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State Space

Formulation

- Problem
- Initial state $-s_0$
- Successor function $-x \in S \rightarrow succ(x) \subseteq 2^S$
- **Goal test** $-x \in S \rightarrow goal(x) = T \mid F$
- Arc cost -c(x, succ(x))
- Solution is set of actions leading from initial state to a goal state

Tree Search Algorithm



Formulation

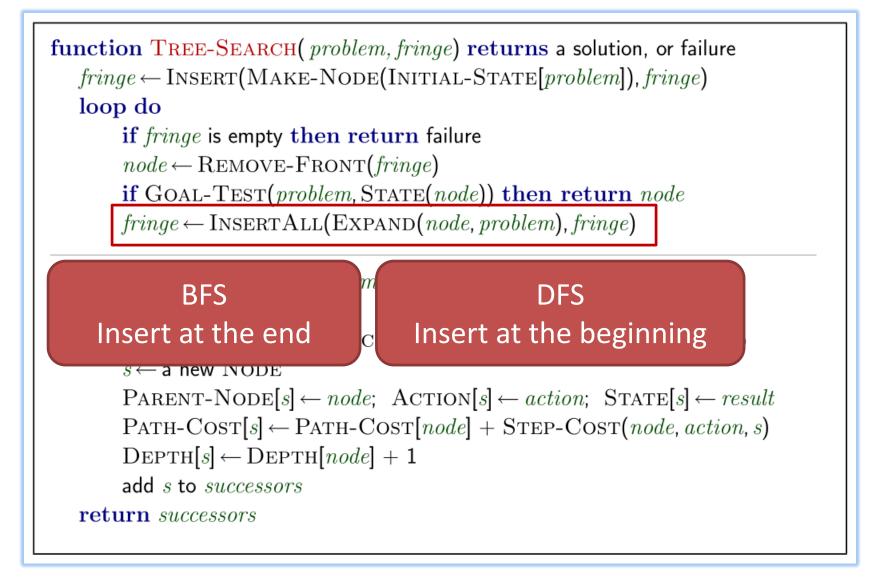
function TREE-SEARCH(problem, fringe) returns a solution, or failure fringe \leftarrow INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe) loop do if fringe is empty then return failure $node \leftarrow$ REMOVE-FRONT(fringe) if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE(node)) then return node fringe \leftarrow INSERTALL(EXPAND(node, problem), fringe)

function EXPAND(node, problem) returns a set of nodes $successors \leftarrow$ the empty set for each action, result in SUCCESSOR-FN(problem, STATE[node]) do $s \leftarrow$ a new NODE PARENT-NODE[s] \leftarrow node; ACTION[s] \leftarrow action; STATE[s] \leftarrow result PATH-COST[s] \leftarrow PATH-COST[node] + STEP-COST(node, action, s) DEPTH[s] \leftarrow DEPTH[node] + 1 add s to successors return successors

Tree Search Algorithm



Formulation





Using a closed list

function GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe) returns a solution, or failure $closed \leftarrow an empty set$ $fringe \leftarrow \text{INSERT}(\text{MAKE-NODE}(\text{INITIAL-STATE}[problem]), fringe)$ loop do if *fringe* is empty then return failure $node \leftarrow \text{REMOVE-FRONT}(fringe)$ if GOAL-TEST(problem, STATE[node]) then return node if STATE[node] is not in closed then add STATE[*node*] to *closed* $fringe \leftarrow \text{INSERTALL}(\text{EXPAND}(node, problem), fringe)$ end

Searching the State Space

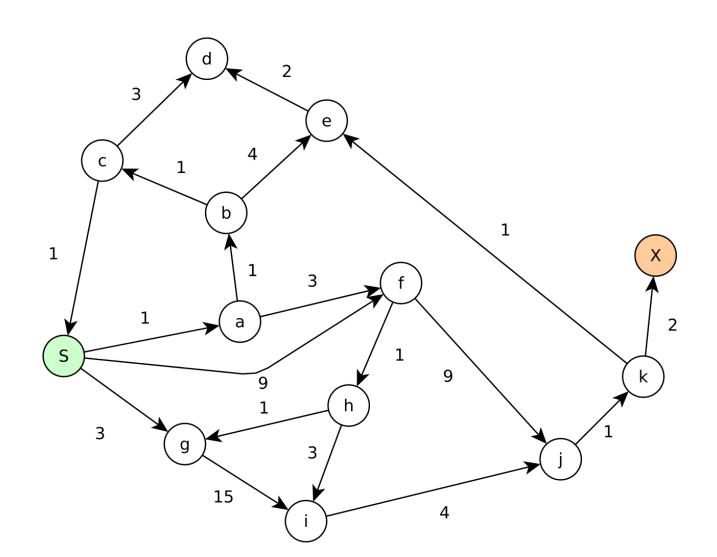


Algorithms

- Breadth first search BFS
- Depth first search **DFS**
- Depth limited search (DFS with search limit /)
- Iterative deepening search (Iteratively increase /)
- Uniform cost search

Uniform-Cost Search Exercise





Informed Search Problems



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Heuristic
$$s \in S: h(s) \rightarrow R$$

- g(s): cost to reach the state s
- h(s): **<u>estimated</u>** cost to get from state s to goal state

Heuristic



Wikipedia: "A heuristic function, or simply a heuristic, is a <u>function</u> that ranks alternatives in various <u>search algorithms</u> at each branching step based on the available information (<u>heuristically</u>) in order to make a decision about which branch to follow during a search."

