

Q1: Depth First Search (DFS) using Stack – Version 1

Objective:

To implement **Depth First Search** (DFS) using an explicit stack and track the path to a goal node.

Code Explanation:

1. The class `DepthFirstSearch` is initialized with a graph (dictionary of nodes and their children).
2. `dfs_stack(start, goal)` method:
 - Uses a `stack` to manage nodes and a `visited` list to track visited nodes.
 - Pops the last node from the stack, visits it if not already visited.
 - If it is the goal, prints confirmation and returns the visited path.
 - Otherwise, pushes children of the current node onto the stack in **reverse order** to maintain left-to-right visiting.
3. If the goal is not found after traversal, a message is displayed.

Output/Usage:

- For the given graph, starting from **A** and searching for **G**:
- Visiting node: A
- Visiting node: C
- Visiting node: F
- Visiting node: G
- Goal 'G' found!

→ Visited order: ['A', 'C', 'F', 'G'].

Q2: Depth First Search (DFS) using Stack – Version 2

Objective:

To implement a simpler DFS with stack extension for traversal.

Code Explanation:

1. Similar to Version 1, but **without explicit printing of every node**.
2. Instead of pushing children in a loop, it extends the stack directly using `stack.extend(self.graph[node][::-1])`.
3. The method returns the visited list when the goal is found or after traversal ends.

Output/Usage:

- For the same graph, searching for **F**:

- Visited: ['A', 'B', 'D', 'E', 'C', 'F']
- The order shows DFS exploring left before right.

Q3: Tree Traversals – Preorder, Inorder, Postorder

Objective:

To explain the three common depth-first traversals of binary trees.

Explanation:

1. Preorder Traversal (Root → Left → Right)

- Visit the root node first.
- Traverse the left subtree.
- Traverse the right subtree.
- Example (for tree with root A): A, B, D, E, C, F.
- **Use case:** Copying a tree.

2. Inorder Traversal (Left → Root → Right)

- Traverse the left subtree first.
- Visit the root node.
- Traverse the right subtree.
- Example: D, B, E, A, F, C.
- **Use case:** Produces nodes in **sorted order** for binary search trees (BST).

3. Postorder Traversal (Left → Right → Root)

- Traverse the left subtree.
- Traverse the right subtree.
- Visit the root node last.
- Example: D, E, B, F, C, A.
- **Use case:** Deleting/freeing a tree, evaluating expressions.