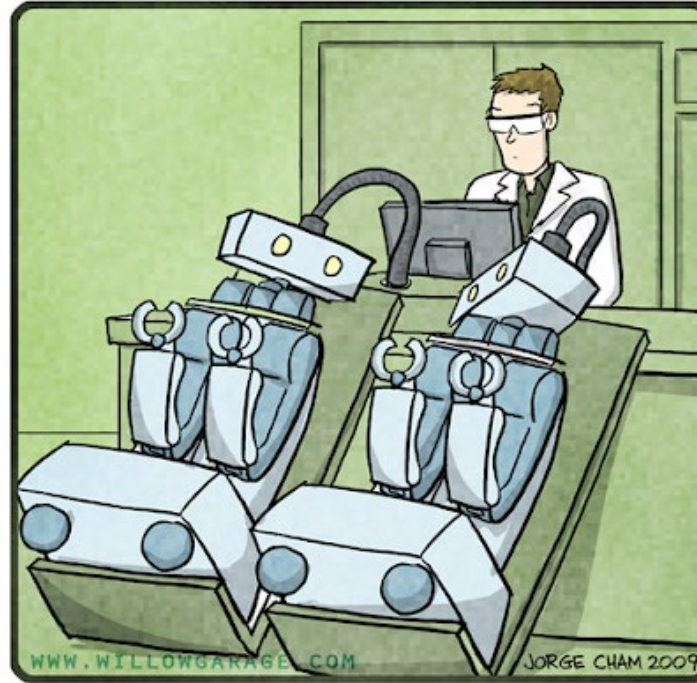


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# CS 4649/7649 Robot Intelligence: Planning

*Foundations II: Complexity of State Space Search*

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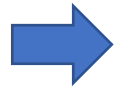
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# Assignments

- Due Today, 8/24
  - Read Ch. 4 in Russel & Norvig
- Due Wednesday, 8/26
  - Read Ch. 6 in Russel & Norvig
  - Pset1 due at 1:59 PM Eastern

# Outline:

## Complexity of Statespace Search

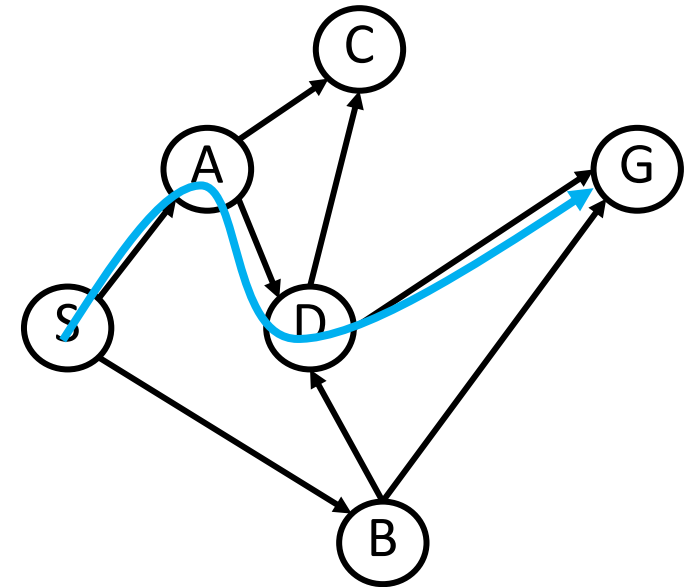


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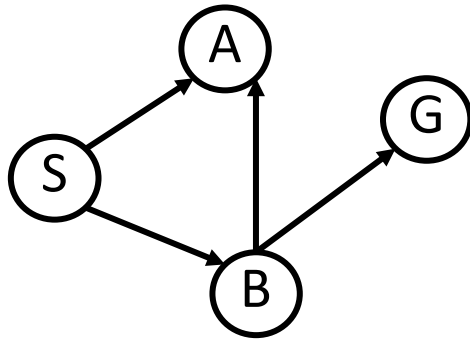
Input: A search problem  $P = \langle G, v_s, v_g \rangle$  where

- Graph,  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ 
  - $V$  is set of Vertices
  - $E$  is set of Edges
- Start vertex  $v_s \in V$
- Goal vertex  $v_g \in V$

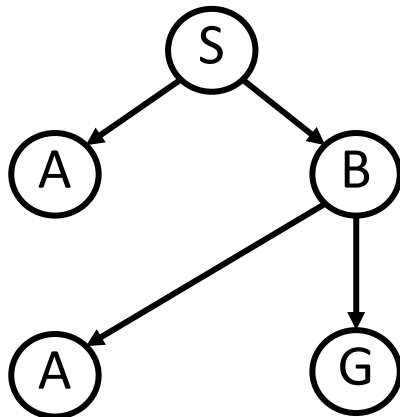


Output: A simple path, e.g.  $P = \langle v_s, v_A, \dots, v_g \rangle$ , in  $G$  from  $v_s$  to  $v_g$   
(i.e.,  $\langle v_i, v_{i+1} \rangle \in E$  and  $v_i \neq v_j$  if  $i \neq j$ )

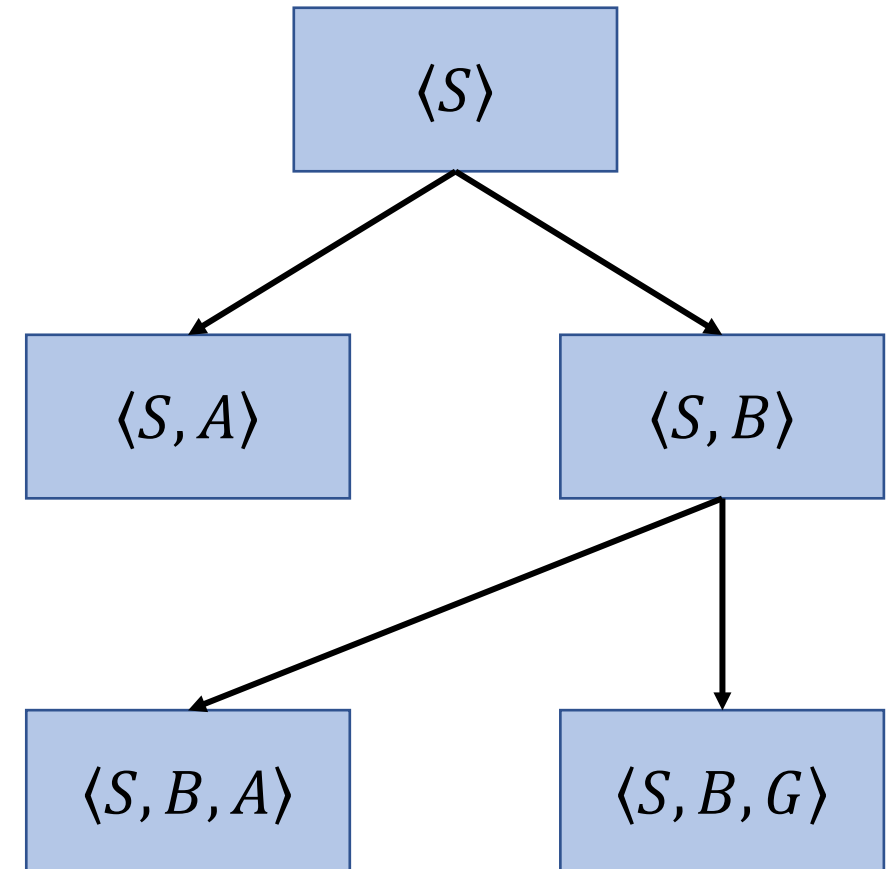
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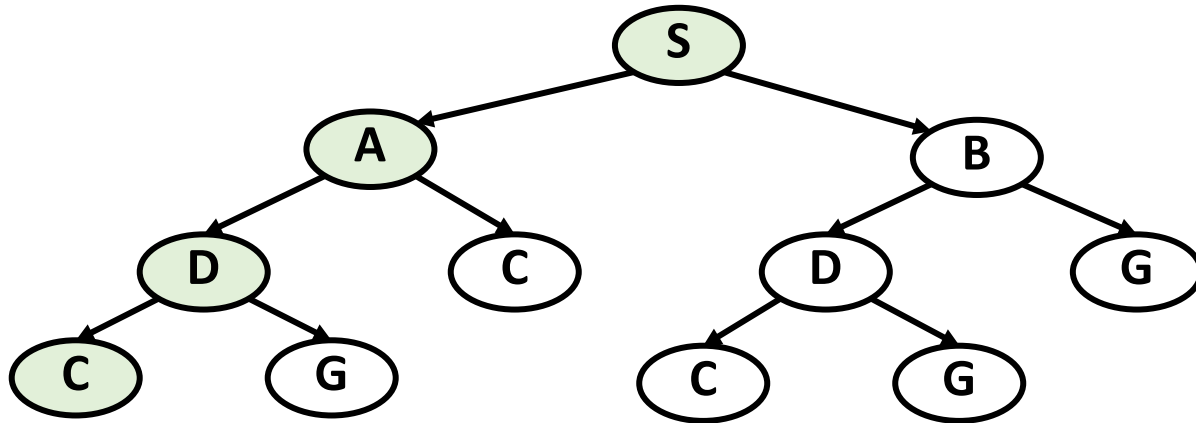


# Simple Search Algorithm

Let Q be a list of partial paths,  
S be the start node and  
G be the goal node.

