
COMP 472: Artificial Intelligence

State Space Search *part #3*

State Space Representation *video #1*

- Russell & Norvig - Sections 3.1-3.3

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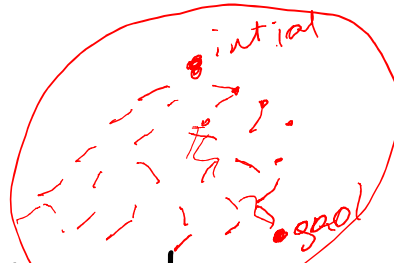
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Motivation



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我们不知道具体怎样从initial state变成goal state, 但我们可以通过一些action, 从一个state到另一个state, 把这些possible state列出来, 搜索goal state

- Many AI problems, can be expressed in terms of going from an initial state to a goal state
 - Ex: to solve a puzzle, to drive from home to Concordia...



initial

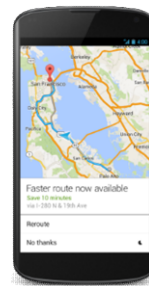


goal

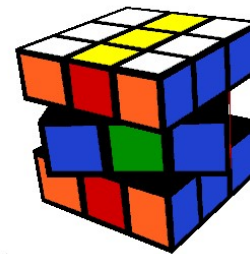
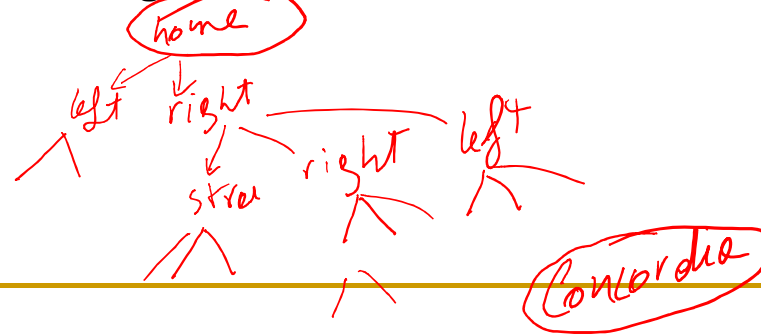
8-puzzle

15 moves
200 moves

15move
200move不一定



Google Maps

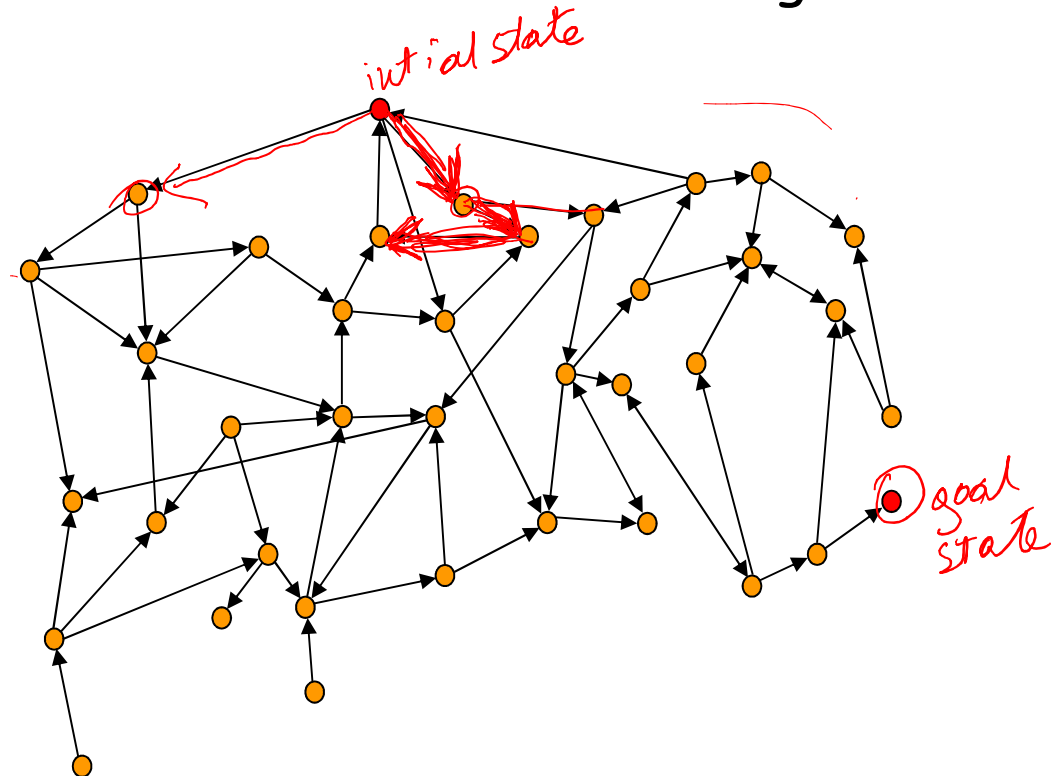
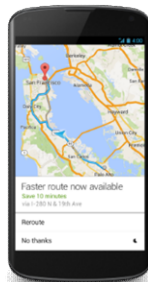


