

# Graphs

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# Learning Objectives

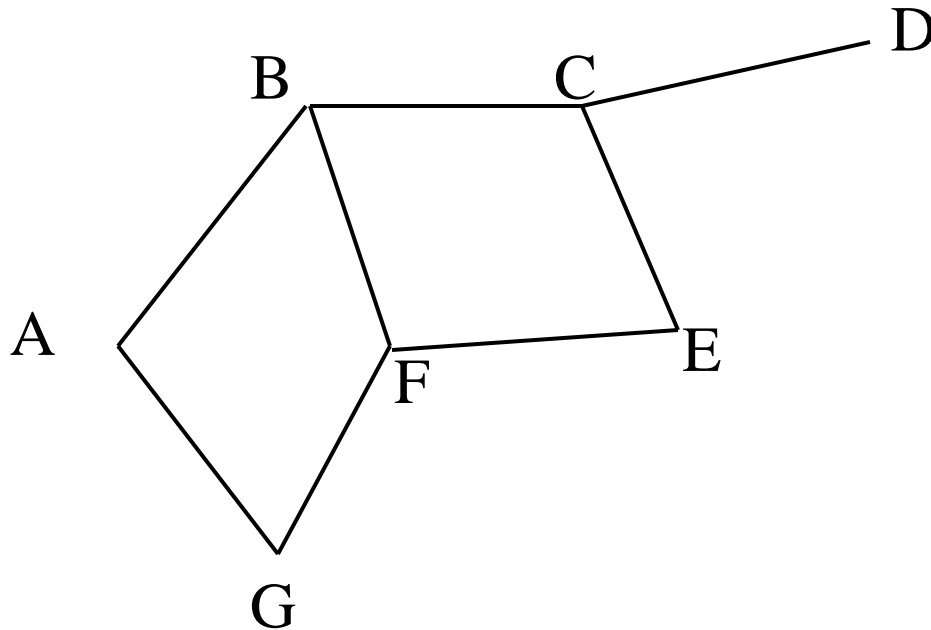
- To be able to *understand* and describe the definition of a graph and its related terminology;
- To be able to *understand* the Graph ADT;
- To be able to *implement* the Graph ADT and analyze the complexity of the methods;
- To be able to *apply* the Graph ADT to solve problems

# Learning Objectives

- To be able to *understand* and describe graph traversal algorithms;
- To be able to *implement* graph traversal algorithms and analyze their complexity;
- To be able to *apply* graph traversal algorithms to solve problems

# Definition of a graph

A graph is a set of *nodes*, or *vertices*, connected by *edges*.



# Applications of Graphs

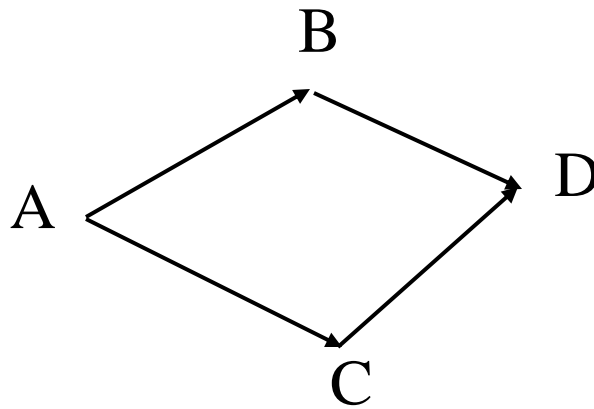
Graphs can be used to represent

- networks (e.g., of computers or roads)
- flow charts
- tasks in some project (some of which should be completed before others), so edges correspond to prerequisites.
- states of an automaton / program

# Directed and Undirected Graphs

Graphs can be

- undirected (edges don't have direction)
- directed (edges have direction)



directed graph

# Directed and Undirected Graphs

任何无向图都可以被表示为一个等价的有向图。

Undirected graphs can be represented as directed graphs where for each edge  $(X,Y)$  there is a corresponding edge  $(Y,X)$ .

A — B — C

undirected graph

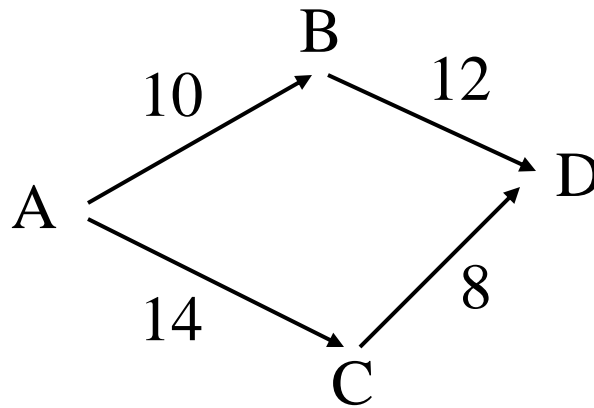
A  $\longleftrightarrow$  B  $\longleftrightarrow$  C

corresponding  
directed graph

# Weighted and Unweighted Graphs

Graphs can also be

- unweighted (as in the previous examples)
- weighted (edges have weights)



weighted graph



# Notation

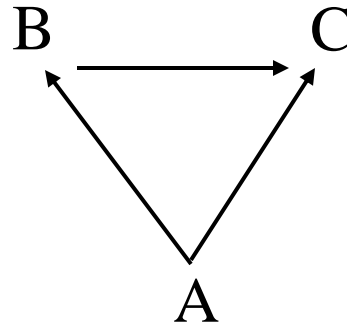
顶点

- Set  $V$  of *vertices* (nodes)
- Set  $E$  of *edges* ( $E \subseteq V \times V$ )

Example:

- 每条边是两个顶点之间的有序对:

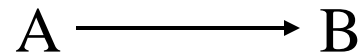
- 对于**有向图**,  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$
- 对于**无向图**,  $(u, v) \equiv (v, u)$



$$V = \{A, B, C\}, E = \{(A,B), (A,C), (B,C)\}$$

# Adjacency relation

- Node  $B$  is *adjacent* to  $A$  if there is an edge from  $A$  to  $B$ .



在有向图中:

- $B$  是  $A$  的邻接节点 (adjacent to  $A$ ), 当且仅当存在一条从  $A$  指向  $B$  的边:

$$(A \rightarrow B) \in E$$

- 用数学语言描述:

如果  $(A, B) \in E$ , 则说  **$B$  is adjacent to  $A$** 。

# Paths and reachability

简单来说：一条路径是图中一系列相连节点的顺序移动，不可跳跃、不逆行。

- A *path* from A to B is a sequence of vertices  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  such that there is an edge from A to  $A_1$ , from  $A_1$  to  $A_2$ , ..., from  $A_n$  to B.

$$A \longrightarrow A_1 \longrightarrow A_2 \longrightarrow A_3 \longrightarrow A_4 \longrightarrow A_5 \longrightarrow B$$

- What about the case where there is an edge from A to B?
- A path is a sequence of alternating vertices and edges that starts at a vertex and ends at a vertex such that each edge is incident to its predecessor and successor vertex.
- A vertex **B is *reachable* from A** if there is a path from A to B

如果图中存在从 A 到 B 的路径（无论中间经过多少节点），我们就说： $\text{B is reachable from A}$

# More Terminology

从一个顶点出发，经过一系列边又回到自身的路径。A->B->C->A

- A *cycle* is a path from a vertex to itself  
图中不包含任何环的图。A->B->C
- Graph is *acyclic* if it does not have cycles
- Graph is *connected* if there is a path between every pair of vertices 对于任意两个节点  $u, v$ ，都存在一条路径连接它们。
- Graph is *strongly connected* if there is a path in both directions between every pair of vertices

## • 定义 (有向图):

对于任意两个顶点  $u$  和  $v$ ，都满足：

- 有路径  $u \rightarrow v$
- 有路径  $v \rightarrow u$
- 所有顶点互相“强可达”。

## • 举例：

$A \leftrightarrow B, B \leftrightarrow C, C \leftrightarrow A \Rightarrow$  Strongly connected

性质	应用于	定义
Cycle	有向或无向图	路径首尾相连
Acyclic	有向/无向	不存在任何环
Connected	无向图	任意两点间有路径连接
Strongly Connected	有向图	任意两点间双向均可达

# Applications of Graphs

For example,

- nodes could represent positions in a board game, and edges the moves that transform one position into another ...
- nodes could represent computers (or routers) in a network and weighted edges the bandwidth between them
- nodes could represent towns and weighted edges road distances between them, or train journey times or ticket prices ...

