

**Objective:** Implementation and analysis of Breadth first search

# **Breadth First Search**

Traversal means visiting all the nodes of a graph. Breadth First Traversal or Breadth First Search is a recursive algorithm for searching all the vertices of a graph or tree data structure.

## **BFS algorithm**

A standard BFS implementation puts each vertex of the graph into one of two categories:

- Visited
- Not Visited

The purpose of the algorithm is to mark each vertex as visited while avoiding cycles.

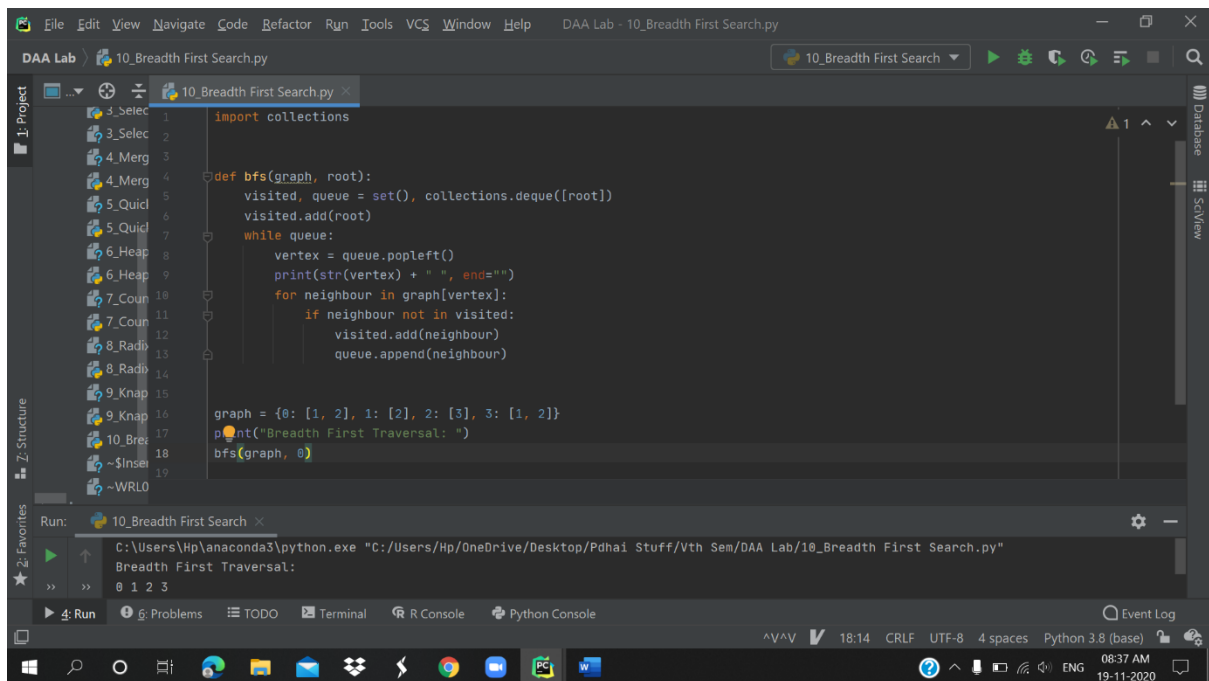
The algorithm works as follows:

- Start by putting any one of the graph's vertices at the back of a queue.
- Take the front item of the queue and add it to the visited list.
- Create a list of that vertex's adjacent nodes. Add the ones which aren't in the visited list to the back of the queue.
- Keep repeating steps 2 and 3 until the queue is empty.

## Code:

```
import collections
def bfs(graph, root):
    visited, queue = set(), collections.deque([root])
    visited.add(root)
    while queue:
        vertex = queue.popleft()
        print(str(vertex) + " ", end="")
        for neighbour in graph[vertex]:
            if neighbour not in visited:
                visited.add(neighbour)
                queue.append(neighbour)

graph = {0: [1, 2], 1: [2], 2: [3], 3: [1, 2]}
print("Breadth First Traversal: ")
bfs(graph, 0)
```



The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "DAA Lab - 10\_Breadth First Search.py". The code editor displays the same Python code as shown in the previous block. The left sidebar shows a project structure with files like "3\_Select", "4\_Merge", "5\_Quick", "6\_Heap", "7\_Count", "8\_Radix", "9\_Knapsack", "10\_Breadth First Search", and "10\_Insertion". The bottom panel shows the output of the program: "Breadth First Traversal: 0 1 2 3". The status bar at the bottom indicates the file encoding is UTF-8, the line length is 18:14, and the Python version is 3.8 (base).

## Output:

Breadth First Traversal:  
0 1 2 3

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17 print("Breadth First Traversal: ")
18 bfs(graph, 0)
```

The "Run" output pane shows the following execution details:

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Breadth First Traversal:
0 1 2 3
Process finished with exit code 0
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the file encoding is UTF-8, 4 spaces, and Python 3.8 (base). The system clock shows 08:37 AM on 19-11-2020.

## Time Complexities:

The time complexity of the BFS algorithm is represented in the form of  $O(V + E)$ , where  $V$  is the number of nodes and  $E$  is the number of edges. The space complexity of the algorithm is  $O(V)$ .

## BFS Applications:

- To build index by search index
- For GPS navigation
- Path finding algorithms
- In Ford-Fulkerson algorithm to find maximum flow in a network
- Cycle detection in an undirected graph
- In minimum spanning tree