

Artificial Intelligence

Introduction

Search Algorithms in AI

- Search techniques are ubiquitous in AI.

A search problem have 3 main elements

- 1. Search Space : A set of possible solutions.
- 2. Start State : A state where agent begins the search.
- 3. Goal State : Looks at the current state and checks, whether the goal is achieved or not.

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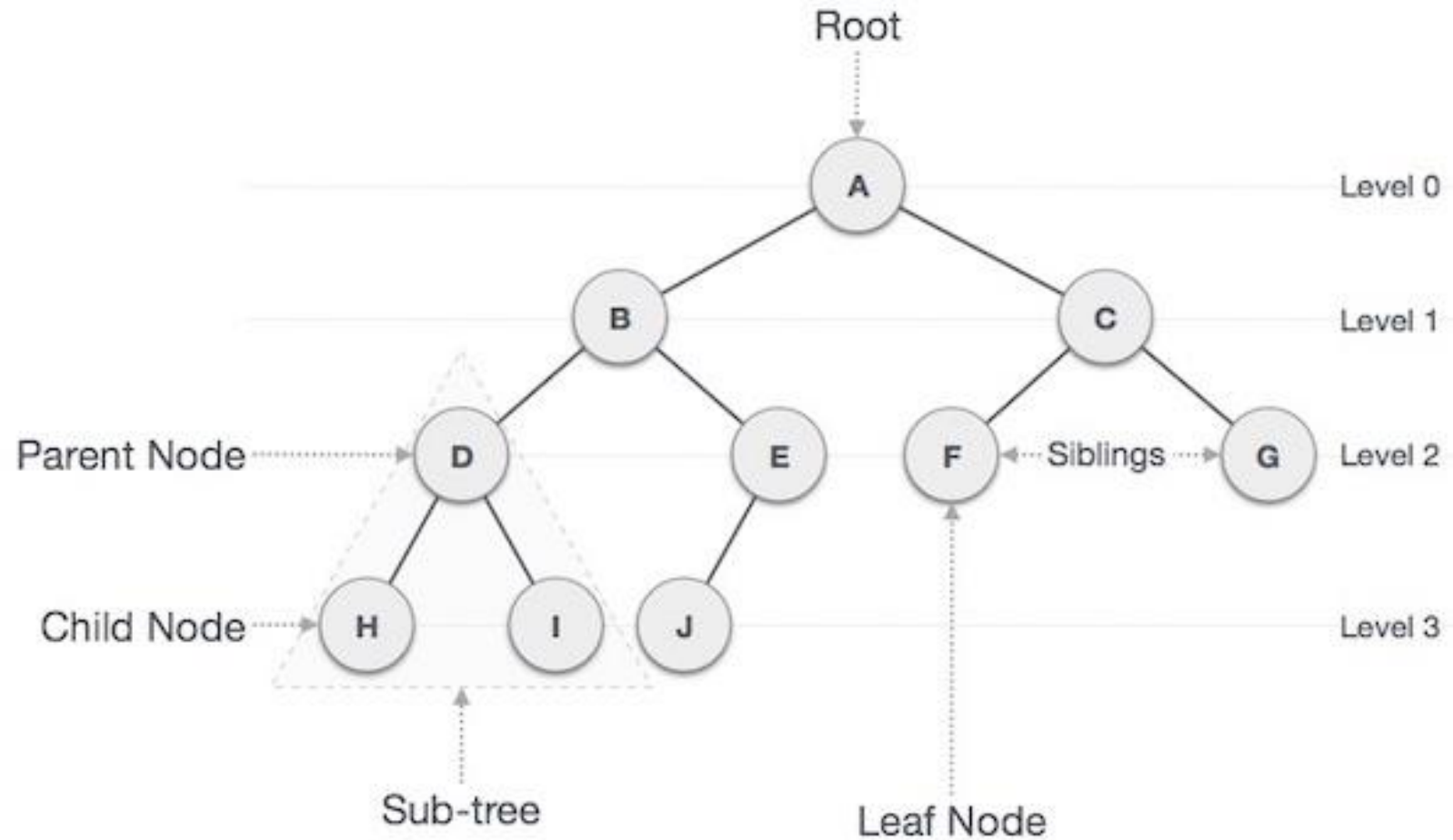
Important properties of Algorithm:

1. **Completeness** : For an random input, if the algorithms reaches to some particular solution. Then the algorithm is said to complete.
2. **Optimality** : If the solution is guaranteed to be the best solution.
3. **Time Complexity** : Measure of time the algorithm takes to come with a solution.
4. **Space Complexity** : The storage space required by an algorithm during execution.

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What is Tree and Graph data-structure ?

Tree Data Structure



Tree Data Structure

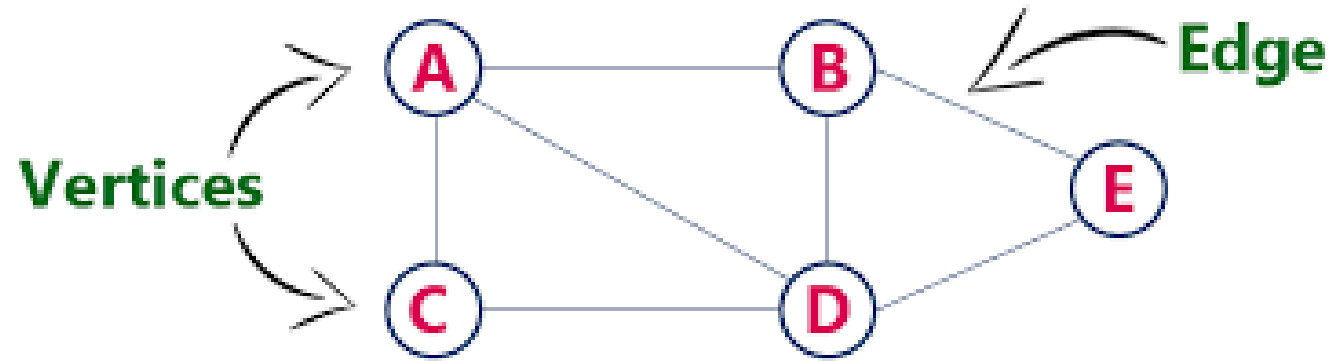
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Tree Data Structure

- **Non-linear** data structure and follows **hierarchical model**.
- Elements are arranged in **levels**
- It has a unique node known as **parent/root** node.
- It does **not create any loop** or cycle.
- Always have **directed edges**
- Other than Search, operations can be insert, delete, searching.

