

# SEARCH METHODS IN AI

## STATE SPACE SEARCH



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# COMPLEX PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS



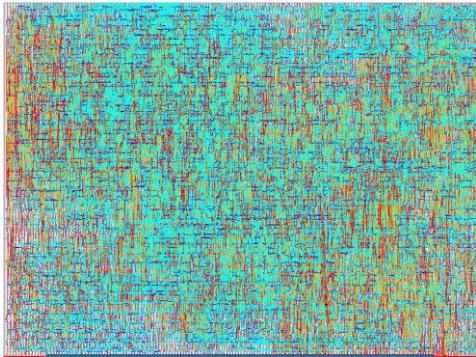
Path Finding



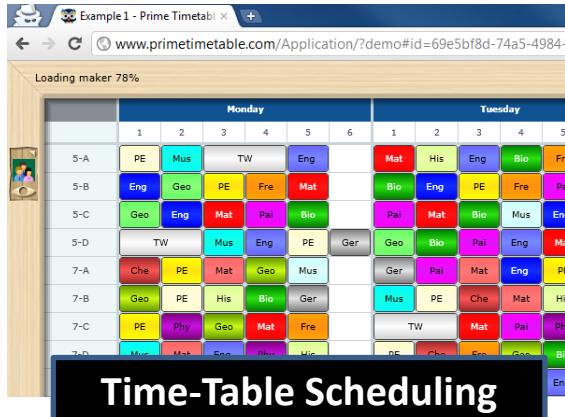
Chess Playing



Robot Assembly



VLSI Chip Design



Time-Table Scheduling

J - 4

In Exercises 43–46, evaluate the definite integral by hand. Then use a symbolic integration utility to evaluate the definite integral. Briefly explain any differences in your results.

43.  $\int_{-1}^2 \frac{x}{x^2 - 9} dx$

44.  $\int_2^3 \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 2x - 3} dx$

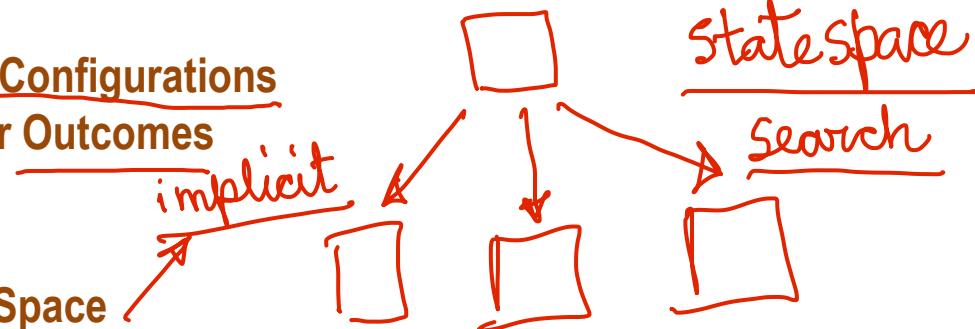
45.  $\int_0^3 \frac{2e^x}{2 + e^x} dx$

46.  $\int_1^2 \frac{(2 + \ln x)^3}{x} dx$

Symbolic Integration

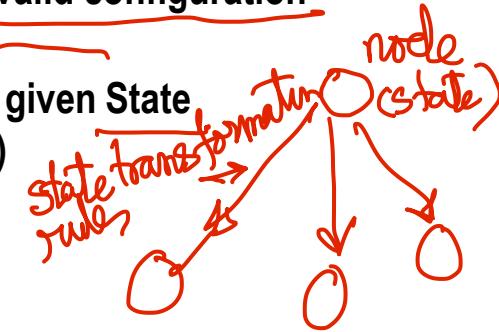
# AUTOMATED PROBLEM SOLVING BY SEARCH

- Generalized Techniques for Solving Large Classes of Complex Problems
- Problem Statement is the Input and solution is the Output, sometimes even the problem specific algorithm or method could be the Output
- Problem Formulation by AI Search Methods consists of the following key concepts
  - Configuration or State
  - Constraints or Definitions of Valid Configurations
  - Rules for Change of State and their Outcomes
  - Initial or Start Configurations
  - Goal Satisfying Configurations
  - An Implicit State or Configuration Space
  - Valid Solutions from Start to Goal in the State Space
  - General Algorithms which SEARCH for Solutions in this State Space
- **ISSUES**
  - Size of the Implicit Space, Capturing Domain Knowledge, Intelligent Algorithms that work in reasonable time and Memory, Handling Incompleteness and Uncertainty



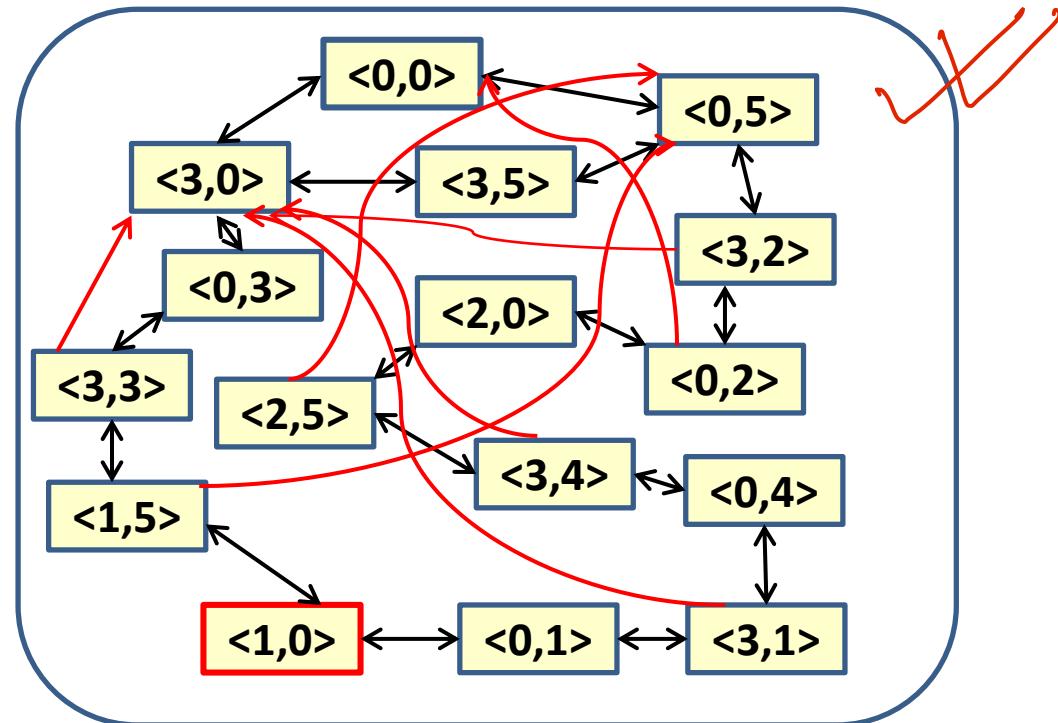
# BASICS OF STATE SPACE MODELLING

- **STATE or CONFIGURATION:**
  - A set of variables which define a state or configuration
  - Domains for every variable and constraints among variables to define a valid configuration
- **STATE TRANSFORMATION RULES or MOVES:**
  - A set of RULES which define which are the valid set of NEXT STATE of a given State
  - It also indicates who can make these Moves (OR Nodes, AND nodes, etc)
- **STATE SPACE or IMPLICIT GRAPH**
  - The Complete Graph produced out of the State Transformation Rules.
  - Typically too large to store. Could be Infinite.
- **INITIAL or START STATE(s), GOAL STATE(s)**
- **SOLUTION(s), COSTS**
  - Depending on the problem formulation, it can be a PATH from Start to Goal or a Sub-graph of And-ed Nodes
- **SEARCH ALGORITHMS**
  - Intelligently explore the Implicit Graph or State Space by examining only a small sub-set to find the solution
  - To use Domain Knowledge or **HEURISTICS** to try and reach Goals faster