1. Initialize Q with a partial path <S>; set Visited = {}
2. If Q is empty, fail. Else, pick a partial path N from Q
3. If head(N) = G, return N //Goal reach!
4. Else:
  - a) Remove N from Q
  - b) Find all children of head(N) not in Visited and create a one-step extension of N to each child
  - c) Add all extended paths to Q
  - d) Add Children of head(N) to Visited
  - e) GOTO step 2

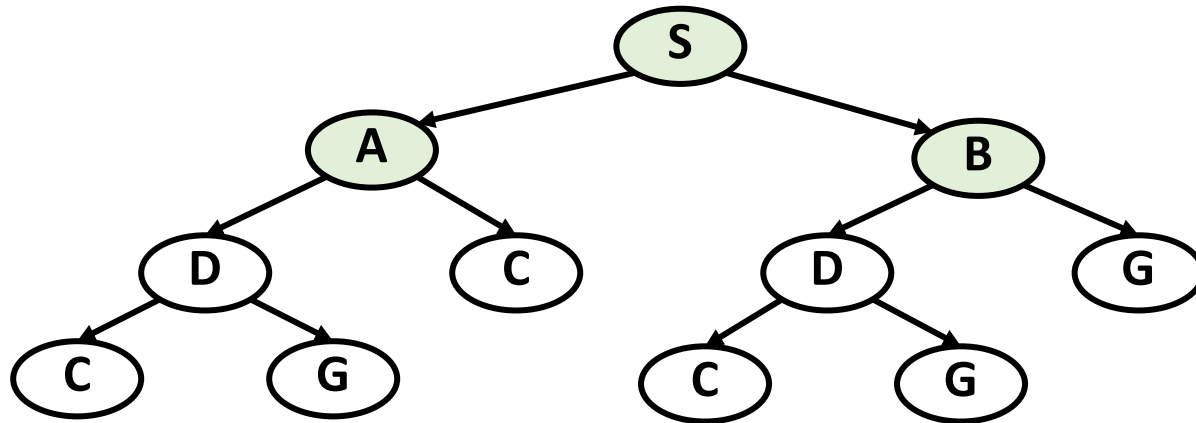
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### Depth-first:

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- Pick first element of Q

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# Performance Analysis

Analysis of run-time and resource usage:

- Helps to understand scalability
- Draws line between feasible and impossible
  - A function of program input
  - Parameterized by input size
  - Seeks upper (lower, average) bound

# Types of Analyses

Worst-case:

- $T(n)$  = maximum time of algorithm of any input of size  $n$

Average-case:

- $T(n)$  = expected time of algorithm over all inputs of size  $n$ 
  - Typically requires statistical distribution of inputs

Best-case:

- $T(n)$  = minimum time of algorithm on any input

# Analysis uses Machine-independent Time & Space

Performance depends on computer speed:

- Relative speed (run on same machines)
- Absolute speed (on different machines)

Big Idea:

- Ignore machine-dependent constraints
- Look at growth of  $T(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

“Asymptotic Analysis”

# Asymptotic Notation

O-notation (upper bounds):

- $2n^2 = O(n^3)$  means  $2n^2 \leq cn^3$  for sufficiently large  $c$  and  $n$
- $f(n) = O(g(n))$  if there exists constants  $c > 0, n_o > 0$  such that  $0 \leq f(n) \leq c * g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_o$

# Set Definition of O-notation

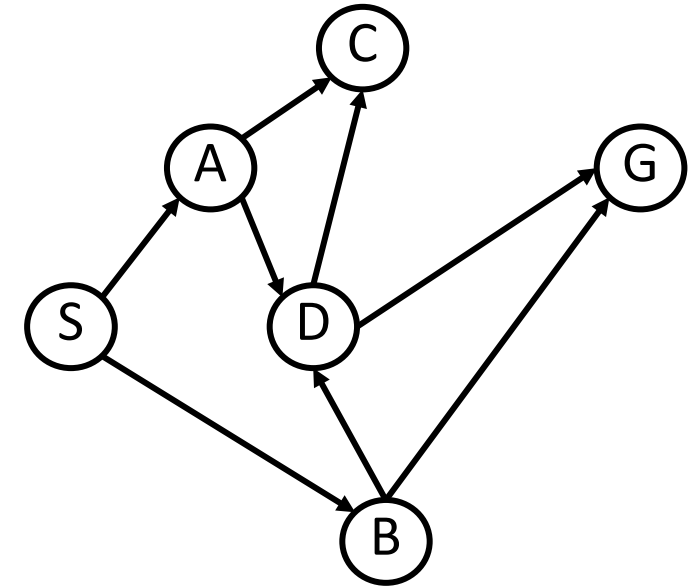
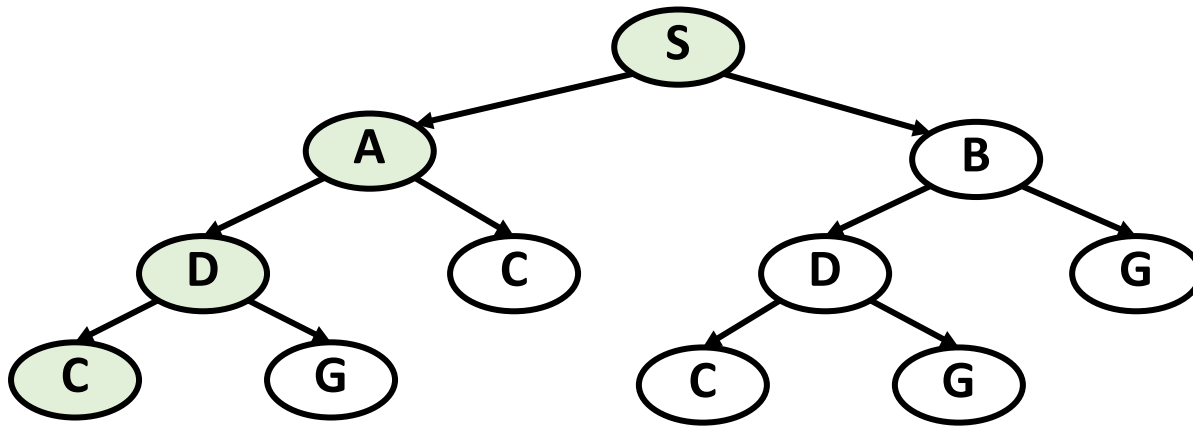
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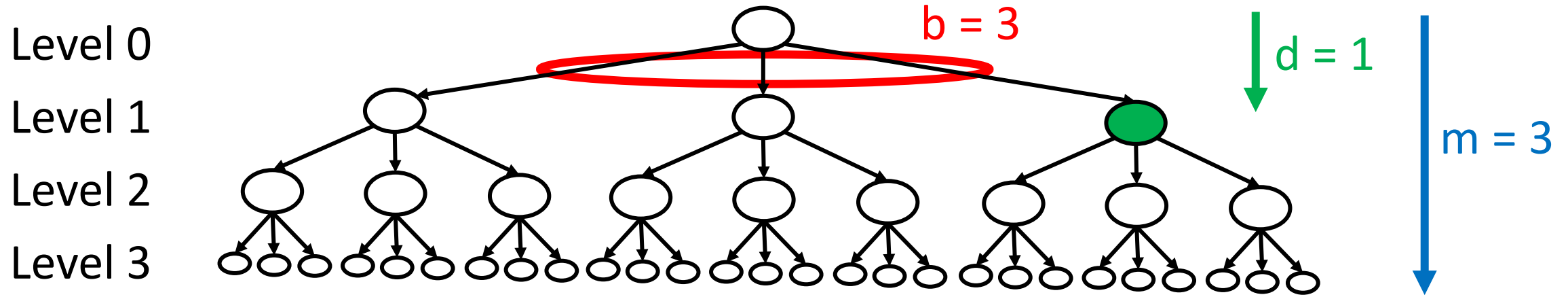
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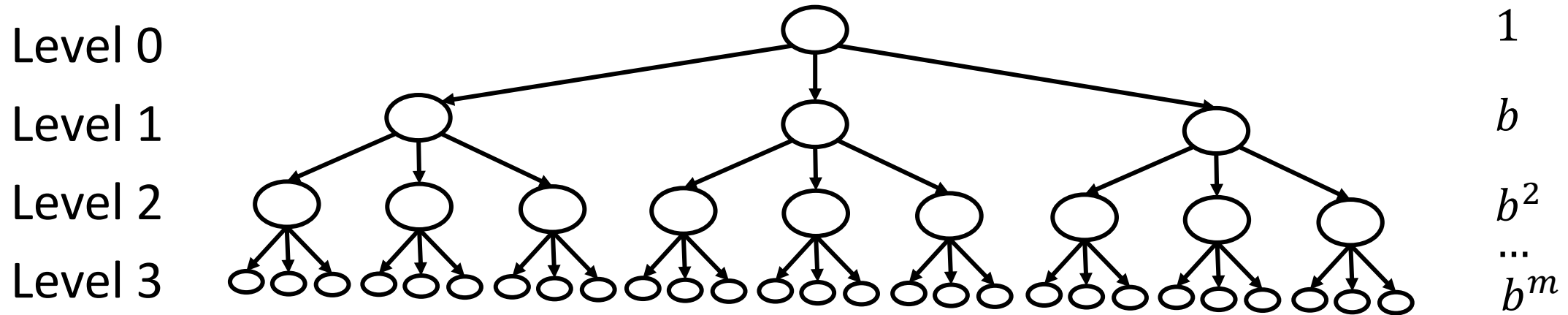
$b$  = maximum branching factor (number of children)

$d$  = depth of shallowest goal node

$m$  = maximum length of any path in the state space



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~~$$T_{dfs} = [b^m + \dots + b + 1] * c_{dfs}$$~~

