

Hill Climbing Algorithm

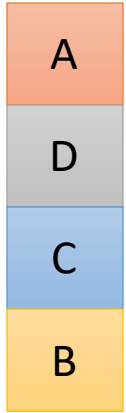
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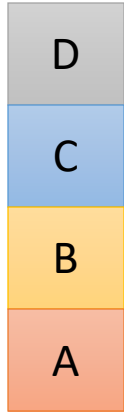
Hill Climbing Algorithm

- Evaluate the INITIAL state
 - If it is GOAL return it
 - Else $CURRENT \leftarrow INITIAL$
- Loop until the solution is found or no new operators could be applied to CURRENT:
 - Select an operator that has not been applied to the current state [CURRENT] and apply it to produce new state [NEW]
 - Evaluate NEW:
 - If it is GOAL return it
 - Else If $NEW > CURRENT$, $CURRENT \leftarrow NEW$
 - Else go to Loop

Hill Climbing Algorithm



Start

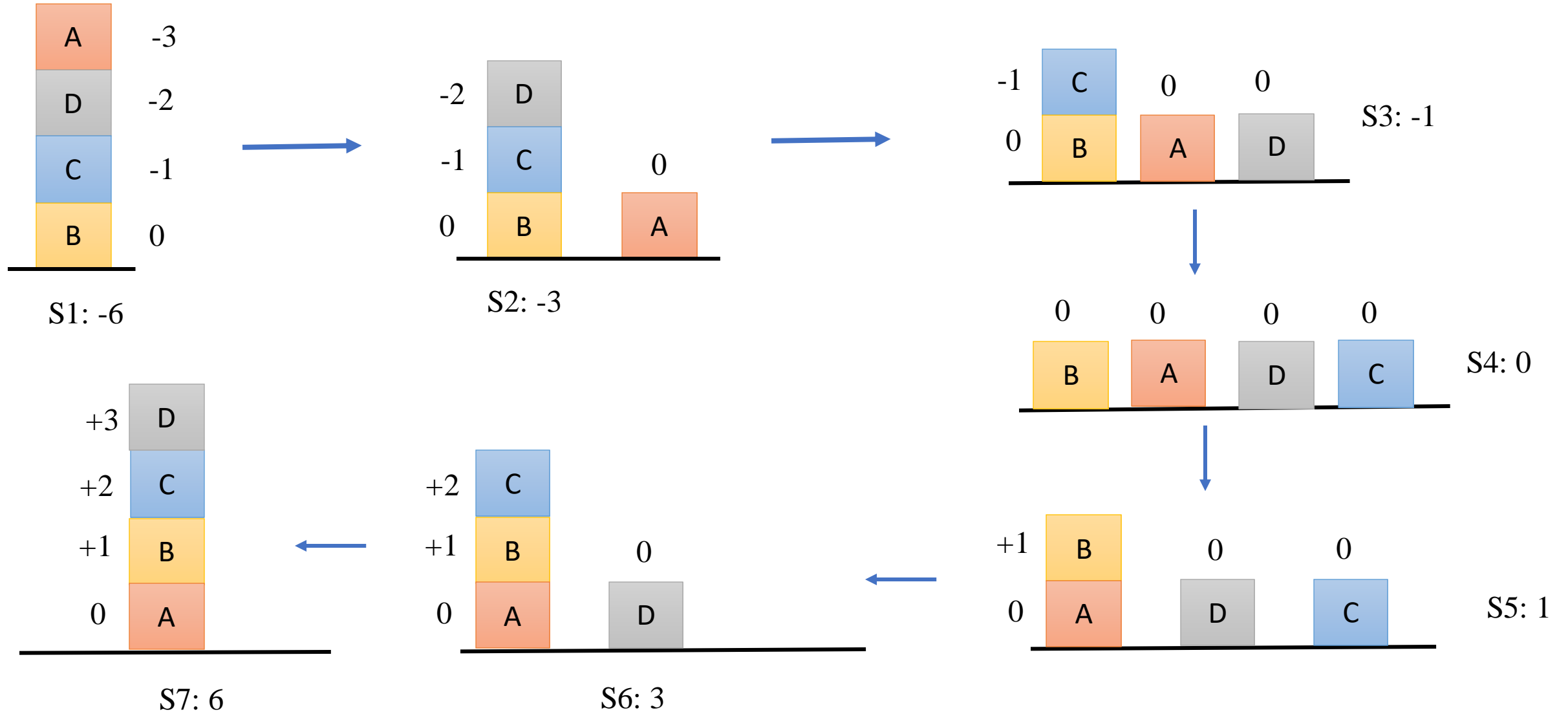


Goal

- $H(x)$:
- For each block that has the correct support structure: +1 to every block in the support structure
- For each block that has a wrong support structure: -1 to every block in the support structure

Drawbacks

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Hill Climbing Algorithm: Drawbacks

- **Local Maxima:**

- A local maxima is supposed to be global maxima



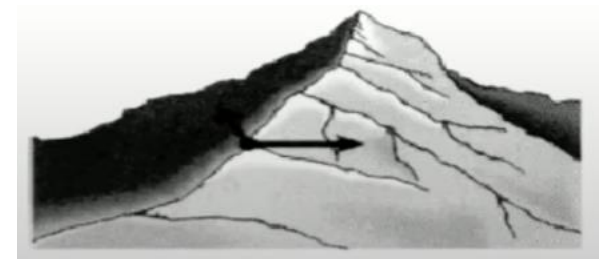
- **Plateaus:**

- Area of search space where evaluation function is flat
- Requiring random walk



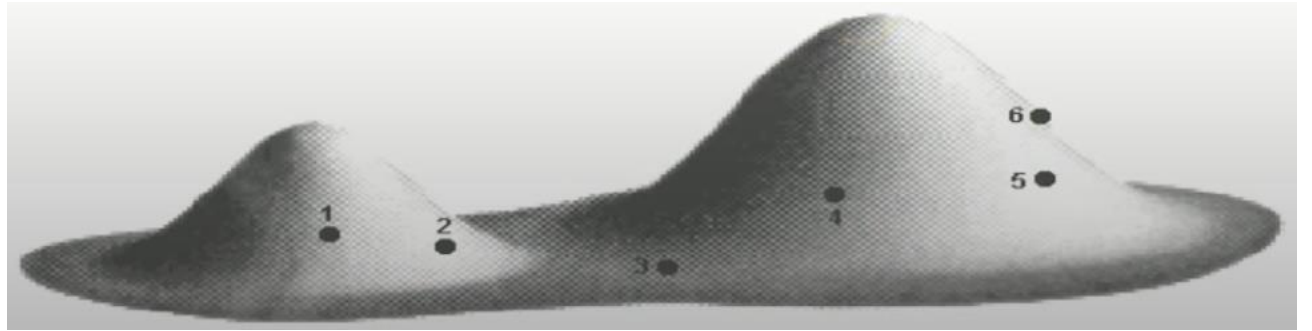
- **Ridge:**

- Steep slopes
- Search direction is not towards the top but towards the side



Drawback: Solution

- In each of the previous cases (local maxima, plateaus, & ridge), the algorithm reaches a point at which no progress is being made