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Graph Data Structure



Graph Data Structure

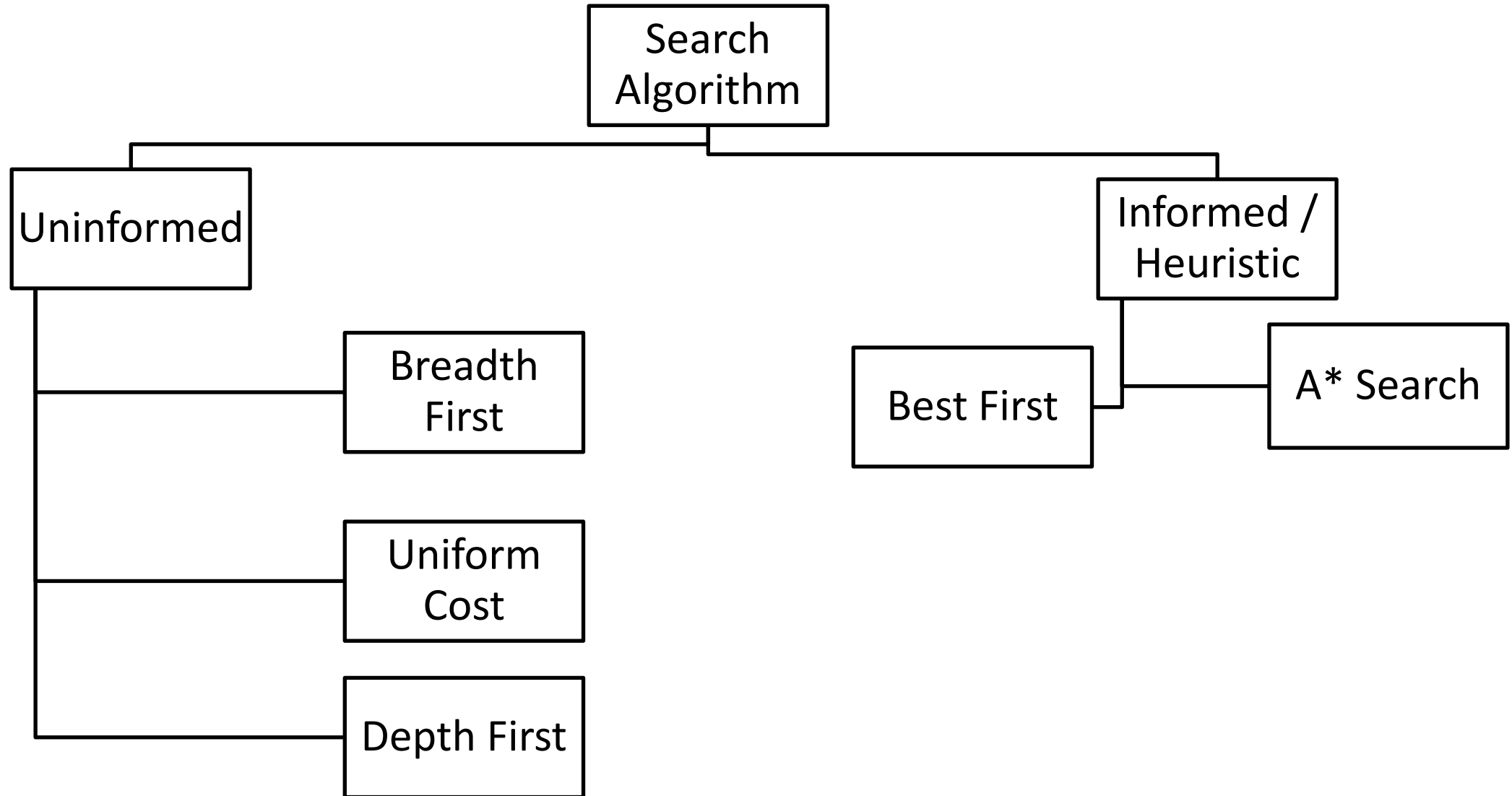
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Graph Data Structure

- Non-linear data structure and follows Network model.
- It has a NO unique node.
- It has loop or cycle.
- Can have directed or undirected edges.
- Used for searching shortest path in a network.

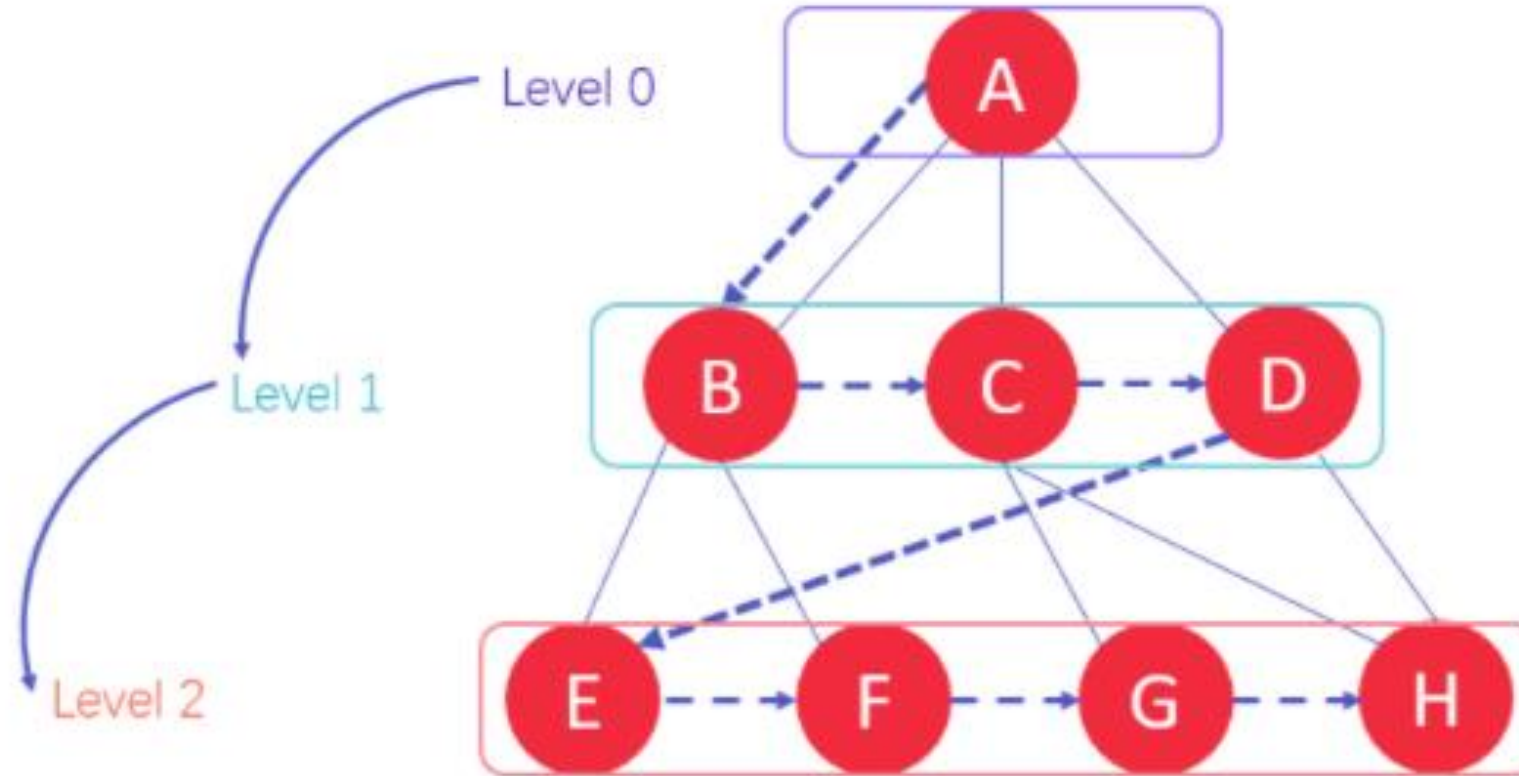
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Types of Search



