

**Solution**

a) Claim: We want to show that if a *DFS* tree  $T_1$  and a *BFS* tree  $T_2$  of a connected, undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  are equal, then  $G = T_1 = T_2 = T$ .

*Proof.* Suppose, for the sake of contradiction, the claim is false. That is,  $G \neq T$  even if  $T_1 = T_2$ . This means that there exists an edge  $e$  that is in  $G$  but does not belong to  $T$ . A *BFS* traverses the vertices of a graph a level at a time. Meaning that vertices at level  $i$  are of distance  $i$  from the root. Thus, an edge  $e$  in  $G$  that is not in  $T$  connects vertices at consecutive levels or at the same level of  $T_2$ . On the other hand, a *DFS* traversal of  $G$  would follow the path of  $e$  up or across the level considered by the *BFS* traversal. This is because *DFS* traverses down edges until it reaches an end before going back on any other unexplored path. Therefore,  $T_1 \neq T_2$ . We have reached a contradiction because it is given that  $T_1 = T_2$ . We have shown that if a *DFS* tree is the same as a *BFS* tree then the graph is equal to said tree.

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