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Breadth First Search (BFS): Level Order Traversal

Problem Statement: Given an undirected graph, return a vector of all nodes by traversing the graph using breadth-first search (BFS).

Pre-req: Graph Representation, Queue STL

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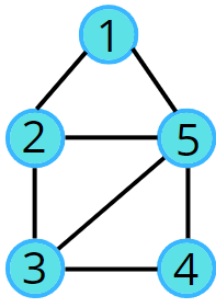
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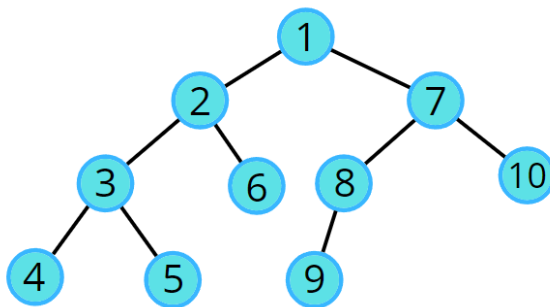
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Output: 1 2 5 3 4

Example 2:

Input :



Output: 1 2 7 3 6 8 10 4 5 9

Solution

Disclaimer: Don't jump directly to the solution, try it out yourself first.

Approach:

Initial Configuration:

- Queue data structure: follows FIFO, and will always contain the starting.
- Visited array: an array initialized to 0

1. In BFS, we start with a "starting" node, mark it as visited, and push it into the queue data structure.

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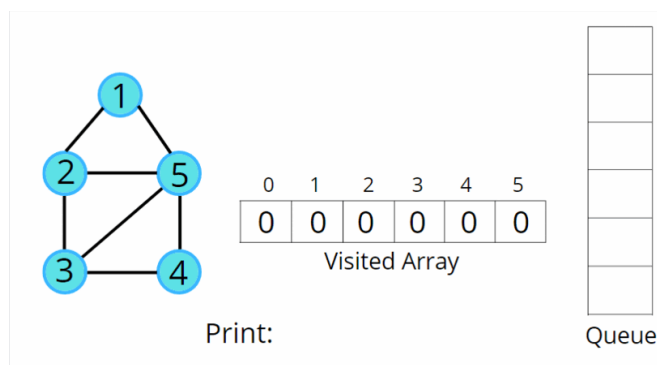
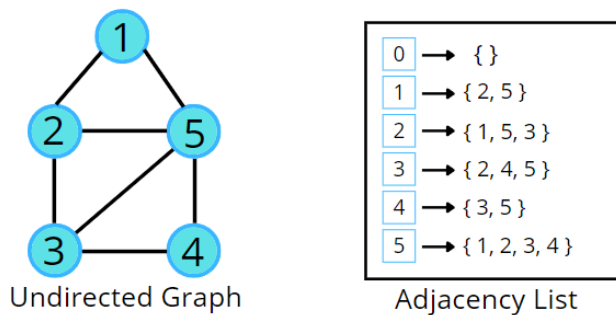
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2. In every iteration, we pop out the node 'v' and put it in the solution vector, as we are traversing this node.
3. All the unvisited adjacent nodes from 'v' are visited next and are pushed into the queue. The list of adjacent neighbors of the node can be accessed from the adjacency list.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the queue becomes empty, and this way you can easily traverse all the nodes in the graph.

In this way, all the nodes are traversed in a breadthwise manner.



Code:

C++ Code

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
```

```

class Solution {
public:
    // Function to return Breadth Fi
    vector<int> bfsOfGraph(int V, ve
        int vis[V] = {0};
        vis[0] = 1;
        queue<int> q;
        // push the initial starting
        q.push(0);
        vector<int> bfs;
        // iterate till the queue is
        while(!q.empty()) {
            // get the topmost elemen
            int node = q.front();
            q.pop();
            bfs.push_back(node);
            // traverse for all its
            for(auto it : adj[node])
                // if the neighbour
                // store in Q and ma
                if(!vis[it]) {
                    vis[it] = 1;
                    q.push(it);
                }
            }
        }
        return bfs;
    }
};

void addEdge(vector <int> adj[], int
    adj[u].push_back(v);
    adj[v].push_back(u);
}

void printAns(vector <int> &ans) {
    for (int i = 0; i < ans.size();
        cout << ans[i] << " ";
    }
}

int main()
{
    vector <int> adj[6];

    addEdge(adj, 0, 1);

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addEdge(adj, 1, 2);
addEdge(adj, 1, 3);
addEdge(adj, 0, 4);

Solution obj;
vector <int> ans = obj.bfsOfGrap
printAns(ans);

return 0;
}

```

Output: 0 1 4 2 3

Time Complexity: $O(N) + O(2E)$, Where N = Nodes, $2E$ is for total degrees as we traverse all adjacent nodes.

Space Complexity: $O(3N) \sim O(N)$, Space for queue data structure visited array and an adjacency list

Java Code

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import java.util.*;
class Solution {
    // Function to return Breadth Fi
    public ArrayList<Integer> bfsOfG
    ArrayList<ArrayList<Integer>> ad

    ArrayList < Integer > bfs =
    boolean vis[] = new boolean[
    Queue < Integer > q = new Li

    q.add(0);
    vis[0] = true;

    while (!q.isEmpty()) {
        Integer node = q.poll();
        bfs.add(node);

        // Get all adjacent vert
        // If a adjacent has not

```

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        // visited and enqueue i
        for (Integer it: adj.get(i))
            if (vis[it] == false)
                vis[it] = true;
                q.add(it);
            }
        }
    }

    return bfs;
}

public static void main(String args[]) {
    ArrayList<ArrayList<Integer>> adj = new ArrayList<ArrayList<Integer>>();
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
        adj.add(new ArrayList<Integer>());

    adj.get(0).add(1);
    adj.get(1).add(0);
    adj.get(0).add(4);
    adj.get(4).add(0);
    adj.get(1).add(2);
    adj.get(2).add(1);
    adj.get(1).add(3);
    adj.get(3).add(1);

    Solution sl = new Solution();
    ArrayList<Integer> ans = sl.bfs(0, adj);
    int n = ans.size();
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        System.out.print(ans.get(i) + " ");
    }
}

```

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