

# **Artificial Intelligence**

## **Agents - Searching**

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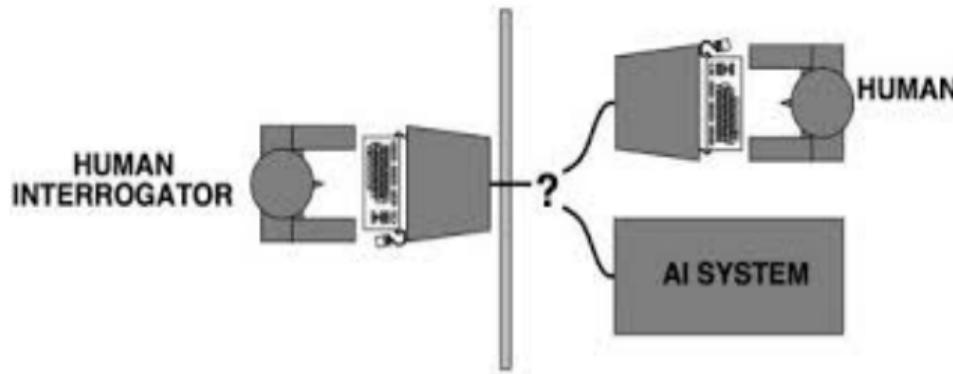
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# Definition of AI

- “Intelligence: The ability to learn and solve problems”  
Webster’s Dictionary.
- “Artificial intelligence (AI) is the intelligence exhibited by machines or software”  
Wikipedia.
- “The science and engineering of making intelligent machines”  
John McCarthy.
- “The study and design of intelligent agents, where an intelligent agent is a system  
that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chances of  
success.”  
Russel and Norvig AI book.

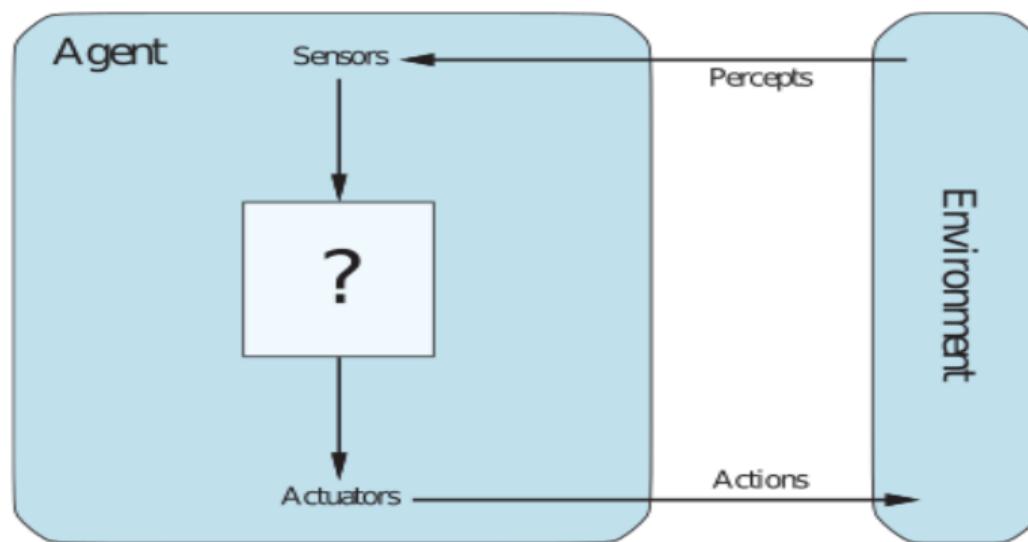
# Turing Test



- **Interrogator** posing written questions to **Human** and **Computer**.
- **Human** and **Computer** response.
- **Computer** pass the **Test** if **Interrogator** cannot know responses come from a **Human** or from a **Computer**.

# Agents and Environments

- **Agent:** is anything, can be viewed as:
  - perceiving its **environment** through **sensors**
  - acting upon that **environment** through **actuators**



# Agents and Environments

- **Human Agent:**

- Sensors: eyes, ears, ...
- Actuators: hands, legs, mouth, ...

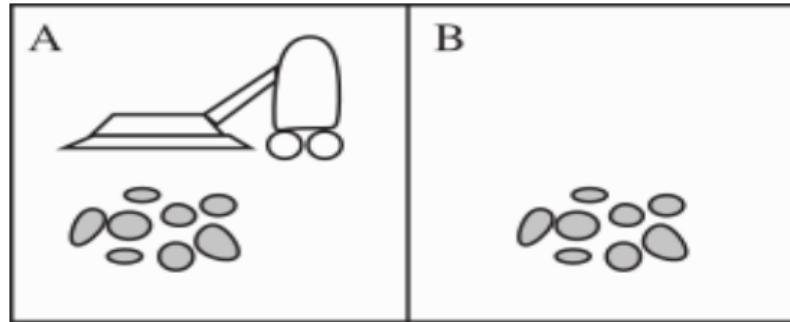
- **Robotic agent:**

- Sensors: Cameras and infrared.
- Actuators: Various motors.

- **Agents everywhere!**

- Cell phone
- Vacuum cleaner
- Robot
- Self-driving car
- Human
- ...

# Vacuum Cleaner



- Percepts: location and contents e.g., [A, Dirty].
- Actions: Left, Right, Suck, NoOp.
- Agent function: mapping from percepts to actions.

Percept	Action
[A, clean]	Right
[A, dirty]	Suck
[B, clean]	Left
[B, dirty]	Suck

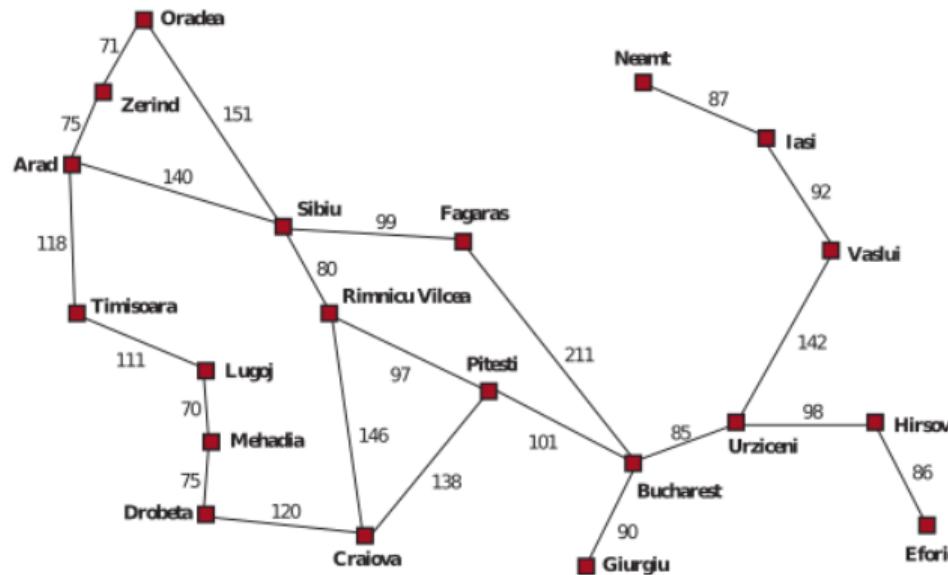
# Intelligent agents

- Central in AI.
- AI aims to design intelligent agents that are useful, reactive, autonomous and even social and pro-active.
- An agent perceives its environment through percept and acts through actuators.
- A performance measure evaluates the behavior of the agent.
- An agent that acts to maximize its expected performance measure is called a rational agent.
- Agents can improve their performance through **learning**.

**Agent = Architecture + Program**

# Romania Problem

Agent in **Arad** city and go to **Bucharest** city by road.



A simplified road map of part of Romania.

# Search Problems and Solutions

Search problem can be defined formally as follows:

- **States**: An instance of the some aspect of the problem.
- **State space**: A set of all possible states. e.g Cities in Romania problem map.
- **Initial state**: Agent starts in. For example: Arad.
- **Goal states**: One or set of state must reach.

# Search Problems and Solutions

Search problem can be defined formally as follows:

- **Actions**: Some thing agent can do. Given a state  $s$ ,  $\text{Action}(s)$  returns a finite set of actions that can be executed in  $s$ .  
e.g.  $\text{Action}(\text{Arad}) = \{\text{ToSibiu}, \text{ToTimisoara}, \text{ToZerind}\}$ .
- **Transition model**: Describes what each action does.  
 $\text{Result}(s, a)$  returns the state that results from doing action  $a$  in state  $s$ .  
e.g.  $\text{Result}(\text{Arad}, \text{ToZerind}) = \text{Zerind}$
- **Action cost function**:  $\text{A-Cost}(s, a, s')$  gives numeric cost of applying action  $a$  in state  $s$  to reach state  $s'$ .

The state space can be represented as a graph in which the **vertices are states** and **edges are actions**

# Problem Searching

## 1. Define the problem through:

- Goal formulation.
- Problem formulation.

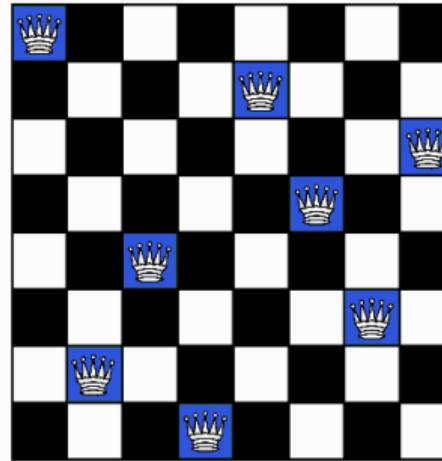
## 2. Solving the problem as a 2-stage process:

- Search: exploration of several possibilities.
- Execute the solution found

# Problem formulation

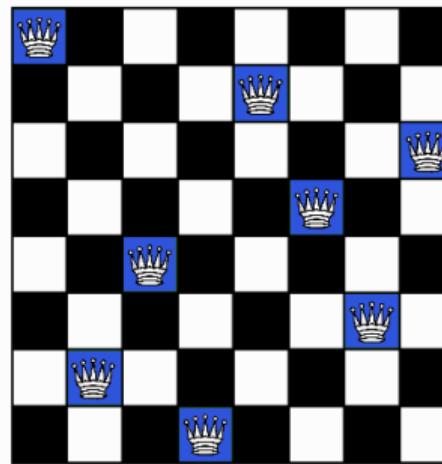
1. **Initial state:** The state in which the agent starts.
2. **States (State space):** All states reachable from the initial state by any sequence of actions.
3. **Actions (Action space):** Possible actions available to the agent. At a state  $s$ , **Actions( $s$ )** returns the set of actions that can be executed in state  $s$ .
4. **Transition model:** A description of what each action does **Results( $s, a$ )**.
5. **Goal test:** Determines if a given state is a goal state.
6. **Path cost:** Function that assigns a numeric cost to a path w.r.t. performance measure.

# 8-Queen Problem



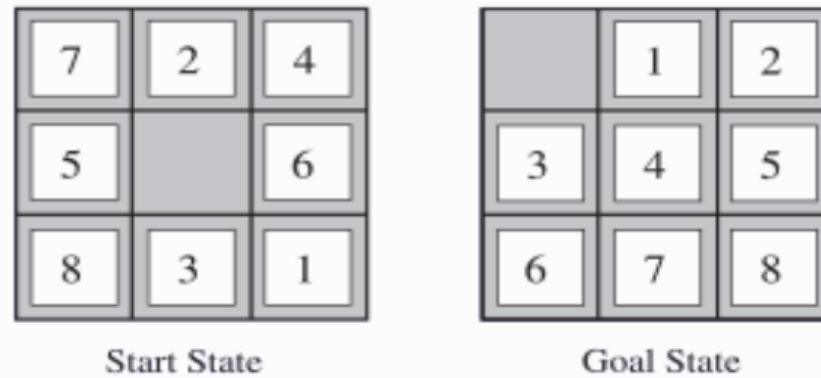
- Place 8 queens so that no queen is attacking any other horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Number of possible sequences to investigate:  
 $64 * 63 * 62 * \dots * 57 = 1.8 * 10^{14}$

# 8-Queens Problem



1. **Initial state:** Any arrangement of 0 to 8 queens on the board is a state.
2. **States:** No queen on the board.
3. **Actions:** Add a queen to any empty square.
4. **Transition model:** Returns the board with a queen added to the specified square.
5. **Goal test:** 8 queens on the board with none attacked.

