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# CIS 471/571 (Fall 2020): Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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# Announcement

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- Project 1
  - Deadline: Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Written Assignment <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - Will be posted today
  - Deadline: Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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# Today

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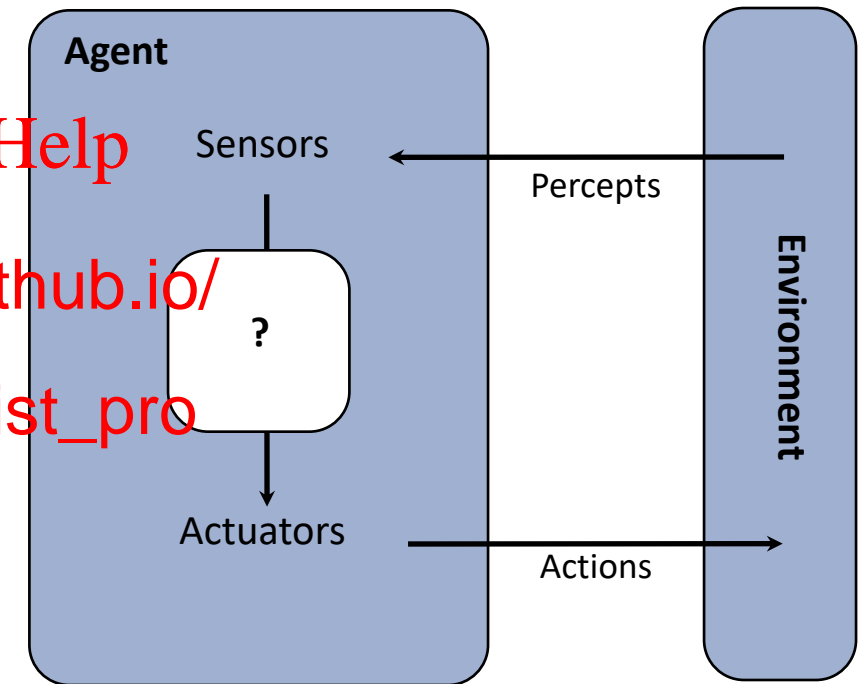
- Agents that Plan Ahead

- Search Problems
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- Uninformed Search Methods
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- Depth-First Search
  - Breadth-First Search
  - Uniform-Cost Search

# Rational Agents

- An **agent** is an entity that *perceives* and *acts*.
- A **rational agent** selects actions that maximize its **utility function**.
- Characteristics of the **problem environment**, and **action space** dictate techniques for selecting rational actions.



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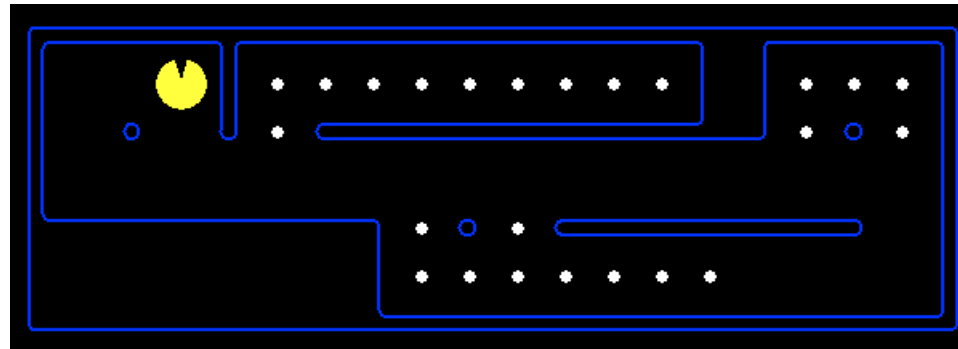
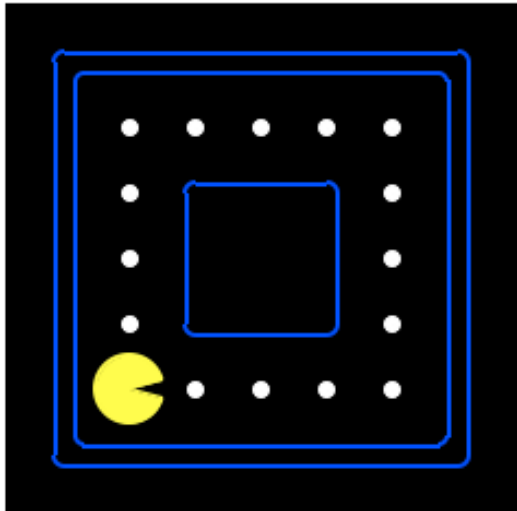
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# Reflex Agents

- Reflex agents:
  - Choose action based on current percept (and maybe memory)
  - Do not consider future conditions
  - Consider how the world <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
- Can a reflex agent be rational?  
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# Video of Demo Reflex Optimal

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# Video of Demo Reflex Odd

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# Goal-based Agents

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- Goal-based agents:
  - Plan ahead
  - Ask “what if”
  - Decisions based on (h consequences of actio
  - Must have a model of how the world evolves in response to actions
  - Act on how the world WOULD BE

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# Video of Demo Mastermind

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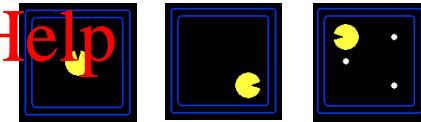


# Search Problem

- A **search problem** consists of:

- A state space

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- A successor function  
(with actions, costs)

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- A start state and a goal test

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- A **solution** is a sequence of actions (a plan) which transforms the start state to a goal state



# Example: Romania

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- State space:
  - Cities
- Successor function: Assignment Project Exam Help
  - Go to adj city with cos  
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- Start state: Add WeChat edu\_assist\_pro
  - Arad
- Goal test:
  - Is state == Bucharest?
- Solution?