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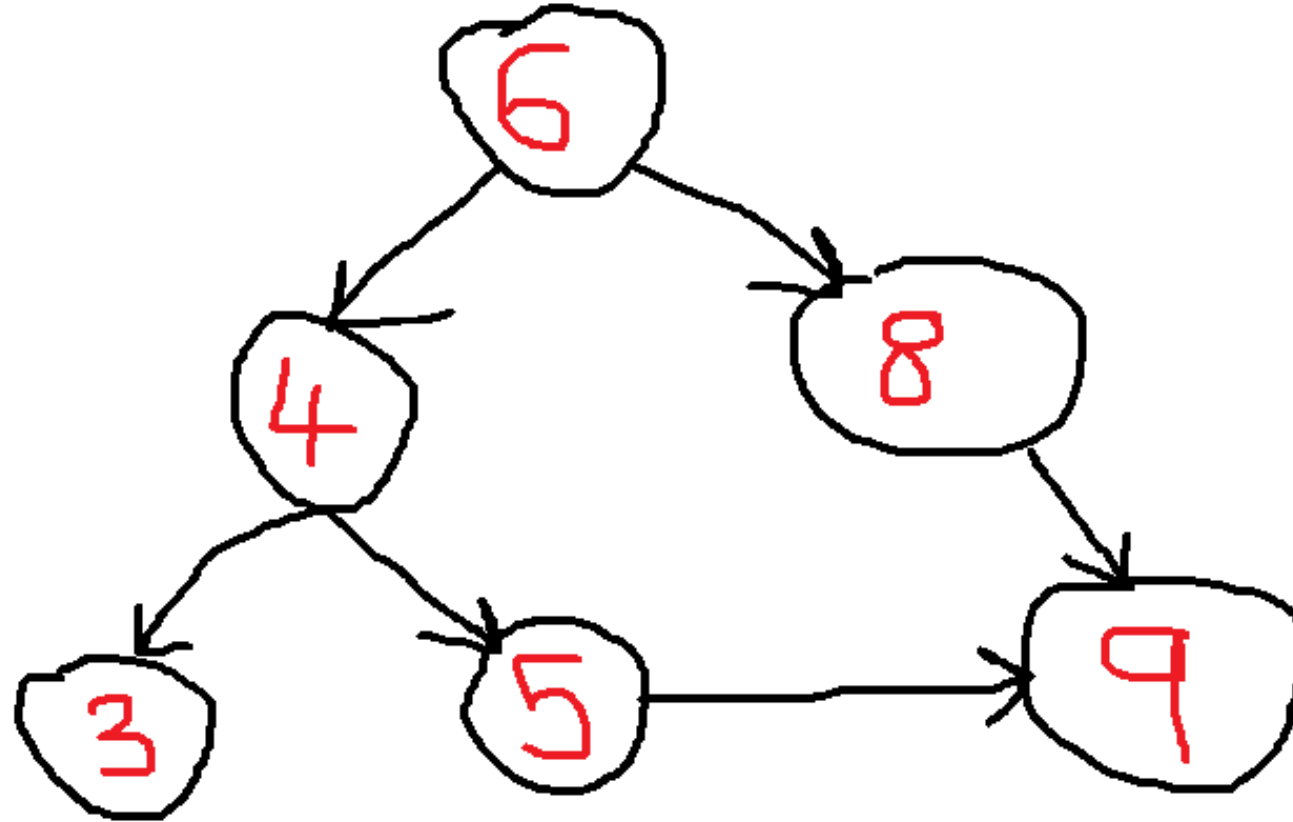
Breadth First Search :



3 raised to 2 = 9. Hence it can find the node in 9 searches. 3 is max children for a node, 2 is no of levels

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Breadth First Search :



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Breadth First Search :

- It is uninformed / Brute-Force search technique.
- It uses Queue (FIFO) data structure while searching.
- Searches for nodes at same level first then moves to next level (Shallowest node preference). Hence also called Level order searching.
- It always searches. Hence the algorithm is complete.
- Time Complexity is $O(V+E)$ or $O(b^d)$ b =branch factor (max number of children a node have, d =depth of a tree/graph [no. of levels])
- It requires more memory than DFS.

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BFS : The Algorithm

1. Enter starting nodes on a Queue.
2. If Queue is empty, then return stop.
3. If first element on Queue is Goal node then return success and stop,
Else
4. Remove and expand first element from Queue and place children at end of queue.
5. Go to step 2.

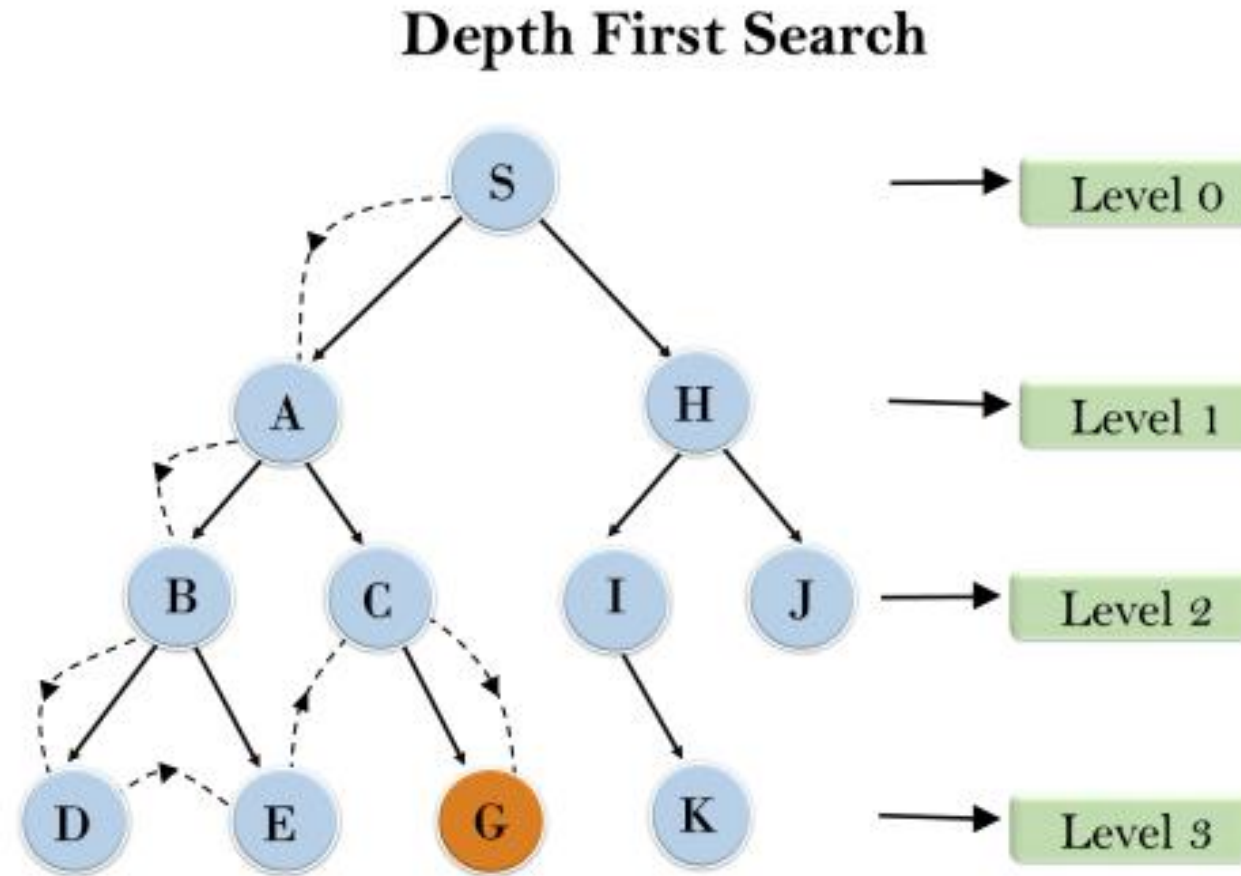
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Features Breadth First Search :

- The traversal starts from root node and go level by level.
- The visited nodes are added and removed from queue putting its next level node.
- Useful in finding shortest path in a tree/graph.
- BFS is slower compared to DFS
- space complexity of the BFS algorithm is $O(V)$
- Time Complexity is $O(V+E)$ or $O(b^d)$

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Depth First Search:



2 raised to 3 = 8. Hence it can find the node in 8 searches. 2 is max children for a node, 3 is no of levels