Rubik's cube



Motivation

- Often, there is no direct way to find a solution to go from the initial state to a goal state
- but we can list the possibilities and search through them



Example: 8-Puzzle

State: Any arrangement of 8 numbered tiles and an empty tile on a 3x3 board

8	2	<i>empty</i>
3	4	7
5	1	6

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	



Initial state

Goal state



there are several standard goals states for the 8-puzzle

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	<i>scribble</i>

1	2	3
8	<i>scribble</i>	4
7	6	5

...

(n^2-1) -puzzle

8	2	
3	4	7
5	1	6

8-puzzle

4

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

15-puzzle

4

■ ■ ■ ■

15-Puzzle

Invented in 1874 by Noyes Palmer Chapman ...
but Sam Loyd claimed he invented it!



Sam Loyd

see Sam Loyd's book of puzzles:

https://archive.org/stream/CyclopediaOfPuzzlesLoyd/Cyclopedia_of_Puzzles_Loyd#mode/2up

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Loyd

State Space

- Problem is represented by:

1. Initial State

- starting state
- ex. unsolved puzzle, being at home

2. Set of operators / moves / actions

- actions responsible for transition between states

3. Goal test function

- Applied to a state to determine if it is a goal state
- ex. solved puzzle, being at Concordia

4. Path cost function

- Assigns a cost to a path to tell if a path is preferable to another

如果我们能用这四步描述问题，那么就能使用state space search

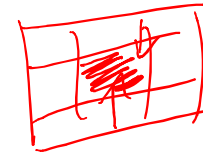
- State space:

- the set of all states that can be reached from the initial state by any sequence of action

- Search algorithm:


- how the search space is visited

最后我们需要一个search algorithm



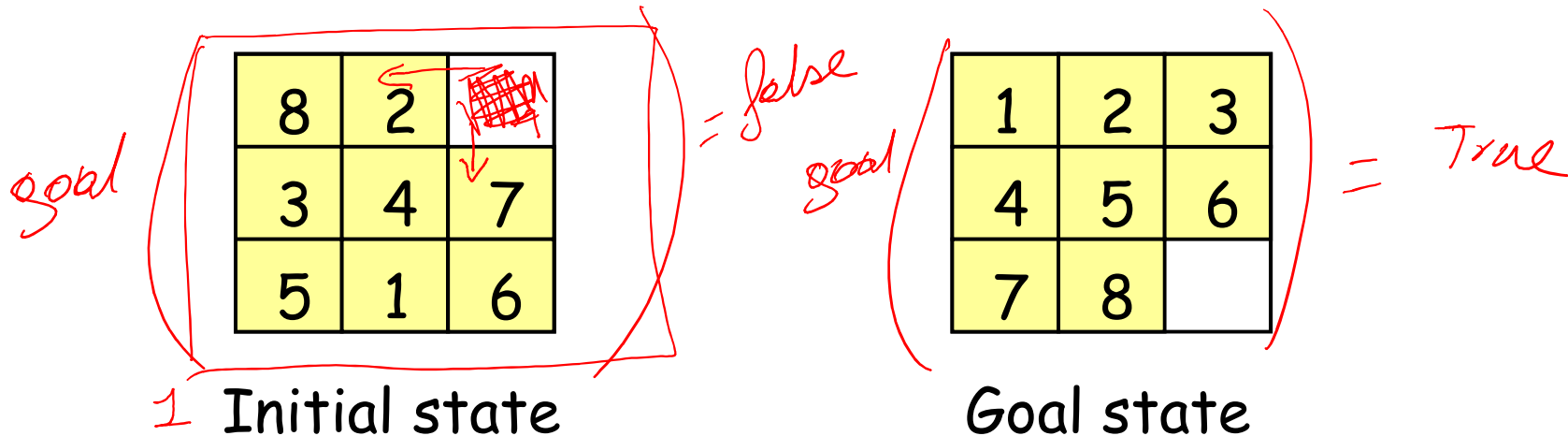
	cost	cost
up	1	3
down	1	1
left	1	2
right	1	4
best	lowest cost	
nb of moves		

