

# Graph Search

- Very simple fix: never expand a state type twice

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function GRAPH-SEARCH(problem, fringe) returns a solution, or failure
  closed ← an empty set
  fringe ← INSERT(MAKE-NODE(INITIAL-STATE[problem]), fringe)
  loop do
    if fringe is empty then return failure
    node ← 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 ← INSERT-ALL(EXPAND(node, problem), fringe)
  end
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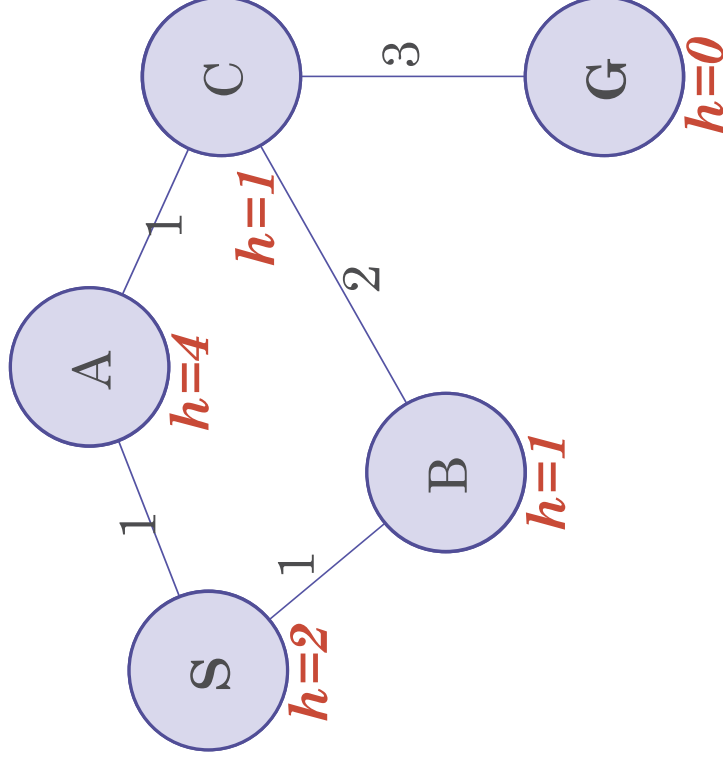


- Can this wreck completeness? Why or why not?
- How about optimality? Why or why not?

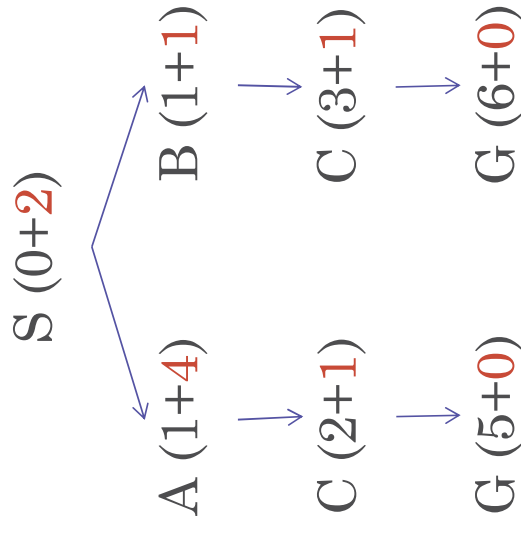


# A\* Graph Search Gone Wrong

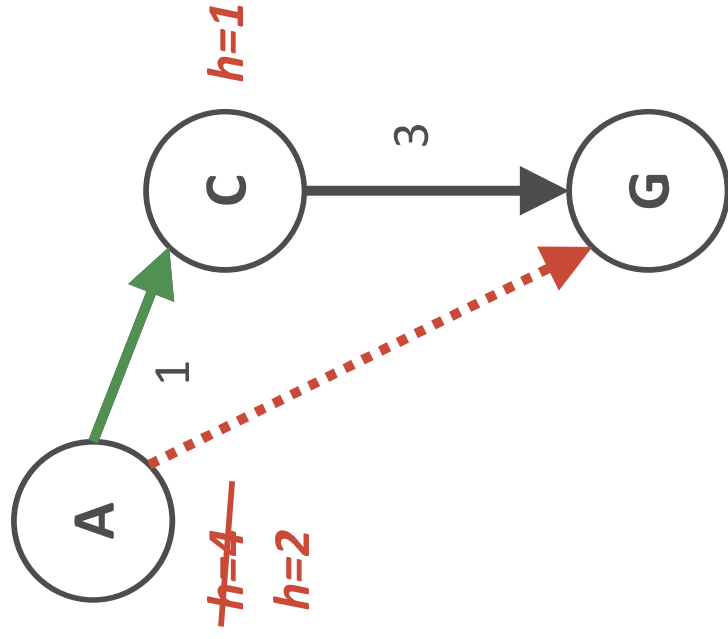
State space graph



Search tree



# Consistency of Heuristics



- Main idea: estimated heuristic costs  $\leq$  actual costs
- Admissibility: heuristic cost  $\leq$  actual cost to goal
$$h(A) \leq \text{actual cost from } A \text{ to } G$$
- Consistency: heuristic “arc” cost  $\leq$  actual cost for each arc
$$h(A) - h(C) \leq \text{cost}(A \text{ to } C)$$
- Consequences of consistency:
  - The f value along a path never decreases
$$h(A) \leq \text{cost}(A \text{ to } C) + h(C)$$
$$f(A) = g(A) + h(A) \leq g(A) + \text{cost}(A \text{ to } C) + h(C) \leq f(C)$$
- A\* graph search is optimal