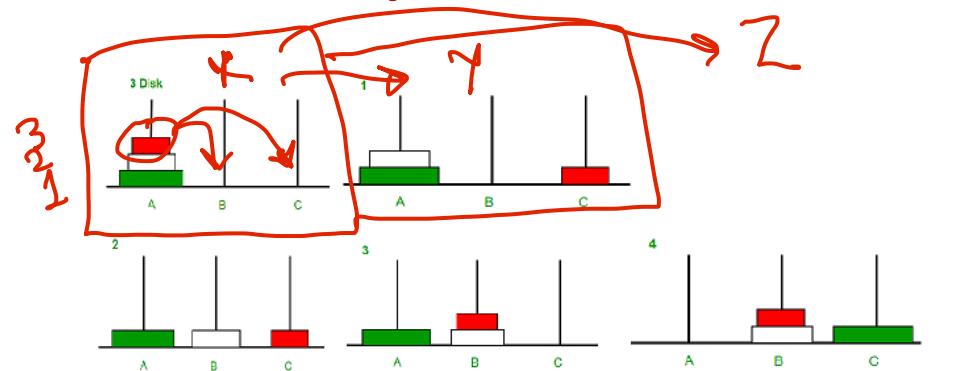


# TWO JUG PROBLEM

- There is a large bucket B full of water and Two (02) jugs, J1 of volume 3 litre and J2 of volume 5 litre. You are allowed to fill up any empty jug from the bucket, pour all water back to the bucket from a jug or pour from one jug to another. The goal is to have jug J1 with exactly one (01) litre of water
- State Definition:  $\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$
- Rules:
  - Fill (J1):  $\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle 3, J_2 \rangle$
  - Fill (J2):  $\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle J_1, 5 \rangle$
  - Empty (J1), Empty (J2): Similarly defined
  - Pour (J1, J2):  $\langle J_1, J_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle X, Y \rangle$ , where
    - $X = 0$  and  $Y = J_1 + J_2$  if  $J_1 + J_2 \leq 5$ ,
    - $Y = 5$  and  $X = (J_1 + J_2) - 5$ , if  $J_1 + J_2 > 5$
  - Pour (J2, J1): Similarly defined
- Start:  $\langle 0,0 \rangle$ , Goal:  $\langle 1,0 \rangle$
- Part of State Space Shown on the right  
(Not all Links shown here)



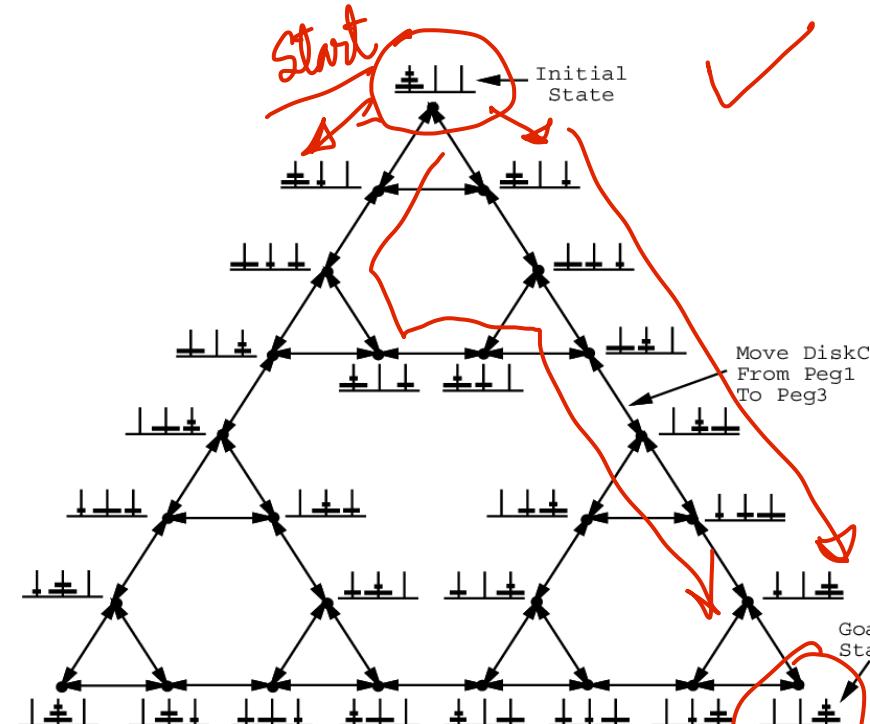
# 3 DISK, 3 PEG TOWER of HANOI STATE SPACE



state definition

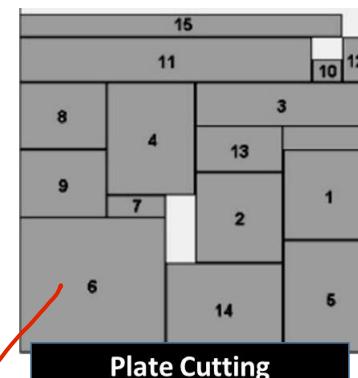
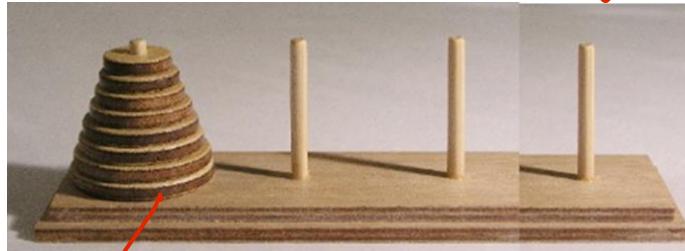
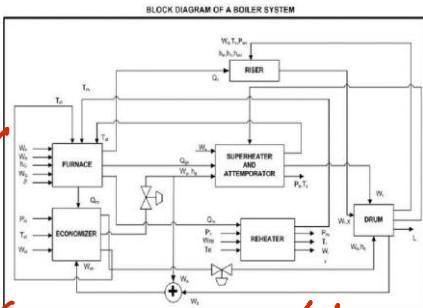
A: 1 2  
B: -  
C: 3

