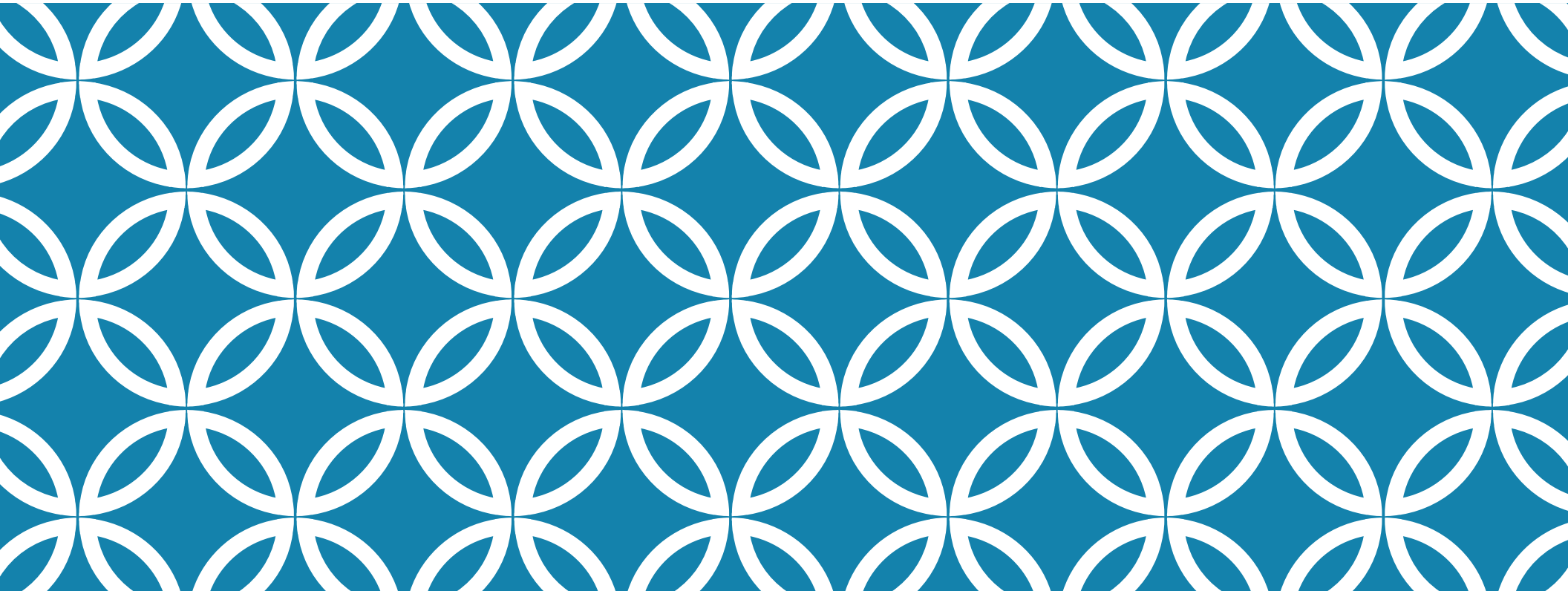


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Lecture 06

UNIFORM COST SEARCH

BFS is optimal only if each step has same cost.

Uniform cost search modifies BFS such that it works with any cost function.

Instead of expanding the shallowest node, **uniform-cost search** expands the node n with the *lowest path cost* g(n).

This is done by storing the frontier as a priority queue ordered by g.

BFS – UCS DIFFERENCES

Goal test is applied to a node when it is *selected for expansion* rather than when it is first generated. (The reason is that the first goal node that is *generated* may be on a suboptimal path)

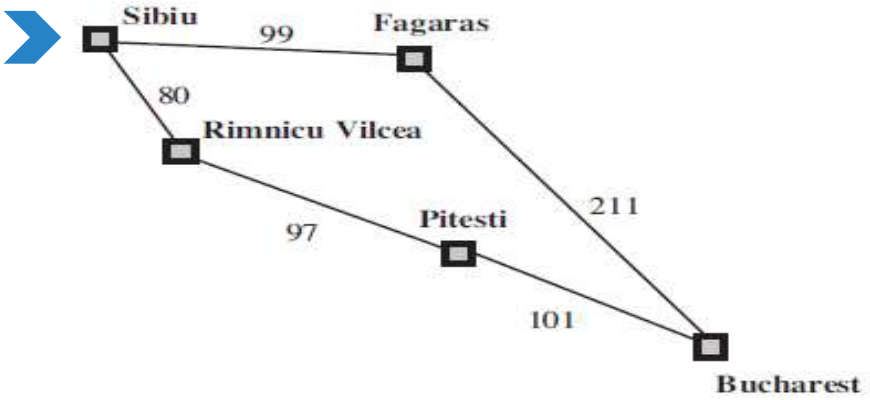
The second difference is that a test is added in case a better path is found to a node currently on the frontier