~~$$b * T_{dfs} = [b^{m+1} + b^m \dots + b + 0] * c_{dfs}$$~~

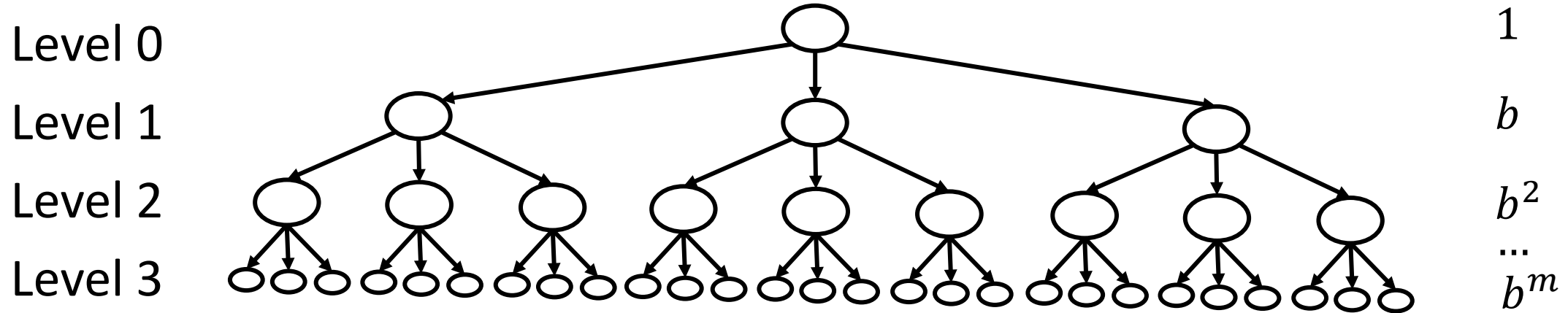
$$(b - 1) * T_{dfs} = [b^{m+1} - 1] * c_{dfs}$$

$$T_{dfs} = \frac{[b^{m+1} - 1]}{[b - 1]} * c_{dfs}$$

where  $c_{dfs}$  is time per node  
(solve recurrence)

# Cost Using Order Notation

*Worst case time  $T$  is proportional to number of nodes visited*



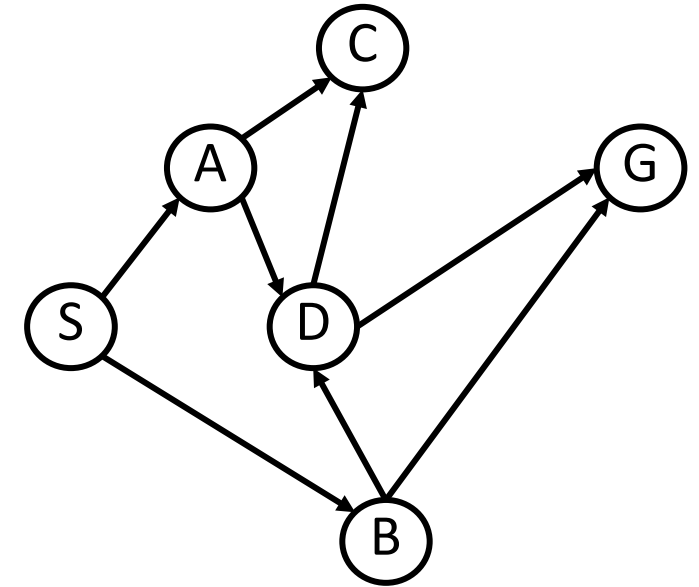
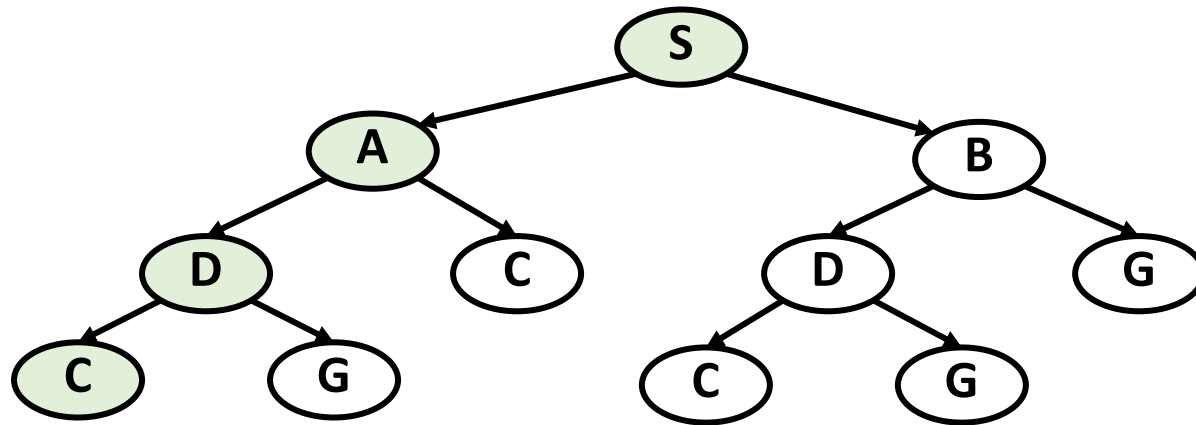
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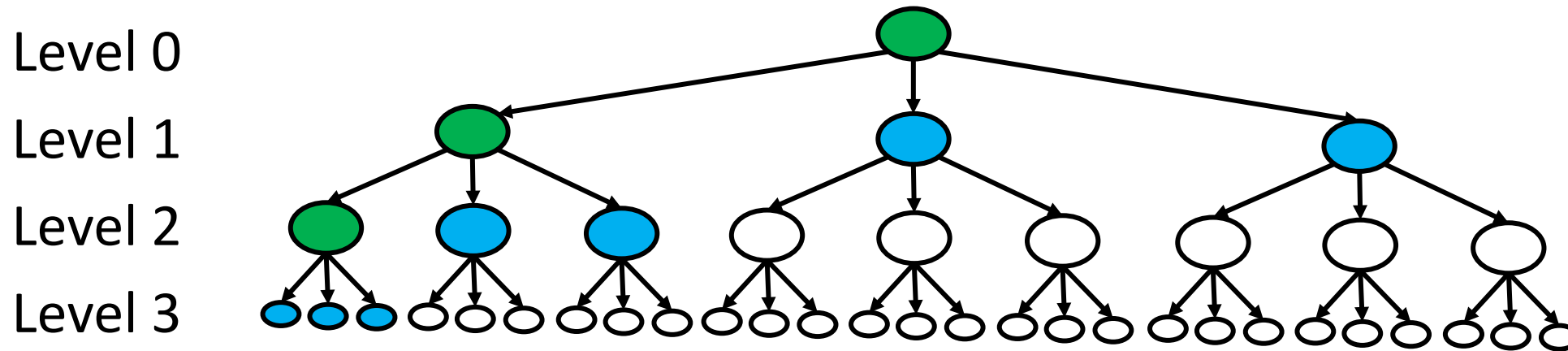
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# Worst Case Space for Depth-first Search



- If a node is queued, its parent and siblings have been queued, and its parent is de-queued.

$$S_{dfs} \geq [(b - 1) * m + 1] * c_{dfs} \text{ where } c_{dfs} \text{ is space per node.}$$

- At most one sibling of a node has its children queued.

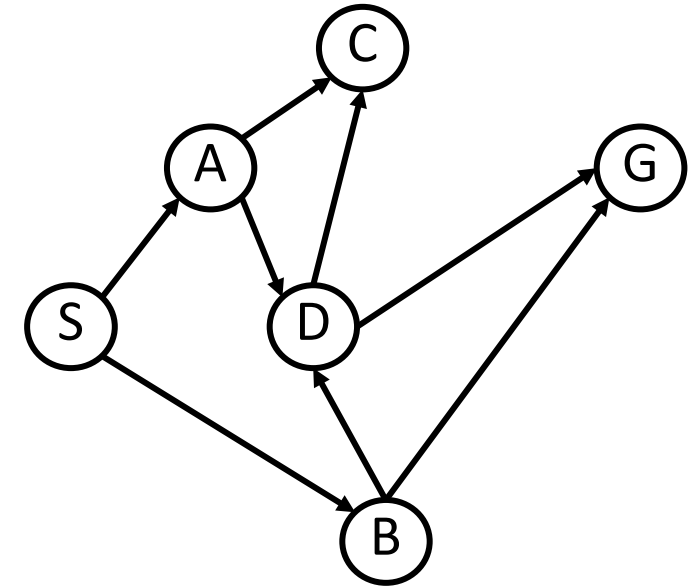
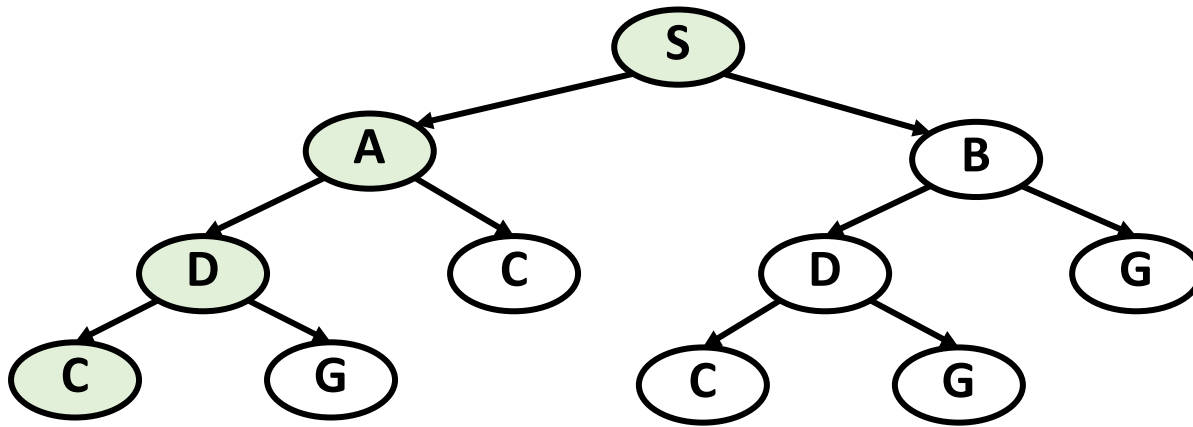
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- $S_{dfs} = O(b * m)$

//Add visited list!