# 8-puzzle Problem

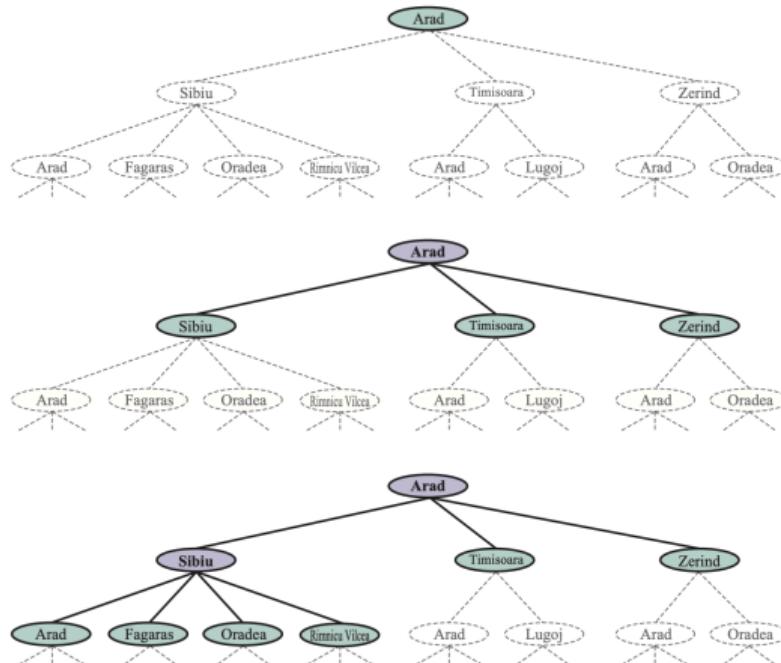


1. **States:** Location of each of the 8 tiles in the 3x3 grid.
2. **Initial state:** Any state.
3. **Actions:** Move Left, Right, Up or Down.
4. **Transition model:** Given a state and an action, returns resulting state.
5. **Goal test:** State matches the goal configuration.
6. **Path cost:** Each step costs 1. Path cost is the number of steps in the path.

# Search Algorithms

- **States space:** Graph is formed by various paths from the initial state, trying to find a path that reaches a goal state.
- **Search tree:** Describes paths between these states, reaching towards the goal.
- **Node:** Corresponds to a state in the states space.

# Search Trees

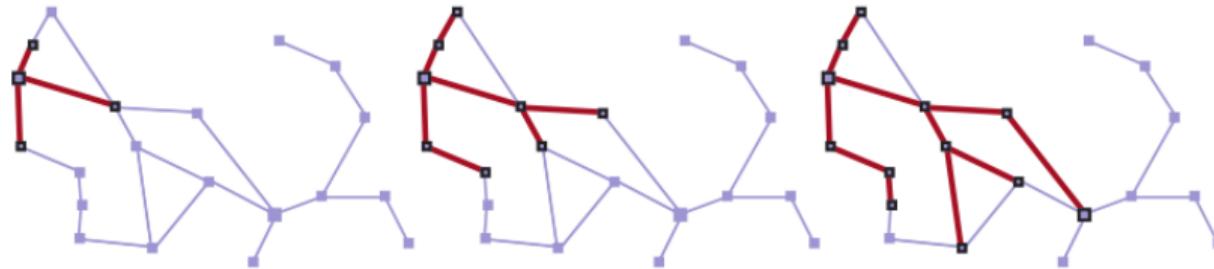


3 partial search trees for finding a route from **Arad** to **Bucharest**.

# Search Trees

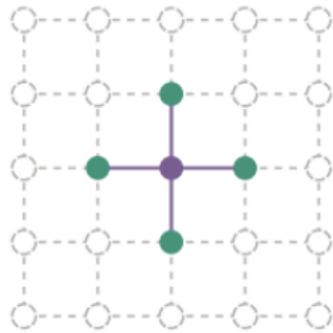
- **Expanded**: set of Lavender Nodes.
- **Frontier**: Generated node but not yet expanded. (Green nodes).
- Reached nodes = **Expanded nodes + Frontier nodes**.

# Sequence of Search Trees

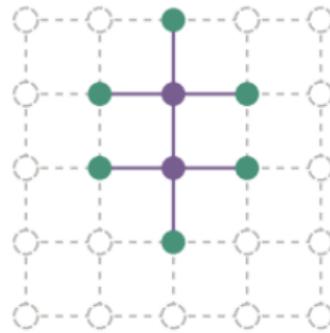


Sequence of search trees generated by a graph search on the Romania problem.

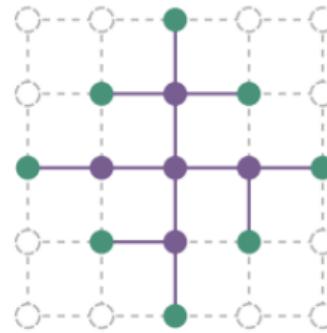
# Property of graph search



(a)



(b)



(c)

- **Frontier:** Set of nodes (and corresponding states) that have been reached but not yet expanded.
- **Interior:** Set of nodes (and corresponding states) that have been expanded.
- **Exterior:** Set of states that have not been reached.

# Best-first Search

```
func Best-First-Search(problem,f) return Solution node or Failure
    node ← Node(State = problem.Initial)
    frontier ← a priority Queue by f, node as an element
    reached ← lookup table, with key problem.Initial and value node
    while not Empty (frontier) do
        node ← Pop (frontier)
        if problem.Goal(node.State) then
            ↳ return node
        foreach child ∈ Expand (problem, node) do
            s ← child.State
            if problem.Goal(s) then
                ↳ return child
            if s ∉ reached or child.P-Cost < reached[s].P-Cost then
                reached ← child
                add child to frontier
    return Failure
```

## function Expand

```
func Expand(problem, node) yields nodes
    s ← node.State
    foreach action ∈ problem.Action(s) do
        s' ← problem.Result(s, action)
        cost ← node.P-Cost + problem.A-Cost(s, action, s')
        yields Node(State = s', Parent = node, Action = action,
                    P-Cost = cost)
```

# Data Structures

Data structure help to keep track of the search tree.

## A node with four components:

- *node.State*: the state to which the node corresponds.
- *node.Parent*: the node in the tree that generated this node.
- *node.Action*: the action that was applied to the parent's state to generate this node;
- *node.P-Cost*: the total cost of the path from the initial state to this node.

## Data structure of frontier:

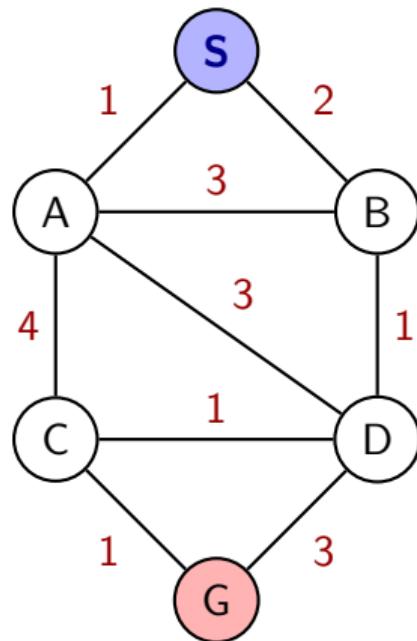
- **Empty**(*frontier*)
- **Pop**(*frontier*)
- **Top**(*frontier*)
- **Add**(*node, frontier*)

## Three type of queue:

- Priority queue
- FIFO queue
- LIFO queue

# Example

## Best-first Search using Priority Queue.

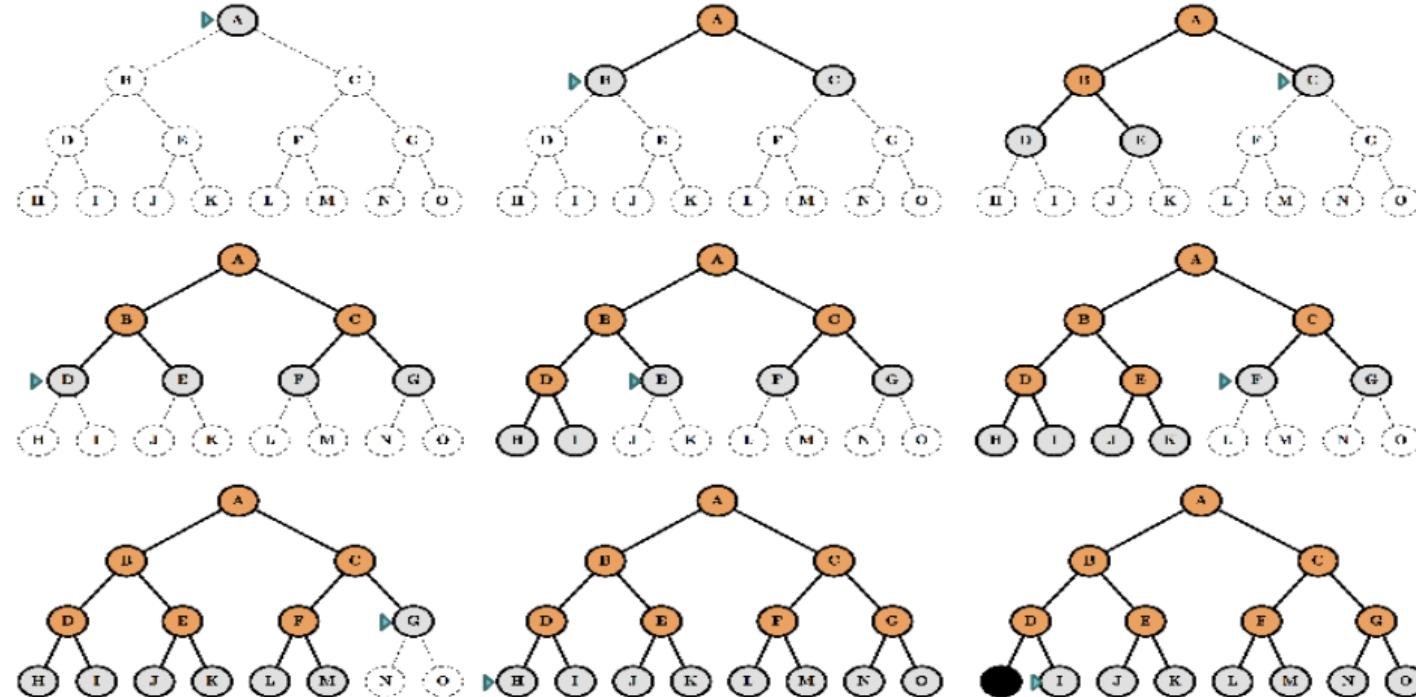


No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Priority Queue]
0		S(0)
1	<b>S(0)</b>	<u>A(1)</u> <u>B(2)</u>
2	A(1)	<u>B(2)</u> <u>C(5)</u> <u>D(4)</u>
3	B(2)	<u>C(5)</u> <u>D(4)</u> <u>D(3)</u>
4	D(3)	<u>C(5)</u> <u>C(4)</u> <u>G(6)</u>
5	C(4)	<u>G(6)</u> <u>G(5)</u>
6	<b>G(5)</b>	

$S \rightarrow B(2) \rightarrow D(3) \rightarrow C(4) \rightarrow G(5)$

# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

BFS: Expand **shallowest** first.



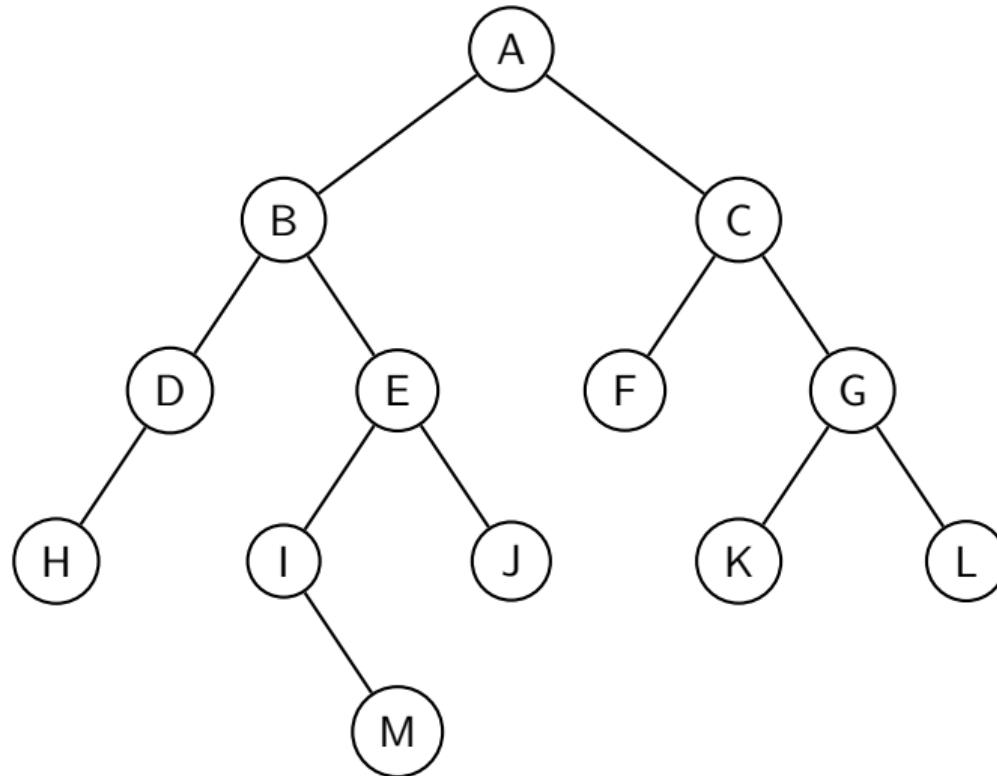
# BFS Search algo.

```
func Breadth-First-Search(problem) return Solution node or Failure
    node ← Node(problem.Initial)
    if problem.Goal (node.State) then
        return Solution (node)
    frontier ← a FIFO queue with node as an element
    reached ← problem.Initial
    while not Empty (frontier) do
        node ← Pop (frontier)
        foreach child ∈ Expand (problem, node) do
            s ← child.State
            if problem.Goal(s) then
                return child
            if s ∉ reached then
                add s to reached
                add child to frontier
    return Failure
```

