- 1. Read about the general operation of the following search strategies for both tree search and graph search
  - 1. Depth first search
  - 2. Breadth First Search
  - 3. Uniform cost search
  - 4. Greedy search
  - 5. A\* search

#### Answers

## 1. Depth First Search

# Operation:

It explores as far as possible along a branch before backtracking.

#### Tree Search:

In a tree search, DFS uses stacks data structure to keep track of nodes to visit.

# **Graph Search:**

In graph search, DFS maintains a set of visited nodes to avoid revisiting and pushing unvisited neighbors onto the stack.

#### 2. Breadth First Search

## Operation:

It explores neighbors at a current depth level before moving to the next level.

### **Tree Search:**

In a tree search, BFS uses queues data structure to visit node in a level-wise manner.

### **Graph Search:**

In graph search, BFS maintains a set of visited nodes to avoid revisiting and enqueue unvisited neighbors.

#### 3. Uniform Cost Search

## **Operation:**

It selects the path with the lowest cost.

### **Tree Search:**

In a tree search, UCS uses priority queue or min-heap based on cumulative path cost.

## **Graph Search:**

In graph search, UCS maintains a set of visited nodes and updates the cost of a lower-cost path till a visited node is found.

# 4. Greedy Search

## Operation:

It selects the path that appears to be the best based on a heuristic while ignoring the path cost.

### Tree Search:

In a tree search, Greedy search uses priority queue based on the heuristic estimate.

# **Graph Search:**

In graph search, Greedy search operates like in tree search but maintains a set of visited nodes to avoid loops.

#### 5. A\* Search

## Operation:

A\* combines the cost so far and heuristic to select the most promising path.

### Tree Search:

In a tree search, A\* search uses a priority queue based on the sum of the cost and heuristic estimate.

## **Graph Search:**

In graph search, A\* search operates similar to tree search but maintains a set of visited nodes and updates the cost if a lower-cost path is found