

## PS3.6 Notes: Planning in a Grid World

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In lecture, we covered the following search algorithm:

26 SOURCE: S. M. LaValle: Planning Algorithms

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```
FORWARD-SEARCH
1  Q.Insert( $x_i$ )
2  while Q not empty do
3     $x \leftarrow Q.GetFirst()$ 
4    if  $x \in X_g$ 
5      return SUCCESS
6    forall  $u \in U(x)$ 
7       $x' \leftarrow f(x, u)$ 
8      if  $x'$  not visited
9        Mark  $x'$  as visited
10       Q.Insert( $x'$ )
11    else
12      Resolve duplicate  $x'$ 
13  return FAILURE
```

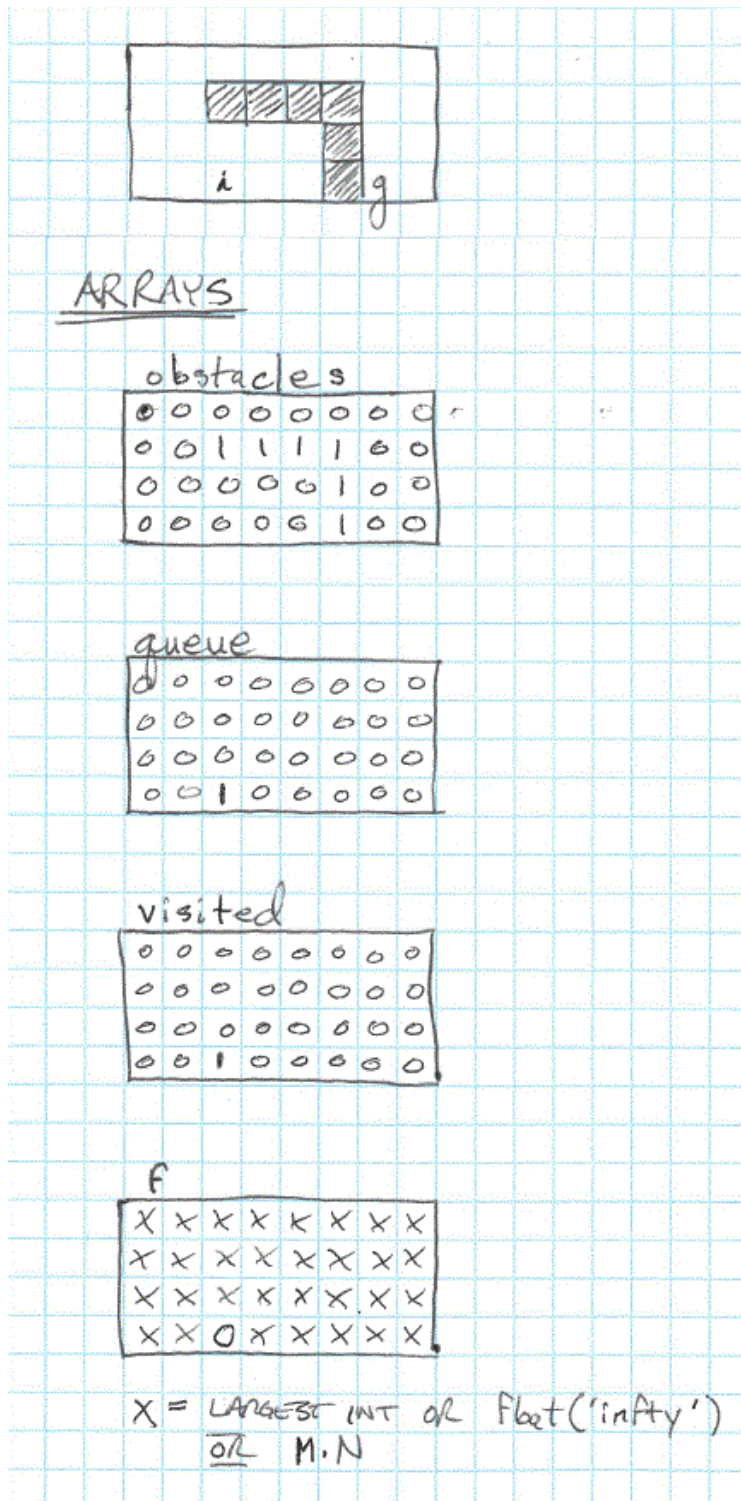
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Figure 2.5: A general template for forward search.

We also covered the [Swapping Counters notebook](#), which included this Python implementation of the above in the case of BFS, which follows the above almost line-by-line:

```
# Forward-Search Loop [LIST IMPLEMENTATION SHOWN]
while len(newreach)>0:
    b = newreach.pop(0)
    if b == goal:
        print("goal found: moves=", reachable[b], ", elapsed=",
time()-start_time)
        break
    for move in possible_moves(b):
        if move not in reachable:
            newreach.append(move)
            reachable[move] = reachable[b]+1
        else: # resolve (f(n)=depth(n) would never be revised for BFS)
            if reachable[b]+1 < reachable[move]:
                print("revised", b, move, reachable[b]+1, reachable[move] )
                reachable[move] = reachable[b]+1
```

You can also implement the algorithm without lists, priority queues, etc. using arrays like this:



```

FORWARD_SEARCH
1  Q.Insert(xi)
2  while Q not empty do
3    x ← Q.GetFirst()
4    if x ∈ Xg
5      return SUCCESS
6    forall u ∈ U(x)
7      x' ← f(x, u)
8      if x' not visited
9        Mark x' as visited
10       Q.Insert(x')
11     else
12       Resolve duplicate x'
13  return FAILURE
  
```

To the left, f is an array holding the total cost f(n) for node n

Adding one for g(n) can help for A\* and UCS, too!

In any case, think about ...

... How do you perform Q.insert in this case?

... How do you perform GetFirst?