

Time and space complexities:

BFS Time and space complexity :

Time complexity:

Formula: $O(V+E)$

V = Number of Vertices or Nodes

E = Number of edges

Every Node is visited once, and every edge is checked once. The total operations are proportional to the sum of Nodes and edges. $O(V+E)$.

$$T(V) = c \times V = O(V)$$

Edges denoted as $d(V)$

$$T(E) = \sum [d(V)]$$

$$\text{for all } V \text{ in } V = 2 \times |E| = O(|E|)$$

Time complexity:

$$T(n) = T(V) + T(E)$$

$$T(n) = O(V) + O(E)$$

$$\boxed{T(n) = O(|V| + |E|)}$$

Space complexity:

Formula: $O(V)$

BFS uses a queue to keep track of nodes at the current level. In the worst case the queue may store all nodes at one level.

$$\boxed{S(n) = O(V)}$$

for each node, Every Adjacent edge is checked.

each edge connects two nodes. $O(E)$

$$O(V) + O(E) = O(V+E)$$

Breadth-First Search: (BFS)

BFS is a fundamental algorithm for traversing, searching graphs, exploring nodes layer by layer from a starting node

- uses a queue to maintain the visiting sequence [FIFO] [First-In, First-Out] as data structure.

→ Representation: Time complexity.

Adjacency list: $O(V+E)$

Adjacency matrix: $O(V^2)$

$\therefore V = \text{no. of vertices}$

$E = \text{no. of edges}$

→ Space complexity

uses queue, it holds all nodes at a particular level of graph - $O(V)$

to track visited nodes and extra space to keep track of which nodes have been visited $O(V)$

→ Sparse Graphs:

Adjacency list is much more space efficient ($O(V+E)$)

It makes BFS faster and less memory-intensive.

→ Dense Graph:

has a no. of edges close to the maximum (V^2)

Adjacency matrix may be used but with increased space and cost ($O(V^2)$)

Depth-First Search:

- DFS explores each branch of a graph as deeply as possible before backtracking.
- It uses stack data structure explicitly or recursion to manage nodes during traversal
- It visit all vertices reachable from the source, does not about shortest path.

→ Representation: Time Complexity

Adjacency list $\rightarrow O(V+E)$ \therefore efficient for sparse graph

Adjacency matrix $\rightarrow O(V^2)$ \therefore Inefficient for sparse graph due to space & time for each edge

→ Space complexity:

Stack stores up to $O(V)$ nodes in the deepest path
visited set or list Tracks visited nodes.

→ Sparse Graph:

Adjacency list recommended. Space & time efficiency is $O(V+E)$

→ Dense Graph

Adjacency Matrix may be used for constant-time edge ups but it consumes $O(V^2)$ space is practical only in small or very dense graph.