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1- Intelligent Search Methods and Strategies

Search is inherent to the problem and methods of artificial intelligence (AI). This is because AI problems are intrinsically complex. Efforts to solve problems with computers which human can routinely innate cognitive abilities, pattern recognition, perception and experience, invariably must turn to considerations of search. All search methods essentially fall into one of two categories, exhaustive (blind) methods and heuristic or informed methods.

2 -State Space Search

The state space search is a collection of several states with appropriate connections (links) between them. Any problem can be represented as such space search to be solved by applying some rules with technical strategy according to suitable intelligent search algorithm.

What we have just said, in order to provide a formal description of a problem, we must do the following:

1- Define a state space that contains all the possible configurations of the relevant objects (and perhaps some impossible ones). It is, of course, possible to define this space without explicitly enumerating all of the states it contains.

2- Specify one or more states within that space that describe possible situations from which the problem-solving process may start. These states are called the initial states.

3- Specify one or more states that would be acceptable as solutions to the problem. These states are called goal states.

4- Specify a set of rules that describe the actions (operators) available. Doing this will require giving thought to the following issues:

• What unstated assumptions are present in the informal problem description?

• How general should the rules be?

• How much of the work required to solve the problem should be precomputed and represented in the rules?

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The problem can then be solved by using rules, in combination with an appropriate control strategy, to move through the problem space until a path from an initial state to a goal state is found. Thus the process of search is fundamental to the problem-solving process. The fact that search provides the basis for the process of problem solving does not, however, mean that other, more direct approaches cannot also be exploited. Whenever possible, they can be included as steps in the search by encoding them rules. Of course, for complex problems, more sophisticated computations will be needed. Search is a general mechanism that can be used when no more direct methods is known. At the same time, it provide the framework into which more direct methods for solving subparts of a problem can be embedded.

To successfully design and implement search algorithms, a programmer must be able to analyze and predict their behavior. Questions that need to be answered include:

• Is the problem solver guaranteed to find a solution?

• Will the problem solver always terminate, or can it become caught in an infinite loop?

• When a solution is found, is it guaranteed to be optimal?

• What is the complexity of the search process in terms of time usage? Memory usage?

• How can the interpreter most effectively reduce search complexity?

• How can an interpreter be designed to most effectively utilize a representation language?

To get a suitable answer for these questions search can be structured into three parts. A first part presents a set of definitions and concepts that lay the foundations for the search procedure into which induction is mapped. The second part presents an alternative approaches that have been taken to induction as a search procedure and finally the third part present the version space as a general methodology to implement induction as a search procedure. If the search procedure contains the principles of the above three requirement

parts, then the search algorithm can give a guarantee to get an optimal solution for the current problem.

3-General Problem Solving Approaches

There exist quite a large number of problem solving techniques in AI that rely on search. The simplest among them is the generate-and-test method. The algorithm for the generate-and-test method can be formally stated in figure (1). It is clear from the algorithm that the algorithm continues the possibility of exploring a new state in each iteration of the repeat-until loop and exits only when the current state is equal to the goal. Most important part in the algorithm is to generate a new state. This is not an easy task.

Procedure Generate & Test
Begin
Repeat
Generate a new state and call it current-state;
Until current-state = Goal;
End.

Figure (1), Generate and Test Algorithm

If generation of new states is not feasible, the algorithm should be terminated. In simple algorithm, we, however, did not include this intentionally to keep it simplified. But how does one generate the states of a problem? To formalize this, we define a four tuple, called state space, denoted by {nodes, arc, goal, current },

where

Nodes represent the set of existing states in the search space;

an arc denotes an operator applied to an existing state to cause transition to another state;

Goal denotes the desired state to be identified in the nodes; and current represents the state, now generated for matching with the goal.

The state space for most of the search problems takes the form of a tree or a graph. Graph may contain more than one path between two distinct nodes, while for a tree it has maximum value of one.

To build a system to solve a particular problem, we need to do four things:

1. Define the problem precisely. This definition must include precise specifications of what the initial situation(s) will be as well as what final situations constitute acceptable solutions to the problem.

2. Analyze the problem. A few very important features can have an immense impact on the appropriateness of various possible techniques for solving the problem.

