CS5201: Advanced Artificial Intelligence

State Space Search
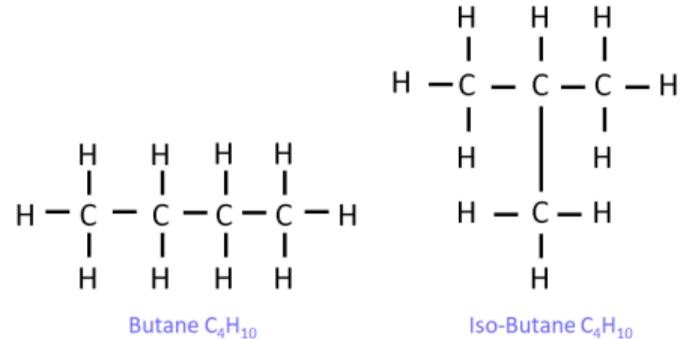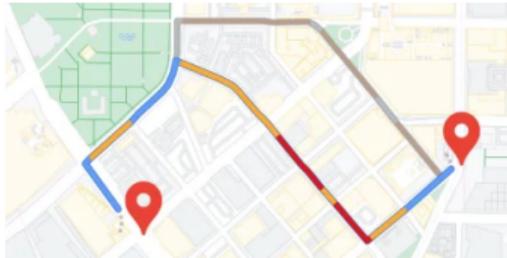
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Complex problems & solutions-1

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Automated problem solving by search

- Generalized techniques for solving large class of complex problems
- Problem statement is the input and solution is the output (sometime problem specific algorithm / method could be the output)
- AI search based problem formulation requires following steps broadly
  - Configuration or state
  - Constraints or definitions of valid configuration
  - Rules for change of state and their outcomes
  - Initial state or start configurations
  - Goal satisfying configurations
  - An implicit state space
  - Valid solutions from start to goal in that state space
  - General algorithms which search for solutions in this state space
- Challenges: Size of implicit state space, Capturing domain knowledge, Intelligent algorithms that work in reasonable time and memory, Handling incompleteness and uncertainty

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- **Search algorithms**
  - Intelligently explore the Implicit Graph or State Space by examining only a small sub-set to find the solution
  - To use Domain Knowledge or HEURISTICS to try and reach Goals faster

Two jug problem

- **There is a large bucket B full of water and Two (02) jugs, J1 of volume 3 liter and J2 of volume 5 liter. You are allowed to fill up any empty jug from the bucket, pour all water back to the bucket from a jug or pour from one jug to another. The goal is to have jug J1 with exactly one (01) liter of water**

- **State-space modeling**
  - **State definition: (J1,J2)**
  - **Rules:**
    - **Fill(J1), Fill(J2)**
    - **Empty(J1), Empty(J2)**
    - **Pour(J1,J2), Pour(J2,J1)**
  - **Start state: (0,0)**
  - **Goal state: (1,0)**
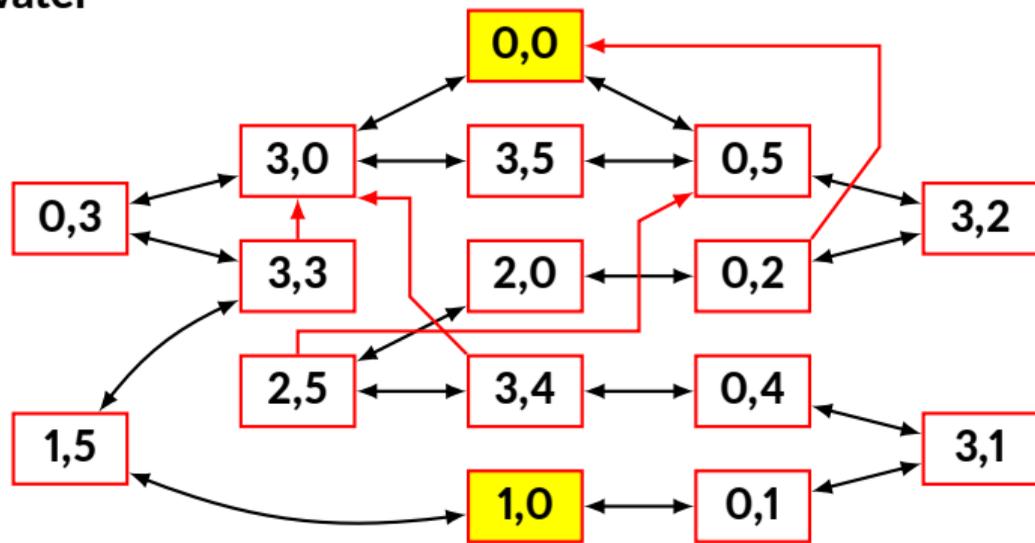
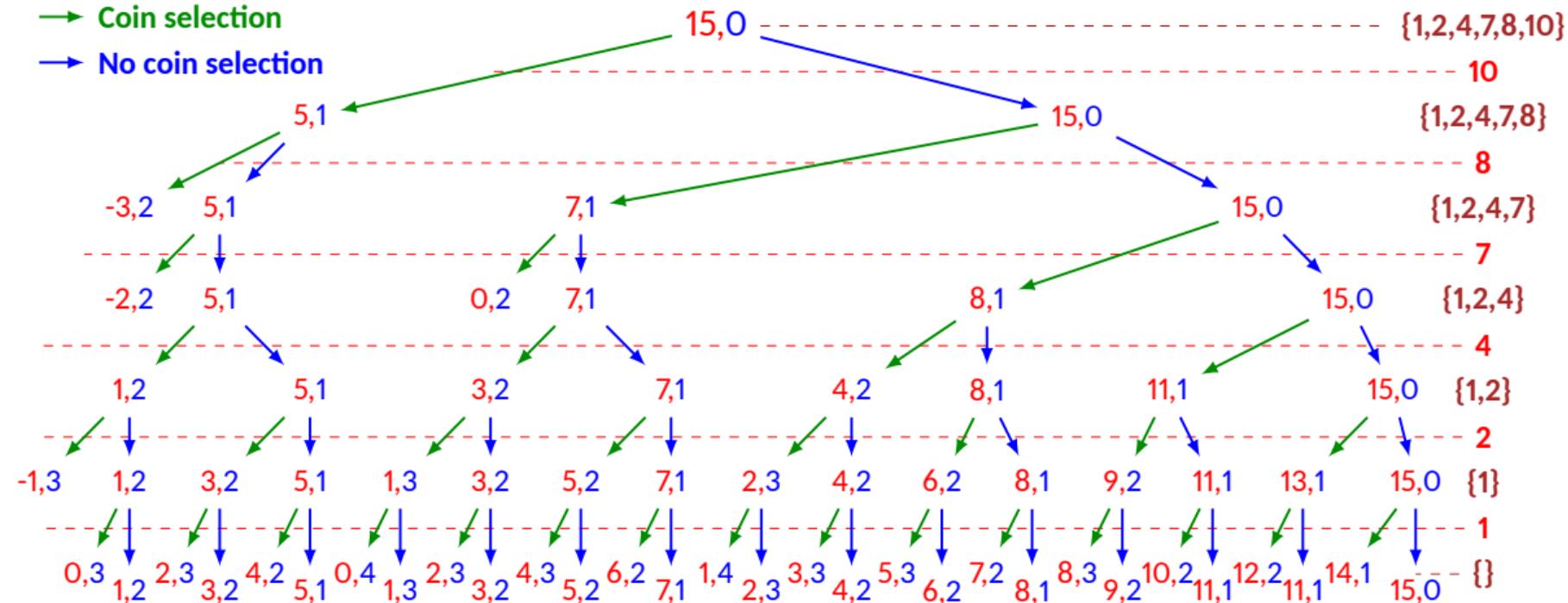**Partial state-space**

