

Depth-First Search (DFS)

Midterm project

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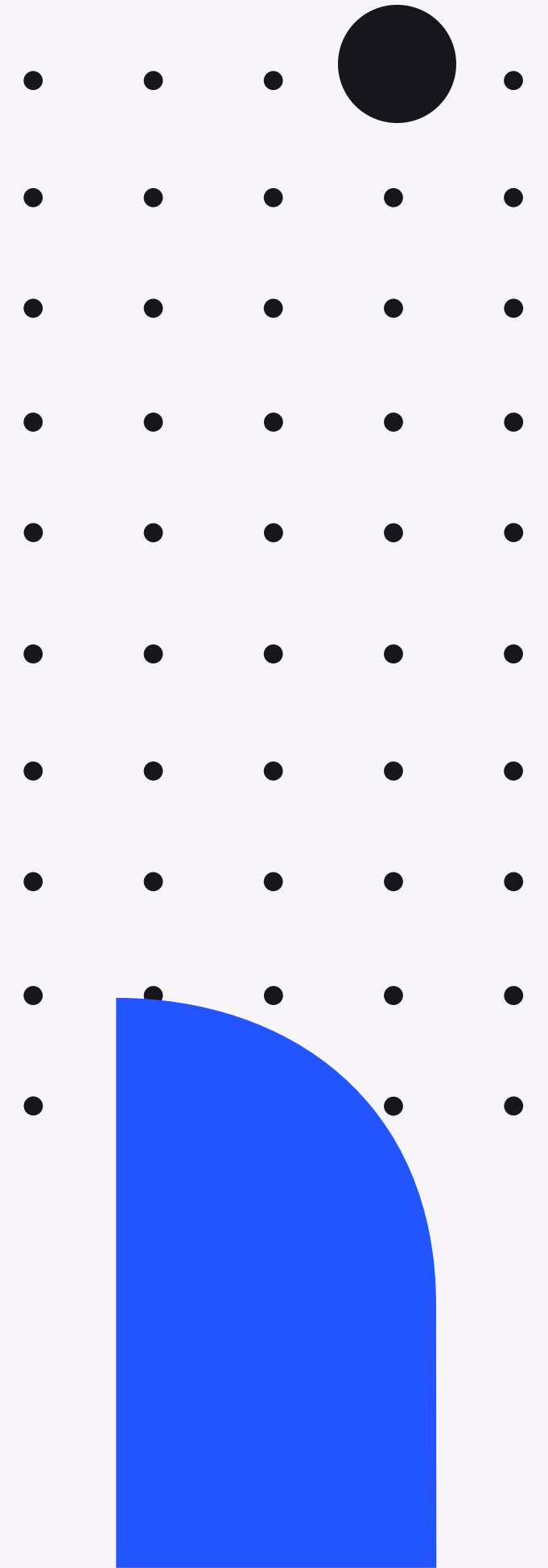
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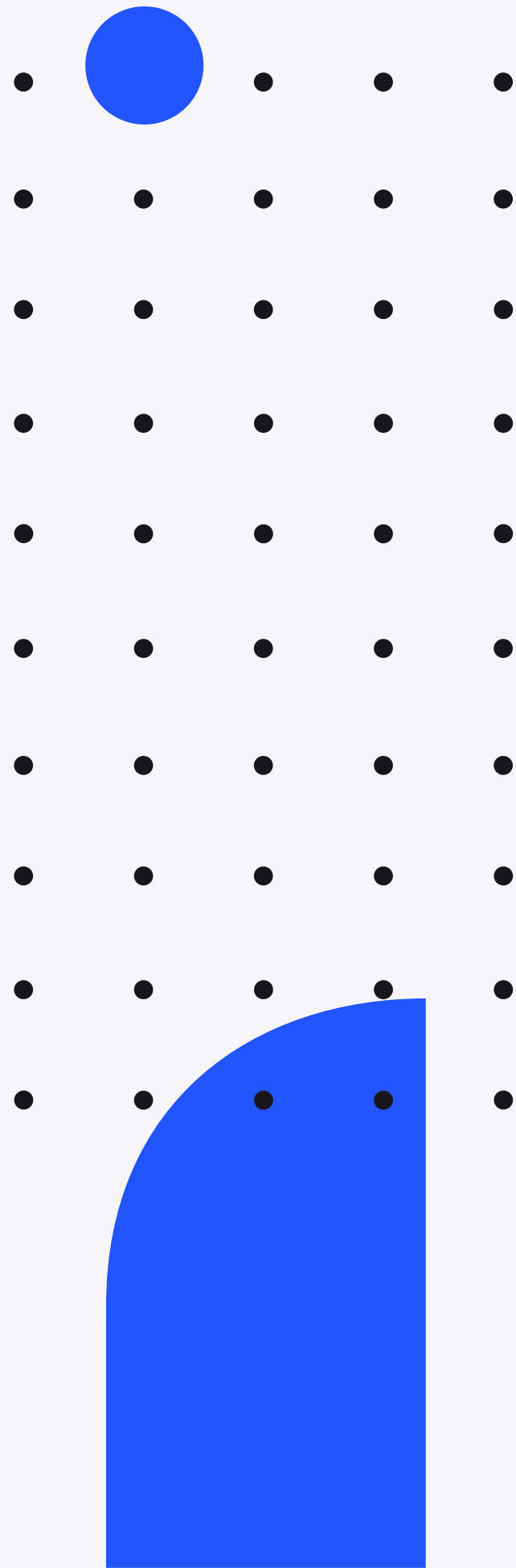
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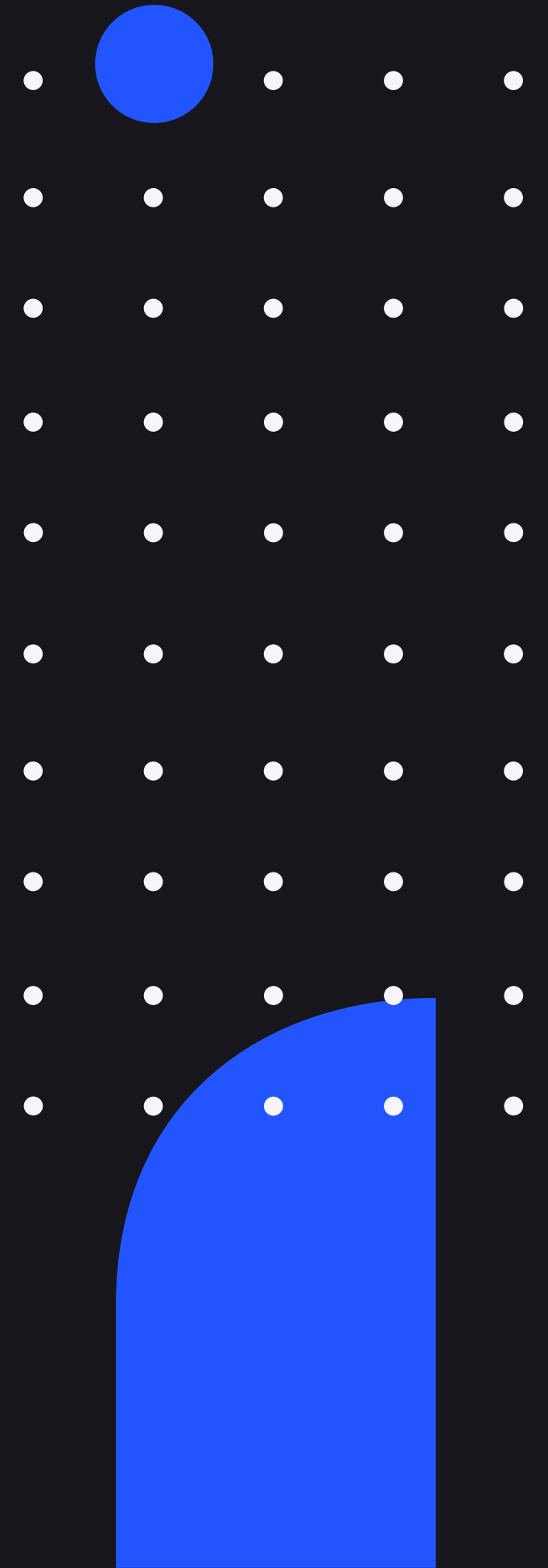


“go deep, head first”

