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M2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search

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Course Plan



M1 Introduction to AI

M2 Problem Solving Agent using Search

M3 Game Playing

M4 Knowledge Representation using Logics

M5 Probabilistic Representation and Reasoning

M6 Reasoning over time

M7 Ethics in AI



Module 2 : Problem Solving Agent using Search

A. Uninformed Search

B. Informed Search

C. Heuristic Functions

D. Local Search Algorithms & Optimization Problems

Learning Objective



At the end of this class , students Should be able to:

1. Apply A* variations algorithms to the given problem
2. Compare given heuristics for a problem and analyze which is the best fit
3. Differentiate between informed and local search requirements
4. Design relaxed problem with appropriate heuristic design

Case Study – 1 Search in Treebanks

The screenshot shows the 'tk treebank viewer' application. The title bar reads 'tk treebank viewer'. Below the title bar, the text 'TREEBANK VIEWER' is followed by 'Sandway Fong University of Arizona (dec 2006) (pre-release version)'. There are two input fields: 'Sentence File' with the path '/Users/sandway/Desktop/treesearch/ies1' and 'Prolog Tree File' with the path '/Users/sandway/Desktop/treesearch/ies1'. A 'Load' button is to the right. Below these fields, it says 'Sentence Count: 49209' and 'Displayed Tree (Sentence): 37975'. The main window is split into two panes. The left pane contains a text document with several paragraphs of news text. The right pane displays a parse tree for the sentence 'As recently as August, the company said it did not force Pinnacle's SunCor Development Co., real-estate unit's'. The tree structure is as follows:

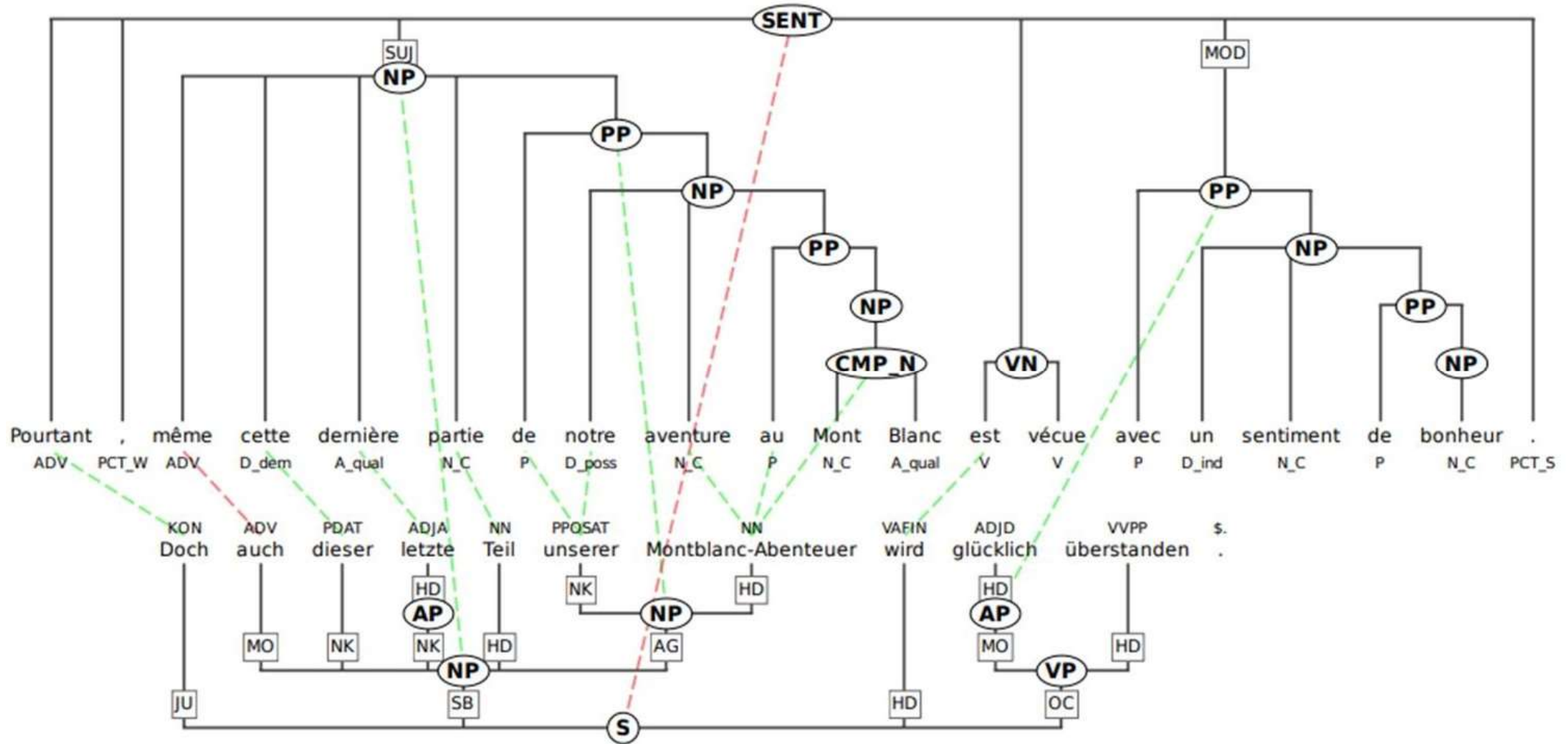
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 - S
 - NP-SBJ
 - PRP it
 - VBD did

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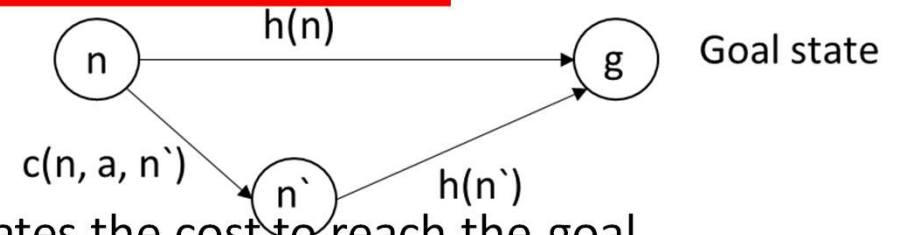
A* Search



Optimal on condition

$h(n)$ must satisfy two conditions:

- Admissible Heuristic – one that never overestimates the cost to reach the goal
- Consistency – A heuristic is consistent if for every node n and every successor node n' of n generated by action a , $h(n) \leq c(n, a, n') + h(n')$

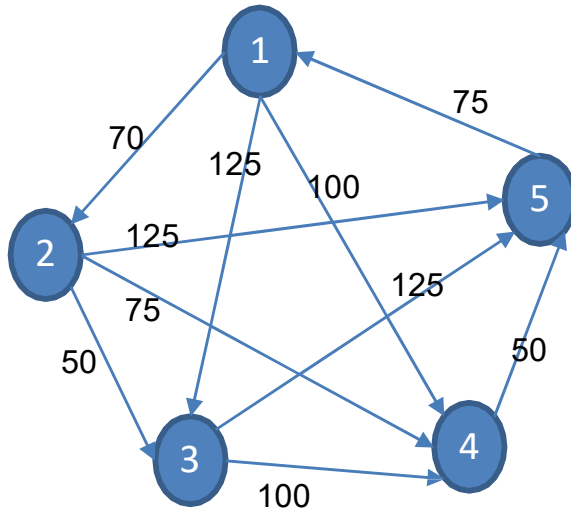


Complete

- If the number of nodes with cost $\leq C^*$ is finite
- If the branching factor is finite
- A* expands no nodes with $f(n) > C^*$, known as pruning

Time Complexity - $G(b^\Delta)$ where the absolute error $\Delta = h^* - h$

Is the heuristic designed leads to optimal solution?





