

- **Search tree:** A tree representation of search problem is called Search tree. The root of the search tree is the root node which is corresponding to the initial state.
- **Actions:** It gives the description of all the available actions to the agent.
- **Transition model:** A description of what each action do, can be represented as a transition model.
- **Path Cost:** It is a function which assigns a numeric cost to each path.
- **Solution:** It is an action sequence which leads from the start node to the goal node.
- **Optimal Solution:** If a solution has the lowest cost among all solutions.

- **Search:** Searching is a step by step procedure to solve a search-problem in a given search space. A search problem can have three main factors:
  - a. **Search Space:** Search space represents a set of possible solutions, which a system may have.
  - b. **Start State:** It is a state from where agent begins **the search**.
  - c. **Goal test:** It is a function which observe the current state and returns whether the goal state is achieved or not.

Following are the four essential properties of search algorithms to compare the efficiency of these algorithms:

**Completeness:** A search algorithm is said to be complete if it guarantees to return a solution if at least any solution exists for any random input.

**Optimality:** If a solution found for an algorithm is guaranteed to be the best solution (lowest path cost) among all other solutions, then such a solution is said to be an optimal solution.

**Time Complexity:** Time complexity is a measure of time for an algorithm to complete its task.

**Space Complexity:** It is the maximum storage space required at any point during the search, as the complexity of the problem.

## Types of search algorithms

Based on the search problems we can classify the search algorithms into uninformed (Blind search) search and informed search (Heuristic search) algorithms.

# Search Algorithm

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graph TD; A[Search Algorithm] --> B[Uniformed/Blind]; A --> C[Informed Search]; B --> D[Breadth first search]; B --> E[Uniform cost search]; B --> F[Depth first search]; B --> G[Depth limited search]; B --> H[Iterative deeping depth first search]; B --> I[Bidirectional search]; C --> J[Best First Search]; C --> K[A*search];
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## Uniformed/Blind

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## Informed Search

Best First Search

A\*search