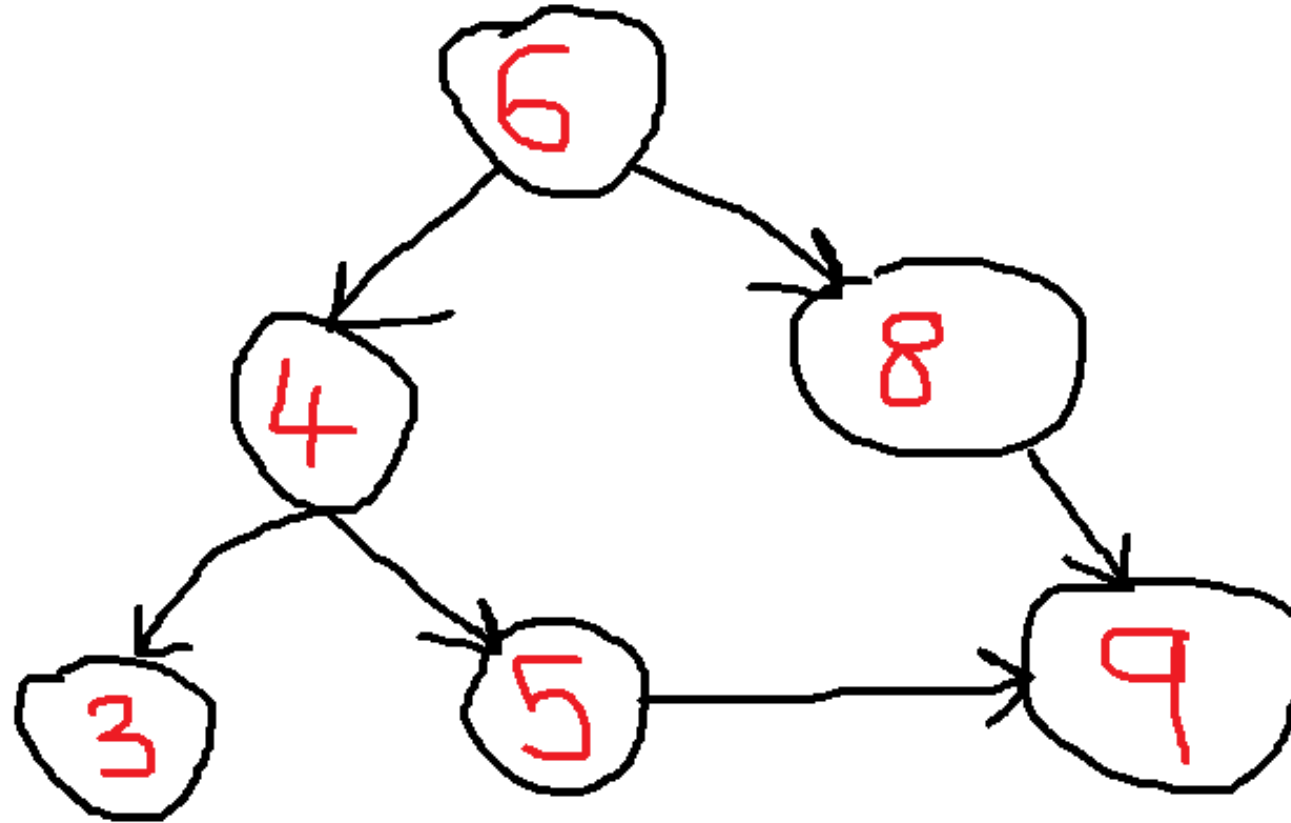
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Depth First Search :

- It is uninformed / Brute-Force search technique.
- It uses Stack (LIFO) data structure while searching.
- Searches for nodes in depth and then moves to next path.
- It may go endless in depth in infinite loop. Hence it is incomplete.
- Time Complexity is $O(V+E)$ or $O(b^d)$ b =branch factor (max number of children a node have, d =depth of a tree/graph [no. of levels])
- space complexity of the DFS algorithm is $O(V)$

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Depth First Search : The Algorithm



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Informed Search Algorithms :

- Contains knowledge about reaching the goal node.
- This knowledge helps to find goal node by decreasing search spaces.
- It is also called Heuristic search.

Heuristic Function:

- This function takes current state as input and finds out how far the goal is.
- The value of the heuristic function is always positive.
- It expands nodes based on their heuristic value $h(n)$.
- It maintains two lists, OPEN(Queue/Pq) and CLOSED/Visited list.
- In the CLOSED list, it places those nodes which have already expanded.
- In the OPEN list, it places nodes which have yet not been expanded.
- On each iteration, each node n with the lowest heuristic value is expanded and generates all its successors and n is placed to the closed list.
- The algorithm continues until a goal state is found.

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About Best First Search:

- It is a **greedy search**
- Selects the best path
- It is **combination of DFS and BFS**
- It **uses Heuristic** function to search for the best path.
- It is **implemented using Priority Queue**.
- **Not optimal and Not complete** but can give Best path result.

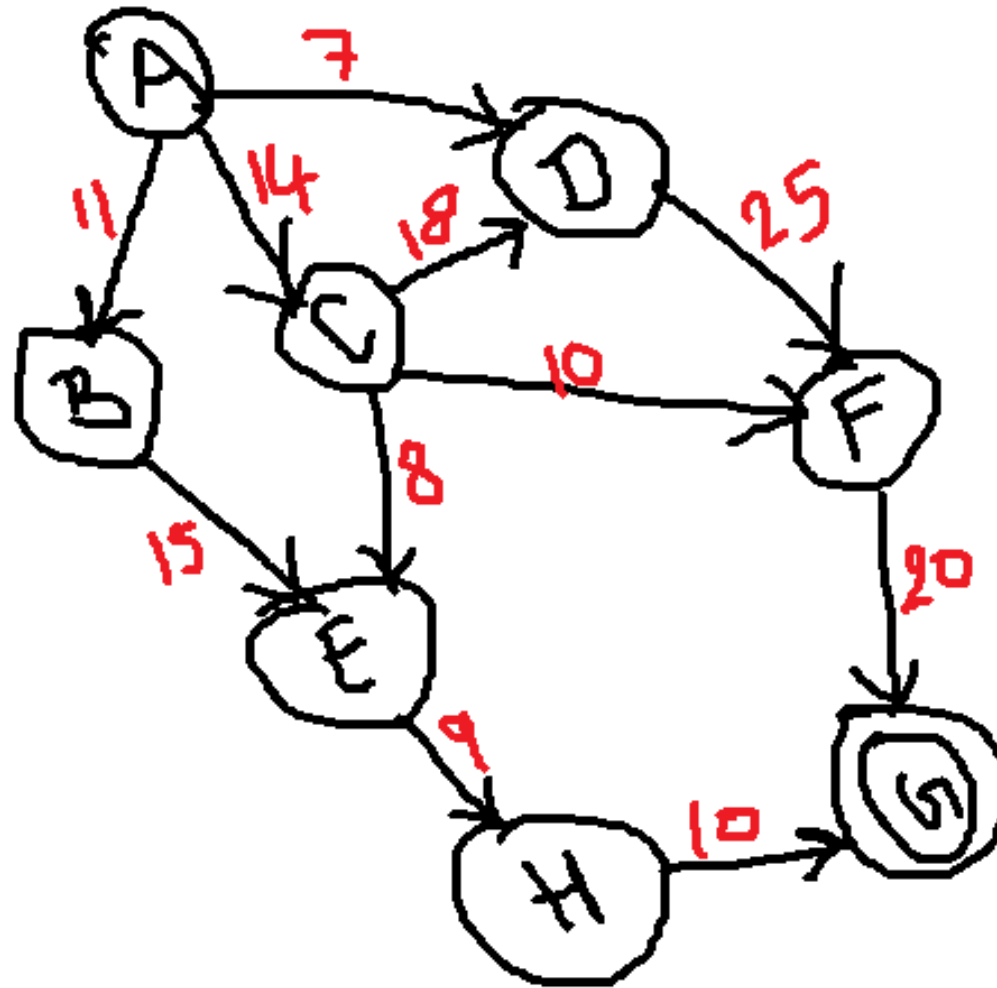
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Best First Search Algorithm:

- **Step 1:** Place the starting node into the OPEN list.
- **Step 2:** If the OPEN list is empty, Stop and return failure.
- **Step 3:** Remove the node n , from the OPEN list which has the lowest value of $h(n)$, and places it in the CLOSED list.
- **Step 4:** Expand the node n , and generate the successors of node n .
- **Step 5:** Check each successor of node n , and find whether any node is a goal node or not. If any successor node is goal node, then return success and terminate the search, else proceed to Step 6.
- **Step 6:** For each successor node, algorithm checks for evaluation function $f(n)$, and then check if the node has been in either OPEN or CLOSED list. If the node has not been in both list, then add it to the OPEN list.
- **Step 7:** Return to Step 2.

