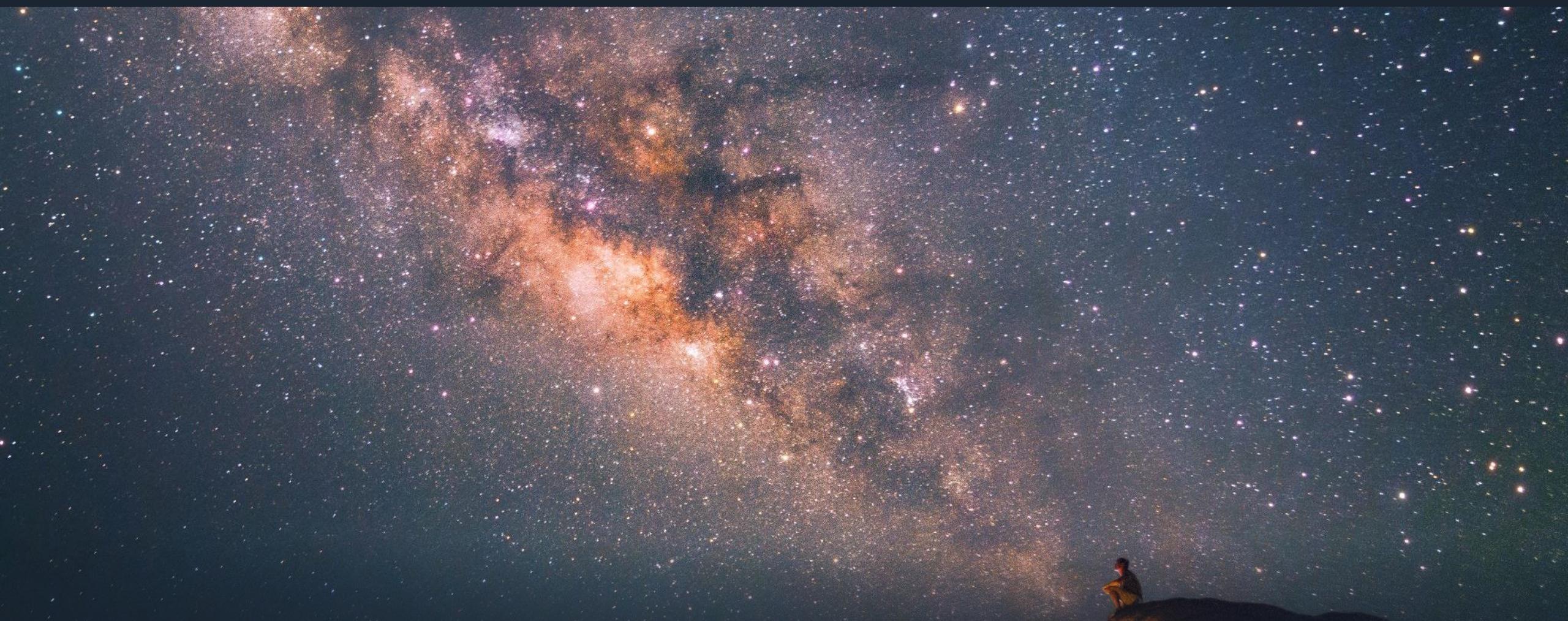


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Uninformed Search

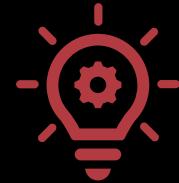


# Types of Search

Uninformed Search

Informed Search

# Uninformed Search (Blind Search)



The term means that the strategies have no additional information about states beyond that provided in the problem definition.



All they can do is generate successors and distinguish a goal state from a non-goal state.