-Ideology of DFS

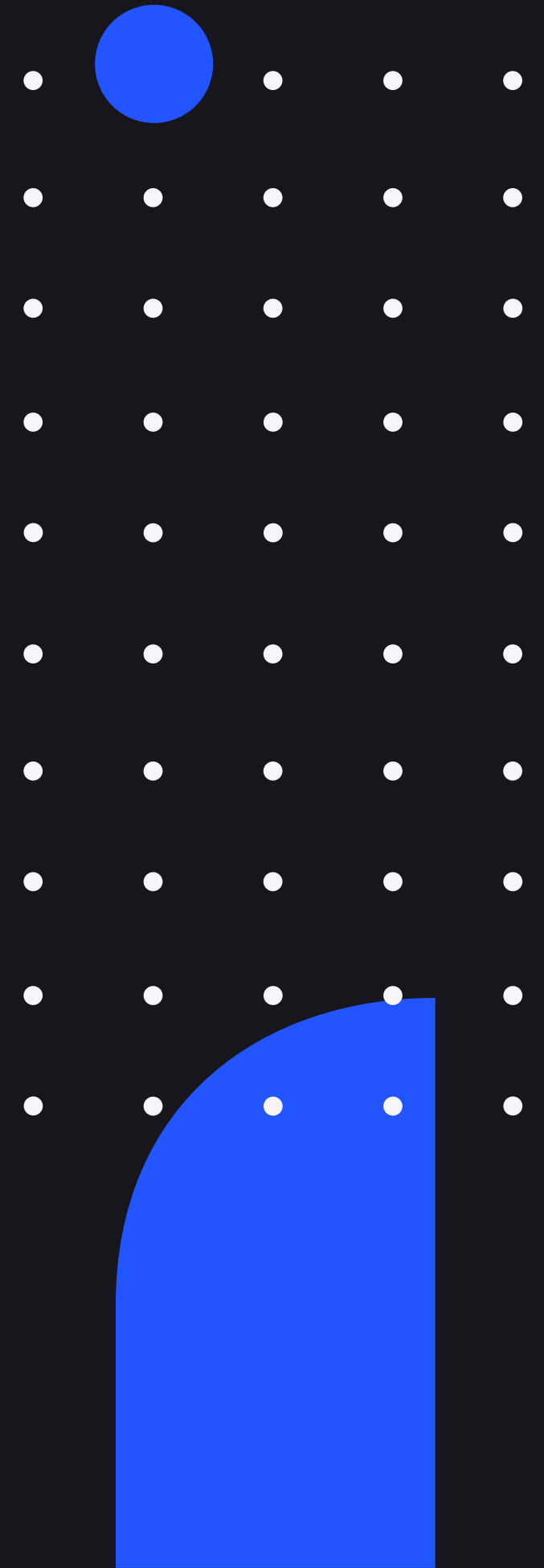
What is DFS?

- First graph algorithm
- Is an algorithm for traversing or searching tree or graph data structures
- One of the most fundamental algorithms in graph theory



What is graph traversal?

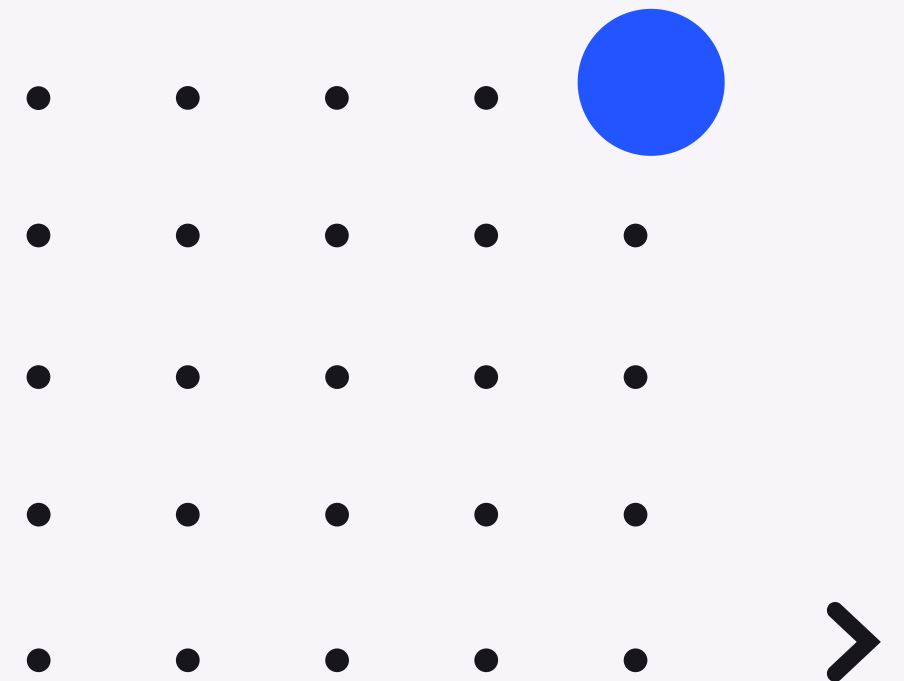
Graph traversal (also known as graph search) refers to the process of visiting (checking and/or updating) each vertex in a graph. Such traversals are classified by the order in which the vertices are visited. Tree traversal is a special case of graph traversal.



Time complexity

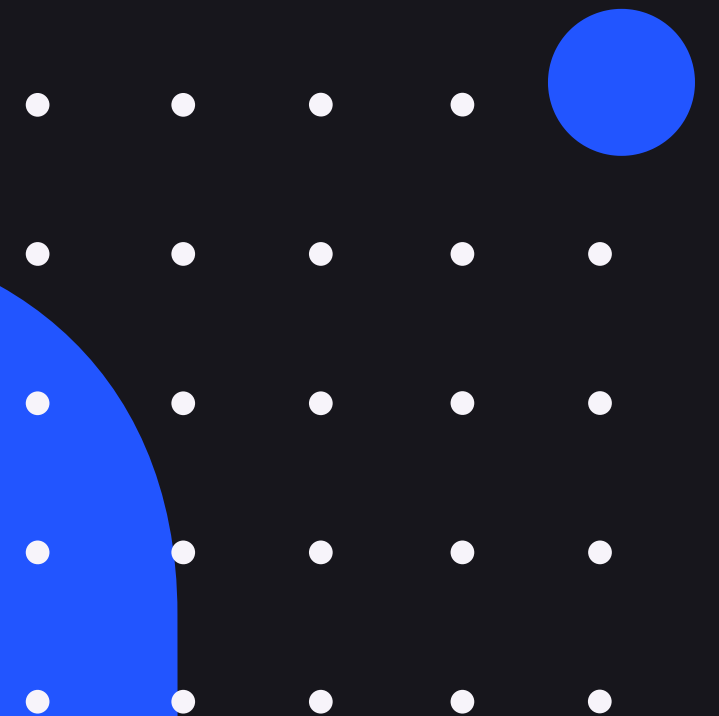
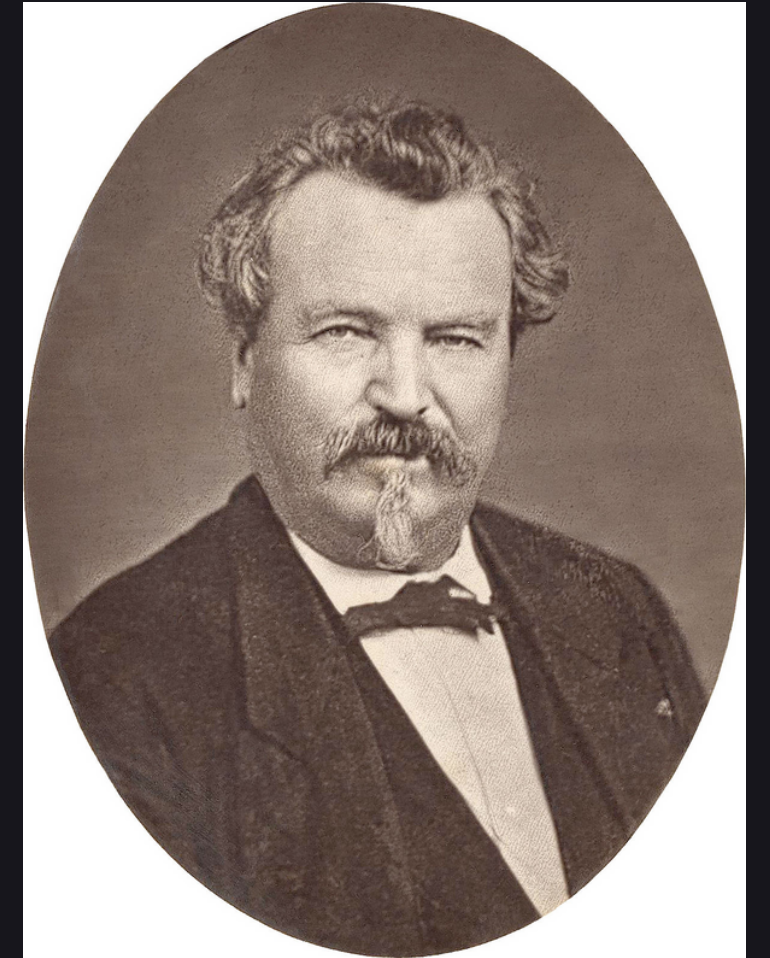
$$O(V+E)$$

