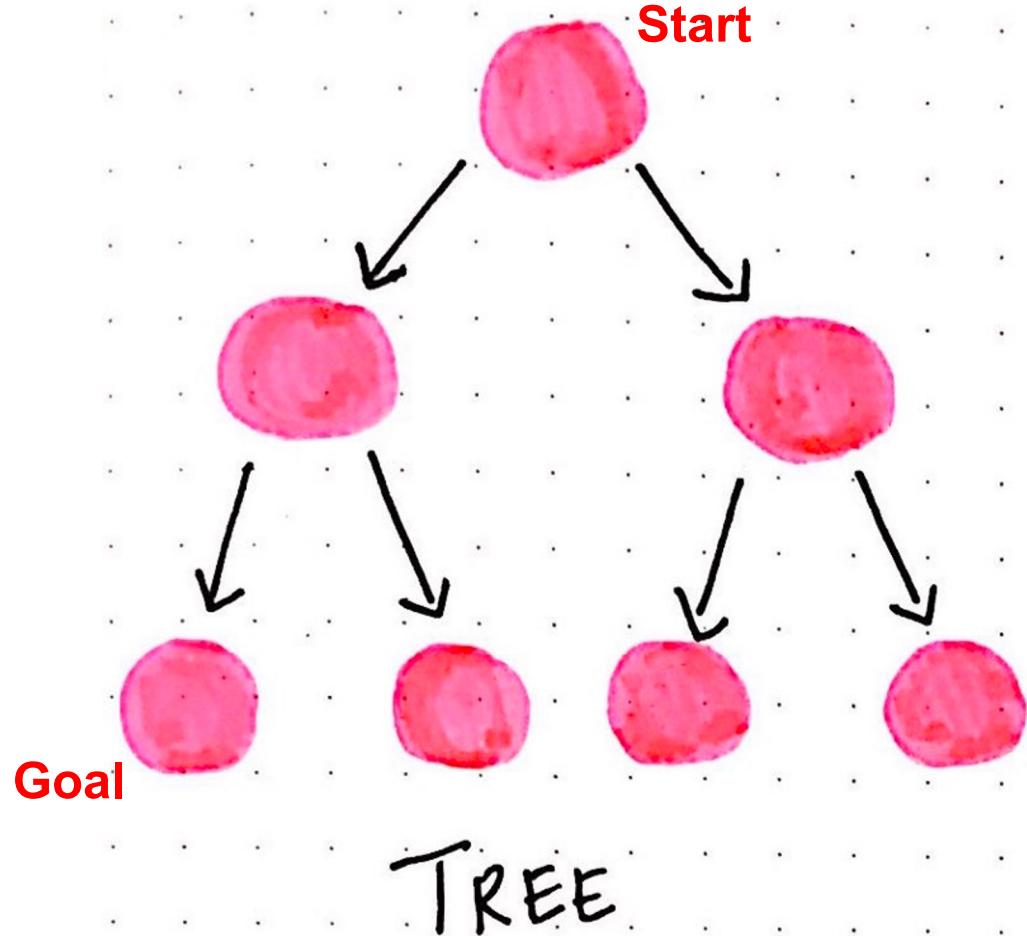


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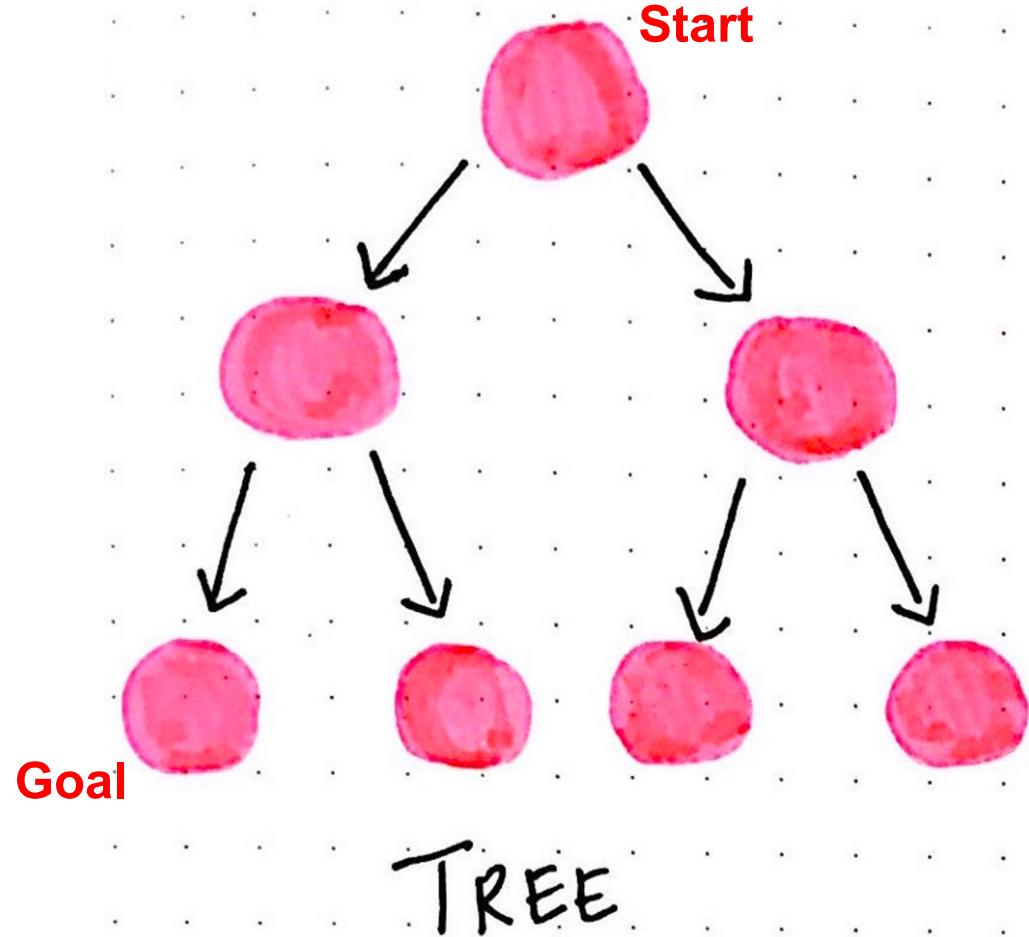
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## **Uninformed (blind) search**