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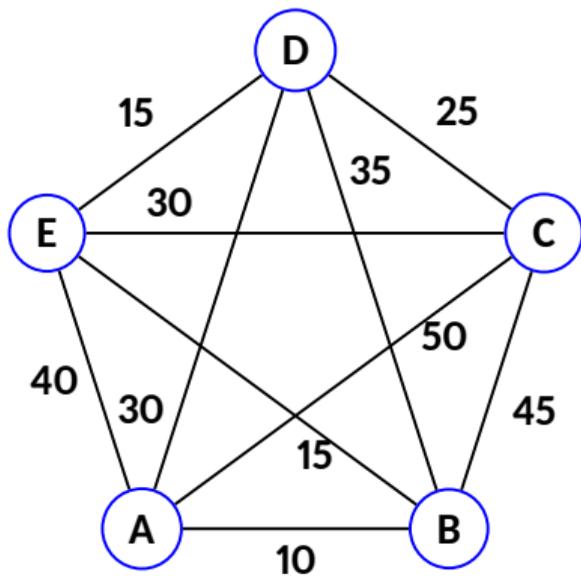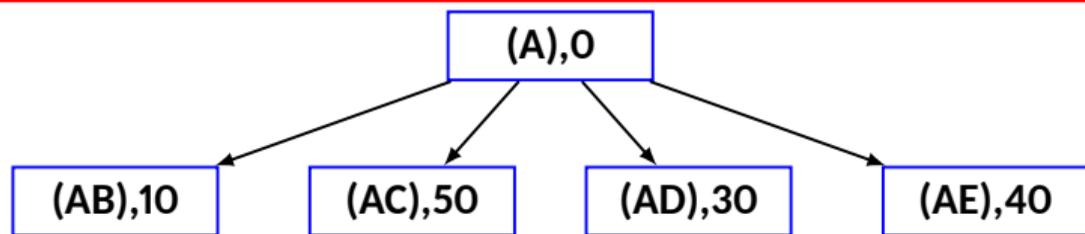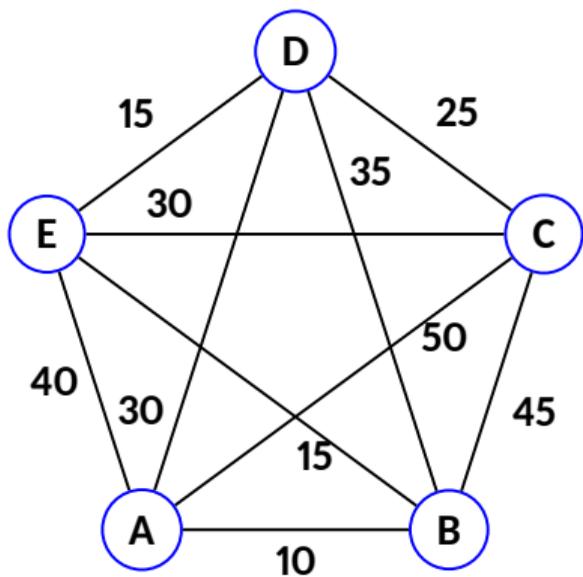- **Example:** $C = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10\}, S = 15$
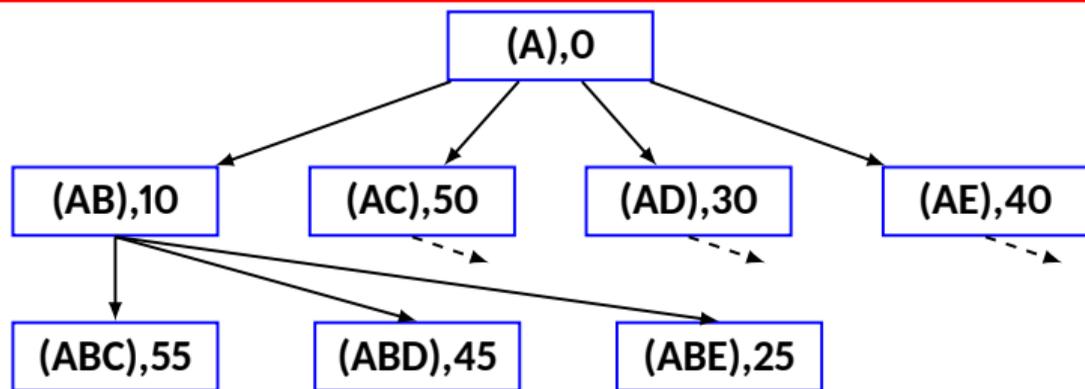

