

Exercise Sheet 4

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Exercise 1 Informed Search and Heuristics (17 Points)

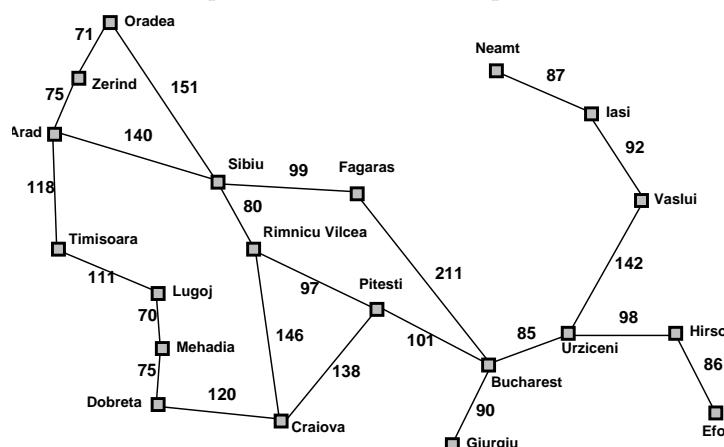
- a) Explain with your own words (a) generally and (b) with an example what means,

- if an heuristic is admissible
- if an heuristic dominates the others

(6 Points)

- b) Mention two *admissible heuristics* for A* Search. Using the proof explain why A* Search is optimal. (5 Points)

- c) Use on the map Greedy Best-First Search und A* Search for traveling from Oreda to Bucharest. Use the straight-line distance between the cities as heuristics and explain the order of the explored nodes.



| | Straight-line distance to Bucharest |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Arad | 366 |
| Bucharest | 0 |
| Craiova | 160 |
| Dobreta | 242 |
| Eforie | 161 |
| Fagaras | 178 |
| Giurgiu | 77 |
| Hirsova | 151 |
| Iasi | 226 |
| Lugoj | 244 |
| Mehadia | 241 |
| Neamt | 234 |
| Oradea | 380 |
| Pitesti | 98 |
| Rimnicu Vilcea | 193 |
| Sibiu | 253 |
| Timisoara | 329 |
| Urziceni | 80 |
| Vaslui | 199 |
| Zerind | 374 |

Which is the best strategy and why? (6 Points)