REMEMBER?

- n.STATE: the state in the state space to which the node corresponds;
- n.PARENT: the node in the search tree that generated this node;
- n.ACTION: the action that was applied to the parent to generate the node;
- n.PATH-COST: the cost, traditionally denoted by $g(n)$, of the path from the initial state to the node, as indicated by the parent pointers.

UCS- EXAMPLE

- Node
- Child



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Explored = [ ]

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node.action=[]
node.path_cost=0

→ S

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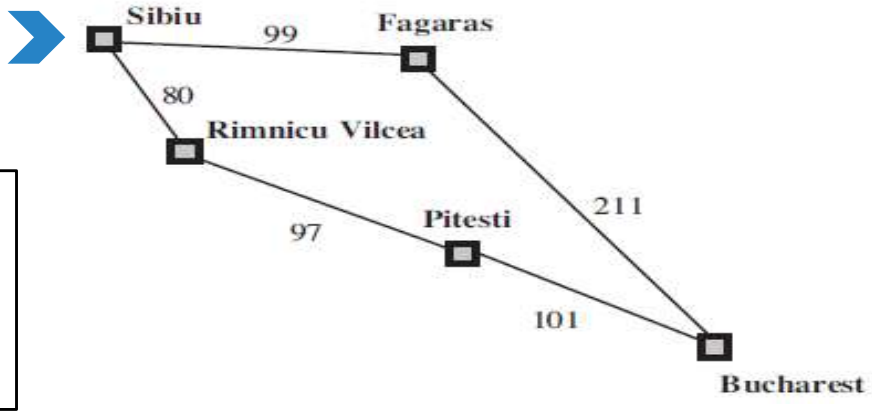

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S.state=="Bucharest"?

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UCS- EXAMPLE

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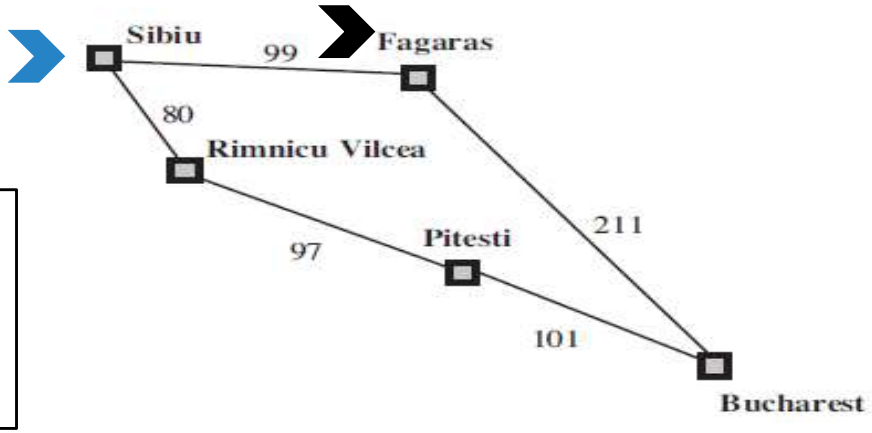

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Frontier = [F]