$move(x, y)$



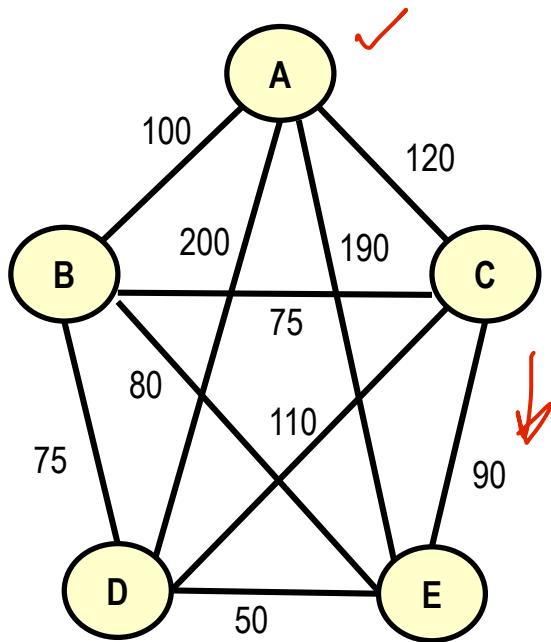
# STATES, SPACES, SOLUTIONS, SEARCH

- States
  - Full / Perfect Information and Partial Information States
- State Transformation Rules
  - Deterministic Outcomes
  - Non-Deterministic / Probabilistic Outcomes
- State Spaces As Generalized Games
  - Single Player: OR Graphs
  - Multi-Player: And / Or, Adversarial, Probabilistic Graphs
- Solutions
  - Paths
  - Sub-graphs
  - Expected Outcomes
- Costs
- Sizes
- Domain Knowledge
- Algorithms for Heuristic Search



South Deals N-S Vul			
♦ K J 8 5	♠ Q 9 2		
♥ J 10 2	♥ 8 7 5		
♦ J 8	♦ Q 9 6 3		
♣ A J 10 4	♣ K 8 6		
♦ 10 6	♦ A 7 4 3		
♥ A 6 4 3	♥ K Q 9		
♦ A K 10 5 2	♦ 7 4		
♣ Q 2	♣ 9 7 5 3		
♦ A 7 4 3	West	North	East
♥ K Q 9	Dbl	2 ♦	South Pass
♦ 7 4	3 ♦	All pass	2 ♠
♣ 9 7 5 3			

# OR-Graph: TRAVELLING SALESPERSON PROBLEM



$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow A$

100      75      110      50      190

515

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$

100      75      50      90      120

state:

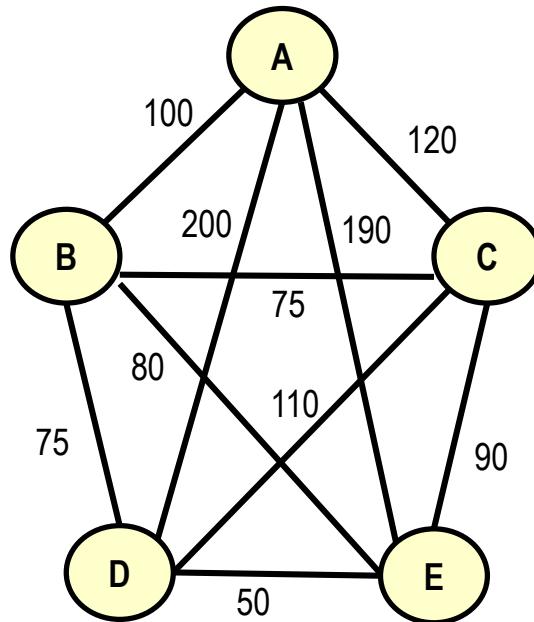
$\langle \{A, B, C\}, 75 \rangle$

$\langle \{ \}, C \rangle$

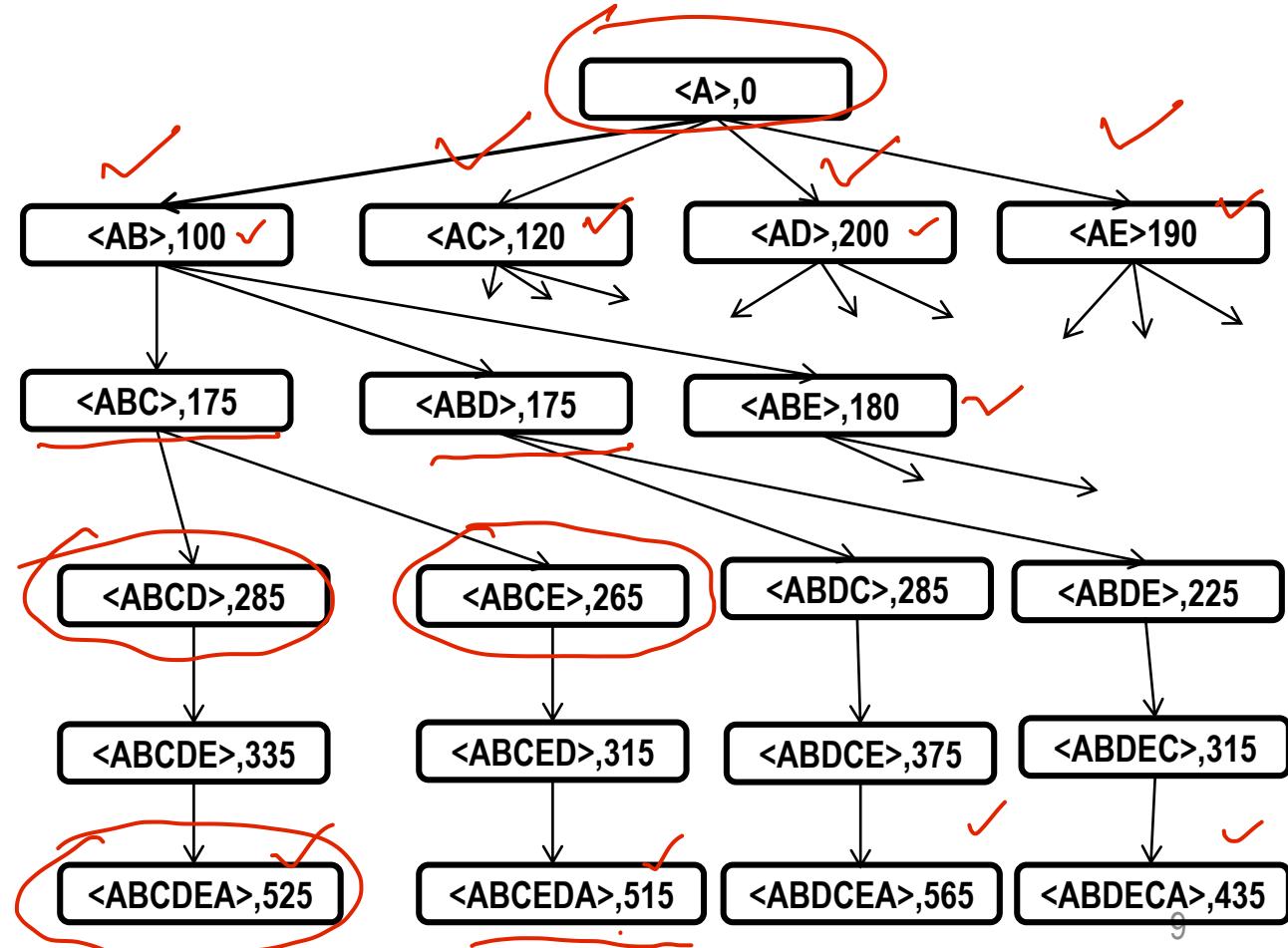
current cost  
Sequence of states visited  
till now)

state-transformation  
rules

# OR-Graph: TRAVELLING SALESPERSON PROBLEM



*implicit graph*



# MODELLING AND/OR GRAPHS:

OR Nodes are ones for which one has a choice.

