

**Week 10 (Q1-Q3):**

**use Adj-list**

**Q1** The degree of a vertex  $v$  of a graph is the number of edges incident on  $v$ . Design an algorithm to compute vertex degrees using adjacent lists and using adjacency matrix respectively. Compare the time complexity of the two algorithms in terms of  $n$  and  $m$ , the number of vertices and the number of edges of a graph.

**Q2** Manually execute breadth-first search on the undirected graph in Figure 4.1, starting from vertex  $s$ . Then, use it as an example to illustrate the following properties:

- (a) The results of breadth-first search may depend on the order in which the neighbours of a given vertex are visited.
- (b) With different orders of visiting the neighbours, although the BFS tree may be different, the distance from starting vertex  $s$  to each vertex will be the same.

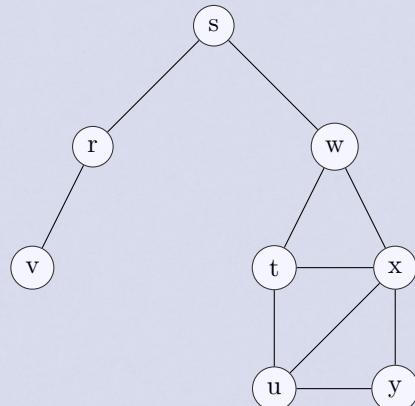


Figure 4.1: Graph for Q2

**Q3** Prove the following proposition: Let  $v$  be the root of a breadth-first search tree for a graph  $G$ . For any vertex  $x$  in the BFS tree, the path from  $v$  to  $x$  using the tree edges is always a shortest path from  $v$  to  $x$  in the graph. [Note: Here, the length of a path from  $u$  to  $x$  is measured by the number of edges in the path, and the length of the shortest path is called the distance from  $v$  to  $x$ .]

**Week 11 (Q4-Q6):**

**Q4** Design an algorithm to find a simple path connecting two given vertices in an undirected graph in linear time (Hint: Use depth-first search).

**Q5** A backtracking algorithm may be used to determine and print all possible sequences in ascending positive integers that are summed to give a positive integer  $C$ . For example, if the input value for  $C$  is 6, the

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Give a pseudocode of a recursive backtracking algorithm for the function `sumToC(sequence s, int C)`. Sequence  $s$ , initially empty, is the (partial) sequence the algorithm has computed so far. Integer  $C$  is an input parameter of the function.

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- Q6** Apply the Dijkstra's algorithm on the graph represented by the following adjacency matrix to find the shortest distances and the shortest paths from vertex 1 to the other vertices. Show the contents of arrays  $S$ ,  $d$  and  $pi$  after each iteration of the while loop.

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### Week 12 (Q7-Q9):

- Q7** Let  $G = (V, E, W)$  be a weighted graph, and let  $s$  and  $z$  be distinct vertices. In the graph, there may be more than one shortest path from  $s$  to  $z$ . Explain how to modify Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm to determine the number of distinct shortest paths from  $s$  to  $z$ . Assume all edge weights are positive.

- Q8** Execute by hand the Prim's algorithm for finding minimum spanning tree (MST) on the graph in Figure 4.2, starting from vertex G. Show the contents of arrays  $S$ ,  $d$  and  $pi$  after each iteration of the while loop when a vertex is added to the MST.

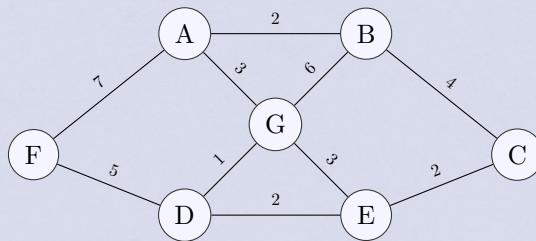


Figure 4.2: Graph for Q8

- Q9** In a weighted undirected graph, is the path between two vertices in a minimum spanning tree always the shortest path (i.e. a path with the minimum weight) between the two vertices in the graph? If your answer is yes, give a proof; otherwise, give a counterexample.

Q1)

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### Handshaking theorem

$$\text{sum of vertex degree} = 2 \times \text{No. of edges}$$

- > Each edge has 2 endpts, so it contributes 1 to each degree of its endpoints
- > Each degree adds 2 to the total vertex degree

comparisons

$$\text{degree 1: } \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\text{degree 2: } \Theta(n+m)$$

complete graph: A simple graph with  $n$  vertices has max  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  edges

e.g



If input is complete graph  
both degree 1 & degree 2  $\Theta(n^2) \Rightarrow$  No diff

However real world graph, not complete.

