

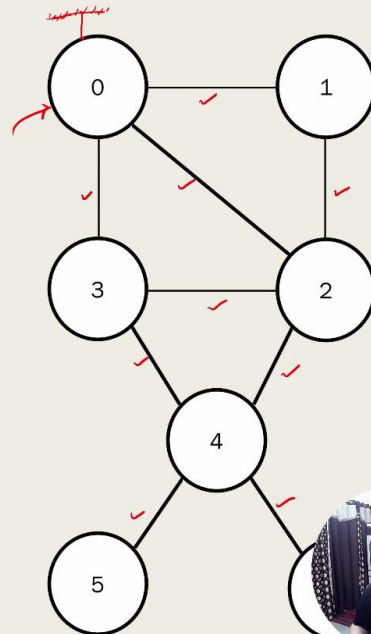
# Breadth First Search

- **Graph traversal** refers to the process of visiting (checking and/or updating) each vertex(node) in a graph.
- Two Algorithms of Graph Traversal are:
  - *Breadth First Search (BFS)*
  - *Depth First Search (DFS)*
- In BFS, we start with a node and start exploring its connected nodes. The same process is repeated with all the connecting nodes until all the nodes are visited



## BFS spanning tree

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0
- Try to construct a tree with 0 as the root



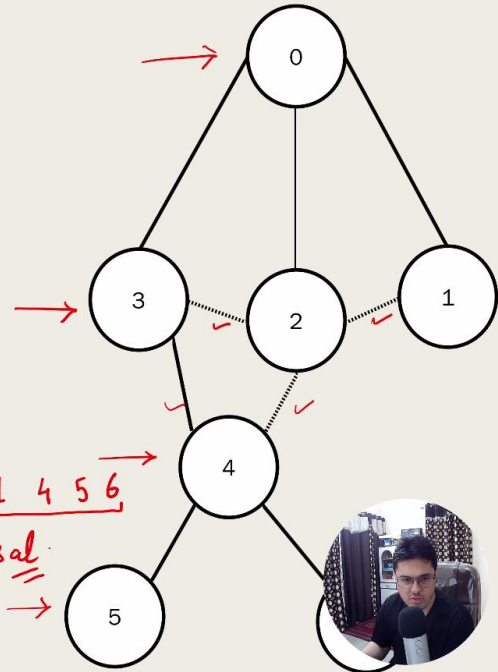
Method 1:

## BFS spanning tree

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0
- ✓ Try to construct a tree with 0 as the root
- ✓ Mark all the sideways or duplicate edges (above a node) as dashed
- ✓ This constructed tree is called as BFS Spanning Tree
- Level order traversal of a BFS spanning tree is a valid BFS traversal of a graph!

LOT = 0 3 2 1 4 5 6

↳ BFS Traversal



Method 2

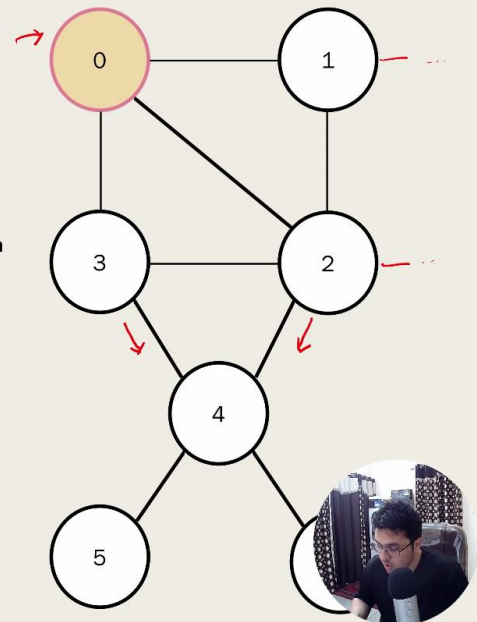
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3  
→ EQ : ~~0~~ 1 2 3

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

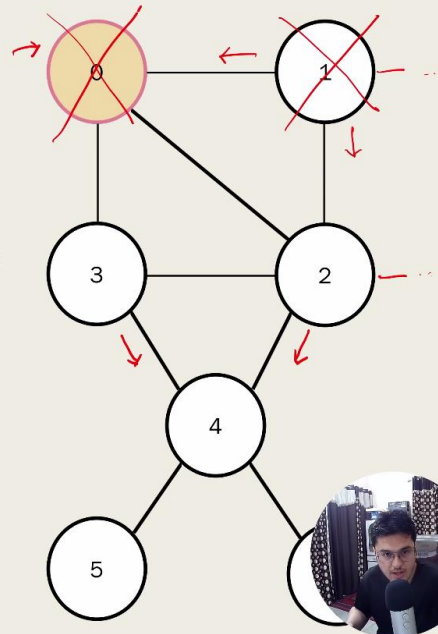
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4  
→ EQ: ~~0~~ ~~1~~ 2 3 4