# Expand Function

```
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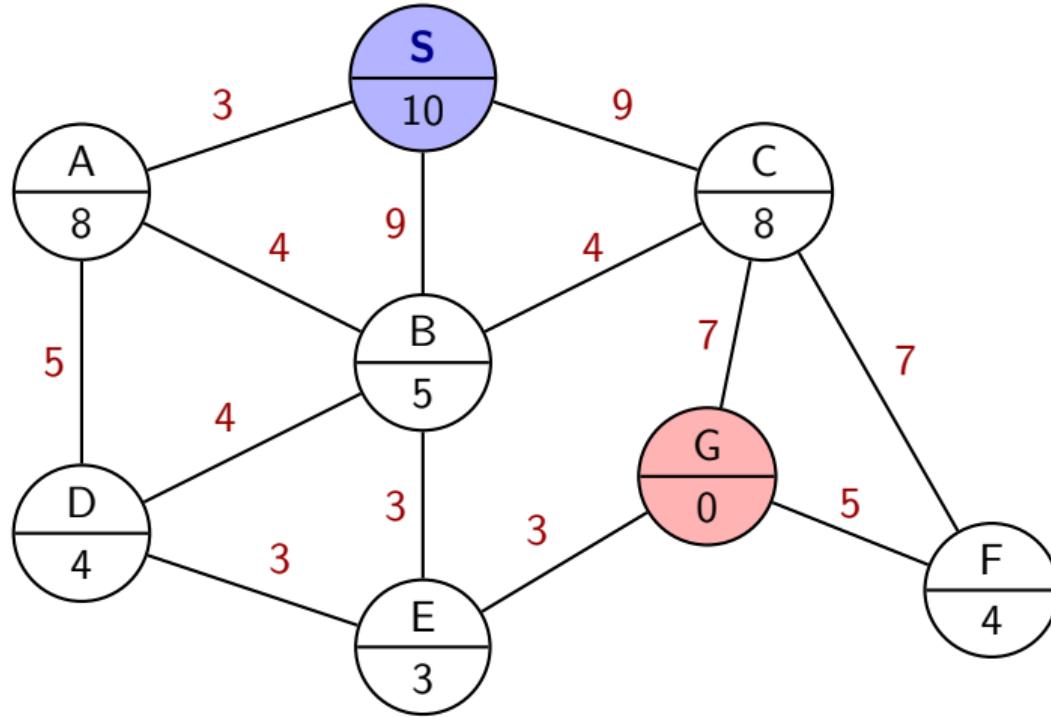
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No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Queue (Head-Tail)]
0		A
1	A	<u>B C</u>
2	B	C <u>D E</u>
3	C	D E <u>F G</u>
4	D	E F G <u>H</u>
5	E	F G H <u>I J</u>
6	F	G H I J
7	G	H I J <u>K L</u>
8	H	I J K L
9	I	J K L <u>M</u>
10	J	K L M
11	K	L M
12	L	M
13	M	

## e.g.02 BFS



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### Breadth-First Search

No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Queue (Head-Tail)]
0		S
1	S	A B C
2	A	B C D
3	B	C D E
4	C	D E G
5	D	E G
6	E	G
7	G	
$S \rightarrow C \rightarrow G$		

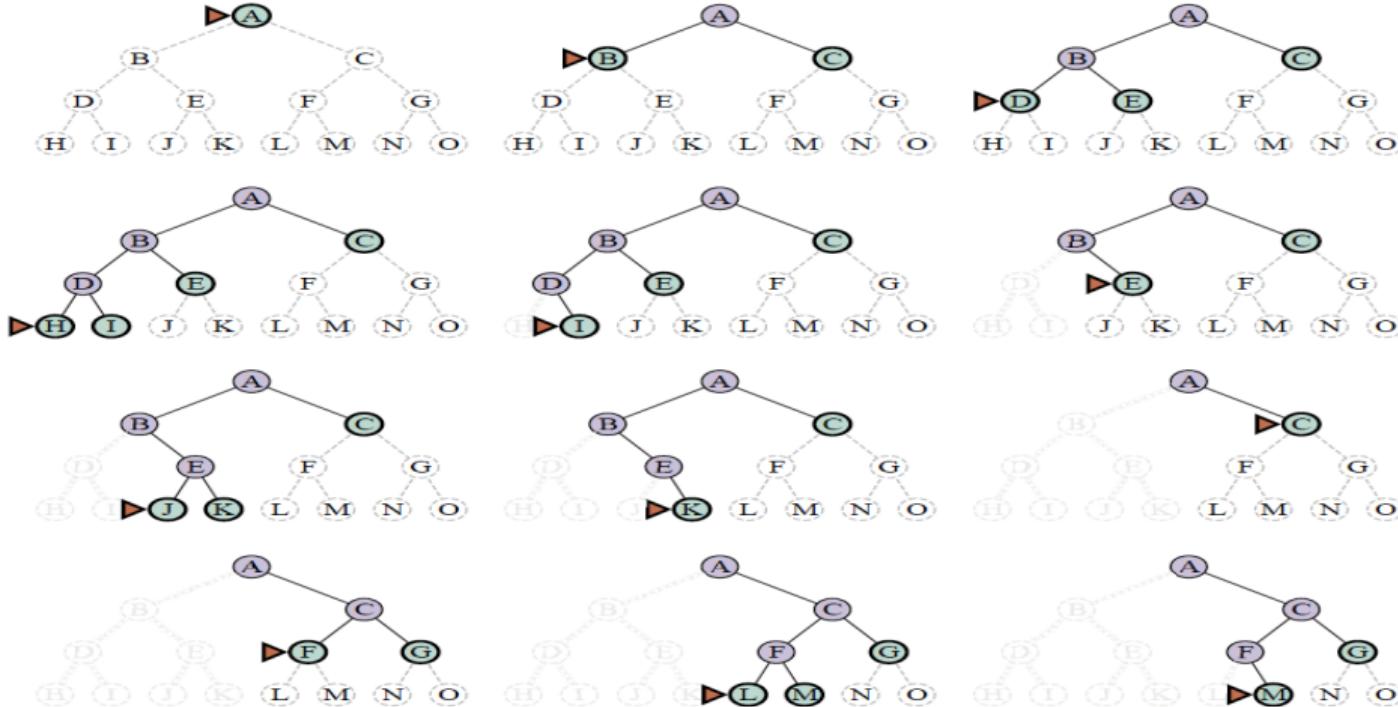
# Uniform-Cost Search

Uniform Cost search is the Best First search.

```
func Uniform-Cost-Search(problem) return Solution or Failure
    Best-First-Search(problem, PATH-COST)
```

## Depth-first Search (DFS)

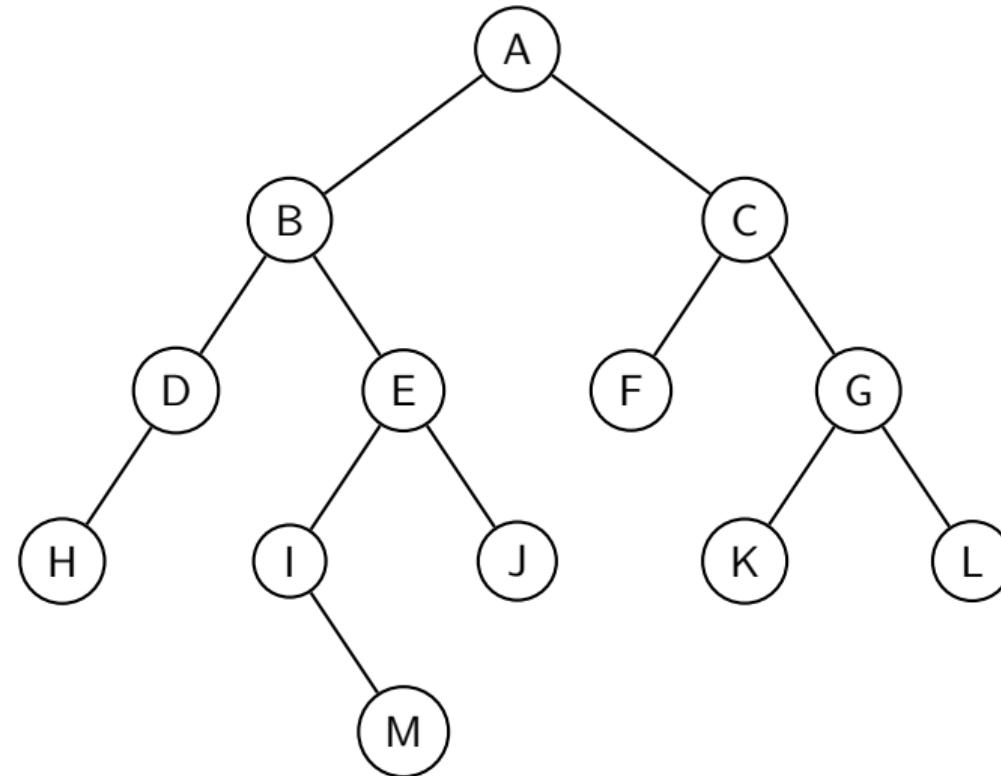
DFS: Expand **deepest** first.



# DFS Search

```
func Depth_First_Search(initialState, goalTest)
    frontier = Stack.new(initialState)
    explored = Set.new()
    while not frontier.isEmpty() do
        state = frontier.pop()
        explored.add(state)
        if goalTest(state) then
            return Solution (state)
        for neighbor ∈ state.neighbors() do
            if neighbor ∉ (frontier ∪ explored) then
                frontier.push(neighbor)
    return Failure
```

## e.g.01 DFS

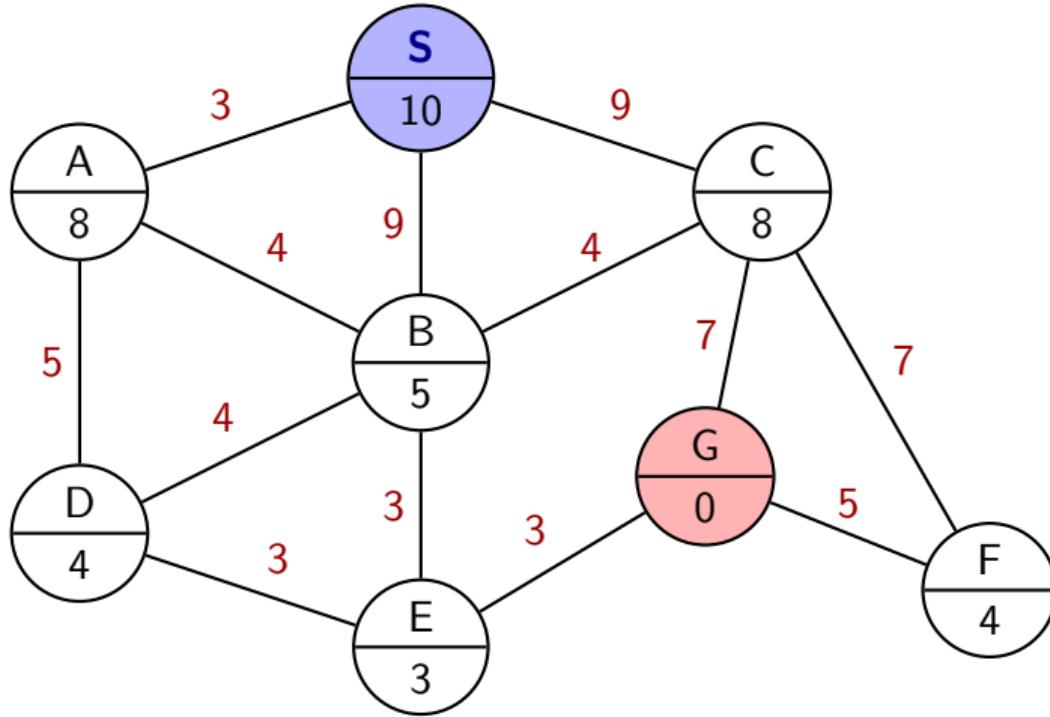


# e.g.01 DFS

## Depth-First Search

No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Stack (Bottom-Top)]
0		A
1	A	C B
2	B	C E D
3	D	C E H
4	H	C E
5	E	C J I
6	I	C J M
7	M	C J
8	J	C
9	C	G F
10	F	G
11	G	L K
12	K	L
13	L	

## e.g.02 DFS



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### Depth-First Search

No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Stack (Bottom-Top)]
0		S
1	S	<u>C B A</u>
2	A	C B <u>D</u>
3	D	C B <u>E</u>
4	E	C B <u>G</u>
5	G	C B

$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow G$

# Depth-Limited Search

