BLG435E Artificial Intelligence





Practice Session 1: Problem-Solving and Search



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- You are given two jugs, a 3-liter jug, and a 4-liter jug.
- Initially both jugs are empty.
- Neither jugs has any measuring markers on it.

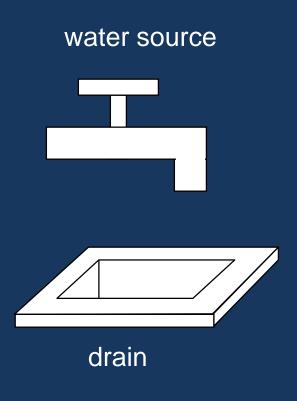
There is a water source and a drain.

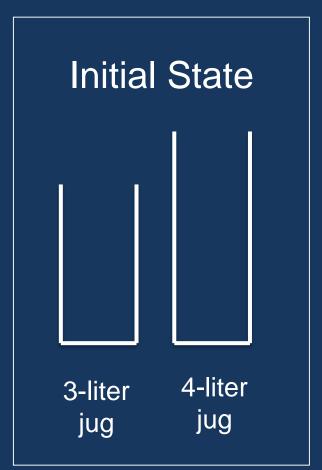
 Either jug can be filled from water source, emptied to drain, or poured into the other. (Filling and emptying operations must be in complete.)

You are allowed to drain (i.e. waste) water if necessary.









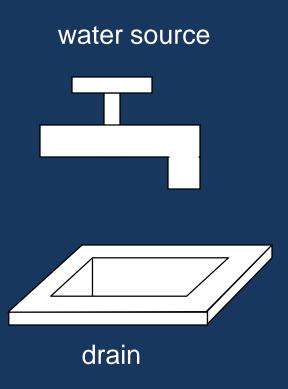


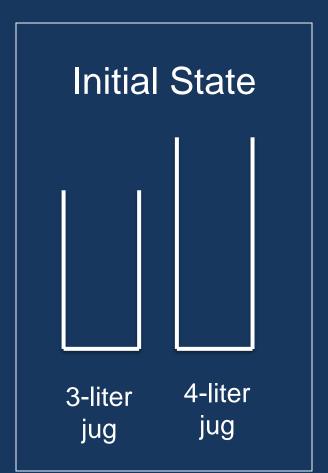


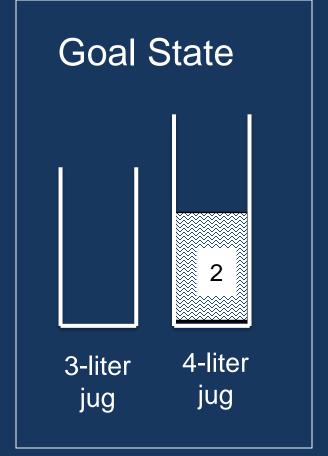
 Problem: How can you get exactly 2 liters of water into the 4-liter jug? Find the sequence of actions (i.e. solution path) from initial state to the goal state.













• States: Amounts of water in each jug. We can represent states with (J_3, J_4) variable pairs.

 J_3 is for the 3-liter jug. J_4 is for the 4-liter jug.

- Initial State: $J_3 = 0$ and $J_4 = 0$
- Goal Test: $J_3 = 0$ and $J_4 = 2$
- Actions: 6 possible actions
- Path cost: uniform step costs for each action
- Size of the state space: 14 possible states



Actions in Water Jugs Problem



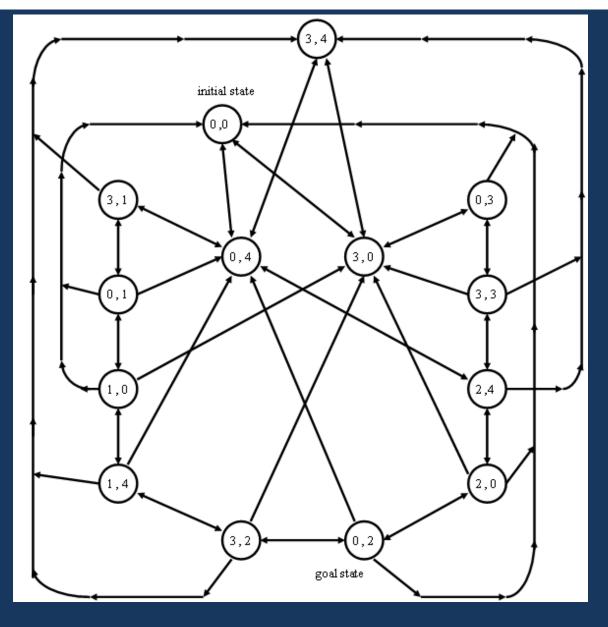
- Action 1: Fill the 4-liter jug to capacity from a water source.
- Action 2: Fill the 3-liter jug to capacity from a water source.
- Action 3: Empty the 4-liter jug into the drain.
- Action 4: Empty the 3-liter jug into the drain.
- Action 5: Pour from the 3-liter jug into 4-liter jug until capacity reached.
- Action 6: Pour from the 4-liter jug into 3-liter jug until capacity reached.



Search Space-Water Jugs Problem



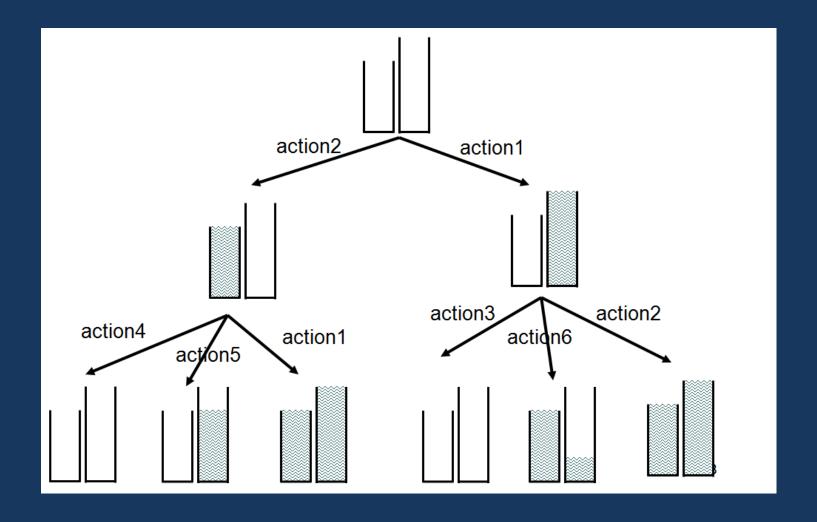
(J₃, J₄) 14 nodes 46 arcs





Search Tree-Water Jugs Problem









STEP	ACTION	3-liter Jug	4-liter Jug
0	Initial state: Both jugs are empty	0	0
1	Action2) Fill the 3-liter jug	3	0
2	Action5) Pour from the 3-liter jug into 4-liter jug	0	3
3	Action2) Fill the 3-liter jug	3	3
4	Action5) Pour from the 3-liter jug into 4-liter jug	2	4
5	Action3) Empty the 4-liter jug into a drain	2	0
6	Action5) Pour from the 3-liter jug into 4-liter jug	0	2