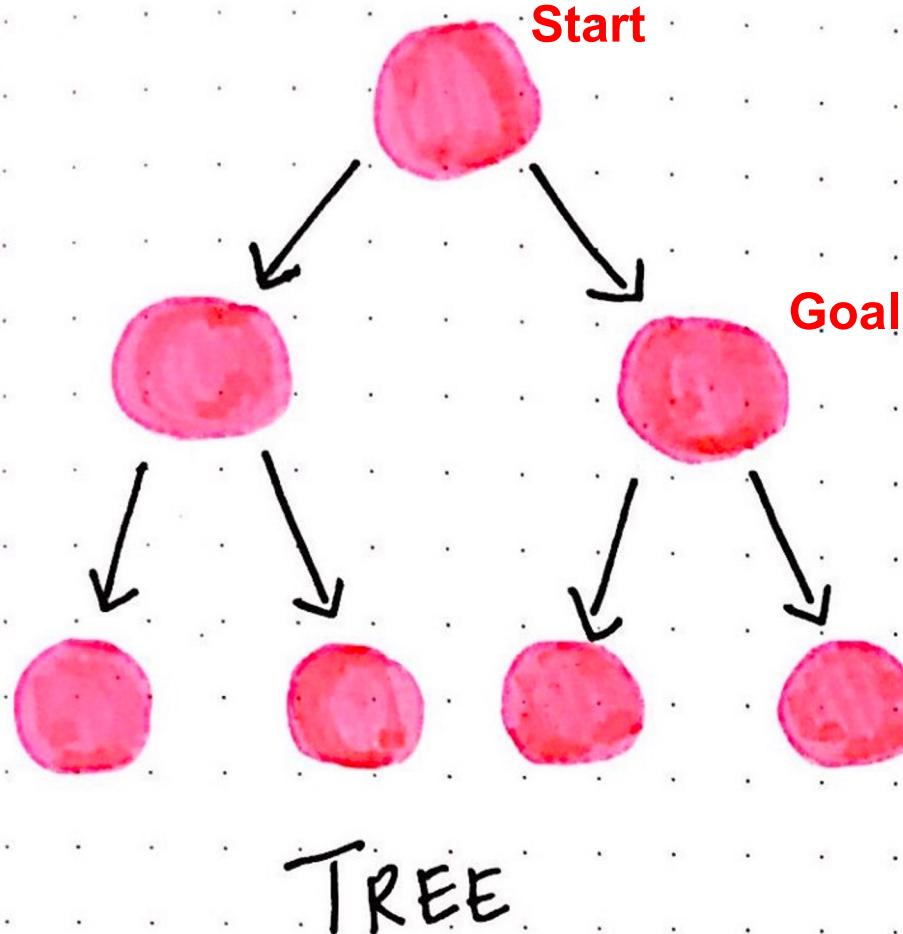
- Breadth First Search [BFS], Depth First Search [DFS], etc
- Blind strategies have no additional information about states beyond that provided in the problem definition.
- All they can do is generate successors and distinguish a goal state from a non-goal state.
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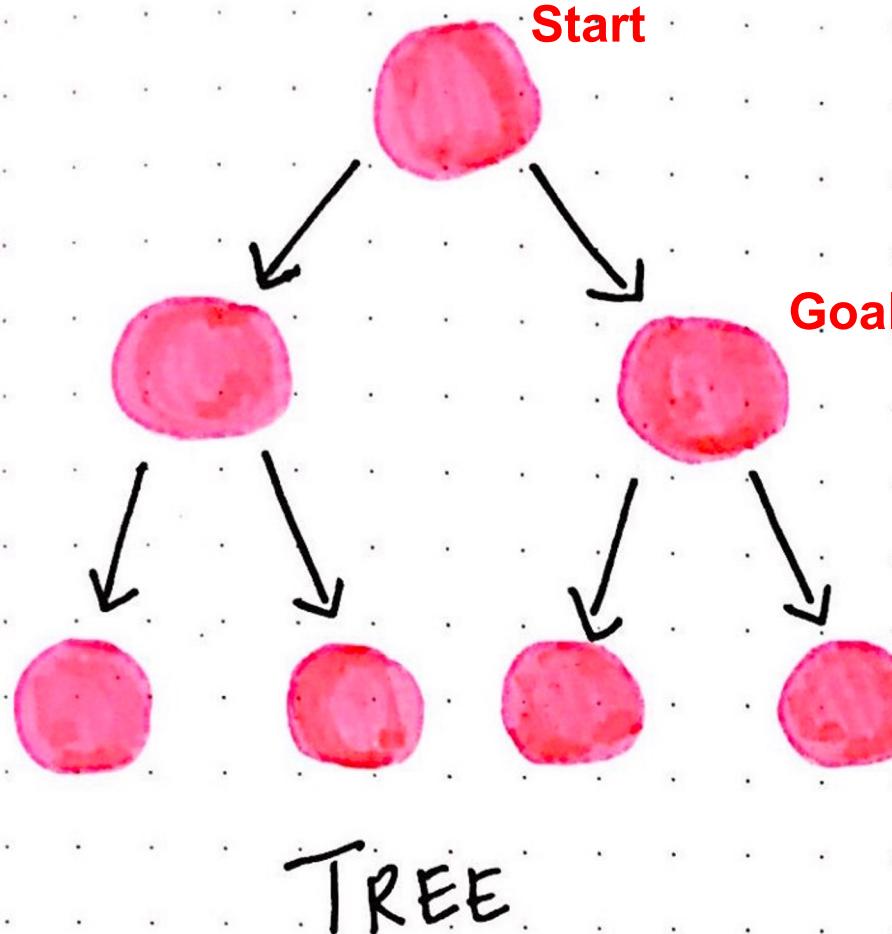
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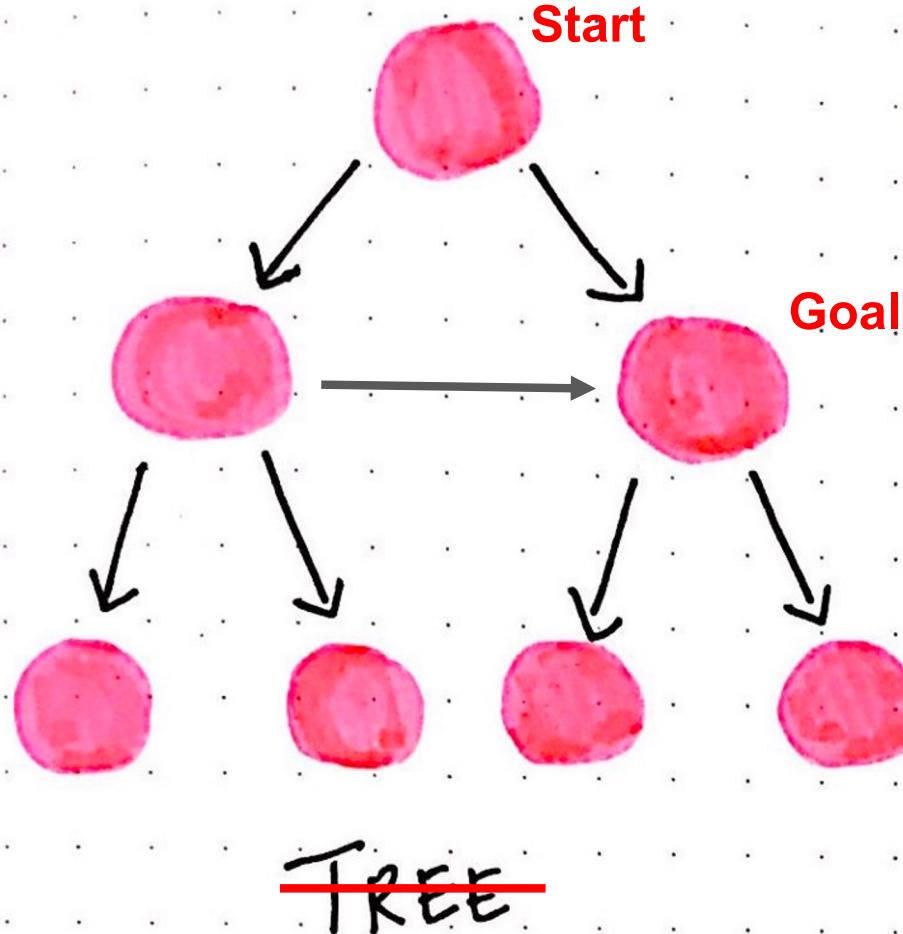
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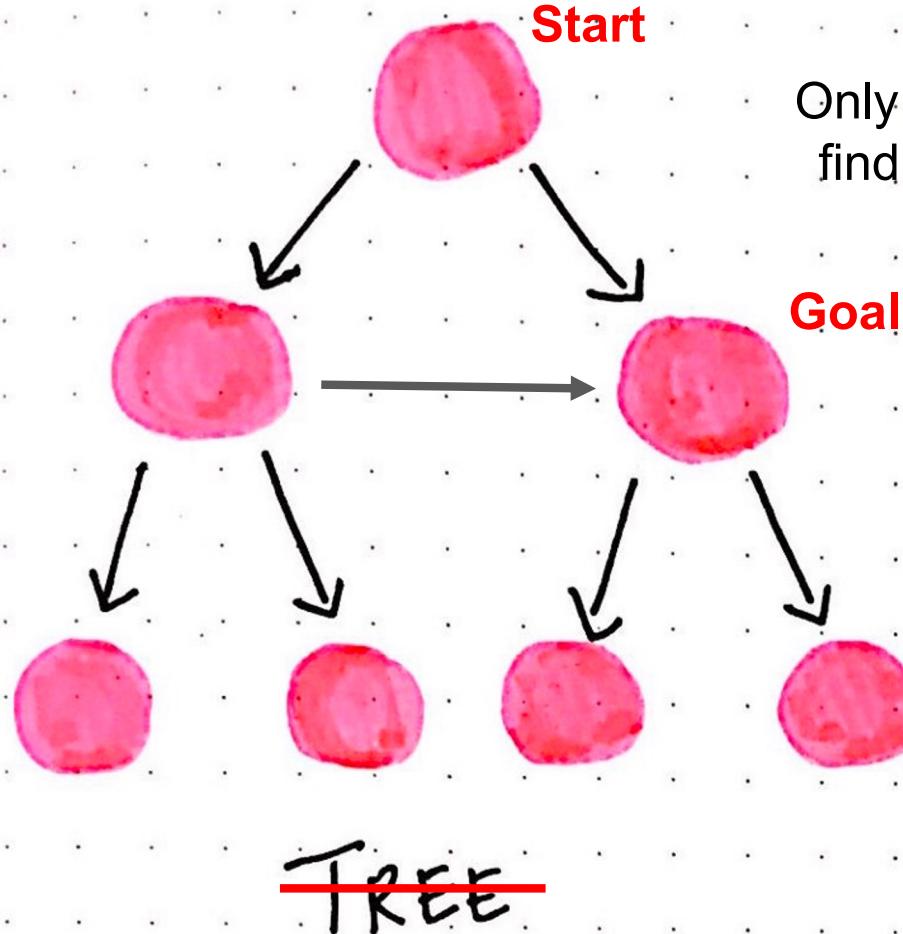
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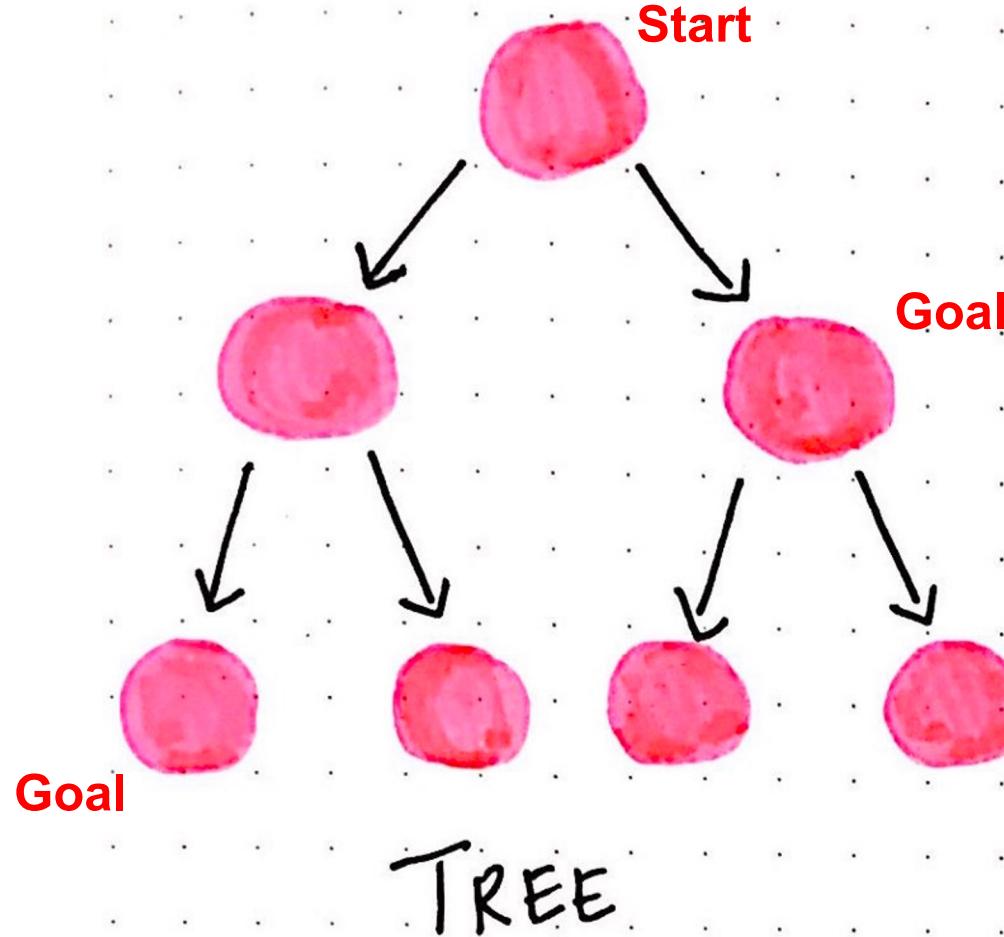
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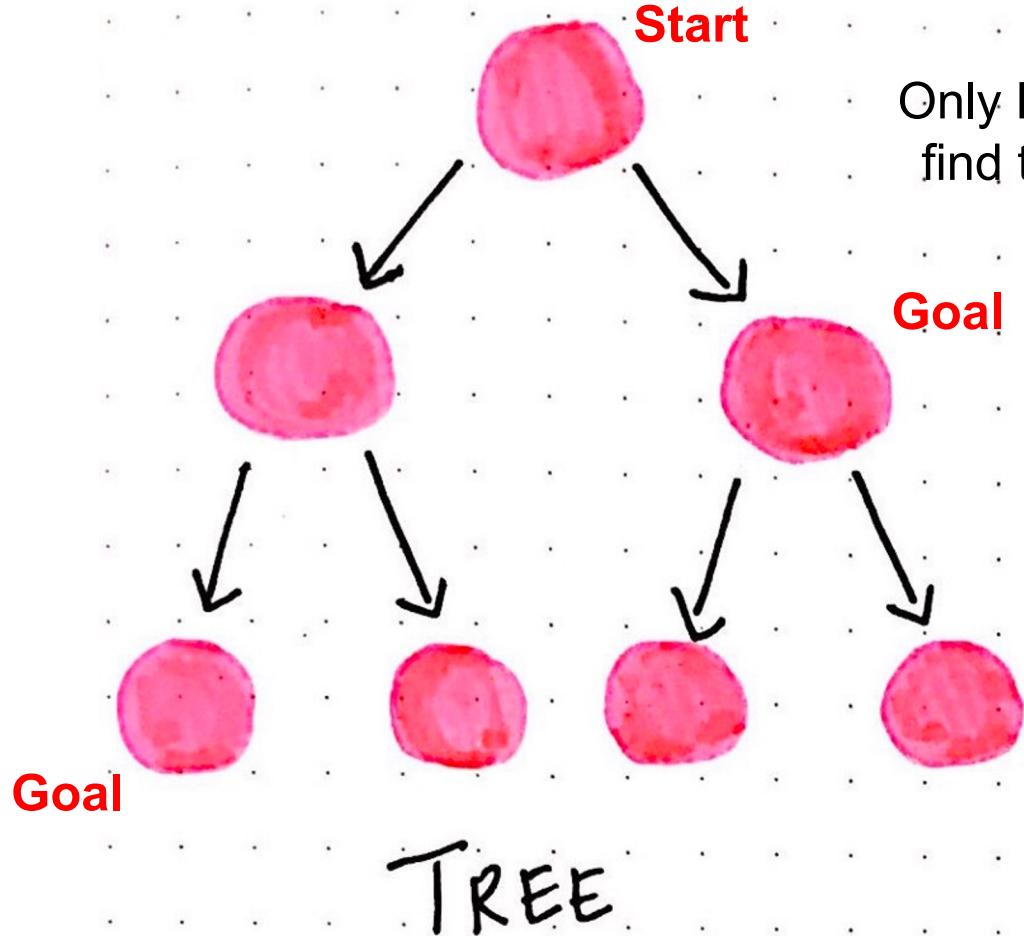
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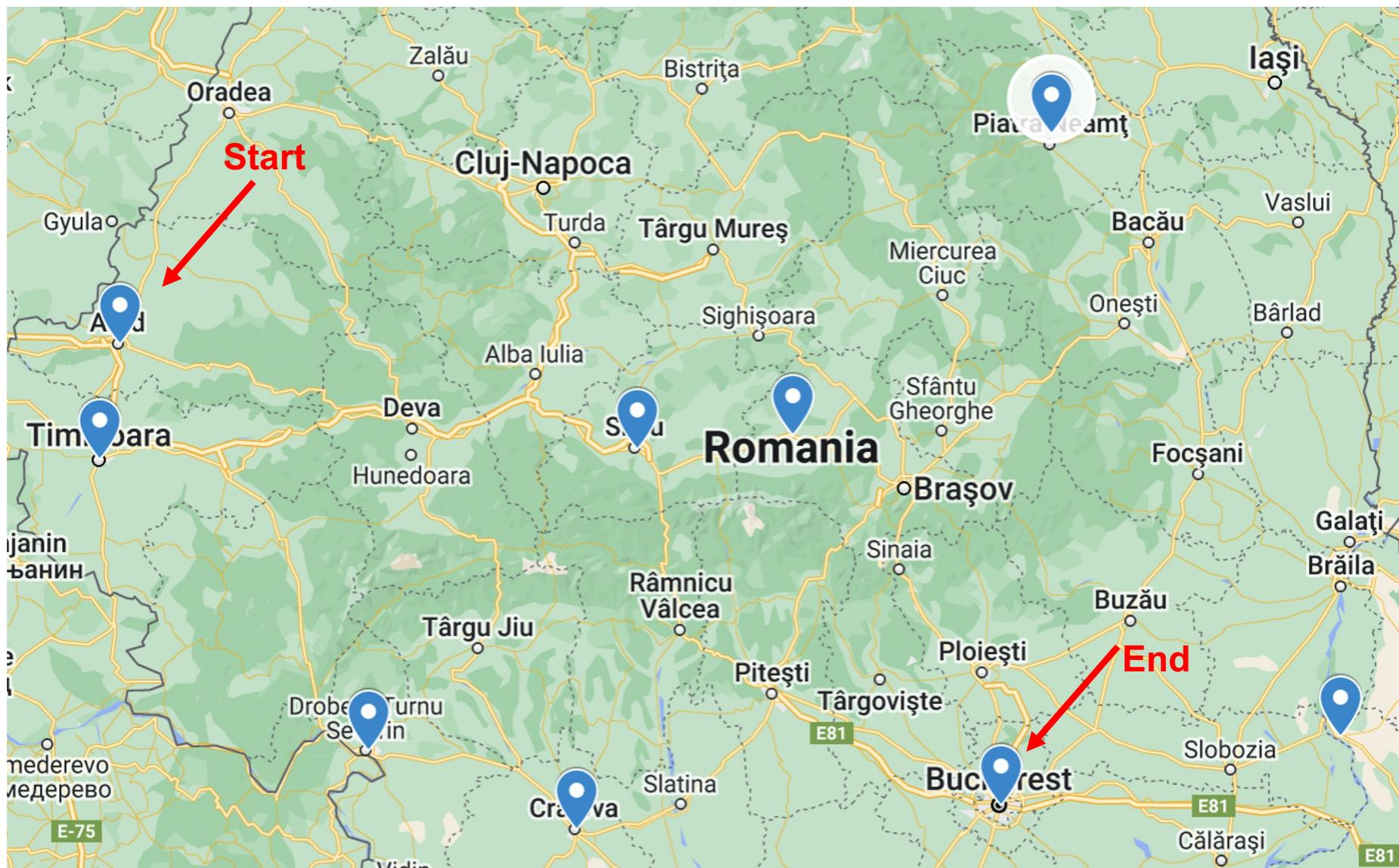
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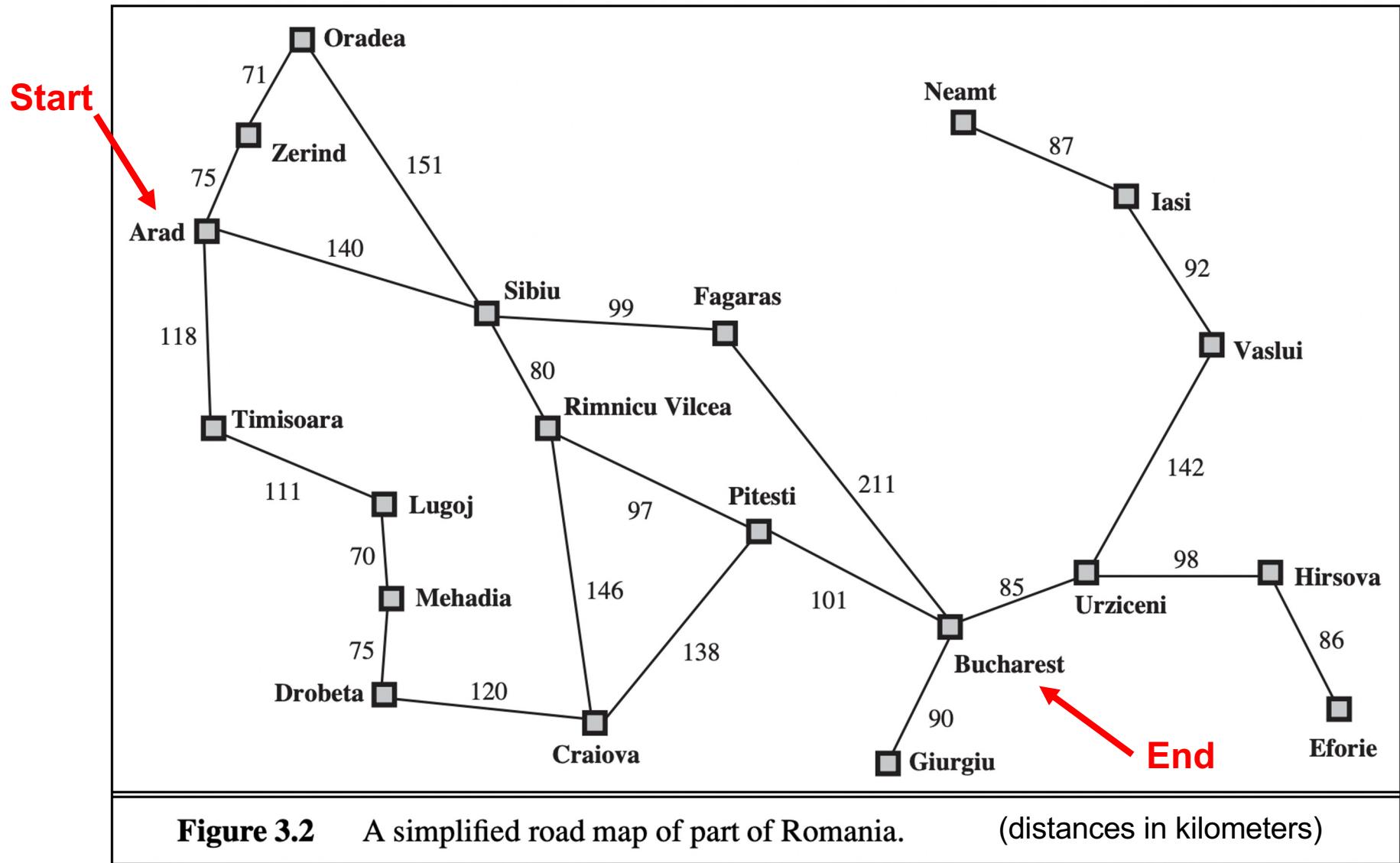
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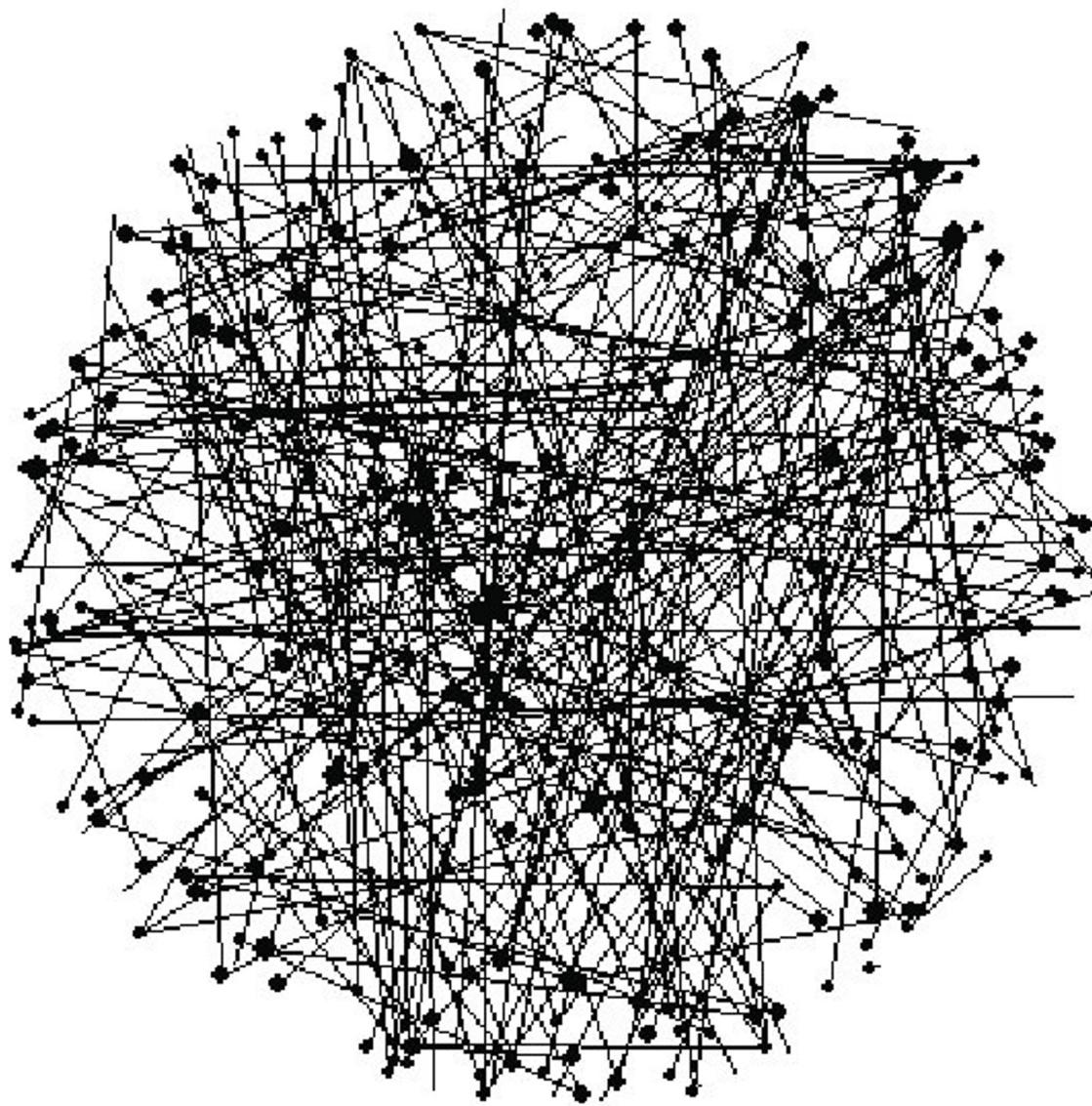
- Greedy best-first search [Section 3.5.1]
- A\* algorithm and its Optimality [Section 3.5.2]
- Heuristic Function – admissible and dominating heuristic [Section 3.6]

## **Informed (heuristic) search**

- Best-first search :  
a node is selected for expansion based on an evaluation function,  $f(n)$
- The evaluation function is construed as a cost estimate  
and its choice determines the search strategy
- The node with the lowest evaluation function value is expanded first.