Assuming node 3 as goal, taking only sample edges per node below is checked for consistency

n	h(n)	Is Admissible? $h(n) \leq h^*(n)$	Is Consistent? For every arc (i,j): $h(i) \leq g(i,j) + h(j)$
1	80	Y	N (5→1) : $190 \leq 155$
2	60	N	Y (1→2) : $80 \leq 130$
3	0	Y	
4	200	Y	Y (1→4) : $80 \leq 300$ Y (2→4) : $60 \leq 275$
5	190	Y	Y (2→5) : $60 \leq 315$ Y (4→5) : $200 \leq 240$

Path finding Robot – Sample Planning Agent Design

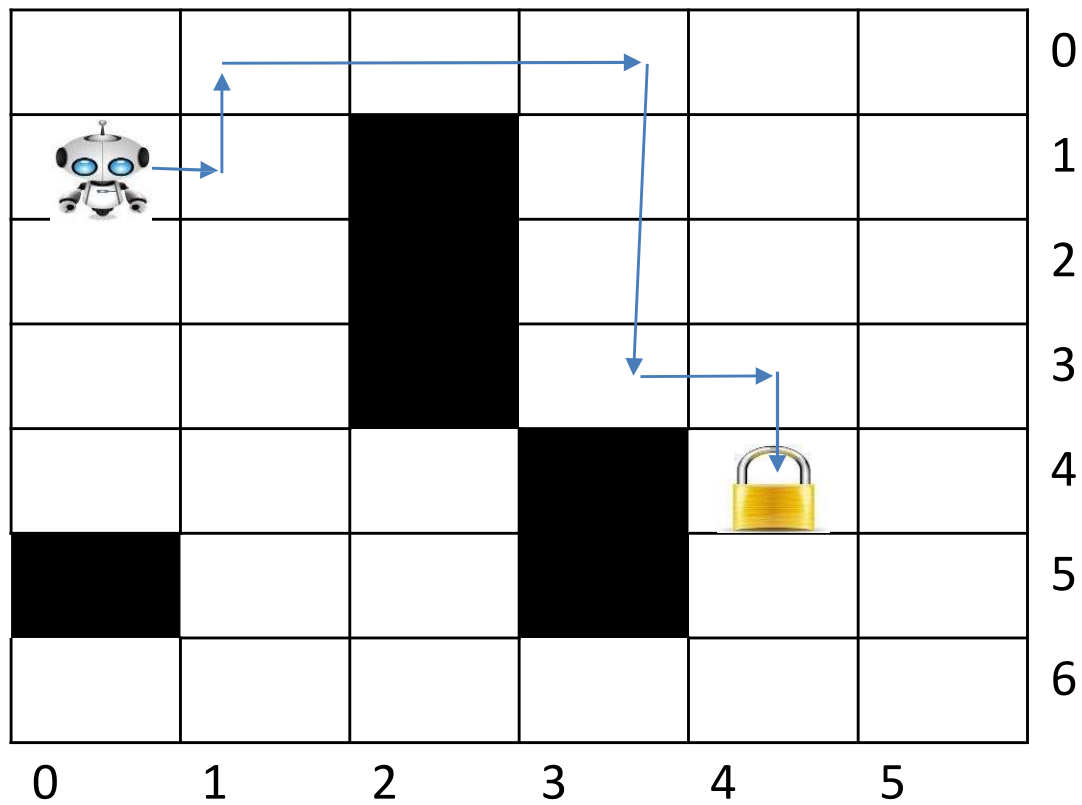
Successor Function Design

1	2	3	4	5	6	0
	8		10	11	12	1
13	14		16	17	18	2
19	20		22	23	24	3
25	26	27			30	4
	32	33		35	36	5
37	38	39	40	41	42	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	

N-W-E-S

A*

Demo





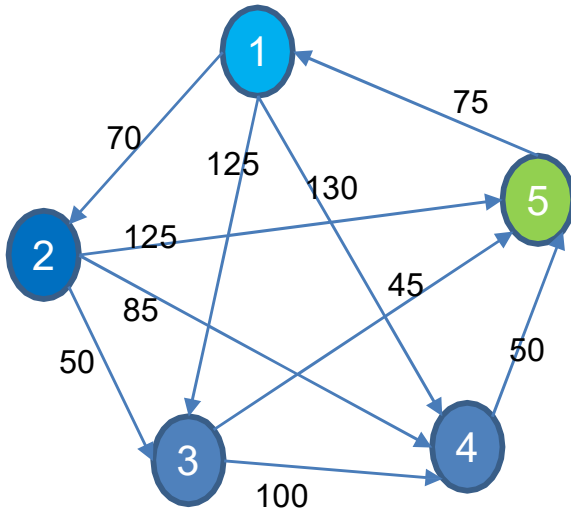
Variations of A*

Memory Bounded Heuristics

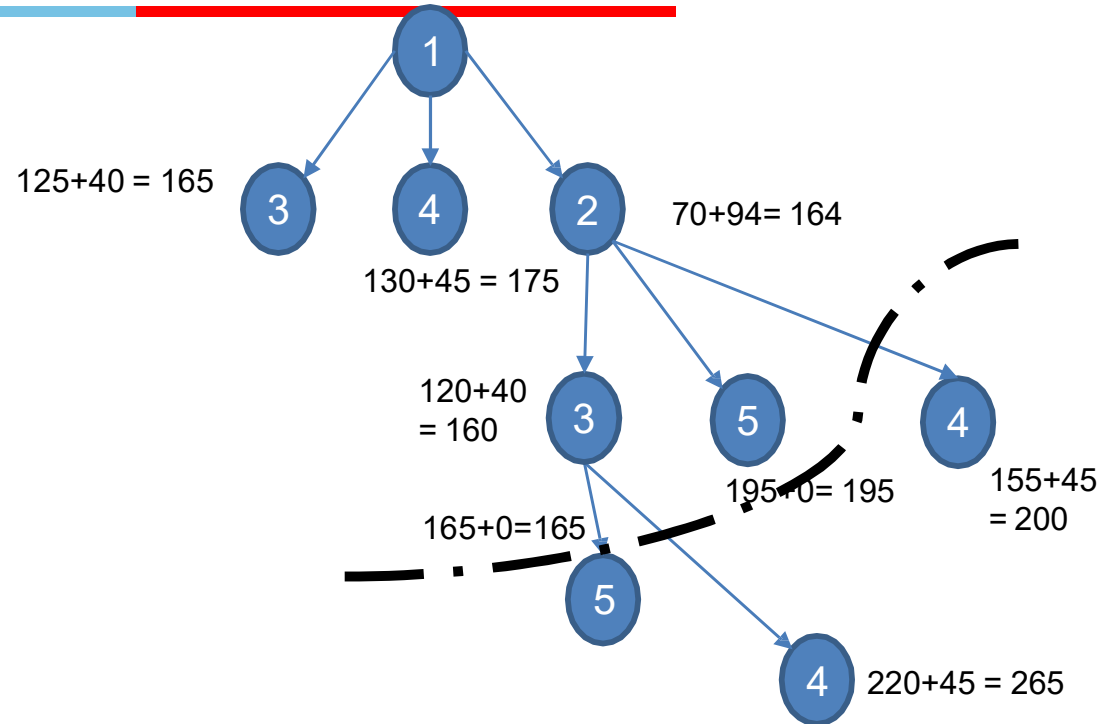
Iterative Deepening A*



Set limit for $f(n)$



n	$h(n)$
1	60
2	94
3	40
4	45
5	0



Cut off value is the smallest of f -cost of any node that exceeds the cutoff on previous iterations

