Week 4: STRIPS and Heuristic

COMP90054 – AI Planning for Autonomy

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Key concepts

- STRIPS problem
- Heuristic functions

Problem 1

Consider a m x m manhattan grid, and a set of coordinates G′ to visit in any order, and a set of inaccessible coordinates (walls) W

a state = <current coordinate, a set of remaining coordinates>

Initial state $s_0 = <(0,0), G'\backslash\{(0,0)\}>$

Goal state $S_G = \{<(x,y),\{\}> \mid x, y \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}\}$

State $S = \{<(x,y), V'> \mid x, y \in \{0, \dots, m-1\} \wedge V' \subseteq G'\}$

Action $A(<(x,y), V'>) = \{(dx, dy) \mid dx, dy \in \{-1, 0, 1\} \wedge |dx| + |dy| = 1 \wedge x + dx, y + dy \in \{0, \dots, m-1\} \wedge (x + dx, y + dy) \notin W\}$

Transition $f(<(x,y), V'>, (dx, dy)) = <(x + dx, y + dy), V'\backslash\{(x + dx, y + dy)\}>$

Cost $c(a) = 1$

State-space model

P = <S, s_0, S_G, A, T, c>

S = State space

s_0 = initial state

S_G = goal states

A = actions

T = transition functions

c = costs

Problem 1

Consider a m x m manhattan grid, and a set of coordinates G′ to visit in any order, and a set of inaccessible coordinates (walls) W

- A **problem** in STRIPS is a tuple $P = \langle F, O, I, G \rangle$:
  - F stands for set of all atoms (boolean vars)
  - O stands for set of all operators (actions)
  - $I \subseteq F$ stands for initial situation
  - $G \subseteq F$ stands for goal situation
- Operators $o \in O$ **represented** by
  - the Add list $Add(o) \subseteq F$
  - the Delete list $Del(o) \subseteq F$
  - the Precondition list $Pre(o) \subseteq F$

$$\boldsymbol{I} = \{\boldsymbol{at}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{0}), \boldsymbol{visited}(\mathbf{0},\mathbf{0})\}$$

$$\boldsymbol{G} = \{\boldsymbol{visited}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) | \boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y} \in \boldsymbol{G'}\}$$

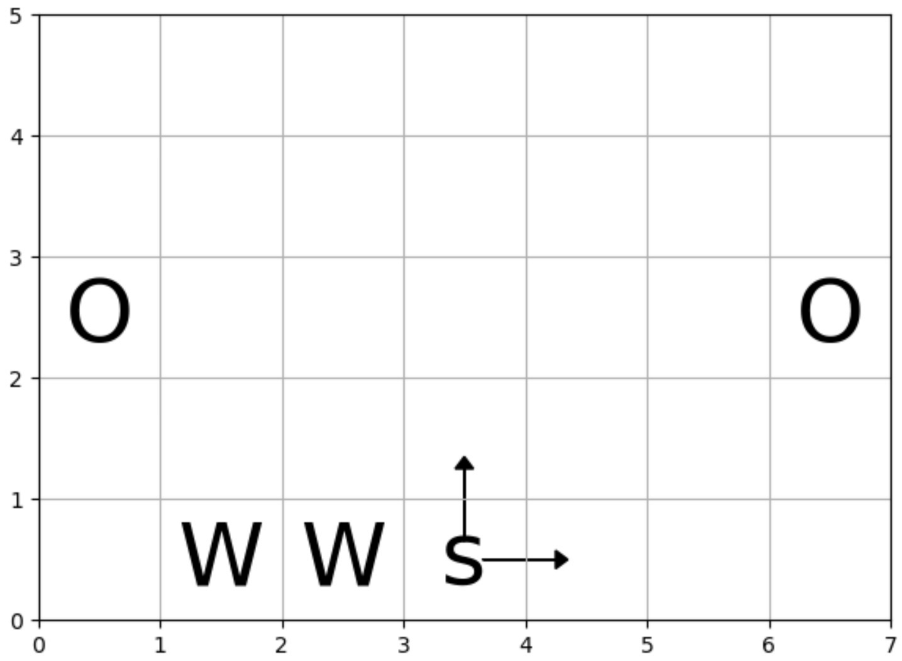
$$\boldsymbol{F} = \{\boldsymbol{at}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}), \boldsymbol{visited}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) | \boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y} \in \{\mathbf{0}, \dots, \boldsymbol{m}-\mathbf{1}\}\}$$

