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deepening

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Can we get the

best

of both worlds?

	time	space
bfs	$O(b^d)$	$O(b^d)$
dfs	$O(b^m)$	$O(bm)$

**d**

solution depth

the length of the shortest search path that leads to a final state

**m**

maximum depth

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**b**

branching factor

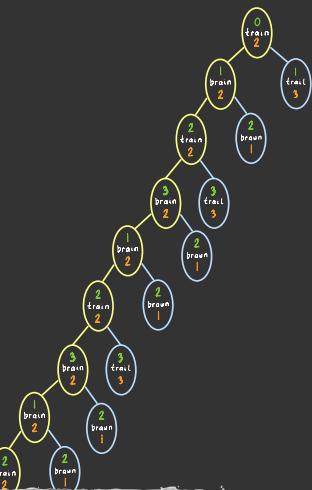
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the problem with

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we usually don't know the  
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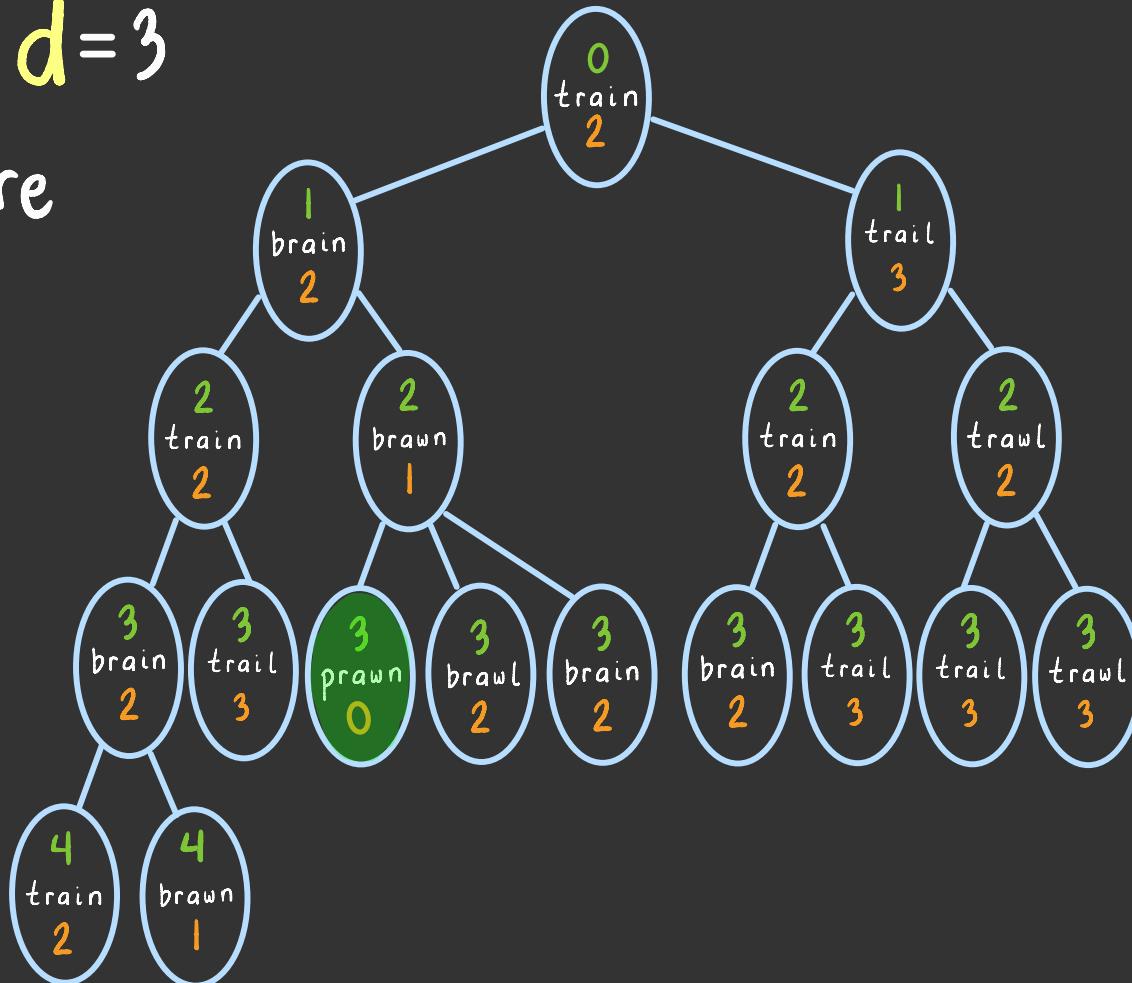
