50.021 – Artificial Intelligence

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Week 02: Search

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Submission: via eDimension

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# Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS)

**C**

**D**

**A**

**B**

**X**

For the above graph, A is the initial state and X is the goal state. Assuming that we insert nodes in terms of lowest alphabetical order first.

**TASK:** Answer the following questions:

1. Run BFS as a graph search, and list down the following: (i) the frontier/queue at every step; and (iii) the solution (if any).
2. FIFO Queue:

* A
* AB, AC
* AC, ABD (ABC is not added as C is in frontier/ to be explored)
* ABD (ACB/ACD is not added as B and D have been explored)
* ABDX

1. Solution: ABDX
2. Run DFS as a graph search, and list down the following: (i) the frontier/queue at every step; and (iii) the solution (if any).
3. LIFO Queue:

* A
* AB, AC
* AB, ACD (ACB not added as B is in frontier/ to be explored)
* AB, ACDX

1. Solution: ACDX
2. If BFS is run as a tree search (instead of a graph search), what additional nodes will be inserted? List down 3 such nodes.

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Additional nodes: ABC, ACB, ACD.

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# More BFS/DFS

**C**

**E**

**D**

**A**

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**F**

**I**

**H**

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* A
* AB, AC
* AC, ABD
* ABD, ACE, ACF
* ACF, ABDH, ABDX

1. Solution: ABDX
2. Run DFS as a graph search, and list down the following: (i) the frontier/queue at every step; (iii) the solution (if any).

# Uniform Cost Search (UCS)

**C**

**E**

**D**

**A**

**B**

**F**

**I**

**H**

**X**

*2*

*1*

*5*

*50*

*15*

*0*

*3*

*5*

*5*

*20*

*30*

*10*

*3*

*3*

For the above graph, A is the initial state and X is the goal state. The path cost is written on the edges of the graph.

**TASK:** Run UCS as a graph search, and list down the following: (i) the frontier/queue at every step (including the path cost of each node); and (iii) the solution (if any).