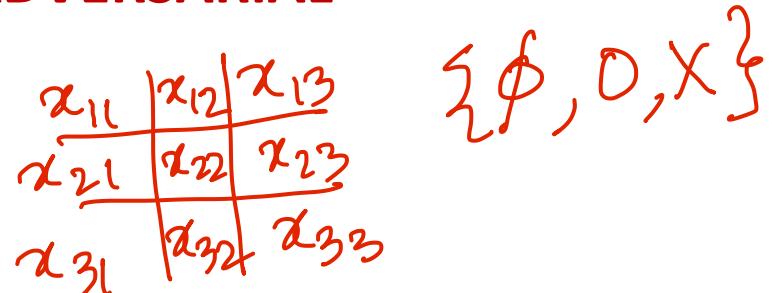
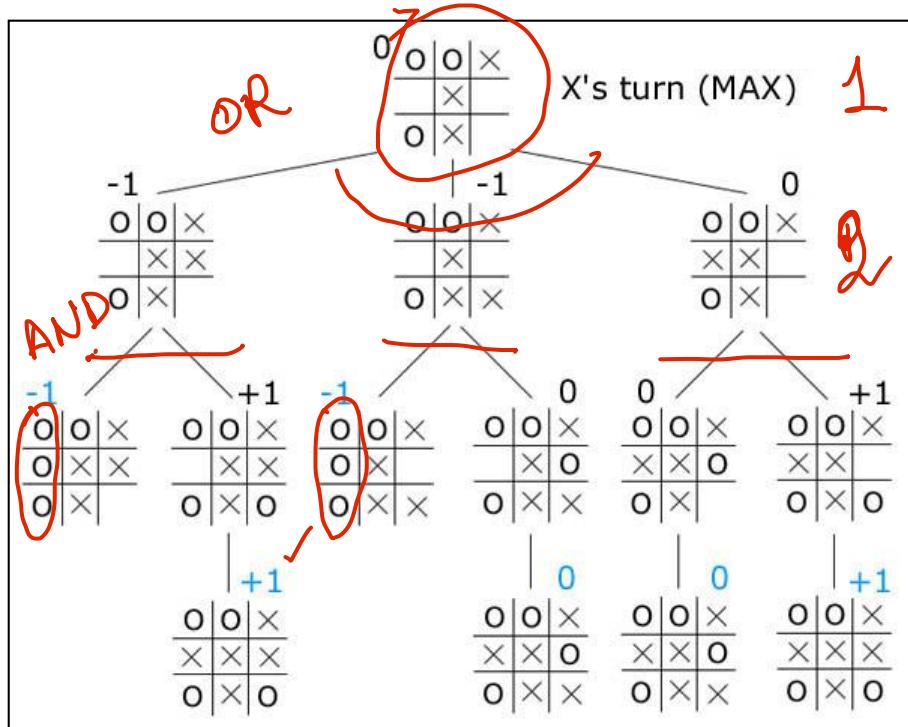
The AND nodes could be compositional (sum, product, min, max, etc., depending on the way the sub-problems are composed),

Adversarial (game where the other parties have a choice)

or

Probabilistic (Environmental Actions)

## AND/OR GRAPHS: ADVERSARIAL



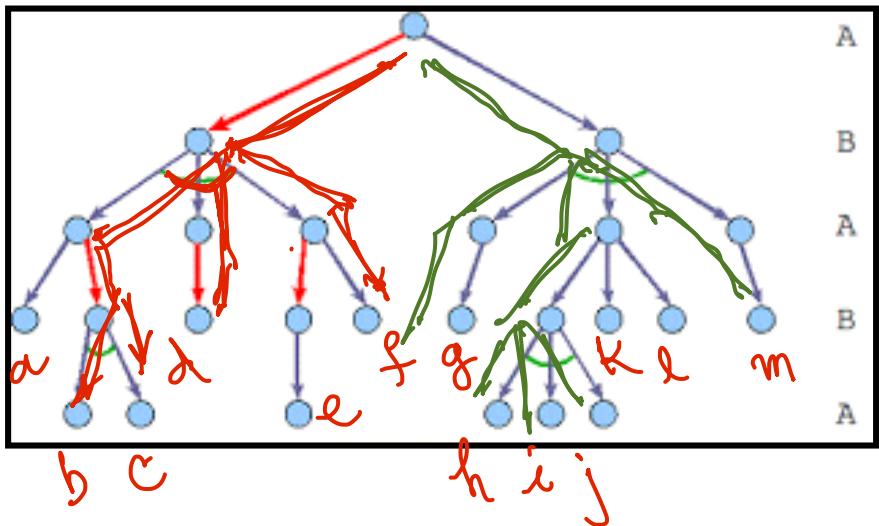
AND-OR graph

1

✓

2

# AND/OR GRAPHS: COMPOSITIONAL / ADVERSARIAL / PROBABILISTIC



→ OR → MIN

→ AND → SUM / PRODUCT  
└→ MAX

Solution is AND-Subgraph  
which leads to terminal  
nodes

Costs

# COMPOSITIONAL AND/OR GRAPHS – MATRIX CHAIN MULTIPLICATION

$$(M_1 \times (M_2 \times (M_3 \times M_4))) = ((M_1 \times M_2) \times (M_3 \times M_4)) = (((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3) \times M_4) = \\ (\underline{\underline{M_1}} \times (\underline{\underline{M_2}} \times \underline{\underline{M_3}})) \times M_4)$$

BUT THE NUMBER OF MULTIPLICATIONS TO GET THE ANSWER DIFFER !!

Let A be a [p by q] Matrix and B be a [q by r] Matrix. The number of multiplications needed to compute  $A \times B = p * q * r$   $[p \text{ by } r]$

Thus if M1 be a [10 by 30] Matrix, M2 be a [30 by 5] Matrix and M3 be a [5 by 60] Matrix

Then the number of computations for

$$(M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3 = 10 * 30 * 5 \text{ for } P = (M_1 \times M_2) \text{ and } 10 * 5 * 60 \text{ for } P \times M_3. \text{ Total} = 4500$$

$$M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3) = 30 * 5 * 60 \text{ for } Q = (M_2 \times M_3) \text{ and } 10 * 30 * 60 \text{ for } M_1 \times Q. \text{ Total} = 27000$$

# COMPOSITIONAL AND/OR GRAPHS: MATRIX CHAIN MULTIPLICATION

OR NODE (Min)

AND NODE (Fn)

(M1 : M4)

(M1 : M4)

✓ OR

(M1 : M4)

✓

(M1 : M4)

✓ AND

(M1 : M1)

(M2 : M4)

(M1 : M2)

(M3 : M4)

(M1 : M3)

(M4 : M4)

✓ (M2 : M4)

(M2 : M4)

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(M2 : M2)

(M3 : M4)

(M1 : M2)

(M3 : M3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (M1 \times (M2 \times (M3 \times M4))) = ((M1 \times M2) \times (M3 \times M4)) = (((M1 \times M2) \times M3) \times M4) = \\
 & \quad \overbrace{M1}^{\text{P1}} \times \overbrace{M2}^{\text{P2}} \times \overbrace{(M3 \times M4)}^{\text{P3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