场景	节点代表	边代表	应用算法
棋盘游戏	游戏状态	一步合法移动	状态空间搜索 (DFS/BFS, A*)
网络通信	设备	带宽、延迟	最短路径、最大流、最小生成树
城镇交通	城市/车站	距离/时间/价格	Dijkstra, Floyd, A* 路径规划等

# Graph ADT

方法名	功能说明
<b>numVertices()</b>	返回图中顶点（节点）的数量。
<b>vertices()</b>	返回图中所有顶点的一个可迭代对象（iterator）。
<b>numEdges()</b>	返回图中边的总数。
<b>edges()</b>	返回图中所有边的可迭代对象。
<b>getEdge(u, v)</b>	如果存在从 $u$ 到 $v$ 的边，返回该边；否则返回 <code>null</code> 。对于无向图， <code>getEdge(u, v)</code> 与 <code>getEdge(v, u)</code> 等价。
<b>endVertices(e)</b>	返回一个数组（或元组），包含边 $e$ 的两个端点。如果是有向图，返回顺序为：起点、终点。
<b>opposite(v, e)</b>	返回边 $e$ 上除了 $v$ 以外的另一个顶点。如果 $e$ 不是 $v$ 的邻接边，则抛出错误。

**numVertices()**: Returns the number of vertices of the graph.

**vertices()**: Returns an iteration of all the vertices of the graph.

**numEdges()**: Returns the number of edges of the graph.

**edges()**: Returns an iteration of all the edges of the graph.

**getEdge( $u, v$ )**: Returns the edge from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ , if one exists; otherwise return `null`. For an undirected graph, there is no difference between `getEdge( $u, v$ )` and `getEdge( $v, u$ )`.

**endVertices( $e$ )**: Returns an array containing the two endpoint vertices of edge  $e$ . If the graph is directed, the first vertex is the origin and the second is the destination.

**opposite( $v, e$ )**: For edge  $e$  incident to vertex  $v$ , returns the other vertex of the edge; an error occurs if  $e$  is not incident to  $v$ .

# Graph ADT

方法名	功能说明
<b>outDegree(v)</b>	返回从顶点 $v$ 发出的边的数量 (即出度)。
<b>inDegree(v)</b>	返回指向顶点 $v$ 的边的数量 (即入度)。对于无向图, $\text{inDegree}(v)$ 与 $\text{outDegree}(v)$ 值相同。
<b>outgoingEdges(v)</b>	返回一个可迭代对象, 包含所有从顶点 $v$ 发出的边。
<b>incomingEdges(v)</b>	返回一个可迭代对象, 包含所有指向顶点 $v$ 的边。对于无向图, $\text{incomingEdges}(v)$ 与 $\text{outgoingEdges}(v)$ 返回相同内容。

**outDegree(v):** Returns the number of outgoing edges from vertex  $v$ .

**inDegree(v):** Returns the number of incoming edges to vertex  $v$ . For an undirected graph, this returns the same value as does  $\text{outDegree}(v)$ .

**outgoingEdges(v):** Returns an iteration of all outgoing edges from vertex  $v$ .

**incomingEdges(v):** Returns an iteration of all incoming edges to vertex  $v$ . For an undirected graph, this returns the same collection as does  $\text{outgoingEdges}(v)$ .

# Graph ADT

- `insertVertex( $x$ )`: Creates and returns a new Vertex storing element  $x$ .
- `insertEdge( $u, v, x$ )`: Creates and returns a new Edge from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ , storing element  $x$ ; an error occurs if there already exists an edge from  $u$  to  $v$ .
- `removeVertex( $v$ )`: Removes vertex  $v$  and all its incident edges from the graph.
- `removeEdge( $e$ )`: Removes edge  $e$  from the graph.



# Some graph problems

- Searching a graph for a vertex
- Searching a graph for an edge
- Finding a path in the graph (from one vertex to another)
- Finding the shortest path between two vertices
- Cycle detection

# More graph problems

- Topological sort (finding a linear sequence of vertices which agrees with the direction of edges in the graph, e.g., for scheduling tasks in a project)
- Minimal spanning tree (deleting as many edges in a graph as possible, so that all vertices are still connected by shortest possible edges, e.g., in network or circuit design.)

# How to implement a graph

As with lists, there are several approaches, e.g.,

- using a static indexed data structure
- using a dynamic data structure

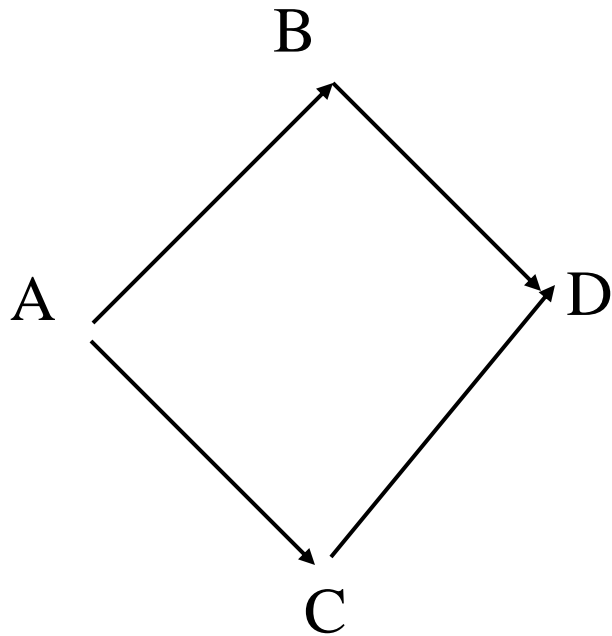
# Static implementation: Adjacency Matrix

- Store node in the array: each node is associated with an integer (array index)
- Represent information about the edges using a two dimensional array, where

$$\mathbf{array}[i][j] == 1$$

iff there is an edge from node with index  $i$  to the node with index  $j$ .

# Example



A	B	C	D
0	1	2	3

node indices

	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	0	0

adjacency  
matrix

# Weighted graphs

- For weighted graphs, place weights in matrix (if there is no edge we use a value which can not be confused with a weight, e.g., -1 or **Integer.MAX\_VALUE**)

# Disadvantages of adjacency matrices

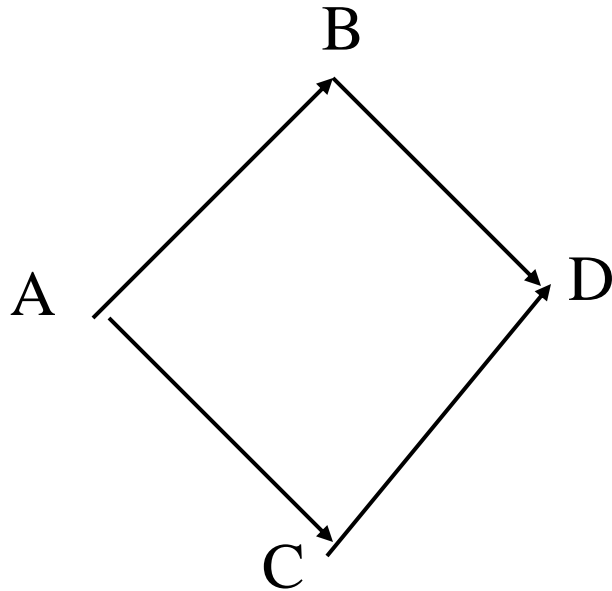
- Sparse graphs with few edges for number of vertices result in many zero entries in adjacency matrix—this *wastes space* and makes many algorithms *less efficient* (e.g., to find nodes adjacent to a given node, we have to iterate through the whole row even if there are few 1s there).
- Also, if the number of nodes in the graph may change, matrix representation is too *inflexible* (especially if we don't know the maximal size of the graph).

# Adjacency List

- For every vertex, keep a list of adjacent vertices.
- Keep a list of vertices, or keep vertices in a Map (e.g. HashMap) as keys and lists of adjacent vertices as values.



# Adjacency list



nodes    list of adjacent nodes

A  $\longrightarrow$  B, C

B  $\longrightarrow$  D

C  $\longrightarrow$  D

D  $\longrightarrow$

# Reading

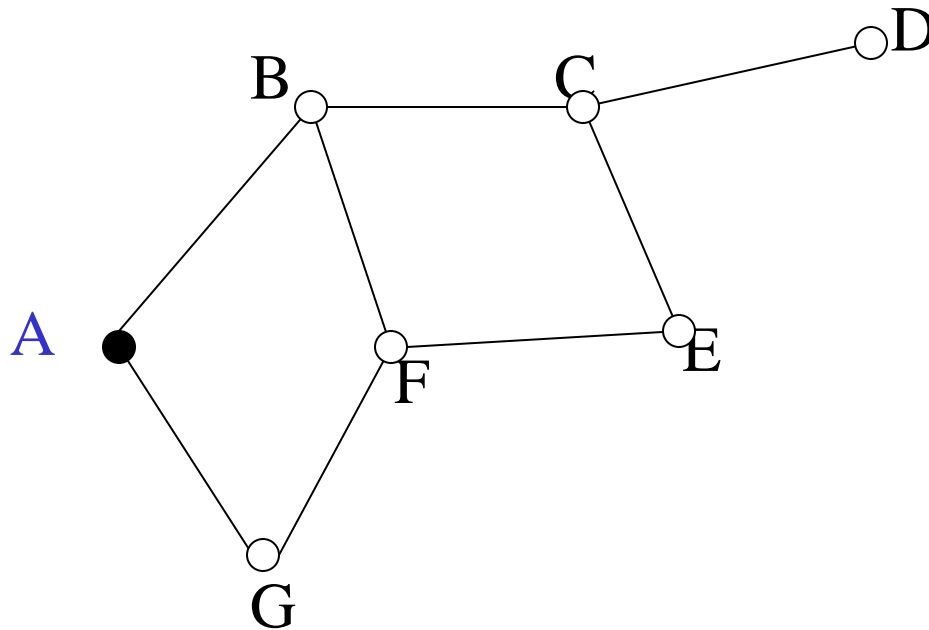
- Goodrich and Tamassia (Ch. 14) have a somewhat different Graph implementation, where edges are first-class objects.
- In general, choice of implementation depends on what we want to do with a graph.

