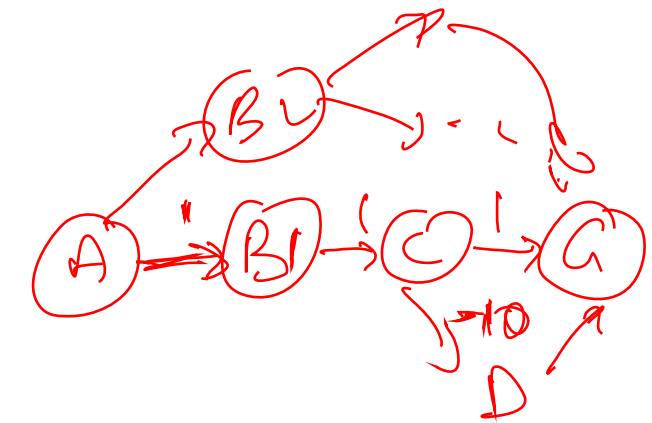
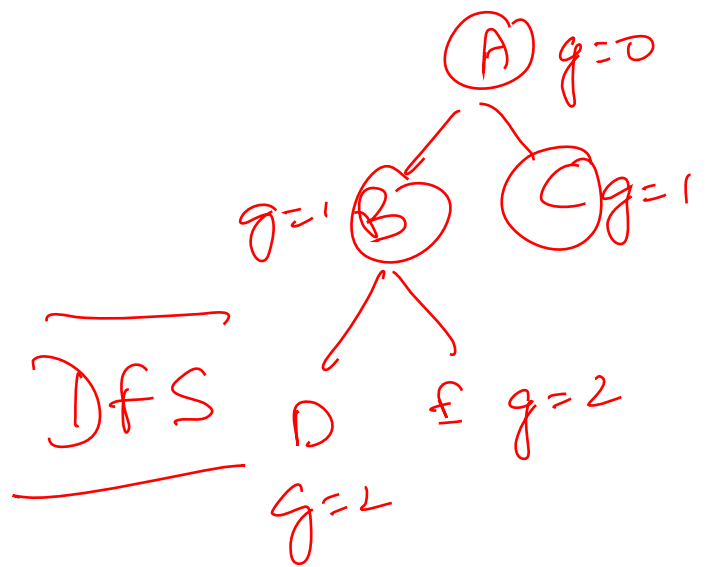
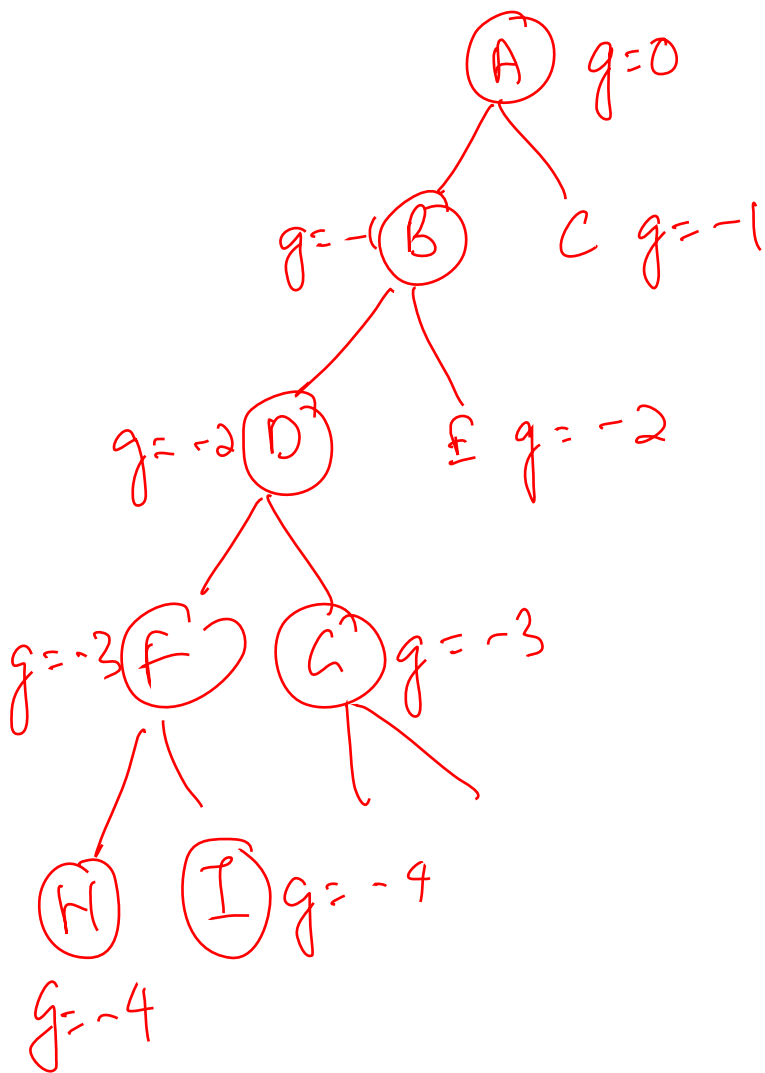


