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Artificial Intelligence

Informed search

Lecture No. – 04



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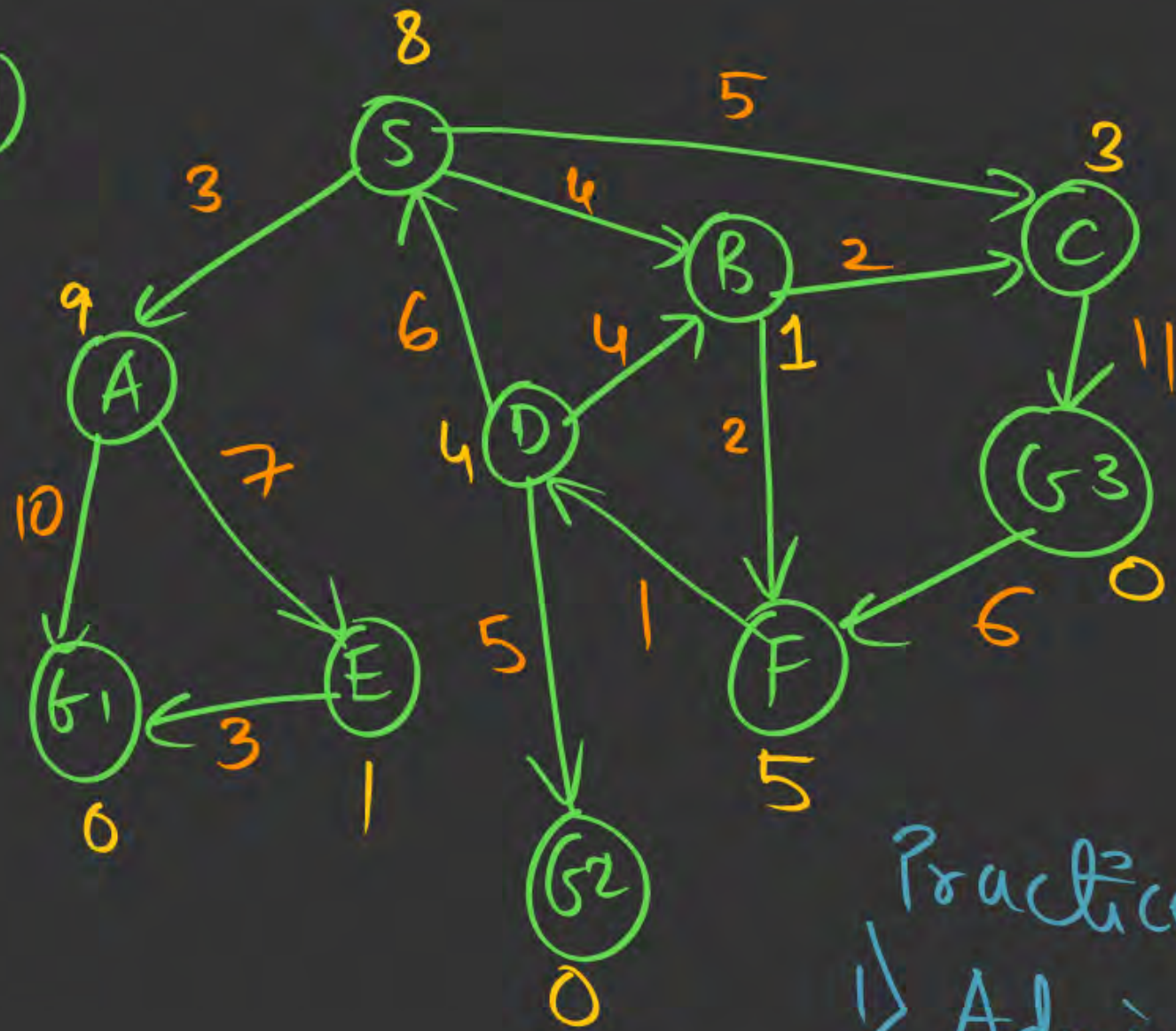


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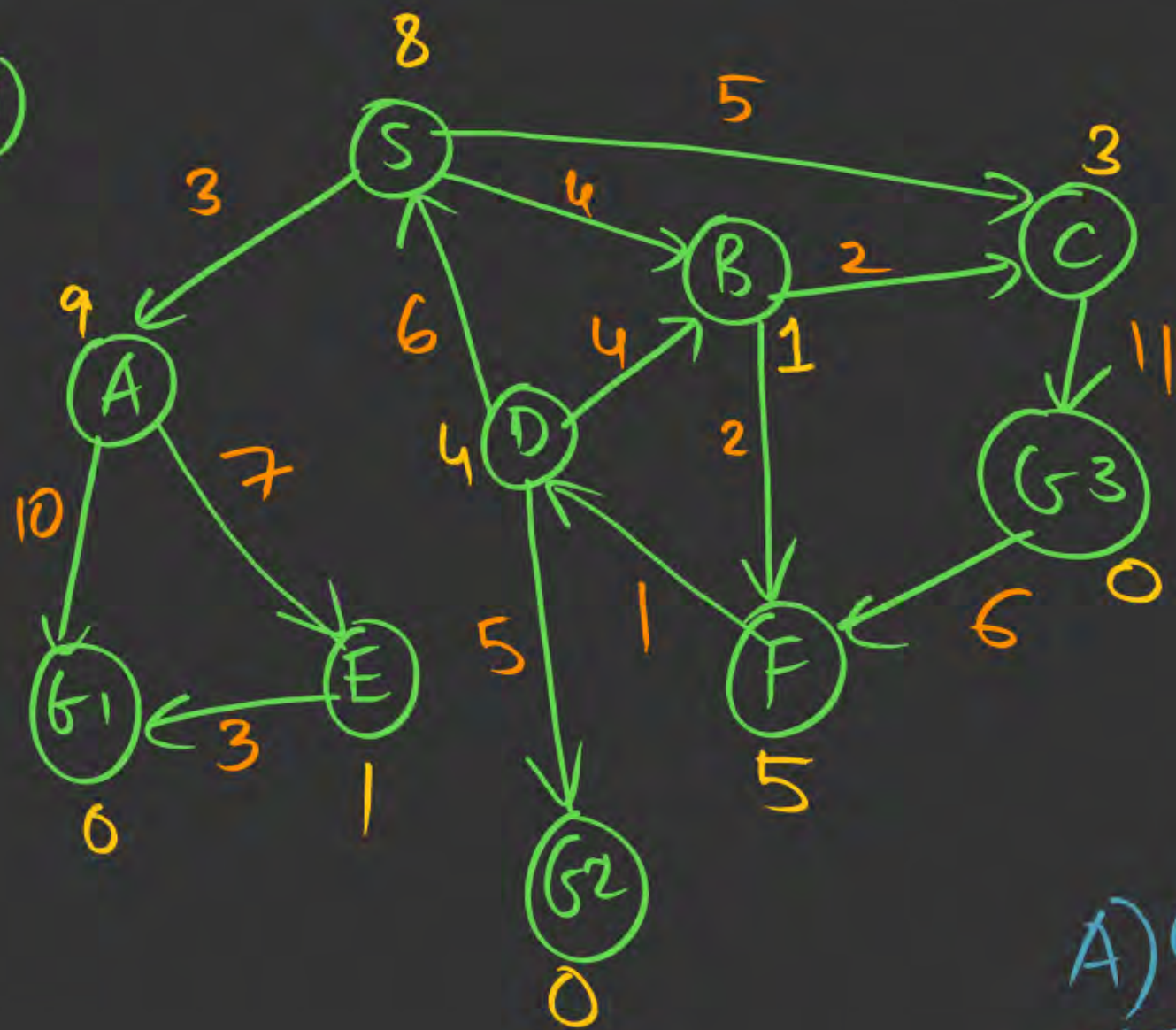
1) Apply A^* Graph Search to find which goal is reached first?

