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Breadth-First Search and Depth-First Search

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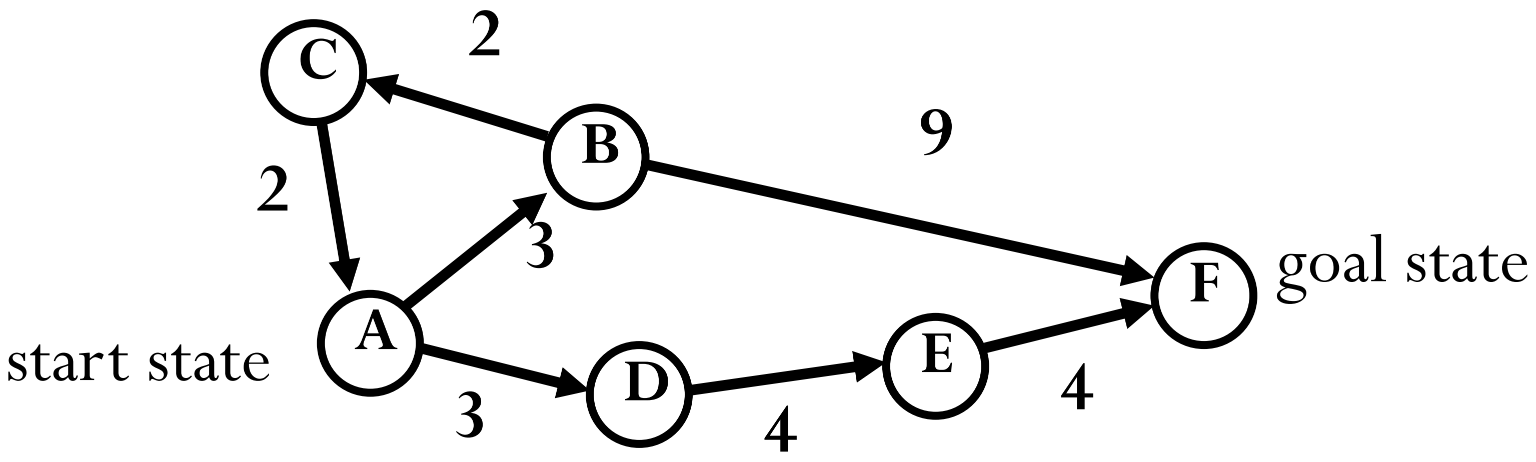
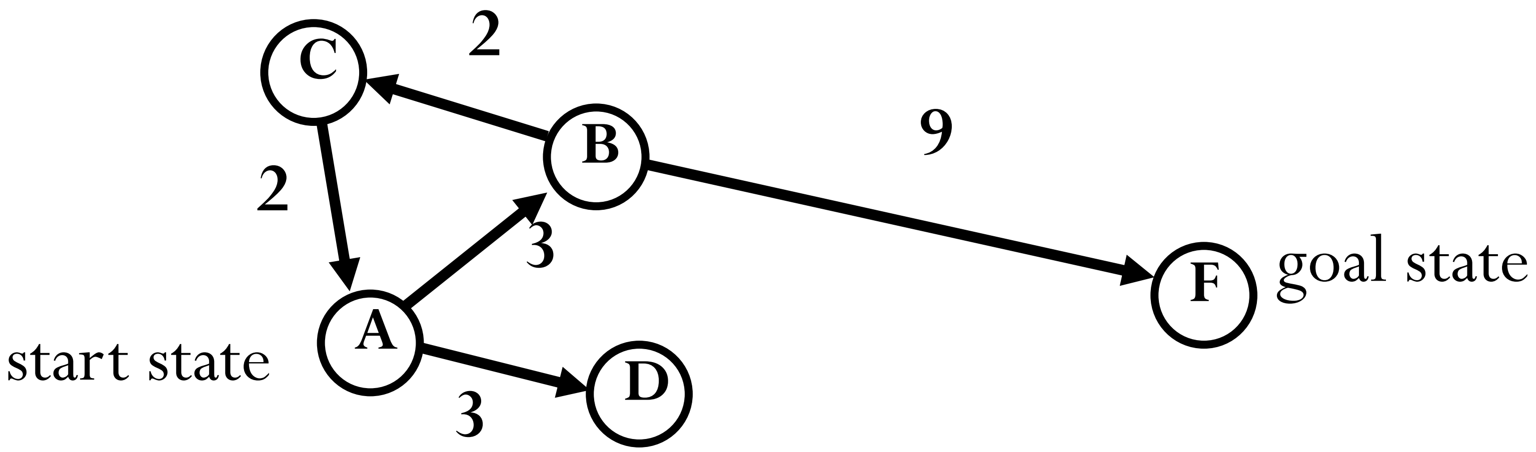
Search

- We have some actions that can change the state of the world
  - Change induced by an action perfectly predictable
- Try to come up with a sequence of actions that will lead us to a goal state
  - May want to minimize number of actions
  - More generally, may want to minimize total cost of actions
- Do not need to execute actions in real life while searching for solution!
  - Everything perfectly predictable anyway

A simple example: traveling on a graph



Searching for a solution



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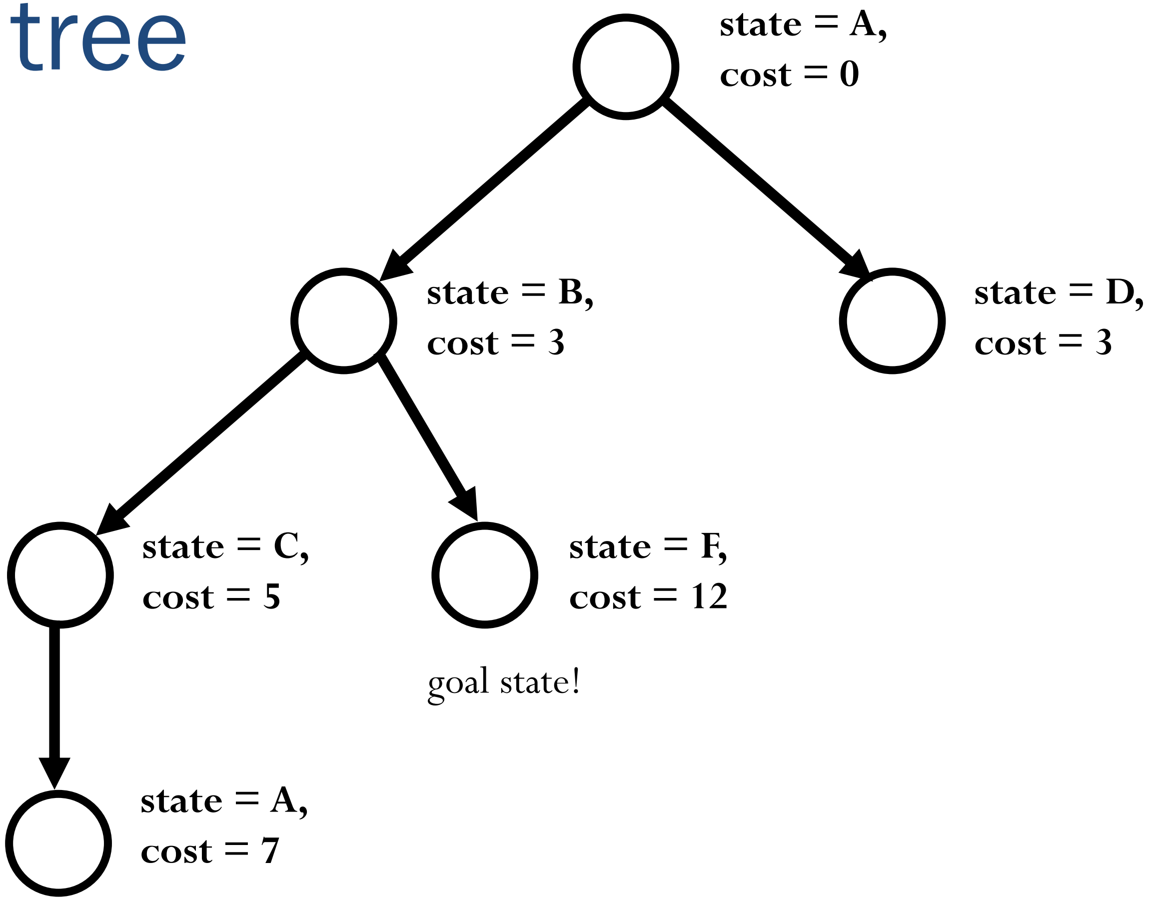
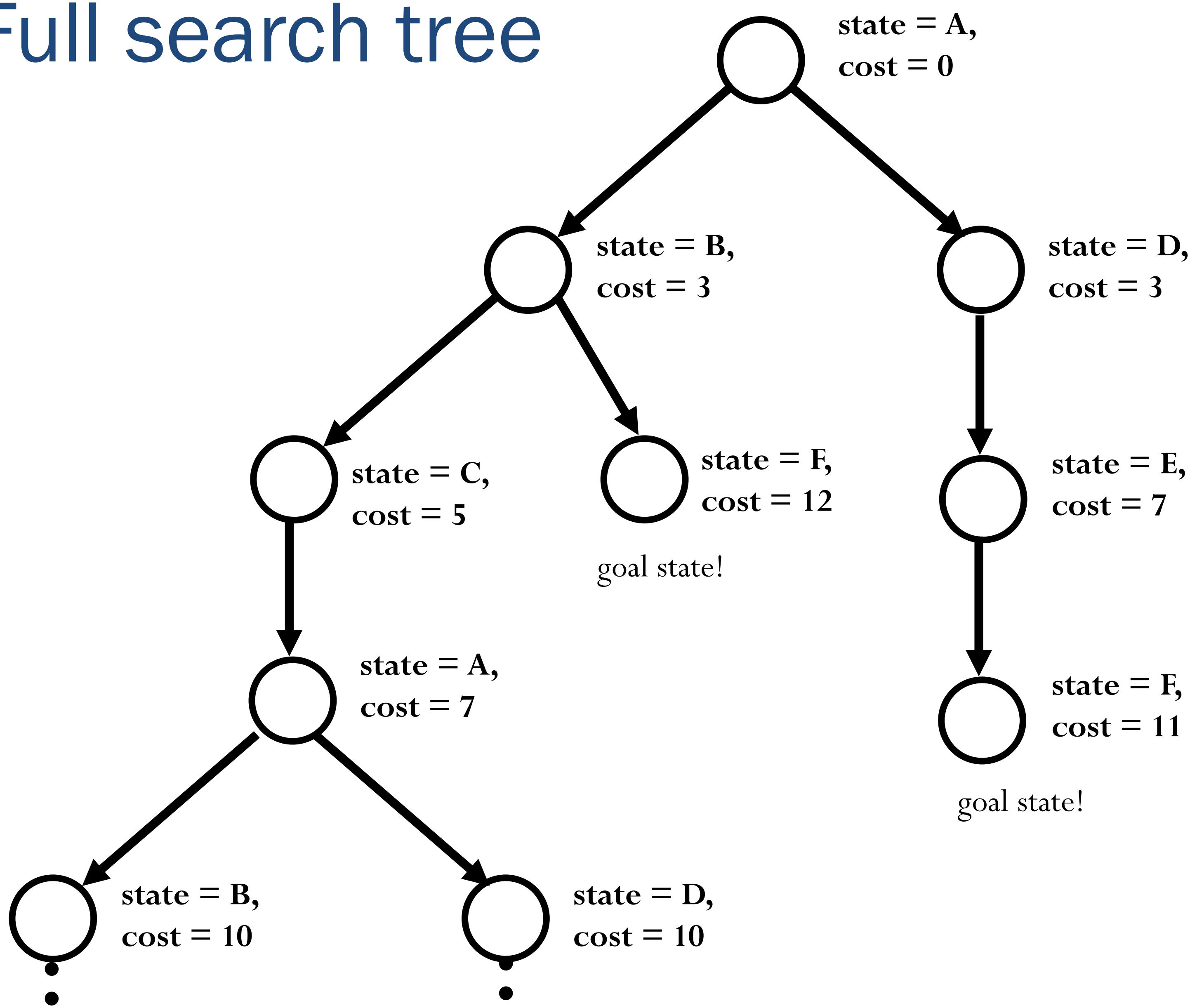


search tree nodes and states are not the same thing!