- You have approximately as many minutes as there are points.
- Mark your answers ON THE EXERCISE ITSELF. If you are not sure of your answer you may wish to provide a *brief* explanation. All short answer sections can be successfully answered in a few sentences AT MOST.
- For True/False questions, please *circle* your answer.

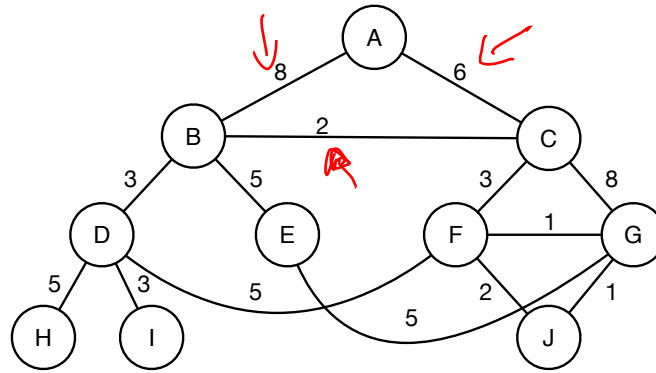
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# Q1. [17 pts] Search



The questions on this page refer to the graph above, where the start state is  $A$  and the goal state is  $G$ . The number on an edge corresponds to the cost of traversing that edge. Additionally, assume that we have the following heuristic values:

State	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Heuristic value	5	3	2	3	2	0	0	5	4	0

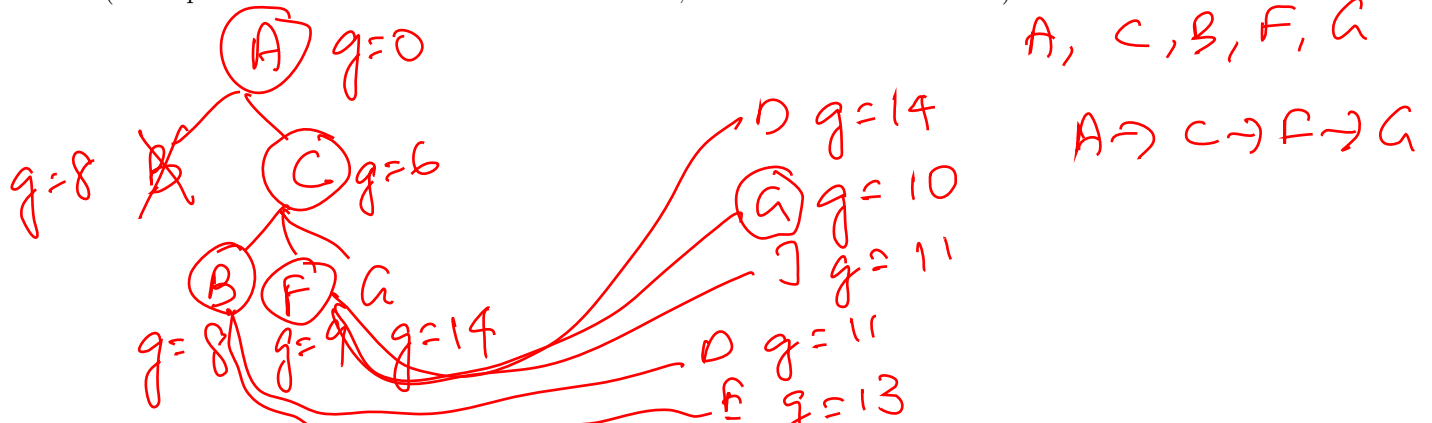
Assume that each algorithm re-generates states that are not yet expanded, does not re-expand states, breaks ties in lexicographical ordering, and terminates after expanding the goal state.

