

# A Star

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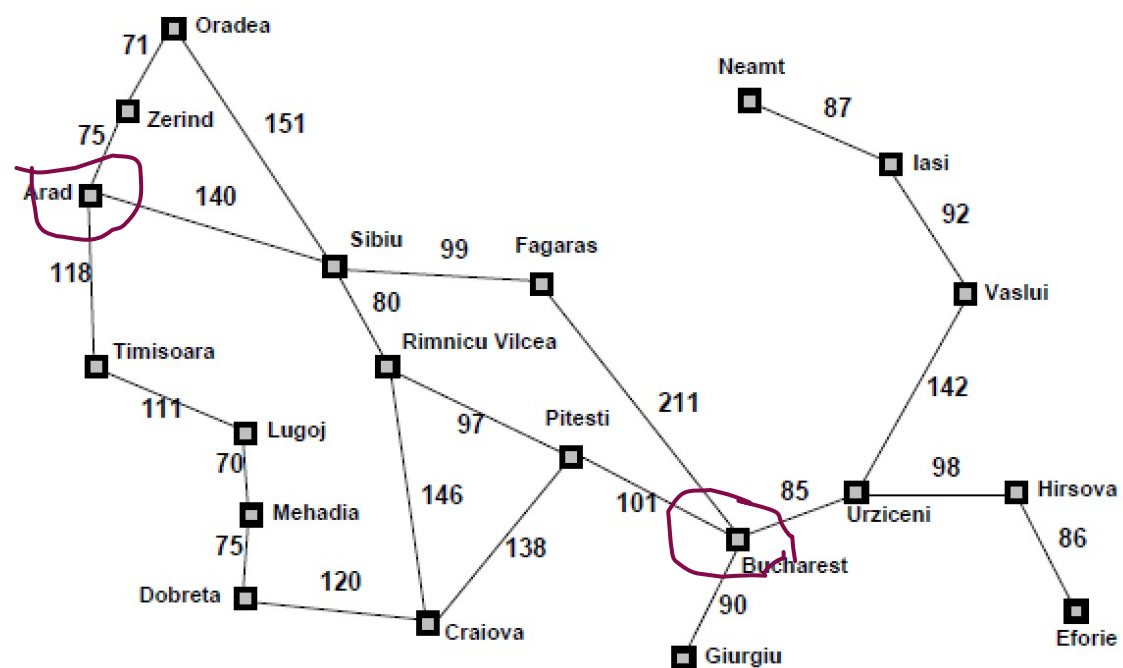
# Collections

- ▶ Set
- ▶ Priority Queue

A\*

- Set: {}
- Priority Queue: {Arad:366}

### Romania with step costs in km



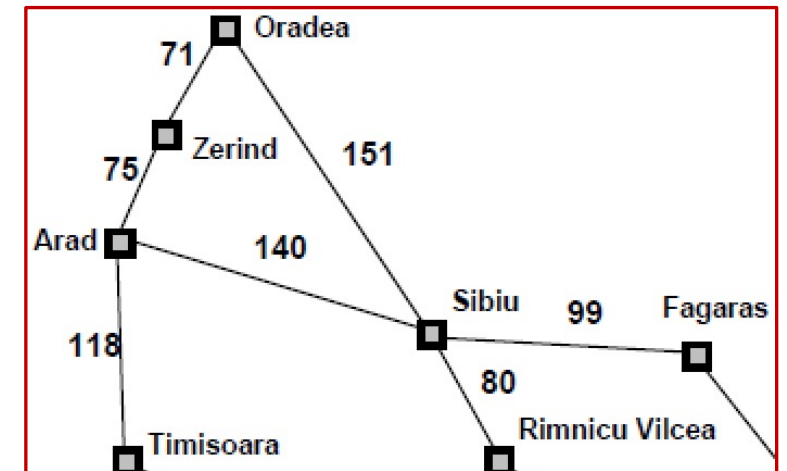
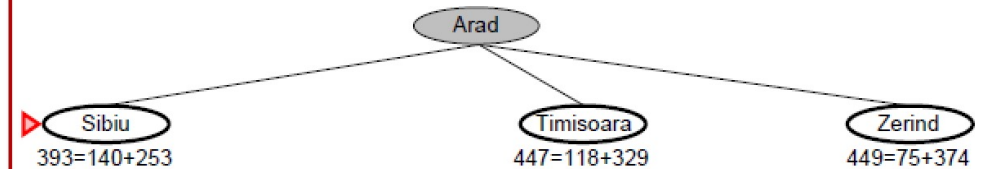
Straight-line distance to Bucharest	
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Bucharest	0
Craiova	160
Dobreta	242
Eforie	161
Fagaras	178
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Iasi	226
Lugoj	244
Mehadia	241
Neamt	234
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Pitesti	98
Rimnicu Vilcea	193
Sibiu	253
Timisoara	329
Urziceni	80
Vaslui	199
Zerind	374

