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Lab Assignment

Q: Investigate is google search uses DFS , BFS , unweighted, weighted, directed or undirected algorithms.

Google uses a combination of BFS and DFS strategies, weighted and directed graph depending on what it's doing.

BFS (Breadth-First Search)

1. Starts from a set of known websites (seed URLs).
2. Visits their links, then the links from those pages, and so on.
3. It's used to discover new pages efficiently layer by layer.

Why BFS is useful here:

1. Google wants to cover the whole web fast.
2. BFS finds new pages in the “nearest layers” first — efficient for fresh crawling.

DFS (Depth-First Search)

Sometimes used within one site, where the crawler dives deep into internal links before backing up.

Useful for exploring a specific domain in depth (like going deep into subpages).

Why DFS helps:

Helps fully index a website before returning.

Works well for structured sites (blogs, forums, product catalogs).

Why Weighted & Directed Graph:

Google Search models the web as a directed and weighted graph. It's directed because web links go one way — when one site links to another, the link doesn't automatically go back. It's weighted because not all links are equally important; links from trusted or popular sites carry more weight than those from less-known pages. This helps Google decide which pages are more valuable and should appear higher in search results, using algorithms like PageRank that measure link direction and importance.