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# Graphs II

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#### Lecture Topics

- Graph Traversals
  - Depth-First
  - Breadth-First
- Finding distance with breadth-first

### **Graph Traversal**

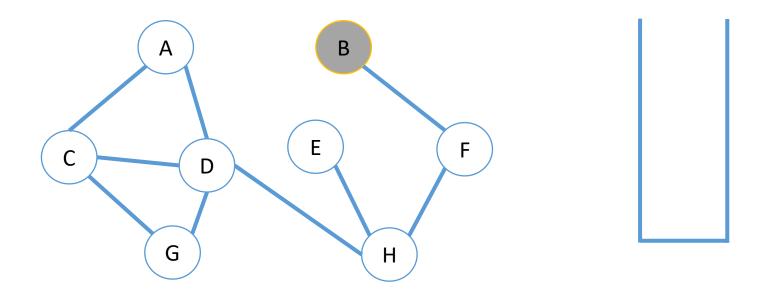
• Graphs can be traversed using depth-first or breadth-first traversals.

• Similar to traversing a tree, but we can begin at any node in the graph.

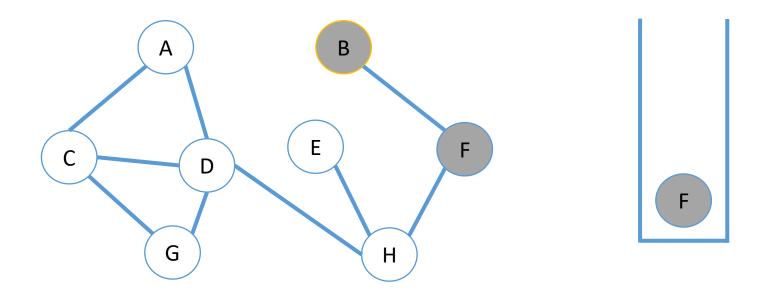
- Depth-first traversal uses a *stack*
- Breadth-first traversal uses a *queue*

- Depth-first traversals work by coloring each node
  - White: Node has not been seen previously
  - Gray: Node has been seen previously
  - Black: Node has been visited and we are done with it
- This prevents getting stuck in a cycle, if one existed
  - The traversal is the same for bi-directional graphs or digraphs

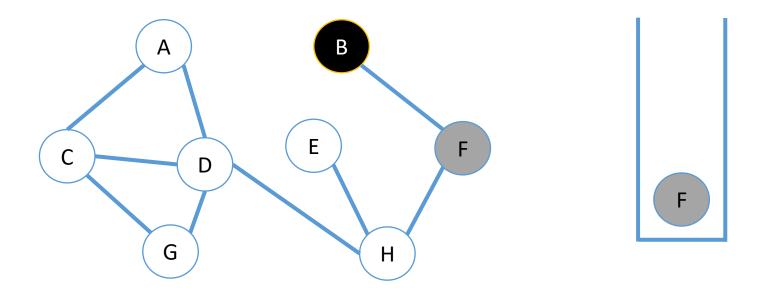
- Starting at B
- Order visited: N/A



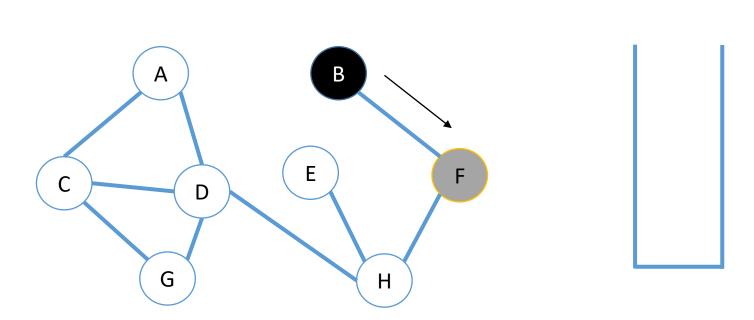
- Adds its adjacent white node(s) to the stack (turning the white node(s) gray)
- Order visited: N/A



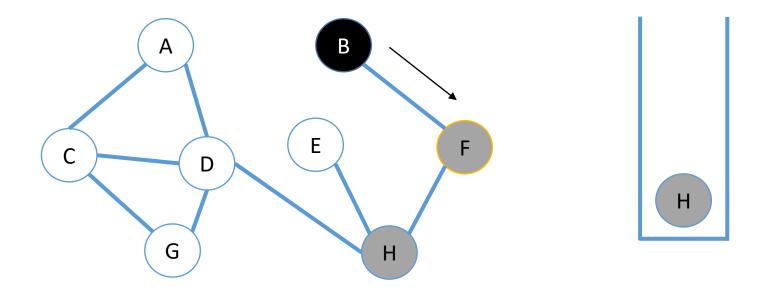
- B was visited
  - Changed to black
- Order visited: B



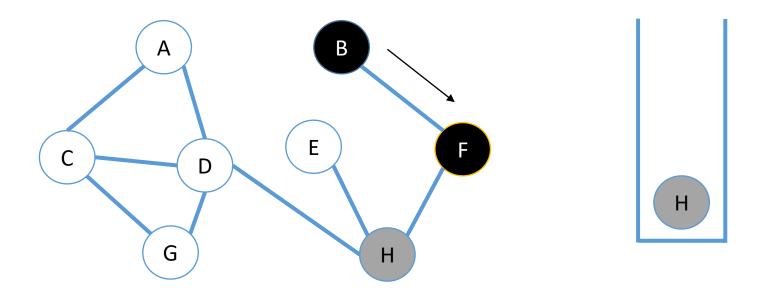
- Next node popped from stack
- Order visited: B



