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Search Agent



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Agents

1. Reflex Agent

Use a mapping **from states to actions**. [If-then]

Considers how the world is:

- Choose action based on **current percept**.
- **Do not consider the future** consequences of actions.
- **Example:** A thermostat that turns on the heater when the temperature drops below a certain threshold is a reflex agent.



2. Planning (Goal-based) agent

problem solving agents or planning agents.

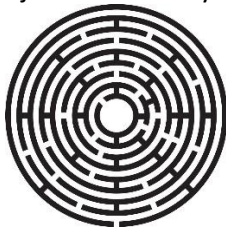
- Considers how the world **WOULD BE**:

- Decisions based on (hypothesized) **consequences of actions**.
- Must have a model of how the world evolves in response to actions.
- Must formulate a goal.

- Agents that **work towards a goal**.

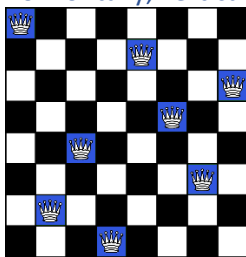
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- Agent's job is to identify **the action or series of actions that lead to the goal**.



- Agents that **work towards a goal**.

The 8-queen problem: on a chess board, place 8 queens so that no queen is attacking any other horizontally, vertically or diagonally.



Number of possible sequences to investigate:

$$64 * 63 * 62 * \dots * 57 = 1.8 \times 10^{14}$$

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- Formalized as a search through possible solutions.



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Problem solving as search:

- (a) Goal formulation
- (b) Problem formulation

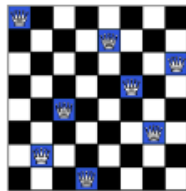
Problem formulation:

- Initial state:** the state in which the agent starts
- States:** All states reachable from the initial state by any sequence of actions (**State space**)
- Actions:** possible actions available to the agent. At a state s , $Actions(s)$ returns the set of actions that can be executed in state s . (**Action space**)
- Transition model:** A description of what each action does. $Results(s, a)$
- Goal test:** determines if a given state is a goal state.
- Path cost:** function that assigns a numeric cost to a path w.r.t. performance measure.

Example:

consider the problem of designing goal-based agents in **fully observable, deterministic, discrete, known** environments.

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- States:** all arrangements of 0 to 8 queens on the board.
- Initial state:** No queen on the board
- Actions:** Add a queen to any empty square
- Transition model:** updated board
- Goal test:** 8 queens on the board with none attacked

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- On vacation in Romania; currently in Arad.
- Flight leaves tomorrow from Bucharest.

Initial state

- Arad

Actions

- Go from one city to another

Transition Model

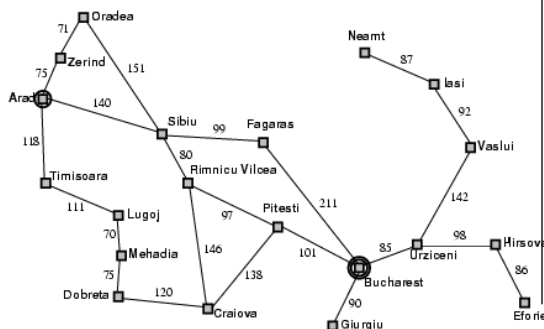
- If you go from city A to city B, you end up in city B

Goal State

- Bucharest

Path Cost

- Sum of edge costs (*total distance*)



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- States:** Location of each of the 8 tiles in the 3x3 grid
- Initial state:** Any state
- Actions:** Move Left, Right, Up or Down
- Transition model:** Given a state and an action, returns resulting state
- Goal test:** state matches the goal state?
- Path cost:** total moves, each move costs 1.

