

## Graphs - II

Breadth-first Search → used to search in a graph

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , and a source vertex  $S$ , BFS systematically explores the edges of  $G$  to "discover" every vertex that is reachable from  $S$ .

- It computes distance from  $S$  to each reachable vertex in  $G$ .
- It also produces a breadth-first tree with root  $S$  that contains all the reachable vertices.
- For any vertex  $v$  reachable from  $S$ , the simple path in the breadth-first tree from  $S$  to  $v$  corresponds to a shortest path from  $S$  to  $v$  in  $G$ . (i.e., a path containing least number of edges)
- works for both directed & undirected graphs

- BFS algorithm colors each vertex:  
WHITE, GRAY, and BLACK
  - Initially every vertex is WHITE
  - A discovered vertex becomes GRAY
  - A GRAY vertex whose edges are explored becomes BLACK.
- Initially all vertices are set to WHITE
- All GRAY vertices are kept in a FIFO queue
- BFS assumes that the given graph  $G = (V, E)$  is represented by an Adjacency list, the queue is denoted by  $Q$ , and it contains the following attributes to  $v$ :
  - $v.\text{color}$ : WHITE, GRAY, or BLACK
  - $v.d$  holds the distance from  $S$  to  $v$
  - $v.\pi$  is  $v$ 's predecessor in the breadth-first tree. If  $v$  has no predecessor then  $v.\pi = \text{NIL}$  ( $v$  being source or undiscovered)

BF S(G, s)

for each vertex  $u \in G.V - \{s\}$

$u.\text{color} = \text{WHITE}$   
 $u.d = \infty$   
 $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$

$s.\text{color} = \text{GRAY}$

$s.d = 0$

$s.\pi = \text{NIL}$

$Q = \emptyset$

Enqueue(Q, s)

while  $Q \neq \emptyset \rightarrow \text{NIL}$

$u = \text{Dequeue}(Q)$

for each vertex  $v$  in  $G.\text{Adj}[u]$

if  $v.\text{color} == \text{WHITE}$

$v.\text{color} = \text{GRAY}$

$v.d = u.d + 1$

$v.\pi = u$

Enqueue(Q, v)

