

# COMP 472 Artificial Intelligence

## State Space Search *part #3*

### Uninformed Search *video #2*

- Russell & Norvig - Section 3.4

- see also: <https://www.javatpoint.com/ai-uninformed-search-algorithms>

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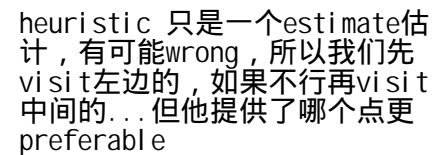
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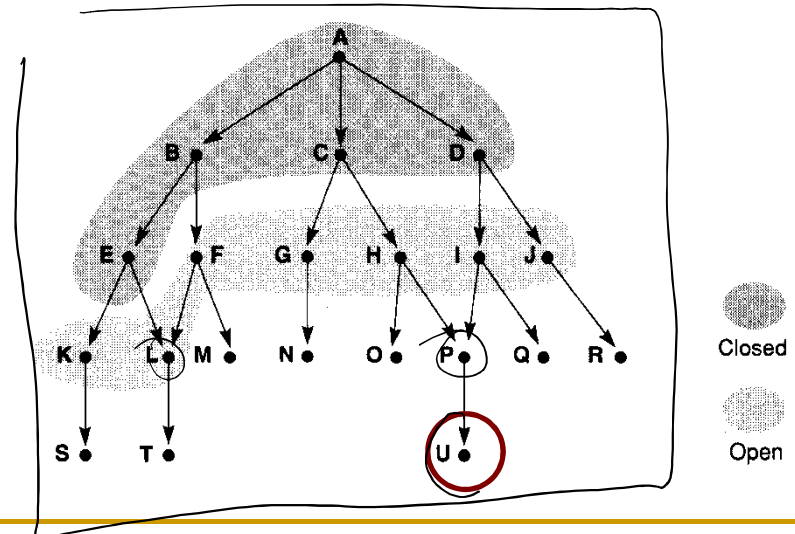


# Data Structures

- Most search strategies require:
  - open list (aka the frontier) *To-DO 也叫做to-do list*
    - lists generated nodes not yet expanded
    - order of nodes controls order of search *根据insert顺序决定search顺序*
  - closed list (aka the explored set)
    - stores all the nodes that have already been visited (to avoid cycles).
- ex: *存储所有visited点来避免cycle*

Closed = [A, B, C, D, E]