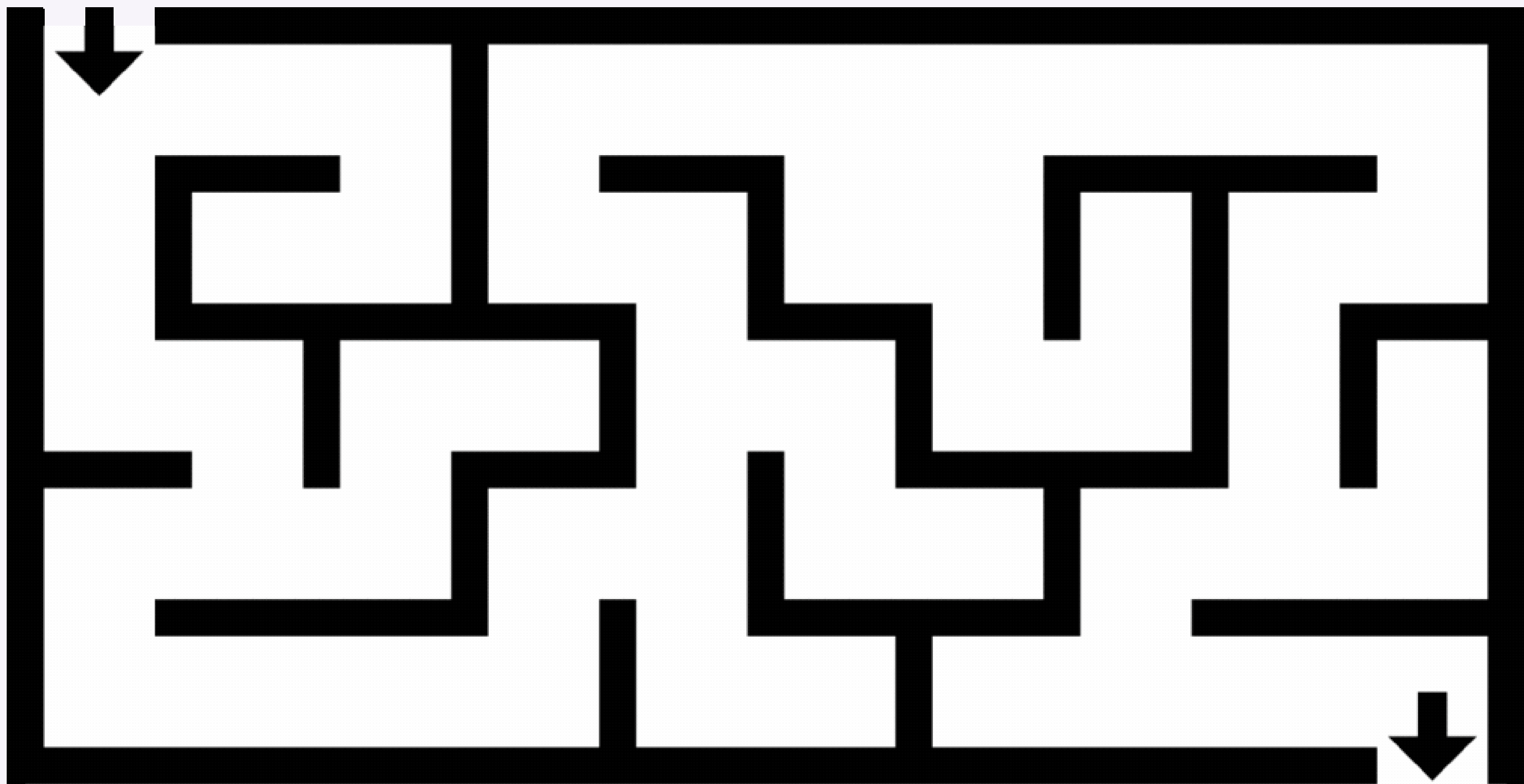
Big O of V plus E, that is vertices plus edges which is directly proportional to the size of your graph



Bit of history

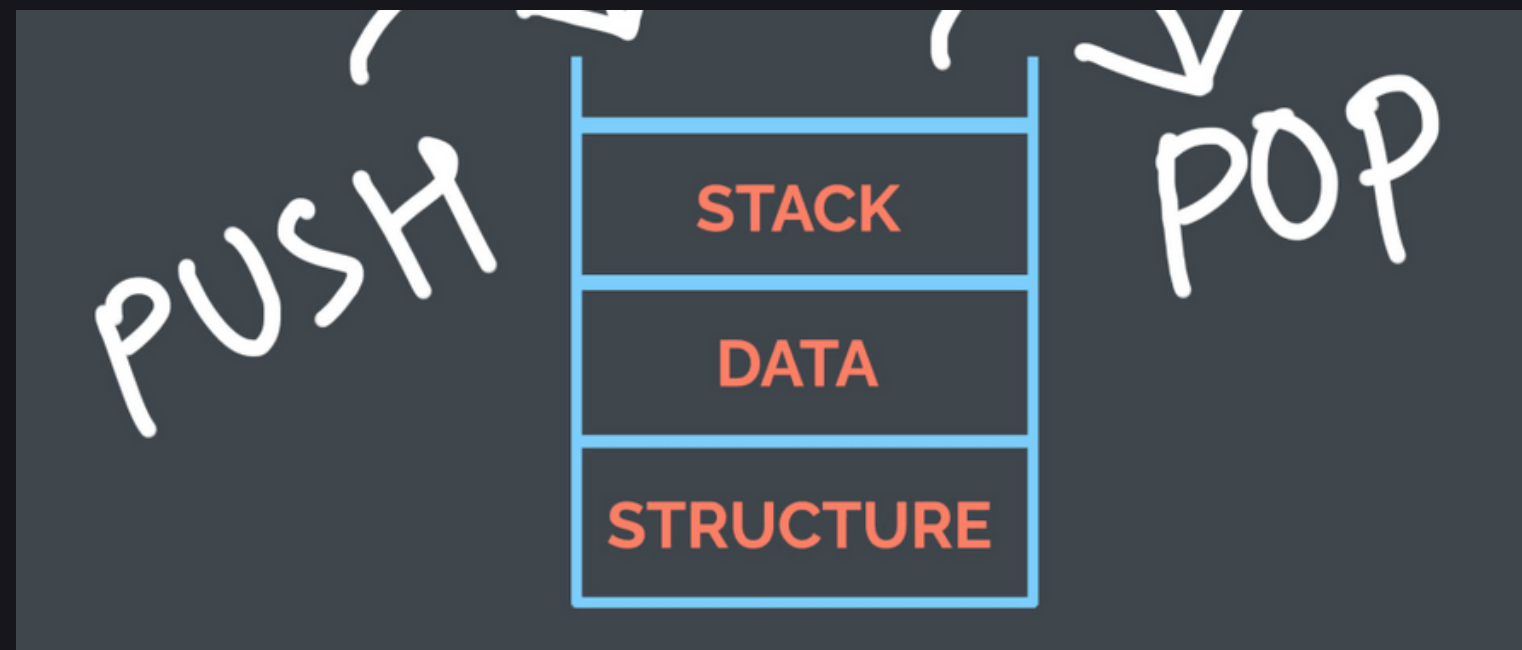
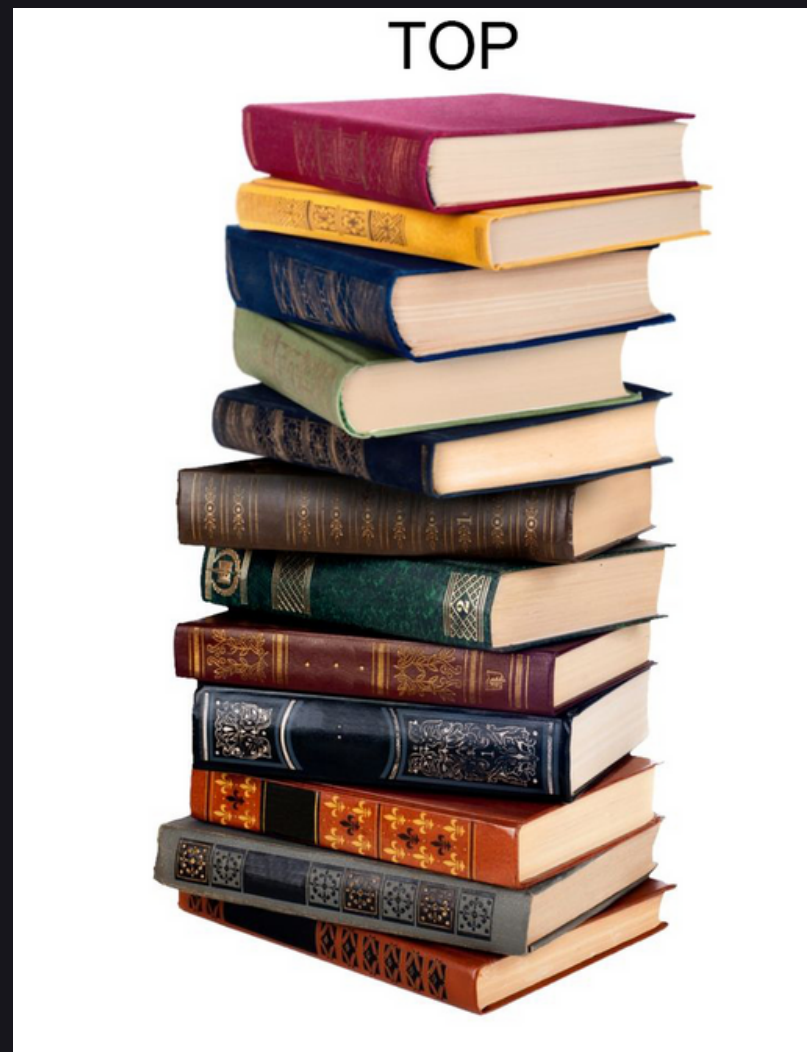
A version of depth-first search was investigated in the 19th century by French mathematician Charles Pierre Trémaux as a strategy for solving mazes





What is a Stack?

