- (3) parent(ann, mary).
- (4) parent(ann, susan).
- (5) parent(mary,bob).
- (6) parent(susan, john).

Now suppose PROLOG is queried to determine whether Ann is the ancestor of Susan

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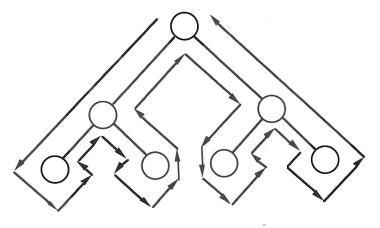
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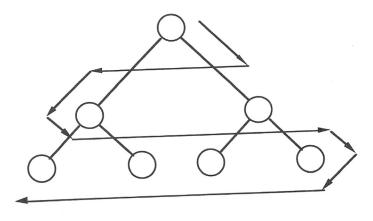
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where the absence of a head indicates a query, which is a condition to be proved by PROLOG. Facts, rules, and queries are the three types of Horn clauses of PROLOG. A condition can be proved if it is the conclusion of an instance of a clause. Of course, the clause itself must be provable, which is done by proving the conditions of the clause.



(a) Depth-first Search



(b) Breadth-first Search

Figure 2.7 Depth-first and Breadth-first Searches for an Arbitrary Tree