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## FIT2004: Algorithms and Data Structures

### Week 4: Introduction to Graphs

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Greedy algorithms  
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  - Introduction to Graphs
  - Graph Traversal Algorithms
    - ✦ The idea
    - ✦ Breadth-First Search (BFS)
    - ✦ Depth-First Search (DFS)
    - ✦ Applications

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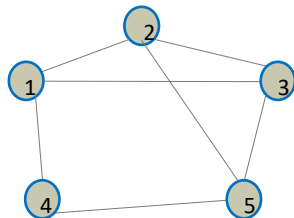
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# Graphs

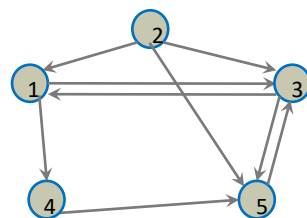
- A graph is simply a way of encoding pairwise relationships among a set of objects.
- Each object is called a vertex or node.
- Each edge of the graph “connects” two nodes.

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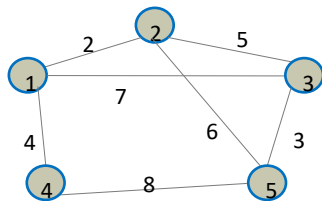
## Graph - Examples



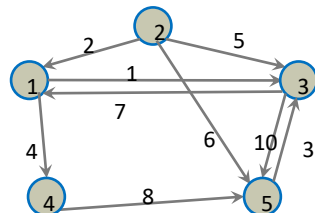
**Undirected Graph**



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**Directed Weighted Graph**

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## Uses of Graphs

- Graphs are extremely useful for modelling. For example:
  - **Transportation networks:** map of routes of an airline, rail network, ...
  - **Communication networks:** the connections between different Internet service providers, wireless ad-hoc networks, ...
  - **Information networks:** the connections between different webpages using links (Google PageRank algorithm for determining the relative importance of each website), ...
  - **Social networks:** the persons could be the nodes and the edges represent friendship (Facebook), or the nodes represent companies and people, and the edges financial relationships between them, etc. Properties of the graphs representing social networks are often used to find influencers, target ads,...
  - **Dependency networks:** prerequisites in a course map
  - ...

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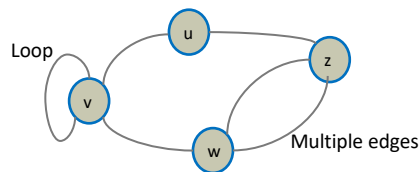
## Graphs – Formal notations

- A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is defined using a set of vertices  $V$  and a set of edges  $E$ .
- An edge  $e$  is represented as  $e = (u, v)$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are two vertices
- For undirected graphs,  $(u, v) = (v, u)$  because there is no sense of direction. For a directed graph,  $(u, v)$  represents an edge **from**  $u$  **to**  $v$  and  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$ .
- We will slightly abuse notation and use  $V$  (instead of  $|V|$ ) for the number of vertices and  $E$  (instead of  $|E|$ ) for the number of edges when what is meant is clear from the context.

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## Graphs – Formal notations

- A weighted graph is represented as  $G = (V, E)$  and each edge  $(u, v)$  has an associated weight  $w$ .
- A graph is called a **simple graph** if it **does not have loops** AND **does not contain multiple edges** between same pair of vertices.

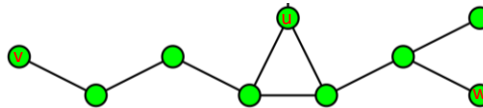


- In this unit, we focus on simple graphs with a finite number of vertices.

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## Graphs – Connected Components

- A vertex  $v$  is **reachable** from  $u$  if there is a path in the graph that starts in  $u$  and ends  $v$ .
- In an undirected graph, reachability is an **equivalence relation**:
  - Reflexive: each  $u$  node is reachable from itself.
  - Symmetric: if  $v$  is reachable from  $u$ , then  $u$  is reachable from  $v$ .
  - Transitive: if  $v$  is reachable from  $u$ , and  $u$  is reachable from  $w$ , then  $v$  is reachable from  $w$ .

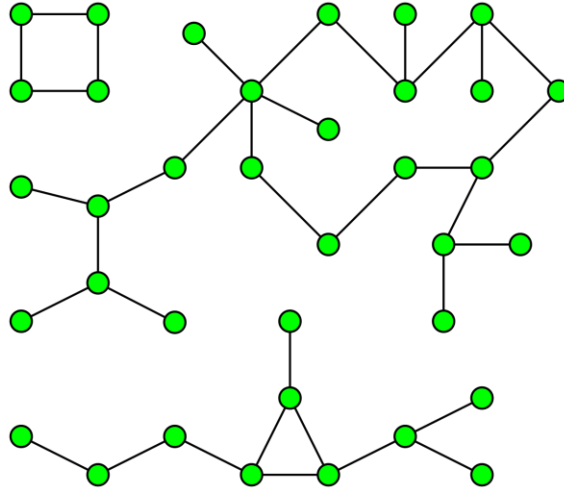


- The set of **vertices reachable from  $u$**  defines the **connected component** of  $G$  containing  $u$ .
- For any two nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , their connected components are either identical or disjoint.

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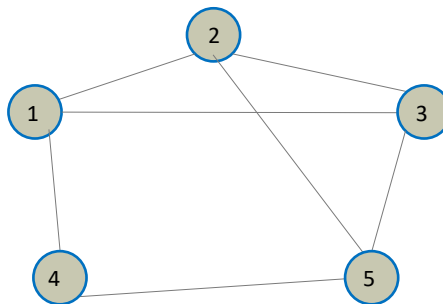
- An undirected graph with 3 connected components:



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## Graphs – Connected Components

- An undirected graph is **connected** if all vertices are part of a single connected component.
- In other words, **for any pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , there is a path between them.**



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## Graphs – Connected Components

- Why is that an important concept in practice?
  - Example: Airlines normally want their air routes to form a connected graph.

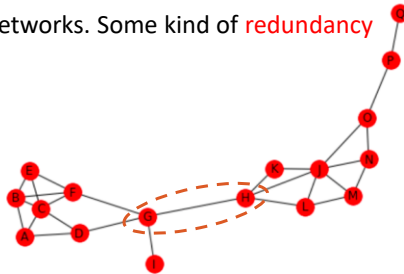


- Getting a connected graph is often an important consideration when designing communication and transportation networks.
- Hubs: Often it is not viable to **have pairwise connections between all nodes**; but one still wants to have paths, without many intermediary nodes, between every pair of nodes.

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## Graphs – Connected Components

- In this graph the edge (g, h) is quite critical as any problem in the network that eliminates this edge would break the connected graph into “large” disjoint connected components.
- This can be quite bad in networks. Some kind of **redundancy** is often desirable.



- **Adding edges that join distinct connected components** can sometimes also have bad consequences. E.g., quarantine measures often try to avoid a disease from reaching a disease-free connected component of a social network.

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## Some Graph Properties

Let  $G$  be a graph.

- The minimum number of edges in a **connected undirected** graph
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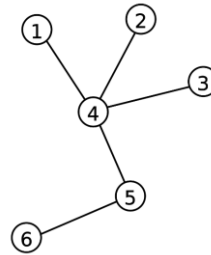
- The minimum number of edges in a connected undirected graph
  - $V-1 = O(V)$
- The maximum number edges in an undirected graph
  - $V(V-1)/2 = O(V^2)$
- A graph is called **sparse** if  $E \ll V^2$  ( $\ll$  means significantly smaller than)
- A graph is called **dense** if  $E \approx V^2$

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## Tree

- Let  $G=(V, E)$  be an undirected graph.  $G$  is a **tree** if it satisfies any of the following equivalent conditions:
  - $G$  is connected and acyclic (i.e., contains no cycles).
  - $G$  is connected and has  $V-1$  edges.
  - $G$  is acyclic and has  $V-1$  edges.
  - $G$  is acyclic, but a cycle is formed if any edge is added to  $G$ .
  - $G$  is connected, but would become disconnected if any single edge is removed from  $G$ .
- In other words, if any of the above conditions is satisfied for an undirected graph  $G$ , then  $G$  is a tree (and all the other conditions will also hold).



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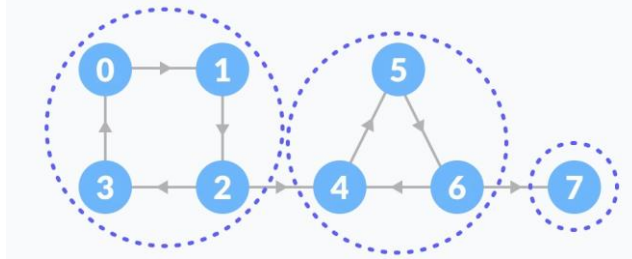
## Graphs – Connected Components

- In directed graphs, reachability is **reflexive and transitive**, but not guaranteed to be **symmetric** (i.e., possibly there could be a path from  $u$  to  $v$ , but no path from  $v$  to  $u$ ).
- Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are called **mutually reachable** if there are paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .
- Mutual reachability is an equivalence relation and decomposes the graph into **strongly-connected components** (for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , their strong components are either identical or disjoint).

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## Graphs – Connected Components

A directed graph with 3 strongly-connected components:



- A directed graph is **strongly connected** if for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$ , there are paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .
- I.e., the graph only has one strongly-connected component.