O $= \{\boldsymbol{move}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y},\boldsymbol{x}',\boldsymbol{y}')$:

- ***Prec: at(x,y)***
- ***Add: at(x', y'), visited(x',y')***
- ***Del: at(x, y) | for each adjacent (x,y),(x',y'), and (x',y') ∉ W*** }

Problem 2

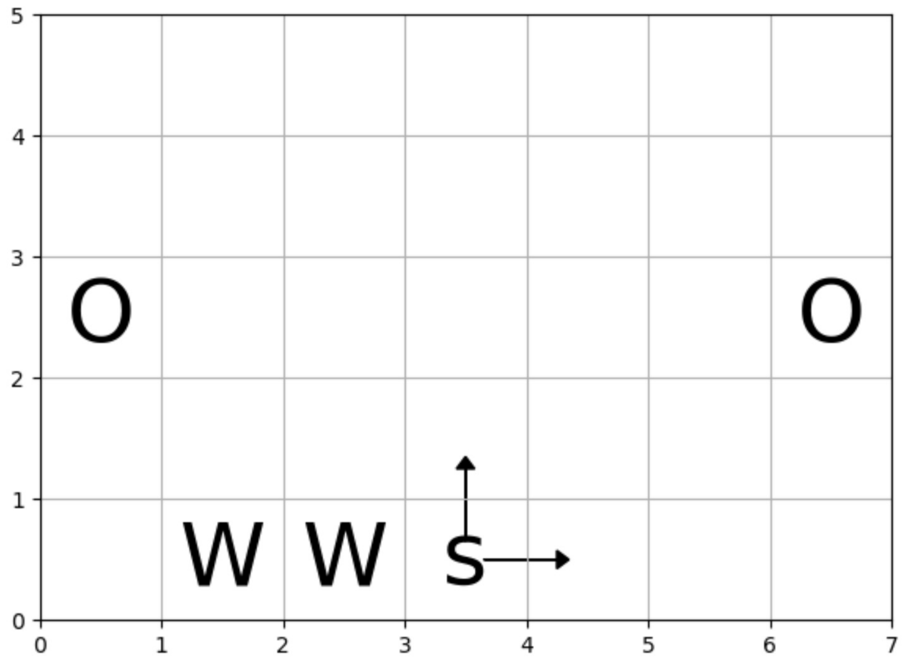
1. Zero heuristic
2. Goal-counting heuristic
3. Manhattan Distance to Closest Goal heuristic
4. Manhattan Distance to Furthest Goal heuristic
5. Sum of manhattan distances of all goals
6. Minimum spanning tree



Number of node expansion + Calculation time of the heuristic function = Total running time