Full search tree



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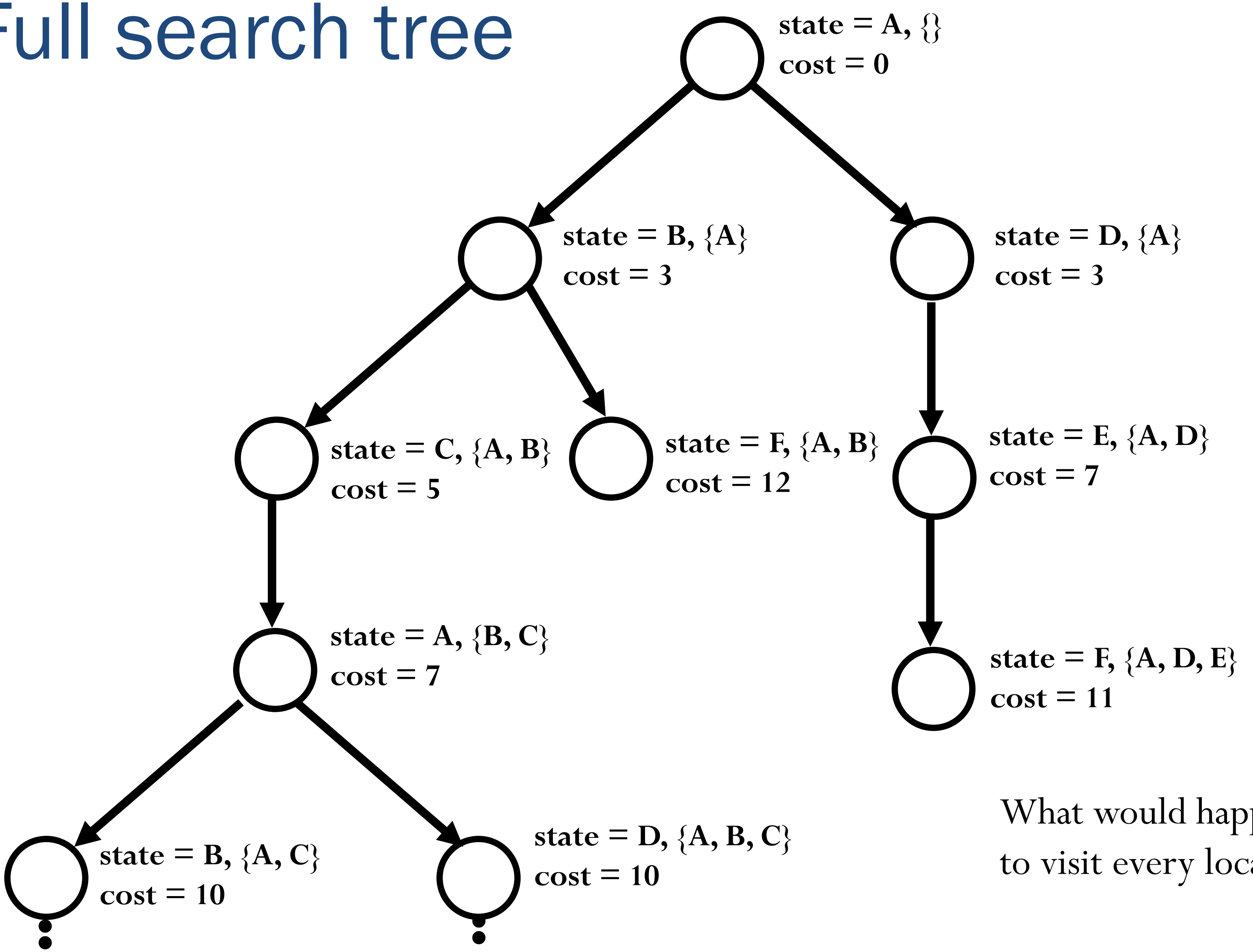


What would happen if the goal were to visit every location twice?

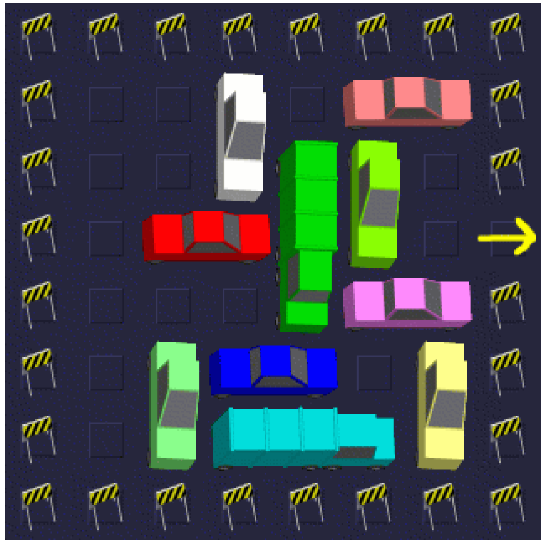
Key concepts in search

- Set of states that we can be in
  - Including an initial state…
  - … and goal states (equivalently, a goal test)
- For every state, a set of actions that we can take
  - Each action results in a new state
  - Typically defined by successor function
    - Given a state, produces all states that can be reached from it
- Cost function that determines the cost of each action (or path = sequence of actions)
- Solution: path from initial state to a goal state
  - Optimal solution: solution with minimal cost

Uninformed search

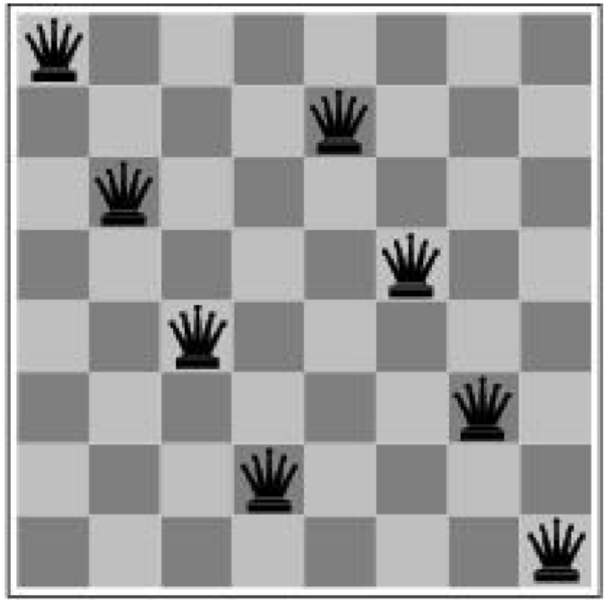
- Given a state, we only know whether it is a goal state or not
- Cannot say one nongoal state looks better than another nongoal state
- Can only traverse state space blindly in hope of somehow hitting a goal state at some point
  - Also called blind search
  - Blind does **not** imply unsystematic!

Searching Examples

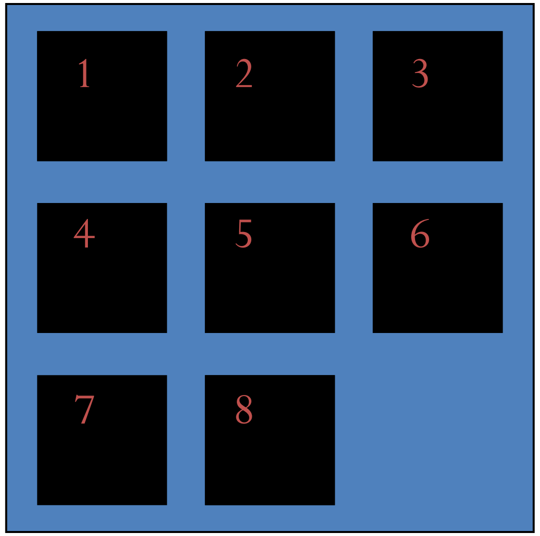


Rush Hour: Move cars forward and backward to “escape”

8-queens problem



8-puzzle



Logistics

Generic search algorithm

- Fringe = set of nodes generated but not expanded
- fringe := {initial state}
- loop:
  - if fringe empty, declare failure
  - choose and remove a node v from fringe
  - check if v's state s is a goal state; if so, declare success
  - if not, expand v, insert resulting nodes into fringe
- Key question in search: Which of the generated nodes do we expand next?

8-puzzle

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4	5	3
7	8	6

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	

goal state

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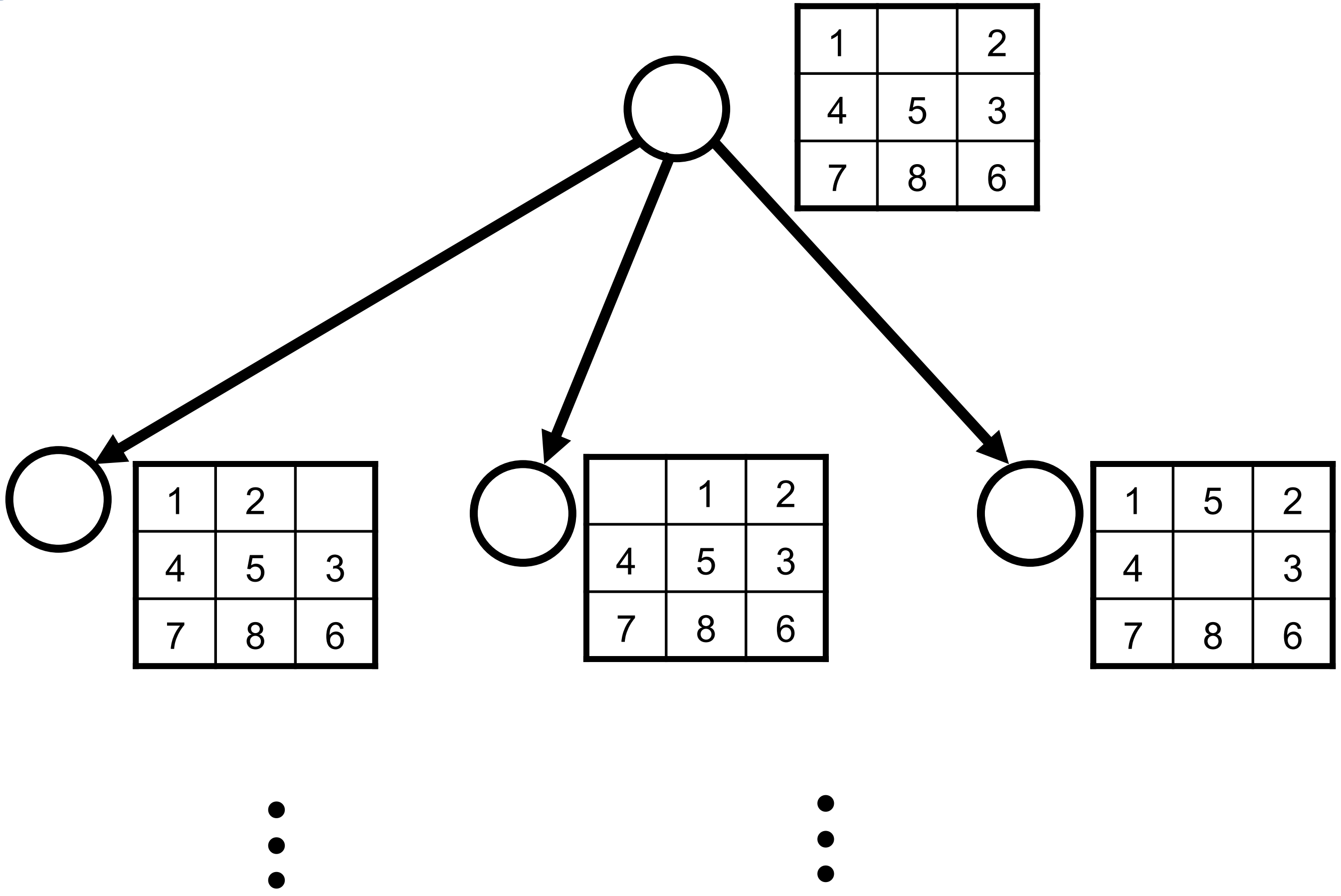

