

# Informed and Uninformed Search 8-puzzle Solution

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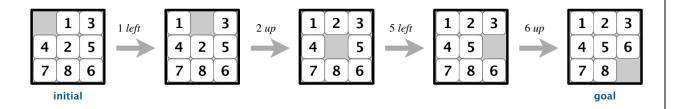
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#### I. Problem Formulation

#### > Introduction

**8-puzzle** It is 3x3 matrix with 8 square blocks containing 1 to 8 and a blank square. The main idea of 8 puzzle is to reorder these of the squares adjacent to blank block can squares into a numerical order of 1 to 8 and last square as blank. Each move up, down, left or right depending on the edges of the matrix.



#### **Generic Algorithm review**

It begin by visiting the root node of the search tree, given by the initial state. Three major things happen in sequence in order to visit a node:

- 1. we remove a node from the frontier set.
- 2. we check the state against the goal state to determine if a solution has been found.
- 3. if the result of the check is false, we then expand the node. To expand a node, we generate successor nodes adjacent to the current node, and add them to the frontier set. If these successor nodes are already in the frontier set, or have already been visited, then they should not be added to the frontier again.

This describes the life-cycle of a visit, and is the basic order of operations for search agents (1) remove, (2) check, and (3) expand.

#### II. DFS search

#### > <u>DFS Search Algorithm</u>.

**DFS** is an uninformed search algorithm. perform <u>a depth-first search.</u> A List which is used as a (LIFO) Stack.

- Create an empty list (explored), this list will states that have been visited
- Create another list(frontier) that contains just the starting state, this list contains states that have not been visited
- Create an empty map contains previous state of each state has been visited
- While the 2<sup>nd</sup>-list not empty
  - I. Remove it from frontier list by using List.pop() and put it in explored-list
    - If the state is goal
      - Return path from goal state to initial state (recursively from constructed map)
    - If the state isn't goal
      - If next state has been visited before(check from explored)
        - o ignore it
      - If next state isn't in visited list(explored list)
        - Put it in explored list
  - II. Repeat the loop
  - III. If the non-visited list(frontier-list) is empty and never found the goal, No solution possible

#### **▶** <u>DFS Search PseudoCode</u>.

```
function DEPTH-FIRST-SEARCH(initialState, goalTest)
    returns Success or Failure:

frontier = Stack.new(initialState)
    explored = Set.new()

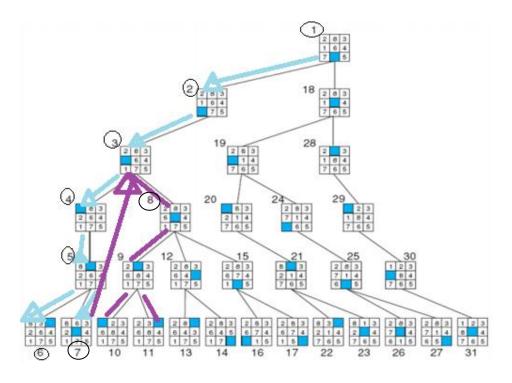
while not frontier.isEmpty():
    state = frontier.pop()
    explored.add(state)

if goalTest(state):
    return Success(state)

for neighbor in state.neighbors():
    if neighbor not in frontier ∪ explored:
        frontier.push(neighbor)

return Failure
```

• DFS Searches branch by branch with each branch pursued to maximum depth.



#### III. A\* search

#### > Introduction

A\* is recursive algorithm that calls itself until a solution is found. In this algorithm we consider two heuristic functions, euclidean distance heuristic and manhattan distance heuristic. In this part we have implemented the state space generation using both the heuristics.

A\* is an **informed search algorithm**. It is a combination of uniform cost search and best first search, which avoids expanding expensive paths.

Calculating g(n) which is a measure of step cost for each move made from current state to next state, initially it is set to zero. For each of the heuristic we have implemented f(n)=g(n)+h(n), where h(n) is the heuristic function used.

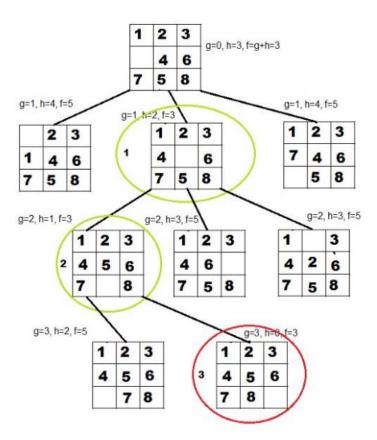
In this part, we have used the optimality of A\* by not allowing any node generation of previously traversed nodes. Used two sets they are closed set and open set to implement this functionality of A\* algorithm. Closed set stores all the previously expanded nodes and open set (priority queue) which stores all of the non-duplicate nodes and sorts them according to f(n) value.

