

Homework 1

Instructions

Points: Please see the points for each problem.

Submission: Submit completed homework as a PDF file. Handwritten work or photos of handwritten work must be neat and legible.

Points Summary

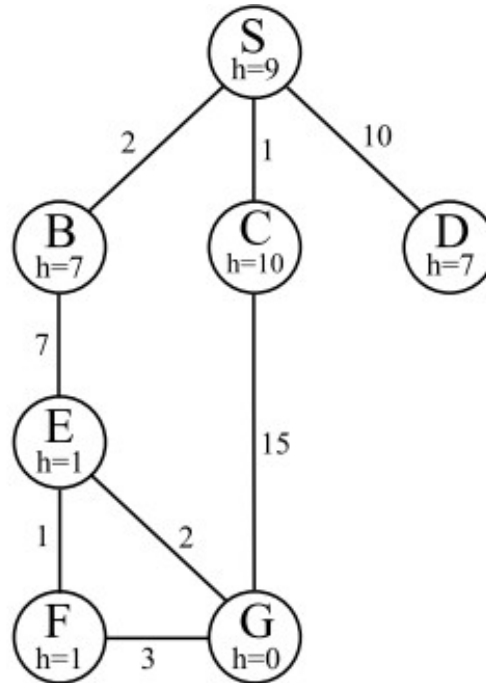
Question Number	Points Possible	Points Earned
1	3	_____
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9	3	_____
Total	27	_____

1. It is a training day for a swarm of robotic miners in a hazardous environment. Each of the k miners starts in its own assigned start location s_i in a large maze of size $M \times N$, meaning M columns and N rows. Each miner's goal is to return to its own dumpsite stationed at location g_i . Along the way the miners must gather all chunks of Strontium 90 (think Pacman dots) in the maze. [3]

At each time step, all k miners move one unit to any open adjacent square. The only legal actions are Up, Down, Left, or Right. It is illegal for a miner to wait in a square, attempt to move into a wall, or attempt to occupy the same square as another miner. To set a record, the miners must find an optimal collective solution.

Define a minimal state space **representation** for this problem.

2. Refer to Question 1. How large is the state space? [3]
3. Consider the search graph shown below. S is the start state and G is the goal state. All edges are bidirectional. [3]



For the following search strategy, give the path that would be returned, or write none if no path will be returned. If there are any ties, assume alphabetical tiebreaking—nodes for states earlier in the alphabet are expanded first in the case of ties.

Depth-first graph search

4. Refer to the figure in Question 3. Breadth-first graph search [3]
5. Refer to the figure in Question 3. Uniform cost graph search [3]
6. Refer to the figure in Question 3. Greedy graph search [3]
7. Refer to the figure in Question 3. A* graph search [3]
8. List the major characteristics of each search in the table below. [3]

Search	Main Characteristics
BFS	
DFS	
UCS	
Greedy	
A*	

9. When would an uninformed search outperform a smarter search? [3]