Uninformed Search

CSE 4711: Artificial Intelligence

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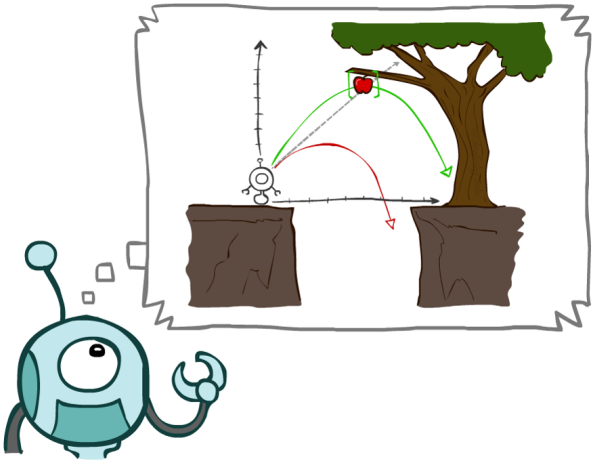

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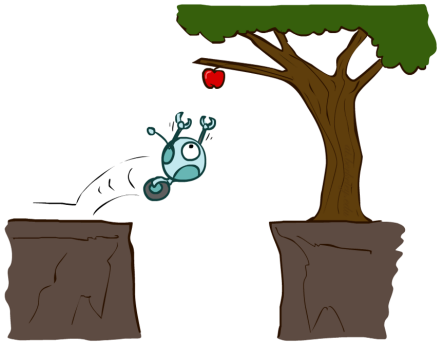

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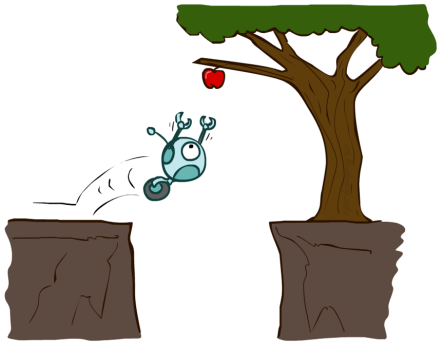

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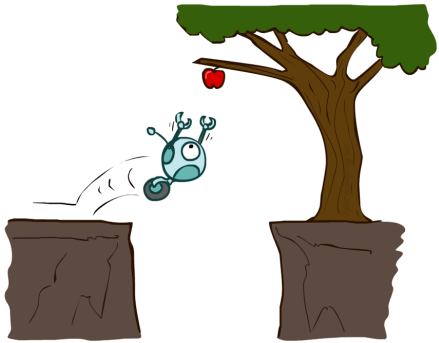

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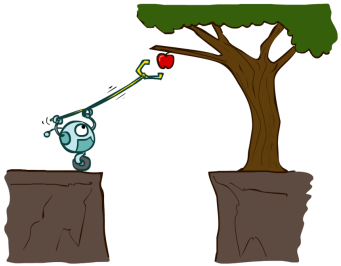

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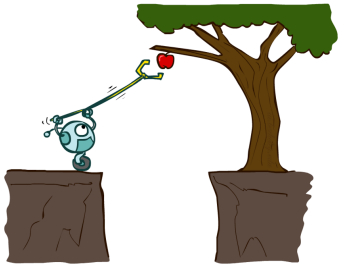

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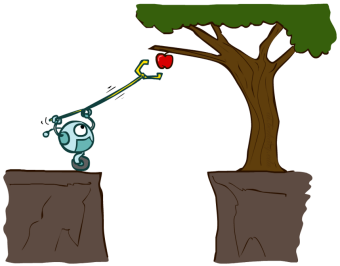

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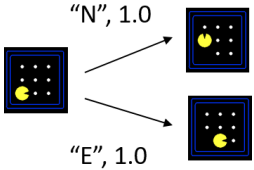

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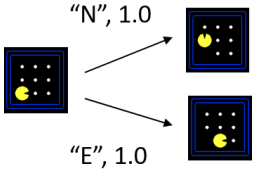

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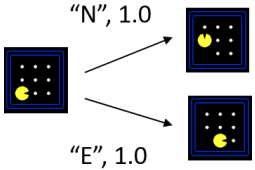

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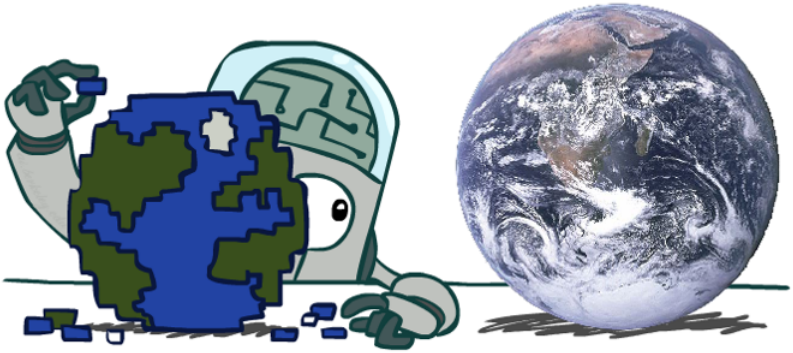

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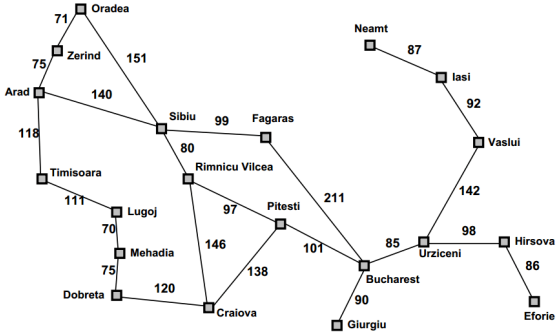

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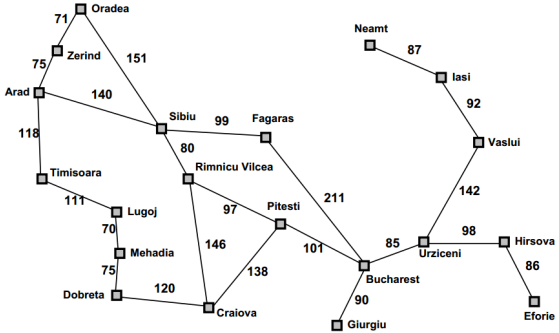