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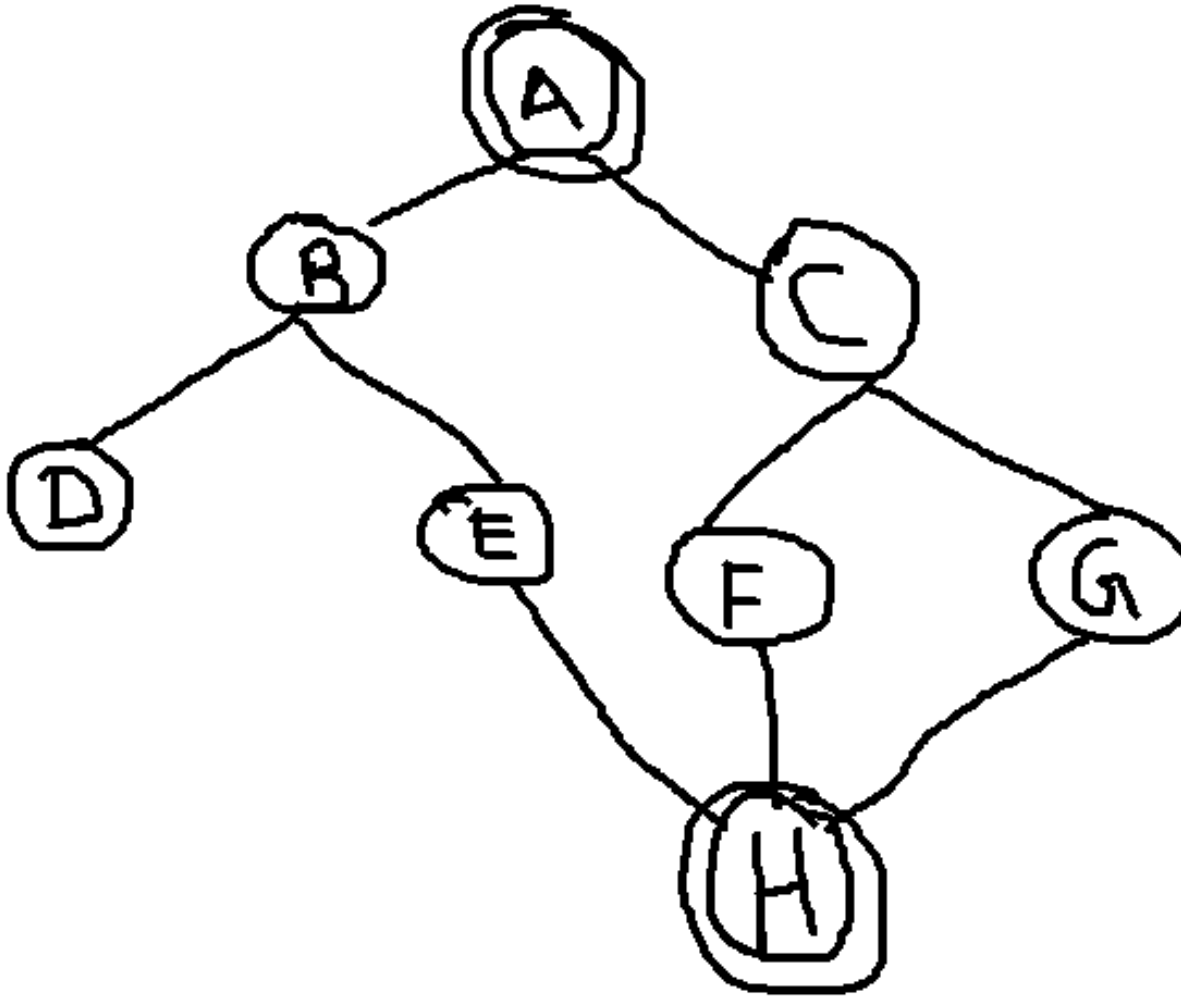
Best First Search Algorithm:



$A \rightarrow G = 40$
 $B \rightarrow G = 32$
 $C \rightarrow G = 25$
 $D \rightarrow G = 35$
 $E \rightarrow G = 19$
 $F \rightarrow G = 17$
 $G \rightarrow G = 0$
 $H \rightarrow G = 10$

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Best First Search Algorithm:



$$A-H = 13$$

$$B-H = 12$$

$$C-H = 4$$

$$D-H = 7$$

$$E-H = 3$$

$$F-H = 8$$

$$G-H = 2$$

$$H-H = 0$$

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About A* Search: //(Dijkstra)

- It is **another form of Best First Search**. It is **optimal and complete**. Memory requirement is high.
- Selects the **best path by using heuristic function and cost function**.
- Hence combination of **Uniform Cost Search** and **Best First Search**.
- It uses Heuristic function to search for the best path.
- A* algorithm is similar to UCS except that it **uses $g(n)+h(n)$** instead of $g(n)$.
- we can combine both costs as following, and this sum is called as a **fitness number**.
- $F(n) = G(n) + H(n)$ // **$F(n)$ is a fitness number**
- $F(n)$ – The actual cost path from the **start node to the goal node**.
- $G(n)$ – The actual **cost** path from the **start node to the current node**.
- $H(n)$ – The actual cost/**heuristic** path from the **current node to goal node**.

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A*Search Algorithm:

Step 1 : Add Starting Node in OPEN list.

Step 2 : if OPEN list is empty return FAIL

Step 3 : Select node from OPEN list which has smallest value
($g(\text{cost}) + h(\text{heuristic})$)