有的时候求最低cost
有的时候求最小move数量(COST一样)

goal(0) → T
goal(1) → F
goal() = T



Example: The 8-puzzle



2- Set of operators:

blank moves up, blank moves down, blank moves left, blank moves right

格子例如7往上移，相当于空格往下移，我们移动空格

3- Goal test function:

state matches the goal state

4- Path cost function:

each movement costs 1

so the path cost is the length of the path (the number of moves)

8-Puzzle: Successor Function 后继函数

successor(n) 生成了 n1, n2, n3

successor(n)
→ { n1, n2, n3 }

node n

8	2	7
3	4	
5	1	6

up

down

left

n1

8	2	
3	4	7
5	1	6

n2

8	2	7
3	4	6
5	1	

n3

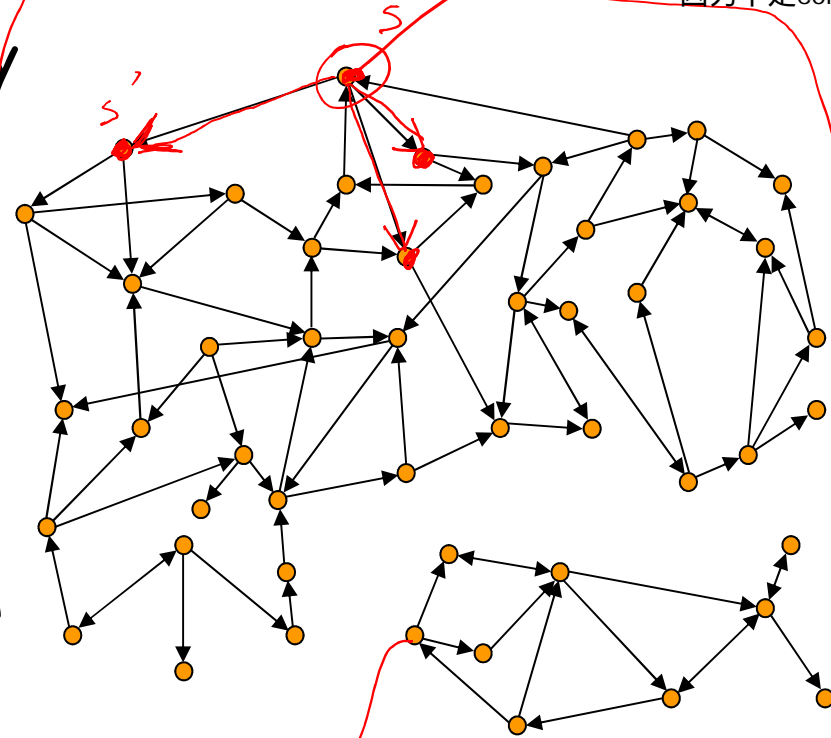
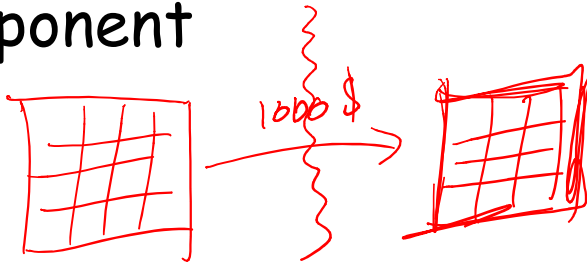
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Search is about the exploration of alternatives