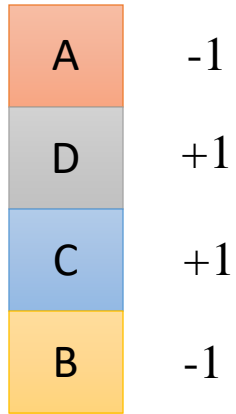


- **Solution**
 - Random-restart-hill-climbing
 - Random initial states are generated
 - Running each until it halts or makes no discernible progress
 - Best result is chosen

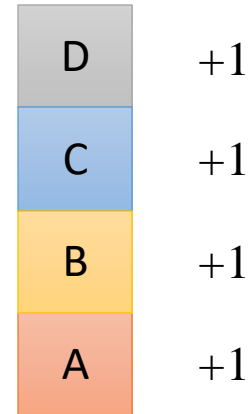
Hill Climbing Algorithm: Disadvantages

- Hill Climbing uses local information:
 - Decides what to do next by looking only at the “immediate” consequences of its choices
 - Will terminate when at local optimum
 - The order of application of operators can make a big difference
- Global information might be encoded in heuristic functions

Hill Climbing Algorithm: Disadvantages



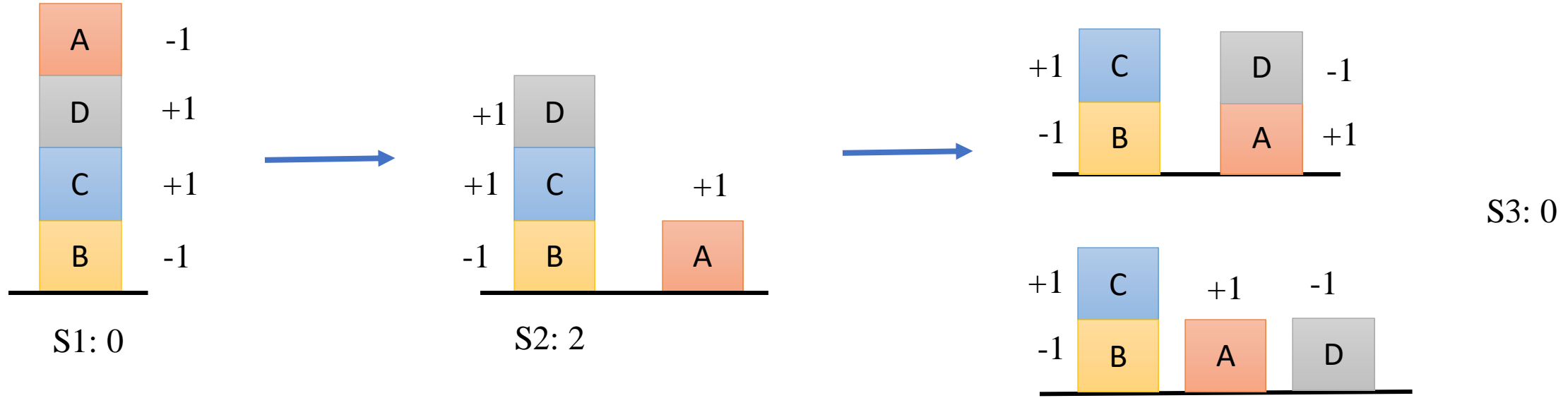
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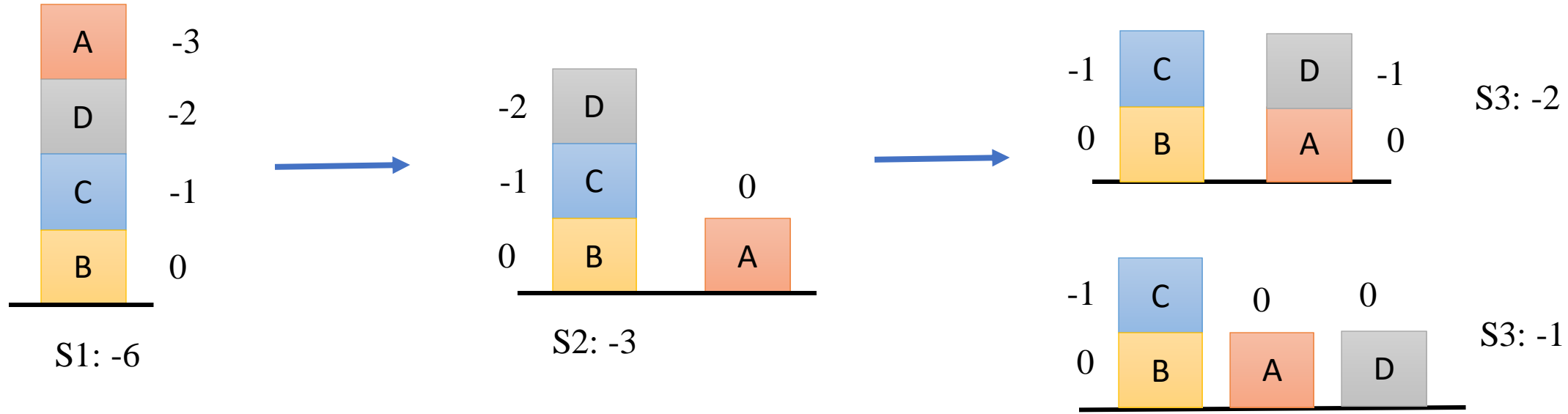
Goal 4

- Local Heuristics
 - +1 for each block that is resting on the thing it is supposed to be resting on
 - -1 for each block that is resting on a wrong thing

