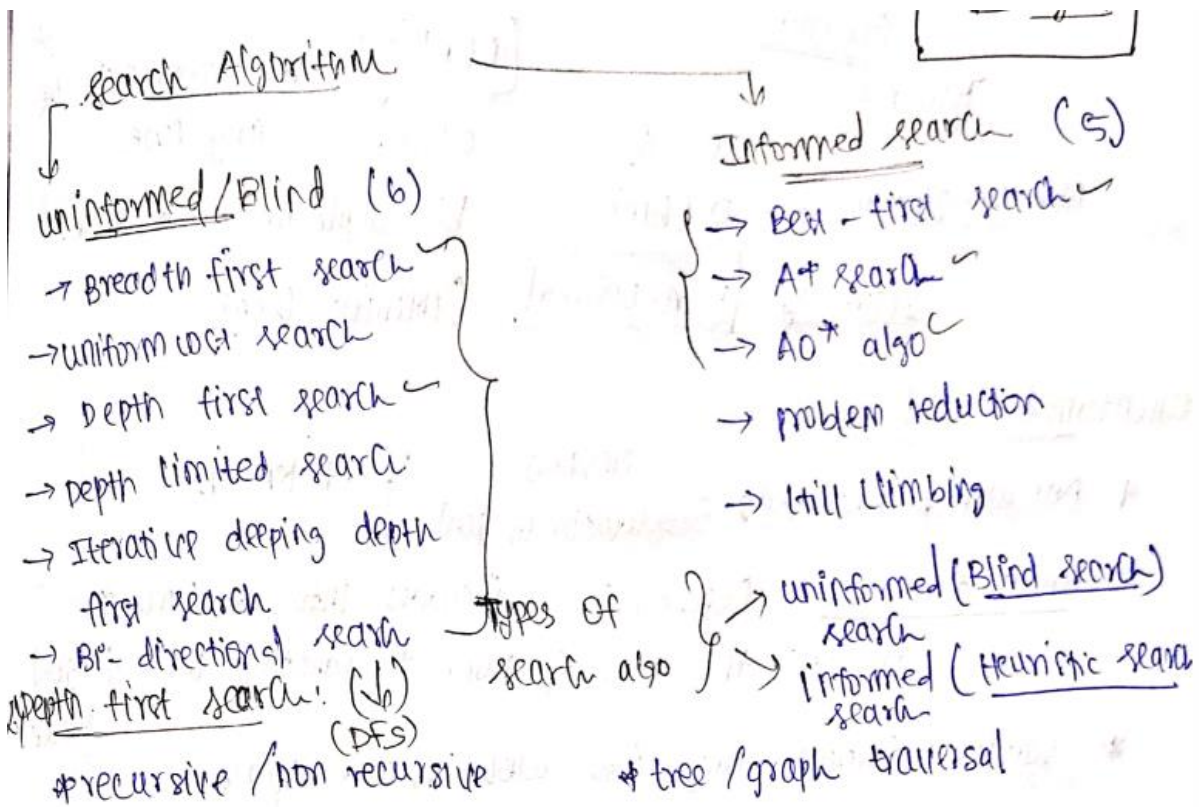
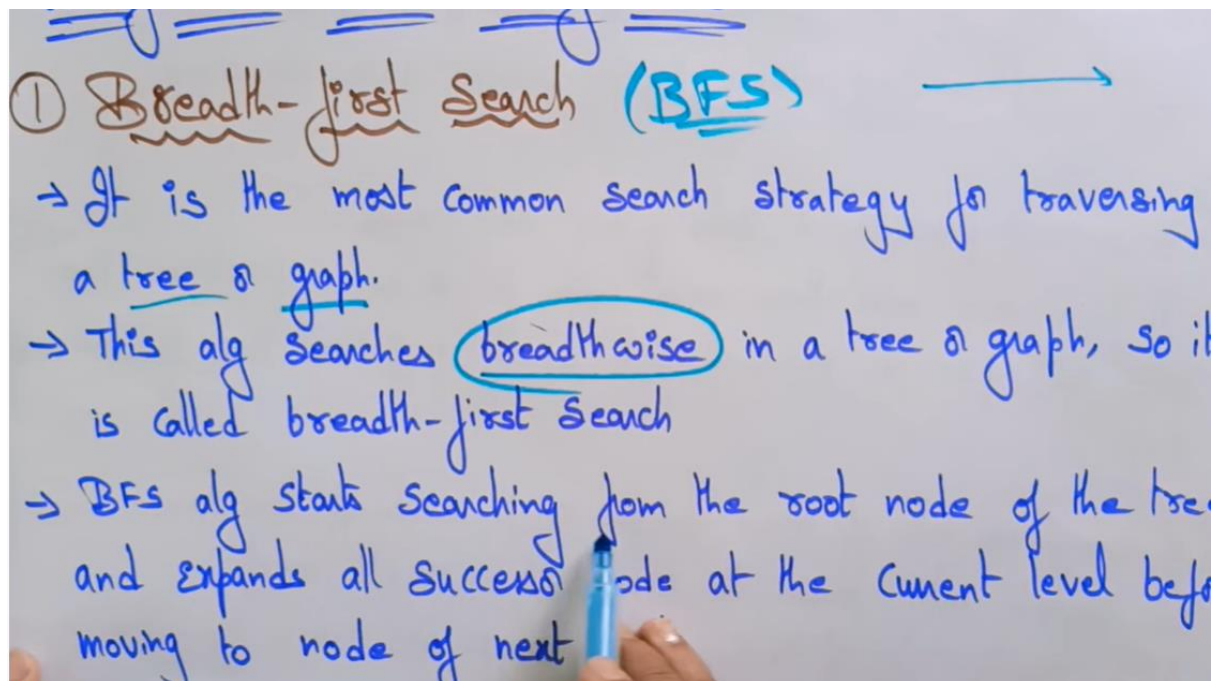


## SEARCH STRATEGIES:



## UNINFORMED SEARCH STRATEGIES: BFS



BFS alg is an example of general-graph search alg  
BFS implemented using FIFO queue data structure

Adv:-

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- If there are more than one soln for a given problem, BFS will provide minimal soln which requires the least number of steps.

