

# CS 182 Exam 1 - Important Terms and Concepts

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The terms and concepts below are meant to be a resource for the midterm. They are **not exhaustive**, and not all topics will necessarily be covered.

## 1 Search

State, actions, start state, goal state  
Cost/reward model, transition model  
Informed and uninformed search  
Breadth-first search (BFS)  
Depth-first search (DFS)  
Depth-first search with iterative deepening (DFS)  
Uniform-cost search (UCS)  
Greedy search  
A-star search  
Algorithm fringe/frontier  
Algorithm space complexity, time complexity, corresponding data structures  
Tree search vs Graph search  
Heuristic function  
Admissibility and consistency  
Standard search problem vs adversarial search  
Deterministic game  
Minimax  
Expectimax  
Alpha-beta pruning

## 2 Constraint Satisfaction Problems

Values, variables, domains, constraints  
Constraint graph  
Backtracking search  
Filtering vs ordering (improvements of backtracking)  
Constraint propagation  
Forward checking  
Arc consistency (and AC-3)  
Path consistency  
K-consistency  
Minimum remaining values heuristic  
Least constraining value heuristic  
Tree-structured CSP  
Cutset conditioning  
Iterative min-conflicts

## 3 Local Search and Optimization

Mathematical optimization algorithms  
Convex, concave, non-convex function  
Local vs global maxima/minima  
Hill climbing  
Beam search  
Simulated annealing (and temperature)  
Genetic/evolutionary algorithms  
Gradient descent

## 4 Markov Decision Processes

State, actions, start state, terminal states  
Cost/reward model, transition model  
Markov assumption  
Bellman equations/updates  
Q-state  
Value function (and optimal value function)  
Q-value function (and optimal Q-value function)  
Policy (and optimal policy)  
Discounting and discount rate  
Finite vs infinite horizon  
Value iteration  
Policy evaluation  
Policy extraction  
Policy iteration

## 5 Reinforcement Learning

Offline vs online planning  
MDPs vs RL problem formulation  
On-policy vs off-policy  
Passive vs active RL  
Model-based vs model-free learning  
Monte Carlo (Direct Evaluation)  
Temporal Difference (TD) Learning  
Q-learning  
Approximate (feature-based) Q-learning  
Learning rate  
Exploration vs exploitation  
Epsilon-greedy action selection  
Exploration function  
Regret