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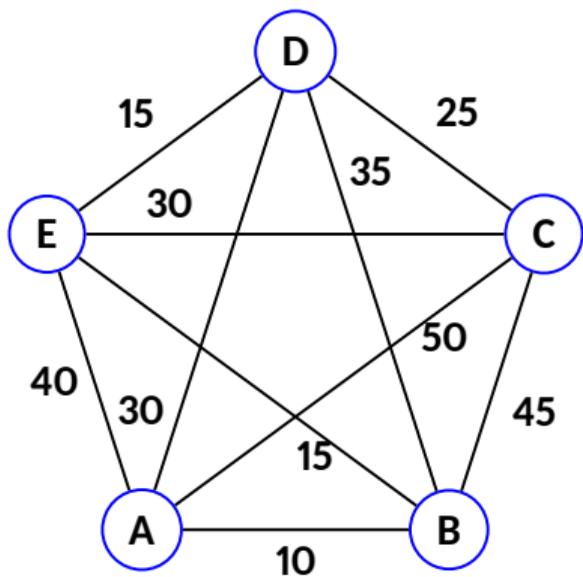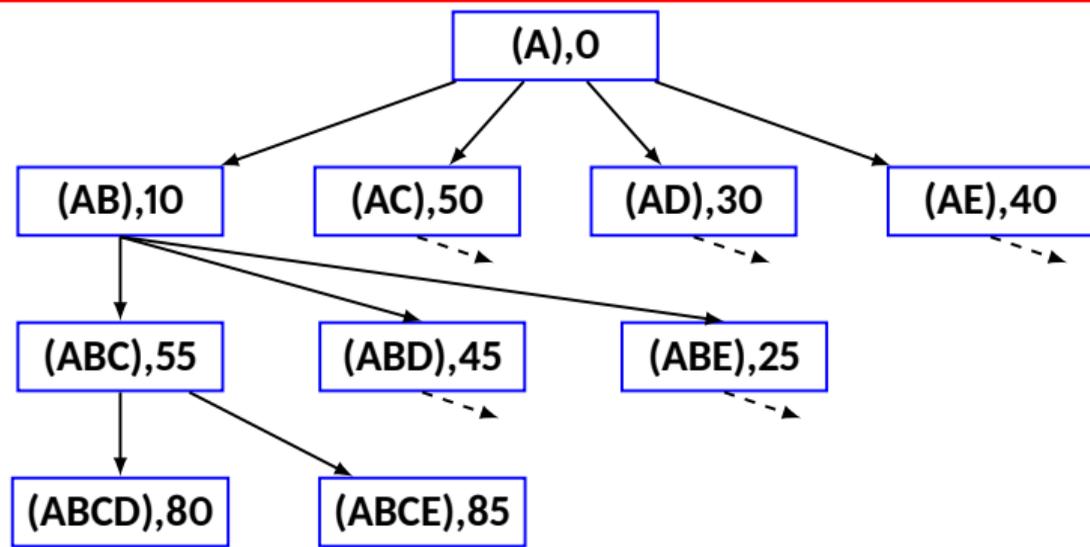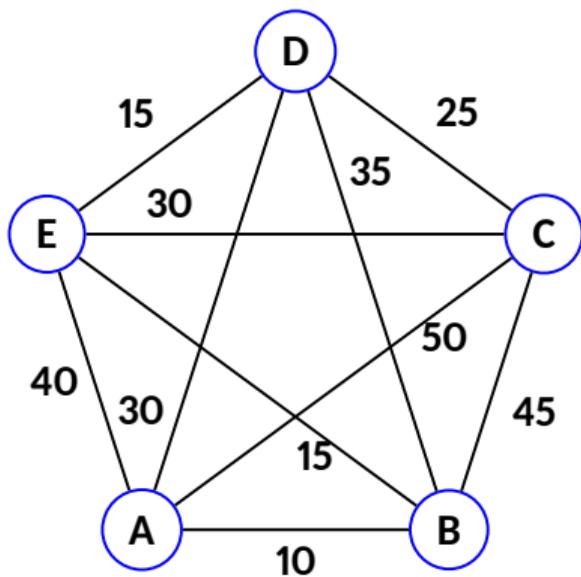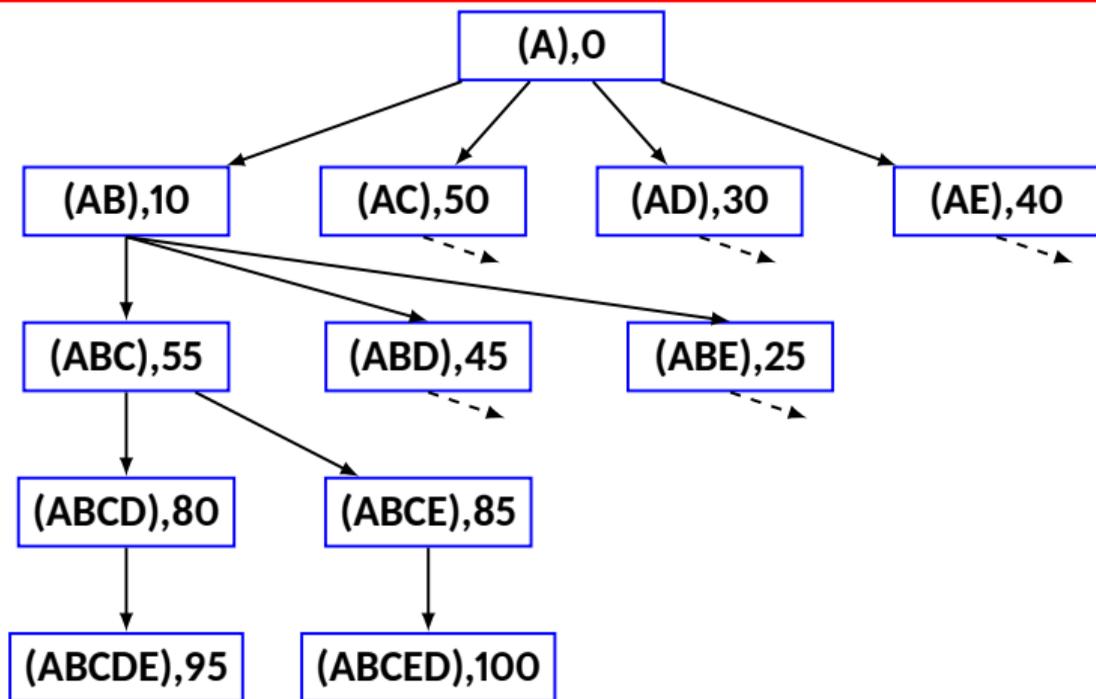
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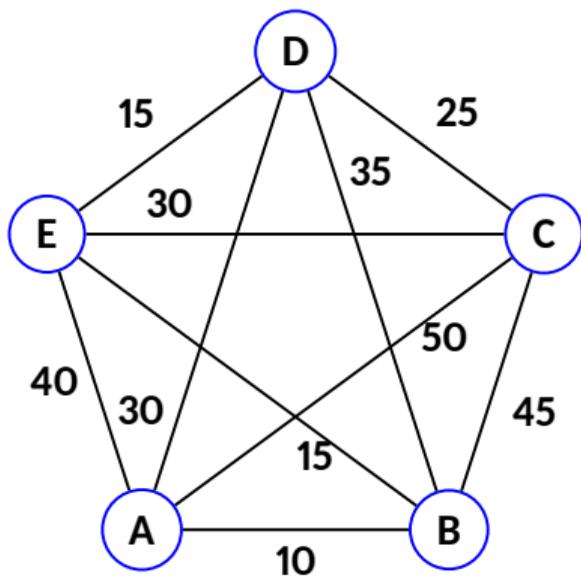
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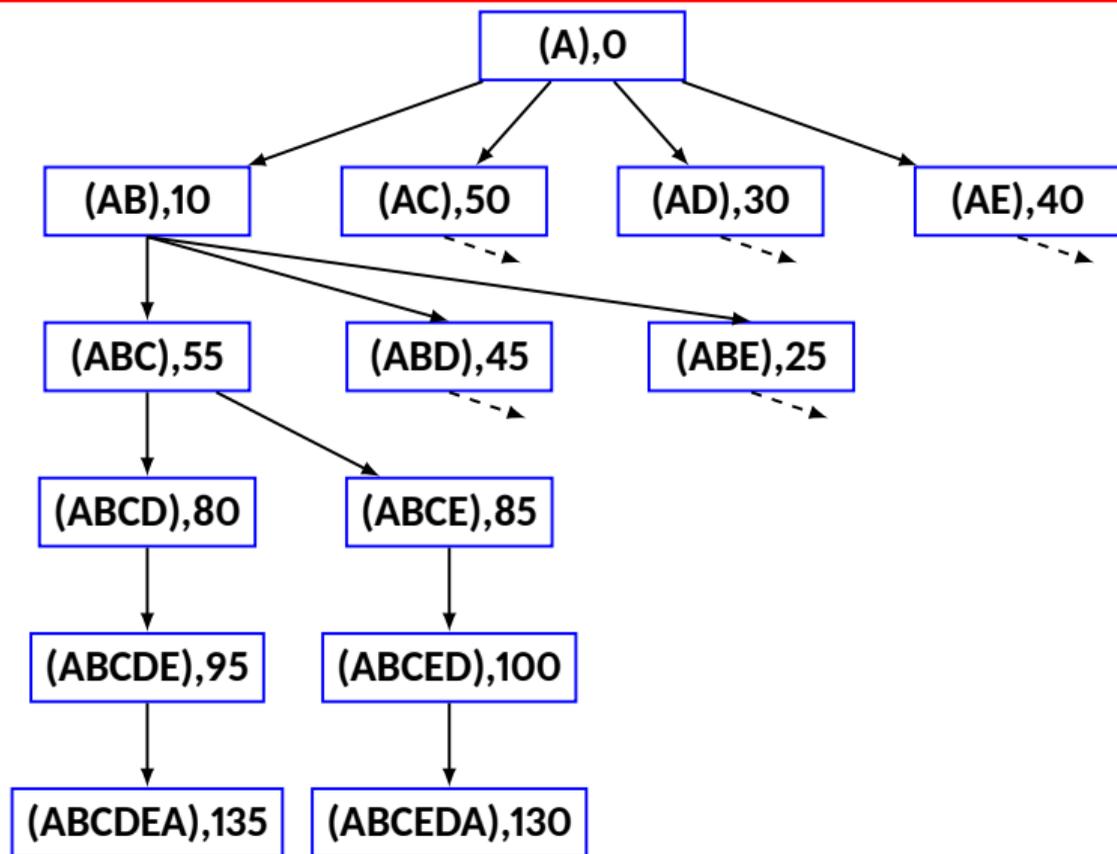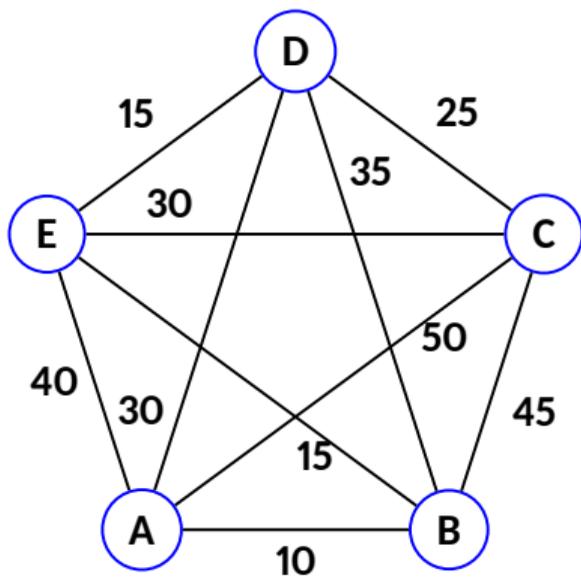
Modelling AND/OR graphs

- **OR nodes are ones for which one has a choice**
- **The AND nodes could be compositional (sum, product, min, max, etc., depending on the subproblems are composed)**
  - **Adversarial — where the other parties have choice, usually in games**
  - **Probabilistic — environmental actions**