#### > A\* Algorithm

- A\* algorithm keeps a track of each visited node which helps in ignoring the nodes that are already visited, saving a huge amount of time.
- A min heap which will take a node (cost, current state) as input, which will heapify it according to the cost calculated depending on the type of the Heuristic algorithm.
- It also has a list that holds all the nodes that are not visited to be explored and it chooses the most optimal node from this list, thus saving time not exploring less optimal nodes.
- we use two lists 'frontier list' and 'explored list', the frontier list contains all the nodes that are being generated and are not existing in the explored list and each node explored after it's neighboring nodes are discovered is put in the explored list and the neighbors are put in the frontier list this is how the nodes expand
- Each node has a pointer to its parent to retrace the path to the parent
- Initially, the frontier list holds the Initial node. The next node chosen from the frontier list is based on its **cost**, the node with the least cost is picked up and explored.
- $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{n})$ , we can calculate the  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{n})$  by comparing the current state and goal state.

#### **→** How A\* solves the 8-Puzzle problem.

- Move the empty space in all the possible directions in the start state and calculate the **f(n)** for each state (Expanding the current state).
- After expanding the current state, it is pushed into the **explored list** and the newly generated states are pushed into the **frontier list**.
- A state with the least f(n) is selected and expanded again.
- Loop this process until the goal state occurs as the current state.



#### **→ A\* Search PseudoCode**.

```
function A-STAR-SEARCH(initialState, goalTest)
    returns Success or Failure: /* Cost f(n) = g(n) + h(n) */

frontier = Heap.new(initialState)
    explored = Set.new()

while not frontier.isEmpty():
    state = frontier.deleteMin()
    explored.add(state)

if goalTest(state):
    return Success(state)

for neighbor in state.neighbors():
    if neighbor not in frontier ∪ explored:
        frontier.insert(neighbor)
    else if neighbor in frontier:
        frontier.decreaseKey(neighbor)
```

## IV. Heuristic Functions

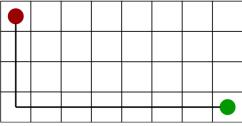
The heuristic function is a way to inform the search regarding the direction to a goal, It provides an information to estimate which neighboring node will lead to the goal.

## V. <u>Manhattan Distance</u>

The Manhattan distance heuristic is used for its ability to estimate the number of moves required to bring a

given puzzle state to the solution state.

Manhattan distance heuristic function measures the least steps needed for each of the tiles in the 8-puzzle initial or current state to arrive to the goal state position



It's the sum of absolute values of differences between goal state (i, j) coordinates and current state (l, m) coordinates respectively, i.e.  $|\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{l}| + |\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{m}|$ 

#### > pseudo code

#### **Example**

• In this heuristic, we are allowed to move only in four directions only (right, left, top, bottom)

we find the heuristic value required to reach the final state from initial state. The cost function, g(n) = 0 (initial state)

The value is obtained, as "1" in the current state is 1 horizontal distance away than the "1" final state. Same goes for all no .

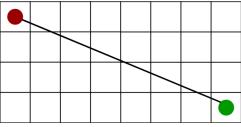
So total value for h(n) is 1+2+0+0+2+2+0+3=10. Total cost function f(n) is equal to 10+0=10

1	3
	2
6	5
	6

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

## VI. <u>Euclidean Distance</u>

Euclidean distance heuristic use this heuristic when we are allowed to move in any directions



It is the sqrt (sum of values of squaring of differences between goal state (i, j) coordinates and current state (l, m) coordinates respectively,) i.e.  $\sqrt{(xl-xi)^2+(y_m-y/2)^2}$ 

#### > Pseudo code

function eclidean distance(node, goal) =

$$dx = (node.x - goal.x)$$

$$dy = (node.y - goal.y)$$

## **Example**

■ In this heuristic, we are allowed to move in any directions we find the heuristic value required to reach the final state from initial state. The cost function, g(n) = 0 (initial state)

The value is obtained, as "1" in the current state is 1 horizontal distance away than the "1" final state. Same goes for all no . , 2 can move in diagonal So total value for h(n) is 1+1+0+0+1+1+0+1=5. Total cost function f(n) is equal to 5+0=5.