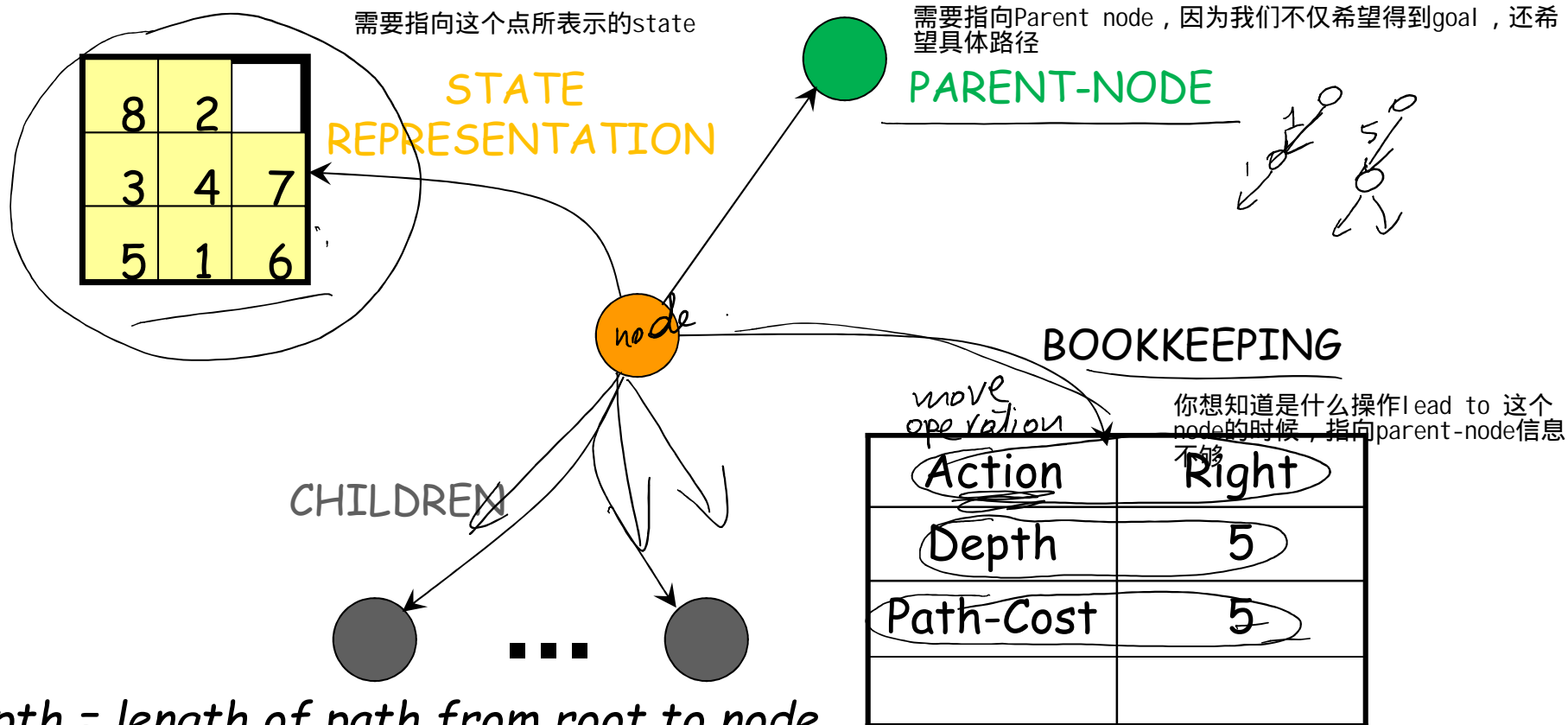
Open = [F, G, H, I, J, K, L]  
*Order is important*



# Data Structures

node结构

- state space representation: To trace back the solution path after the search, each node in the lists contain:



# Generic Search Algorithm

1. Initialize the <sup>{ TO-DO</sup>open list with the initial node  $s_0$  (top node)
2. Initialize the <sup>{ done / visited</sup>closed list to empty
3. Repeat
  - a) If the open list is empty, then exit with failure.
  - b) Else, take the first node  $s$  from the open list.
  - c) If  $s$  is a goal state, exit with success. Extract the solution path from  $s$  to  $s_0$
  - d) Else, insert  $s$  in the closed list ( $s$  has been visited /expanded)
  - e) Insert the successors of  $s$  in the open list in a certain order if they are not already in the closed and/or open lists (to avoid cycles)

Notes:

- The order of the nodes in the open list depends on the search strategy

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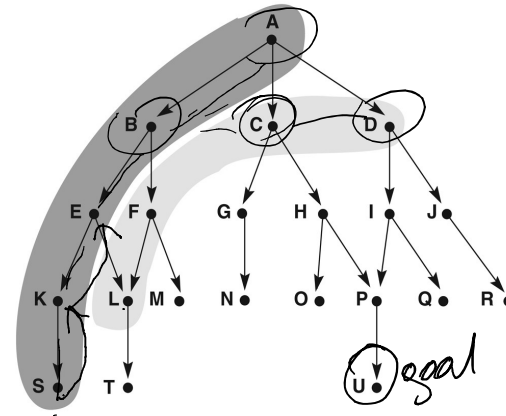
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# Depth-first vs Breadth-first Search

