DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH

CSE 511A: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

UNINFORMED SEARCH

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branching factor b
depth of the goal d
depth of tree m

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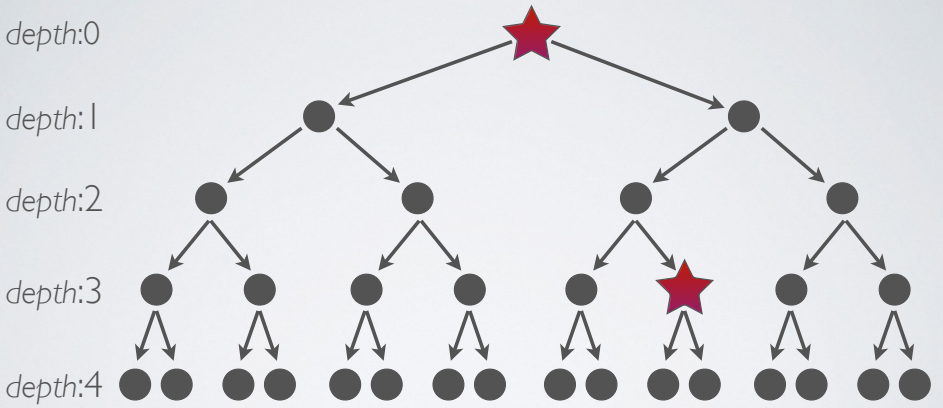

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Caveat on BFS and DFS:

The description here may differ from the description in the textbook.

E.g., BFS in the textbook: You terminate when you generate a node.
Here: You terminate when you expand a node.