Breadth First



Depth - first



Uniform Cost



Depth Limited

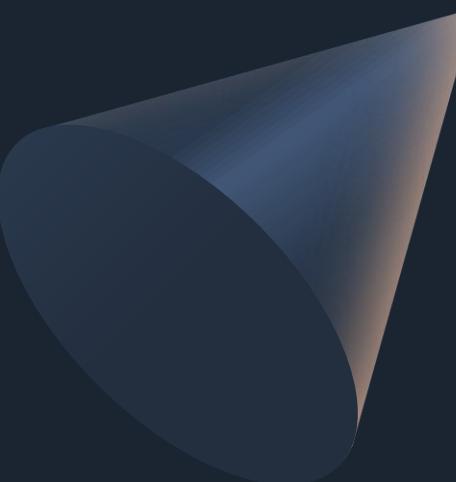


Iterative deepening DFS



Bidirectional

# Types of Uninformed Search



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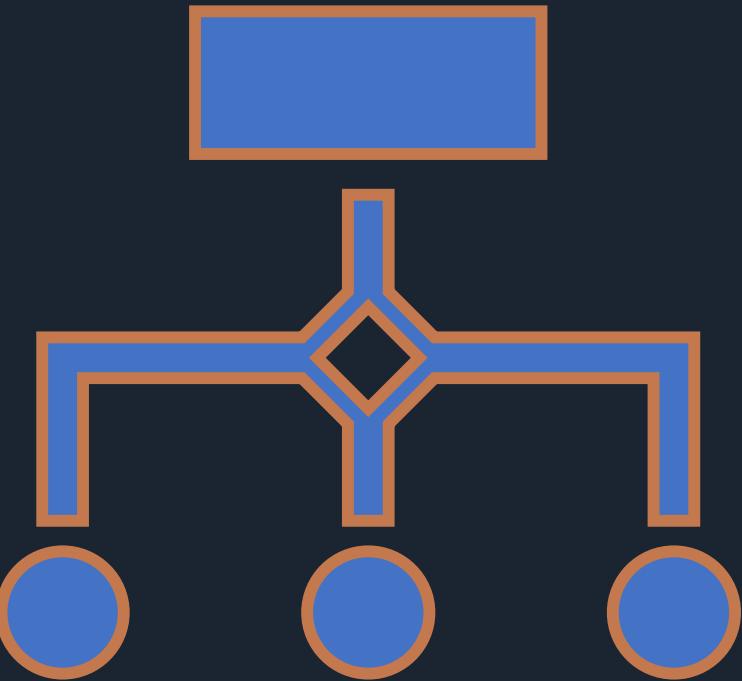
## Uninformed Search Methods

