# Graph Decomposition (2) — BFS and its Applications

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#### Problem

Problem: Shortest Path

Given an undirected graph G = (V, E) and a source vertex s, to compute distance  $\delta(s, u)$  for each vertex u.

 $\delta(s,u) \equiv \#$  of edges of the shortest path between s and u.

## BFS on Undirected Graph

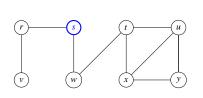
#### BFS with source vertex s:

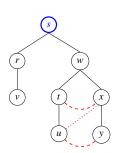
- $\triangleright$  exploring every vertex u reachable from s
- ightharpoonup computing  $\delta(s,u)$ , for all reachable u

#### BFS as a framework:

- ▶ Prim's MST algorithm
- ▶ Dijkstra's SSSP algorithm

## A Physical Algorithm of BFS (Phys-BFS)





## Edge Properties of Phys-BFS

$$(u,v) \in E \Rightarrow d(u) \le d(v) \le d(u) + 1$$

## A Parallel Algorithm of BFS (Para-BFS)

graph: network of computers

vertex: computer

edge: network connections

To disseminate a computer virus from computer s.

## Color Properties in Para-BFS

$$states \ of \ computers = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathtt{WHITE} & \mathrm{if} \ \mathrm{healthy} \\ \mathtt{GRAY} & \mathrm{if} \ \mathrm{infected} \end{array} \right.$$

## A Parallel Algorithm of BFS (Para-BFS)

#### **Algorithm 1** A Parallel Algorithm of BFS (Para-BFS).

```
procedure Para-BFS(G, s)
     for all u \in V do
           color[u] \leftarrow \mathtt{WHITE}
           d[u] \leftarrow \infty
     \operatorname{color}[s] \leftarrow \mathtt{GRAY}
     d[s] \leftarrow \infty
     Q \leftarrow \{s\}
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while Q \neq \emptyset do
     u \leftarrow \text{Deg}(Q)
     for all (u, v) \in E do
          if color[v] = WHITE then
                color[v] = GRAY
                d[v] = d[u] + 1
                \operatorname{Enq}(\mathbf{Q}, v)
     \operatorname{color}[u] \leftarrow \mathtt{BLACK}
```

#### States of vertices:

WHILE: undiscovered

GRAY: discorvered but

BLACK: discorvered and all its neighbors has been

discorvered

WHITE  $\Rightarrow$  GRAY  $\Rightarrow$  BLACK

- 1.  $(u,v) \in E$ , u is BLACK  $\Rightarrow v$  is either BLACK or GRAY
- 2. GRAY vertex may have adjacent WHITE vertices

  ⇒ "frontier" between discovered and undiscovered vertices
- 3. Invariant: at any time, all GRAY vertices are in the Queue

#### Correctness Proof Para-BFS

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# Color Properties

## Queue Properties

## Correctness Proof

# Edges Properties

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