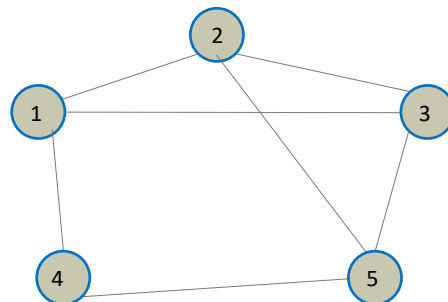
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## Representing Graphs

**Adjacency Matrix (Undirected Graph):**

Create a  $V \times V$  matrix  $M$  and store T (true) for  $M[i][j]$  if there exists an edge between  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th vertex. Otherwise, store F (false).

	1	2	3	4	5
1	F	T	T	T	F
2	T	F	T	F	T
3	T	T	F	F	T
4	T	F	F	F	T
5	F	T	T	T	F



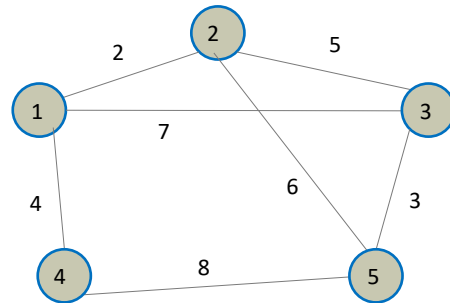
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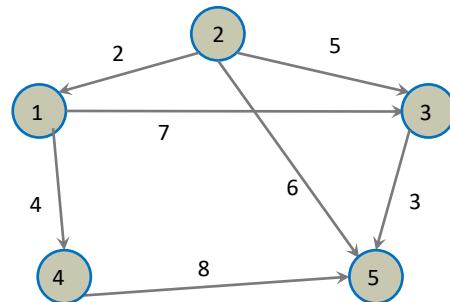
**Space Complexity:**  $O(V^2)$  regardless of the number of edges

**Time Complexity of checking if an edge exists:**  $O(1)$

**Time Complexity of retrieving all neighbors (adjacent vertices) of a given vertex:**

$O(V)$  regardless of the number of neighbors (unless additional pointers are stored)

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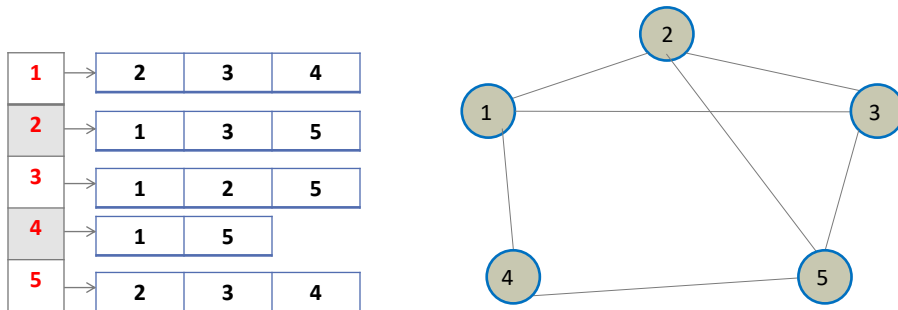


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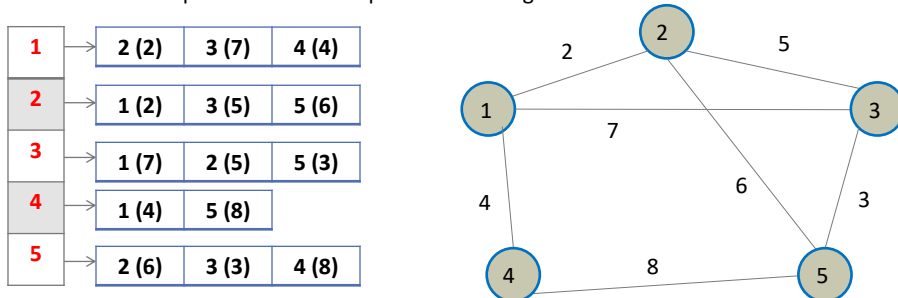
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The numbers in parentheses correspond to the weights.



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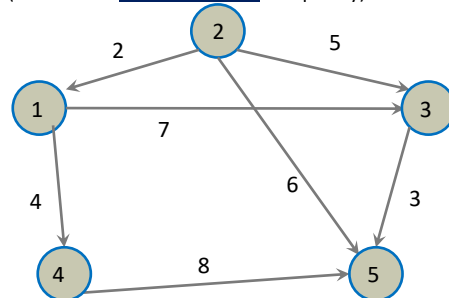
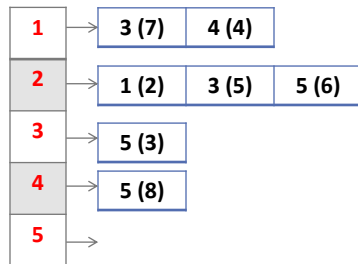
- $O(V + E)$

**Time complexity of checking if a particular edge exists:**

- $O(\log V)$  assuming each adjacency list is a sorted array on vertex IDs

**Time complexity of retrieving all adjacent vertices of a given vertex:**

- $O(X)$  where  $X$  is the number of adjacent vertices (note: this is output-sensitive complexity)



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# Graph Traversal

Graph traversal algorithms traverse (visit) all nodes of a graph.

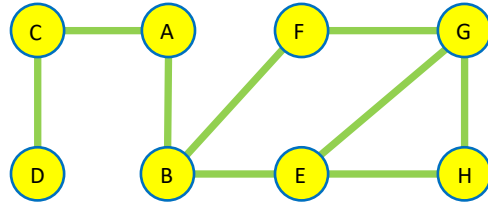
They are very important in the design of numerous algorithms.

We will **look into two algorithms** that traverse a connected component from a graph starting from a source vertex:

- **Breadth-First Search (BFS)**
- **Depth-First Search (DFS)**

Both of them visit the vertices exactly once.

They visit vertices in different orders.



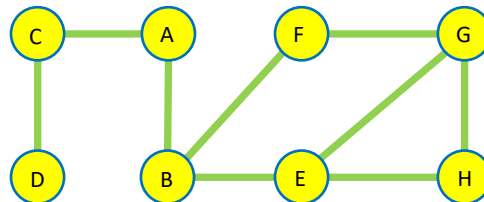
If a graph has more than one connected component, they can be repeatedly called (on unvisited nodes) until all graph nodes are marked as visited.

Each one has properties that makes it useful for certain kinds of graph problems.

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## Graph Traversal - BFS

- **Breadth-First Search (BFS)**
  - Traverses the graph uniformly from the source vertex
  - i.e., all vertices that are **k edges away** from the source vertex are visited before all vertices that are **k+1 edges away** from source
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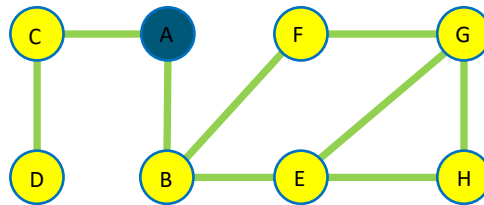


Konrad Zuse, computer science pioneer

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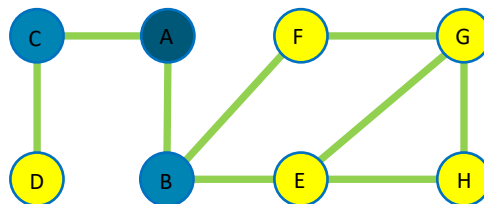
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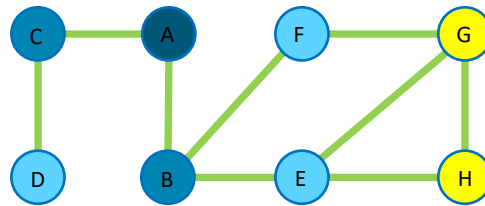
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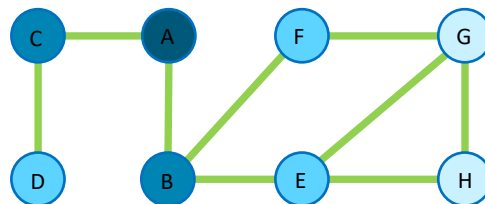
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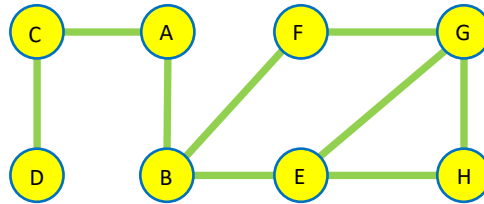
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## Graph Traversal - DFS

