

Python IV - Lesson 25

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Proverbs 12:1

- ▶ “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.”

Recursion

Recursion is the process of defining something in terms of itself.

We know that a function can call other functions. It is even possible for the function to call itself.

Most important things:

1. Find the base case.
2. Find the sub-problem.

CCC questions

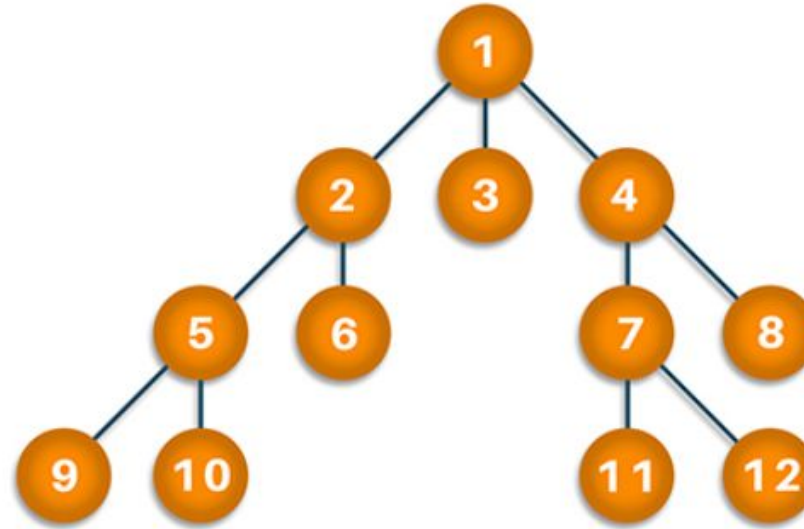
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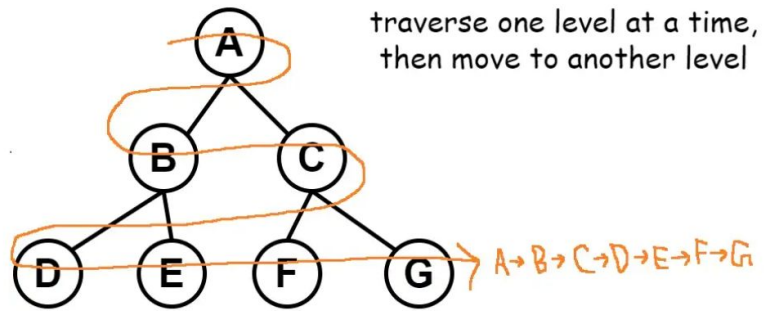
Breadth-First Search (BFS)



BREADTH FIRST SEARCH

Breadth-First Search (BFS) is an algorithm used for traversing graphs or trees. Traversing means visiting each node of the graph. Breadth-First Search is a recursive algorithm to search all the vertices of a graph or a tree. BFS in python can be implemented by using data structures like a dictionary and lists.

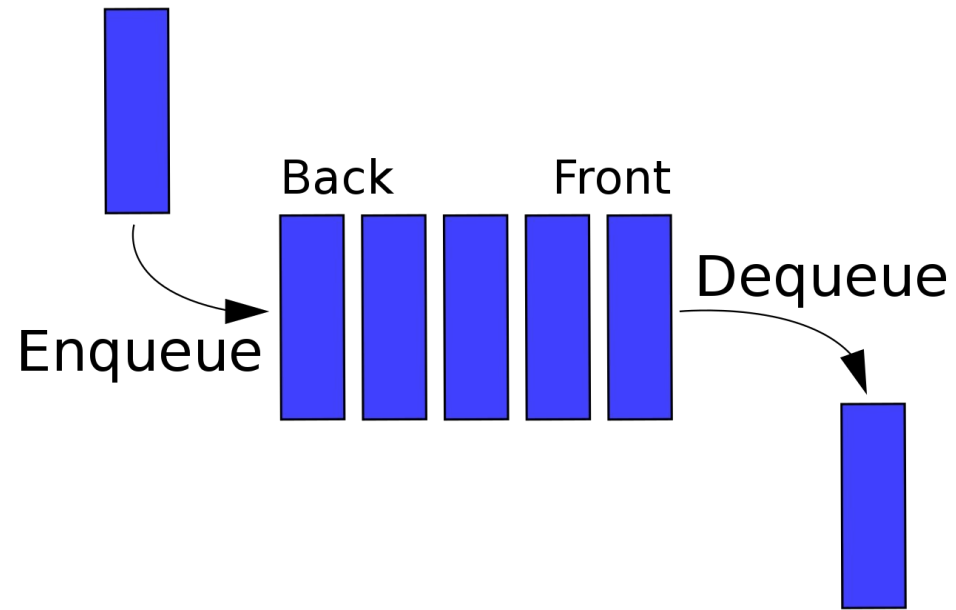
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This traversal technique is easy to understand for us humans. But we need to think about how a computer can understand it.