Disadv:-

- It requires lots of mem since each level of the tree must be saved into mem to expand the next level

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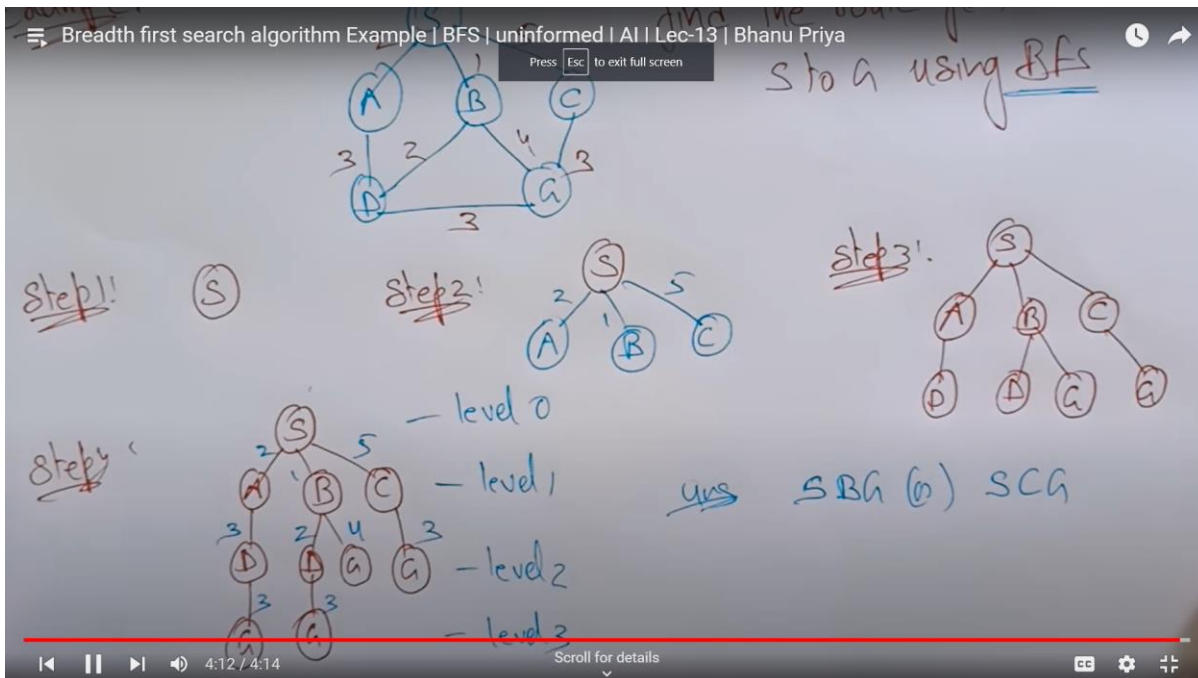
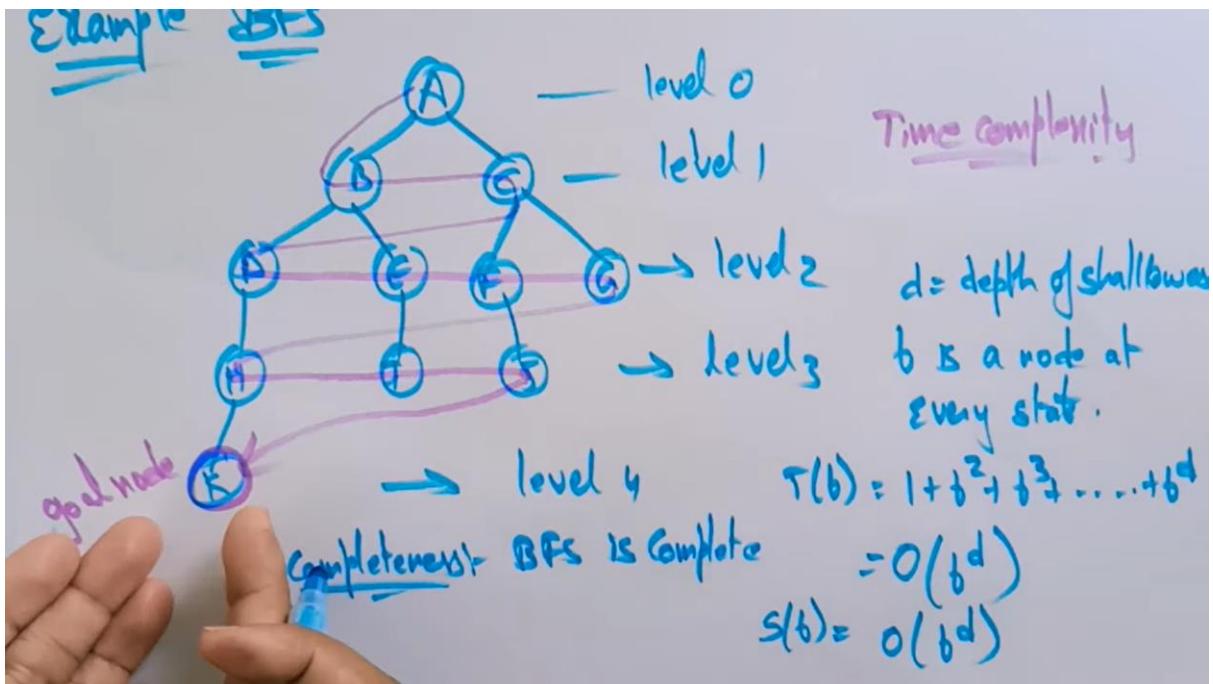
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- It requires lots of mem since each level of the tree must be saved into mem to expand the next level
- BFS needs lots of time if the soln is far away from the root