- **Depth-First Search (DFS)**
  - A version of DFS was investigated by the 19th century French mathematician Charles Pierre Trémaux to solve mazes.
  - Traverses the graph as deeply as possible before backtracking and traversing other nodes
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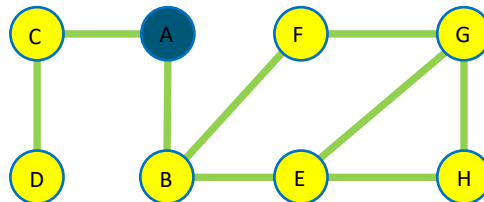
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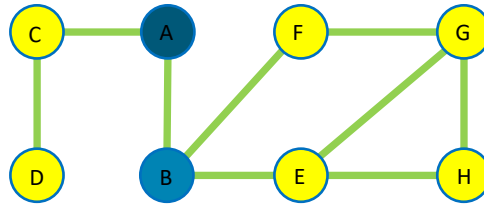
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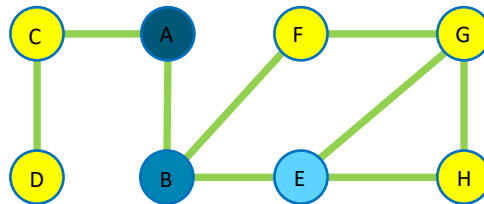
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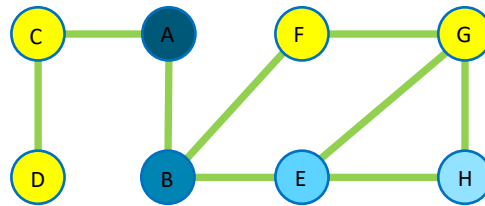
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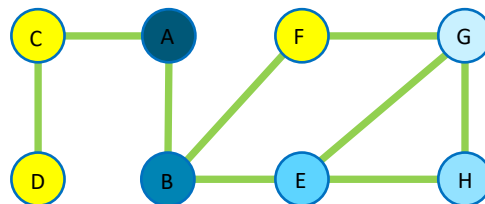
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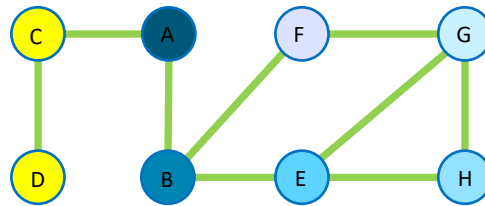
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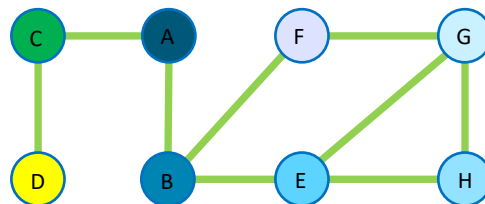
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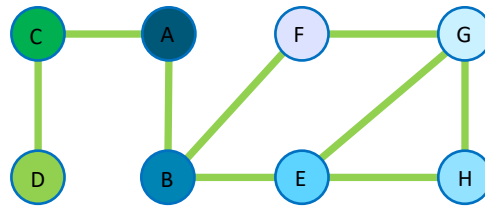
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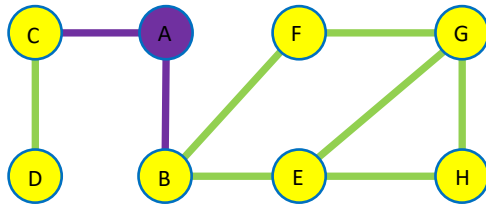
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  - C. Depth-First Search (DFS)
  - D. Applications

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



Current:



Current:

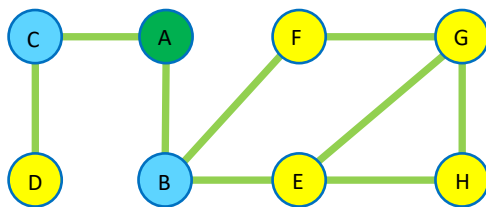
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Queue:

Finished:

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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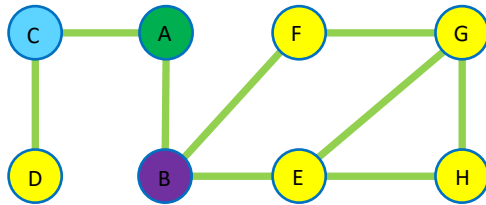
B C

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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Current:



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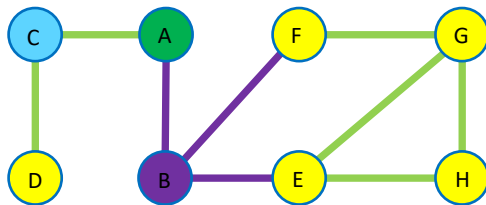
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



Current:



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B

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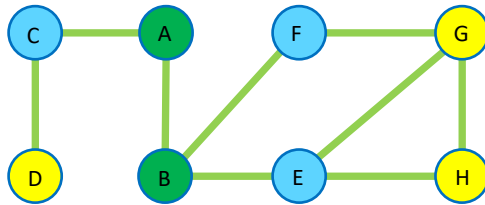
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



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Finished:



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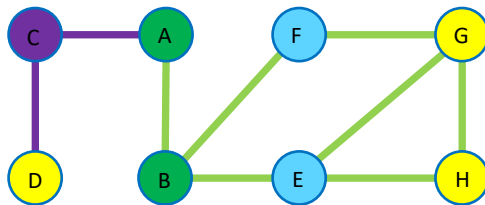


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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



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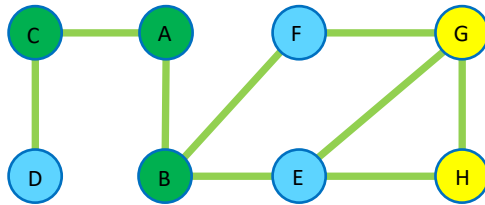
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



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Finished:



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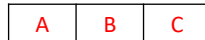


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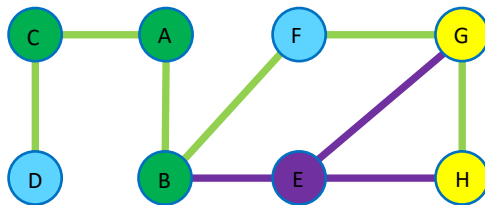


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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



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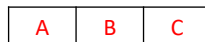
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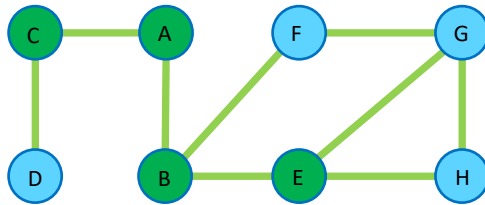


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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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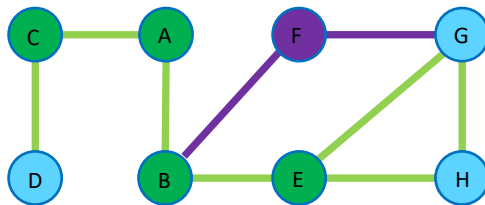


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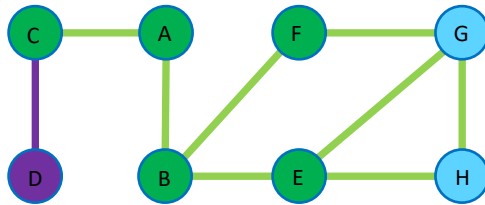


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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



Current:



Current:

D

Queue:

G

H

Finished:

A

B

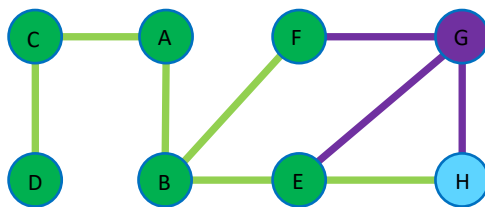
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



Current:



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Queue:

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Finished:

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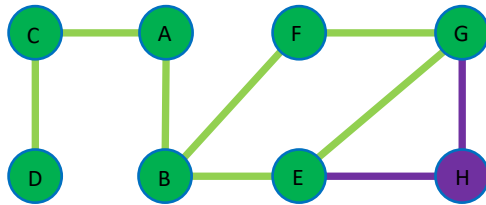
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



Finished:



Current:



Current:

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Queue:

Finished:

A

B

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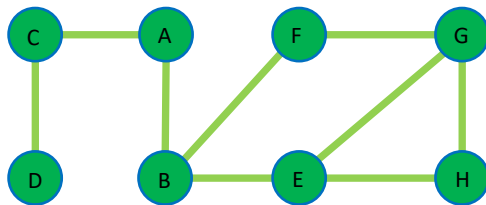
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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Initialize some data structure "**queue**" and some data structure "**visited**", both empty of vertices
- Put an initial vertex in **queue**
- Mark the initial vertex as visited
- While **queue** is not empty
  - Get the first vertex, **u**, from **queue**
  - For each edge (**u**,**v**)
    - ✦ If **v** is not **visited**
      - Add **v** to **visited**
      - Add **v** at the end of **queue**

What is the time complexity of BFS?

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Initialize some data structure "**queue**" and some data structure "**visited**", both empty of vertices →  $O(?)$
- Put an initial vertex in **queue** →  $O(1)$
- Mark the initial vertex as visited →  $O(?)$
- While **queue** is not empty →  $O(1)$ 
  - Get the first vertex, **u**, from **queue** →  $O(V)_{total}$
  - For each edge (**u**,**v**) →  $O(E)_{total}$ 
    - ✦ If **v** is not **visited** →  $O(?)$ 
      - Add **v** to **visited** →  $O(?)$
      - Add **v** at the end of **queue** →  $O(V)_{total}$

Assuming adjacency list representation.

**Time Complexity:**

- We look at every edge twice
- For each edge, we do a lookup on visited (with some complexity)
- We insert vertices to visited at most  $O(V)$  times
- $O(V * \text{insert to visited}) + E * \text{lookup on visited}$

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    - ✦ If **v** is not **visited**  $\longrightarrow O(?)$ 
      - Add **v** to **visited**  $\longrightarrow O(?)$
      - Add **v** at the end of **queue**  $\longrightarrow O(V)_{total}$

Assuming adjacency list representation.

### Time Complexity:

- $O(V \cdot \text{insert to visited} + E \cdot \text{lookup on visited})$
- Visited is just a bit list, indexed by vertex ID
- Lookup and insert are both  $O(1)$

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Initialize some data structure "**queue**" and some data structure "**visited**", both empty of vertices
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Assuming adjacency list representation.