```
func Depth_Limited_Search(problem, l)
    return node or failure or cutoff
    frontier ← a LIFO queue (stack) with Node(problem.Initial) as an element
    result ← failure
    while not Empty(frontier) do
        node ← Pop(frontier)
        if problem.Goal(node.State) then
            return node
        if Depth(node) > l then
            result ← cutoff
        else
            if not Cycle(node) then
                foreach child ∈ Expand(problem, node) do
                    add child to frontier
    return result
```

# Informed (Heuristic) Search

**Informed search** strategy:

1. Problem → Problem-specific knowledge.
2. Find solutions *more efficiently* than *uninformed strategy*.

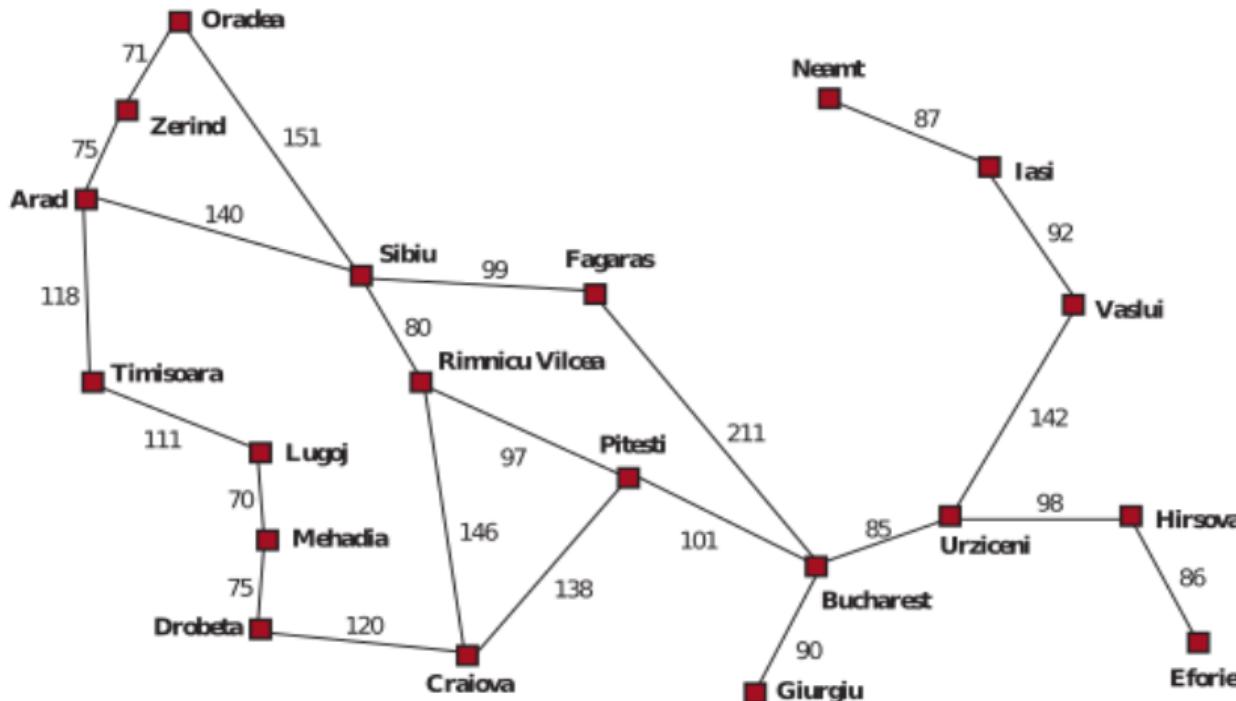
General approach is called **best-first search**:

- Instance of **Tree-Search** or **Graph-Search** algorithm.
- Node  $n$  is selected based on evaluation of function,  $f(n)$ .
- **Cost estimate**  $f(n)$  → node  $n$ , **lowest evaluation** is expanded first.
- A component of  $f(n)$ , **heuristic** function  $h(n)$

$h(n)$  = **estimated cost of the cheapest path from the state at node  $n$  to a goal state.**

# Greedy Best-First Search

Example: Finding a route from **Arad** to **Bucharest**.



# Greedy Best-First Search

Straight-line distance heuristic:  $h_{SLD}$ .

Arad	366	Mehadia	241
Bucharest	0	Neamt	234
Craiova	160	Oradea	380
Drobeta	242	Pitesti	100
Eforie	161	Rimnicu Vilcea	193
Fagaras	176	Sibiu	253
Giurgiu	77	Timisoara	329
Hirsova	151	Urziceni	80
Iasi	226	Vaslui	199
Lugoj	244	Zerind	374

Straight-line distance from **City** to **Bucharest**.

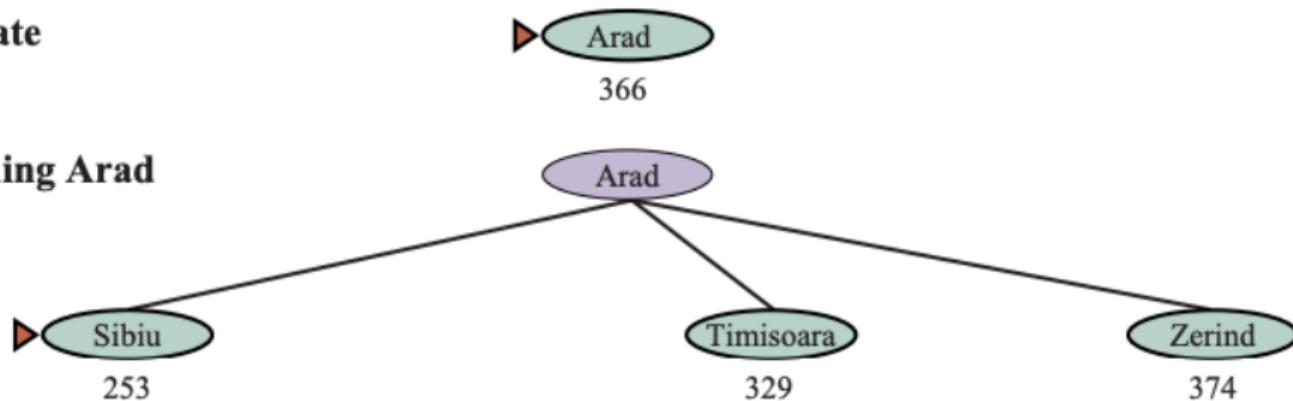
# Greedy Best-First Search

$$h_{SLD}(Arad) = 366; \quad h_{SLD}(Sibiu) = 253$$
$$h_{SLD}(Timisoara) = 329; \quad h_{SLD}(Zerind) = 366$$

(a) The initial state



(b) After expanding Arad

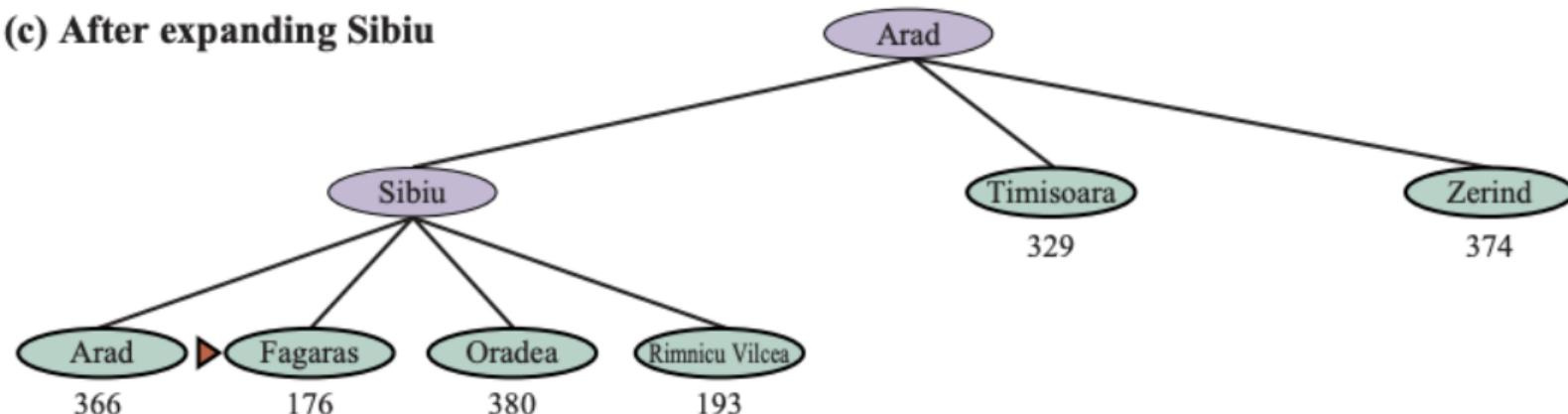


# Greedy Best-First Search

$$h_{SLD}(Arad) = 366; \quad h_{SLD}(Fagaras) = 176$$

$$h_{SLD}(Oradea) = 380; \quad h_{SLD}(Rimnicu Vilcea) = 193$$

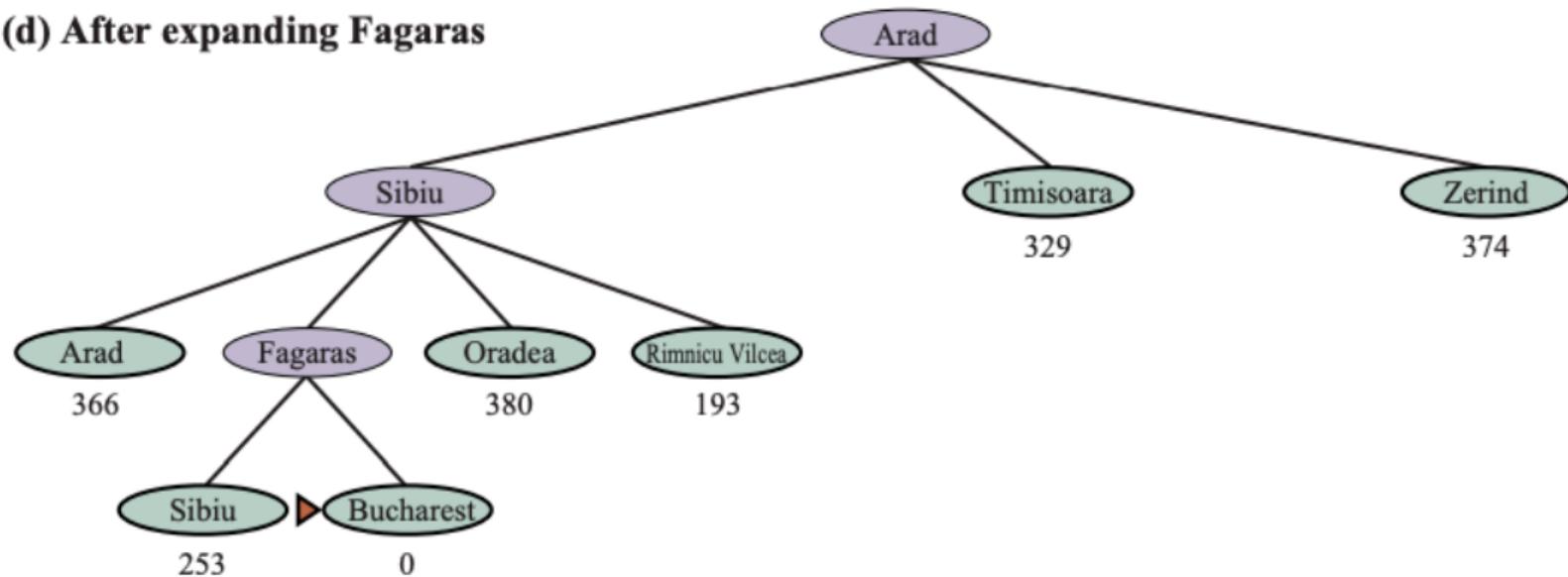
(c) After expanding Sibiu



# Greedy Best-First Search

$$h_{SLD}(Sibiu) = 253; \quad h_{SLD}(Bucharest) = 0$$

(d) After expanding Fagaras



# Greedy Best-First Search

- **Greedy Best-First** search Using **Best-First-Search** algo. with  $f(n) = h(n)$

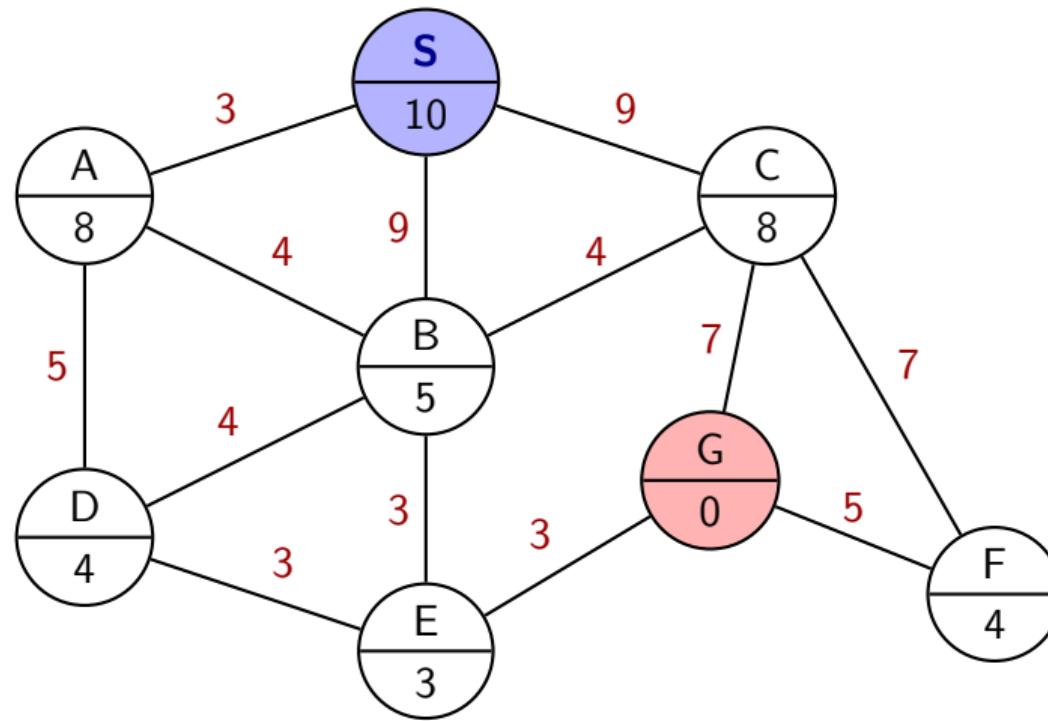
# Greedy-Best-First Search