AND/OR graphs

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Adversarial AND/OR graphs
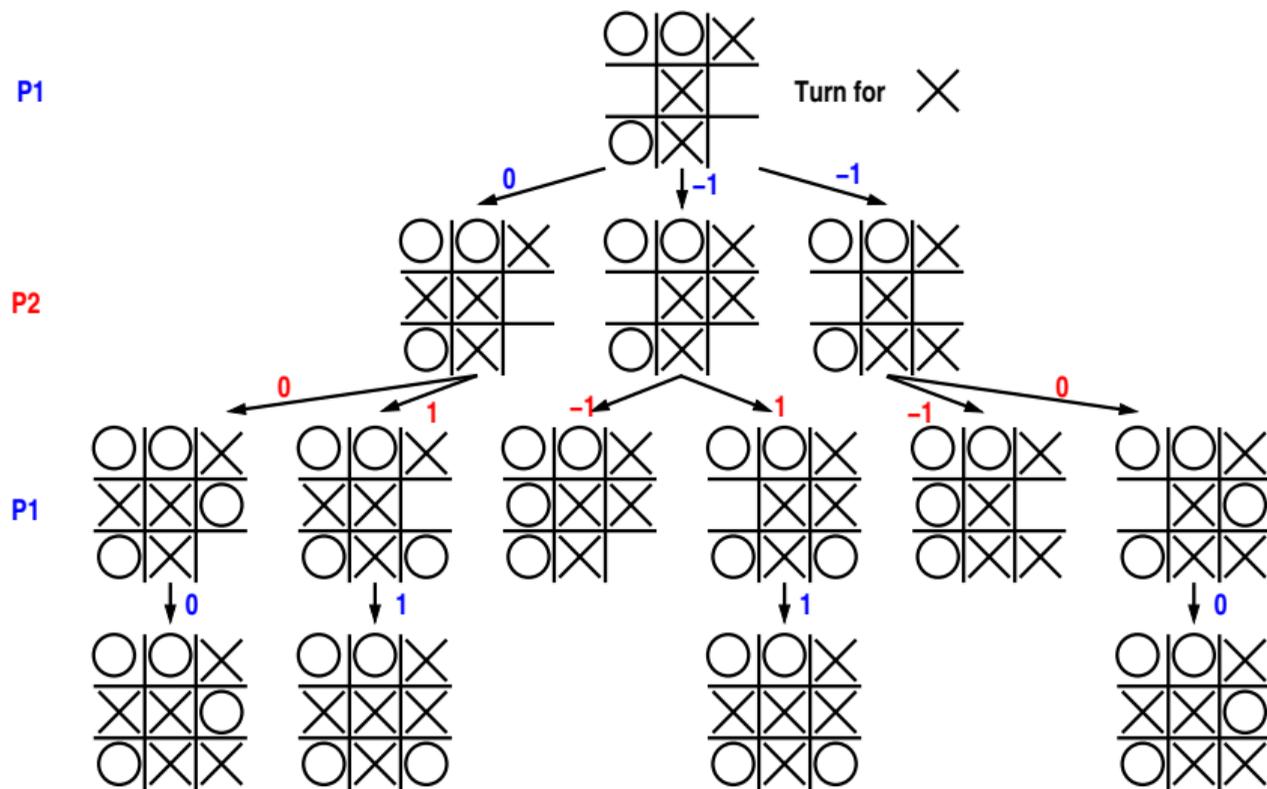
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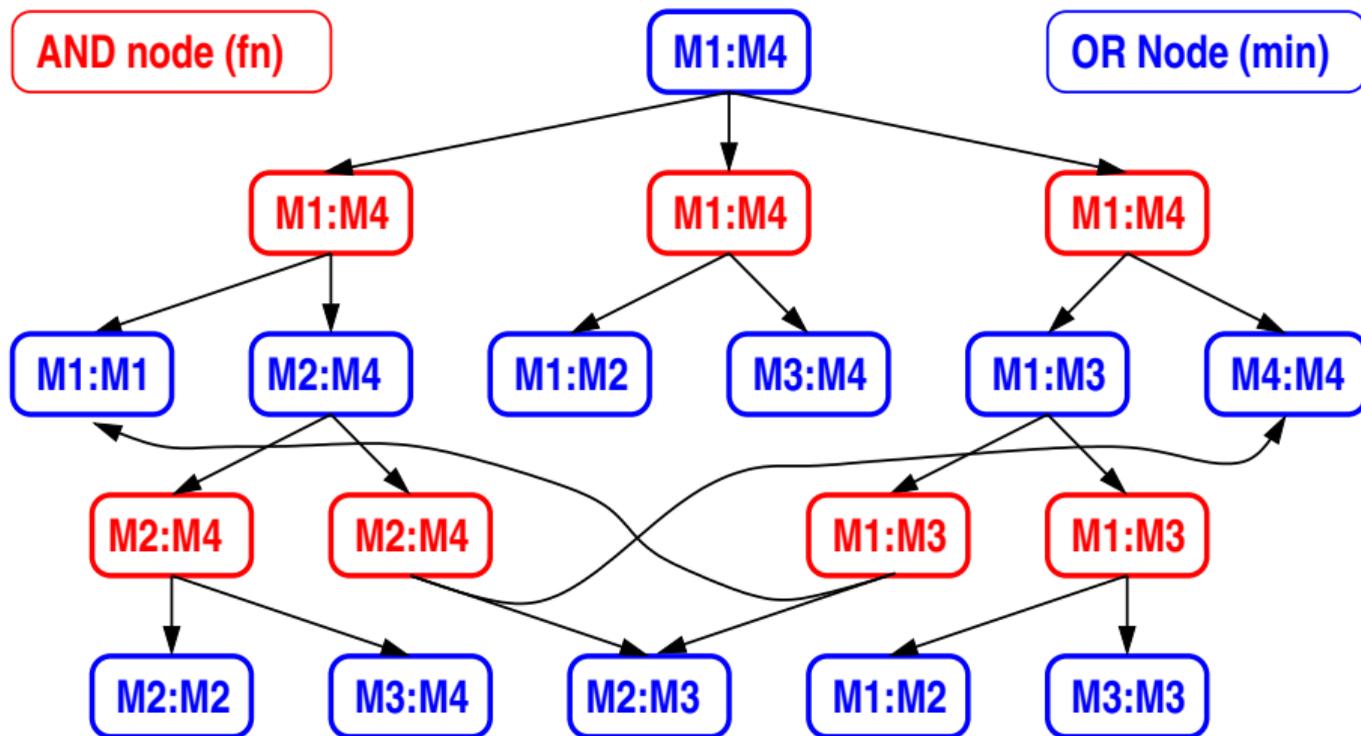 - $A_1 \times (A_2 \times A_3)$

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MCM: AND/OR graphs

$M1(M2(M3M4)) = (M1M2)(M3M4) = ((M1M2)M3))M4 = (M1(M2M3))M4 = M1((M2M3)M4)$

Searching implicit graph

- **Given the start state the SEARCH Algorithm will create successors based on the State Transformation Rules and make part of the Graph EXPLICIT.**

- **It will EXPAND the Explicit graph INTELLIGENTLY to rapidly search for a solution without exploring the entire Implicit Graph or State Space**

- **For OR Graphs, the solution is a PATH from start to Goal.**

- **Cost is usually sum of the edge costs on the path, though it could be something based on the problem**
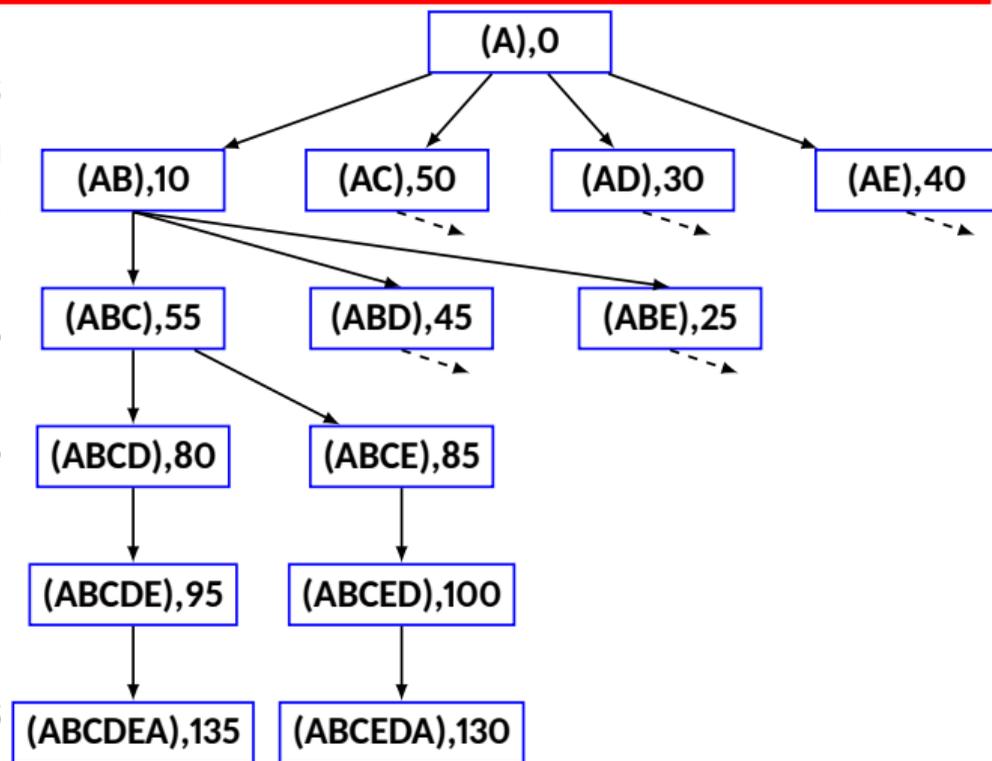
Searching implicit graph: Algorithms

- **Basic algorithms** — Depth-First (DFS), Breadth-First (BFS), Iterative deepening (IDS)
- **Cost-based algorithms** — Depth-First Branch-and-Bound, Best First Search, Best-First Iterative deepening
- **Widely used algorithms** — A* and IDA* (OR graphs), AO* (AND/OR graphs), Alpha-beta pruning (Game-trees)

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- IDS performs DFS level wise manner (DFS(1), DFS(2), ...)