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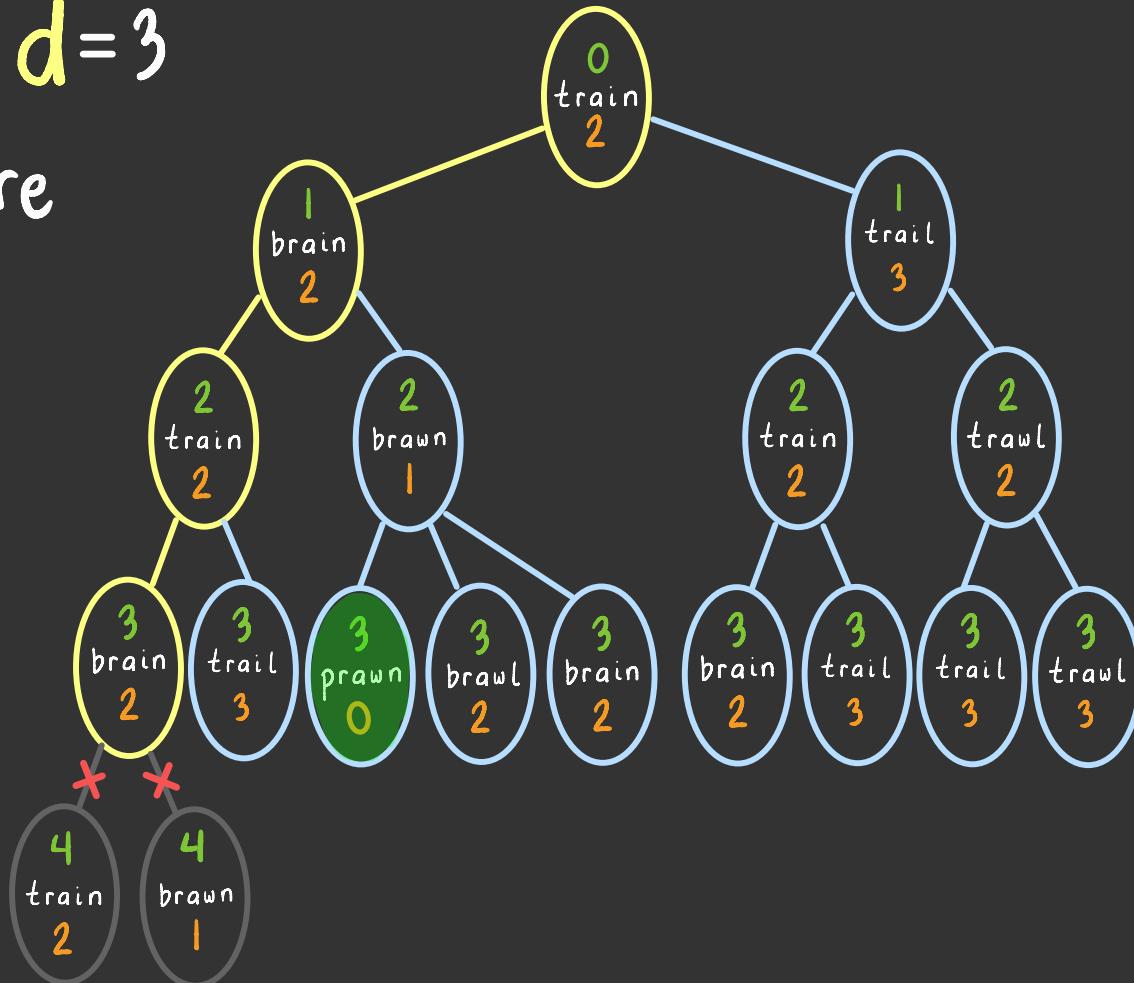
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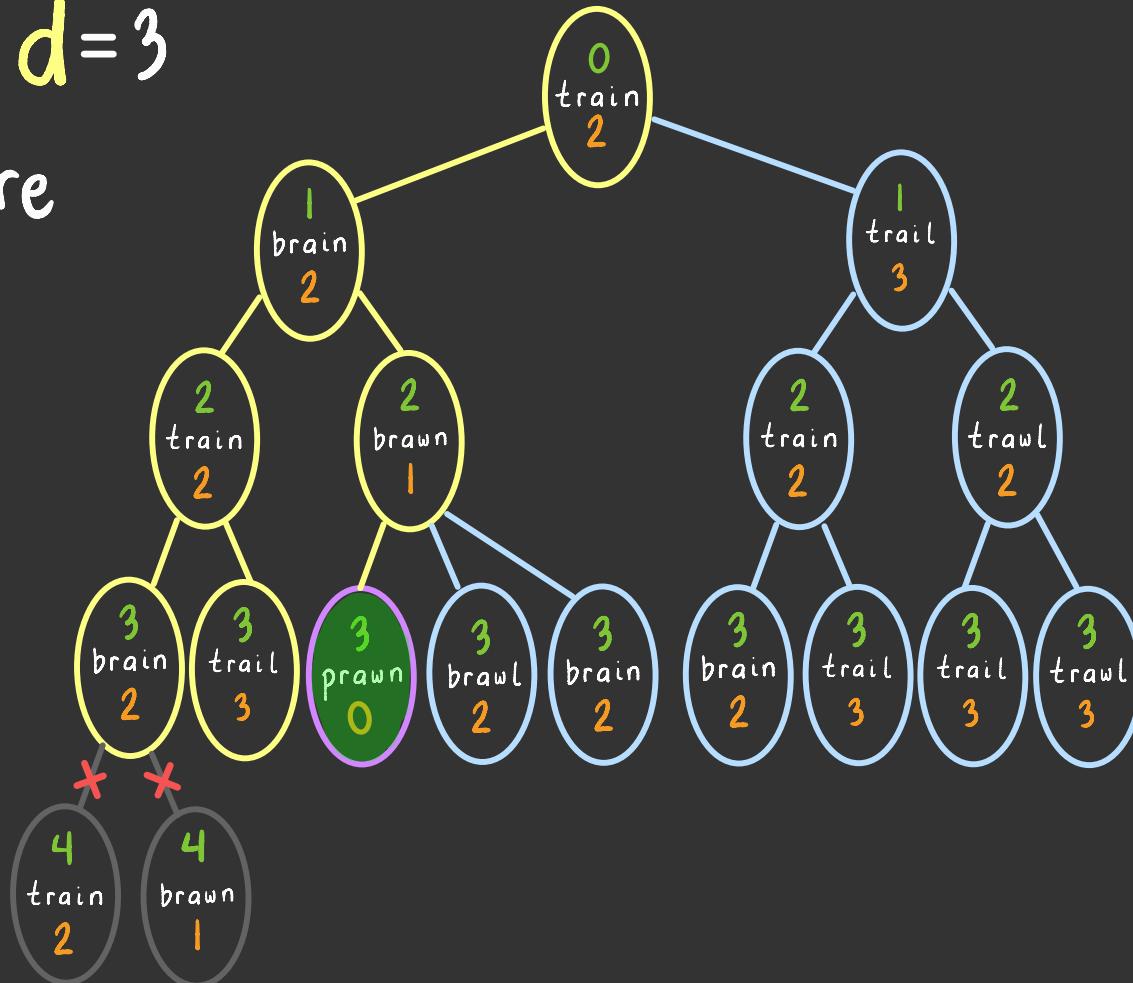
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LIMITED SEARCH ( $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, q_0, F, w)$ ,  $H$ ,  $d$ ):