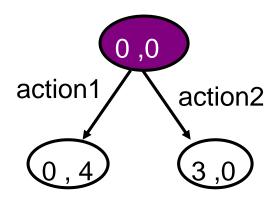
initial state



OPEN = (0,0)CLOSED = empty



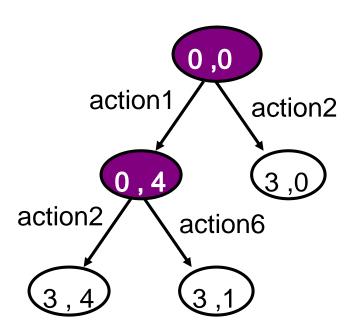




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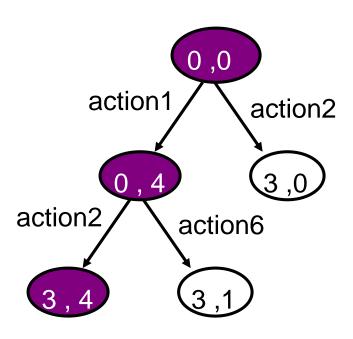




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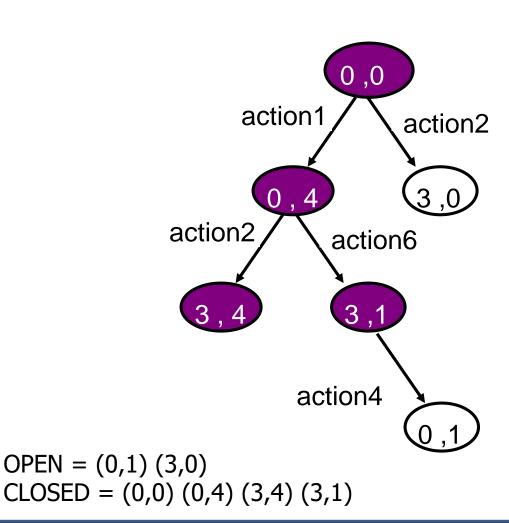


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CLOSED = $(0,0)(0,4)(3,4)$

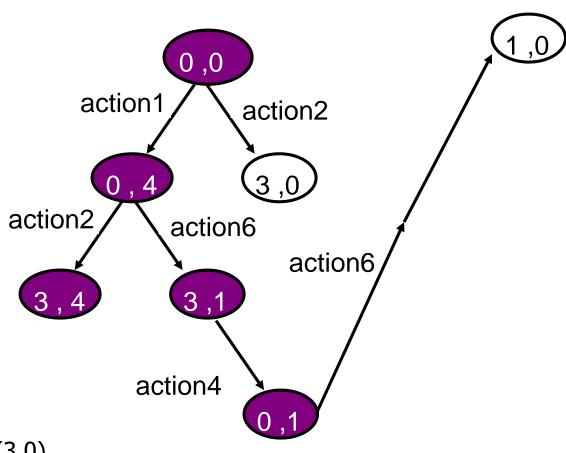








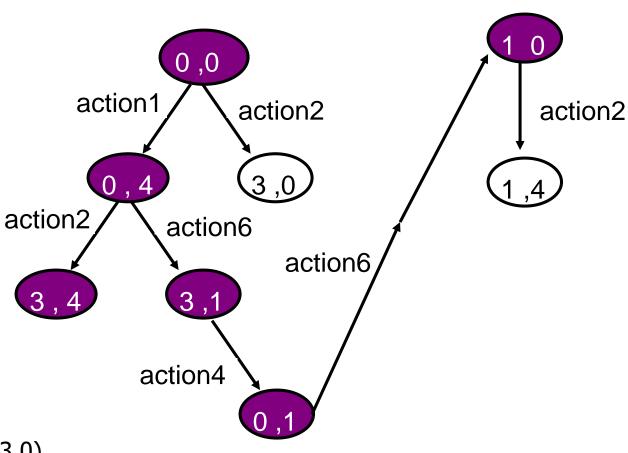




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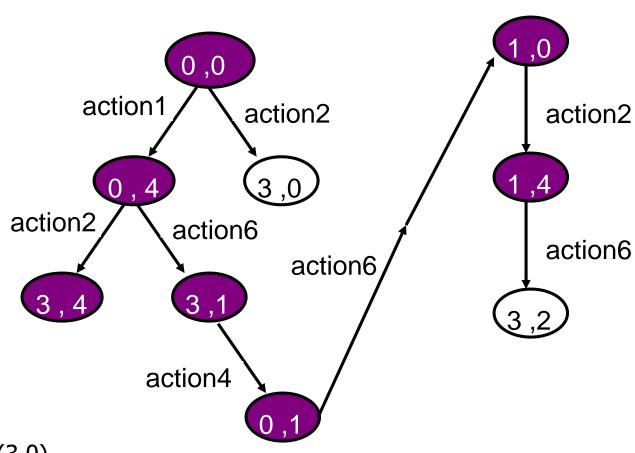




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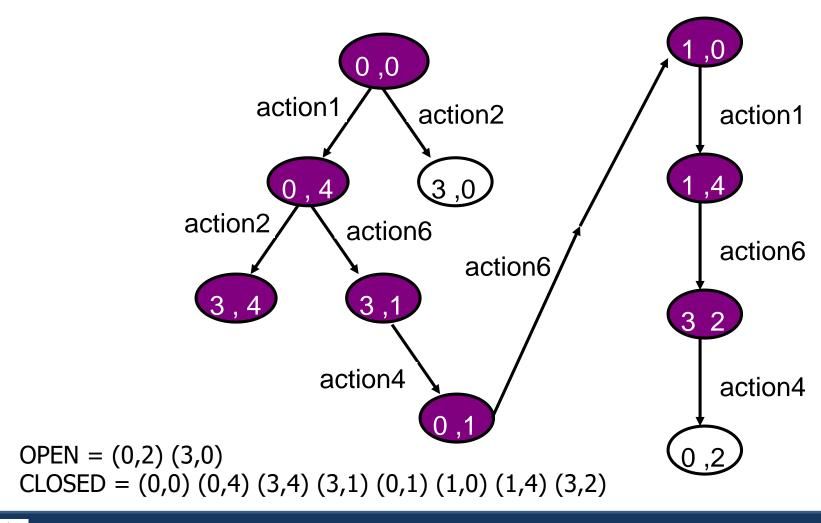




