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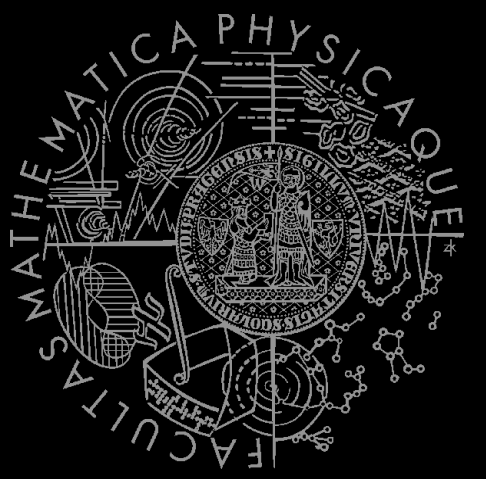
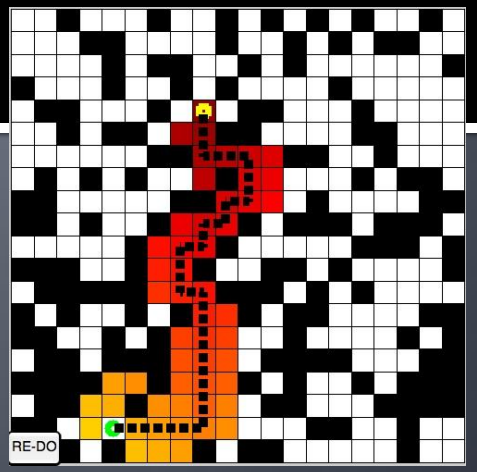


UT2004 bots made easy!

Pogamut 3

Lecture 6 – A* + Visibility



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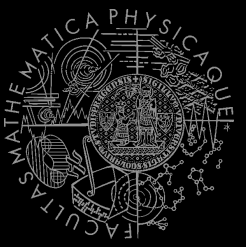

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  - 5 minutes limit
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Assignment 5 Revisited

NavigationBot

- How to detect that the bot has stuck?
- What if the location is currently unreachable?
  - `TabooSet` explained

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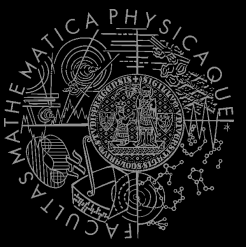

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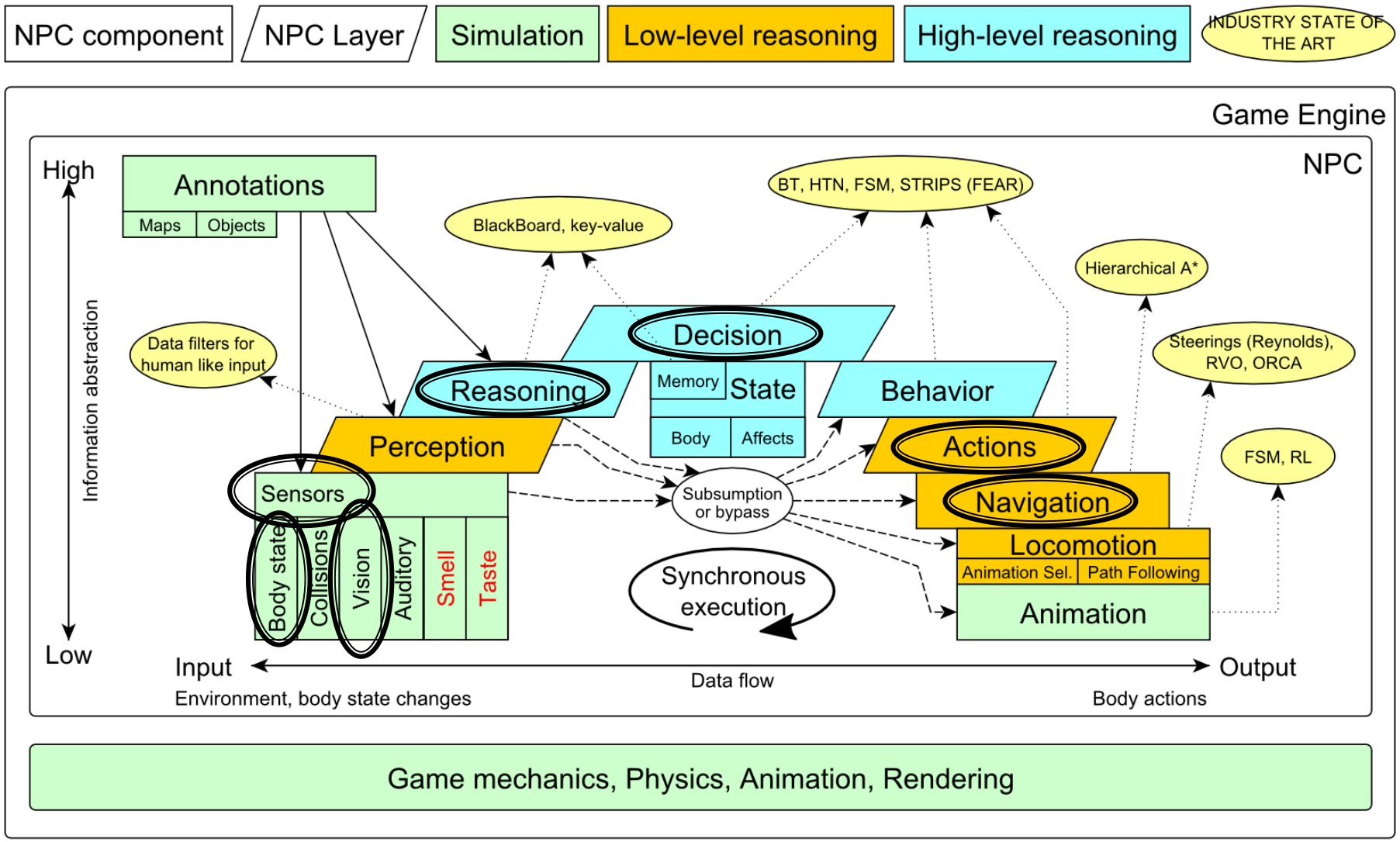
Big Picture
Already covered



Big Picture
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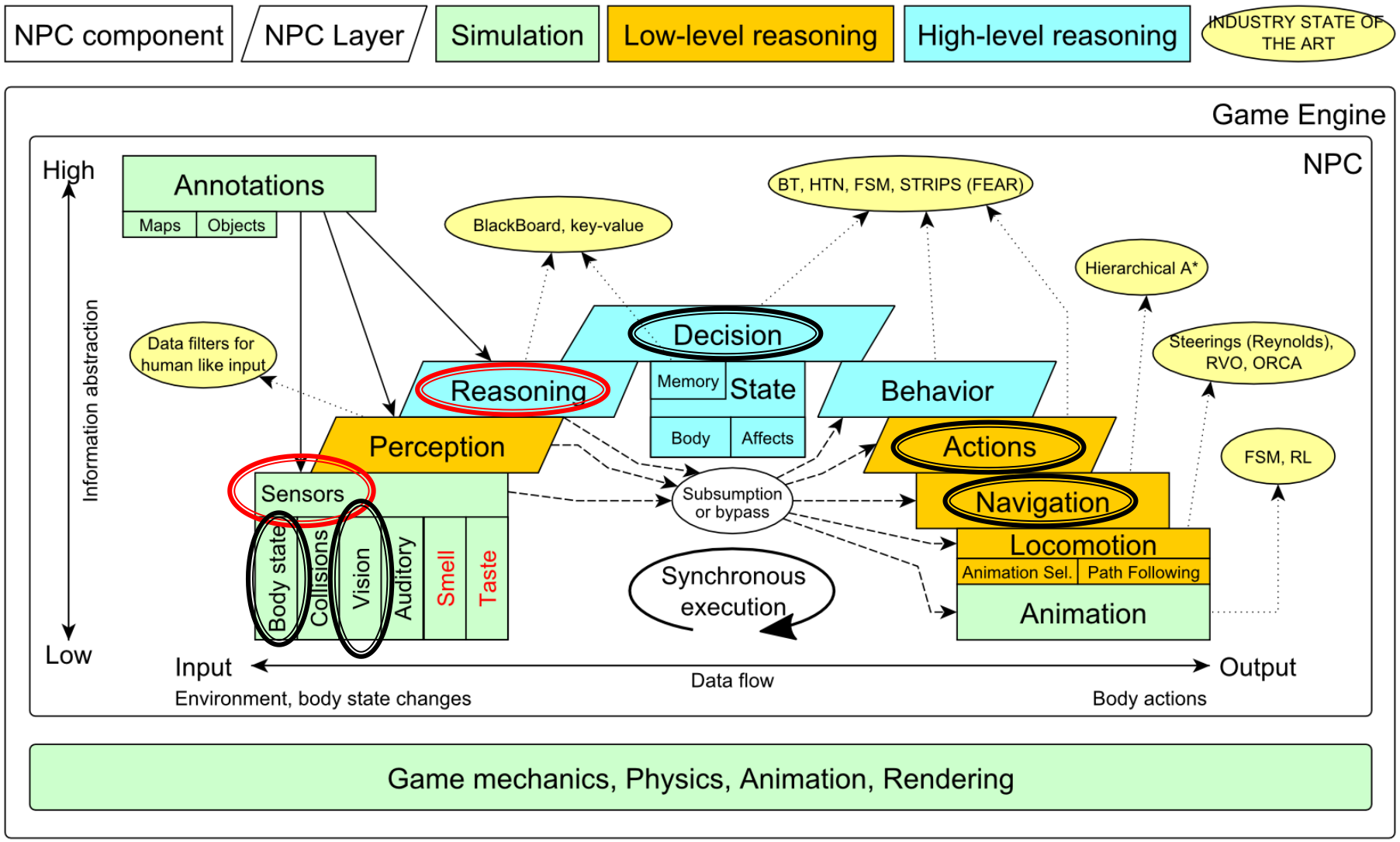