- ▶ `container = new Container()`
  - ▶ `container.put(<q0, 0, H(q0)>)`
  - ▶ repeat:
    - ▶ if `container.empty()` then return  $\infty$

**"visit" a node**

- ▶  $n = \text{container.get}()$
- ▶ if  $g(n) \in F$  then return  $g(n)$
- ▶ let  $\text{successors}_{m,H}(n) = \left\{ \langle q', g(n) + w(q(n), \sigma, q'), H(q') \rangle \mid (q(n), \sigma, q') \in \Delta \right\}$
- ▶ for  $n' \in \text{successors}_{m,H}(n)$ :
   
     $\text{container.put}(n')$

solution depth  $d$ ?

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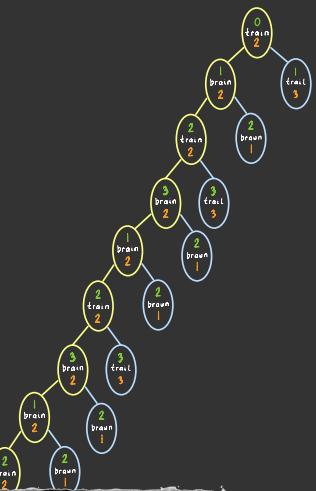
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but what if we did?  
ok... but what if we don't?

here's a dumb idea

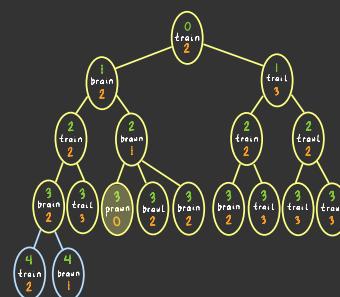
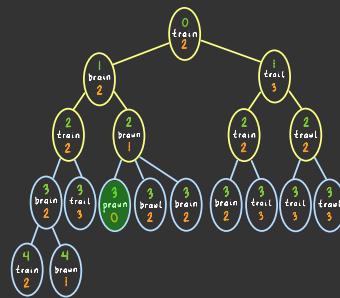
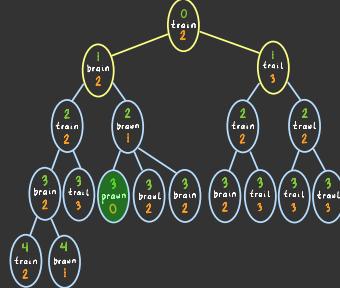
assume solution depth  $d = 1$   
and run limited search

if that doesn't work...

assume solution depth  $d = 2$   
and run limited search

if that doesn't work...

assume solution depth  $d = 3$   
and run limited search



etc...

# ITERATIVE DEEPENING ( $m, H$ ):

- ▶  $d = 0$
- ▶ repeat:
  - ▶ cost = LIMITED SEARCH( $m, H, d$ )
  - ▶ if cost  $\neq \infty$  then return cost
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your answer  
here

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because of this:

if  $j < k$ , then every node at search depth  $j$  is visited before any node at search depth  $k$

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We run dfs on  
a search tree of depth 1  
then a search tree of depth 2  
⋮  
then a search tree of depth d

So the space is  
 $O(\boxed{?})$

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but time  
is where the  
**magic**  
happens

