

Sliding Puzzle

From : Leetcode

Difficulty: Hard

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Problem Statement

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Examples:

1	0	2
4	5	3

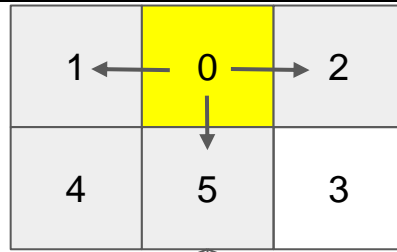
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 【1, 0, 2】
 【4, 5, 3】
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1	2	3
4	5	0

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 【1, 2, 3】
 【4, 5, 0】
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1	6	5
7	3	8
	4	2

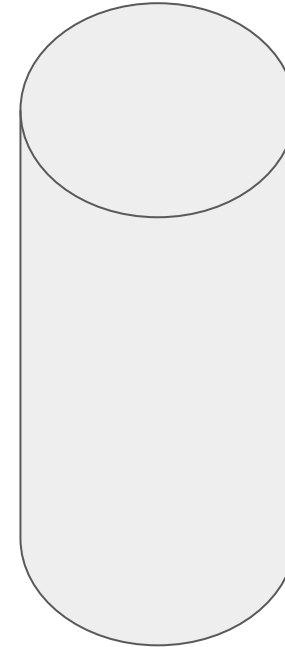
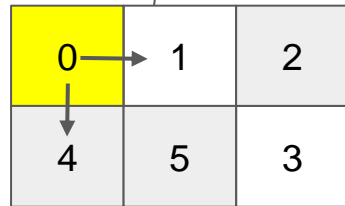
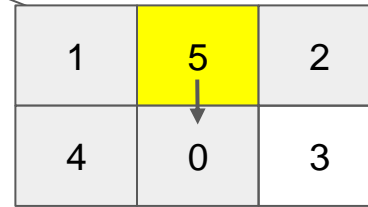
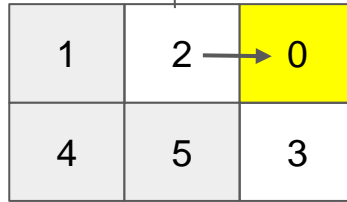
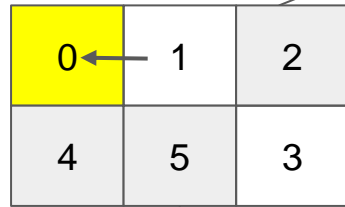
BFS(Breadth first search)



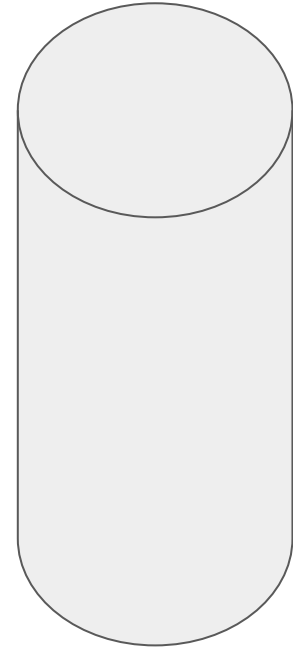
Check:

Visited or not
Our required state or

not



Queue



Visited

Why BFS???

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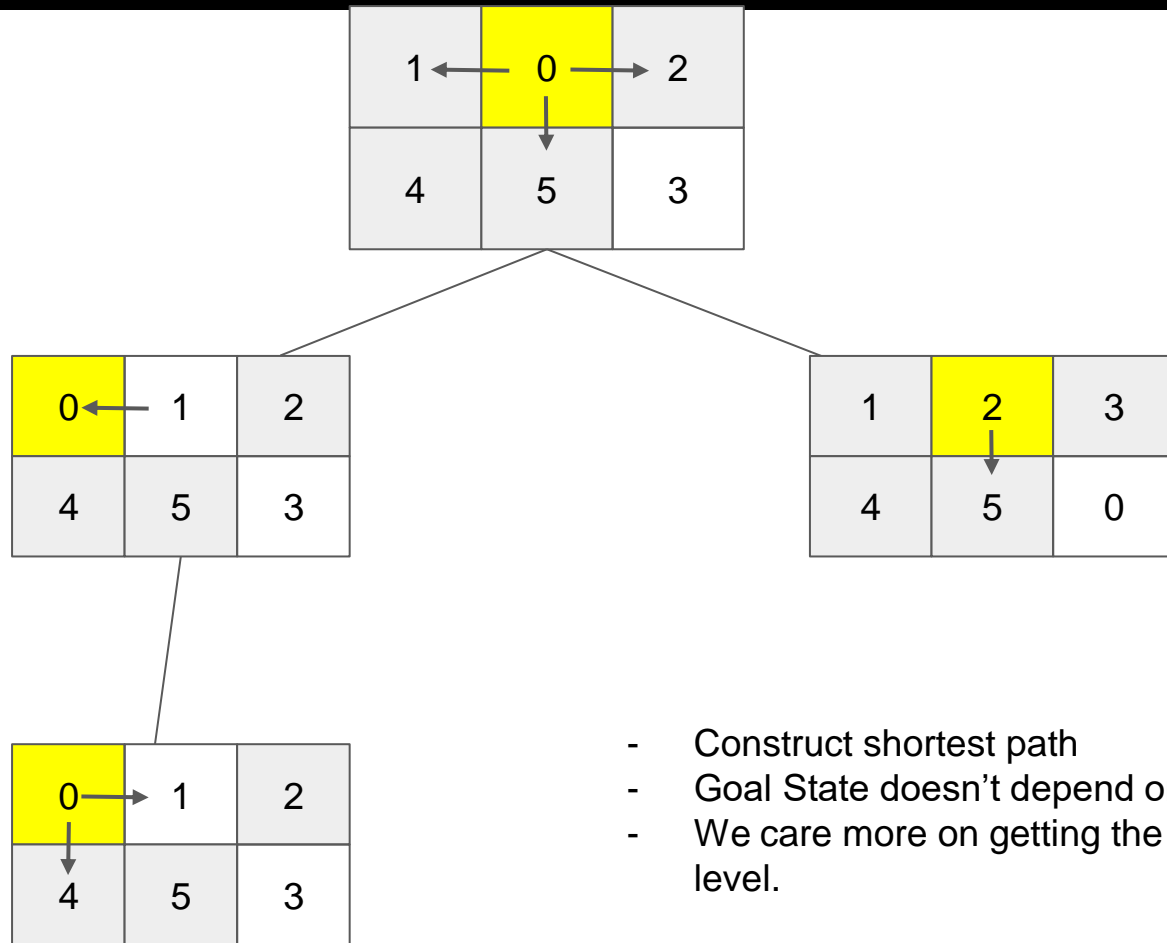
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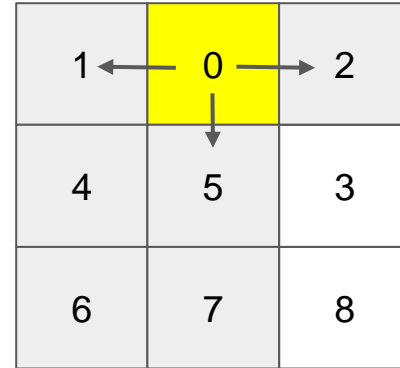
- Construct shortest path
- Goal State doesn't depend on how deep it go.
- We care more on getting the ideal state in this level.