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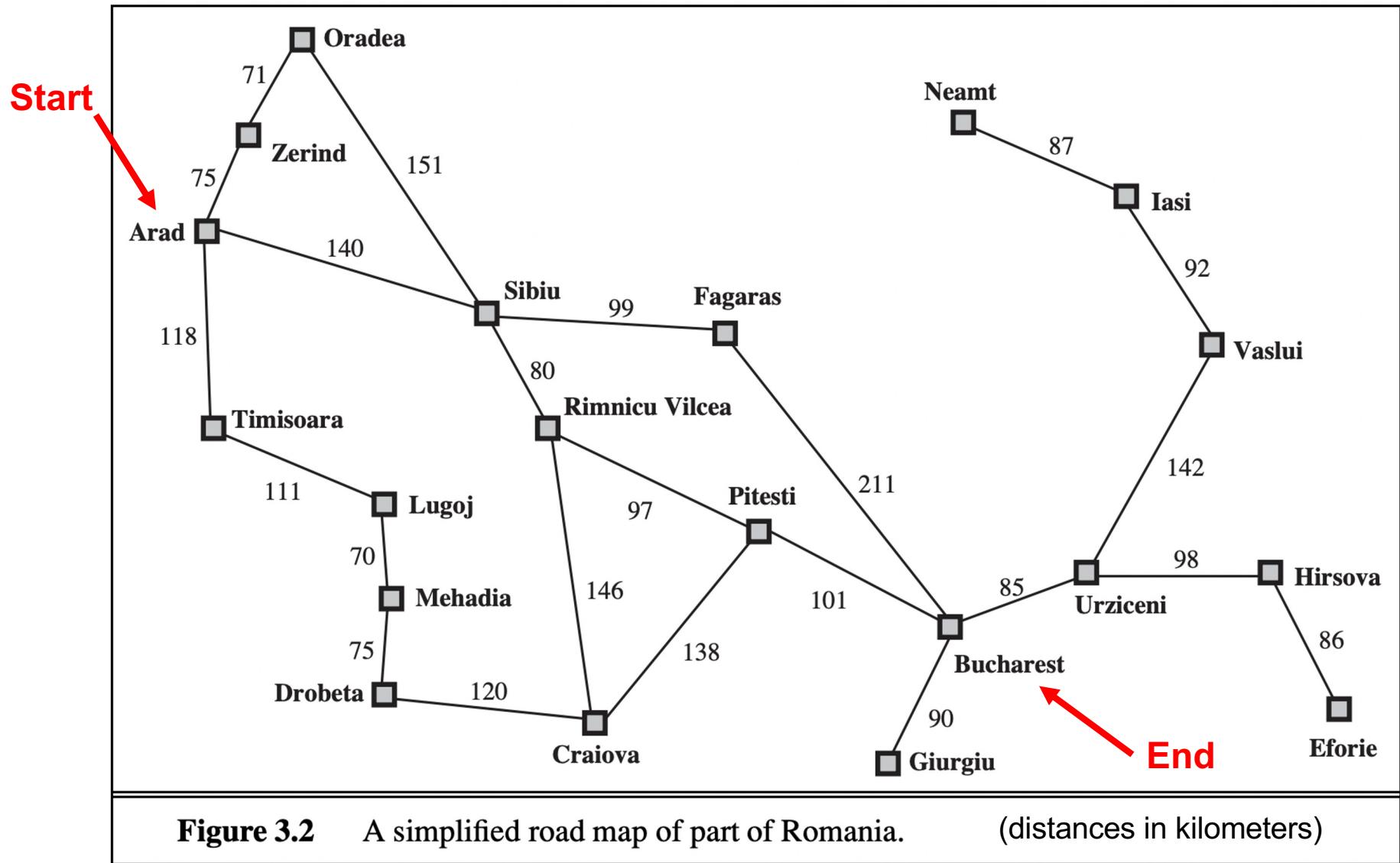
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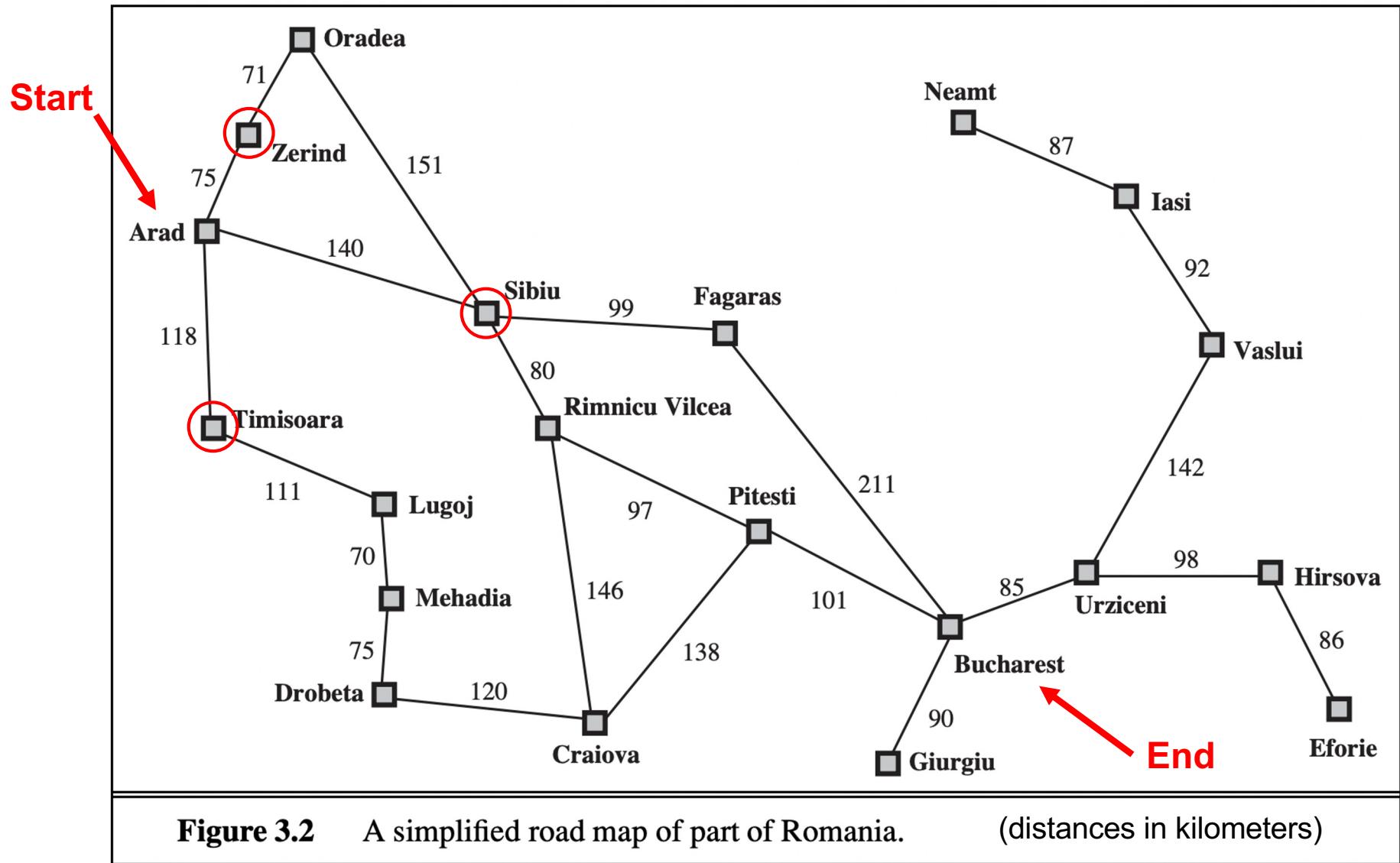
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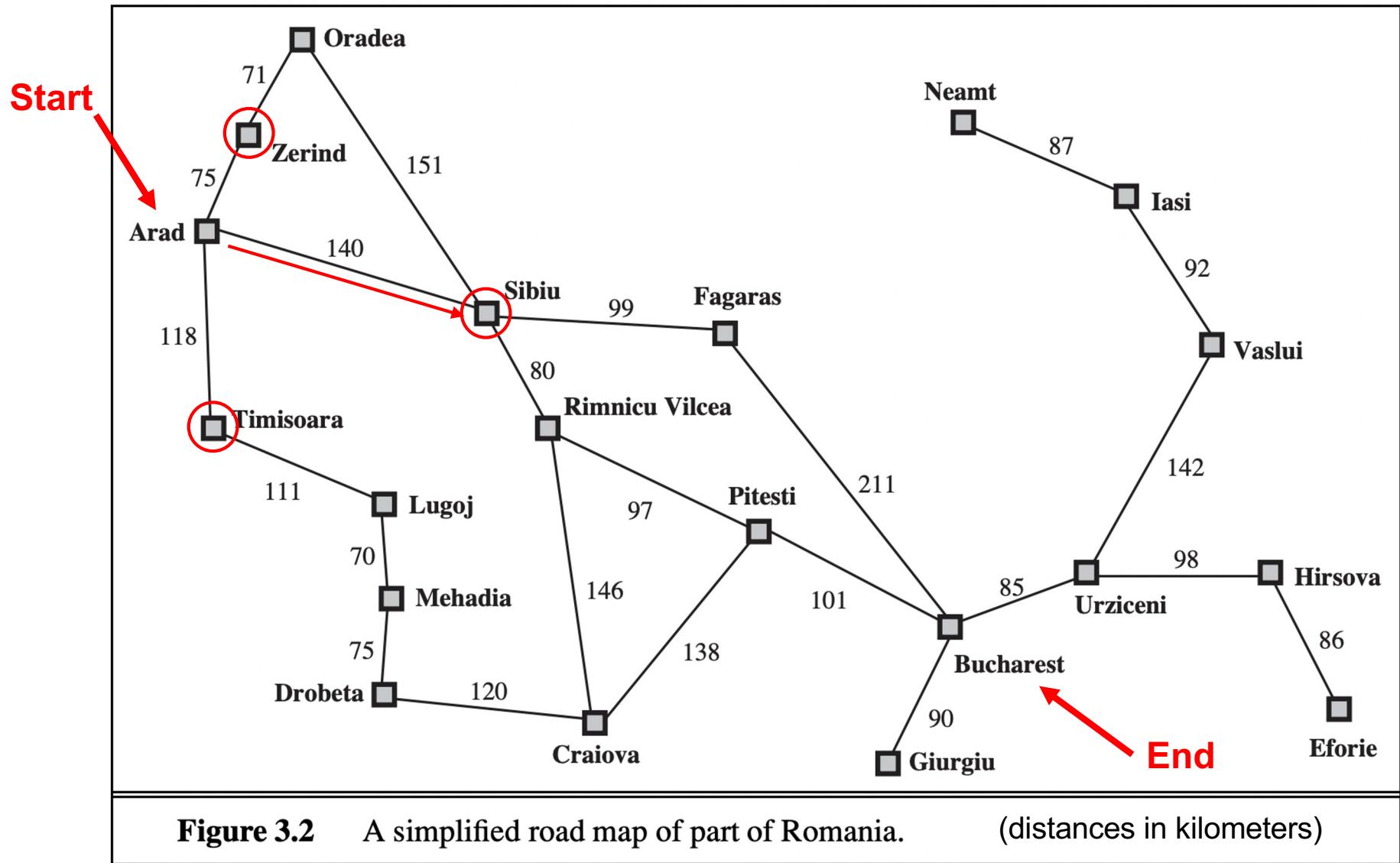
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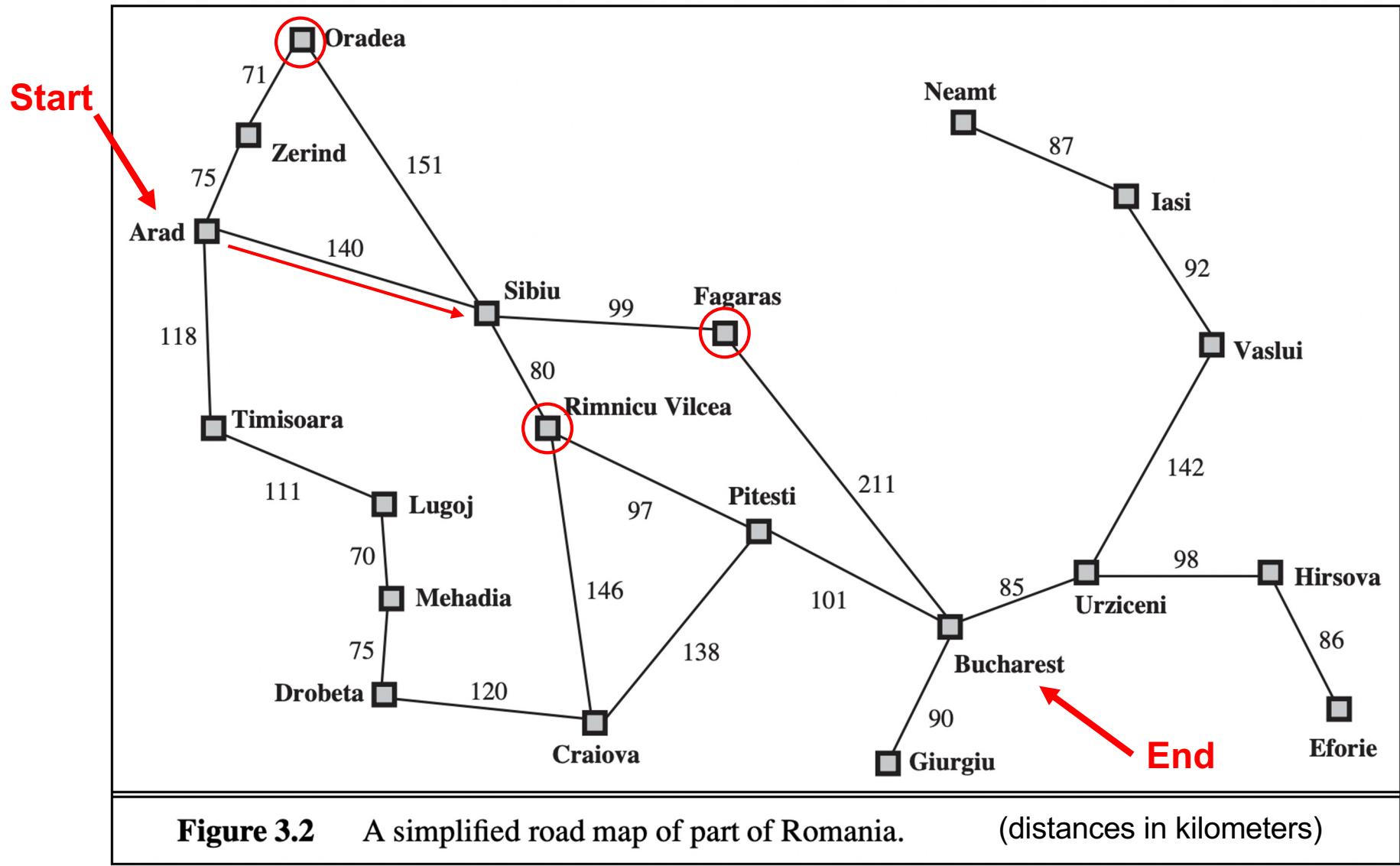
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<b>Drobeta</b>	242	<b>Pitesti</b>	100
<b>Eforie</b>	161	<b>Rimnicu Vilcea</b>	193
<b>Fagaras</b>	176	<b>Sibiu</b>	253
<b>Giurgiu</b>	77	<b>Timisoara</b>	329
<b>Hirsova</b>	151	<b>Urziceni</b>	80
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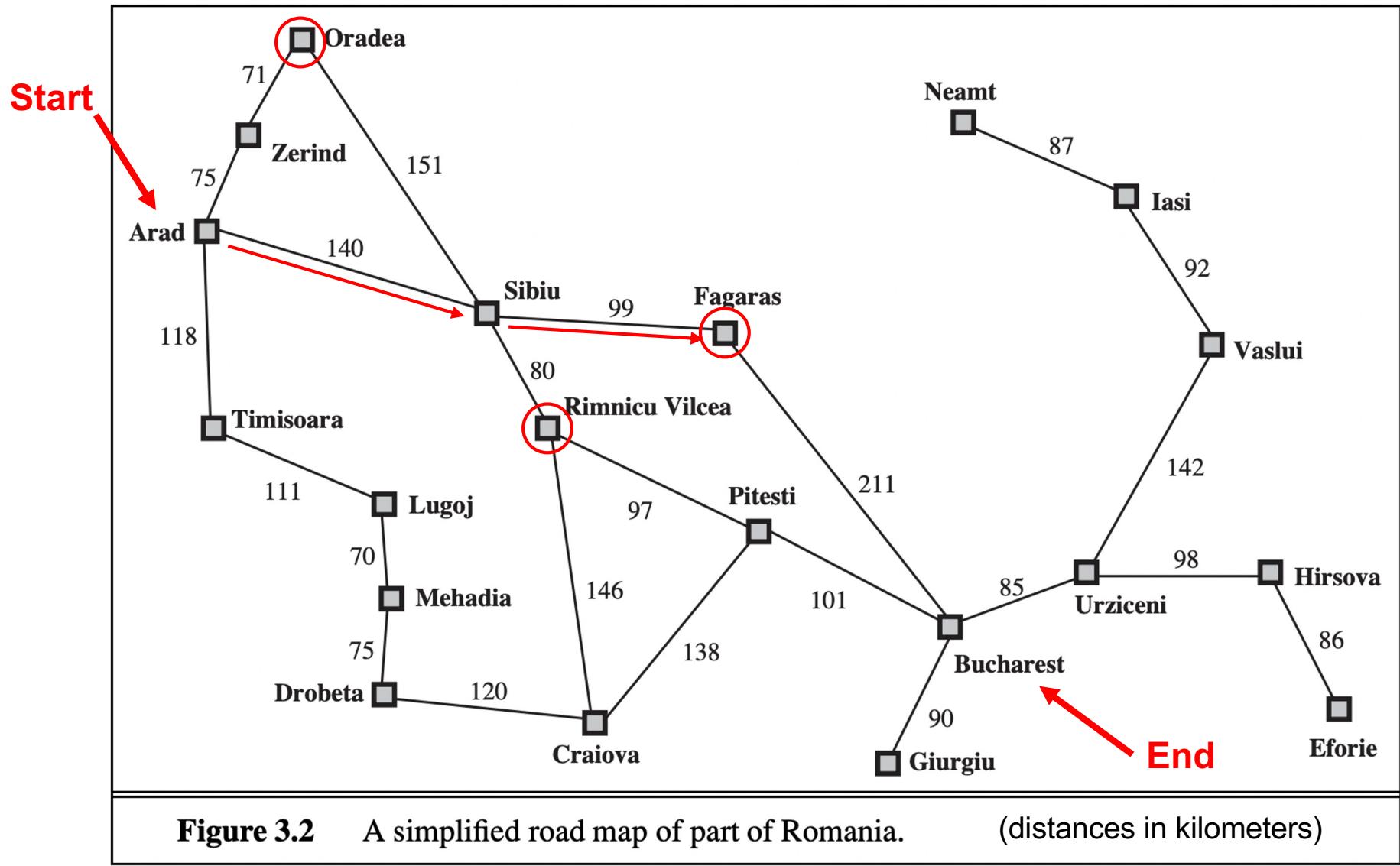
**Figure 3.22** Values of  $h_{SLD}$ —straight-line distances to Bucharest.