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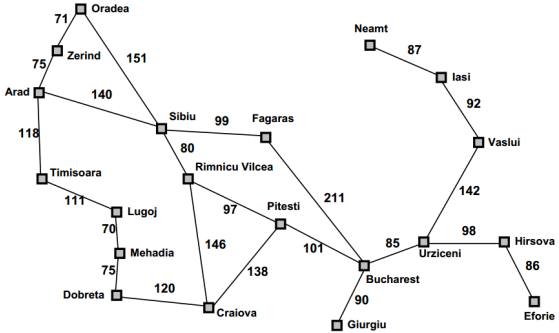

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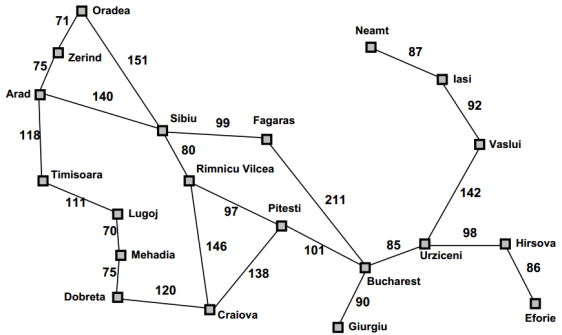

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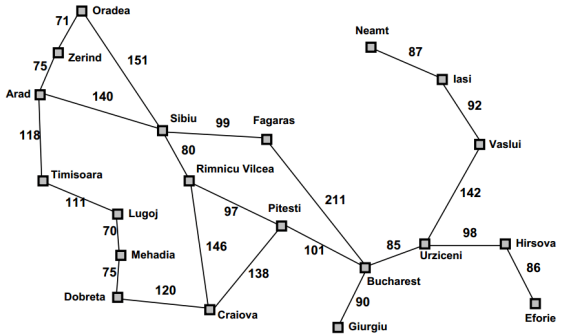

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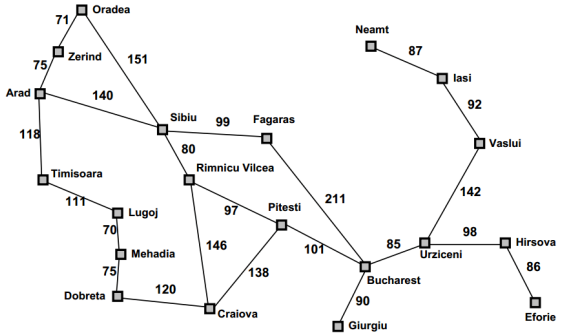

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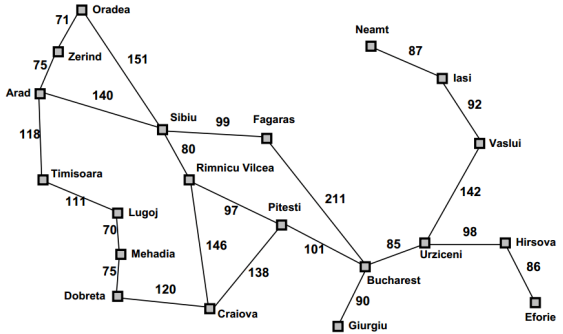

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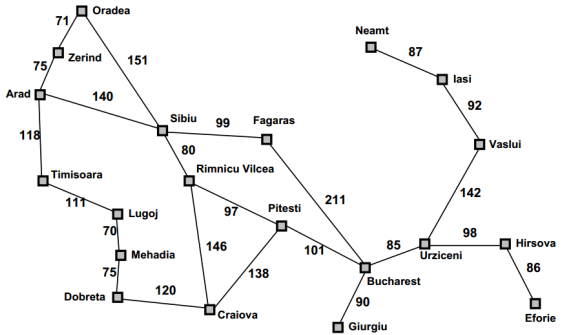

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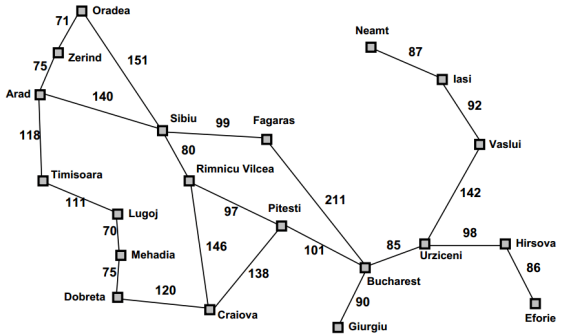

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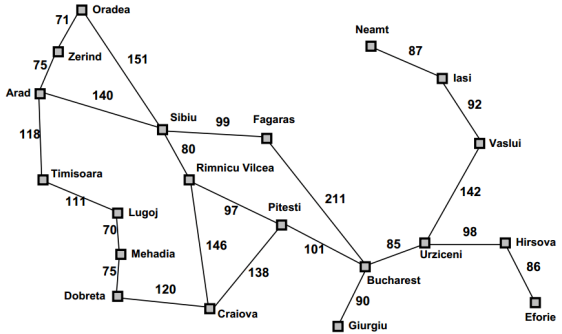

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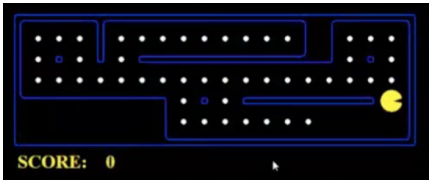

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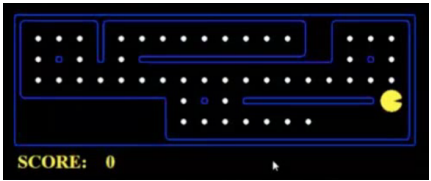

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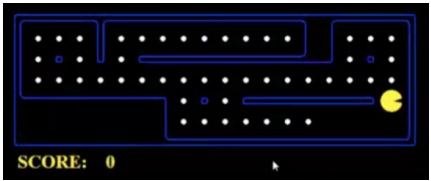

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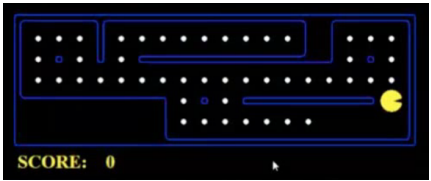

