

# AI algorithms: Optimal Search

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## Input:

A graph of nodes with costs for all connections, a start node  $S$  and a goal node  $G$

A heuristic estimate  $h$  for each node (of distance to  $G$ )

A queue  $Q$  of possible paths

## Output:

Cheapest path from  $S$  to  $G$

## Algorithm:

$Q \leftarrow S$

$memsize \leftarrow meminit$

**while**  $Q$  not empty AND  $G$  not reached by first path **do**

$P \leftarrow$  get (and remove) first path from  $Q$

**while**  $P$  has more children **do**

**if** Total number of nodes in  $Q = memsize$  **then**

            Remove leaf with highest  $f$  from its path(s) in  $Q$

            Remember ( $f$  of best forgotten child) in parent node

**end if**

$p \leftarrow$  next child path of  $P$

        Remove  $p$  if it contains a loop

        Calculate cost  $c$

        Calculate  $f$  ( $= c + h$  of last node)

**if**  $length(p) = memsize$ , not ending in  $G$  **then**

$f = \text{infinity}$

**end if**

        Add  $p$  to  $Q$

**end while**

$f$  of parent  $P \leftarrow$  minimum of  $f$  values of children (if  $>$  than current  $f$ )

    Sort  $Q$  according to  $f$

**for all** path  $P$  in  $Q$  **do**

$n \leftarrow$  last node of  $P$

**if** another path  $P2$  contains  $n$  AND  $c$  of  $P \geq c$  of  $P2$  **then**

            Remove  $P$  from  $Q$

**end if**

**end for**

**end while**

**if**  $G$  reached **then**

    Success

**else**

    Failure, return best path that fits in memory

**end if**

## AI algorithms: Optimal Search (2)

IDA\*

**Algorithm:**

$Q \leftarrow S$

$fbound \leftarrow f \text{ of } S$

$fnew \leftarrow \text{infinity}$

**while**  $Q$  not empty AND  $G$  not reached **do**

$p \leftarrow$  get (and remove) first path from  $Q$

$P \leftarrow$  all paths to children of  $p$

    Remove all paths from  $P$  containing loops

    Calculate cost  $c$  for each path in  $P$

    Calculate  $f (= c + h \text{ of last node})$  for each path in  $P$

$fnew \leftarrow$  minimum of  $fnew$  and smallest new f-value larger than  $fbound$

    Remove paths with  $f > fbound$  from  $P$

    Add paths of  $P$  to front of  $Q$

**end while**

**if**  $G$  reached **then**

    Success

**else**

Start over with  $fbound \leftarrow fnew$

**end if**