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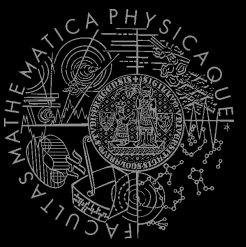

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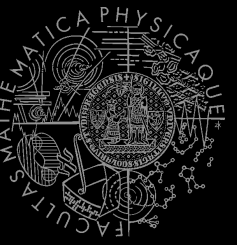
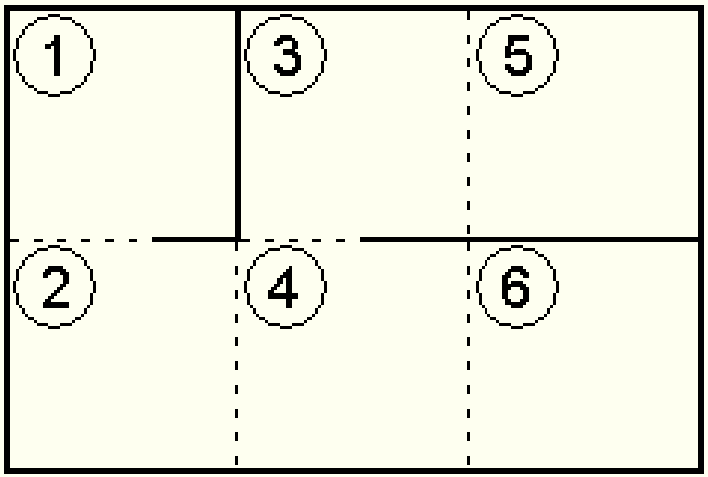
Visibility Abstraction

Visibility Matrix



- `Visibility` class
  - Contains precomputed visibility matrix between path points and some points on links
  - Matrices for competition maps already present



	1	2	3	4	5	6
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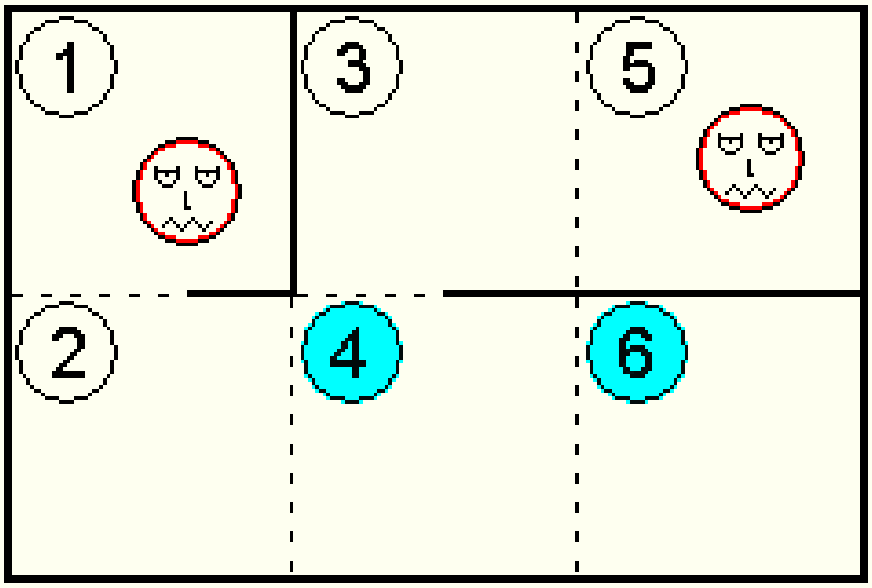
V_3	0	0	1	0	1	0
V_4	0	1	0	1	0	1
V_5	0	0	1	0	1	0
V_6	0	1	0	1	0	1

Visibility Matrix

How to get to cover?

- How to find the cover?
  - Enemies … $E_1..E_k$
  - Safe waypoints … $S = \neg \bigvee_{i=1}^{k} V_{E_i}$



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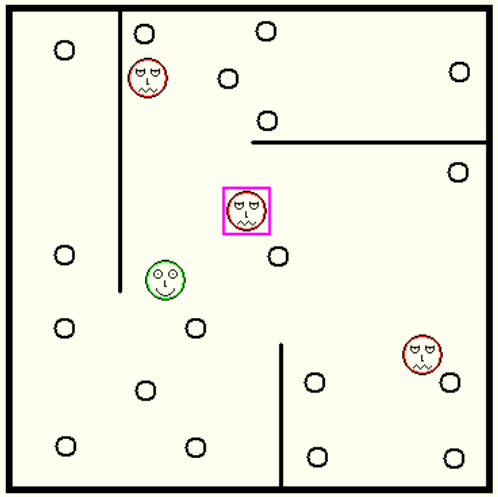
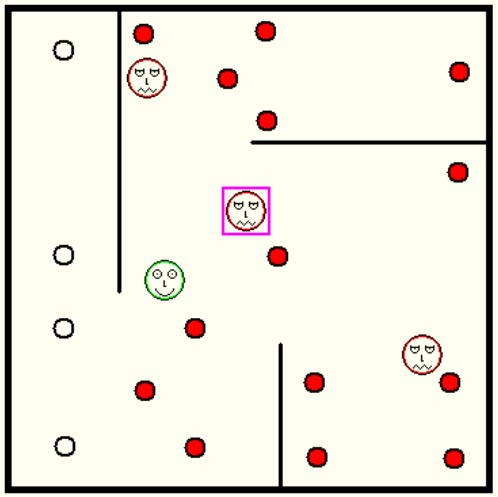
Visibility Matrix

Smart attack

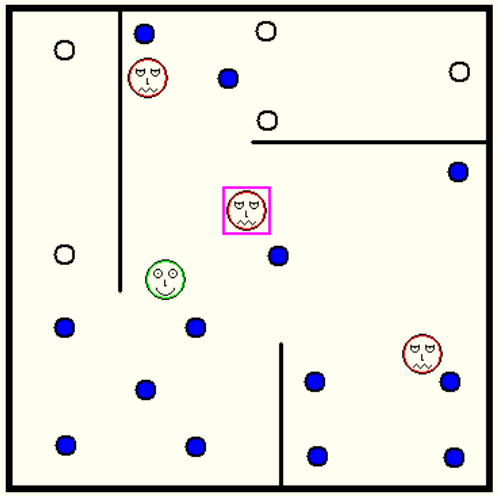


1. Choose target T
2. Others are enemies E_i



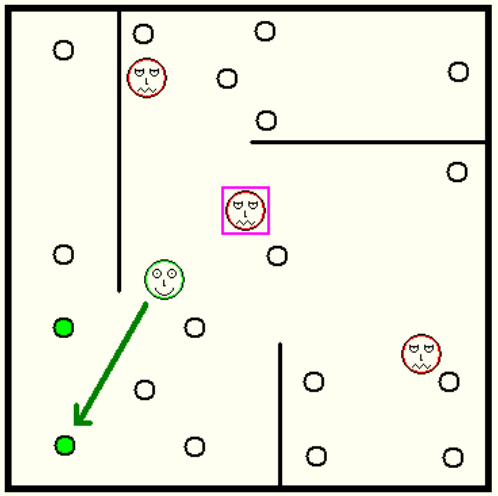
3. Navpoints other enemies E_i can see

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^{k} V_{E_i}$$



2. Navpoints target T is visible from

$$V_T$$

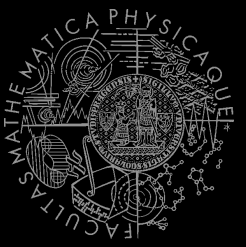


4. Smart place to shoot from

$$V_t \wedge \neg \bigvee_{i=1}^{k} V_{E_i}$$

Visibility Matrix

Interesting methods



- `Visibility` class (this.visibility)

  `getNearestVisibilityLocationTo``(ILocated)`

  `getCoverPointsFrom``(ILocated)`

  `getCoverPointsFromN``(ILocated…)`

  `getMatrix``()`

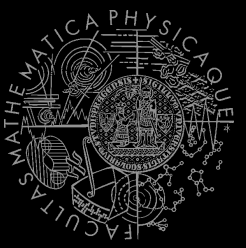
- `VisibilityMatrix` class

  `getMatrix``()`

  `getNearestIndex``(ILocated located)`

Visibility Matrix

Visibility matrix file



- To be able to use the visibility matrix, you need to have a file with the visibility information
- Each map has its own file. E.g.

```
VisibilityMatrix-DM-TrainingDay-all.bin
```

- Place this file in the root of the project folder of your bot
- Get all matrices from svn

svn://artemis.ms.mff.cuni.cz/pogamut/trunk/project/Main/PogamutUT2004Examples/19-VisibilityBatchCreator/visibility-matrices