UCS- EXAMPLE

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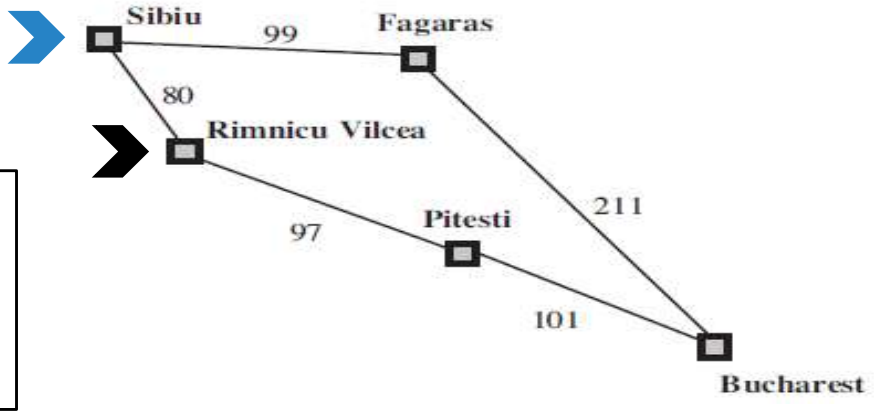

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Frontier = [F, R]

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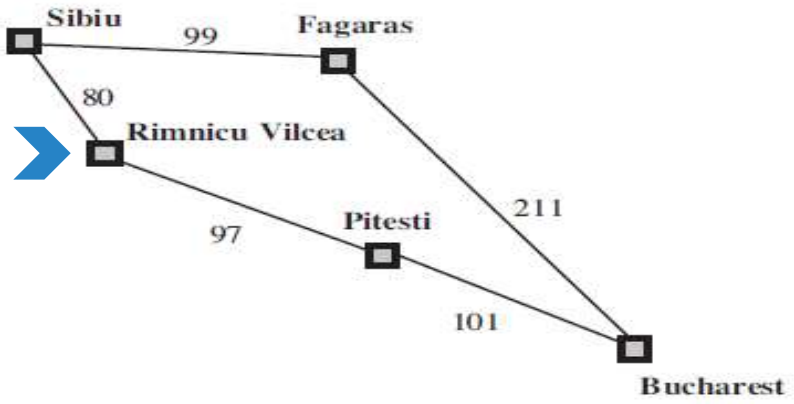

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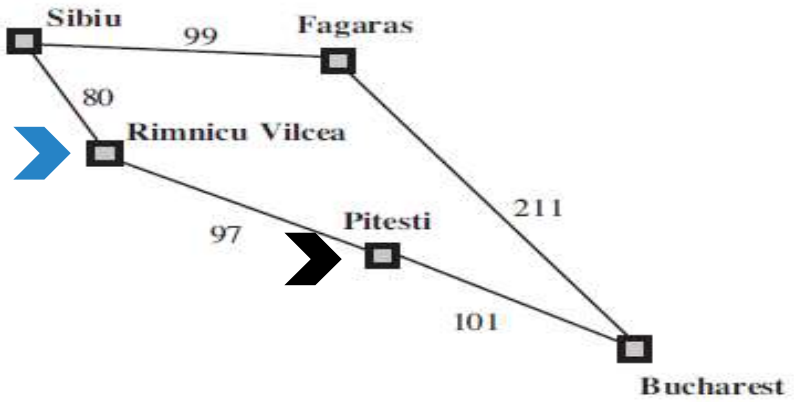

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UCS- EXAMPLE

- Node
- Child

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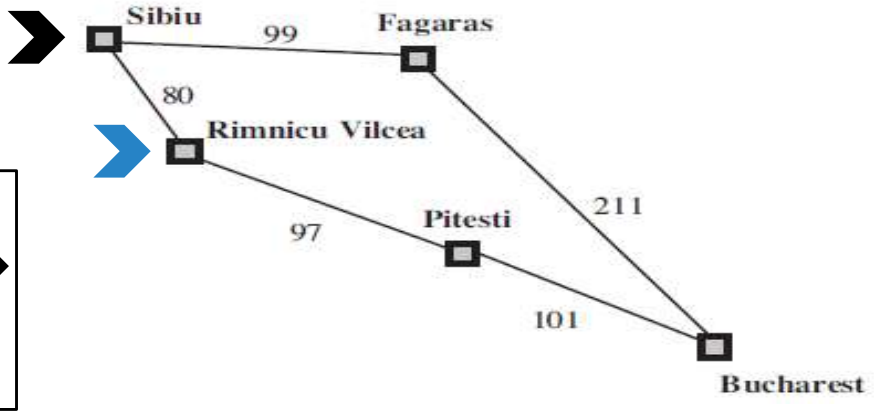