## VII. <u>Program Structure</u>

#### **➤ Source Code**

• DFS

```
def dfs(initialState): # dfs search
     explored = [] # create an empty explored list
     maxDepth = 0
     if_frontier = 0
    while len(frontier) > 0: # pass over all the elements in the frontier list
         state = frontier.pop()
         if not state:
         depth = frontier.count(None)
         maxDepth = max(maxDepth, depth)
         explored.append(state.matrix_to_list())
         if check_if_goal(state):
             return reachGoal(state, len(explored), depth)
         depthLimit = 50 # max depth
         if depth < depthLimit:</pre>
             row = len(frontier)
             for neighbour in state.children(): # loop over all the neighbours of the state
                 if not check_if_explored(neighbour, explored): # check if the neighbour in the explored list
                     if not check_if_explored(neighbour, frontier): # check if the neighbour in the frontier list
                         if_frontier = 1 # if the neighbour in the frontier list append it
                         frontier.append(neighbour)
             if if_frontier == 1: # if frontier flag = 1 insert the row in the frontier list and toggle the flag
                 frontier.insert(row, None)
                 if_frontier = 0
```

#### • A\*

```
astar(initialState, type): # A* search
explored = [] # create an empty explored list
   cost = calculate_manhattan(initialState)
   cost = calculate_eculedian(initialState)
node = (cost, initialState) # create new node
   state = heapq.heappop(frontier)[1]
   explored.append(state.matrix_to_list())
    if check_if_goal(state): # stop when reach the goal
       depth = 0
       while temp: # calculate the depth of the node
          depth += 1
           temp = temp.parent
       return reachGoal(state, len(explored), depth)
    for neighbour in state.children(): # check all the neighbours of the node
        if not check_if_explored(neighbour, explored): # check if the node is not explored
           if not check_if_frontier(neighbour, [state for cost, state in frontier]):
                   cost = calculate_manhattan(neighbour)
                   cost = calculate_eculedian(neighbour)
               heapq.heappush(frontier, node)
```

## • Manhattan

## • Euclidean

## **>** Sample Run

# **❖** <u>TestCase:1</u>

## • <u>DFS</u>

```
81 82 85
                                                         To run program
81 82 85
83 80 84
00 03 04
-----> Move Down
81 82 85
06 03 04
 80 87 88
87 88 88
81 82 85
86 83 84
-----> Move Right
01 02 05
87 88 88
86 83 84
87 88 89
----> Move Up
01 02 05
86 83 88
87 88 84
01 02 05
86 80 83
97 88 84
-----> Move Left
01 02 05
80 86 83
07 08 04
01 02 05
87 86 83
```

```
----> Move Right
   01 02 05
   01 02 05
   87 86 80
   88 84 83
   -----> Move Left
   01 02 05
   87 88 86
   88 84 83
   81 82 85
99 97 96
98 94 93
•• -----> Move Down
91 92 95
98 97 96
90 94 93
  01 02 05
   84 83 80
  ----> Move Up
  01 02 05
  88 80 87
90 08 07
04 03 04
   01 02 05
   84 88 87
```

```
84 88 87
   81 82 85
   84 88 87
   03 06 00
   81 82 85
90 94 98
93 96 97
... ------> Move Down
   01 02 05
   03 04 08
   86 88 87
  ----> Move Up
   81 82 85
   83 88 88
   86 84 87
   01 00 05
   03 02 08
   86 84 87
   80 81 85
   03 02 08
  -----> Move Down
   83 81 85
90 92 98
96 94 97
   82 88 88
   86 84 87
```

```
83 81 85
    00 02 08
    86 84 87
    -----> Move Right
    83 81 85
    82 88 88
    86 84 87
    -----> Move Down
    86 88 87
   ----> Move Left
   03 01 05
   82 80 84
   86 87 88
   ----> Move Left
   83 81 85
   80 82 84
   96 97 98
   -----> Move Up
   00 01 05
   03 02 04
   06 07 08
   -----> Move Right
   01 00 05
   03 02 04
   86 87 88
   -----> Move Right
01 05 00
03 02 04
06 07
    01 05 04
   83 82 88
    86 87 88
```

```
-----> Move Left
  01 05 04
  03 00 02
  86 87 88
  81 80 84
  83 85 82
  ----> Move Right
  81 84 88
  83 85 82
  86 87 88
  ----> Move Down
  81 84 82
  83 85 88
  86 87 88
  -----> Move Left
  81 84 82
  83 88 85
a ------ Move Up
  81 80 82
  83 84 85
  86 87 88
  01 04 02
  83 88 85
  ----> Move Up
  81 80 82
  83 84 85
  86 87 88
```