Start: S

If same Cost: G1 > G2 > G3

Practice
1) Admissible?
2) Consistent?

(Q.1)



- A) G1
- B) G2
- C) G3

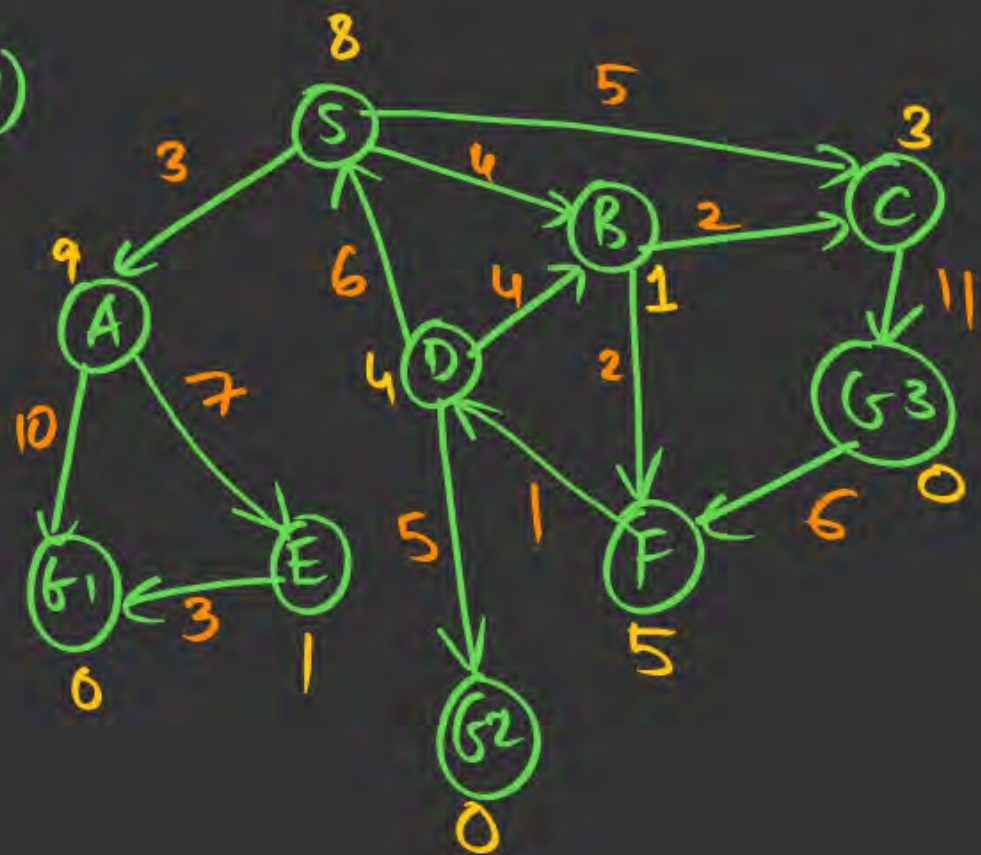
✓ i) Apply A* Graph Search to find which goal is reached first?

Start: S

If same Cost: $\boxed{G1 > G2 > G3}$
among goals

path: S B F D G2
cost: 12

(Q.1)



open	closed							
S ^x	S	B	C	F	D	A	E	G ₂
A ^x	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
B ^x	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
C ^x	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
F ^x	x	11	11	11	11	11	11	
G ₃ ^x	x	x	16	16	16	16	16	
D ^x	x	x	x	11	11	11	11	
G ₂ ^x	x	x	x	x	12	12	12	
E ^x	x	x	x	x	x	11	11	
G ₁	x	x	x	x	x	13	13	

Cost = 12
path = SBFDG₂



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#Q. Consider the search graph below, where S is the start node and G1, G2, and G3 are goal states. Arcs are labeled with the cost of traversing them and the heuristic cost to a goal is shown inside the nodes. For each of the three search strategies below, indicate which of the goal states is reached:

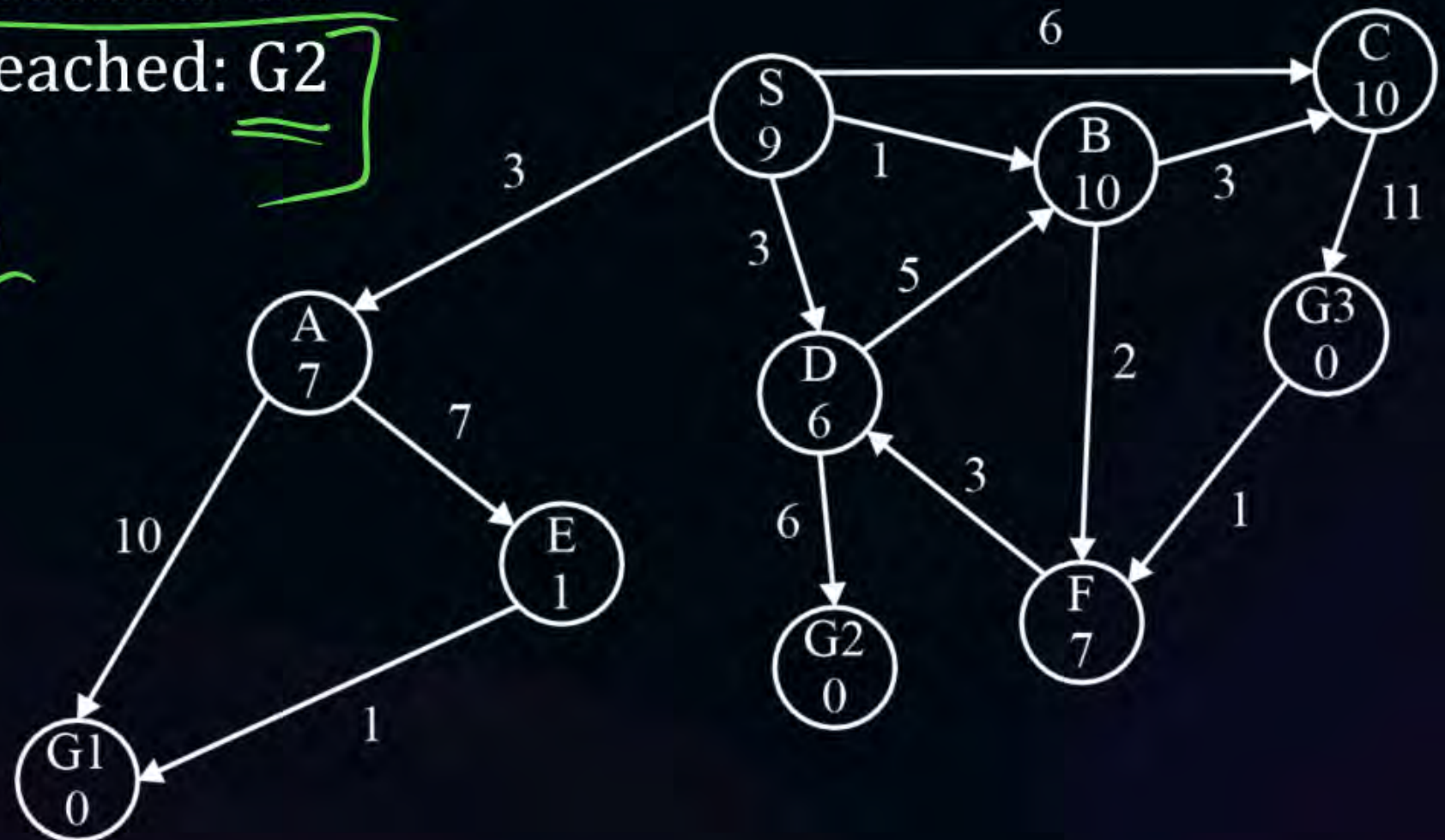
(a) Breadth-first search. Goal reached: G1