- Breadth First Search

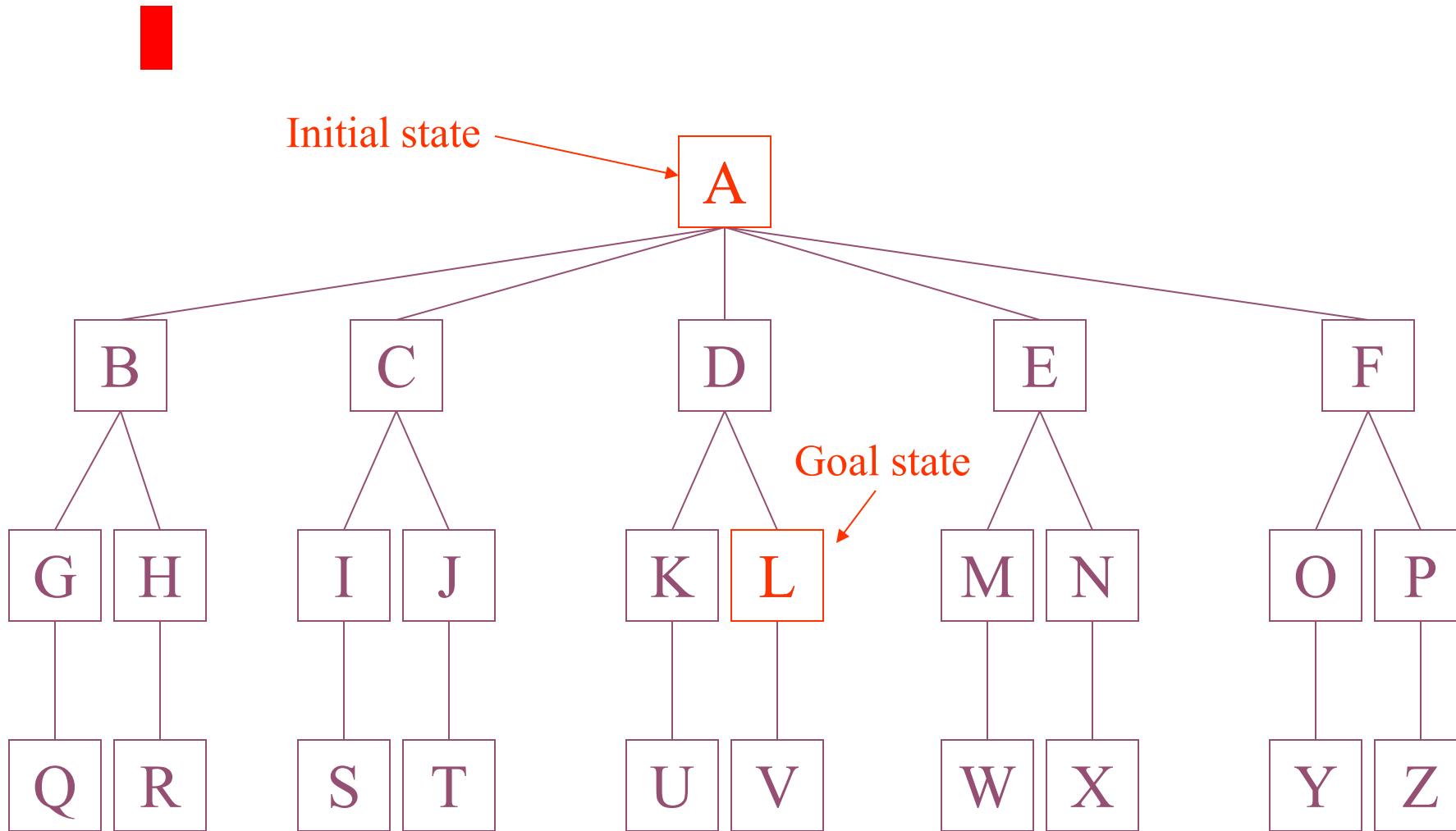


# Breadth First Search (Uninformed/Blind Search)

- Breadth-first search is a simple strategy in which the root node is expanded first, then all the successors of the root node are expanded next, then their successors, and so on.
- In general, all the nodes are expanded at a given depth in the search tree before any nodes at the next level are expanded.
- This is achieved very simply by using a FIFO queue for the frontier.
- Thus, new nodes (which are always deeper than their parents) go to the back of the queue, and old nodes, which are shallower than the new nodes, get expanded first.

