

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.)



## UNINFORMED SEARCH / BLIND SEARCH

1. Search without Information
2. NO knowledge
3. Time consuming.
4. More Complexity (Time, space)
5. DFS, BFS etc

## INFORMED SEARCH

1. Search with information
2. Use knowledge to find steps to solution.
3. Quick solution
4. Less complexity (Time, space)
5. A\*, Best first search

## HEURISTIC

'Heuristic in AI' (Rule of thumb) [What, Why, How]  
→ It is a technique designed to solve a problem quickly.

### BLIND SEARCH

8 puzzle  
( $O(b^d)$ )

( $3^{20}$ ) → Time complexity  
is more

Such problems are known  
as NP (Non polynomial) problem

↳ Time complexity  
is Exponential

↳ Advantage → optimal  
sol<sup>n</sup>

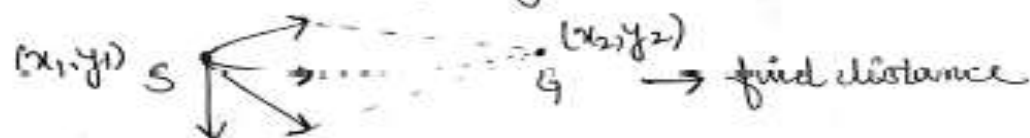
NP → P

### Heuristic Search

- Reduce time
- Multiple sol<sup>n</sup>
  - ↓
- Explore best
- Quickly solve the problem
- Best Solution
- does not guarantee optimal sol<sup>n</sup>

## How to find heuristic value:-

1. Euclidean Distance (straight line Distance):



$$E.D = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

2. Manhattan distance (used when we want to find vertical, horizontal distance)

eg:-

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 |
|   | 8 | 7 |

Start state

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 |   |

Goal state

In Blind Search ( $3^{20}$ )  $\rightarrow$  then only you get optimal sol<sup>n</sup>  
 $\rightarrow$  search space

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To find heuristic value  $\rightarrow$  use Manhattan distance

M.D =  $0 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 0 + 2 + 2 + 0$  (position of tiles)

- $\rightarrow$  Explore all possible position
- $\rightarrow$  select lowest Manhattan value

② No of misplaced tiles

⑤

- $\rightarrow$  less misplaced tiles
- $\rightarrow$  select that path

## 1. BRANCH AND BOUND SEARCH (UNIFORM COST SEARCH)

- In branch and bound search method, cost function (denoted by  $g(x)$ ) is designed that assigns cumulative expense to the path from start node to the current node  $x$  by applying the sequence of operators.
- Branch and bound search expands the least-cost path at each iteration till we reach goal state.
- Sometimes it is also called a Uniform cost search.
- Two parts
  - Branch: Several choices are found
  - Bound: Setting bound on sol<sup>n</sup> Quality
    - ↳ Pruning trimming off branches where solution quality is poor.



### Algorithm (Branch and Bound)

Input: START and GOAL states

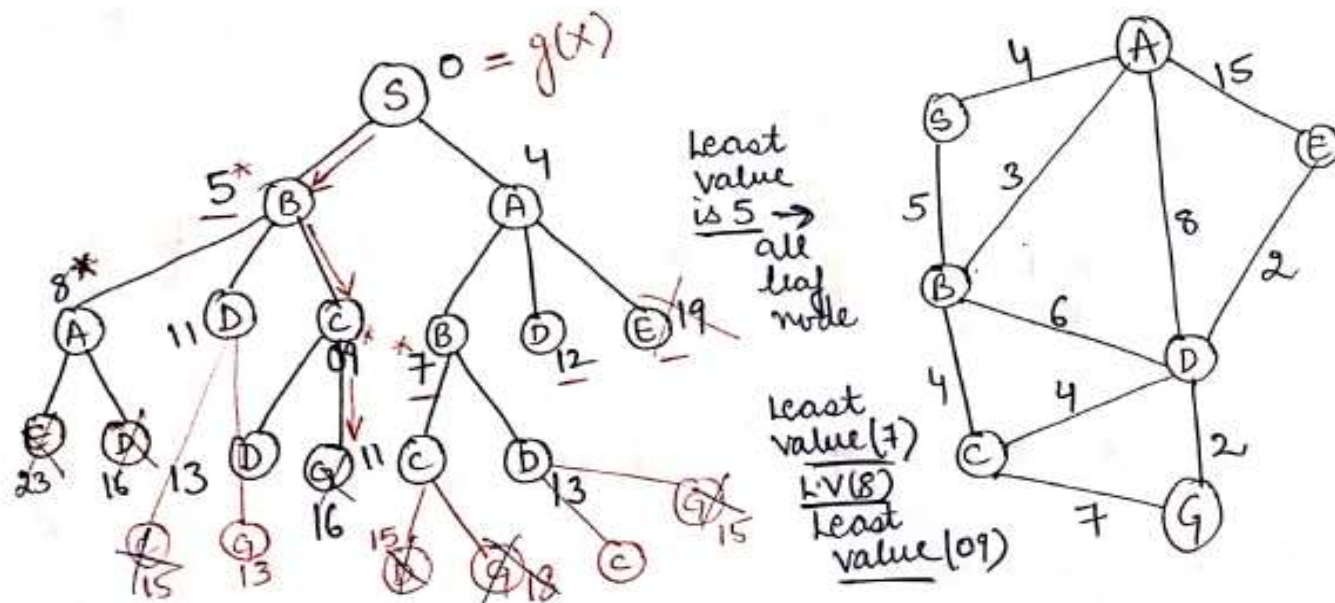
Local Variables: OPEN, CLOSED, NODE, SUCCs, FOUND;