Hill Climbing Algorithm: Local Heuristics

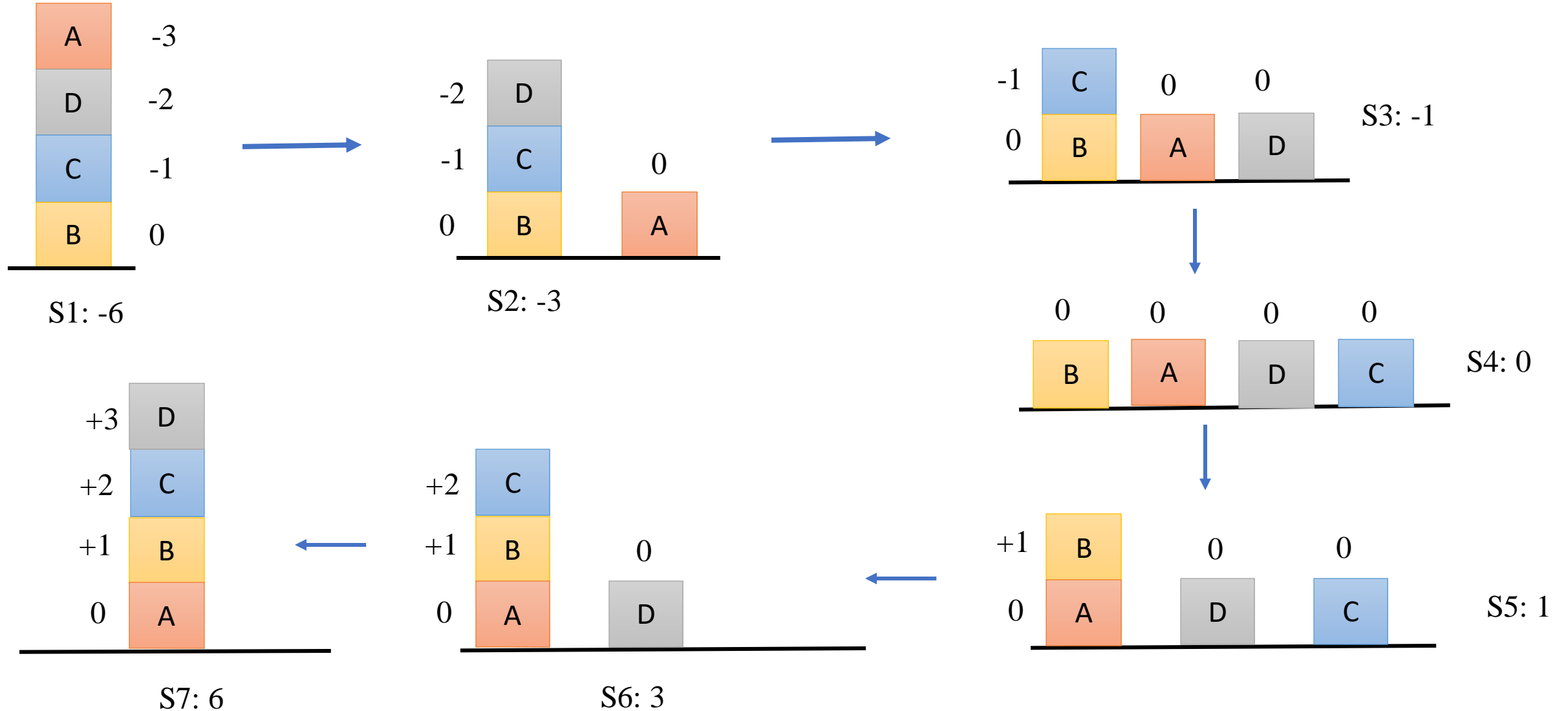


Hill Climbing Algorithm: Global Heuristics



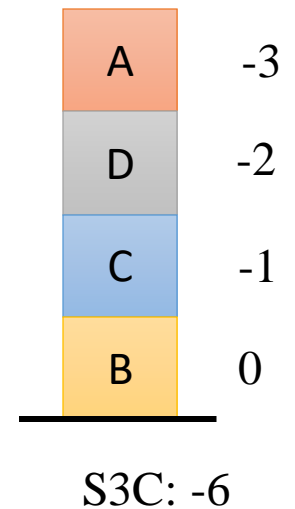
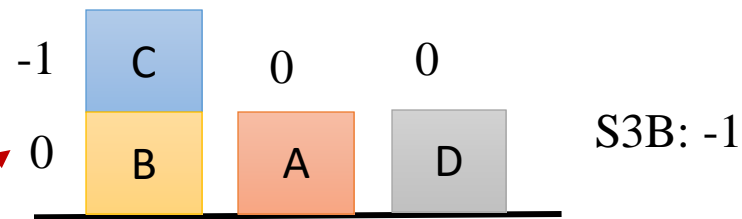
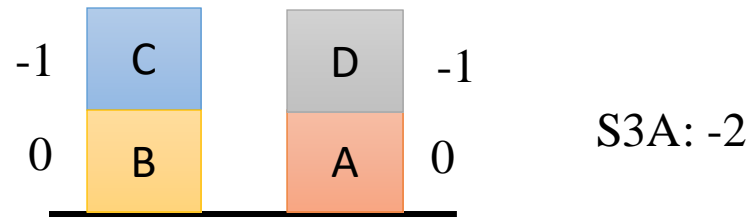
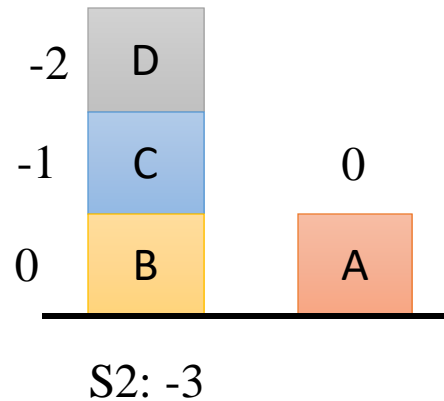
- $H(x)$:
- For each block that has the correct support structure: +1 to every block in the support structure
- For each block that has a wrong support structure: -1 to every block in the support structure
- There is no local maximum
- **Takeaway**
 - Sometimes changing the heuristic function is all we need

Hill Climbing Algorithm: Global Heuristics



Steepest-Ascent Hill Climbing Algorithm

- Basic Hill Climbing first applies one operator and gets new state
- Steepest-Ascent Hill Climbing considers all the moves from the current state
- Select the best one as next state



