

Week 3 Quiz: Heuristic Search

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Q1 - Optimality #1

10/10 points (graded)

Consider graph search algorithms for some search space. Suppose the branching factor b is finite, the shallowest goal is at finite depth d , and step costs are finite, greater than some small positive constant, but not necessarily all equal. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Depth-First Search is optimal
- ☐ Depth-Limited Search (limit $> d$) is optimal
- ☐ Iterative-Deepening Search is optimal
- ☐ Breadth-First Search is optimal
- ☒ Uniform-Cost Search is optimal



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Q2 - Optimality #2

10/10 points (graded)

Consider graph search algorithms for some search space. Suppose the branching factor b is finite, the shallowest goal is at finite depth d , and step costs are finite, positive, and all identical. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Depth-First Search is optimal
- ☐ Depth-Limited Search (limit $> d$) is optimal
- ☒ Iterative-Deepening Search is optimal
- ☒ Breadth-First Search is optimal

☒ Uniform-Cost Search is optimal



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Q3 - Admissibility #1

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Consider a finite search space. Suppose step costs are finite and greater than some small positive constant, but not necessarily all equal. Suppose $h(n)$ is an admissible heuristic. Check all that apply:

☒ $h(n)$ never overestimates the true cost $h^*(n)$ from n to the goal

☐ $f(n)$ never overestimates the true cost $h^*(n)$ from n to the goal

☒ $f(n)$ never overestimates the true cost $g(n) + h^*(n)$ from the root to the goal through n



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Q4 - Admissibility #2

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In lecture, we see an example of a heuristic for the map problem; that is, the straight line distances $h_{SLD}(n)$ from n to the goal. Check all that apply to this instance of the search problem (in particular, note that no edges are less than unit cost):

☒ $h_{SLD}(n)$ is admissible

☐ $h_{SLD}(n)^2$ is admissible

☒ $\sqrt{h_{SLD}(n)}$ is admissible

☐ $h_{SLD}(n)^2 - 99 * h_{SLD}(n)$ is admissible

☒ 0 is admissible

☒ 0 is admissible



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Q5 - Completeness #1

10/10 points (graded)

Consider graph search algorithms for an infinite* search space. Suppose the branching factor b is finite, the shallowest goal is at finite depth d , step costs are finite, greater than some small positive constant, but not necessarily all equal. Check all that apply:

* As an example of an infinite search space, consider the 3-dimensional integer lattice \mathbb{Z}^3 ; that is, the lattice in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3 whose lattice points are ordered triples of integers. A "state" may consist of a point in space (i.e. an ordered triple in \mathbb{Z}^3), and a "transition" may consist of moving a certain number of units in the positive or negative directions parallel to one of the coordinate axes.

☐ Depth-First Search is complete

☒ Depth-Limited Search (limit $> d$) is complete

☒ Iterative-Deepening Search is complete

☒ Breadth-First Search is complete

☒ Uniform-Cost Search is complete

☒ A-Star Search is complete



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Q6 - Completeness #2

10/10 points (graded)

Consider graph search algorithms for a finite search space. Suppose the branching factor b is finite, the shallowest goal is at finite depth d , step costs are finite, greater than some small positive constant, but not necessarily all equal. Check all that apply:

constant, but not necessarily all equal. Check all that apply.

- ☒ Depth-First Search is complete
- ☒ Depth-Limited Search (limit > d) is complete
- ☒ Iterative-Deepening Search is complete
- ☒ Breadth-First Search is complete
- ☒ Uniform-Cost Search is complete
- ☒ Greedy Best-First Search is complete
- ☒ A-Star Search is complete



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Q7 - Greedy Best-First Search #1

10/10 points (graded)

In lecture, we see an example of a heuristic for the map problem; that is, the straight line distances $h_{SLD}(n)$ from n to the goal. Consider Greedy Best-First Search applied to this instance of the search problem, using the straight-line distance heuristic (in particular, note that no edges are less than unit cost). Check all that apply:

- ☐ It always manages to reach the goal in the fewest number of steps
- ☐ It always manages to reach the goal through the least costly path
- ☒ At each step it tries to get as close to the goal as possible

- ☐ At each step it always gets closer to the goal



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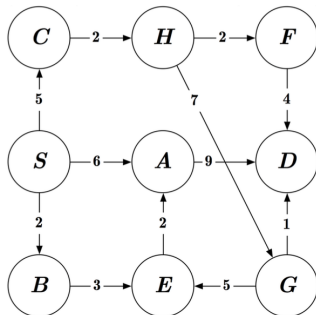
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Q8 - Greedy Best-First Search?

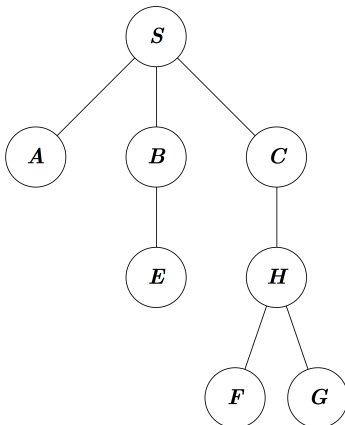
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Consider the following graph. Edges between nodes may only be traversed in the direction indicated by the arrow. We will search the graph with the algorithms we learned, keeping a full explored set as we go. As usual, where an arbitrary choice has to be made, assume that nodes are visited in lexicographical order. The starting node is S and the goal node is G. The table on the right provides the value of the heuristic function for each node:



A: 5
B: 1
C: 3
D: 9
E: 4
F: 0
G: 0
H: 7

Did Greedy best first search algorithm generate this search tree? **Note that only expanded nodes are shown in this tree.**



☒ True

☐ False



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Q9 - A-Star Search #1

10/10 points (graded)

In lecture, we see an example of a heuristic for the map problem; that is, the straight line distances $h_SLD(n)$ from n to the goal. Consider A-Star Search applied to this instance of the search problem, using the straight-line distance heuristic (in particular, note that no edges are less than unit cost). Check all that apply:

☐ It always manages to reach the goal in the fewest number of steps

☒ It always manages to reach the goal through the least costly path

☐ None of the above



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Q10 - A-Star Search #2

10/10 points (graded)

Consider A-Star Search on a tree of finite depth, where the branching factor b is finite, the shallowest goal is at finite depth d , step costs are finite, greater than some small positive constant, but not necessarily all equal, and the tree contains no duplicate nodes. Check all that apply. It:

☐ Evaluates nodes by using just the heuristic function

☒ Evaluates nodes by using the heuristic function plus path costs

☒ Is optimal if it has an admissible heuristic

☒ Becomes Uniform-Cost Search if the heuristic $h(n) = 0$ for all n

☐ Becomes Uniform-Cost Search if the path cost $g(n) = 0$ for all n



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