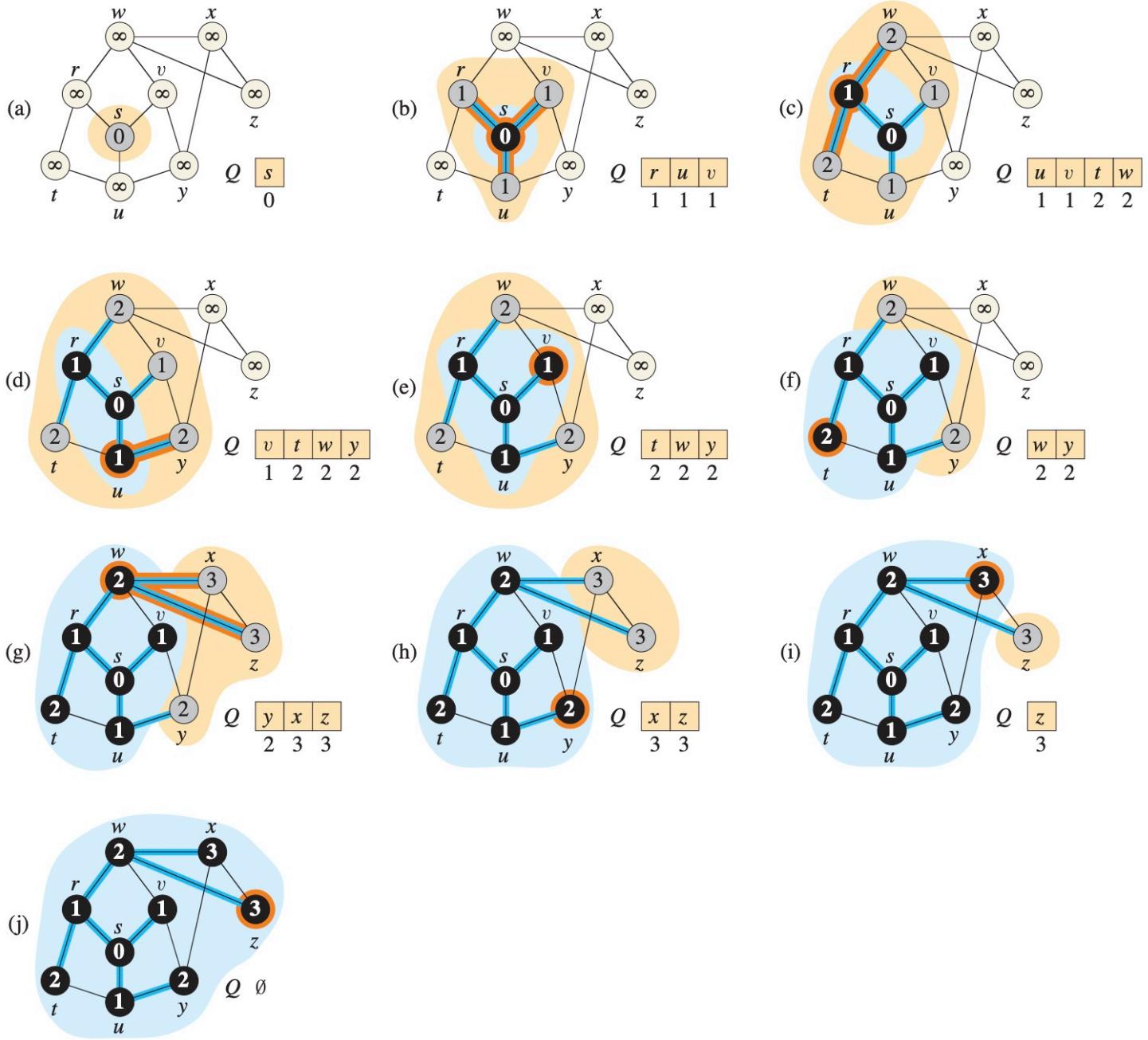
$u.\text{color} = \text{BLACK}$

Analysis:  $\rightarrow$  Enque, Dequeue  $\rightarrow O(1)$

$\rightarrow$  Total time for queue ops.  $\rightarrow O(V)$

$\rightarrow$  Since sum of all  $|V|$  adjacency lists is  $O(|E|)$ , and overhead is  $O(V)$ , Total complexity =  $O(V + |E|)$

# Example :



## Depth First Search :

- Searches deeper in the graph whenever possible.
- Explores edges out of the most recently discovered vertex  $v$  that still has undiscovered edges leaving it.
- Once all of  $v$ 's edges have been explored, the search back tracks to explore edges leaving the vertex from which  $v$  was discovered.

Predecessor subgraph:  $G_{\pi} = (V, E_{\pi})$ , where

$$E_{\pi} = \{ (v_{\pi}, v) : v \in V \text{ and } v_{\pi} \neq \text{NIL} \}$$

- Depth-first search produces a depth-first forest comprising of several depth-first trees.
- Edges in  $E_{\pi}$  are tree-edges.

→ Depth - first search also timestamps each vertex  
each vertex has two timestamps

① V.d → when V is first discovered

→ Grayed out

② V.f → when search finishes examining  
V's adjacency list

→ Blacked out

for every vertex u,  $u.d < u.f$

- Before time  $u.d$  → vertex u is WHITE
- Between  $u.d$  and  $u.f$  → vertex u is GRAY
- After time  $u.f$  → vertex u is BLACK

## DFS (G)

for each vertex  $u \in G.V$

    |  
    |  $u.\text{color} = \text{WHITE}$   
    |  $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$

time = 0 // Global variable

for each vertex  $u \in G.V$

    |  
    | if  $u.\text{color} == \text{WHITE}$   
    | | DFS-VISIT (G, u)

## DFS - VISIT (G, u)

time = time + 1

$u.d = \text{time}$  // vertex u is discovered

$u.\text{color} = \text{GRAY}$

for each vertex  $v$  in  $G.\text{Adj}[u]$

    |  
    | if  $v.\text{color} == \text{WHITE}$

        | |  $v.\pi = u$

        | | DFS-VISIT (G, v)

time = time + 1

$u.f = \text{time}$

$u.\text{color} = \text{BLACK}$

- Every call to  $\text{DFS-VISIT}(h, u)$ , makes  $u$  the root of a new tree in the depth-first forest.
- Result of depth-first search may depend on the order of selecting vertex  $u$  for  $v$  & on the order of vertices in the adjacency list.
- Complexity :  $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$