### Time Complexity:

- $O(V \cdot 1 + E \cdot 1) = O(V+E)$

### Space Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$

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## Breadth-First Search (BFS)

### Algorithm 55 Generic breadth-first search

```

1: function BFS( $G = (V, E), s$ )
2:    $visited[1..n] = \text{false}$ 
3:    $visited[s] = \text{true}$ 
4:    $queue = \text{Queue}()$ 
5:    $queue.push(s)$ 
6:   while  $queue$  is not empty do
7:      $u = queue.pop()$ 
8:     for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
9:       if not  $visited[v]$  then
10:         $visited[v] = \text{true}$ 
11:         $queue.push(v)$ 

```

Assuming adjacency list representation.

**Time Complexity:**

- $O(V+E)$

**Space Complexity:**

- $O(V+E)$

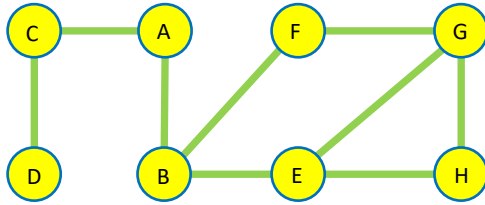
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

**A**

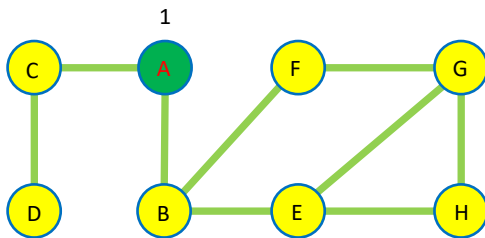
Visited is indexed by vertex ID. Normally, the IDs are integers from 0 to V-1 (to allow  $O(1)$  lookup), but letters are used here for ease of understanding

Visited:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

**A**

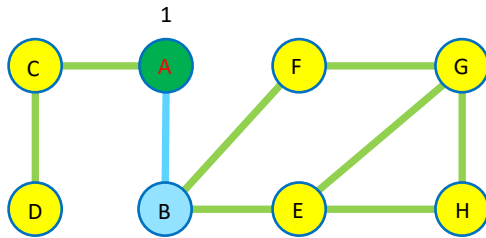
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

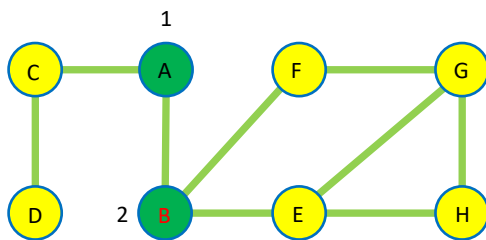
**A**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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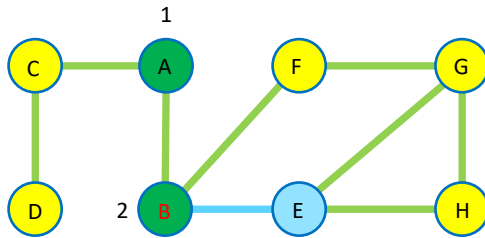
**B**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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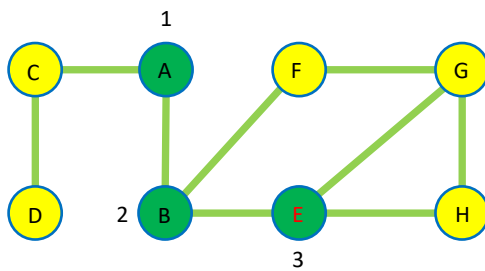
**B**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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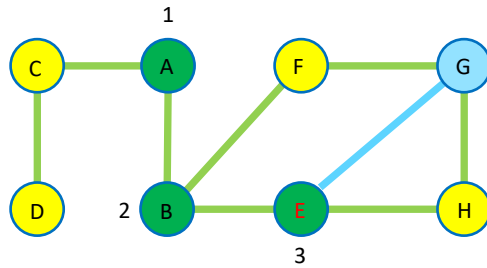
**E**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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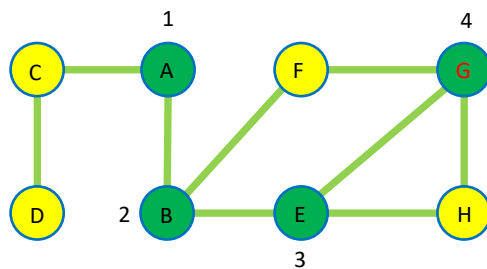
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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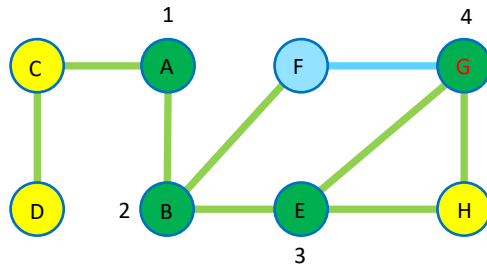
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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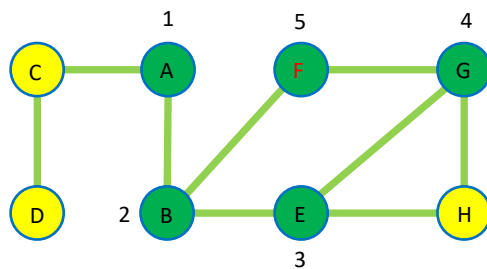
**G**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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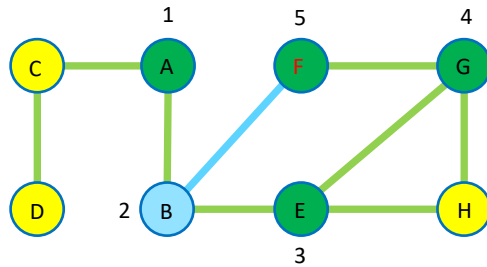
**F**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



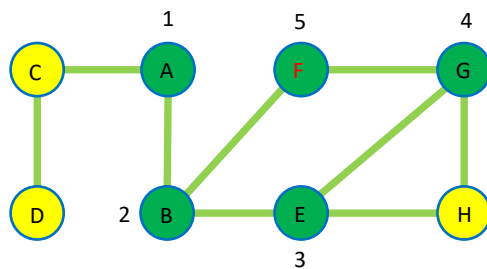
Current: **F**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Current: **F**

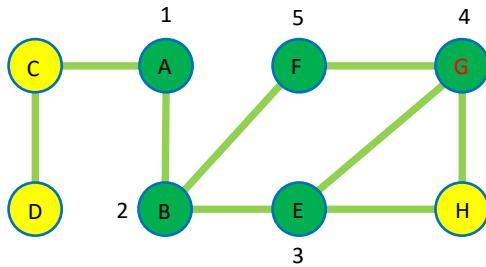
Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0

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- F is a dead end
- Go back to the last active node (G)

## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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Current:

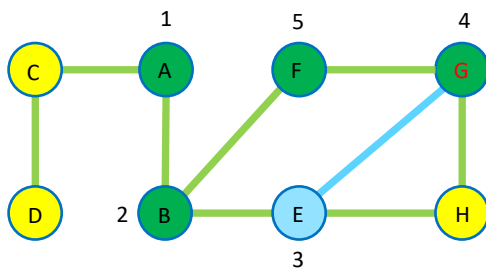
**G**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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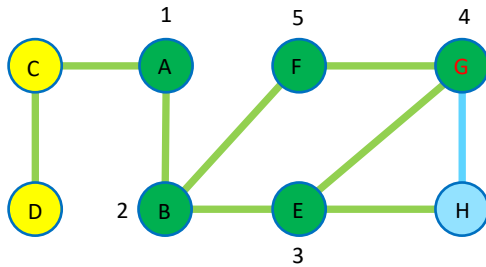
**G**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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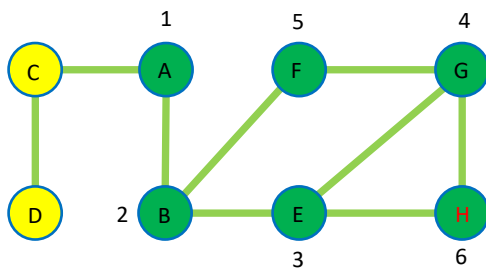
**G**

Visited:

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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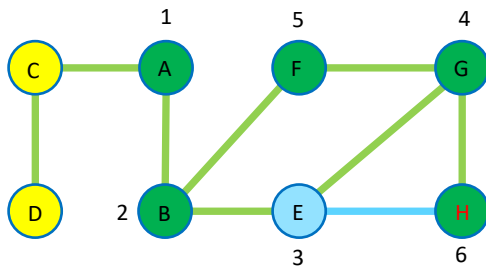
**H**

Visited:

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# Depth-First Search (DFS)

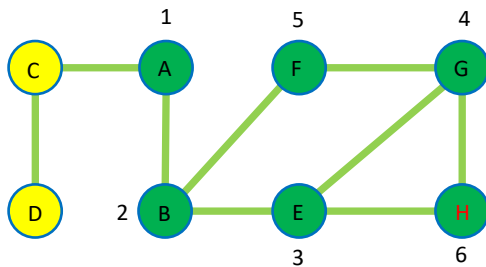


Current: H

Visited:

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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



Current: H

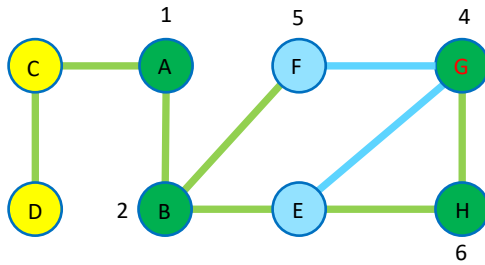
- H is a dead end
- Speeding up visualisation...