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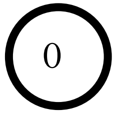

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Queue

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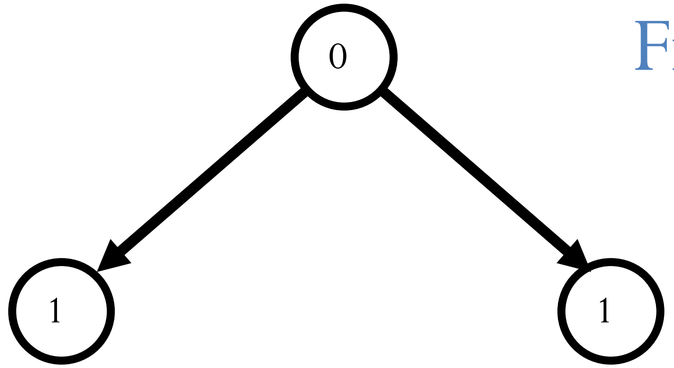

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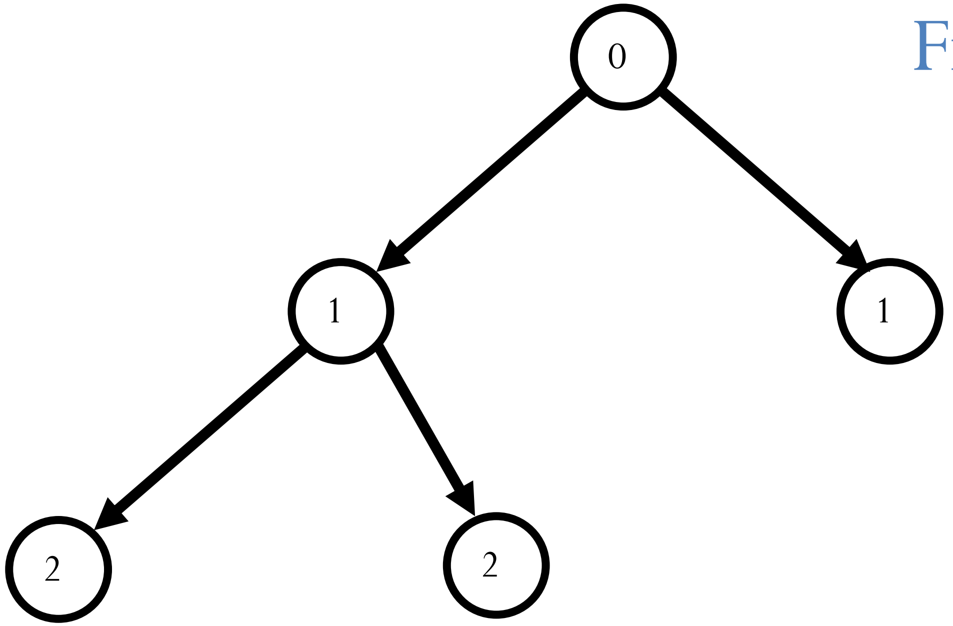

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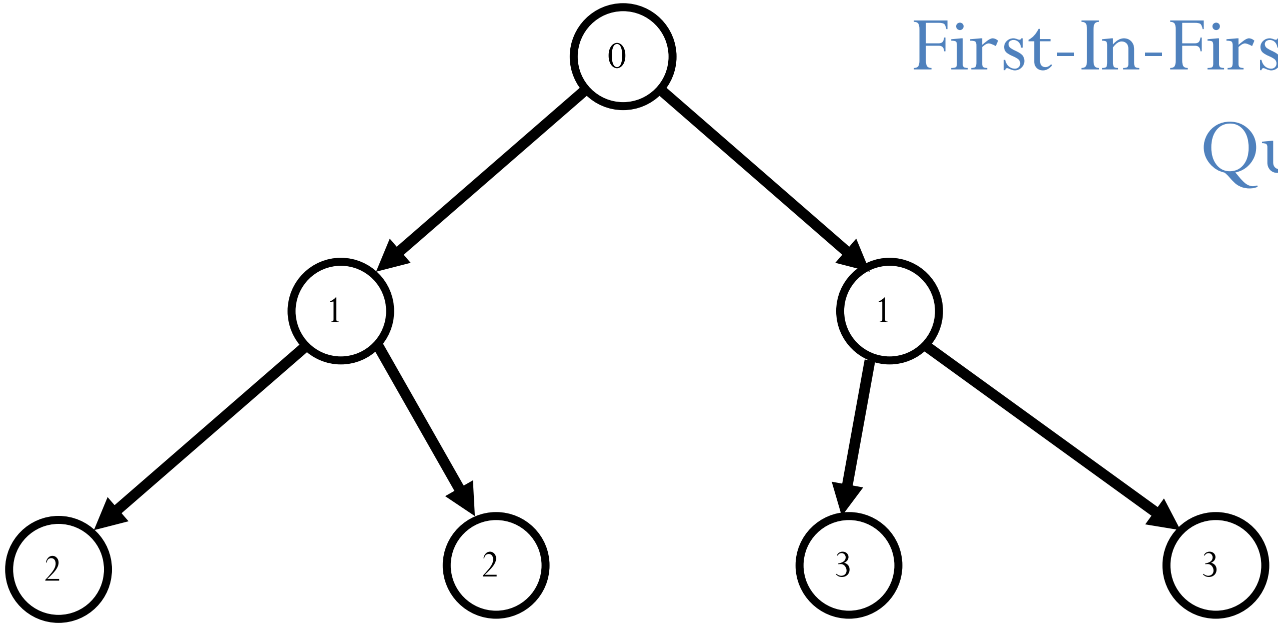

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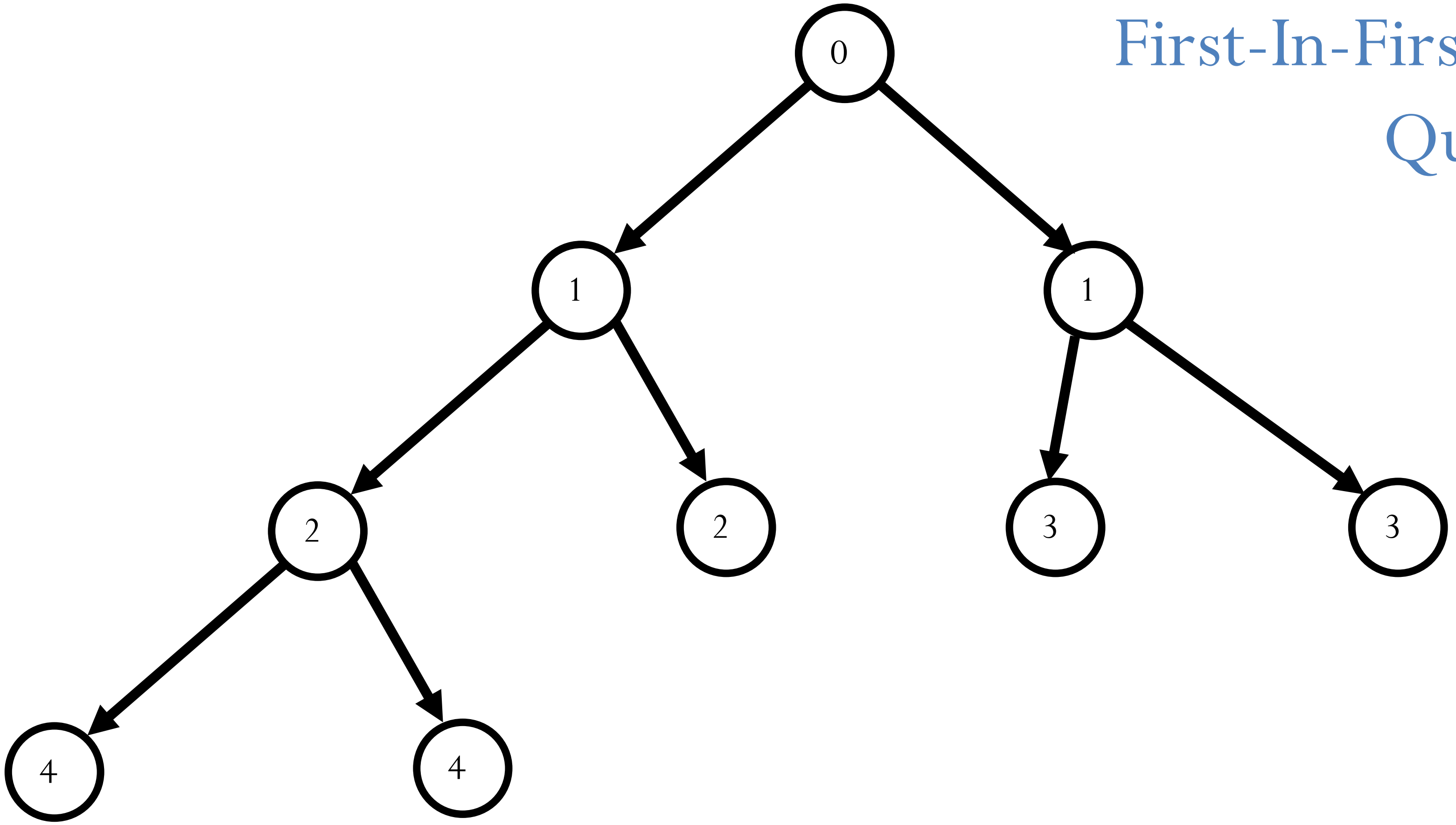

