

# COMP417 Artificial Intelligence

## Exercise Set 1

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### Exercise 1

Part A

Part B

### Exercise 2

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Part C

### Exercise 3

The solution is given in Figure 1.

### Exercise 4

Part A

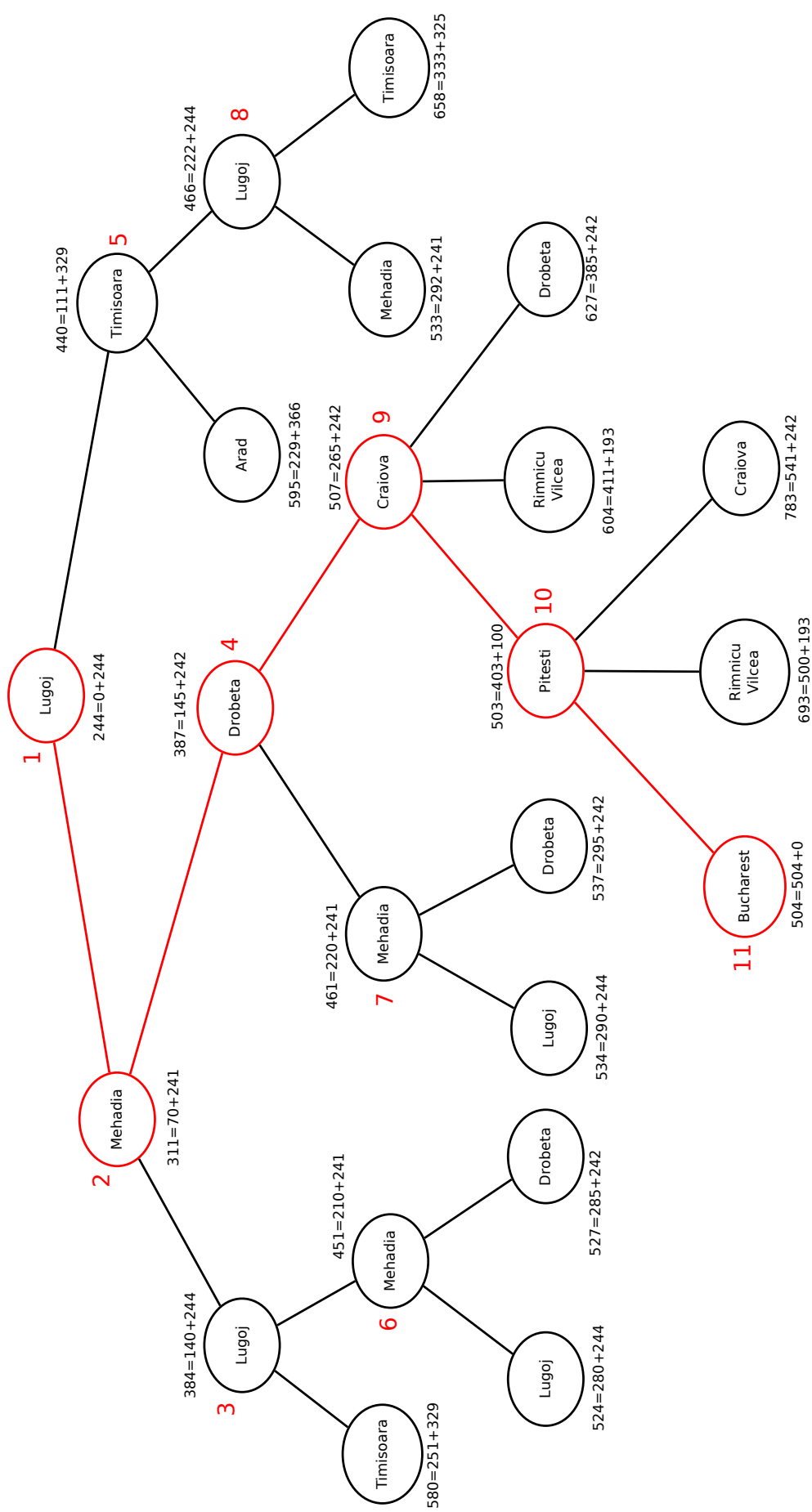
Since only one state ( $k = 1$ ) is stored in memory after each iteration, it is iteratively succeeded by its best neighboring state like in hill climbing. Hence, the local beam search algorithm with  $k = 1$  is a simple hill climbing algorithm.

Part B

With temperature  $T = 0$ , we can say that the probability  $e^{\Delta E/T} = 0$  when  $\Delta E \leq 0$ , namely only better neighboring solutions are accepted. Therefore, simulated annealing with  $T = 0$  is a first choice hill climbing algorithm.

Part C

If  $N = 1$ , the population will consist of a single individual. Crossover will thus happen between (two copies of) that individual, resulting in the exact same solution. The random mutation mechanism will introduce a small number of point changes during each iteration, consequently turning genetic algorithm into a random walk.



**Figure 1:** Stages in an A\* search from Lugoj to Bucharest. Nodes are labeled with  $f = g + h$  (black font), and with the selected order of expansion (red font). Having a sequence of states during each iteration, the algorithm expands the node with the lowest value of  $f$ , replacing it in the sequence with all its successors (to be considered for the following iteration). The optimal solution is depicted with red nodes and edges.