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1



## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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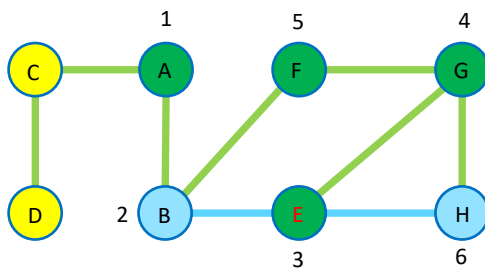
G

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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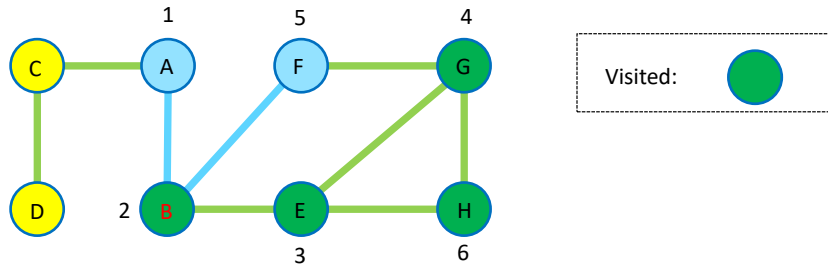
E

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

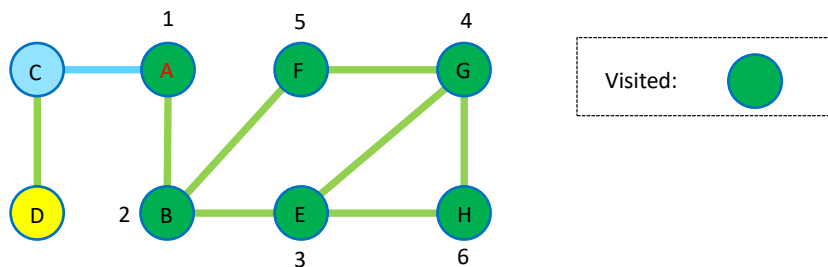
**B**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

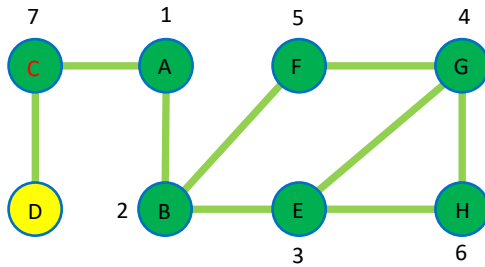
**A**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



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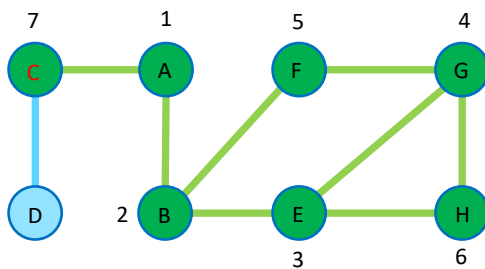
C

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



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Current:

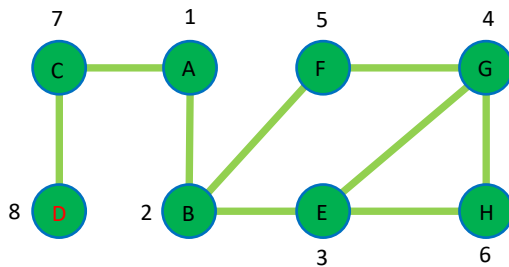
C

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



Current:

**D**

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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## Depth-First Search (DFS)

### Algorithm 52 Generic depth-first search

```

1: // Driver function that calls DFS until everything has been visited
2: function TRAVERSE( $G = (V, E)$ )
3:    $visited[1..n] = \text{false}$ 
4:   for each vertex  $u = 1$  to  $n$  do
5:     if not  $visited[u]$  then
6:       DFS( $u$ )
7:
8: function DFS( $u$ )
9:    $visited[u] = \text{true}$ 
10:  for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
11:    if not  $visited[v]$  then
12:      DFS( $v$ )

```

Assuming adjacency list representation.

#### Time Complexity:

- Each vertex visited at most once
- Each edge accessed at most twice (once when  $u$  is visited once when  $v$  is visited)
- Total cost:  $O(V+E)$

#### Space Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$

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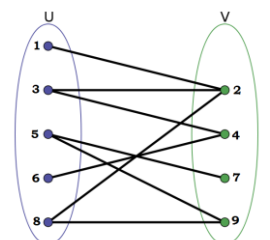
## Applications of DFS and BFS

The algorithms we saw can also be applied on directed graphs.

BFS and DFS have a wide variety of applications:

- Reachability
- Finding all connected components
- Testing a graph for bipartiteness
  - A graph is bipartite when we can divide it into two sets,  $U$  and  $V$ , with every edge having one vertex in set  $U$  and the other in set  $V$
- Finding cycles
- **Shortest paths on unweighted graphs**
- **Topological sort**
- ...

More details are given in unit notes and applied classes.



Example of bipartite graph

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## Shortest Path Problem

Length of a path:

For **unweighted graphs**, the length of a path is **the number of edges** along the path.

For **weighted graphs**, the length of a path is **the sum of weights of the edges** along the path.

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## Shortest Path Problem

**Single source, single target:**

Given a source vertex **s** and a target vertex **t**, return the shortest path from **s** to **t**.

**Single source, all targets:**

Given a source vertex **s**, return the shortest paths to every other vertex in the graph.

We will focus on single source, all targets problem because the single source, single target problem is subsumed by it.

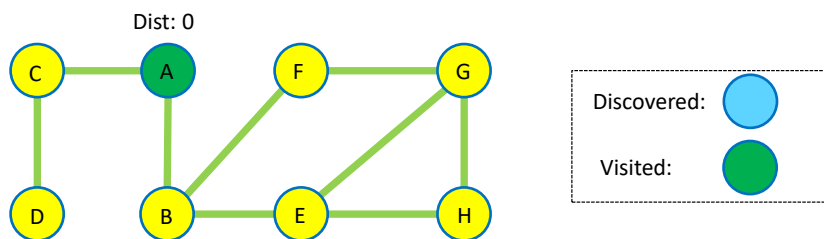
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## Shortest Path Algorithms

- **Breadth-First Search** – (Single source, unweighted graphs) Today
- **Dijkstra's Algorithm** – (Single Source, weighted graphs with non-negative weights) Week 5
- **Bellman-Ford Algorithm** – (Single source, weighted graphs including negative weights) Week 7
- **Floyd-Warshall Algorithm** – (All pairs, weighted graphs including negative weights) Week 7

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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current:

Queue: 

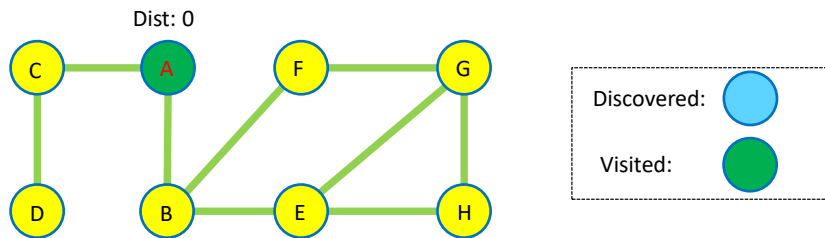
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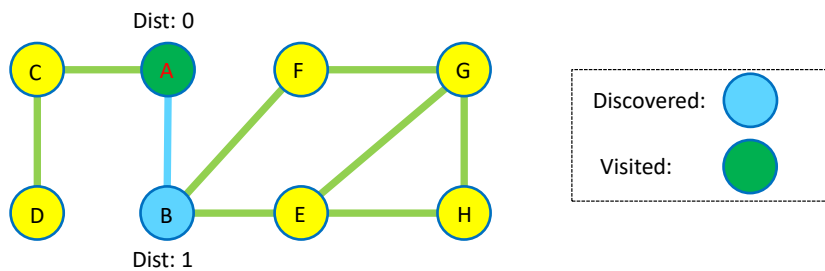
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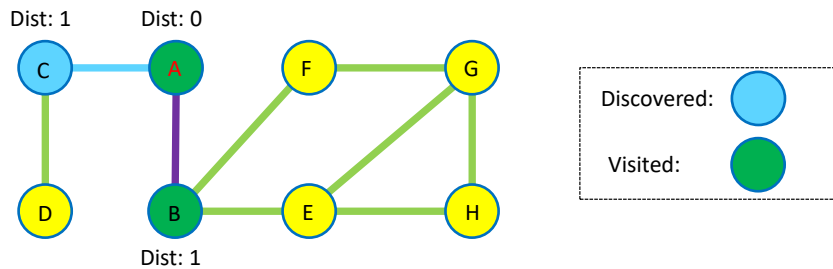
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: A

Always keep track of the predecessor nodes.