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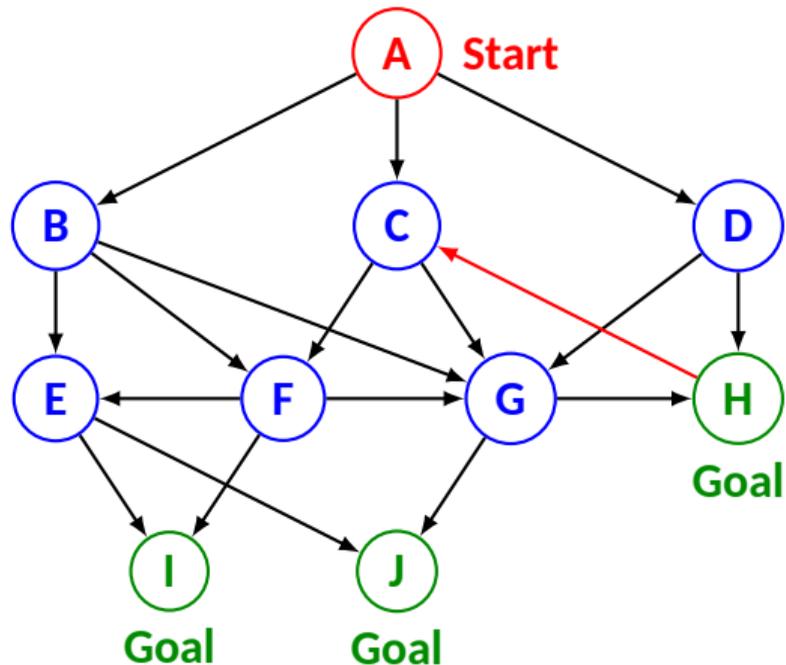
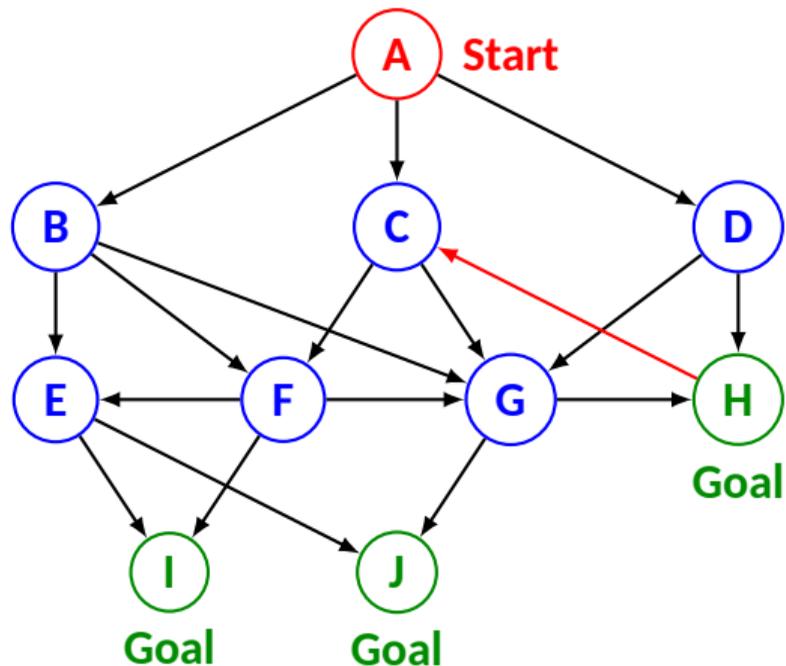

- Depth-first search
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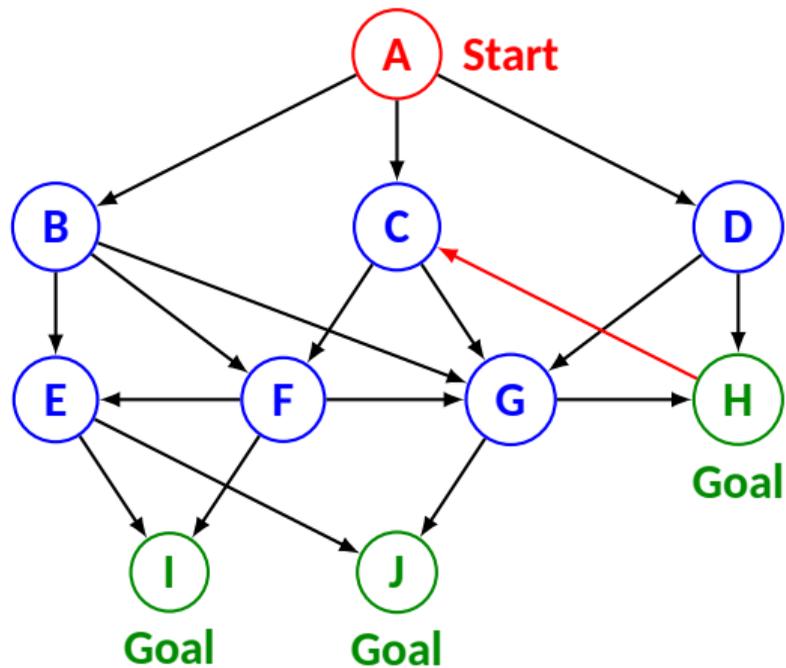
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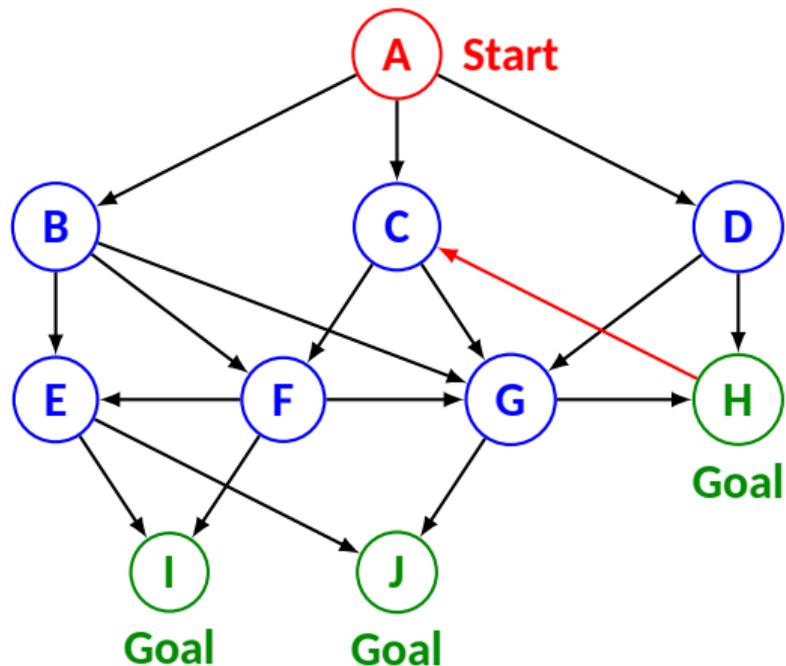
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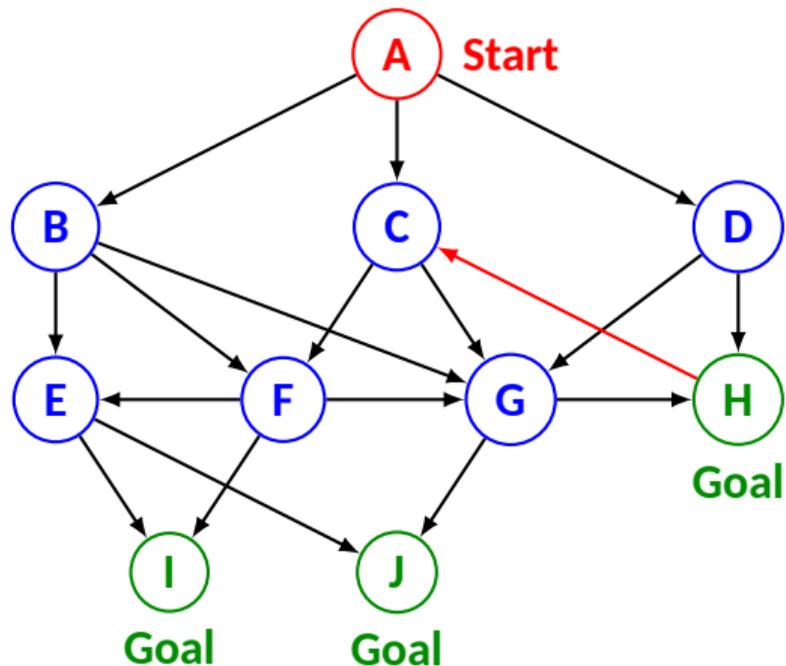
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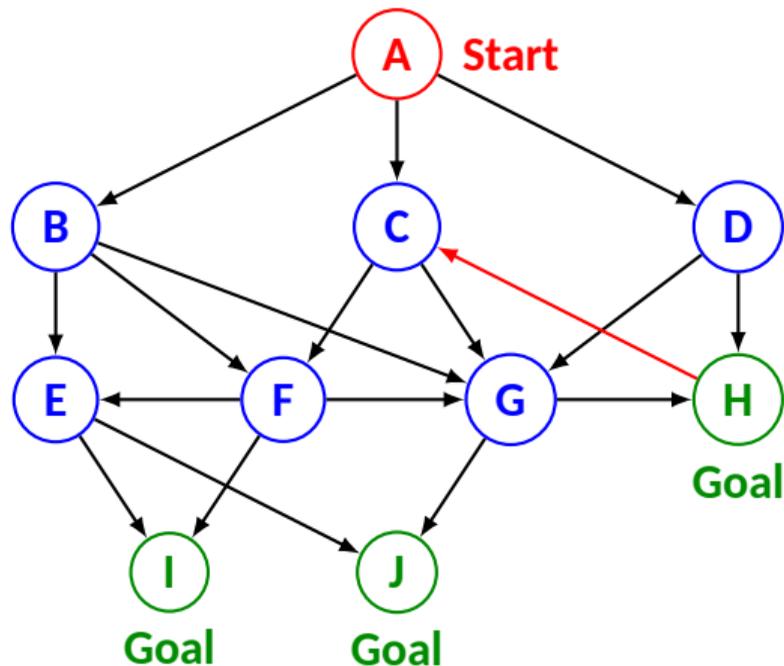
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Search can continue for more goal nodes if minimum length or cost is a criteria.