Path: -> Input -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Le

Cost: 49
Nodes Expanded: 10765
Depth: 49
Running Time: 38.7660 sec

## • A\* Manhattan

## • A\* Euclidean

## **★** TestCase:2

## • <u>DFS</u>

```
03 01 02
 86 87 88
                                                                               To run program
 83 81 82
 03 01 02
 03 01 02
 84 85 88
 86 87 80
83 81 82
 84 85 88
 86 80 87
03 01 02
84 85 88
80 86 87
04 06 07
88 84 86
95 84 86
------> Move Right
93 81 82
98 87 88
95 84 86
-----> Move Left
03 01 02
```

```
03 01 02
86 80 84
87 88 85
03 01 02
86 84 88
-----> Move Up
86 88 85
06 01 05
86 81 88
```

```
----> Move Left
83 82 85
83 82 85
83 82 85
84 88 81
84 81 80
83 82 80
84 83 82
86 87 88
01 00 05
04 00 02
81 83 85
80 83 85
01 04 02
83 88 85
```

Path: -> Input -> Move Right -> Move Right t> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Right -> Move Righ

```
Cost: 49
Nodes Expanded: 9925
Depth: 49
Running Time: 43.1230 sec
```

#### • A\* Manhattan

## • A\* Euclidean

```
(venv) C:\Users\tokay\PycharmProjects\8PuzzleProject>python3 algorithm.py 3,1,2,0,4,5,6,7,8 a*

manhattan / euclidean ? euclidean
------> Input
03 01 02
00 04 05
06 07 08
------> Move Up
08 01 02
03 04 05
06 07 08
****** DONE ****

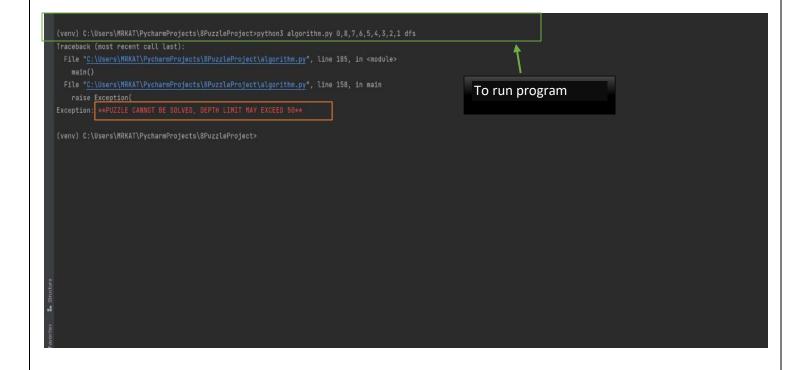
Path: -> Input -> Move Up

Cost: 1
Nodes Expanded: 2

Bunning Time: 7.7401 sec
```

## **❖** <u>TestCase:3</u>

## • <u>DFS</u>



## • A\* Manhattan

```
Move Right
  84 80 85
  ----> Move Down
  86 81 88
  80 83 87
. 01 00 08
```

```
----> Move Right
   84 82 85
   01 00 08
   86 83 87
         -> Move Down
  84 82 85
  01 03 08
       ---> Move Up
  84 82 88
   01 03 05
   86 87 88
      ----> Move Left
  94 89 82
  81 83 85
   ----> Move Left
   84 80 82
   01 03 05
   96 97 98
   ----> Move Left
   80 84 82
   81 83 85
   00 03 05
  81 84 82
   83 80 85
  81 80 82
   03 04 05
   86 87 88
# **** DONE ****
```

```
Path: -> Input -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Left -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up ->
```

## • A\* Euclidean

```
manhattan / euclidean ? euclidean
80 88 87
                                                                  To run program
83 82 81
88 80 87
86 85 84
----> Move Right
86 85 88
86 85 81
86 85 81
86 80 81
08 07 04
80 86 81
80 87 84
87 88 84
83 85 82
97 94 99
```

```
---> Move Down
    98 96 92
93 99 95
   83 88 82
86 80 85
    83 80 82
    87 80 81
    83 84 82
    06 08 05
   80 84 82
83 87 81
84 80 82
86 88 85
* 96 98 95
```

Path: -> Input -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Down -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Left -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Down -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Right -> Move Up -> Move Right -> M

# VIII. <u>Conclusion</u>

Based on our result, in case of Euclidian's algorithm for A\* is best search algorithm compared to DFS algorithm and Manhattan's algorithm