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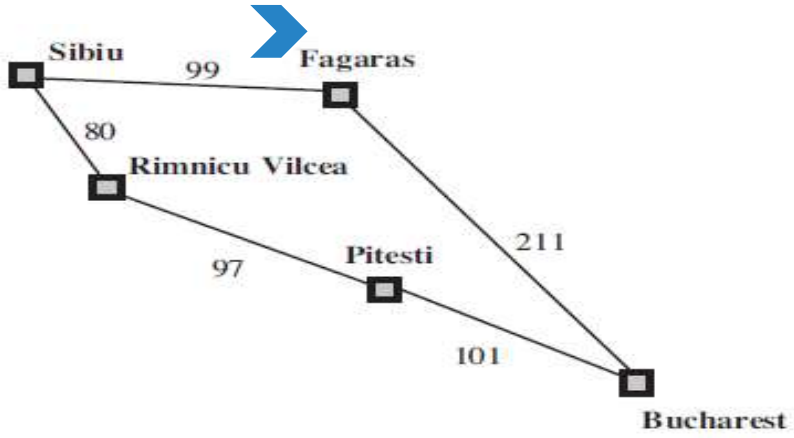

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UCS- EXAMPLE

- Node
- Child

B.state="Bucharest"
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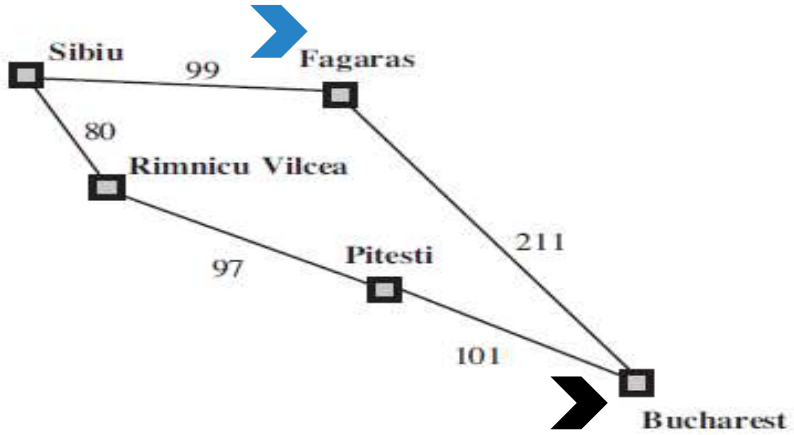

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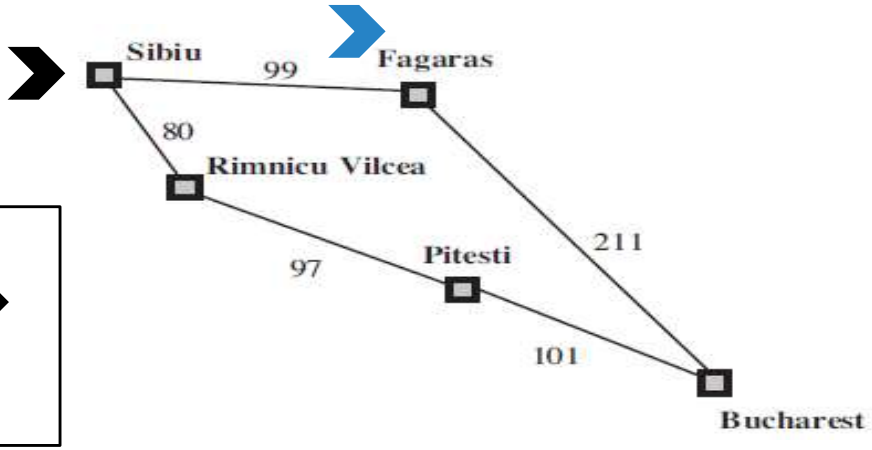

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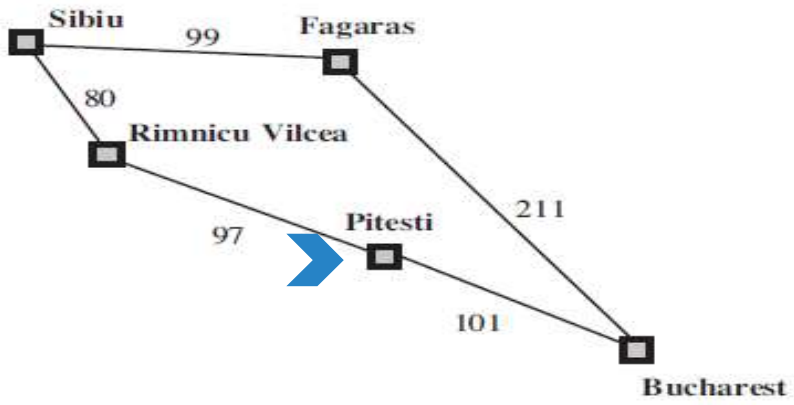