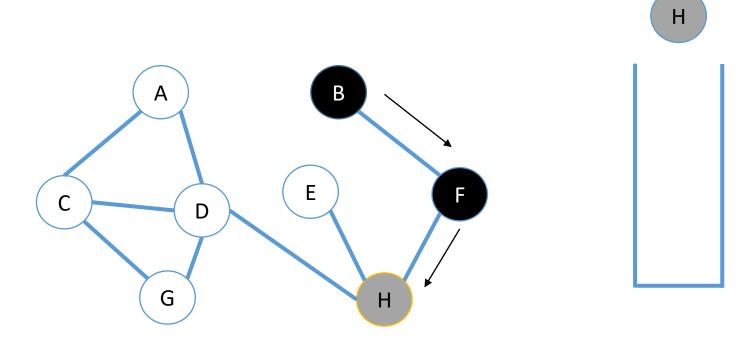
- Adds its adjacent white nodes to the stack (turning them gray)
- Order visited: B



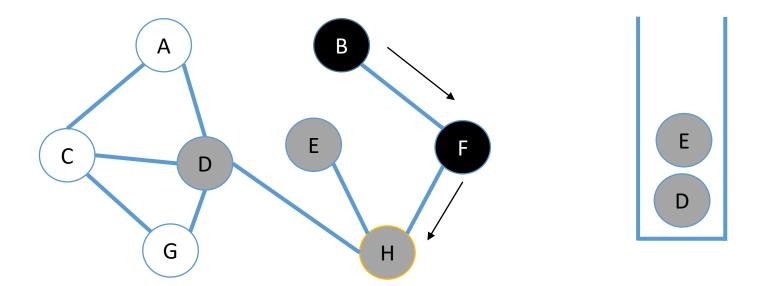
- F was visited
- Order visited: B, F



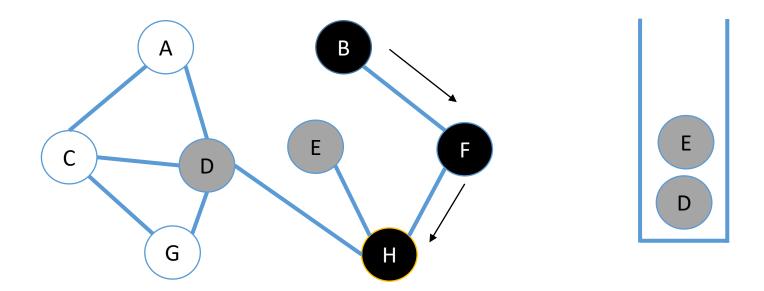
- Next node popped from stack
- Order visited: B, F



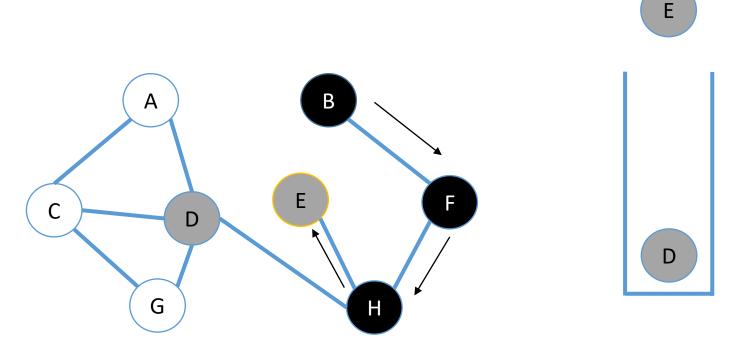
- Adds its adjacent white nodes to the stack
- Order visited: B, F



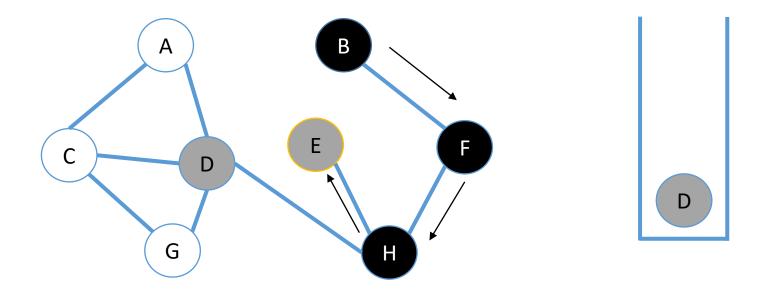
- H was visited
- Order visited: B, F, H



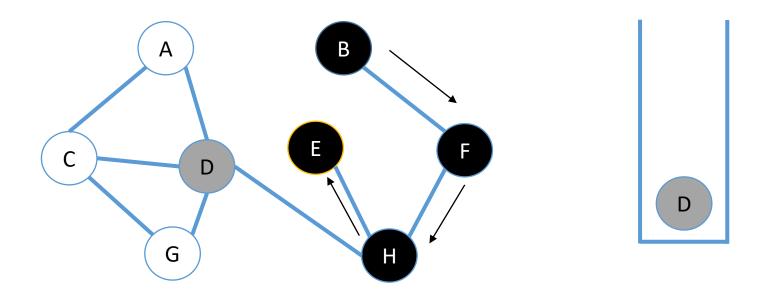
- Next node popped from stack
- Order visited: B, F, H



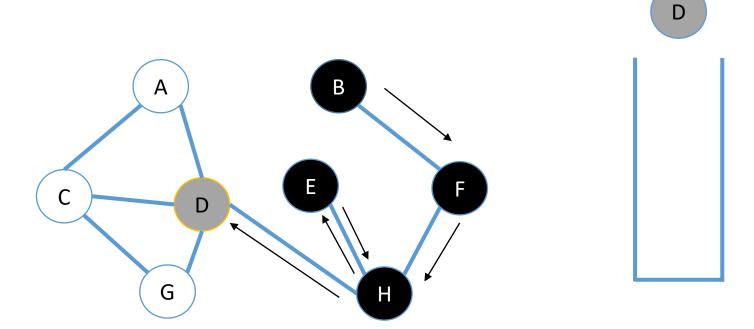
- Add its adjacent white nodes to the stack (there are none)
- Order visited: B, F, H