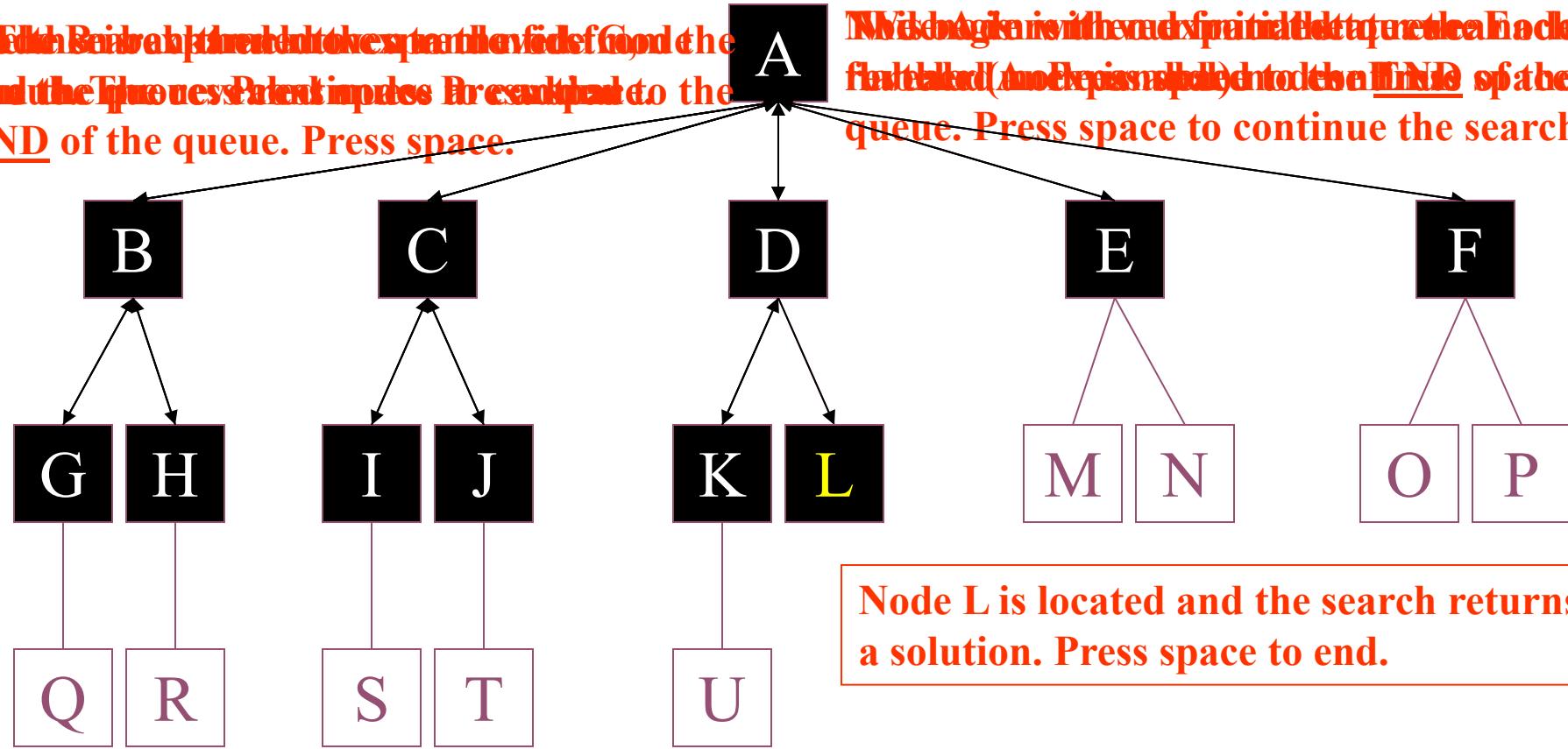


# The example node set



Press space to see a BFS of the example node set

**Note:** If both the child nodes have been expanded and the queue is empty, then press space to expand the next node in the tree.



