

Multi-Source BFS Explanation

prepare DSA notes for this program. Mention pattern, add

code with comments. class Solution {

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public int[][] updateMatrix(int[][] mat) {
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    int m = mat.length;
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    int n = mat[0].length;
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    int[][] dist = new int[m][n];
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    Queue<int[]> q = new LinkedList<>();
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    for(int i=0; i<m; i++){
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        for(int j=0; j<n; j++){
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            if(mat[i][j] == 0){
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                dist[i][j] = 0;
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                q.offer(new int[]{i, j});
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            }
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            else{
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                dist[i][j] = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
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            }
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        }
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    }
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    int[][] directions = {{-1,0}, {1,0}, {0,-1}, {0,1}};
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    while(!q.isEmpty()){
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        int[] cell = q.poll();
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        int row = cell[0];
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        int col = cell[1];
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        for(int[] dir : directions){
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            int newRow = row + dir[0];
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            int newCol = col + dir[1];
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            if(newRow >= 0 && newRow < m && newCol >= 0  
&& newCol < n){
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                if(dist[newRow][newCol] > dist[row][col] + 1){
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                    dist[newRow][newCol] = dist[row][col] + 1;
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                    q.offer(new int[]{newRow, newCol});
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                }
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            }
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        }
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    }  
    return dist;  
  }  
}
```

Here are the **DSA notes** for the given program, including the **pattern**, **explanation**, and **Java code with comments**.

✅ Problem: 01 Matrix (Leetcode 542)

🔍 Pattern:

Multi-Source Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- This is a **BFS on Grid** problem where **all cells with value 0** act as sources simultaneously.
 - You expand from all zeros to compute the minimum distance to the nearest 0 for every cell with value 1.
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📌 Intuition:

- Cells with value **0** are at distance 0 from themselves.
 - Cells with value **1** need to find the shortest path to a **0**.
 - We use a **BFS** starting from **all 0s**. This way, the first time we reach a 1, we know it's the shortest path from a 0.
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🧠 Key Concepts:

- Multi-source BFS.
 - Traverse grid in 4 directions.
 - Keep a distance matrix updated.
 - BFS ensures shortest path since it explores level by level.
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Space Complexity:

- $O(m * n)$ for the distance matrix and queue.

Time Complexity:

- $O(m * n)$ because each cell is visited at most once.

Java Code with Comments:

java

```
class Solution {
    public int[][] updateMatrix(int[][] mat) {
        int m = mat.length;          // number of rows
        int n = mat[0].length;       // number of columns
        int[][] dist = new int[m][n]; // stores final distance values
        Queue<int[]> q = new LinkedList<>(); // BFS queue

        // Step 1: Initialize queue with all 0s, set 1s as infinity
        for(int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
            for(int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
                if(mat[i][j] == 0) {
                    dist[i][j] = 0;          // distance to itself is 0
                    q.offer(new int[]{i, j}); // enqueue all 0s
                } else {
                    dist[i][j] = Integer.MAX_VALUE; // initialize 1s as max
                }
            }
        }

        // Step 2: Directions array for moving up, down, left, right
        int[][] directions = {{-1,0}, {1,0}, {0,-1}, {0,1}};

        // Step 3: BFS traversal
        while(!q.isEmpty()) {
            int[] cell = q.poll();          // get current cell
            int row = cell[0];
            int col = cell[1];
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        for(int[] dir : directions) {
            int newRow = row + dir[0];
            int newCol = col + dir[1];

            // check bounds
            if(newRow >= 0 && newRow < m && newCol >= 0 && newCol < n) {
                // check if we found a shorter path
                if(dist[newRow][newCol] > dist[row][col] + 1) {
                    dist[newRow][newCol] = dist[row][col] + 1;
                    q.offer(new int[]{newRow, newCol}); // enqueue updated cell
                }
            }
        }
    }

    return dist;
}

```

Summary:

Aspect	Details
Pattern	Multi-source BFS on grid
Input	Matrix with 0s and 1s
Output	Matrix of distances to nearest 0
Key Approach	Start BFS from all 0s
Direction	4-way (up, down, left, right)

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