3. Isolate and represent the task knowledge that is necessary to solve the problem.

4. Choose the best problem-solving technique(s) and apply it (them) to the particular problem.

Measuring problem-solving performance is an essential matter in term of any problem solving approach. The output of a problem-solving algorithm is either failure or a solution. (Some algorithm might get stuck in an infinite loop and never return an output.) We will evaluate an algorithm's performance in four ways:

• **Completeness:** Is the algorithm guaranteed to find a solution when there is one?

• Optimality: Does the strategy find the optimal solution?

• Time complexity: How long does it take to find a solution?

• Space complexity: How much memory is needed to perform the search?

4 - Search Technique

Having formulated some problems, we now need to solve them. This is done by a search through the state space. The root of the search tree is a search node corresponding to the initial state. The first step is to test whether this is a goal state. Because this is not a goal state, we need to consider some other states. This is done by expanding the current state; that is, applying the successor function to the current state, thereby generating a new set of states. Now we must choose which of these possibilities to consider further. We continue choosing, testing and expanding either a solution is found or there are no more states to be expanded. The choice of which state to expand is determined by the search strategy. It is important to distinguish between the state space and the search tree. For the route finding problem, there are only N states in the state space, one for each city. But there are an infinite number of nodes.

There are many ways to represent nodes, but we will assume that a node is a data structure with five components:

• STATE: the state in the state space to which the node corresponds:

- PARENT-NODE: the node in the search tree that generated this node:
- ACTION: the action that was applied to the parent to generate the node:

• **PATH-COST:** the cost, traditionally denoted by g(n), of the path from the initial state to the node, as indicated by the parent pointers; and

• **DEPTH:** the number of steps along the path from the initial state.

As usual, we differentiate between two main families of search strategies: systematic search and local search. Systematic search visits each state that could be a solution, or skips only states that are shown to be dominated by others, so it is always able to find an optimal solution.

5. Heuristic Search Algorithms

In this section, we can saw that many of the problems that fall within the purview of artificial intelligence are too complex to be solved by direct techniques; rather they must be attacked by appropriate search methods armed

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with whatever direct techniques are available to guide the search. These methods are all varieties of heuristic search.

They can be described independently any particular task or problem domain. But when applied to Particular problems, their efficacy is highly dependent on the way they exploit domain-specific knowledge since in and of themselves they are unable to overcome the combinatorial explosion to which search processes are so vulnerable. For this reason, these techniques are often called weak methods. Although a realization of the limited effectiveness of these weak methods to solve hard problems by themselves has been an important result that emerged from the last decades of AI research, these techniques continue to provide the framework into which domain-specific knowledge can be placed, either by hand or as a result of automatic learning.

<u>Hill climbing</u> is a variant of generate-and-test in which feedback from the test procedure is used to help the generator decide which direction to move in the search space. In a pure generate-and-test procedure, the test function responds with only a yes or no. but if the test function is augmented with a heuristic function that provide an estimate of how close a given is to a goal state. This is particularly nice because often the computation of the heuristic function can be done at almost no cost at the same time that the test for a solution is being performed. Hill climbing is often used when a good heuristic function is available for evaluating states but when no other useful knowledge is available. For example, suppose you are in an unfamiliar city without a map and you want to get downtown. You simply aim for the tall buildings. The heuristic function is just distance between the current location and the location of the tall buildings and the desirable states are those in which this distance is minimized.

For each state f(n) = h(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n.

Function Hill Climbing Search

Begin

Open: = [Initial state];

Closed: = [];

CS= initial state;

Path= [initial state];

Stop= FALSE;

While open <> [] do

%states remain

%initialize

Begin

If CS=goal then return path

Generate all children of CS and put them into open;

If open= [] then

Stop= TRUE

Else

Begin

X= CS;

For each state **Y** in open do

Begin

Compute the heuristic value of **y** (h(Y));

If Y is better than X then

X=Y

End;

If **X** is better than **CS** then

CS=X

Else

Stop= TRUE;

End;

End;

Return (**FAIL**);

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%open is empty
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End.

Consider the following problem state space then:



Find the path from **a** to **m** using Hill Climbing search algorithm.

