

# Graph Algorithms Comparison

Here's a comparison of **BFS**, **DFS**, **Dijkstra**, **Bellman-Ford**, and **Warshall's algorithm**, along with their applications:

Algorithm	Type	Time Complexity	Space Complexity	Applications
<b>BFS</b> (Breadth-First Search)	Graph Traversal	$O(V + E)$	$O(V)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finding the shortest path in an unweighted graph</li><li>- Level-order traversal in trees</li><li>- Web crawling</li><li>- Social networking sites (finding friends at a certain distance)</li></ul>
<b>DFS</b> (Depth-First Search)	Graph Traversal	$O(V + E)$	$O(V)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Detecting cycles in graphs</li><li>- Topological sorting</li><li>- Solving puzzles (like mazes)</li><li>- Pathfinding in AI</li></ul>
<b>Dijkstra</b>	Shortest Path	$O((V + E) \log V)$ with a priority queue	$O(V)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finding the shortest path in weighted graphs (non-negative weights)</li><li>- GPS navigation systems</li><li>- Network routing protocols (like OSPF)</li></ul>
<b>Bellman-Ford</b>	Shortest Path	$O(V \times E)$	$O(V)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finding shortest paths with negative weights</li><li>- Detecting negative weight cycles</li><li>- Used in routing algorithms like RIP</li></ul>
<b>Warshall</b> (Floyd-Warshall)	All-Pairs Shortest Path	$O(V^3)$	$O(V^2)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finding shortest paths between all pairs of vertices</li><li>- Network analysis</li></ul>

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				- Transitive closure of a graph

## Key Differences:

### 1. Graph Type:

- **BFS/DFS:** Works on both directed and undirected graphs.
- **Dijkstra:** Works only with **non-negative** weighted graphs.
- **Bellman-Ford:** Handles **negative** weights and detects negative cycles.
- **Warshall:** Finds shortest paths between **all pairs** of nodes.

### 2. Efficiency:

- **BFS/DFS:** Fastest for simple traversal.
- **Dijkstra:** Faster for single-source shortest paths in dense graphs.
- **Bellman-Ford:** Slower but handles negative weights.
- **Warshall:** Inefficient for large graphs due to cubic complexity.

### 3. Use Case:

- Use **BFS** for the shortest path in **unweighted** graphs.
- Use **DFS** for exploring all paths or checking cycles.
- Use **Dijkstra** for efficient shortest paths in **non-negative weighted** graphs.
- Use **Bellman-Ford** for graphs with **negative weights**.
- Use **Warshall** when you need **all pairs shortest paths**.

This should give you a clear understanding of their differences and where each is best applied!