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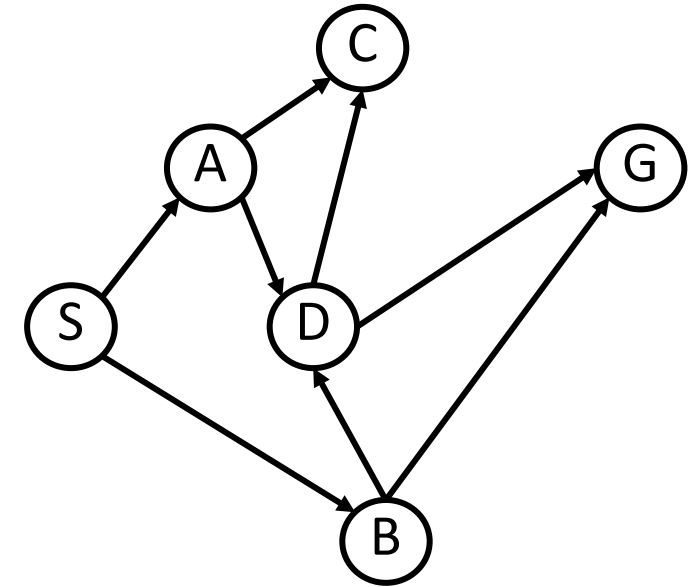
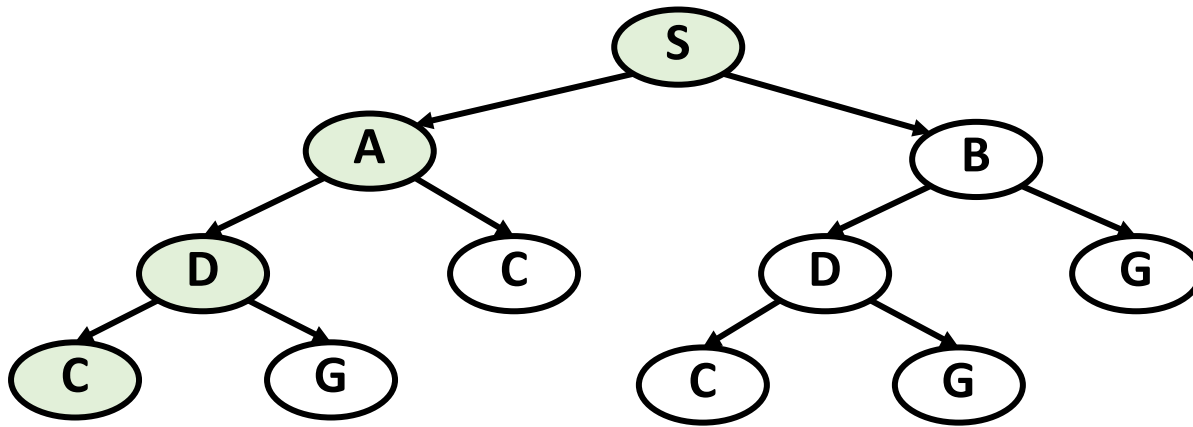
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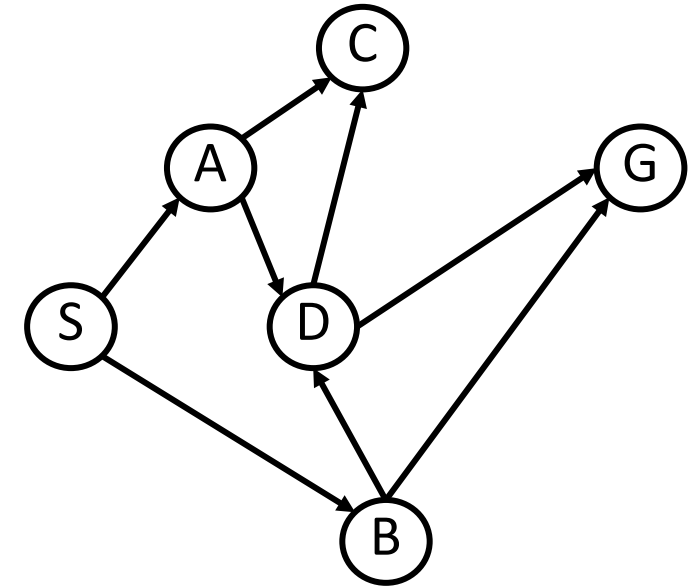
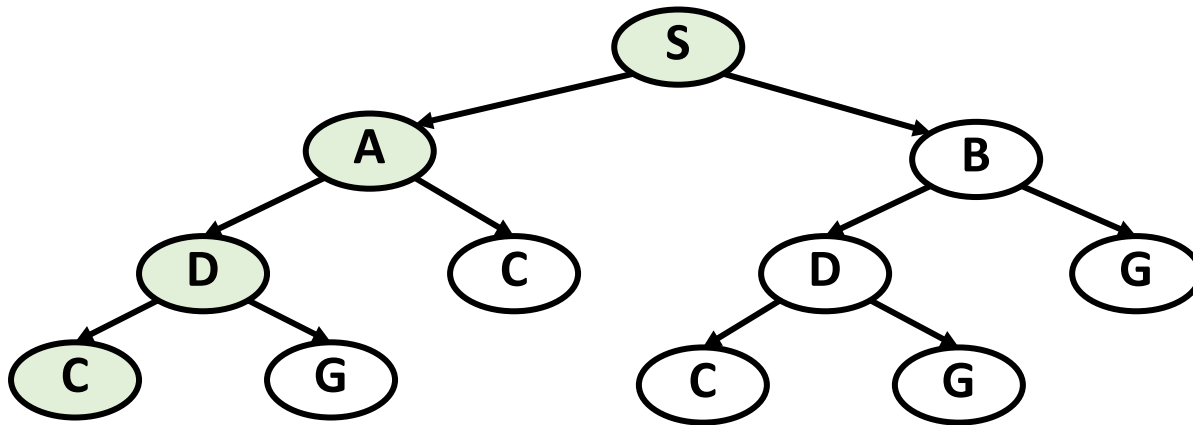
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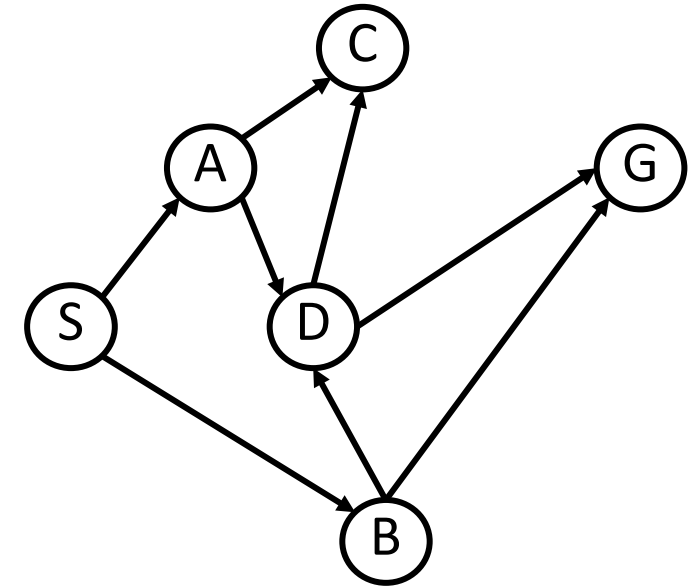
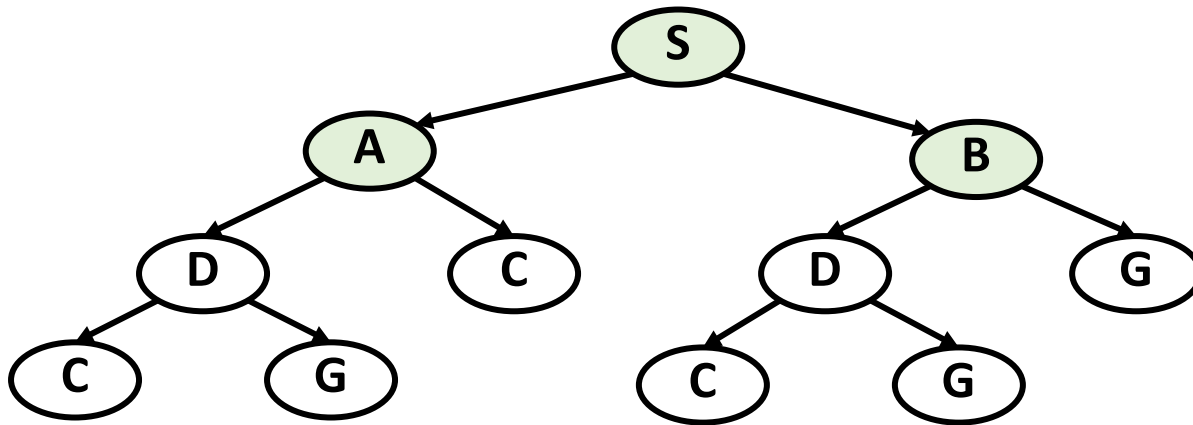
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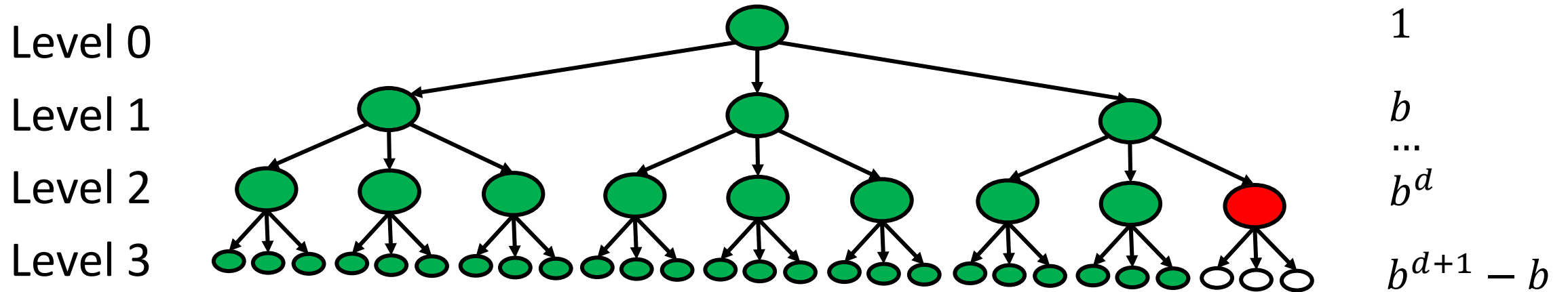
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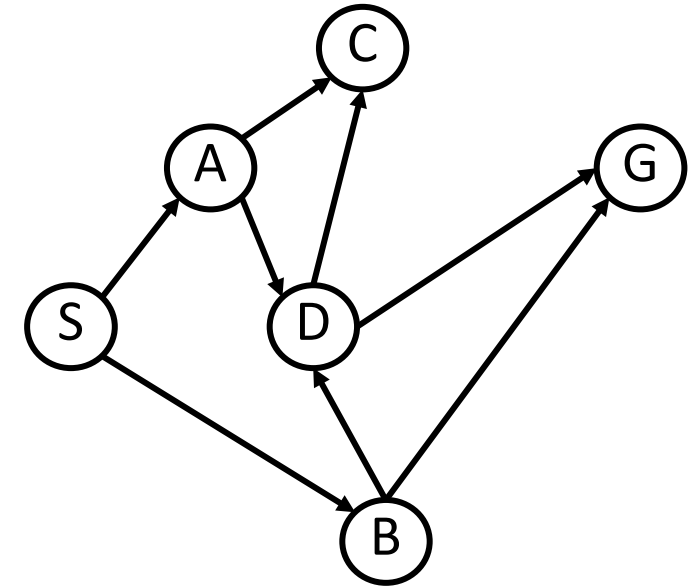
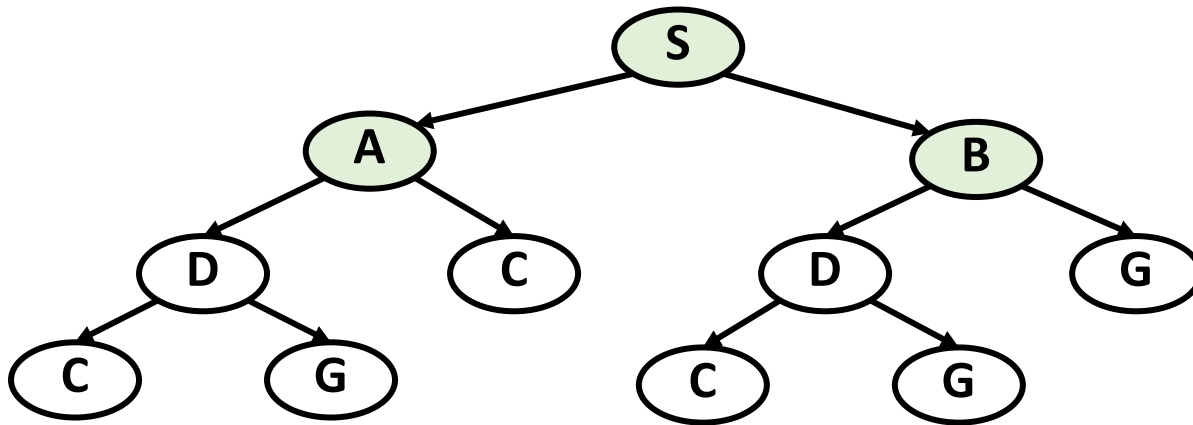