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Initial state

Actions

- Steps

Transition model

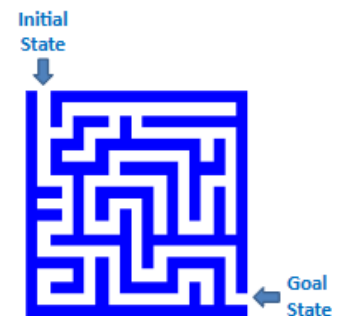
- What state results from performing a given action in each state?

Goal state

Solution Path

Path cost

- Assume that it is a sum of nonnegative *step costs*



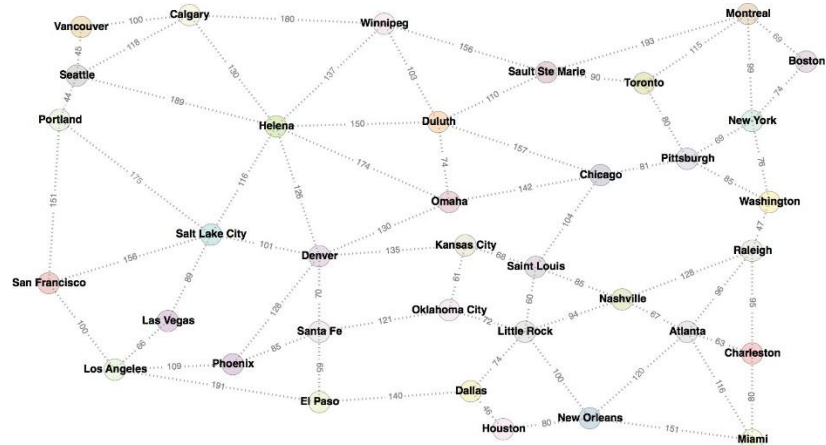
The **optimal solution** is the sequence of actions that gives the lowest path cost for reaching the goal.





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- **States:** In City where
City $\in \{\text{Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, ...}\}$
- **Initial state:** In Boston
- **Actions:** Go New York, etc.
- **Transition model:**
Results (In (Boston), Go (New York)) = In(New York)
- **Goal test:** In(Denver)
- **Path cost:** path length in kilometers



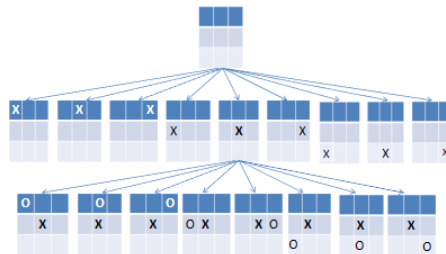
Real Example:

Route finding problem: typically, our example of map search, where we need to go from location to location using links or transitions. Examples of applications include tools for driving directions in websites, in-car systems, etc.

State Space Search

Problems are solved by searching among alternative choices (Start \rightarrow Goal).

- Humans consider **several alternative strategies** on their **way to solving a problem**.
 - A Chess player considers a few alternative moves.
 - A mathematician chooses from a different strategy to find proof for a theorem.
 - A physician evaluates several possible diagnoses.
 - **Tic-Tac-Toe Game**



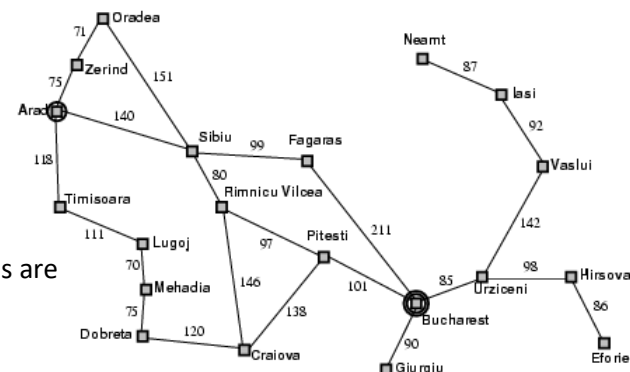
- Human beings **do not search the entire state space** (exhaustive search).
- Only alternatives **that experience has shown to be effective** are explored.
- Human problem solving is based **on judgmental rules** that **limit the exploration of search space** to those portions of state space that seem somehow promising.
- These judgmental rules are known as **"heuristics"**.