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## DEPTH FIRST SEARCH

### ② Depth first search

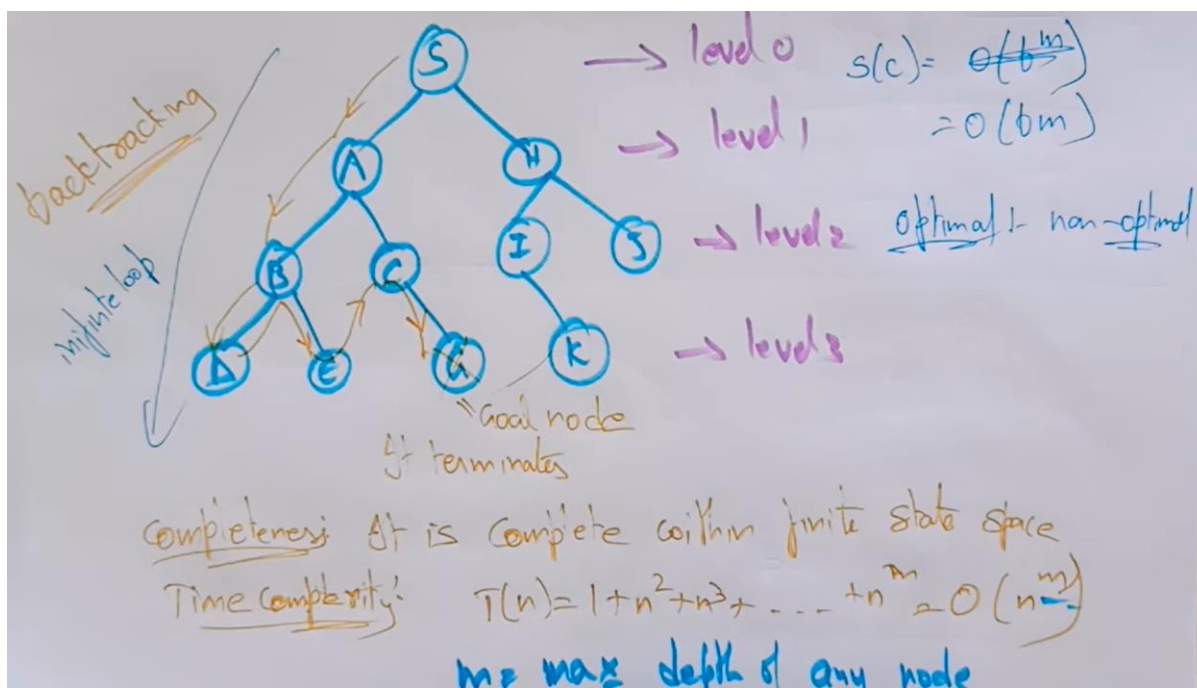
- It is a recursive alg for traversing a tree ~~of~~ a graph ds.
- It is called DFS because it starts from the root & follows each path to its greatest depth node before moving to the next
- DFS uses a stack ds for its implementation
- The Process is similar to BFS alg.

#### Adv:-

- It requires very less memory as it only needs to store a stack of the nodes on the path from root node to the current node

#### Disadv:-

- There is the possibility that many states keep ~~re-occurring~~ re-occurring, & there is no guarantee of finding the soln.
- ~~B~~DFS alg goes for deep down searching and sometime it may go to the infinite loop.



### ③ Depth-limited Search Algorithm:

It is similar to DFS with a predetermined limit. Depth limited search can solve the drawback of the infinite path in DFS. In this alg, the node at the depth limit will treat as it has no successor nodes further.

Depth-limited search can be terminated with two conditions of failure:

- Standard failure value: It indicates that problem does not have any soln.

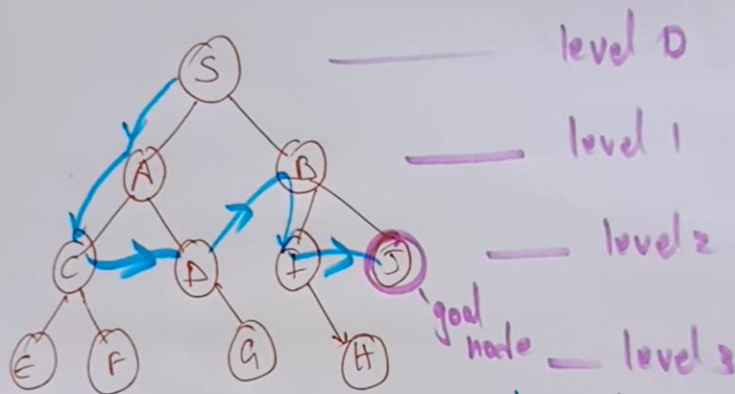
- Cutoff failure value: It defines no soln for the problem within a given depth limit.

### Advantages 1-

- It is memory efficient.

### Disadvantages 1-

- incompleteness
- It may not be optimal if the problem has more than one solution.



limit - level 2

It is not optimal.

terminates

$$TC \Rightarrow O(b^L)$$

$$SC \Rightarrow O(b \times L)$$

## DEPTH FIRST ITERATIVE DEEPENING SEARCH ALGORITHM:

I) Depth First Iterative Deepening Search :

→ It is a combination of BFS & DFS

→ It will find goal node at any way

→ Both Advantages of BFS & DFS are achieved

→ it finds goal node  
→ it consumes less memory

adv:

→ It will find goal node

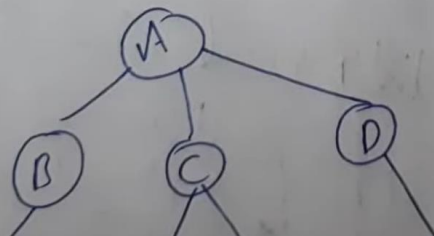
→ It consumes less memory

disadvantage

→ few nodes are visited again & again

ex

Goal node



← level 0

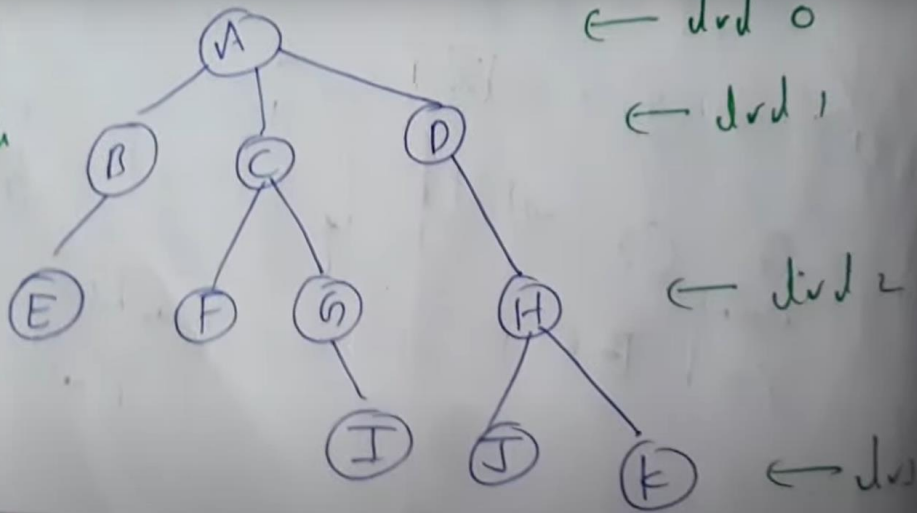
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# 15 Depth first iterative deepening search

few nodes are visited again & again

Goal node is H



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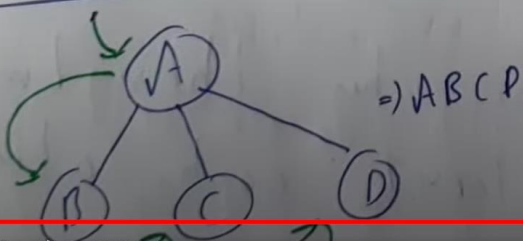
# 15 Depth first iterative deepening search

Here the process is done level by level

at level 0



at level 1



Depth level | Iterative deepening search

Depth level	Iterative deepening search
0	A
1	ABCD
2	<del>ABCE</del>
2	ABCEFGDH

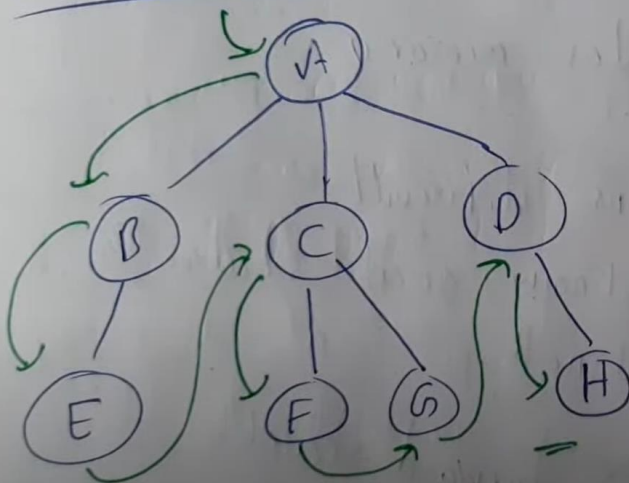
Goal node found

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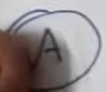
at level 2:



=> A B E C F G D H

no further search

level 0



=> A

Depth level

Iterative deepening search

Depth level	Iterative deepening search
0	A
1	A B C D
<del>2</del>	<del>A B E C</del>
2	A B E C F G D (H)

Goal node Found

## UNIFORM COST SEARCH ALGORITHM:

- 4) Uniform-Cost Search Algorithm
- It is used for traversing a weighted tree or graph.
  - It comes into play when a different cost is available for each edge.
  - The goal of UCS is to find a path to the goal node which has the lowest cumulative cost.
  - It expands nodes according to their path costs from the root.
  - It can be used to solve any graph/tree ~~with~~ where the optimal cost is in demand.

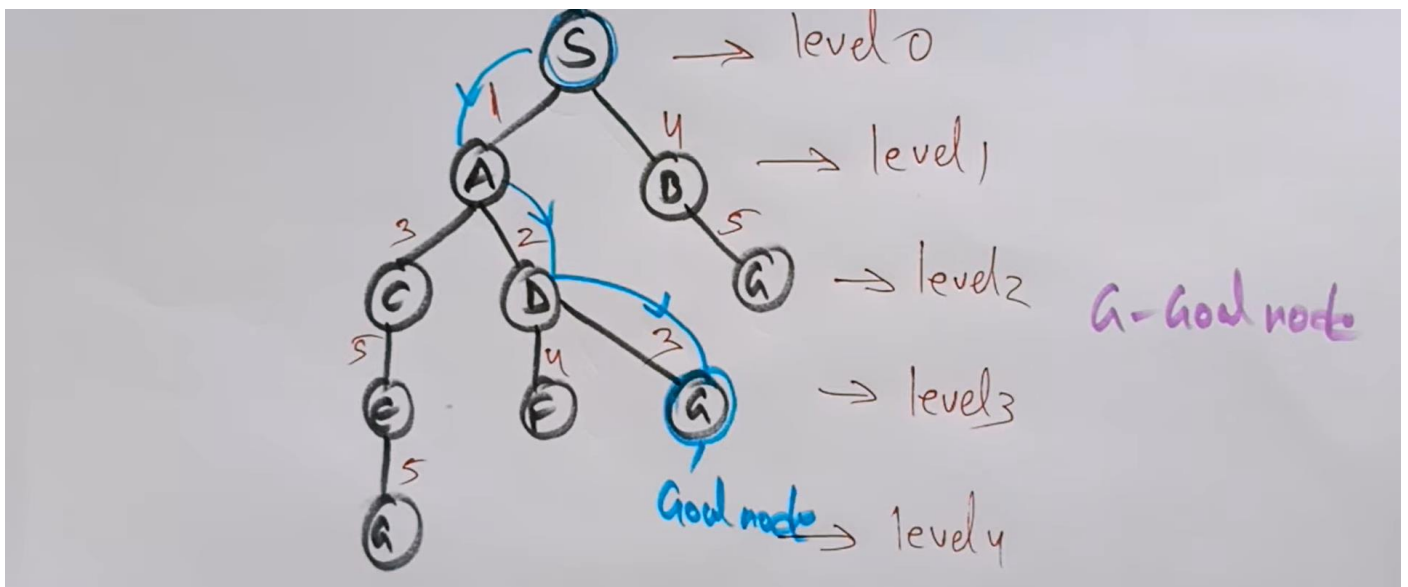
- A UCS alg is implemented by the priority queue.
- It gives maximum priority to the lowest cumulative cost.
- It is equivalent to BFS if the path cost of all edges is the same.