Consider case where solution is at level d (absolute worst is m)

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= [b^{d+2} - b^2 + b - 1] / [b - 1] * c_{bfs} \\
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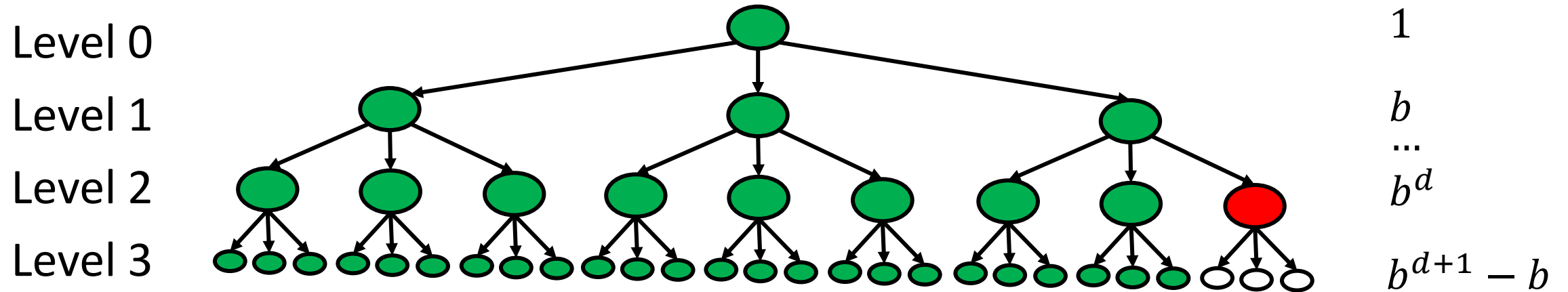
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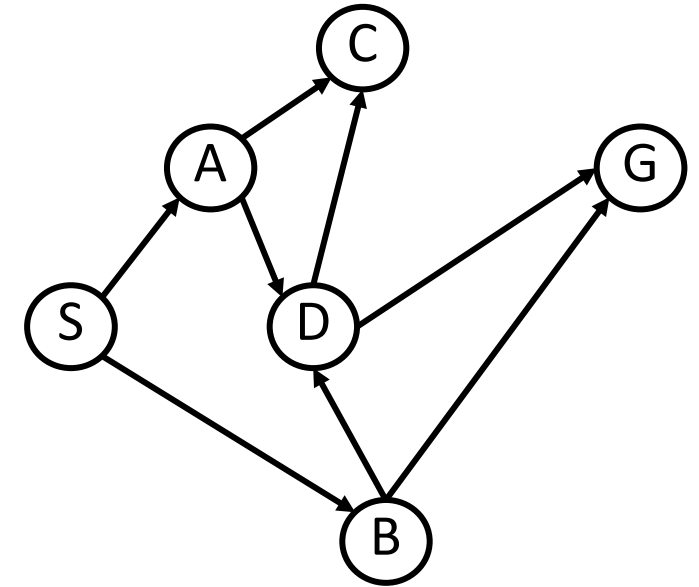
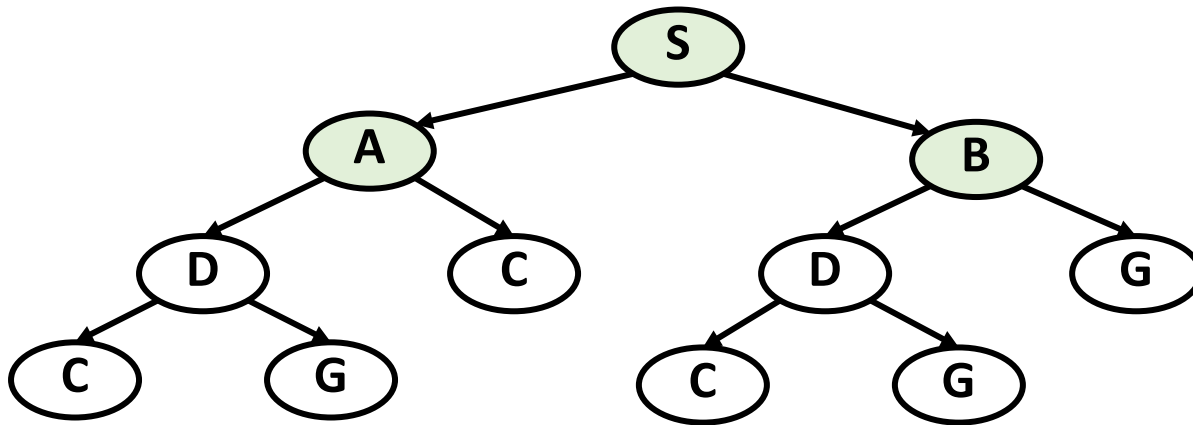
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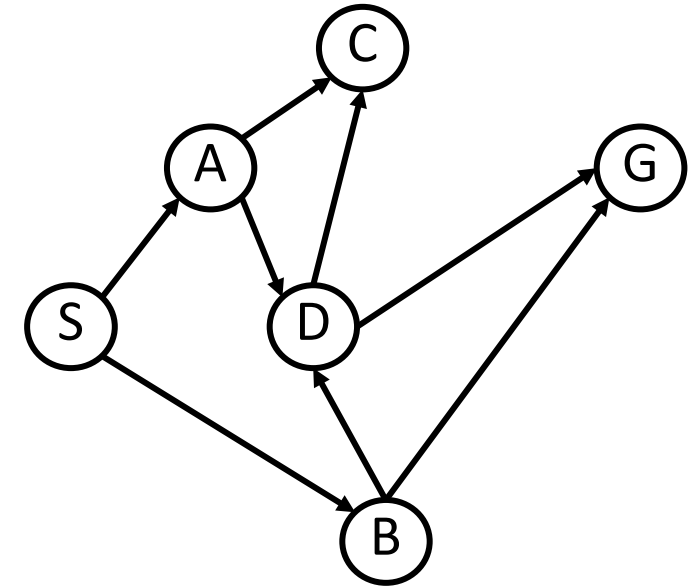