<u>Open</u>	Closed
[a]	[]
[b5, c4, d8]	[a]
[c4, b5, d8]	[a]
[f5, g3, b5, d8]	[a, c4]
[g3, f5, b5, d8]	[a, c4]
[n8, m7, f5, b5, d8]	[a, c4, g3]
[m7, n8, f5, b5, d8]	[a, c4, g3]

Stop the goal (m) is found

Now let us discuss a new heuristic method called "Best First Search", which is a way of combining the advantages of both depth-first and breadth-first search into a single method.

The actual operation of the algorithm is very simple. It proceeds in steps, expanding one node at each step, until it generates a node that corresponds to a goal state. At each step, it picks the most promising of the nodes that have so far been generated but not expanded. It generates the successors of the chosen node, applies the heuristic function to them, and adds them to the list of open nodes, after checking to see if any of them have been generated before. By doing this check, we can guarantee that each node only appears once in the graph, although many nodes may point to it as a successors. Then the next step begins.

For each state f(n) = h(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n.

Function Best-First Search

Begin	
Open: = [Initial state];	%initialize
Closed: = [];	
While open <> [] do	%states remain
Begin	
Remove leftmost state from open, call it X ;	
If X = goal then return the path from initial to \mathbf{X}	
Else	
Begin	
Generate children of X ;	
For each child of X do	
Case	

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The child is not on open or closed;

Begin

Assign the child a heuristic value;

Add the child to open

End;

The child is already on open;

If the child was reached by a shorter path

Then give the state on open the shorter path

The child is already on closed;

If the child was reached by a shorter path then

Begin

Remove the state from closed;

Add the child to open

End;

End;

%case

Put **X** on closed;

Re-order states on open by heuristic merit (best leftmost)

End;

Return **FAIL**

%open is empty

End.

Consider the following problem state space then:



Find the path from \mathbf{a} to \mathbf{k} using Best first Search algorithm.

<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>
[a]	[]
[z8, y9, x7]	[a]
[x7, z8, y9]	[a]
[p8, q7, z8, y9]	[a, x7]
[q7, p8, z8, y9]	[a, x7]
[k4, g2, p8, z8, y9]	[a, x7, q7]
[g2, k4, p8, z8, y9]	[a, x7, q7]
[k4, p8, z8, y9]	[a, x7, q7, g2]

The goal (k) is found

The first advance approach to the best first search is known as A-search algorithm. A algorithm is simply define as a best first search plus specific function. This specific function represent the actual distance (levels) between the initial state and the current state and is denoted by g(n). A notice will be mentioned here that the same steps that are used in the best first search are used in an A algorithm but in addition to the g(n) as follow;

f(n) = h(n) + g(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n, and g(n) is the generation function that computes the actual distance (levels) between initial state to current state n.

Example:



Find the path from \mathbf{a} to \mathbf{k} using A-search algorithm

<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>
[a]	[]
[b4, c3, d5]	[a]
[b4+1, c3+1, d5+1]	[a]
[c4, b5, d6]	[a]
[f5, g4, b5, d6]	[a, c4]
[f5+2, g4+2, b5, d6]	[a, c4]
[f7, g6, b5, d6]	[a, c4]
[b5, g6, d6,, f7]	[a, c4]
[e6, f7, g6, d6, f7]	[a, c4, b5]
[e6+2, f7+2, g6, d6, f7]	[a, c4, b5]
[g6, d6, f7, e8, f9]	[a, c4, b5]
[n1, k2, d6, f7, e8, f9]	[a, c4, b5, g6]
[n1+3, k2+3, d6, f7, e8, f9]	[a, c4, b5, g6]
[n4, k5, d6, f7, e8, f9]	[a, c4, b5, g6]
[k5, d6, f7, e8, f9]	[a, c4, b5, g6, n4]

Stop the goal (k) is found

The second advance approach to the best first search is known as A*-search algorithm. A* algorithm is simply define as a best first search plus specific function. This specific function represent the actual distance (levels) between the current state and the goal state and is denoted by g(n).

f(n) = h(n) + g(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n, and g(n) is the generation function that computes the actual distance (levels) between current state n to goal state.