### Advantages:

- Uniform Cost Search is optimal because at every state the path with the least cost is chosen.

### Disadvantages:

- It does not care about the no. of steps involve in searching and only concerned about path cost. Due to which this alg may stuck in an infinite loop.



### BIDIRECTIONAL ALGORITHM:

#### ⑤ Bidirectional Search Algorithm :-

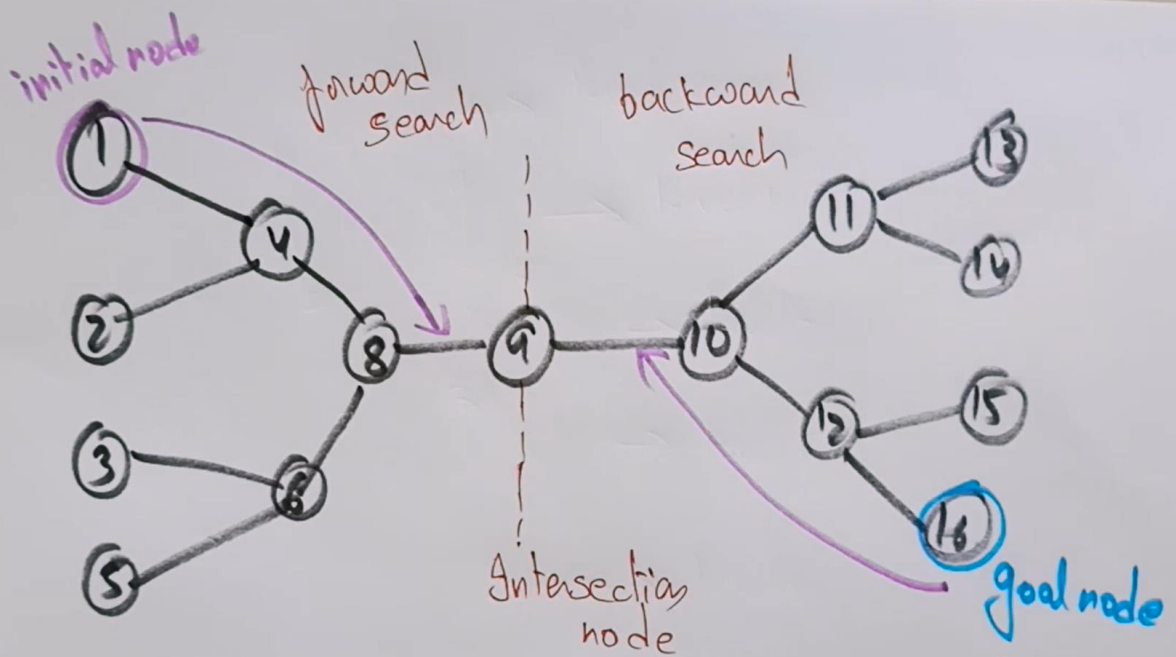
- It runs two simultaneous searches, one ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> initial state called as forward search & other ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> goal node called as backward-search, to find goal node.
- It replaces one single search graph with two small subgraphs in which one starts the search from initial vertex & other starts from goal vertex.
- The search stops when these two graphs intersect each other.
- Bidirectional Search can use search techniques such as BFS, DFS, DLS, etc.,



- Bidirectional search is fast —
- Bidirectional search requires less memory.

Disadvantages 1.

- Implementation of the bidirectional search tree is difficult.
- In bidirectional search, one should know the goal state in advance.



## INFORMED SEARCH STRATEGIES:

### Informed Search Algorithm

#### ① Best-first Search Algorithm (Greedy Search)

- ⇒ It always selects the path which appears best at that moment.
  - ⇒ It is combination of DFS & BFS
  - ⇒ It uses the heuristic function  $h(n) \leq h^*(n)$  and search
- $h(n)$  = heuristic cost  
 $h^*(n)$  = estimated cost
- ⇒ The greedy best first alg is implemented by priority queue

#### Best first Search Algorithm:

- Step 1 :- Place the starting node into the open list
- Step 2 :- If the open list is empty, stop & return failure
- Step 3 :- Remove the node  $n$ , from the open list which has lowest value of  $h(n)$ , & places it in the closed list.
- Step 4 :- Expand the node  $n$ , and generate the successors of node  $n$ .
- Step 5 :- check each successor of node  $n$ , and find whether node is a goal node or not. If any successor node is goal node, return success.

Step 6 :- For each Successor node, algorithm checks for evaluation function  $f(n)$ , & then check if the node has been in either OPEN or CLOSED list. If the node has not been in both list, then add it to OPEN list.