State Space Graph

对每个node使用successor function
如果结果是其中一个点，相连

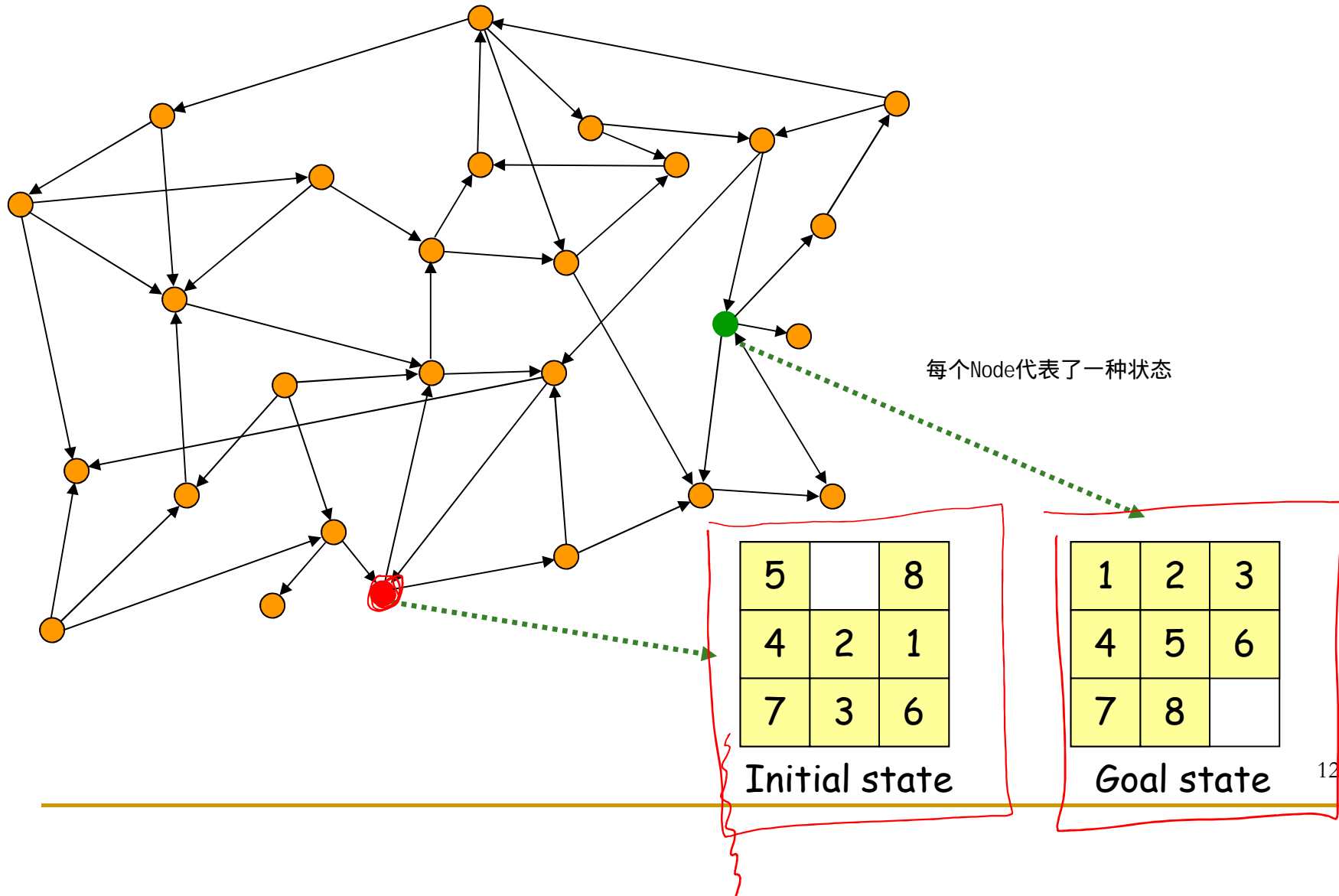
- Each state is represented by a distinct node
- An arc (or edge) connects a node s to a node s' if $s' \in \text{SUCCESSOR}(s)$
- The state graph may contain more than one connected component



