



# Interview Questions: Undirected Graphs

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1.

**Nonrecursive depth-first search.** Implement depth-first search in an undirected graph without using recursion.

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Thank you for your response.

*Hint 1:* use an explicit stack.

*Hint 2:* it is trickier than it may appear at first; you can simply replace a queue with a stack in breadth-first search.



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2.

**Diameter and center of a tree.** Given a connected graph with no cycles

- *Diameter*: design a linear-time algorithm to find the longest simple path in the graph.
- *Center*: design a linear-time algorithm to find a vertex such that its maximum distance from any other vertex is minimized.

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Thank you for your response.

*Hint (diameter)*: to compute the diameter, pick a vertex  $s$ ; run BFS from  $s$ ; then run BFS again from the vertex that is furthest from  $s$ .

*Hint (center)*: consider vertices on the longest path.



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3.

**Euler cycle.** An Euler cycle in a graph is a cycle (not necessarily simple) that uses every edge in the graph exactly one.

- Show that a connected graph has an Euler cycle if and only if every vertex has even degree.
- Design a linear-time algorithm to determine whether a graph has an Euler cycle, and if so, find one.

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Thank you for your response.

*Hint:* use depth-first search and piece together the cycles you discover.

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