Heuristic



- Evaluation function for each node h(N)
- Value is independent of the current search tree
- Expressing desirability
 - Estimates the cost from N to a goal state G
 - $-h(N) \ge 0$

Goal of heuristic design: As close to the real cost as possible!

Best-first Search Algorithms



• Evaluation function f(n) for each state/node

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

COST HEURISTIC

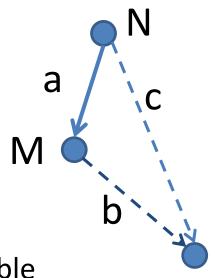
• → Selecting **best** node first – "best-first search"

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Uniform cost search: h(N) = 0
Greedy search: g(N) = 0, h(N) arbitrary
A search: g(N), h(N) arbitrary
A* search: g(N), h(N) admissible
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H(N) – Heuristic function

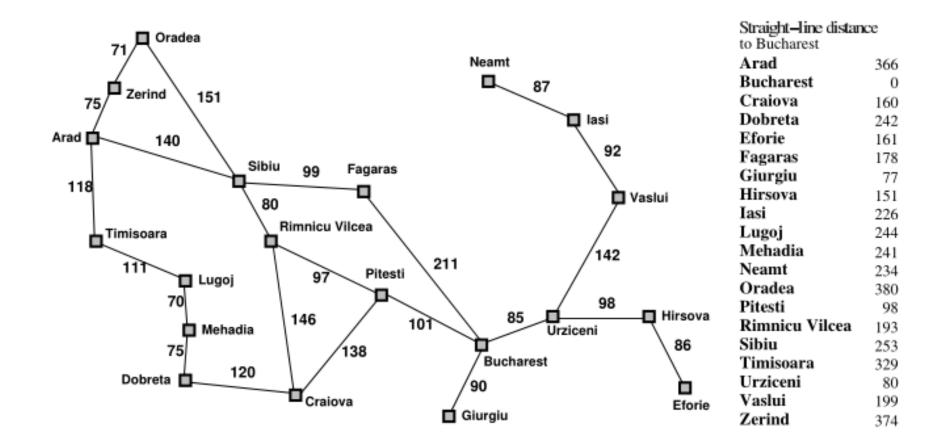


- We know the cost to the node g(n) nothing to tune here
- We don't know the exact cost from n to goal h*(n) if we knew, no need to search – estimate it!
- H(N) admissible and consistent heuristic
- Admissible = optimistic it never overestimates the cost to the goal
 - $\ 0 \le h(N) \le h^*(N)$
- Consistent = Triangle inequality is valid
 - $-a+b \ge c$
 - $-g(N,M)+h(M)\geq h(N)$
 - → once a node is expanded, the cost
 by which it was reached is the lowest possible



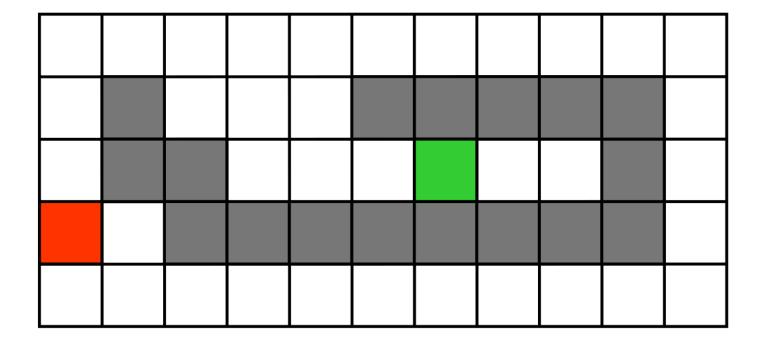
Informed Search Exercises





Path in a maze

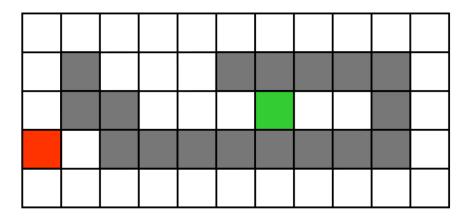




What are possible heuristics?

Path in a maze





- What if we can jump over 1 obstacle?
- What if we can do several jumps in one move?
- What if there are many units that need to reach destination?
- What if we move with a knight (chess piece)?

Roomba Robot path planning





The ferryman problem





Escaping the World Trade Center



- Imagine a huge skyscraper with several elevators. As the input you have:
- set of elevators, where for each you have:
- - range of the floors that this elevator is operating in
- how many floors does this elevator skip (e.g. an elevator can stop only on every second floor, or every fifth floor, etc.)
- speed (time in seconds to go up/down one floor)
- - starting position (number of the floor)



Escaping the World Trade Center



- Let us assume, that transfer from one elevator to another one takes the same time (given as input t).
- You are starting in kth floor and you want to find the quickest way to the ground floor.
- You can assume that you are alone in the building and elevators do not run by themselves.
- 1. What are the states?
- 2. What is the initial state and the goal state?
- 3. What is the cost function?

Stock Exchange Problem



- As the input data you have a set of requests that contains a set of 4-tuples:
- (STOCK_BUY/STOCK_SELL, STOCK_ID, STOCK_AMOUNT, STOCK_PRICE)
- that describe a request to either sell or buy given amount of given stock for given price. The price is interpreted as minimal in case the request is to sell stocks and maximal, in case the request is to buy.
- Your task is to find appropriate price for each STOCK_ID that would maximize the sum of amount of the traded stocks.



More examples

- "Perfect" Spam filter
- Spellcheck suggestion design
- Solving a puzzle
- Rubik's cube
- Monkey & Bananas
- Crossword puzzles
- Knapsack problem
- Traveling Salesman
- Baking a chicken
- App. Moving with friends