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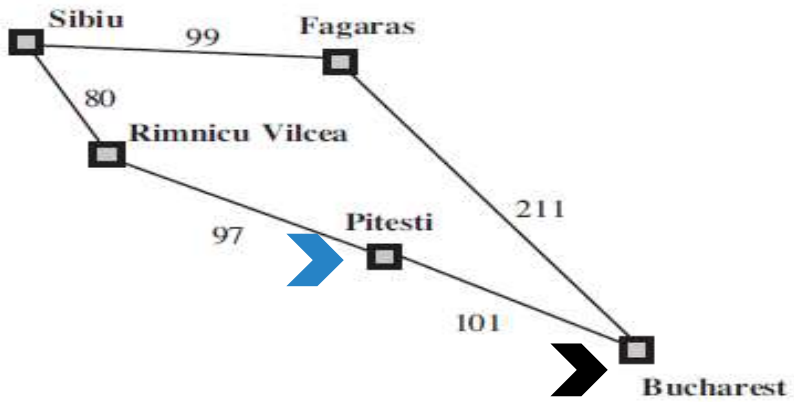

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Replace old B with new B, both have same states but different parents, consequently different costs

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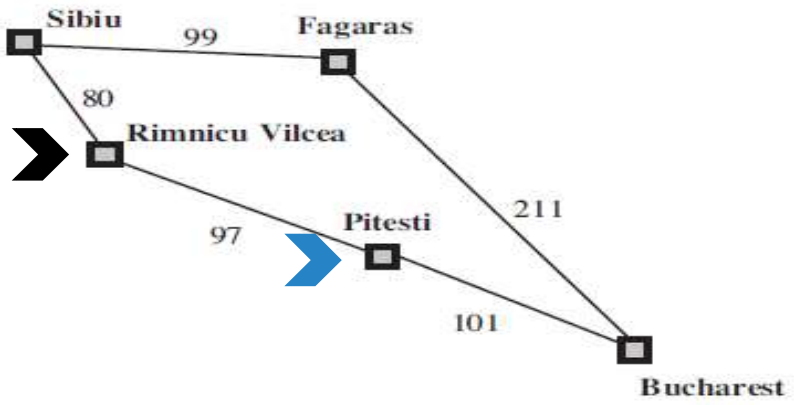

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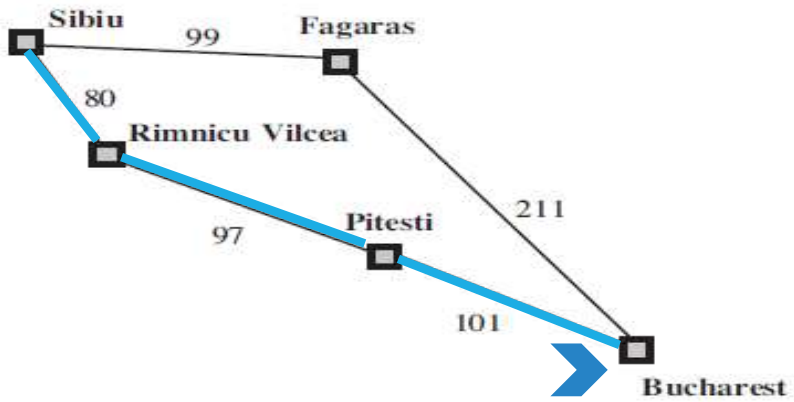

