



# Solution Review: Implement Depth First Search

This review provides a detailed analysis of the different ways to solve the breadth first search challenge.

## We'll cover the following

- Solution: Using stacks
- Time complexity

## Solution: Using stacks#

main.py

Graph.py

Stack.py

Queue.py

LinkedList.py

Node.py

```
1 from Graph import Graph
2 from Stack import MyStack
3 # You can check the input graph in console tab
4
5 def dfs_traversal_helper(g, source, visited):
6     result = ""
7     # Create Stack(Implemented in previous lesson) for Depth First Tr
8     # and Push source in it
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8      # and push source in it
9      stack = MyStack()
10     stack.push(source)
11     visited[source] = True
12     # Traverse while stack is not empty
13     while not stack.is_empty() :
14         # Pop a vertex/node from stack and add it to the result
15         current_node = stack.pop()
16         result += str(current_node)
17         # Get adjacent vertices to the current_node from the array,
18         # and if they are not already visited then push them in the s
19         temp = g.array[current_node].head_node
20         while temp is not None:
21             if not visited[temp.data]:
22                 stack.push(temp.data)
23                 # Visit the node
24                 visited[temp.data] = True
25                 temp = temp.next_element
26     return result, visited # For the above graph it should return "1
27
28 def dfs_traversal(g, source):

```



The approach is very similar to that of the BFS solution. However, instead of a queue, we use a stack since it follows the **Last In First Out (LIFO)** approach (line 9). We will see how that is useful here.

`dfs_traversal` calls the helper function `dfs_traversal_helper` on every vertex which is not visited. Starting from `source` which is `1`, each node is pushed into the stack (line 10). Whenever a node is popped (line 15), it is added to the `result`. Nodes are marked visited (line 24) whenever they are pushed. Now we can understand why we need the stack because it keeps popping out the new adjacent nodes (gives you a node at a new **level**) instead of returning the previous nodes that we pushed in.

## Time complexity#



Like the BFS, this algorithm traverses the whole list once. Hence its time complexity is  $O(V + E)$



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