# What is in State Space

The **world state** includes every last detail of the environment

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- Problem: Pathing
  - States: (x,y) location
  - Actions: NSEW
  - Successor: update location only
  - Goal test: is (x,y)=END
- Problem: Eat-All-Dots
  - States: {(x,y), dot booleans}
  - Actions: NSEW
  - Successor: update location and possibly a dot boolean
  - Goal test: dots all false

# State Space Size

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- Search Problem:  
Eat all of the food
- Pacman positions:  $10 \times 12 = 120$
- Pacman facing: up, down, left, right
- Food Count: 30
- Ghost positions: 12
- How many
- World states?  $120 \times (2^{30}) \times (12^2) \times 4$
- States for pathing? 120
- States for eat-all-dots?  $120 \times (2^{30})$

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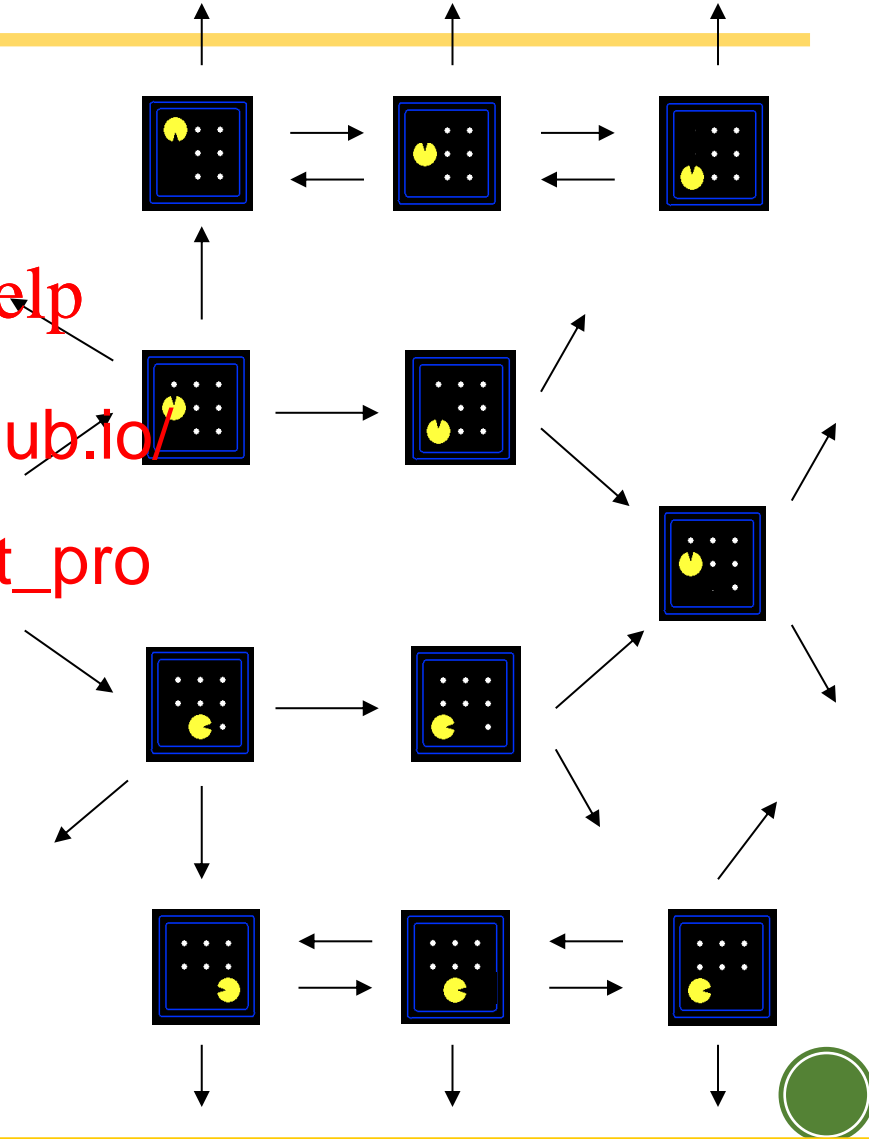
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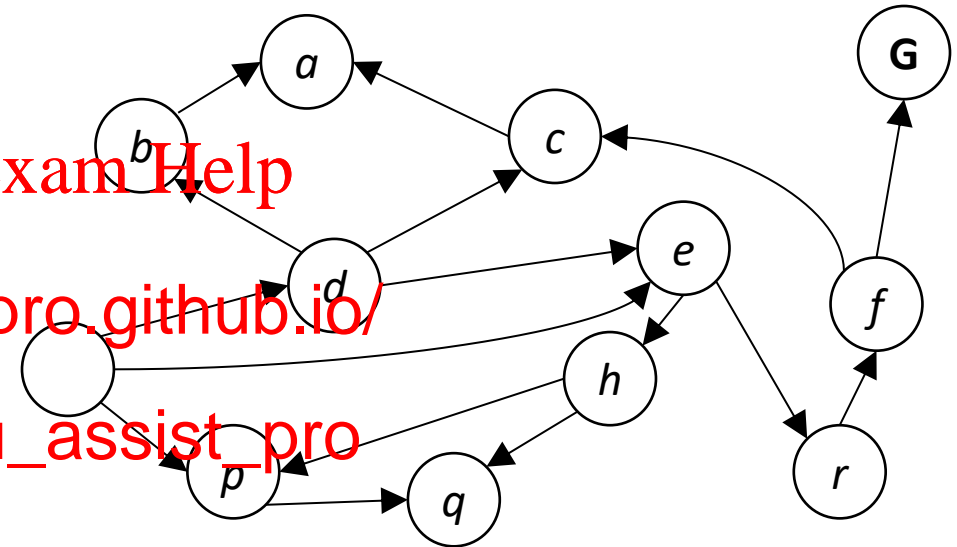
# State Space Graphs