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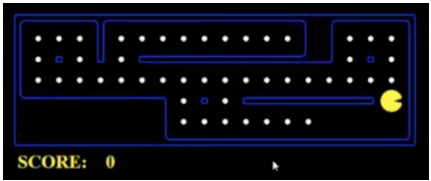

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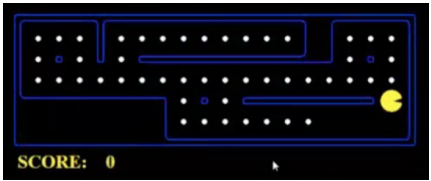

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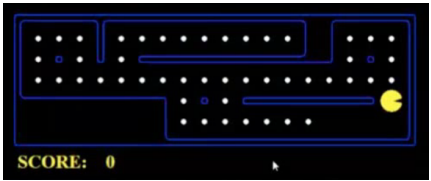

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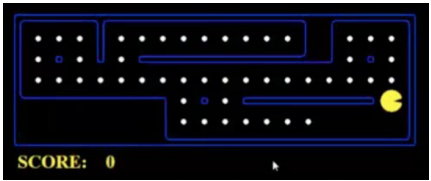

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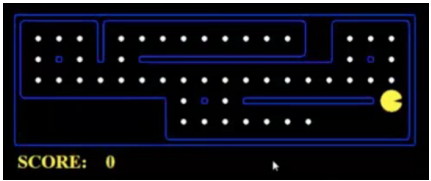

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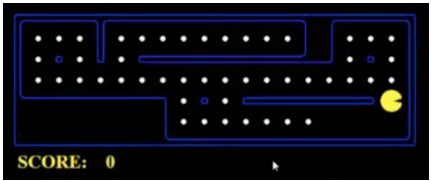

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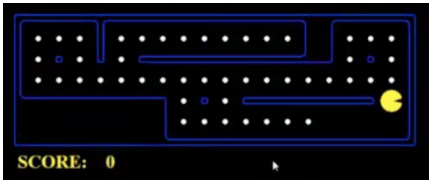

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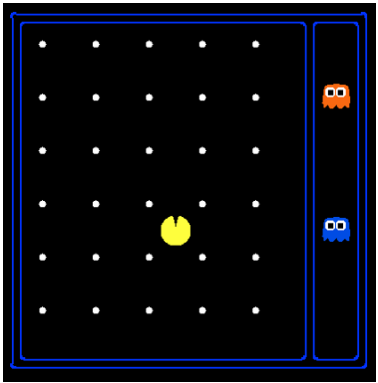

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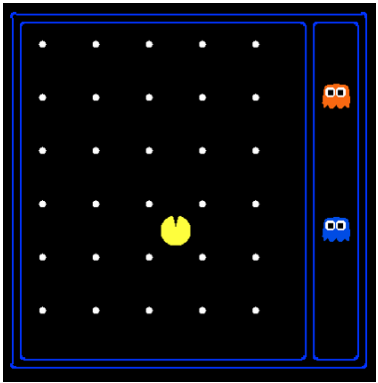

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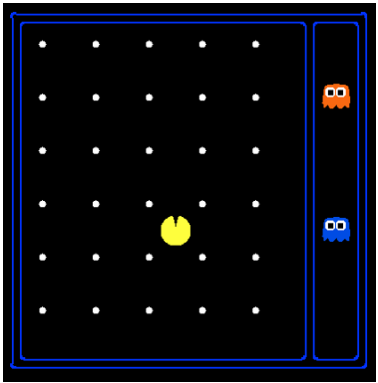

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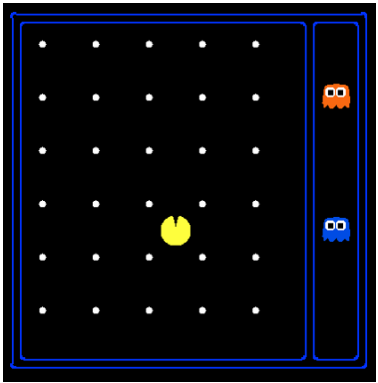

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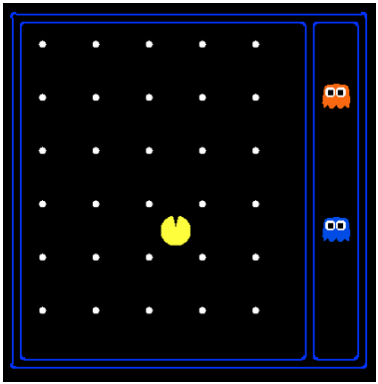

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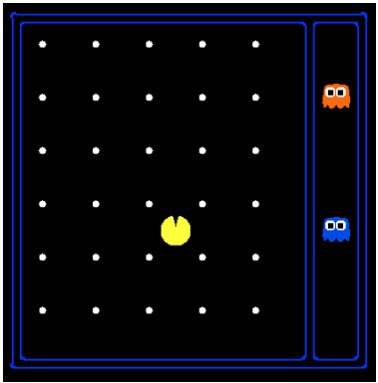

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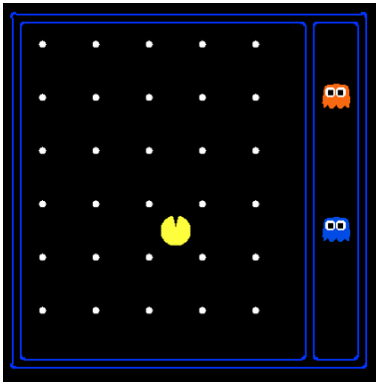

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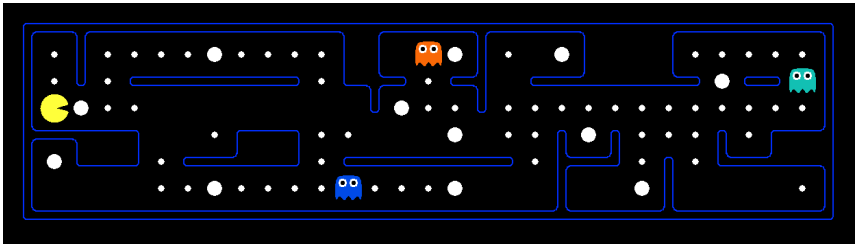