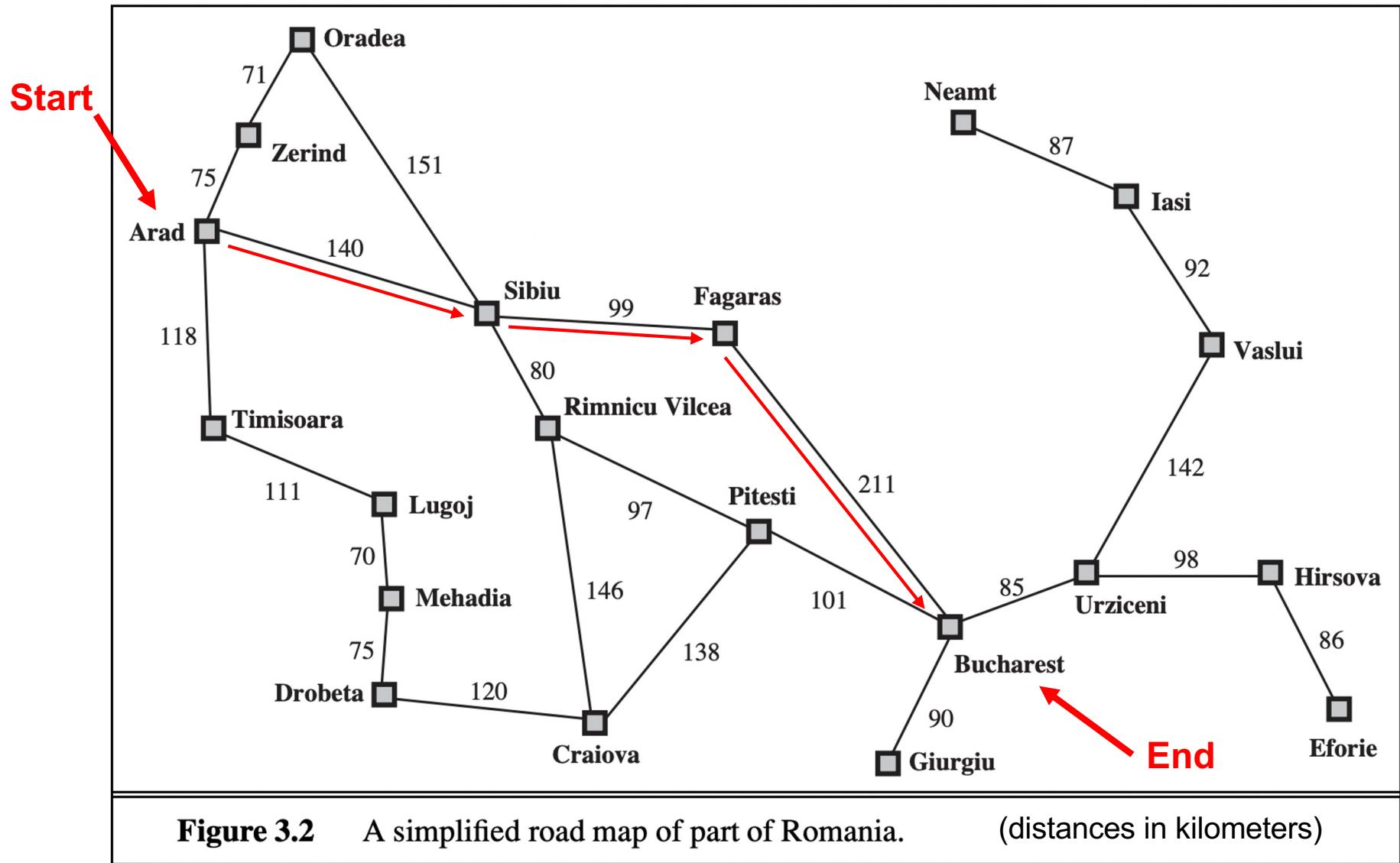












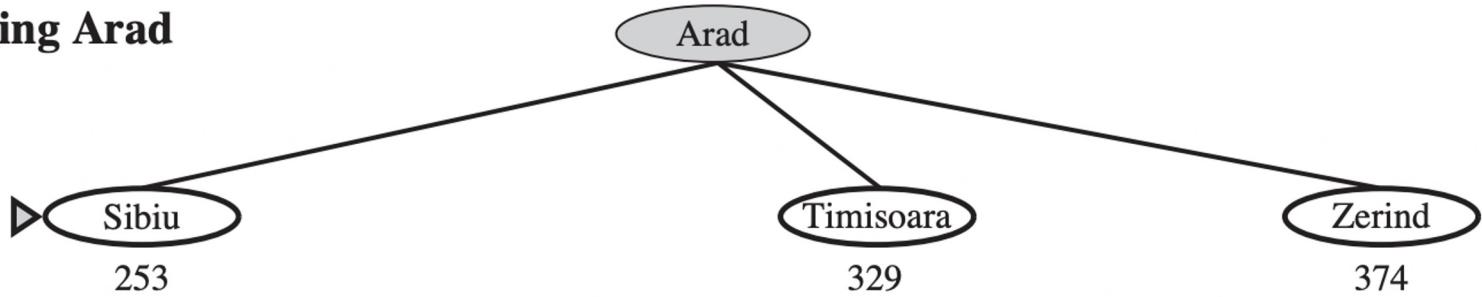
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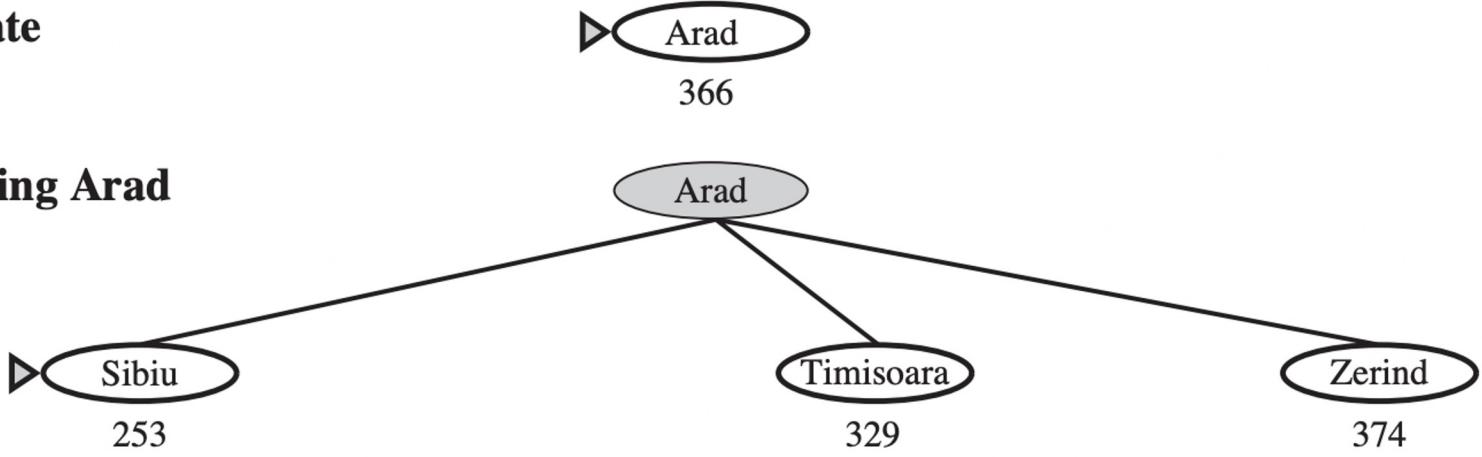
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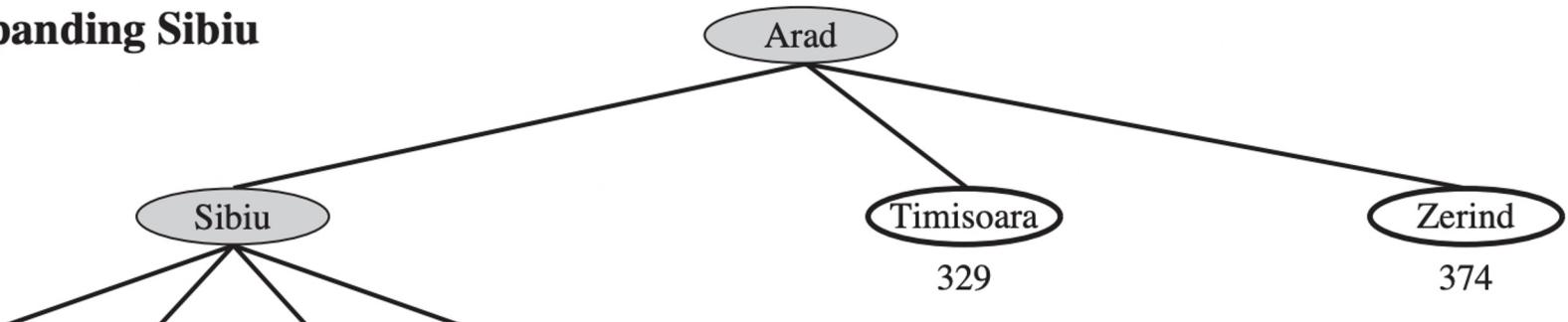
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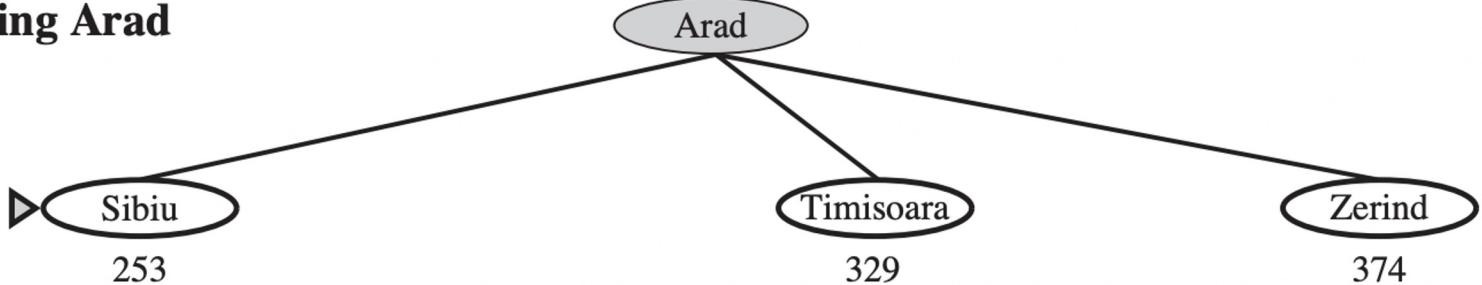
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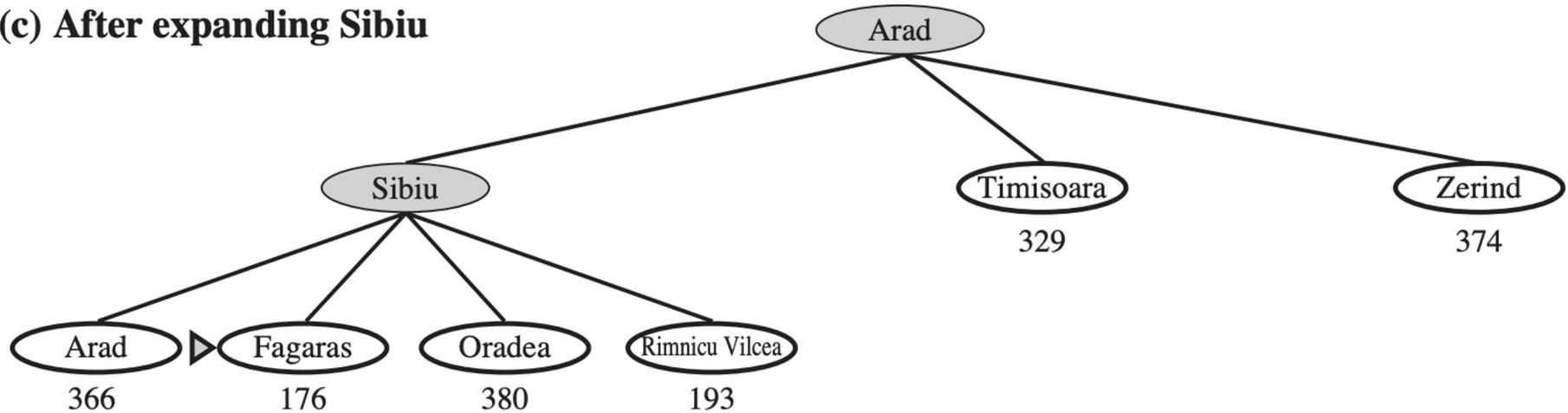
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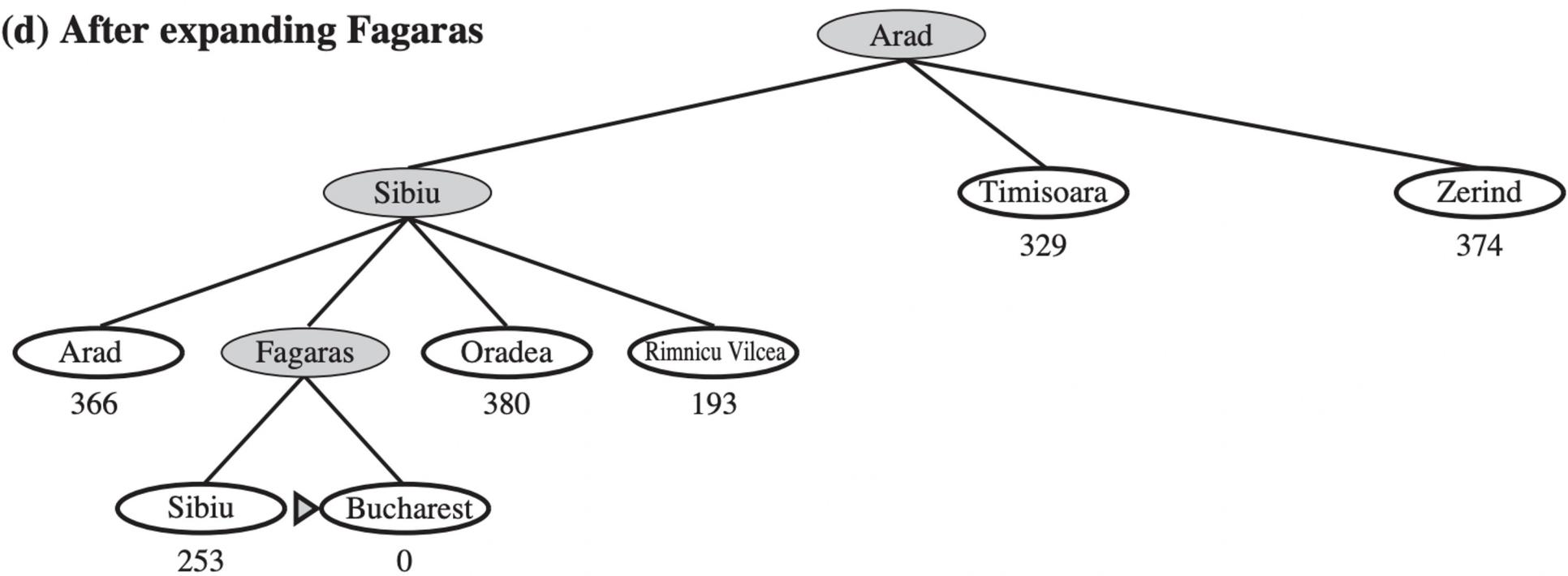
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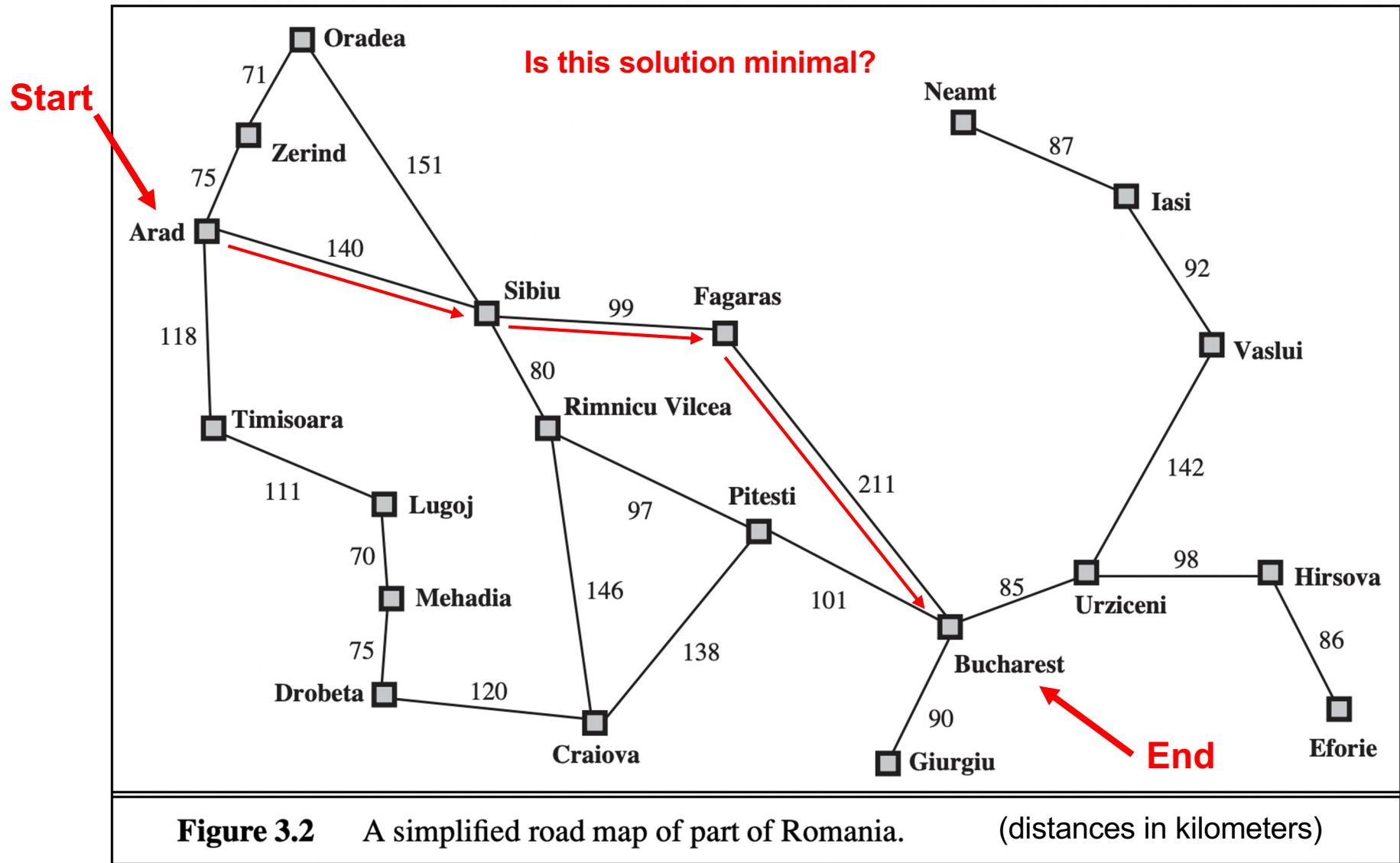
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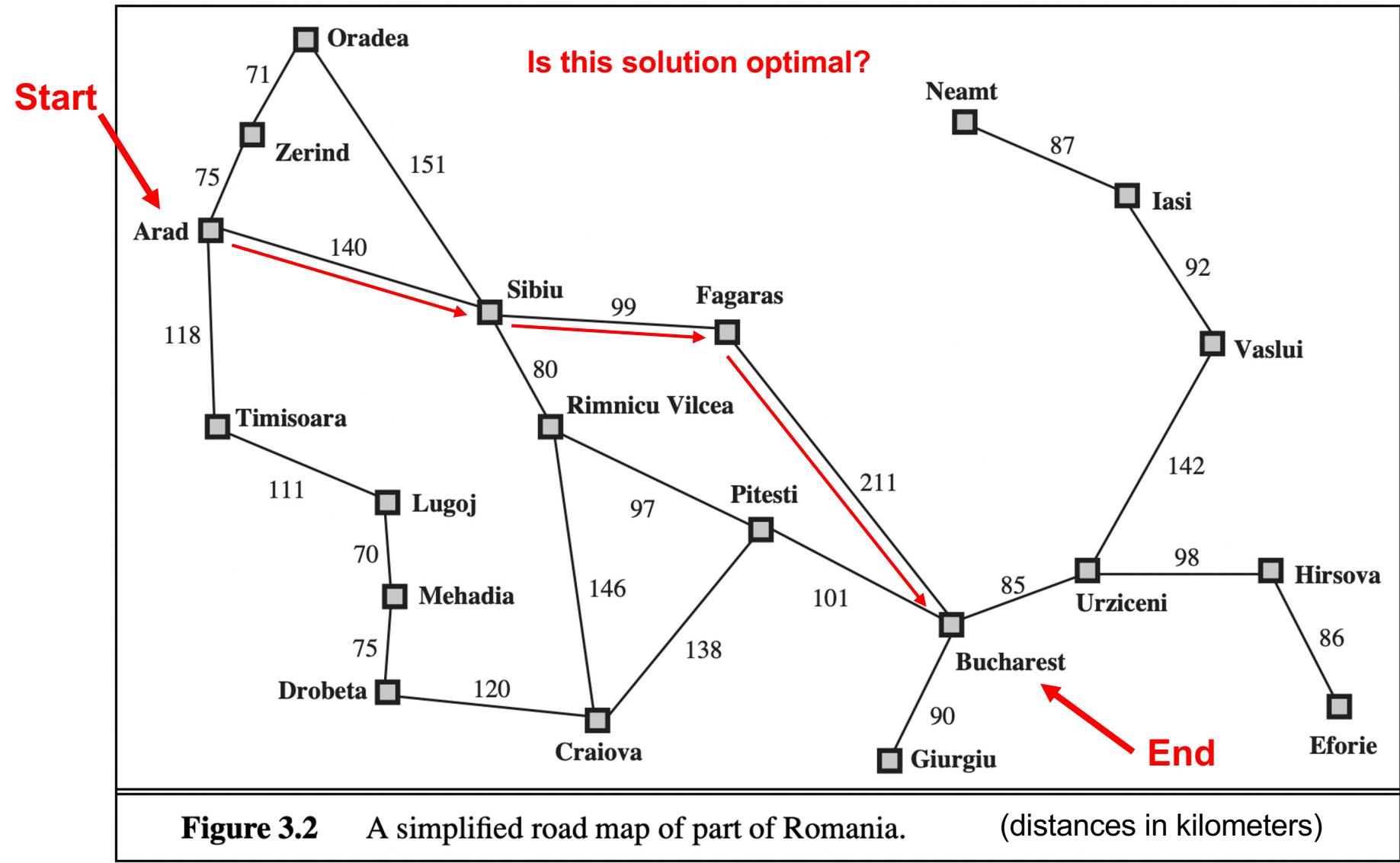


