

Admissible Heuristics

A heuristic h is admissible (optimistic) if

$$h(n) \leq h^*(n)$$

$h^*(n)$ is the true cost to a nearest goal

$h(n)$ is cost indicated by h to reach a goal from n

Consistency

Triangle inequality: $\text{cost}(A \text{ to } C) \geq h(A) - h(C)$

Real cost \geq cost implied by the heuristic