## ■ Depth-first (DFS):

- visit successors before siblings
- Open list is a stack

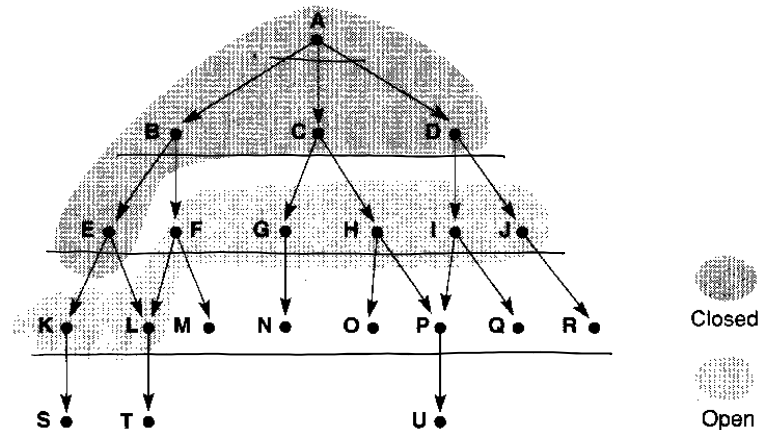
想象stack就行了，到底了就Pop backtrack



## ■ Breadth-first (BFS):

- visit siblings before successors
- ie. visit level-by-level
- open list is a queue

一个level 一个level 的看



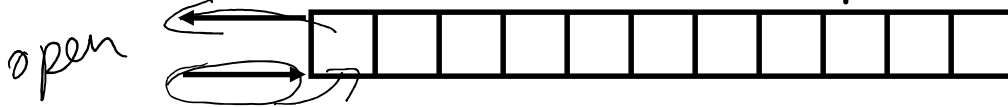


# DFS and BFS

- DFS and BFS differ only in the way they order nodes in the open list:

- DFS uses a stack:

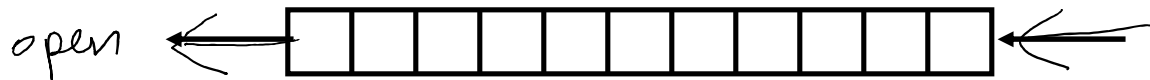
- nodes are added on the top of the <sup>open</sup> list.



通常决定的是open list, closed list我们只需要加入然后知道有没有就行了

- BFS uses a queue:

- nodes are added at the end of the list.



# Breadth-First Search

```
begin
  open := [Start];                                % initialize
  closed := [ ];
  while open ≠ [ ] do                             % states remain
    begin
      remove leftmost state from open, call it X;
      if X is a goal then return SUCCESS           % goal found
      else begin
        generate children of X;
        put X on closed;
        discard children of X if already on open or closed;
        put remaining children on right end of open
      end
    end
  end
  return FAIL
end.
```

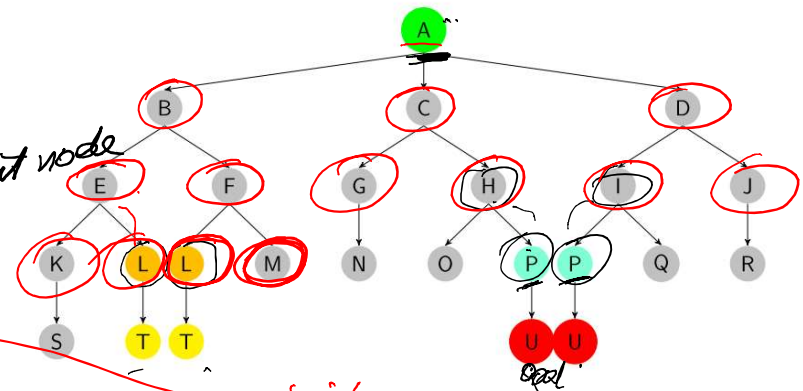
忽略已有的children  
% loop check  
% queue  
把剩下的children放在右边