- **Example: -**

The initial state, actions, and transition model define the state space of the problem;

- The set of all states reachable from the initial state by any sequence of actions.
- Can be represented as a directed graph where the nodes are states and links between nodes are actions.

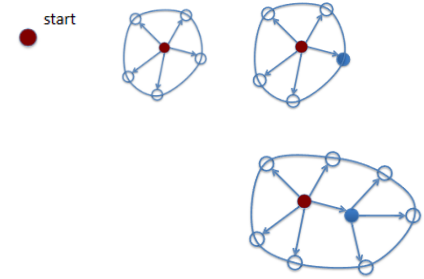
- An AI problem can be represented as a **state space graph**.
- A graph is a set of **nodes** and **links** that connect them.





Search: Basic idea

- Let's begin at the start state and expand it by making a list
- of all possible successor states.
- Maintain a frontier or a list of unexpanded states.
- At each step, pick a state from the frontier to expand.
- Keep going until you reach a goal state.
- Try to expand as few states as possible.



State space vs. Search space.

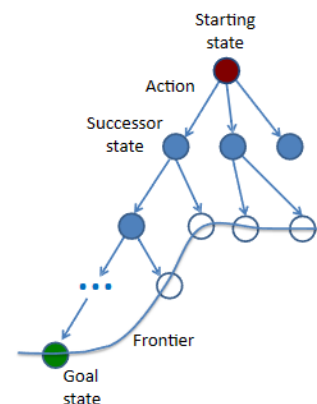
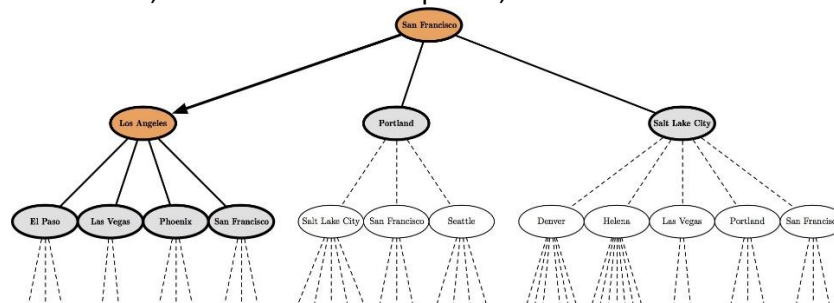
- **State space:** a *physical* configuration
- **Search space:** an *abstract* configuration search tree or graph of possible solutions.
 - **Search tree:** models the sequence of actions
 - Root: initial state
 - Branches: actions
 - Nodes: results from actions. A node has: parent, children, depth, path cost, associated state in the state space.
 - **Expand:** A function that given a node, creates all children nodes

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Example (Search Tree): -

The search space is divided into three regions:

1. **Explored (a.k.a. Closed List, Visited Set)**
 2. **Frontier (a.k.a. Open List, the Fringe)**
 3. **Unexplored.**
- The essence of search is moving nodes from regions **(3) to (2) to (1)**, and the essence of search strategy is deciding the order of such moves.
 - In the following we adopt the following color coding: orange nodes are explored, grey nodes are the frontier, white nodes are unexplored, and black nodes are failures.



- **Tree Search Algorithm Outline**
- The root node corresponds to the **starting state**.
- The children of a node correspond to the **successor states** of that node's state.
- A **path** through the tree corresponds to a sequence of actions.
- A **solution** is a path ending in the goal state.
- A state is a representation of the world, while a node is a data structure that is part of the search tree
- **Initialize the frontier using the starting state.** While the frontier is not empty:
 1. **Choose a frontier node** according to **search strategy** and take it off the frontier.
 2. If the node contains the **goal state**, **return solution**.
 3. **Else expand the node** and add its children to the frontier.