Function A* Search Algorithm

Begin %initialize Open: = [Initial state]; Closed: = []; While open <> [] do %states remain Begin Remove leftmost state from open, call it X; If X =goal then return the path from initial to XElse Begin Generate children of X; For each child of X do Begin Add the distance between current state to goal state to the heuristic value for each child %make the g(n) Case

The child is not on open or closed;

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Begin

Assign the child a heuristic value;

Add the child to open

End;

The child is already on open;

If the child was reached by a shorter path

Then give the state on open the shorter path

The child is already on closed;

If the child was reached by a shorter path then

Begin

Remove the state from closed;

Add the child to open

End;

End;

%case

Put **X** on closed;

Re-order states on open by heuristic merit (best leftmost)

End;

Return FAIL

%open is empty

End.

Example:



Find the path from \mathbf{a} to \mathbf{k} using A*-search algorithm

Open	Closed
[a]	[]
[b4, c3, d5]	[a]
[b4+4, c3+2, d5+2]	[a]
[c5, d7, b8]	[a]
[f5, e4, d7, b8]	[a, c5]
[f5+3, e4+1, d7, b8]	[a, c5]
[e5, d7, f8, b8]	[a, c5]
[h2, k2, d7, f8, b8]	[a, c5, e5]
[h2+2, k2+0, d7, f8, b8]	[a, c5, e5]
[k2, h4, d7, f8, b8]	[a, c5, e5]

Stop, the goal (k) is found

Heuristic Search Methods with Heuristic Function

Hill climbing

For each state f(n) = h(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n.

Best First Search

For each state f(n) = h(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n.

A-search algorithm

f(n) = h(n) + g(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n, and g(n) is the generation function that computes the actual distance (levels) between initial state to current state n.

<u>A*-search algorithm</u>

f(n) = h(n) + g(n) where h(n) is the heuristic function that computes the heuristic value for each state n, and g(n) is the generation function that computes the actual distance (levels) between current state n to goal state.

Problems with Hill Climbing Search Procedure

1- Fost Hill (Local Minima)

This problem causes stopping search procedure.

The algorithm not found the goal state although it is existed in the search space, this is because of the algorithm search performance and behavior which depends on a determined strategy without backing path from dead end state which causes algorithm termination, this problem can be solved by using backtracking process in the algorithm strategy.

2- Plateau Problem

This problem causes stopping search procedure.

When the search procedure reach to a state has an equivalent heuristic values (choices), the algorithm stops searching for the goal and not get the solution path although it is existed in the search space, in other words, there is a state has two or more children with the same heuristic value (Plateau partial search space), this problem can be solved by some kind of search procedures such as continuing search with the most left side.

3- Ridge Problem

This problem does not cause stopping search procedure.

The search procedure gets the solution path with some cost measurements which is not considered the best, since the best path is existed in dominate partial search space; this problem can be solved by applying more than one rule in each search procedure stage.

	Blind Search	Heuristic Search
1	In term of complexity: it is less	In term of complexity: it is more
	complex.	complex.
	In term of memory capacity:	In term of memory capacity: usually
2	usually need more memory	need less memory capacity.
	capacity.	
	In term of run time consuming:	In term of run time consuming:
3	usually consumes more run	usually consumes less run time.
	time.	
4	Guarantee for solution.	Guarantee for solution, except Hill
		Climbing (not always).
	Usually does not find the	Usually finds the optimal solution
5	optimal solution path.	path or nearly the optimal solution
		path.
6	It does not have a guider in	It has a guider in search behavior
	search behavior.	(Heuristic Function).
7	It is not efficient in game	It is efficient in game playing such as
/	playing.	Minmax or Alpha-Beta procedures.

A Comparison between Heuristic Search and Blind Search

Using Heuristic in Games

The sliding-tile puzzle consists of three black tiles, three white tiles, and an empty space in the configuration shown in Figure (1). The puzzle has two legal moves with associated costs:

- A tile may move into an adjacent empty location. This has a cost of 1.
- A tile can hop over one or two other tiles into the empty' position, this has a cost equal to the number of tiles jumped over.

The goal is to have all the white tiles to the left of all the black tiles. The position of the blank is not important.

a. Analyze the state space with respect to complexity and looping.

b. Propose a heuristic for solving this problem and analyze it.

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Figure (5), the sliding block puzzle

The 8-puzzle Problem

We now evaluate the performance of several different heuristics for solving the 8-puzzle. Figure (6), shows a start and goal state for the 8puzzle, along with the first three states generated in the search.