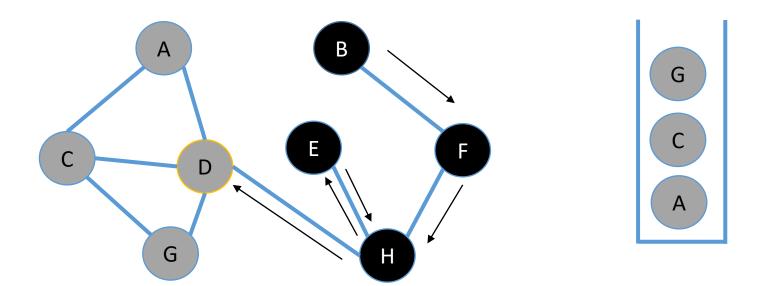
- E was visited
- Order visited: B, F, H, E



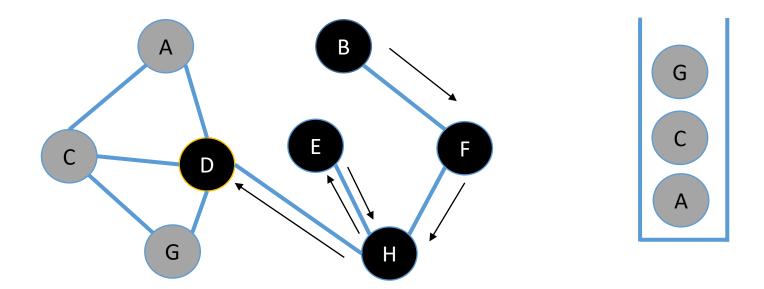
- Next node popped from stack
- Order visited: B, F, H, E



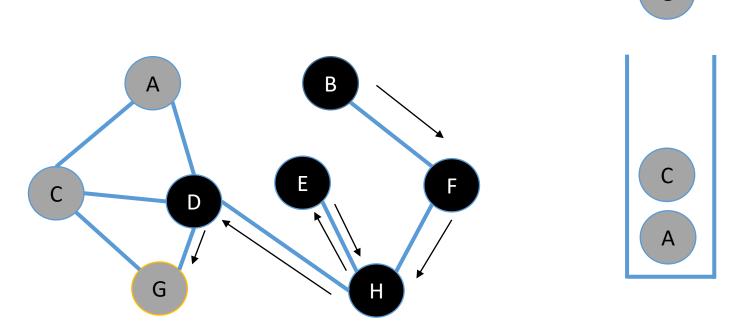
- Add its adjacent white nodes to the stack
- Order visited: B, F, H, E



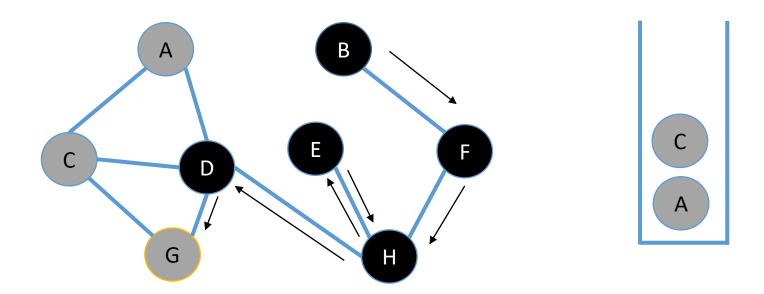
- D was visited
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D



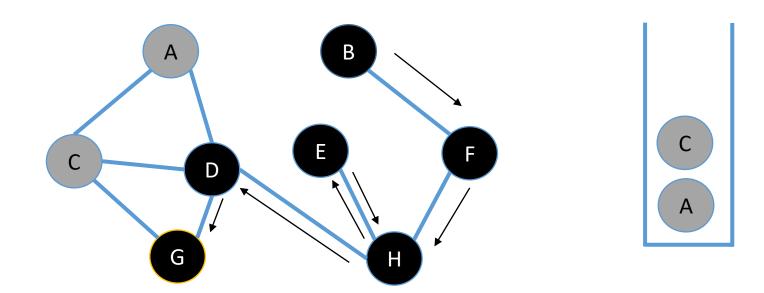
- Next node popped from the stack
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D



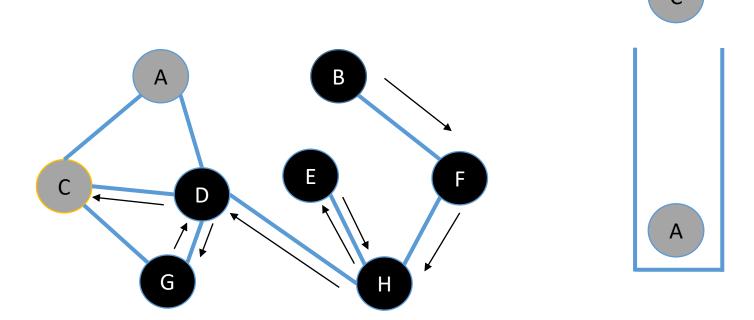
- Add its adjacent white nodes to the stack (there are none)
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D