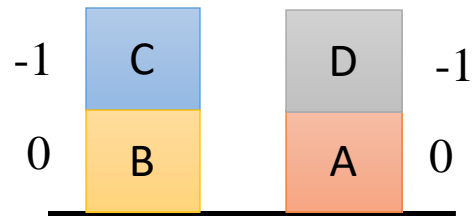
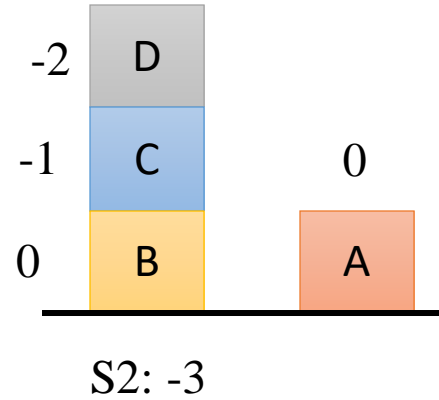
Steepest-Ascent Hill Climbing Algorithm

- Evaluate the INITIAL state
 - If it is GOAL return it
 - Else $CURRENT \leftarrow INITIAL$
- Loop until the solution is found or until a complete iteration produces no change to CURRENT:
 - Let SUCC be a state such that any possible successor of the current state will be better than SUCC
 - For each operator that applies to the current state [CURRENT] do
 - Apply the operator and generate a new state [NEW]
 - Evaluate NEW:
 - If it is GOAL return it and quit
 - Else If $NEW > SUCC$, $SUCC \leftarrow NEW$
 - If $SUCC > CURRENT$
 - $CURRENT \leftarrow SUCC$

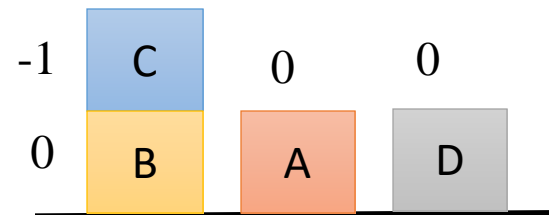
Steepest-Ascent Hill Climbing Algorithm

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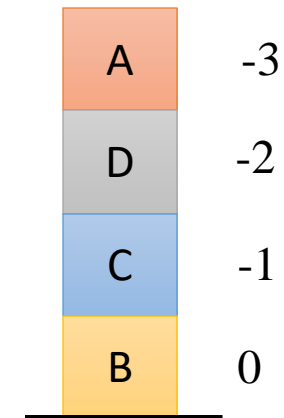


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SUCC

CURRENT



Memory Bound A^*

- Whenever $|\text{OPEN} \cup \text{CLOSED}|$ approaches M
 - Some of the least promising states are removed

Search with Limited Memory and Time

- Mechanisms for discarding nodes
 - Pruning
 - DFBB
 - MA*
- Mechanisms for redoing nodes
 - IDA*

Domain Relaxation

- A problem with fewer restrictions on the actions is called a **relaxed problem**
- The cost of an optimal solution to a relaxed problem is an admissible heuristic for the original problem

AIFA

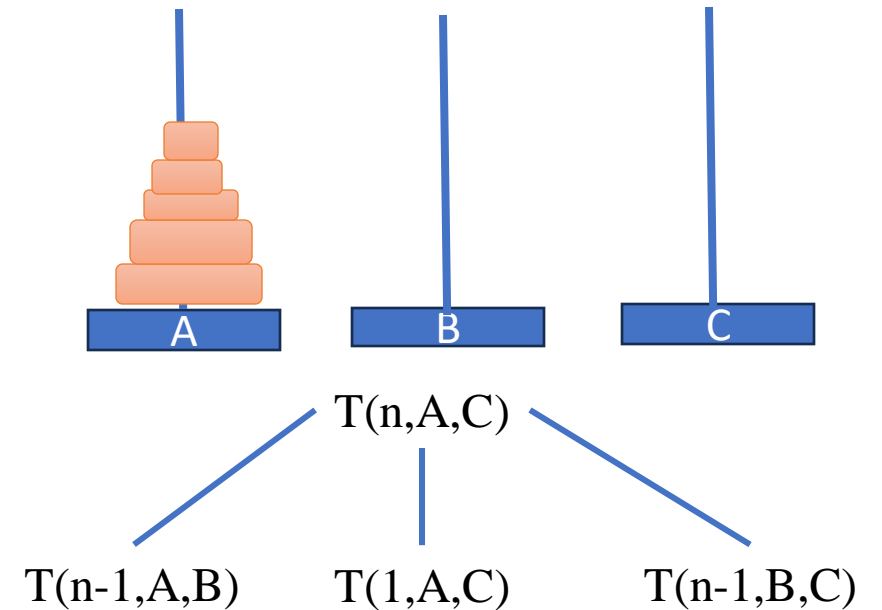
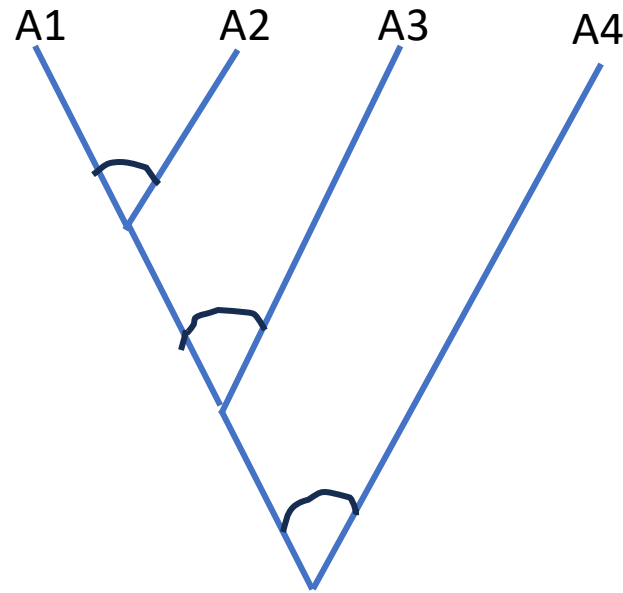
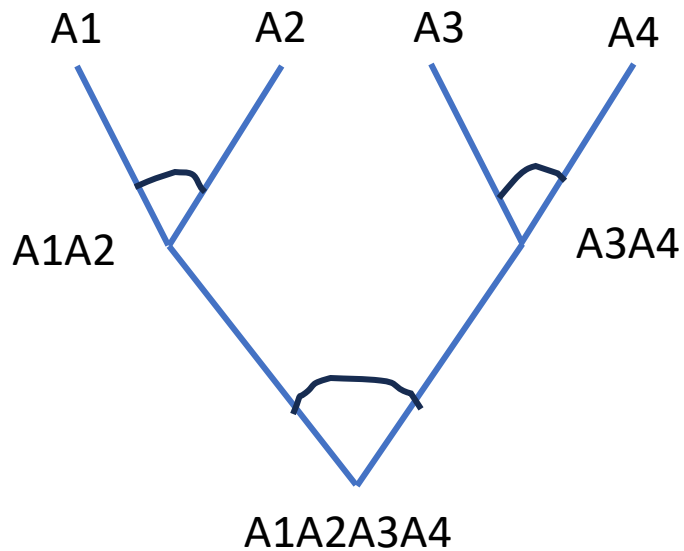
Problem Reduction Search