Iterative Limit : Eg

$$f(n) = 180$$

$$f(n) = 195$$

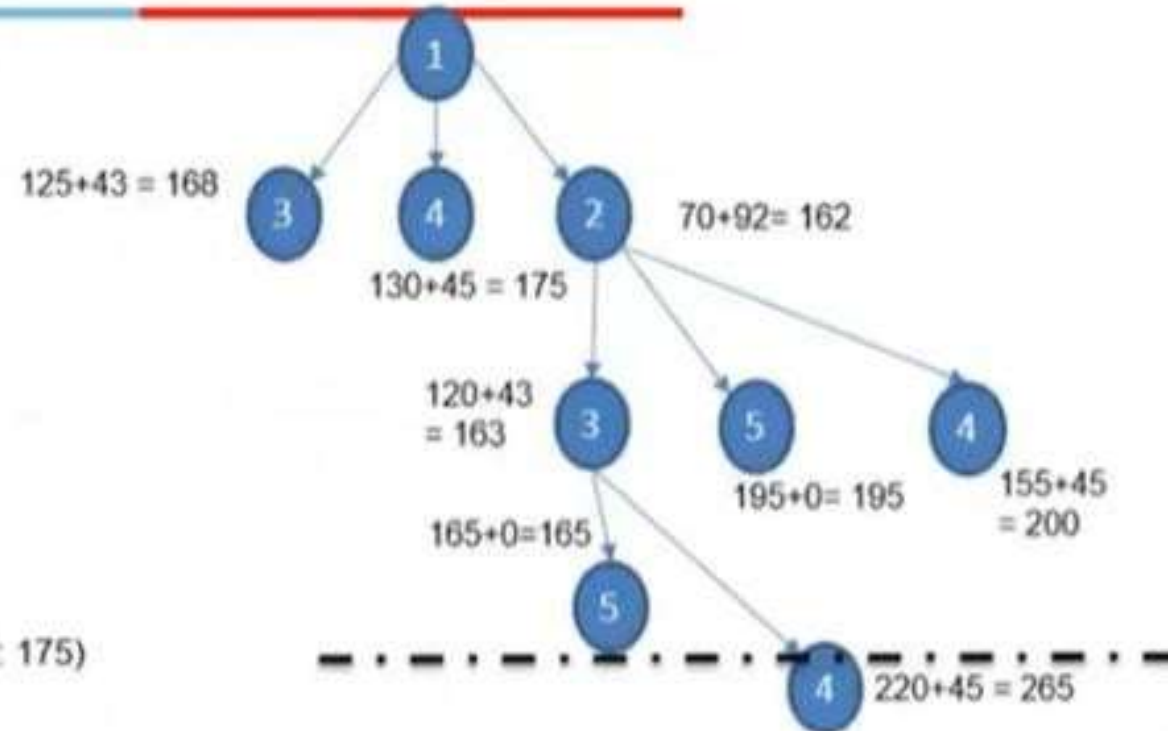
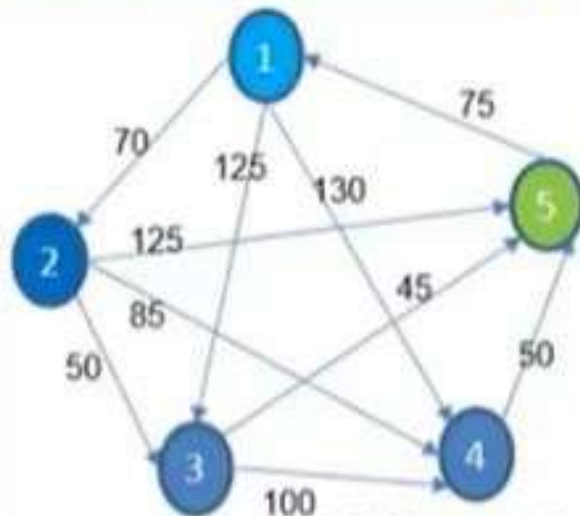
$$f(n) = 200$$

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Iterative Deepening A*



Set limit for $f(n)$



n	h(n)
1	60
2	92
3	43
4	45
5	0

B=60

(1: 60)
TEST-F
(1 2: 162) (1 3: 168) (1 4: 175)

B=162

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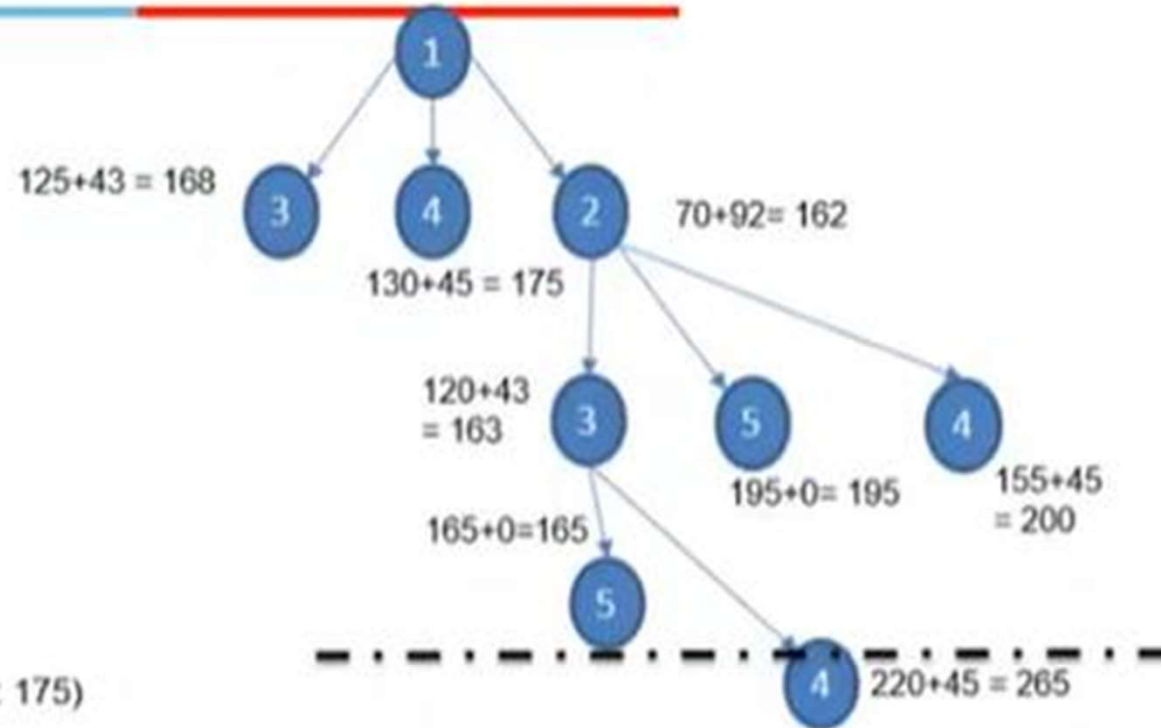
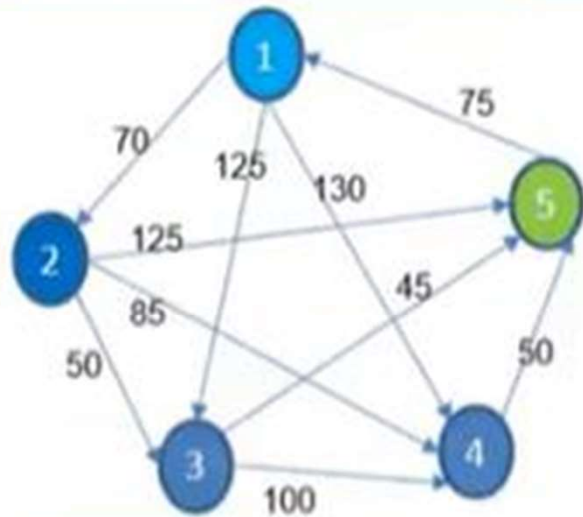
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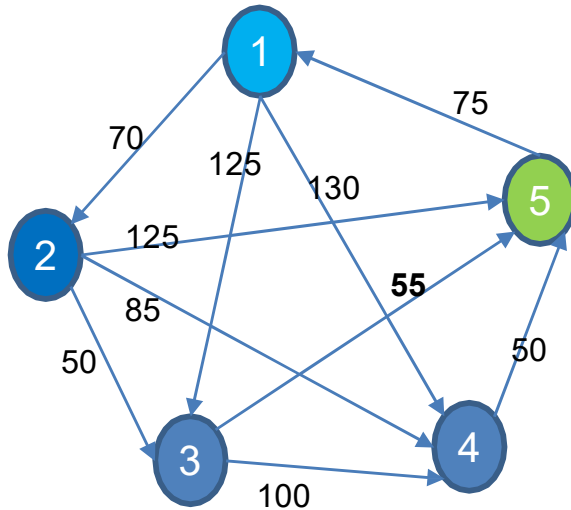
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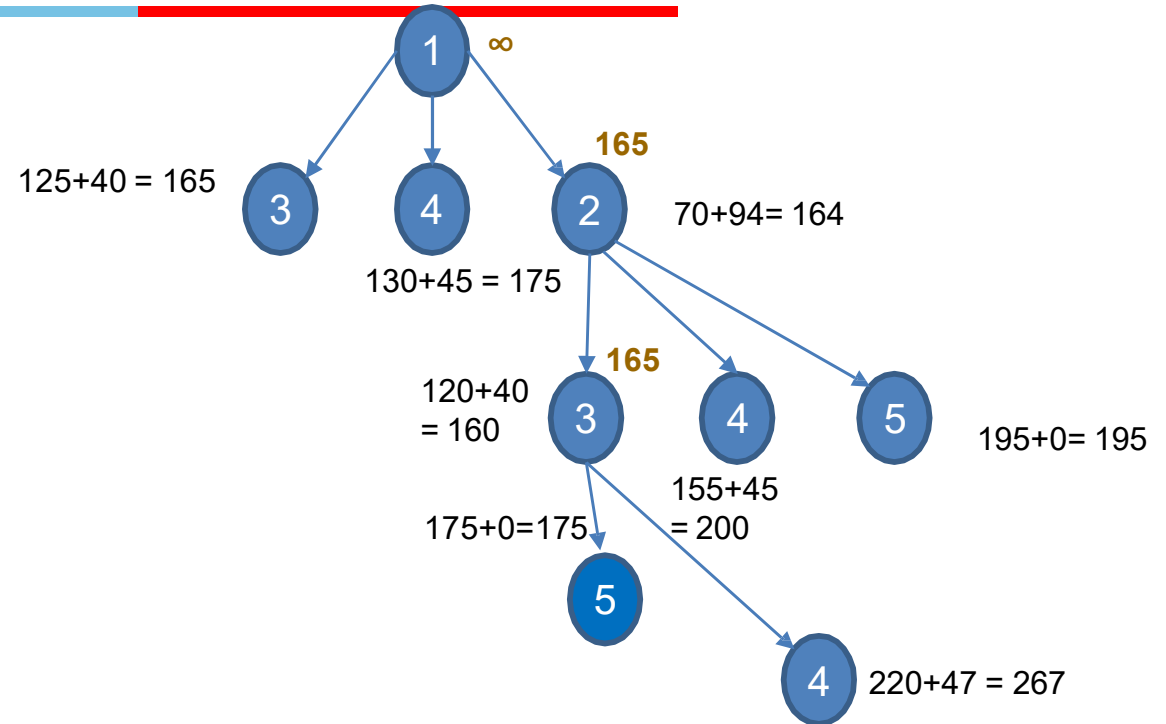
Recursive Best First Search A*