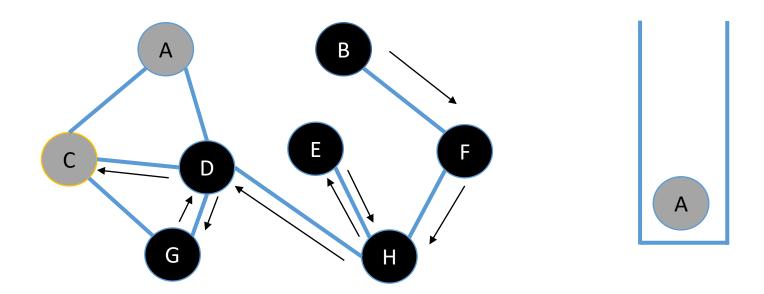
- G has been visited
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G



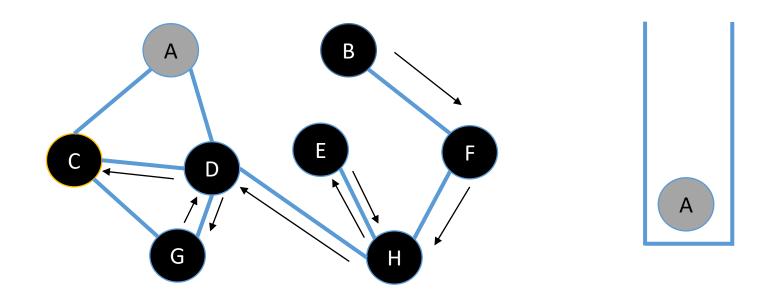
- Next node popped from the stack
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G



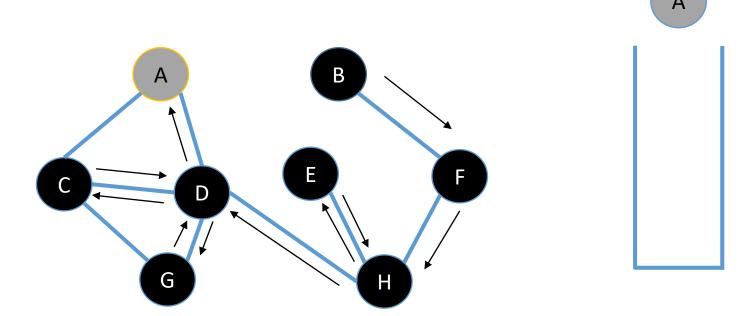
- Add its adjacent white nodes to the stack (there are none)
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G



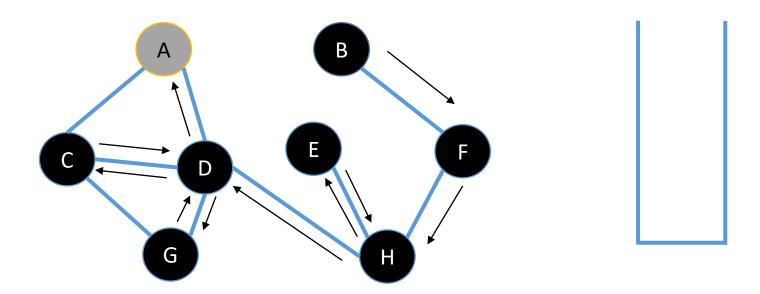
- C has been visited
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G, C



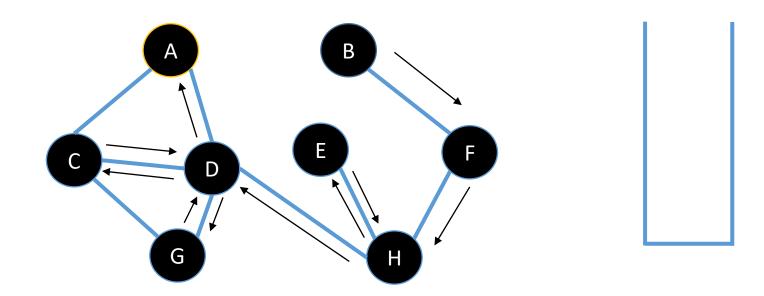
- Next node is popped from the stack
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G, C



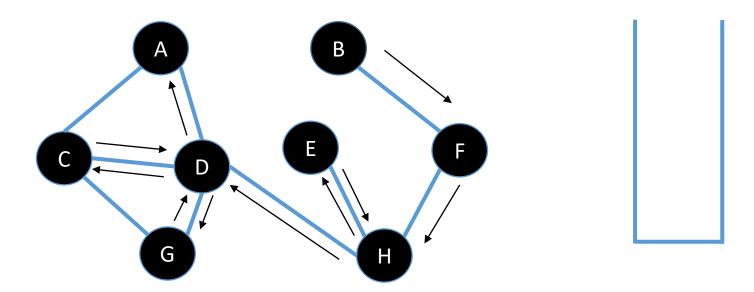
- Add its adjacent white nodes to the stack (there are none)
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G, C



- A has been visited
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G, C, A



- Next node is popped from the stack (there are none)
  - Traversal is complete when the stack is empty
- Order visited: B, F, H, E, D, G, C, A

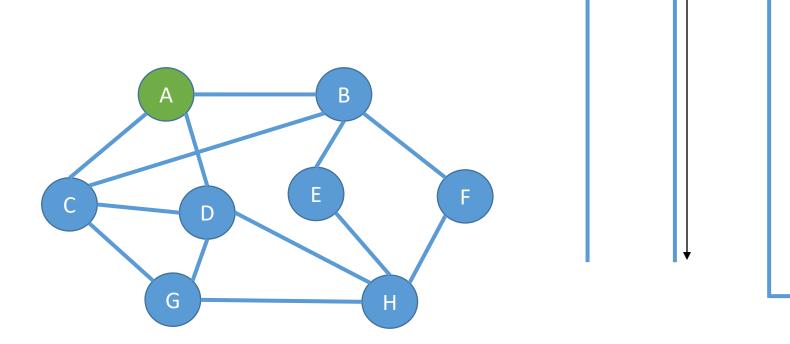


- Breadth-first traversal of a graph is similar to the breadth-first traversal of a tree
- Uses a queue to manage the next nodes to visit