- State space graph: A mathematical representation of a search problem
  - Nodes are (abstracted) world configurations
  - Arcs represent successors (action results)
  - The goal test is a set of goal nodes (one)
- In a state space graph, each state occurs only once!
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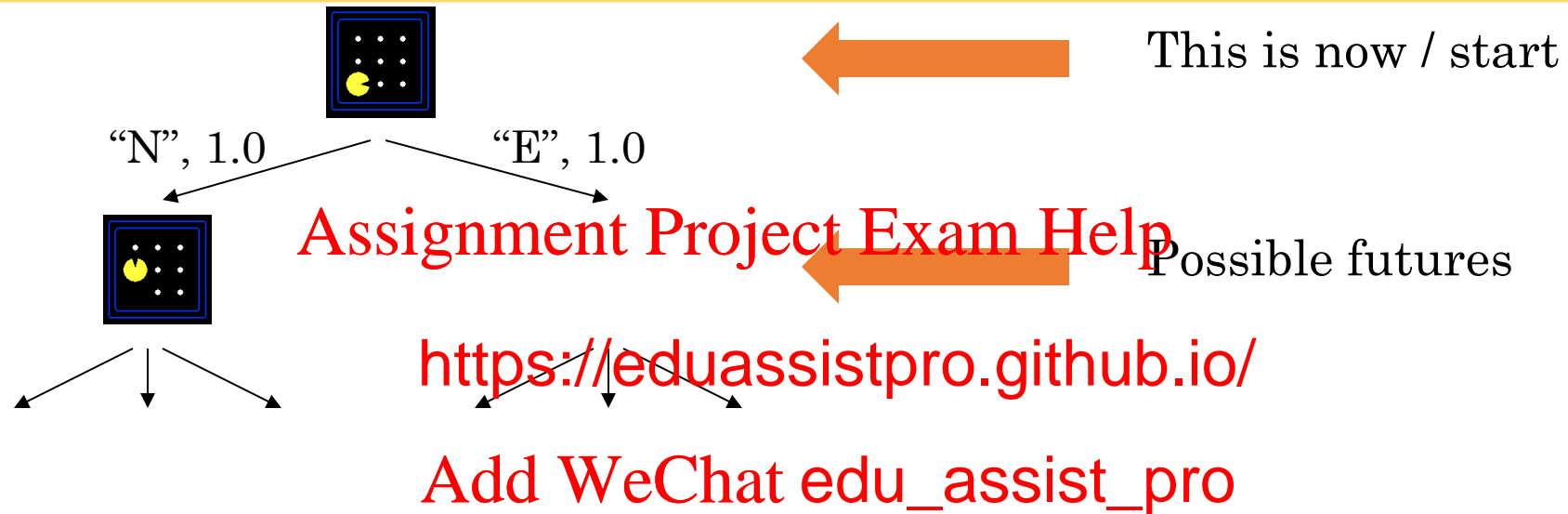
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*Tiny state space graph for a tiny search problem*



# Search Trees



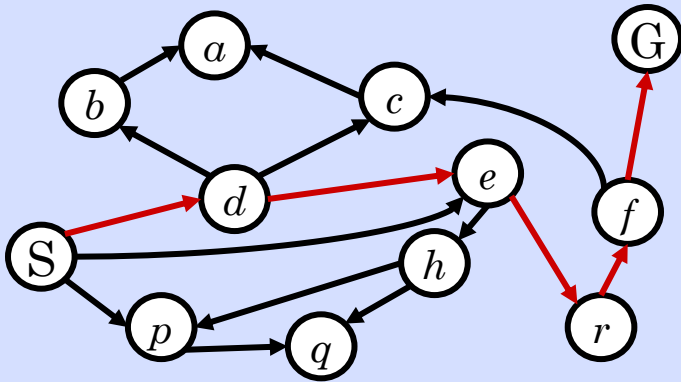
- A search tree:
  - A “what if” tree of plans and their outcomes
  - The start state is the root node
  - Children correspond to successors
  - Nodes show states, but correspond to PLANS that achieve those states
  - For most problems, we can never actually build the whole tree