Optimization(A^*)

8-Puzzle

$9! = 362,880$ States

$O(2^n)$



Step = 0
M = 2

1	0	2
4	5	3

Check:

Visited or not
Our required state or
Manhattan Priority

not

1	2	3
4	5	0

Step = 1
M = 3
T = 4

0	1	2
4	5	3

S=1, M = 1, T= 2

1	2	0
4	5	3

S=1, M = 3, T= 4

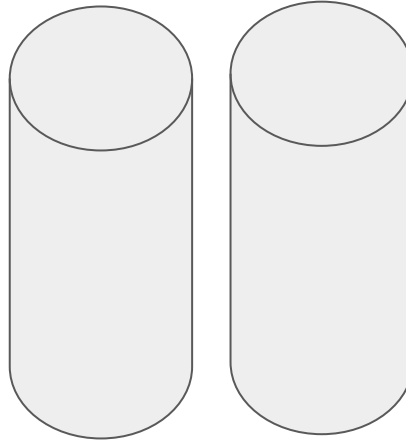
1	5	2
4	0	3

1	2	0
4	5	3

Code

1 ←	0 →	2
4	5	3

“102453”



Queue

Visited

```
def slidingPuzzle(board):  
    q = []  
    start = ''  
    for r in board:  
        for c in r:  
            start += str(c)  
  
    q.append(start)  
    visited = {start}  
    level = 0  
    while q:  
        size = len(q)  
        print(q)  
        for i in range(size):  
            curr = q.pop(0)  
            if curr == '123450':  
                return level;  
            addChild(curr, visited, q )  
        level +=1  
    return -1
```

Code

1	2	3
4	5	0

"102
453"

```
def addChild(curr, visited, queue):  
    idx = curr.index('0')  
    print(visited)  
    for i in mapp[idx]:  
        s = swap(curr, idx, i)  
        if s not in visited:  
            queue.append(s)  
            visited.add(s)  
  
def swap(curr: str, idx: int, i: int):  
    s = list(curr)  
    s[idx] = s[i]  
    s[i] = '0'  
    ss = ''  
    for i in s:  
        ss += i  
    return ss
```

```
mapp = {  
    0: {1, 3},  
    1: {0, 2, 4},  
    2: {1, 5},  
    3: {0, 4},  
    4: {1, 3, 5},  
    5: {2, 4}  
}
```

Success [Details >](#)

Runtime: **44 ms**, faster than **77.74%** of Python3 online submissions for Sliding Puzzle.

Memory Usage: **14.4 MB**, less than **63.93%** of Python3 online submissions for Sliding Puzzle.

Next challenges:

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[All Nodes Distance K in Binary Tree](#)

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A* Code

1	2	3
4	5	0

```
def addChild(curr, visited, queue, level):
    idx = curr.index('0')
    tempQ = ""
    small = 1000
    for i in mapp[idx]:
        s = swap(curr, idx, i)
        if s in visited:
            continue
        h = len(dif('123450', s))
        f = level + h
        if f < small:
            tempQ = {"b":s, "g_h": f}
            small = f
        # check sth here
        # check what? check the
    if tempQ != "" and tempQ.get("b") not in visited:
        queue.append(tempQ)
        visited.add(tempQ.get("b"))
```

```
mapp = {
    0:{1, 3},
    1:{0,2,4},
    2:{1,5},
    3:{0,4},
    4:{1,3,5},
    5:{2,4}
}
```




Thank you

References

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP9ElstYN-k&t=1s&ab_channel=GregoryLi
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuCzYxHa7iA&ab_channel=JinyueHan