

Graph Algorithm Topics Roadmap

A structured list of graph topics from beginner to advanced. Ideal for interview prep, competitive programming, or academic learning.

Level 0: Basics

1. Graph Representations

- Adjacency Matrix
- Adjacency List
- Edge List

2. Graph Types

- Directed vs Undirected
 - Weighted vs Unweighted
 - Cyclic vs Acyclic
 - Connected vs Disconnected
 - Trees vs DAGs
 - Bipartite Graphs
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Level 1: Graph Traversal

3. Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Shortest path in unweighted graph
- Level-order traversal (trees)

4. Depth-First Search (DFS)

- Recursive and iterative
 - Connected components
 - Detecting cycles (directed & undirected)
 - Coloring method (WHITE/GRAY/BLACK)
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Level 2: Topological Concepts

5. Topological Sort

- DFS-based
- Kahn's algorithm (BFS + indegree)
- Applications: course schedule, build systems

6. Cycle Detection

- In undirected graphs (Union-Find / DFS)

- In directed graphs (DFS with colors or Kahn's)

7. Strongly Connected Components (SCC)

- Kosaraju's Algorithm
 - Tarjan's Algorithm (low-link values)
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Level 3: Shortest Paths

8. Dijkstra's Algorithm

- For weighted graphs with non-negative weights

9. Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Handles negative weights
- Detects negative cycles

10. Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- All-pairs shortest path (DP)

11. 0-1 BFS / Dial's Algorithm

- Optimized for edge weights 0 or 1
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Level 4: Trees and Special Graphs

12. Tree Traversals (DFS/BFS)

13. Lowest Common Ancestor (LCA)

- Binary Lifting / Euler Tour

14. Diameter of Tree

15. Centroid Decomposition

16. Binary Tree to Graph Conversion

Level 5: Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

17. Prim's Algorithm

18. Kruskal's Algorithm

- Union-Find (Disjoint Set Union)
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Level 6: Advanced Graph Concepts

19. Disjoint Set Union (Union-Find)

- With path compression and union by rank

20. Bridges and Articulation Points

- Tarjan's Algorithm
- Cut vertices and edges

21. Eulerian Path and Circuit

- Hierholzer's Algorithm
- Fleury's Algorithm

22. Hamiltonian Path and Cycle

- NP-complete (backtracking or bitmask DP)



Level 7: Very Advanced / Competitive Topics

23. Network Flow

- Ford-Fulkerson
- Edmonds-Karp
- Dinic's Algorithm

24. Matching in Bipartite Graphs

- Hopcroft-Karp
- Kuhn's Algorithm

25. Heavy-Light Decomposition (HLD)

26. 2-SAT Problems

27. Dynamic Connectivity

- Link-Cut Trees
- Euler Tour Trees



Recommended Progression

Start at Level 0 and go in order.

- For Interviews: Level 0–5 is usually enough.
- For CP or Research: Continue through Level 6–7.