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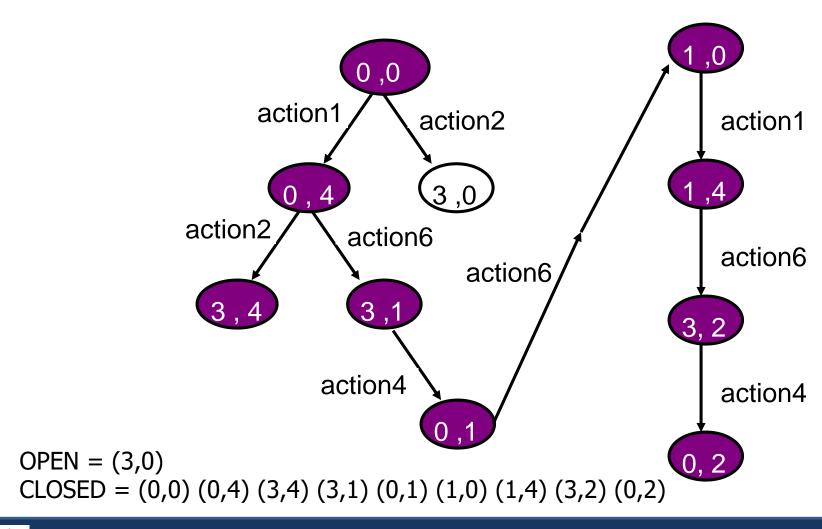






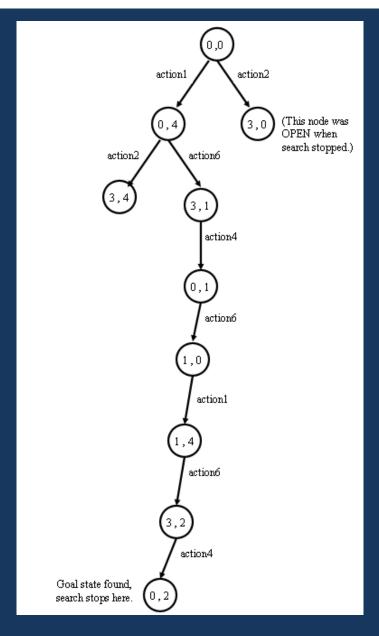
















Solution Path:

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initial state: (0,0)
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action1: (0,4)

action6: (3,1)

action4: (0,1)

action6: (1,0)

action1: (1,4)

action6: (3,2)

action4: (0,2) goal state





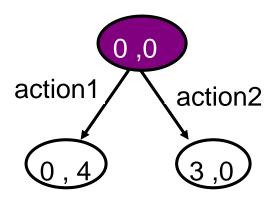
initial state



OPEN = (0,0) CLOSED = empty



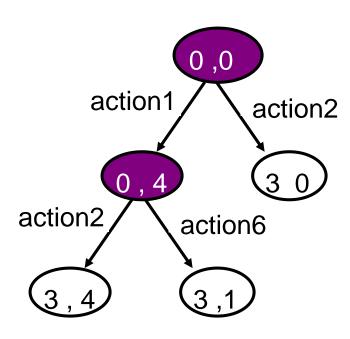




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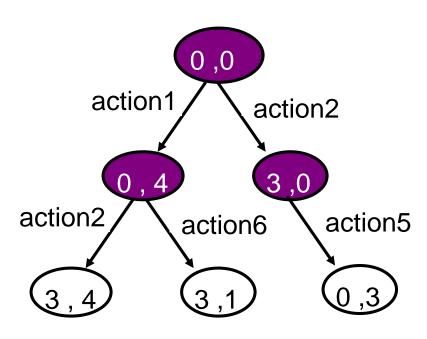




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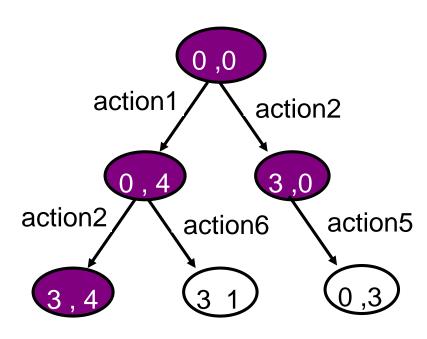




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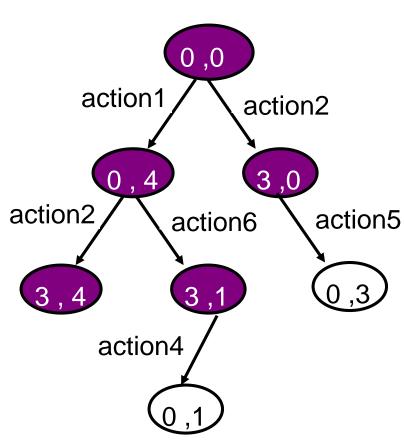




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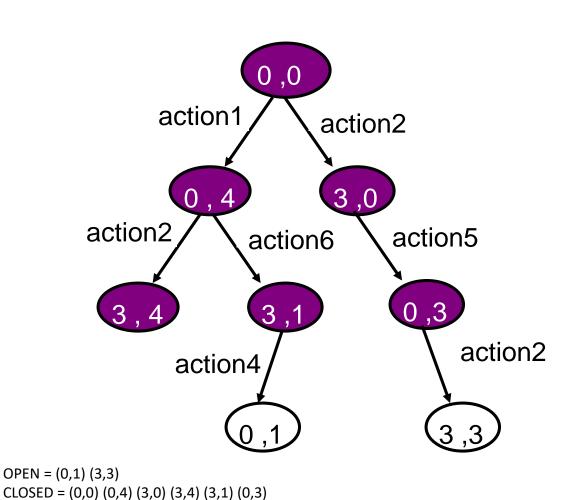




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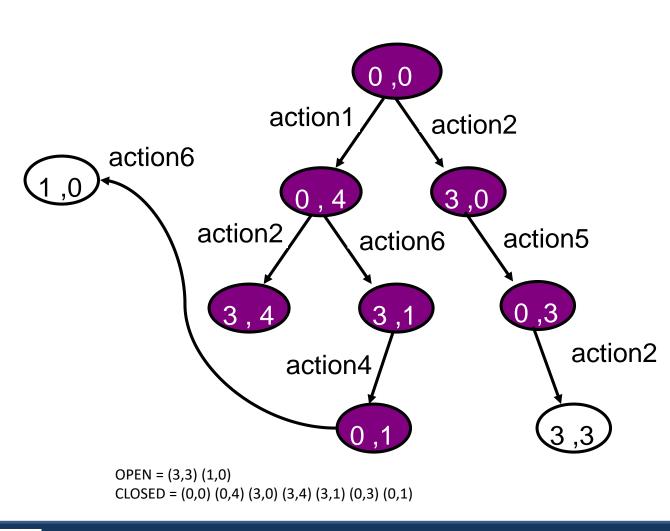