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

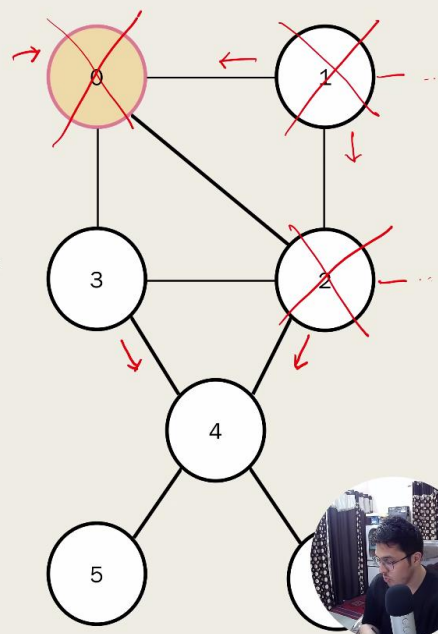
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4  
→ EQ: ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

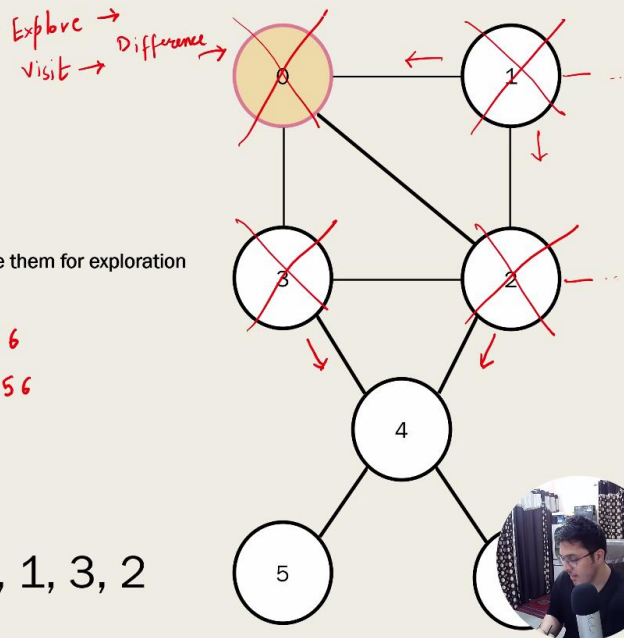
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
→ EQ: ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 5 6

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

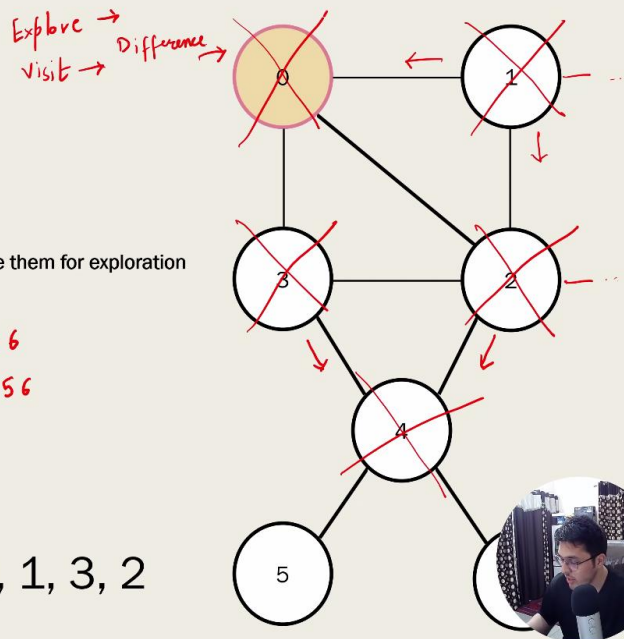
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
→ EQ: ~~0~~ ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 5 6