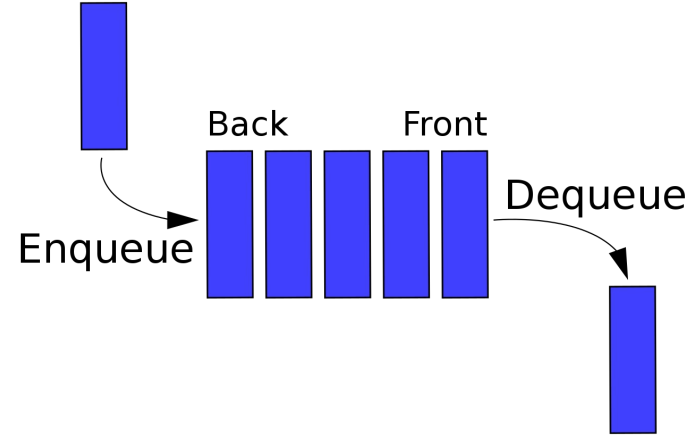
The **Queue** data structure can help us with this.

Queue



Queue is a linear structure of data that follows the First-In-First-Out (**FIFO**) principle. The element entering first in a queue will also leave first.

Queue



There are various ways to implement a queue in Python.

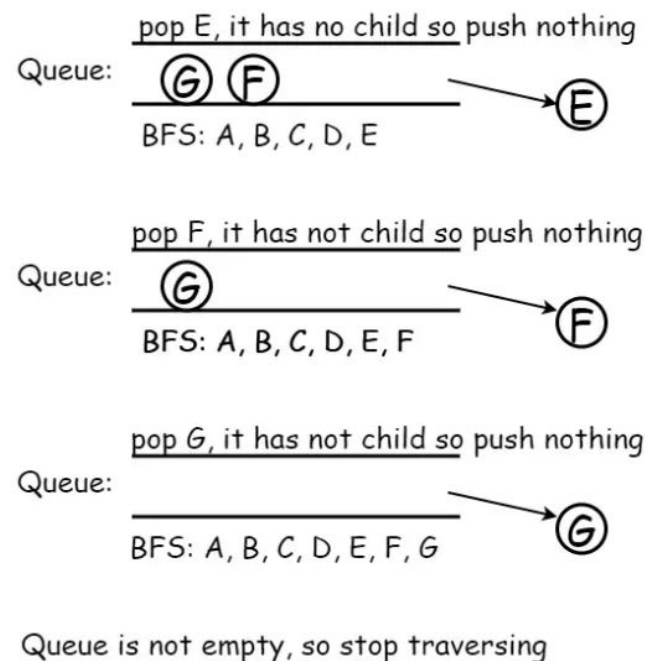
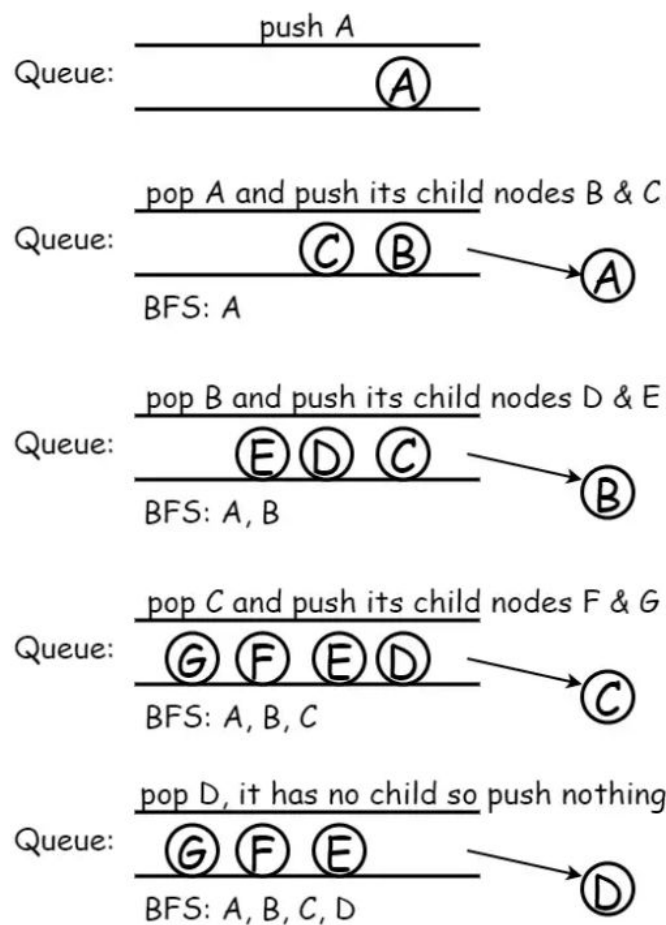
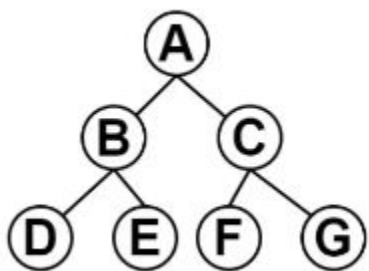
This lecture we will implement queue using **list**.