Output: Yes or No

Method:

- initially store the start node with  $g(\text{root}) = 0$  in a OPEN list;  $\text{CLOSED} = \phi$ ;  $\text{FOUND} = \text{false}$ ;
- while ( $\text{OPEN} \neq \phi$  and  $\text{FOUND} = \text{false}$ ) do
  - {
  - remove the top element from OPEN list and call it NODE;
  - if NODE is the goal node, then  $\text{FOUND} = \text{true}$  else
    - {
    - put NODE in CLOSED list;
    - find SUCCs of NODE, if any, and compute their 'g' values and store them in OPEN list;
    - sort all the nodes in the OPEN list based on their cost-function values;
    - }
  - }
- if  $\text{FOUND} = \text{true}$  then return Yes otherwise return No;
- Stop

Example:-



$$S-B-C-G = 16$$

1. Bound set = 16  $\rightarrow$  value greater than 16 is pruned off.
2. Now explore the path having value less than 16
3. Now discard path having value greater than 13.

$$S-B-D-G = 13 \quad \text{optimal path}$$

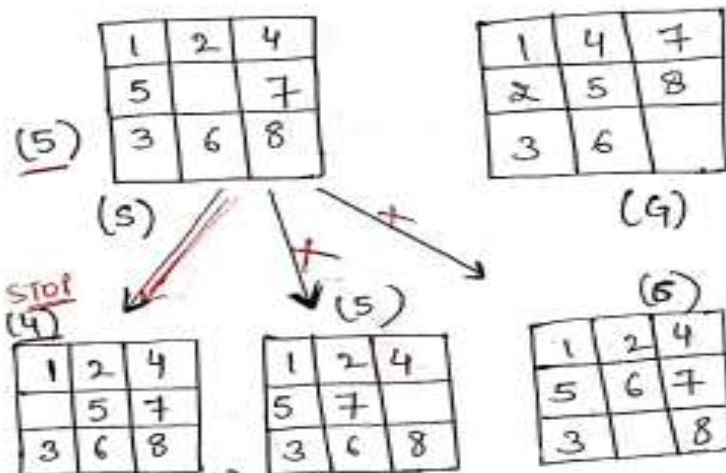
## 2. HILL CLIMBING. (Local search algo, Greedy approach, NO backtrack)

→ knowledge of local domain

→ No knowledge about global domain

→ move till it gets the best move otherwise it will stop.

→ If it does not find the best move it will not backtrack.



ALGO: (5) ↓ (5) ↓

1. Evaluate the initial state
2. Loop until a solution is found or there are no operators left
  - select and apply a new operator
  - Evaluate the new state:
    - if goal then quit
    - if better than current state then it is a new current state.

Space complexity is less as the node which are used only saved in memory



### Algorithm (Simple Hill Climbing)

Input: START and GOAL states

Local Variables: OPEN, NODE, SUCCs, FOUND;

Output: Yes or No

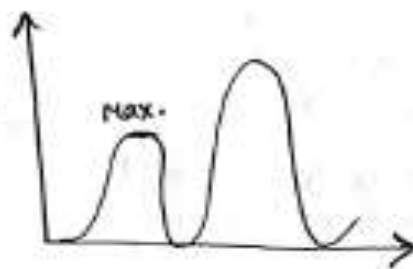
Method:

- store initially the start node in a OPEN list (maintained as stack); FOUND = false;
- while (OPEN  $\neq$  empty and Found = false) do
  - {
  - remove the top element from OPEN list and call it NODE;
  - if NODE is the goal node, then FOUND = true else
    - find SUCCs of NODE, if any;
    - sort SUCCs by estimated cost from NODE to goal state and add them to the front of OPEN list;
  - } /\* end while \*/
  - if FOUND = true then return Yes otherwise return No;
  - Stop

## PROBLEMS IN HILL CLIMBING

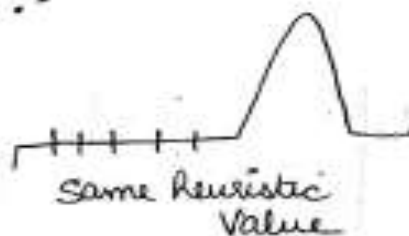
### Local Maximum :-

It is a state better than all its neighbours but not better than some other states which are far away.