# State Space Graphs vs. Search Trees

# State Space Graph



Each **NODE** in  
the search tree  
is an entire  
**PATH** in the

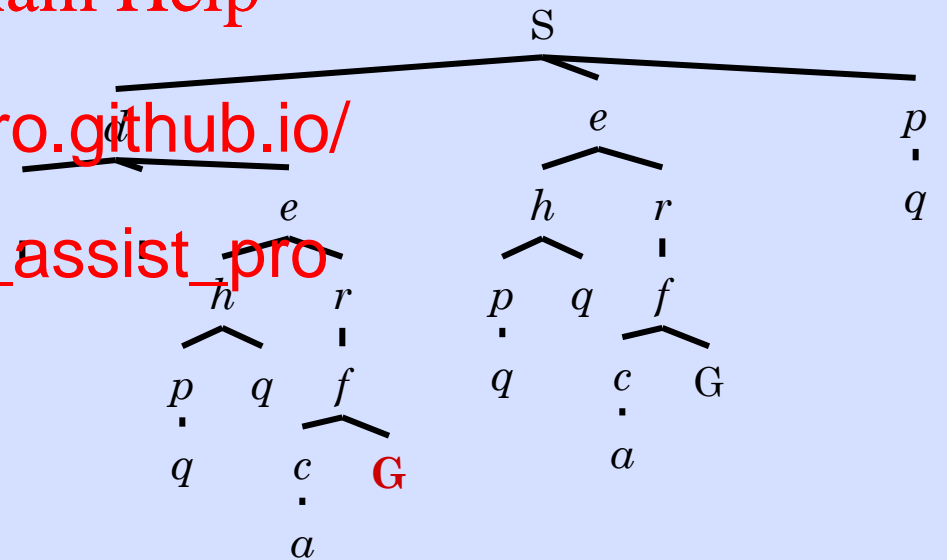
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*We construct both  
on demand – and  
we construct as  
little as possible.*

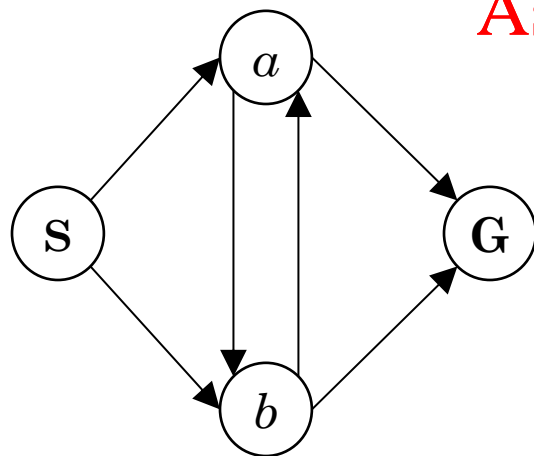
# Search Tree



# Quiz: State Space Graphs vs. Search Trees

Consider this 4-state graph:

How big is its search tree (from S)?



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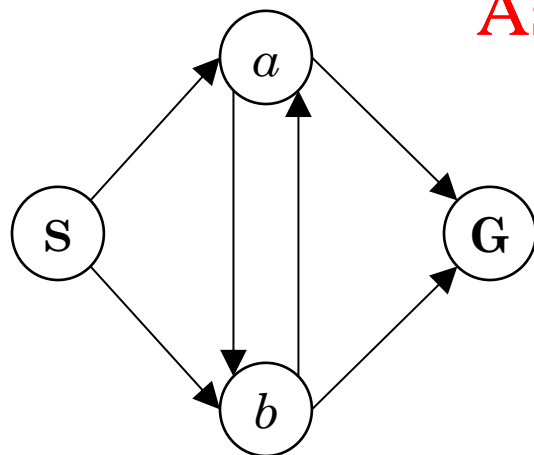
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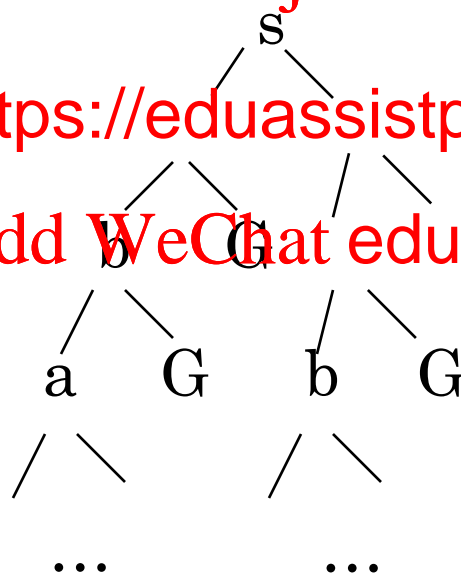
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Important: Lots of repeated structure in the search tree!