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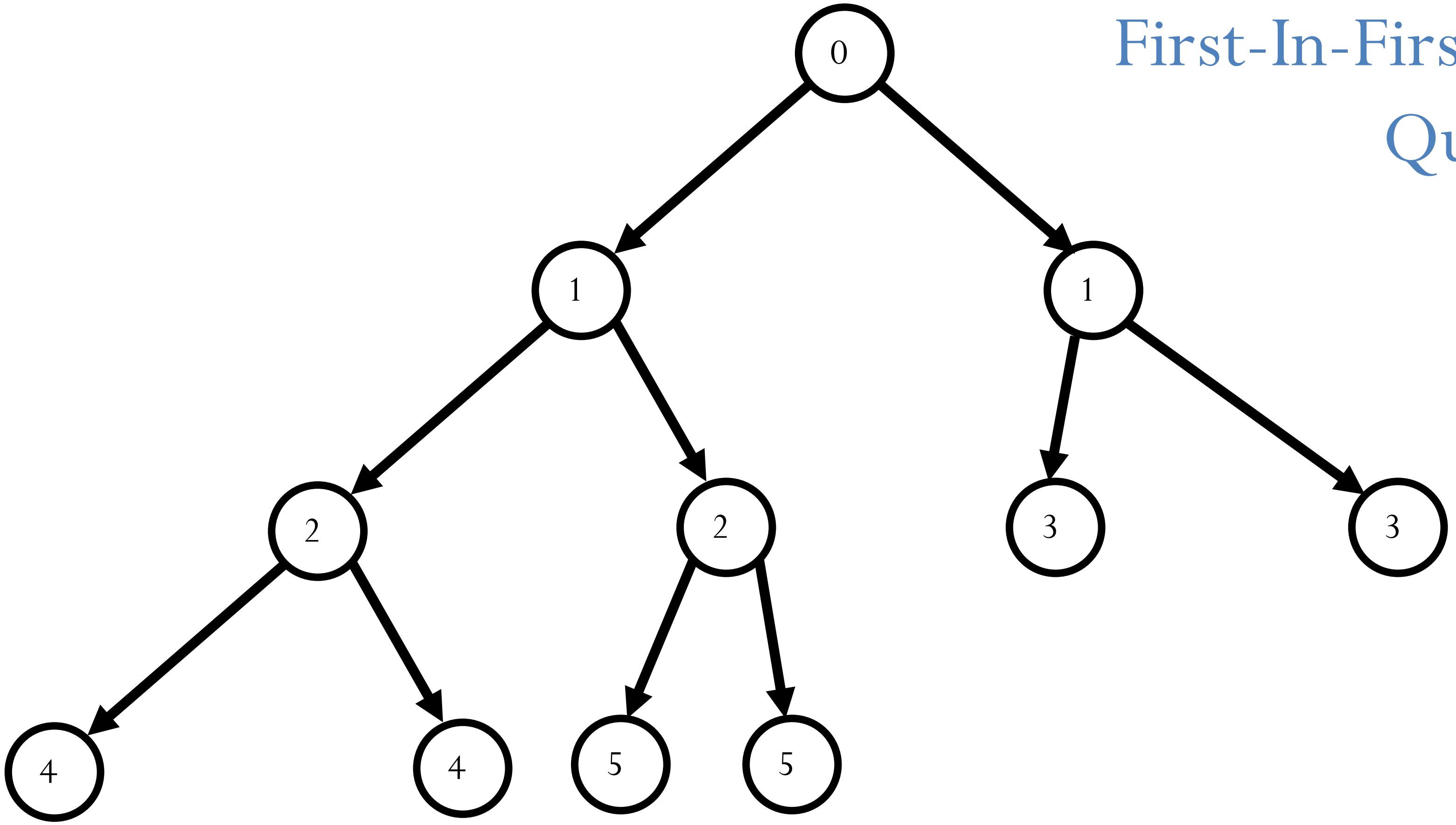

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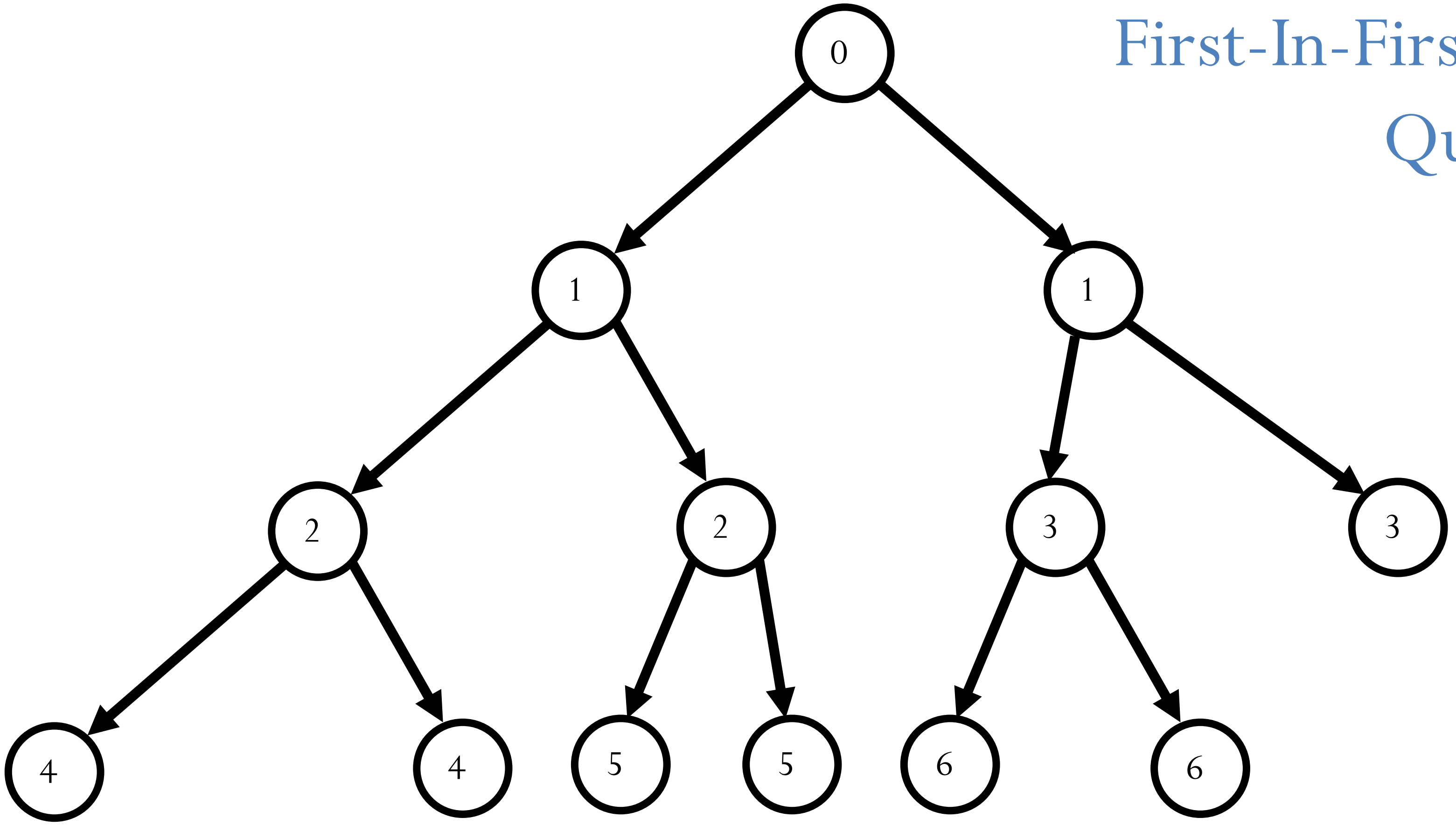

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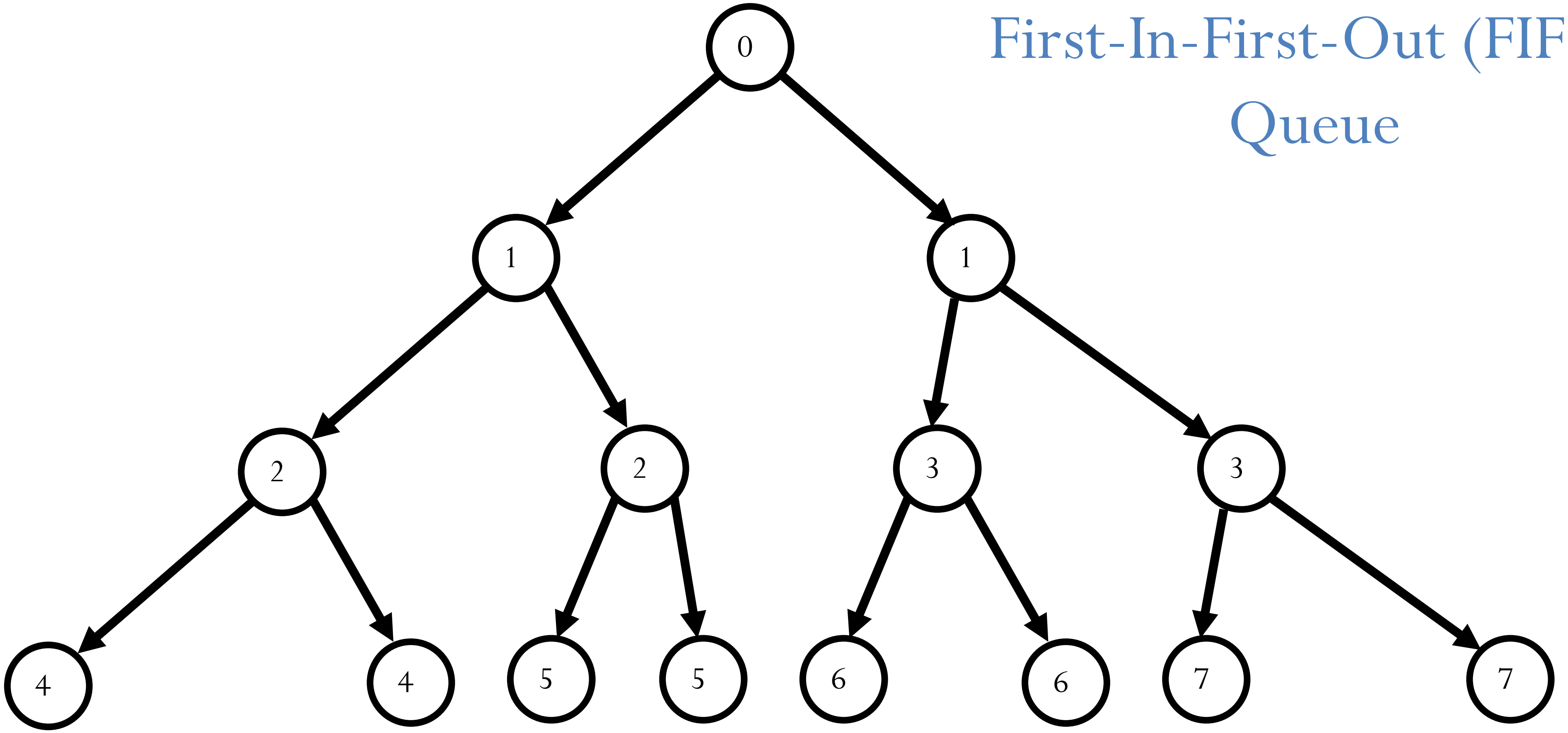