(b) Uniform cost search. Goal reached: G2

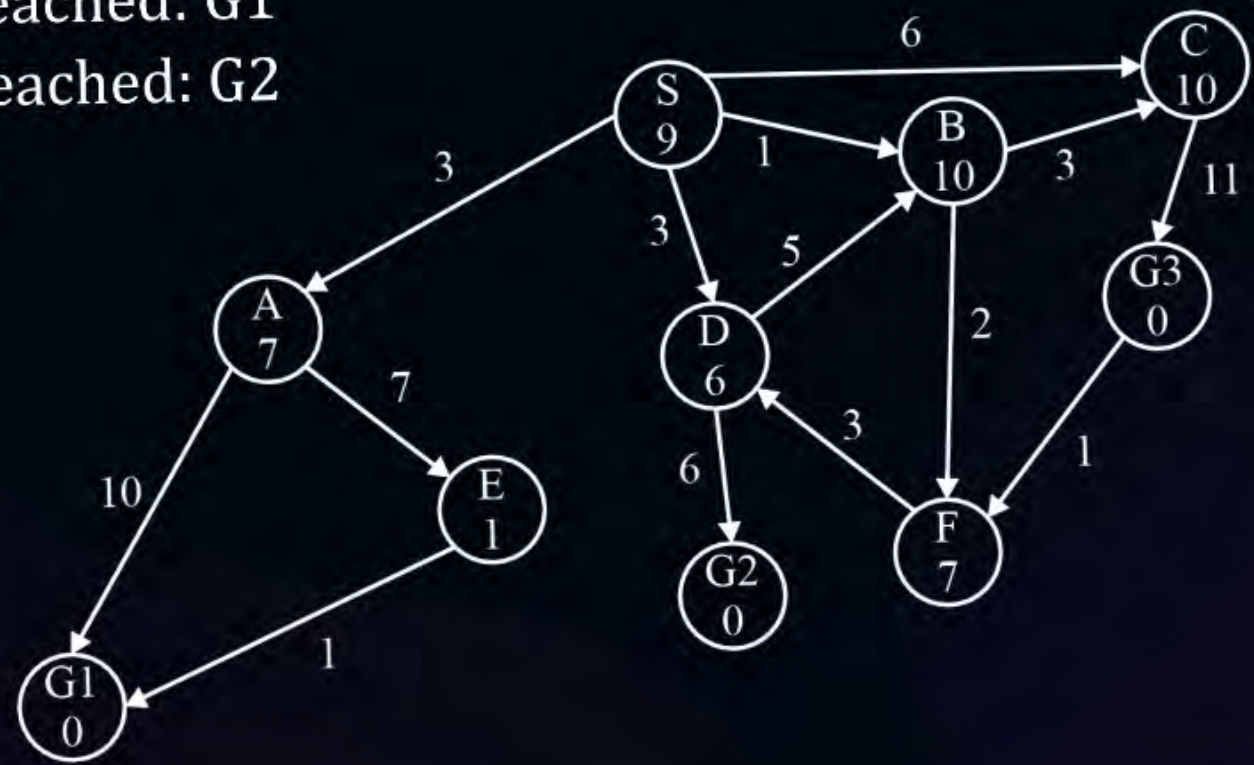
(c) A* search. Goal reached: G2

cost =
path =

graph search



reached: G1
reached: G2
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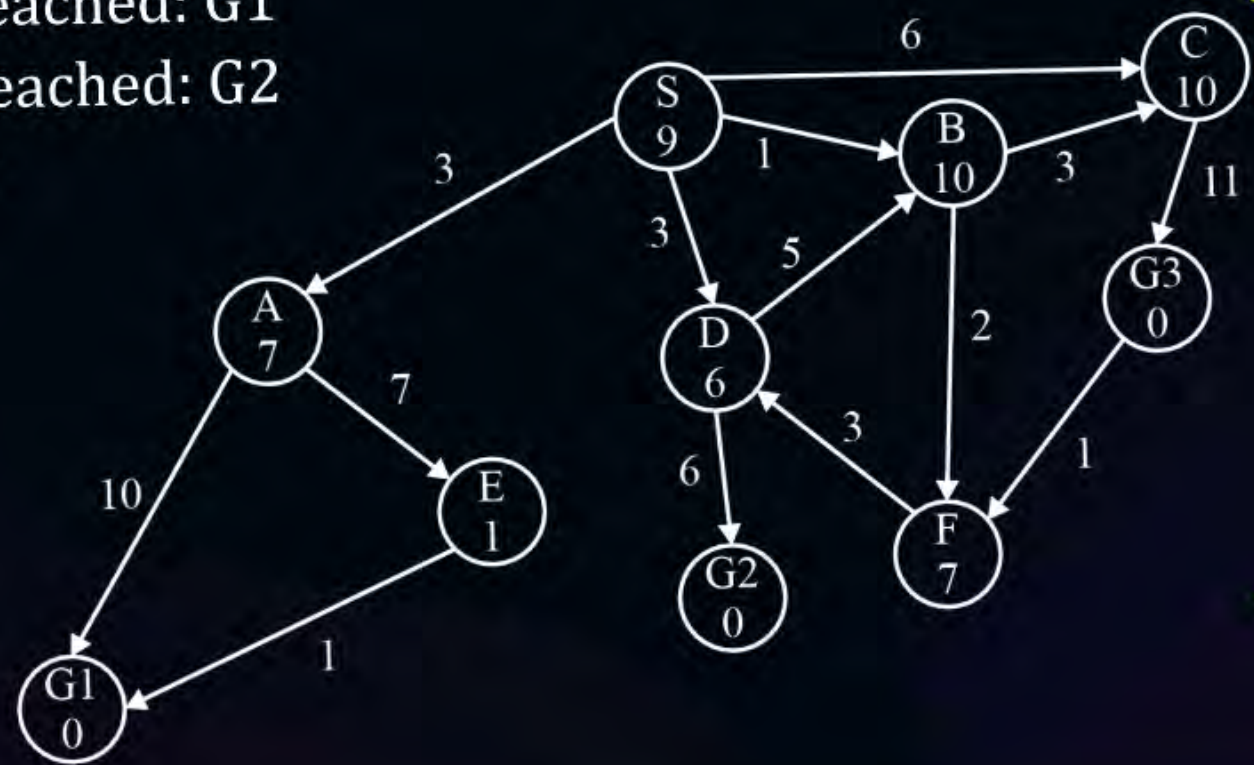


SDG₂ ⑨

1) UCS

Open	Closed						
S ^x	S	B	A	D	F	C	G2
A ^x	3	③	3	3	3	3	Stop
B ^x	①	1	1	1	1	1	
C ^x	6 →	4	4	4	④	4	Cost = 9
D ^x	3	3	3	3	3	3	
F ^x	x	3	3	③	3	3	Path = SDG ₂
E	x	x	10	10	10	10	
G1	x	x	13	13	13	13	⑨
G2	x	x	x	9	9	9	
G3	x	x	x	x	x	17	

reached: G1
reached: G2
2



2) A* graph Search

$$F = h + g$$

Open	Closed	
S ^x	S	D
A	10	10
B	11	11
C	16	16
D	9	9
G2	X	9

(G2) → goal
 Cost = 9
 path = SDG2
 ✓



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Time Complexity

THE TIME COMPLEXITY OF A* LARGELY DEPENDS ON THE HEURISTIC FUNCTION AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE SEARCH SPACE. IN THE WORST CASE, The time complexity is $O(b^d)$, where:

- b is the branching factor (the average number of successors per state).
- d is the depth of the shallowest solution.

However, if the heuristic function is good (i.e., it is admissible and consistent), the time complexity can be significantly reduced, though it remains exponential in the worst case.



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Space Complexity

The space complexity of A^* is generally $O(b^d)$ as well. A^* keeps all generated nodes in memory, which can lead to high space usage, particularly in large or complex search spaces. This is because it stores the open list (the set of nodes that have been generated but not yet expanded) and the closed list (the set of nodes that have been fully explored).



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Advantages

- **Optimality:** A^* is guaranteed to find the least-cost path to the goal if the heuristic used is admissible (never overestimates the true cost) and consistent (satisfies the triangle inequality).
- **Efficiency:** A^* is generally more efficient than uninformed search algorithms like Dijkstra's algorithm because it uses heuristics to guide the search. This often results in exploring fewer nodes, reducing the overall computation.
- **Flexibility:** A^* can be adapted to various problems by changing the heuristic function. This flexibility makes it applicable to a wide range of scenarios, from simple grid navigation to complex graph-based pathfinding.
- **Combines Advantages of Greedy and Uniform-Cost Search:** A^* combines the strengths of greedy best-first search (which is fast but not always optimal) and uniform-cost search (which is optimal but can be slow) by balancing exploration and exploitation.



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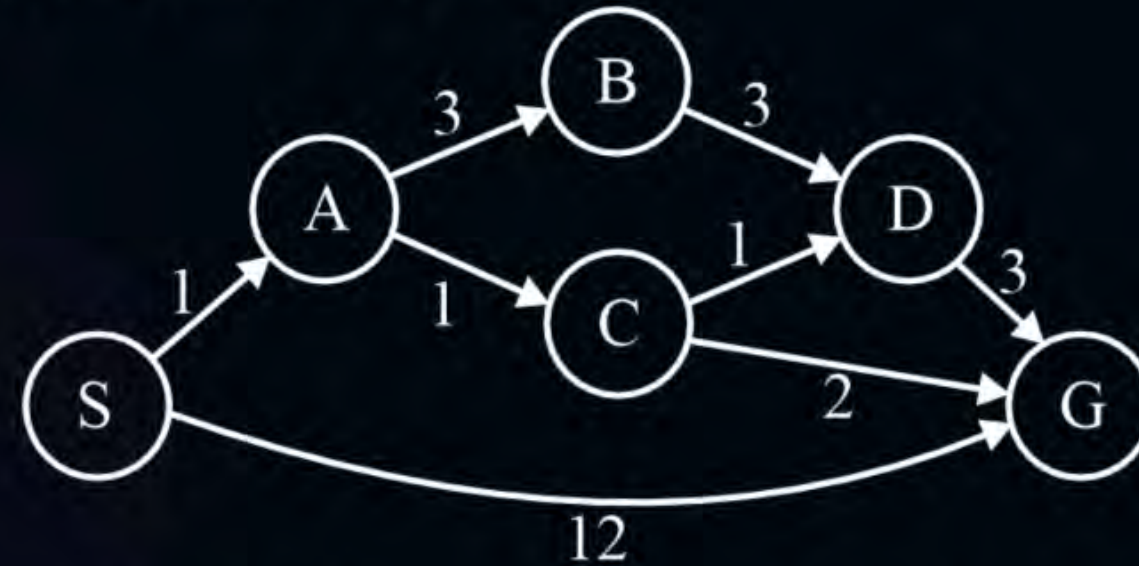
Disadvantages