- Maintains an array of "seen" nodes to prevent getting stuck in a cycle, if one existed
  - The traversal process is the same for bi-directional graphs or digraphs

Starting at A

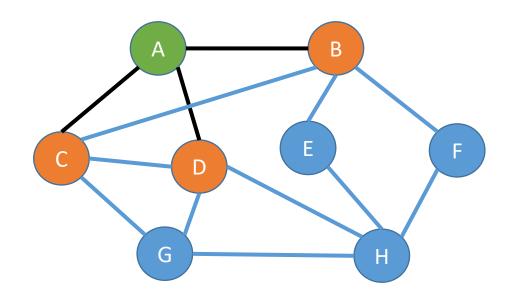
Order visited: N/A

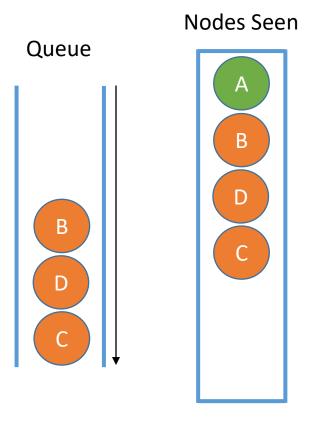


**Nodes Seen** 

Queue

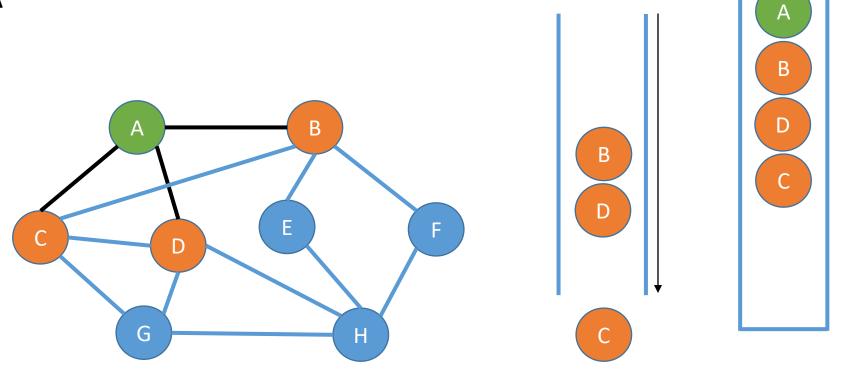
- A's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - A and unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A





C popped from the queue

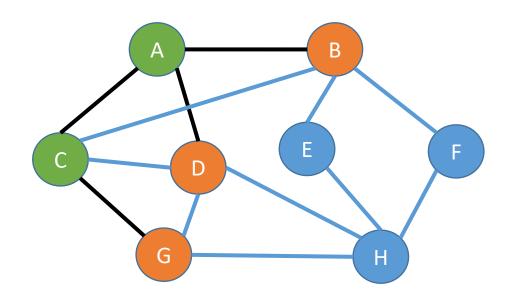
• Order visited: A

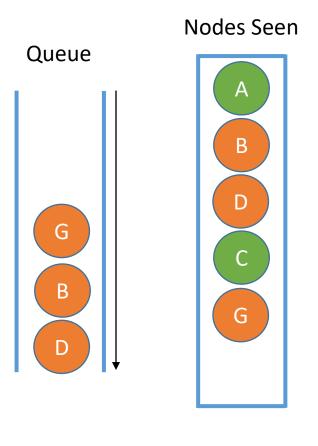


**Nodes Seen** 

Queue

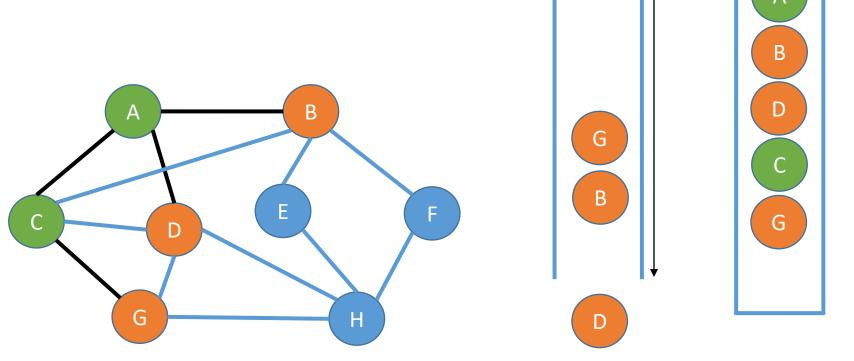
- C's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C





