# Artificial Intelligence Homework 1 Search

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- Motivation: By abstracting the problems, we can solve them using this *problem-independent* method.
- To abstract a problem, we define
  - the initial state
  - the goal state
  - the successors (or children) of each state
  - (optional) the cost of each action (i.e. state transition)
     of the problem.

- It is recommended that you begin with a function "graphSearch" defined by yourself
- def graphSearch(problem, search):

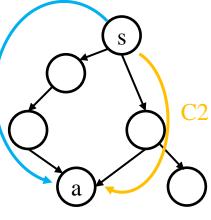
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Graph-Search(problem)
    initialize the frontier using the initial state of problem
    initialize the explored set to be empty
    repeat
         if the frontier is empty
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              return failure
         choose a leaf node and remove it from the frontier.
         if the node contains a goal state
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              return the corresponding solution
         add the node to the explored set
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         expand the chosen node
         if not in the frontier or explored set
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              add the resulting nodes to the frontier
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graphSearch(problem, search): (in search.py)

code initializing the frontier (see util.py) frontier.push(problem.getStartState()) explored = set() Graph-Search(problem) actionList = [] initialize the frontier using the initial state of *problem* transitionTable = dict() initialize the explored set to be empty node = problem.getStartState() <del>3 repeat</del> while (True): ← choose a leaf node and remove it from the frontier. if the node contains a goal state for leaf in leaves: return the corresponding solution add the node to the explored set expand the chosen node frontier if not in the frontier or explored set add the resulting nodes to the frontier record in transition Table 12 backtracing Note on Transition Table: dict() is like map in C++ STL return actionList

Key: child, Element: [parent, action]

- Question 1: DFS Stack
- Question 2: BFS Queue
- Question 3: UCS Priority Queue, Tricky!
  - The first time when node "a" is explored, the cost is C1.
  - Since we are considering graph search, we may encounter "a" second time, with cost C2.
  - What if C2<C1?
  - My method: define function "replace" and "has" in PriorityQueue. (If you plan to do so, please redefine the class PriorityQueue in search.py.)
  - Or you may use "lambda" keyword in Python.
  - Or any method you like.
- Question 4: A\* with heuristic



Priority Queue		
Node	Cost	
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a	er	$\mathbf{C}_{2}^{\prime}$
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- Reminder: Please make sure your graph search program is *problem-independent*!
  - By testing "python eightpuzzle.py"

#### **Question 5 - Defining Game States**

- Objective: Abstract the Corner Problem
  - There are four foods at each corner at the beginning.
  - Once the Pacman wanders to a corner with food, the food will be eaten and no longer exist.
  - The goal is the Pacman eating up all foods, which declares the end of the game.