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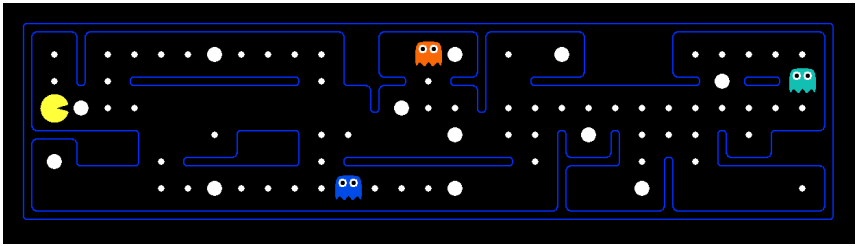

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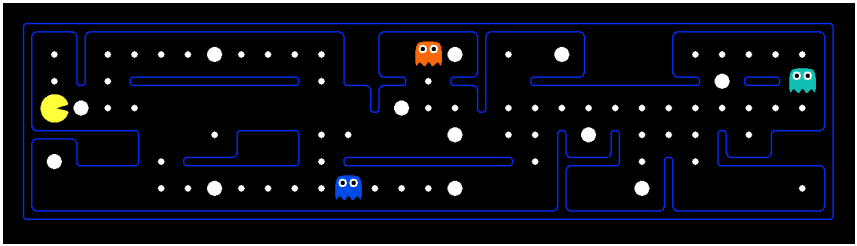

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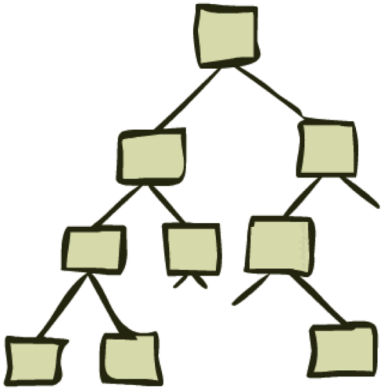

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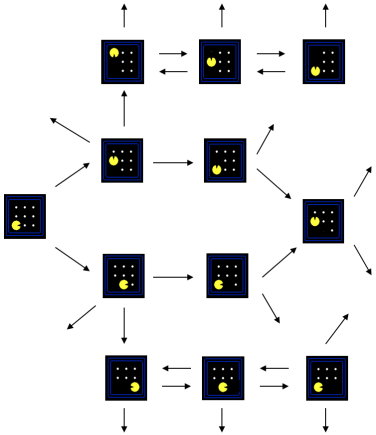

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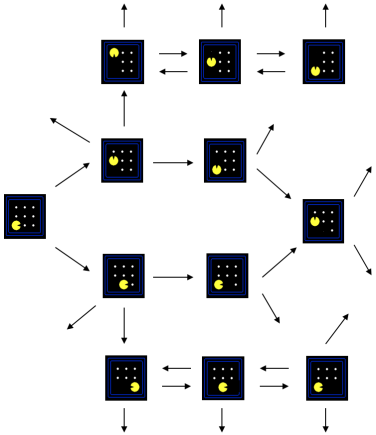

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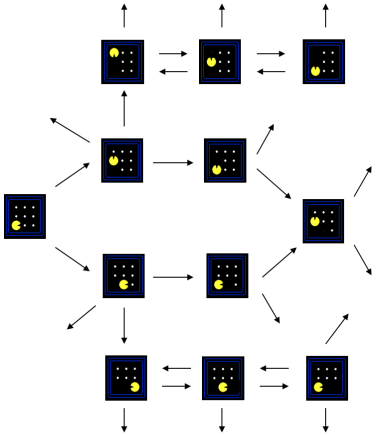

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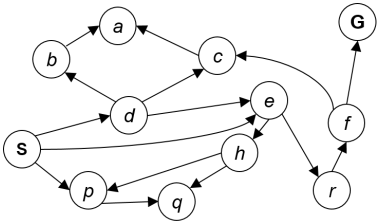

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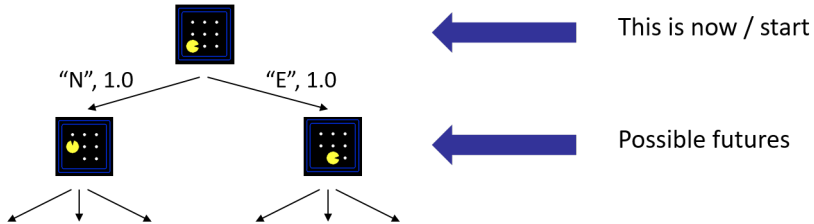

- A "what if" tree of plans and their outcomes
- The start state is the root node
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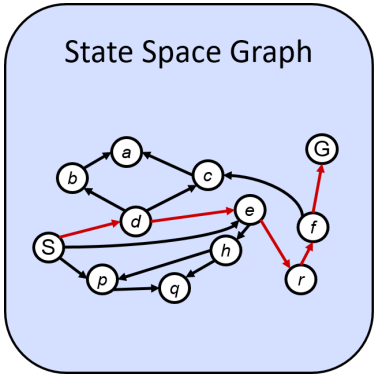

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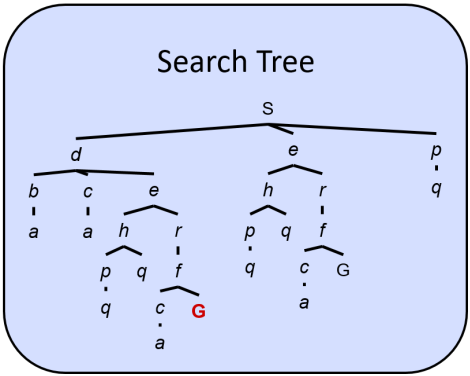

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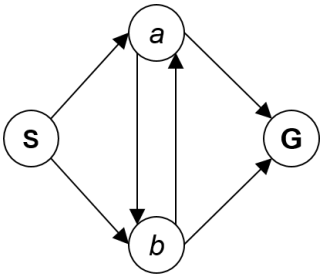

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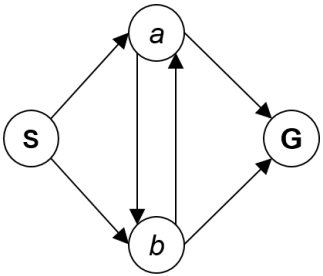