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

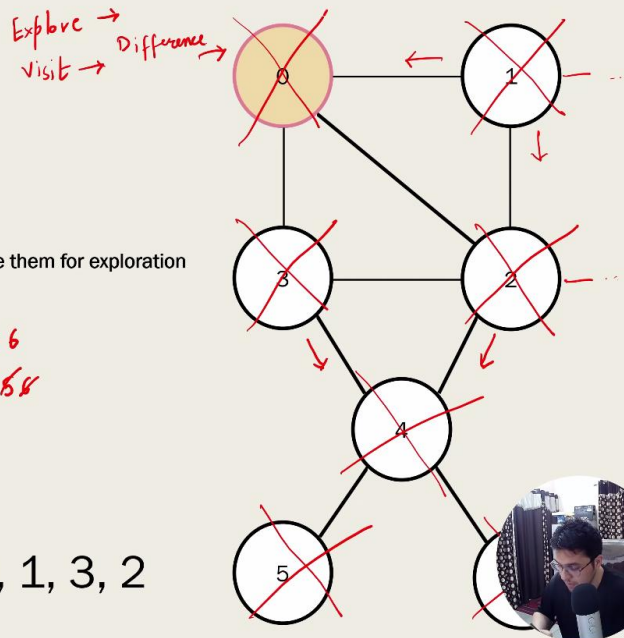
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
→ EQ:  $\emptyset$  1 2 3 4 5 6

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



Method 2

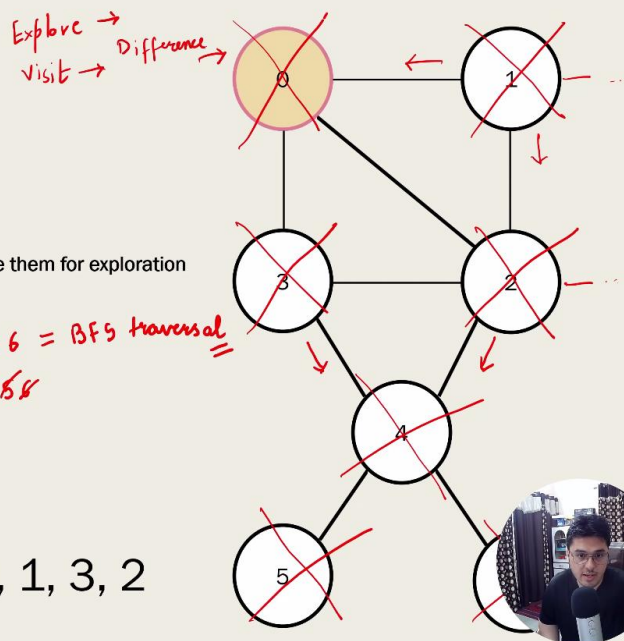
## BFS Traversal

- ✓ Consider the graph shown at the right!
- ✓ We can start with any source node
- ✓ Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration

→ V : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 = BFS traversal =  
→ EQ:  $\emptyset$  1 2 3 4 5 6

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2



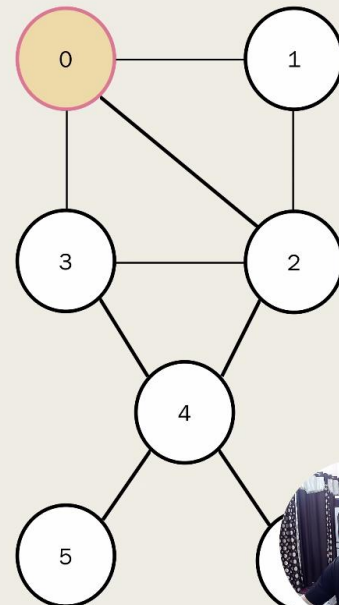


## BFS Traversal – Exploring 0

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration (in any order)
- 0 is now explored! Let's go to the next in queue (1)
- Repeat the same for other elements in the queue

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2

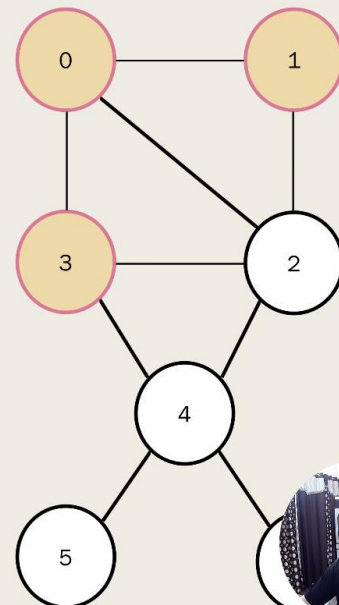


## BFS Traversal – Exploring 3

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration
- 0 is now explored! Let's go to the next in queue (1)
- 1 & 3 are also explored
- Repeat the same for other elements in the queue