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- Set:{Arad}
- Priority Queue:  
{Sibiu:393, Timisoara:447, Zerind:449}

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to Bucharest

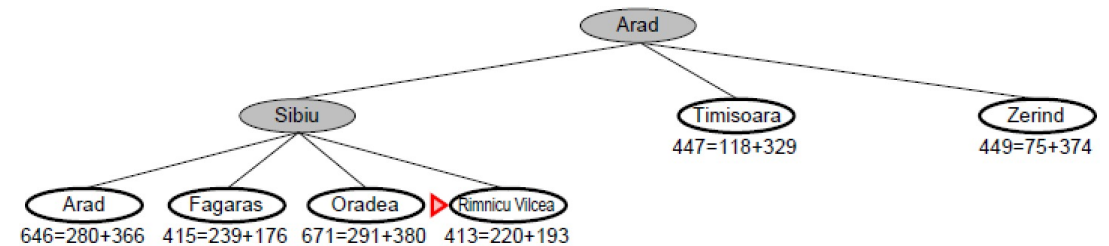
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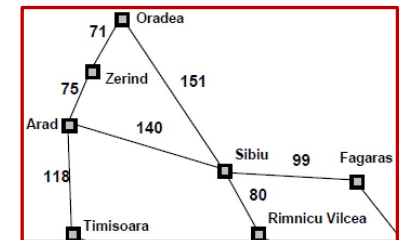


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- Set:{Arad,Sibiu}
- Priority Queue:  
{**Rimnicu Vilcea:413**,Timisoara:447,Zerind:449,Fagaras:415,Oradea:671}