Step 7 :- Return to step 2.

Advantages :

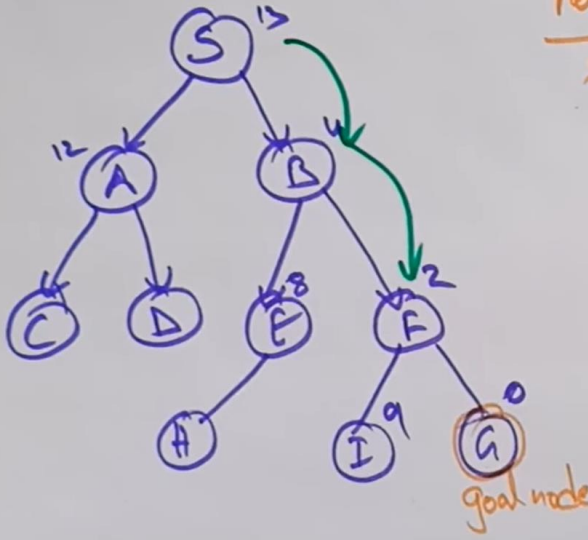
- Best first search can switch between BFS & DFS by gaining the advantages of both the algorithm
- This algorithm is more efficient than BFS & DFS algorithm

→ Disadvantages :

- It can behave as an unguided depth-first search in the worst case scenario
- It can get stuck in a loop as DFS
- This algorithm is not optimal.



# Best first search Alg example

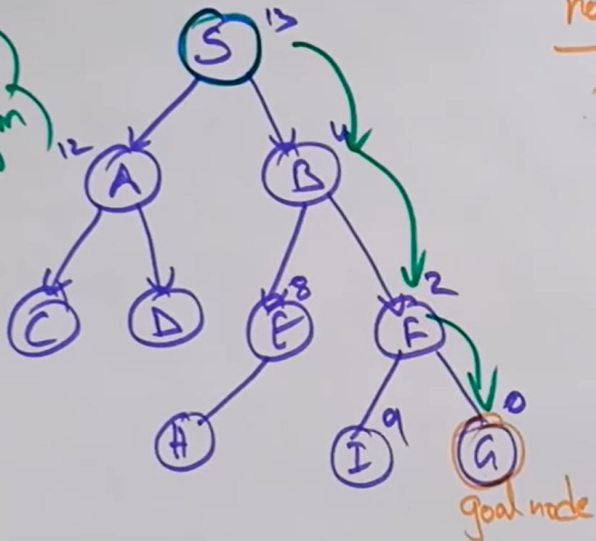


node	$h(n)$	
S	13	$\Rightarrow$ initialization
A	12	open[A, B], close[S]
B	4	
C	7	① open[A], close[S, B]
D	3	
E	8	② open[E, F, A], close[S, B]
F	2	open[E, A], close[S, B, F]
H	4	③ open[E, A, I], close[S, B, F]
I	9	
G	0	open[E, A, I], close[S, B, F, G]

S  $\rightarrow$  B  $\rightarrow$  F  $\rightarrow$  G.

# Best first search Alg example

$T(c) = O(b^m)$   
 $S(c) = O(b^m)$   
 incomplete  
 not optimal

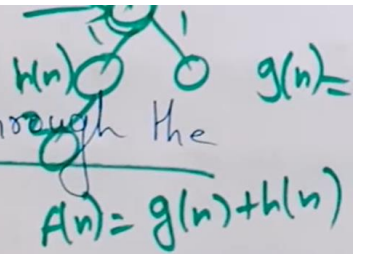


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S  $\rightarrow$  B

## ② A\* Search Algorithm:

$h(n)$



→ A\* Search Alg finds the shortest path through the search space using the heuristic function.

→ It uses  $h(n)$ , & cost to reach the node  $n$  from the start state  $g(n)$ .

→ This alg expands less search tree and provides optimal results faster.

→ It is similar to UCS except that it uses  $g(n) + h(n)$  instead of  $g(n)$ .

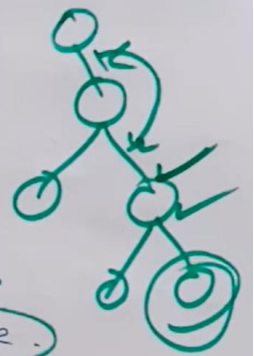
A\* uses search heuristic as well as the cost to reach the node. Hence we combine both costs as,

$$F(n) = g(n) + h(n) \quad \{ \text{fitness number} \}$$

$F(n)$  = Estimated cost of the cheapest soln

$g(n)$  = cost to reach node  $n$  from start state

$h(n)$  = cost to reach from node  $n$  to goal node.



## Algorithm of A\* Search

Step 1: Place the starting node in OPEN list

Step 2: check if the OPEN list is empty or not, if the list is

Empty then return failure & stop.

Step 3: Select the node from the OPEN list which has the small value of evaluation function ( $g+h$ ), if node  $n$  is goal node then return success & stop, otherwise

Step 4: Expand node  $n$  & generate all of its successors, & put  $n$  in the closed list.

- For each successor ' $n$ ', check whether ' $n$ ' is already in the OPEN or CLOSED list,
- If not then compute evaluation function for ' $n$ ' and place into OPEN list.

Step 5: Else if node ' $n$ ' is already in OPEN & CLOSED, then it should be attached to the back pointer which reflects the lowest  $g(n)$  value.

Step 6: Return to Step 2

Advantages:

- It is best alg than other search alg
- It is optimal & complete
- It can solve very complex problems.

