

Graph Traversal

Depth First Search (DFS)

- Visit all descendants of a node before visiting sibling nodes
- For the implementation we need an array `visited[]` to keep track of which nodes we've already visited. Its size is the number of nodes. and the order in which we visited them
- Here's the pseudocode:

Set all elements of `visited[]` to 0
`orderNumber = 0`

```
DFS(node) {  
    orderNumber ++  
    visited[node] = orderNumber  
    for each node adjNode adjacent to node  
        if (visited[adjNode] == 0)  
            DFS(adjNode)  
}
```

for each node node in the graph
if (visited[node] == 0)
 DFS(node)

Uses
Stack
as
data
structure

Complexity of DFS

- If we represent the graph with an adjacency list the complexity is linear: $O(N+E)$
- If we represent the graph with an adjacency matrix the complexity is quadratic: $O(N^2)$

N: Number of nodes, E: number of edges