*Note: These assumptions may differ with the operations of some of the algorithms in the textbook.*

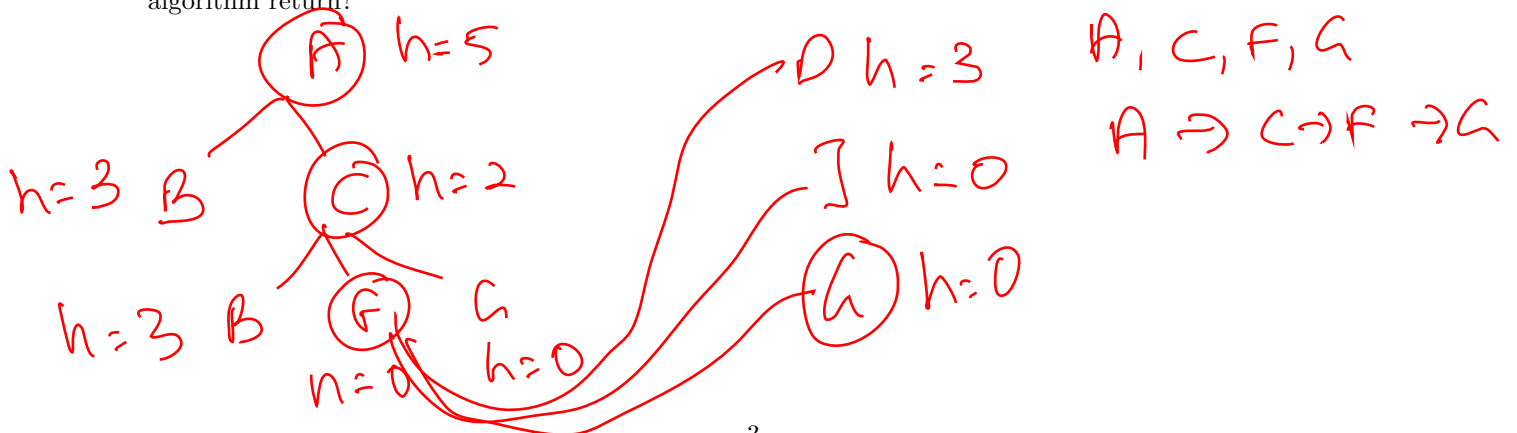
- (a) [5 pts] What is the order of state expansions if you used Uniform-Cost Search?  
(If state  $A$  is expanded before state  $B$ , which is expanded before state  $C$ , then write " $A, B, C$ ".)

What path would the algorithm return?

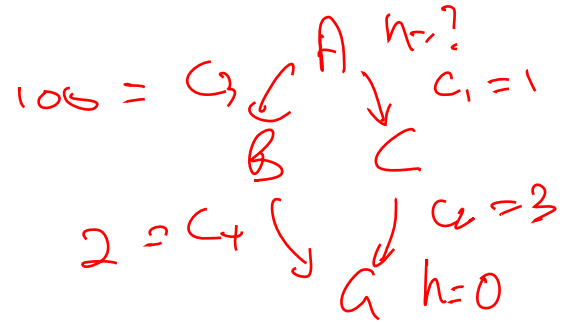
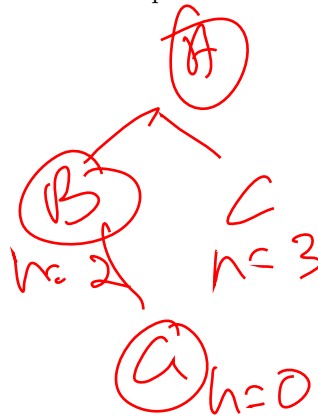
(If the path is from state  $A$  to state  $B$  to state  $C$ , then write " $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$ ".)



- (b) [5 pts] What is the order of state expansions if you used Greedy Best-First Search? What path would the algorithm return?



- (c) Each question is worth 1 point. Leaving a question blank is worth 0 points. **Answering a question incorrectly is worth -1 point.** This gives you an expected value of 0 for random guessing.
- (i) [1 pt] true or false] Uniform-cost search is guaranteed to find a shortest path in finite graphs with uniform edge costs.
- (ii) [1 pt] [true or false] Greedy best-first search, using a perfect heuristic  $h(n) = h^*(n)$  that always returns the true cost to the goal, is optimal.
- (d) [5 pts] How would UCS operate in tree-structured graphs with uniform negative edge costs (e.g., all edges have cost -1), where the root is the start state and a different arbitrary node of the graph is the goal state? Is its behavior more similar to DFS or BFS? Explain.



greedy: A B A ✓  
 true opt: A C A

$$C_1 + C_2 < C_3 + C_4$$

$$h(A) = C_1 + C_2$$

$$h(B) = C_4$$

$$h(C) = C_2$$