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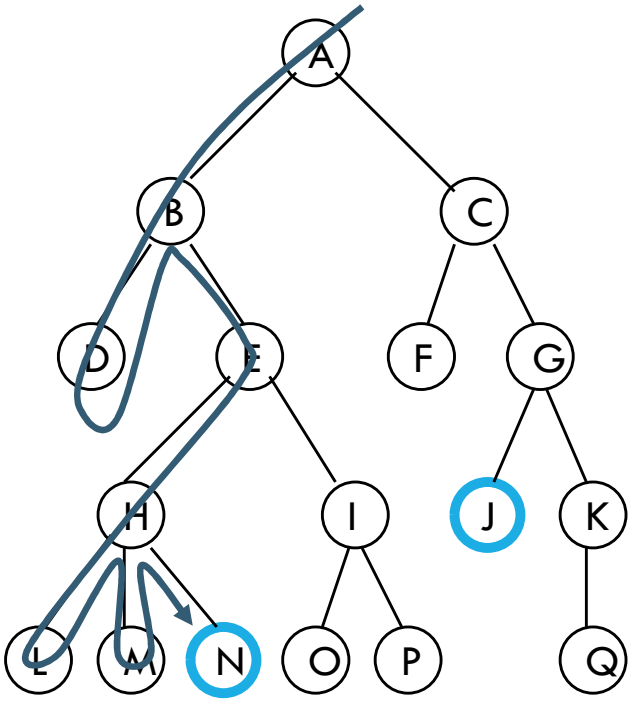
DEPTH FIRST SEARCH

DFS always expand deepest node first.

DFS uses LIFO (whereas BFS used FIFO)