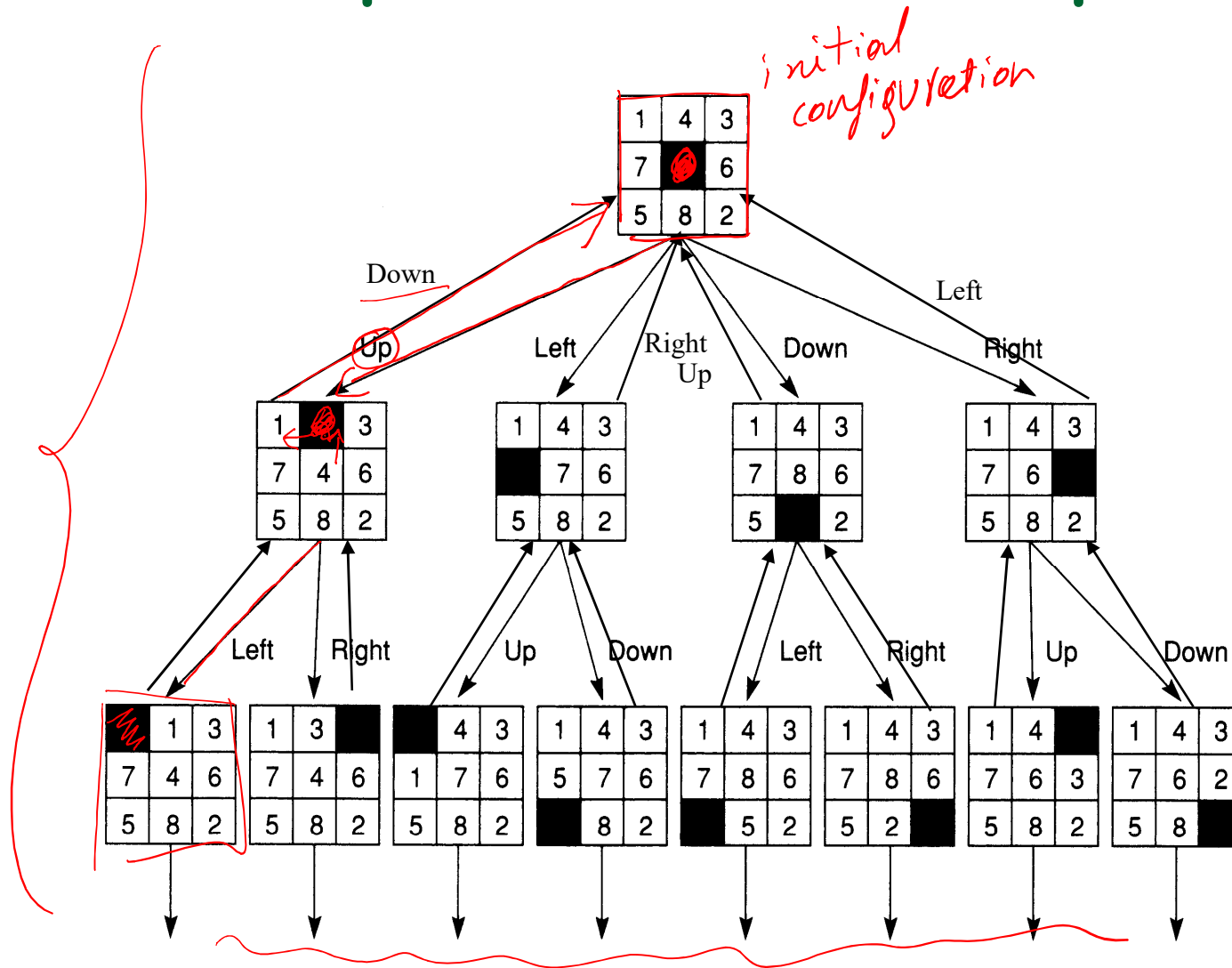
这两个是不能的，
因为不是connected的

1000块钱悬赏解Puzzle但实际上是不可能的因为不是connected

Just to make sure we're clear...



