

# DS & AI ENGINEERING



**Artificial Intelligence**

**Informed search**

**Lecture No.- 02**



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# Recap of Previous Lecture



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Intro to Informed Search

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GBFS

$A^*$



# Topics to be Covered



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Properties of Heuristics.  
Types of A\*.



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## Topic : Analysis of Informed Search



Heuristics

- ↳ ① Admissible
- ② Consistent



## Topic : Informed Search

### Type of Heuristic values

In the context of search algorithms, especially in artificial intelligence and pathfinding (like A\* algorithm), a heuristic function helps estimate the cost of reaching the goal from a given state. There are two important properties that a heuristic function can have: admissibility and consistency (also known as monotonicity).

\* Informed search will give optimal result if  $h(n)$  are consistent & admissible.





## Topic : Informed Search

### Type of Heuristic values

#### Admissible Heuristic

- A heuristic is admissible if it never overestimates the cost to reach the goal. In other words, it is always equal to or less than the true cost from the current state to the goal.
- Formally, for a heuristic  $h(n)$  to be admissible, it must satisfy  $h(n) \leq h^*(n)$
- where  $h(n)$  is the heuristic cost from node  $n$  to the goal, and  $h^*(n)$  is the true cost from  $n$  to the goal.
- Admissibility ensures that an algorithm like  $A^*$  will find the optimal solution.

$f$  - Every node

$A$  - min cost





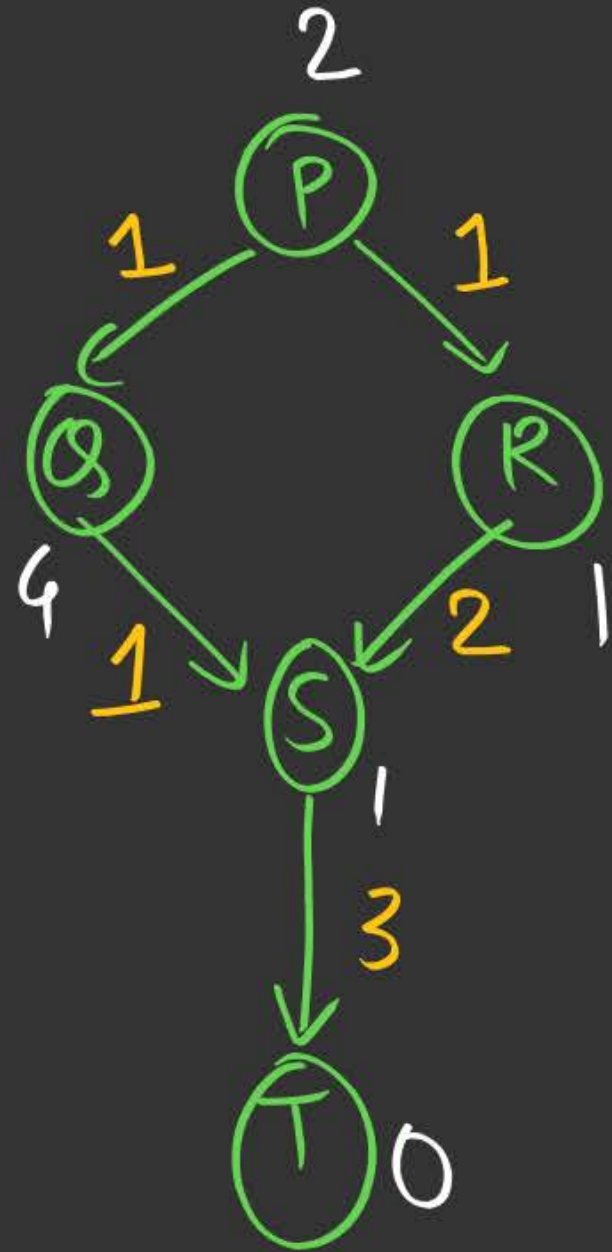
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### Type of Heuristic values

#### Consistent (Monotonic) Heuristic

- A heuristic is consistent if the estimated cost is always less than or equal to the estimated cost from any neighbouring node plus the step cost of reaching that neighbour.
- Formally, for a heuristic  $h(n)$  to be consistent, it must satisfy the following condition for every node  $n$  and every successor  $n'$  of  $n$ :  $(h(n) \leq c(n, n') + h(n'))$
- where  $c(n, n')$  is the actual cost from node  $n$  to its successor  $n'$ , and  $h(n')$  is the heuristic cost from  $n'$  to the goal.