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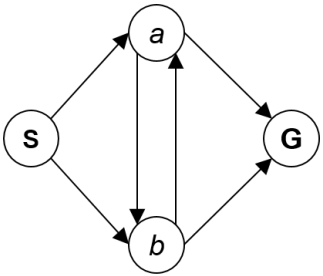

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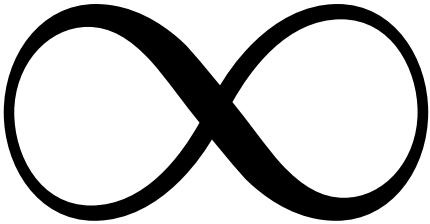

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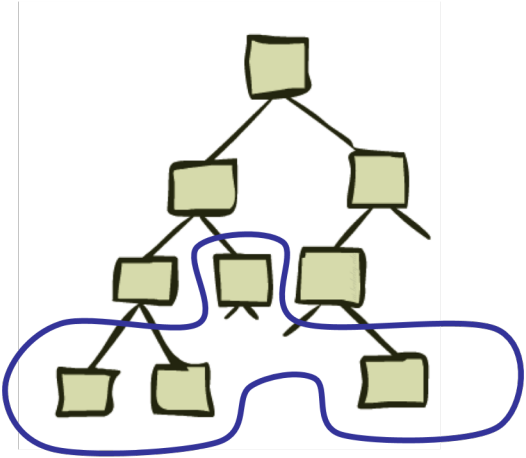

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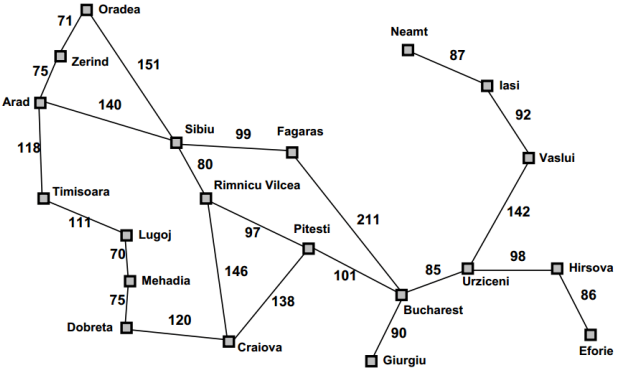

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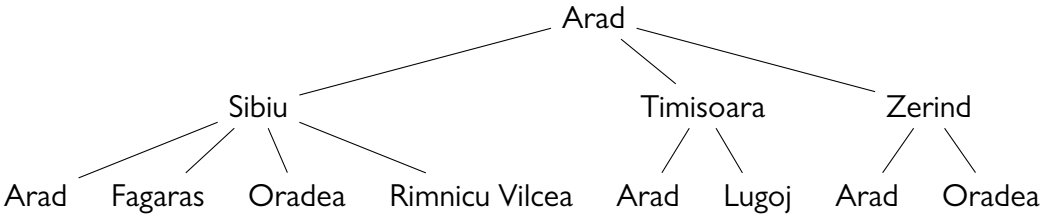

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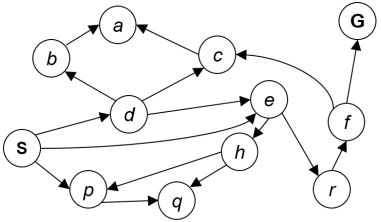

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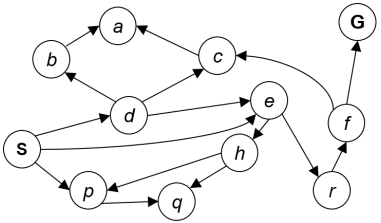

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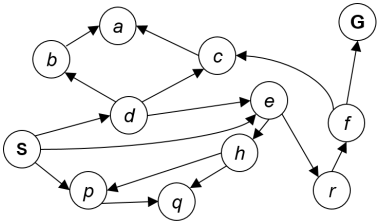

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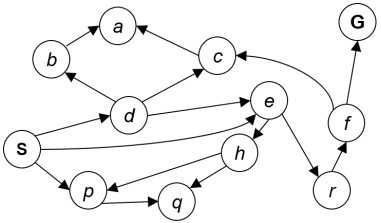

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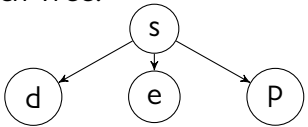

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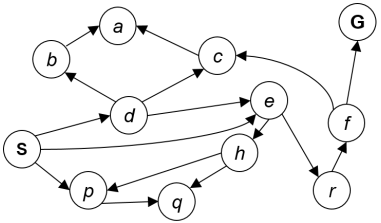

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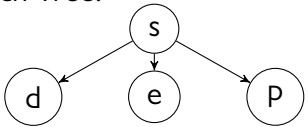

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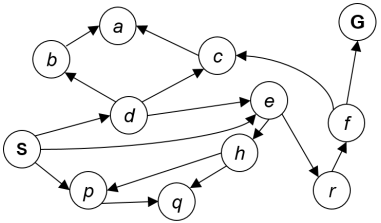

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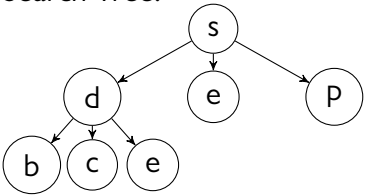

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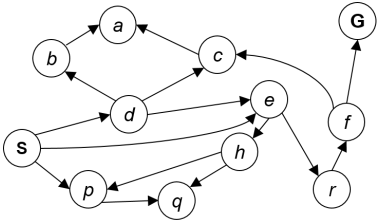

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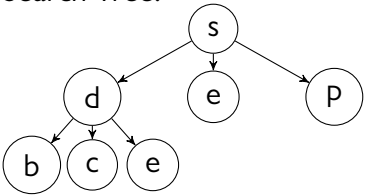

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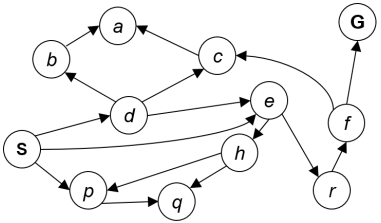