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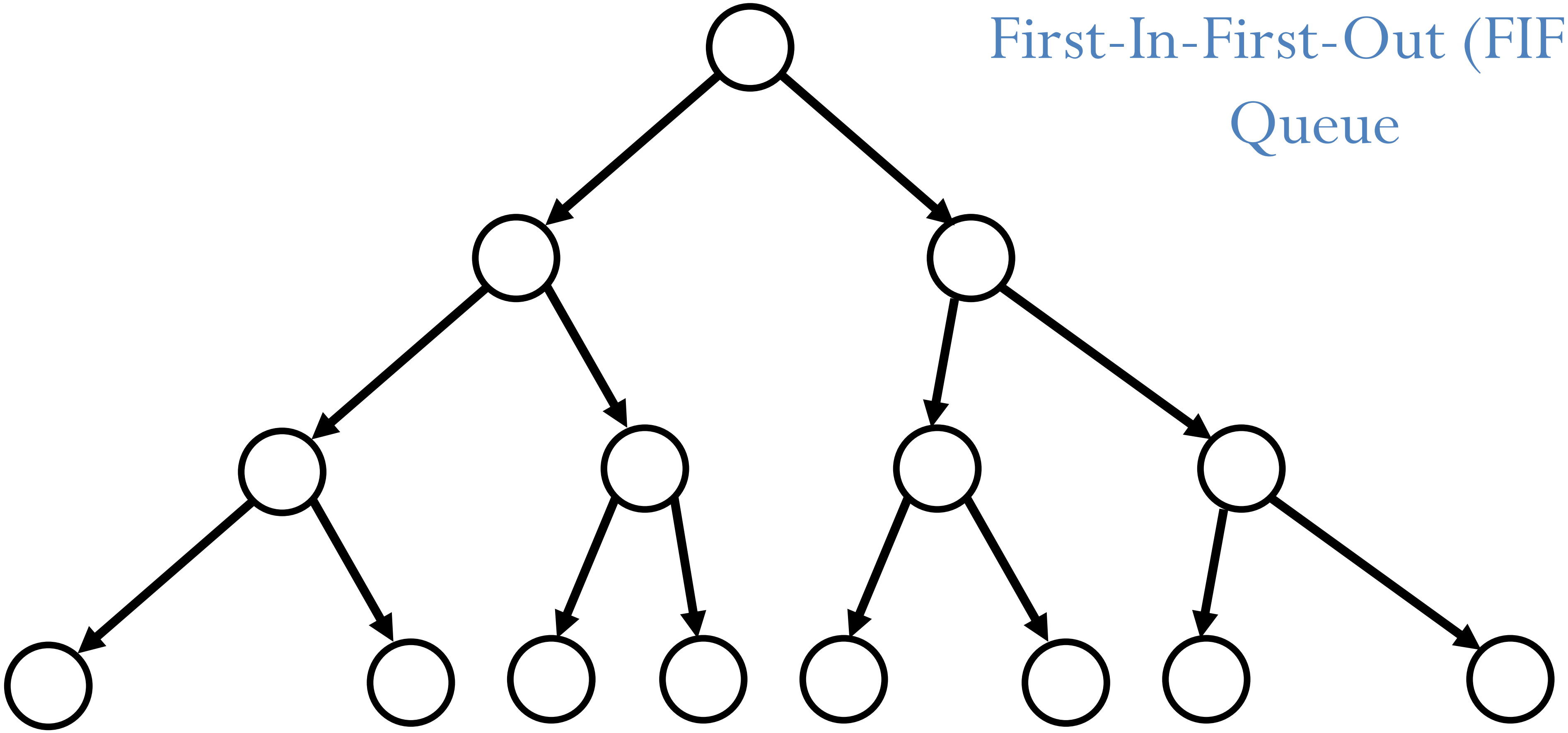

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Properties of Breadth-First Search

- Nodes are expanded in the same order in which they are generated
  - Fringe can be maintained as a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) queue
- BFS is complete: if a solution exists, one will be found
- BFS finds a shallowest solution
  - Not necessarily an optimal solution
- If every node has b successors (the branching factor), first solution is at depth d, then fringe size will be at least b^d at some point
  - This much space (and time) required ☹

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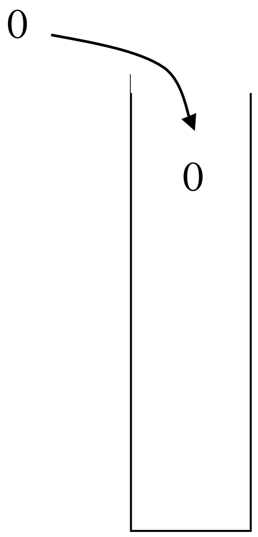

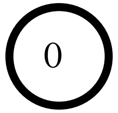

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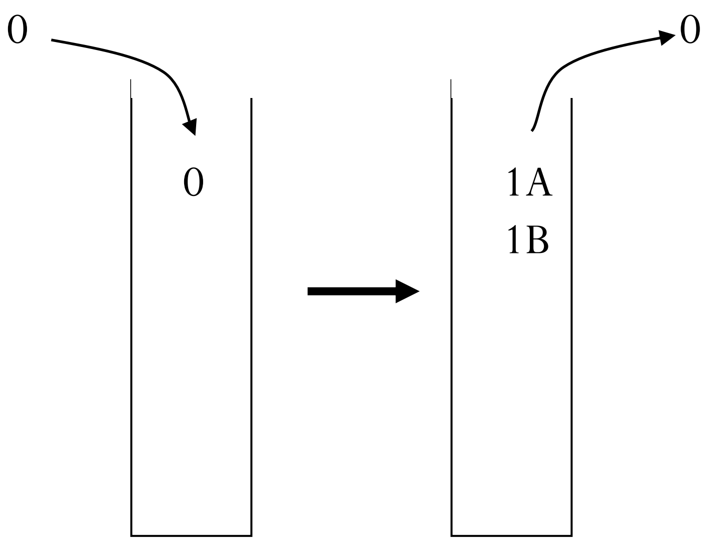

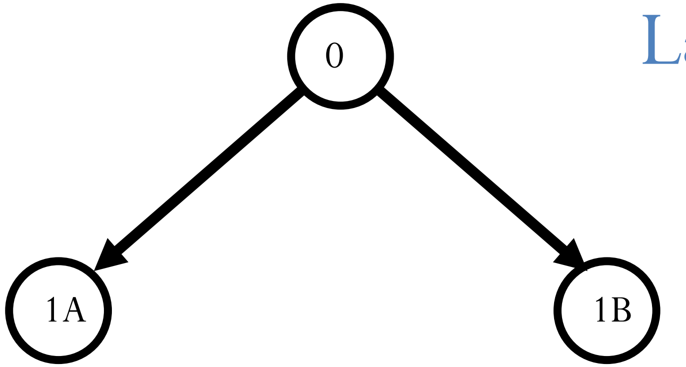

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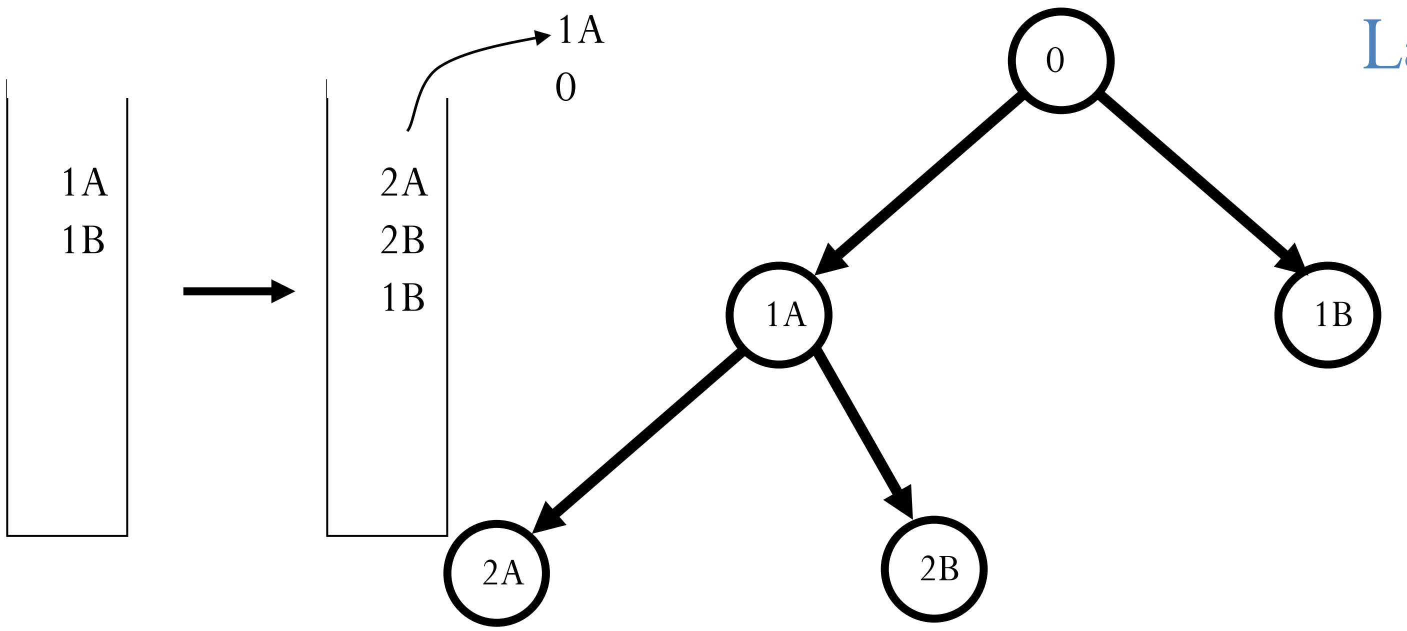

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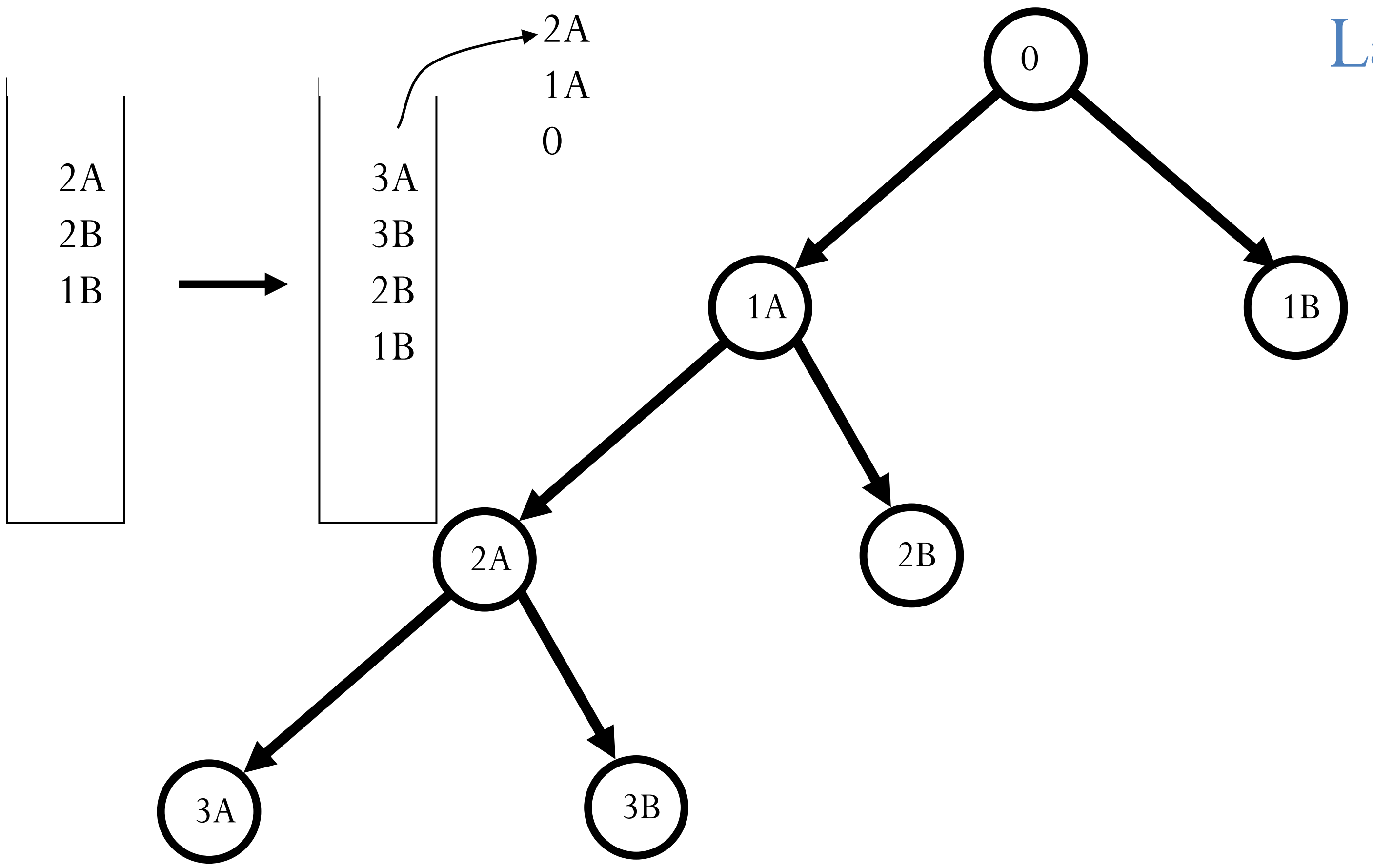