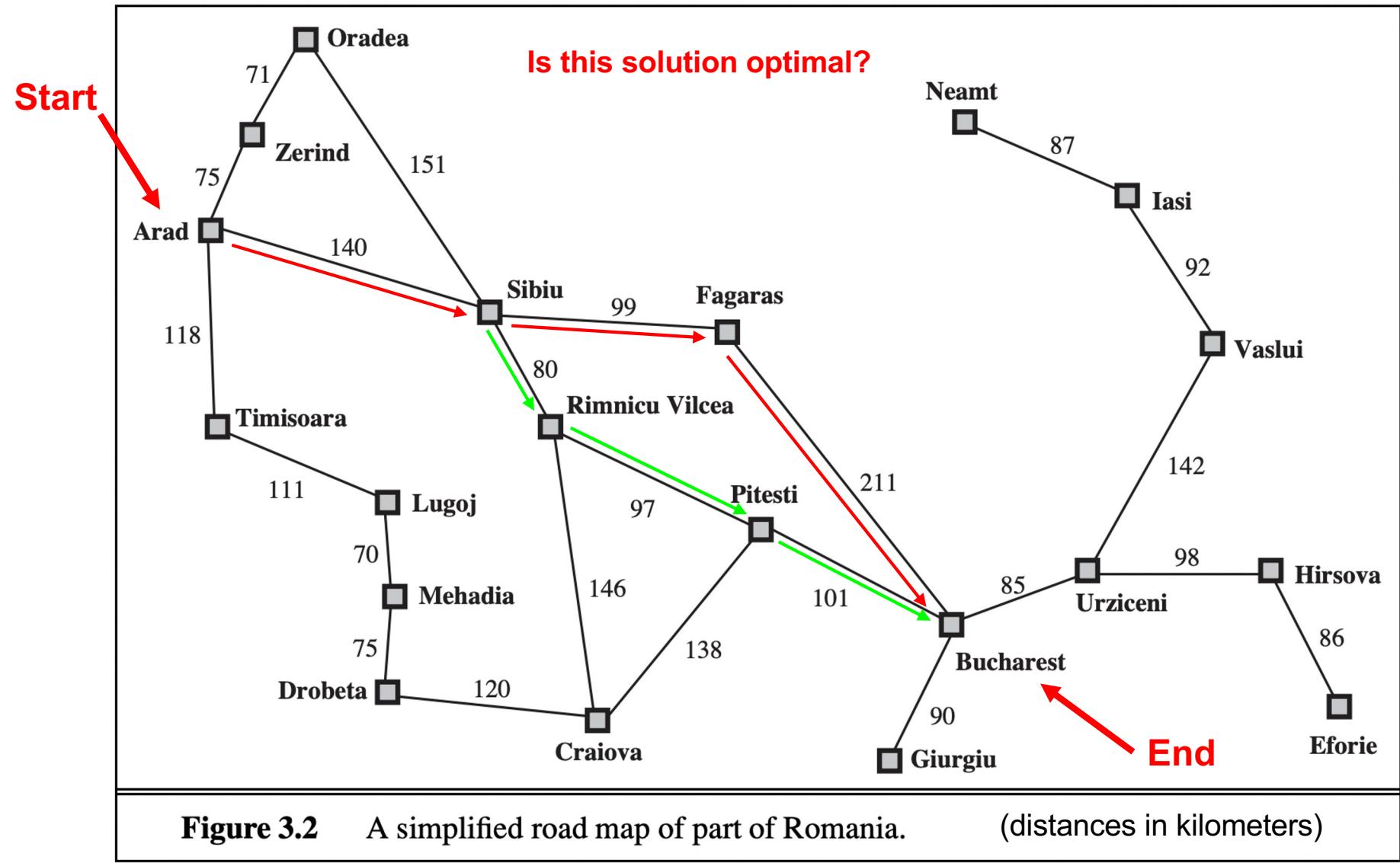
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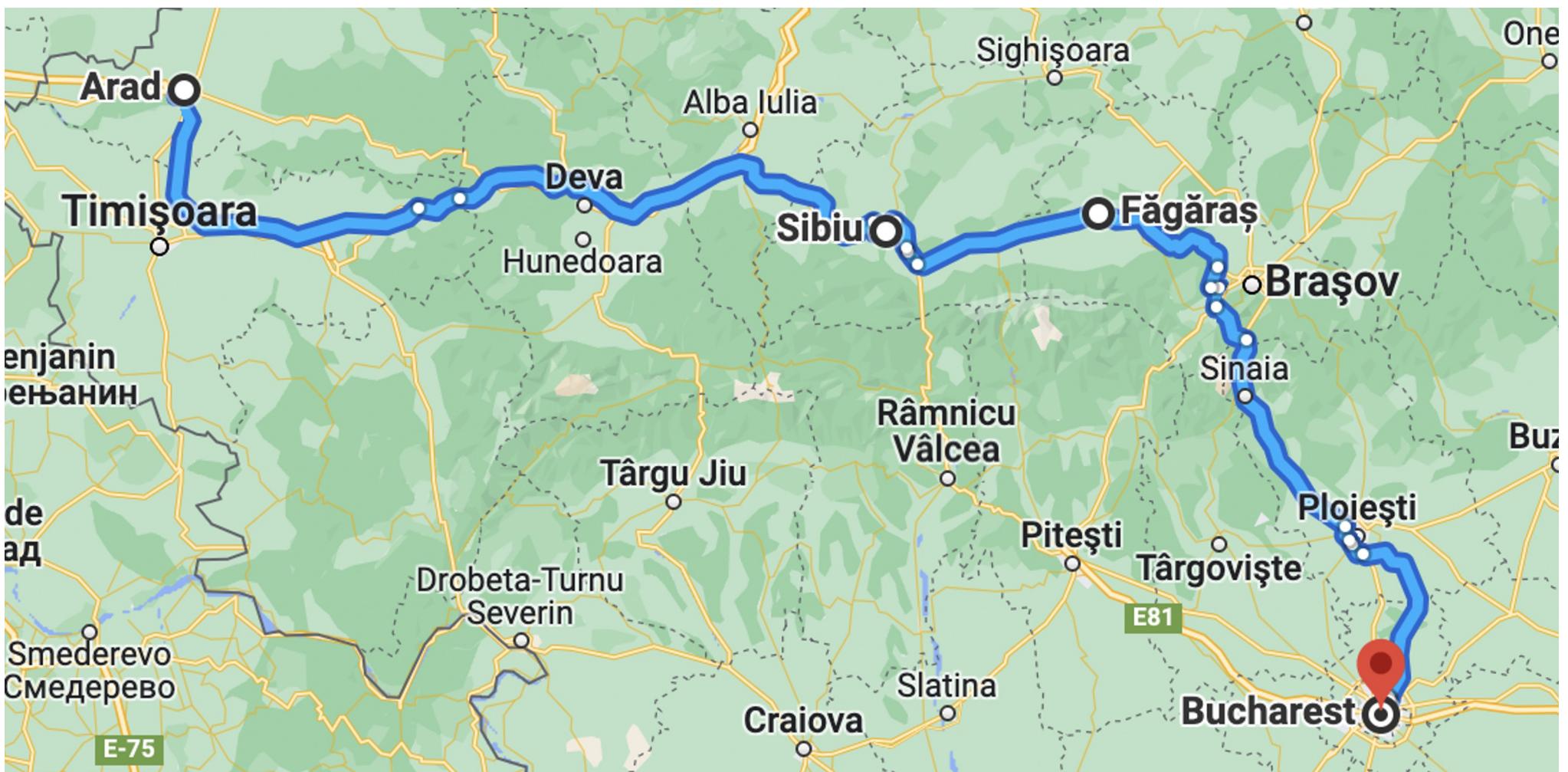


**Figure 3.23** Stages in a greedy best-first tree search for Bucharest with the straight-line distance heuristic  $h_{SLD}$ . Nodes are labeled with their  $h$ -values.









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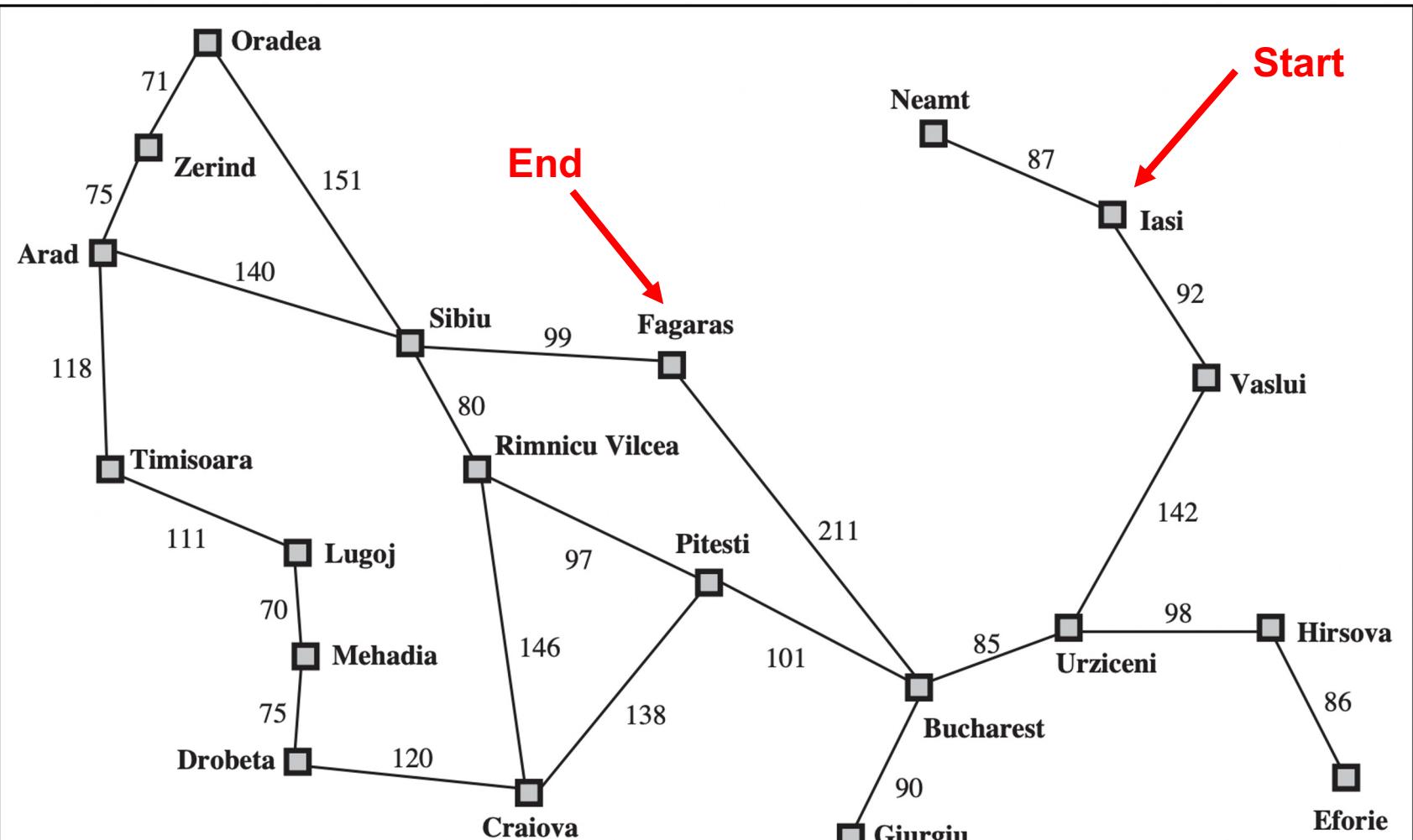
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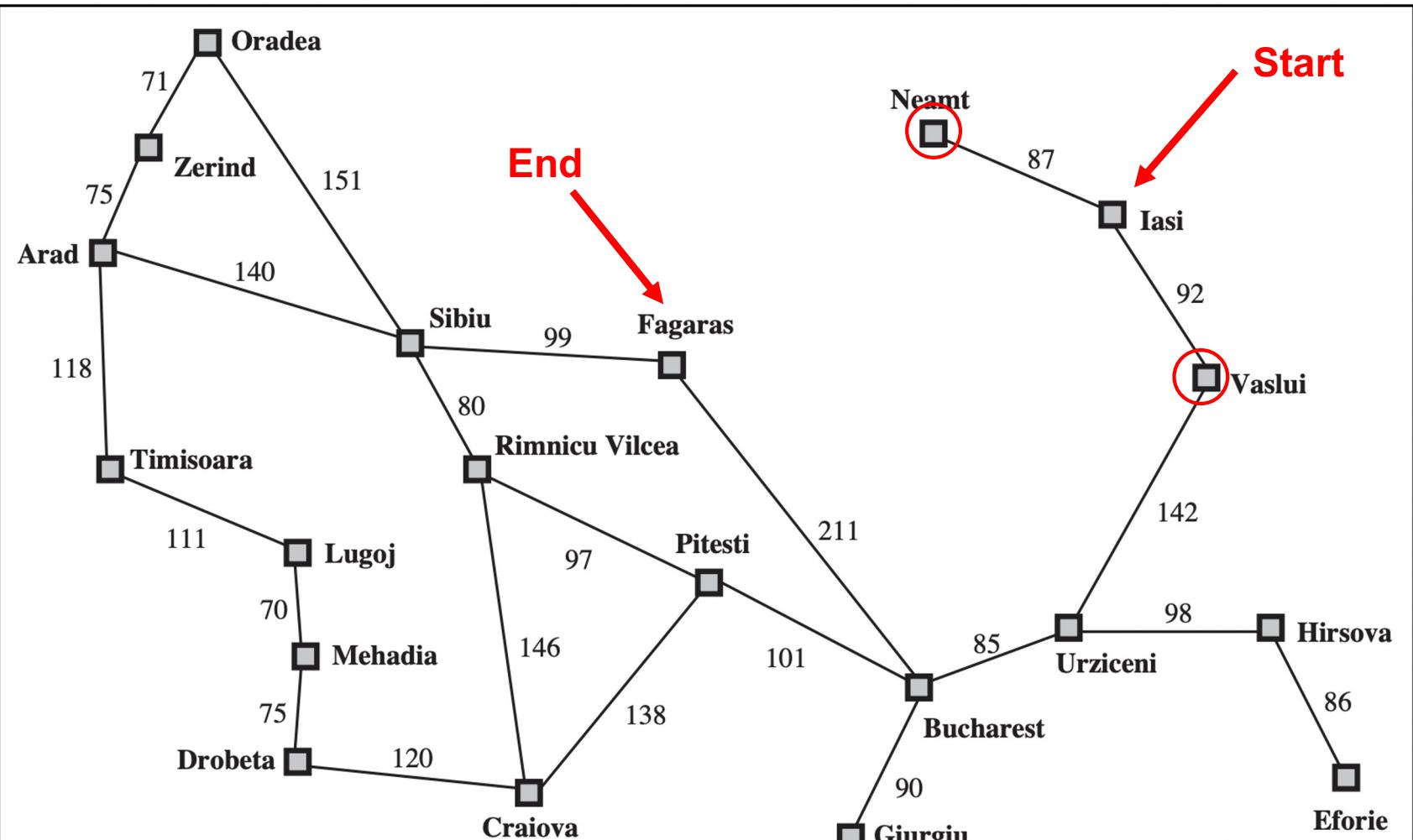
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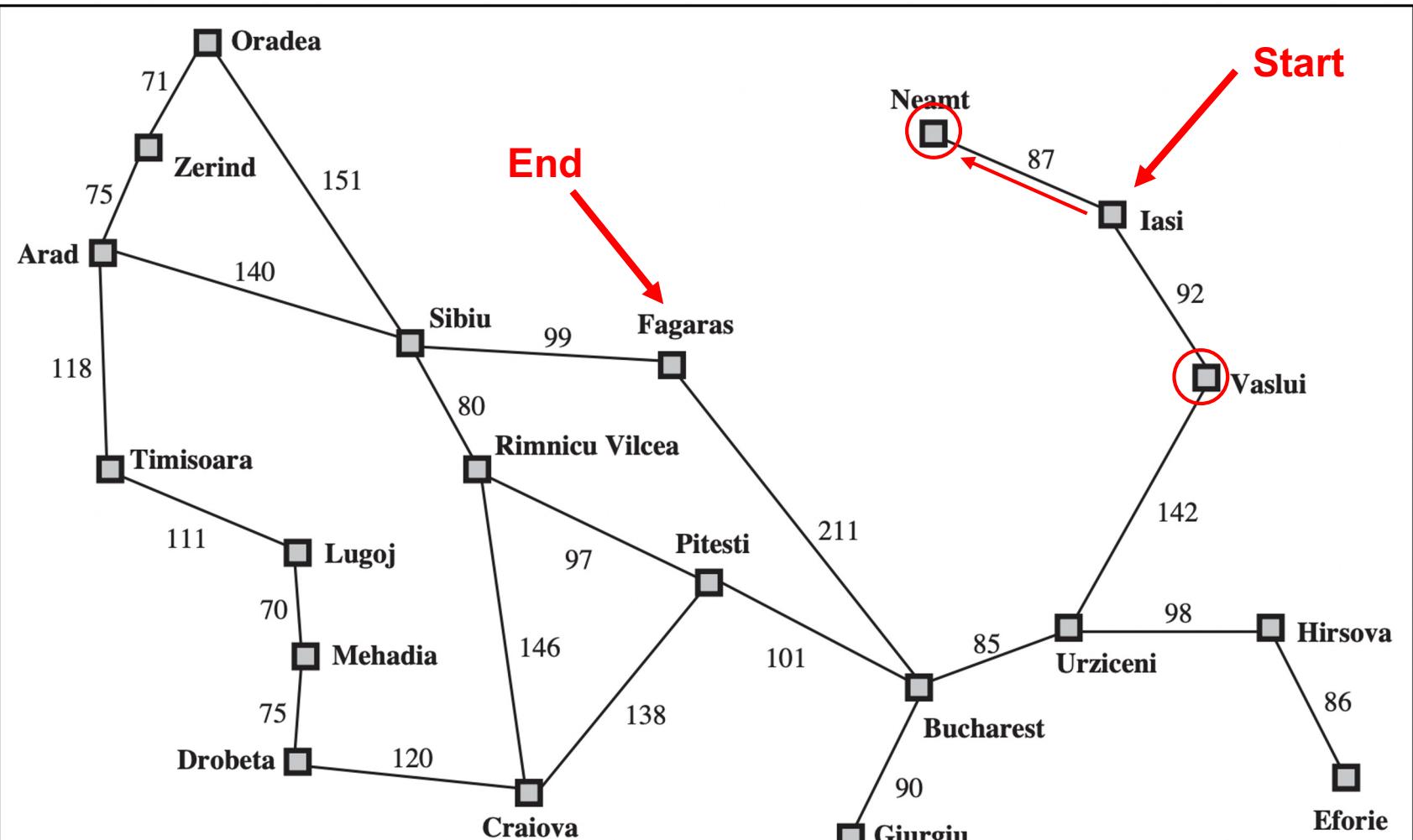
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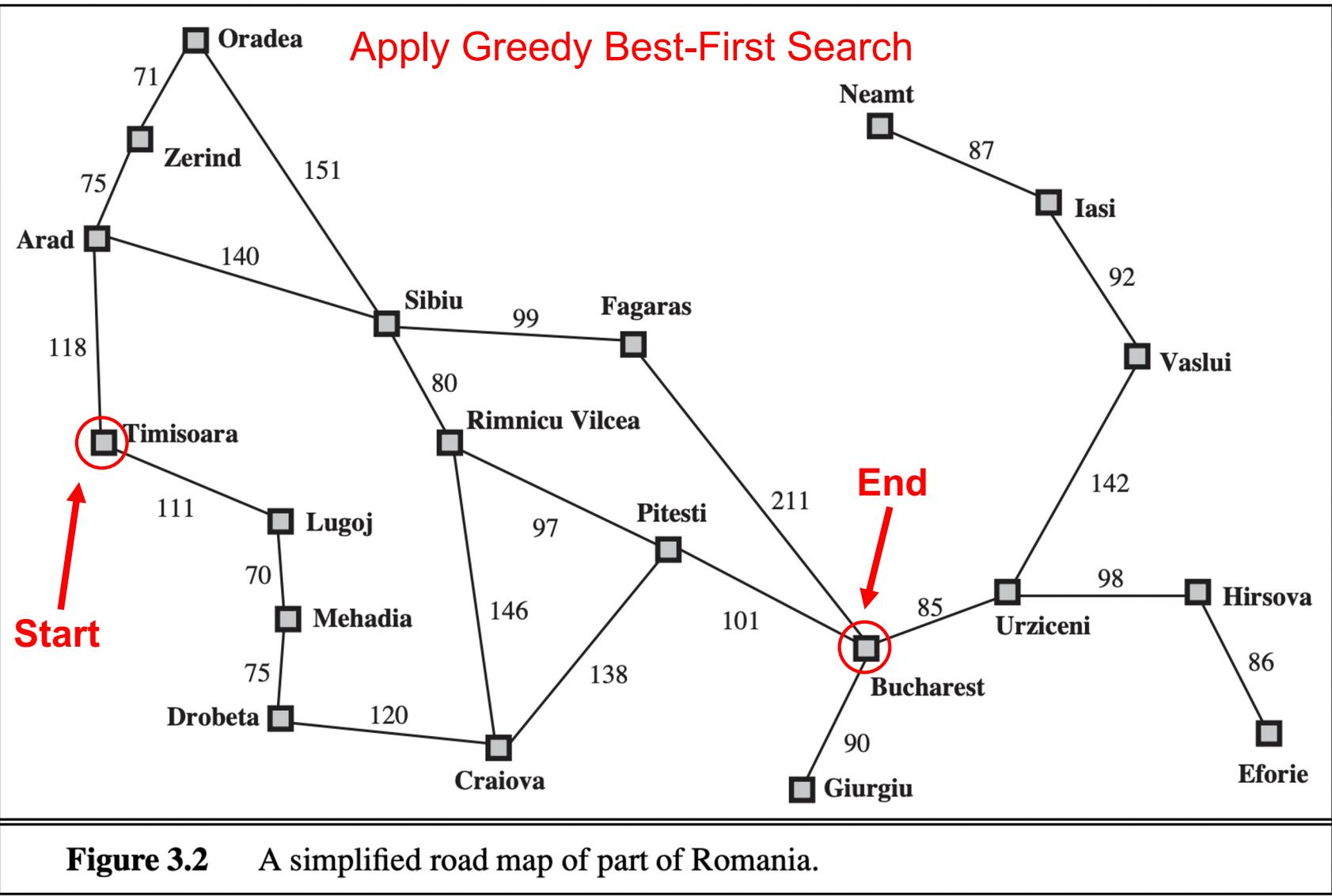
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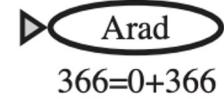
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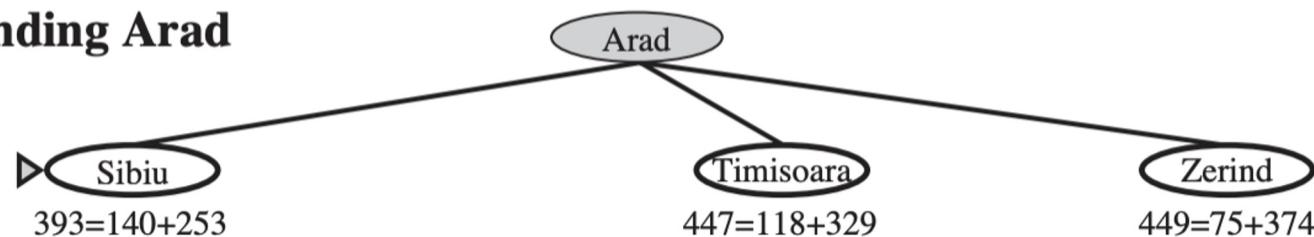
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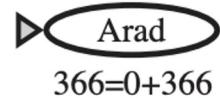
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$$447=118+329$$