- **High Memory Usage:** A^* requires storing all generated nodes in memory, which can lead to high memory consumption, especially in large search spaces. This makes it less suitable for problems with very large state spaces.
- **Computationally Intensive:** In the worst case, A^* can be computationally expensive, especially if the branching factor is high or the heuristic is not well-optimized. The algorithm's time complexity is exponential in the worst case.
- **Heuristic Dependency:** The performance of A^* heavily depends on the quality of the heuristic. If the heuristic is poorly chosen, the algorithm can degrade to a less efficient search, potentially exploring many unnecessary nodes.
- **Not Always Practical for Real-Time Applications:** Due to its potential high time and space complexity, A^* may not be suitable for real-time applications where quick decisions are necessary.



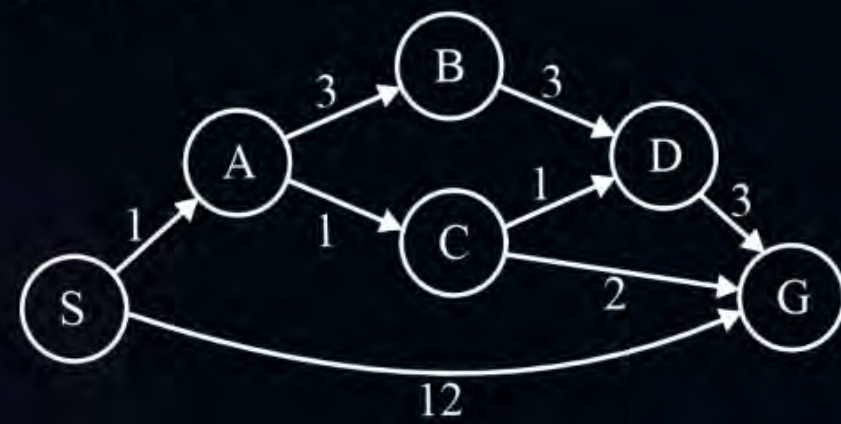
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#Q. Answer the following questions about the search problem shown above. Break any ties alphabetically. For the questions that ask for a path, please give your answers in the form 'S – A – D – G'.



Start: S
goal: G

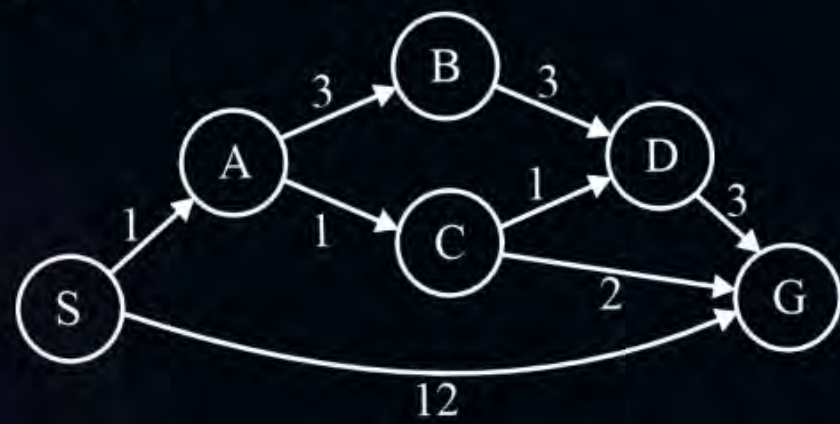
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path: S-G



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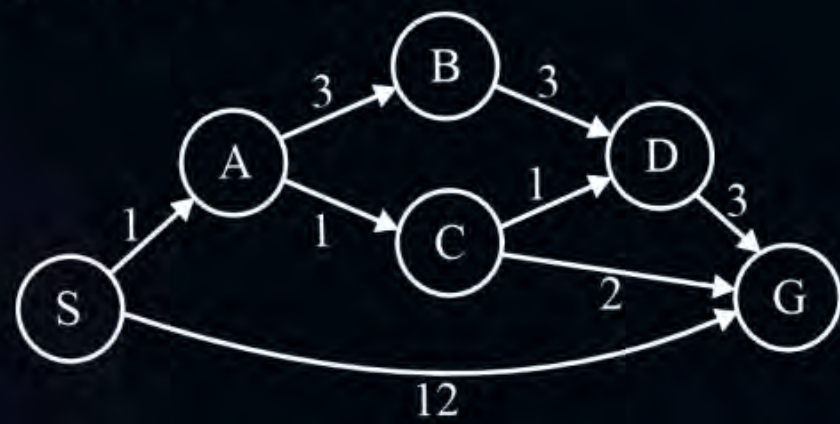
b) VCS

open	closed					
S ^x	S	A	C	D	B	G
A ^x	①	1	1	1	1	
G ^x	12	12	4	4	4	
B ^x	x	4	4	4	4	
C ^x	x	②	2	2	2	
D ^x	x	x	③	3	3	