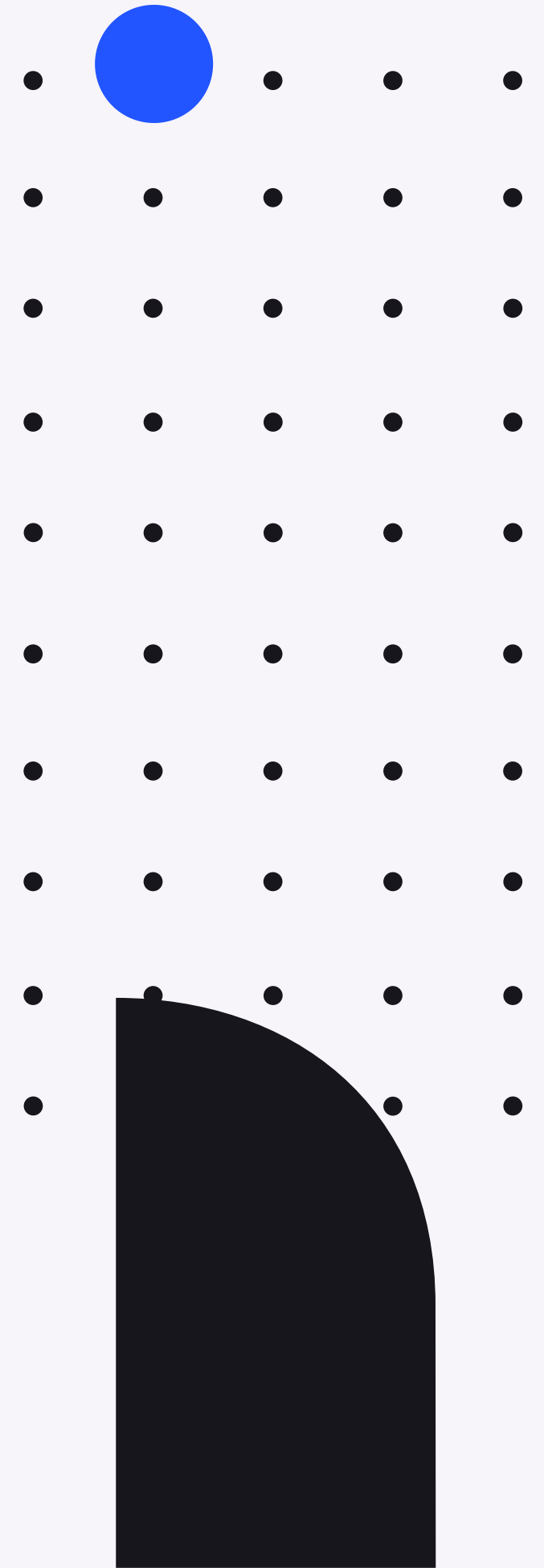
A stack is an abstract data type that is a list of elements organized according to the LIFO (Last In, First Out) principle.



Why do I need a Stack?

Because Depth First search algorithm

- Uses a stack to remember to get the next vertex to start a search when a dead end occurs in any iteration
- Uses stack to find the shortest path



How the DFS algorithm works.

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Start by putting any one of the graph's vertices on top of a stack.

2

Take the top item of the stack and add it to the visited list.

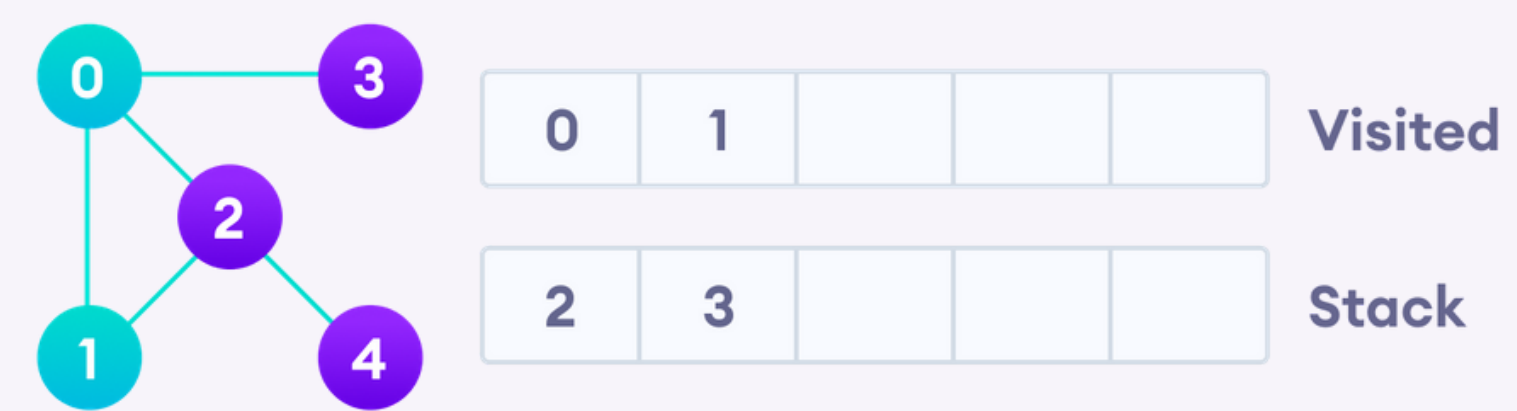
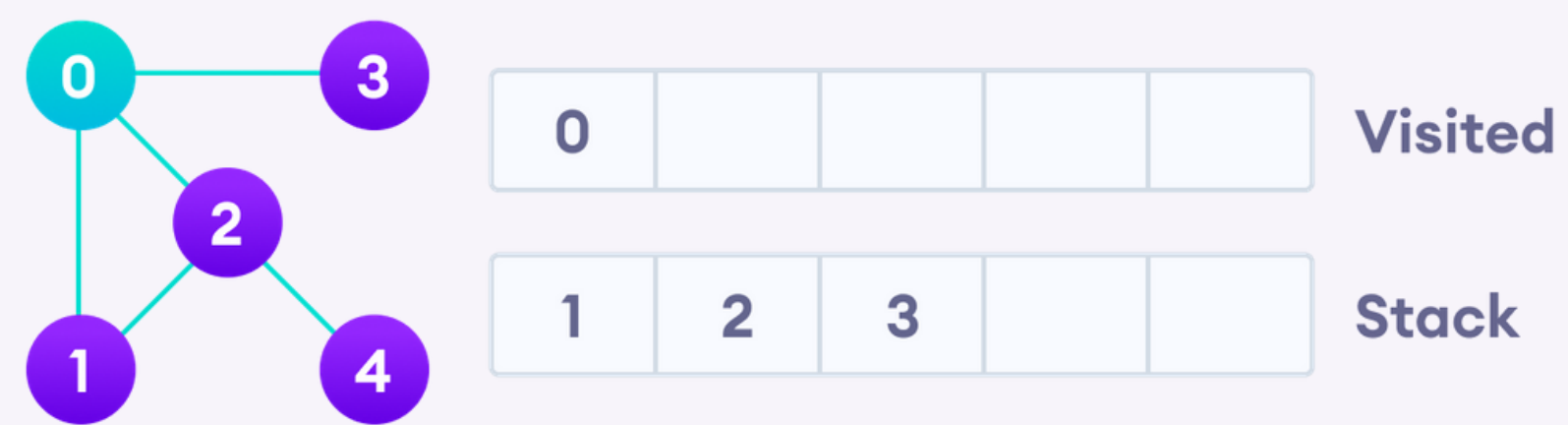
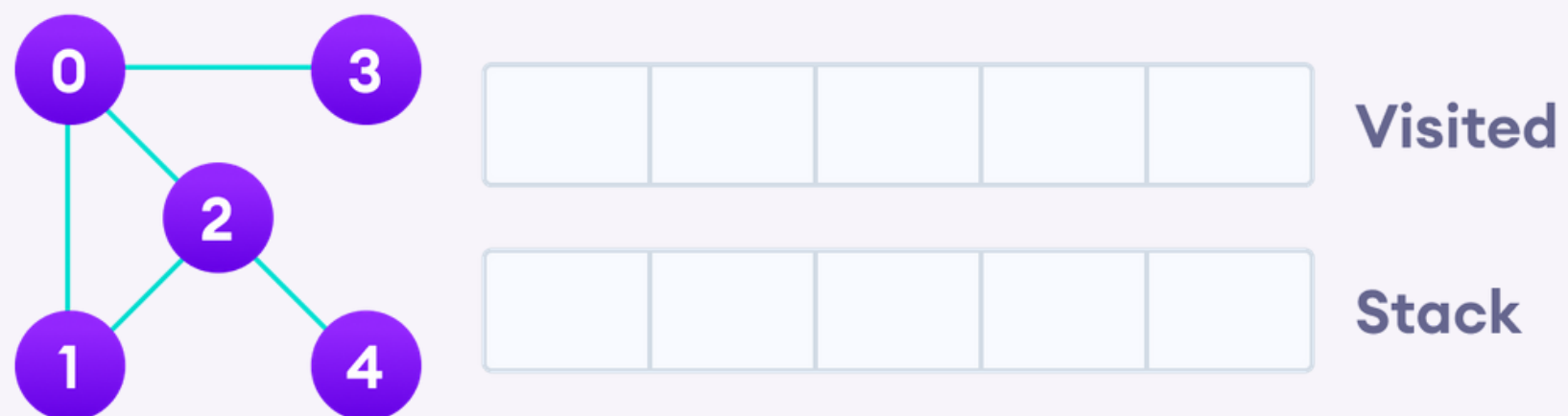
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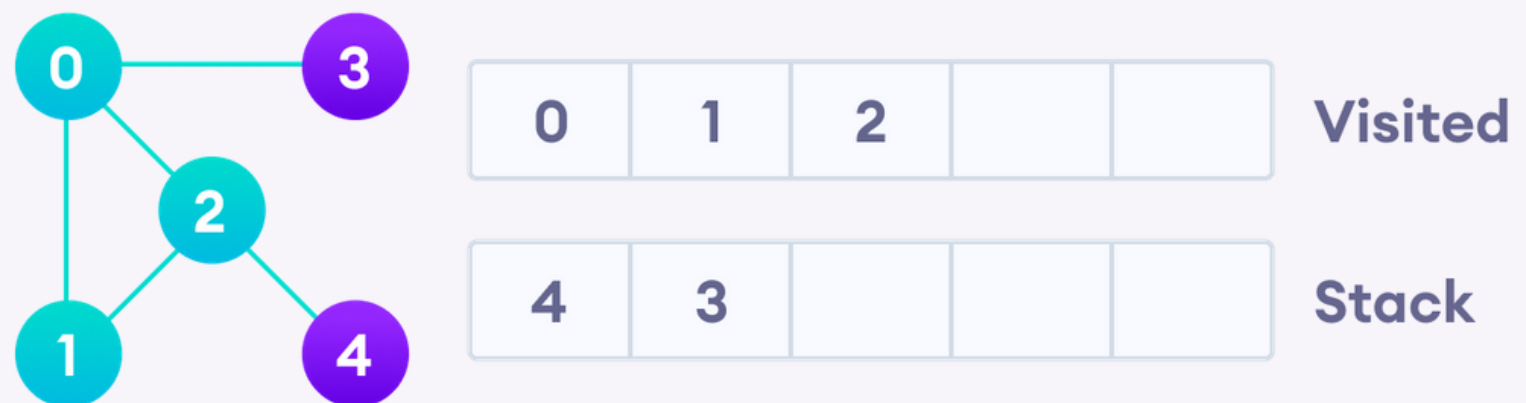
Create a list of that vertex's adjacent nodes. Add the ones which aren't in the visited list to the top of the stack.