Remember the next best alternative f-Cost to regenerate



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4	45
5	0



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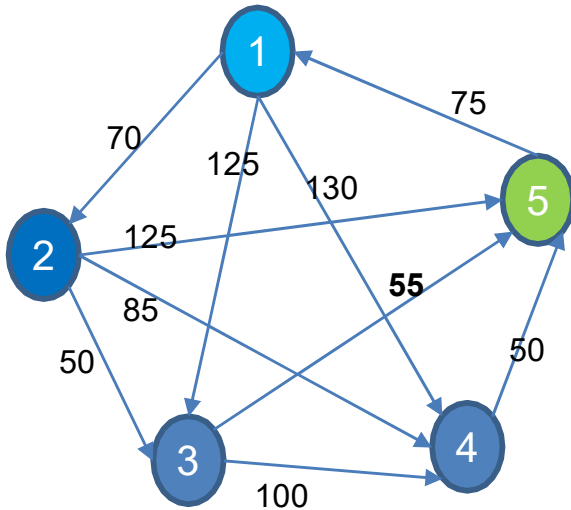
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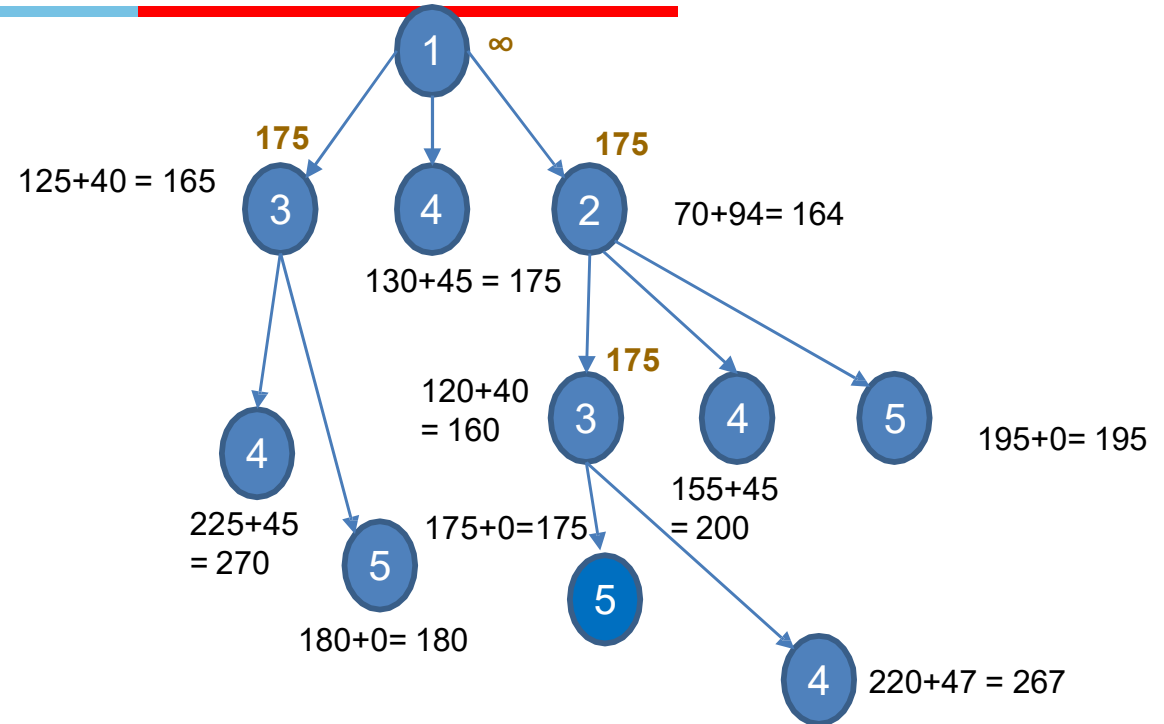
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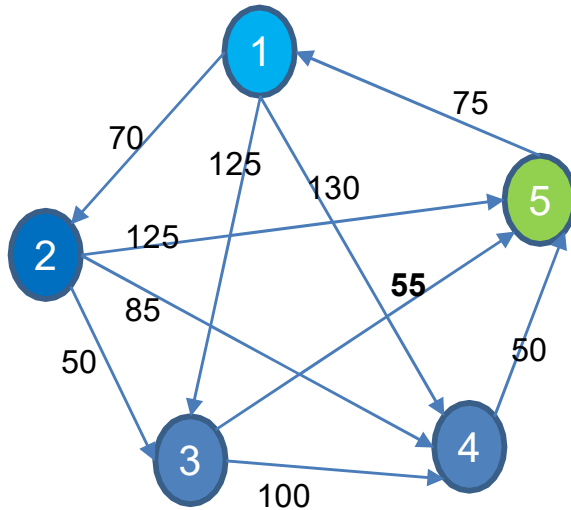
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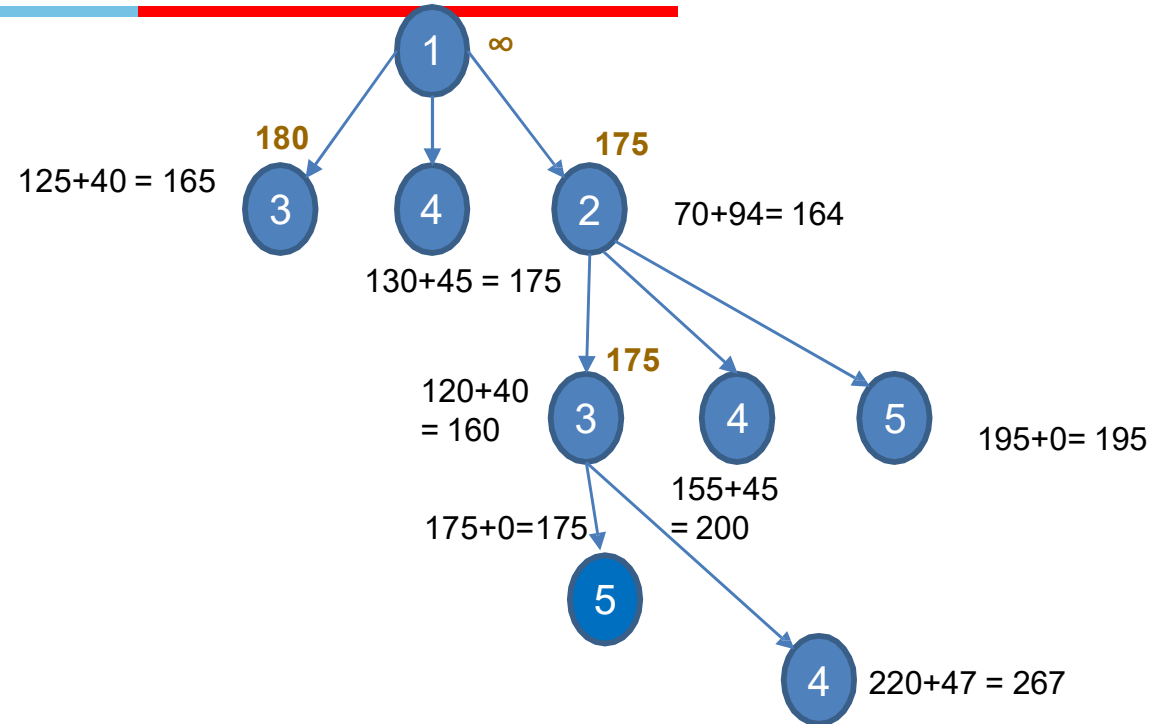
