Preparation: Before understanding the codebase, read its requirements that describe its intended functionality. Be aware that this implementation may differ from your previous experiences or knowledge. Throughout the debugging process, if needed, you can refer back to the codebase functionality description to avoid incorrect assumptions about any section's purpose or behavior.

Procedure:

- 1. Get a quick overview of the codebase to develop a high-level understanding of the code structure
 - 1.1. Start from the codebase's entry point, which is the Main method in the Program class (Program.cs, line 8).
 - 1.2. Trace the general control flow through the codebase, observing how different graph types are created and how the A* algorithm is applied (RunStringGraphDemo, RunIntGraphDemo, RunGridGraphDemo methods). Take stock of the codebase
 - 1.2.1. Functions/components: AStarAlgorithm, Graph, IHeuristic, and various heuristic implementations
 - 1.2.2. Their locations within the code structure: Calculate.cs, Graph.cs, and Heuristics.cs files
 - 1.2.3. How they interact with each other (i.e., method calls): AStarAlgorithm uses IGraph and IHeuristic, FindPath method in AStarAlgorithm
- 2. Identify and examine potential bug-containing code sections

structure. Pay attention to:

- 2.1. First, decide which code sections require more thorough examination: Based on your overview gained from the previous step, prioritize sections with a higher chance of containing the bug (such as those with core logic functions, complex calculations, loops, and conditional structures). For instance, the FindPath method in the AStarAlgorithm class (calculate.cs, line 16) is a prime candidate for examination due to its core role in the pathfinding logic.
 - 2.1.1. Start with the FindPath method that you believe is the most potentially bug-relevant.
 - 2.1.2. Trace the data flow through the method, focusing on the main while loop (lines 28-59) and the g-score` and f-score calculation (lines 51-52). Pay attention to how openSet, closedSet, gScore, and fScore are manipulated. If needed, refer back to the overall functionality description to ensure accurate understanding.
 - 2.1.3. Identify what this section's input(s) should be and propose inputs likely to trigger the bug. For example, consider the graph structures defined in the GraphFactory class (Graph.cs).
 - 2.1.4. Perform mental calculations with your proposed inputs: Go through this section and calculate its intermediate output/behavior. Take notes on how the gScore and fScore dictionaries are updated.
 - 2.1.5. Compare the calculated output (or observed behavior) with the expected output:
 - 2.1.5.1. If match: conclude this section is likely bug-free, move to the next section (e.g., ReconstructPath method), and repeat from Step 2.1.2.
 - 2.1.5.2. If they don't match: conclude this section likely contains the bug. Form a hypothesis about which statement(s) are problematic. Based on your previous calculations, compare each statement's intermediate output/

- behavior with the expected output to identify the mismatch. Once identified, propose a fix and move to Step 3 to validate your hypothesi
- 2.2. If the bug remains undetected, revisit potentially bug-relevant sections identified earlier, such as the various heuristic implementations in Heuristics.cs or the GetDistance method in Graph.cs, rechecking them (Step 2.1) to ensure proper understanding.
- 2.3. If still unresolved, expand your analysis to sections initially considered less likely to contain the bug, such as the PriorityQueue class in Calculate.cs, applying the same process (Steps 2.1.2 to 2.1.5) to each.
- 3. Validate your proposed bug fix
 - 3.1. Focus on the FindPath method you believe contains the bug. Assume you've implemented the fix and other sections work correctly.
 - 3.2. Redo the mental calculation from Step 2.1.4 with the assumed fix in place. Take notes on recalculated intermediate outputs:
 - 3.2.1. If you are confident about your identified bug, you may choose to recalculate only the fixed statement (likely the f-score calculation).
 - 3.2.2. Otherwise, if you are less certain, you have the option to recalculate the entire FindPath method for a more thorough check.
 - 3.3. Compare the new output with the expected output:
 - 3.3.1. If they match: Your proposed fix likely solves the bug
 - 3.3.2. If they don't match: Your fix may be incorrect, or this section may not contain the bug. Consider:
 - 3.3.2.1. If you have another hypothesis for this section, return to Step 3.1 to validate it.
 - 3.3.2.2. Otherwise, return to Step 2 to analyze other code sections.
 - 3.4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until the bug is resolved or all possibilities are exhausted.