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Keep repeating steps 2 and 3 until the stack is empty.





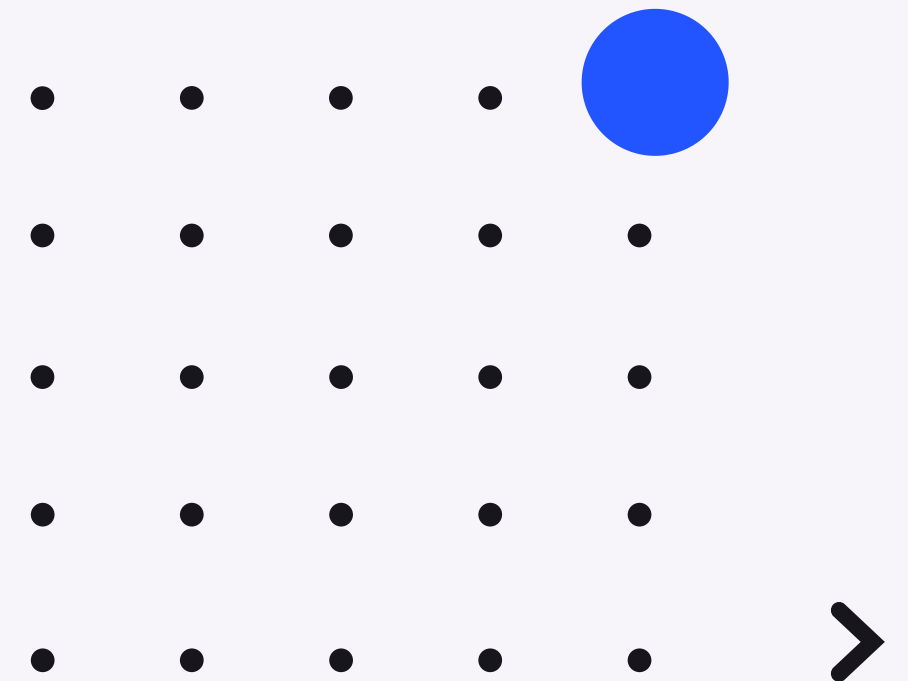
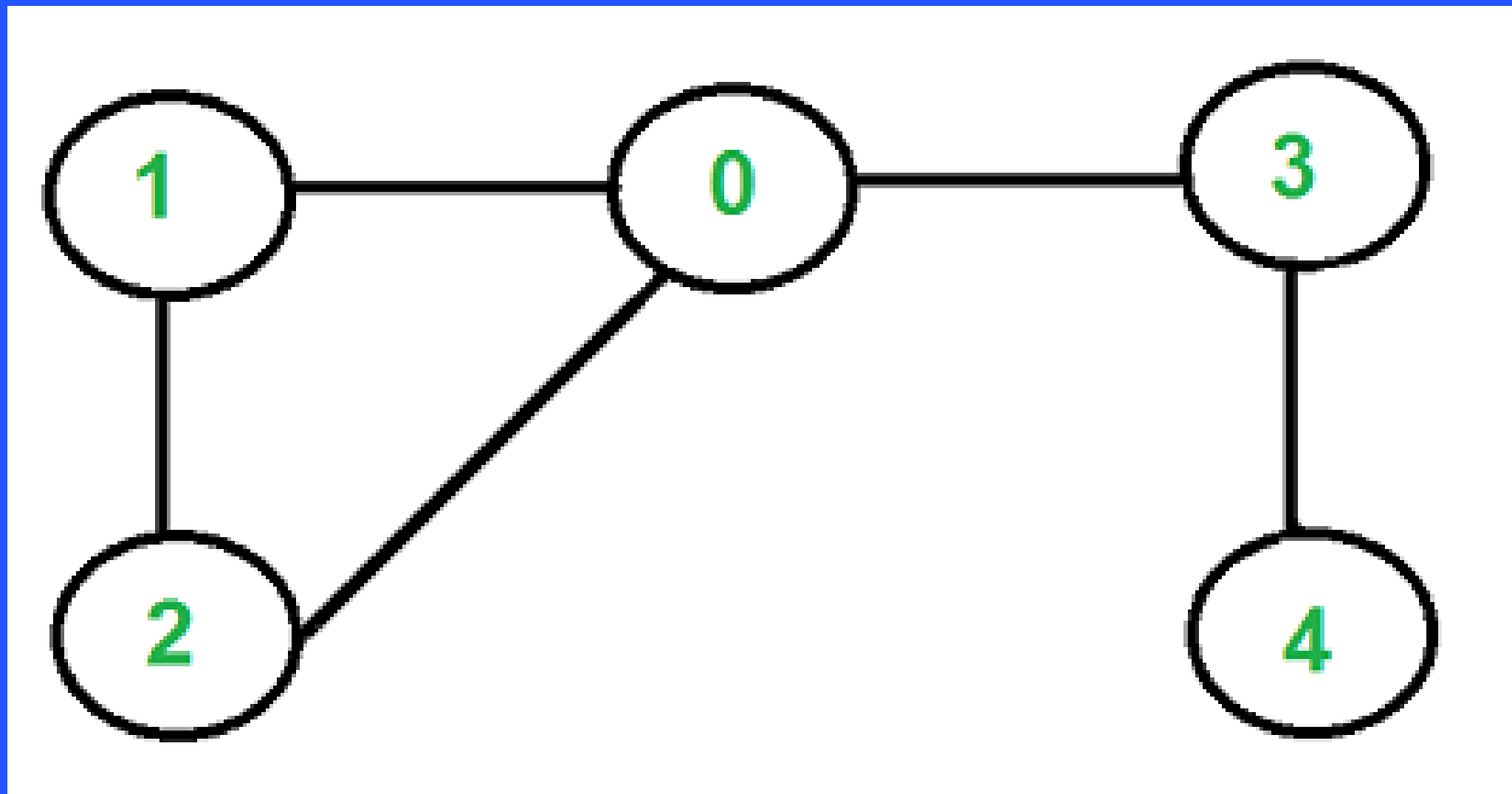