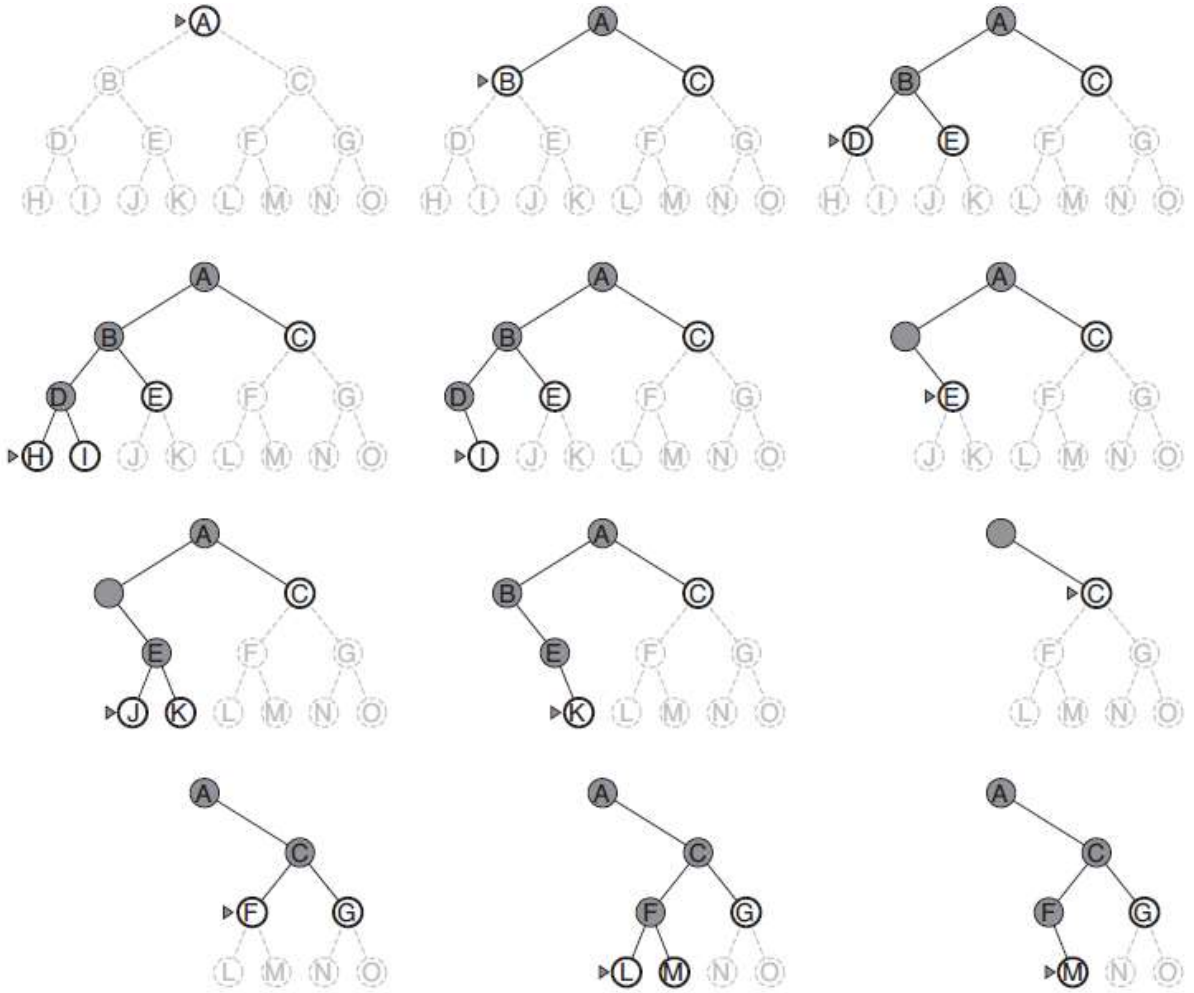


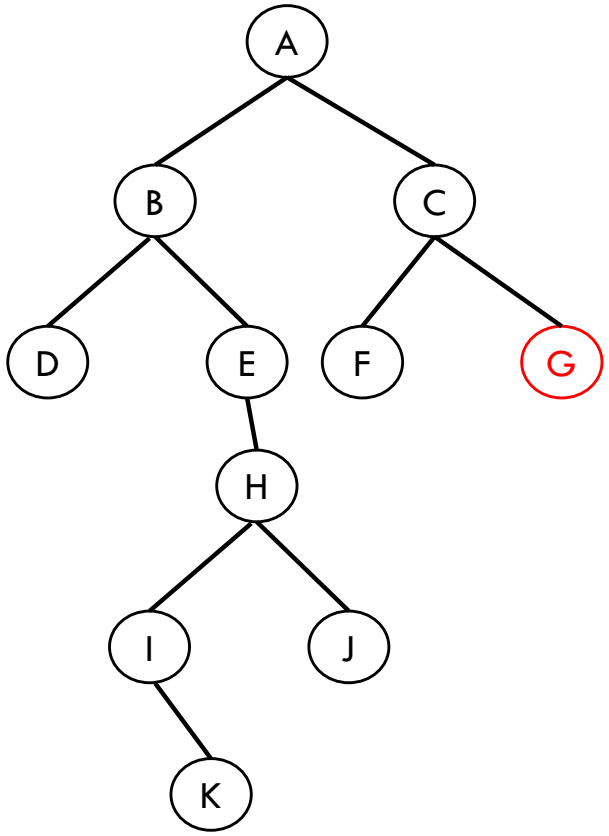
Figure 3.16 Depth-first search on a binary tree. The unexplored region is shown in light gray. Explored nodes with no descendants in the frontier are removed from memory. Nodes at depth 3 have no successors and M is the only goal node.

COMPLETENESS?