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Problem Reduction Search

- Planning how best to solve a problem that can be recursively decomposed into sub-problems in multiple ways
 - Matrix multiplication problem
 - Tower of Hanoi
 - Theorem proving



Formulation

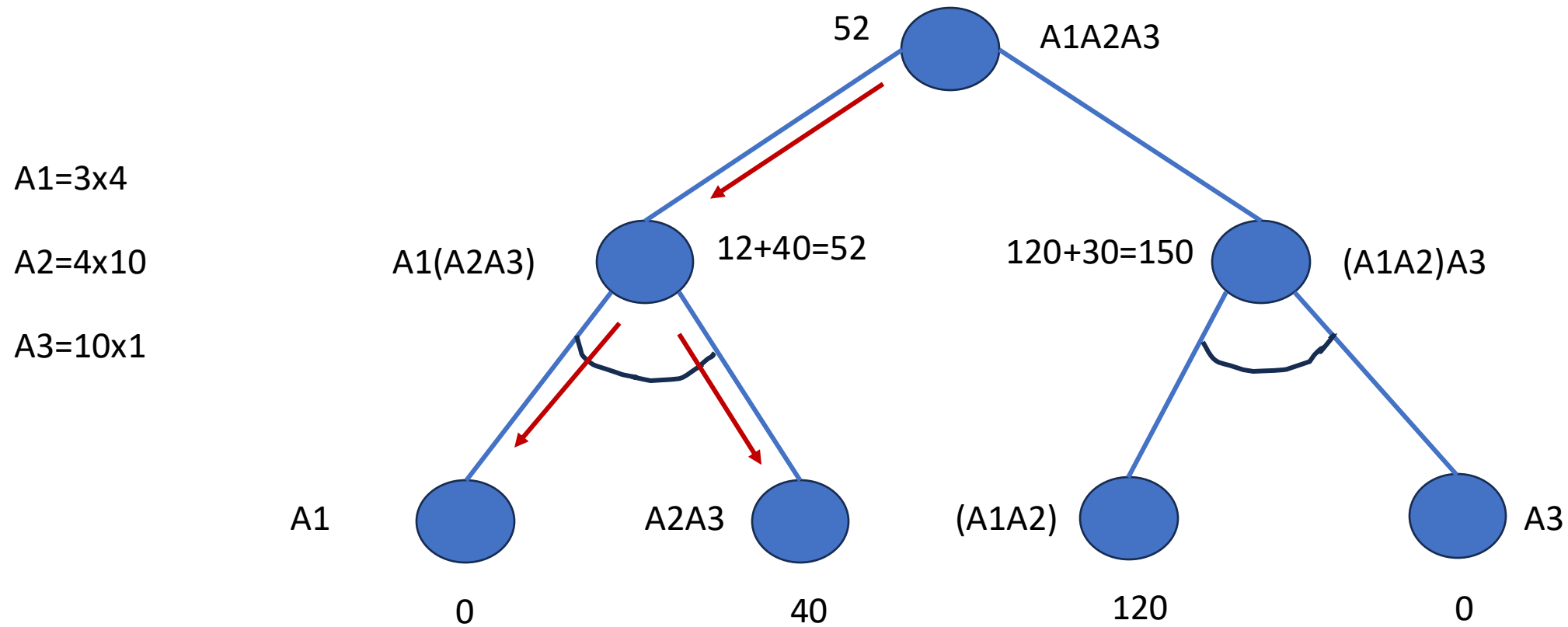
- AND/OR Graph

- An OR node represents a choice between possible decompositions
- An AND node represents a given decomposition