(eg) :-



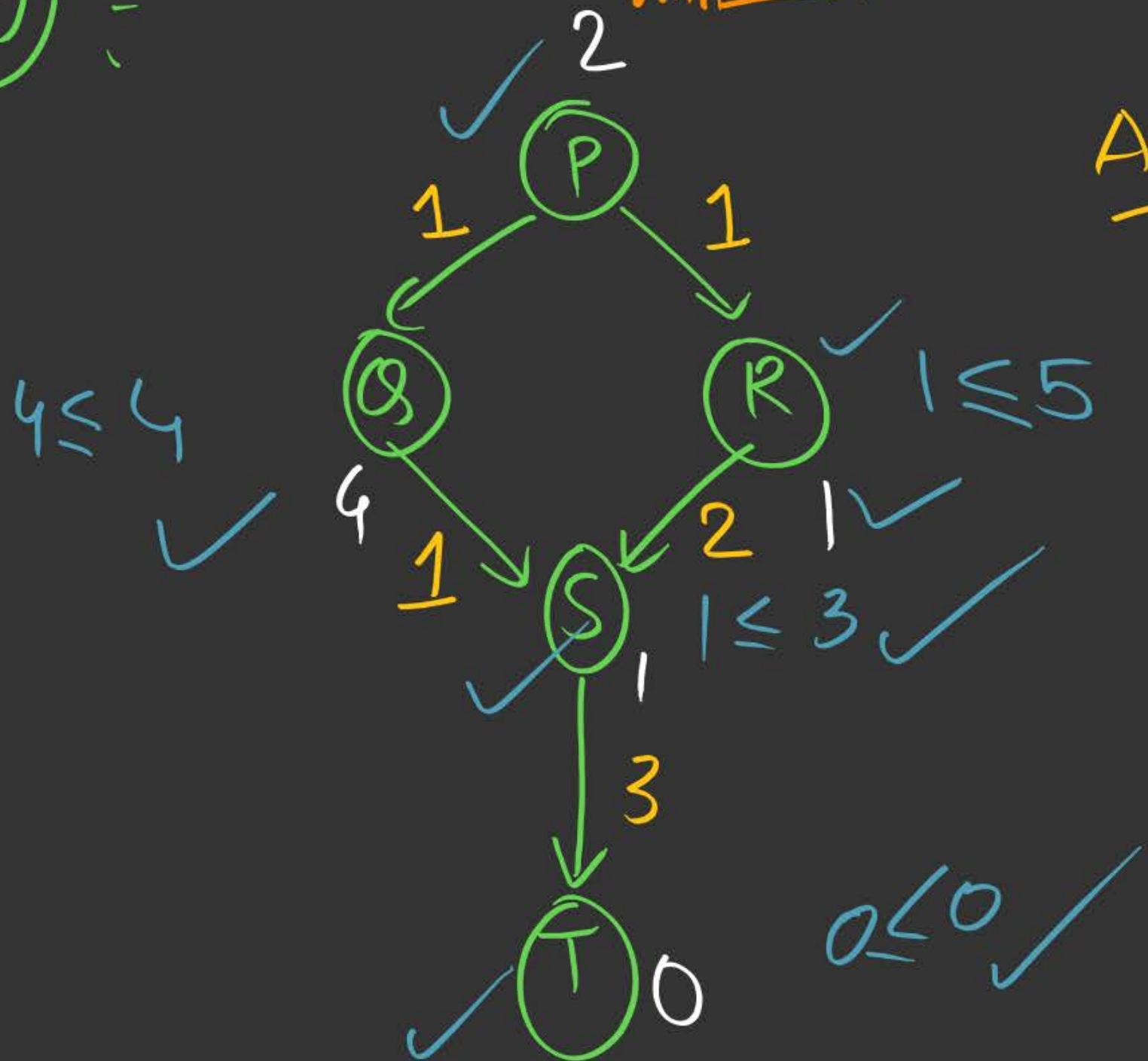
Is

- 1) Admissible?
- 2) Consistent?