```
func Greedy-Best-First-Search(problem,f) return Solution node or Failure
    node ← Node(State = problem.Initial)
    frontier ← a priority Queue by f, node as an element
    reached ← lookup table, with key problem.Initial and value node
    while not Empty (frontier) do
        node ← Pop (frontier)
        if problem.Goal(node.State) then
            ↳ return node
        foreach child ∈ Expand (problem, node) do
            s ← child.State
            if problem.Goal(s) then
                ↳ return child
            if s ∉ reached or child.h() < reached[s].h() then
                reached ← child
                add child to frontier
    return Failure
```

# update function Expand

```
func Expand(problem, node) yields nodes
    s ← node.State
    foreach action ∈ problem.Action(s) do
        s' ← problem.Result(s, action)
        cost ← problem.h()(s, action, s')
        yields Node(State = s', Parent = node, Action = action, h() = cost)
```

## e.g. Greedy BFS



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### Greedy Best-First Search

No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Priority Queue]
0		S(10)
1	<b>S(10)</b>	A(8) B(5) C(8)
2	B(5)	A(8) C(8) D(4) E(3)
3	E(3)	A(8) C(8) D(4) <u>G(0)</u>
4	<b>G(0)</b>	A(8) C(8) D(4)
$S \rightarrow B \rightarrow E \rightarrow G$		

# A\* Search

- $g(n)$ : Cost to reach the node  $n$ .
- $h(n)$ : Cost from the node  $n$  to the goal:

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

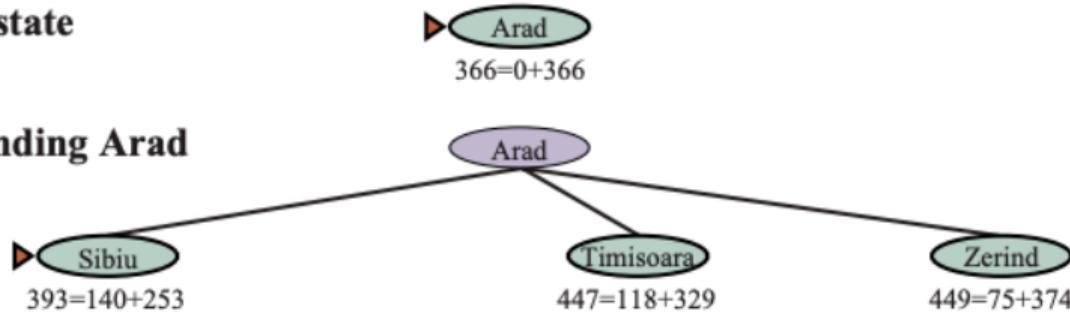
$f(n)$  = estimated cost of the cheapest solution through  $n$ .

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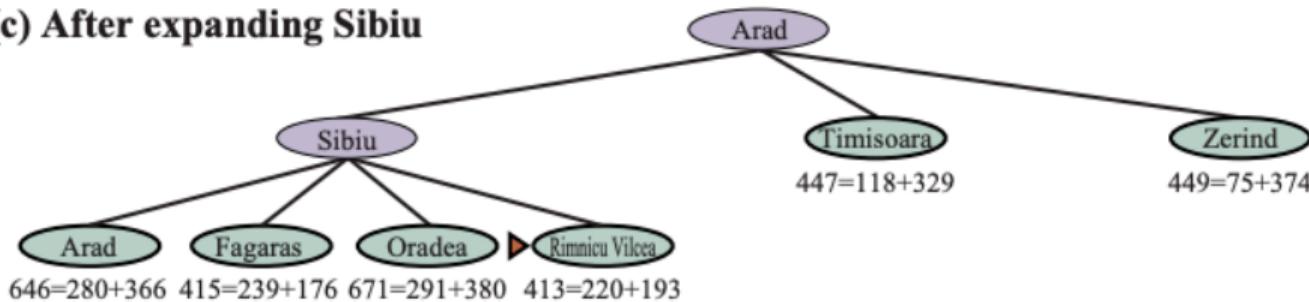
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(b) After expanding Arad

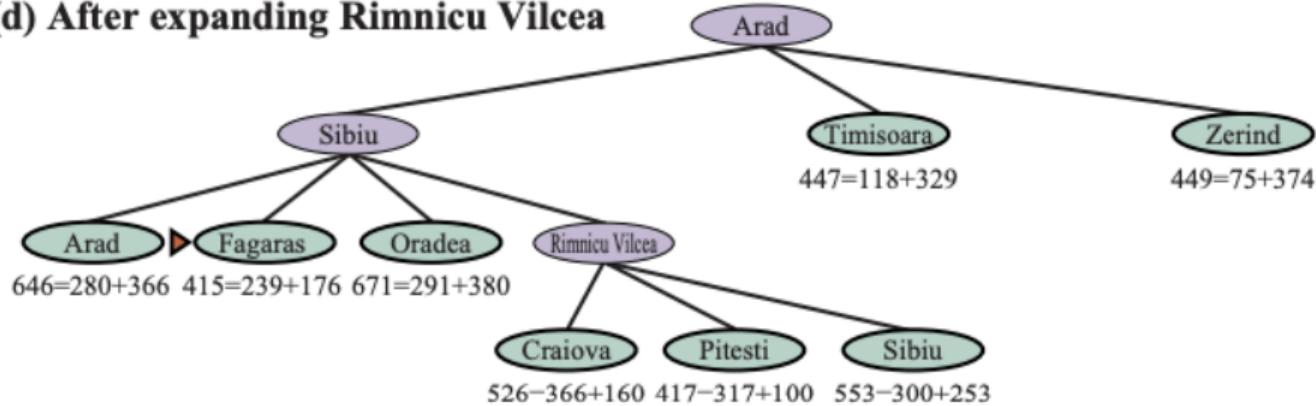


(c) After expanding Sibiu



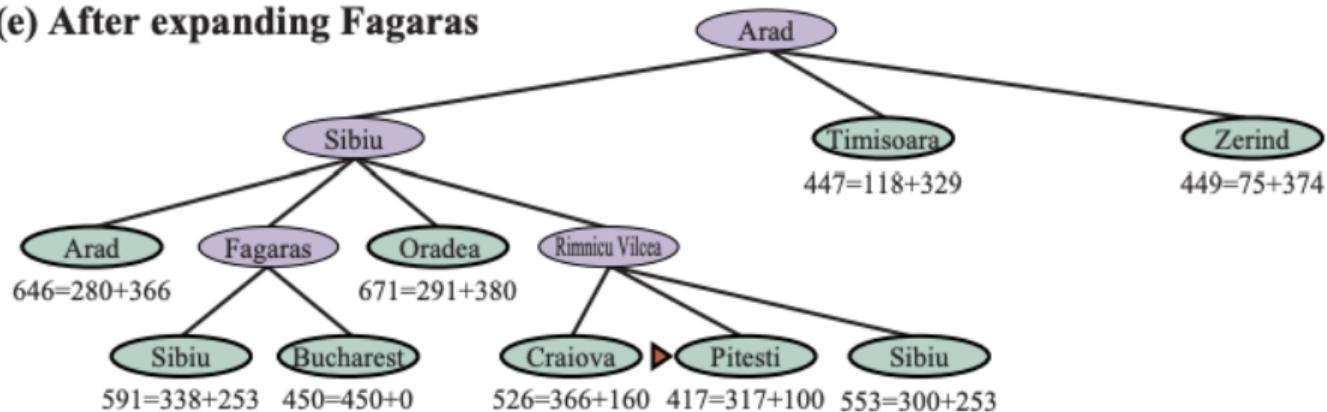
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(d) After expanding Rimnicu Vilcea



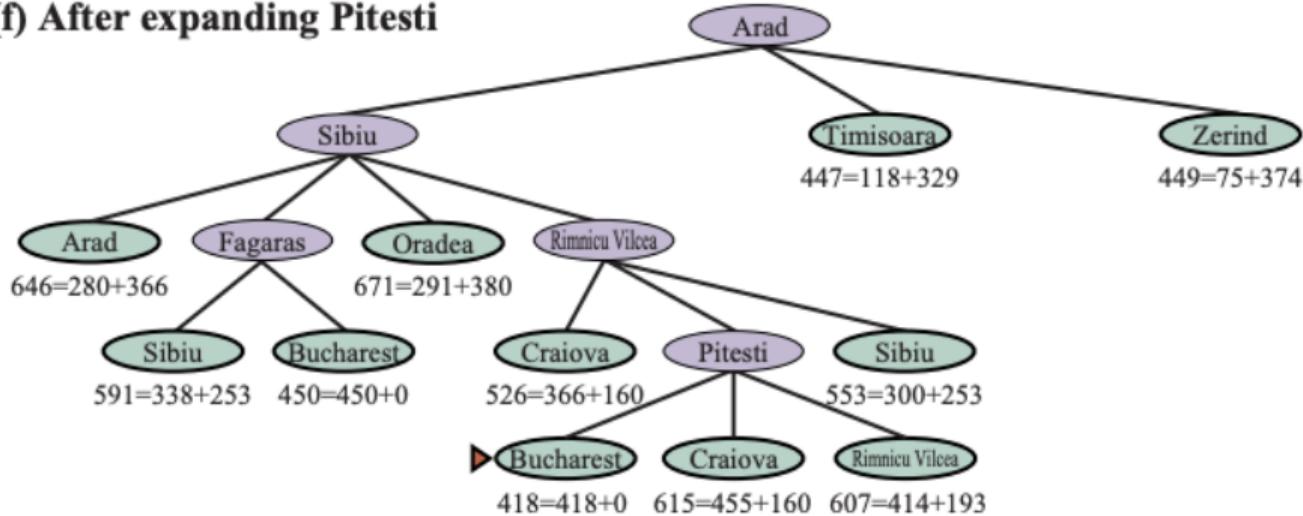
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(e) After expanding Fagaras



# A\* Search

(f) After expanding Pitesti



# A\* Search

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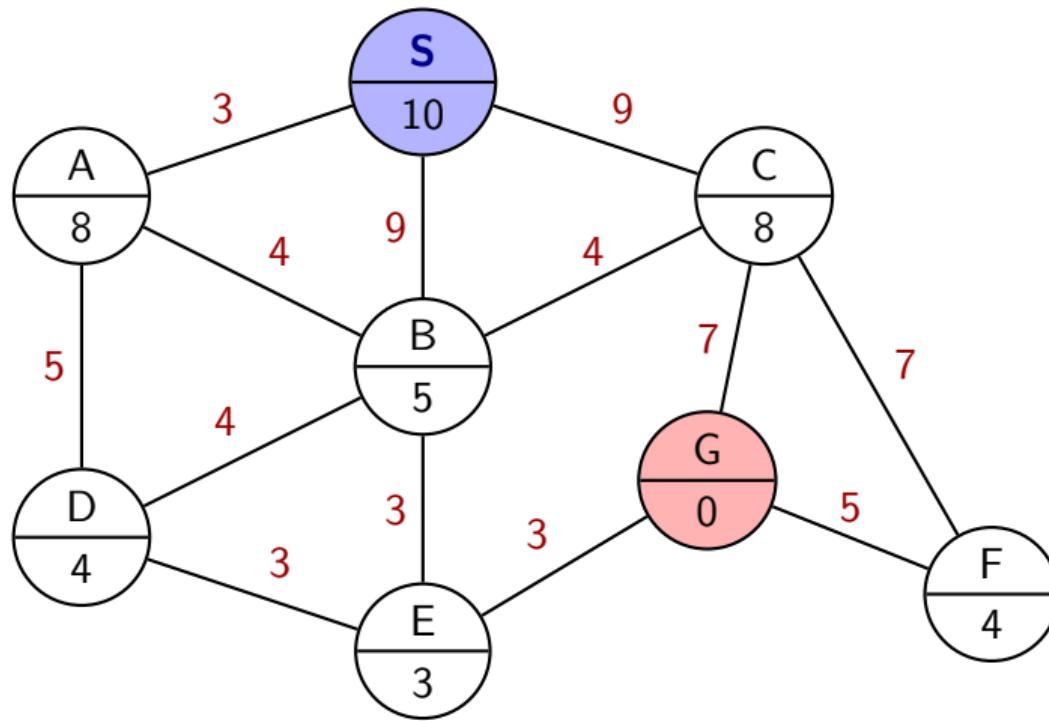
# A\* Search

