + 1$

$= 2$

1	2	3
4	5	6
0	7	8

$g(n) = 1$

$h(n) = 2$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	0

$g(n) = 1$

$h(n) = 0$

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1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	0

goal state.