# Graph traversals

- In this lecture, we look at two ways of visiting all vertices in a graph: *breadth-first search* and *depth-first search*.
- Traversal of the graph is used to perform tasks such as searching for a certain node
- It can also be slightly modified to search for a path between two nodes, check if the graph is connected, check if it contains loops, and so on.

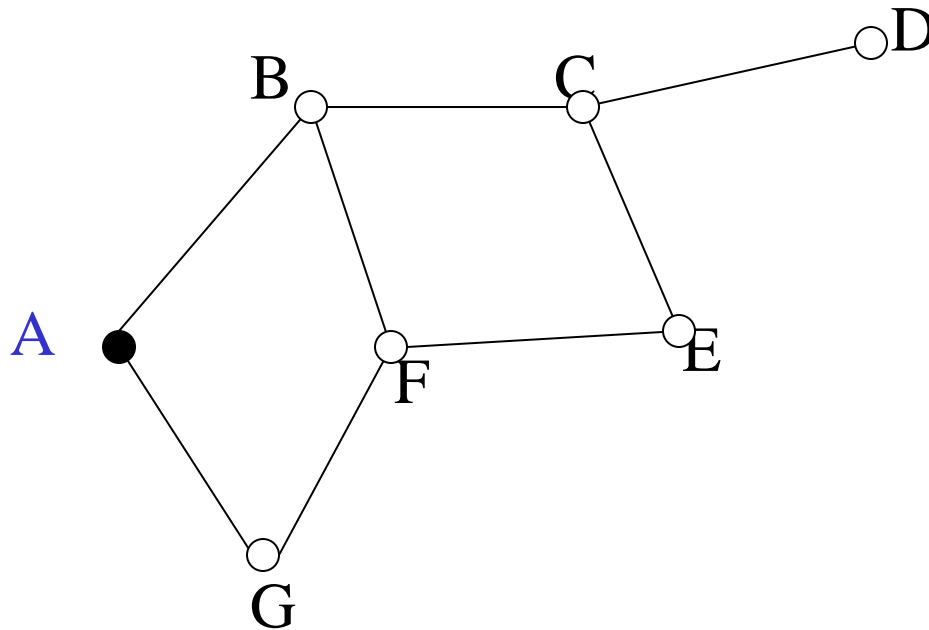
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- *Exercise: What might we do?*

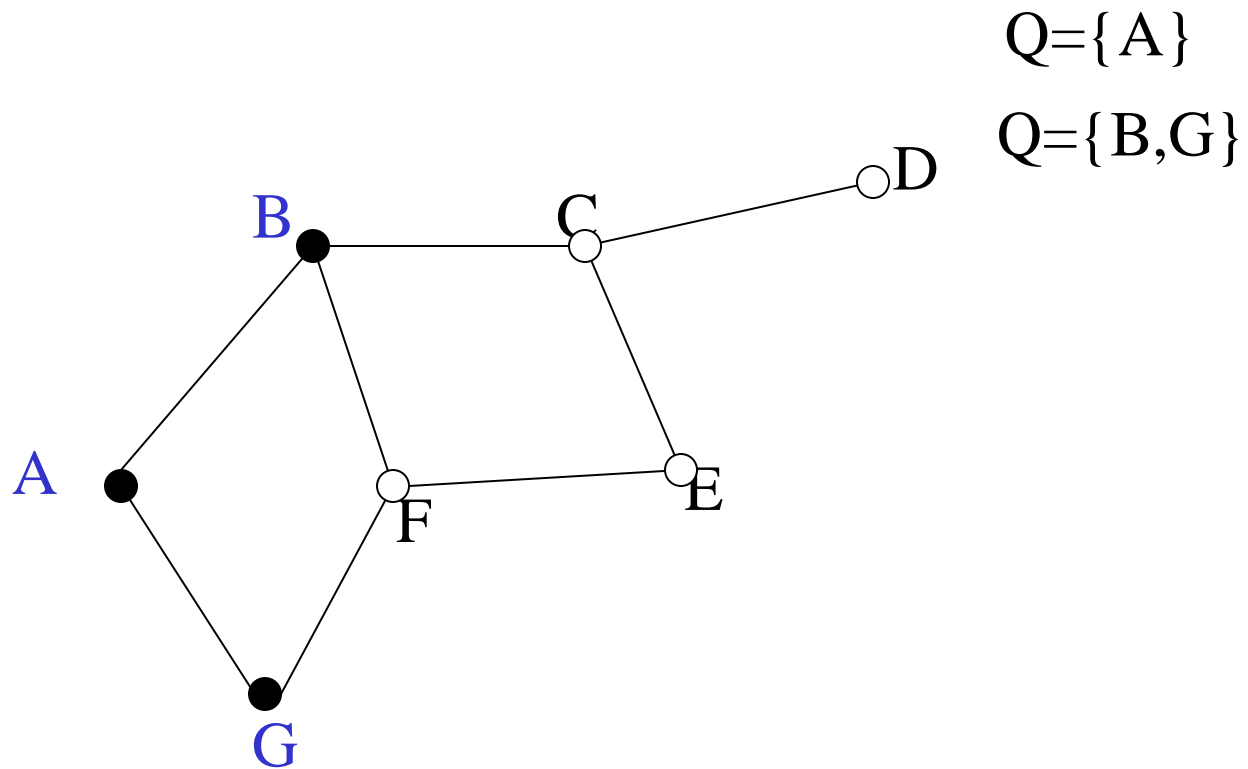


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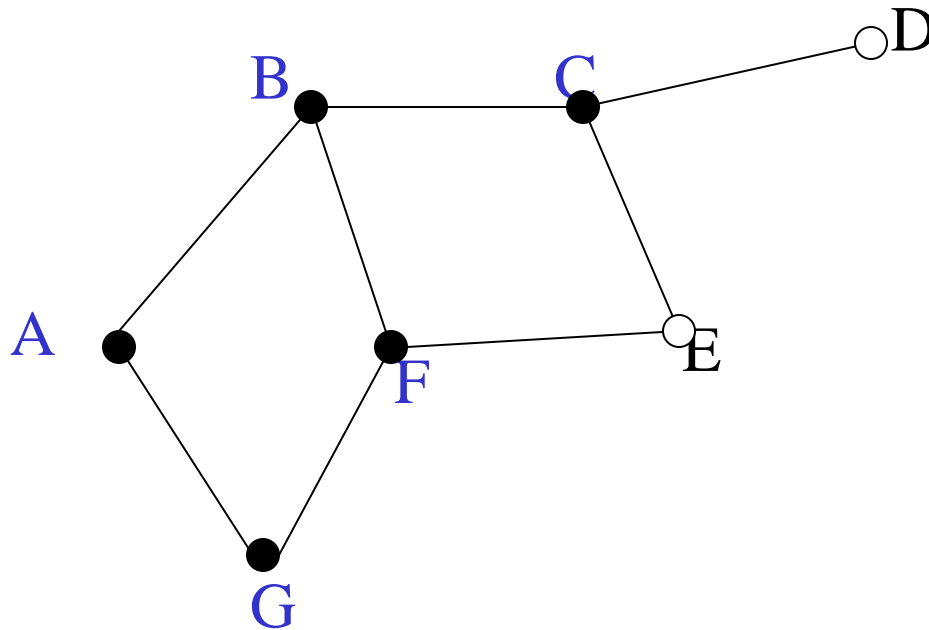
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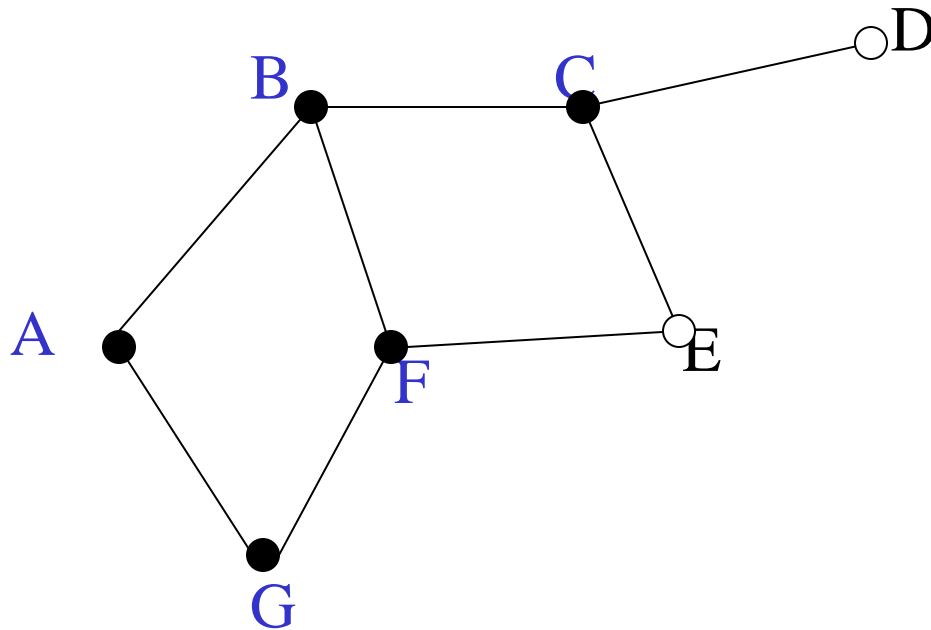