```
func A-Star-Search(problem,f) return Solution node or Failure
    node ← Node(State = problem.Initial)
    frontier ← a priority Queue by f, node as an element
    reached ← lookup table, with key problem.Initial and value node
    while not Empty (frontier) do
        node ← Pop (frontier)
        if problem.Goal(node.State) then
            ↳ return node
        foreach child ∈ Expand (problem, node) do
            s ← child.State
            if problem.Goal(s) then
                ↳ return child
            if s ∉ reached or child.P-Cost < reached[s].P-Cost then
                reached ← child
                add child to frontier
    return Failure
```

# update function Expand

```
func Expand(problem, node) yields nodes
    s ← node.State
    foreach action ∈ problem.Action(s) do
        s' ← problem.Result(s, action)
        cost ← node.h() + problem.A-Cost(s, action, s')
        yields Node(State = s', Parent = node, Action = action, P-Cost = cost)
```

e.g.  $A^*$



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### A\* Search

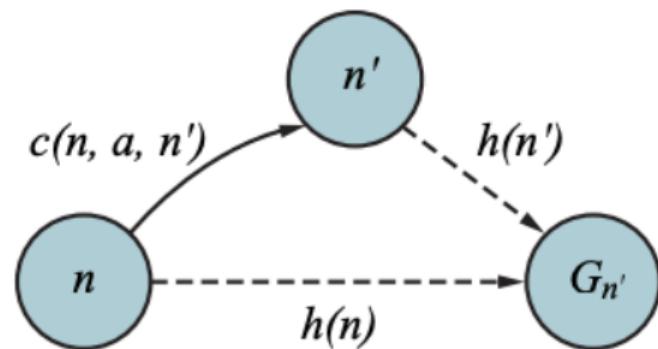
No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Priority Queue]
0		$S(0+10=10)$
1	<b><math>S(0+10=10)</math></b>	<u><math>A(3+8=11)</math></u> <u><math>B(9+5=14)</math></u> <u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u>
2	<u><math>A(3+8=11)</math></u>	<u><math>B(9+5=14)</math></u> <u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u> <u><math>D(8+4=12)</math></u> <u><math>B(7+5=12)</math></u>
3	<u><math>B(7+5=12)</math></u>	<u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u> <u><math>D(8+4=12)</math></u> <u><math>E(10+3=13)</math></u>
4	<u><math>D(8+4=12)</math></u>	<u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u> <u><math>E(10+3=13)</math></u>
5	<u><math>E(10+3=13)</math></u>	<u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u> <u><math>G(13+0=13)</math></u>
6	<b><math>G(13+0=13)</math></b>	<u><math>C(9+8=17)</math></u>
$S \rightarrow A(3) \rightarrow B(7) \rightarrow E(10) \rightarrow G(13)$		

# A\* Consistency

- Node  $n$  :  $h(n)$
- Node  $n'$  is successor of  $n$  :  $h(n')$
- $n \rightarrow n' : c(n, a, n')$

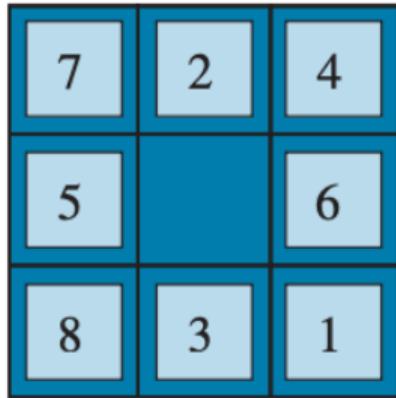
**Triangle inequality:**

$$h(n) \leqslant c(n, a, n') + h(n')$$

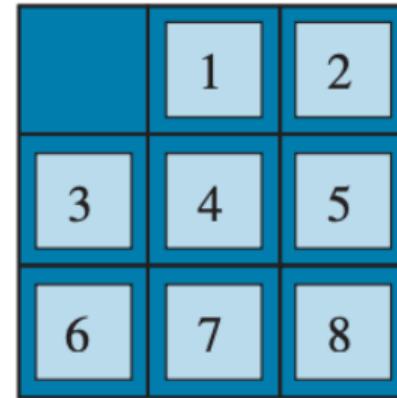


# Heuristic Functions

e.g.



Start State



Goal State

# Heuristic Functions

There are two common heuristic function:

- $h_1$  = the number of misplaced tiles (blank not included). For figure above, all eight tiles are out of position, so the start state has  $h_1 = 8$ .
- $h_2$  = the sum of the distances of the tiles from their goal positions. Manhattan distance.

$$h_2 = 3 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 3 + 2 = 18$$

# Local Search

## From current state:

- Searching to neighbor,
- Without keep track of the paths, nor the set of states that have been reached.

## Advantages:

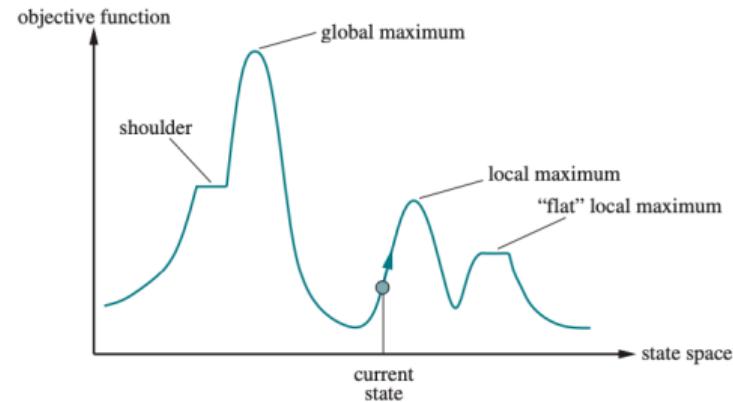
- Using very little memory;
- Can be often find reasonable solutions in large or infinite state spaces.

# Hill-Climbing Search

"Like Climbing Everest in thick fog with amnesia"

Sometimes called greedy local search

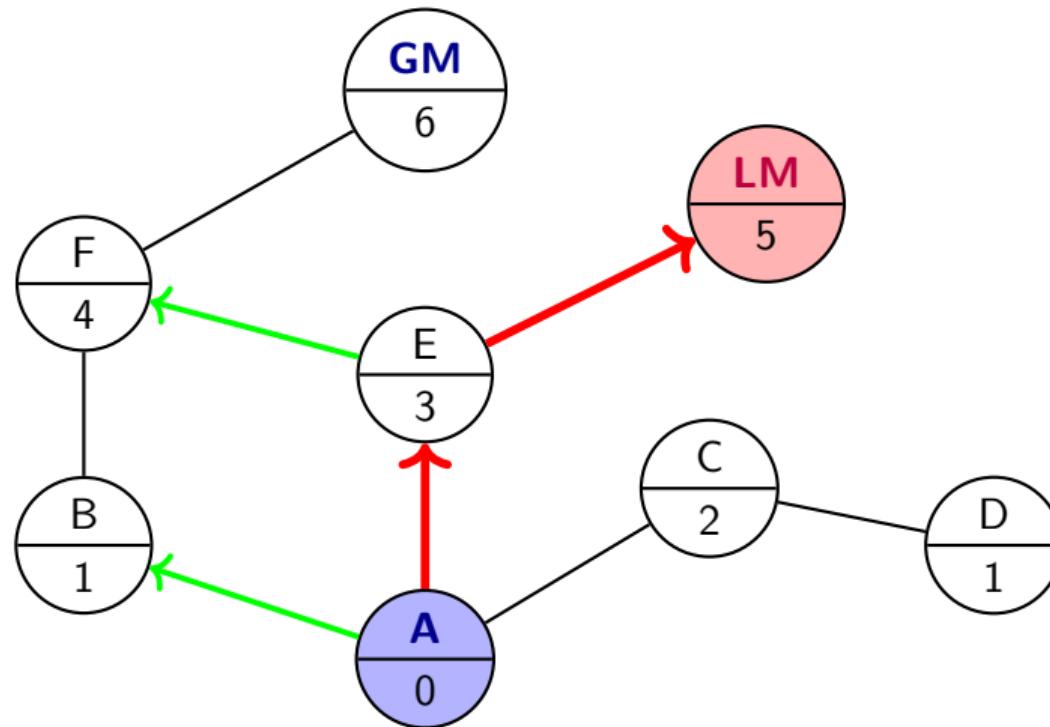
- From current state continuously moves in the direction of increasing value to find the peak of mountain or best solution to the problem.
- Keep track of current state and moves to the neighboring state with highest value.



# Hill-Climbing Algorithm

