Assignment 10 – AI

due in class on Wed 4 Dec (40 points)

(1) Use search to solve a puzzle

Six frogs are trying to cross a pond by jumping between stones. Alma, Ben, and Carl are heading East; while Xavier, Yolanda, and Zanjoe are heading West. Each frog can jump just onto an adjacent stone, or jump **over** another frog if there is an empty stone behind it. The frogs are stubborn, however, and are **not** willing to change direction.



We can represent the start state above as ABC-XYZ. Then the goal state would be XYZ-ABC. From the start state, there are four possible moves. This chart emulates the first part of the search graph:

- C slides: AB-CXYZ
 - Then B slides: A-BCXYZ

* Then A slides: -ABCXYZ and we're stuck

- or A jumps: -BACXYZ and we're stuck
- or X jumps: ABXC-YZ
 - * Then C slides: ABX-CYZ ...
 - * or Y slides: ABXCY-Z...
 - * or Z jumps: ABXCZY- and we're stuck
- B jumps: A-CBXYZ
 - Then A slides: -ACBXYZ and we're stuck

- X slides: ABCX-YZ ...
- Y jumps: ABCYX-Z ...

On paper, expand the graph for the frog-jumping problem until you reach the goal state, but you can make two simplifications:

- 1. Just use four frogs, so the start state is AB-YZ and the goal is YZ-AB.
- 2. There are always two ways to reach the goal: one starts with a frog (A or B) moving right, the other with a frog (Y or Z) moving left. So ignore the solutions starting with Y or Z. This will cut the search space in half.

Here's a simple notation you can use:

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ab-yz
b: a-byz
a: -bayz
y: (ignored)
z: (ignored)
a-byz
a: -abyz
y: ayb-z
-bayz
stuck
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I wrote a Frogs Python program that will solve this puzzle for any number of frogs.

(2) machine learning of decision tree

- Space shuttle data after opening (use IE or Chrome, **not** Firefox), log in to Google and select **File** » **Make a copy**. Then you should be able to filter the records by field values using the drop-downs in the column header.
- Entropy calculator
- Decision tree assistant