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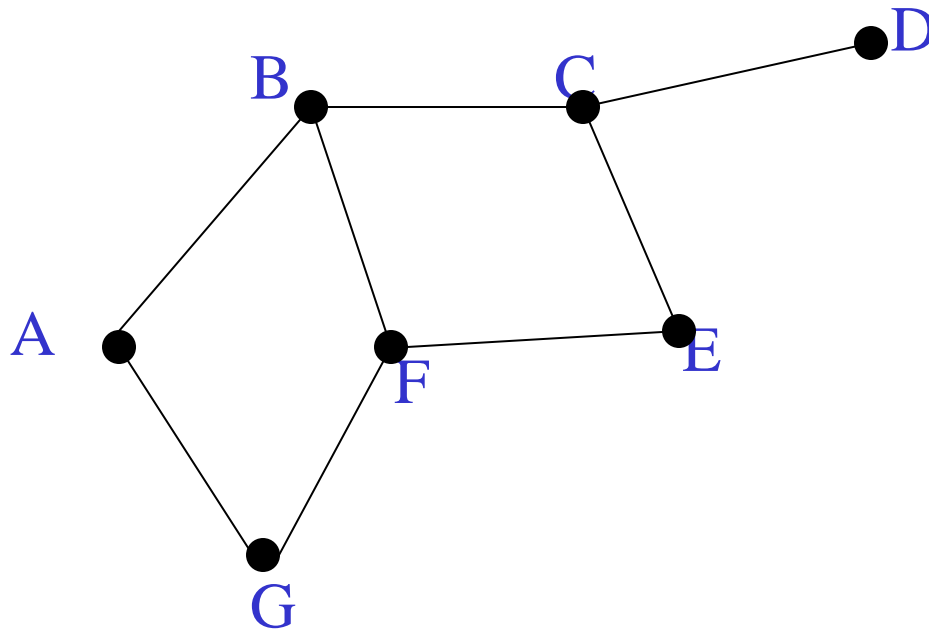
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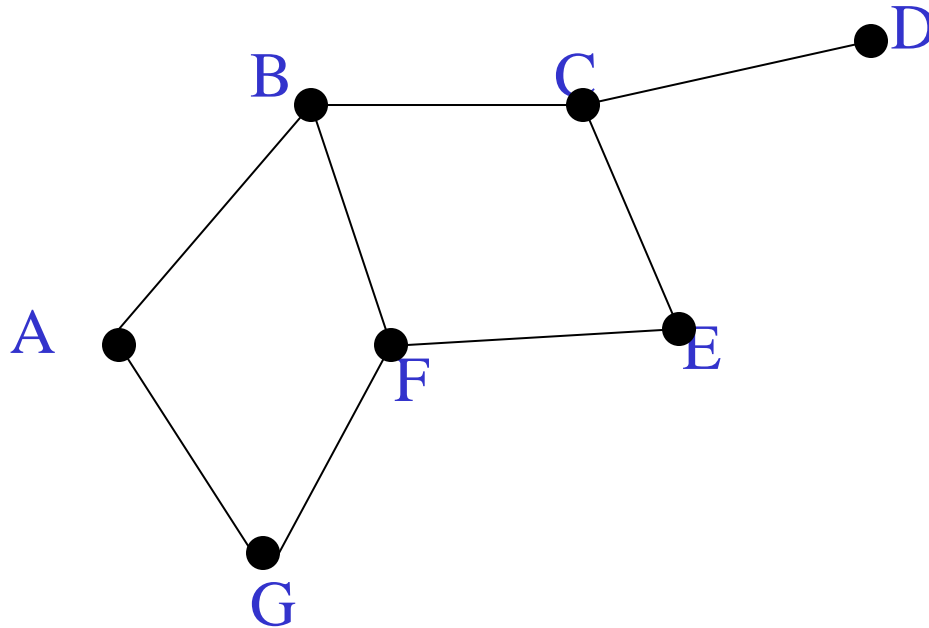
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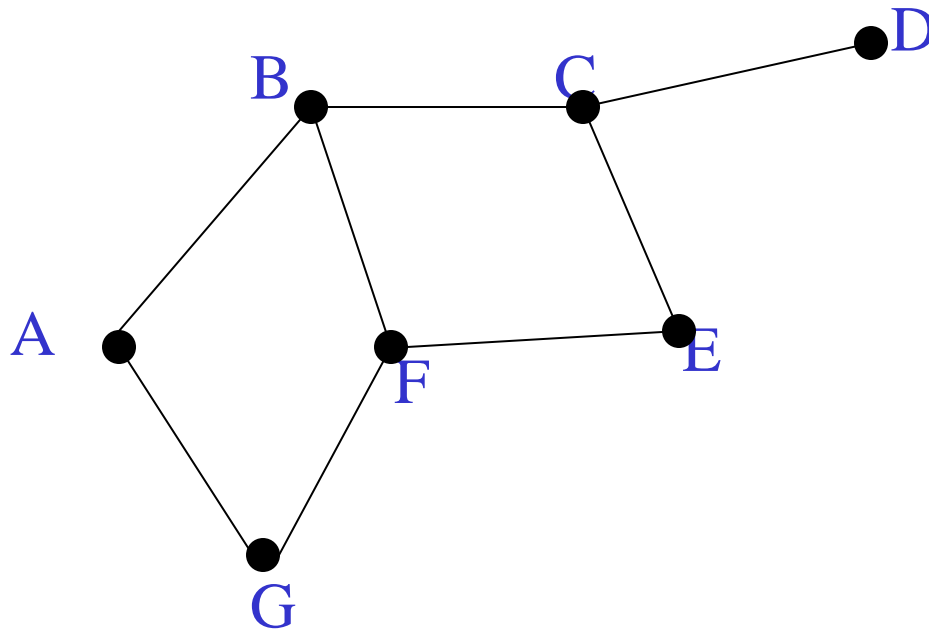
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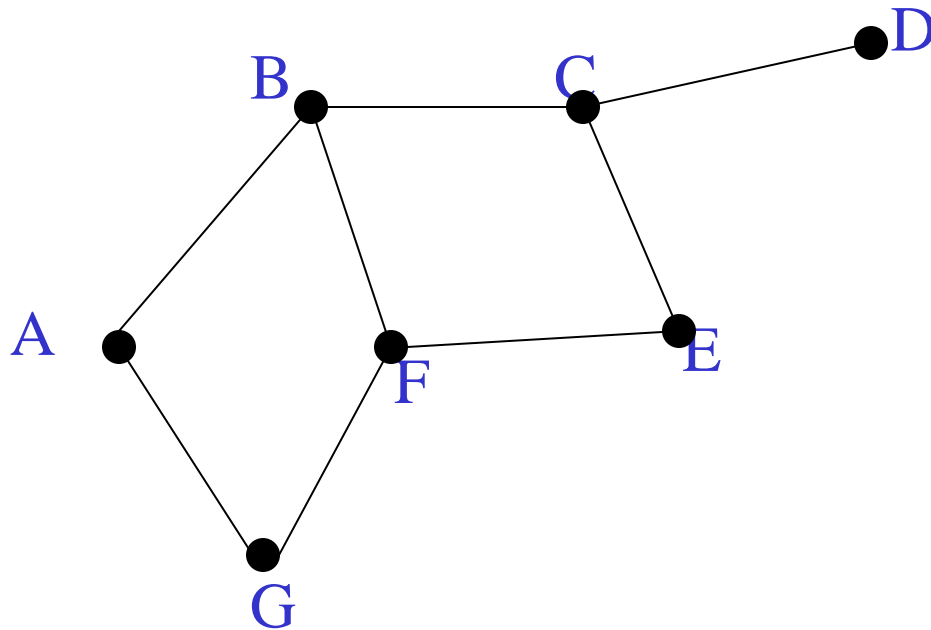
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# Breadth first search

BFS starting from vertex  $v$ :

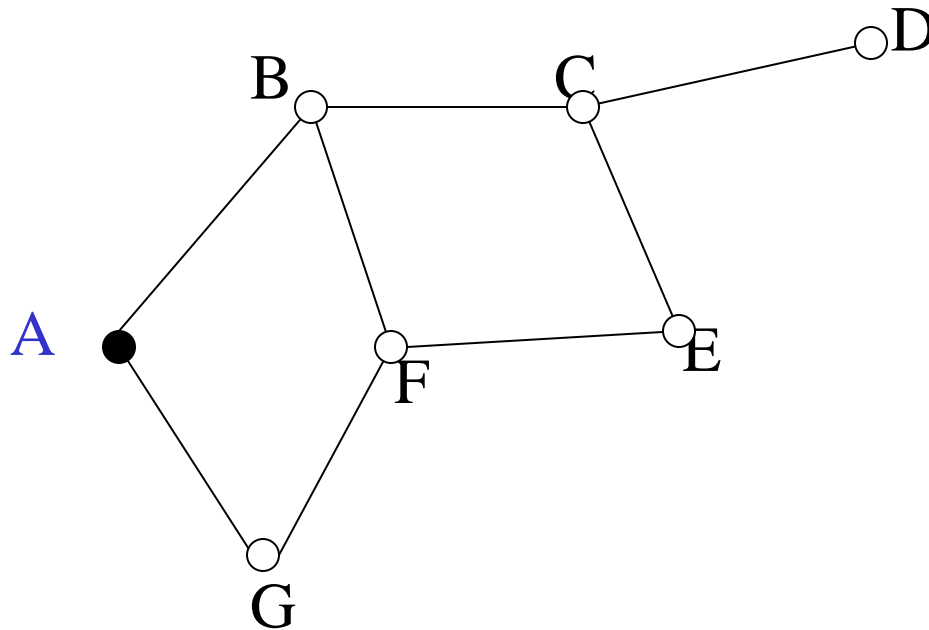
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create a queue  $Q$   
mark  $v$  as visited and put  $v$  into  $Q$   
while  $Q$  is non-empty  
    remove the head  $u$  of  $Q$   
    mark and enqueue all (unvisited)  
    neighbours of  $u$ 
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# Overall Traversal Order: BFS