Problem 2

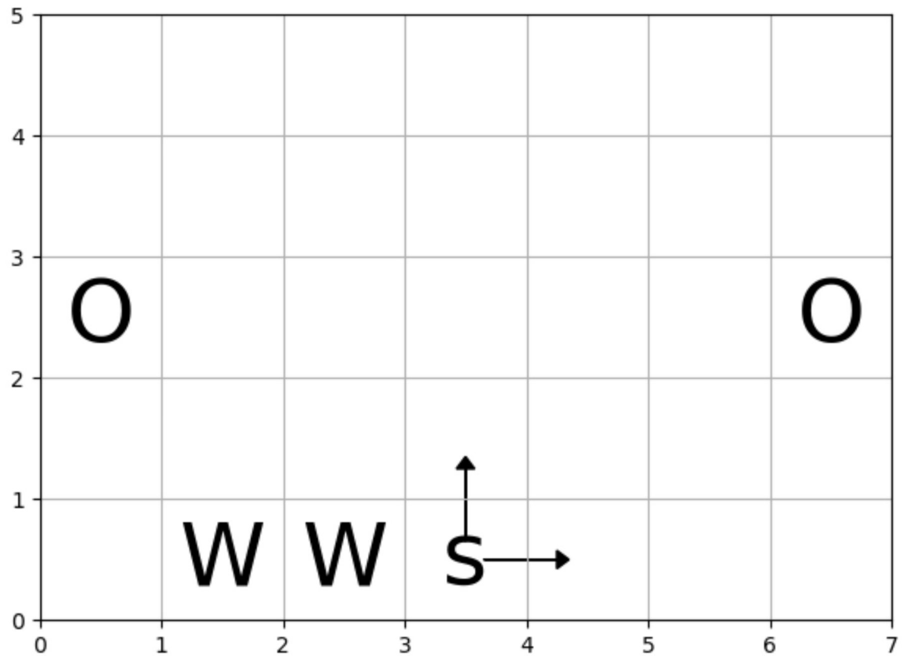
1. Zero heuristic h = 0



Admissible: Yes
Consistent: Yes
Time to calculate h: None

Problem 2

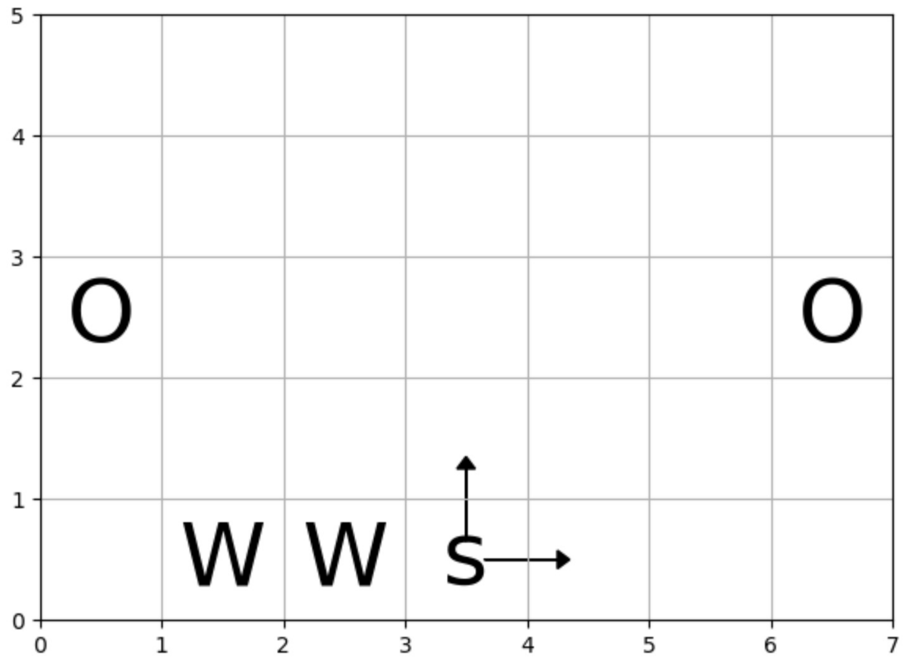
2. Goal-counting heuristic



Admissible: Yes
Consistent: Yes
Time to calculate h: Easy

Problem 2

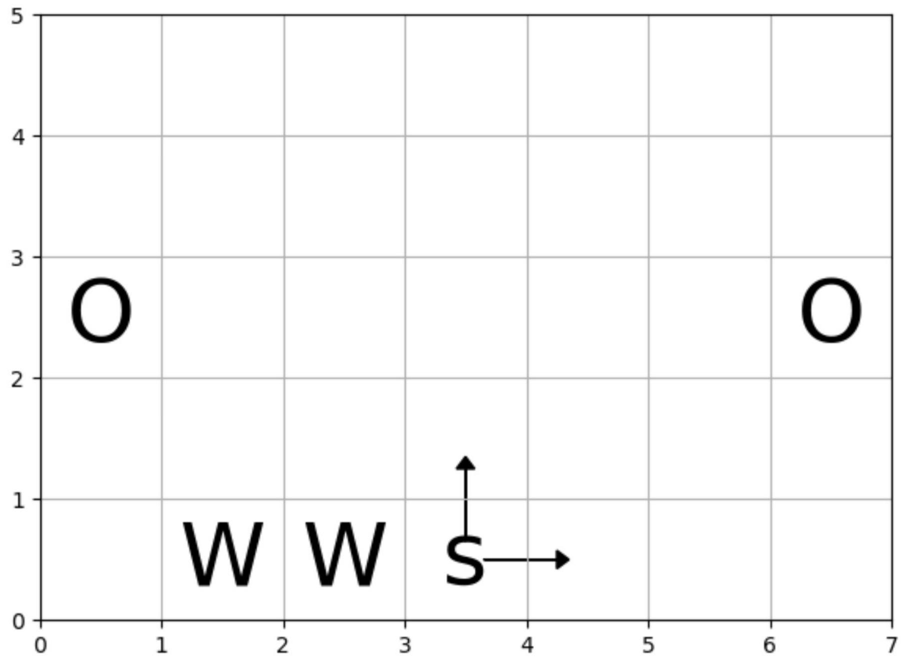
3. Manhattan Distance to Closest Goal heuristic