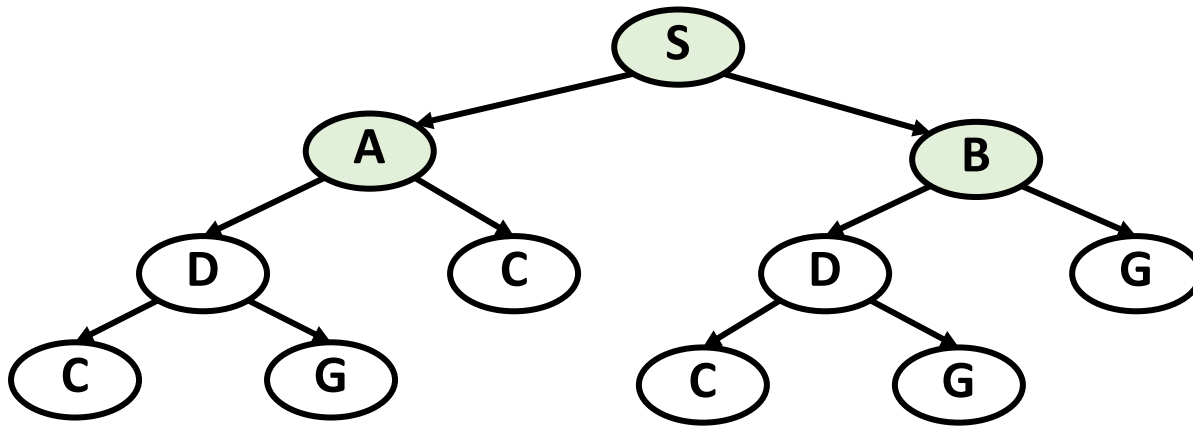
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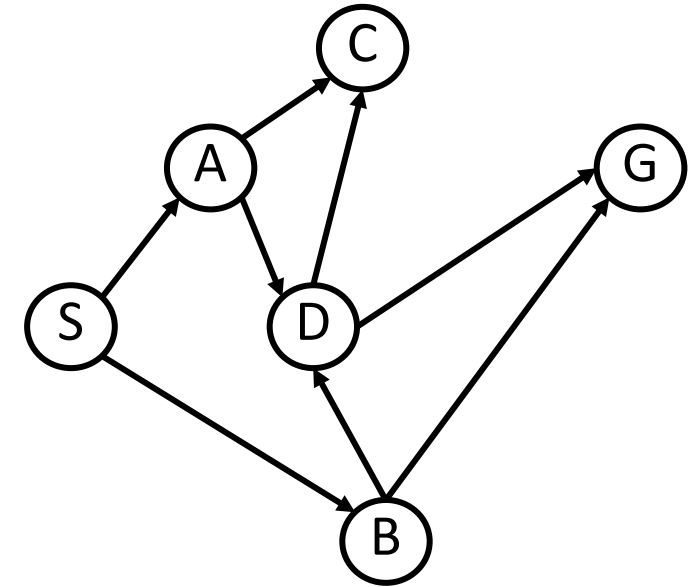
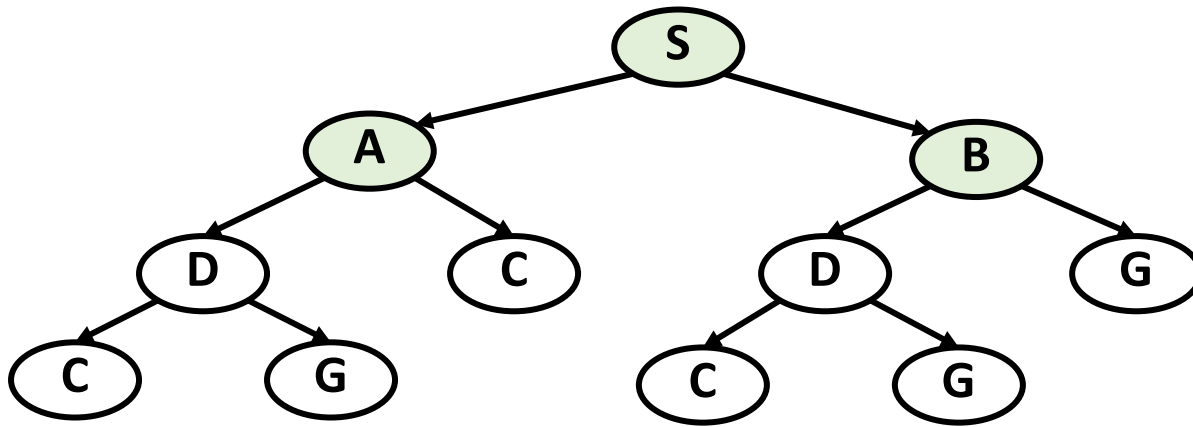
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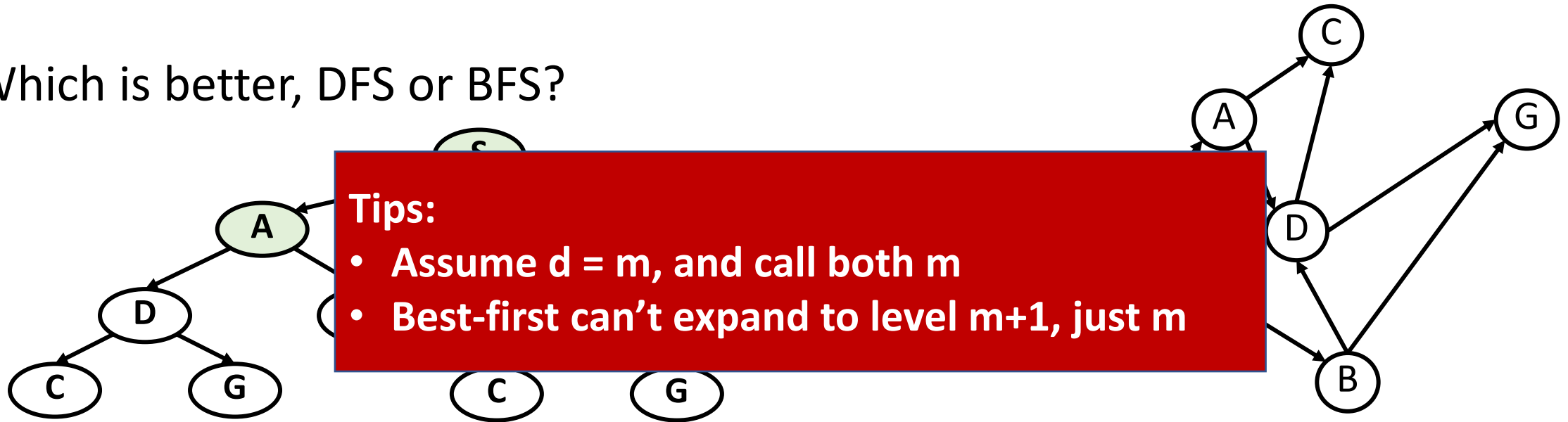
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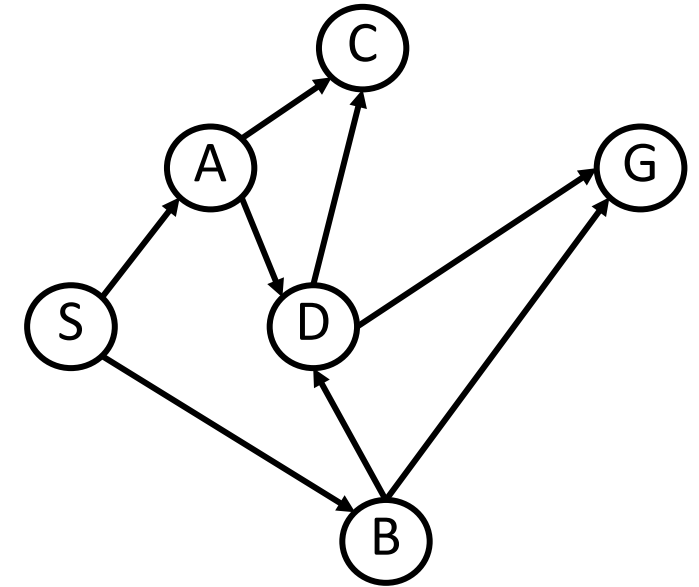
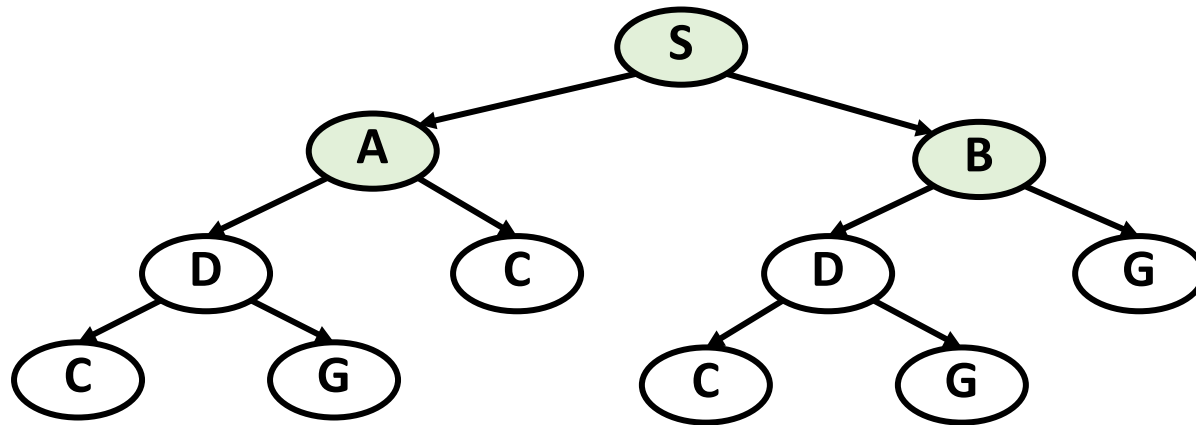
$b = 10$ ; 10,000 nodes/sec; 1000 bytes/node