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2

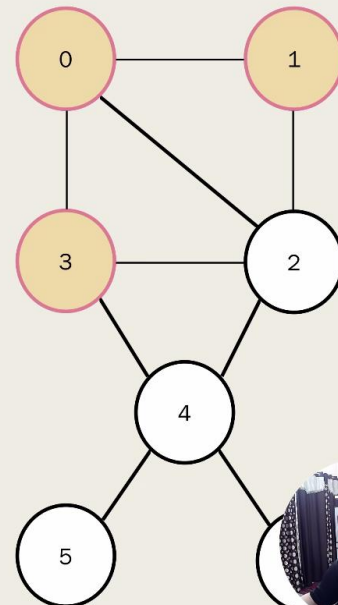


## BFS Traversal – Exploring 3

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration
- 0 is now explored! Let's go to the next in queue (1)
- 1 & 3 are also explored
- Repeat the same for other elements in the queue

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2

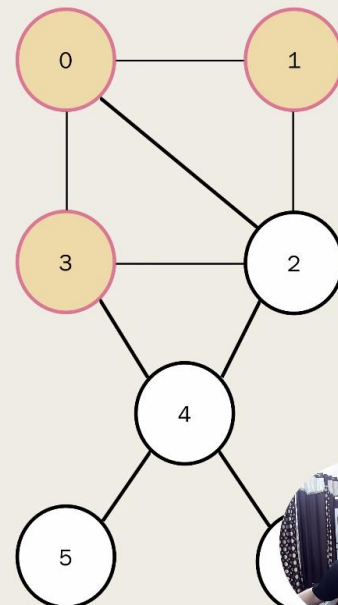


## BFS Traversal – Exploring 3

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration
- 0 is now explored! Let's go to the next in queue (1)
- 1 & 3 are also explored
- Repeat the same for other elements in the queue

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2, 4

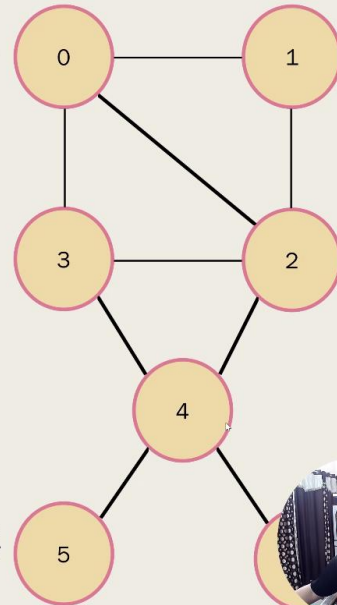


## BFS Traversal – Exploring 4, 5, 6

- Consider the graph shown at the right!
- We can start with any source node
- Lets start with 0 and insert it in the queue
- Visit all the connected vertices and enqueue them for exploration
- 0 is now explored! Let's go to the next in queue (1)
- Repeat the same for other elements in the queue

Visited: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Exploration Queue: 0, 1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6



⏪ ⏩ 🔍 🔄 📄 🗑️

## Algorithm: Breadth First Search

- Input: A graph  $G = (V, E)$  and source node  $s$  in  $V$
- Algorithm:

*Mark all nodes  $v$  in  $V$  as unvisited*

*Mark source node  $s$  as visited*

*enq(Q,s) // First-in first-out queue Q*

*while (Q is not empty)*

*{*

*$u := \text{deq}(Q);$*

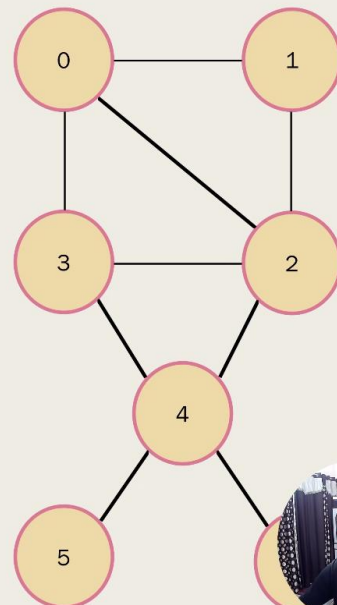
*for each unvisited neighbour  $v$  of  $u$  {*

*mark  $v$  as visited;*

*enq(Q,v);*

*}*

*}*





## Important points

- We can start with any vertex
- There can be multiple BFS results for a given graph
- The order of visiting the vertices can be anything
- Quiz: Try to find other valid BFS for this graph (Hint: Start with nodes other than 0)