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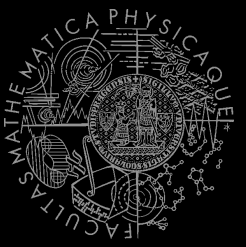

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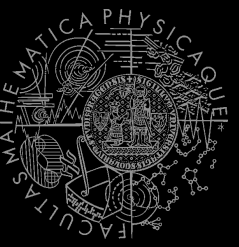
A* Algorithm
Reasoning

- Agent deliberation cycle
  1. Update senses
     - Some Players have become visible
  2. Update percepts
     - They are all enemies!
  3. **Reason**
     - **Where can I take cover? How can I fallback?**

     => Infer new information given the senses / percepts
  4. Decide
     - Inform my team then … should I take cover, fallback or attack?
  5. Take action

A* Algorithm
Dijkstra

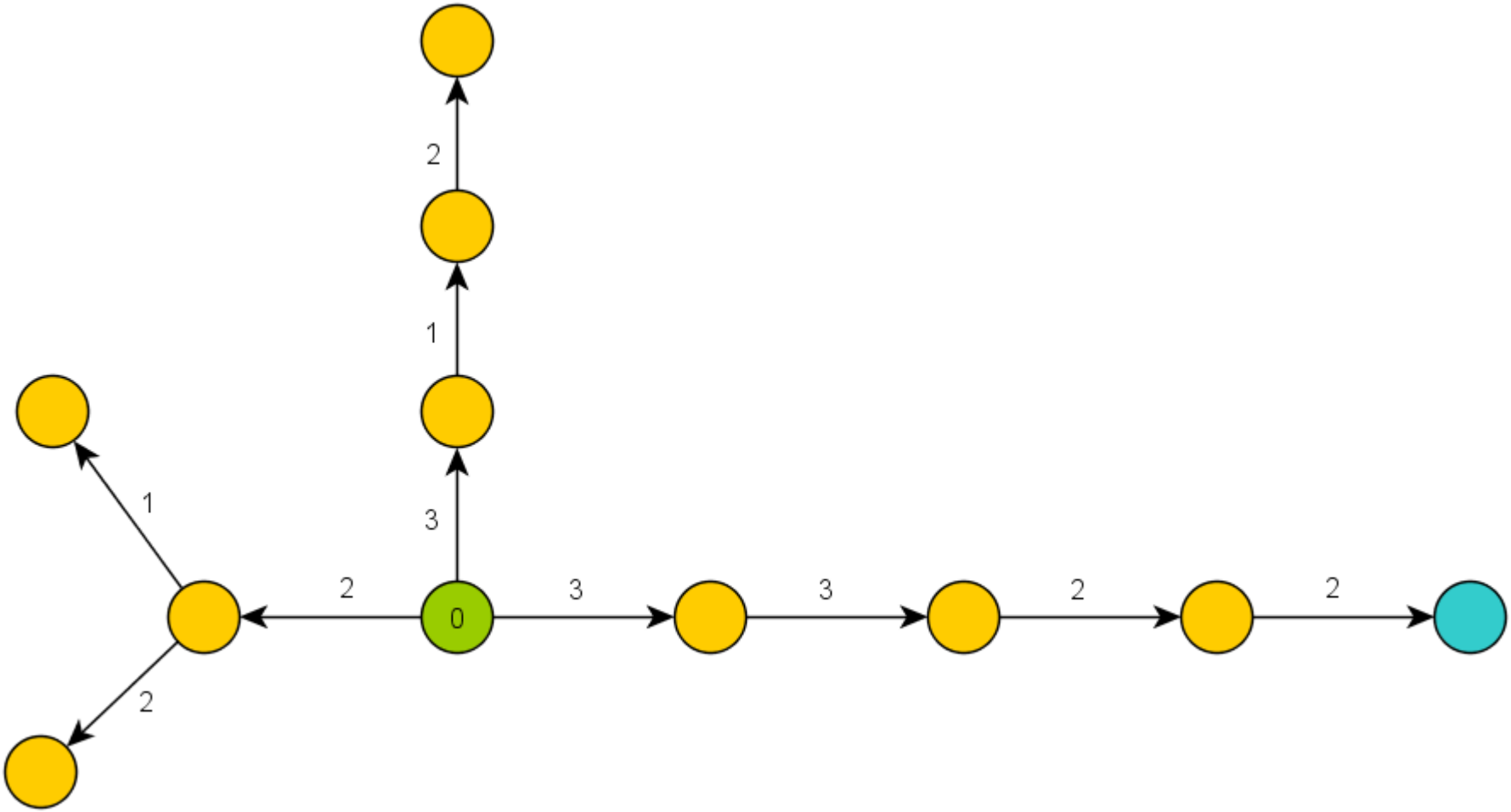


- Remembering Dijkstra's alg?
- Roughly speaking…

```
Nodes = {start}
while (!nodes.empty) {
  Node = pick_shortest_path(nodes)
  if (Node == Target) return
       reconstruct_path(Node)
  Nodes = Nodes \ Node
  expand(Node, Nodes)
}
```

A* Algorithm

Dijkstra Example I



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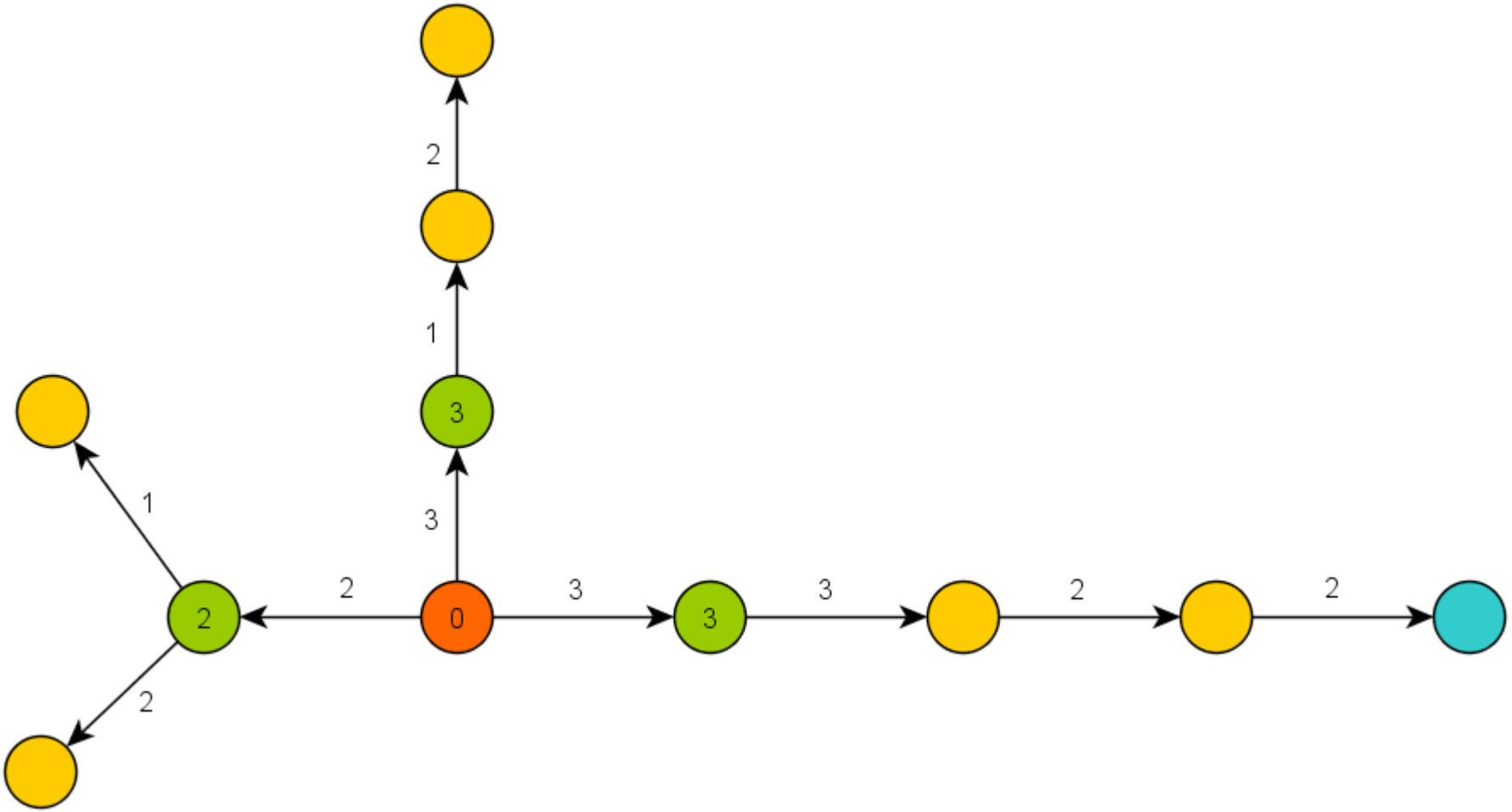
Dijkstra Example II