• D popped from the queue

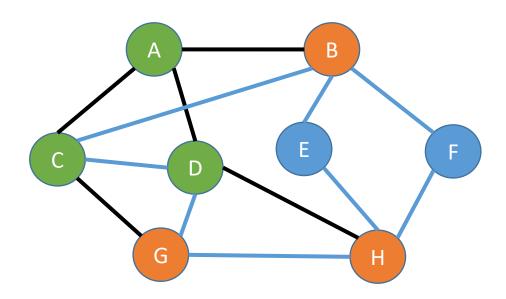
• Order visited: A, C

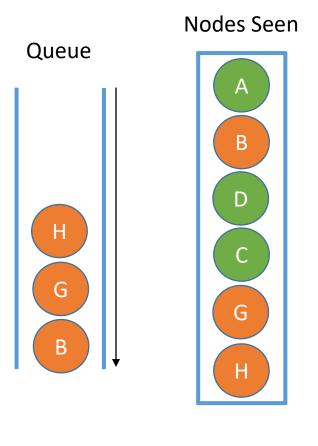


**Nodes Seen** 

Queue

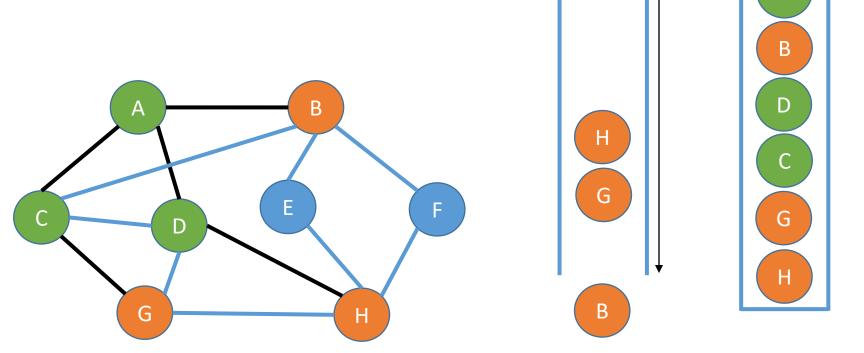
- D's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D





• B popped from the queue

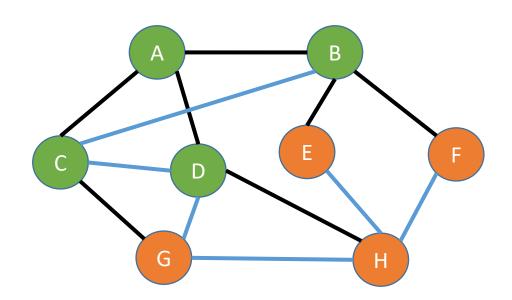
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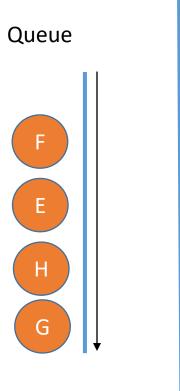


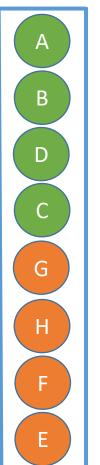
**Nodes Seen** 

Queue

- B's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D, B



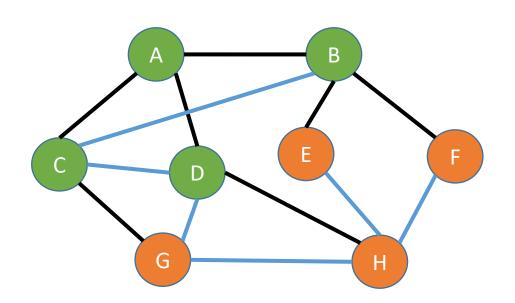


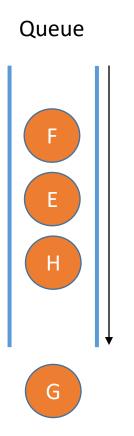


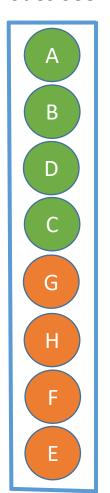
**Nodes Seen** 

G popped from the queue

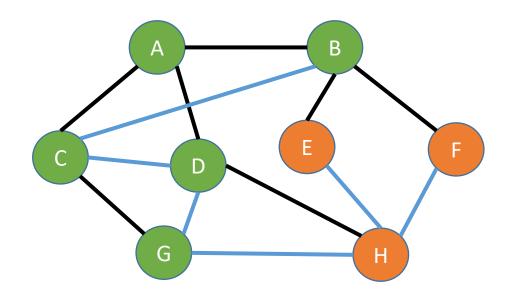
• Order visited: A, C, D, B

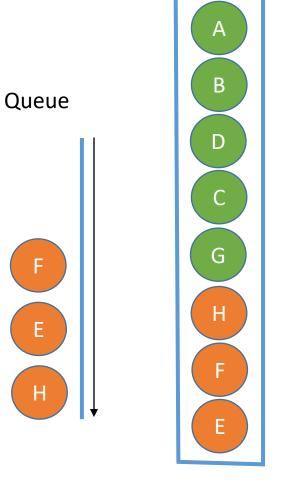






- G's unseen neighbors added to queue (none)
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D, B, G



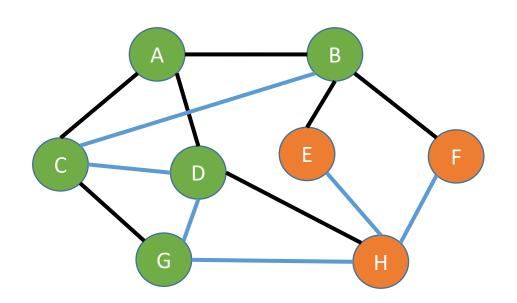


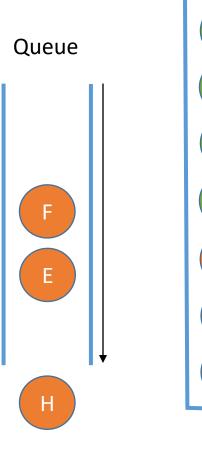
**Nodes Seen** 

G

H popped from the queue

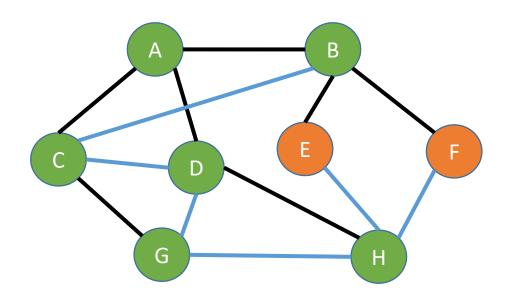
• Order visited: A, C, D, B, G

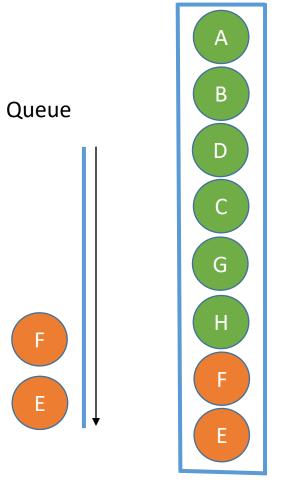






- H's unseen neighbors added to queue (none)
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H