List is a Python's built-in data structure that can be used as a queue. Instead of `enqueue()` and `dequeue()`, **`append()`** and **`pop()`** function is used.

Try to implement the queue using list in Colab!

Queue

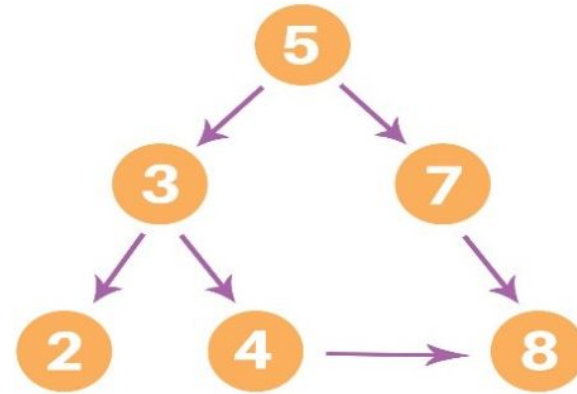
The FIFO principle of a queue will ensure the level-wise searching of BFS. Let's see how from the sketch below:



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The pseudocode for BFS in python goes as below:

1. Start with a root node and push it to the queue.
2. Mark the root node as visited and print it
3. Continue a loop until the queue is empty:
 - 3.1. Pop the front node from the queue
 - 3.2. Push the child/neighbor nodes of the front node to the queue
 - 3.3 Mark them as visited and print

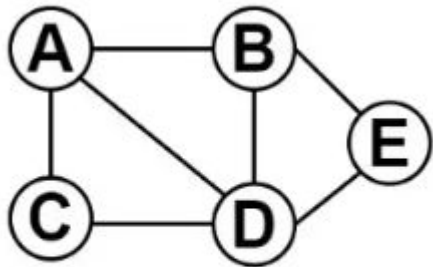


Let's write the code in Colab!

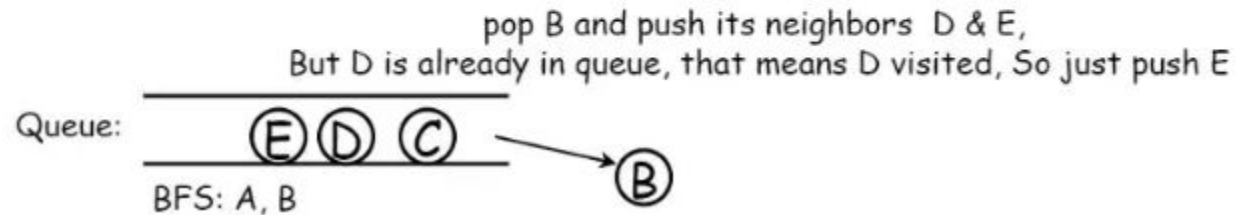
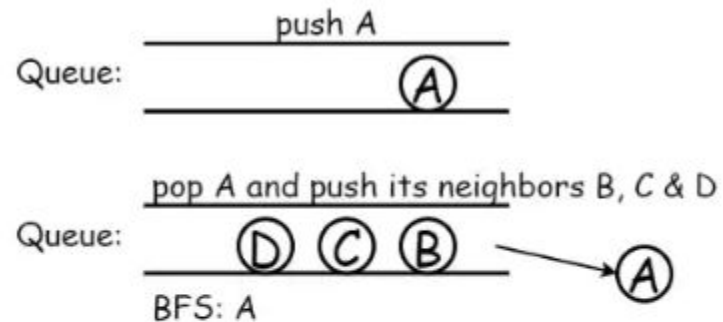
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a little bit complex graph that contains cycles in it:

We can't determine child nodes of a node in an undirected graph that contains cycles. Rather we will use the concept of 'neighbor nodes' here. The nodes directly connected to a node are the neighbors of that node.

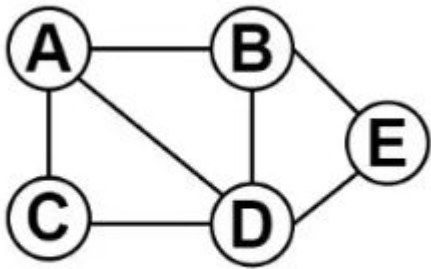


Let's Choose A as root node



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This graph shows us why we need to check already visited nodes. We do it to avoid traversing the same node more than once.



Let's Choose **A** as root node

