

## 1. Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- **Behavior:**  
Explores the graph level by level from the start node. It guarantees finding the shortest path in unweighted graphs.
  - **Computational Complexity:**
    - **Time:**  $O(V + E)$   
( $V$  = number of vertices,  $E$  = number of edges)
    - **Space:**  $O(V)$  for the queue and visited set.
  - **Suitability:**
    - Best for unweighted graphs where the shortest path (fewest edges) is needed.
    - Performs well on sparse and moderately dense graphs.
    - Can be slow or memory-heavy on large graphs due to broad exploration.
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## 2. Depth-First Search (DFS)

- **Behavior:**  
Explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking. Does **not** guarantee the shortest path.
  - **Computational Complexity:**
    - **Time:**  $O(V + E)$
    - **Space:**  $O(V)$  for the recursion stack or explicit stack.
  - **Suitability:**
    - Good for searching through all possible paths or detecting cycles.
    - Not recommended when you strictly need the shortest path.
    - May perform better in deep, narrow graphs but worse in wide graphs.
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## 3. Bidirectional Search

- **Behavior:**  
Runs two simultaneous searches — one forward from the start and one backward from the goal — meeting in the middle.
  - **Computational Complexity:**
    - **Time:**  $O(b^{(d/2)})$  where  $b$  = branching factor,  $d$  = depth of solution.
    - **Space:**  $O(b^{(d/2)})$  for the two frontiers.
  - **Suitability:**
    - Excellent for large, undirected, and unweighted graphs where start and goal are far apart.
    - Dramatically reduces the search space compared to BFS.
    - More complex to implement and not useful if the goal node is unknown or the graph is directed.
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## Documentation Summary

### Project Description

This project visualizes three pathfinding algorithms (BFS, DFS, Bidirectional Search) on unweighted graphs, providing insights into their runtime behavior, path length, and nodes visited.

### Code Highlights

- **BFSVisualizer, DFSVisualizer, BidirectionalVisualizer:**  
Classes responsible for running and visualizing each algorithm.
- **GraphGenerator:**  
Creates random graphs or grid graphs for testing using Matplotlib
- **Performance Measurement:**  
Tracks nodes visited, execution time, and path length.
- **Visualization:**  
Uses Matplotlib to animate search progress.