→ Stop

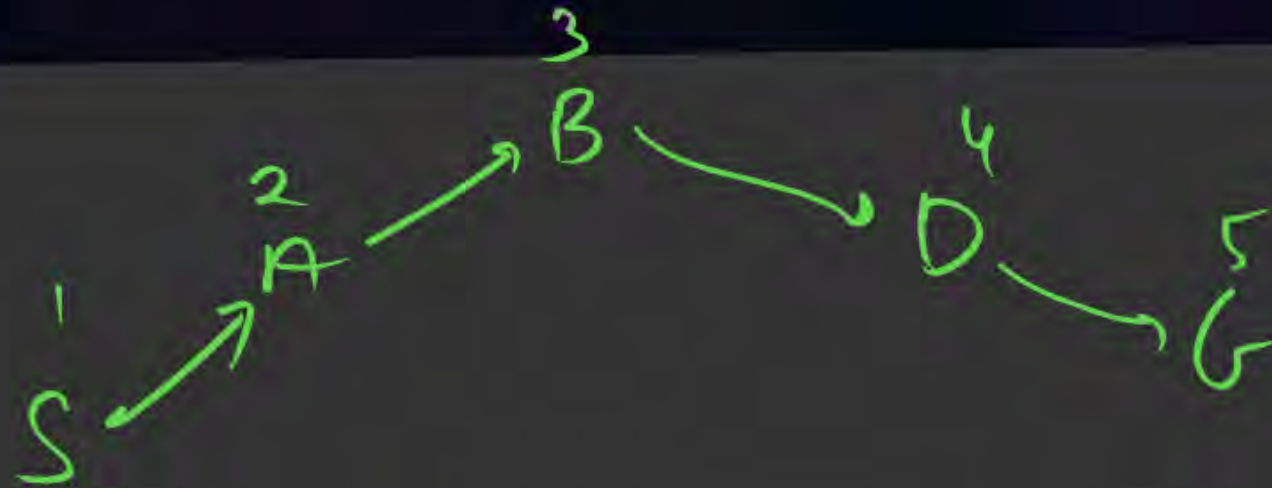
Cost = 4

path: SACG



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c) DFS



path: SABDG

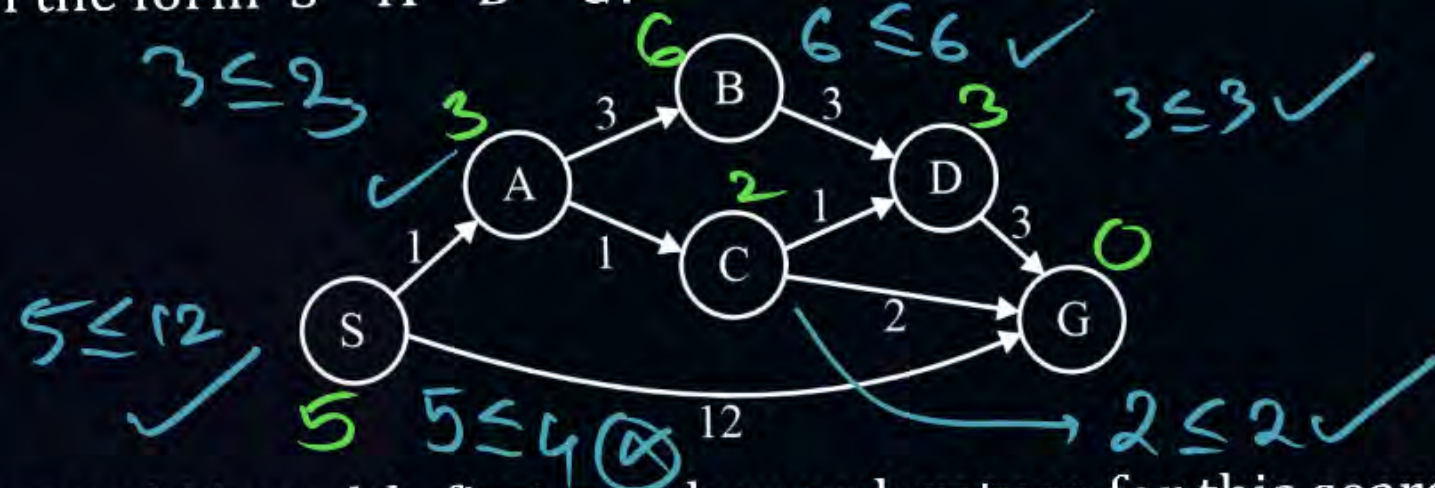


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#Q. Consider the heuristics for this problem shown in the table below.

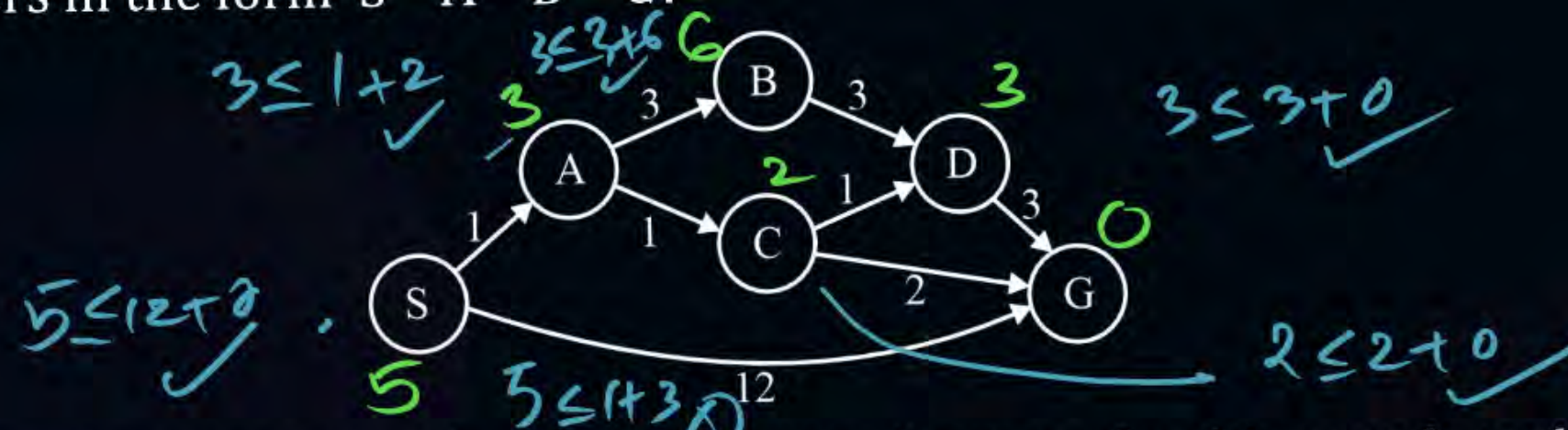
- (i) Is h_1 admissible? Yes No
- (ii) Is h_1 consistent? Yes No
- (iii) Is h_2 admissible? Yes No
- (iv) Is h_2 consistent? Yes No