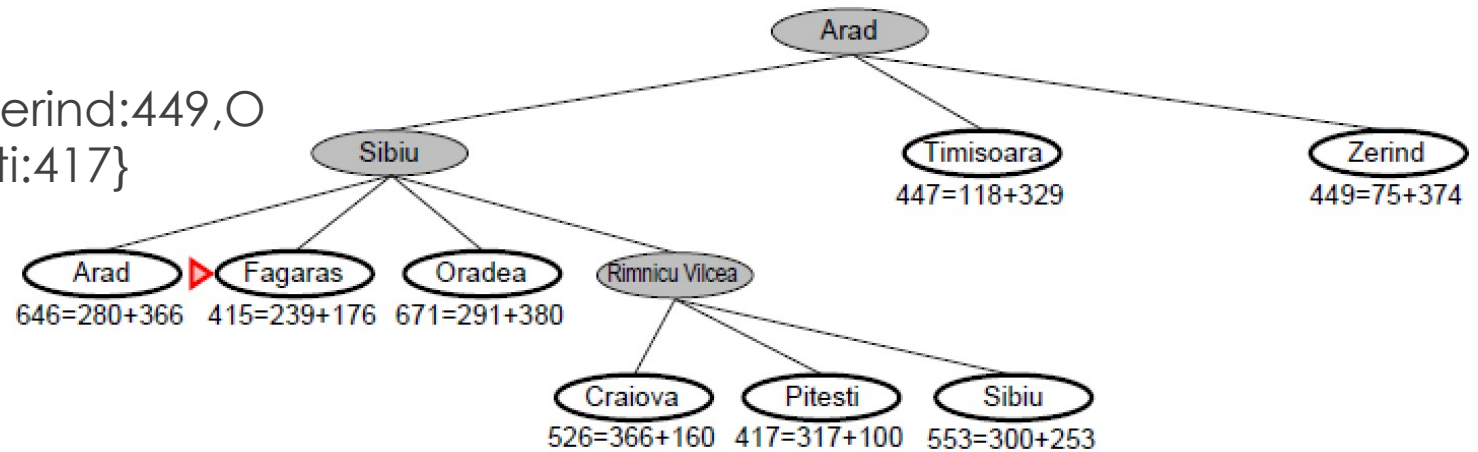


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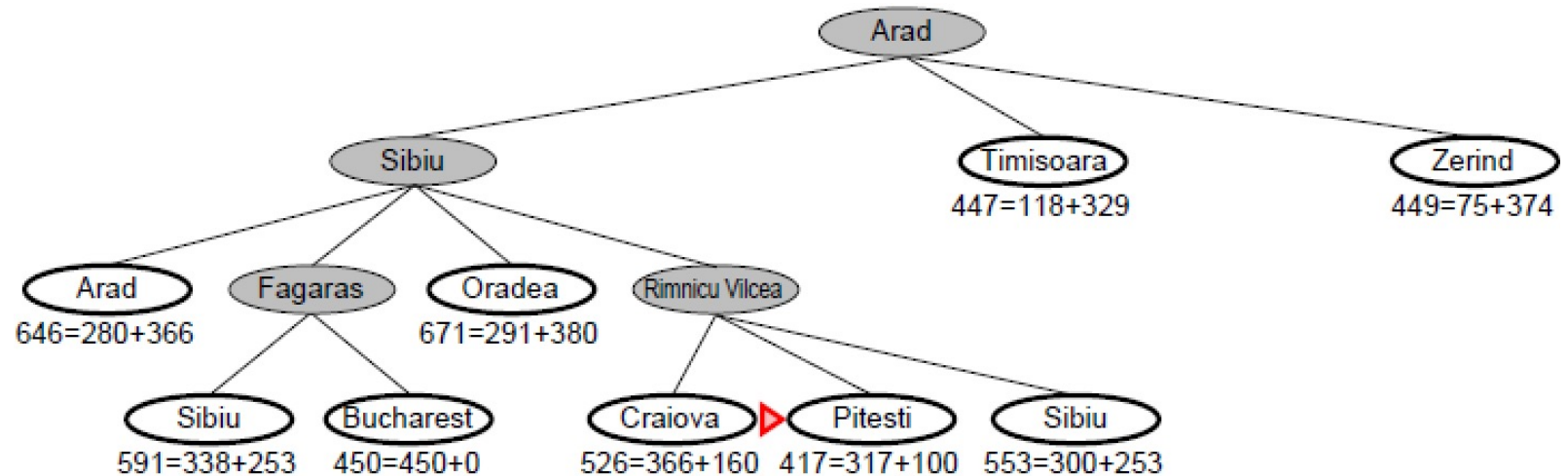
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- Set: {Arad, Sibiu, Rimnicu}
- Priority Queue:  
{Fagaras:415, Timisoara:447, Zerind:449, Oradea:671, Craiova:526, Pitesti:417}



