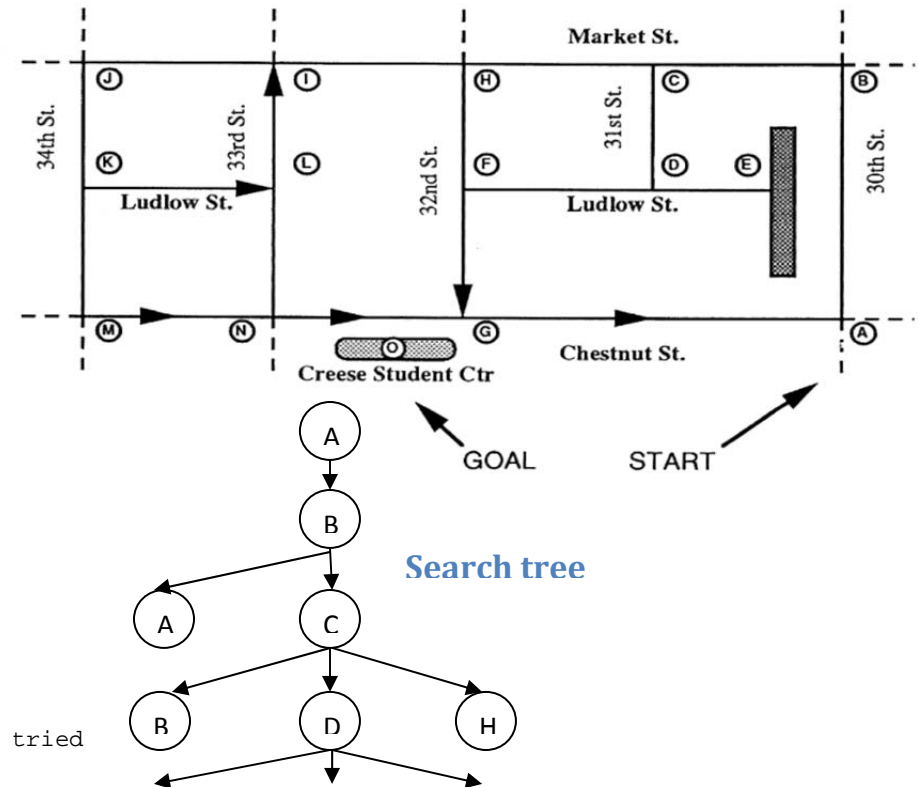


BackTrack on an explicit graph

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1  backtrack( stateList )
2    state = first( stateList )
3    if( state in rest( stateList ) )           // Cycle
4      return FAILED-1
5    if( deadEnd( state ) )                     // Dead-end
6      return FAILED-2
7    if( goal( state ) )
8      return NULL
9    if( length ( stateList ) > depthBound      // Too deep
10     return FAILED-3
11
12    ruleSet = applicableRules(state)
13    if( ruleSet == NULL )                     // No moves
14      return FAILED-4
15
16    for-each rule r in ruleSet
17      newState = applyRule( r, state )
18      newStateList = addToFront( newState, stateList )
19      path = backtrack( newStateList )
20      if( path != FAILED-*)
21        return append(path, r)
22
23    return FAILED-5                           // All moves tried

```



We will test rules for applicability in the order { \uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow }

We will assume it is not possible to “drive off the map”:
only labeled nodes may be visited.