State	h_1	h_2
S	5	4
A	3	2
B	6	6
C	2	1
D	3	3
G	0	0



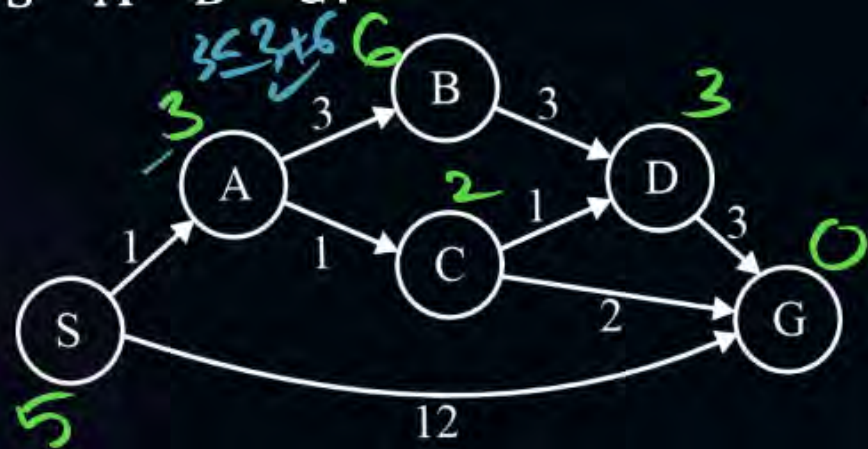
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d) h! \rightarrow Not admissible



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d) h \rightarrow not consistent



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d) h! → A* graph search

open	closed			
S ^x	S	A	C	G
A ^x	4	4	4	
G	12	12	4	
B	x	10	10	
C	x	4	4	
D	x	x	6	

stop

SACG


cost = 4



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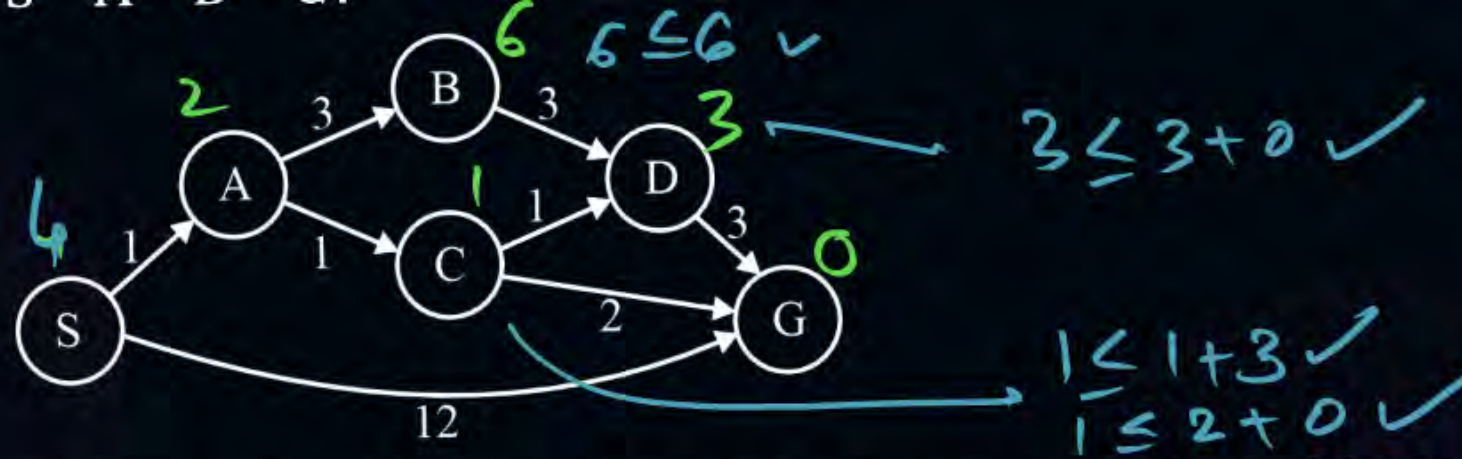
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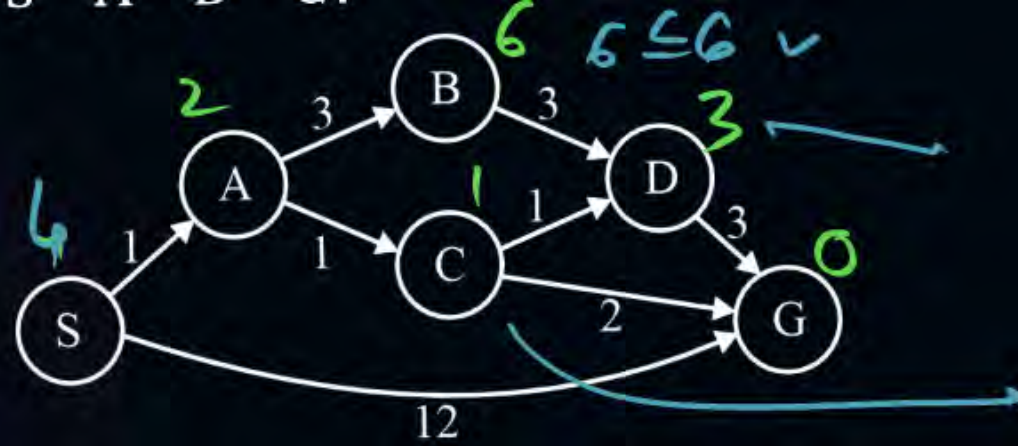
d) h2 → Admissible

$4 \leq 1+2$
~~(X)~~



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d) h2 → Not Consistent



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d) h2 → A* Graph Search

Open	Closed		
S ^x	S	A	C
A ^x	(3)	3	3
G	12	12	(4)
B	x	10	10
C ^x	x	(3)	3
D	x	x	6

(G) → Stop
 SACG
 Cost = 4



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#Q. Which of the following algorithms is/are guaranteed to give an optimal solution?