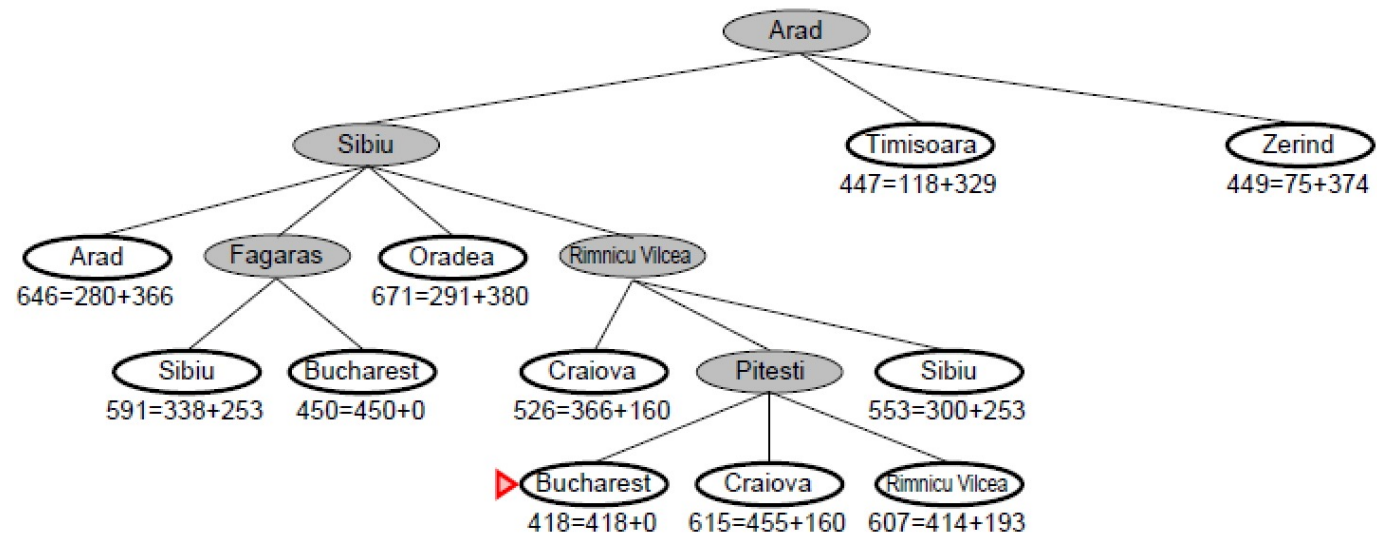
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- Set:{Arad,Sibiu,Rimnicu, Fagaras}
- Priority Queue:  
{Pitesti:417, Timisoara:447, Zerind:449, Oradea:671, Craiova:526, Pitesti:417, Bucharest:450, Craiova:526}



# A\*

- Set: {Arad, Sibiu, Rimnicu, Fagaras, Pitesti}
- Priority Queue: {Bucharest:418, Timisoara:447, Zerind:449, Oradea:671, Craiova:526, Pitesti:417, Bucharest:450, Craiova:526}



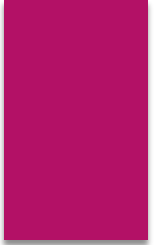




**Note: Cities and distances in PPT and test case are not the same.**

# UCS vs Greedy Best First vs A\*

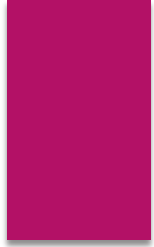
- ▶ UCS:  $f(n) = g(n)$
- ▶ Greedy Best First:  $f(n) = h(n)$
- ▶ A\*:  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$



```
275 def uniform_cost_search(problem):
276     """[Figure 3.14]"""
277     return best_first_graph_search(problem, lambda node: node.path_cost)

391 greedy_best_first_graph_search = best_first_graph_search
392 # Greedy best-first search is accomplished by specifying  $f(n) = h(n)$ .

395 def astar_search(problem, h=None):
396     """A* search is best-first graph search with  $f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$ .
397     You need to specify the h function when you call astar_search, or
398     else in your Problem subclass."""
399     h = memoize(h or problem.h, 'h')
400     return best_first_graph_search(problem, lambda n: n.path_cost + h(n))
```



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244 def best_first_graph_search(problem, f):
245     """Search the nodes with the lowest f scores first.
246     You specify the function f(node) that you want to minimize; for example,
247     if f is a heuristic estimate to the goal, then we have greedy best
248     first search; if f is node.depth then we have breadth-first search.
249     There is a subtlety: the line "f = memoize(f, 'f')" means that the f
250     values will be cached on the nodes as they are computed. So after doing
251     a best first search you can examine the f values of the path returned."""
252     f = memoize(f, 'f')
253     node = Node(problem.initial)
254     if problem.goal_test(node.state):
255         return node
256     frontier = PriorityQueue(min, f)
257     frontier.append(node)
258     explored = set()
259     while frontier:
260         node = frontier.pop()
261         if problem.goal_test(node.state):
262             return node
263         explored.add(node.state)
264         for child in node.expand(problem):
265             if child.state not in explored and child not in frontier:
266                 frontier.append(child)
267             elif child in frontier:
268                 incumbent = frontier[child]
269                 if f(child) < f(incumbent):
270                     del frontier[incumbent]
271                     frontier.append(child)
272     return None
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