If  $m \ll \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ , deg 2 more eff than deg 1

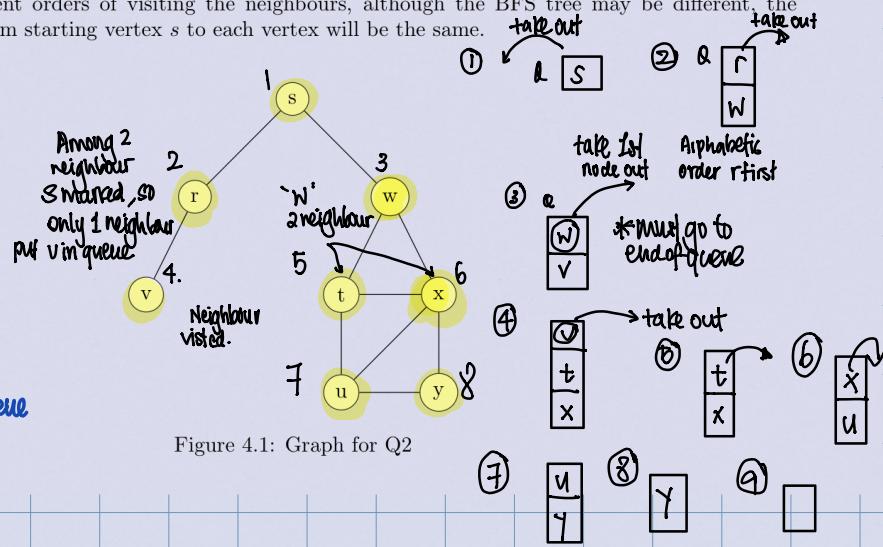
> layerwise manner

1. move horizontally at visit all nodes of current layer
2. move to next layer.

Q2 Manually execute breadth-first search on the undirected graph in Figure 4.1, starting from vertex  $s$ . Then, use it as an example to illustrate the following properties:

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- With different orders of visiting the neighbours, although the BFS tree may be different, the distance from starting vertex  $s$  to each vertex will be the same.

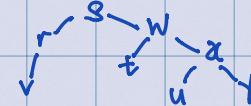
1. Push source node into queue
2. Take first Node v, out of queue
3. Mark v as visited
4. Access v neighbours  
(following pre-defined order)
5. If neighbour has not been visited yet, add it to end of queue
6. Repeat line 2 until queue empty.



Alphabetical order



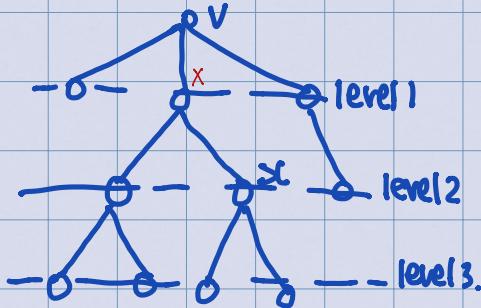
Reverse alphabetical order



1. two trees diff in that vertex u is adj with t in the left tree, but adj with x in right tree
2. distance from starting vertex s to each other vertex is equal in the 2 trees.

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prove distance  $v \Delta x = \text{level of } x \text{ in BFS tree}$



prove by induction on  $K$ , the shortest distance

① base case:  $k=1$ , the distance btwn root  $v$  and a vertex is 1.

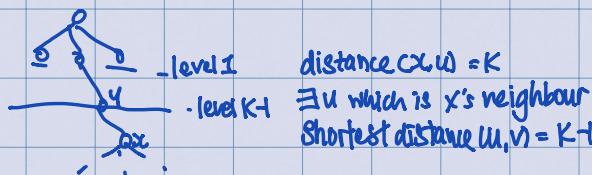
meaning  $v \Delta x$  are connected if  $x$  is  $v$ 's neighbour,  $x$  is on the first level of BFS tree

② induction hyp: let  $y$  be an arbitrary node whose distance to  $v$  is  $k-1$ , then  $y$  is on the  $(k-1)$ th level of BFS tree.

- consider node  $x$ , whose distance to  $v$  is  $k$ . Among  $x$ 's neighbours, there exists a vertex, say  $u$ , whose dist $\Delta$  to  $v$  is  $k-1$

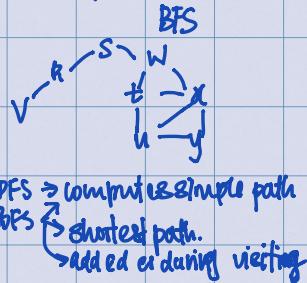
- By our hyp:  $u$  is on the  $(k-1)$ th level of the BFS tree during BFS,  $x$  is visited AFTER  $u$  has been visited, &  $x$  cannot be on the same level as  $u$

$\therefore x$  is on the  $k$ th level of BFS tree



**Q4** Design an algorithm to find a simple path connecting two given vertices in an undirected graph in linear time (Hint: Use depth-first search).