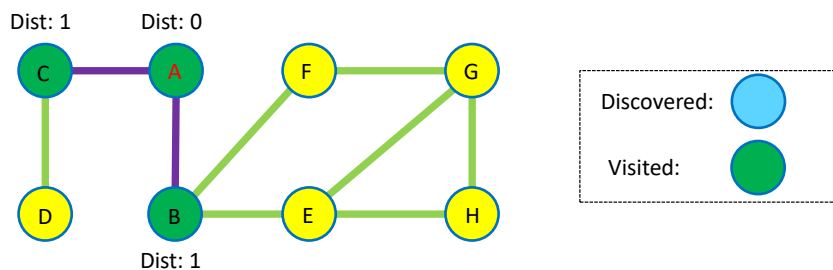
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Current: A

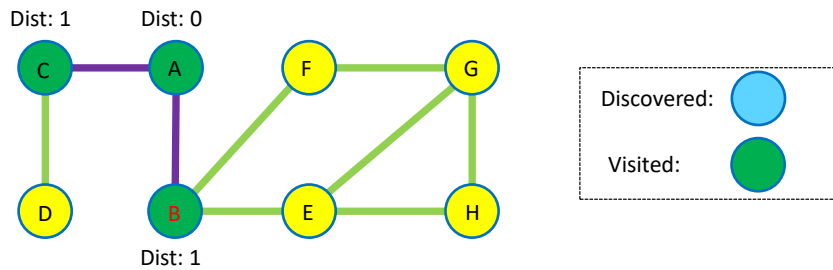
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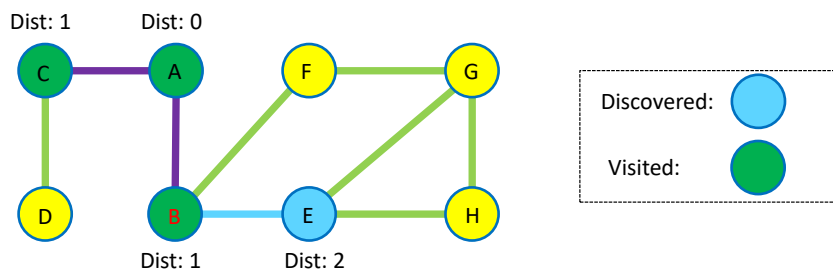
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: B

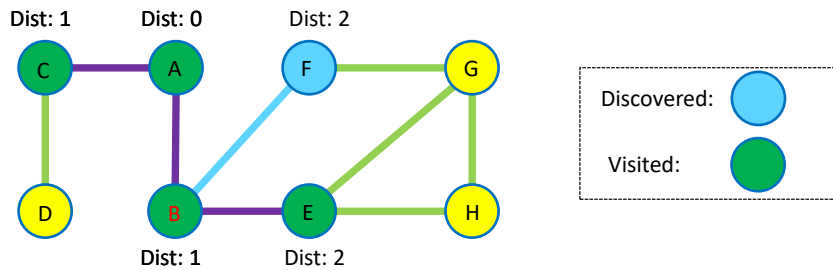
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Current: B

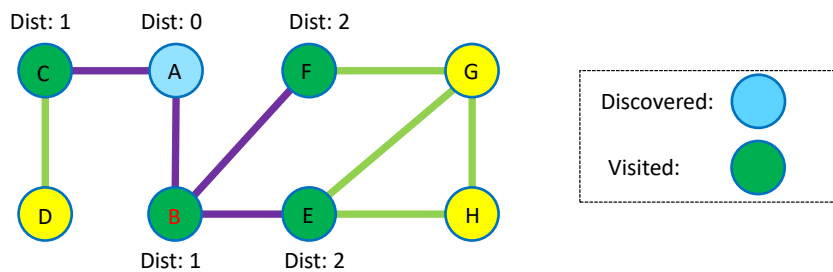
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Current: B

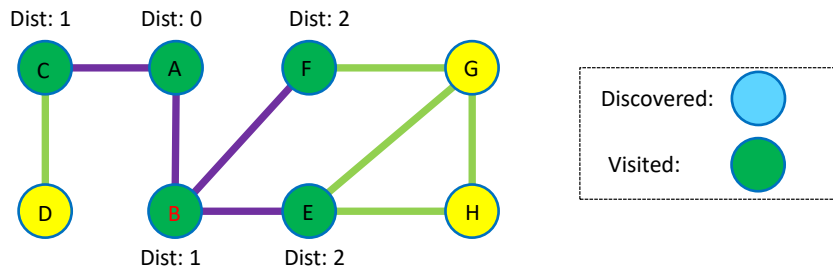
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Current: B

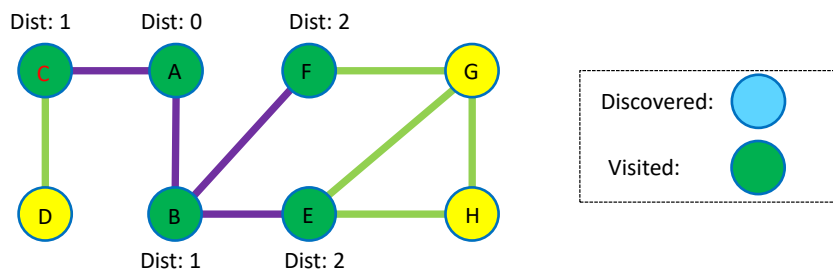
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: C

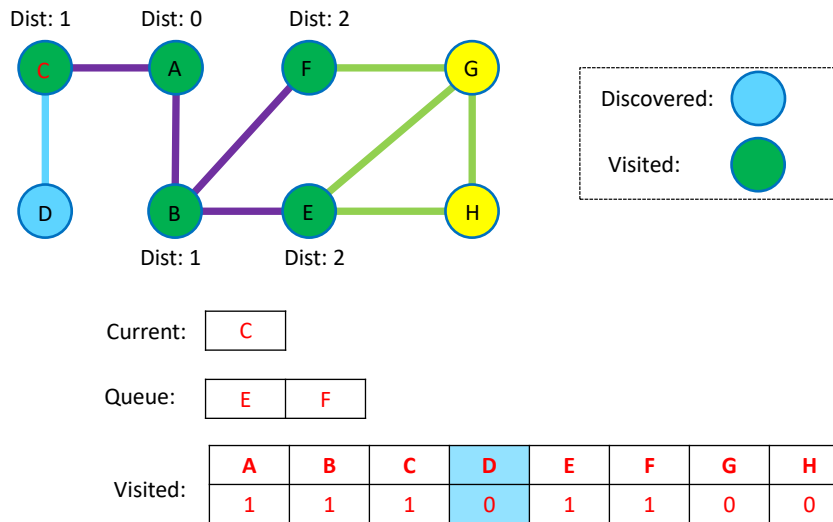
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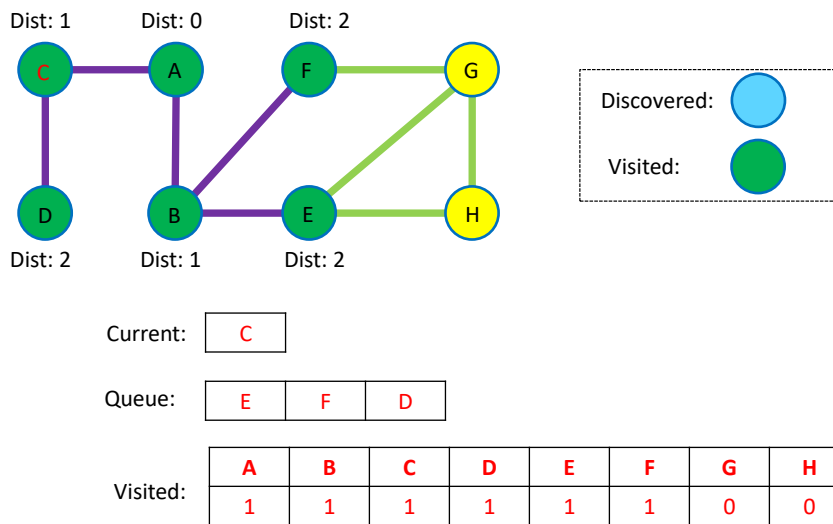
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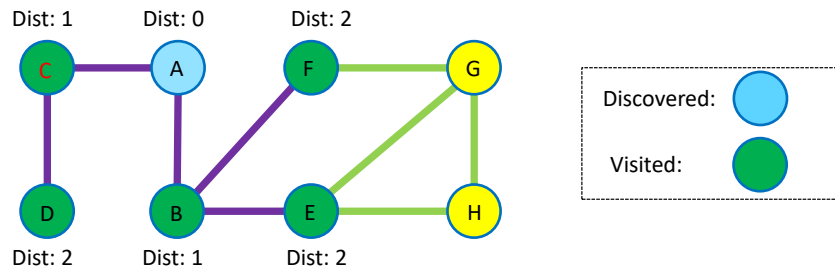
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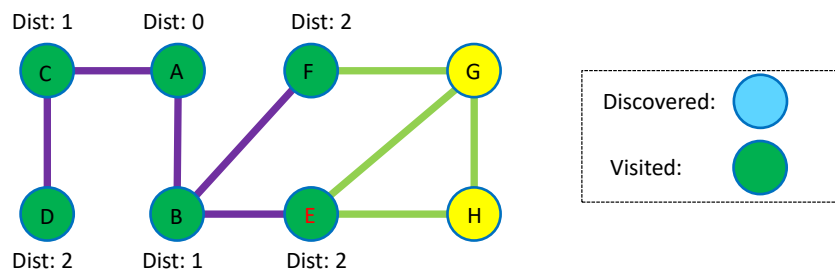
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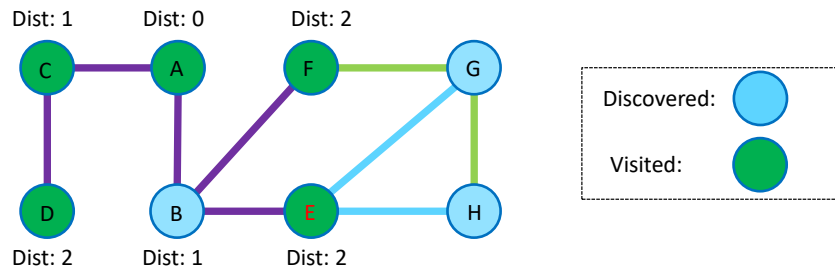
Current: E