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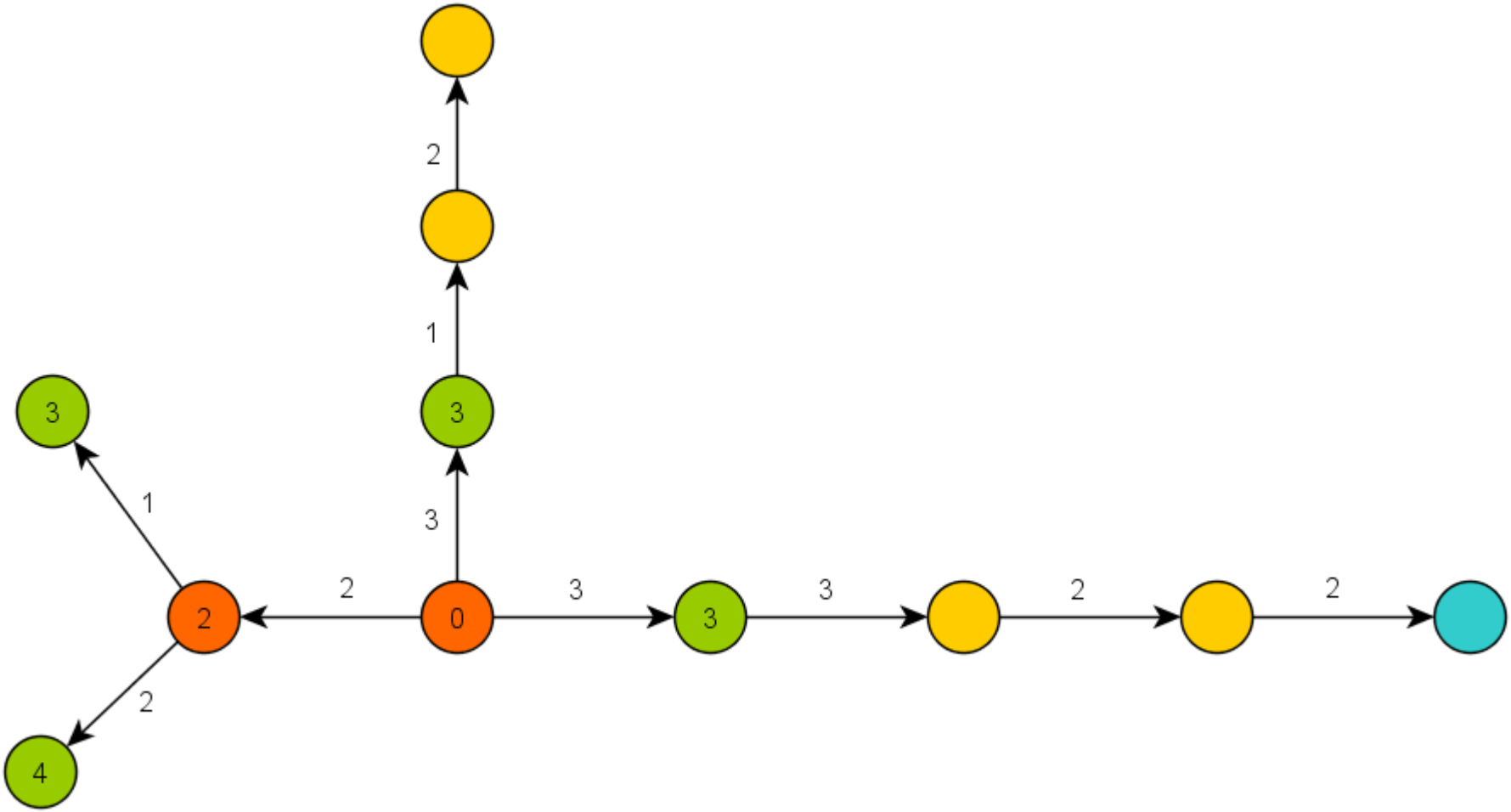

A* Algorithm
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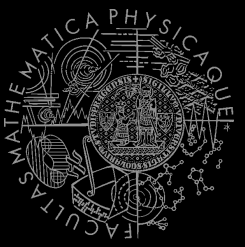
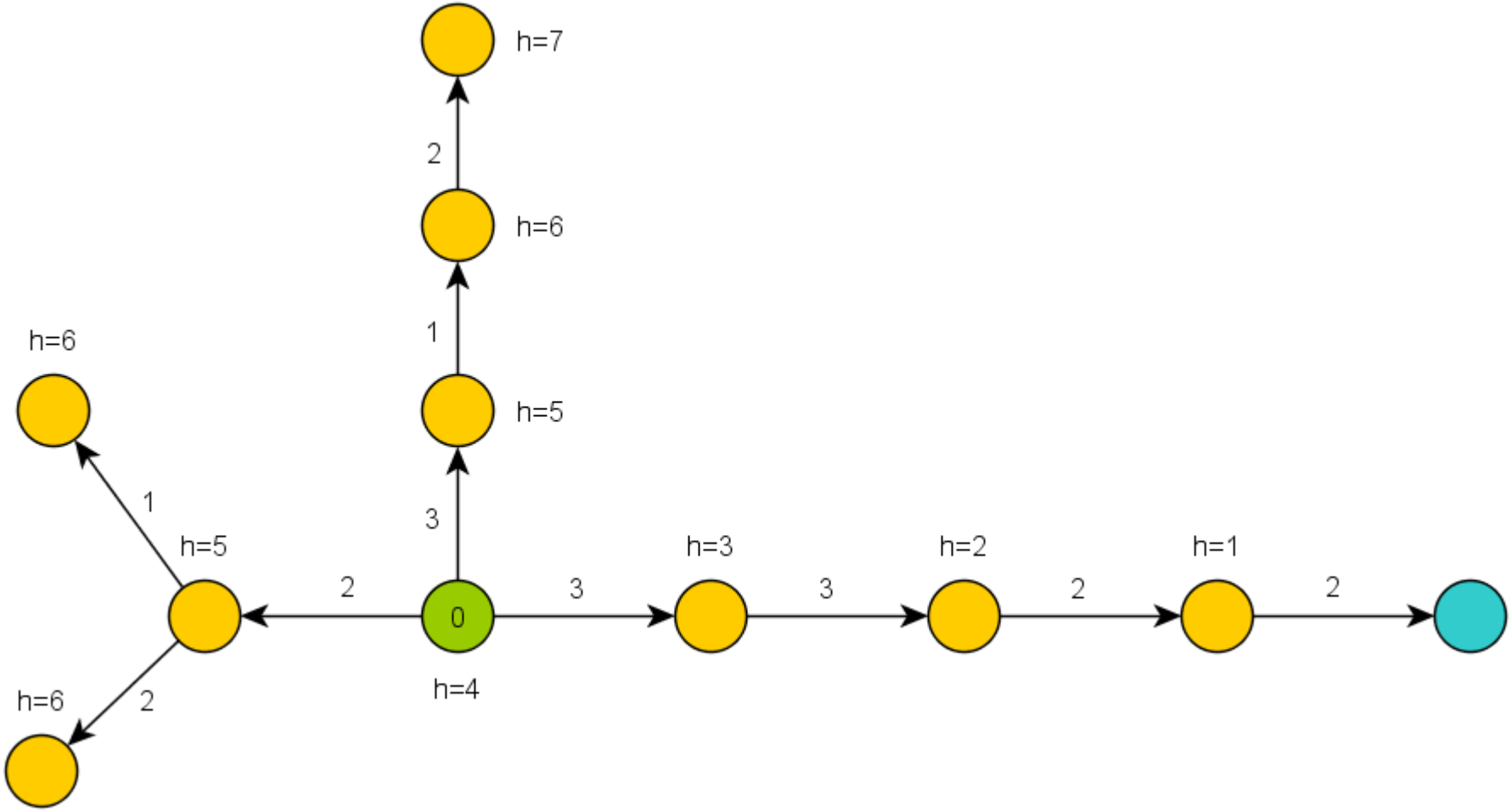


- A* trick
- Roughly speaking…

```
Nodes = {start}
while (!nodes.empty) {
  Node = pick_the_most_promising(nodes)
  if (Node == Target) return
       reconstruct_path(Node)
  Nodes = Nodes \ Node
  expand(Node, Nodes)
}
```