(eg) :

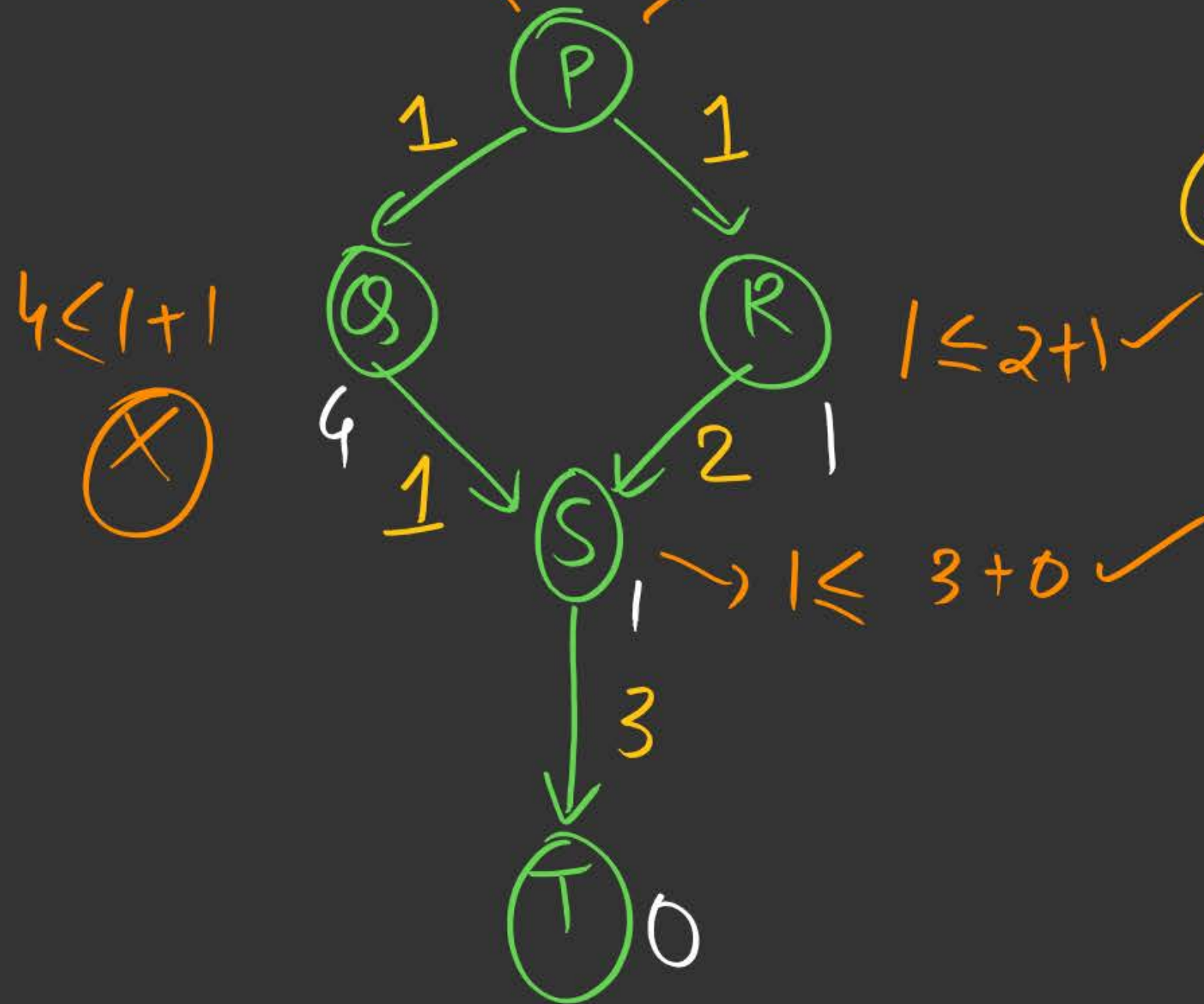
actual = 5,  $h(n) = 2$   $h \leq c$ ? Yes



Admissible?