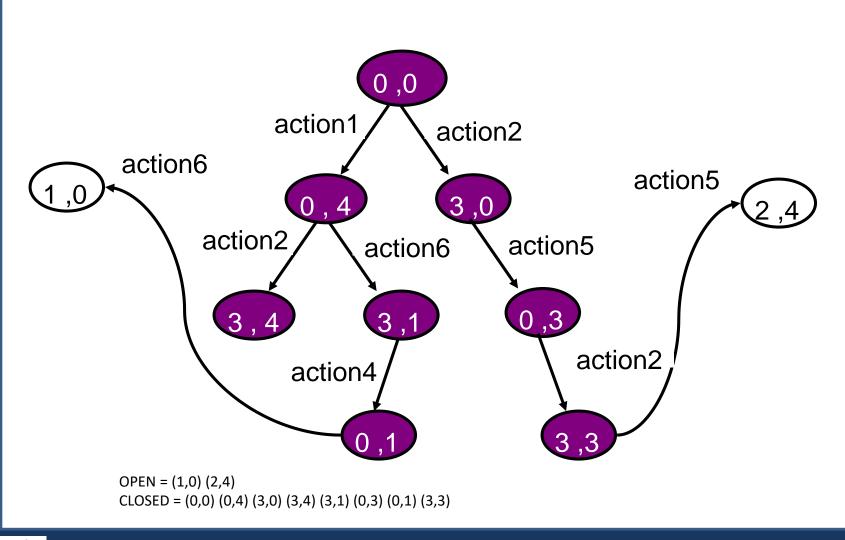






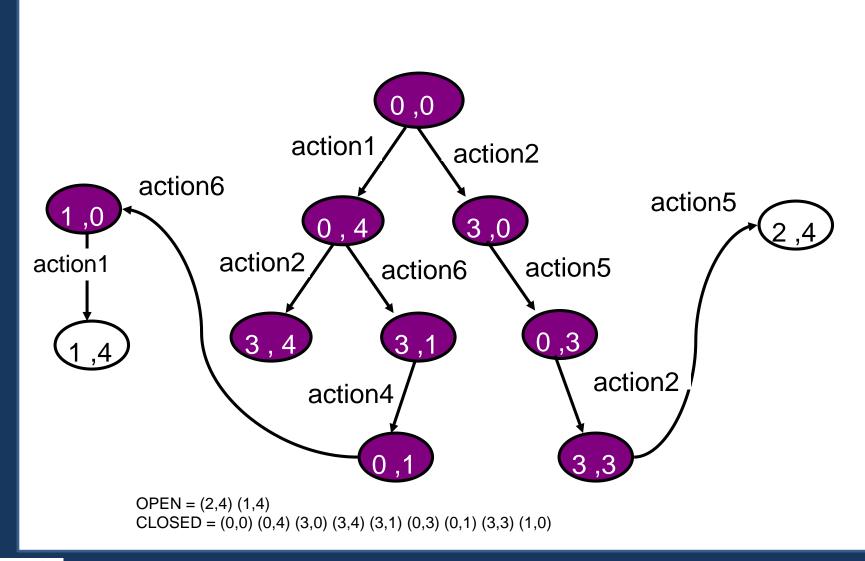






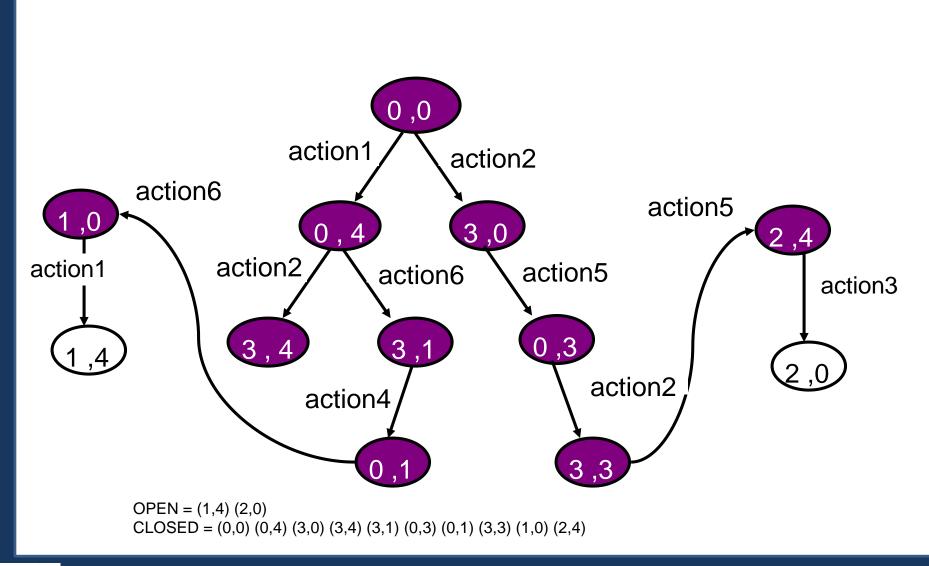






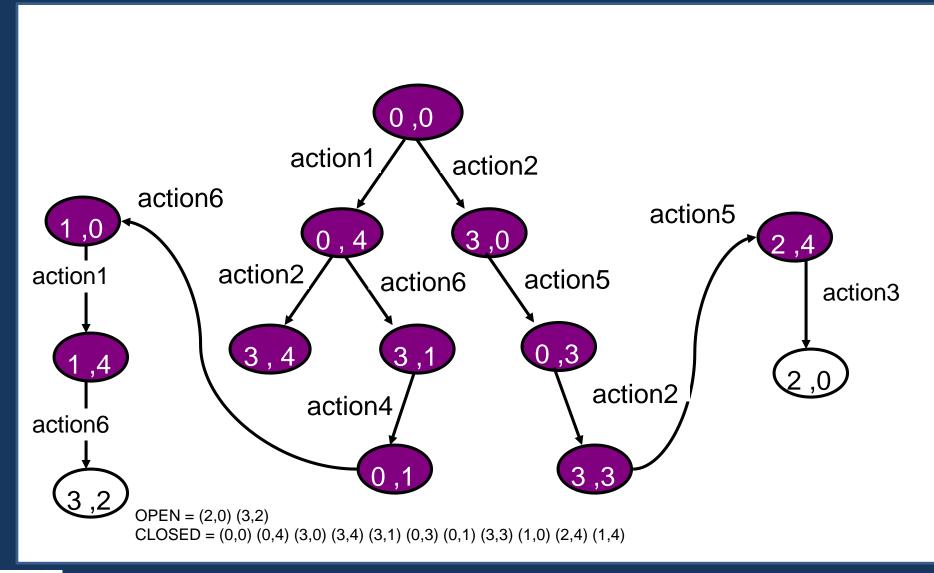






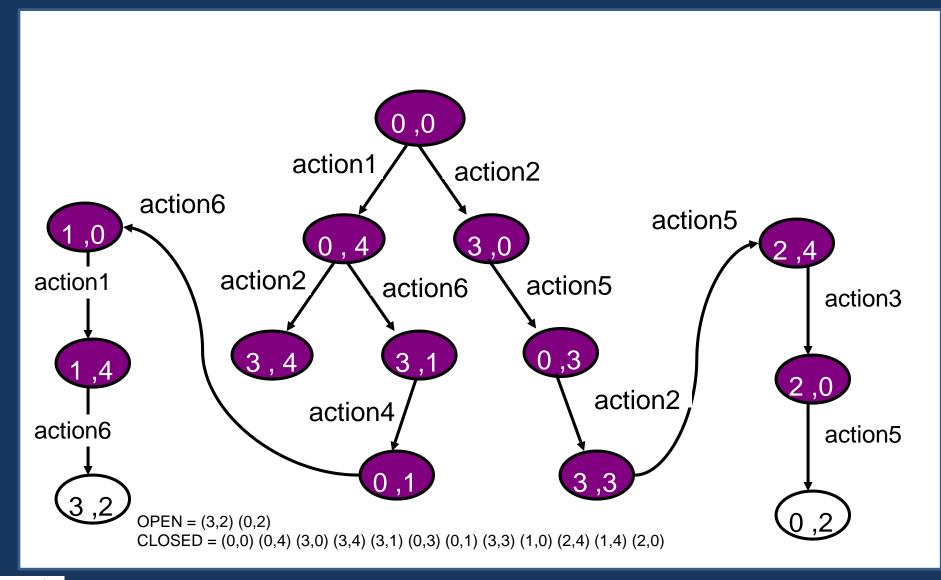






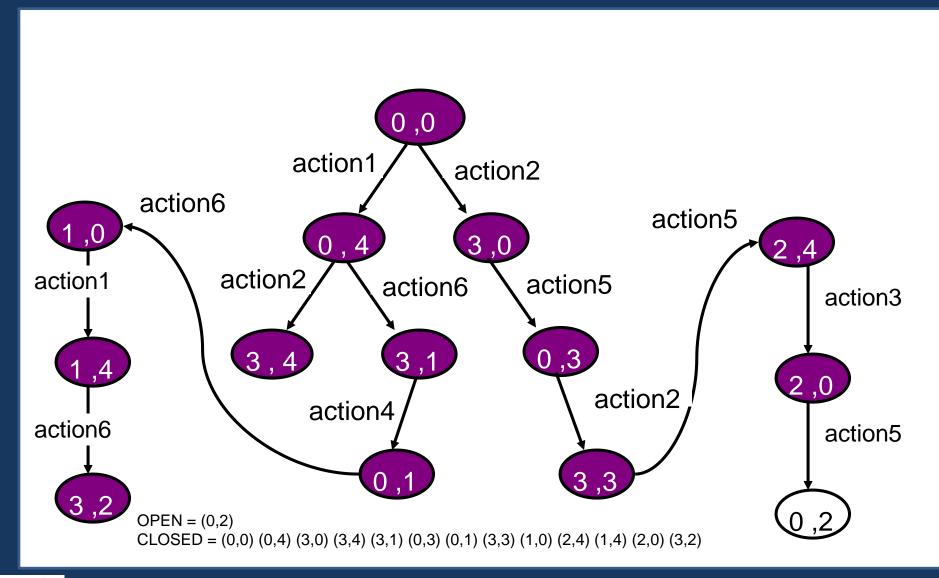






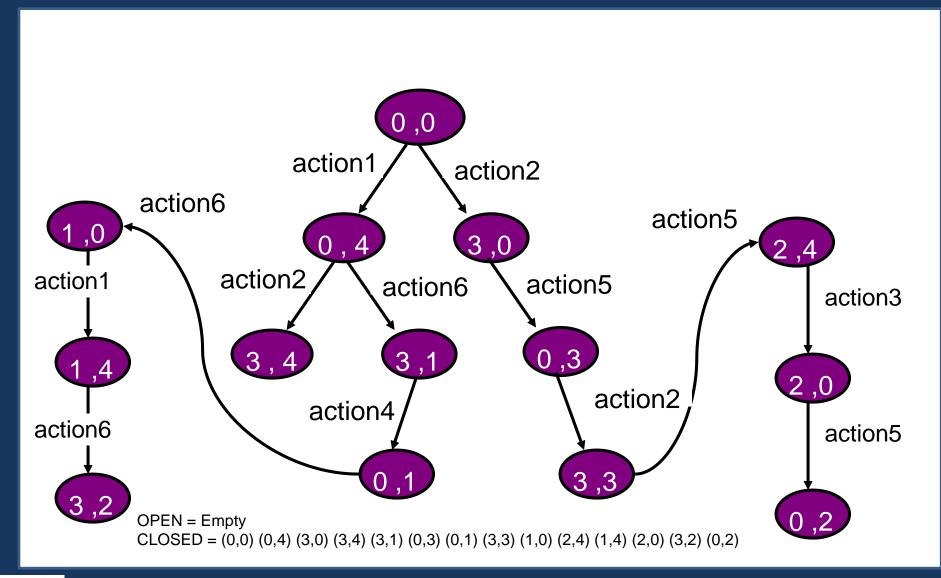
















Solution Path:

initial state: (0,0)

action2: (3,0)

action5: (0,3)

action2: (3,3)

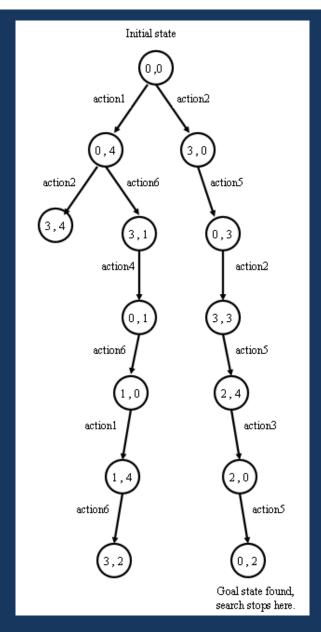
action5: (2,4)

action3: (2,0)

action5: (0,2) goal state









Path Planning in a Maze



 A robot will go from a start location to a goal location in a maze (labyrinth).

• At each step, there are four directions to move: North, East, South, West; if there is no obstacle.