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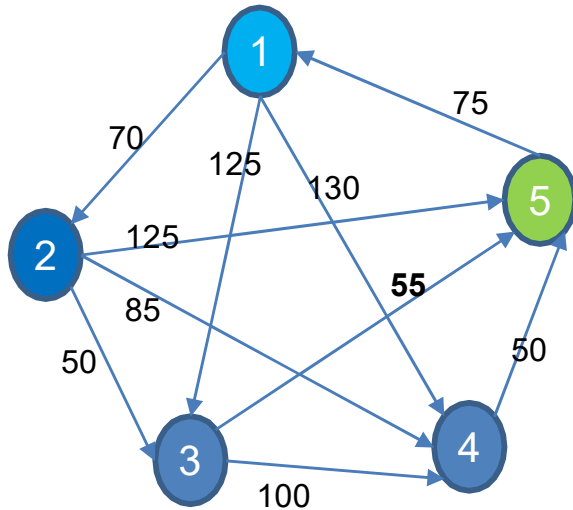
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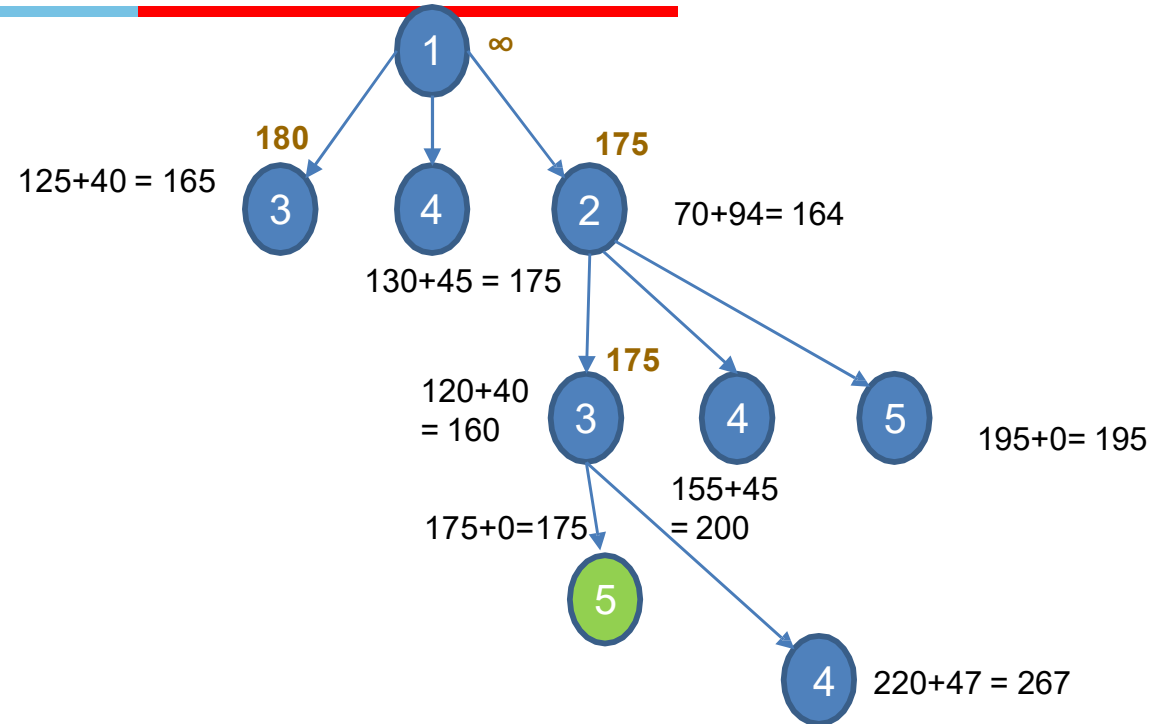
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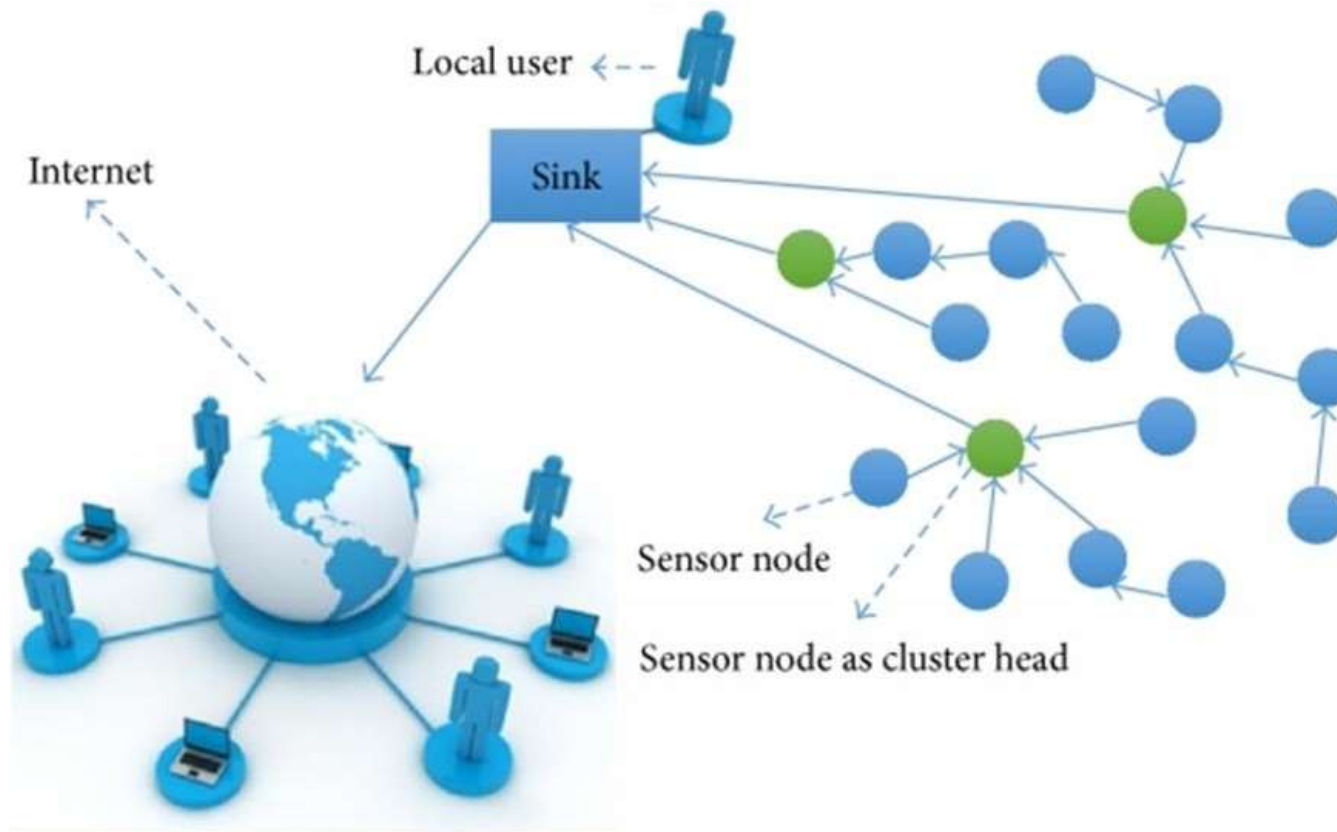
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If the current best leaf value > best alternative path
 Best leaf value of the forgotten subtree is backed up to the
 ancestors
 Recursion unwinds
 Else
 Continue expansion

