

PROBLEM SOLVING IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE





Hello!

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What is a Problem



Definition of a Problem

- Initial State and Goal State
- Actions $(S) \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$
- Result $(S, a) \rightarrow S^1$
- Goal Test $(S) \rightarrow T \mid F$
- Path Cost $(S \xrightarrow{a} S^1 \xrightarrow{a} S^2) \rightarrow n$ Implement as Step Cost $(S, a, S^1) \rightarrow n$
- State Space
- Frontier (Furthest Path Explored)
- Explored
- Un-explored



Example



Route Finding

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Tree Search



Tree Search

Function TreeSearch (problem):

Frontier = {[initial]}

Loop:

 If frontier is empty: return Fail

 path = remove_choice (frontier)

 s = pathend

 If s is a goal: return path

 for a in actions:

 add [path+a→Result (s,a)] to frontier



Tree Search (Cont.)

Function TreeSearch (problem p) returns path

Frontier = {path (p.initial)}

Loop:

If frontier is empty: return Fail

path = remove_choice (frontier)

s = pathend

If GoalTest (s): return path

for a in p.Actions (s):

add [path+a→Result (s,a)] to frontier

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Breadth-First Search



Tree Search (Cont.) - BFS

Function **GraphSearch** (problem):

Frontier = {[initial]} ; **explored** = {}

Loop:

If frontier is empty: return Fail

path = remove_choice (frontier)

s = pathend ; **add s to explored**

If s is a goal: return path

for a in actions:

add [path+a→Result (s,a)] to frontier

unless Result (s,a) in frontier + explored



Tree Search (Cont.) - BFS

- Works on same level first

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Uniform-Cost Search (Cheapest-First)



Tree Search (Cont.) - CFS

- Works on weightage of nodes

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Depth-First Search



Tree Search (Cont.) - DFS

- Works on depth first

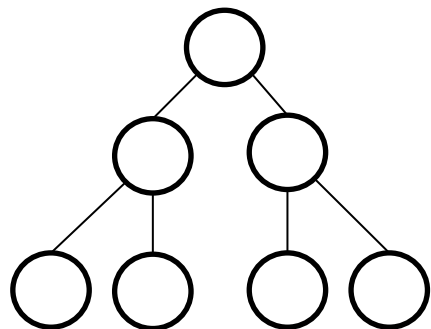
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Search Comparison



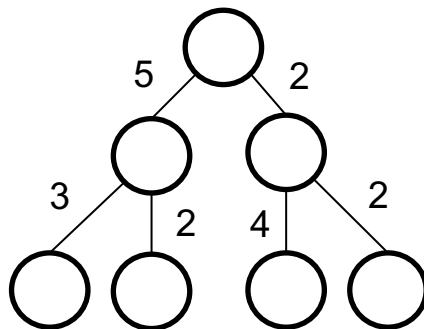
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Breadth-First



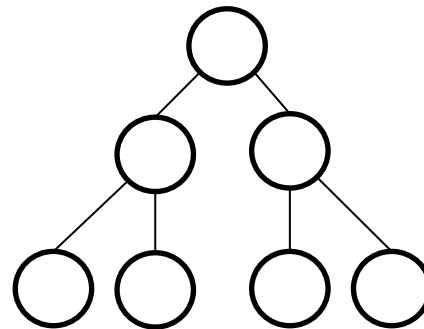
Optimal: Yes

Cheapest-First



Yes

Depth-First



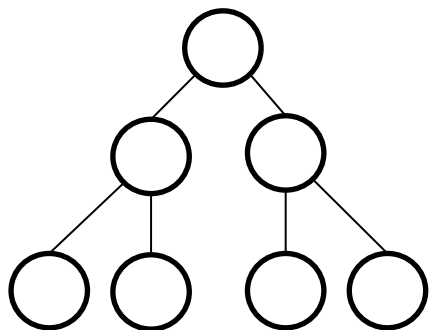
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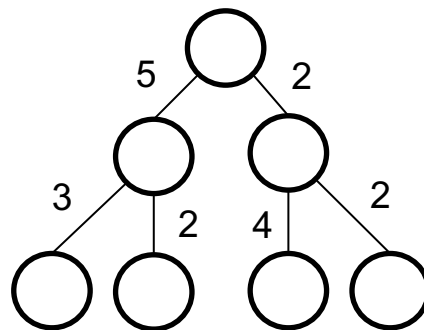
Search Comparison (Cont.)