BFS computes shortest path but DFS does not.



source nodes:

visit S  
visit Y  
visit V  
add(v,y)  
add(v,s)  
visit w  
visit t  
visit u  
visit x  
visit y

add(y,w)  
add(u,x)  
add(t,w)  
add(w,t)  
add(s,w)

- DFS

```
void DFS(Graph G, vertex s)
    label s as discovered
    for all edges from s to w that are in G.adjacentEdges(s) do
        if vertex w is not labeled as discovered then
            DFS(G, w) // recursive call
            add edge sw to the tree
```

A naïve solution:

Step 1: Call DFS for source vertex s and compute the entire DFS tree  
Step 2: Backtrack from r in the DFS tree to obtain the path

A faster algorithm: stop traversing when the path is found

```
bool DFS_path(Graph G, vertex s, vertex t)
    if (s == t) return true;
    label s as discovered
    for all edges from s to w that are in G.adjacentEdges(s) do
        if vertex w is not labeled as discovered then
            if (DFS_path(G, w, t) == true) then
                print (w, s) // output the edge (x, w)
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return false;

{ output sensitive}

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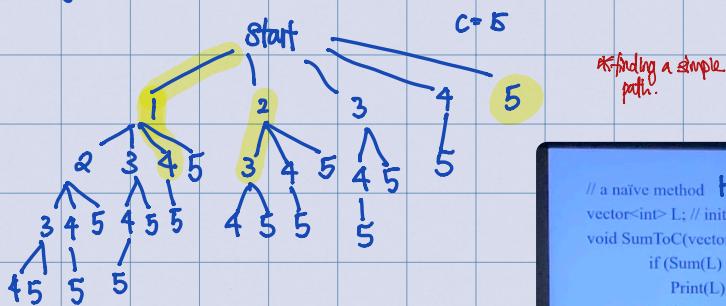
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Idea: apply PFS to find all paths whose elements add up to C



Instead of constructing searching tree explicitly, use list to maintain path

```
// a naive method Have to search entire tree
vector<int> L; // initially, L is empty
void SumToC(vector<int>& L, int C) {
    if (Sum(L) == C) {
        Print(L); // sequence found !!
    } else {
        // get the value of the last element in the current path
        int last = (L.size() == 0) ? 0 : L.back();
        for (int j = last + 1; j <= C; j++) {
            L.push_back(j); // add "j" to the end of the path
            SumToC(L, C);
            L.pop_back(); // remove the last element and backtrack
        }
    }
}
```

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// A faster algorithm
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        int last = (L.size() == 0) ? 0 : L.back();
        for (int j = last + 1; j <= C; j++) {
            if (Sum(L) + j <= C) {
                L.push_back(j);
                SumToC(L, C);
                L.pop_back();
            }
        }
    }
}
```

**Q6** Apply the Dijkstra's algorithm on the graph represented by the following adjacency matrix to find the shortest distances and the shortest paths from vertex 1 to the other vertices. Show the contents of arrays  $S$ ,  $d$  and  $pi$  after each iteration of the while loop.

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Shortest distances in unweighted graph: BFS (FIFO)

Shortest distance in weighted graph: Dijkstra's alg: (Priority queue)

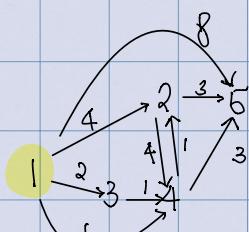
$S$ : set of vertices whose shortest path from source node have already been determined. They form tree

$V-S$  remaining vertex distance are unknown

$d$ : array of estimates for the shortest path from source node to all vertices.

$pi$ : array of predecessors for each vertex

A priority queue (binary heap): top node is the unvisited vertex w/ the least distance to source.



After initialization

	1	2	3	4	5
$S$	0	0	0	0	0
$d$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$pi$	null	"	"	"	"

1st iteration

• Node 1 marked as visited.

• update distance of Node 1 neighbours.

• update predecessors for unvisited neighbours

2nd iteration

• 3 shortest dist

• Mark Node 3 as visited.

• update dist of Node 3 unvisited neighbours.

• update predecessors for unvisited neighbours

3rd iteration

• 4 ..

4th iteration

• 2 ..

5th iteration

• popNode 5 out of

Step 1. Mark all nodes unvisited.

Step 2. Assign zero to the source node and infinity to all other nodes. Push the source node into a priority queue (binary heap: the shorter the distance, the higher the priority).

Step 3. Pop up the top element, say  $u$ , from the priority queue.

- For each of  $u$ 's unvisited neighbors, say  $v$ , calculate its *tentative* distance using the weight of edge  $(u,v)$

- Compare the newly calculated *tentative* distance to the current assigned value of  $v$ ; if it is smaller, assign the new distance one edge to queue

- When we are done considering all of the unvisited neighbors of  $u$ , mark  $u$  as visited.

Step 4. If the priority queue is empty, stop the algorithm. Otherwise, go back to step 3.

	1	2	3	4	5
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$pi$	null	1	1	1	1

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shortest path  
Node 5 parent 4.

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