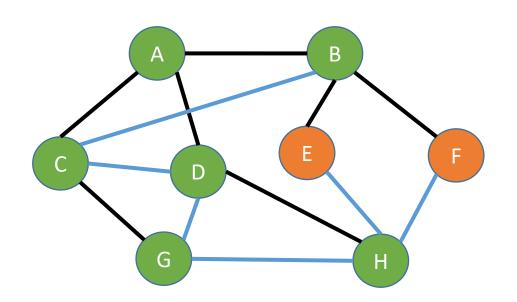


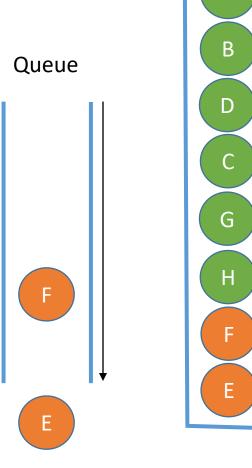


**Nodes Seen** 

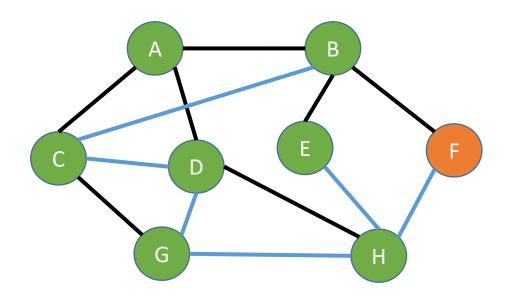
• E popped from the queue

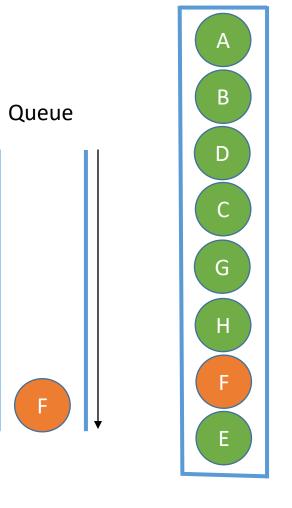
• Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H





- E's unseen neighbors added to queue (none)
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H, E

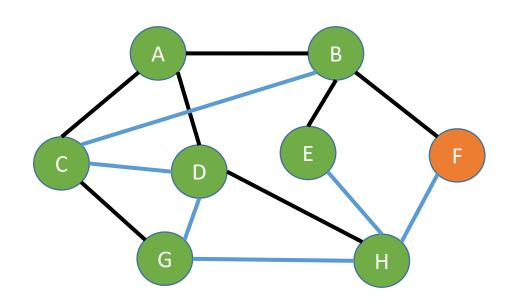


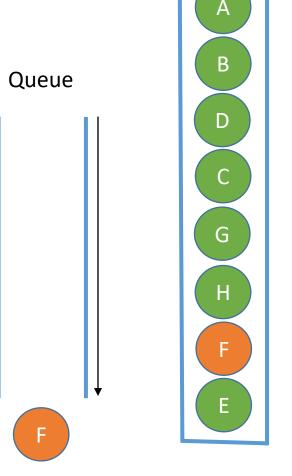


**Nodes Seen** 

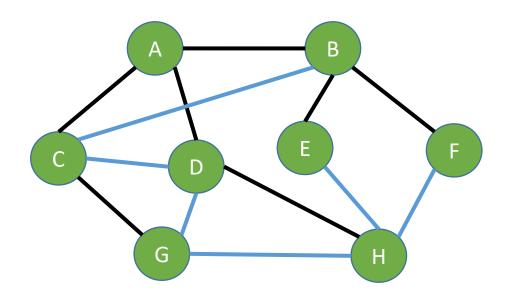
• F popped from queue

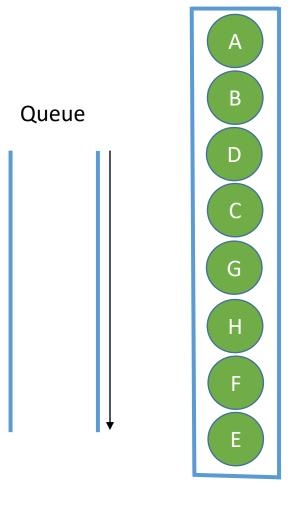
• Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H, E

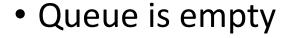




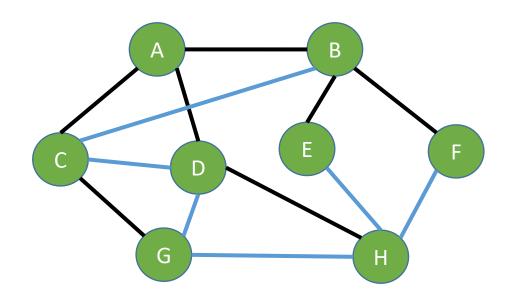
- F's unseen neighbors added to queue (none)
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H, E, F