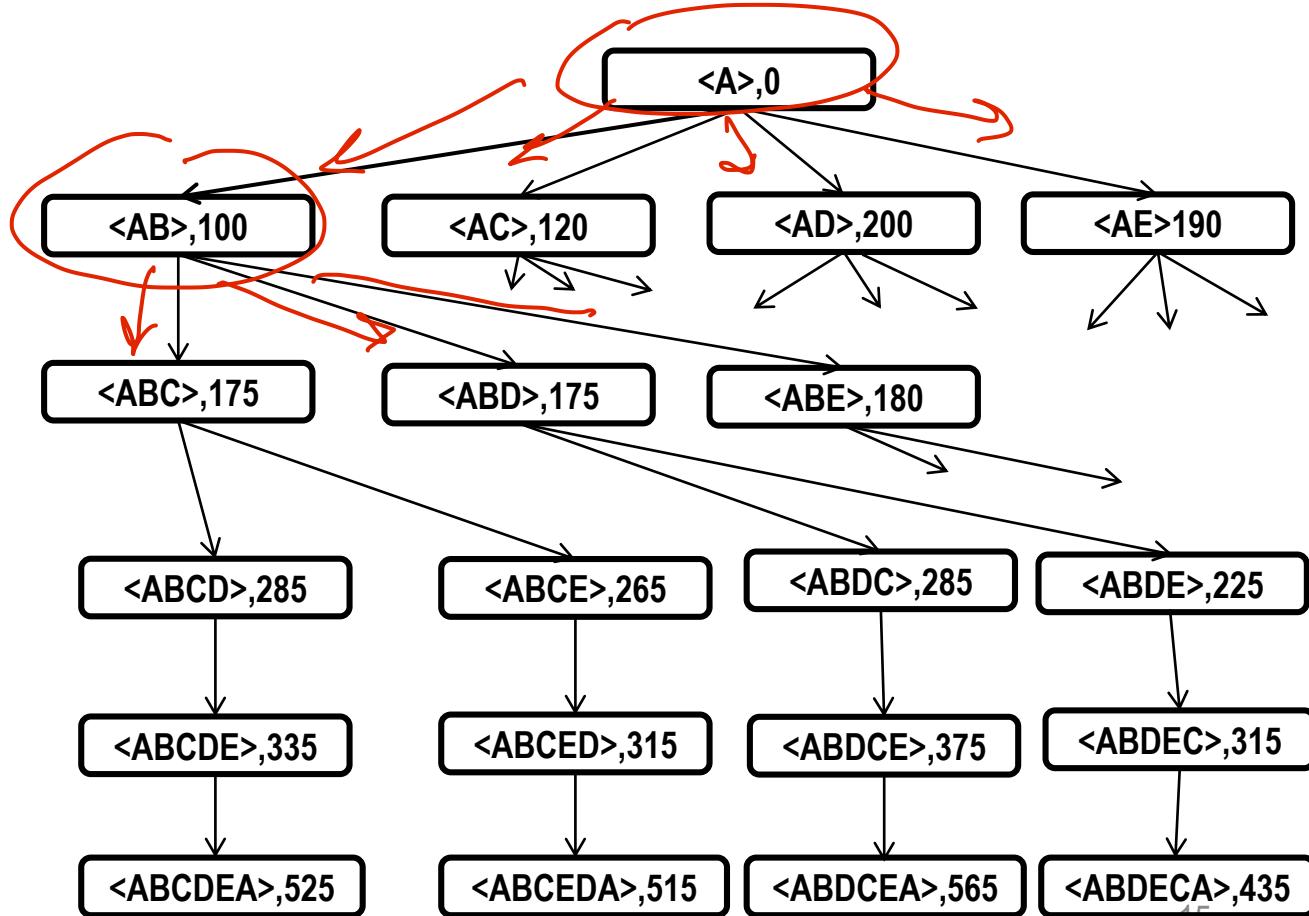
# SEARCHING IMPLICIT GRAPHS

Given the start state the SEARCH Algorithm will **create successors** based on the State Transformation Rules and make part of the Graph EXPLICIT.

It will EXPAND the Explicit graph INTELLIGENTLY to rapidly search for a solution without exploring the entire Implicit Graph or State Space

For OR Graphs, the solution is a PATH from start to Goal.

Cost is usually sum of the edge costs on the path, though it could be something based on the problem



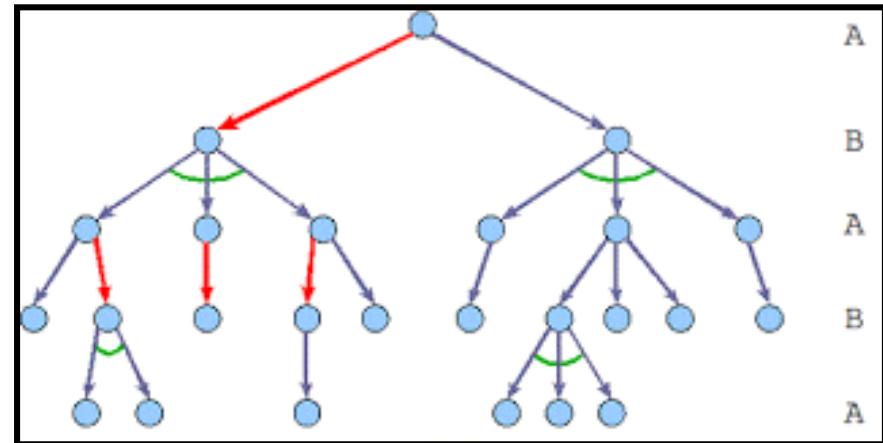
# SEARCHING IMPLICIT GRAPHS

For And/OR Graphs, the Solution is an AND Subgraph rooted at the Start and each leaf is a Goal Node.

The Cost of OR Node is usually a Min or Max.

The Cost at the AND Node depends on the type of Node (Compositional, Adversarial, Probabilistic).

For Adversarial two player games, Max / Min is used at AND Node (reverse of Or Node)



MIN

MAX

-1 0 +1

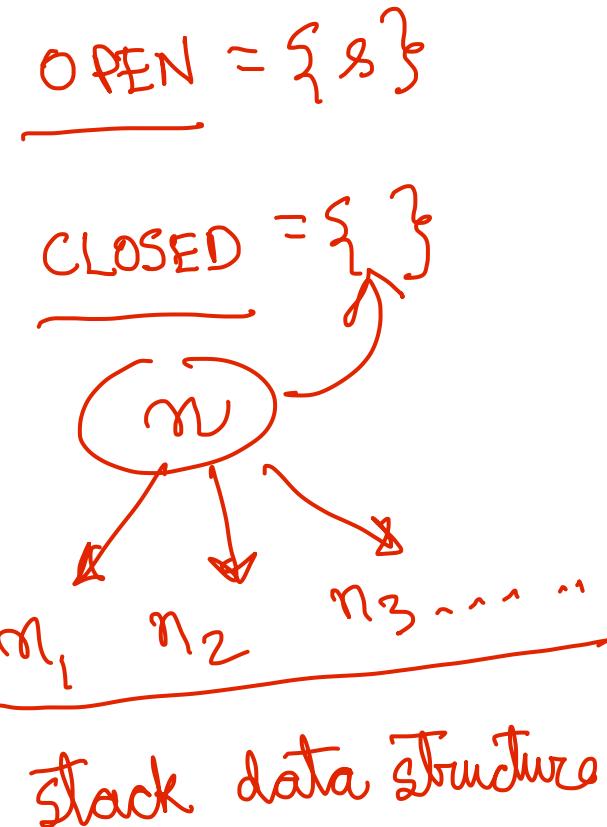
# SEARCHING IMPLICIT GRAPHS

The various Search Algorithms include

- BASIC Algorithms: Depth-First (DFS), Breadth-first (BFS), Iterative Deepening (IDS)
- COST-based Algorithms: Depth-First Branch-and-Bound, Best First Search, Best-First Iterative Deepening
- Widely Used Algorithms: A\* and IDA\* (Or Graphs), AO\* (And/Or Graphs), Alpha-beta Pruning (Game-Trees)