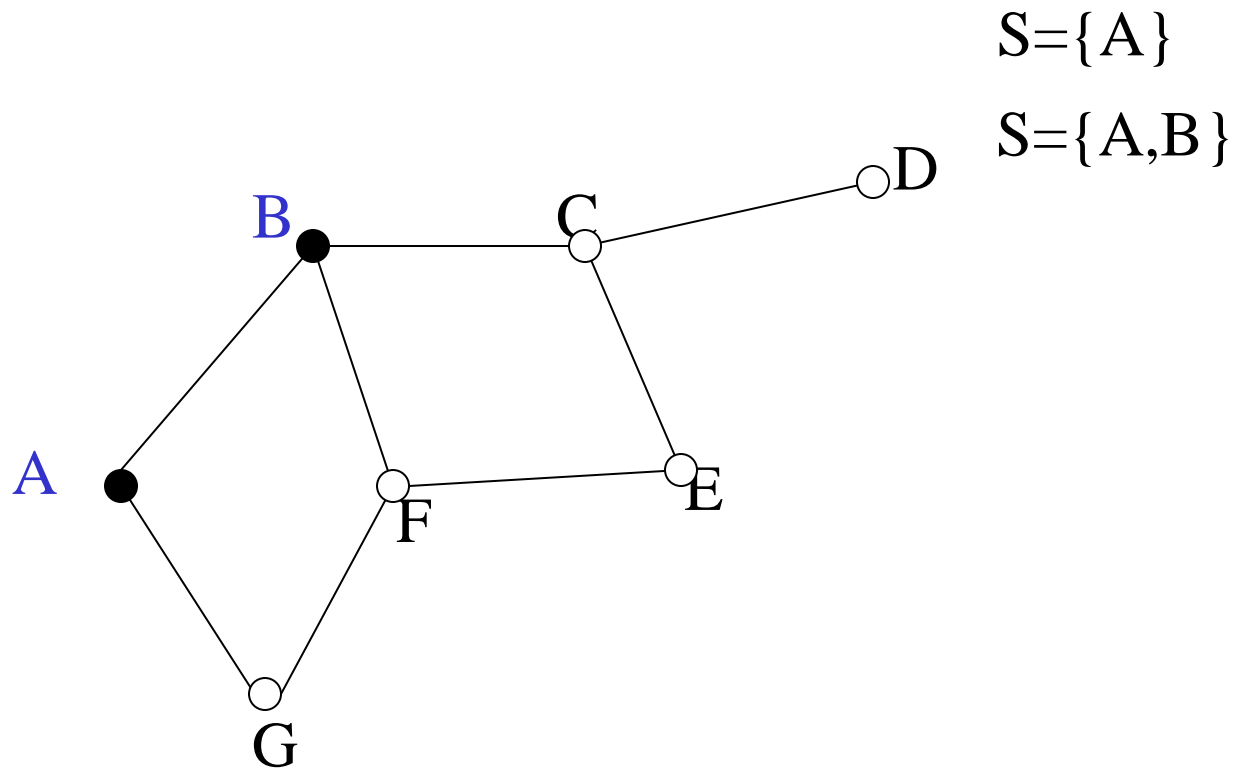
- In this example, the nodes are traversed from the starting point A in this order:  
A B G C F D E
- The BFS order is that those closest to the start point A occur earliest
- The order is not generally unique; e.g. either of B or G could occur first

DFS starting from A:

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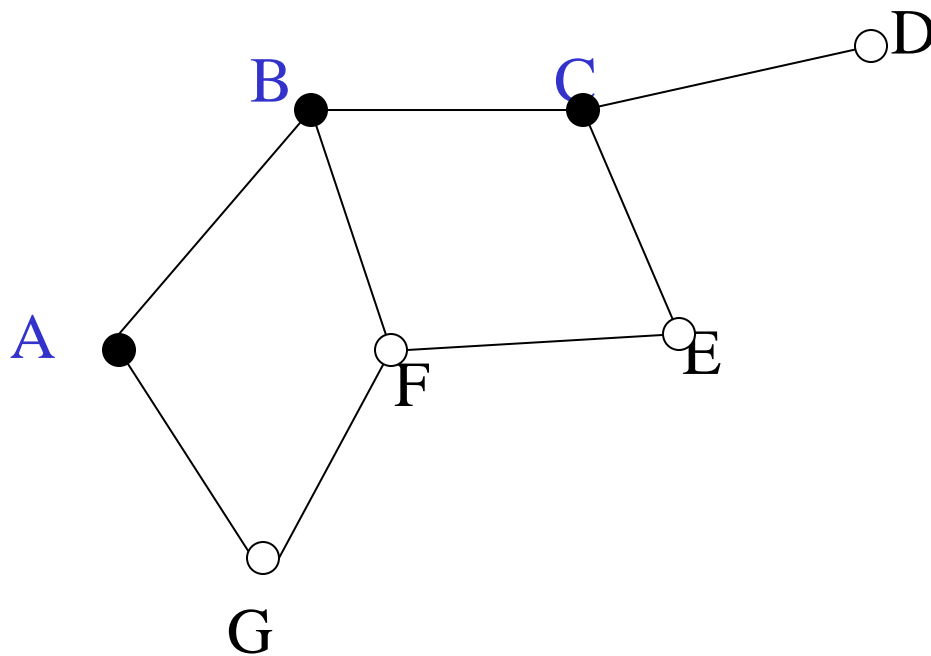


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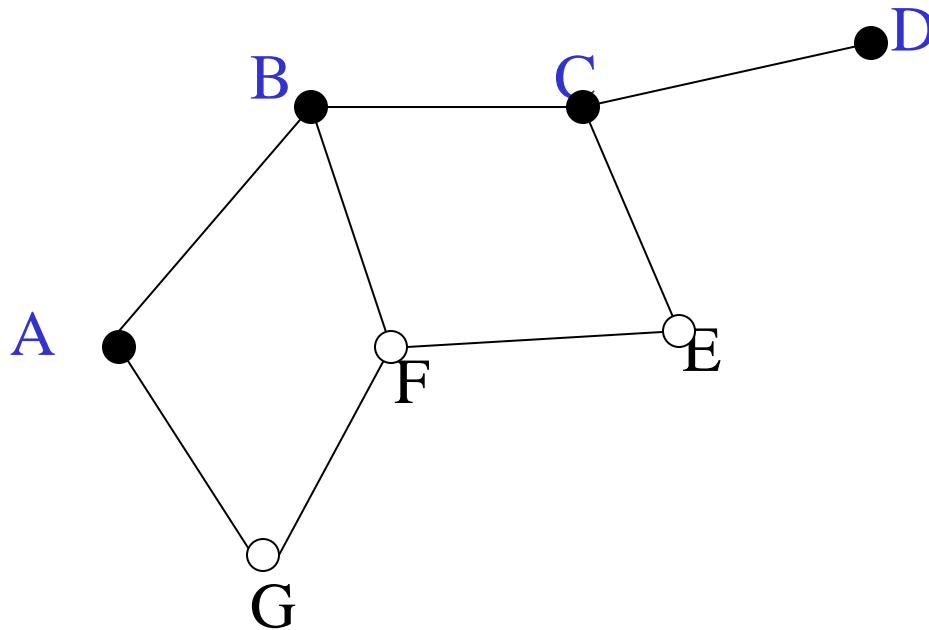