Space Usage = $O(bd)$ very less

Case Study – Search in Network Routing

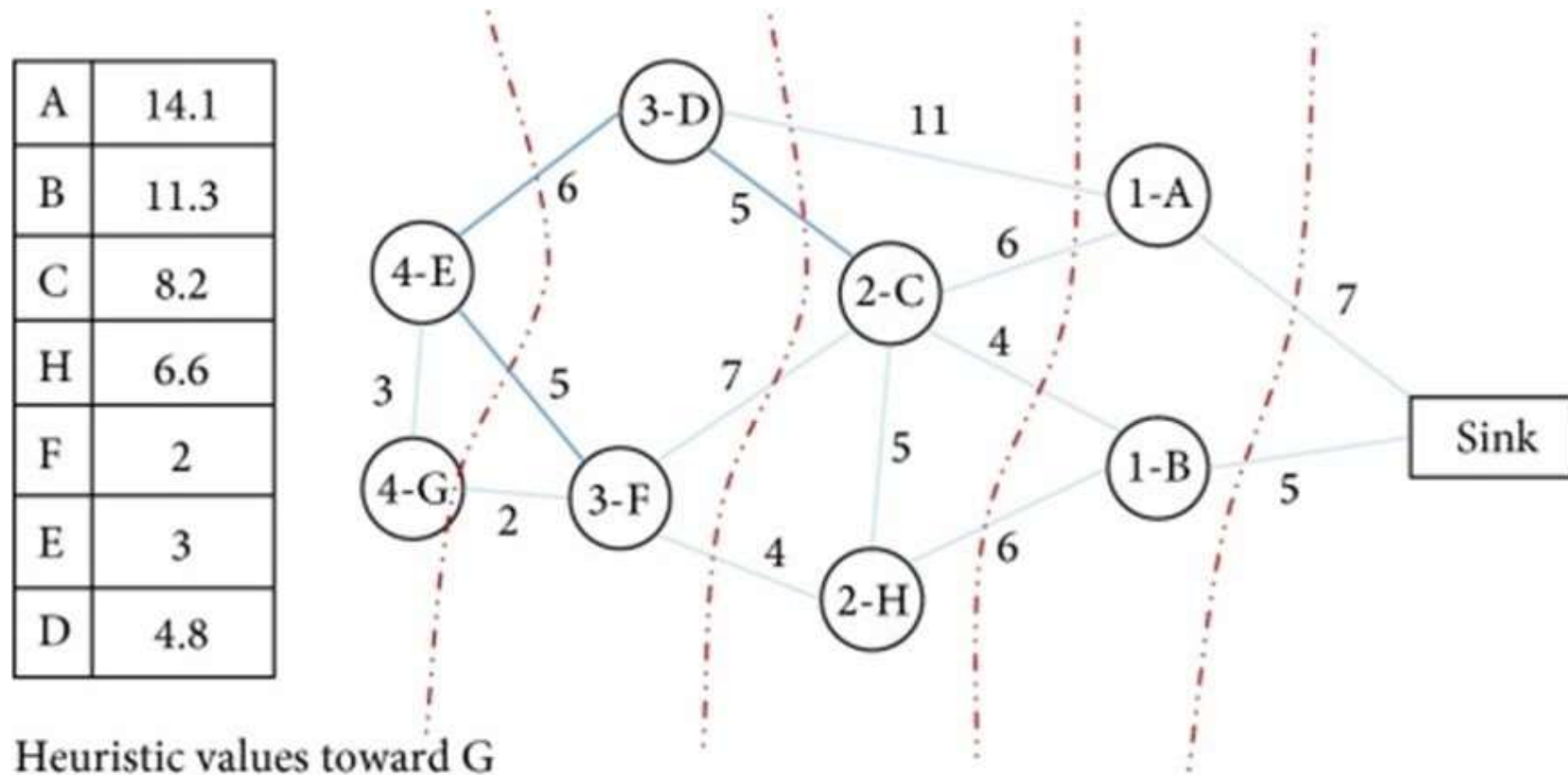


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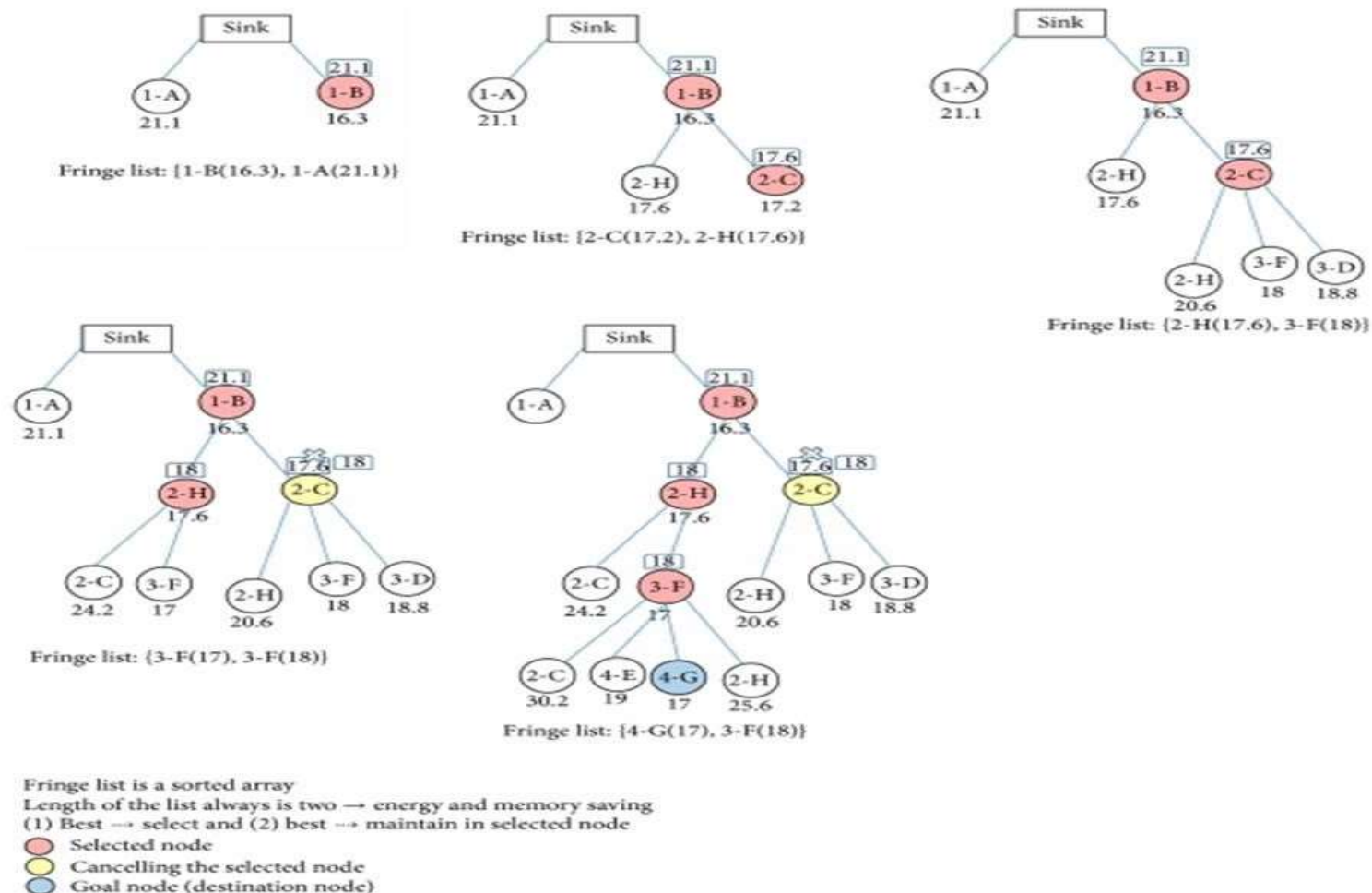


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Design of Heuristics



Heuristic Design

- **Effective Branching Factor**
- Good Heuristics
- Notion of Relaxed Problems
- Generating Admissible Heuristics

Effective branching factor (b^*):

If the algorithm generates N number of nodes and the solution is found at depth d , then

$$N + 1 = 1 + (b^*) + (b^*)^2 + (b^*)^3 + \dots + (b^*)^d$$



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Simplify the problem