if node = GOAL Node return Success

Step 4 : Expand node N and generate all successors

Then compute ($g+h$) for each successor node

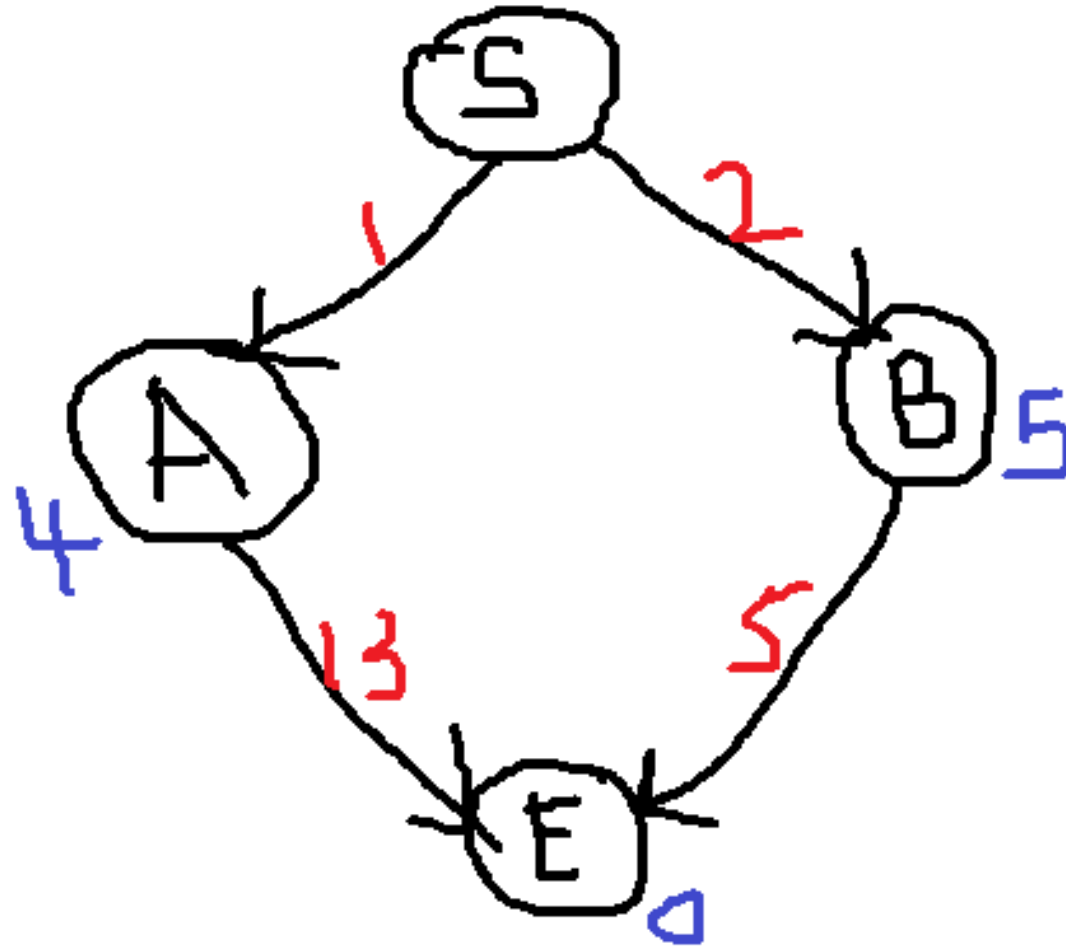
Step 5 : if node N is already in OPEN /CLOSED, attach to backpointer

Step 6 : Goto step 3

Step 7 : Exit

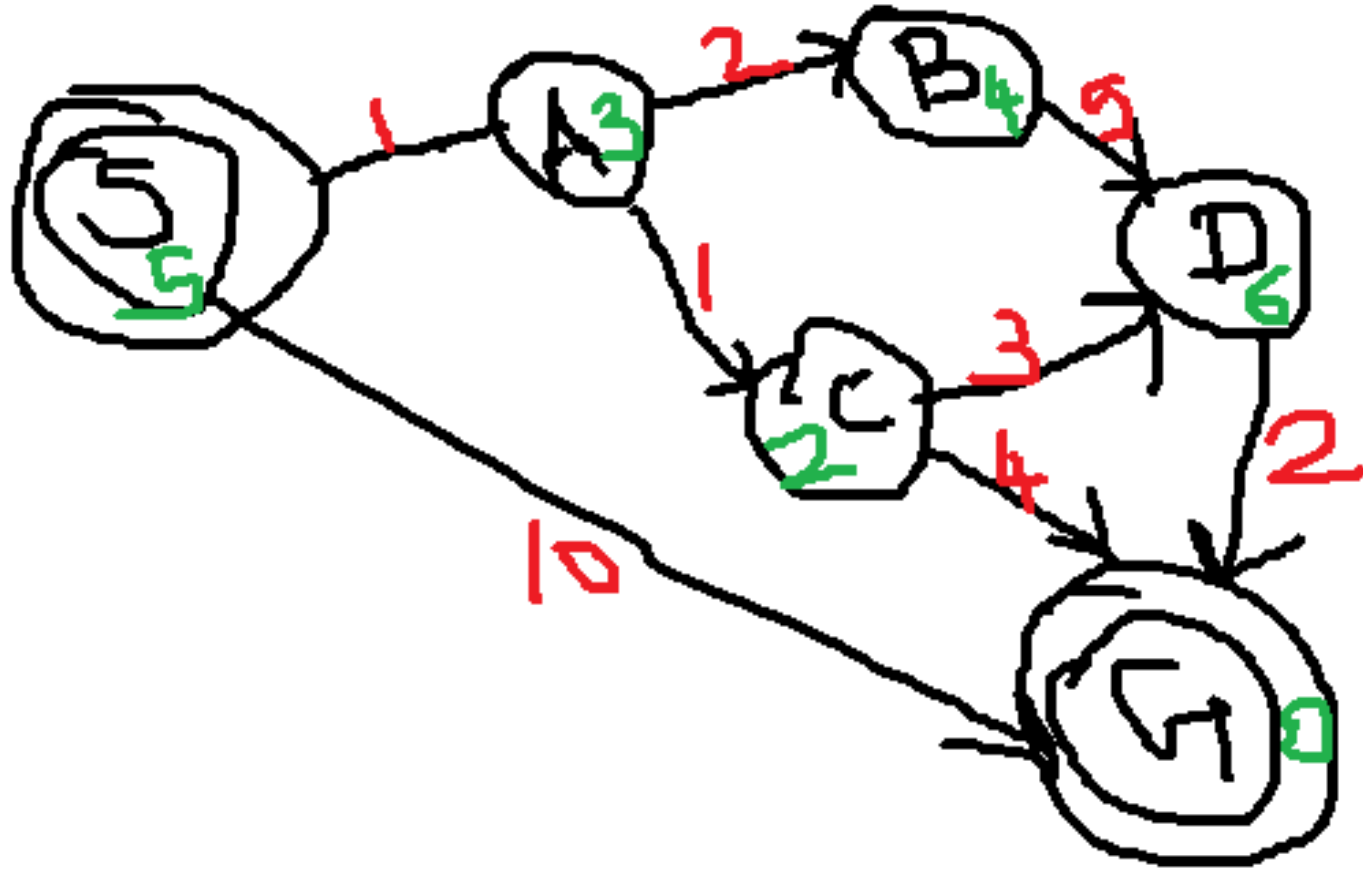
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A* Search Algorithm:



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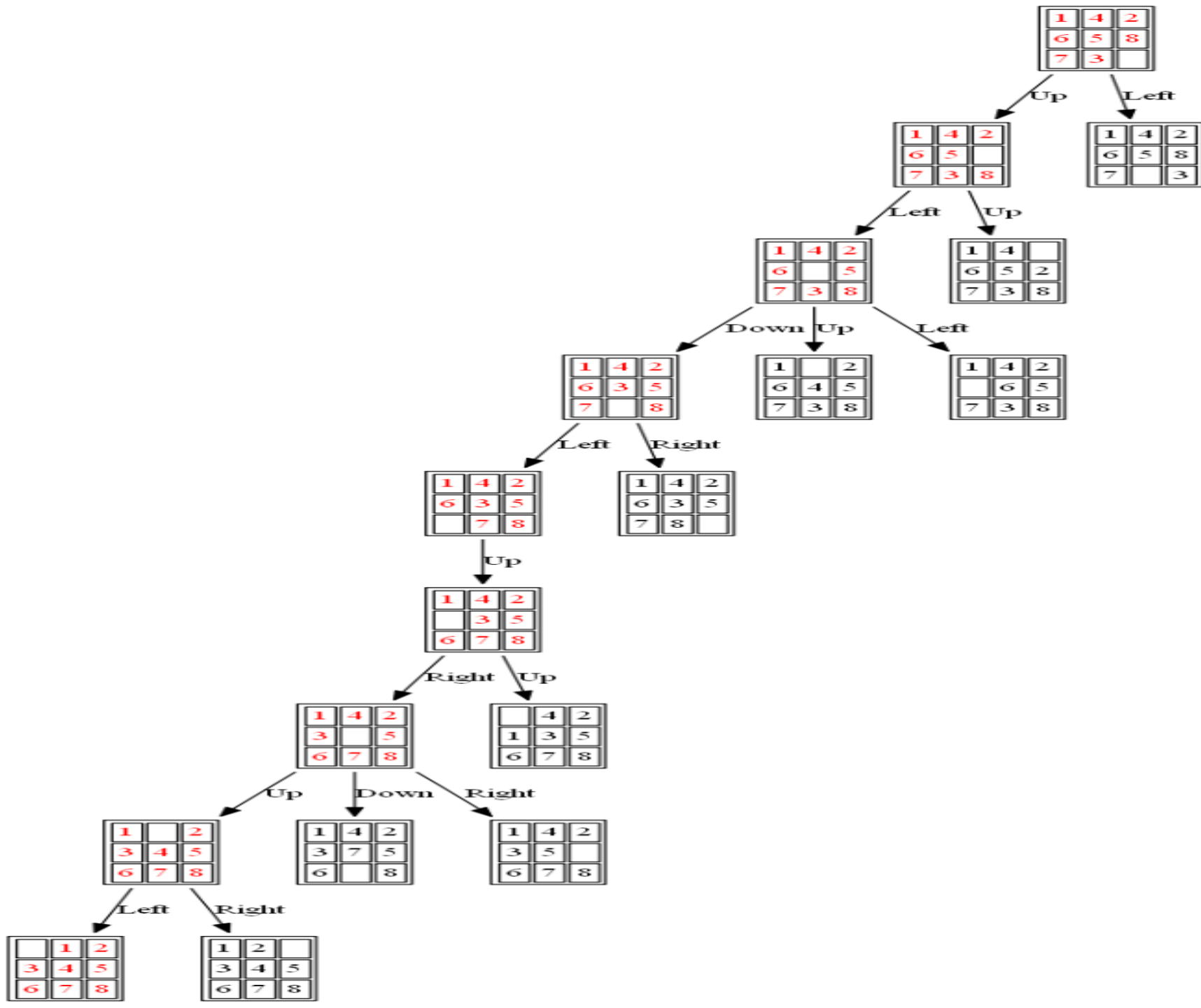
A* Search Algorithm:



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A*Search Algorithm:

8 Puzzle Problem

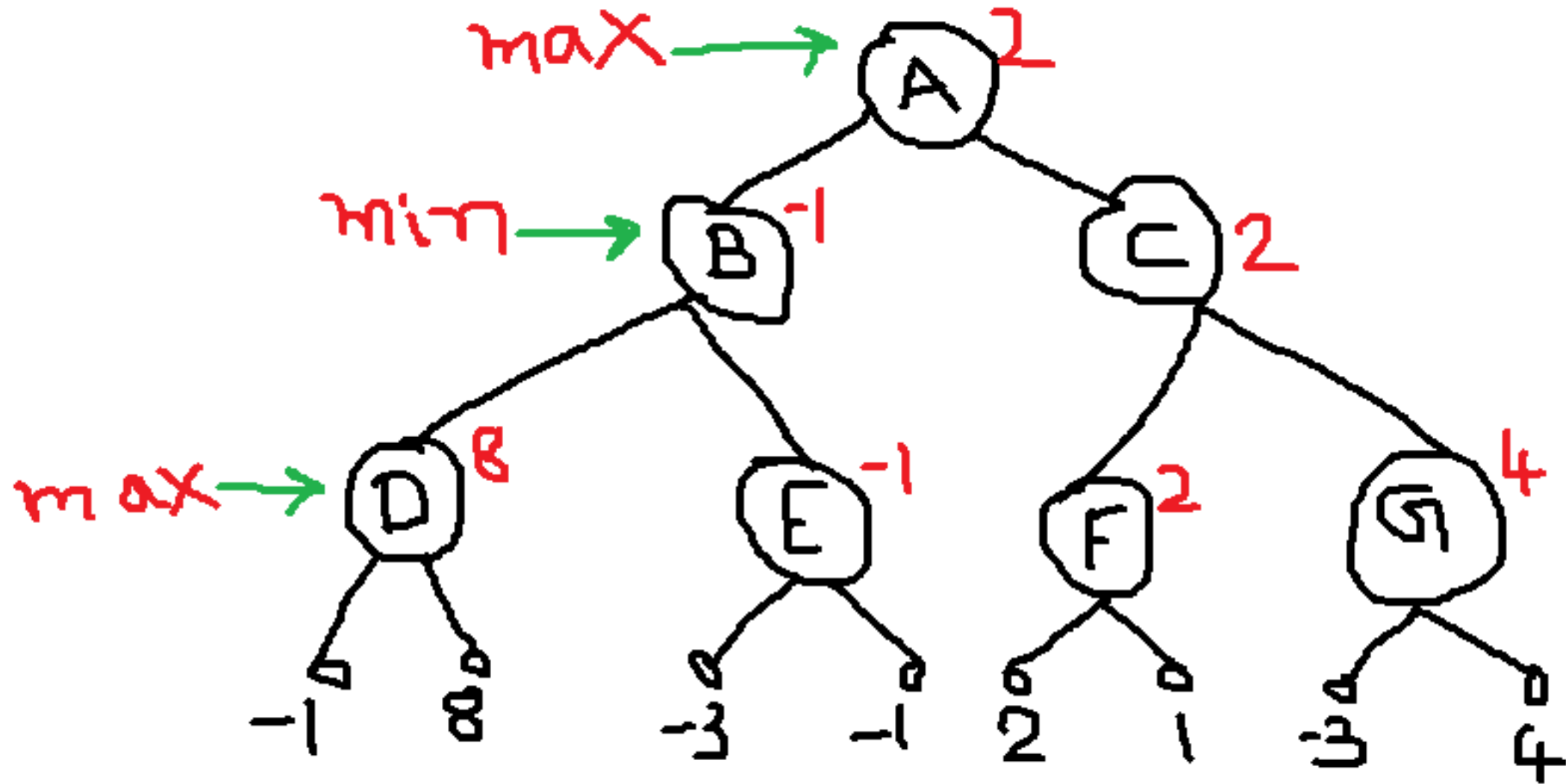


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Game Search (Mini-Max Algorithm):

- It is a type of Adversarial/Game Search. In adversarial search the problem to be solved is dynamic where one candidate try to plan against the strategy of other. Both (multiagent environment) the agents are working in the same environment finding out the best solution against each other.
- It is a **recursive/backtracking** algorithm.
- It is **complete** hence will find the solution.
- Is optimal if both the opponents are playing optimally.
- Used in decision making and **Game theory**.
- It **uses recursion** to search through the game tree.
- Used **for two player game**. Eg Chess, Tic-Tac-Toe.
- Here two player play the game, wherein **one is Min** and **other is Max**. ie one player tries to maximize the value for win and other tries to minimize the value for the opponent (mostly an AI agent).
- **Max will select the maximum value** and **Min will select the minimum value**.
- It **uses Depth-First-Search** to explore complete **game tree**.