# BASIC ALGORITHMS in OR GRAPHS: DFS

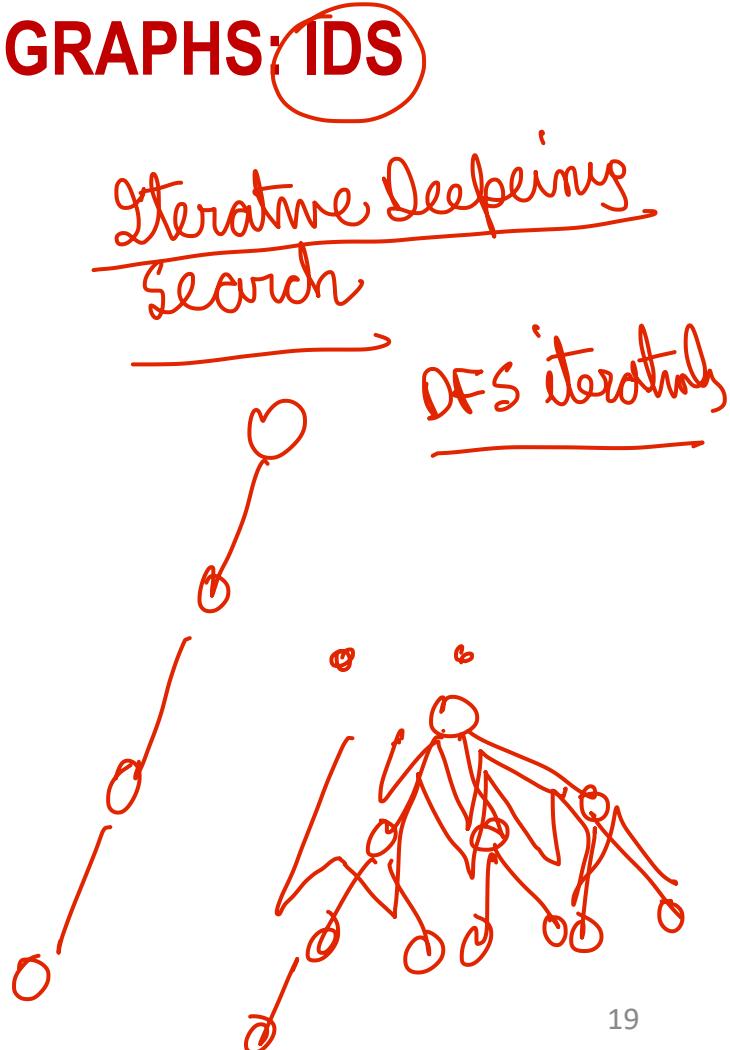
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2. [Select] Select the first Node n on the OPEN List.  
If OPEN is empty, Terminate
3. [Goal Test] If n is Goal, then decide on Termination or Continuation / Cost Updation
4. [Expand]
  - a) Generate the successors  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$ , of node n, based on the State Transformation Rules
  - b) Put n in LIST CLOSED
  - c) For each  $n_i$ , not already in OPEN or CLOSED List, put  $n_i$  in the FRONT of OPEN List
  - d) For each  $n_i$  already in OPEN or CLOSED decide based on cost of the paths
5. [Continue] Go to Step 2



# BASIC ALGORITHMS in OR GRAPHS: IDS

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Algorithm IDS Performs DFS Level by Level Iteratively  
(DFS (1), DFS (2), ..... and so on)



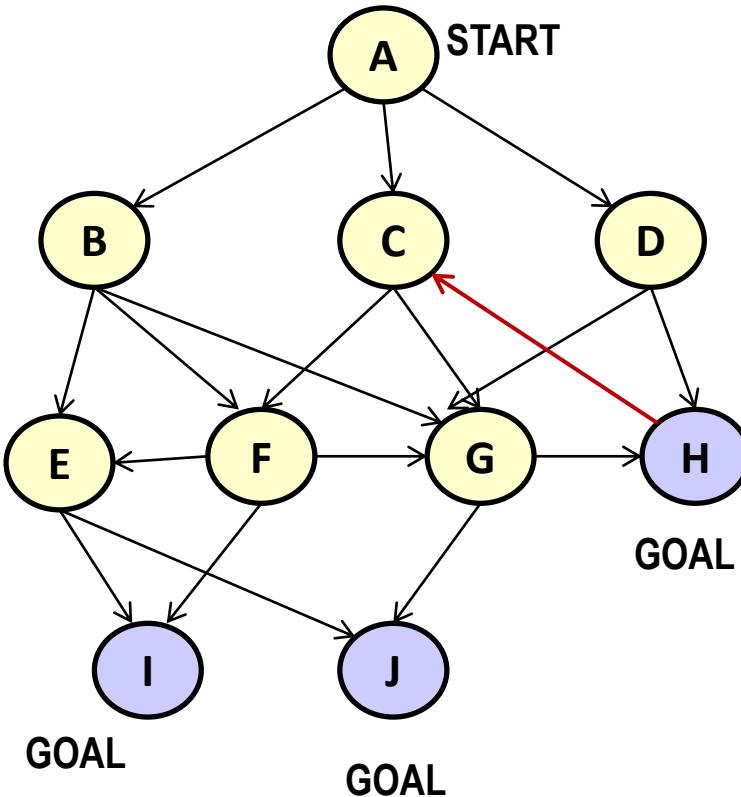
# BASIC ALGORITHMS in OR GRAPHS: BFS

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4. [Expand]
  - a) Generate the successors  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$ , of node n, based on the State Transformation Rules
  - b) Put n in LIST CLOSED
  - c) For each  $n_i$ , not already in OPEN or CLOSED List, put  $n_i$  in the END of OPEN List
  - d) For each  $n_i$  already in OPEN or CLOSED decide based on cost of the paths
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Breadth-first Search