### Plateau / Flat Maximum :-

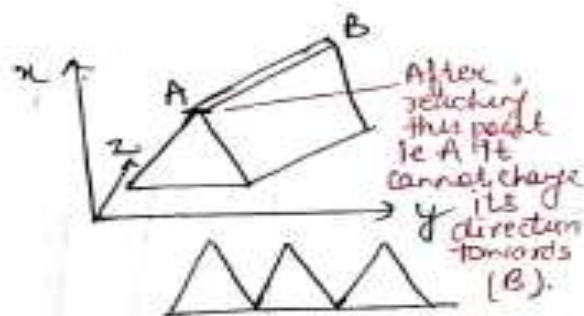
It is a flat area of the search space where all neighbouring states has the same value.



### Ridge :-

It is an area of search space that is higher than surrounding areas but that cannot be traversed by single moves in any one direction.

It is a special kind of local maxima.



## 3. BEST FIRST SEARCH (INFORMED, HEURISTIC)

↳ works as Greedy method.

### ALGORITHM :

Let 'OPEN' be a priority queue containing initial state

LOOP

if 'OPEN' is empty return failure

Node  $\leftarrow$  Remove-first (OPEN)

if Node is a Goal

then return the path from initial to Node

else generate all successors of Node and  
put the newly generated Node into 'OPEN'  
according to their  $f$  values

END LOOP

↳ heuristic value

### Algorithm (Best-First Search)

Input: START and GOAL states

Local Variables: OPEN, CLOSED, NODE, FOUND:

Output: Yes or No

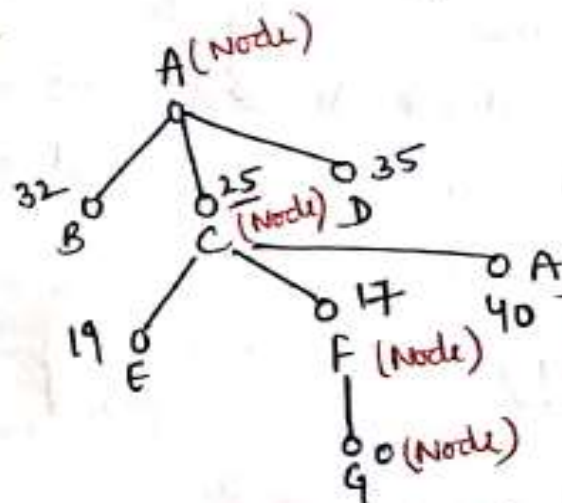
Method:

- initialize OPEN list by root node; CLOSED =  $\phi$ ; FOUND = false;
- while (OPEN  $\neq \phi$  and FOUND = false) do
  - {
  - if the first element is the goal node, then FOUND = true else remove it from OPEN list and put it in CLOSED list;
  - add its successor, if any, in OPEN list;
  - sort the entire list by the value of some heuristic function that assigns to each node, the estimate to reach to the goal node;
  - }
- if FOUND = true then return *Yes* otherwise return *No*;
- Stop

## EXAMPLE

1.  $A(\text{Node})$   
 $\rightarrow$  this is not a goal

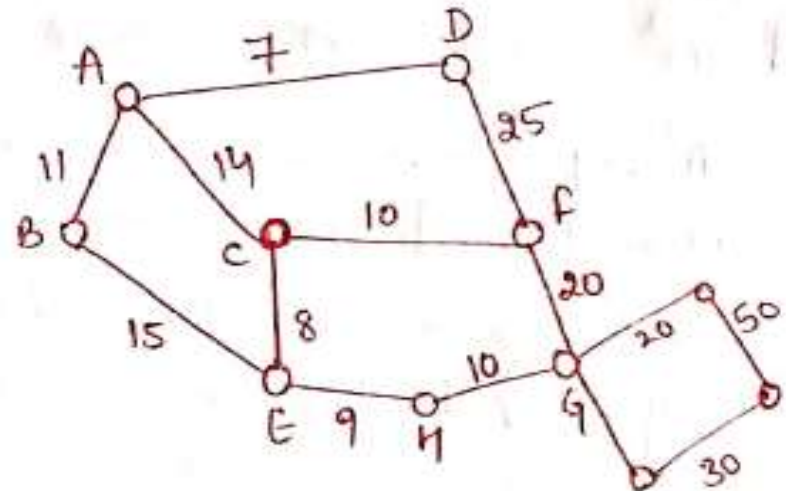
2. else



OPEN LIST:-  $A, C, B, D, F, E, G$

3. if Node is a Goal  
 then return path

$(A-C-F-G)$



Straight line distance  
 (Euclidean distance)

$$A-G = 40$$

$$B-G = 32$$

$$C-G = 25$$

$$D-G = 35$$

$$E-G = 19$$

$$F-G = 17$$

$$H-G = 10$$

$$G-G = 0$$



If you are working according to heuristic you will follow the path:

A - C - F - G (cost is 44 without heuristic)

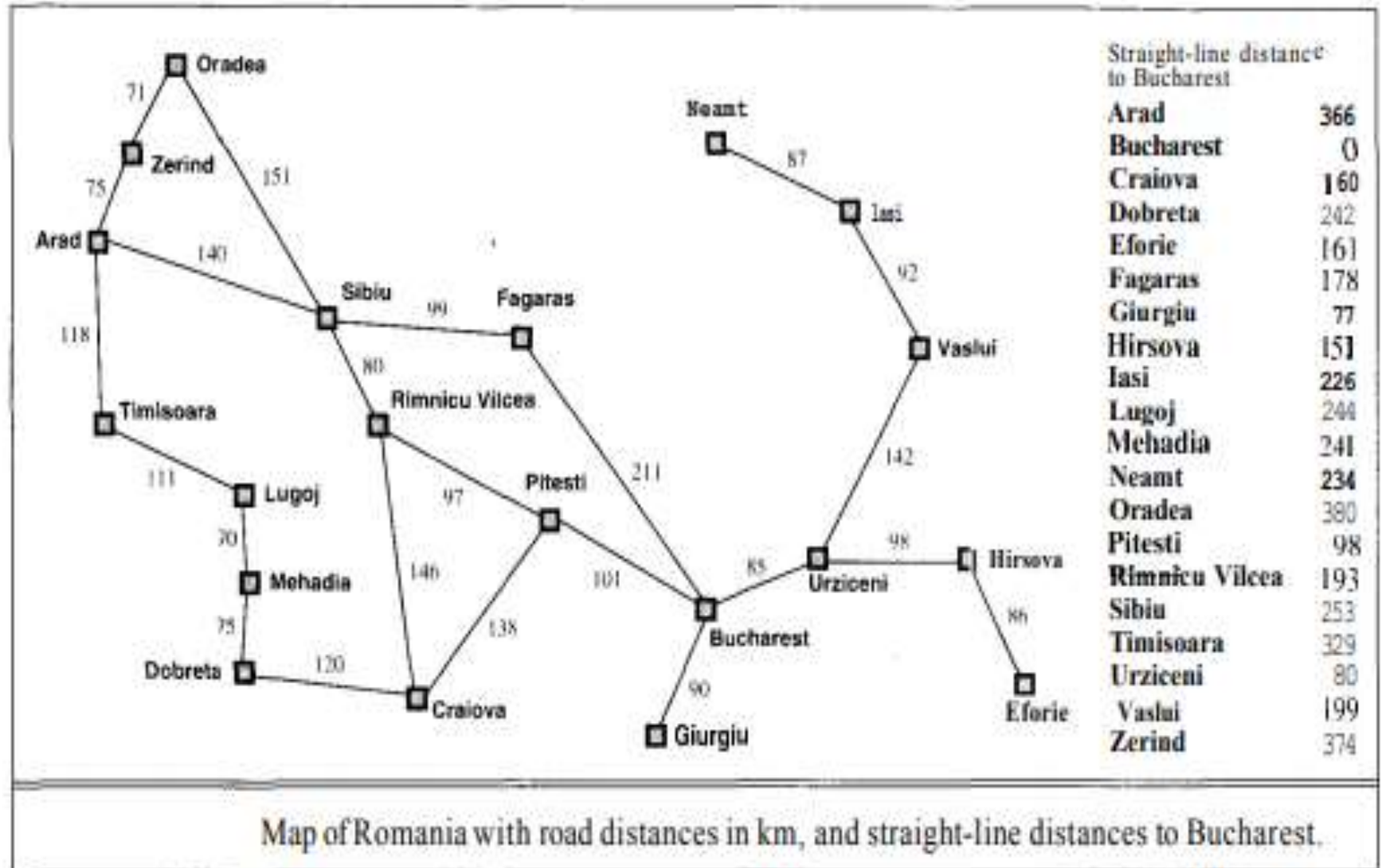
But if you follow the path:

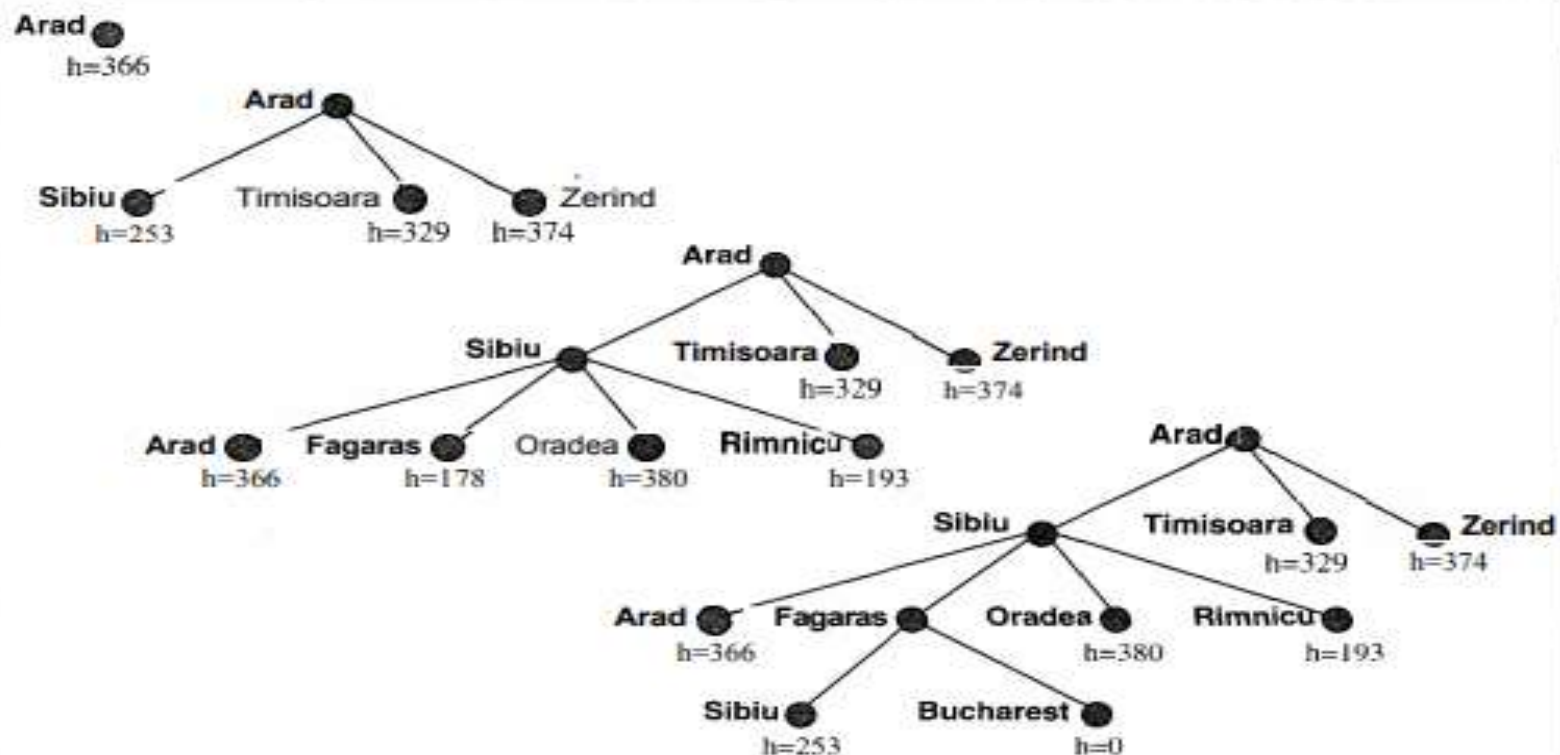
A - C - E - H - G (cost is 41)  
this is less as compare to above.

So if we consider both the heuristic and cost then there is changes to get optimal sol<sup>n</sup>.

→ which is used by A\* search.

# Assignment





Stages in a greedy search for Bucharest, using the straight-line distance to Bucharest as the heuristic function  $h_{SLD}$ . Nodes are labelled with their  $h$ -values.

#### 4. <sup>Imp</sup> A\* Algorithm: (Informed Searching)

A\* algorithm is a combination of 'branch and bound' and 'best search' methods. It uses a heuristic or evaluation function usually denoted by  $f(x)$  to determine the order in which the search visits node in the tree. The heuristic function for a node  $N$  is defined as follows:

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



function  $g$  is a measure of cost of getting from start node to current node  $N$ !

function  $h$  is an estimate of additional cost of getting from current node  $N$  to goal node.

A\* algorithm is called OR graph / tree search algo.

A\* algo incrementally searches all the routes starting from the start node until it finds the shortest path to a goal.