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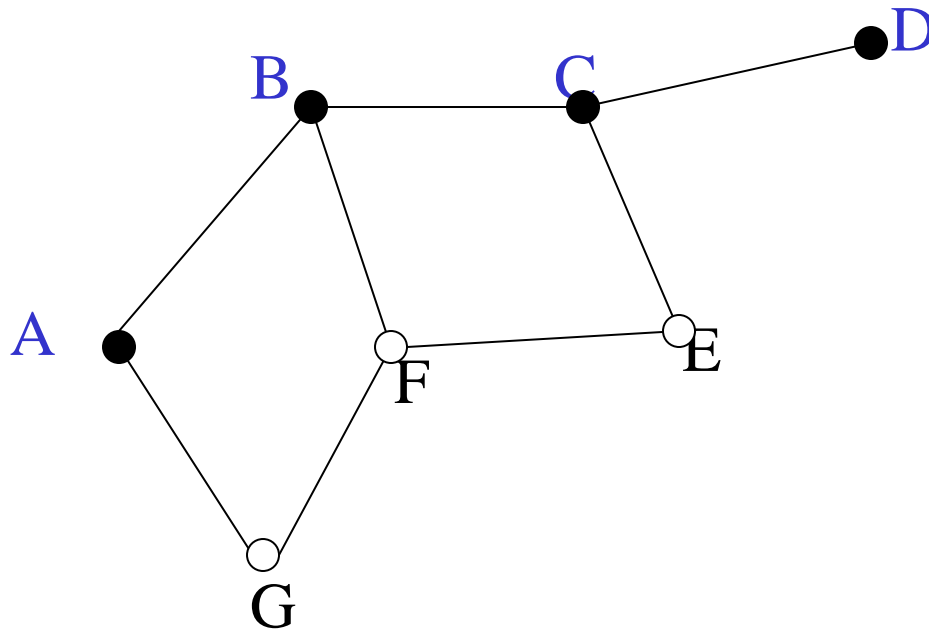
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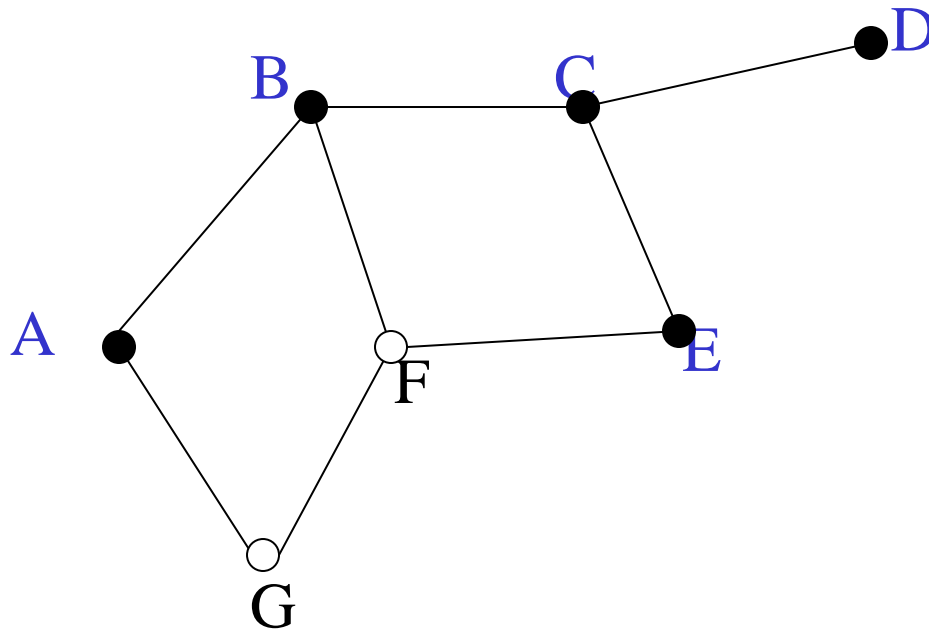
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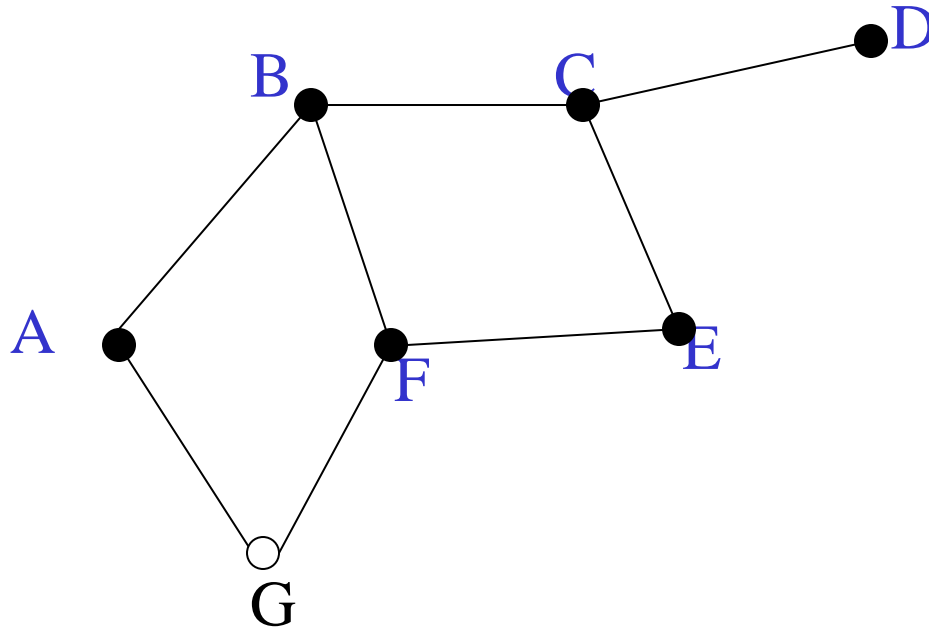
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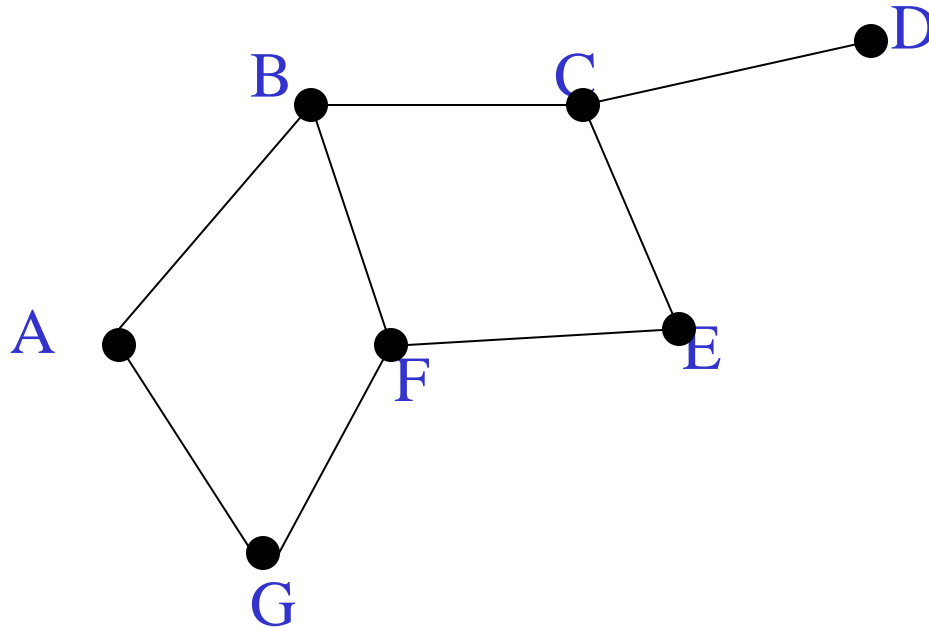
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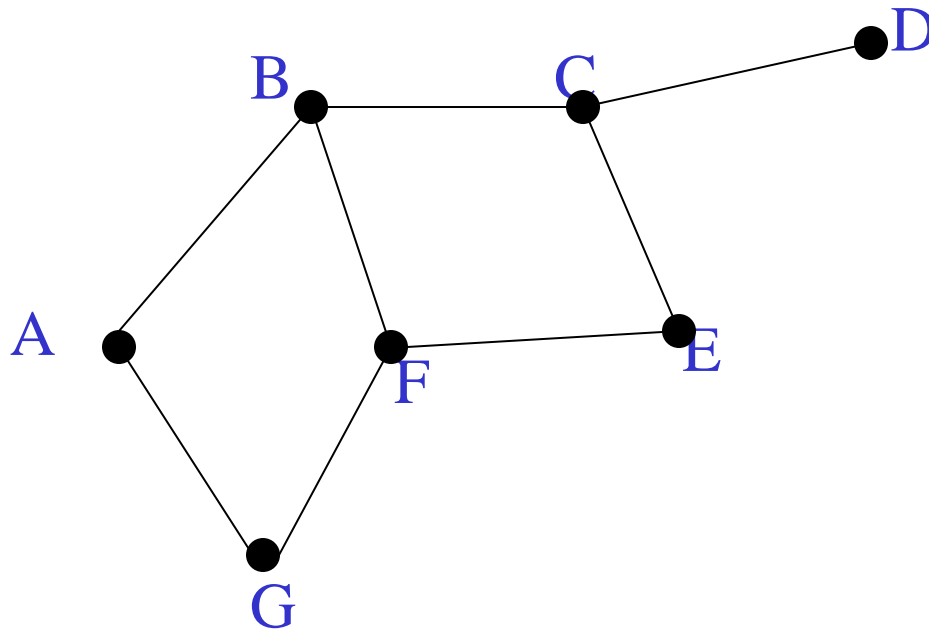
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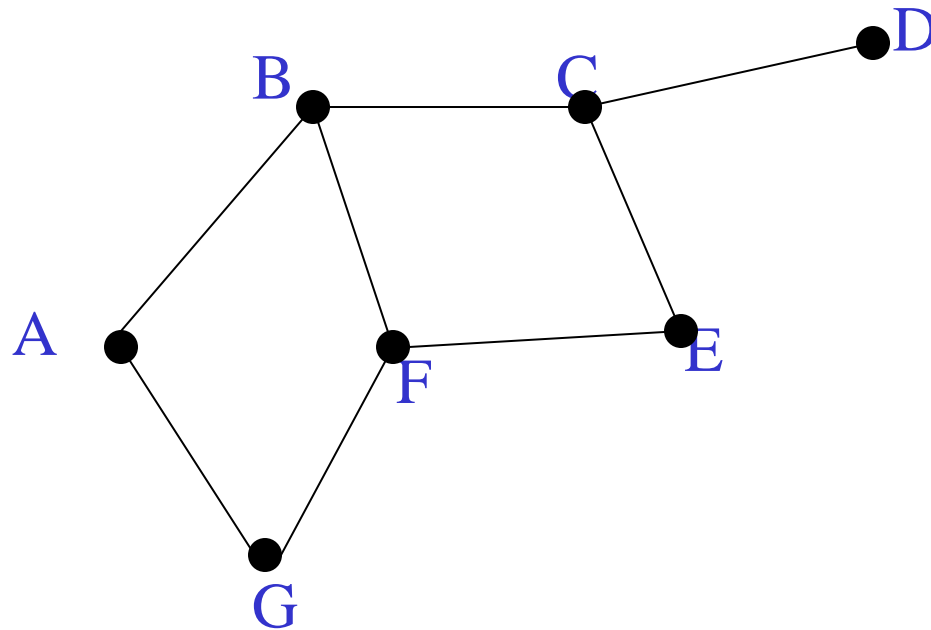
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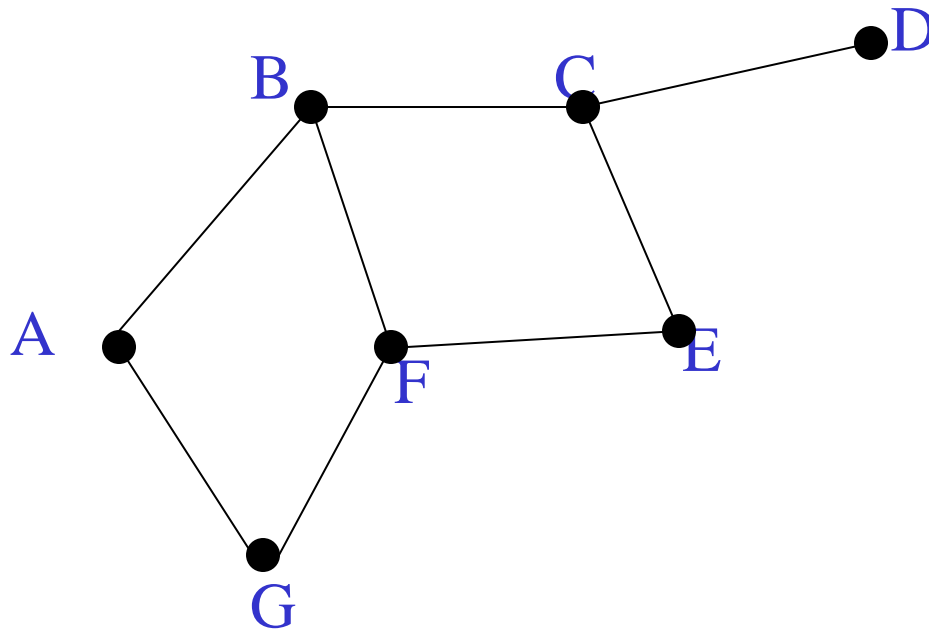