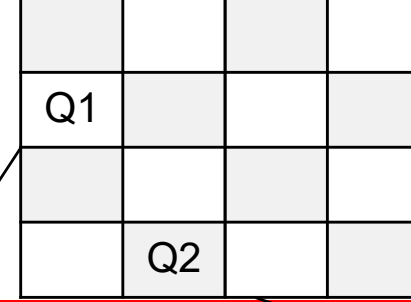
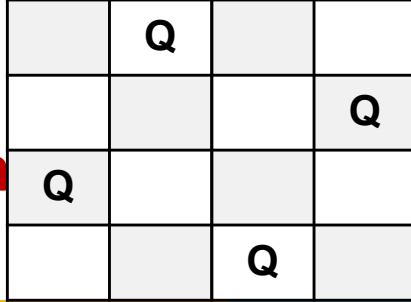
Assume no constraints

Cost of optimal solution to relaxed problem \leq Cost of optimal solution for real problem

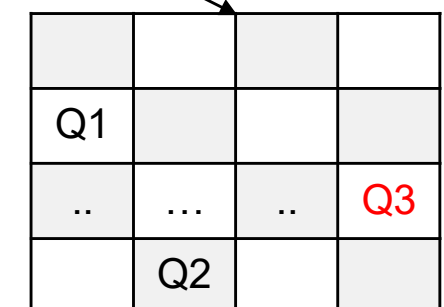
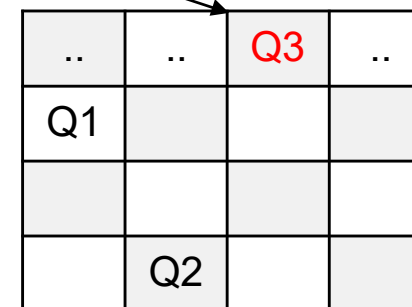
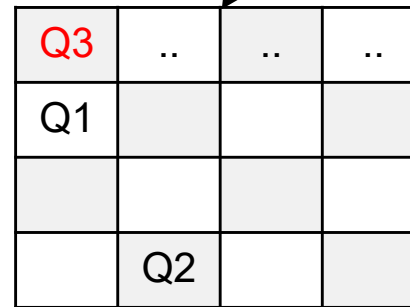


Design of Heuristics

N-Queen



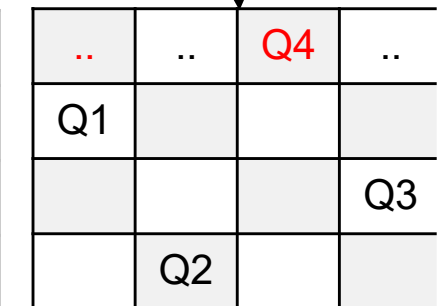
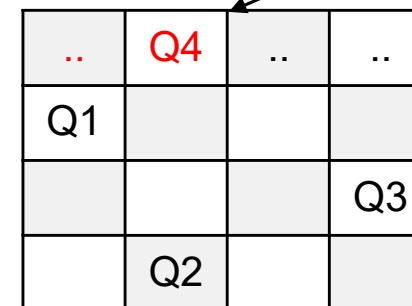
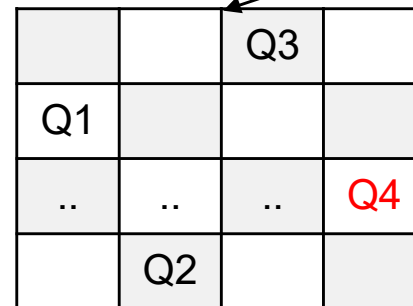
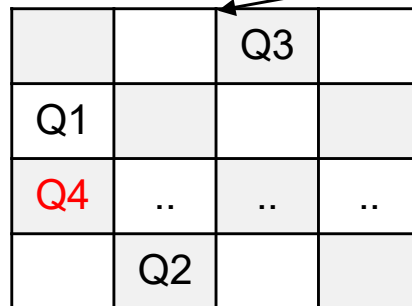
- Construct the search tree by considering one row of the board at a time
- State space graph of relaxed problem is a super graph of original state space because of removal of restrictions