• <u>Problem:</u> Find the shortest path for the robot, so that the robot can follow this path plan.

• The map is known, the plan is constructed offline.



Path Planning in a Maze



MAZE

Goal

Start



Path Planning-Problem Formulation



- States: Maze locations
- Initial State: Start location of the robot
- Actions: Move in four directions {North, South, West, East} if possible
- **Goal Test**: Stop location of robot
- Step Cost: 1

Path Cost: Length of the path from start to goal.





h(n) = Manhattan distance from node n to goal

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$$f(n) = h(n)$$

If there are nodes with equal h(n) values, Greedy search will select the <u>newest</u> node in OPEN.





- Initial step: The start location is in the OPEN list.
- Manhattan distance from start location to the goal location:
 f (start) = h (start) = 7

			Goal		
Start 7					





- Start location (7) is selected and closed.
- Its successors are generated and put on OPEN.
- Manhattan distances of successors are (6), (6), and (8).

6				Goal		
Start 7	6					
8						





- Search moves to east.
- The lower location (6) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7) is generated and put on OPEN.

6				Goal		
Start 7	6					
8	7					





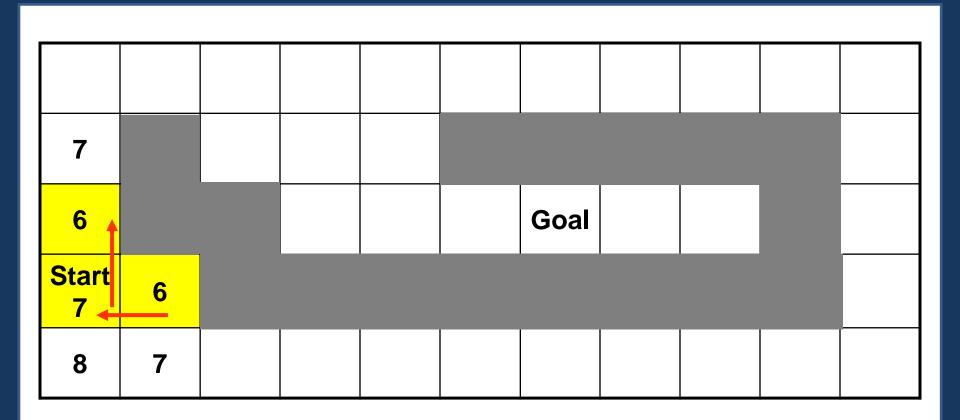
- Search moves to east.
- The lower location (6) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7) is generated and put on OPEN.

6				Goal		
Start 7 —	6					
8	7					





- Search comes back and moves to north.
- The upper location (6) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7) is generated and put on OPEN.







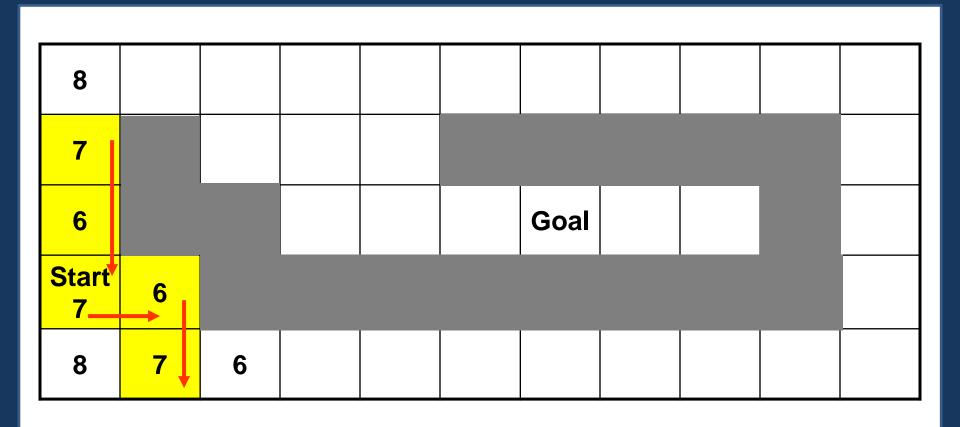
- Search moves to north.
- The upper location (7) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (8) is generated and put on OPEN.

8						
7 🕇						
6				Goal		
Start 7	6					
8	7					





- Search comes back and moves to south.
- The lower location (7) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (6) is generated and put on OPEN.







- Search goes all the way up through the corridor.
- The location (3) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (4) is generated and put on OPEN.

8				4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7										5
6						Goal				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





- Search moves to west.
- The location (4) is selected and closed.
- Its succesors (5) and (3) are generated and put on OPEN.

8			5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7				3						5
6						Goal				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





- Search moves to south.
- The location (3) is selected and closed.
- Its succesors (4) and (2) are generated and put on OPEN.

8			5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7			4	3						5
6				2		Goal				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





- Search moves to south.
- The location (2) is selected and closed.
- Its succesors (3) and (1) are generated and put on OPEN.

8			5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7			4	3						5
6			3	2	1	Goal				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





- Search moves to east.
- The location (1) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (0) is generated and put on OPEN.

8			5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7			4	3						5
6			3	2	1	Goal 0				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





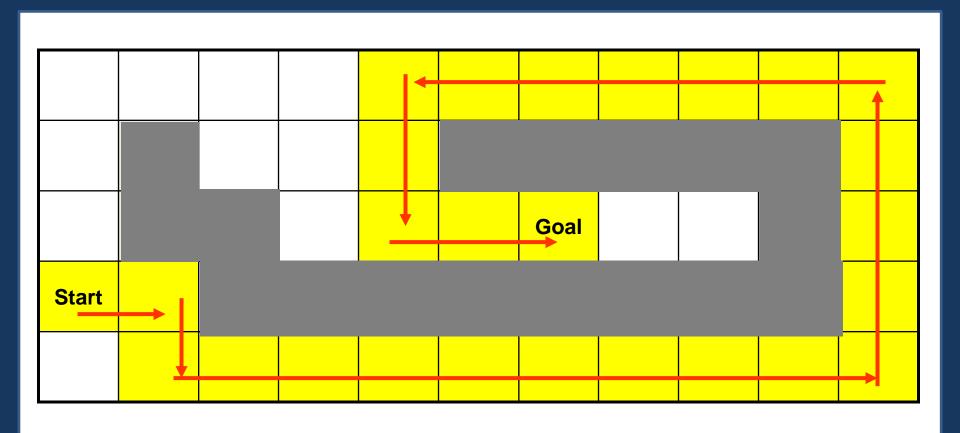
- Search moves to east.
- Search ends here, because the goal location is found.