Goal, G is at depth, d=2

Max depth of tree, m = 5

DFS is complete ONLY if m is finite



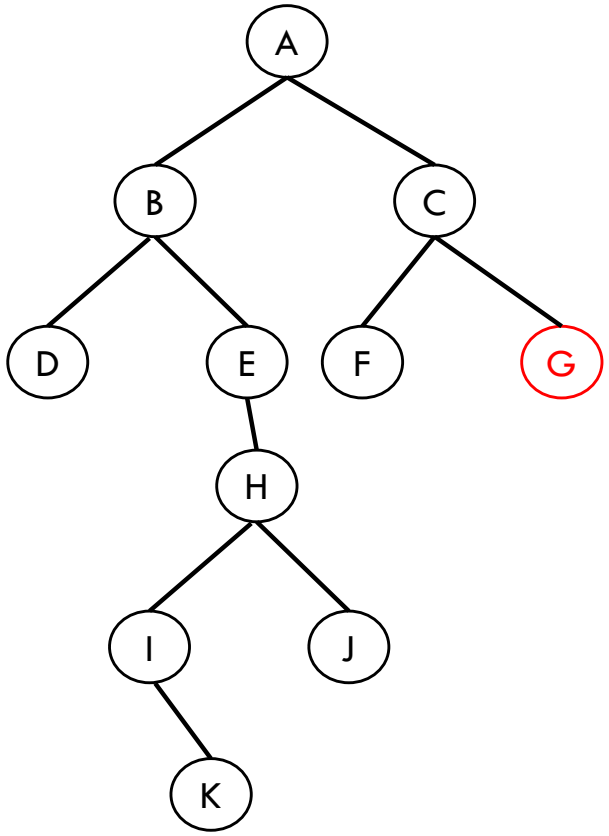
TIME COMPLEXITY

Number of nodes visited? $O(b^m)$

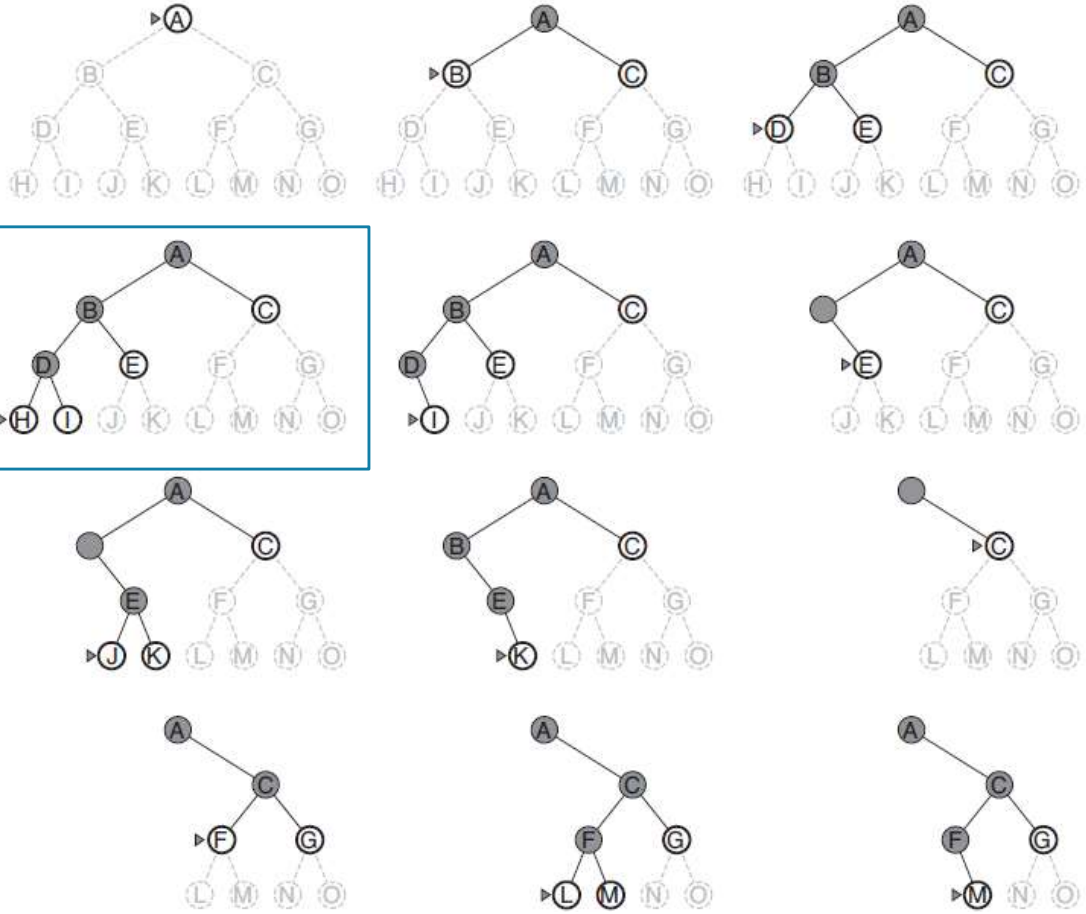
For BFS, remember it was $O(b^d)$

DFS is terrible if *m* is much larger than *d*

- but if solutions are dense (goal is at K instead of G), DFS is faster than BFS.



SPACE COMPLEXITY



O(*bm*), i.e., linear space!

(we only need to remember a single path + expanded unexplored nodes)

BFS had $O(b^d)$ i.e., exponential space requirement

O(bm)? E.g. m=3, b=2 (we need to save max of 3*2=6 nodes in memory)

OPTIMAL?

Remember BFS was optimal if each step has same cost.

Even if this is the case, DFS is not guaranteed to find the optimum path to the goal.

For the graph on the right, BFS will return optimal path but DFS won't (assuming each step has same cost)