Yes

eg) :  $2 \leq 1+4$  ✓  $2 \leq 1+1$  ✓



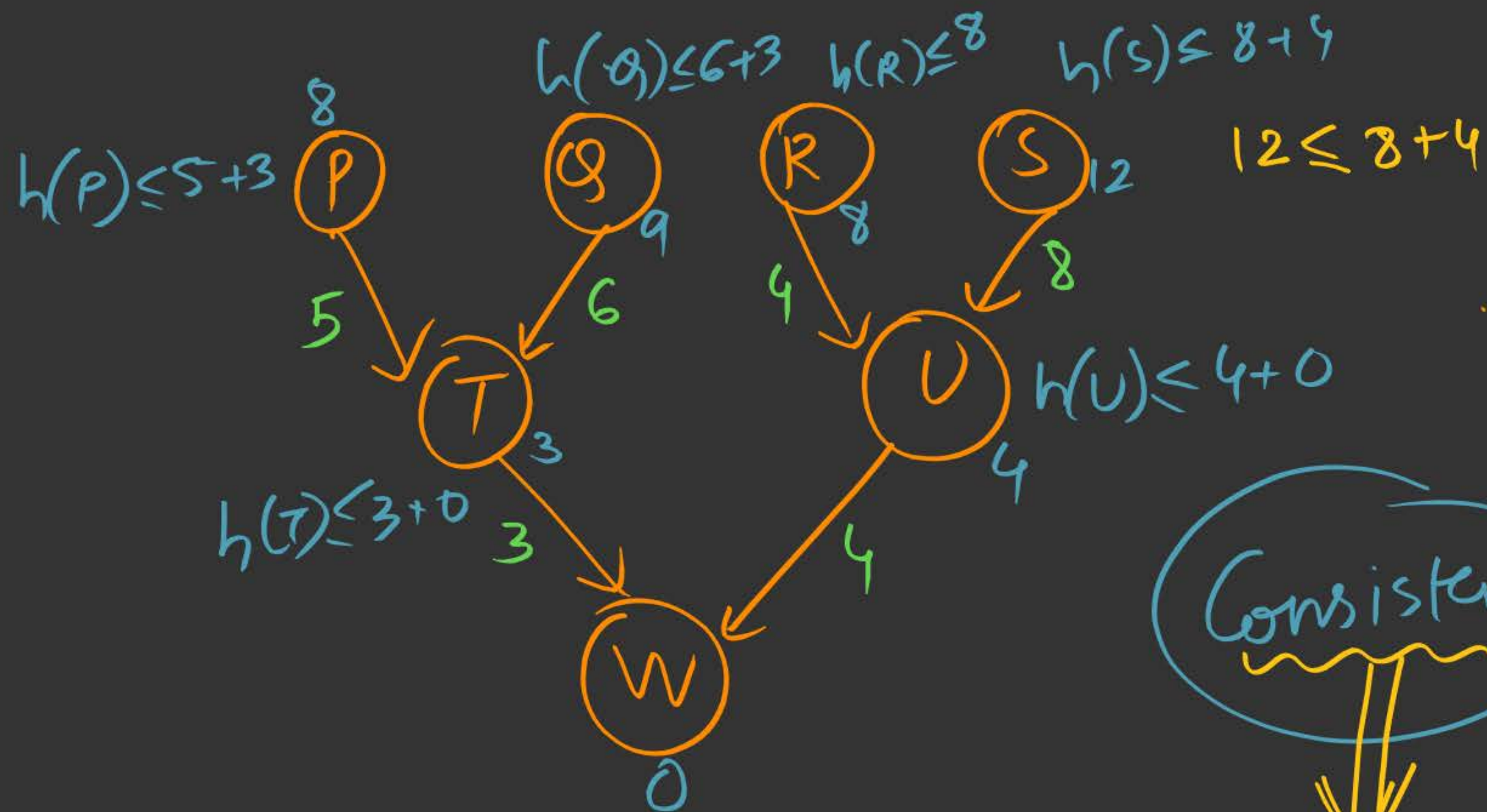
② Consistent?