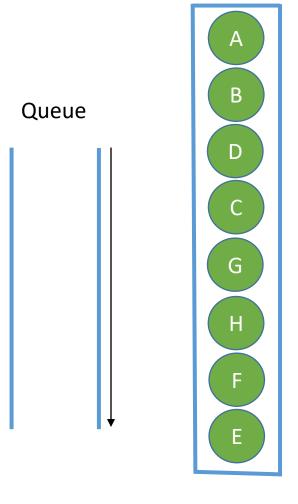




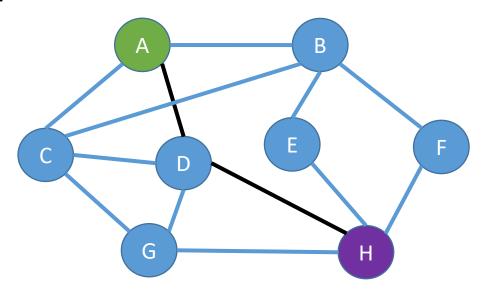


- Traversal is complete
- Order visited: A, C, D, B, G, H, E, F





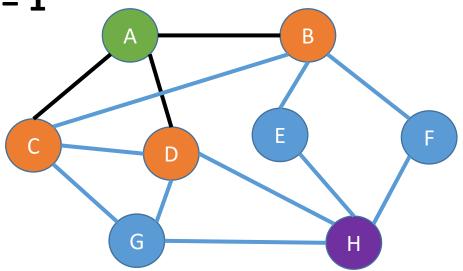
- Based on the last example, its easy to see a breadth-first traversal can be used to find the distance (shortest path) between two nodes
- As an example, we'll use a breadth-first traversal to find the distance between A and H

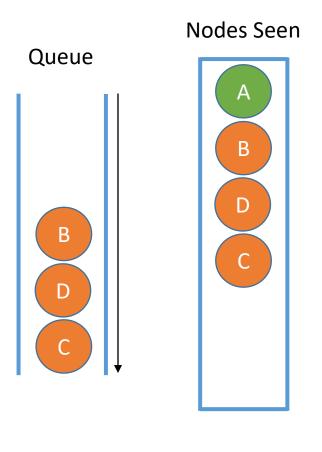


 Starting at A **Nodes Seen** Queue Order visited: N/A D Н

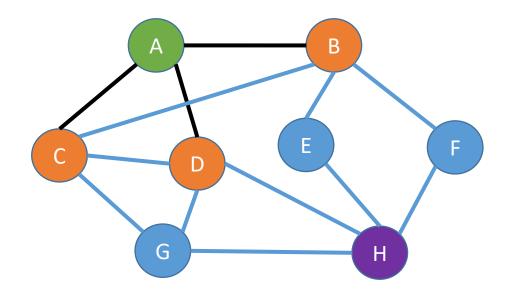
- A's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - A and unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A

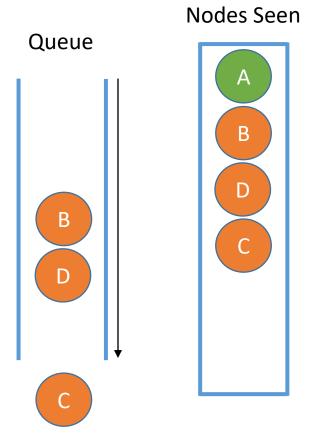
DEEPEST LEVEL = 1





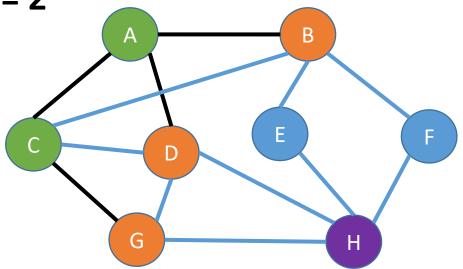
- C popped from the queue
- Order visited: A
- DEEPEST LEVEL = 1

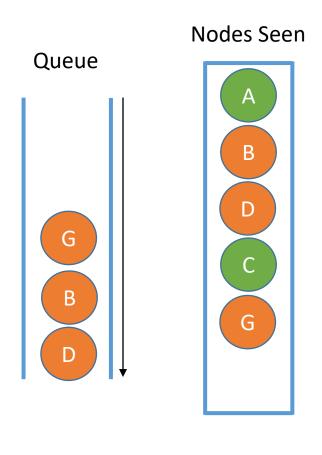




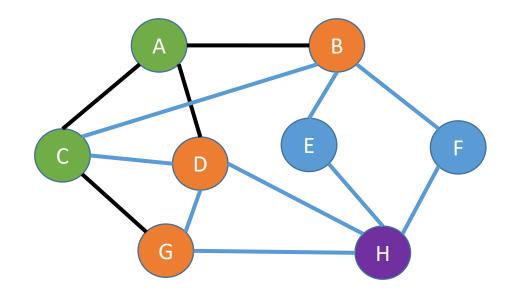
- C's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - Unseen neighbors are added to nodes seen
- Order visited: A, C

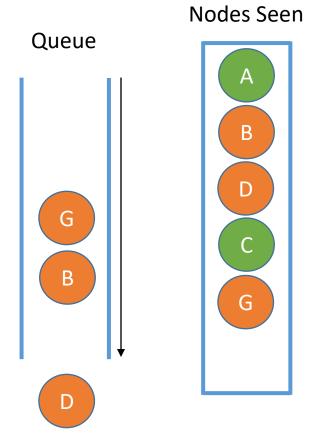
DEEPEST LEVEL = 2





- D popped from the queue
- Order visited: A, C
- DEEPEST LEVEL = 2





- D's unseen neighbors added to queue
  - H was reached
  - Traversal stops
- DEEPEST LEVEL = 2
  - DISTANCE = 2