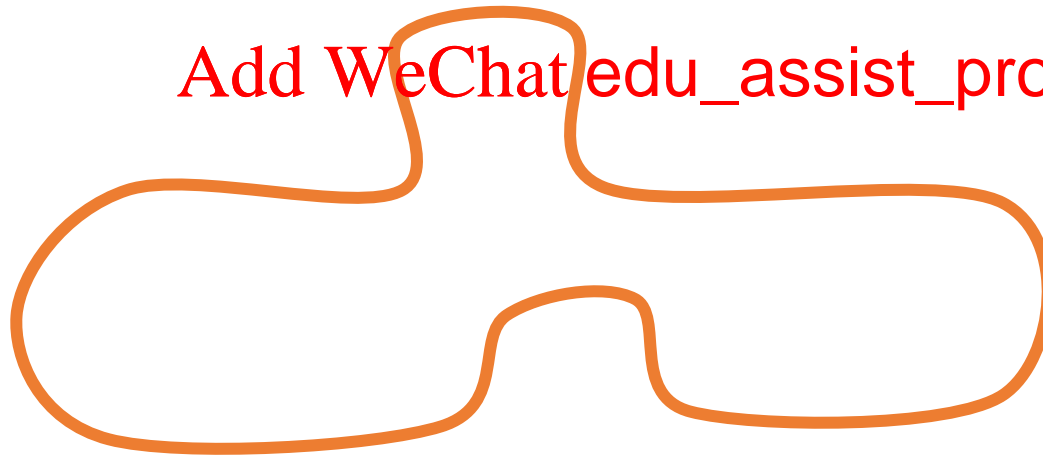
# Tree Search

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# Search Example: Romania

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# Searching with a Search Tree

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- Search:
  - Expand out potential plans (tree nodes)
  - Maintain a **fringe** of partial plans under consideration
  - Try to expand as few tree nodes as possible



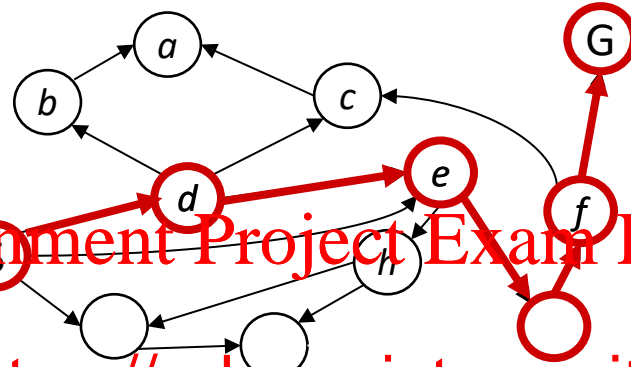
# General Tree Search

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- Tree Search
  - Initialize the *root node* of the search tree with the *start state*
  - While there are nodes (fringe):
    - Choose a leaf node
    - If the node contains a goal state, return the corresponding path
    - Else: expand the node and add its children to the tree
- Important ideas:
  - Fringe
  - Expansion
- Strategy: which fringe nodes to explore?



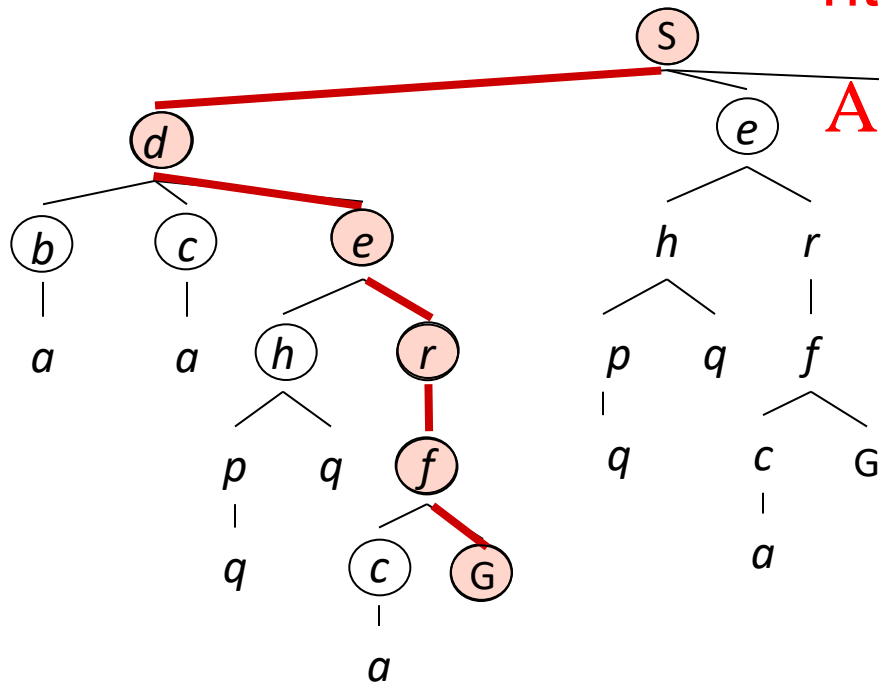
# Example: Tree Search



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# Depth-First Search (DFS)