Admissible: Yes
Consistent: Yes
Time to calculate h: Easy

Problem 2

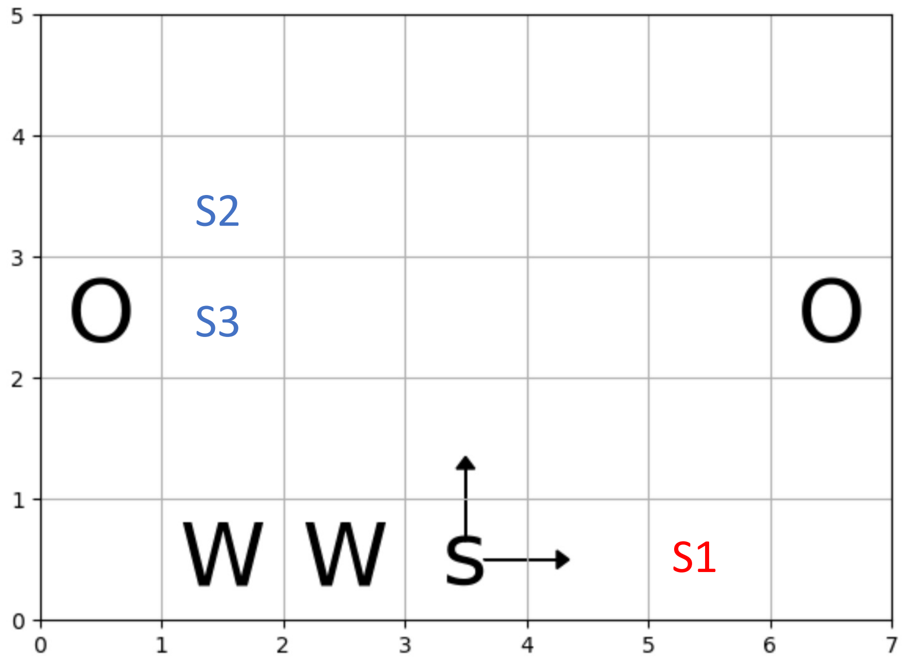
4. Manhattan Distance to Furthest Goal heuristic



Admissible: Yes
Consistent: Yes
Time to calculate h: Easy

Problem 2

5. Sum of Manhattan distances of all goals



Admissible: No
Consistent: No
Time to calculate h: Easy

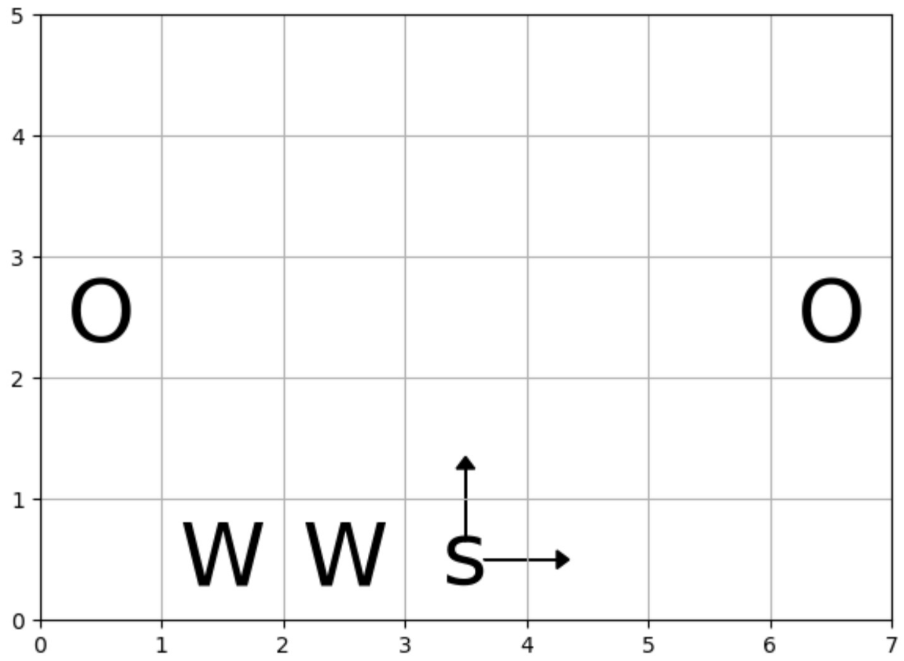
h(s1) = 3 + 7 = 10
h*(s1) = 3 + 6 = 9
h(s1) > h*(s1) => Not admissible

h(s2) = 2 + 6 = 8
h(s3) = 1 + 5 = 6
h(s2) – h(s3) = 2
c(s2, s3) = 1
=> h(s2) – h(s3) > c(s2, s3) => Not consistent