Applications

- **Detecting cycle in a graph**
- **Topological Sorting**
- **Finding Strongly Connected Components**
- **Path Finding**
- **To test a graph is bipartite**
- **Solving puzzles with only one solution, such as mazes**

Detecting a Cycle

For every visited vertex 'v', if there is an adjacent 'u' such that u is already visited and u is not parent of v, then there is a cycle in graph

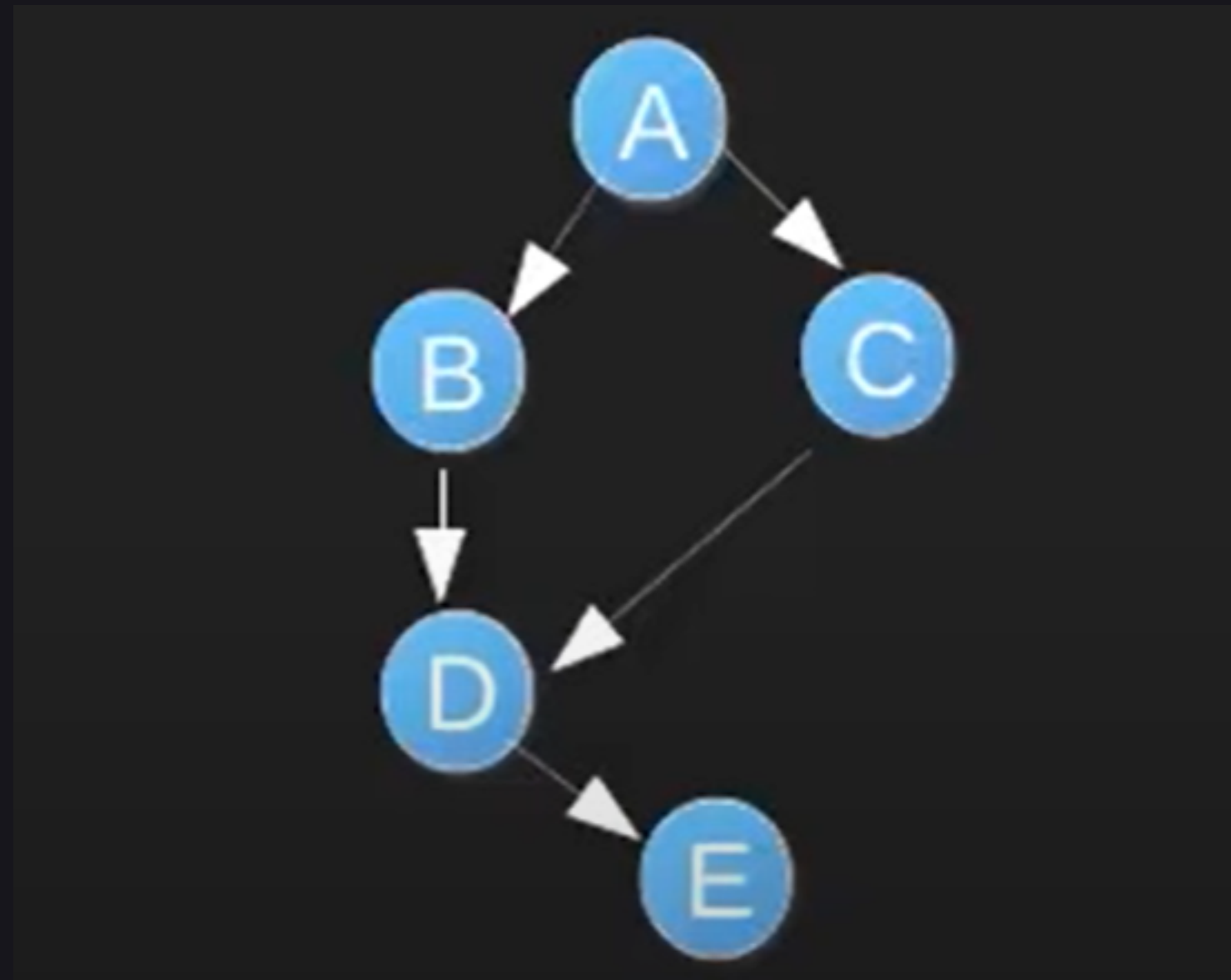


Topological Sorting

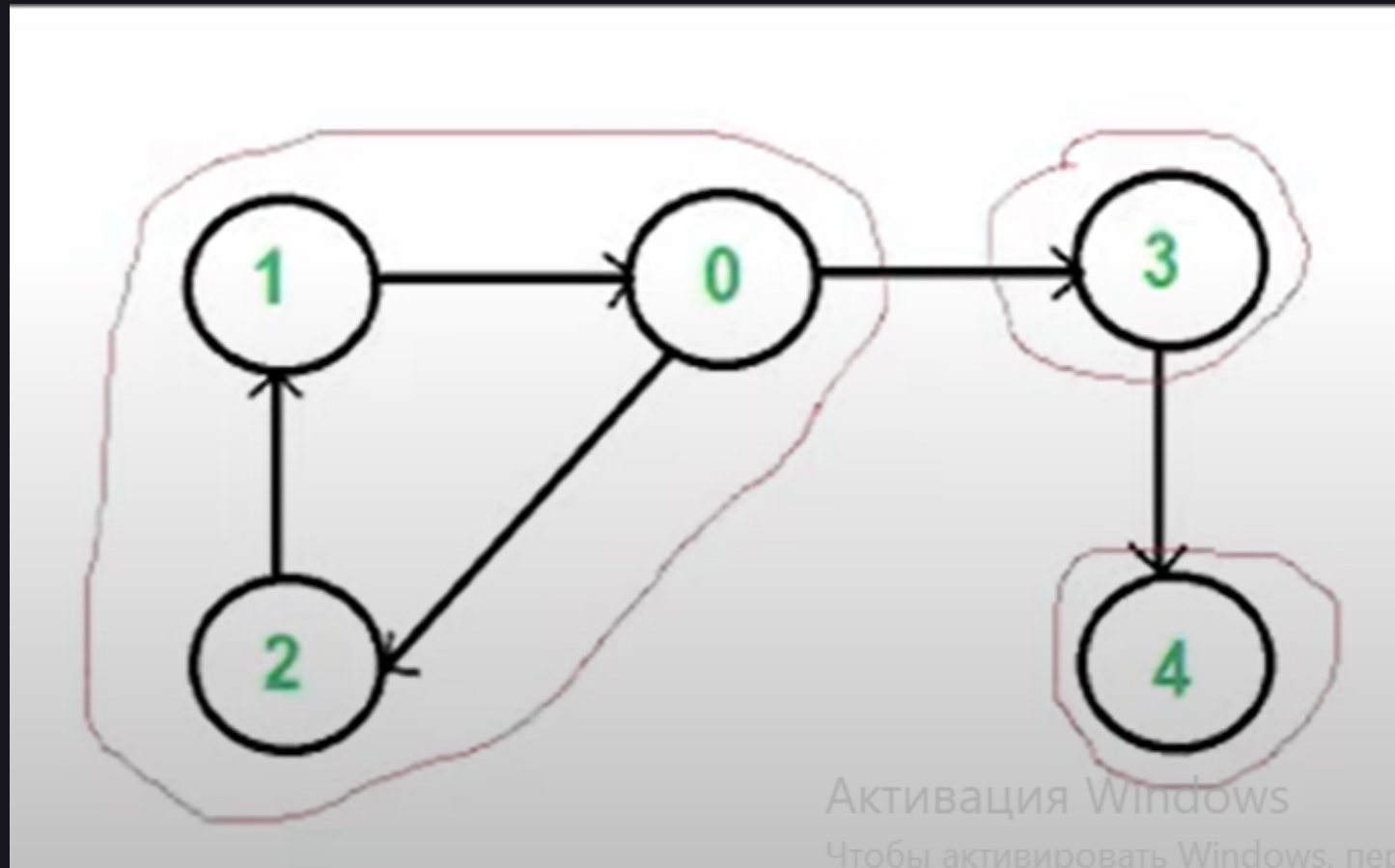
Topological sort:

A B C D E

A C B D E



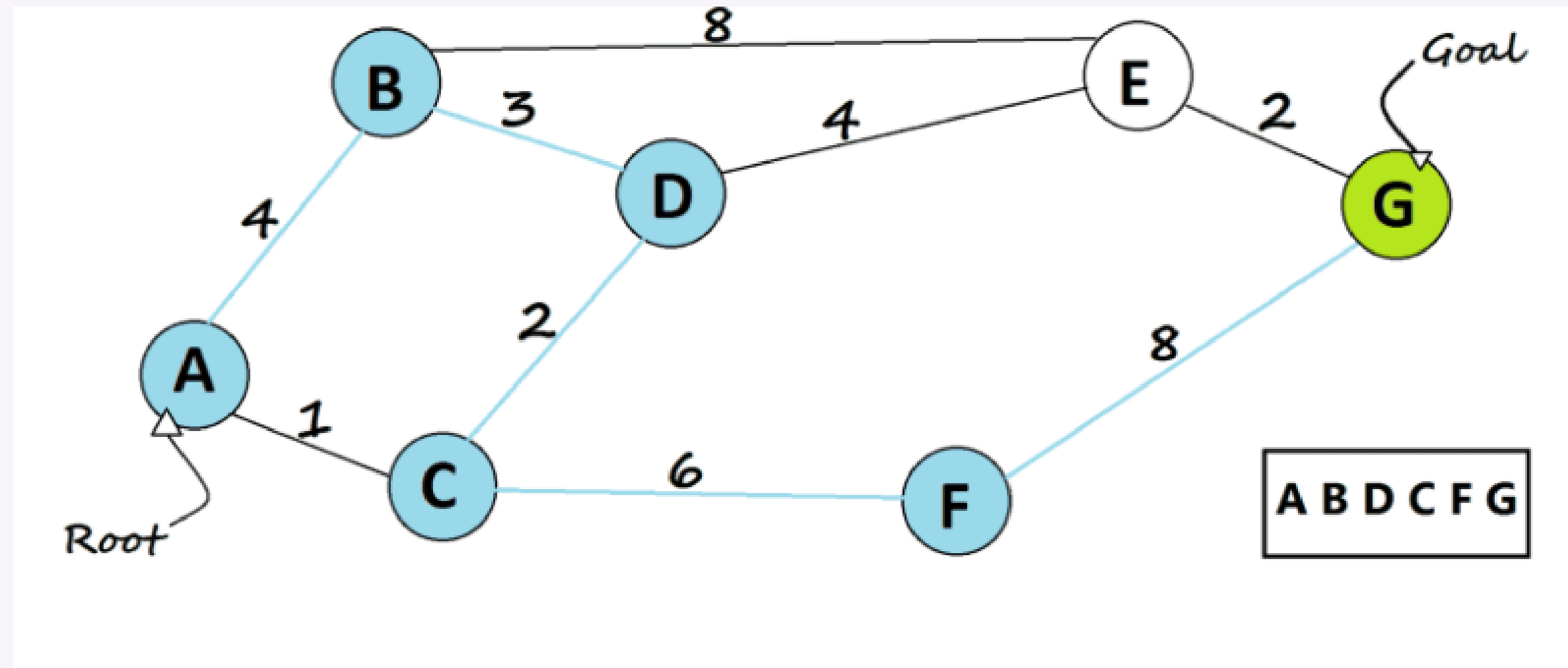
Strongly Connected Components



A directed graph is strongly connected if there is a path between all pairs of vertices. A strongly connected component(SCC) of a directed graph is a maximal strongly connected subgraph.

