

Solved Exercise: DFS and BFS in Data Structures

Exercise:

Given the following tree, apply Depth First Search (DFS) and Breadth First Search (BFS) starting from node A.

Tree representation:

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A
|-- B
| |-- D
| |-- E
|-- C
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Solution:

1) Depth First Search (DFS)

DFS explores as deep as possible before backtracking. It uses a stack or recursion.

Steps: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C$

DFS Traversal Order:

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C$

2) Breadth First Search (BFS)

BFS explores nodes level by level. It uses a queue.

Steps: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$

BFS Traversal Order:

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$

Conclusion: DFS goes deep first, BFS finds the shortest path.