Problem 2

Dominate relation

1. Zero heuristic: Admissible, Consistent
2. Goal-counting heuristic: Admissible, Consistent
3. Manhattan Distance to Closest Goal heuristic: Admissible, Consistent
4. Manhattan Distance to Furthest Goal heuristic: Admissible, Consistent
5. Sum of manhattan distances of all goals: Not admissible, Not consistent



h(goal counting) > h(zero)
h(closest) > h(zero)
h(furthest) > h(zero)

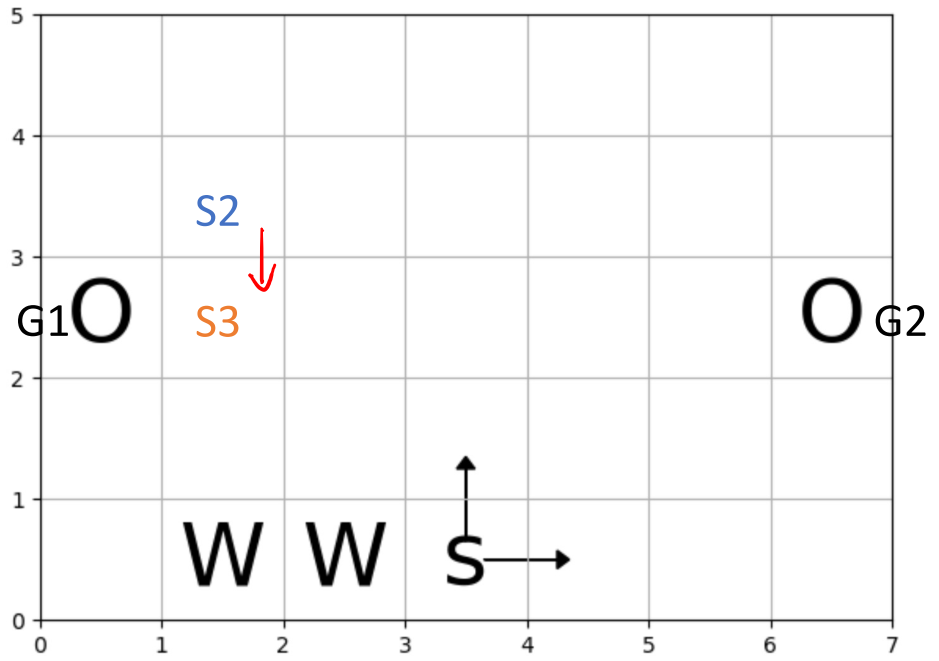
h(furthest) > h(closest)
h(furthest) > h(goal counting)

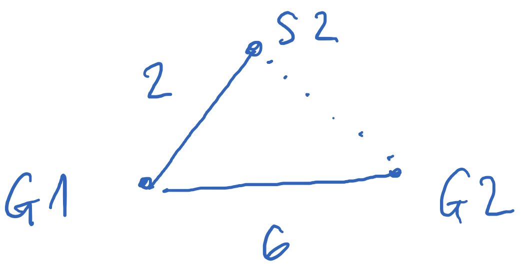
Problem 2

6. Minimum spanning tree

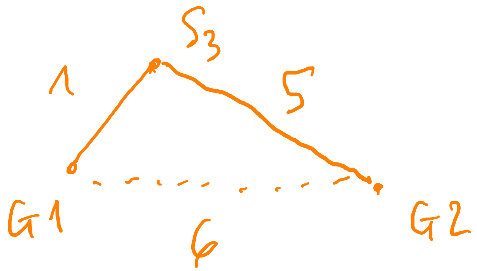
Admissible: Yes
Consistent: No
Time to calculate h: Medium

Minimum spanning tree: Only select a subset of edges to connect all vertices and the total cost is minimum





$h(s_2) = 2 + 6 = 8$



$h(s_3) = 1 + 5 = 6$

$\Rightarrow h(s_2) - h(s_3) = 8 - 6 = 2$

$> c(s_2, s_3) = 1$

$\Rightarrow$ Not consistent