The simplest heuristic counts the tiles out of place in each state when it is compared with the goal. This is intuitively appealing, because it would seem that, all else being equal; the state that had fewest tiles out of place is probably closer to the desired goal and would be the best to examine next.

However, this heuristic does not use all of the information available in a board configuration, because it does not take into account the distance the tiles must be moved.

A "better" heuristic would sum all the distances by which the tiles are out of place, one for each square a tile must be moved to reach its position in the goal state. Both of these heuristics can be criticized for failing to acknowledge the difficulty of tile reversals. That is, if two tiles are next to each other and the goal requires their being in apposite locations, it takes (many) more than two moves to put them back in place, as the tiles must "go around" each other (Figure 7).



Figure(6), The start state, first moves, and goal state for an example 8-puzzle.



Figure (7) An 8-puzzle state with a goal and two reversals: 1 and 2, 5 and 6.



Goal

Figure (8), the 8-puzzle problem solving with heuristic values



Possible Moves

- When the space position is in the center of the grid, possible moves = 4.
- When the space position is in the corner of the grid, possible moves = 2
- When the space position is in the side of the grid, possible moves = 3.



Figure (9), the 8-puzzle problem solved by A-search algorithm

Another Examples of 8-Puzzle Problem



Consider the following **8-puzzle** problem then draw the problem state space to find the goal using A-search algorithm (or Best first or Hill climbing) then list the *solution path*.



Consider the following 8-tiles problem then draw the problem state space to give the following requirements:



Find the goal using Best first search (or A-algorithm or Hill climbing) algorithm

The Minmax and Alpha-Beta search Algorithms

The idea for alpha-beta search is simple: rather than searching the entire space to the ply depth, alpha-beta search proceeds in a depth-first fashion. Two values, called alpha and beta, are created during the search. The alpha value associated with MAX nodes, can never decrease, and the beta value associated with MIN nodes, can never increase. Two rules for terminating search, based on alpha and beta values, are:

1. Search can be stopped below any MIN node having a beta value less than or equal to the alpha value of any of its MAX ancestors.

2. Search can be stopped below any MAX node having an alpha value greater than or equal to the beta value of any of its MIN node ancestors.

Alpha-beta pruning thus expresses a relation between nodes at ply n and nodes at ply n + 2 under which ender sub-trees rooted at level n + 1 can be eliminated from consideration. Note that the resulting backed-up value is identical to the minimax result and the search saving over minimax is considerable. With fortuitous ordering states in the search space, alpha-beta can effectively double the depth of the search considered with a fixed space/time computer commitment. If there is a particular

unfortunate ordering, alpha-beta searches no more of the space than normal minimax; however, the search is done in only one pass.

c(n) = M(n) - O(n) Where M(n) = number of my possible winning lines.Now, we will discuss a new type of algorithm, which does not require expansion of the entire space exhaustively. This algorithm is referred to as alpha-beta cutoff algorithm. In this algorithm, two extra ply of movements are considered to select the current move from alternatives. Alpha and beta denote two cutoff levels associated with MAX and MIN nodes. As it is mentioned before the alpha value of MAX node cannot decrease, whereas the beta value of the MIN nodes cannot increase. But how can we compute the alpha and beta values? They are the backed up values up to the root like MINIMAX. There are a few interesting points that may be explored at this stage. Prior to the process of computing MAX / MIN of the backed up values of the children, the alpha-beta cutoff algorithm estimates e(n) at' all fringe nodes n. Now, the values are estimated following the MINIMAX algorithm. Now, to prune the unnecessary paths below a node, check whether:

• The beta value of any MIN node below a MAX node is less than or equal to its alpha value. If yes. prune that path below the MIN node.

• The alpha value of any MAX node below a MIN node exceeds the beta value of the MIN node. if yes prune the nodes below the MAX node. Based on the above discussion, we now present the main steps in the α - β search algorithm.

1. Create a new node, if it is the beginning move, clseexpand the existing tree by depth first manner. To make a decision about the selection of a move at depth d, the tree should be expanded at least up to a depth (d+2). 2. Compute e(n) for all leave (fringe) nodes n in the tree.