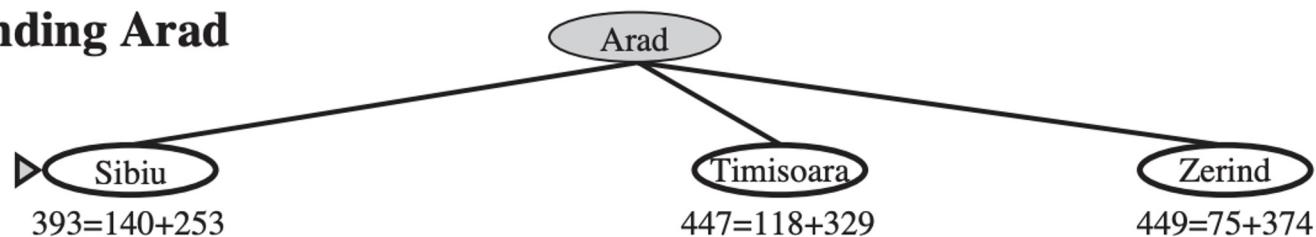
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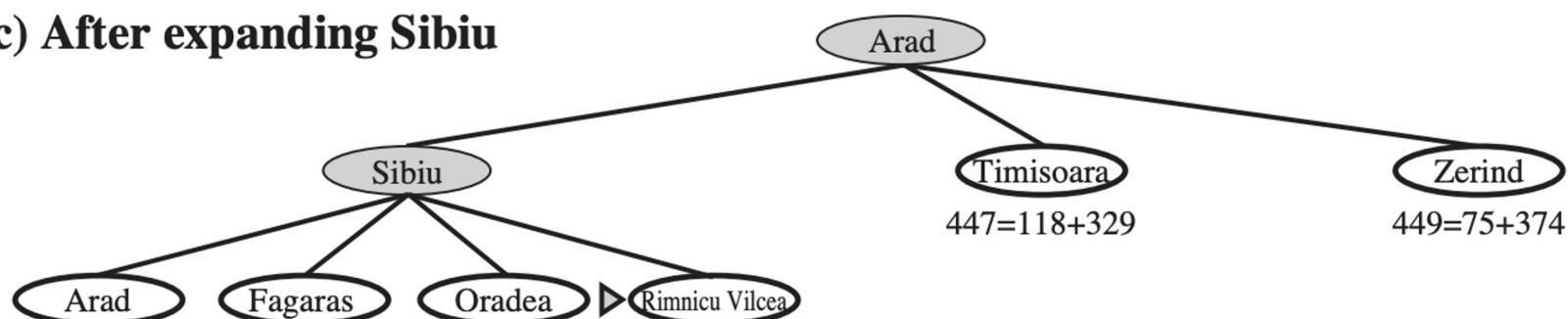
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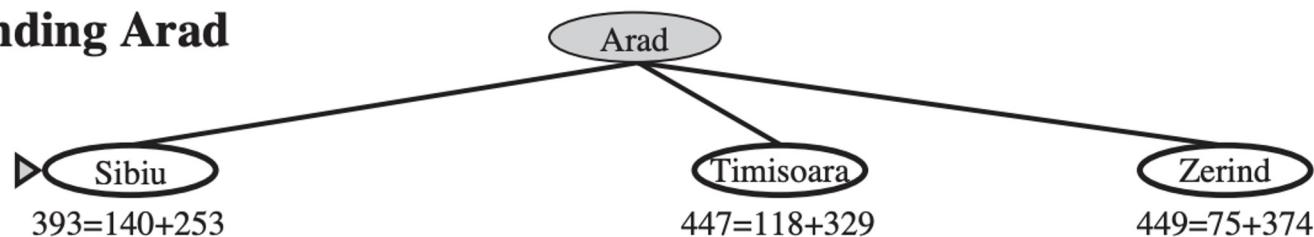


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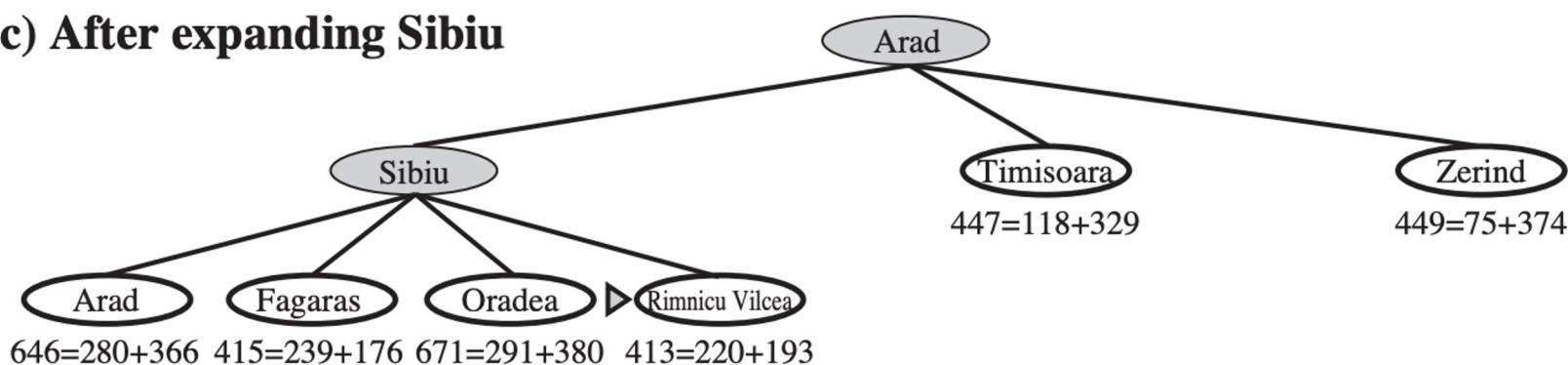
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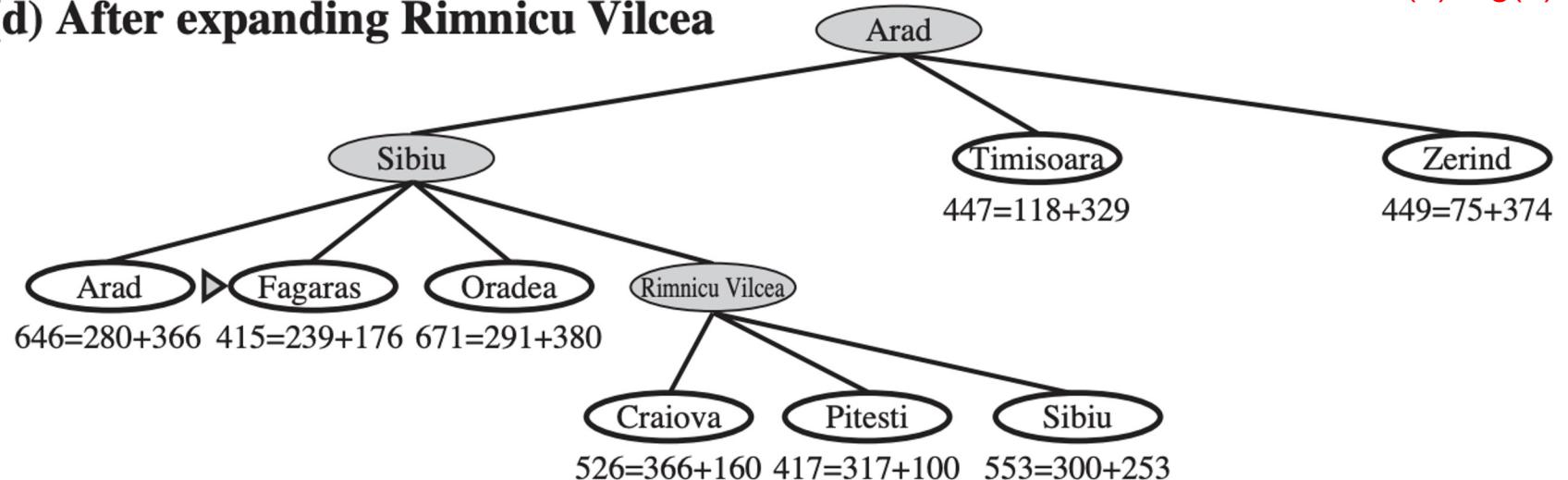