8			5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
7			4	3						5
6			3	2	1_	Goal 0				4
Start 7	6									5
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	3	4	5	6





- Path found by Greedy search
- Path length=25







h(n) = Manhattan distance from node n to goal

g(n) = Actual cost so far from start to node n

• f(n) = h(n) + g(n)

• If there are nodes with equal f(n) values, A* will select the **newest** node in OPEN.





- Initial step: The start location is in the OPEN list.
- f(start) = h(start) + g(start)= 7 + 0 = 7

			Goal		
Start			Joan		
Start 7+0=7					





- Start location (7+0=7) is selected and closed.
- Its successors are generated and put on OPEN.
- f values of the successor locations are (6+1=7), (6+1=7), and (8+1=9).

6+1 =7				Goal		
Start 7+0=7	6+1 =7					
8+1 =9						





- Search moves to east.
- The lower location (6+1=7) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7+2=9) is generated and put on OPEN.

6+1 =7				Goal		
Start 7+0=7_	6+1 =7					
8+1 =9	7+2 =9					





- Search comes back and moves to north.
- The upper location (6+1=7) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7+2=9) is generated and put on OPEN.

7+2 =9						
6+1 =7				Goal		
Start 7+0=7	6+1 =7					
8+1 =9	7+2 =9					





- Search moves to north.
- The upper location (7+2=9) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (8+3=11) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11						
7+2 =9						
6+1 =7				Goal		
Start 7+0=7	6+1 =7					
8+1 =9	7+2 =9					





- Search comes back and moves to south.
- The lower location (8+1=9) is selected and closed.
- It has no unexplored successors.

8+3 =11						
7+2 =9						
6+1 =7				Goal		
Start 7+0=7	6+1 =7					
8+1 =9	7+2 =9					





- Search goes to east a few times.
- The lower location (3+8=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (4+9=13) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11									
7+2 =9									
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search comes back and goes to north.
- The upper location (8+3=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (7+4=11) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11								
7+2 =9									
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The location (7+4=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (6+5=11) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11							
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7+2 =9									
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The location (6+5=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successors (5+6=11) and (5+6=11) are generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11						
7+2 =9		5+6 =11							
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The upper location (5+6=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successors (4+7=11) and (4+7=11) are generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11					
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11						
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The upper location (4+7=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successors (3+8=11) and (3+8=11) are generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11				
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The upper location (3+8=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (2+9=11) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11_	3+8 =11	2+9 =11			
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The location (2+9=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (3+10=13) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =1 <u>1</u>	2+9 =11	3+10 =13		
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7						Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search comes back and goes to south.
- The lower location (3+8=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (2+9=11) is generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11	2+9 =11	3+10 =13		
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7				2+9 =11		Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to south.
- The lower location (2+9=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successors (3+10=13) and (1+10=11) are generated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11	2+9 =11	3+10 =13		
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7			3+10 =13	2+9 =11	1+10 =11	Goal			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Search goes to east.
- The lower location (1+10=11) is selected and closed.
- Its successor (0+11=11) isgenerated and put on OPEN.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11	2+9 =11	3+10 =13		
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7			3+10 =13	2+9 = <u>11</u>	1+10 =11	Goal 0+11			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





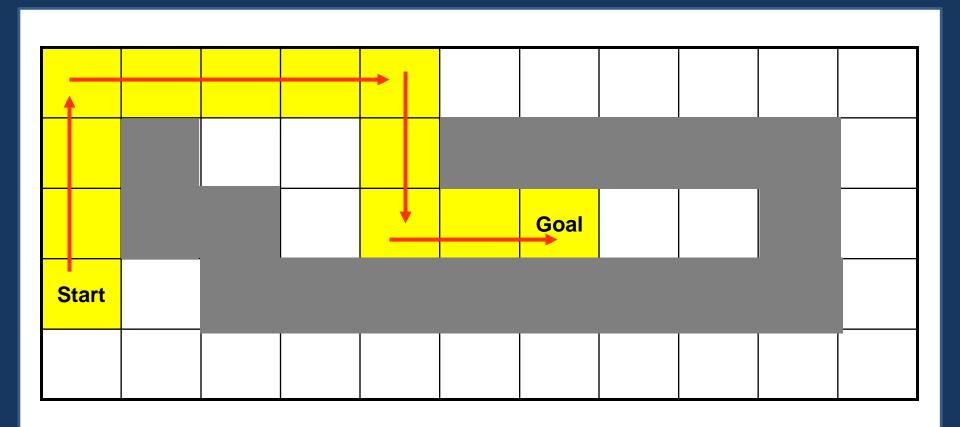
- Search goes to east.
- Search ends here, because the goal location is found and there is not any other node with a lower f(n) value.

8+3 =11	7+4 =11	6+5 =11	5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11	2+9 =11	3+10 =13		
7+2 =9		5+6 =11	4+7 =11	3+8 =11					
6+1 =7			3+10 =13	2+9 =11	1+10 =11	Goal 0+11			
Start 7+0	6+1 =7								
8+1 =9	7+2 =9	6+3 =9	5+4 =9	4+5 =9	3+6 =9	2+7 =9	3+8 =11	4+9 =13	





- Path found by A* search
- Path length=11 (shortest path)





Exercise: Missionaries and Cannibals



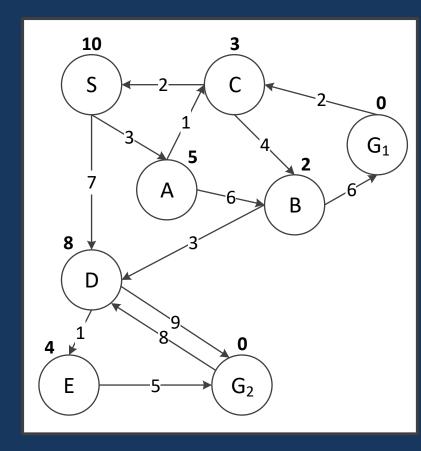
 The missionaries and cannibals problem is stated as follows: Three missionaries and three cannibals are on one side of a river, along with a boat that can hold one or two people. Find a way to get everyone to the other side, without ever leaving a group of missionaries in one place outnumbered by the cannibals in that place.

• This problem is famous in AI because it was the subject of the first paper that approached problem formulation from an analytical viewpoint (Amarel, 1968).





- A state space is given on the right where the initial state is S and the goal states are G₁ and G₂.
- The possible actions between states are indicated by arrows where the number labeling each arrow is the actual cost of the action.
- The number in **bold** near each state is the value of the heuristic function h at that state.







- Fill in the given table by using A* algorithm.
- Assume that the algorithm does not check if a state is revisited (hence there may be several nodes with the same state in the search tree).