# Algorithm (A')

Input: START and GOAL states

Local Variables: OPEN, CLOSED, Best\_Node, SUCCs, OLD, FOUND;

Output: Yes or No

Method:

- initialization OPEN list with start node; CLOSED =  $\phi$ ;  $g = 0$ ;  $f = h$ .
  - while (OPEN  $\neq \phi$  and Found = false) do
    - {
    - remove the node with the lowest value of  $f$  from OPEN list and store it in CLOSED list. Call it as a Best\_Node;
    - if (Best\_Node = Goal state) then FOUND = true else
      - {
      - generate the SUCCs of the Best\_Node;
      - for each SUCC do
        - {
        - establish parent link of SUCC; /\* This link will help to recover path once the solution is found \*/
        - compute  $g(\text{SUCC}) = g(\text{Best\_Node}) + \text{cost of getting from Best\_Node to SUCC}$ ;
        - if SUCC  $\in$  OPEN then /\* already being generated but not processed \*/
          - {
          - call the matched node as OLD and add it in the successor list of the Best\_Node;
          - ignore the SUCC node and change the parent of OLD, if required as follows:
            - if  $g(\text{SUCC}) < g(\text{OLD})$  then make parent of OLD to be Best\_Node and change the values of  $g$  and  $f$  for OLD else ignore;
        - }
      - If SUCC  $\in$  CLOSED then /\* already processed \*/
        - {
        - call the matched node as OLD and add it in the list of the Best\_Node successors;
        - ignore the SUCC node and change the parent of OLD, if required as follows:
          - if  $g(\text{SUCC}) < g(\text{OLD})$  then make parent of OLD to be Best\_Node and change the values of  $g$  and  $f$  for OLD and propagate the change to OLD's children using depth first search else ignore;
        - }
    - }
  - If SUCC  $\notin$  OPEN or CLOSED
    - {
    - add it to the list of Best\_Node's successors;
    - compute  $f(\text{SUCC}) = g(\text{SUCC}) + h(\text{SUCC})$ ;
    - put SUCC on OPEN list with its  $f$  value;
    - }
- }
- } /\* End while \*/
- if FOUND = true then return Yes otherwise return No;
- Stop

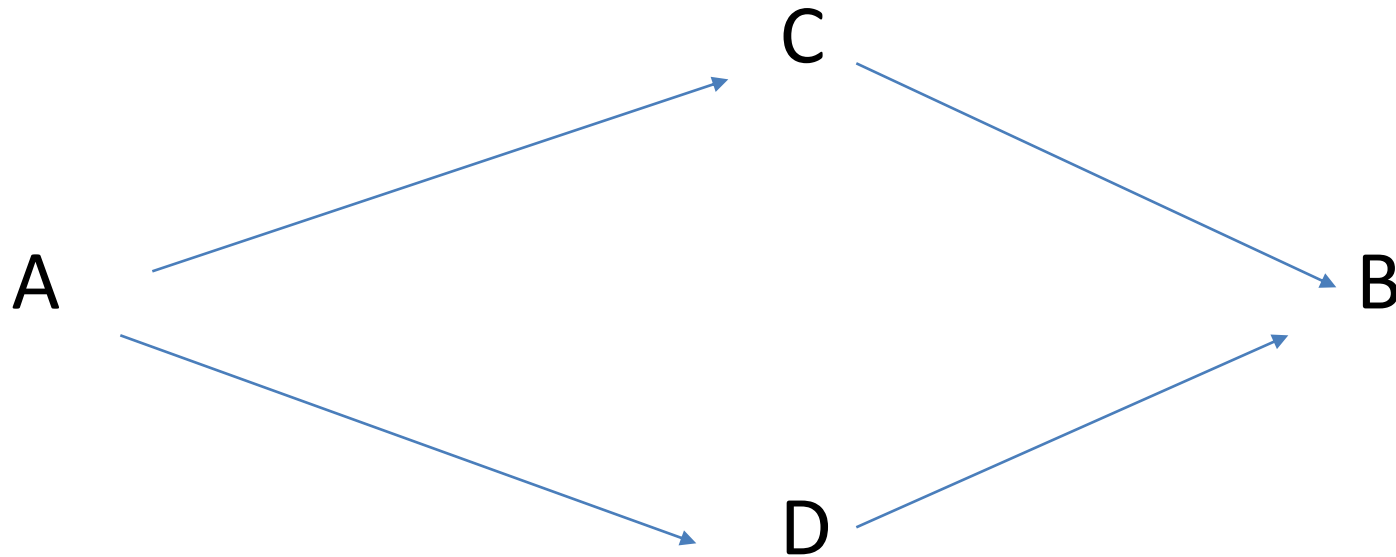


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Cost fn  $g(n)$  -Distance A-C-B – 5 kms (5mns)

$H(n)$ -Traffic-5 mns ----10mns



Cost fn  $g(n)$  Distance A-D-B – 7 kms(7mns)

$H(n)$ -Traffic – 1mnt ----- 8mns

Let us consider an example of eight puzzle again and solve it by using A\* algorithm. The simple evaluation function  $f(x)$  is defined as follows:

$f(X) = g(X) + h(X)$ , where

$h(X)$  = the number of tiles not in their goal position in a given state  $X$

$g(X)$  = depth of node  $X$  in the search tree

Given

Start State

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | □ | 8 |

Goal State

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 6 | 3 | 6 |
| 7 | □ | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

# Search Tree

## Start State

$$f = 0+4$$

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 |   | 8 |

Up

Left

Right

$$(1+3)$$

$$(1+5)$$

$$(1+5)$$

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 |   | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 |
|   | 4 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 8 |   |

Up

Left

Right

$$(2+3)$$

$$(2+3)$$

$$(2+4)$$

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 |   | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
|   | 5 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 2 |   |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

Left

Right

$$(3+2)$$

$$(3+4)$$

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 6 |   |
| 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

Down

$$(4+1)$$

Right

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | 3 | 6 |
|   | 7 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 5 | 3 | 6 |
| 7 |   | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 |

Goal State

## Search Tree

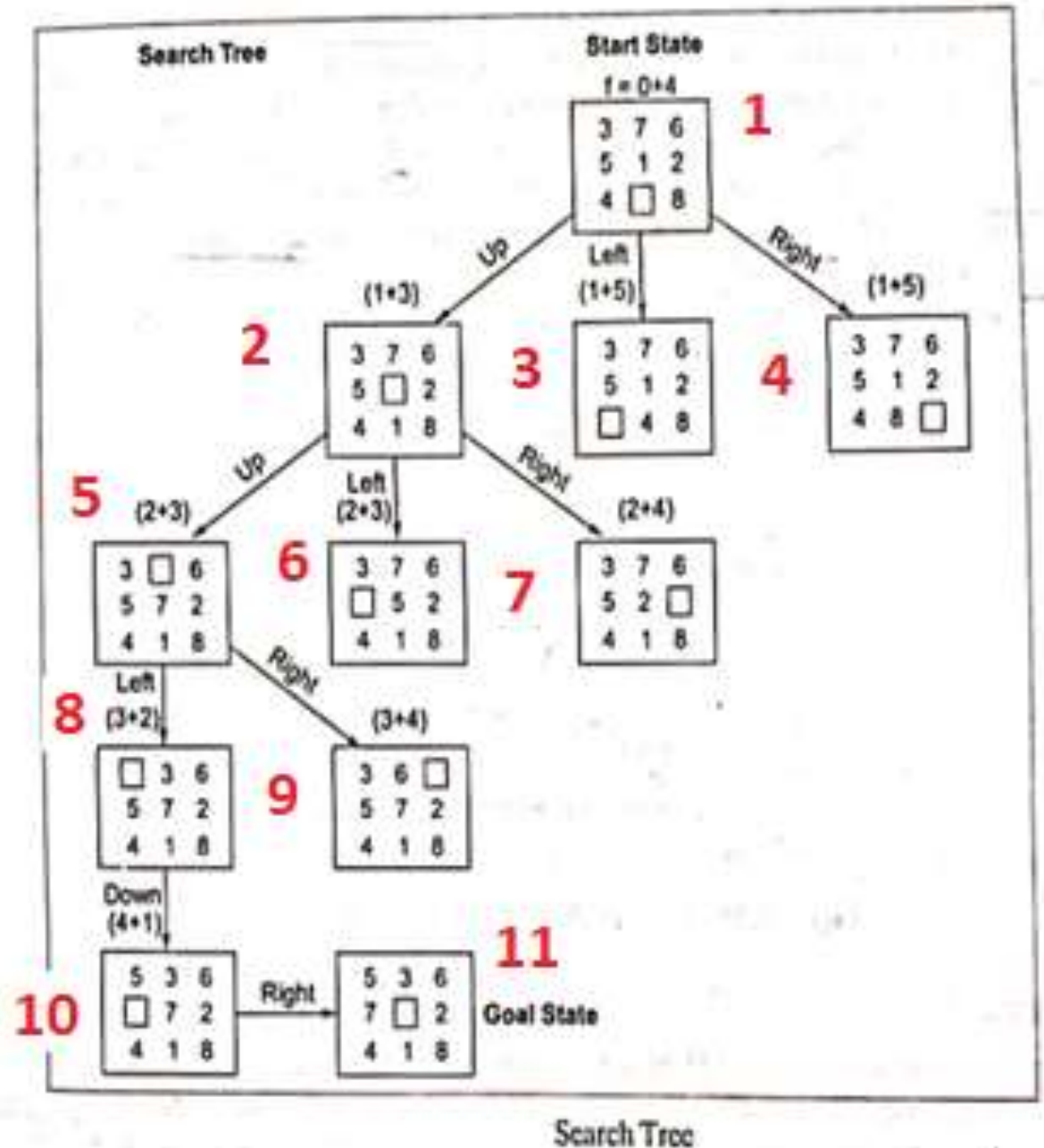
Open List-3-1(6),4-1(6),6-2(5),7-2(6),9-5(7), 12-10(7)