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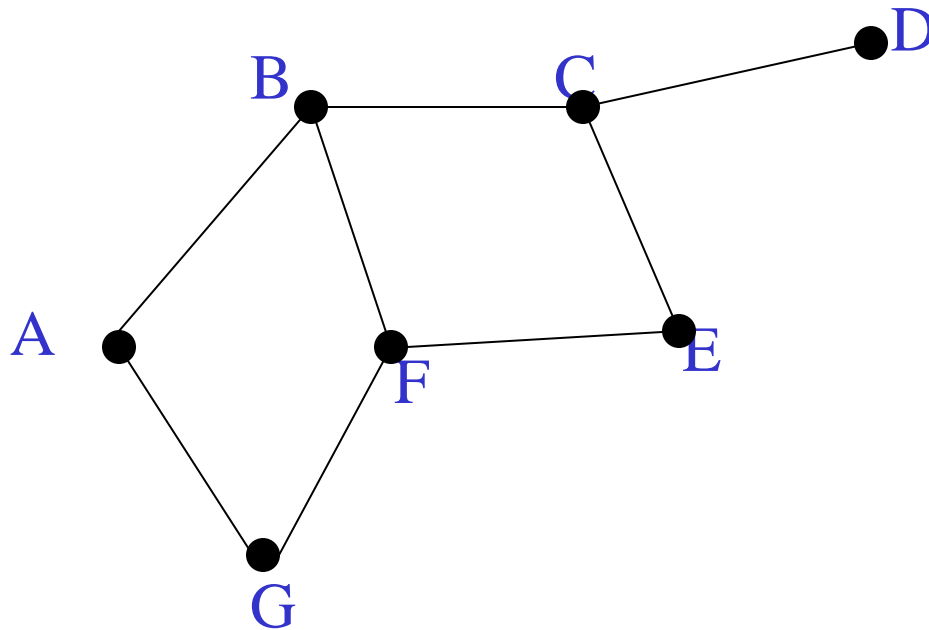


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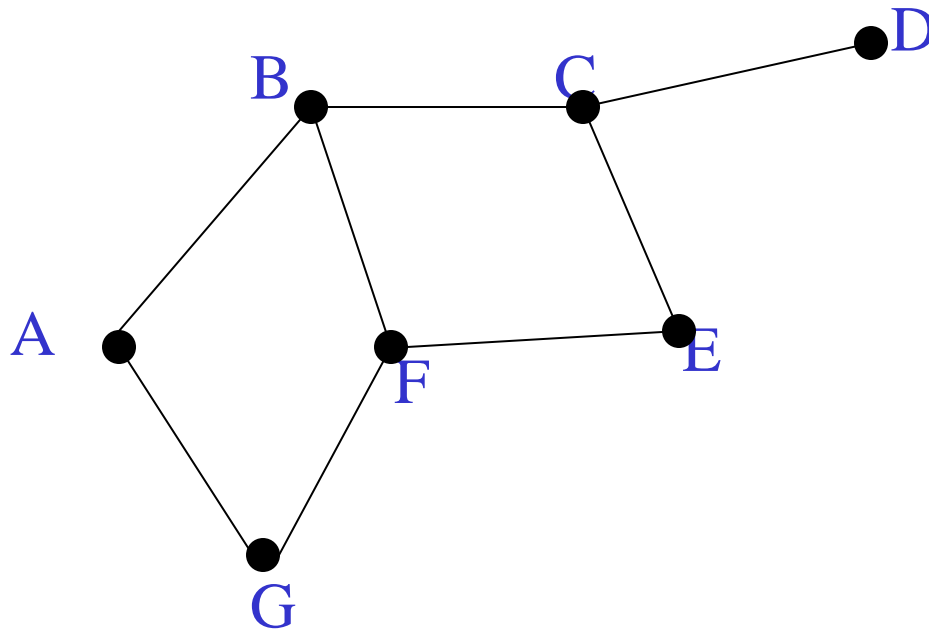
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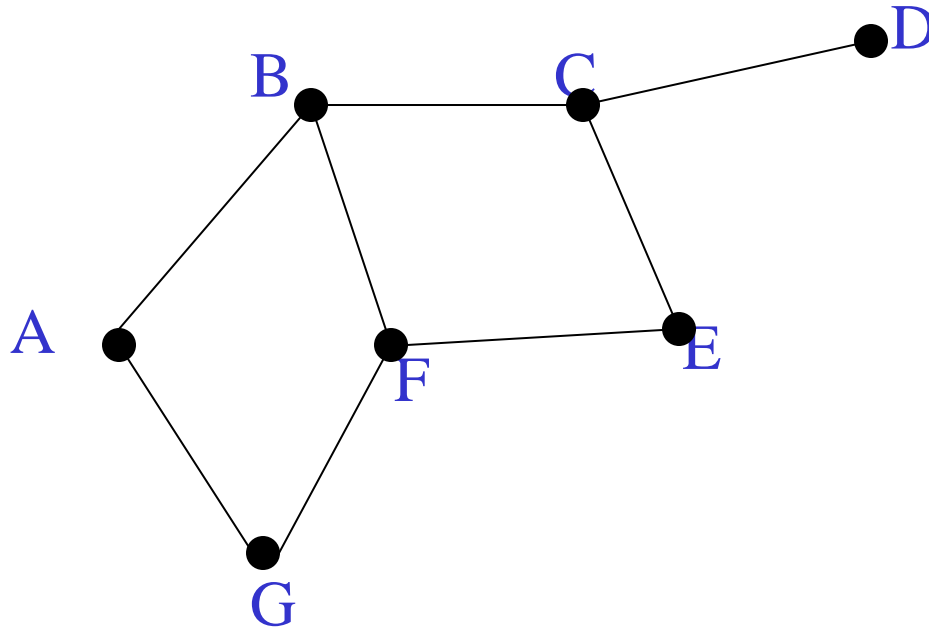
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# Simple DFS

DFS starting from vertex  $v$ :

create a stack  $S$

mark  $v$  as visited and push  $v$  onto  $S$

while  $S$  is non-empty

    peek at the top  $u$  of  $S$

    if  $u$  has **an** (unvisited) neighbour  $w$ ,  
    mark  $w$  and push it onto  $S$

    else pop  $S$

# Overall Traversal Order: DFS

- In this example, the nodes are traversed from the starting point A in this order:  
A B C D E F G
- The DFS search tends to “dive”.
- The order is not generally unique; e.g. either of B or G could occur first.