```
function HILL-CLIMBING(problem) returns a state that is a local maximum  
    current  $\leftarrow$  problem.INITIAL  
    while true do  
        neighbor  $\leftarrow$  a highest-valued successor state of current  
        if VALUE(neighbor)  $\leq$  VALUE(current) then return current  
        current  $\leftarrow$  neighbor
```

## e.g. Hill-Climbing Problems - Local Maximum



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### Hill-Climbing $h = \text{Elevation}$

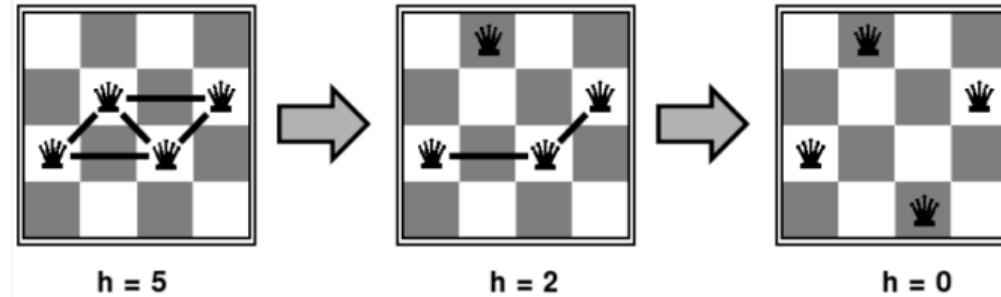
No.	Reached	
	Expanded	Frontier [Priority Queue]
0		<b>A(0)</b>
1	<b>A(0)</b>	B(1) C(2) E(3)
2	E(3)	S(4) LM(5)
3	LM(5)	
$A \rightarrow E \rightarrow LM$		

## e.g. 4-Queens

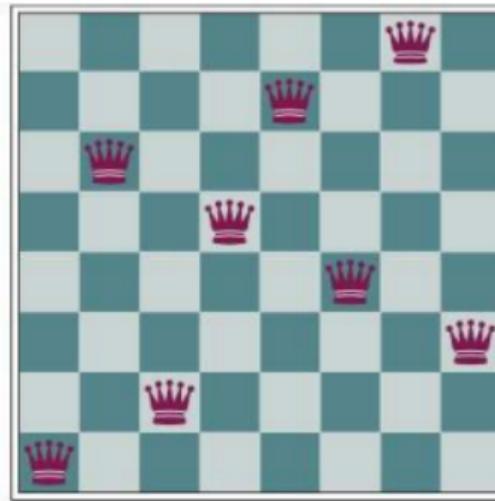
1	4	3	2
2	4	3	
3		5	3
3	3	4	2

- Heuristic cost function  $h$ : the number of pairs of queens that are attacking each other.
- $h = 3$  for this board.
- Queen move within its column and update  $h$ .
- $h = 1$  is the best.
- The Hill-climbing algorithm will pick one of these.

## e.g. 4-Queens



## e.g. 8-Queens



- $h = 1$  for this board.

## e.g. 8-Queens

18	12	14	13	13	12	14	14
14	16	13	15	12	14	12	16
14	12	18	13	15	12	14	14
15	14	14	14	15	13	16	13
14	14	17	15	15	14	16	16
17	15	16	18	15	15	15	15
18	14	15	15	15	14	15	16
14	14	13	17	12	14	12	18

- $h = 17$
- After update,  $h = 12$  is the best.

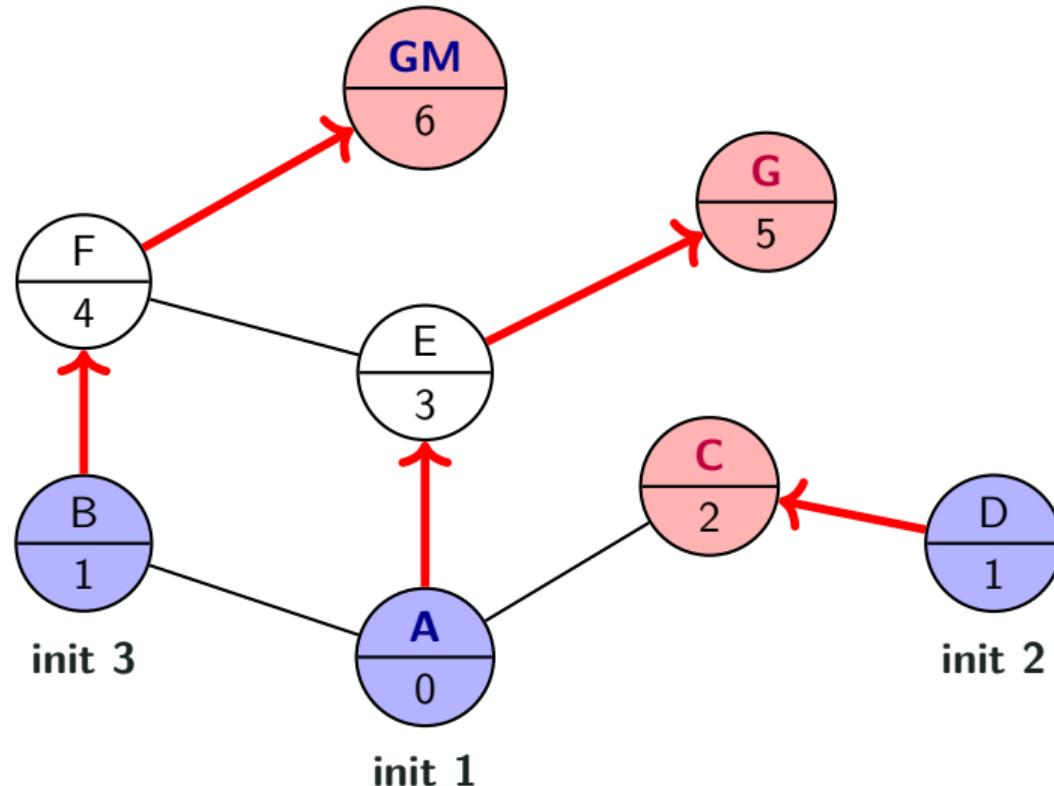
# Hill-Climbing Problems

- Can get stuck in local maximum
- Can be stuck by ridges (a series of local maxima that occur close together)
- Can be stuck by plateaux

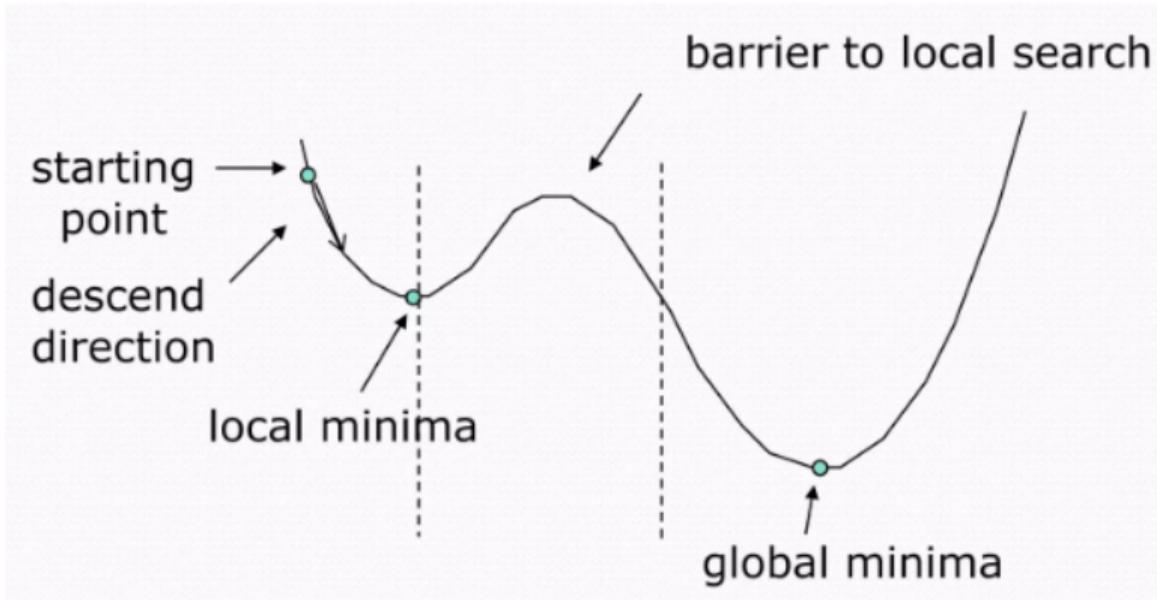
## Resolutions

- Random restart Hill-Climbing
- Simulated Annealing
- Local Beam Search

## e.g. Random Restart Hill-Climbing



# Hill-Climbing Problems



# Physical Annealing

In metallurgy, annealing is a process where a material (like metal) is heated to a high temperature and then cooled down gradually. The steps of this process are:

- The material is heated, allowing the atoms to move freely and escape their current positions.
- As the material cools down slowly, the atoms settle into a more stable, low-energy configuration, resulting in a stronger, more stable structure.

# Simulated Annealing (SA)

- The Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm simulates this annealing process to solve optimization problems.
- In SA, the goal is to find the best solution (global optimum) by starting from an initial solution and improving it over time.
- Importantly, the algorithm allows for occasional acceptance of worse solutions to avoid getting stuck in local optima.

# Simulated Annealing (cont.)

## Key steps of the algorithm:

1. Initialization: Start with a random solution.
2. Initial Temperature: Set a high initial temperature.
3. Make a change: Make a random change to the current solution to generate a new one.
4. Evaluate Energy (Cost): Compare the new solution to the current one based on a cost function (representing the energy or objective function of the system).
  - If the new solution is better, accept it.
  - If the new solution is worse, don't reject it outright but accept it with a certain probability.

# Simulated Annealing (cont.)

## Probability of accepting a worse solution:

The probability of accepting a worse solution is determined by an exponential function:

$$P = e^{-\Delta E/T}$$

where:

- $\Delta E$  is the difference in energy (cost) between the new solution and the current solution.
- $T$  is the current temperature (which decreases over time).

If  $\Delta E > 0$  (meaning the new solution is worse), there is still a probability  $P$  of accepting it. When the temperature  $T$  is high, this probability is higher, allowing the algorithm to explore and escape local minima.

# Simulated Annealing (cont.)

## Why use this probability distribution?

Using this exponential distribution to accept worse solutions is essential for preventing the algorithm from getting trapped in **local minima**:

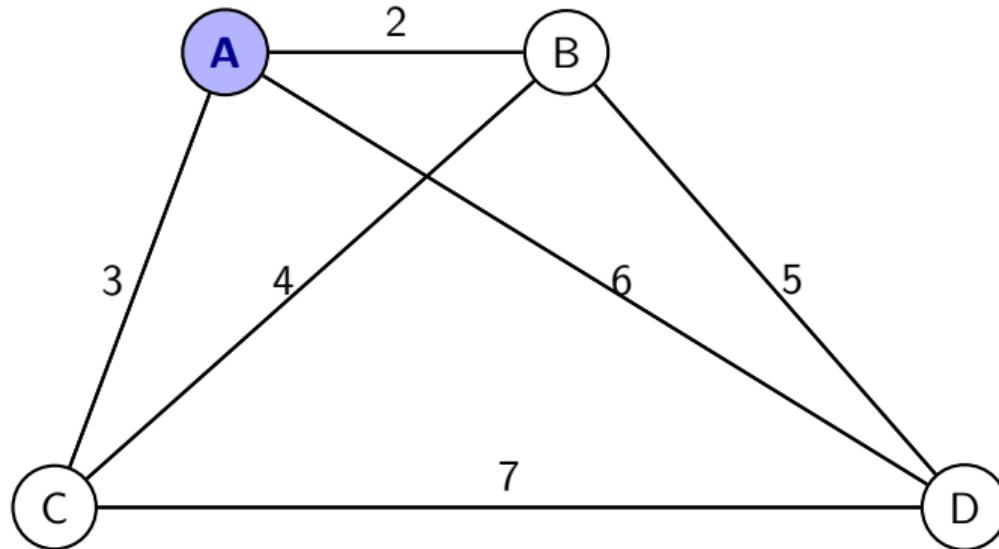
- At high temperatures (early in the process), accepting worse solutions allows the algorithm to explore more broadly and potentially escape local minima.
- As the temperature decreases, the probability of accepting worse solutions also decreases, making the algorithm converge to a more optimal solution.

Thus, by mimicking the physical annealing process, the algorithm can effectively search the solution space and find the global optimum, rather than settling for suboptimal local minima.

# Simulated Annealing (cont.)

