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### Time complexity of bfs and dfs

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It is just that i am unable to understand how complexity(time) of bfs/dfs are  $O(v+e)$ . why not  $O(v*e)$ ???since most of the times i have seen we just multiply inner loop and outer loop iterations and compute complexity so what is the difference we are having here.

P.S: I have already seen link: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/6850357/explanation-of-runtimes-of-bfs-and-dfs> and CLRS but didn't get it.

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[bfs complexity](#) [dfs proof](#)

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I think u didn't go through the link contain correct explanation why the time complexity of dfs and bfs is  $O(v+e)$  hope this help :)

DFS(analysis):

\*Setting/getting a vertex/edge label takes  $O(1)$  time

\*Each vertex is labeled twice

-&gt;once as UNEXPLORED

-&gt;once as VISITED

\*Each edge is labeled twice

-&gt;once as UNEXPLORED

-&gt;once as DISCOVERY or BACK

\*Method incidentEdges is called once for each vertex

\*DFS runs in  $O(n + m)$  time provided the graph is represented by the adjacency list structure\*Recall that  $\sum \deg(v) = 2m$ 

BFS(analysis):

\*Setting/getting a vertex/edge label takes  $O(1)$  time

\*Each vertex is labeled twice

--&gt;once as UNEXPLORED

--&gt;once as VISITED

\*Each edge is labeled twice

--&gt;once as UNEXPLORED

--&gt;once as DISCOVERY or CROSS

\*Each vertex is inserted once into a sequence Li

\*Method incidentEdges is called once for each vertex

\*BFS runs in  $O(n + m)$  time provided the graph is represented by the adjacency list structure\*Recall that  $\sum \deg(v) = 2m$ [link](#)

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1 u can see this link also...it explains the algorithms with their complexities...hope it helps..)

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