A Greedy Best First Search

~~GBFS~~

B ✓ A* with zero heuristic

$F = h + g, h = 0 \rightarrow (F = g)$ VCS

C ✓ A* with consistent heuristic

Consist \rightarrow admissible

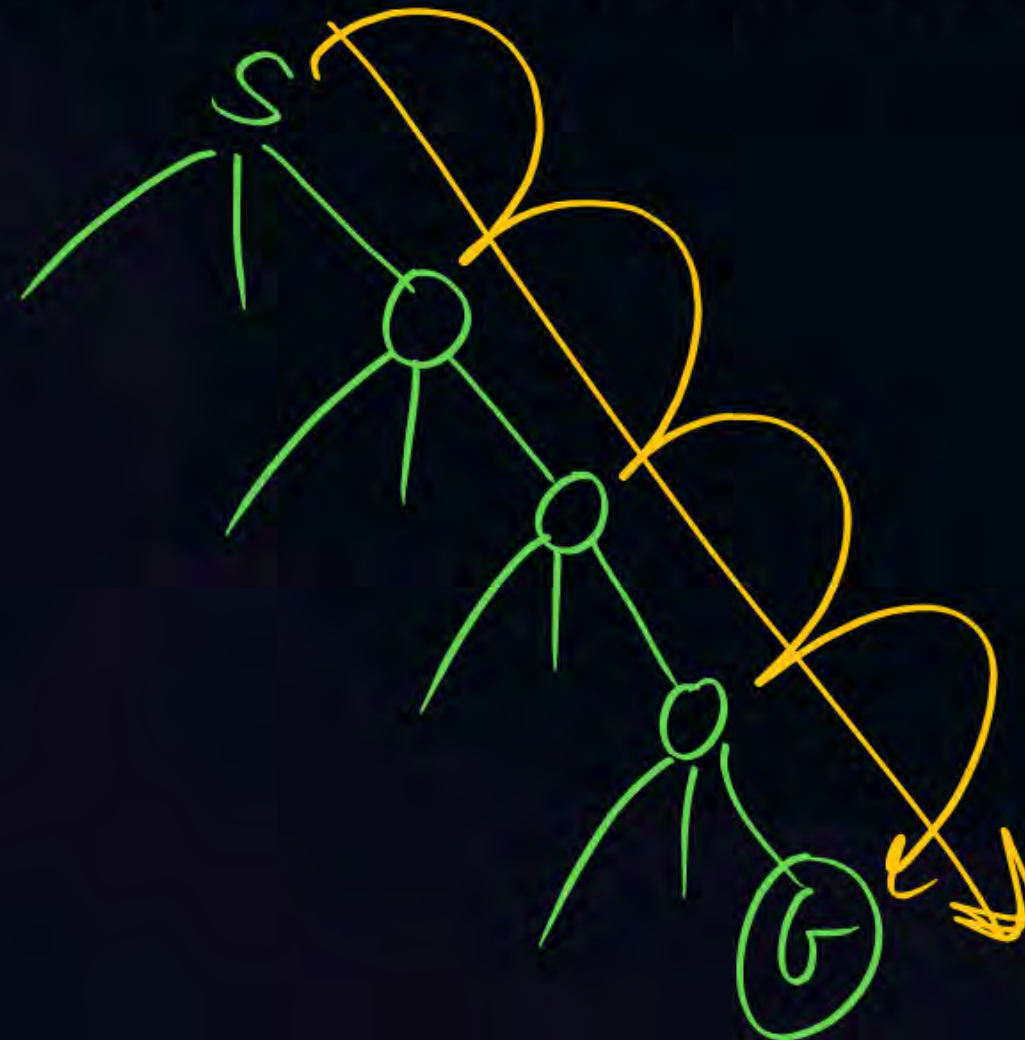
D Depth First Search

good



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- #Q. Given a search tree where A^* search is applied, the branching factor is 3, the depth of the optimal solution is 4, and the heuristic is perfect (i.e., it always predicts the exact remaining cost).
How many nodes are expanded by A^* in this tree?

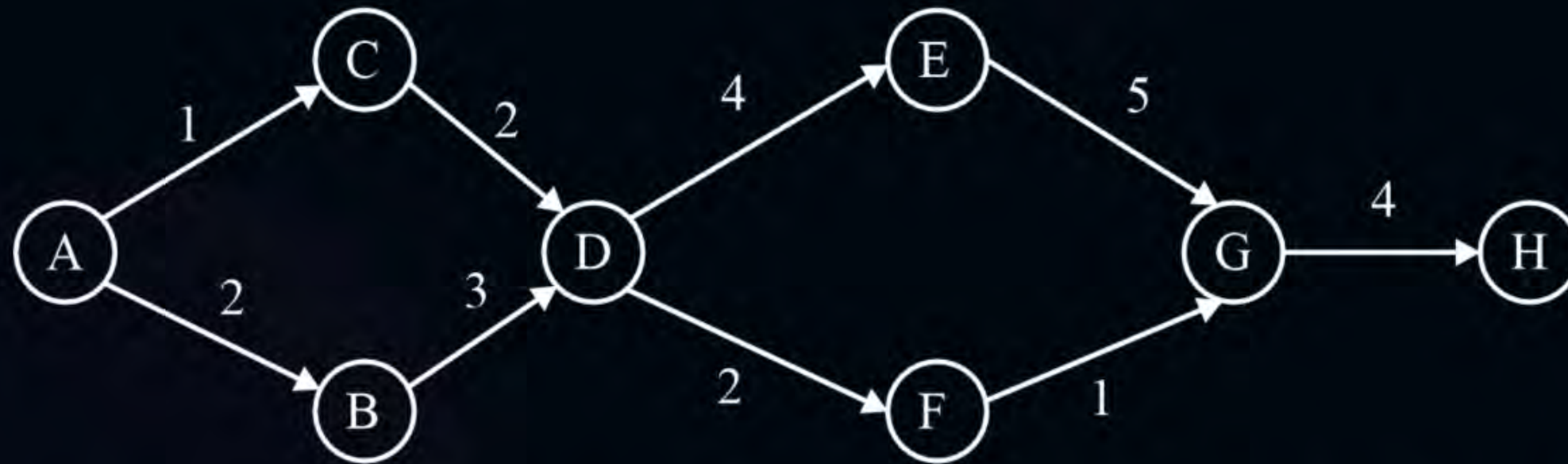


Ans: 5



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#Q. Consider the following directed graph.



The heuristic function for the nodes is defined as $h(A) = 15$, $h(B) = 10$, $h(C) = 12$, $h(D) = 7$, $h(E) = 10$, $h(F) = 6$, $h(G) = 4$, $h(H) = 0$. The start node is A and the goal node is H. Assume that ties in selecting node for expansion from the fringe are resolved by choosing the alphabetically smaller node. Which of the following statements are correct?



THANK - YOU