No



Imp

If Heuristic Consistent  $\longrightarrow$  then automatically  
admissible



Consistent

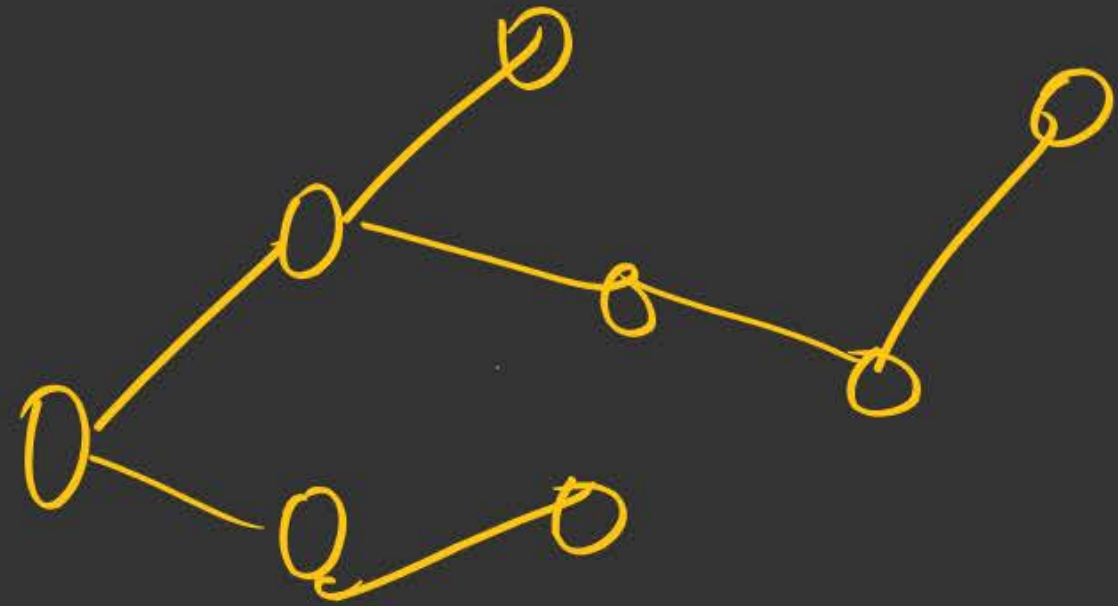
Admissible

But not  
vice versa

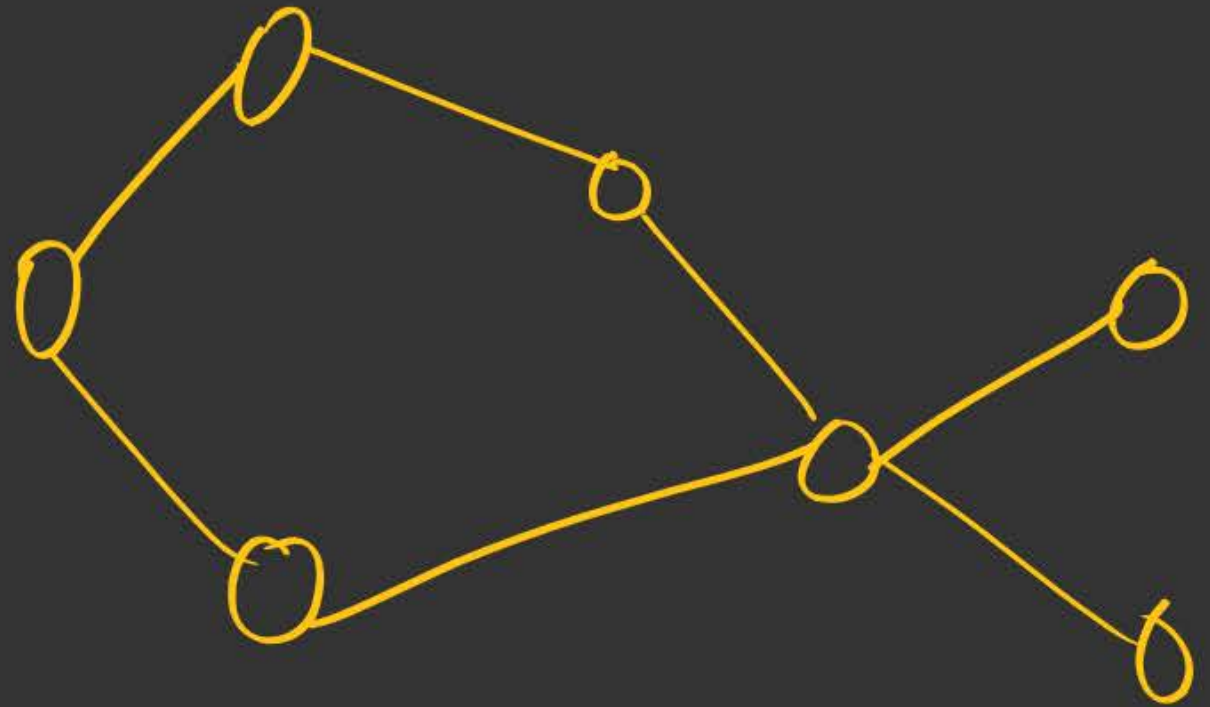


# Graph vs Tree Search: (DSA pov)

Tree  $\rightarrow$  Acyclic



Graph → Can have Cycles





# Tree & Graph Search (AI pov)

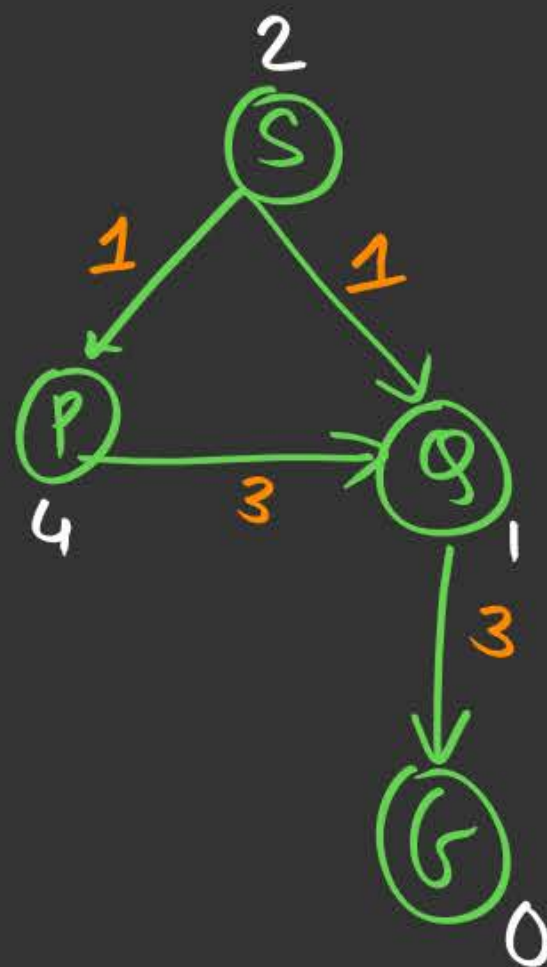