DFS may not terminate if there is an infinite depth path even if there is a goal node at finite depth.

DFS has low memory overhead.

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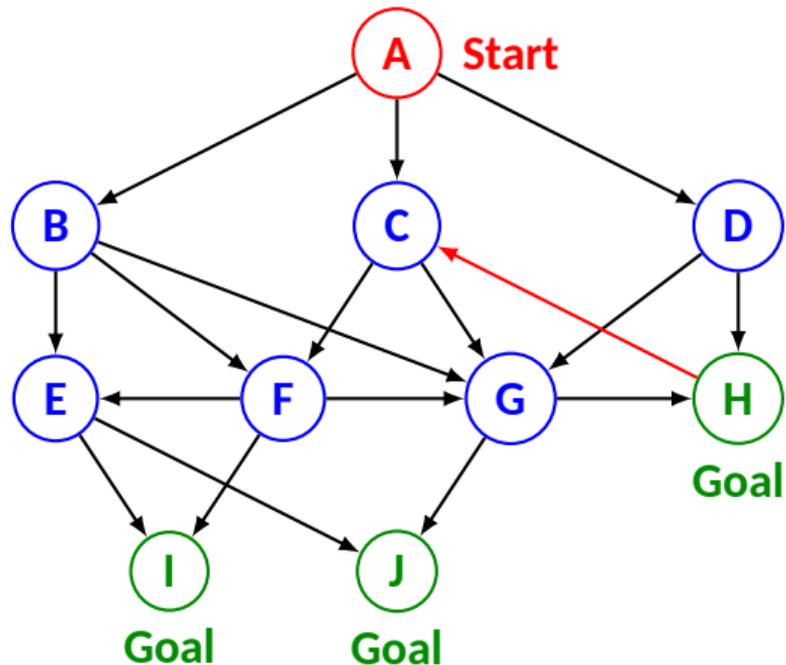
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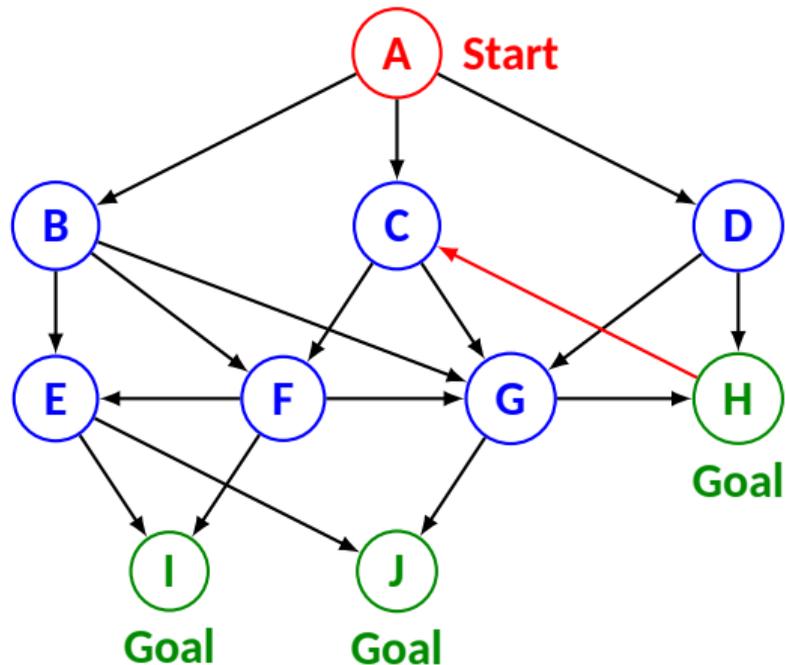
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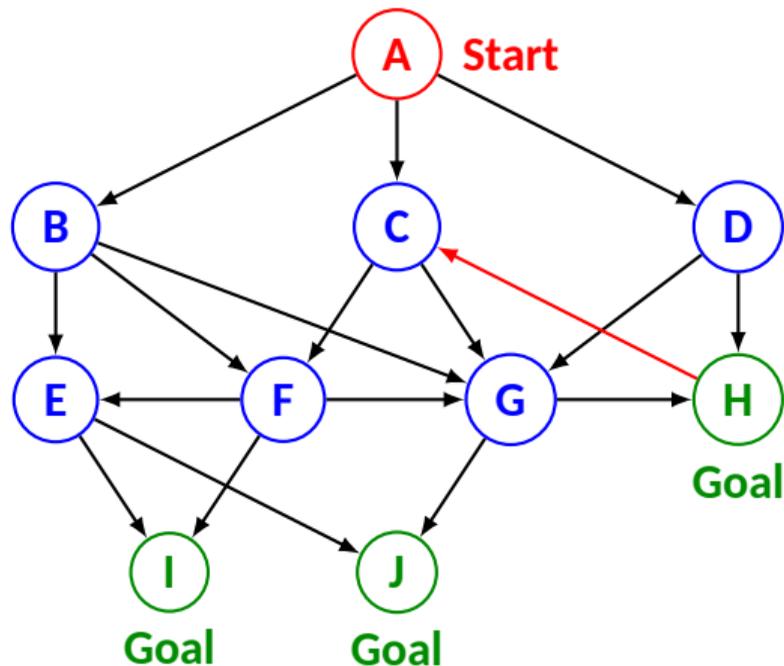
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3	Can terminate with path from A to H

This is guaranteed to be the minimum length path.

IDS guarantees shortest length path to goal.

IDS may re-expand nodes many times.

IDS has lower memory requirement than BFS.