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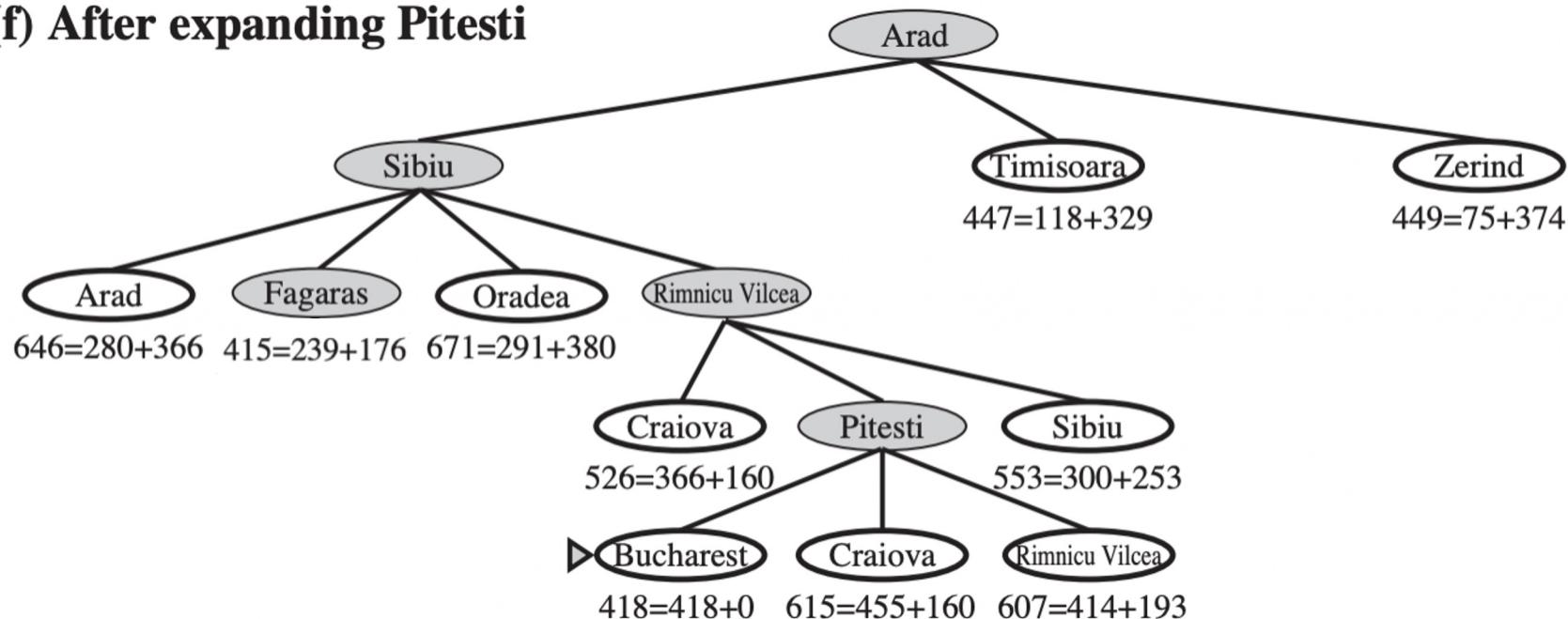
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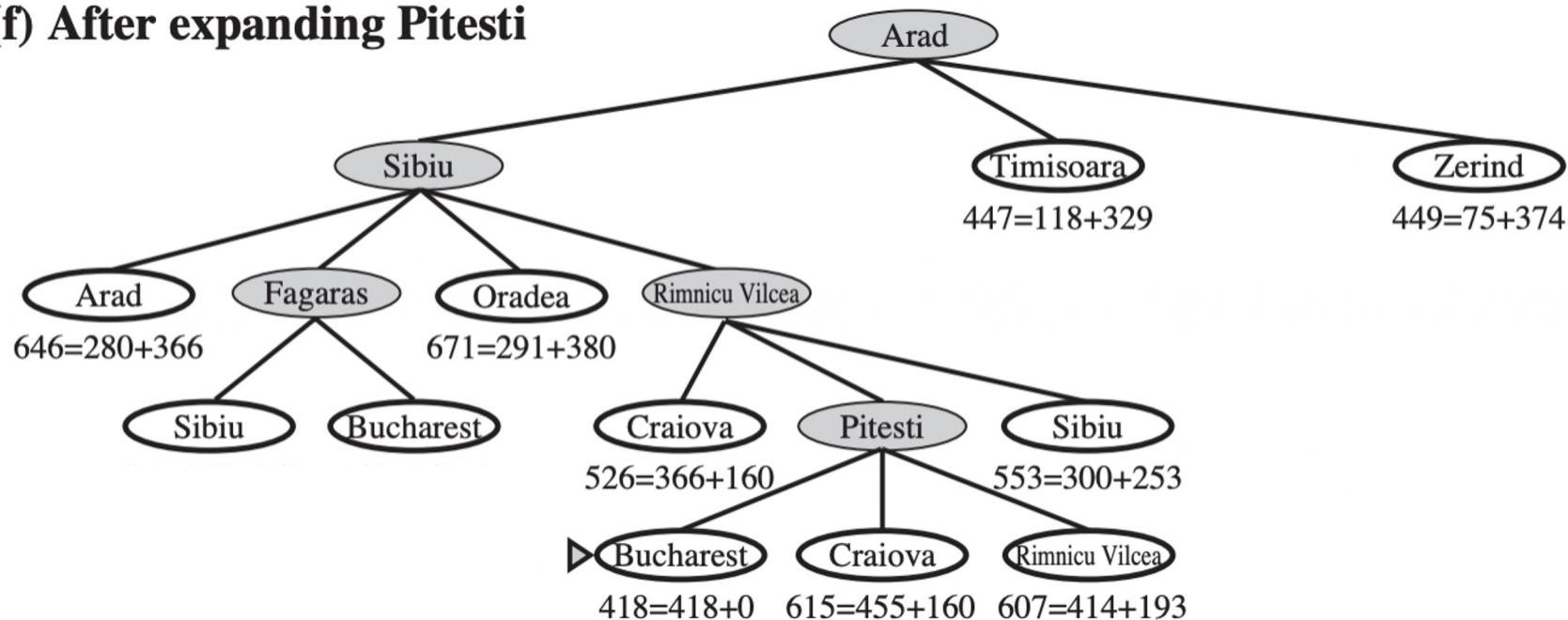
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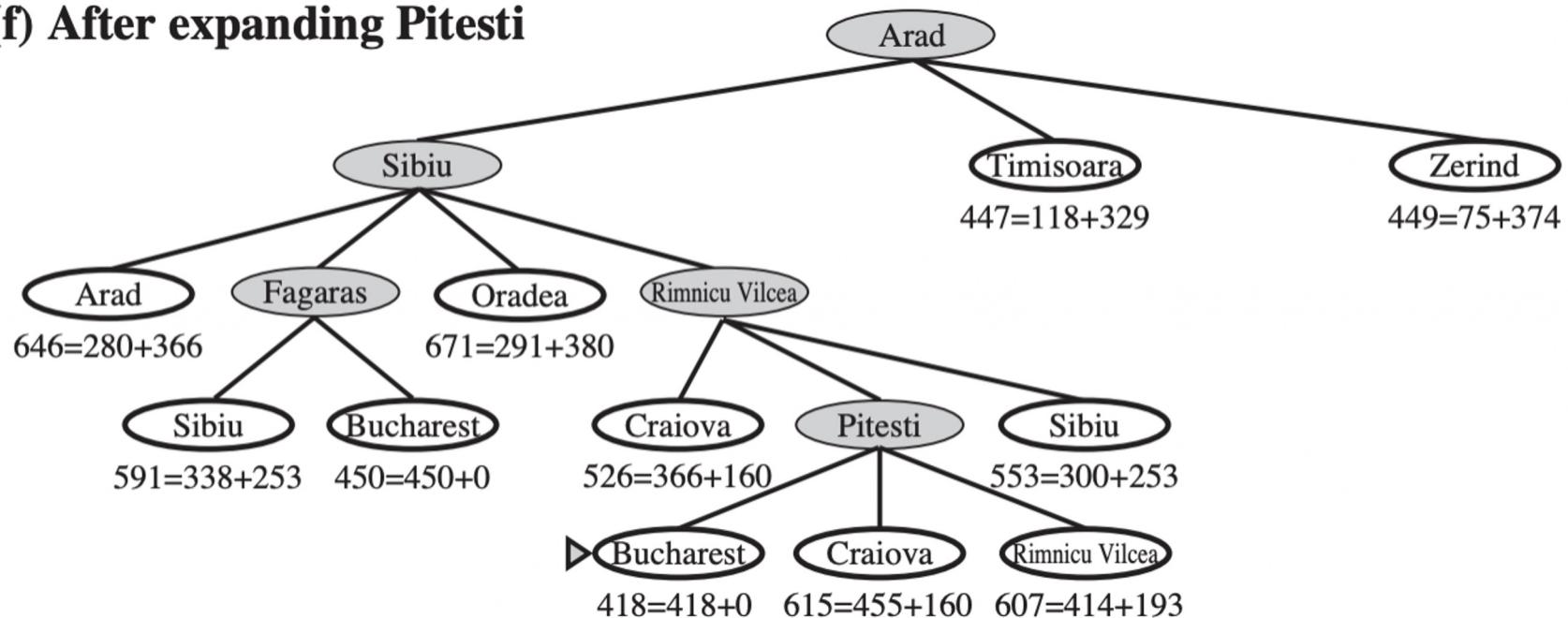
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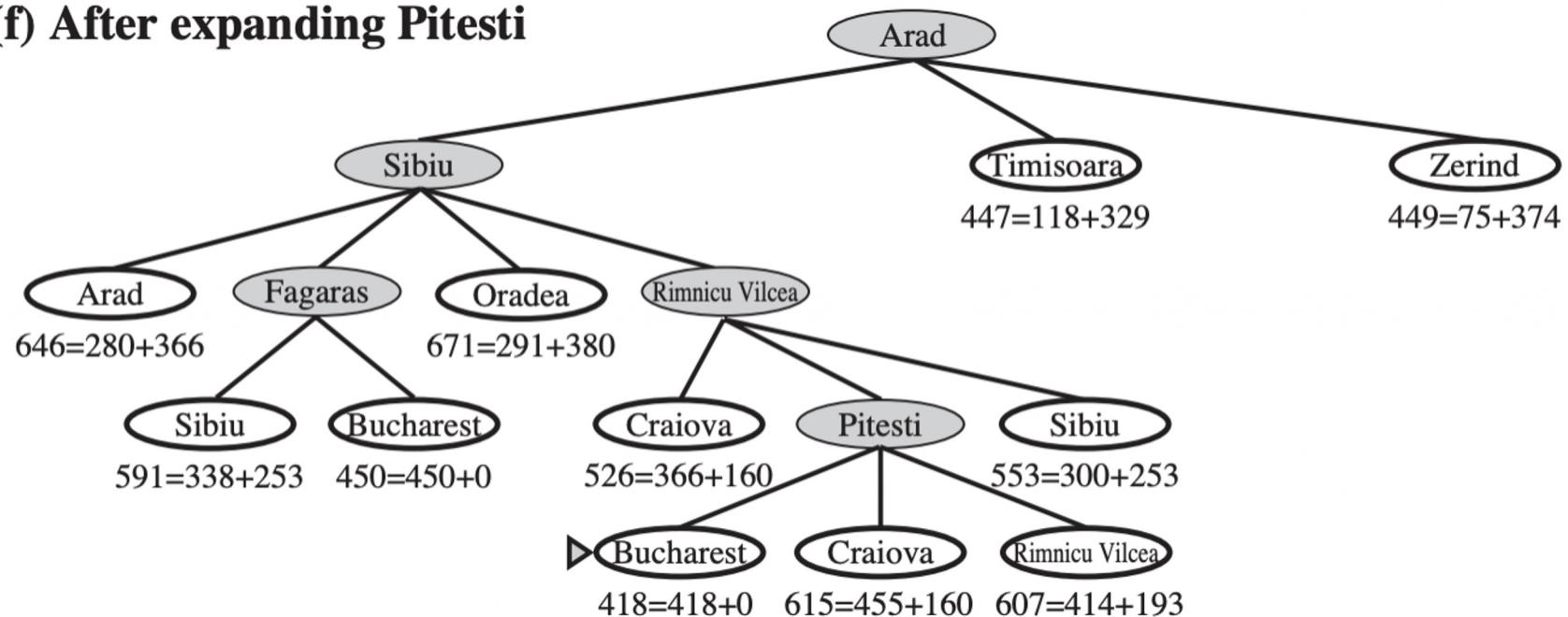
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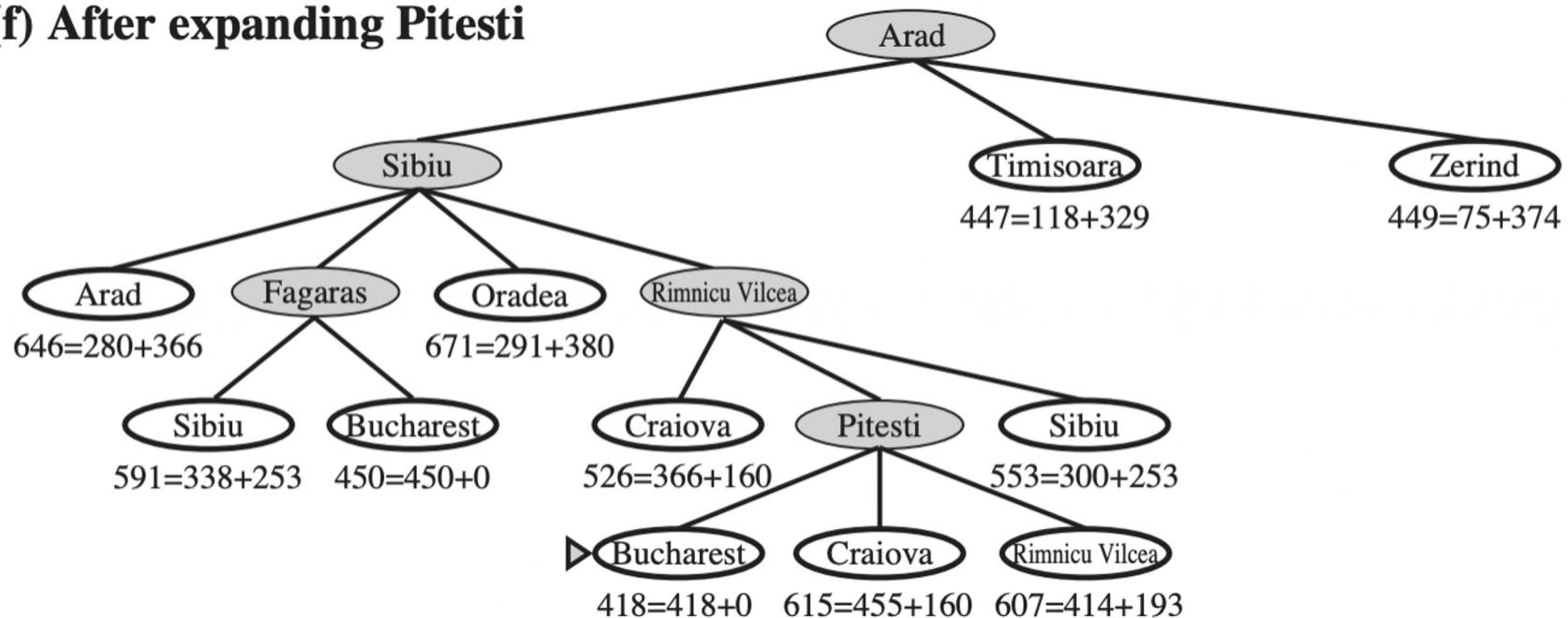
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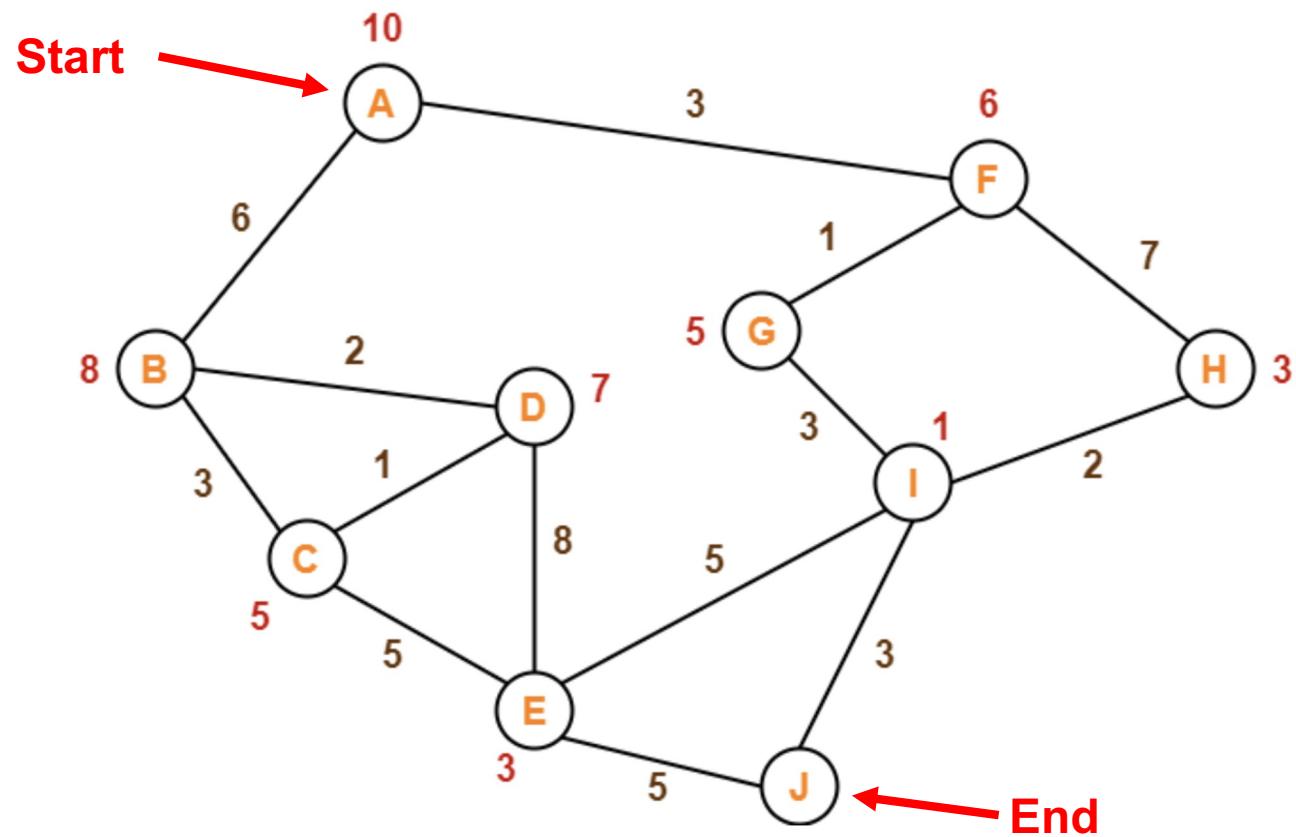
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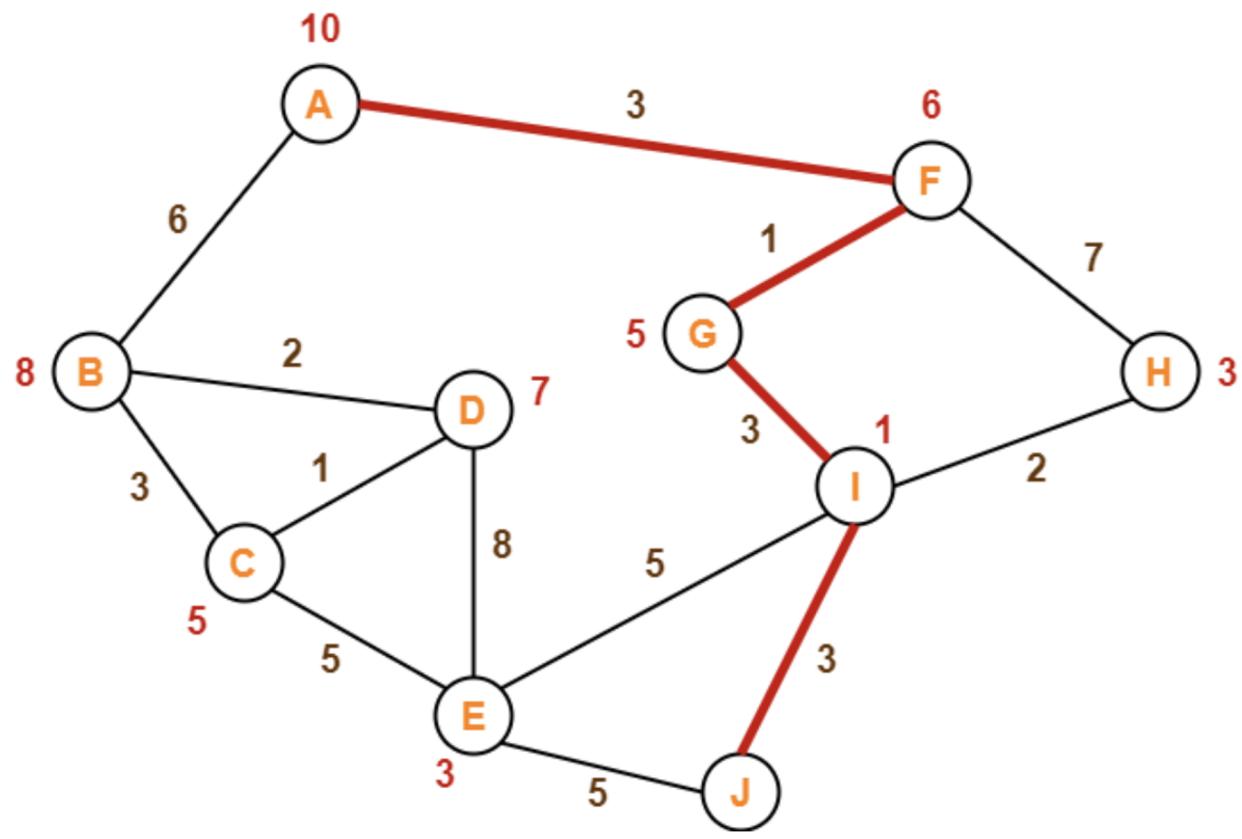
A\* is complete and optimal,  
but has very high space complexity!



The numbers written on edges represent the distance between the nodes.

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Find the most cost-effective path to reach from start state A to final state J using A\* Algorithm.