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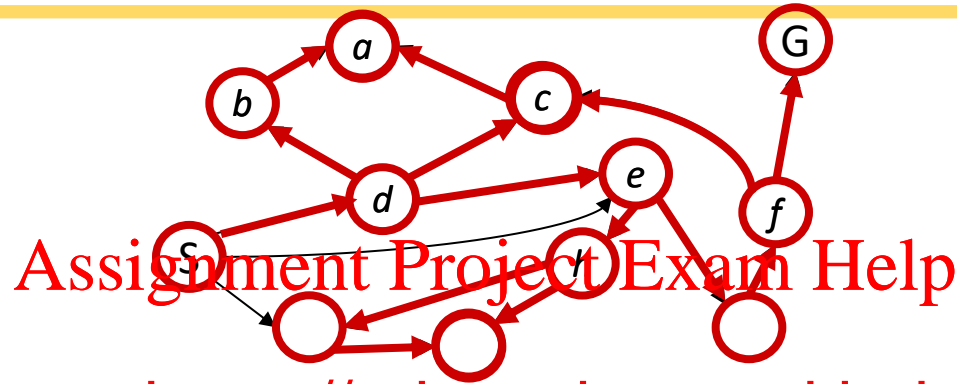
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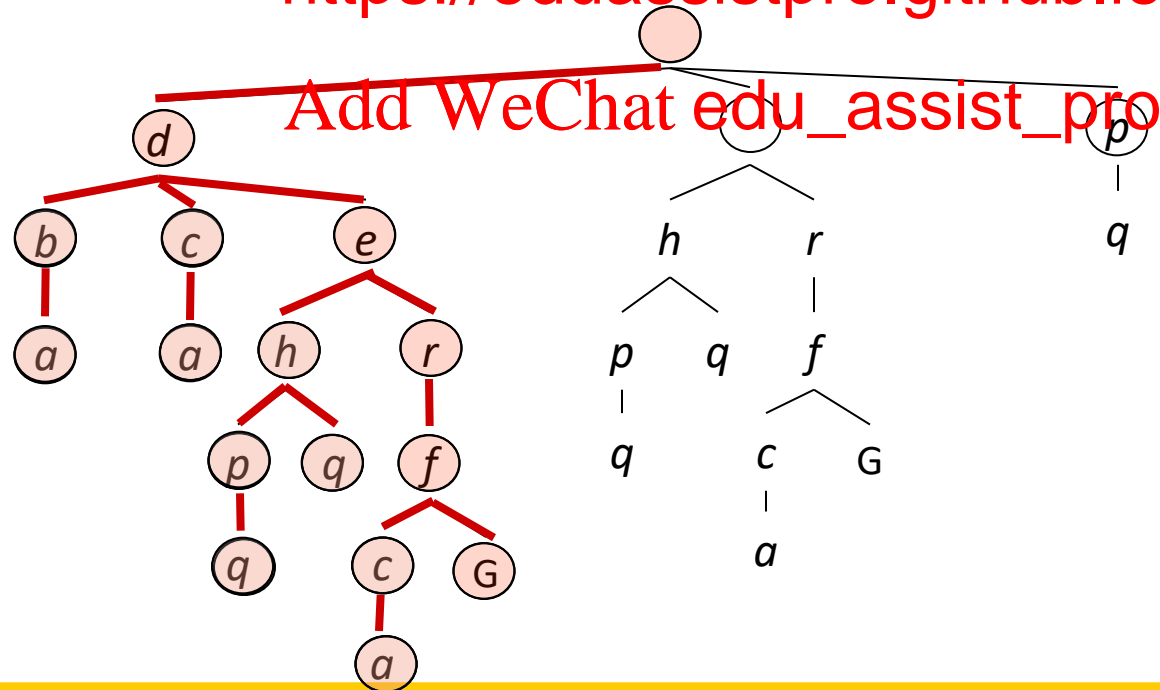
# Depth-First Search (DFS)

*Strategy: expand a  
deepest node first*

*Implementation: Fringe  
is a LIFO stack*



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# Search Algorithm Properties

- Complete: Guaranteed to find a solution if one exists?
- Optimal: Guaranteed to find the least cost path?
- Time complexity?
- Space complexity?