A* Algorithm

A* Example I



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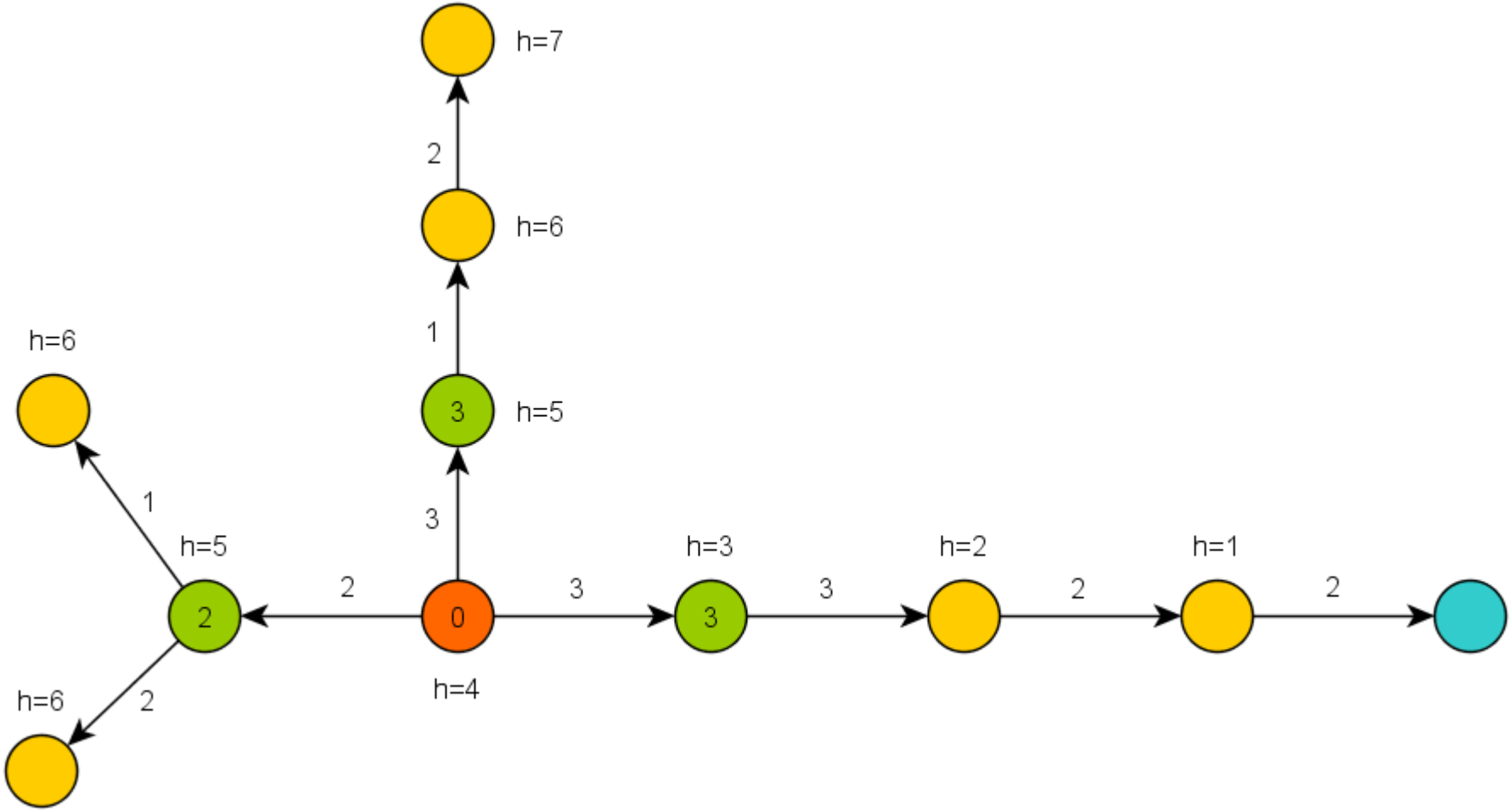

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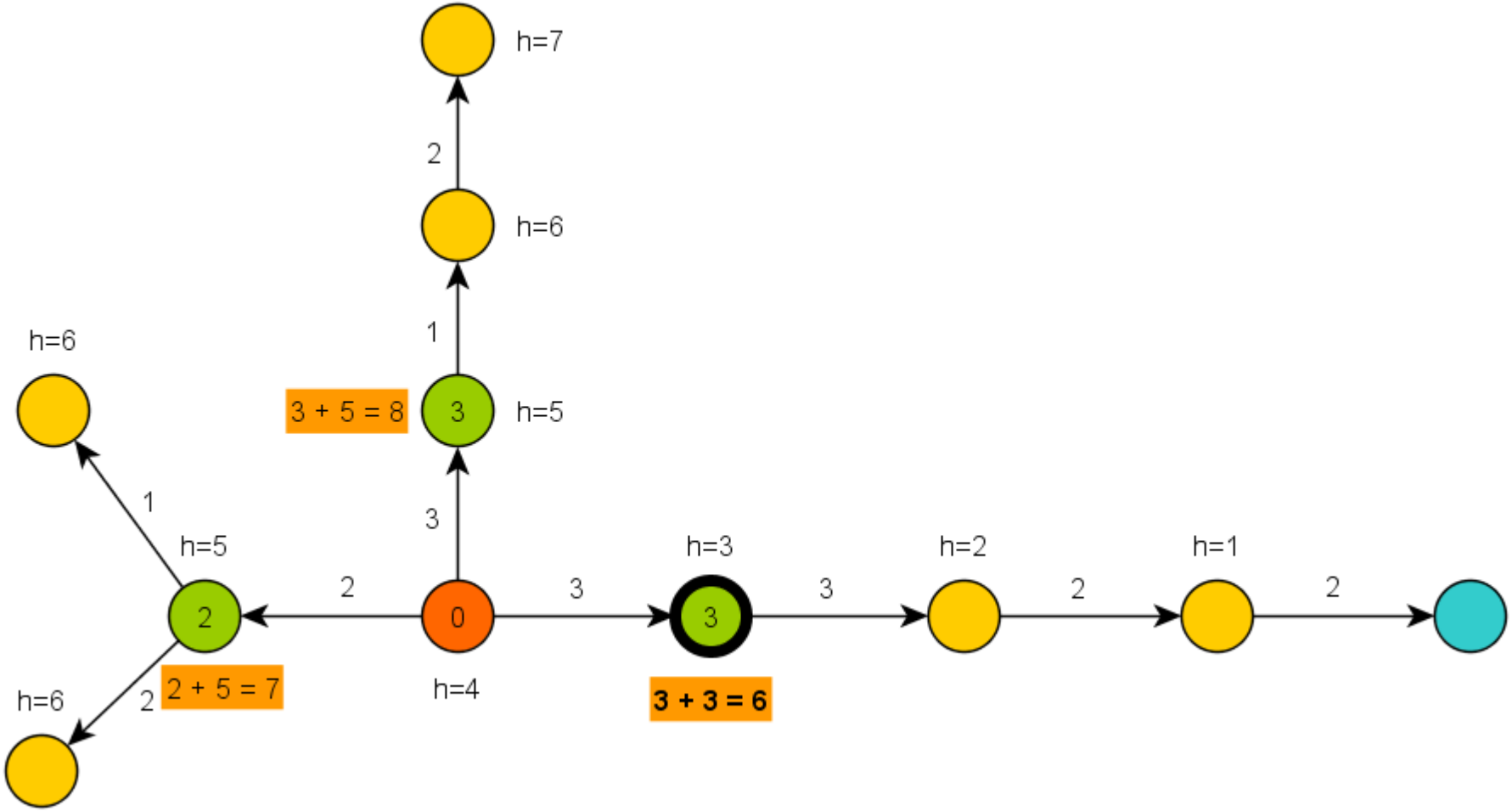


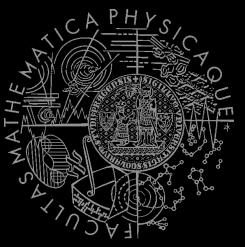
A* Algorithm
Basics

- A* heuristic function must be… ?
  1. Admissible for correctness
     - Do not over-estimate the path-cost
  2. Consistent == Monotone (for efficiency)
     - “triangle inequation”

- Blah! Let’s hack it!
  - What if we impose additional COST to some nodes or links?

A* Algorithm

Juggling with node/link costs



- `Len(path)` … path length
- `min-Len-Path(N,M)` … **shortest** path between `N` and `M`
- `B` … bad node/link `B`
- `EB` … extra cost visiting/traversing `B`
- `Cost(path)` … path cost (based on `Len(path)`) including `EB`
- `min-Cost-Path(N,M)` … **the least cost** path between `N` and `M`

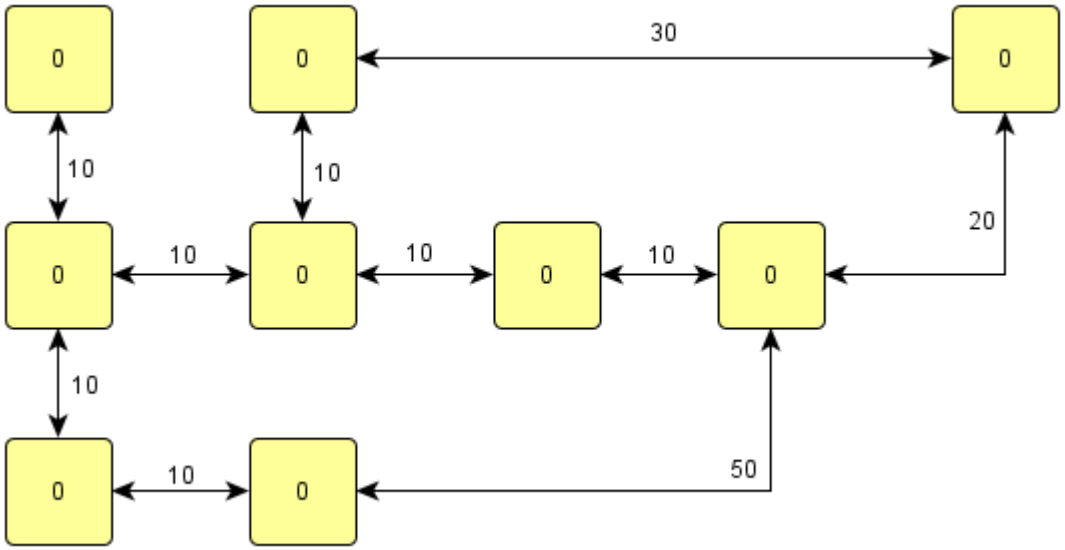
- What `P-Len(N,M)` and `P-Cost(N,M)` look like?