3. Computer α min (for max nodes) and β max values (for min nodes) at the ancestors of the fringe nodes by the following guidelines. Estimate the

minimum of the values (e or α) possessed by the children of a MINIMIZER node N and assign it its β max value. Similarly, estimate the maximum of the values (e or β) possessed by the children of a MAXIMIZER node N and assign it its α min value.

4. If the MAXIMIZER nodes already possess α min values, then their current α min value = Max (α min value, α min,); on tile other hand, if the MANIMIZER nodes already possess β max values, then their current β max value = MIN (β max value, β max).

5. If the estimated β max value of a MINIMIZER node N is less than the α min value of its parent MAXIMIZER node N' then there is no need to search below the node MINIMIZER node N. Similarly, if the α min value of a MAXIMIZER node N is more than the β max value of its parent node N then there is no need to search below node N.



Figure (10), state space for the minmax game



Figure (11), the Tic Tac Toe state space for the Alpha-Beta procedure

In heuristic Search, two aims must be achieved to overcome the limitations in other search methods which are:

- **1-** Problem Reduction
- **2-** Guarantee of Solution



Figure (12), first three levels of the tic-rae-toe state space reduced by symmetry

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Three wins through a comer square

Four wins through the center square

Two wins through a side square



The "most wins" heuristic applied to the first children in tic-tac-toe.



Figure (13), heuristically reduced state space for tic-tao-toe.

Systems Based on Simple Search and Pattern Recognition (1)

Text Recognition System (An AI Program for Psychology Counseling)

Pattern in Sentence

From human Machine (Computer) Responds

I fell	How long have you felt that way?
father	Tell me more about your family.
friendly	Better friends help you when you need.
hell	Please do not use words like that.
yes or no	Please be more explicit.
high performance	This gives you additional respecting.
sadness or anger	How are you feeling right now?
complex or fixation	Too many mind games
father	Earlier you mentioned your father.

clauses

helpme :-

write("Speak up, what is your problem?"), nl, repeat, getclause(L), makeans(L), fail.

getclause(L) :-

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readln(S),
str_to_list(S,L).
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makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,1),
             write ("How long have you felt that way?"), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,2),
             write ("Tell me more about your family"), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,3),
             write ("better friends help you when you need."), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,4),
             write ("Please do not use words like that."), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,5),
             write ("Please be more explicit."), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,6),
             write ("This gives you additional respecting."), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L, 7),
             write ("How are you felling right now?"), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,8),
             write ("Too many mind games."), nl, !.
makeans(L) :-
             recognize(L,9),
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write ("Earlier you mentioned your father."), nl, !.

makeans(L) :-

recognize(L,10), write ("Tell me more."), nl, !.

recognize(L, 1) :- contains([i, feel], L).

recognize(L, 2) :- contains([father], L) assert(father).

recognize(L, 3) :- contains([friendly], L)

recognize(L, 4) :- contains([hell], L).

recognize(L, 5) :- L= [yes]; L=[no].

recognize(L, 6) :- contains([high, performance], L).

recognize(L, 7) :- contains([sadness], L); contains([anger], L).

recognize(L, 8) :- contains([complex], L); contains([fixation], L).

recognize(L, 9) :- father.

recognize(_, 10).

Systems Based on Heuristic Search and Pattern Recognition (2)

The Chemical Synthesis System

<u>domains</u>

rxnlist = reactions*.
reactions = rxn(symbol, ls, integer, integer).
ls = symbol*.
chemicalList= chemicalForm*.
chemicalForm= chemical(symbol, rxnList, integer, integer).
Li= integer*.

predicates

rxn(symbol, ls, integer, integer).
rawmaterial(symbol, integer, integer).
chemical(symbol, rxnlist, integer, integer).
all_chemical(symbol, chemicalList).
best_chemical(symbol, chemicalForm).
one_chemical(symbol, chemicalForm).
append(rxnlist, rxnlist, rxnlist).
min(chemicalList, chemicalForm).
run(symbol).

clauses

rxn(a, [b1, c1], 12, 60). rxn(b1, [d1, e1], 5, 45). rxn(c1, [f1, g1], 3, 15).

rxn(a, [b2, c2], 10, 50). rxn(b2, [d2, e2], 2, 20). rxn(c2, [f2, g2], 6, 30).

rawmaterial(d1, 2, 0).

rawmaterial(e1, 0, 0).