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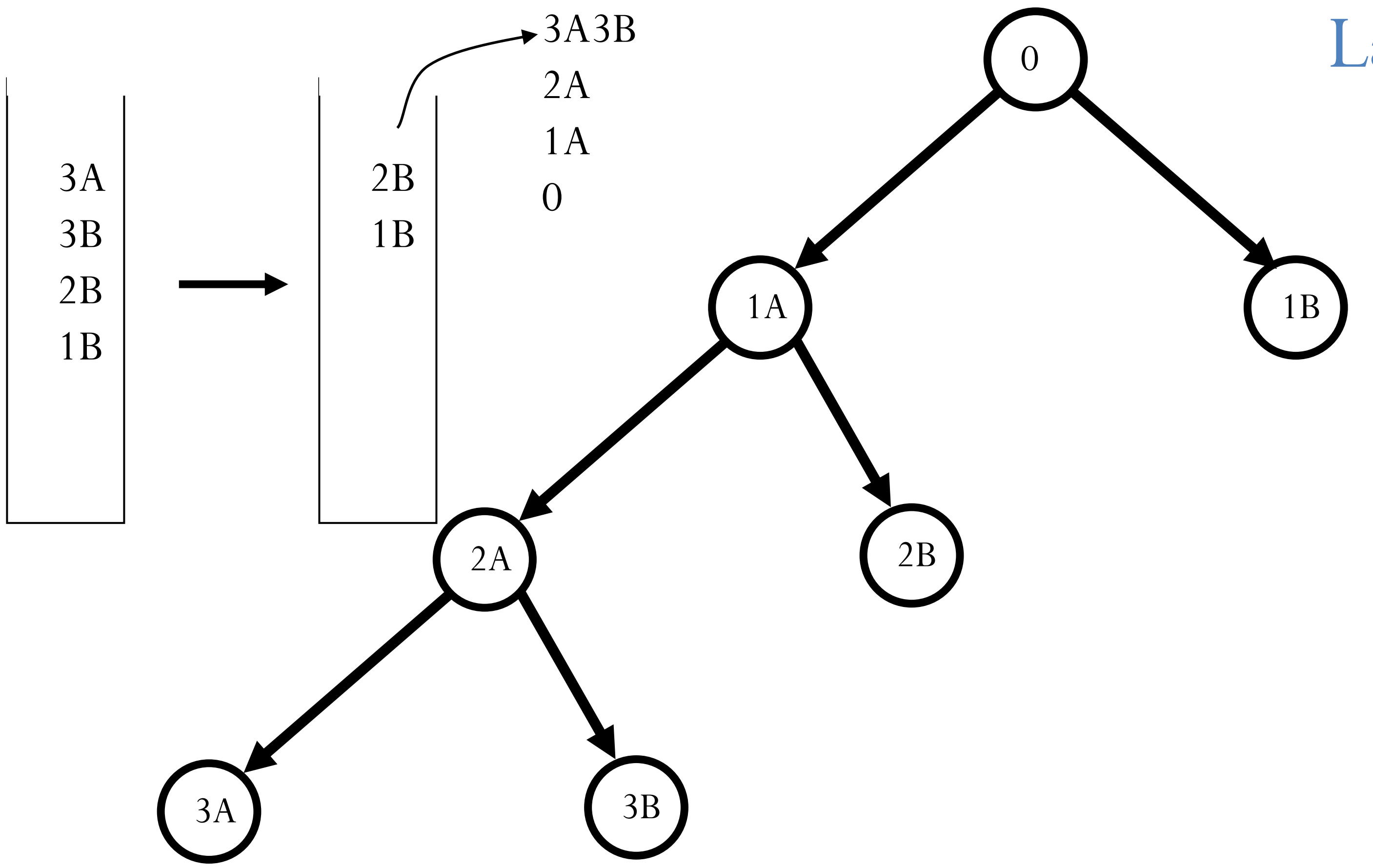

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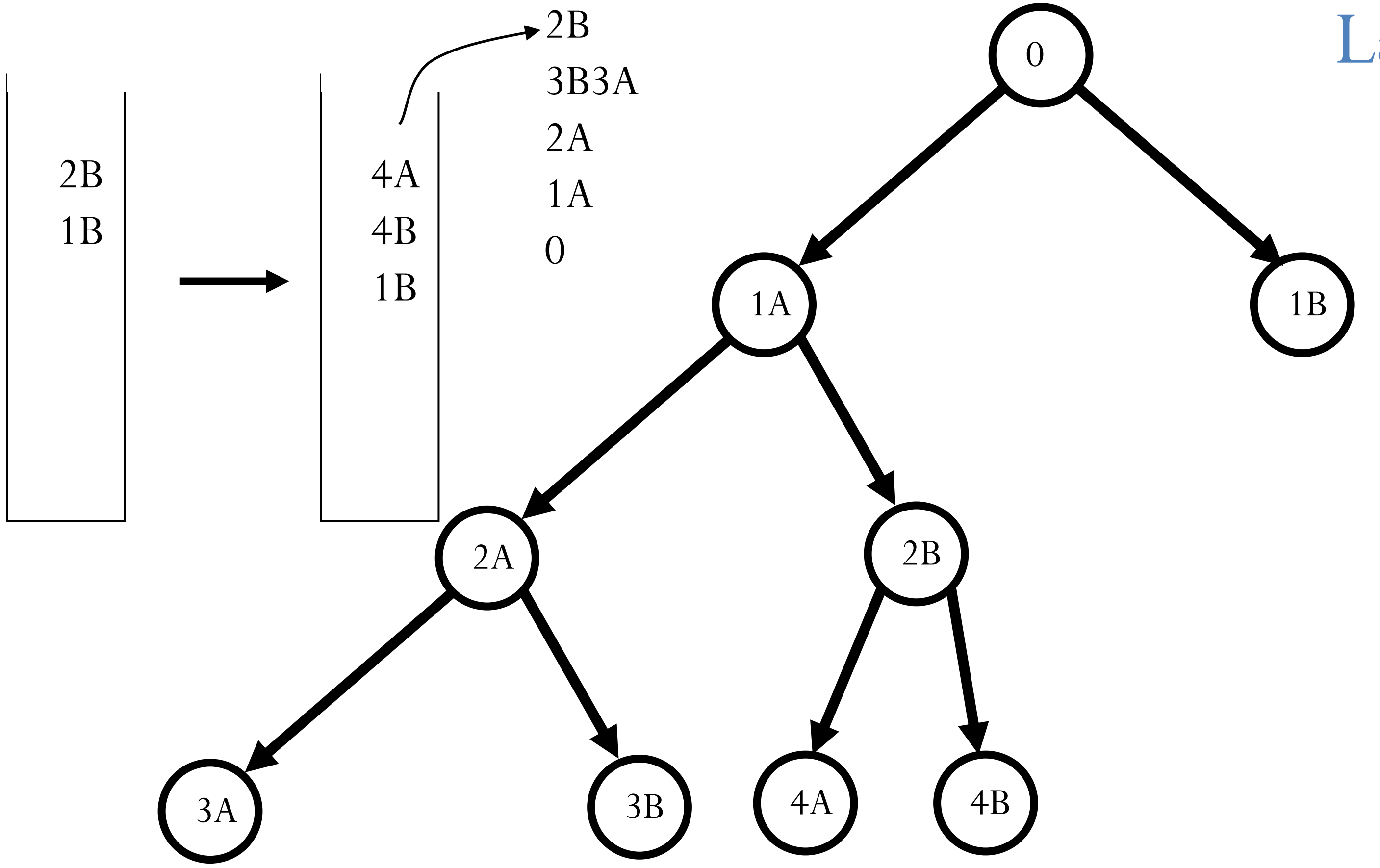

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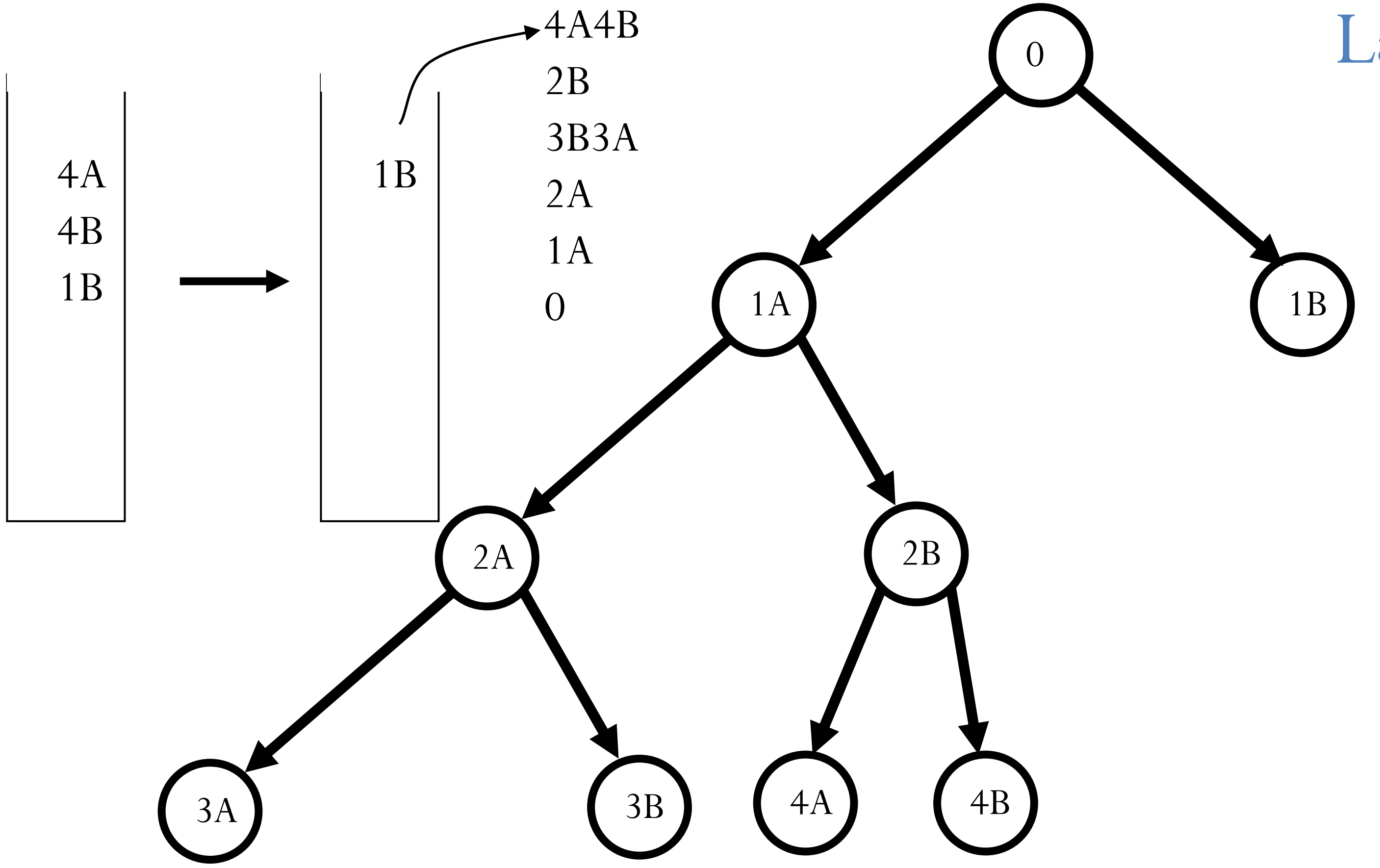