1. **`P-Len(N,M) == P-Cost(N,M)`**
   - There does not exist other path `p(N,M)` not-including `B` satisfying `Len(p(N,M)) < Len(P-Len(N,M)) + EB`
2. **`P-Len(N,M) != P-Cost(N,M)`**
   - We have found `Len`-longer path that does not traverse `B` satisfying `Len(P-Cost(N,M)) < Len(P-Len(N,M)) + EB`

A* Algorithm

Juggling with node/link costs

- Example map



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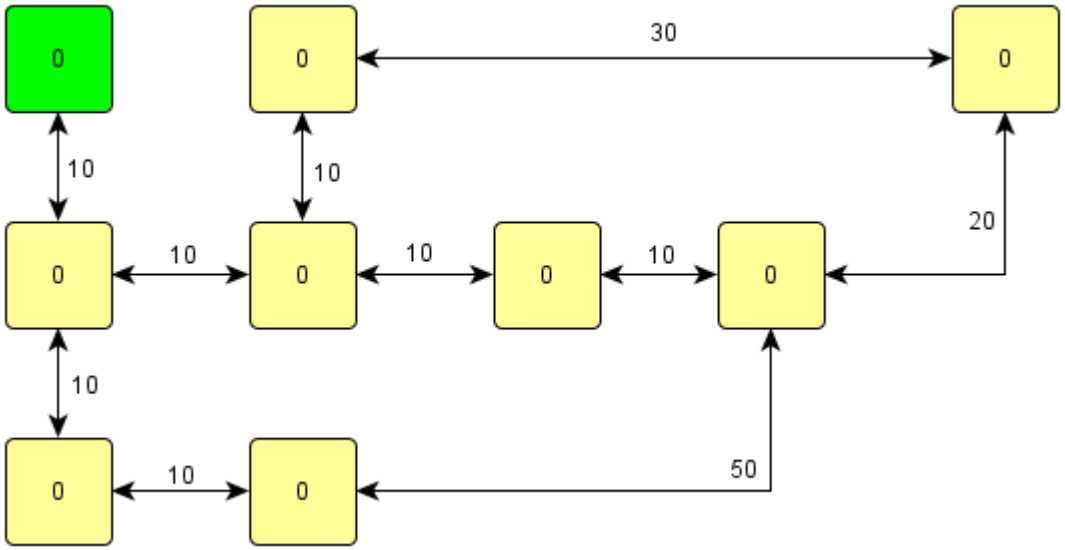
Juggling with node/link costs

- Start-node



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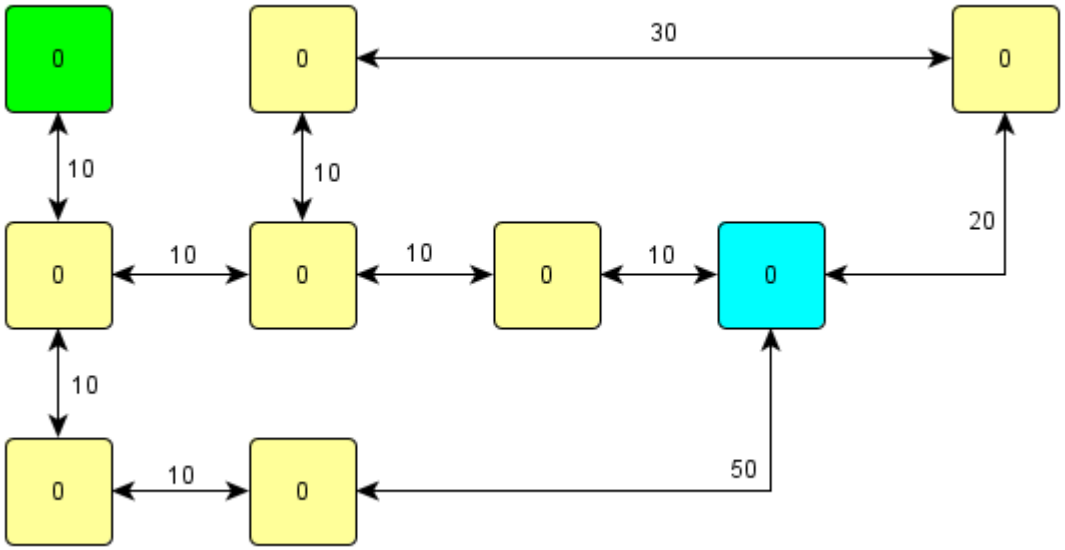
- Target-node



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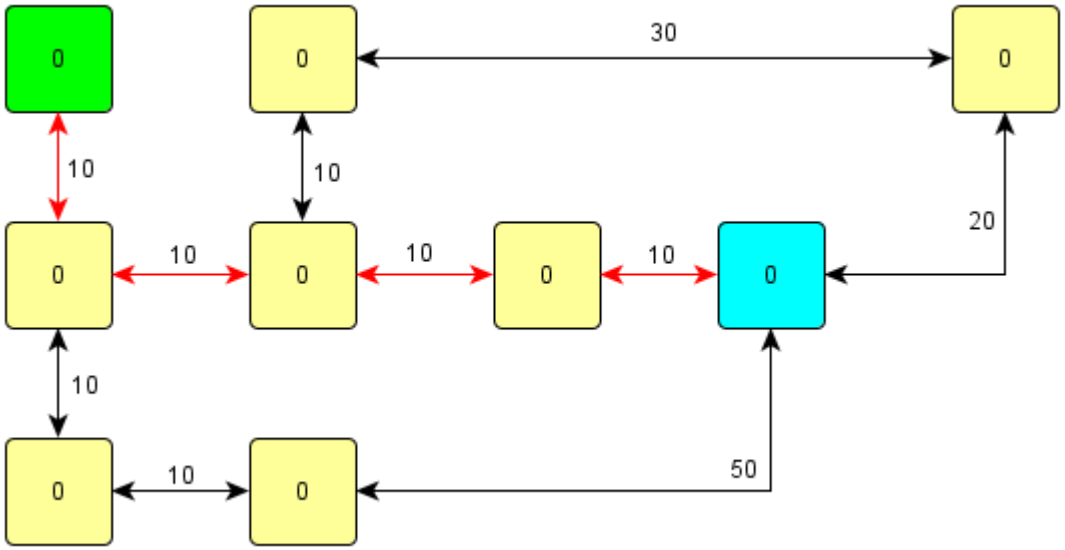
Juggling with node/link costs

- Shortest path



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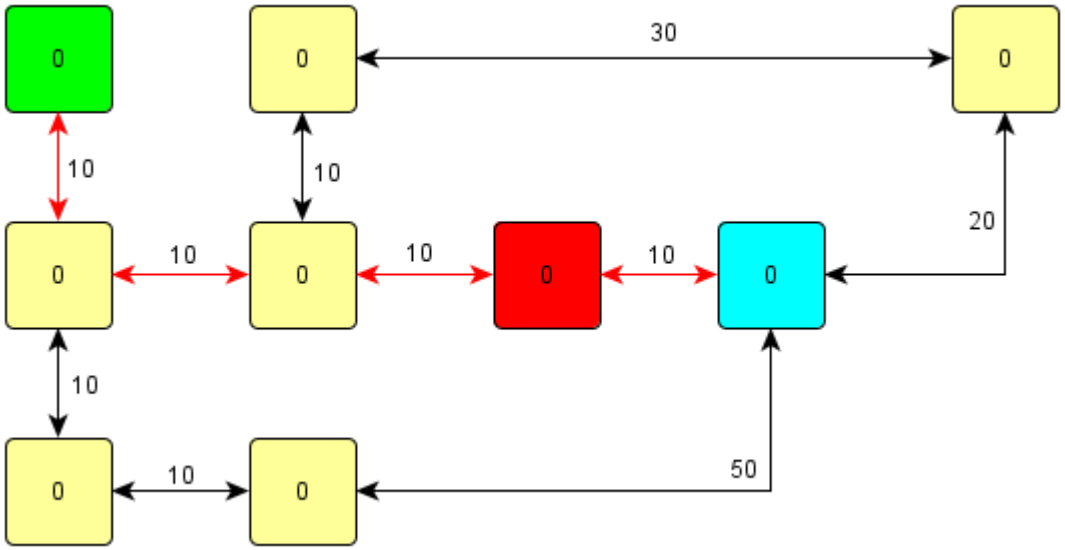
- Adversary we want to avoid