- Game Trees

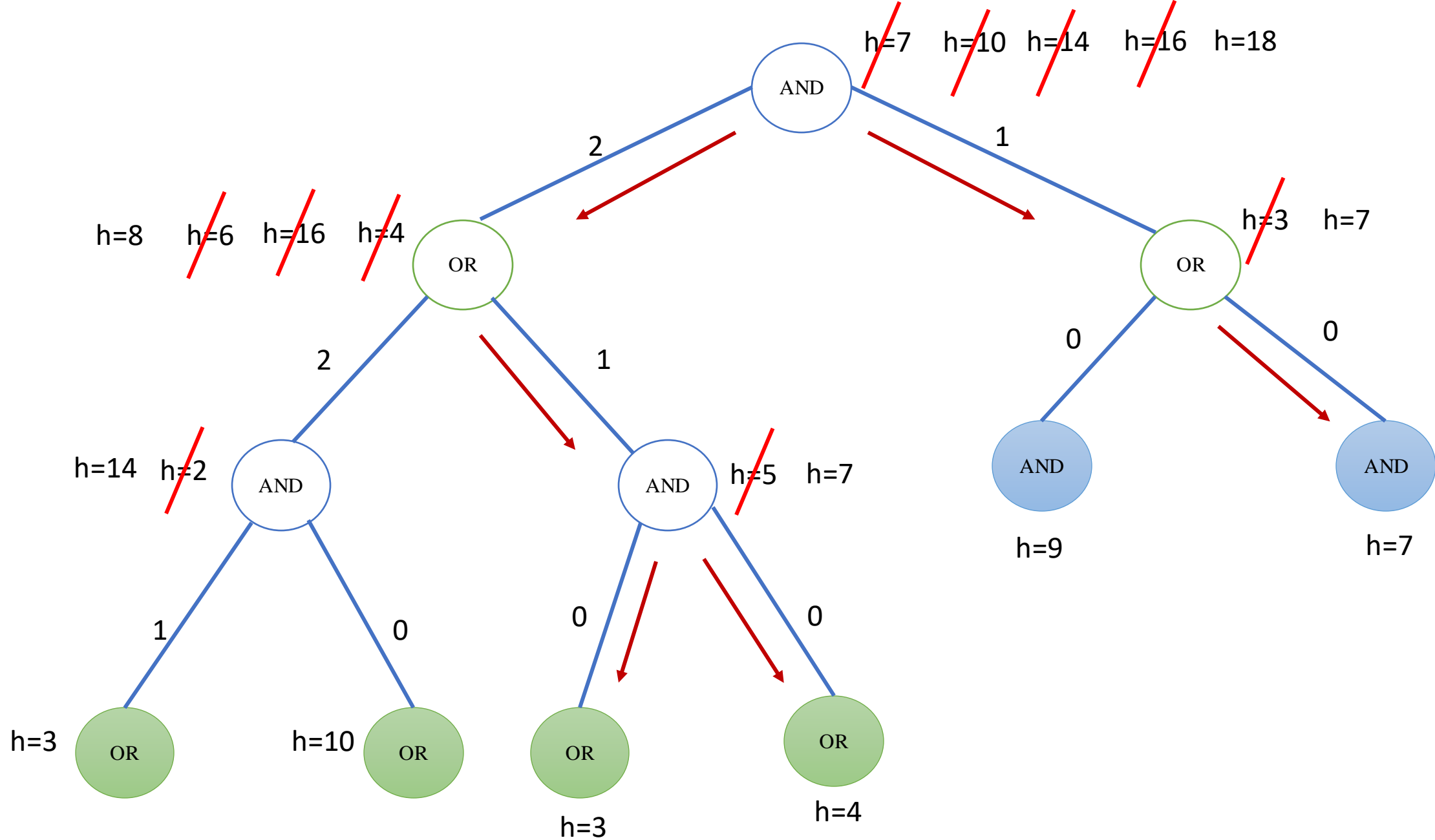
- Max/Min nodes
- Max nodes represent the choice of my opponent
- Min nodes represent my choice

Each node has a separate
optimization criteria



- This is when heuristics is not present

AO*: Example



Algorithm AO*

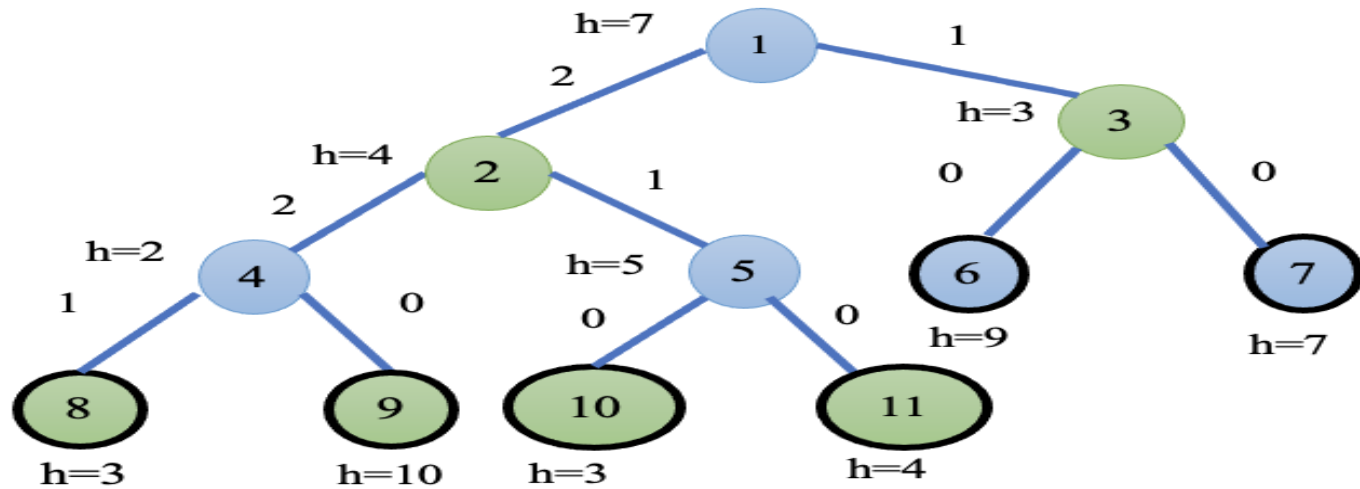
- **Initialize:** Set $G^* = \{s\}$, $f(s) = h(s)$
 - If $s \in T$, terminate and label s as solved
- **Terminate:**
 - If s is solved, then Terminate
- **Select:** Select a nonterminal leaf node n from the marked subtree
- **Expand:**
 - Make explicit the successors of n
 - For each new successor, m :
 - Set $f(m) = h(m)$
 - If m is terminal, label m solved
- **Cost revision:** Call cost-revision(n)
- **Loop:** Go to Step 2

Cost Revision in AO*: cost-revise(n)

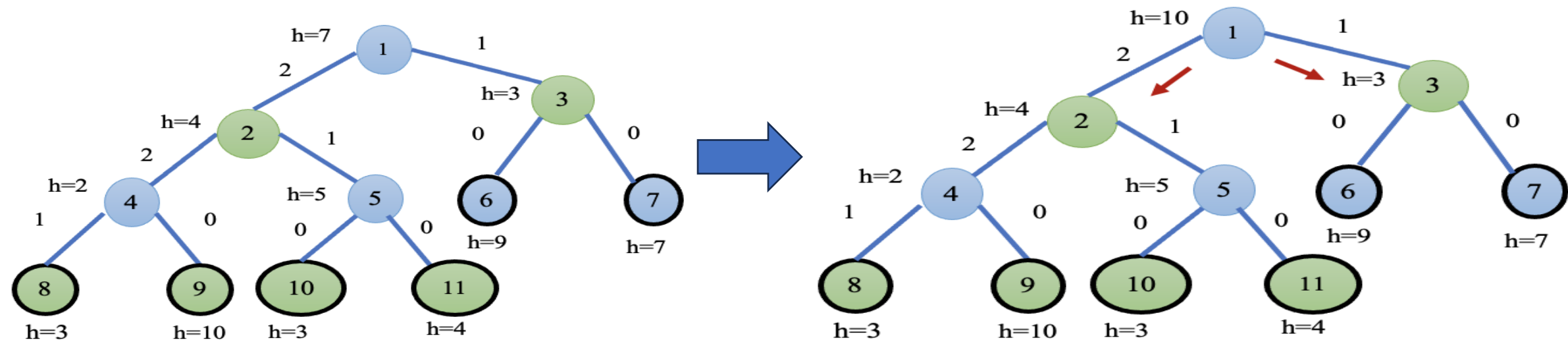
- Create $Z = \{n\}$
- If $Z = \{\}$ return
- Select a node m from Z such that m has no descendants in Z
- If m is an AND node with successors r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k :
 - Set $f(m) = \sum(f(r_i) + C(m, r_i))$
 - Mark the edge to each successor of m
 - If each successor is labeled SOLVED
 - Then label m as SOLVED