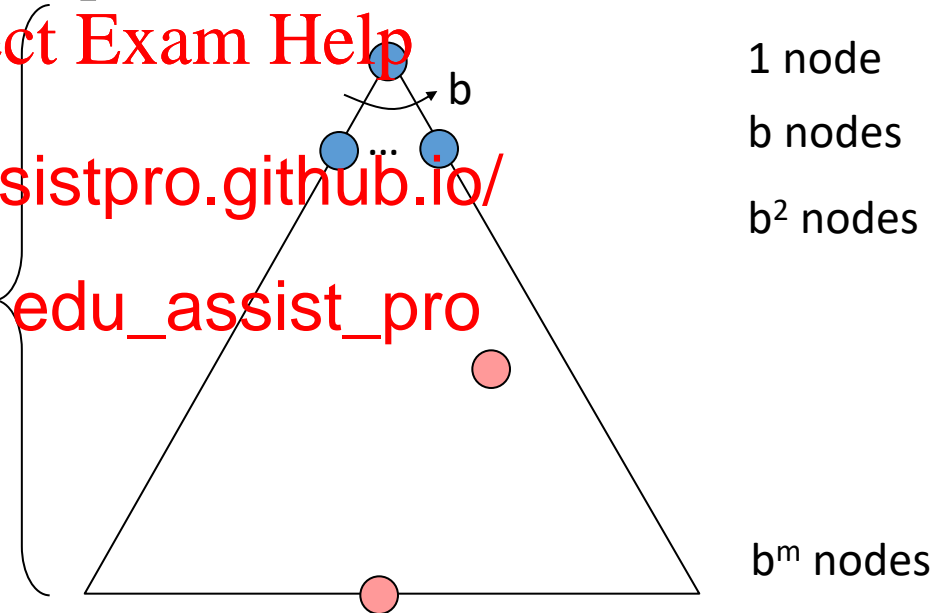
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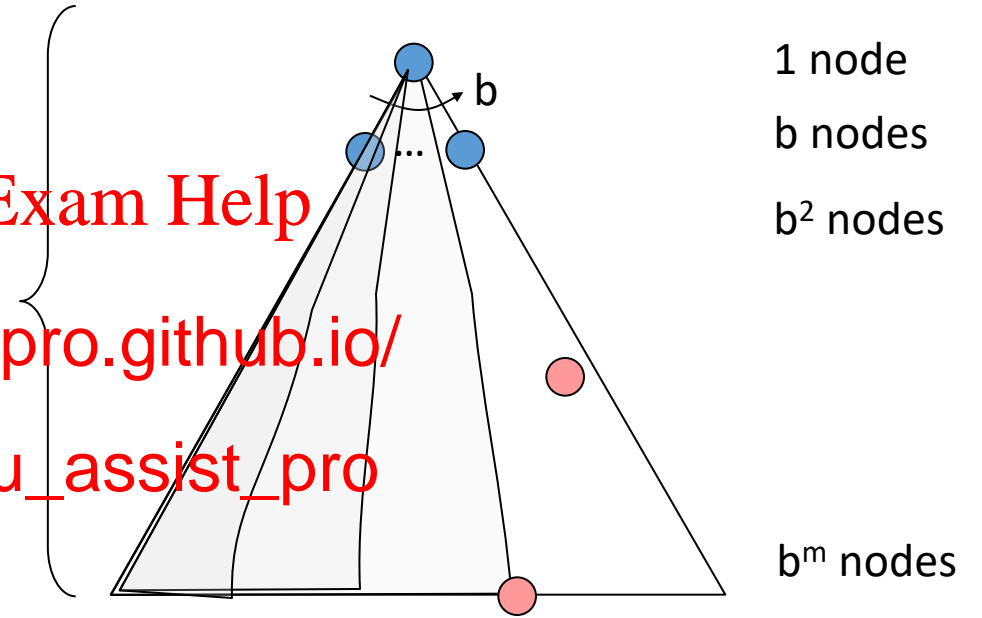
- Cartoon of search tree:
  - $b$  is the branching factor
  - $m$  is the maximum depth
  - solutions at various depths

- Number of nodes in entire tree?
  - $1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^m = O(b^m)$



# DFS Properties

- What nodes DFS expand?
  - Some left prefix of the tree.
  - Could process the whole tree!
  - If  $m$  is finite, takes time  $O(b^m)$
- How much space does the frontier take?
  - Only has siblings on path to root, so  $O(bm)$
- Is it complete?
  - $m$  could be infinite, so only if we prevent cycles (more later)
- Is it optimal?
  - No, it finds the “leftmost” solution, regardless of depth or cost



# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

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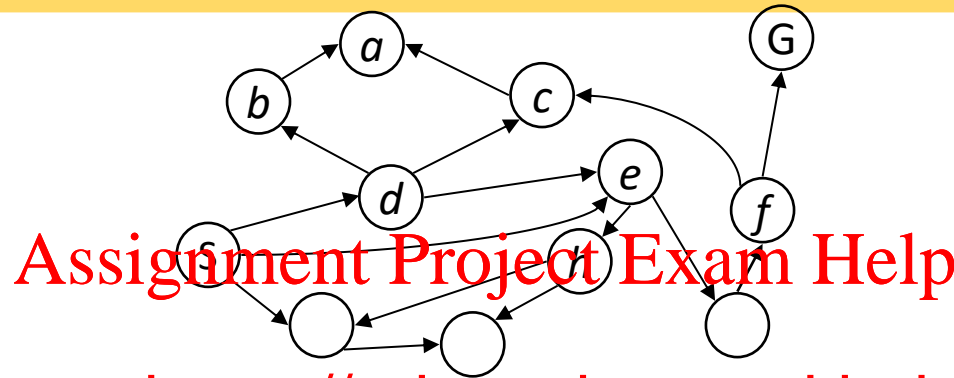
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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