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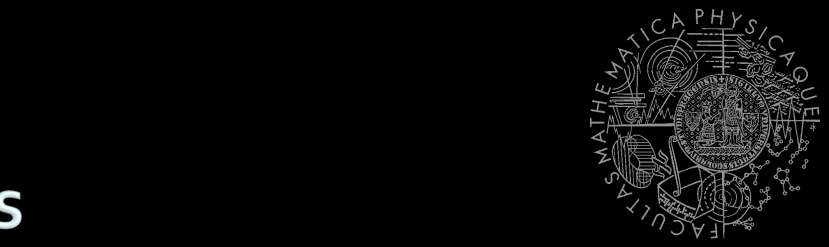
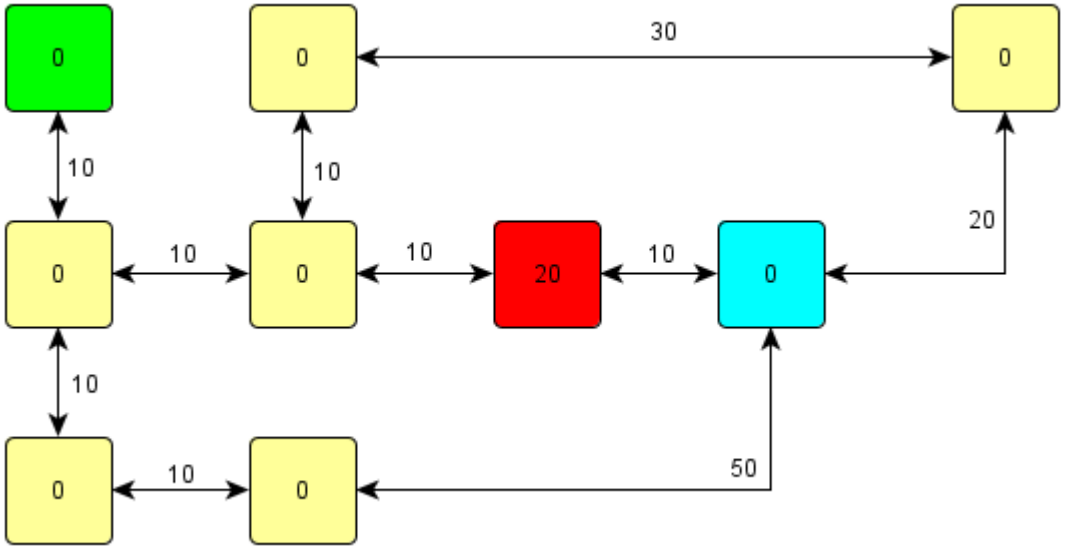


- Let's rise the NODE cost … is it enough?



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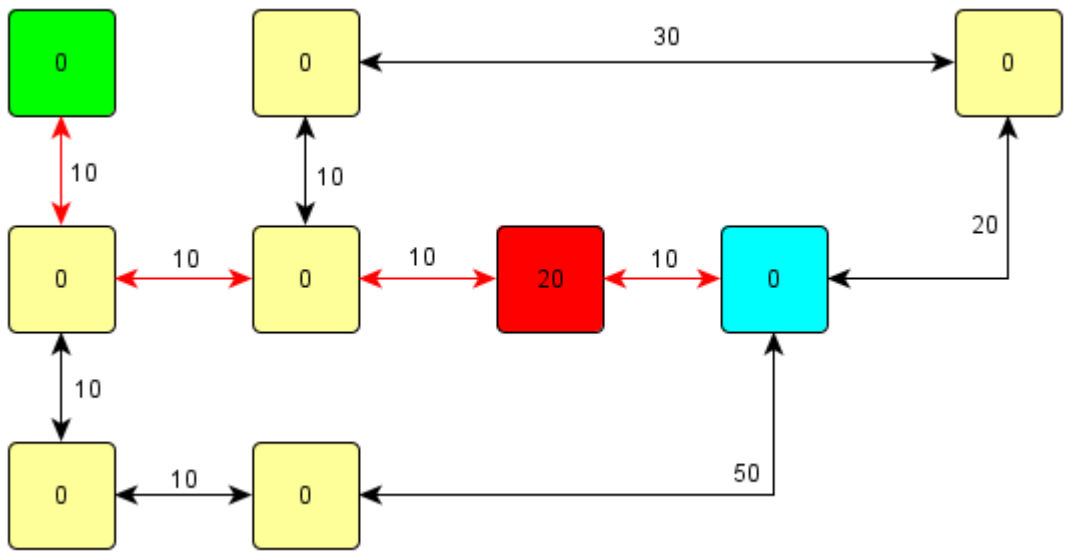

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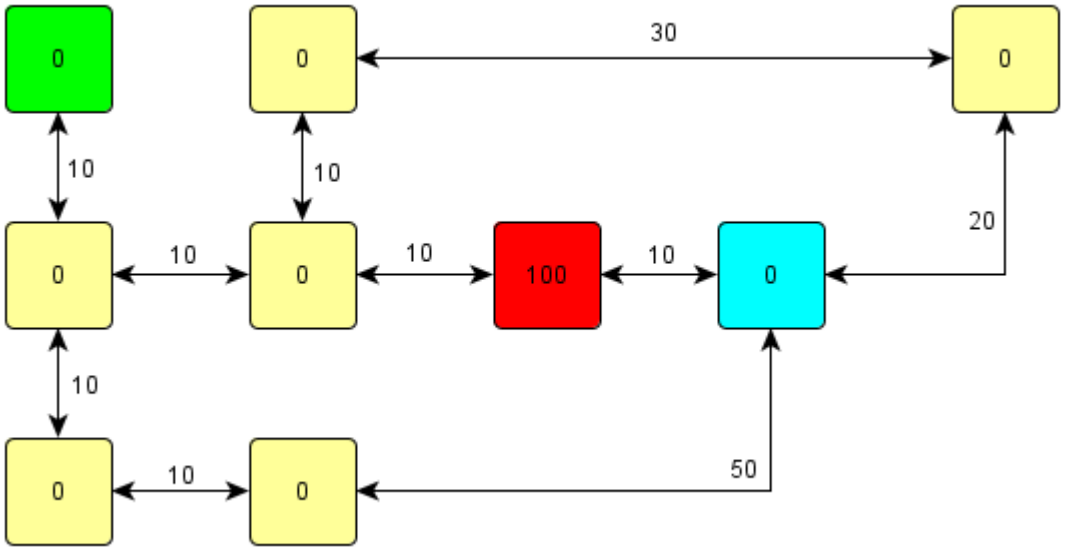
- Rise the NODE cost again… enough now?



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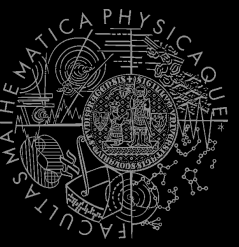
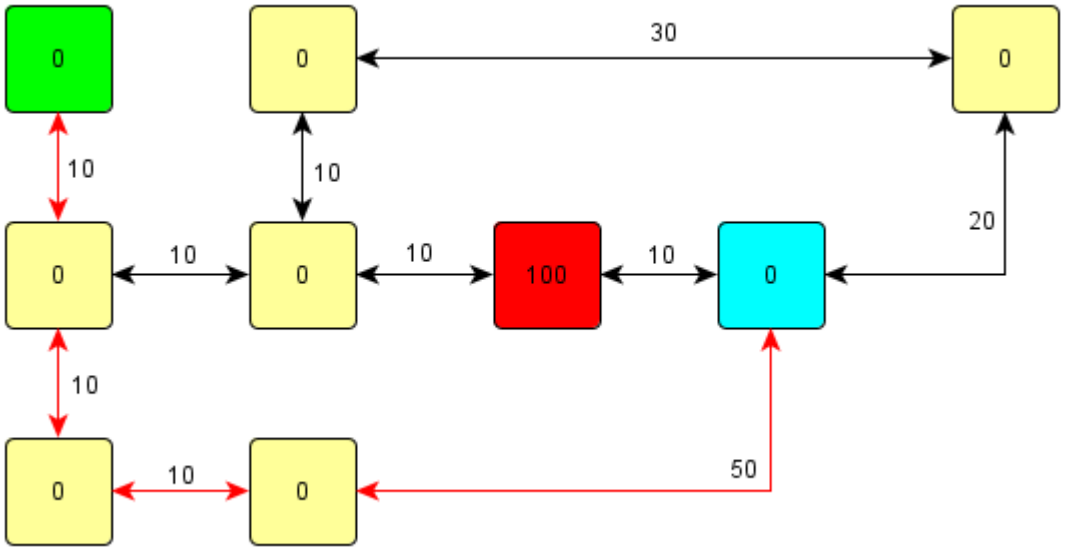


- Here you go!
  - Why was this path found?



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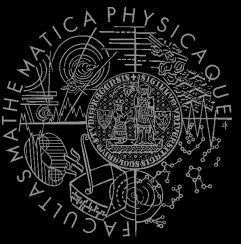
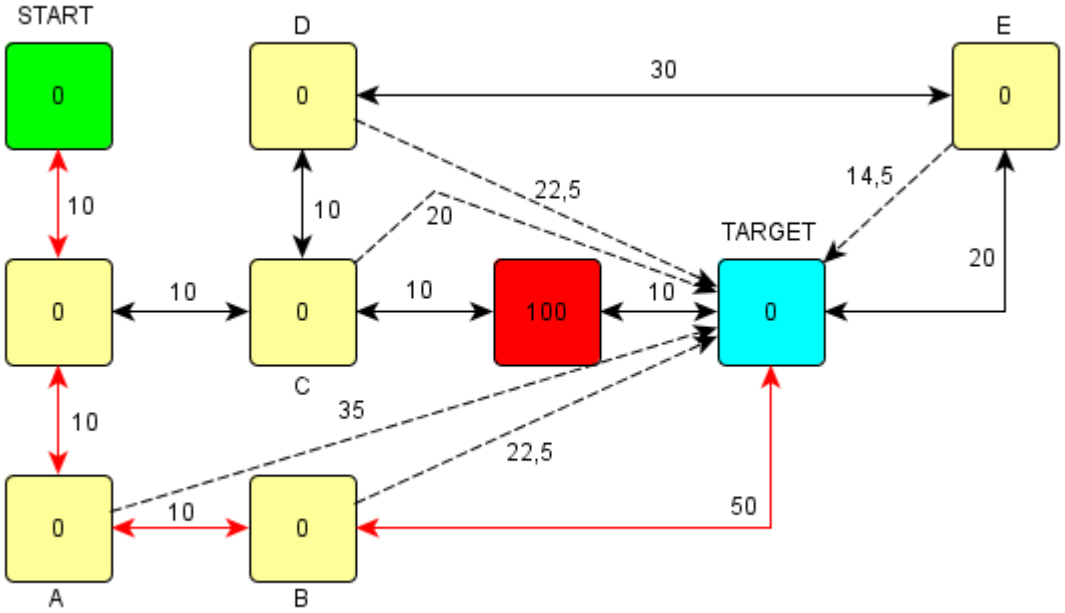
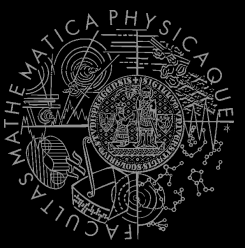


- Adding important heuristic costs
  - So, are we cheating or not?