① Graph Search: a node present in a closed list  
cannot be visited again.

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② Tree Search: " " closed list  
can be visited again.

(basically, can be further minimised and then again <sup>get</sup> selected)

(eg) :-

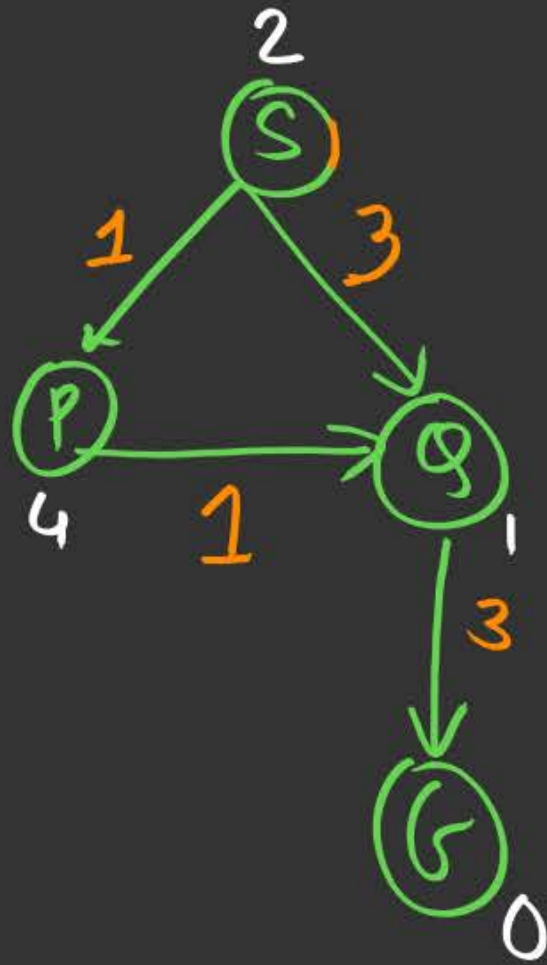


A\* Graph Search:

Open	Closed		
S <sup>x</sup>	S	Q	S → Q → G
P	5	5	
Q	2	2	Cost: 4
G	x	4 → goal	



(eg) 2)



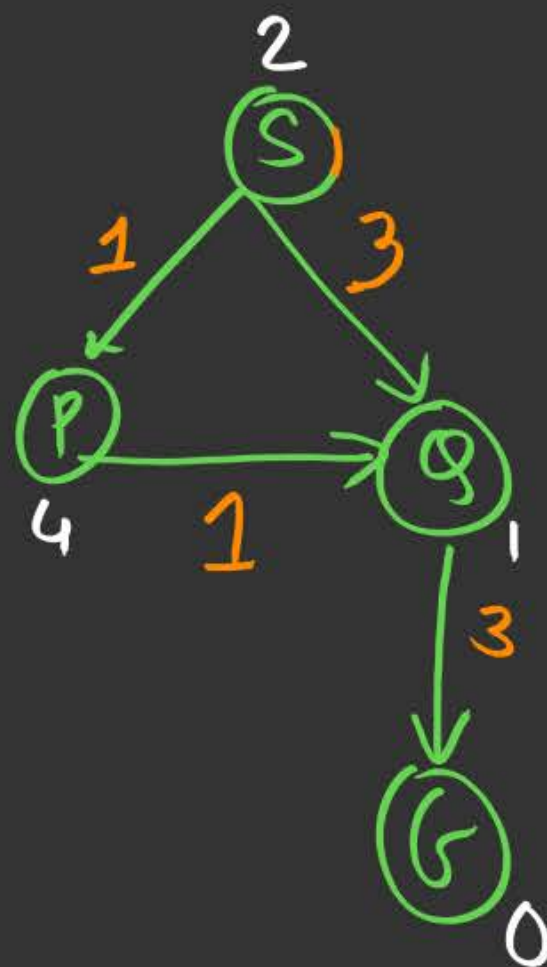
## ① A\* graph Search

Open	Closed.			
S <sup>x</sup>	S	Q	P	G
P	5	5	5	
Q	4	4	4	
G	x	6	6	

$S \rightarrow Q \rightarrow G$

Cost = 6

(eg) 2)



# ① $\Delta^*$ Tree Search

Open	Closed				
S <sup>x</sup>	S	Q	P	Q	G
P	5	(5)	5	5	
Q	(4)	4 → (3)	3		
G	X	6	6	(5)	

↳ stop

[S → P → Q → G]

Cost = 5



① WC TC & SC <sup>of</sup> both can be same.

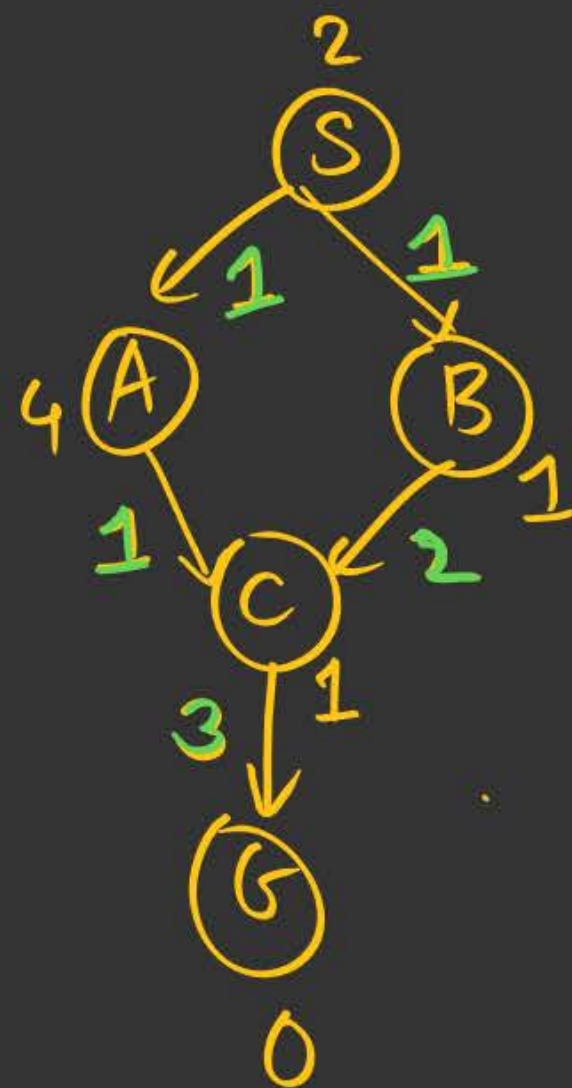
② Tree Search are better to provide  
Optimal Solution.