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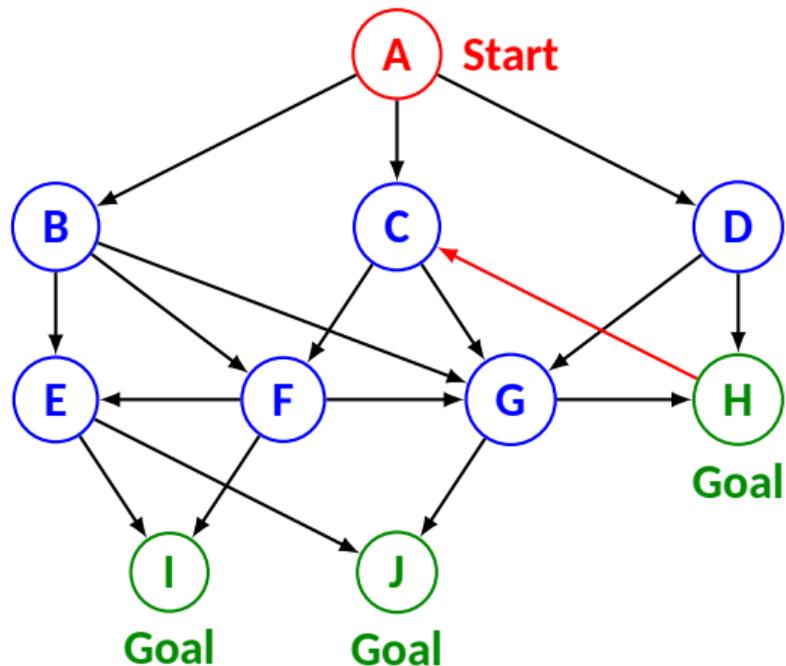
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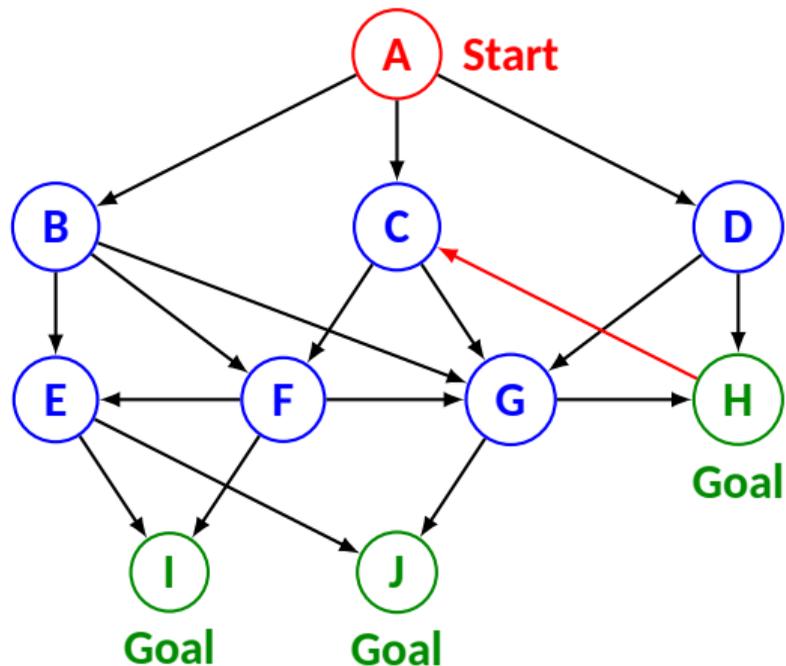
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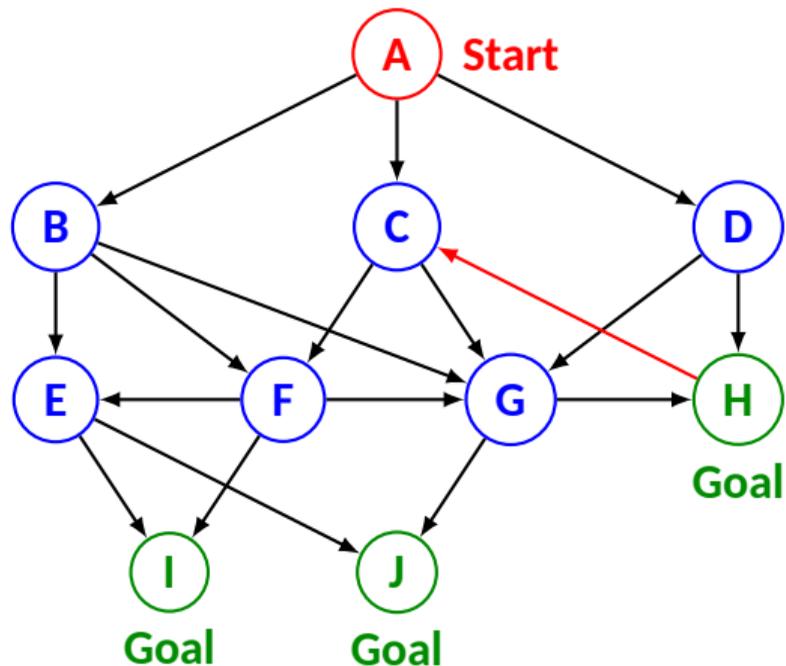
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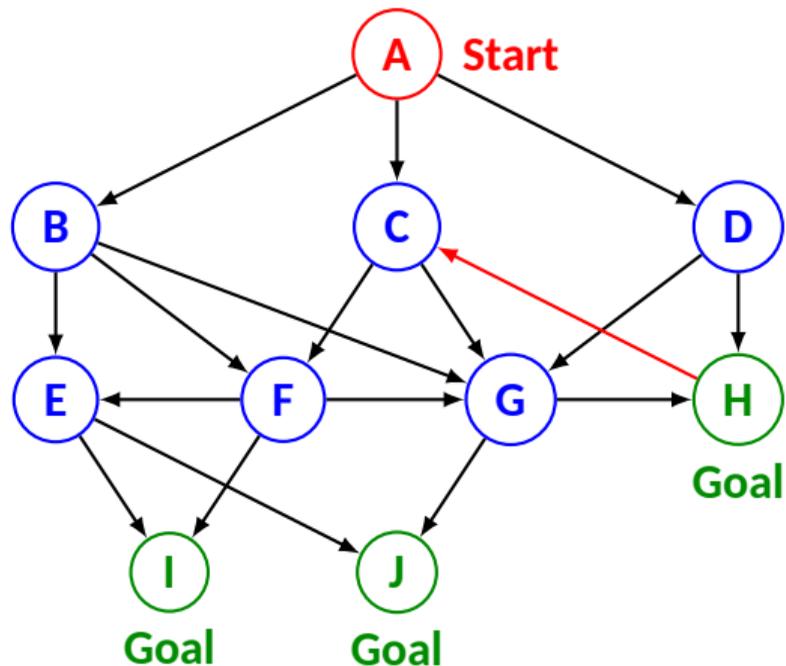
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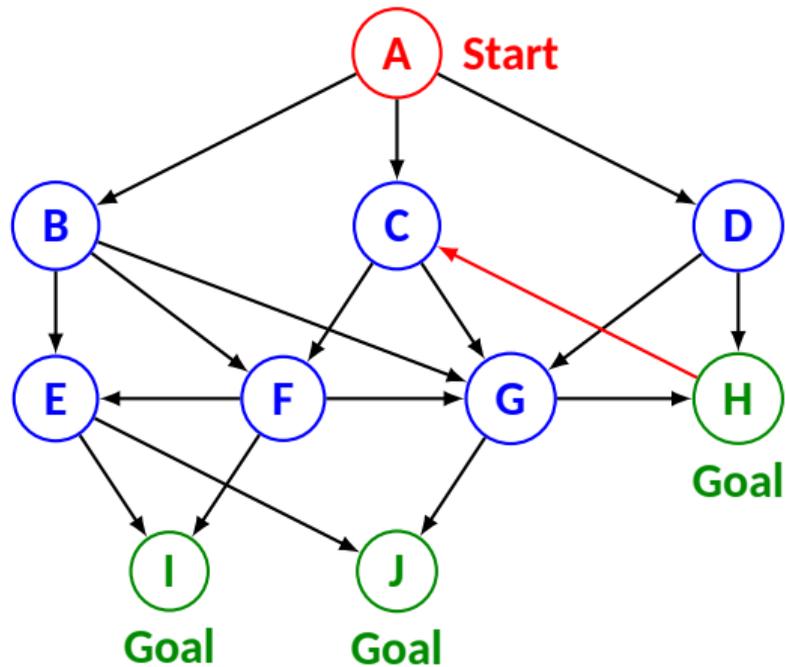
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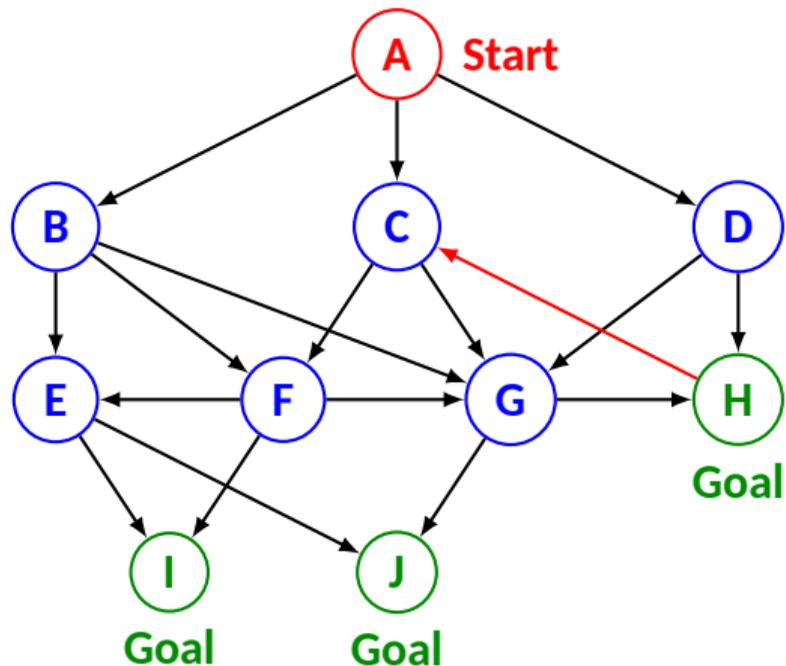
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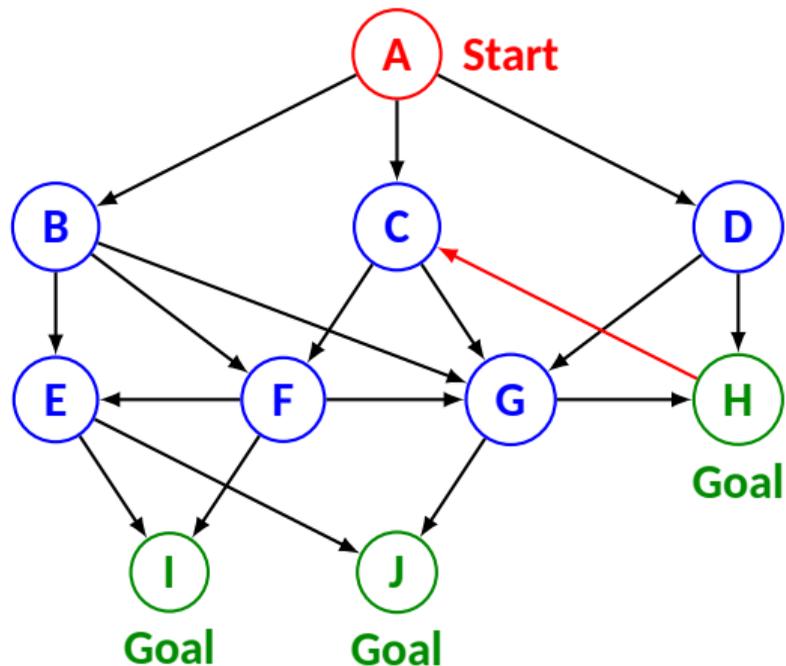
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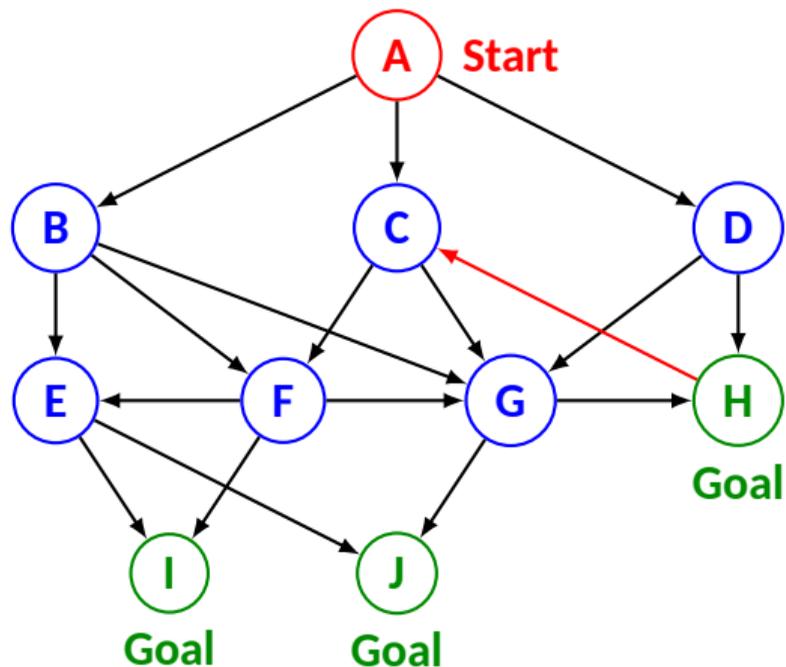
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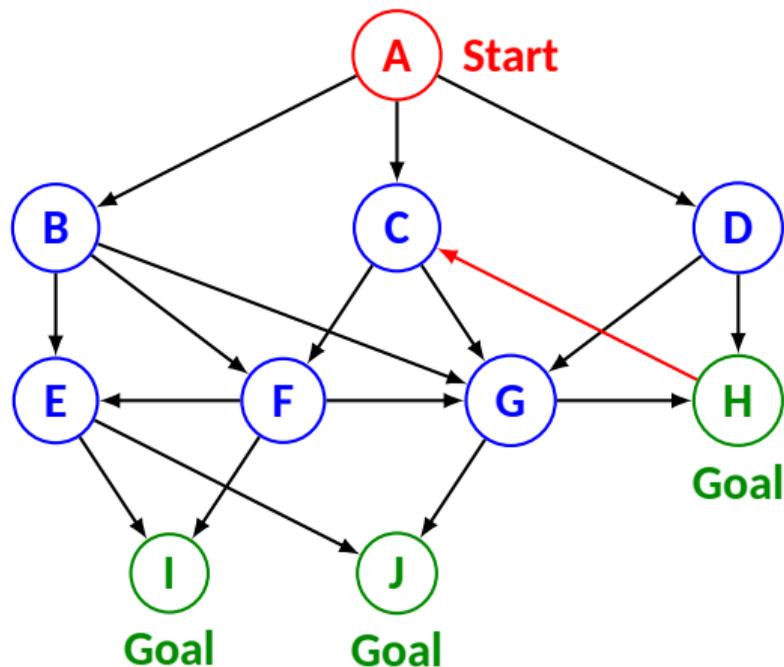
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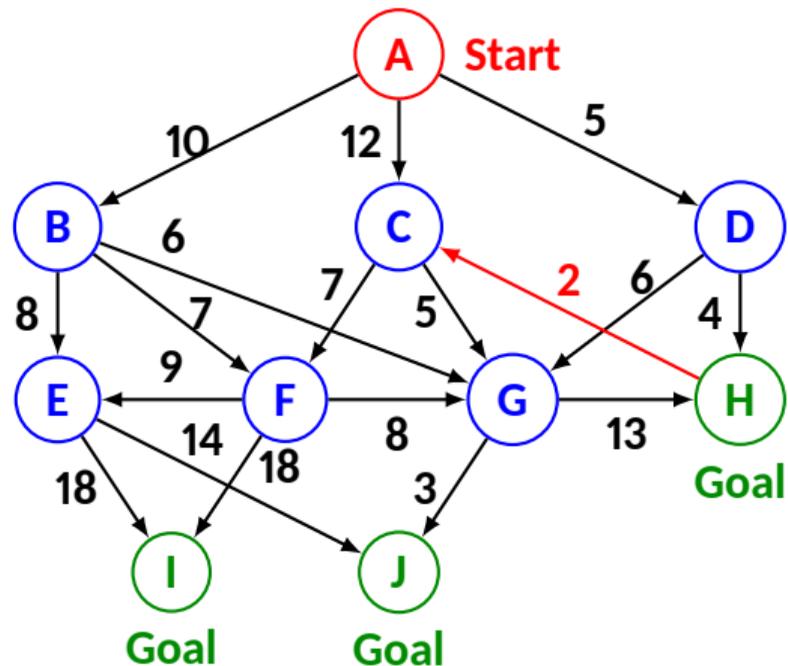
Modifying basic algorithms to incorporate cost