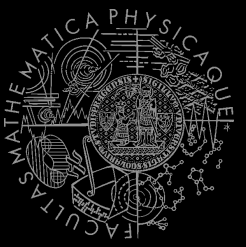
A* Algorithm
Map cost tricks



- Combine it with enemy position!
  - `extra cost = 500 / distance-to-enemy`
- Combine it with `Visibility` class!
  - `boolean Visibility.isVisible(ILocated, ILocated)`
- Combine both enemy position and the visibility!
- Combine with already-found path + `fwMap` and find different paths!
- Play with the cost iteratively
  - Different path not found? Ok, just rise the cost…
  - Does different path even exist?

    => Try to "forbid" some node/link completely

A* Algorithm
Pogamut 3 Classes



- **UT2004AStar**

```
this.aStar.findPath( from, to, IPFMapView );
```

- Implement your own custom `IPFMapView`:

```
new IPFMapView<NavPoint>() {

    public int getNodeExtraCost(NavPoint node, int mapCost) {}

    public int getArcExtraCost(NavPoint nodeFrom, NavPoint nodeTo, int mapCost) {}

    public Collection<NavPoint> getExtraNeighbors(NavPoint node,
                                Collection<NavPoint> mapNeighbors) {}

    public boolean isNodeOpened(NavPoint node) {}

    public boolean isArcOpened(NavPoint nodeFrom, NavPoint nodeTo) {}
}
```

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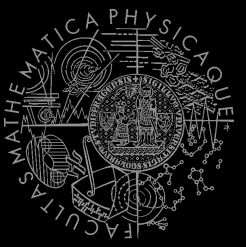

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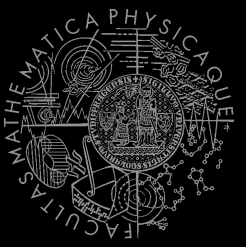
Hide&Seek Game

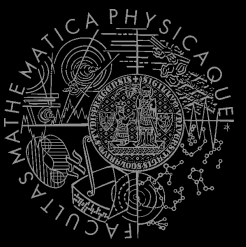
Children play



- Custom "game-mode" for UT2004
- Two roles:
  1. Seeker (having "it")
  2. Runner
- Seeker has to find runners and then get home (safe point) first to "capture them"
- Runners have to make it home (to safe point) before Seeker
- `this.hide` agent module
- Custom map: DM-HideAndSeekMap

Hide&Seek Game

Rules specifics



- One match = 3 games of 10 rounds each of hide and seek with fixed seeker for each game
  - 1 round = 60 seconds (first 8 seconds hide time, next 5 seconds restricted safe area time)
- Spotting
  - Seeker "spots" runner when he sees him for at least 600 ms (cca "two logic() ticks")
  - Seeker is spawned into the map after first 8 seconds
- Safe area
  - Runners are not allowed to dwell around safe point for certain amount of time at the beginning of the game (5 seconds)

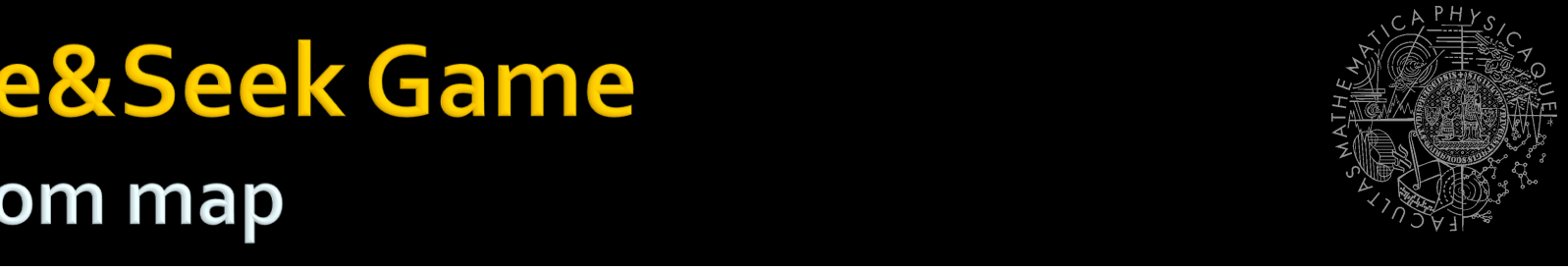
Hide&Seek Game

Task point rewards

- **Scoring RUNNER**
  - Runner captured by seeker **-10**
  - Runner fouled (went into safe area before timeout) **-1000**
  - Runner made it to safe area before seeker **150**
  - Runner survived round (haven't been captured by seeker) **50**
- **Scoring SEEKER**
  - Seeker captured runner (spotted + made it to s. a. first) **250**
  - Runner spotted **50**
  - Runner escaped (made it to safe area before seeker) **-20**
  - Runner survived (neither of them made it to safe area) **-10**

Hide&Seek Game

Custom map



- DM-HideAndSeekMap

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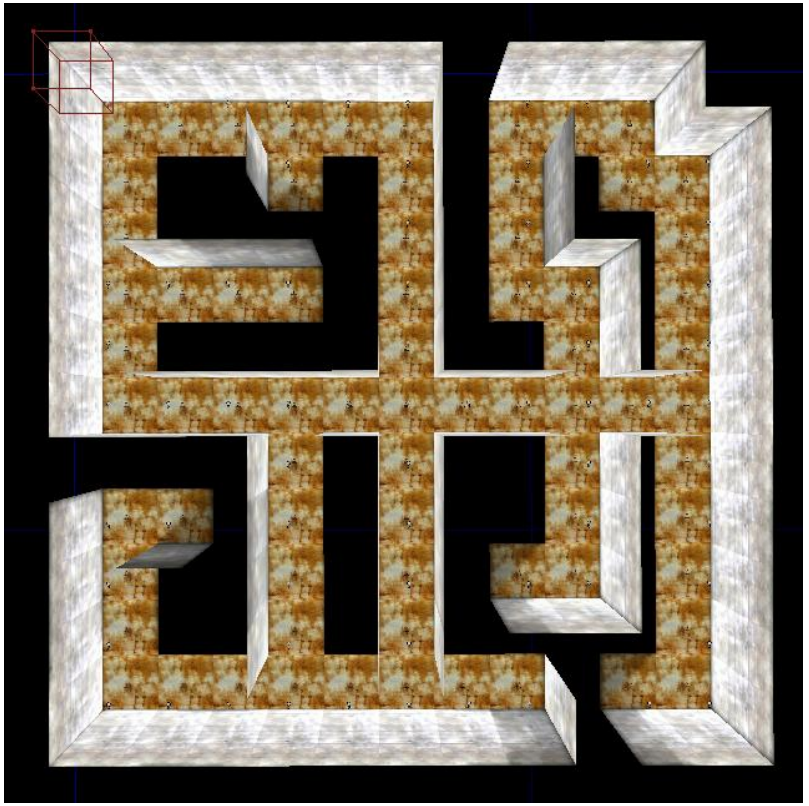

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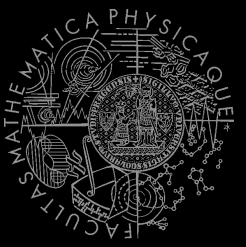

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Hide&Seek Tournament

Chance to score extra points!

- 3 bots
  - 1 Seeker, 2 Runners
- Random groups, Fixed map
- Fixed Seeker - 3 matches per group
- Only bots submitted until Friday 19.4.2013, 23:59 will participate
- No shooting allowed, no bot speed reconfigurations allowed, no manual respawns allowed

Assignment 6
Hide&Seek Bot

- Create **Hide&Seek Bot**
  - Implement both Seeker and Runner
  - Tournament will be played on a different map, so we do not recommend using "static" information e.g. run to [1000,200,100] ☺
  - To run the hide and seek match launch **HideAndSeekGame** class!
  - For the tournament name the bot with your name in **getInitializeCommand()** method

Send us finished assignment

Via e-mail:

- *Subject*
  - "Pogamut homework 2014 – Assignment X"
    - Replace `'X'` with the assignment number and the subject has to be without quotes of course
    - …or face -2 score penalization
- *To*
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  - **Please send us information about how much time it took you to finish the assignment + any comments regarding your implementation struggle**
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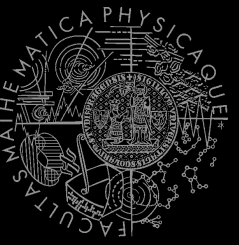
Questions?

I sense a soul in search of answers…



- We do not own the patent of perfection (yet…)
- In case of doubts about the assignment, tournament or hard problems, bugs don't hesitate to contact us!
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