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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: E

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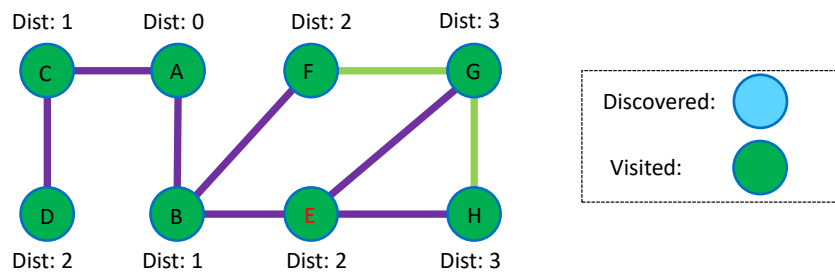
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: E

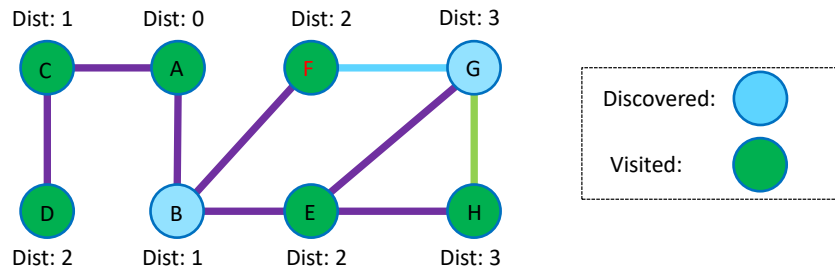
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: F

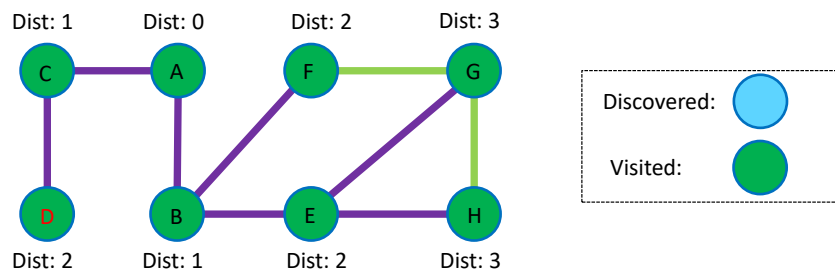
Queue: D G H

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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: D

Queue: G H

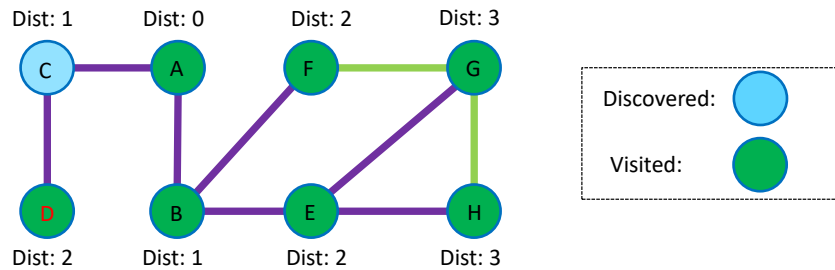
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: D

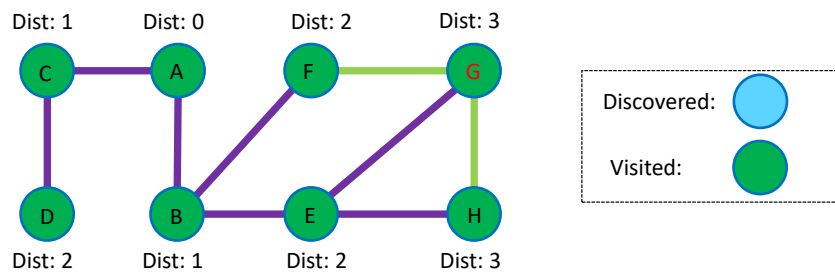
Queue: G H

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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: G

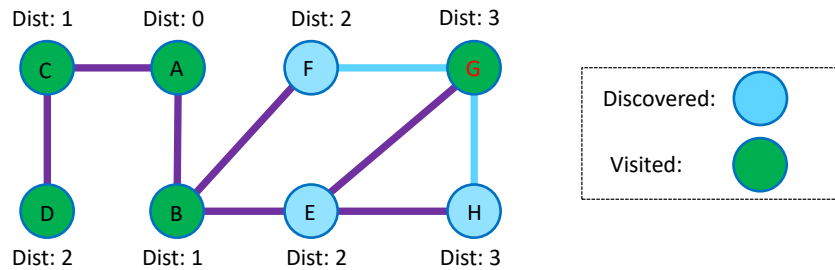
Queue: H

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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: G

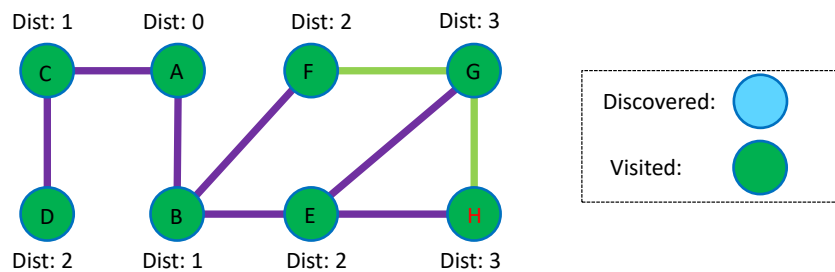
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: H

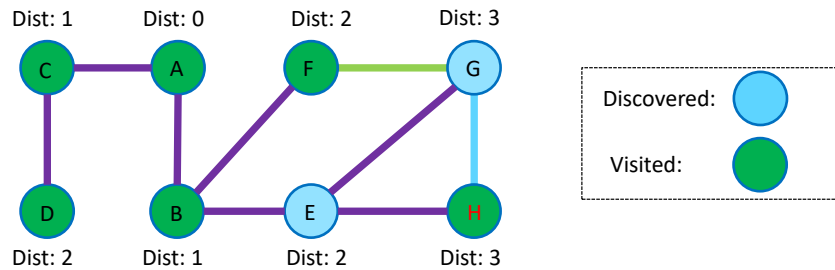
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## BFS Shortest Path (now with good data structures)



Current: H

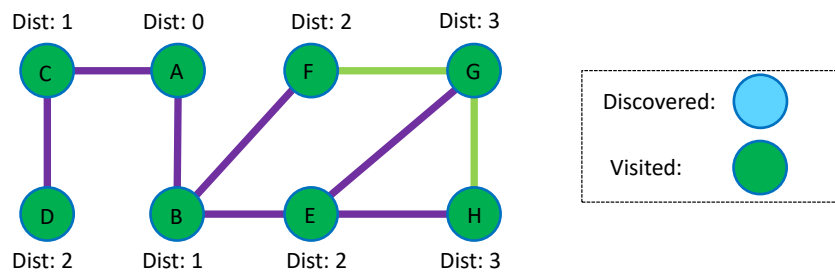
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## Unweighted Shortest Paths

**Algorithm 56** Single-source shortest paths in an unweighted graph

```

1: function BFS( $G = (V, E), s$ )
2:    $dist[1..n] = \infty$ 
3:    $pred[1..n] = \text{null}$ 
4:    $queue = \text{Queue}()$ 
5:    $queue.push(s)$ 
6:    $dist[s] = 0$ 
7:   while  $queue$  is not empty do
8:      $u = queue.pop()$ 
9:     for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
10:      if  $dist[v] = \infty$  then
11:         $dist[v] = dist[u] + 1$ 
12:         $pred[v] = u$ 
13:         $queue.push(v)$ 

```

- Note that distances are stored in an  $O(1)$  lookup structure.
- Distances are set by lookup at the distance of the current vertex and adding 1.
- Path from  $s$  to  $v$  can be found by backtracking from  $v$  to  $s$  using the array  $pred$ .
- Complexity is the same as regular BFS,  $O(V+E)$ .

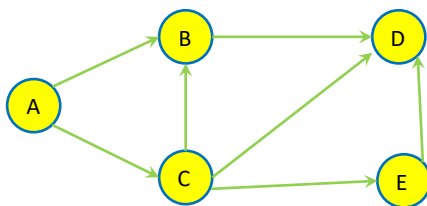
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## Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

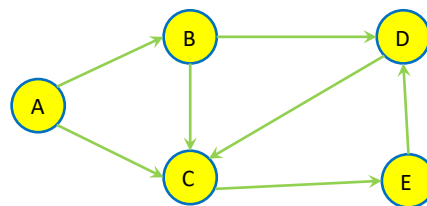
A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) is

- **D**irected
- **A**cyclic – has no cycles
- **G**raph

Which of the two graphs is a DAG?