Depth	Nodes	Time	Memory
2	1,100	.11 seconds	1 megabyte
4	111,100	11 seconds	106 megabytes
6	$10^7$	19 minutes	10 gigabytes
8	$10^9$	31 hours	1 terabyte
10	$10^{11}$	129 days	101 terabytes
12	$10^{13}$	35 years	10 petabytes
14	$10^{15}$	3,523 years	1 exabyte



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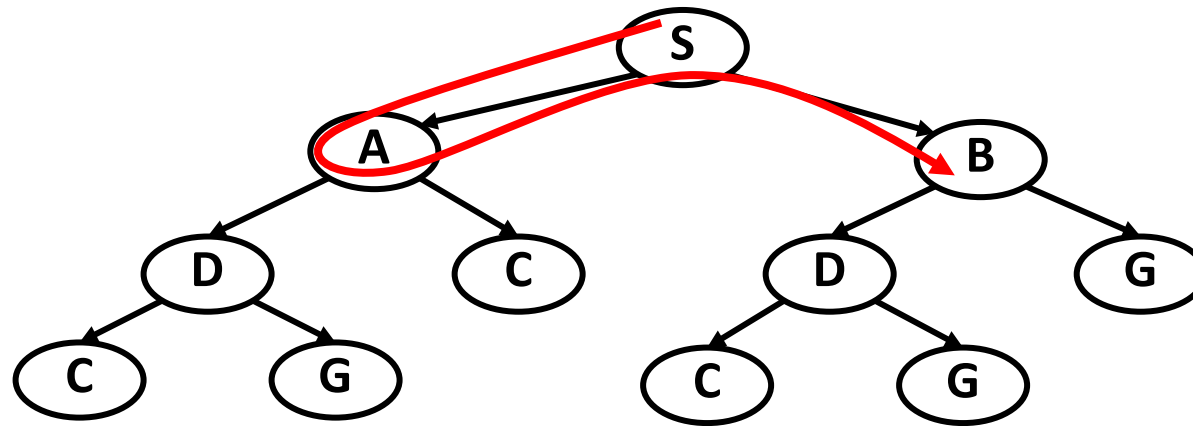
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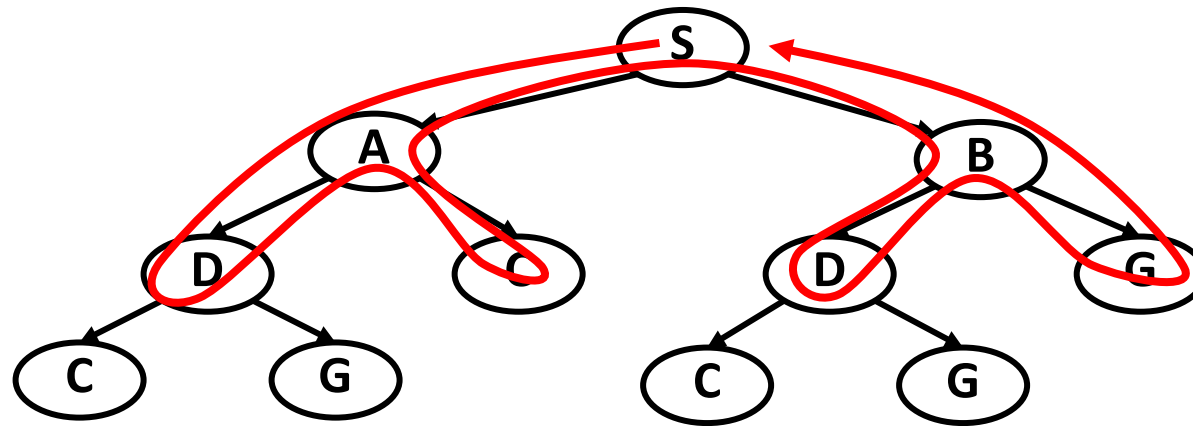
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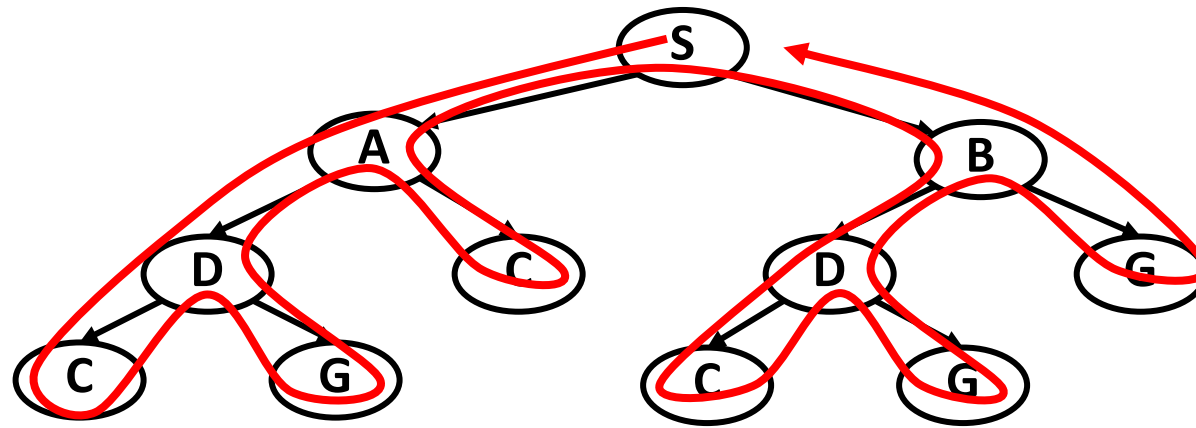
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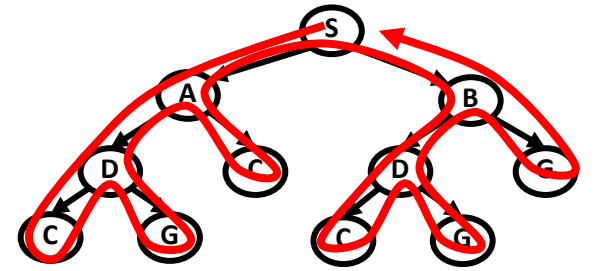
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# Compare speed of BFS vs. IDS



BFS:  $T_{bfs} = 1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^d + (b^{d+1} - b)$   
 $\sim O(b^{d+1})$

IDS:  $T_{ids} = (d+1)(1) + \cancel{(d)b} + \cancel{(d-1)b^2} + \dots + 2b^{d-1} + \cancel{b^d}$   
 $bT_{ids} = \cancel{(d+1)(b)} + \cancel{(d)b^2} + (d-1)b^3 + \dots + \cancel{2b^d} + b^{d+1}$

$(b-1)T_{ids} = d + 1 + b + b^2 + \dots + b^d + b^{d+1}$

$= d + \frac{1-b^{d+2}}{1-b}$

$T_{ids} = \frac{d}{1-b} + \frac{1-b^{d+2}}{(1-b)^2} \sim O\left(\frac{b^{d+2}}{b^2}\right)$

$\sim O(b^d)$  for large  $b$

Remember... (for  $r \neq 1$ )

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$$

→ Iterative deepening performs better than breadth-first!

# Summary

- Most problem solving tasks may be encoded as state space search
- Basic data structures for search are graphs and search trees
- DFS and BFS may be framed as instances of generic search strategies
- Cycle detection is required to achieve efficiency and completeness

New:

- Complexity analysis shows that BFS is preferred in terms of optimality and time, while DFS is preferred in terms of space
- IDS draws the best from DFS and BFS

# Mid-Lecture Break



DARPA AlphaDog Competition - Heron vs Banger - Round 5



# The mystique of the “knight”...no more?



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# Proof by Invariance

*A common technique in algorithm analysis*

- Show that a certain property holds throughout an algorithm
- Assume that the property holds initially
- Show that in any step that the algorithm takes, the property still holds
- The, property holds forever.

# Proving statements about algorithms

- Correctness of simplest algorithms may be very hard to prove...
- Collatz conjecture:
  - Algorithms (Half or Triple Plus One – HOTPO)
    - Give an integer  $n$ 
      1. If  $n$  is even, then  $n = \frac{n}{2}$
      2. If  $n$  is odd, then  $n = 3n + 1$
      3. If  $n = 1$ , then terminate, else go to Step 1
  - Conjecture: For any  $n$ , the algorithm always terminates (with  $n = 1$ )

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Collatz conjecture:

- First proposed in 1937
- It is not known whether the conjecture is true or false

Paul Erdős (1913-1996), a famous number theorist said,  
“Mathematics is not yet ready for such problems” in 1956.

Jeffrey Lagarias said, “This is...completely out of reach of present day mathematics” in 2010.

# Probabilistic/Asymptotic Types

## Probabilistic Completeness

- The algorithm returns a solution, if one exists, with probability approach one as the number of iterations increases.
- If there is no solution, it may run forever.

## Probabilistic Soundness

- The probability that the “solution” reported solve the problem approaches one as the number of iterations increases.

## Asymptotic Optimality

- The algorithm does not necessarily return an optimal solution, but the cost of the solution reported approaches the optimal as the number of iterations increases.

# Soundness & Completeness Theorems

We would like to prove the following two theorems:

**Theorem 1** (Soundness):

- Simple search algorithm is sound.

**Theorem 2** (Completeness):

- Simple search algorithm is complete.