③ Tree Search can be less efficient as  
they may visit a node multiple times.

Property	A* Graph Search	A* Tree Search.
1) Closed list used?	Yes	No
2) Re-explores node?	No (unless better path found)	Yes
3) Optimal with admissible h?	<u>Not</u> always (needs consistent h or re-expansion)	<u>Always</u>
4) Space usage	High (visited nodes stored)	High (all paths stored)
5) Time efficiency	More efficient (if good heuristic)	Less efficient due to re-expansion



① Admissible but not Consistent.



$A^*$   
1) graph search

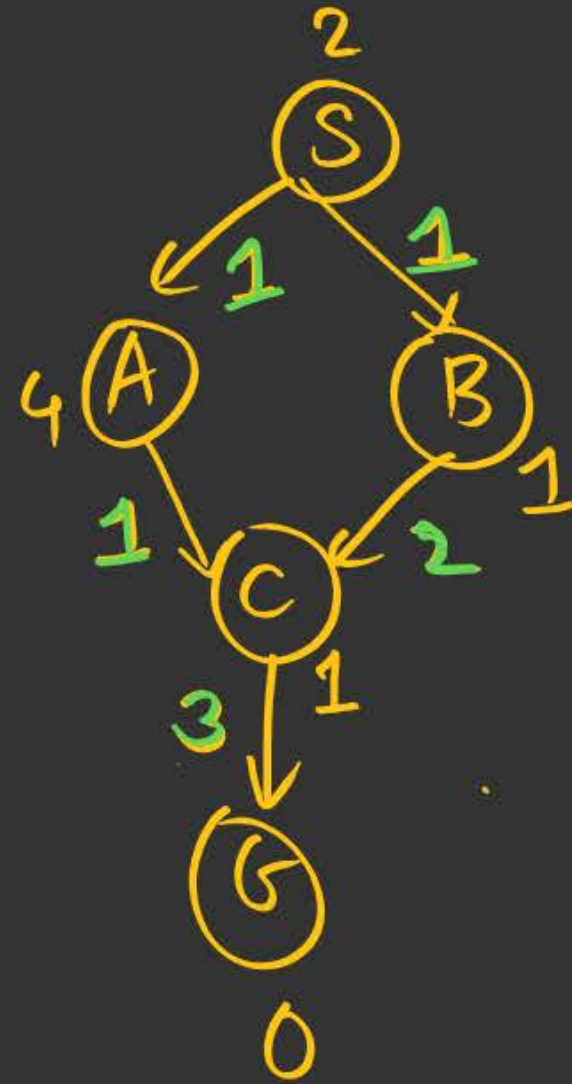
open	closed				
$S^*$	S	B	C	A	G
A	5	5	5	5	
$B^*$	2	2	2	2	
C	x	4	4	4	
G	x	x	6	6	

stop

SBCG

Cost = 6

① Admissible but not Consistent.



2) A\* Tree Search

open	closed					
S <sup>r</sup>	S	B	C	A	C	G
A	5	5	(5)	5	5	↳ stop
B	(2)	2	2	2	2	
C	x	(4)	4	(3)	3	
G	x	x	6	6	(5)	

SACG

cost = 5



# Summary for $A^*$ Search Optimality

Admissible	Consistent	$A^*$ Graph Search	$A^*$ Tree Search
X	X	X	X
✓	X	X	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓



**THANK - YOU**