Cost Revision in AO*: cost-revise(n)

- If **m** is an **OR node** with successors r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k :
 - Set $f(m) = \min\{f(r_i) + C(m, r_i)\}$
 - Mark the edge to the best successor of m
 - If the **marked successor** is **labeled SOLVED**
 - Then label **m** as **SOLVED**
- If the cost of label m has changed,
 - Then insert those parents of m into Z for which m is a marked successor

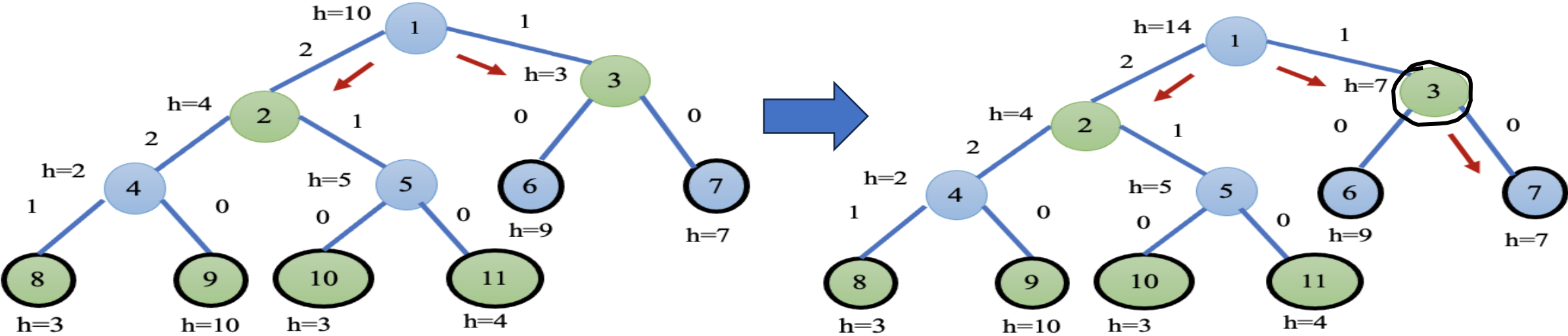


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[1(7)]		1(7)	N	[2(4,N),3(3,N)]	[1(7)]	
START LIST	RET	SELECT	UPDATE	EDGE MARK	SOLVED	NEW LIST
[1(7)]	N	1(7)	[1(10)]	[(1,2),(1,3)]	N	[]



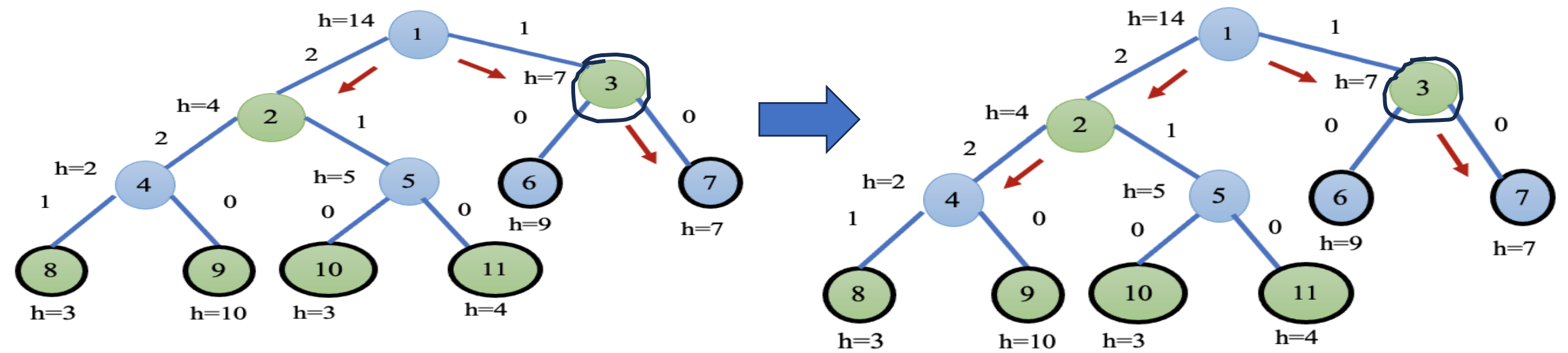
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[2(4),3(3)]		3(3)	N	[2(4,N),6(9,S),7(7,S)]	[3(3)]	

START LIST	RET	SELECT	UPDATE	EDGE MARK	SOLVED	NEW LIST
[3(3)]	N	3(3)	[3(7)]	[(3,7)]	S	[1(10)]
[1(10)]	N	1(10)	[1(14)]	[(1,2),(1,3)]	N	[]



