Quiz 5 - BFS/DFS

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1 Instructions

- The solutions **should be typed**, using proper mathematical notation. We cannot accept hand-written solutions. Here's a short intro to LaTeX.

- You should submit your work through the **class Canvas page** only. Please submit one PDF file, compiled using this LaTeX template.

- You may not need a full page for your solutions; pagebreaks are there to help Gradescope automatically find where each problem is. Even if you do not attempt every problem, please submit this document with no fewer pages than the blank template (or Gradescope has issues with it).

- You **may not collaborate with other students**. **Copying from any source is an Honor Code violation. Furthermore, all submissions must be in your own words and reflect your understanding of the material.** If there is any confusion about this policy, it is your responsibility to clarify before the due date.

- Posting to **any** service including, but not limited to Chegg, Discord, Reddit, StackExchange, etc., for help on an assignment is a violation of the Honor Code.

- You **must** virtually sign the Honor Code (see Section 2). Failure to do so will result in your assignment not being graded.

2 Honor Code (Make Sure to Virtually Sign)

Problem 1.
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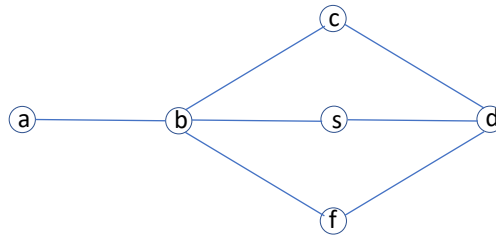- I have neither copied nor provided others solutions they can copy.

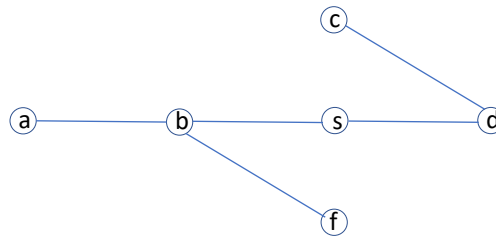*Agreed (Alex Ojemann).* I agree to the above, Alex Ojemann □

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Problem 2. Consider the following graph with the source node s:
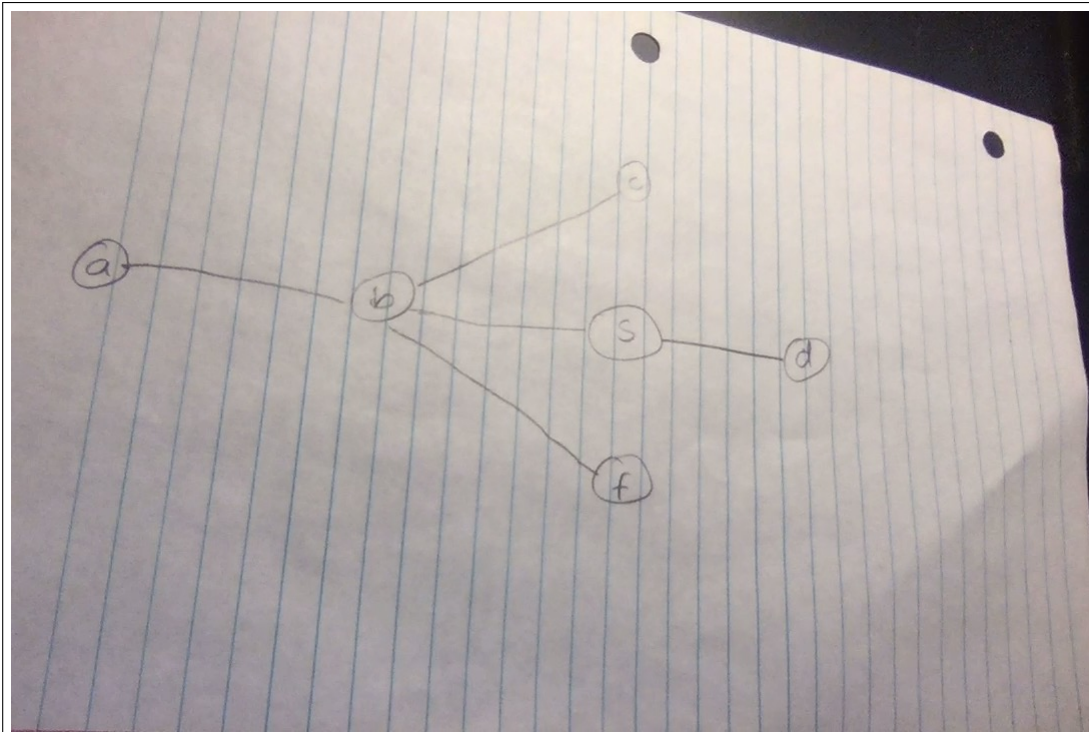

(i). Is it possible to obtain the following tree using BFS? Clearly justify your answer.

(ii). Is it possible to obtain a shortest path tree using BFS? Clearly justify your answer; and if your answer is yes, give such a shortest path tree obtained using BFS. Here the length of a path is defined as the number of edges on the path.

Answer. (i). It's not possible to obtain this tree using BFS because BFS will first explore s's neighbors, b and d, then either b's neighbors or d's neighbors. If it explores b's neighbors first, it will explore a, c, and f from b, but the given tree doesn't explore c from b. If it explores d's neighbors first, it will explore c and f from d, but the given tree doesn't explore f from d.

(ii). It is possible to find a shortest path tree using BFS because this graph is unweighted so the path length between two vertices is and BFS always finds connected vertices using the fewest possible number of edges from the source. One shortest path tree that could be obtained by BFS is depicted in the image below.