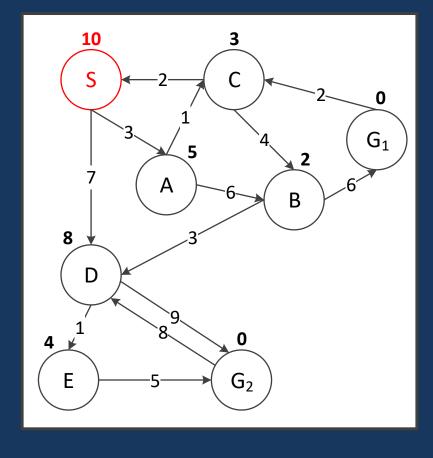
n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#ехр
1	S				1
2					
•••					

- The states produced by the successor function are always ordered in alphabetic order.
- In the rightmost column (#exp), indicate the order in which nodes are expanded (i.e., are removed from the fringe). If a node is not expanded, leave the corresponding cell empty.





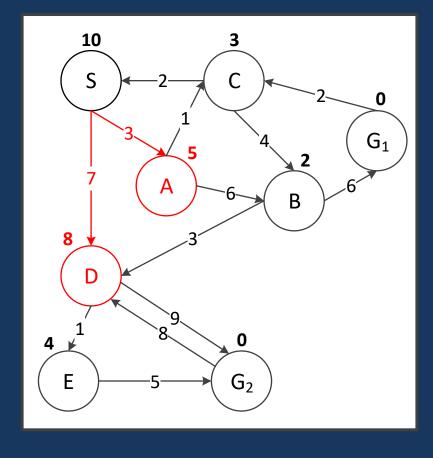
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1	S	0	10	10	1
2					
3					
4					
5					
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8					
9					
10					
11					







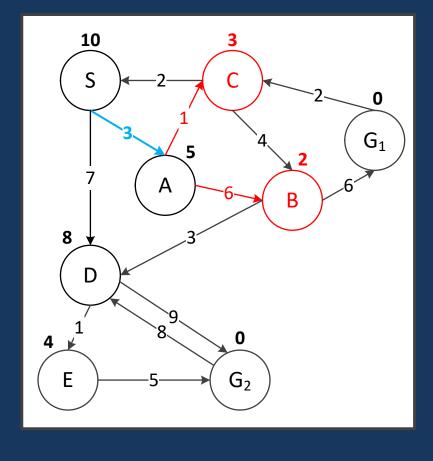
n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#exp
1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4					
5					
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7					
8					
9					
10					
11					







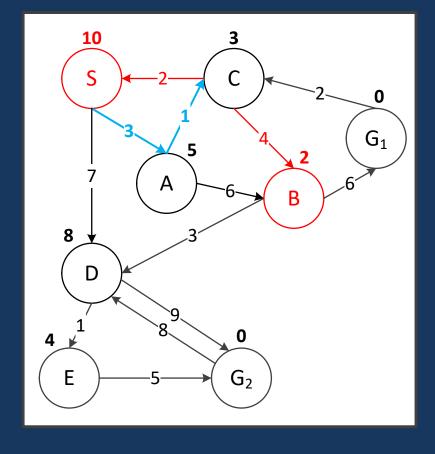
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1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4	B(← A)	9	2	11	
5	C(← A)	4	3	7	3
6					
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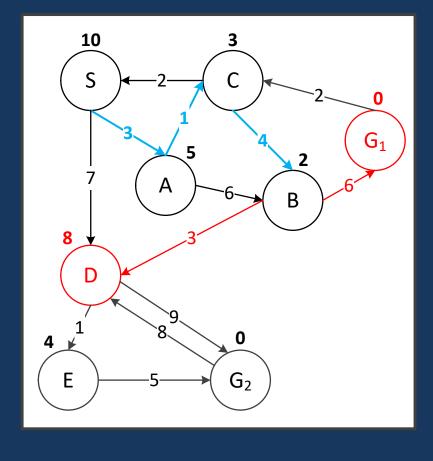
n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#ехр
1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4	B(← A)	9	2	11	
5	C(← A)	4	3	7	3
6	B(← C)	8	2	10	4
7	S(← C)	6	10	16	
8					
9					
10					
11					







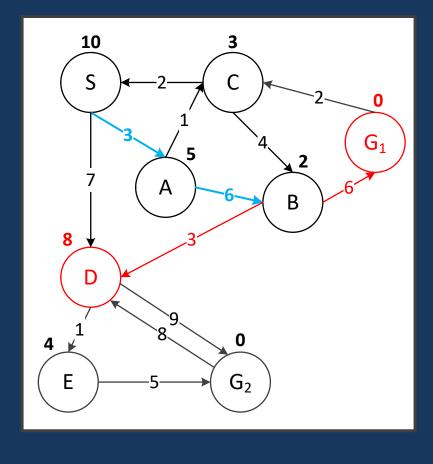
n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#ехр
1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4	B(← A)	9	2	11	5
5	C(← A)	4	3	7	3
6	B(← C)	8	2	10	4
7	S(← C)	6	10	16	
8	D(←B)	11	8	19	
9	$G_1(\leftarrow B)$	14	0	14	
10					
11					







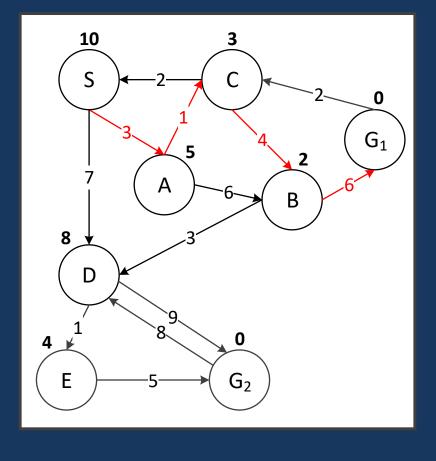
n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#ехр
1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4	B(← A)	9	2	11	5
5	C(← A)	4	3	7	3
6	B(← C)	8	2	10	4
7	S(← C)	6	10	16	
8	D(←B)	11	8	19	
9	$G_1(\leftarrow B)$	14	0	14	6
10	D(←B)	12	8	20	
11	$G_1(\leftarrow B)$	15	0	15	







n	state	g(n)	h(n)	f(n)	#ехр
1	S	0	10	10	1
2	A(←S)	3	5	8	2
3	D(←S)	7	8	15	
4	B(← A)	9	2	11	5
5	C(← A)	4	3	7	3
6	B(← C)	8	2	10	4
7	S(← C)	6	10	16	
8	D(←B)	11	8	19	
9	$G_1(\leftarrow B)$	14	0	14	6
10	D(←B)	12	8	20	
11	$G_1(\leftarrow B)$	15	0	15	







- Q: Is the route you have found optimal? Please discuss briefly.
- A: It's not optimal (cost of the path found=14 > cost of the optimal path=13). The reason is that the used heuristic function is not admissible (overestimation for D).