# Breadth-First Search Example

## ■ BFS: (open is a queue)

Assume U is goal state

*name of node*  
*name of parent node*



1. open = [A-null] closed = []
2. open = [B-A, C-A, D-A] closed = [A]
3. open = [C-A, D-A, E-B, F-B] closed = [B, A]
4. open = [D-A, E-B, F-B, G-C, H-C] closed = [C, B, A]
5. open = [E-B, F-B, G-C, H-C, I-D, J-D] closed = [D, C, B, A]
6. open = [F-B, G-C, H-C, I-D, J-D, K-E, L-E] closed = [E, D, C, B, A]
7. open = [G-C, H-C, I-D, J-D, K-E, L-E, M-F] as L is already in open closed = [F, E, D, C, B, A]
8. and so on until either U is found or open = []

*visit*  $\Rightarrow$  run goal function

$\rightarrow$  { search path = A B C D E F G H I J K L M N ... U // closed list  
 solution path = A C H P U with a cost of 4 // extract by following the parent pointer

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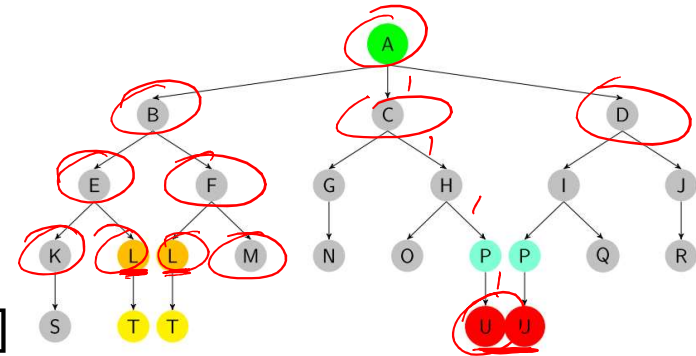
% loop check  
% stack  
% no states left

# Depth-First Search Example

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2. open = [B-A C-A D-A] closed [A]
3. open = [E-B F-B C-A D-A] closed = [B A]
4. open = [K-E L-E F-B C-A D-A] closed = [E B A]
5. open = [S-K L-E F-B C-A D-A] closed = [K E B A]
6. open = [L-E F-B C-A D-A] closed = [S K E B A]
7. open = [T-L F-B C-A D-A] closed = [L S K E B A]
8. open = [F-B C-A D-A] closed = [T L S K E B A]
9. open = [M-F C-A D-A] as L is already on closed closed = [F T L S K E B A]
10. open = [C-A D-A] closed = [M F T L S K E B A]
11. open = [G-C H-C D-A] closed = [C M F T L S K E B A]



与传统DFS区别在于他把backtrack那步省略了，因为放到closed里去了

search path = A B E K S L ... U // closed list  
 solution path = A C H P U with a cost of 4

# Depth-first vs. Breadth-first

## ■ Breadth-first:

- advantage: optimal, i.e. will always find shortest path ✓ solution 总能找到shortest path
- disadvantage:
  - high memory requirement as we need to keep all states of a level before expanding to the next level
  - exponential space for states required  $B^n$  // B=branching factor, n=level average number of successor

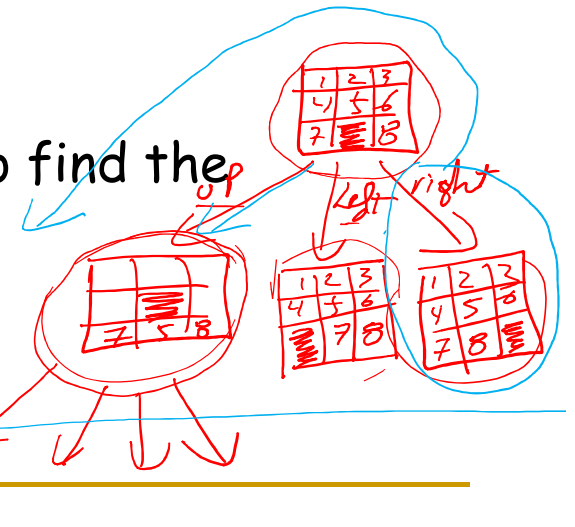
puzzle为例, 假设平均successor为3.5(有的时候靠角落就只能两个)  
那就是 $3.5^n$