We will use a blend of proof techniques for proving them.

# Soundness & Completeness Theorems

## **Theorem 1** (Soundness):

- Simple search algorithm is sound.

Let us prove 3 lemmas before proving this theorem



# A lemma towards the proof

- **Lemma 1:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is the path in the queue at any given time, then  $v_k = S$
- **Proof:** (by invariance)
  - *Base case:* Initially, there is only  $\langle S \rangle$  in the queue. Hence, the invariant holds.
  - *Induction step:* Let us check that the invariant continues to hold in every step of the algorithm

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**Before this line:** assume that invariant holds.

**After this line:** show that this invariant is still true.

→ In this case, no new path is added to the queue.

# Simple Search Algorithm

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→ In this case, no new path is added to the queue (one is removed).

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→ **Several paths added, each satisfy the invariant since N Satisfies it.**

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**After this line:** show that this invariant is still true.

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# Another lemma towards the proof

- **Definition:** A path  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is valid if  $\langle v_{i-1}, v_i \rangle \in E$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$
- **Lemma 2:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path in the queue at any given time, then it is valid.
- **Proof:** (by invariance)
  - *Base case:* Initially there is only one path  $\langle S \rangle$ , which is valid. Hence, the invariant holds.
  - *Induction step:* Let us check that the invariant continues to hold in every step of the algorithm.

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→ **Note that validity holds for all newly added path (from Line 4.b)**

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# Yet another lemma towards the proof

- **Lemma 3:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path in the queue at any given time, then it is a simple path (contains no cycles)
- **Proof:** (by invariance)
  - *Base case:* Initially there is only one path  $\langle S \rangle$ , which is valid. Hence, the invariant holds.
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**We would like to show that each newly added path is simple assuming N is simple.**

**Proof: (by contradiction)** Assume one path is not simple. Then, a child of head(N) appears in N. But this contradicts step for 4.b

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# Soundness & Completeness Theorems

## **Theorem 1 (Soundness):**

- Simple search algorithm is sound.

**Proof:** by contradiction...

# Proof of Soundness

Assume that the search algorithm is **not sound**:

Let the returned path be  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$

Then, one of the following must be TRUE:

1) Returned path does not start with S:

$$v_k \neq S$$

2) Returned path does not contain G at head:

$$v_o \neq G$$

3) Some transition in the returned path is not valid

$$\langle v_{i-1}, v_i \rangle \notin E \text{ for some } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, v_k\}$$

4) Returned path is not simple:

$$v_i = v_j \text{ for some } i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\} \text{ with } i \neq j$$

# Proof of Soundness

1) Returned path does not start with  $S$ :  $v_k \neq S$

But this contradicts Lemma 1!

**Lemma 1:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path in the queue at any given time, then  $v_k = S$ .

# Proof of Soundness

2) Returned path does not contain  $G$  at head:  $v_o \neq G$

But, the returned path has the property that  $\text{Head}(N) = G$

Recall Lines 2-3 of the psuedocode



# Simple Search Algorithm

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# Proof of Soundness

3) Some transition in the returned path is not valid:

$$\langle v_{i-1}, v_i \rangle \notin E \text{ for some } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, v_k\}$$

Contradicts Lemma 2!

**Lemma 2:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path in the queue at any given time, then it is valid.

# Proof of Soundness

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Contradicts Lemma 3!

**Lemma 2:** If  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path in the queue at any given time, then it is a simple path (contains no cycles)

# Proof of Soundness

Assume that the search algorithm is **not sound**:

Let the returned path be  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$

Then, one of the following must be TRUE:

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# Proof of Soundness

Assume that the search algorithm is ***not* sound**:

We reach a contradiction in all cases.

Hence, the simple search algorithm is ***sound***.

# Soundness & Completeness Theorems

## Theorem 2 (Completeness):

- Simple search algorithm is complete.

### Need to prove:

- If there is a path to reach from S to G, then the algorithm returns one path that does so.

# Soundness & Completeness Theorems

## Theorem 1 (Completeness):

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### Need to prove:

- If there is a path to reach from  $S$  to  $G$ , then the algorithm returns one path that does so.

# Simple Search Algorithm

1. Initialize Q with a partial path <S>; set Visited = {}
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# A common technique in analysis of algorithms

- Let us slightly modify the algorithm
- We will analyze the modified algorithm
- Then “project” our results to the original algorithm

# Simple Search Algorithm

1. Initialize Q with a partial path <S>; set Visited = {}
2. If Q is empty, fail. Else, pick a partial path N from Q
3. **// If head(N) = G, return N     //Goal reach!**
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  - e) GOTO step 2sume that invariant holds.

# Proof of Completeness

- The modified algorithm terminates when the queue is empty.
- Let us prove a few lemmas regarding the behavior of the modified algorithm

# Proof of Completeness

- **Lemma 1:** A path that is taken out of the queue is not placed into the queue again at a later step.
- **Proof:** (using logical deduction)
  - *Another way to state this:* If  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a path that is taken out of the queue, then  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is not placed in to the queue at later step.
  - Assume that  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is taken out of the queue.
  - Then,  $p$  must be placed in to the queue at an earlier step.
  - Then,  $v_0$  must be in the visited list at this step.
  - Then,  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  can not be placed in to the queue at a later step, since  $v_0$  is in the visted list.

# Proof of Completeness

**Definition:** A vertex  $v$  is *reachable* from  $S$  if there exists a path  $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  that starts from  $S$  and ends at  $v$ , i.e.,  $v_k = S$  and  $v_0 = v$ .

**Lemma 2:** If a vertex  $v$  is reachable from  $S$ , then  $v$  is placed in to the visited list after a finite number of steps.

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**Proof:** *(by contradiction)*

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- Let  $v_i$  be the first node (starting from  $v_k$ ) in the chain that is never added to the visited list.
- Note 1)  $v_i$  was not in the visited list before this list
- Note 2)  $\langle v_{i+1}, v_i \rangle \in E$

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- This path must have been popped from the queue, since there are only finitely many different partial paths and no path is added twice (by [Lemma 1](#)) and  $v_i$  was not in the visited list (see Note 1 above)
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**Red statements contradict!**



# Proof of Completeness

- **Lemma 2:** If vertex  $v$  is reachable from  $S$ , then  $v$  is placed in to the visited list after a finite number of steps.
- **Corollary:** In the modified algorithm,  $G$  is placed into visited queue
- *“Project” back to the original algorithm:*
  - This is exactly when the original algorithm terminates

# Proof of Completeness

## Theorem 2 (Completeness):

Simple search algorithm is complete.

- **Proof:** Follows from Lemma 2 evaluated in the original algorithm.

# Simple Search Algorithm

1. Initialize Q with a partial path <S>; set Visited = {}
2. If Q is empty, fail. Else, pick a partial path N from Q
3. If head(N) = G, return N       //Goal reach!
4. Else:
  - a) Remove N from Q
  - b) Find all children of head(N) not in Visited and create a on-step extension of N to each child
  - c) Add all extended paths to Q
  - d) Add Children of head(N) to Visited
  - e) GOTO step 2sume that invariant holds.

# Summarize Completeness and Soundness

Hence, we have proven two theorems:

## **Theorem 1 (Soundness):**

Simple search algorithm is sound.

## **Theorem 2 (Completeness):**

Simple search algorithm is complete.

Soundness and completeness is a requirement for most algorithms, although we will use their relaxations often

# Back to the Axiomatic Method

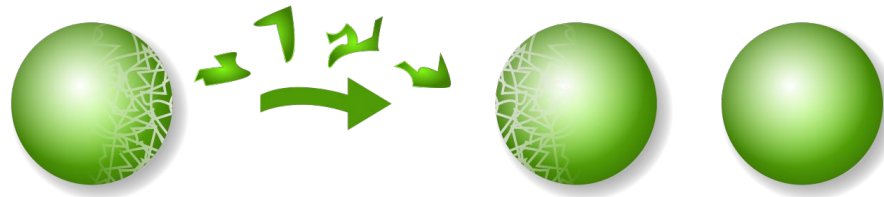
*Does it really work?*

- Essentially all of what we know in mathematics today can be derived from a handful of axioms called the **Zermelo-Frankel set theory with the axiom of Choice (ZFC)**
- These axioms were made up by Zermelo  
(they did not exist *a priori*, unlike physical phenomena)
- We do not know whether these axioms are logically consistent.
  - Sounds crazy! But, happened before...

*Around 1900, B. Russell discovered that the axioms of that time were logically inconsistent, i.e., one could prove a contradiction.*

# Back to the Axiomatic Method

- ZFC axioms gives one what she/he wants:
  - **Theorem:**  $5 + 5 = 10$
- However, absurd statements can also be derived:
  - **Theorem** (Banach-Tarski): A ball can be cut into a finite number of pieces and then the pieces can be rearranged to build two balls of the same size of the original.



Clearly, this contradicts our geometric intuition.

# Back to the Axiomatic Method

On the fundamental limits of mathematics:

- Godel showed in 1930 that there are some propositions that are true, but do not logically follow from the axioms.
- The axioms are not enough!
- But, Godel also showed that simply adding more axioms does not eliminate the problem. Any set of axioms that is not contradictory will have the same problem!
- Godel's results are directly related to computation. These results were later used by **Alan Turing** in the 1950s to invent a revolutionary idea: a ***computer...***

# Elements of Algorithmic Design

Description: (Last Wednesday)

- Problem statement
- Stylized pseudo code, sufficient to analyze and implement the algorithm

Analysis:

- Performance:
  - Time complexity
    - How long does it take to find a solution?
  - Space complexity:
    - How much memory does it need to perform search?
- Correctness:
  - Soundness:
    - When a solution is returned, is it guaranteed to be correct?
  - Completeness:
    - Is the algorithm guaranteed to find a solution when there is one?