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Problem Solving





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State space

Problem

Initial state : s_0 **Successor function** : $x \in S \rightarrow succ(x) \in 2^S$ **Goal test** : $x \in S \rightarrow goal(x) = T \mid F$ **Arc cost** : c(x, succ(x))

Solution is set of actions leading from initial state to a goal state. State space is defined by the initial state and successor function







State Space

Formulation

Problem – shortest path in MHD from KN to Dejvice

Initial state $-s_0$ =Karlovo Namesti

Successor function – $succ(x) \rightarrow all$ connected stations

Goal test – x=Dejvicka (explicit)

Arc cost -c(x, y)=time of transit between stations x,y

Solution – (Karlak-MustekB), (MustekB-MustekA), (MustekA-Staromestska),..., (Hradcanska, Dejvicka)

State Graph

Properties?

State Space

Examples

Traveling problem

- from Karlak to Dejvice
- from Prague to Snezka
- from Prague to Sydney

Roomba Robot path planning

The ferryman problem

Escaping the World Trade Center

Imagine a huge skyscraper with several elevators. As the input you have: set of elevators, where for each you have:

- range of the floors that this elevator is operating in
- how many floors does this elevator skip (e.g. an elevator can stop only on every second floor, or every fifth floor, etc.)
- speed (time in seconds to go up/down one floor)
- starting position (number of the floor)

Escaping the World Trade Center

Let us assume, that transfer from one elevator to another one takes the same time (given as input - t).

You are starting in kth floor and you want to find the quickest way to the ground floor.

You can assume that you are alone in the building and elevators do not run by themselves.

- I. What are the states?
- 2. What is the initial state and the goal state?
- 3. What is the cost function?

Stock Exchange Problem

As the input data you have a set of requests that contains a set of 4tuples:

(STOCK_BUY/STOCK_SELL, STOCK_ID, STOCK_AMOUNT, STOCK_PRICE)

which describes a request to either sell or buy given amount of given stock for given price. The price is interpreted as minimal in case the request is to sell stocks and maximal, in case the request is to buy.

Your task is to find appropriate price for each STOCK_ID that would maximize the sum of amount of the traded stocks.

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More examples

"Perfect" Spam filter

Spellcheck suggestion design

Solving a puzzle

Rubik's cube

Monkey & Bananas

Crossword puzzles

Knapsack problem

Traveling Salesman problem

Baking a chicken

App. Moving with friends

