

Unit-5

◆ Graph Basics

- Graph = Vertices (nodes) + Edges (links).
 - **Directed Graph** → edges have direction.
 - **Undirected Graph** → edges no direction.
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◆ Graph Traversal

- **DFS** (Depth First Search) → goes deep using stack/recursion. $O(V+E)$.
 - **BFS** (Breadth First Search) → level order using queue. $O(V+E)$.
 - **Topological Sort** → ordering of nodes in DAG (tasks scheduling).
 - **Articulation Point** → removing it disconnects graph.
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◆ Backtracking

- Tries all possibilities, **backtracks** if solution fails.
 - Example: **N-Queens Problem** (place N queens without attacking each other).
 - Time Complexity: $O(N!)$.
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◆ Branch & Bound

- Improves backtracking using **bounds** to prune bad paths.
 - Example: **0/1 Knapsack Problem** → compute upper bound on profit before exploring branch.
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◆ Minimax Algorithm (Game Theory)

- Used in games like Chess, Tic-Tac-Toe.
 - One player = MAX (tries to maximize score).
 - Other player = MIN (tries to minimize).
 - Works by recursively exploring all moves.
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◆ String Matching

1. **Naive** → Check pattern at each shift. $O((n-m+1) \cdot m)$.
2. **Rabin-Karp** → Uses hashing to check substrings. $O(n+m)$ average.

3. **Finite Automata Matching** → Precompute transition table. $O(n)$.
 4. **KMP (Knuth-Morris-Pratt)** → Uses prefix function (π table). $O(n+m)$.
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♦ NP-Completeness

- **P** → Problems solvable in polynomial time.
- **NP** → Problems verifiable in polynomial time.
- **NP-Complete** → Hardest problems in NP (SAT, TSP). No polynomial-time solution known.
- **NP-Hard** → At least as hard as NP-Complete, not necessarily in NP.

Examples:

- Hamiltonian Cycle (NP-Complete).
 - Travelling Salesman Problem (NP-Hard).
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✅ In Simple Words for Viva:

- **Greedy** → Take best local choice (Kruskal, Prim, Dijkstra, Knapsack, Huffman).
- **DP** → Store & reuse results (Knapsack, Floyd, Matrix Chain, LCS).
- **Graphs** → DFS, BFS, Topo sort, articulation.
- **Backtracking** → Try all + backtrack (N-Queens).
- **Branch & Bound** → Prune bad solutions (Knapsack).
- **String Matching** → Naive, Rabin-Karp, FA, KMP.
- **NP** → $P \subseteq NP$, NP-Complete hardest, NP-Hard beyond NP.