

## GRAPH - BFS Usage

\* DFS visit every node exactly once in some order

But ~~un~~, BFS does the same but can also solve shortest Path Problem in an unweighted graph.

Application :-

- 1) Reachability
- 2) Component Numbering
- 3) Bi-partite
- 4) Cycles
- 5) Topological sort
- 6) Shortest Path

Use of BFS  
but can also be done by DFS

Use of BFS

Pseudocode :-

BFS( $n$ ):

Q.push( $n$ )

While (!Q.empty()) {

$curr = Q.front()$ ;

    Q.pop();

    if (visited[curr]) continue;

    visited[curr] = 1;

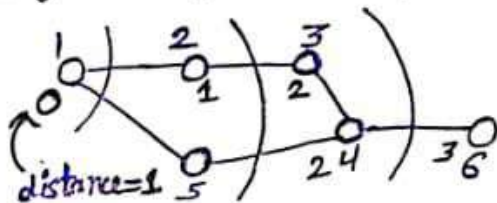
    for  $v$  in neighbours[curr] {

        if (!visited[v])

            Q.push(v);

Use a Queue (not recursion like DFS)

• Layered Exploration of BFS



Distance = min no. of edges b/w two nodes.

Exa: Node 3 has distance 2 from node 1.

Queue order:  $1 \rightarrow (2, 5) \rightarrow (3, 4) \rightarrow (6)$

Execution starts at 1.

Distances:

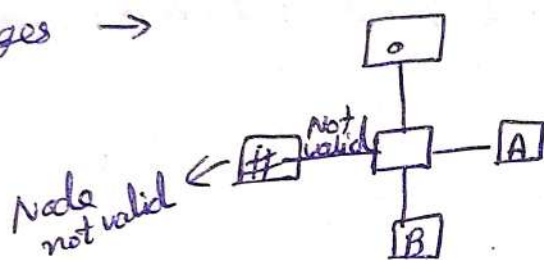
- Node 1  $\rightarrow 0$
- Node 2, 5  $\rightarrow 1$
- Node 3, 4  $\rightarrow 2$
- Node 6  $\rightarrow 3$

\* BFS is better for distance finding due to layered exploration.

# Q1. Labrynth [CSES Task 1193]

Only valid nodes are 'A', 'B' & '.'.

Edges →



You → We have to find set of valid neighbours

\* Creating a graph is very difficult here. so we will not use graph here. We can easily map this.

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

const int INF = 100;
using state = pair<int,int>;
#define F first
#define S second

int n,m;
vector<string> arr;

vector<vector<int>> vis,dist;

int dx[] = {0,1,0,-1};
int dy[] = {1,0,-1,0};

bool inside(int x,int y){
    if(0<=x&& x<n&&0<=y&&y<m) return 1;
    else return 0;
}

vector<state> valid_neighbours(state cur){
    vector<state> res;
    for(int dir = 0;dir<4;dir++){

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vector<state> valid_neighbours(state cur){
    vector<state> res;
    for(int dir = 0; dir<4; dir++){
        int nx = cur.F + dx[dir];
        int ny = cur.S + dy[dir];
        if(inside(nx,ny) && arr[nx][ny]!='#'){
            res.push_back(make_pair(nx,ny));
        }
    }
    return res;
}

```

```

void printer(){
    for(int i=0; i<n; i++){
        for(int j=0; j<m; j++){
            cout<<dist[i][j]<<"\t";
        }
        cout<<endl;
    }
    cout<<endl;
}

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void bfs(state st){
    vis = vector<vector<int>>(n, vector<int>(m,0));
    dist = vector<vector<int>>(n, vector<int>(m,INF));

    queue<states> q;
    // Add source
    q.push(st);
    dist[st.F][st.S]=0;
    // Start BFS
    while(!q.empty()){
        state cur = q.front(); q.pop();
        if(vis[cur.F][cur.S])continue;

        // Explore
        vis[cur.F][cur.S]=1;
        for(state v:valid_neighbours(cur)){
            if(!vis[v.F][v.S] && dist[v.F][v.S] > dist[cur.F][cur.S]+1){
                q.push(v);
                dist[v.F][v.S] = dist[cur.F][cur.S]+1;
            }
        }

        // cout<<cur.F<<" ";<<cur.S<<endl;
        // printf();
    }
}

```

```

void solve(){
    cin>>n>>m;
    arr.resize(n);
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
        cin>>arr[i];
    }
    state st,en;
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
        for(int j=0;j<m;j++){
            if(arr[i][j]=='A')st={i,j};
            else if(arr[i][j]=='B')en={i,j};
        }
    }
    bfs(st);
    printer();
    if(dist[en.F][en.S]==INF){
        cout<<"NO\n";
    }else{
        cout<<"YES\n";
        cout<<dist[en.F][en.S]<<endl;
    }
}

```

### Path Printing

How do we tweak above algorithm to include path also?

→ Changes in bfs func<sup>n</sup>

```

void bfs(state st){
    vis = vector<vector<int>>(n, vector<int>(m,0));
    dist = vector<vector<int>>(n, vector<int>(m,INF));
    par = vector<vector<state>>(n, vector<state>(m,{-1,-1}));
    queue<state> q;
    // Add source
    q.push(st);
    dist[st.F][st.S]=0;
    // Start BFS
    while(!q.empty()){
        state cur = q.front(); q.pop();
        if(vis[cur.F][cur.S])continue;

        // Explore
        vis[cur.F][cur.S]=1;
        for(state v:valid_neighbours(cur)){
            if(!vis[v.F][v.S] && dist[v.F][v.S] > dist[cur.F][cur.S]+1){
                q.push(v);
                dist[v.F][v.S] = dist[cur.F][cur.S]+1;
                par[v.F][v.S] = cur;
            }
        }
    }
}

```



```

}
bfs(st):
if (dist[en.F][en.S]==INF){
    cout<<"NO\n";
} else {
    cout<<"YES\n";
    cout<<dist[en.F][en.S]<<endl;

    state cur = en;
    vector<state> path;
    while (cur!=make_pair(-1,-1)){
        pair.push_back(cur);
        cur = par[cur.F][cur.S];
    }

    for (auto v:path){
        cout<<v.F<<" "<<v.S<<endl;
    }
}
}

```

```

void solve(){
    cin>>n>>m;
    arr.resize(n);
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
        cin >> arr[i];
    }
    state st,en;
    for(int i=0;i<n;i++){
        for(int j=0;j<m;j++){
            if(arr[i][j]=='A')st={i,j};
            else if(arr[i][j]=='B')en={i,j};
        }
    }
    bfs(st);
    if(dist[en.F][en.S]==INF){
        cout<<"NO\n";
    }else{
        cout<<"YES\n";
        cout<<dist[en.F][en.S]<<endl;

        state cur = en;
        vector<state> path;
        while(cur!=make_pair(-1,-1)){

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```
vector<state> path;
while(cur!=make_pair(-1,-1)){
    path.push_back(cur);
    cur = par[cur.F][cur.S];
}
reverse(path.begin(),path.end());
for(int i=1;i<path.size();i++){
    int cx = path[i].F-path[i-1].F;
    int cy = path[i].S-path[i-1].S;
    if(cx==1)cout<<"D";
    else if(cx==-1)cout<<"U";
    else if(cy==1)cout<<"R";
    else cout<<"L";
}
```