Closed List- 1(4), 2-1(4), 5-2(5), 8-5(5), 10-8(5)

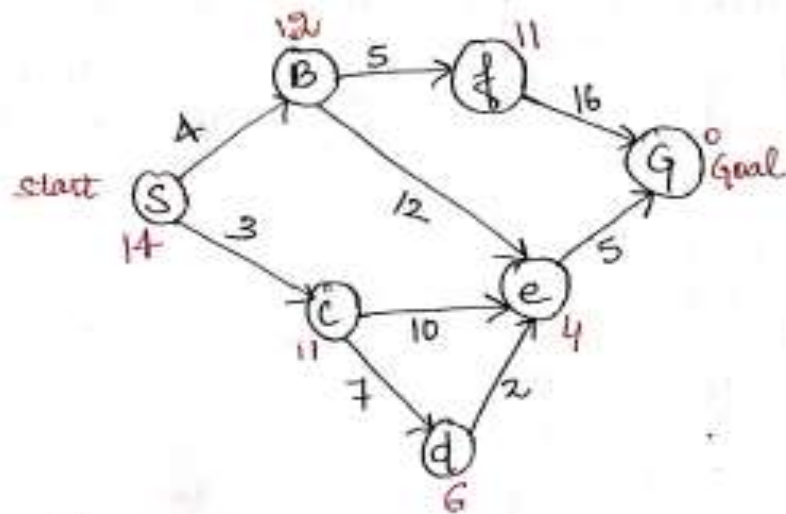
BestNode- 11-10(5)

SUCCs-

Old-



2.



1.  $f(s) = 0 + 14 = 14$

2.  $S \rightarrow B$   
 $= 4 + 12$   
 $= \underline{16}$

$S \rightarrow C$   
 $= 3 + 11$   
 $= \underline{14}$

$SB \rightarrow f$   
 $4 + 5 + 11$   
 $= 20$

$SB \rightarrow e$   
 $4 + 12 + 4$   
 $= 20$

3.

$SC \rightarrow e$   
 $= 3 + 10 + 4$   
 $= 17$

$SC \rightarrow d$   
 $3 + 7 + 6$   
 $= \underline{16}$

4.

$Scd \rightarrow e$   
 $3 + 7 + 2 + 4 = \underline{16}$

5.

$Scde \rightarrow G$   
 $3 + 7 + 2 + 5 + 0 = 17$

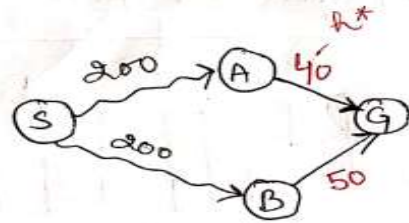


## HOW TO MAKE $A^*$ ADMISSIBLE :

↳ acceptable

- $A^*$  star search algorithm is admissible, if for any graph it always terminates in an optimal path from start state to goal state, if path exists.
- If heuristic function ' $h$ ' underestimates the actual value from current state to goal state, then it bounds to give an optimal solution & hence is called admissible function.
- So,  $A^*$  always terminates with optimal path in case  $h$  is an admissible heuristic function.

## Underestimation



$$\overset{\text{estimated}}{h(n)} \leq \overset{\text{actual/optimal}}{h^*(n)}$$

$$h(A) = 30$$

$$h(B) = 20$$

$$A^* \rightarrow f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

$$f(A) = g(A) + h(A) = 200 + 30 = 230$$

$$f(B) = g(B) + h(B) = 200 + 20 = 220$$

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

$$= 200 + 50 + 0$$

$$= 250$$

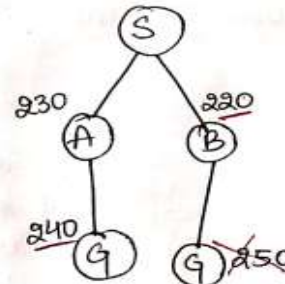
After reaching goal you observe that A has value 230 which is less than  $G = 250$ , so now explore A

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

$$= 200 + 40 + 0$$

$$= 240$$

value is less as compared to SBG path



So if heuristic function 'h' underestimates the actual value from current state to goal state, then it bounds to give an optimal solution

### OVERESTIMATION

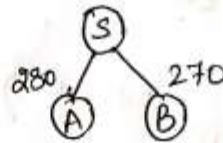
$$h(n) \geq h^*(n)$$

$$h(A) = 80$$

$$h(B) = 70$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= g(A) + h(A) \\ &= 200 + 80 = 280 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(B) &= g(B) + h(B) \\ &= 200 + 70 = 270 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f(G) &= g(G) + h(G) \\ &= 250 + 0 = 250 \end{aligned}$$