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**m**

maximum depth

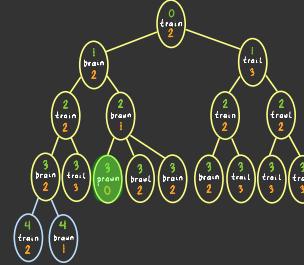
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branching factor

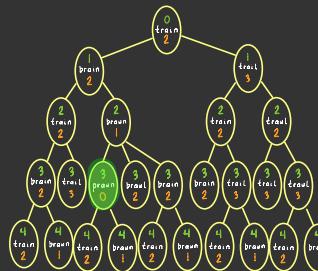
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one bfs to  
solution depth d



$O(b^d)$

what is  
faster? one dfs to  
maximum depth m

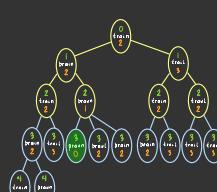
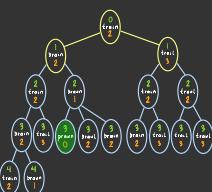


$O(b^m)$

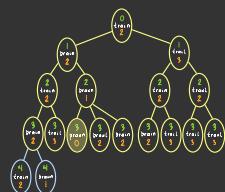
d dfses

... one to depth 1  
... one to depth 2

... one to depth d



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$O(b^d)$

one bfs to  
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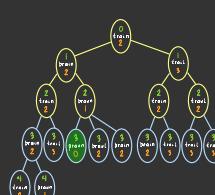
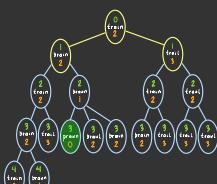
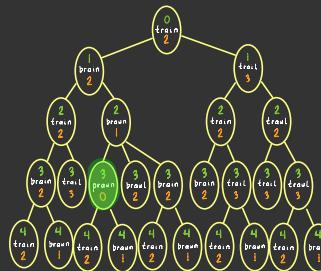
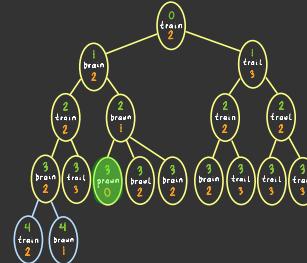
$O(b^m)$

one dfs to  
maximum depth m

# d dfses

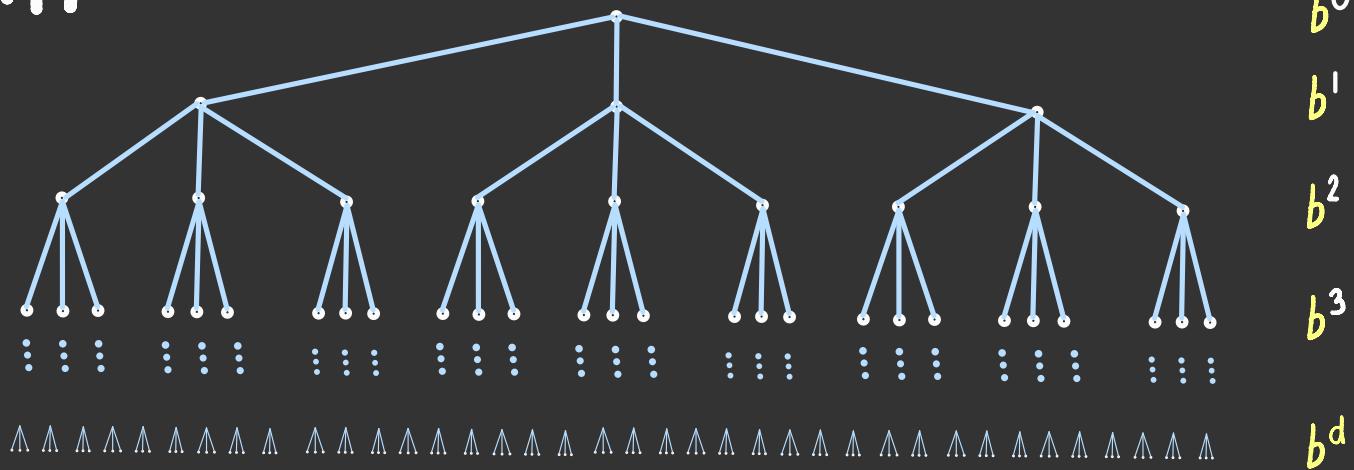
... one to depth 1  
... one to depth 2

... one to depth d



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recall:



in a full tree with branching factor  $b$  ?  
how many nodes are there in total

$$\sum_{i=0}^d b^i < 2b^d$$

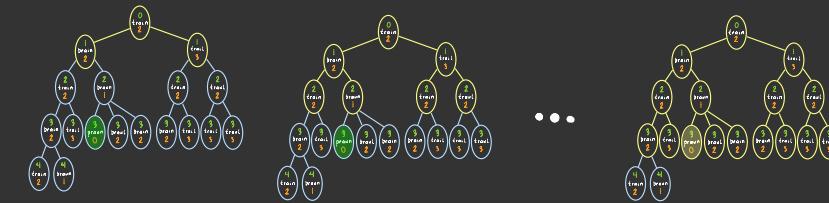
if  $b \geq 2$

# $d$ dfses

... one to depth 1

... one to depth 2

... one to depth  $d$



$$< 2b^1 < 2b^2$$

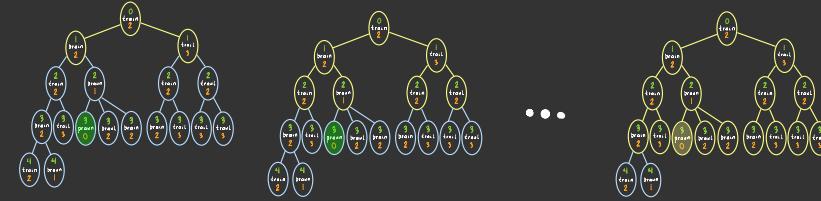
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$$< 2b^1 \quad < 2b^2 \quad < 2b^d$$

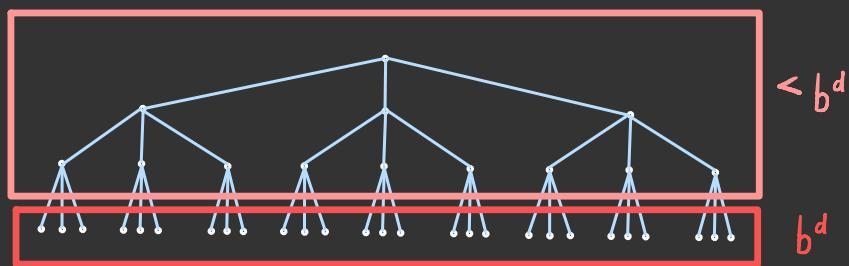
so we visit at most  $2b^1 + 2b^2 + \dots + 2b^d$  nodes

$$= 2(b^1 + b^2 + \dots + b^{d-1} + b^d) \text{ nodes}$$

and now recall|| this:

fun fact: if  $b \geq 2$ , then

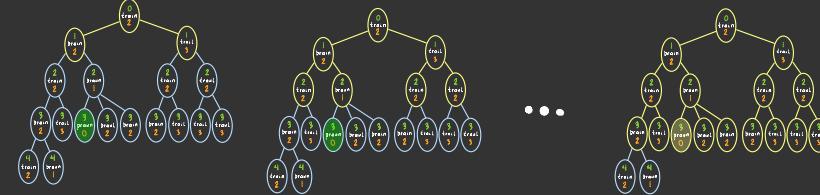
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trees have more leaves than  
internal nodes

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... one to depth 1  
... one to depth 2



