

**Question:**

Using your student ID, apply the A\* Search algorithm on the Romania Map.

- 1) Your **start node** and **goal node** should be chosen according to your serial number (in this case, Serial No. 2 → Start: **Giurgiu**, Goal: **Oradea**).
- 2) The heuristic values must be scaled based on the last two digits of your student ID. Formula:  $(\text{last two digits})^2 + 1(\text{last two digits})^2 + 1(\text{last two digits})^2 + 1$ . Add this scaling factor to the straight-line distances to Bucharest.
- 3) Implement the A\* Search algorithm in Python.
- 4) Print the optimal path found by the algorithm.
- 5) Visualize the Romania Map graph with NetworkX and Matplotlib. Show heuristic values at each node and animate the step-by-step traversal of the path.