State Space for the 8-puzzle

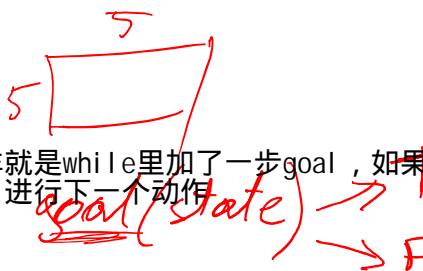


source: G. Luger (2005)

Size of state spaces

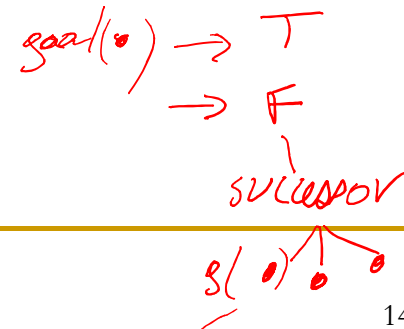
- For the (n-1)-puzzle:
 - Nb of states:
 - 8-puzzle --> $9! = 362,880$ states
 - 15-puzzle --> $16! \sim 2.09 \times 10^{13}$ states
 - 24-puzzle --> $25! \sim 10^{25}$ states
 - At 100 millions states/sec:
 - 8-puzzle --> 0.036 sec
 - 15-puzzle --> ~ 55 hours
 - 24-puzzle --> $> 10^9$ years

无非就是while里加了一步goal，如果得到了，backtrack，得到路径，不行，进行下一个动作



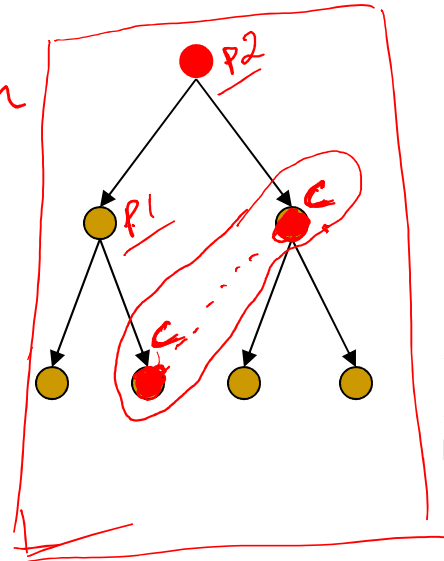
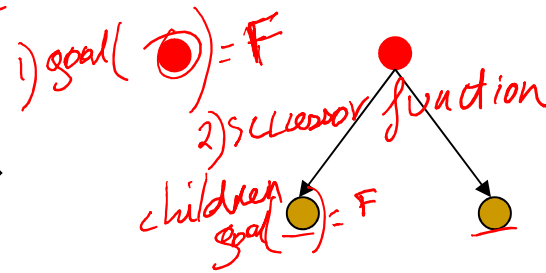
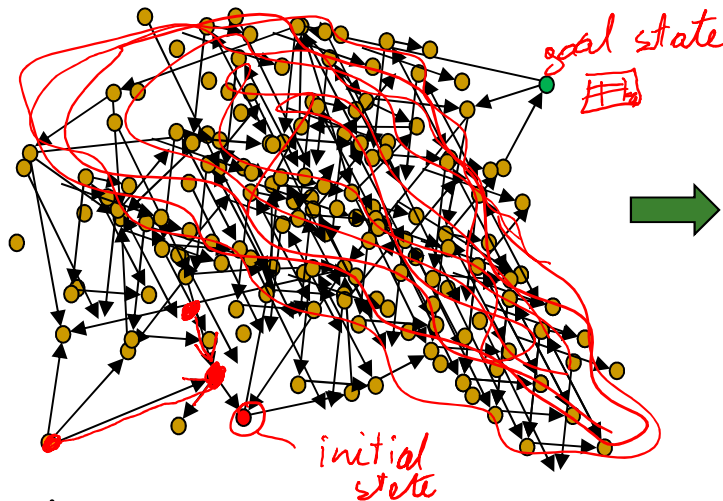
- For real problems:
 - state spaces are way too large to be generated in advance and searched after
 - so it is generated dynamically while searching.