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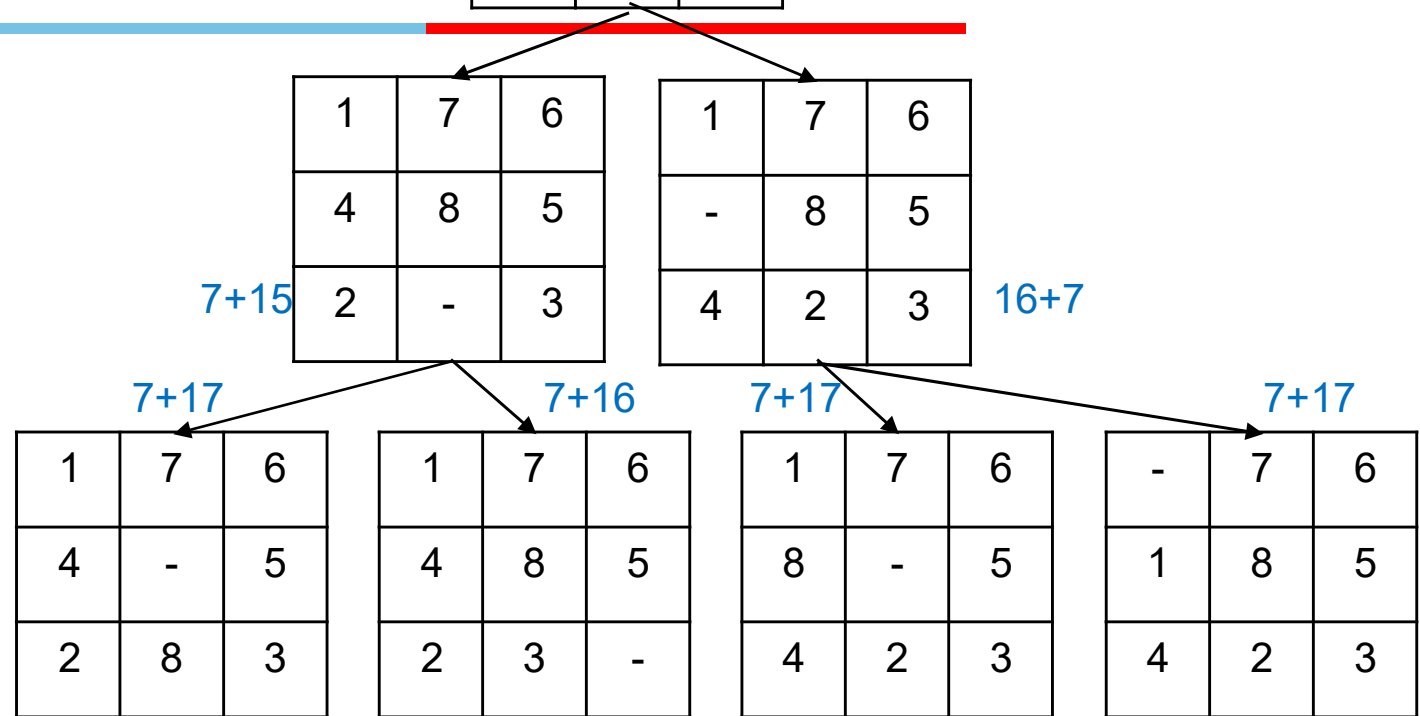
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Initial State	Possible Actions	Transition Model	Goal Test	Path Cost	No.Of.States
< Xi , Yi >	Place in any non-occupied row in board		isValid Non-Attacking	Transition + Valid Queens	n!

N-Tile

-	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

1	7	6
4	8	5
-	2	3

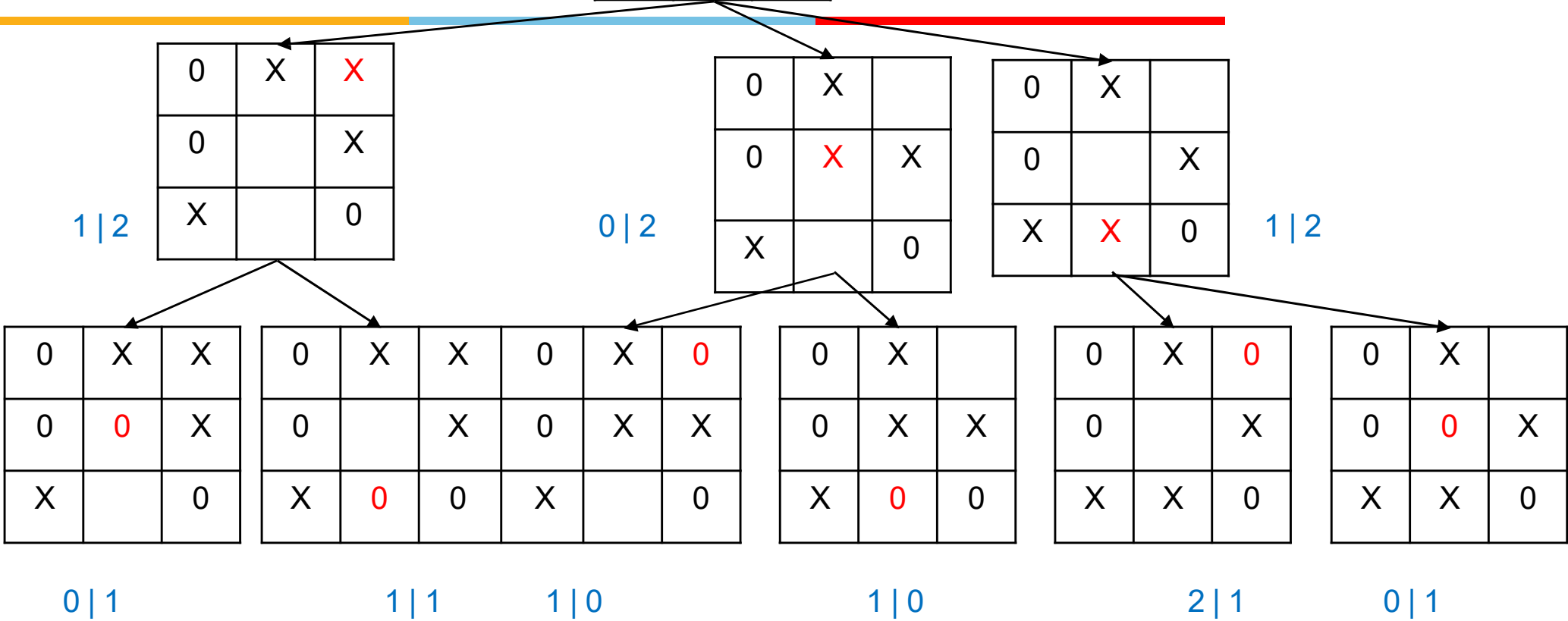


Initial State	Possible Actions	Transition Model	Goal Test	Path Cost	No.Of.States
<LOC, ID>	Move Empty to near by Tile		ID=LOC+1	Transition + Positional + Distance+ Other approaches	9!

Tic Tac Toe



0	X	
0		X
X		0



Opposite Win | Player Win

Initial State	Possible Actions	Transition Model	Goal Test	Path Cost	No.Of.States
([Xij], [Yij])	Place a coin in unoccupied (i,j)		N : i's N : j's N : i=j	No.of.Steps + Opp.Win + (N-1-Curr.Win)	19,683=3 ⁹

Learn from experience

Trail / Puzzle	X1(n) : No.of.Misplac ed Tiles	X2(n): Pair of adjacent tiles that are not in goal	X3(n): Position of the empty tileh` (n)
Example 1	7	10	7
Example 2	5	6	6
.....

-	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

1	7	6
4	8	5
-	2	3

Create a suitable model:

$$h(n) = c1*X1(n) + c2*X2(n) +$$



Required Reading: AIMA - Chapter #3: 3.5, 3.6

Next Class Plan :
Local Search Algorithms &
Optimization Problems

Thank You for all your Attention

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