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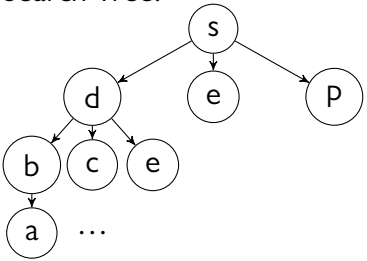

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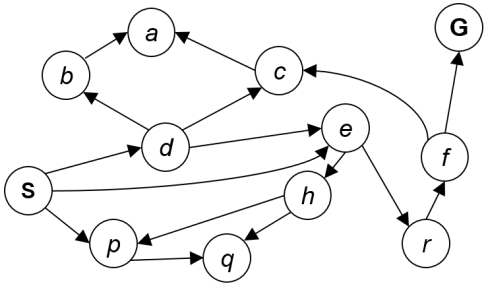

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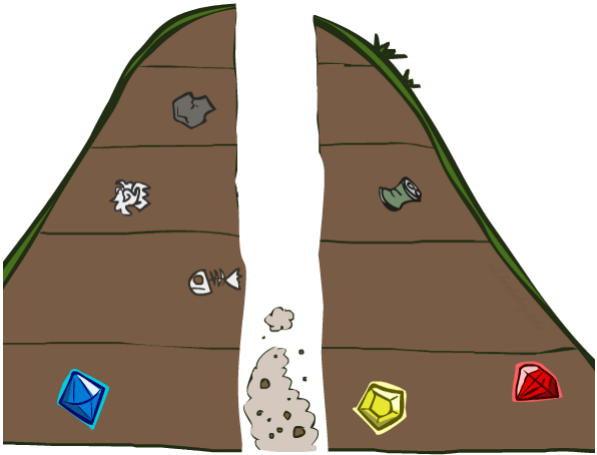

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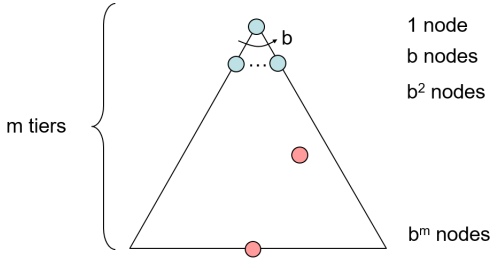

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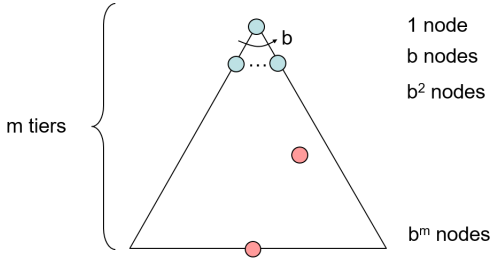

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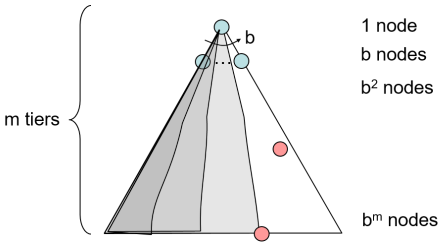

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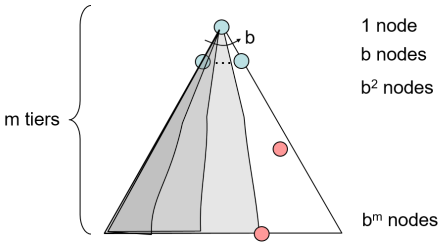

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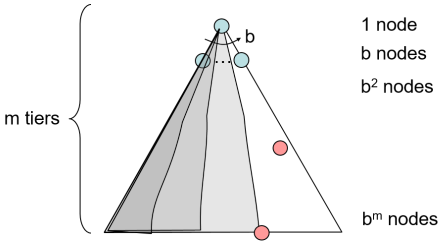

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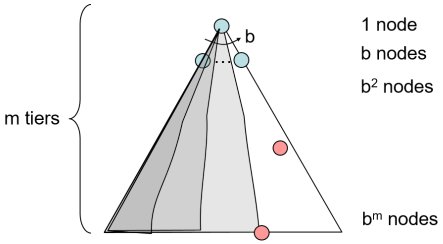

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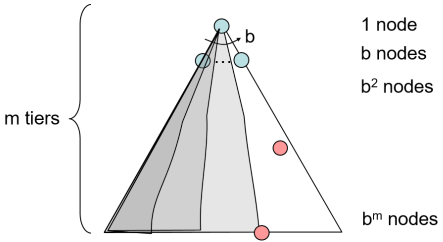

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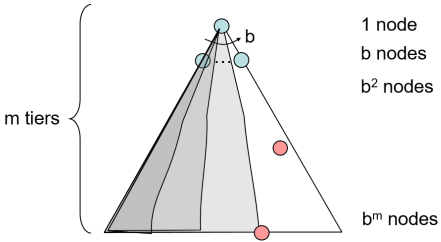

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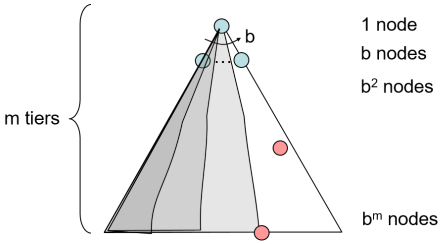

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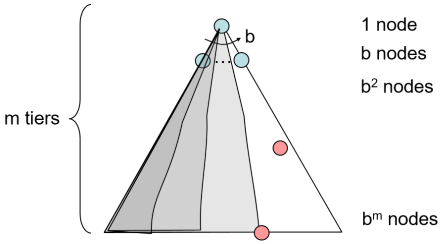

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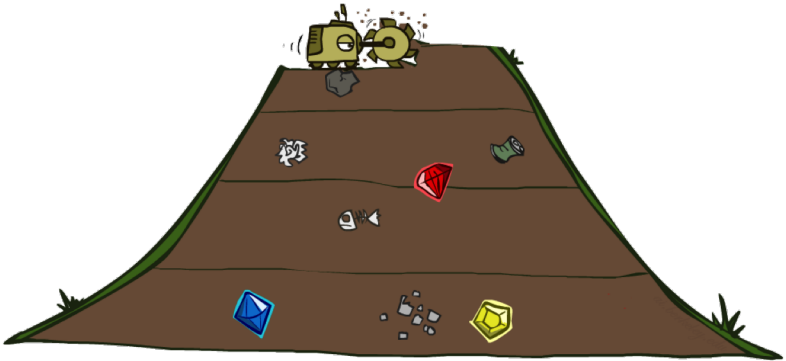