Disadvantages:

- It does not always produce shortest path

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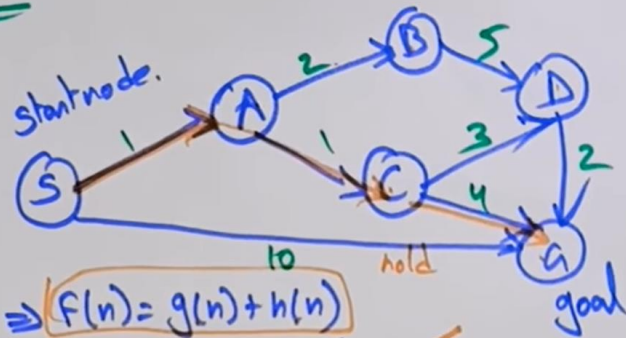
- It is not practical for various large-scale problems



# A\* Search Algorithm

## Example 1

state	$h(n)$
S	5
A	3
B	4
C	2
D	6
G	0



①  $S \rightarrow A \Rightarrow F(n) = g(n) + h(n)$   
 $= 1 + 3 = 4$  ✓

$S \rightarrow G = F(n) = 10 + 0 = 10$  hold ✗

②  $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow F(n) = 3 + 4 = 7$  hold ✗

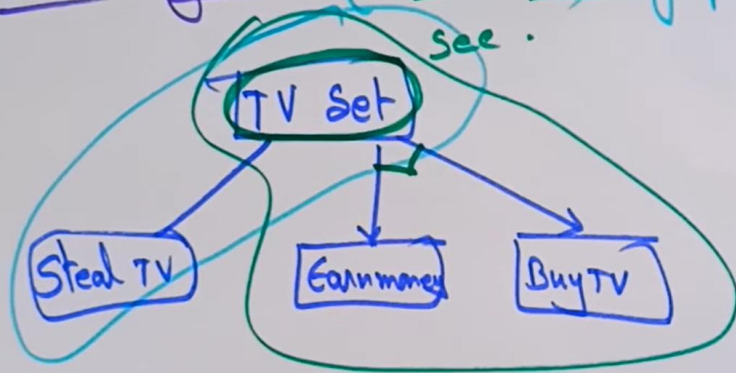
$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \Rightarrow F(n) = 2 + 2 = 4$  ✓

③  $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \Rightarrow F(n) = 5 + 6 = 11$  hold ✗

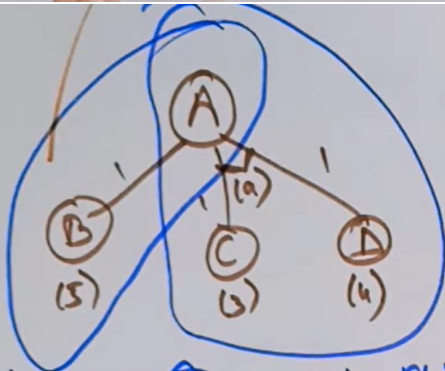
$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G \Rightarrow F(n) = 6 + 0 = 6$  ✓

$S \rightarrow A \rightarrow C \rightarrow G$   
 Cost = 6

⇒ AO\* Search Algorithm (AND-OR) graphs

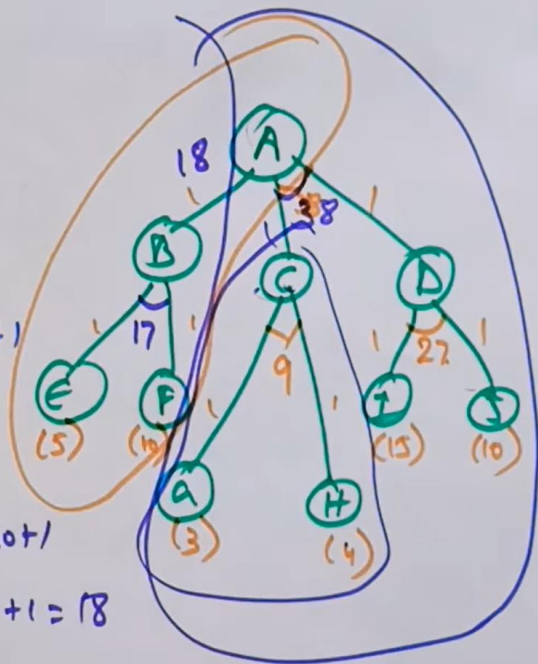


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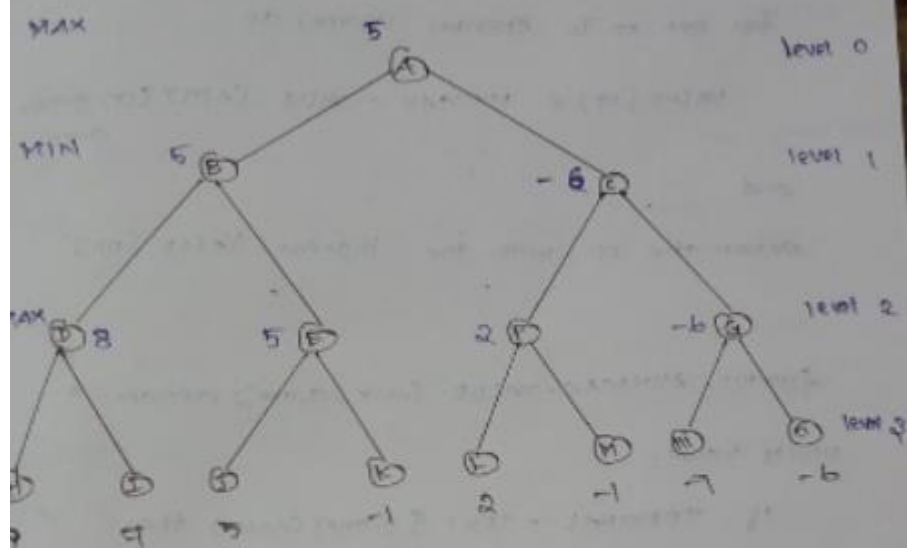
$$F(n) + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6$$

$$F(n) = 3 + 1 + 4 + 1 = 9$$



$$5 + 1 + 10 + 1$$

$$F7 + 1 = 18$$



Hence the maximum node weight of root node is 5

Min-Max algorithm concentrates on 2 points of view

player  $\rightarrow$  try to maximize the winning possibility

Player  $\rightarrow$  try to maximize the winning possibilities.  
Agent  $\rightarrow$  try to minimize the winning possibilities.