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Game Search (Mini-Max Algorithm):

```
function minimax(node, depth, maximizingPlayer) is
  if depth == 0 or node is a terminal node then
    return static value of node

  if MaximizingPlayer then    // for Max Player
    maxEva= -infinity
    for each child of node do
      eva= minimax(child, depth-1, false)
      maxEva= max(maxEva,eva)    //gives Maximum of the values
    return maxEva

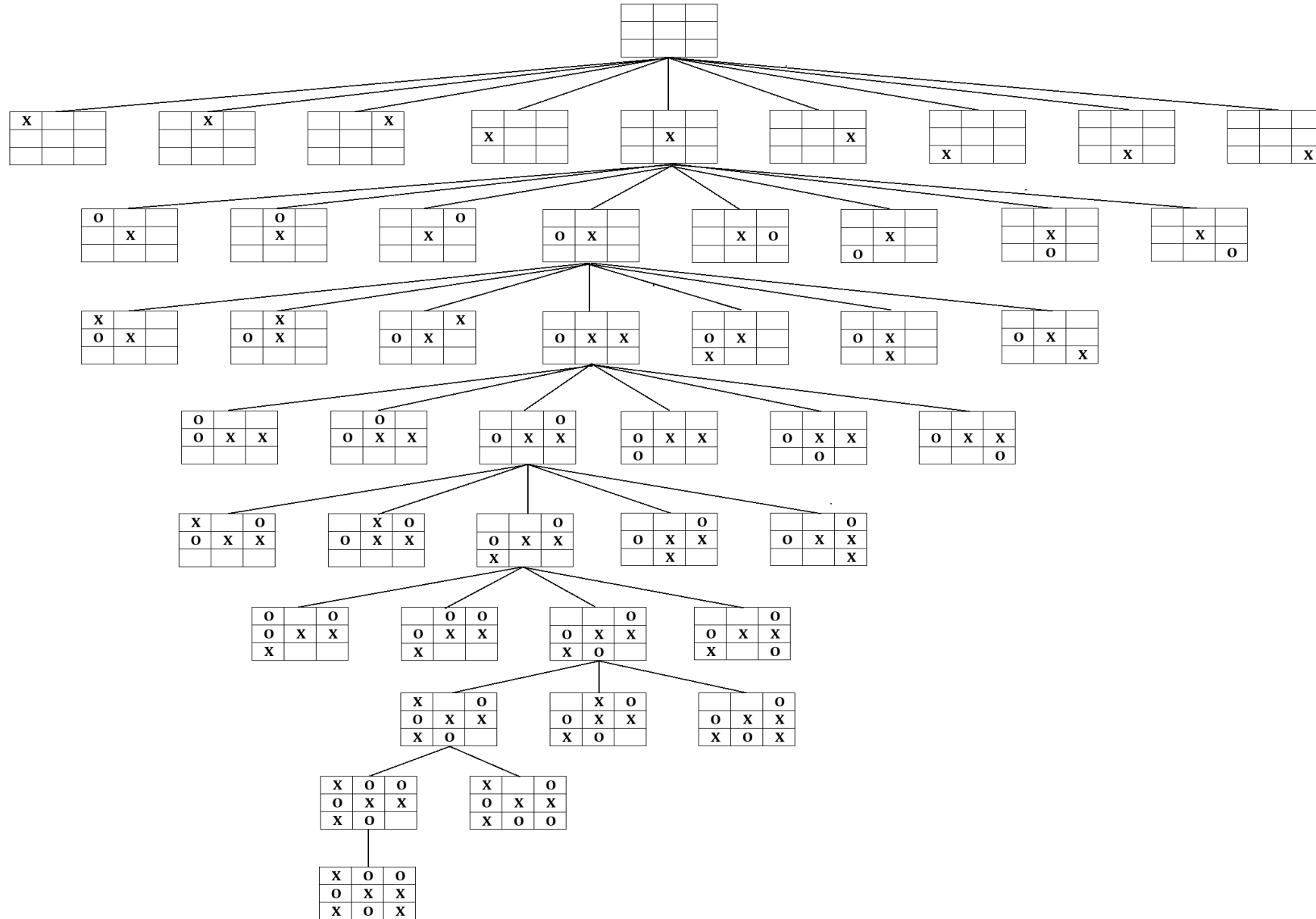
  else                        // for Min player
    minEva= +infinity
    for each child of node do
      eva= minimax(child, depth-1, true)
      minEva= min(minEva, eva)  //gives minimum of the values
    return minEva
```

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Game Search (Mini-Max Algorithm):

- The Minimax algorithm is Optimal and Complete.
- The time complexity is $O(b^d)$

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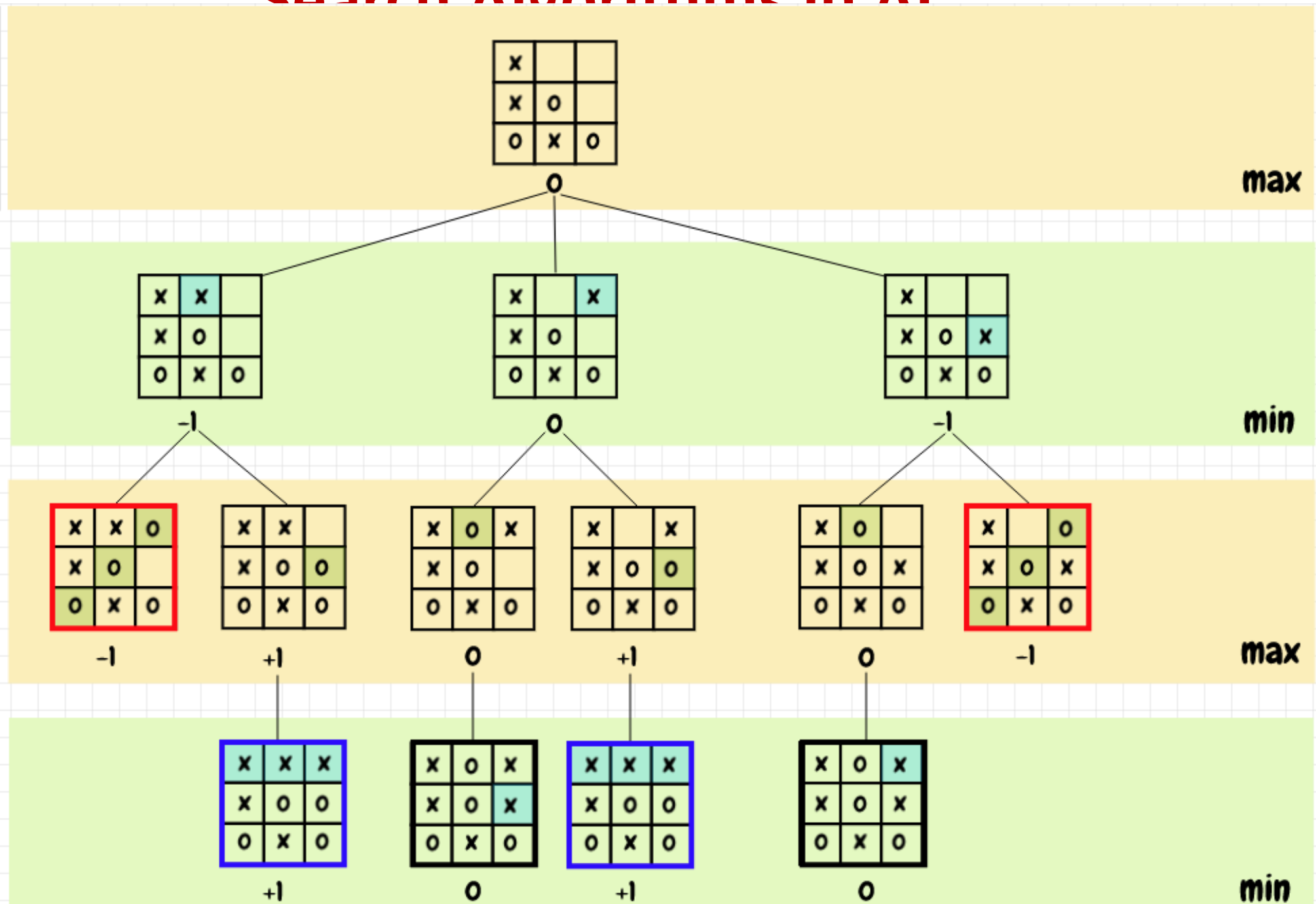
(Winner - X)

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X wins: +1

O wins: -1

Draw: 0



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