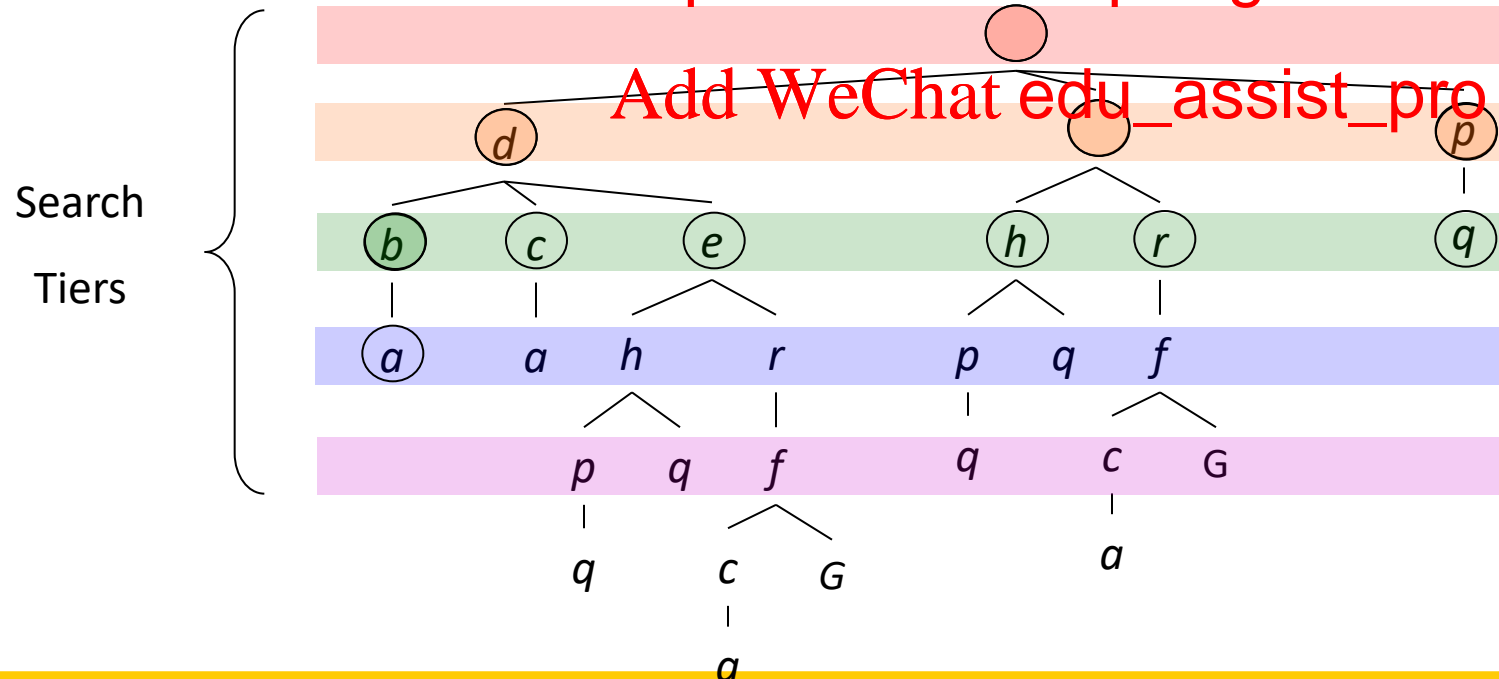
*Strategy: expand a shallowest node first*

*Implementation:*  
*Fringe is a FIFO queue*



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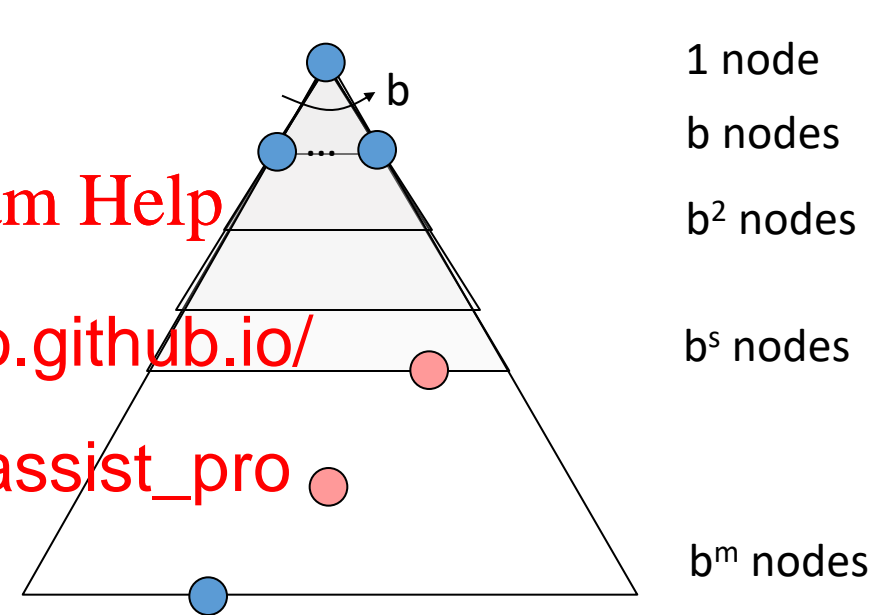
# BFS Properties

- What nodes does BFS expand?
  - Processes all nodes above shallowest solution
  - Let depth of shallowest solution be  $s$
  - Search takes time  $O(b^s)$

- How much space does the fri
  - $O(b^{s+1})$

- Is it complete?
  - s must be finite if a solution exists, so yes!

- Is it optimal?
  - Only if costs are all 1 (more on costs later)



# DFS vs BFS

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- When will BFS outperform DFS?

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- When will DFS outperform

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# Iterative Deepening

- Idea: get DFS's space advantage with BFS's time / shallow-solution advantages

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- Run a DFS with depth limit 1. If no solution...

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- Run a DFS with depth limit 2. If no solution...

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- Run a DFS with depth limit 3. ....

- Isn't that wastefully redundant?

- Generally most work happens in the lowest level searched, so not so bad!