```
function SIMULATED-ANNEALING(problem, schedule) returns a solution state
    current  $\leftarrow$  problem.INITIAL
    for t = 1 to  $\infty$  do
        T  $\leftarrow$  schedule(t)
        if T = 0 then return current
        next  $\leftarrow$  a randomly selected successor of current
         $\Delta E \leftarrow \text{VALUE}(\textit{current}) - \text{VALUE}(\textit{next})$ 
        if  $\Delta E > 0$  then current  $\leftarrow$  next
        else current  $\leftarrow$  next only with probability  $e^{\Delta E/T}$ 
```

## e.g. Traveling Salesperson Problem (TSP)



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Loop  $t = 100$ ; Series of random: 0.1, 0.9, 0.5, 0.8, 0.7, 0.3, 0.6, 0.5, ...

$T_0 = 100$ ;  $T$  rate = 0.95;  $P = e^{\Delta/T}$

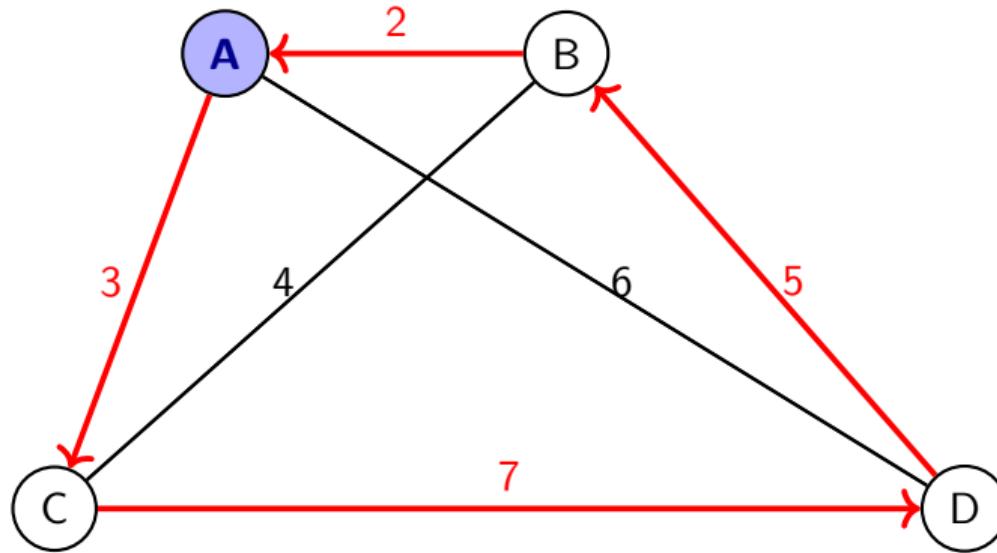
if  $\Delta \leq 0$  and  $P \leq \text{Random}$ : Current  $\leftarrow$  Next

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### Simulated Annealing: TSP

No.	Current	Next	$\Delta$	$T$	$P$	Random	Solution
1	ABCDA(19)	ABDCA(17)	2	100	-	0.1	Next
2	ABDCA(17)	ACBDA(18)	-1	95	0.98	0.9	Next
3	ACBDA(18)	ACDBA(17)	1	90	-	0.5	Next
4	ACDBA(17)	ADBCA(19)	-2	85	0.97	0.8	Current
5	ACDBA(17)	ADCBA(19)	-2	81	0.97	0.7	Current
6	ACDBA(17)	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

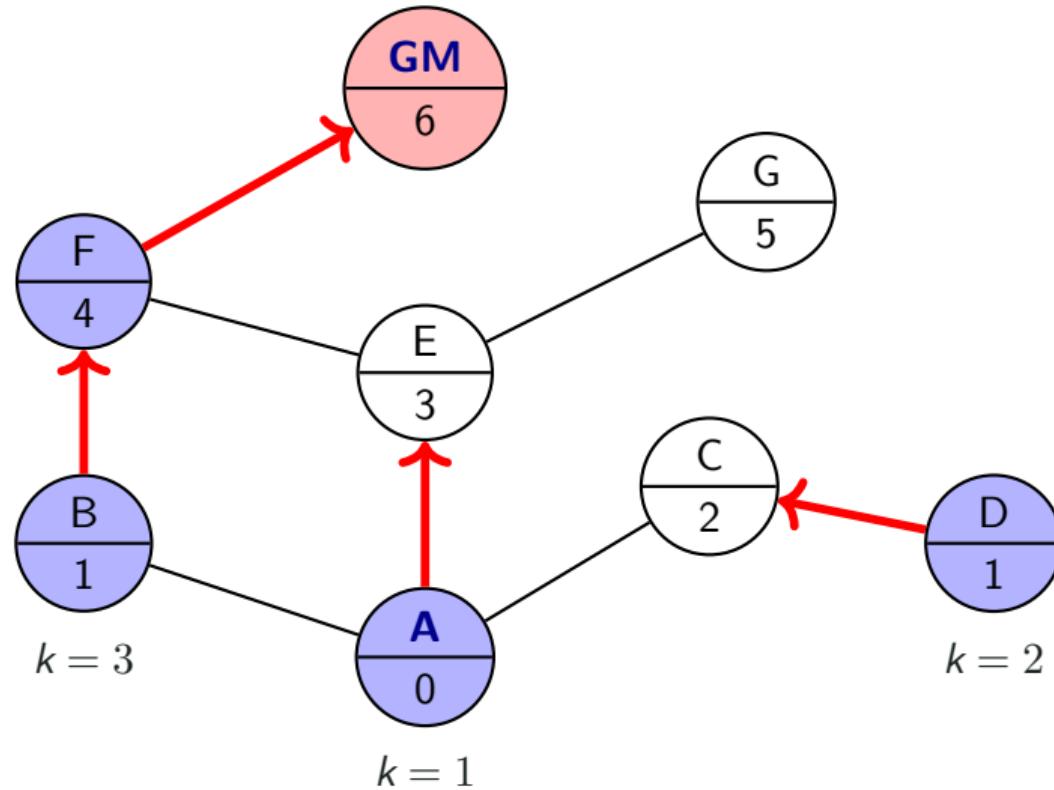
## e.g. Traveling Salesperson Problem (TSP)



# Local Beam Search

- Beginning with  $k$  randomly generated states.
- At each step, all the successors of all  $k$  states are generated.
- If any one is a goal, the algorithm halts.
- Otherwise, it selects the  $k$  best successors from the complete list and repeats.

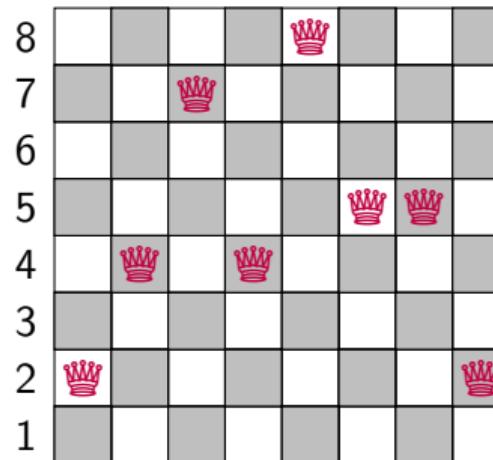
## e.g. Local Beam Search



# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

## Definition:

- **Individual**: Each individual (**gene**) is encoded by a string (characters or numbers)  
e.g. 8-Queens

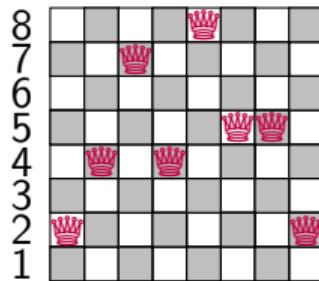


**Gene** = Encoded: (2 4 7 4 8 5 5 2)

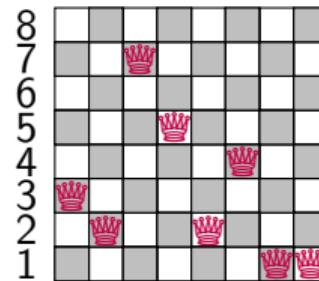
# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

- **Population:** Subset of  $\sum(individuals - Chromosomes)$

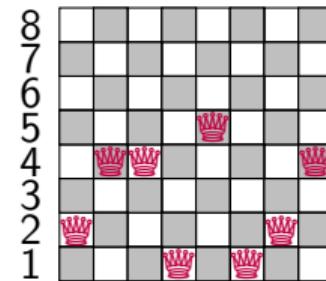
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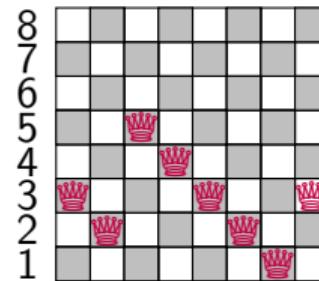
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(3 2 7 5 2 4 1 1)



(2 4 4 1 5 1 2 4)



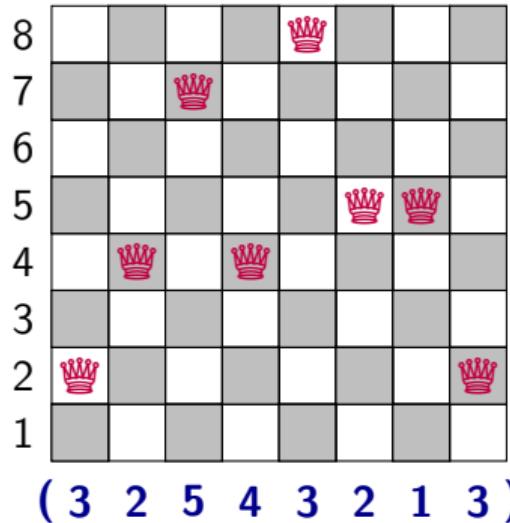
(3 2 5 4 3 2 1 3)

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

- **Fitness:** Score function of individual  $F_i$

e.g. 8-Queens:

Fitness = number of non attacking pairs of queens. **Final solution:**  $(8 * 7)/2 = 28$ .



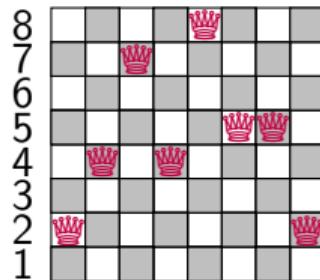
- Queen 1: 6
- Queen 2: 5
- Queen 3: 4
- Queen 4: 4
- Queen 5: 3
- Queen 6: 1
- Queen 7: 1
- Queen 8: 0

**Fitness score  $F_1 = 24$**

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

- Normalized fitness to probabilities:  $P_i = F_i / \sum_1^n F_i$

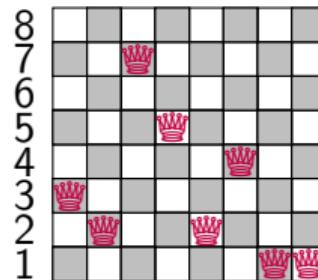
e.g. 8-Queens:



(2 4 7 4 8 5 5 2)

$$F_1 = 24$$

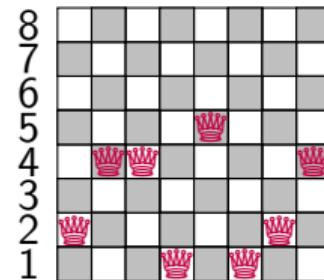
$$P_1 = 31\%$$



(3 2 7 5 2 4 1 1)

$$F_2 = 23$$

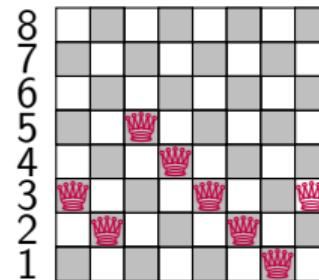
$$P_2 = 29\%$$



(2 4 4 1 5 1 2 4)

$$F_3 = 20$$

$$P_3 = 26\%$$



(3 2 5 4 3 2 1 3)

$$F_4 = 11$$

$$P_4 = 14\%$$

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

- **Mixing number  $\rho$**  : Number of parents that come together to form offspring. The most common case is  $\rho = 2$ : two parents combine their “genes” (parts of their representation) to form offspring.
- **Selection:** Selecting the individuals who will become the parents of the next generation:
- **Crossover:** Randomly select a Crossover point to split each of the parent strings, and recombine the parts to form two children.
- **Mutation rate:** Determine the frequency of offspring with random mutations.

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

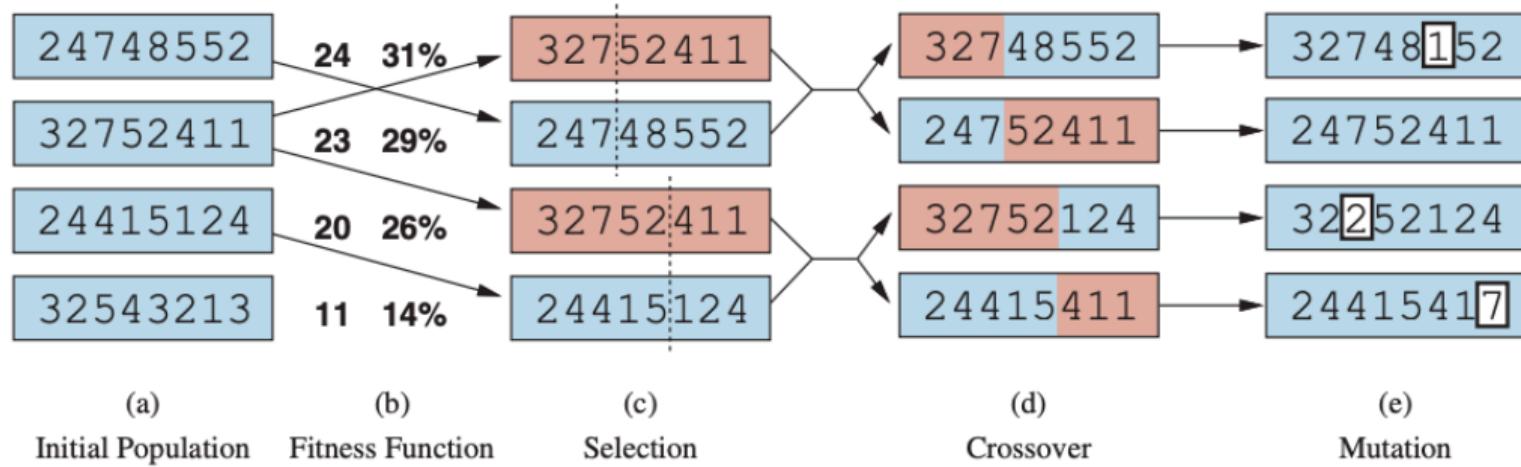
```
function GENETIC-ALGORITHM(population, fitness) returns an individual
repeat
    weights  $\leftarrow$  WEIGHTED-BY(population, fitness)
    population2  $\leftarrow$  empty list
    for i = 1 to SIZE(population) do
        parent1, parent2  $\leftarrow$  WEIGHTED-RANDOM-CHOICES(population, weights, 2)
        child  $\leftarrow$  REPRODUCE(parent1, parent2)
        if (small random probability) then child  $\leftarrow$  MUTATE(child)
        add child to population2
    population  $\leftarrow$  population2
until some individual is fit enough, or enough time has elapsed
return the best individual in population, according to fitness
```

```
function REPRODUCE(parent1, parent2) returns an individual
n  $\leftarrow$  LENGTH(parent1)
c  $\leftarrow$  random number from 1 to n
return APPEND(SUBSTRING(parent1, 1, c), SUBSTRING(parent2, c + 1, n))
```

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)

- population is an ordered list of individuals.
- fitness is a function to compute these values.
- weights is a list of corresponding fitness values for each individual.

# Genetic Algorithms (GA)



e.g. GA for TSP