Press space to begin the search

Size of Queue: 0

Queue: Empty

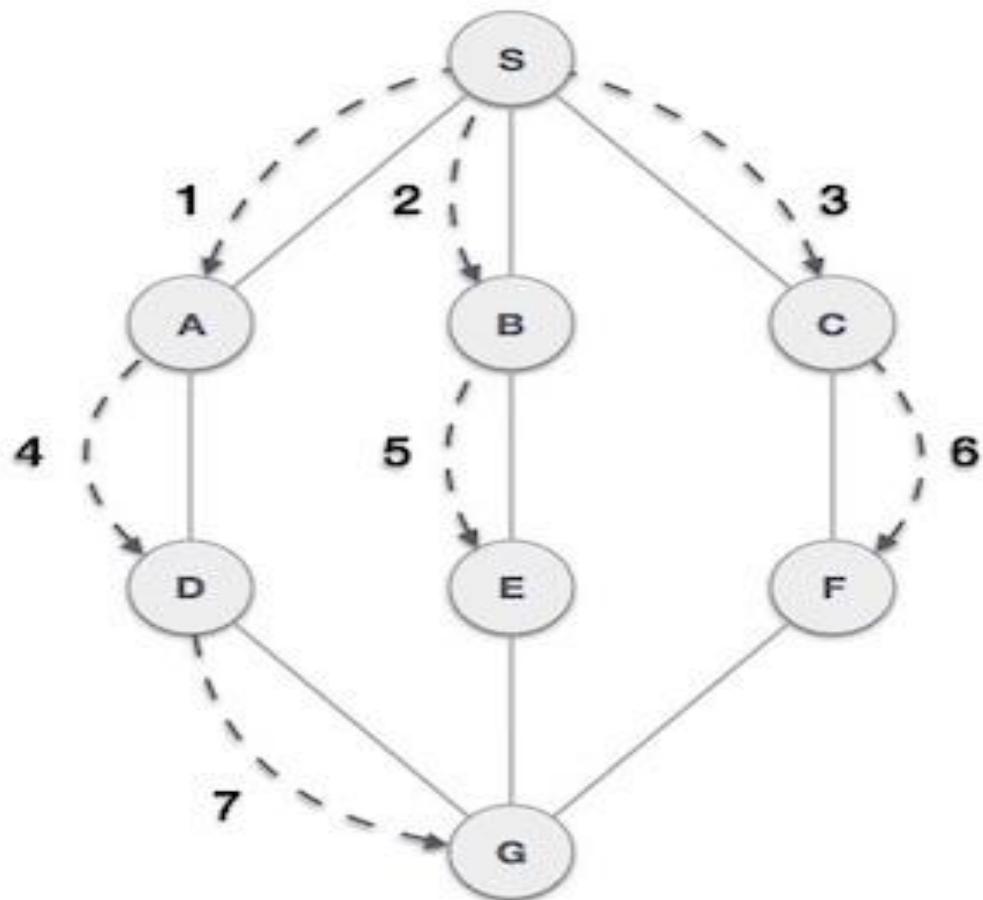
Nodes expanded: 11

FINISHED SEARCH

Current level: 2

BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH PATTERN

# Breadth First Search (Uninformed/Blind Search)



- 1. open = [S]; closed = []
- 2. open = [A,B,C]; closed = [S]
- 3. open = [B,C,D]; closed = [S,A]
- 4. open = [C,D,E]; closed = [S,A,B]
- 5. open = [D,E,F]; closed = [S,A,B,C]
- 6. open = [E,F,G]; closed = [S,A,B,C,D]
- 7. open = [F,G]; closed = [S,A,B,C,D,E]
- 8. open = [G] closed = [S,A,B,C,D,E,F]
- 9. Next is G goal is reached.

# Breadth first search algorithm

- function BREADTH-FIRST-SEARCH(problem) returns a solution, or failure
  - node  $\leftarrow$  a node with STATE = problem.INITIAL-STATE, PATH-COST = 0
  - if problem.GOAL-TEST(node.STATE) then return SOLUTION(node)
  - frontier  $\leftarrow$  a FIFO queue with node as the only element
  - explored  $\leftarrow$  an empty set
  - loop do
    - if EMPTY?( frontier) then return failure
    - node  $\leftarrow$  POP( frontier ) /\* chooses the shallowest node in frontier \*/
    - add node.STATE to explored
    - for each action in problem.ACTIONS(node.STATE) do
      - child  $\leftarrow$  CHILD-NODE(problem, node, action)
      - if child .STATE is not in explored or frontier then
        - if problem.GOAL-TEST(child .STATE) then return SOLUTION(child )
        - frontier  $\leftarrow$  INSERT(child , frontier )

# Applications of Breadth-First Search Algorithm

Crawlers in Search Engines

GPS Navigation systems

Find the Shortest Path & Minimum Spanning Tree for an unweighted graph

Broadcasting

Peer to Peer Networking

# Solving Snakes and Ladders using BFS



Solving  
Snakes and Ladders  
using BFS

Theory of Programming



Thank you!



Take care and Keep safe