

Brute-Force Search

Note Title

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The Goat-Cabbage-And-Wolf Problem.

A Farmer wants to ferry a goat, a cabbage and a wolf across a river.

His boat can carry only one of them at a time.

The wolf cannot be left with the goat.

The goat cannot be left with the cabbage.

How can the farmer get them all across?

Valid and Invalid States

F	farmer
G	goat
C	cabbage
W	wolf
L	at left bank
R	at right bank

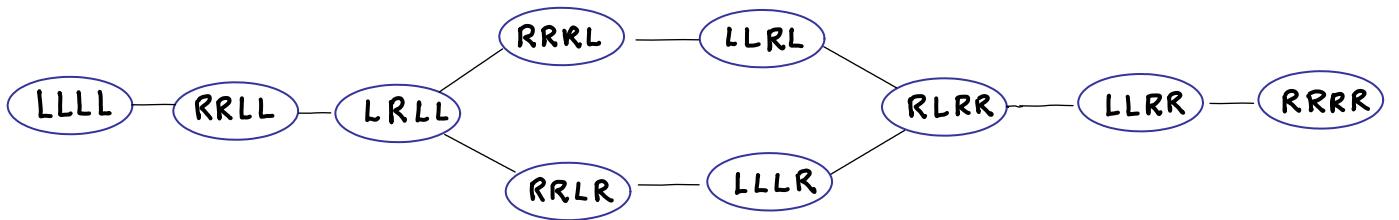
F G C W

L	L	L	L
L	L	L	R
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L	R	R	R

F G C W

R	L	L	L
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State Transitions



Key: FGCW

The Goat-Cabbage-And-Wolf Problem.

A Farmer wants to ferry an alpha and two betas across a river.

His boat can carry only one of them at a time.

An alpha cannot be left with a beta.

How can the farmer get them all across?

- || river
- $1\alpha 2\beta ||$ } states
 $2\beta || 1\alpha .$
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