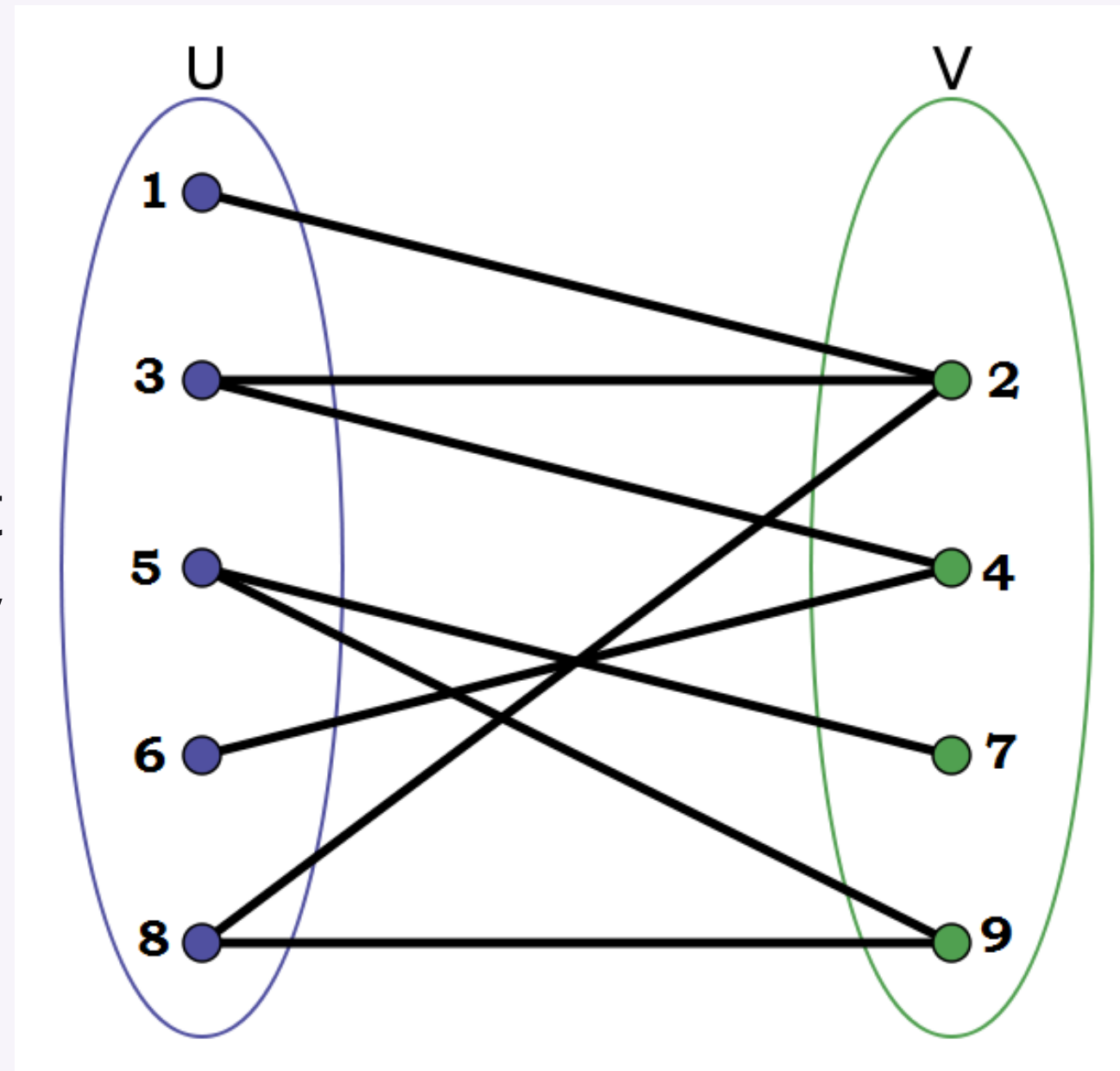


Path Finding: find a path between two given vertices u and v



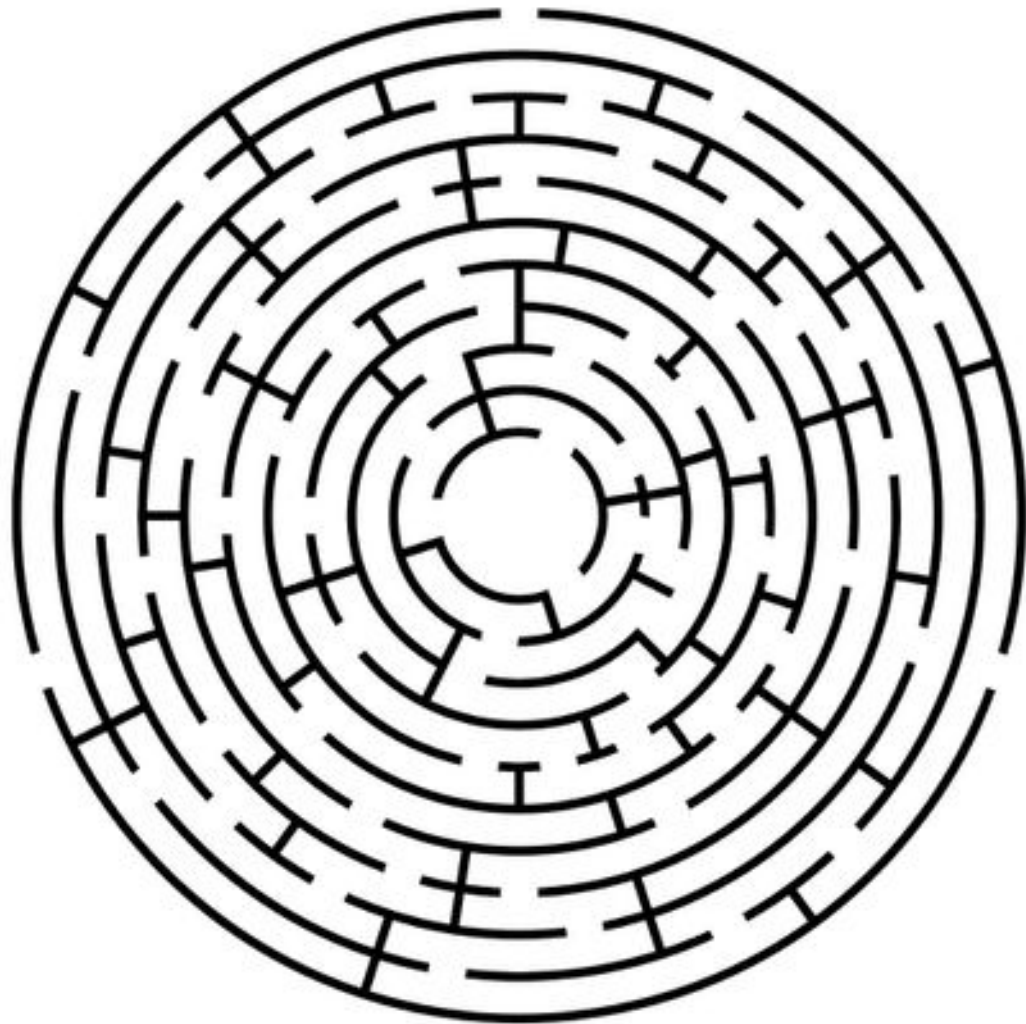
To test if a graph is bipartite

Bipartite Graph is a graph whose vertices can be divided into two independent sets, U and V such that every edge (u, v) either connects a vertex from U to V or from V to U .



Solving puzzles problem

Maze related problems, obstacles in a matrix



Summary

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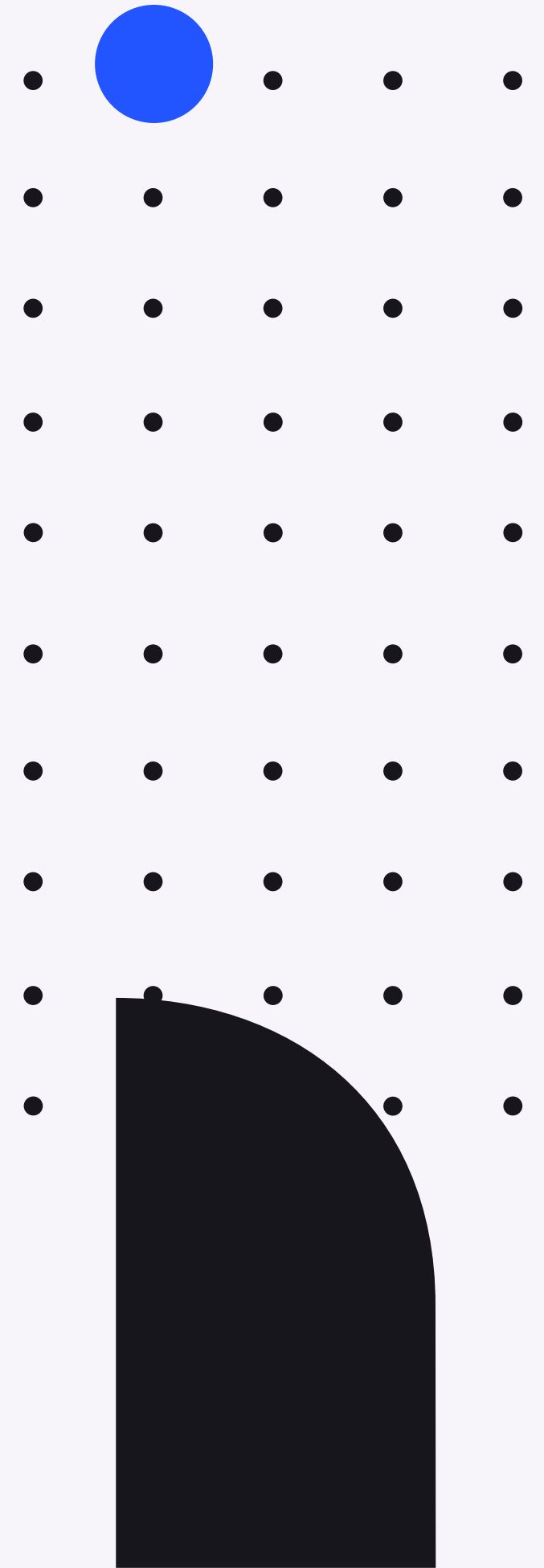
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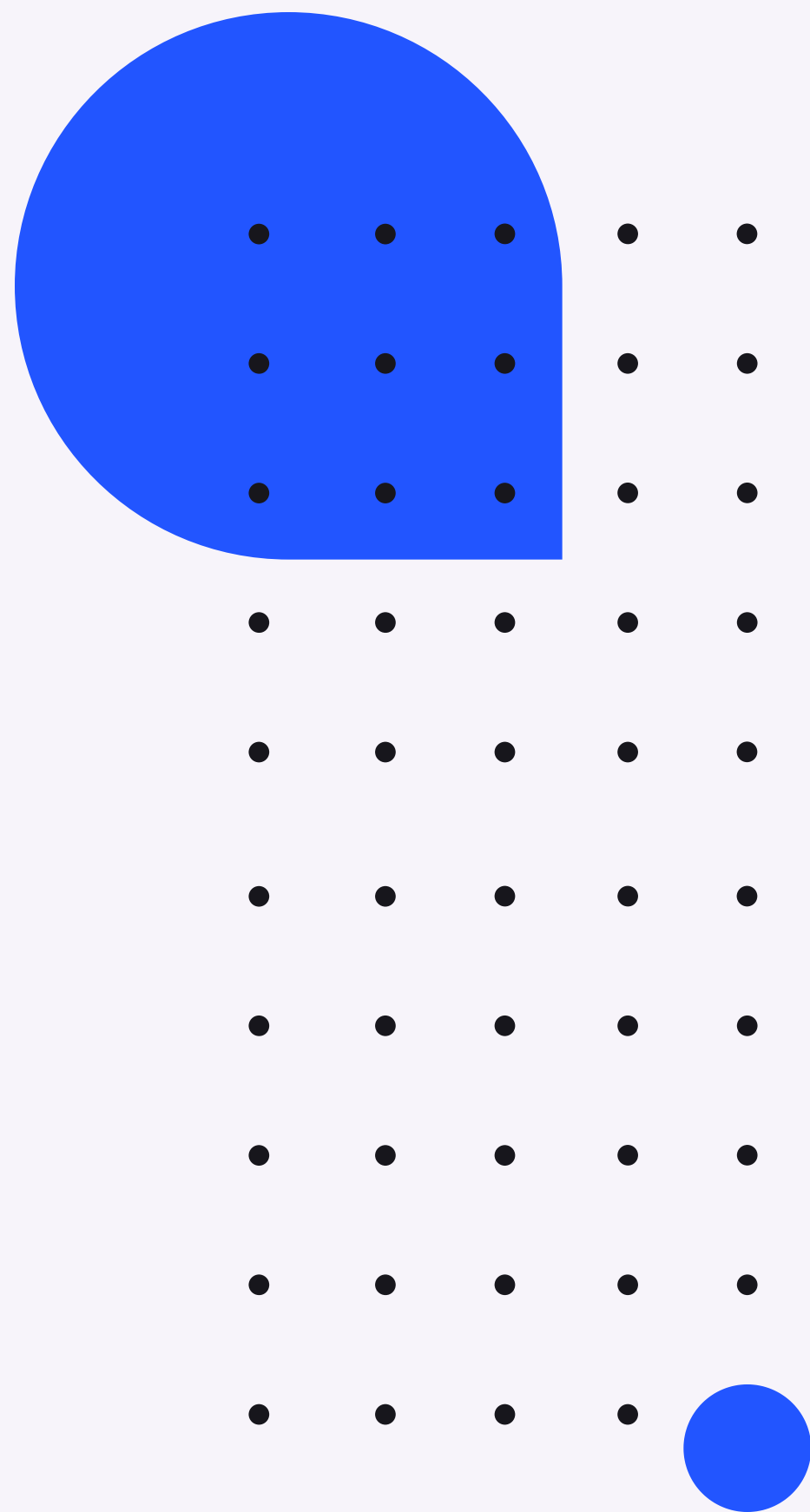
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We reviewed the application

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We tested our code and explained it





Thanks!