average #  
of successors

## ■ Depth-first:

- advantage: Requires less memory
- disadvantage: Not optimal (no guarantee to find the shortest path)

他找到的是第一个出现的解  
而不见得是最优解,  
取决于node的顺序



300 steps

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# Depth-Limited Search

- Compromise for DFS :
  - Do depth-first but
  - with depth cutoff  $k$  (depth at which nodes are not expanded)  
深度截止，到了某一个depth以后就不再展开
- Three possible outcomes:
  - Solution *within your k limit :)*
  - Failure (no solution) 实际上无解
  - Cutoff (no solution found within cutoff)  $\times$   
最差的情况，实际解在depth以外
- advantage: memory efficient - it's a DFS
- disadvantage: may not find a solution if it is below the cutoff



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# Iterative Deepening

- Combination of BFS and DFS:

- do depth-first search, but 每次固定一个depth limit, 进行DFS, 如果没找到, 提高Limit, 再次从头DFS
- with a maximum depth before going to next level
- i.e. Repeats depth first search with gradually increasing depth limits

- advantage:

好处, memory 少, 根本上来说还是DFS

- Requires little memory (fundamentally, it's a depth first)
- optimal: will find the shortest path (limited depth)

还能找到最短路径, 因为是一层一层遍历的

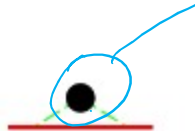
- disadvantage:

- repeated traversal of the tree top

多次重复遍历

# Iterative Deepening: Example

Limit = 0



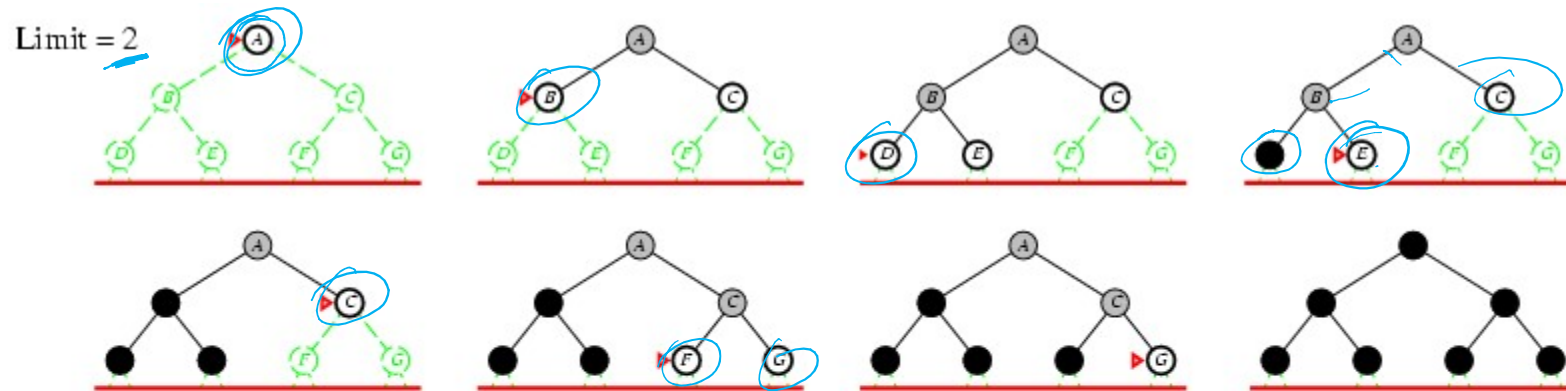
black node  
 $\Rightarrow$  node has been  
visited