Graph 1

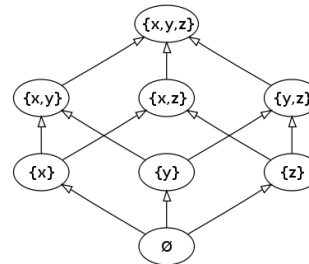
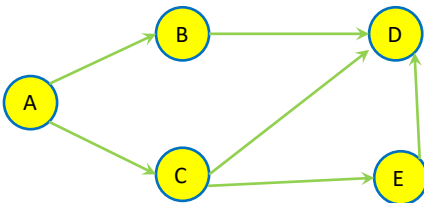


Graph 2

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## DAG: Examples

- Sub-tasks of a project and which “must finish before”
  - $A \rightarrow B$  means task A must finish before task B
  - so, DAGs useful in project management
- Relationships between subjects for your degree -- “is prerequisite for”
  - $A \rightarrow B$  means subject A must be completed before enrolling in subject B
- People genealogy – “is an ancestor of”
  - $A \rightarrow B$  means A is an ancestor of B
- Power sets and “is a subset of”
  - $A \rightarrow B$  means A is a subset of B



Source: wikipedia

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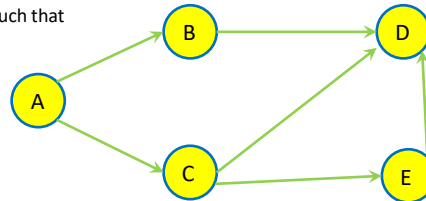
## Topological Sort of a DAG

Order of vertices in a DAG

- $A < B$  if  $A \rightarrow B$ .
  - Note that if  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow D$ , we have  $A < B$  and  $B < D$  which implies that  $A < D$  (i.e., transitivity).
- Some vertices may be **incomparable** (e.g., B and C are incomparable), i.e.  $A < B$  and  $A < C$  but we do not know whether  $C < B$  or  $B < C$ .

A topological order

- is a permutation of the vertices in the original DAG such that
- for **every** directed edge  $u \rightarrow v$  of the DAG
  - $u$  appears before  $v$  in the permutation



Example: A, B, C, E, D

- Topological sort of a DAG of “is prerequisite of” example gives an ordering of the subjects for studying your degree, one at a time, while obeying prerequisite rules.

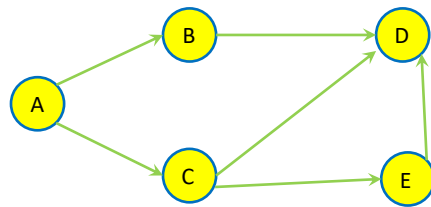
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## Topological Sort of a DAG

- A DAG can have many valid topological sorts, e.g., let  $u$  and  $v$  be two incomparable vertices,  $u$  may appear before or after  $v$ .

Which of these is NOT a valid topological ordering of the DAG?

1. A, B, C, E, D
2. A, C, B, E, D
3. A, C, E, B, D
4. A, B, E, C, D

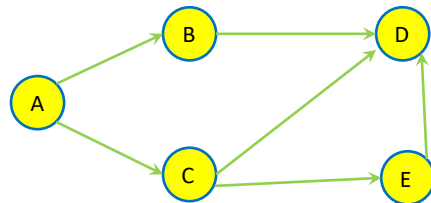


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## Depth First Search (DFS)

Assume we call  $\text{DFS}(A)$ , which of the following is NOT a possible order in which vertices are marked visited?

1. A, B, D, C, E
2. A, C, E, D, B
3. A, C, D, E, B
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## DFS for Topological Sort

### Algorithm 72 Topological sorting using DFS

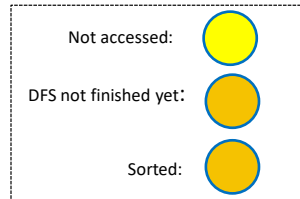
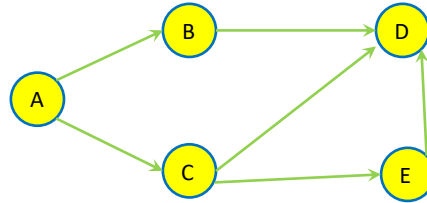
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6:       DFS( $v$ )
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*// Add to order **after** visiting descendants*

Sorted:



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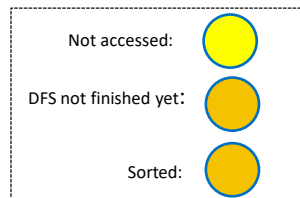
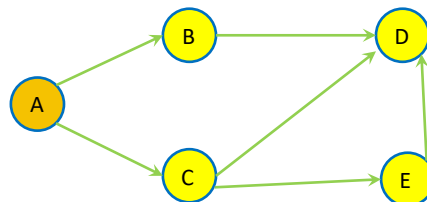
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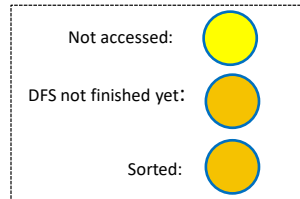
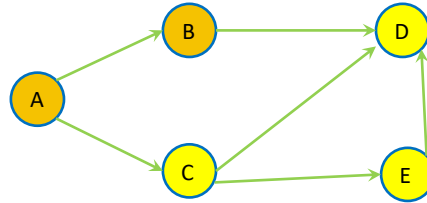
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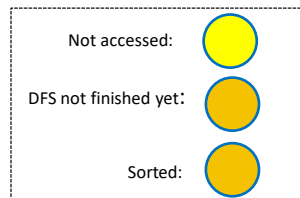
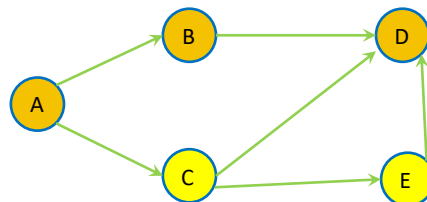
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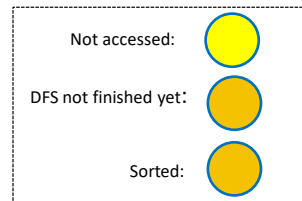
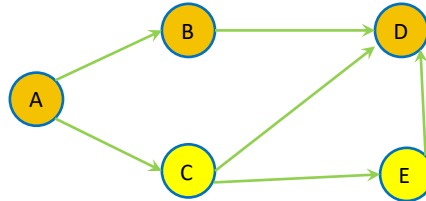
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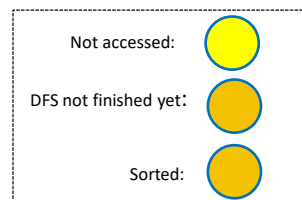
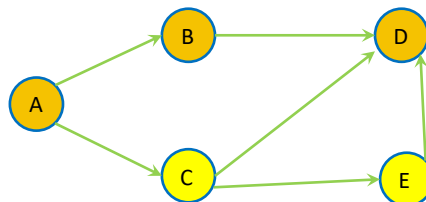
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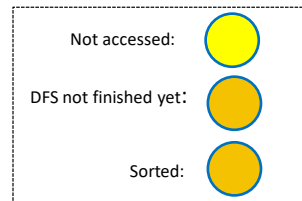
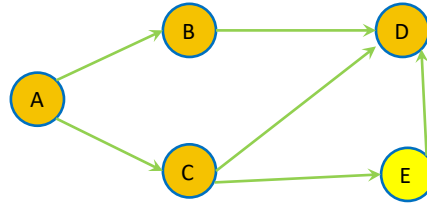
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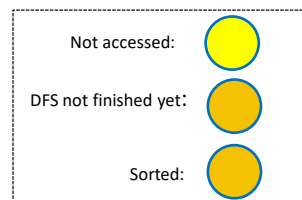
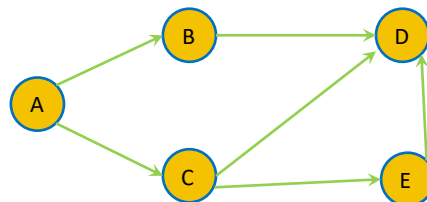
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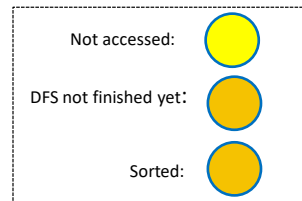
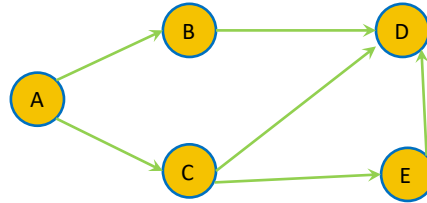
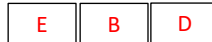
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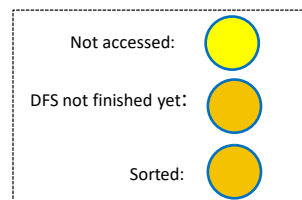
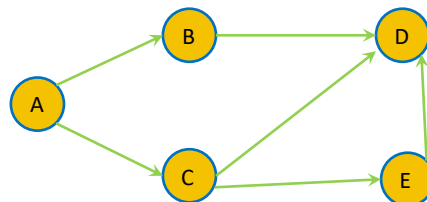
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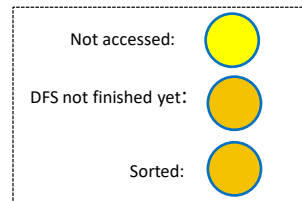
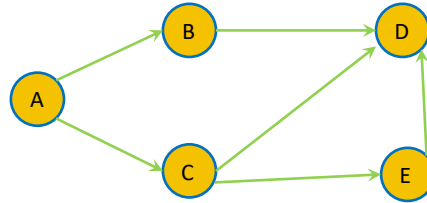
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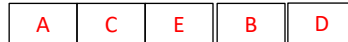
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## Reading

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- You can also check algorithms' textbooks for contents related to this lecture, e.g.:
  - CLRS: Chapter 22
  - KT: Chapter 3
  - Rou: Chapters 7 and 8

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## Concluding Remarks

### Things to do (this list is not exhaustive)

- Read more about BFS, DFS and their applications
- Implement BFS and DFS
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### Coming Up Next

- Greedy (Graph) Algorithms