

Algorithm Lab 5: Breadth-First Search (BFS)

Objective: Learn and implement BFS algorithm to solve pathfinding and shortest path problems.

1. **Simple BFS - Graph Traversal:** Given an undirected graph with N vertices, implement BFS to traverse the graph starting from a given source vertex. Print the vertices in the order they are visited.

Example Input

```
6 7          \\ 6 vertices, 7 edges, starting vertex: 0  
0 1  
0 2  
1 3  
1 4  
2 4  
3 5  
4 5  
0
```

Example output : 0 1 2 3 4 5

2. **Maze Solver:** Given a maze represented as a 2D grid where:

- 0 represents a walkable path
- 1 represents a wall

Find the shortest path from Start to End, if one exists.

Example Input

```
5 5  
0 0 1 0 0  
0 0 1 0 1  
1 0 0 0 0  
0 1 0 1 0  
0 0 0 1 0  
0 0          \\ Start position  
4 4          \\ End position
```

Expected Output:

Shortest path length: 8

Path: (0,0) → (1,0) → (1,1) → (2,1) → (2,2) → (2,3) → (3,3) → (4,2) → (4,4)

***Home Work:

Knight's Minimum Moves (Night Problem)

Given a chessboard of size $N \times N$, find the minimum number of moves required for a knight to reach from the source position to the destination position.

A knight moves in an "L" shape:

- 2 squares in one direction and 1 square perpendicular, OR
- 1 square in one direction and 2 squares perpendicular

Example Input

```
8      \\ Board size: 8×8, Start: (0,0), End: (7,7)  
0 0  
7 7
```

Expected Output

Minimum moves: 6

Path:

(0,0) → (1,2) → (2,4) → (3,6) → (5,7) → (7,6) → (7,7)