... one to depth  $d$

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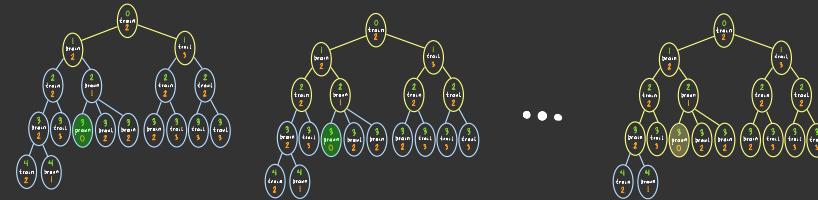
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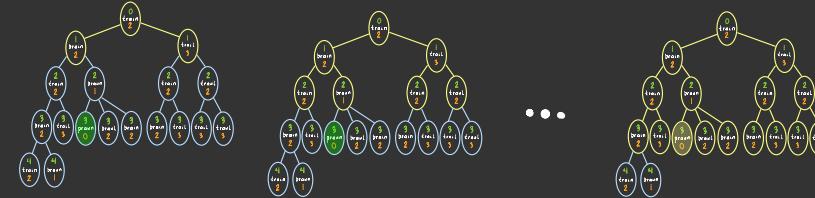
$$< 2(b^d + b^d) \text{ nodes}$$

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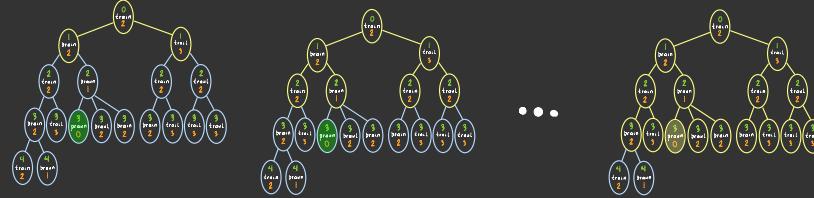
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that's  $4b^d$  nodes!

*d* dfses

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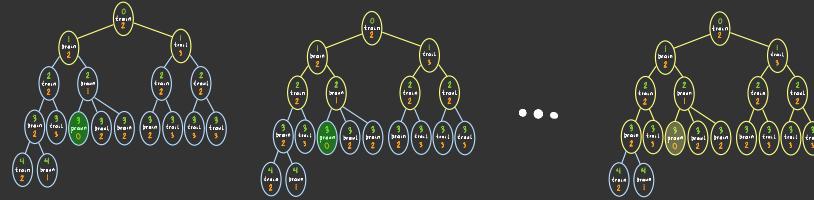
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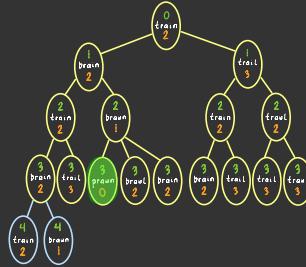


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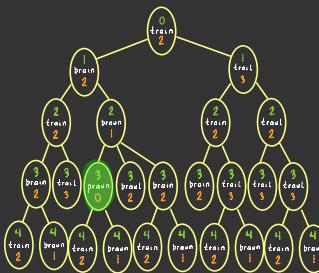
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$$O(b^d)$$

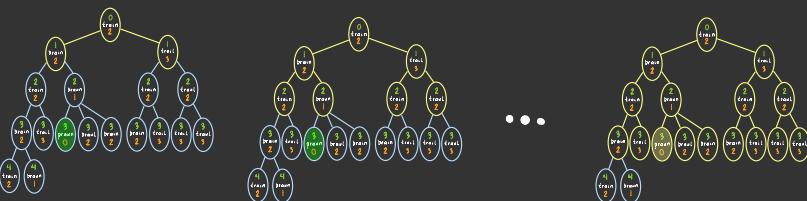
$O(b^d)$  one bfs to solution depth  $d$



$O(b^m)$  one dfs to maximum depth  $m$



$O(b^d)$   $d$  dfses  
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so asymptotically,  
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your answer here

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