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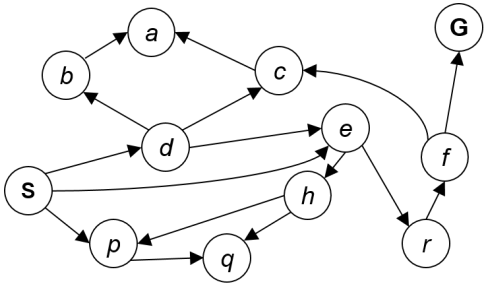

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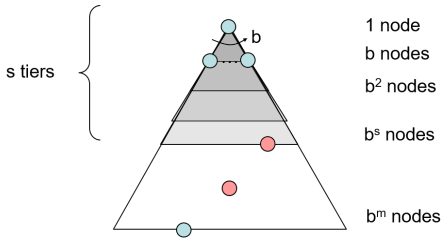

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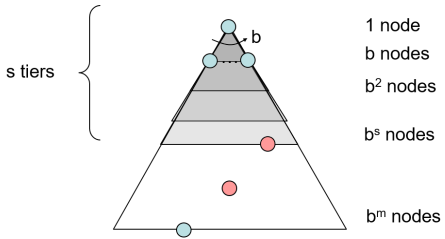

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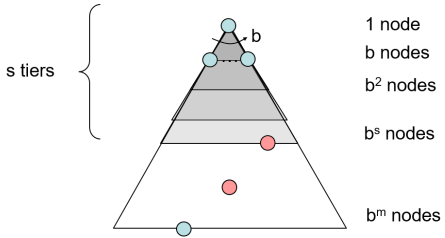

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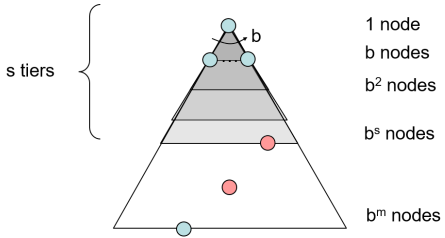

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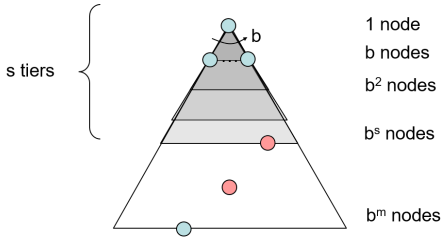

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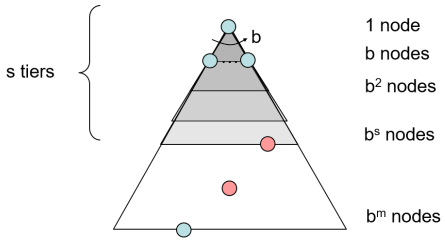

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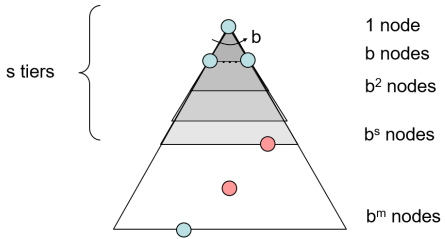

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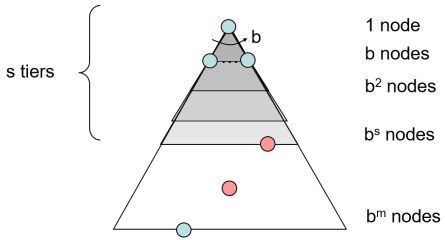

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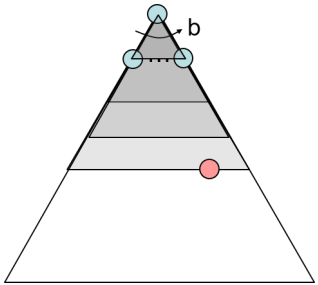

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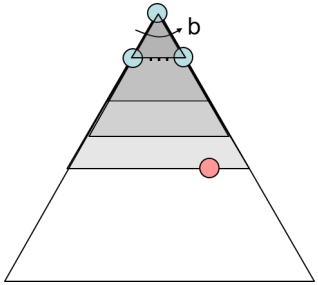

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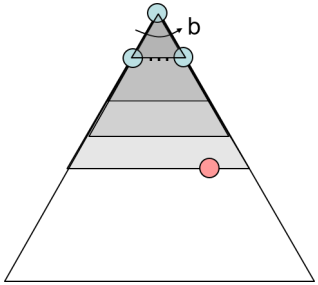

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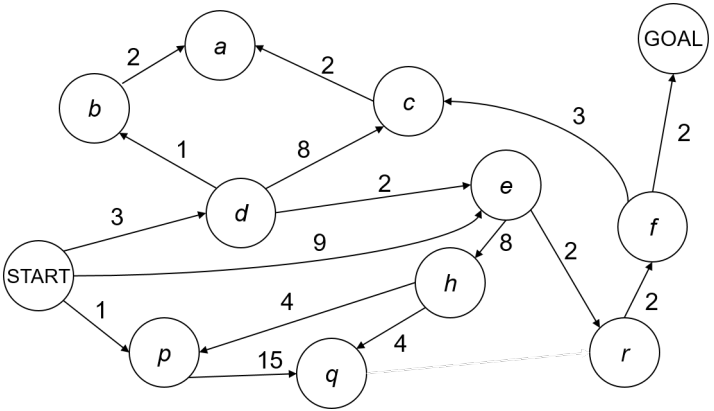

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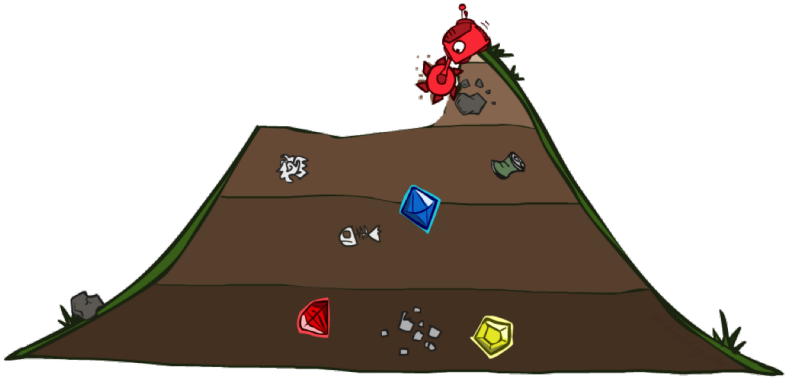