Why to use Depth-First?

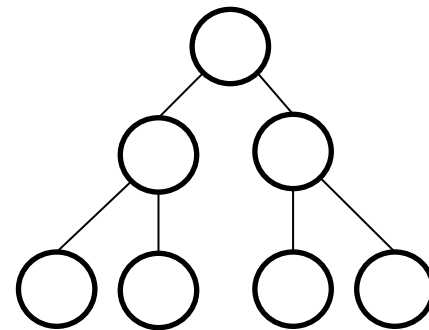
Breadth-First



Cheapest-First



Depth-First

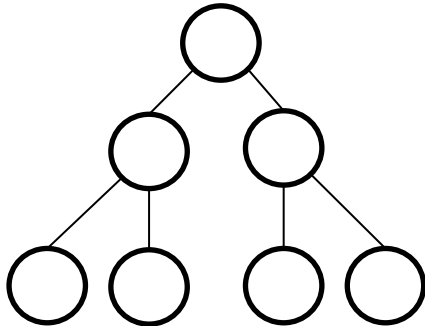


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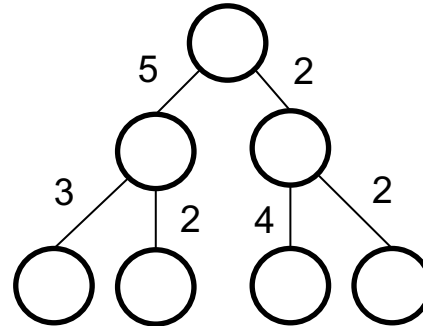
Search Comparison (Cont.)

Breadth-First



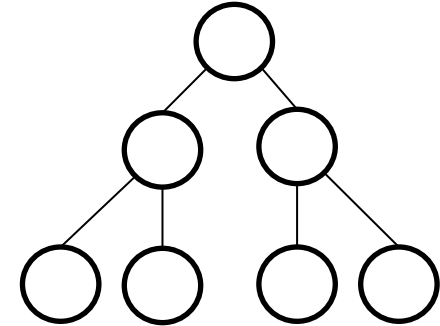
Completeness: Yes

Cheapest-First



Yes

Depth-First



No

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Greedy Best-First Search



Greedy Best-First Search

- Expand paths directed toward the goal
- What if an obstacle is present?

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A* Search



A* Search

- ◎ $f = g + h$
 - $g(\text{path}) = \text{path cost}$
 - $h(\text{path}) = h(s) = \text{estimated distance to goal}$
- ◎ A* finds lowest cost path if:
 - $h(s) < \text{true cost}$
 - h never over estimate the distance to goal
 - h optimistic
 - h admissible



Optimistic Heuristics

● Optimistic h Finds lowest-cost path

- $f = g + h$
- $h(s) < \text{true cost}$
- $S \rightarrow G$

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State Space

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Examples



Optimistic Heuristics

- ◎ Robot Cleaning a House
- ◎ Sliding Block Puzzle (15 Puzzle)
 - h_1 = #misplaced blocks
 - h_2 = sum (distances of blocks)
 - A block can move from $A \rightarrow B$
 - if (A adjacent to B) = h_1
 - and (B is blank) = h_2
 - $h = \max(h_1, h_2)$

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Problems with Search



Problem Solving

⦿ Problem-Solving works when:

- Fully Observable
- Known
- Discrete
- Deterministic
- Static