1. **[Initialize]** Initially the OPEN List contains the Start Node s. CLOSED List is Empty.

2. **[Select]** Select the first Node n on the OPEN List. If OPEN is empty, Terminate

3. **[Goal Test]** If n is Goal, then decide on Termination or Continuation / Cost Updation

4. **[Expand]**
   a. **Generate the successors $n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k$, of node n, based on the State Transformation Rules**
   b. **Put n in LIST CLOSED**
   c. **For each n_i, not already in OPEN or CLOSED List, put n_i in the FRONT (for DFS) / END (for BFS) of OPEN List**
   d. **For each n_i already in OPEN or CLOSED decide based on cost of the paths**

5. **[Continue]** Go to Step 2

Algorithm IDS Performs DFS level by level iteratively (DFS(1), DFS(2), ...and so on)

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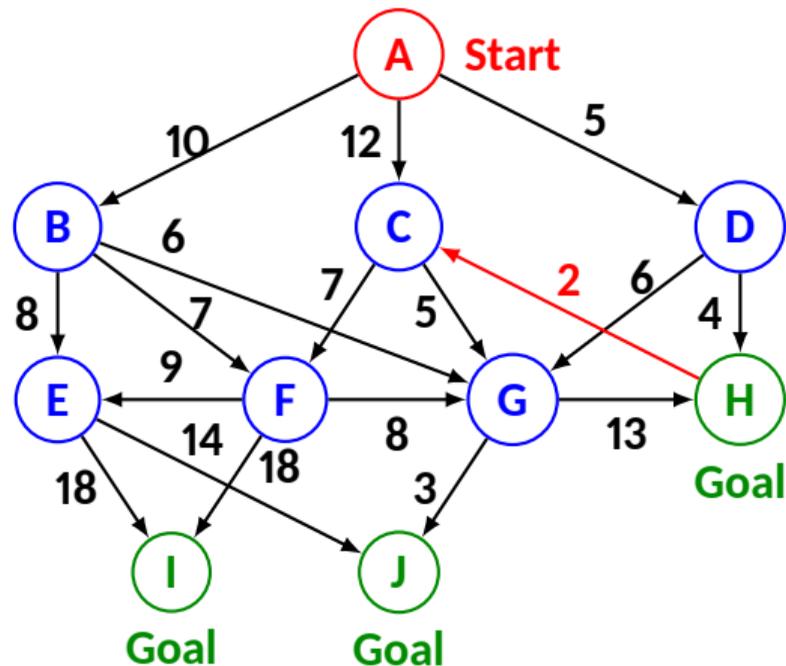
Cost ordered search:
- DFBB
- Best first search
- Best first IDS
- Use of heuristic estimates: A*, AO*

Thank you!