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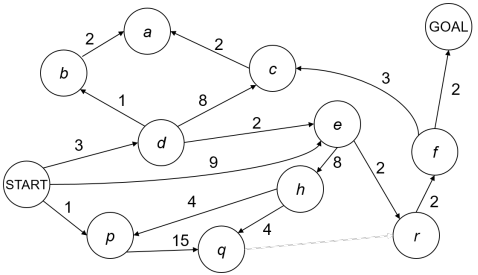

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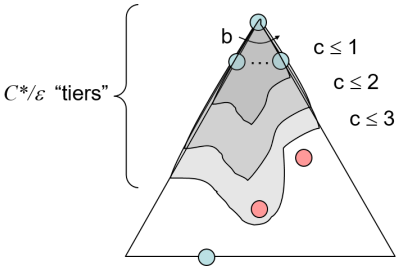

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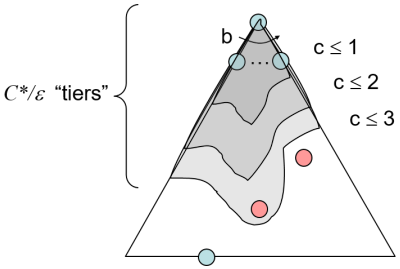

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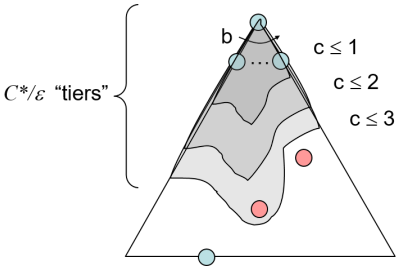

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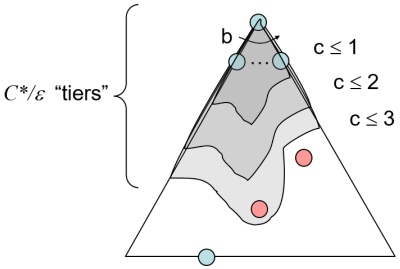

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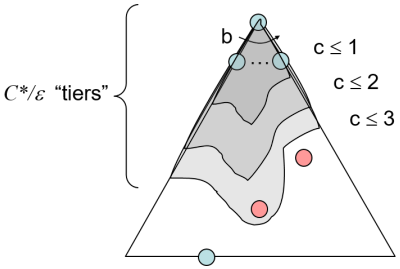

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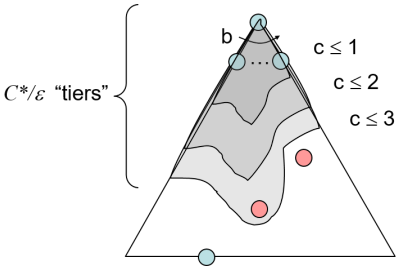

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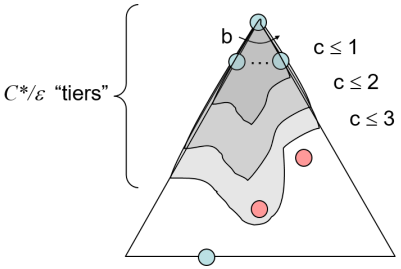

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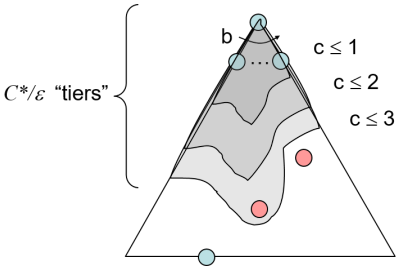

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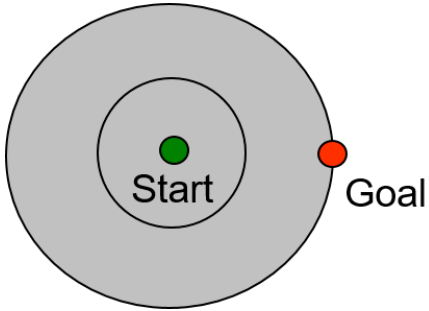

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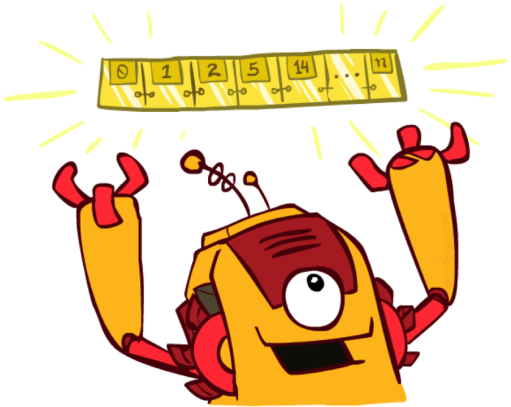
The One Queue

- All these search algorithms are the same except for fringe strategies
  - Conceptually, all fringes are priority queues (i.e. collections of nodes with attached priorities)
  - Practically, for DFS and BFS, you can avoid the $\log(n)$ overhead from an actual priority queue, by using stacks and queues
  - Can even code one implementation that takes a variable queuing object



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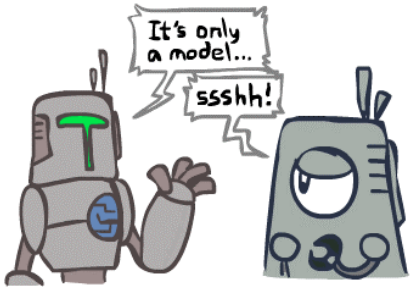
Search and Models

- Search operates over models of the world
  - The agent doesn't actually try all the plans out in the real world!
  - Planning is all "in simulation"
  - Your search is only as good as your models…



Suggested Reading

- Russell & Norvig: Chapter: 3.1-3.4
- Poole & Mackworth: Chapter: 3.1-3.5