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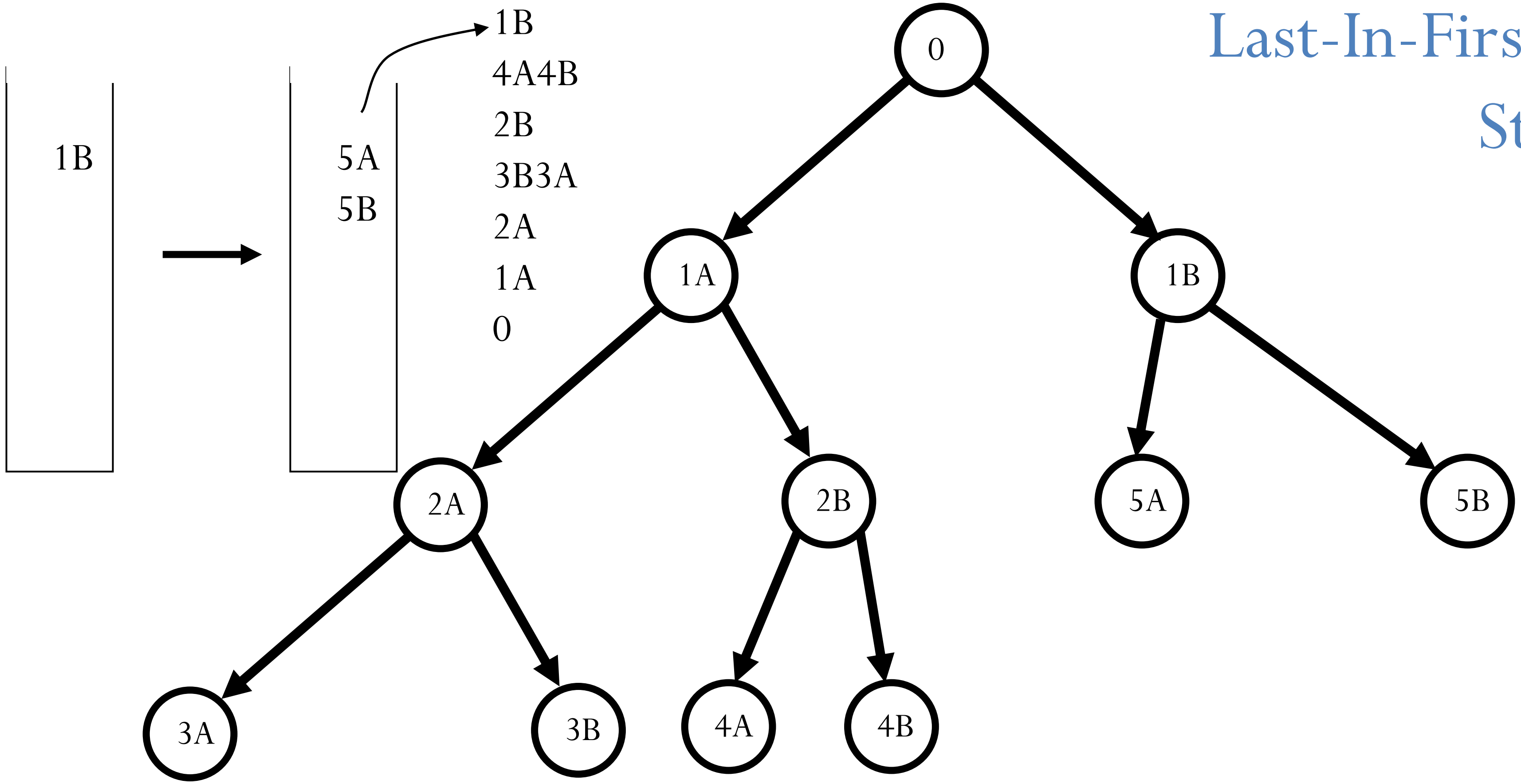

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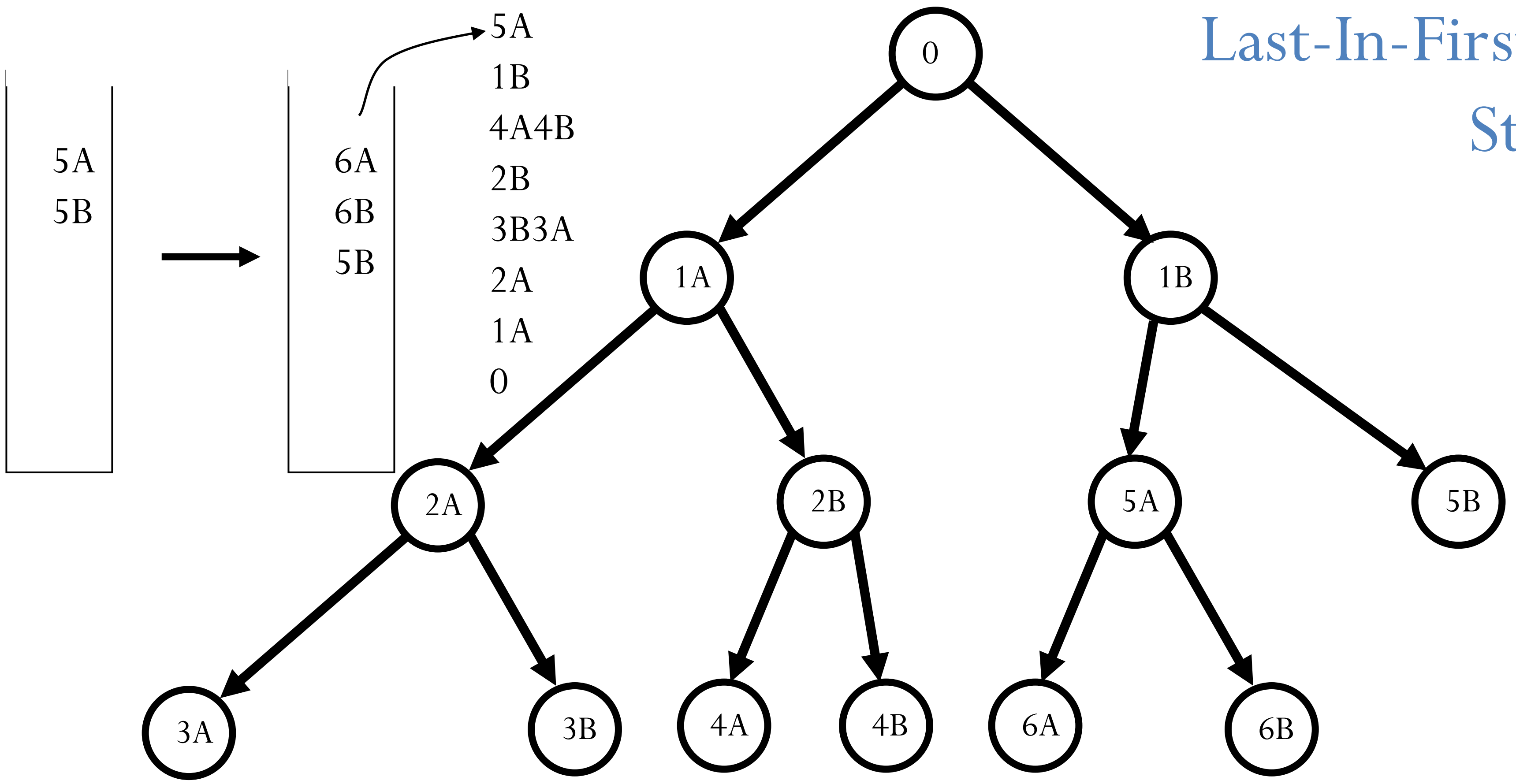

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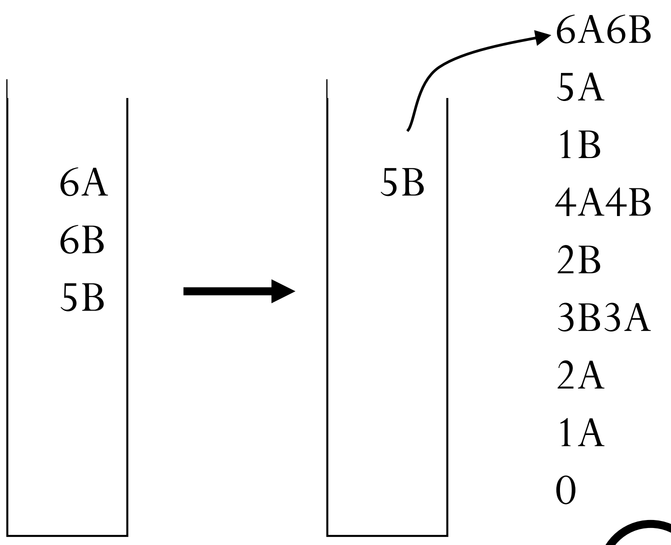