通常动态生成，动态搜索



State Space Graph as a Search Tree

实际上我们在生成一个search tree



有可能两个点是同一个C, 只是有两个不同的parent

- The state space is generated dynamically while searching.

- we explore a node:

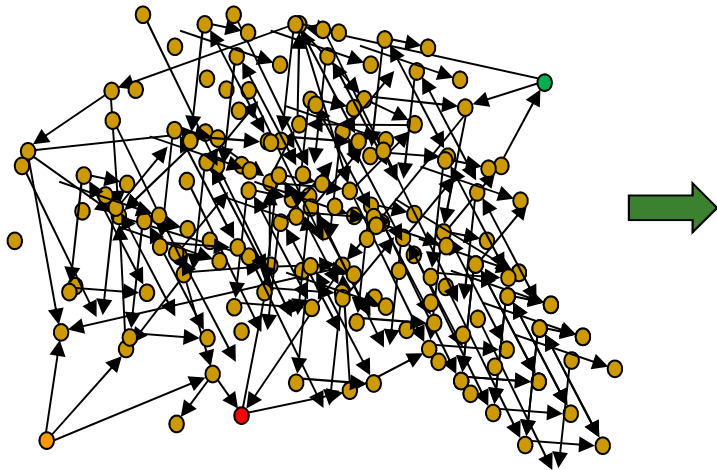
- if it the goal, stop and trace back the path from the initial node
- if it is not the goal, then generating its successors/children and explore these recursively

- to avoid cycles, the search algorithm will check for duplicate nodes.

为了避免循环我们要避免右上角两个C的情况

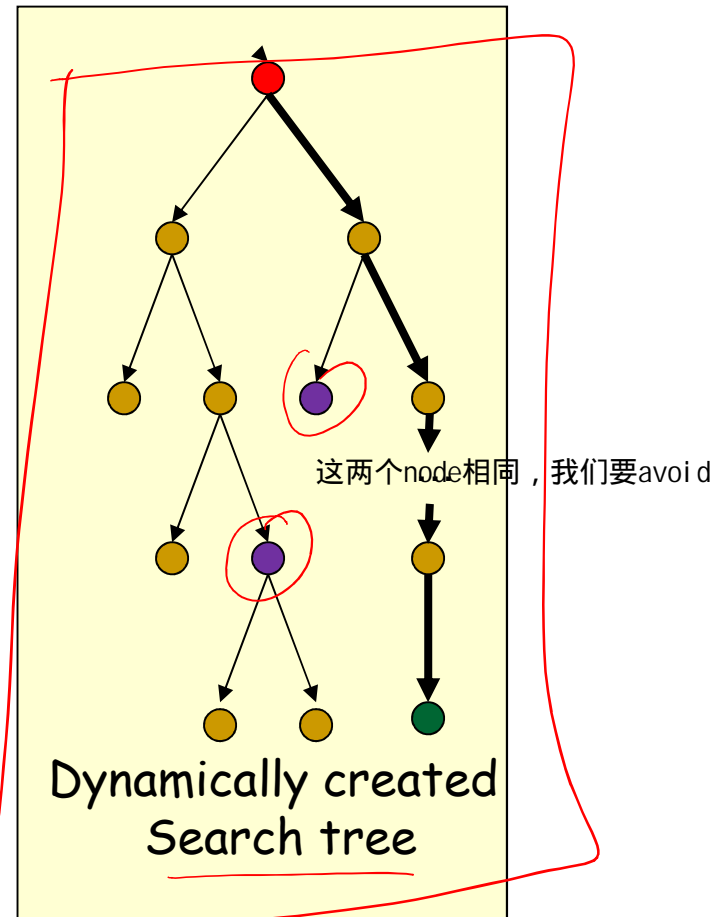
Search tree

State Space Graph as a Search Tree



Theoretical State Space Graph

So now, we just need an efficient search algorithm



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