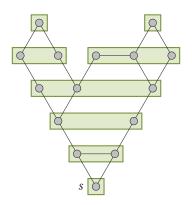


Layering Partition

Idea

- Distance layering
- Partition layers into clusters.



Layering Partition – Clusters

Two vertices u and v are in the same cluster if

- d(s, u) = d(s, v) = k and
- u and v are in the same connected component in $G[V_k]$ with $V_k = \{ w \mid d(s, w) \ge k \}.$

Linear Time Algorithm

- Compute distance layers (using BFS).
- Starting with furthest distant layers, compute connected components in this layer.
- For each connected component in layer l, contract it to single vertex and add it to layer l-1.
- Repeat for each layer.