

The 3-Jug Problem (jug)

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Problem: There are three jugs with capacities of 8, 5, and 3 liters. Initially the 8-liter jug is full of water, whereas the others are empty. Find a sequence for pouring the water from one jug to another such that the end result is to have 4 liters in the 8-liter jug and the other 4 liters in the 5-liter jug. When pouring the water from a jug A into another jug B, either jug A must be emptied or B must be filled, see Figure 1.

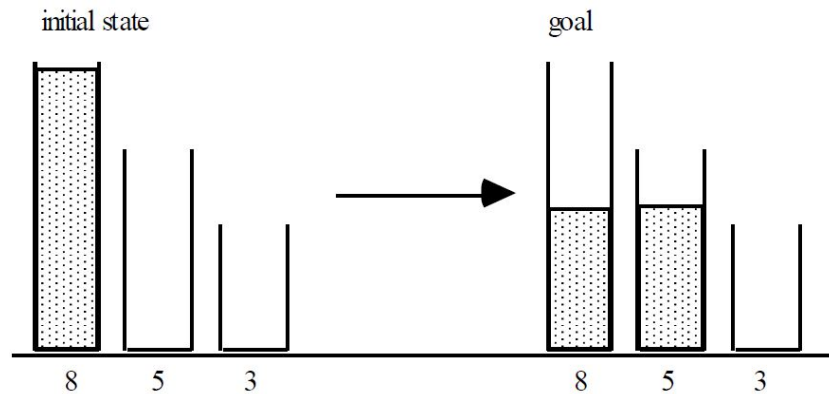


Figure 1: 3-Jug Problem

Questions

1. Vary the problem: Try, for example:

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| T:=9; InitState:='(8,1,0)'; GoalState:='(2,5,2)';
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Or try this:

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| T:=10; InitState:='(10,0,0)'; GoalState:='(3,4,3)';  
| C{k}:=[10 5 3];
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2. Try also this : (what happens?)

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| T:=12; InitState:='(10,2,0)'; GoalState:='(5,6,1)';  
| C{k}:=[12 6 3];
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3. Another shorter formulation of the jug problem is: [jugA](#)¹.

References

[1] MatMod. Homepage for Learning Mathematical Modeling : <https://matmod.ch>.

¹<https://lpl.matmod.ch/lpl/Solver.jsp?name=/jugA>