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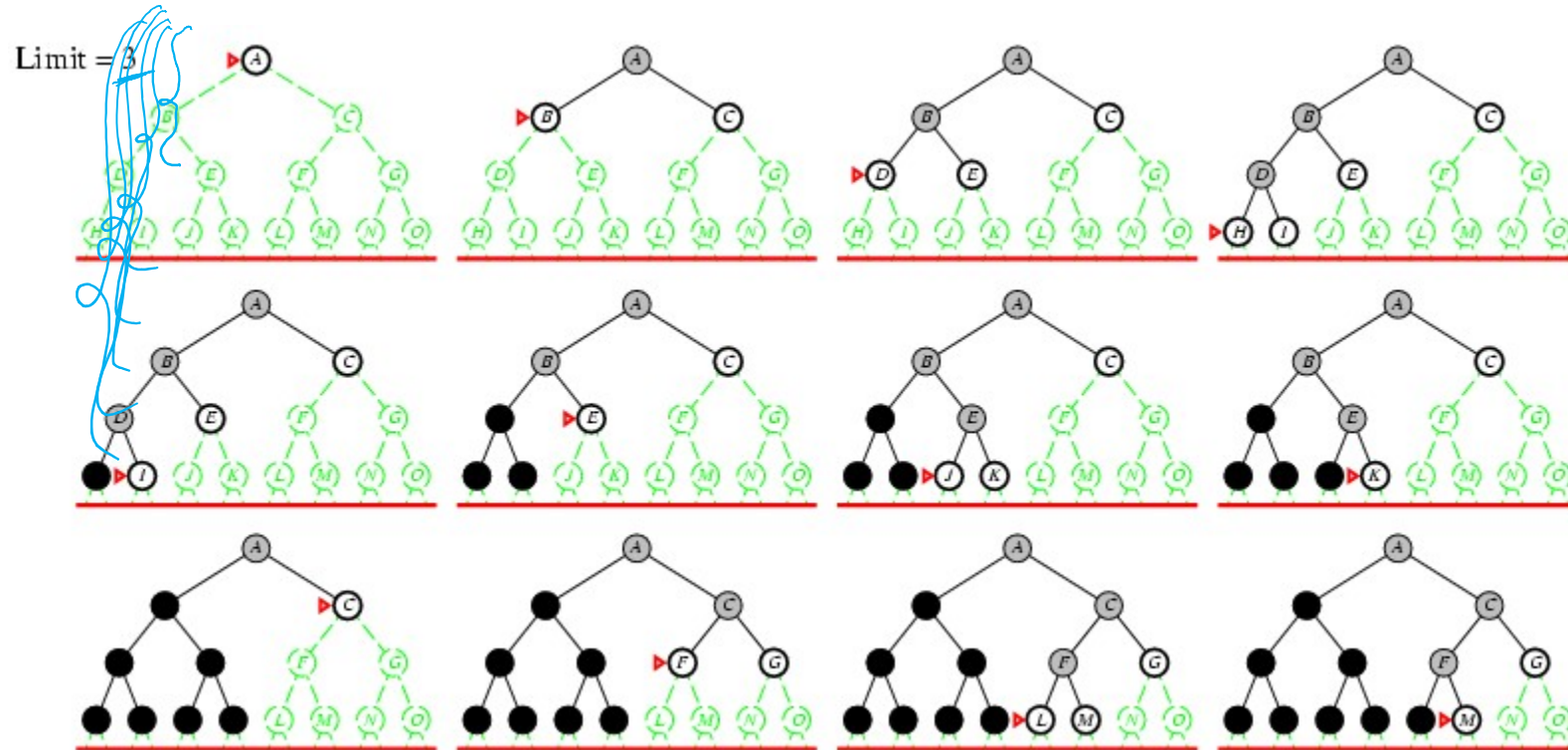
每次都要从头遍历




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# Uniform Cost Search

- all algorithms so far assume that all edges have the same cost
- but what if they have different costs?

