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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains 4 questions.
2. Answer all questions on the exam paper.
3. Marks/scores are provided at the right end of each question
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5. NUST examination rules and regulations apply.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

None

Question 1 [40 points]

(a) Consider a problem \mathcal{P} defined as follows:

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- initial state: S ;
- actions: $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9, a_{10}, a_{11}, a_{12}\}$;
- transition model: as depicted in Table 1;
- goal test: $\forall W : State, W = G$;
- path cost and heuristic: as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Transition Model and Heuristic

State		Transition		State		Transition	
Name	Heuristic	Tuple	Cost	Name	Heuristic	Tuple	Cost
S	6	(S, a_0 , A)	6	C	5	(C, a_7 , B)	3
		(S, a_1 , B)	2			(C, a_8 , F)	6
		(S, a_2 , C)	1			(C, a_9 , E)	6
A	8	(A, a_3 , G)	20	B	6	(B, a_5 , D)	2
		(A, a_4 , D)	3			(B, a_6 , E)	6
D	4	(D, a_{10} , F)	5	E	2	(E, a_{11} , G)	2
F	1	(F, a_{12} , G)	1	G	0		

Note that a tuple (S_i, a_ℓ, S_j) in the transition column in Table 1 depicts a deterministic transition, where S_j and S_i are states and a_ℓ an action.

Using the A* search strategy, find a solution to \mathcal{P} .

(b) Consider the constraint network depicted in Figure 1. The domain of each variable is the set $\{R, G, B\}$.

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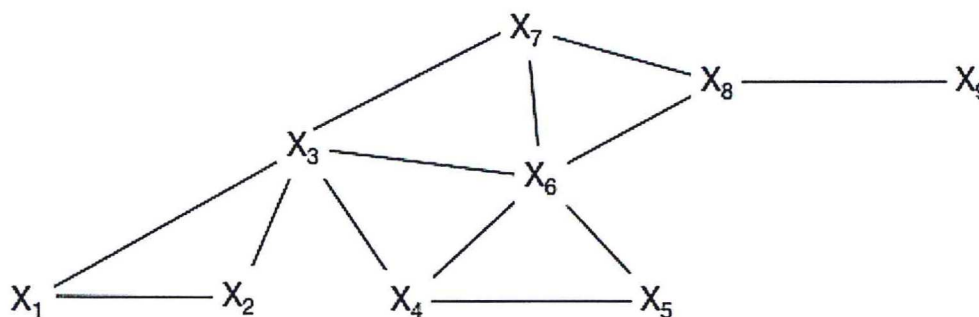


Figure 1: Constraint Network

Assuming that variable X_6 is assigned the value R, provide a complete solution to this constraint satisfaction problem using a combination of forward checking and propagation.

(c) Using the $\alpha - \beta$ pruning technique, solve the adversarial game depicted in Figure 2.

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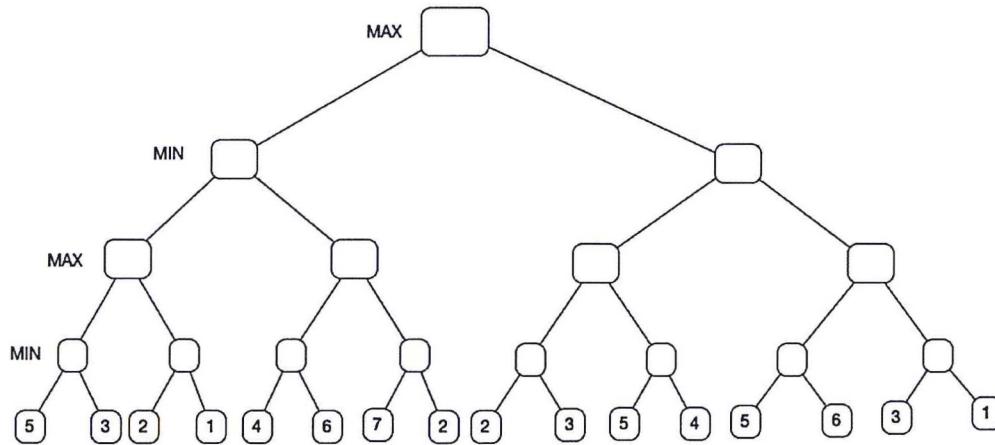


Figure 2: Adversarial Search Problem

Question 2 [20 points]

Consider the blocks world. Here we have seven (7) blocks: A, B, C, D, E, F and G. There is also a table with a capacity of three (3) blocks (i.e., three distinct blocks can lay on the table at any point in time simultaneously). It is assumed that a block can either be inside the box or outside. When outside the box, a block can either be on the table or on top of another block.

We have the following predicates:

- $on_{table}(x)$: the block x is on the table;
- $on(x, y)$: the block x lays on top of the block y ;
- $clear(x)$: the block x is clear, i.e., there is nothing on top of it;
- $inbox(x)$: the block x is inside the box.

Moreover, the following actions are introduced:

- $pick(x)$: which picks a block from the box and drops it on the table;
- $drop(x, y)$: which drops the block on either the table or another block.

Consider a partial plan Q containing two actions: a_0 and a_i , with $a_0 \prec a_i$. The action a_0 has the following effect:

$on_{table}(B); on_{table}(C); on_{table}(E); clear(B); clear(C); clear(E); inbox(D); inbox(F); inbox(G);$

The action a_i leads to a goal state and has the following pre conditions:

$on_{table}(F); on_{table}(A); clear(Table); on(B, A); on(C, B); on(D, C); on(E, F);$

Modify Q to generate a complete and correct plan.

Question 3 [30 points]

Table 2: Game Board

1	E					-	-	-
2				-				
3						-		-
4			-		-			
5					-			
6			-				-	
7		-						
8	-			-				
9	-							S
10	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

- (a) The board in Table 2 represents a game played by two players, Player 1 and Player 2. The game focuses on the region from rows 1 to 9 and the columns H to A. The game starts from the cell marked S and ends in the cell marked E. From a given cell, a player moves a coin up, left or one cell up in the left diagonal. For example, from (A, 1), a player can move the coin to (A, 2), (B, 1) or (B, 2). The cells marked with a dash are not accessible. [12]
1. Suppose the coin is in cell (G, 4) and it is Player 1's turn to move. Is there a strategy that allows Player 1 to win the game from cell (G, 4)?
 2. Describe a play of the game from cell (A, 1) where Player 1 wins;
 3. Describe a play of the game from cell (A, 1) where Player 2 wins;
- (b) Find the mixed-strategy Nash equilibria of the game in Table 3: [10]

Table 3: Game Board

		Player 2	
		b_0	b_1
Player 1	a_0	1, 4	4, 3
	a_1	2, 0	1, 2
	a_2	1, 5	0, 6

- (c) Consider the reduced game in Table 4. Calculate the payoff for each player using the following mixed strategy: $\begin{bmatrix} a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} b_4 & b_5 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$. [8]
- Is the mixed strategy a Nash equilibrium?

Table 4: Game Board

		Player 2	
		b_4	b_5
Player 1	a_3	0, 1	6, 3
	a_4	4, 4	2, 0
	a_5	3, 0	4, 2

Question 4 [10 points]

Consider the following vectors:

$$X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

. Perform the following operations:

- $X_1 X_2$
- $X_1 \times X_2$
- $(X_1 + X_2) \times X_3$
- the rotation of X_3 of 45°