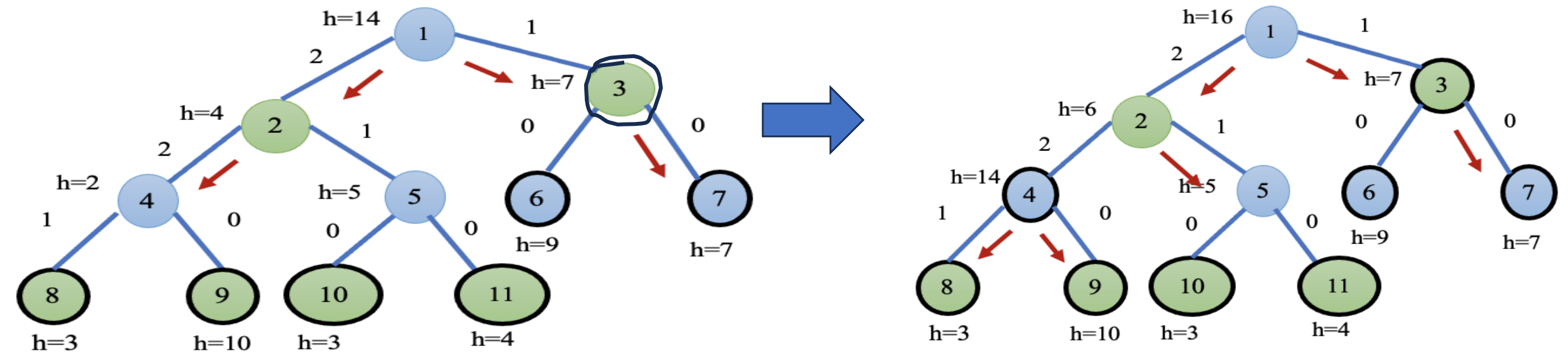
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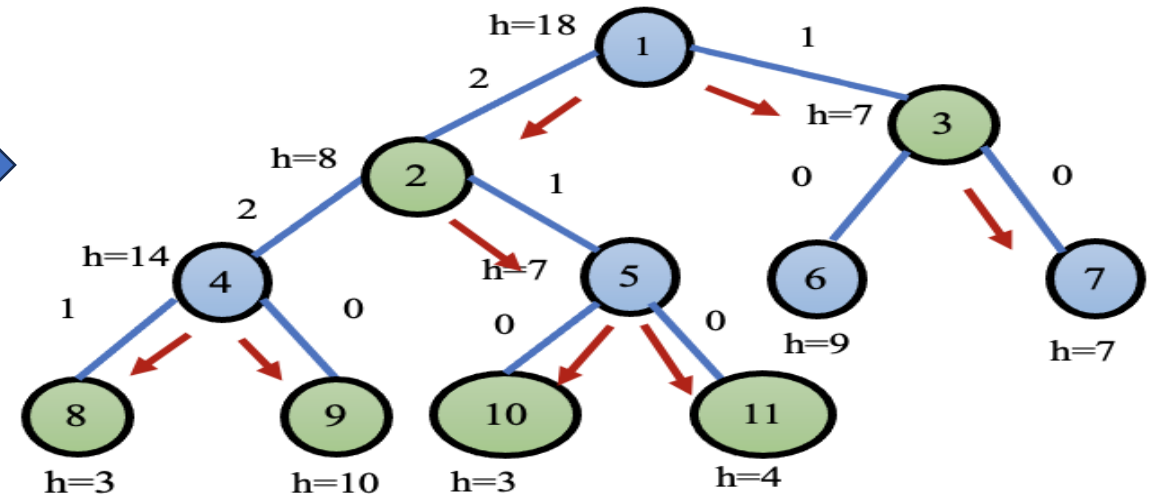
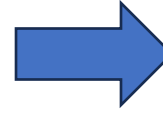
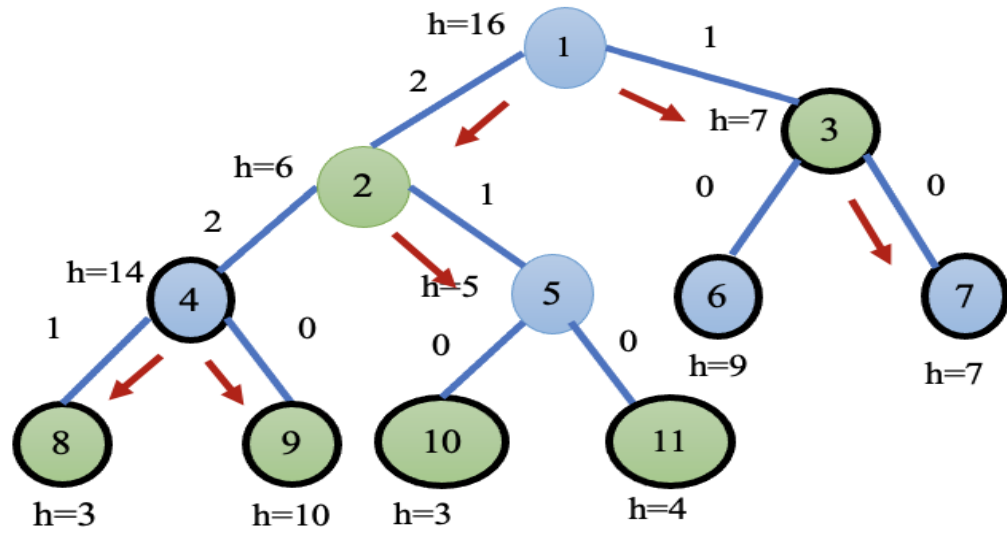
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[4(2),5(5),6(9),7(7)]		4(2)	N	[8(3,S),9(10,S),5(5,N),6(9,S),7(7,S)]	[4(2)]

START LIST	RET	SELECT	UPDATE	EDGE MARK	SOLVED	NEW LIST
[4(2)]	N	4(2)	[4(14)]	[(4,8),(4,9)]	S	[2(4)]
[2(4)]	N	2(4)	[2(6)]	[(2,5)]	N	[1(14)]
[1(14)]	N	1(14)	[1(16)]	[(1,2),(1,3)]	N	[]



OPEN SET		SELECT	TER	EXPANDED	COST REVISION
[8(3),5(5),9(10),6(9),7(7)]		5(5)	N	[8(3,S),9(10,S),10(3,S),11(4,S),6(9,S),7(7,S)]	[5(5)]

START LIST	RET	SELECT	UPDATE	EDGE MARK	SOLVED	NEW LIST
[5(5)]	N	5(5)	[5(7)]	[(5,10),(5,11)]	S	[2(6)]
[2(6)]	N	2(6)	[2(8)]	[(2,5)]	S	[1(16)]
[1(16)]	N	1(16)	[1(18)]	[(1,2),(1,3)]	S	[]



OPEN SET		SELECT	TER	EXPANDED	COST REVISION	
[8(3),9(10),10(3),11(4),6(9),7(7)]		N	Y			
START LIST	RET	SELECT	UPDATE	EDGE MARK	SOLVED	NEW LIST

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