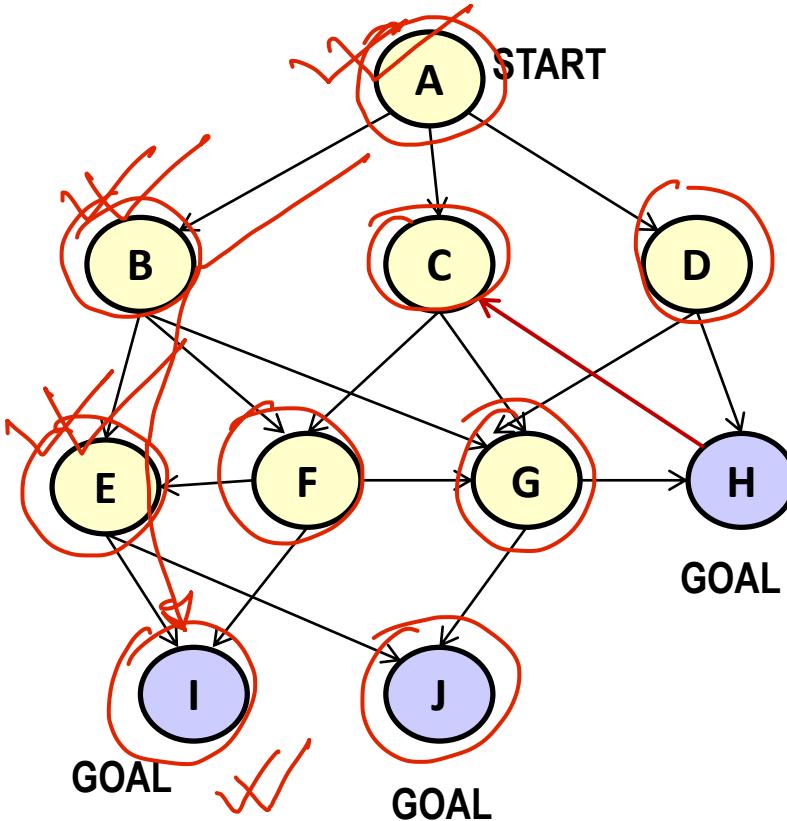
open List is treated  
as a Queue

# EXAMPLE: SEARCHING A STATE SPACE GRAPH



- DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH (DFS)
- BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH (BFS)
- ITERATIVE DEEPENDING SEARCH (IDS)
- PROPERTIES
  - SOLUTION GUARANTEES
  - MEMORY REQUIREMENTS

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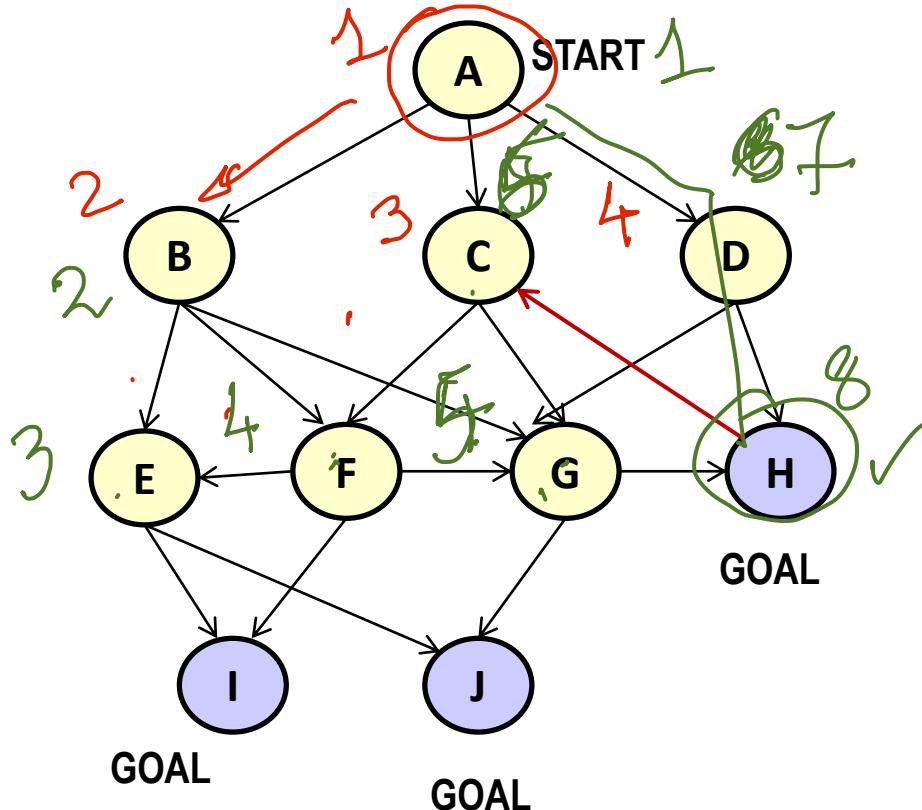
## DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH:

1. OPEN = {A}, CLOSED = {}
2. OPEN = {B,C,D}, CLOSED = {A}
3. OPEN = {E,F,G,C,D}, CLOSED = {A,B}
4. OPEN = {I,J,F,G,C,D}, CLOSED = {A,B,E}
5. Goal Node I Found. Can Terminate with Path from A to I or may Continue for more Goal nodes if minimum length or cost is a criteria

DFS MAY NOT TERMINATE IF THERE IS AN INFINITE DEPTH PATH EVEN IF THERE IS A GOAL NODE AT FINITE DEPTH

DFS HAS LOW MEMORY REQUIREMENT

# EXAMPLE: SEARCHING A STATE SPACE GRAPH



ITERATIVE DEEPENING SEARCH:

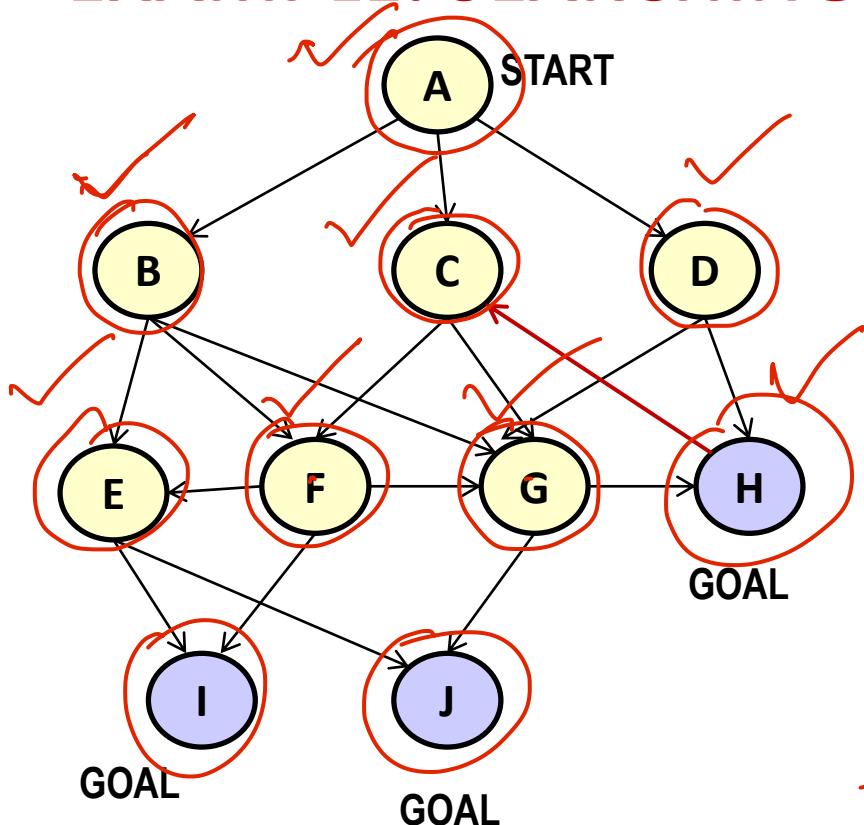
1. PERFORM DFS TILL LENGTH 1. NO SOLUTION FOUND ✓
2. PERFORM DFS TILL LEVEL 2. GOAL NODE H REACHED. ✓
3. Can Terminate with Path from A to H. This is guaranteed to be the minimum length path.