Given an initial state of a 8-puzzle problem and final state to be reached-

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1	6	4
7		5

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2	8	3
1		4
7	6	5

2	8	3
1	6	4
7	5	

1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

Final State

Initial State

2	8	3
1	6	4
7		5

$$\begin{aligned} g &= 0 \\ h &= 4 \\ f &= 0+4 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

2	8	3
1	6	4
	7	5

$$\begin{aligned} g &= 1 \\ h &= 5 \\ f &= 1+5 = 6 \end{aligned}$$

2	8	3
1		4
7	6	5

2	8	3
1	6	4
7	5	

1	2	3
8		4
7	6	5

Final State

Initial State

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2	8	3
1		4
7	6	5

$$\begin{aligned} g &= 1 \\ h &= 3 \\ f &= 1+3 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

2	8	3
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Final State

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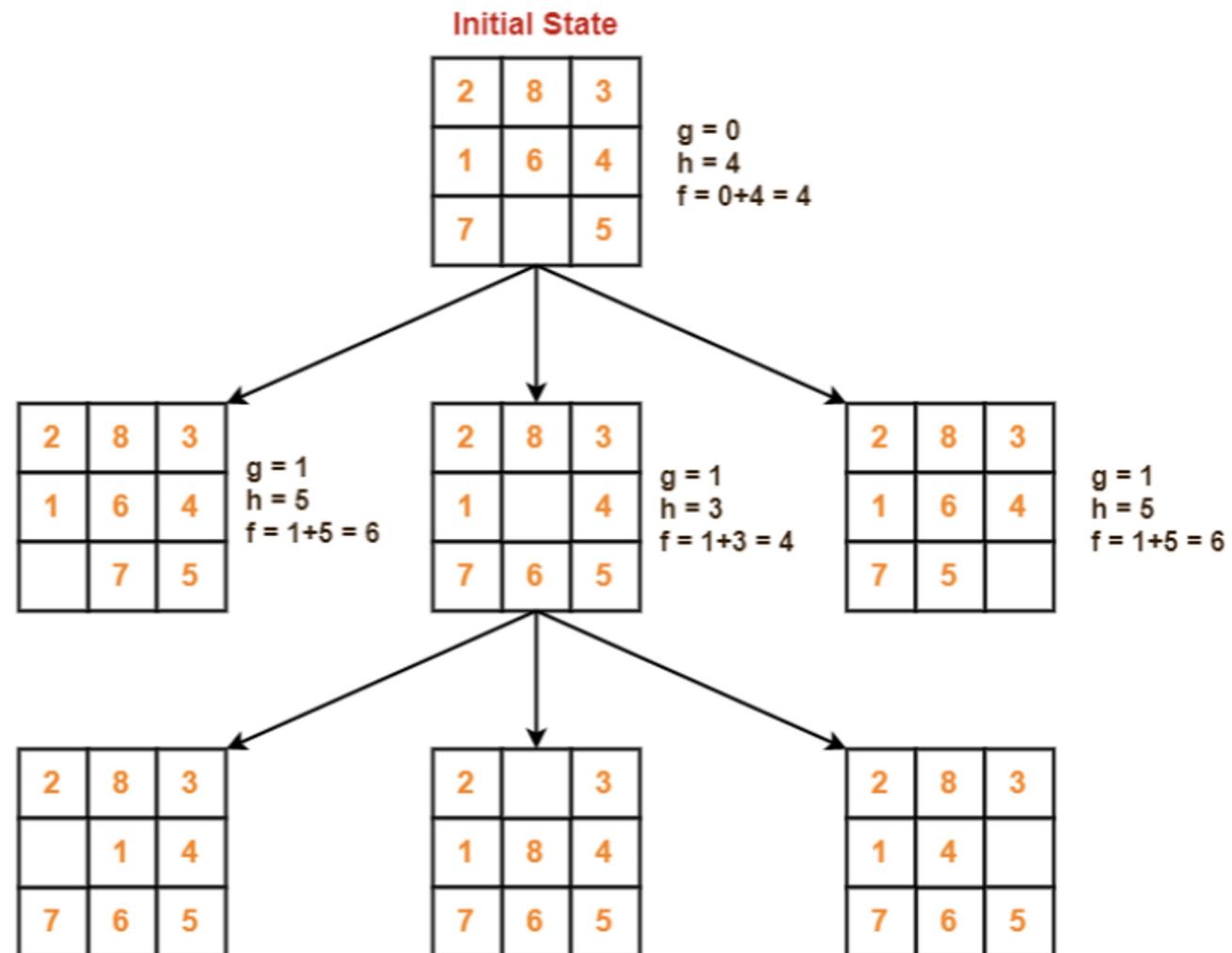
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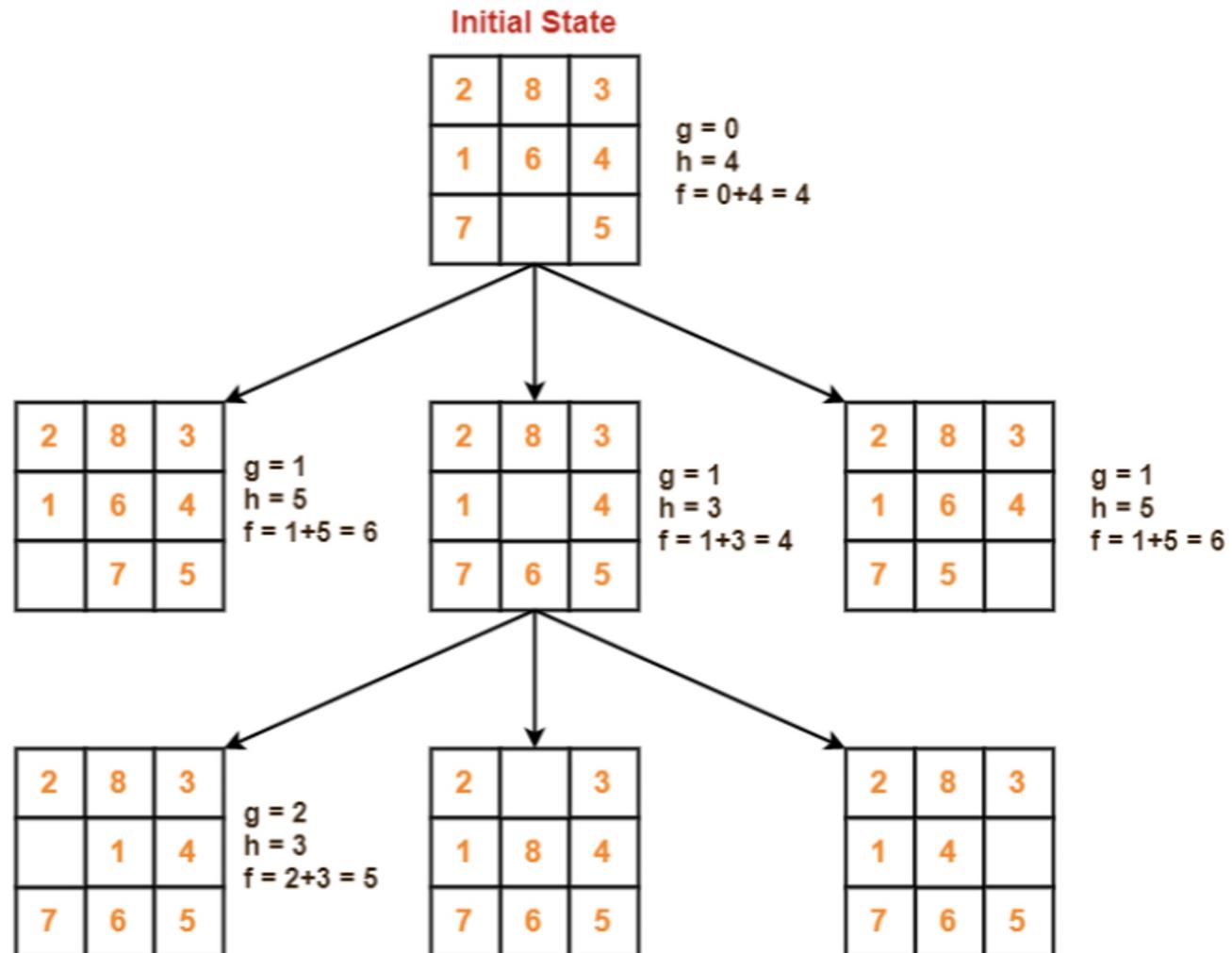
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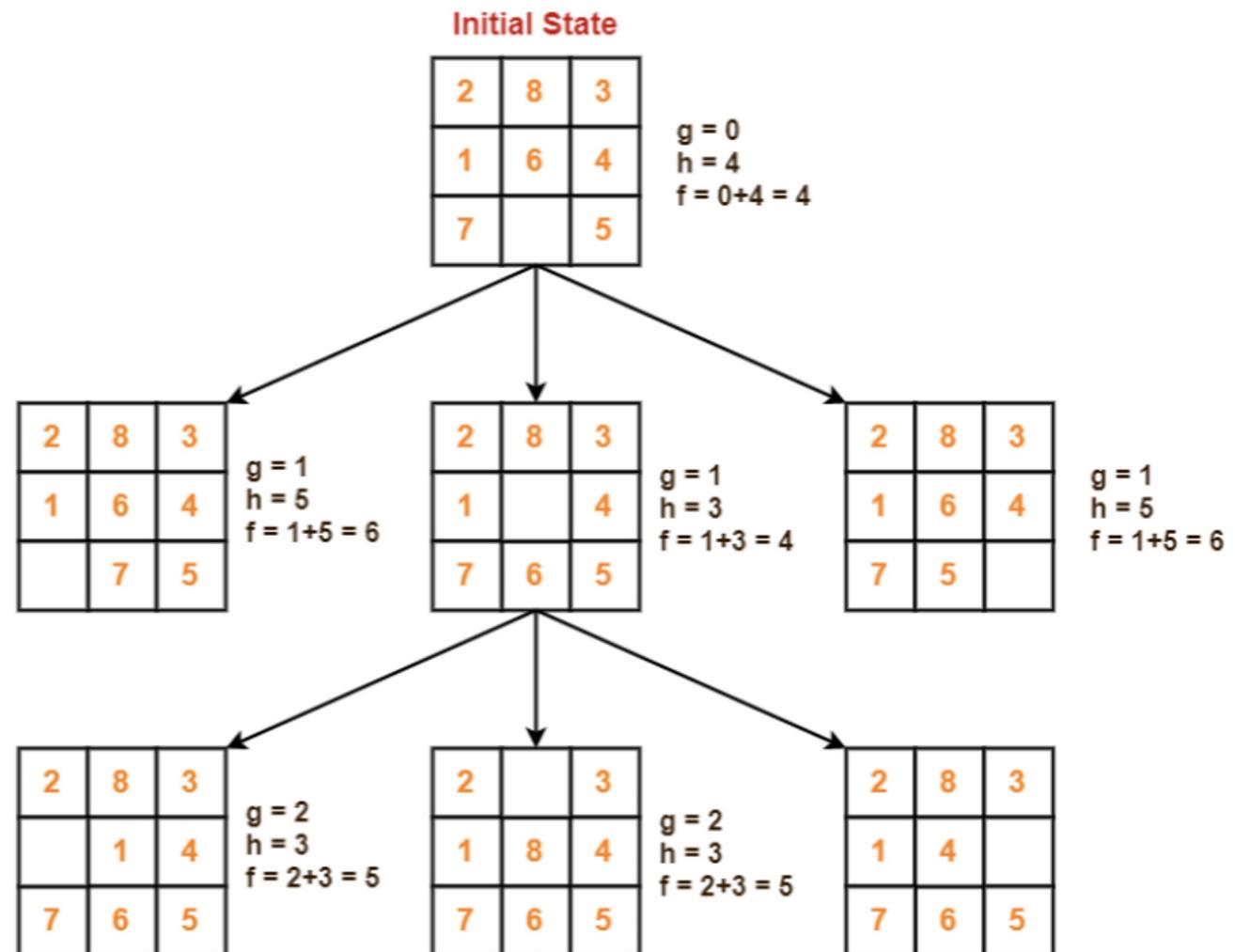
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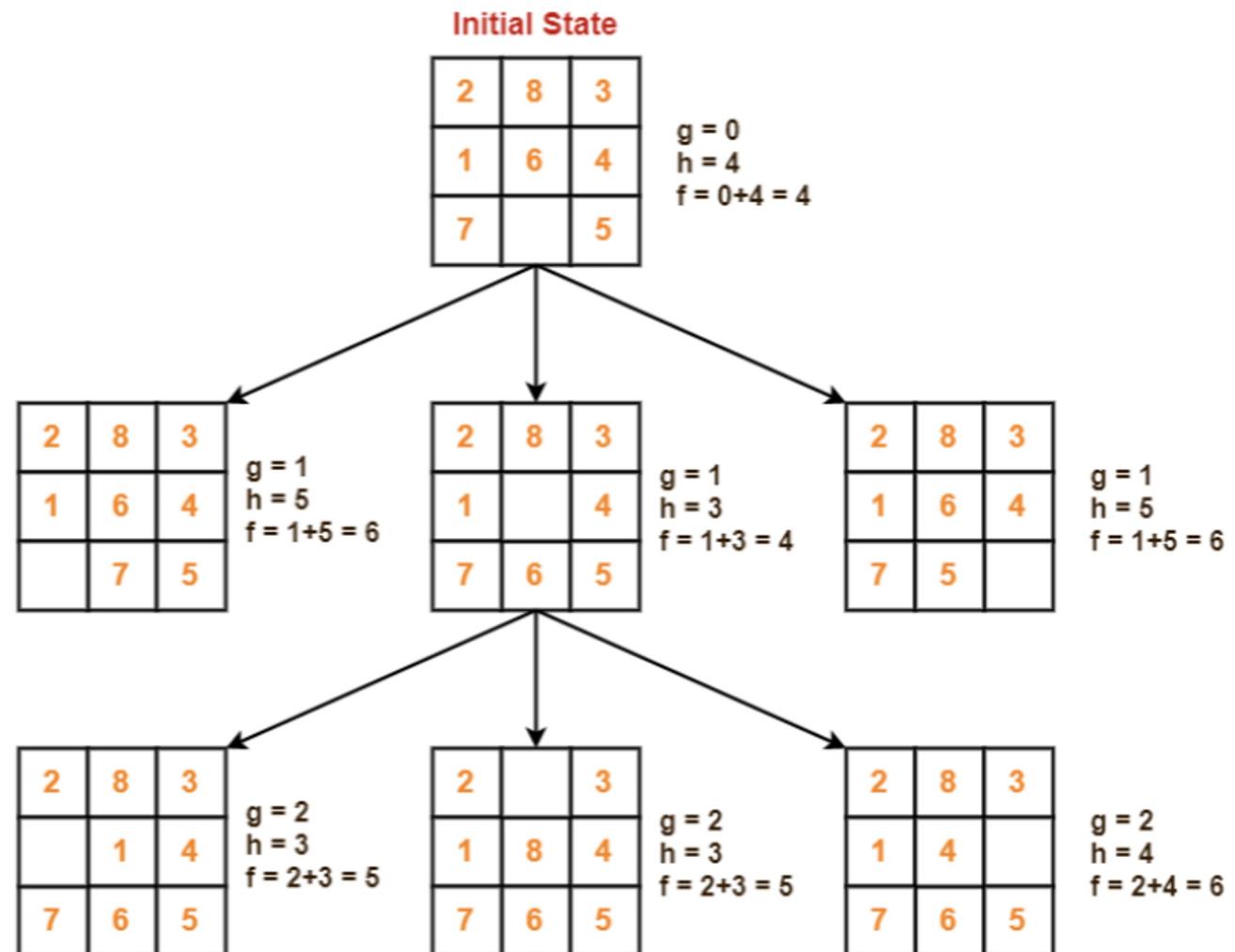
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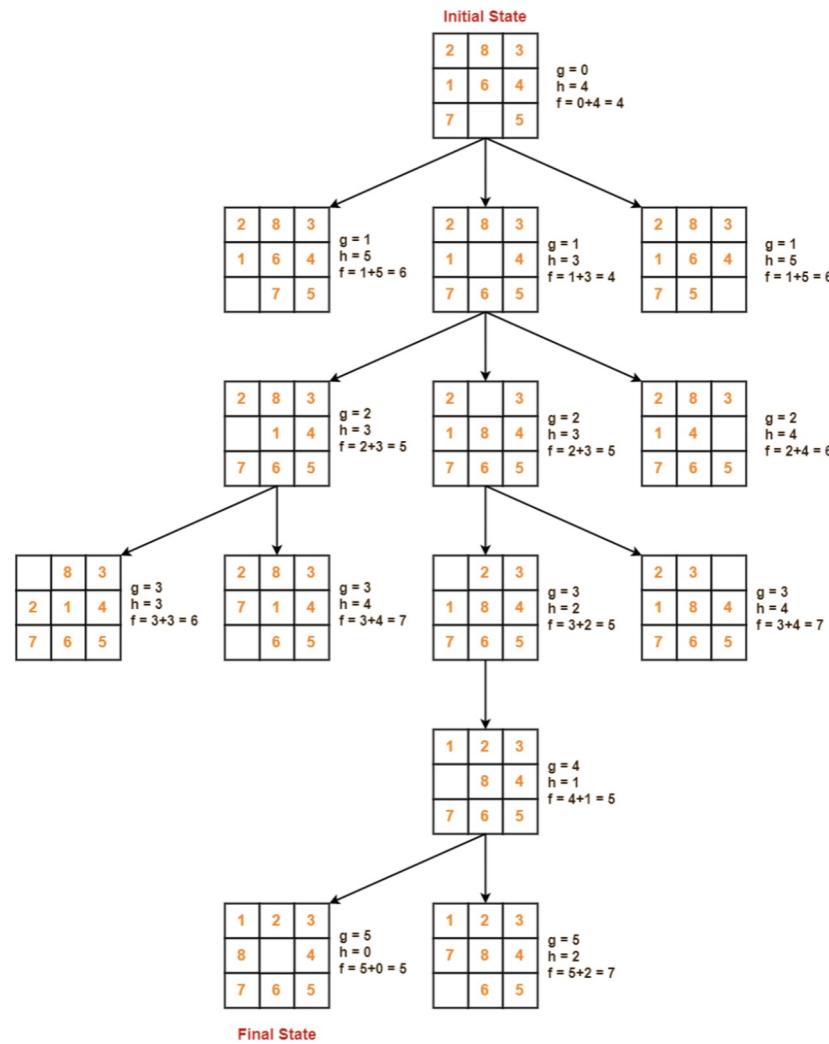
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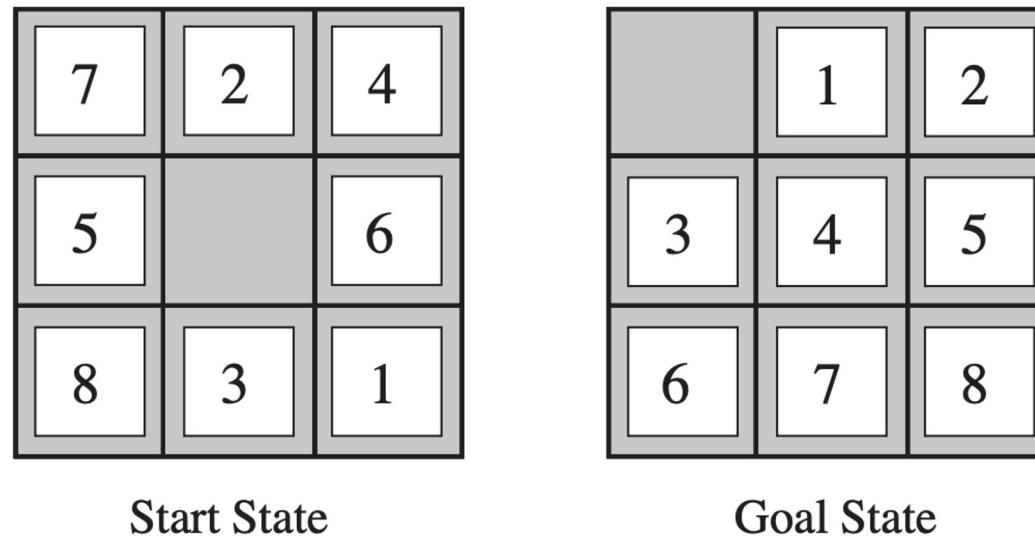


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Final State







**Figure 3.28** A typical instance of the 8-puzzle. The solution is 26 steps long.