

# Heuristic functions

- Admissible heuristic function  $0 \leq h(x) \leq h^*(x)$ 
  - Why?
  - What if  $h(x) = 0$ ?
  - What if  $h(x) = h^*(x)$ ?
- How to verify admissible heuristic function?
  - Consistent heuristic functions:  $h(n) \leq c(n, a, n') + h(n') \rightarrow f$  is increasing
  - Consistent functions are admissible!

# Sample complexity

- $f = g + h$  contours
- Complete if  $n : f(n) \leq f(G) = f^*(G)$  finite
- Space complexity  $|\{n : f(n) \leq f(G) = f^*(G)\}|$
- Time complexity:  $f(S)$  increase to  $f(G) = f^*(S)$
- $\tilde{\mathcal{O}} \left( b^{(f^*(S) - f(S))/\varepsilon} \right)$ , (not covered, skip if you want)
  - $\varepsilon$ : minimal difference between successive  $f$

