

Search Algorithms

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Objectives

- ❑ Understand the mechanics of graph search.
- ❑ Implement best-first graph search efficiently.
- ❑ Model problems as search problems.
- ❑ Understand heuristics as a means to control search.
- ❑ Sensibly vary between optimality and relaxation.
- ❑ Construct domain-specific search algorithms.

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