前三个只能追求最小operation

有的时候edge weight不一样，我们追求最小cost，用 uniform cost search

- eg: move UP  $\rightarrow$  2pts but move DOWN  $\rightarrow$  1 pt
- eg:  $\text{cost}(\text{residential road}) > \text{cost}(\text{commercial road})$

Breadth

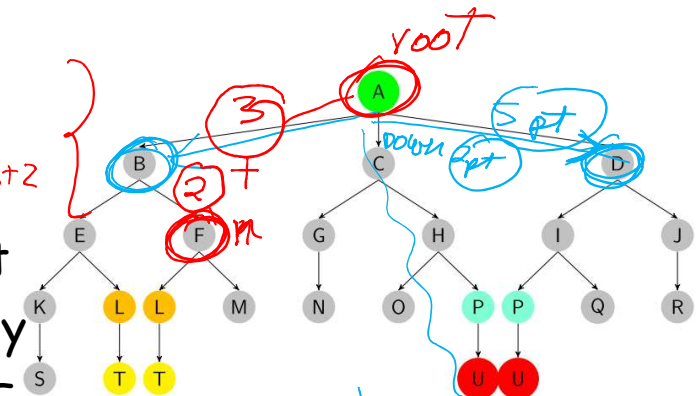
## ~~Depth~~ First Search

- uses OPEN as a priority queue sorted by the depth of nodes
- guarantees to find the shortest solution path

## Uniform Cost Search

UCS其实有点DFS那个味儿的

- takes the cost of the edge into account
- uses OPEN as a priority queue sorted by the total cost from the root to node n - later we will call this  $g(n)$  root到n的所有cost
- guarantees to find the lowest cost solution path