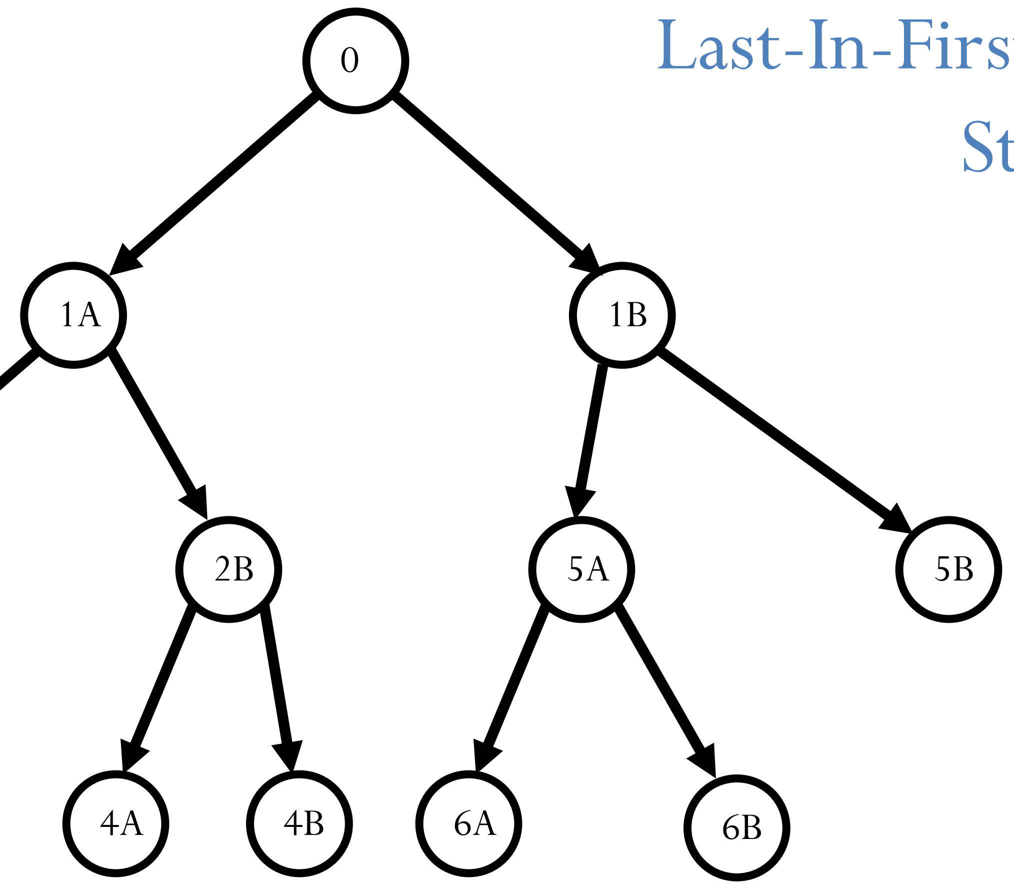

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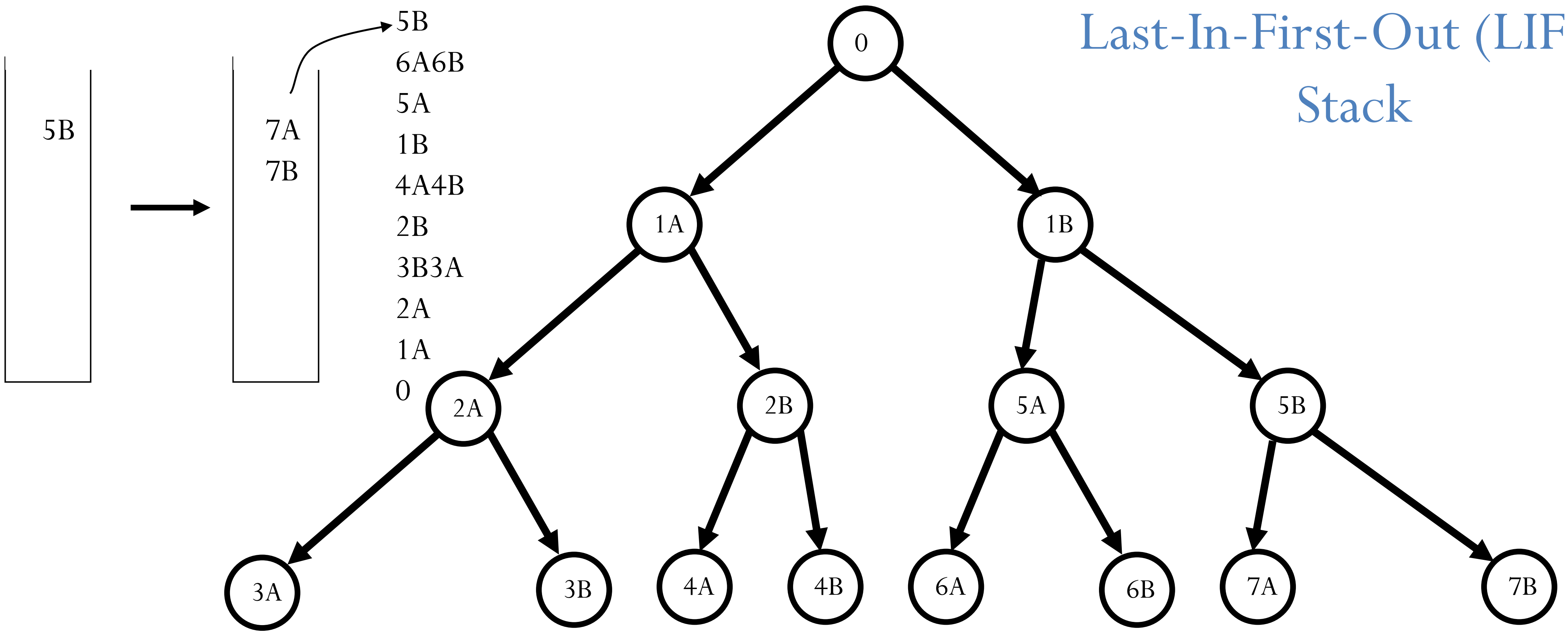

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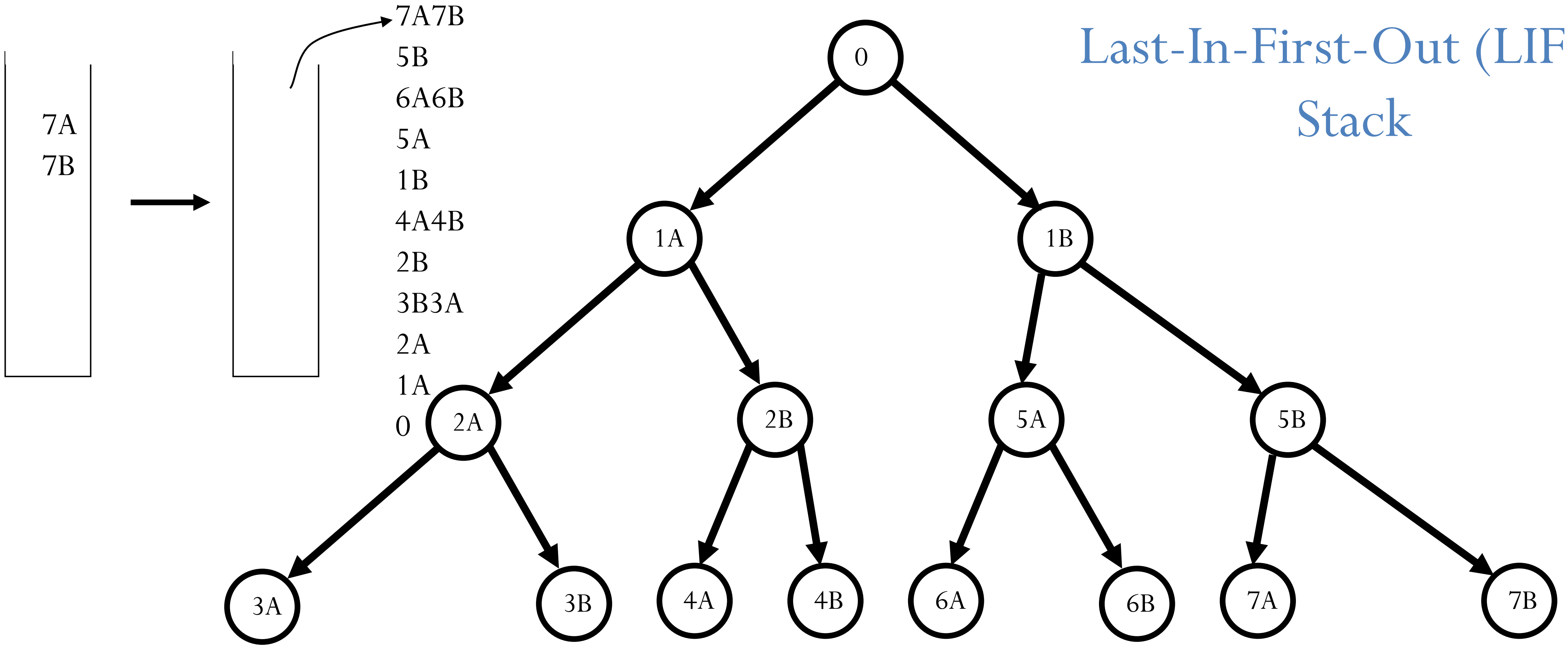

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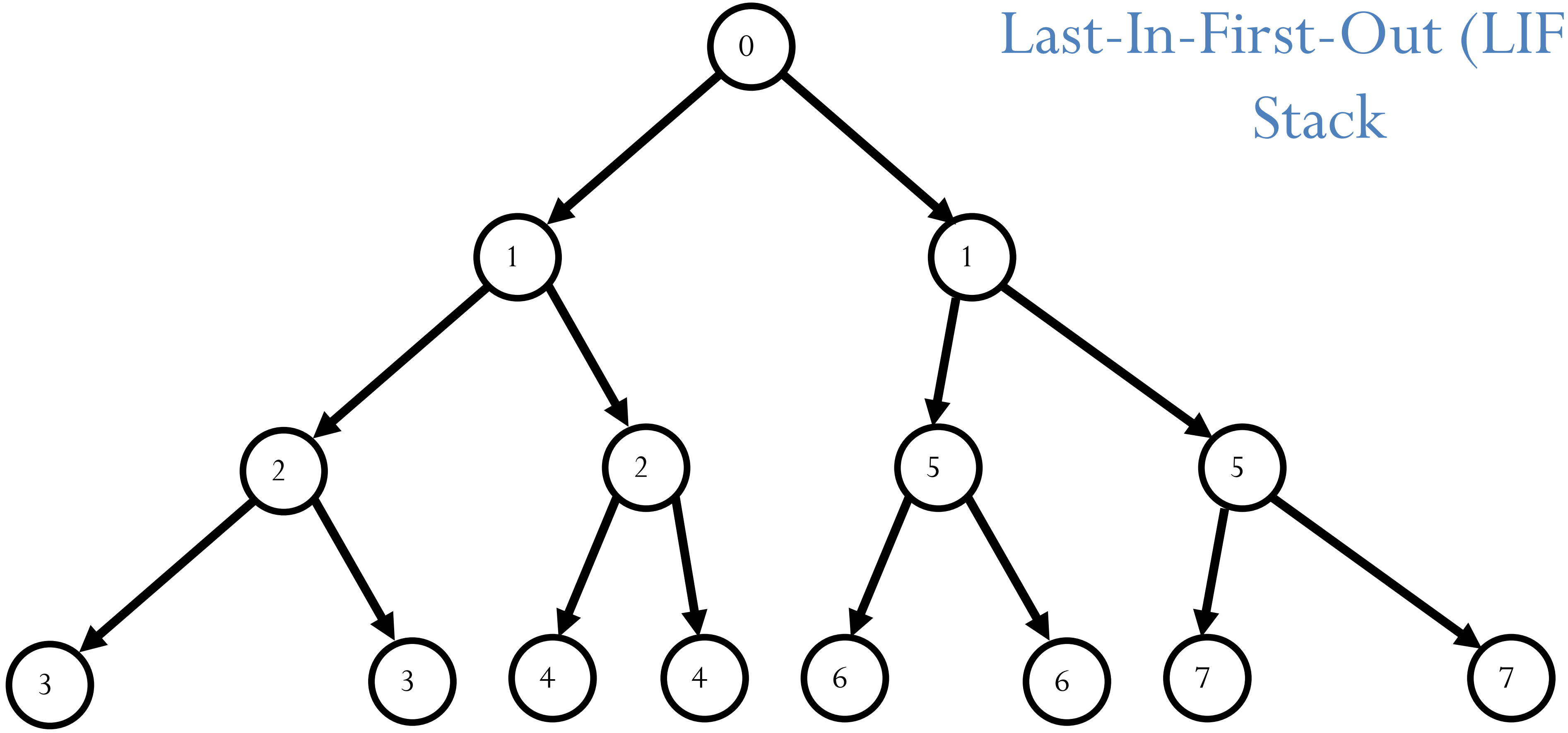

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Implementing Depth-First Search

- Fringe can be maintained as a Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) queue (aka. a stack)
- Also easy to implement recursively:
- DFS(node)
  - If goal(node) return solution(node);
  - For each successor of node
    - Return DFS(successor) unless it is *failure*;
  - Return *failure;*

Properties of depth-first search

- Not complete (might cycle through nongoal states)
- If solution found, generally not optimal/shallowest
- If every node has b successors (the branching factor), and we search to at most depth m, fringe is at most bm
  - Much better space requirement ☺
  - Actually, generally don't even need to store all of fringe
- Time: still need to look at every node
  - $b^m + b^{m-1} + \ldots + 1$ (for $b>1$, $O(b^m)$)
  - Inevitable for uninformed search methods…

Combining good properties of BFS and DFS

- Limited depth DFS: just like DFS, except never go deeper than some depth d
- Iterative deepening DFS:
  - Call limited depth DFS with depth 0;
  - If unsuccessful, call with depth 1;
  - If unsuccessful, call with depth 2;
  - Etc.
- Complete, finds shallowest solution
- Space requirements of DFS
- May seem wasteful timewise because replicating effort
  - Really not that wasteful because **almost all effort at deepest level**
  - $db + (d-1)b^2 + (d-2)b^3 + \ldots + 1b^d$ is $O(b^d)$ for $b > 1$

Searching solution evaluation

- Comparing multiple searching algorithm based on
  - Completeness: does it always find a solution if one exist?
  - Time complexity: How long depends on number of nodes
  - Space complexity: Memory depends on number of nodes
  - Optimality: Find shortest path (or least cost solution)?
  - Systematicity: does it visit each state at most once?

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