

breadth-first search is the process of traversing each node of the graph, a standard BFS algorithm traverses each vertex of the graph into two parts: 1) Visited 2) Not Visited. So, the purpose of the algorithm is to visit all the vertex while avoiding cycles.

BFS starts from a node, then it checks all the nodes at distance one from the beginning node, then it checks all the nodes at distance two, and so on. So as to recollect the nodes to be visited, BFS uses a queue.

The steps of the algorithm work as follow:

1. Start by putting any one of the graph's vertices at the back of the queue.
2. Now take the front item of the queue and add it to the visited list.
3. Create a list of that vertex's adjacent nodes. Add those which are not within the visited list to the rear of the queue.
4. Keep continuing steps two and three till the queue is empty.

BFS implementation in Python

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# Using a Python dictionary to act as an adjacency list
graph = {
    '5' : ['3', '7'],
    '3' : ['2', '4'],
    '7' : ['8'],
    '2' : [],
    '4' : ['8'],
    '8' : []
}

visited = set() # Set to keep track of visited nodes of graph.

def dfs(visited, graph, node): #function for dfs
    if node not in visited:
        print (node)
        visited.add(node)
        for neighbour in graph[node]:
            dfs(visited, graph, neighbour)

# Driver Code
print("Following is the Depth-First Search")
dfs(visited, graph, '5')
```

Depth-First Search implementation puts every vertex of the graph into one in all 2 categories: 1) Visited 2) Not Visited. The only purpose of this algorithm is to visit all the vertex of the graph avoiding cycles.

The DSF algorithm follows as:

1. We will start by putting any one of the graph's vertex on top of the stack.
2. After that take the top item of the stack and add it to the visited list of the vertex.
3. Next, create a list of that adjacent node of the vertex. Add the ones which aren't in the visited list of vertexes to the top of the stack.
4. Lastly, keep repeating steps 2 and 3 until the stack is empty.

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