rawmaterial(f1, 2, 0).

rawmaterial(g1, 0, 0).

rawmaterial(d2, 0, 0).

rawmaterial(e2, 1, 0).

rawmaterial (f2, 1, 0).

rawmaterial(g2, 0, 0).

chemical(Y, [], Cost, Time):- rawmaterial(Y, Cost, Time). chemical(Y, L, Ct, T):rxn(Y, [X1, X2], C, T1), chemical(X1, L1, C1, T2),

> chemical(X2, L2, C2, T3), append(L1, L2, Q), Ct = C+C1+C2,T = T+T2+T3,append([rxn(Y, [X1, X2], C, T1)], Q, L).

best_chemical(Y, M):- all_chemical(Y, X), min(X, M).

all_chemical(Y, X):-findall(S, one_chemical(Y, S), X).

one_chemical(Y, chemical(Y, L, Ct, T)):- chemical(Y, L, Ct, T).

append([], L, L):-!. append([H|T], L, [H|T1]):- append(T, L, T1).

min([chemical(Y, L, Ct, T)], chemical(Y, L, Ct, T)).

min([chemical(Y, L, Ct, Time)|T], chemical(Y, L, Ct, Time)):min(T, chemical(Y1, L1, C1, Time1)), Ct <= C1.
min([chemical(Y, L, Ct, Time)|T], chemical(Y, L2, Ct2, Time2)):-</pre>

 $min(T, chemical(Y, L2, Ct2, Time2)), Ct2 \le Ct.$

run(X):- write(" chemical synthesis is:"), nl, chemical(X, L, Cost, Time),

write(L, "\n with total cost =", Cost, " Time =", Time), nl, fail.

run(X):- write("\n Best chemical synthesis:"), nl, best_chemical(X, Y), write(Y), nl.

Goal: run(a). chemical synthesis: [rxn("a", ["b1", "c1"], 12, 60), rxn("b1", ["d1", "e1"], 5, 45), rxn("c1", ["f1", "g1"], 3, 15)] with total cost = 24 time = 120 [rxn("a", ["b2", "c2"], 10, 50), rxn("b2", ["d2", "e2"], 2, 20), rxn("c2", ["f2", "g2"], 6, 30)] with total cost = 20 time = 100 best chemical synthesis : chemical("a", [rxn("a", ["b2", "c2"], 10, 50) rxn("b2", ["d2", "e2"], 2, 20), rxn("c2", ["f2", "g2"], 6, 30)], 20, 100

Search with Heuristic Embedded in Rules

Student Advisor System

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/* Set of Facts */
given_now(logic design).
given_now(Mathematics).
given_now(prolog language).
given_now(computation theory).
given_now(data structure).
given_now(artificial intelligence).
given_now(expert systems).
given_now(computation theory).
given_now(computer architecture).
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required(prolog).
required(logic design).
required(artificial intelligence).
required(expert systems).
required(machine learning).
required(data structure).
required(c++).
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elective(computer graphics).
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elective(object oriented programming).

elective(data security).

elective(web programming).

elective(operations researches).

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waived(digital signal processing).waived(image processing).waived(information systems principles).waived(software engineering).waived(data hiding).

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impreq(object oriented programming, c++).
impreq(prolog language, logic design).
impreq(artificial intelligence, prolog language).
impreq(expert systems, artificial intelligence).
impreq(computer architecture, logic design).
impreq(data structure, c++).
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passed(logic design).
passed(prolog language).
passed(artificial intelligence).
passed(mathematics).
passed(data structure).
passed(c++).
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passed(computation theory).

passed(computer organization).

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pos_req_course(X) :-
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required(X),
given_now(X),
not(done_with(X)),
have preq for(X).
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pos_elec_course(X) :-
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elective(X),
given_now(X),
not(done_with(X)),
have preq for(X).
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done_with(X) :- waived(X).
done_with(X) :- passed(X).

all_done_with(L) :- findall(X, done_with(X), L).

have_preq_for(X) :-

all_preq_for(X, Z),
all_done_with(Q),
subset(Z, Q).

all_preq_for(X, Z):-

findall(Y, preq(X, Y), Z).

preq(X,Y):- impreq(X, Y).

preq(X, Y):- impreq(X, W), preq(W, Y).

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