# Min Max algorithm:

function MINMAX-DECISION (game) returns an operator

for each op in Operators (game) do

VALUE[op]  $\leftarrow$  MINMAX-VALUE [op, game],  
game)

end

return the op with the highest VALUE [op]

function MINMAX-VALUE (max, game) returns a  
utility value.

if TERMINAL-TEST (game) (max) then

return UTILITY [game] (max)

elseif MAX is to move in state then

return the highest MINMAX-VALUE of  
SUCCESSORS (max)

else

return the lowest MINMAX-VALUE of SUCCESSORS  
(max)

### Properties:

- \* The algorithm is complete, meaning in a finite search tree, a solution will be certainly found.
- \* It is optimal if both the players are playing optimally.
- \* Due to the Depth first search, it guarantees the time complexity of the algorithm is  $O(b^m)$ .  
where  $b$  is the branching factor,  $m \rightarrow$  max. depth of tree.
- \* Space complexity  $\rightarrow O(bm)$ .

As the name indicates, it starts from leaf node, depends upon parent min/max, it decides the value and stores in node  $\rightarrow$  root node is always max.

### Advantages:

- \* A thorough assessment of the search is performed.
- \* Decision making in AI is easily possible.
- \* New and smart machines are developed with this algorithm.

### Disadvantages:

- \* Process of reaching the goal is slower because of the huge branching.
- \* Evaluation of search of all possible nodes and branch degrades the performance or efficiency of the engine.
- \* Both the players have too many choices to decide from.
- \* If any restriction of time & space complexity  $\rightarrow$  difficult to explore the entire tree.

# Alpha-Beta pruning - AI

DFS

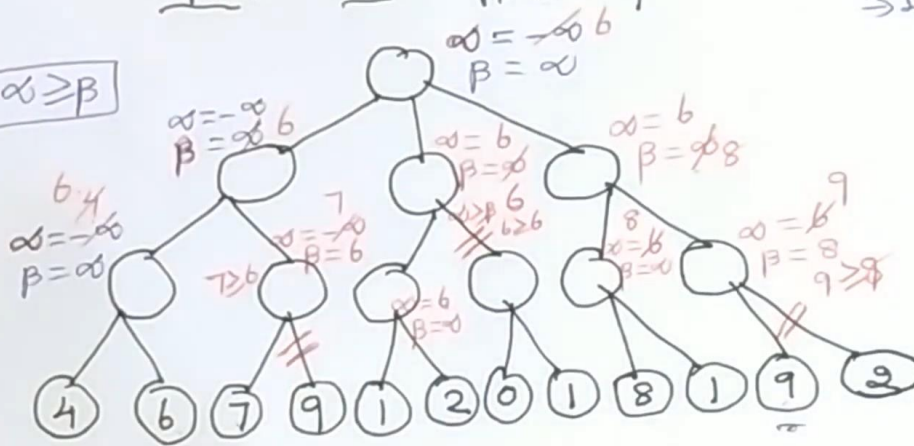
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min  $\beta$

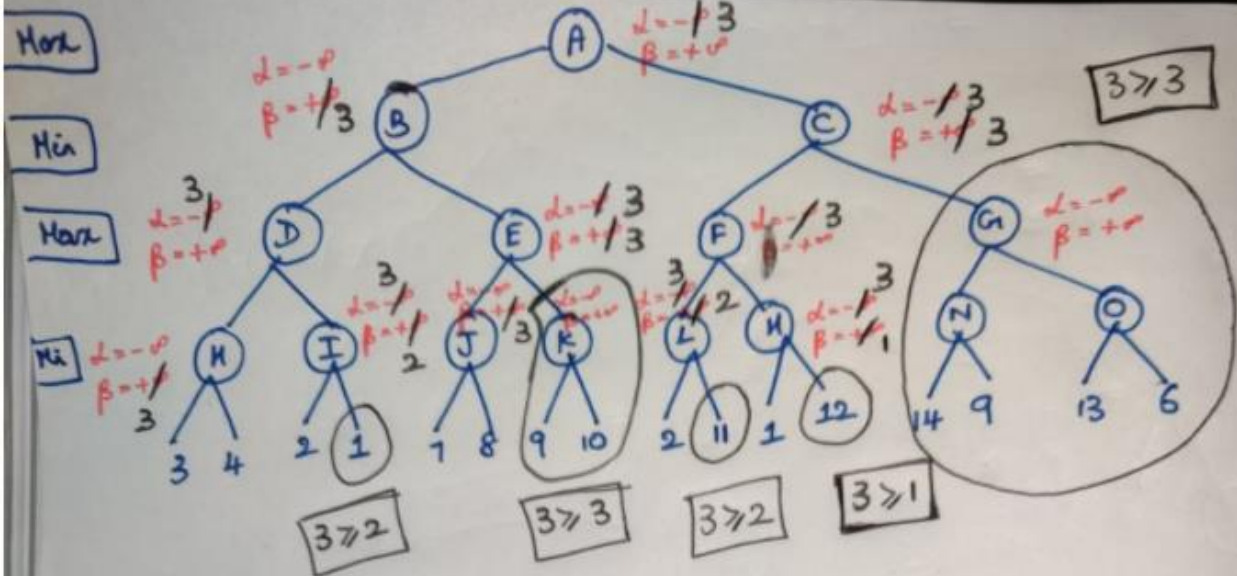
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Terminal

$$\alpha \geq \beta$$







Verify using  
 $\alpha$ - $\beta$  pruning