IDS GUARANTEES SHORTEST LENGTH PATH TO GOAL

IDS MAY RE-EXPAND NODES MANY TIMES

IDS HAS LOWER MEMORY REQUIREMENT THAN BFS

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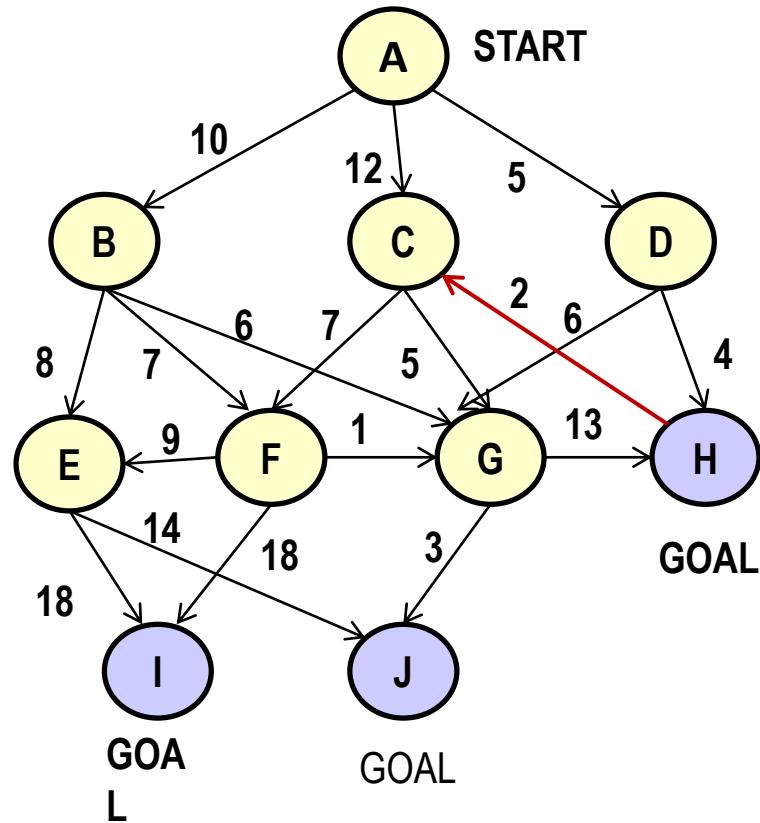


## BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH:

1. OPEN = {A}, CLOSED = {}
2. OPEN = {B,C,D}, CLOSED = {A}
3. OPEN = {C,D,E,F,G}, CLOSED = {A,B}
4. OPEN = {D,E,F,G}, CLOSED = {A,B,C}
5. OPEN = {E,F,G,H}, CLOSED = {A,B,C,D}
6. OPEN = {F,G,H,I,J}, CLOSED = {A,B,C,D,E}
7. OPEN = {G,H,I,J}, CLOSED = {A,B,C,D,E,F}
8. OPEN = {H,I,J}, CLOSED = {A,B,C,D,E,F,G}
9. Goal Node H Found. Can Terminate with Path from A to H. This is guaranteed to be the minimum length path.

BFS GUARANTEES SHORTEST LENGTH PATH TO GOAL BUT HAS HIGHER MEMORY REQUIREMENT

# SEARCHING STATE SPACE GRAPHS WITH EDGE COSTS



Find the best cost path from Start to goal

$n$ ,  $g(n)$

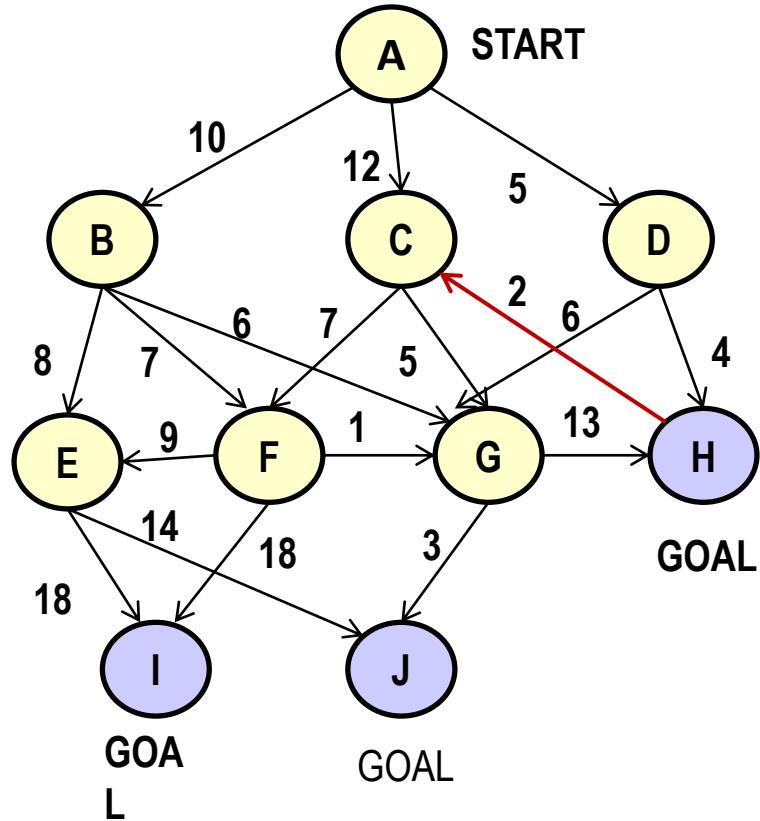
↳ cost of path (current path) from  $s$  to  $n$

# MODIFYING BASIC ALGORITHMS TO INCORPORATE COSTS

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3. [Goal Test] If n is Goal, then decide on Termination or Continuation / Cost Updation
4. [Expand]
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  - c) For each  $n_i$ , not already in OPEN or CLOSED List, put  $n_i$  in the FRONT (for DFS) / END (for BFS) of OPEN List
  - d) For each  $n_i$  already in OPEN or CLOSED decide based on cost of the paths
5. [Continue] Go to Step 2

Algorithm IDS Performs DFS Level by Level Iteratively (DFS (1), DFS (2), ..... and so on)

# NEXT: SEARCHING STATE SPACE GRAPHS WITH EDGE COSTS



- COST ORDERED SEARCH:
  - DFBB ✓
  - Best First Search, ✓
  - Best First IDS ✓
  - Use of HEURISTIC Estimates:  
Algorithm A\* (Or Graphs), AO\*  
(And/Or Graphs)
- PROPERTIES
  - SOLUTION GUARANTEES
  - MEMORY REQUIREMENTS

*Heuristic Search*

**Thank you**