lowest cost of the solution path



# Example

node  
parent node  
total cost from root to n

open

closed

$\{P_{s1} E_{s9} D_{s3}\}$

$\{P_{s1} D_{s3} E_{s9}\}$

主要区别在于会sort

$\{Q_{p16} D_{s3} E_{s9}\}$

$\{D_{s3} E_{s9} Q_{p16}\}$  排序

$\{B_{d4} C_{d11} E_{d5} Q_{p16}\}$

ED5小于ES9, 替代了ES9

$\{B_{d4} E_{d5} C_{d11} Q_{p16}\}$

$\{A_{b6} E_{d5} C_{d11} Q_{p16}\}$

$\{E_{d5} A_{b6} C_{d11} Q_{p16}\}$

$\{H_{e6} R_{e14} A_{b6} C_{d11} Q_{p16}\}$

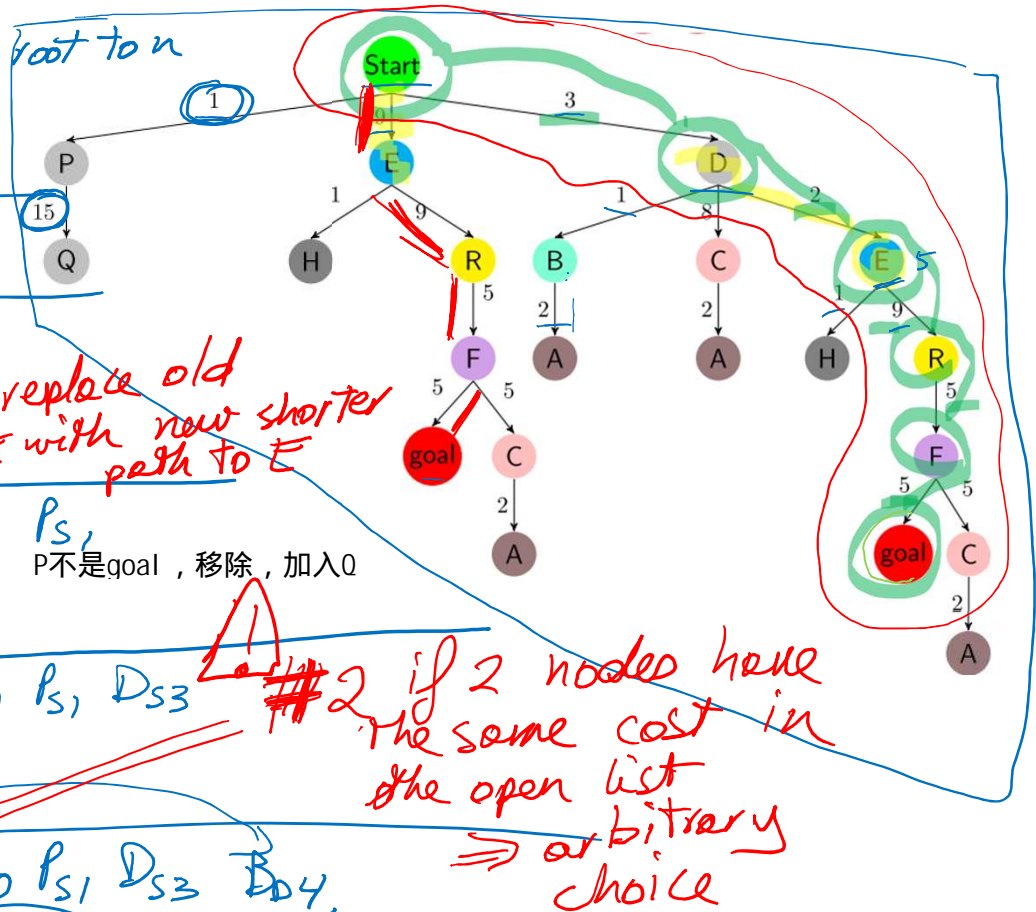
$\{H_{e6} A_{b6} C_{d11} R_{e14} Q_{p16}\}$

如果有相同cost, 任意

ED5

solution path : Goal F R E D S cost of 24

最后找到goal



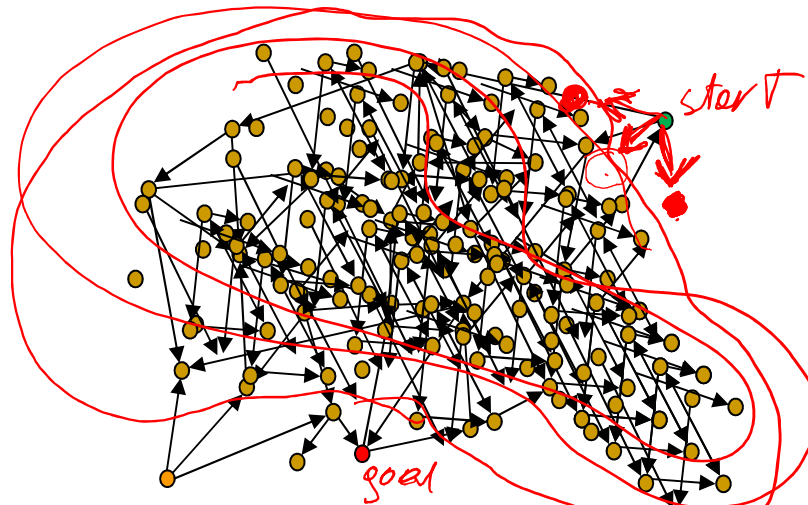
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# Problem with Uninformed Search

AI 问题的state space太大了

- inefficient for most AI problems, the state space is too large!
  - e.g. state space of all possible moves in chess =  $10^{120}$
  - $10^{75}$  = nb of molecules in the universe
  - $10^{26}$  = nb of nanoseconds since the "big bang"



- we need a way to try the most promising nodes first

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