# Modification of depth first search

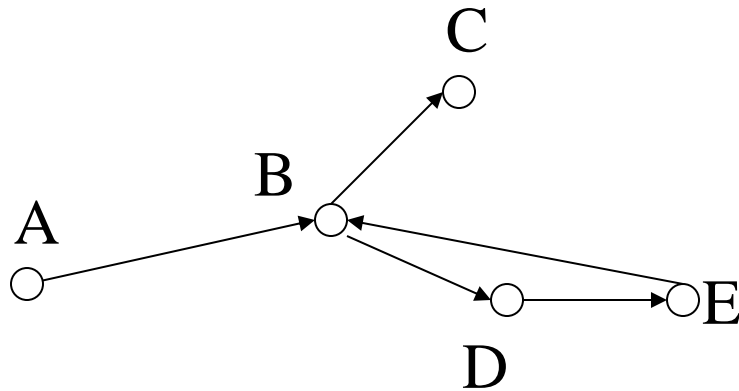
- How to get DFS to detect cycles in a directed graph:

**idea:** if we encounter a vertex which is already on the stack, we found a loop (stack contains vertices on a path, and if we see the same vertex again, the path must contain a cycle).

- Instead of visited and unvisited, use three colours:
  - **white** = unvisited
  - **grey** = on the stack
  - **black** = finished (we backtracked from it, seen everywhere we can reach from it)

# Tracing modified DFS from A

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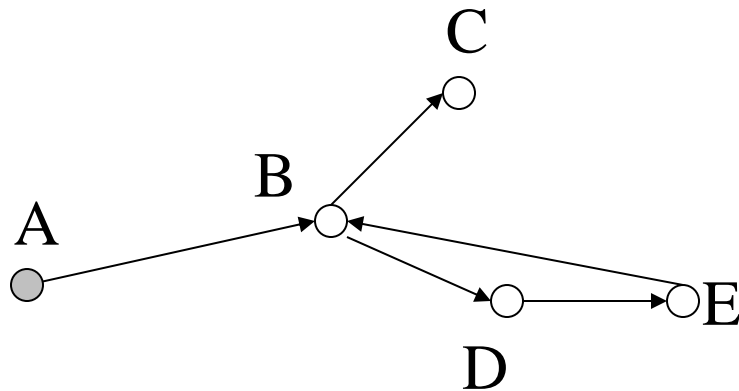




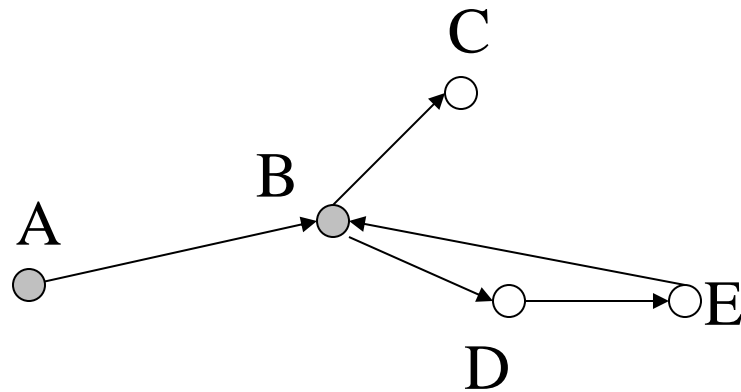
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# Tracing modified DFS from A



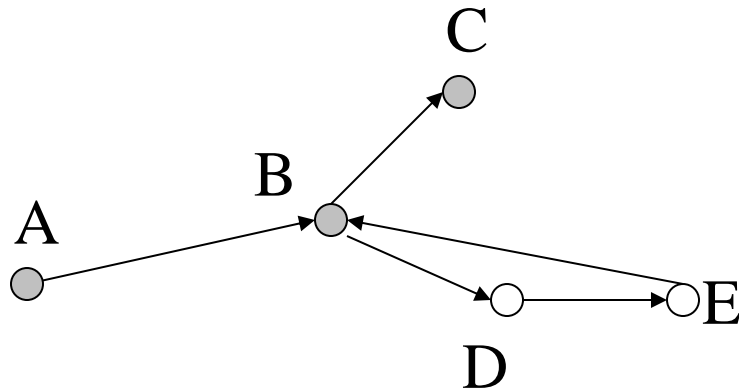
$S = \{\}$

$S = A$

B

$S = A$

# Tracing modified DFS from A



$S = \{\}$

$S = A$

B

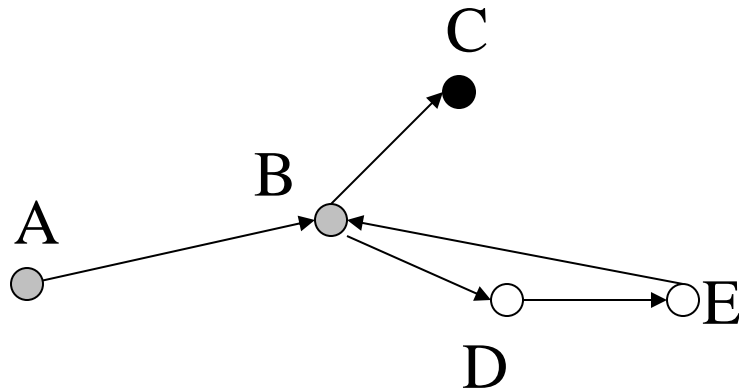
$S = A$

C

B

$S = A$

# Tracing modified DFS from A



$S = \{\}$

$S = A$

B

$S = A$

C

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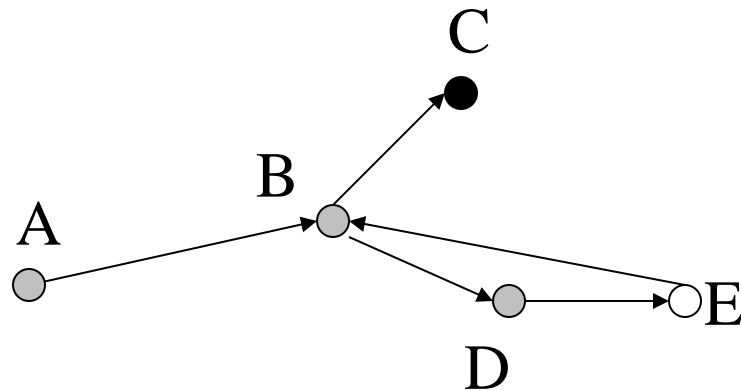
$S = A$

B

pop:

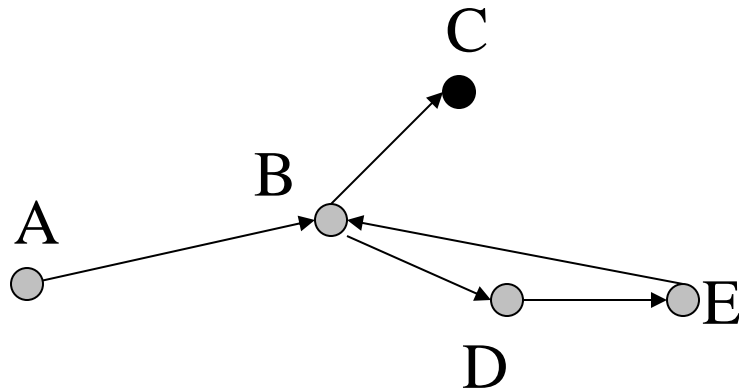
$S = A$

# Tracing modified DFS from A



push: D  
B  
S = A

# Tracing modified DFS from A



push: D

B

$S = A$

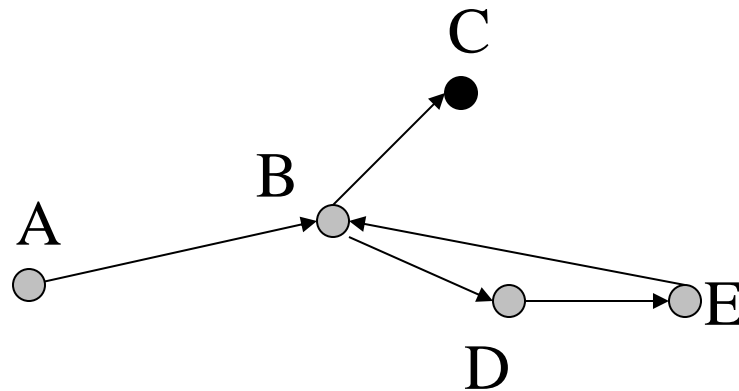
E

D

B

$S = A$

# Tracing modified DFS from A



push: D

B

S = A

E

D

B

S = A

E has a grey neighbour: B!

**Found a loop!**

# Modification of depth first search

Modified DFS starting from  $v$ :

all vertices coloured white

create a stack  $S$

colour  $v$  grey and push  $v$  onto  $S$

while  $S$  is non-empty

    peek at the top  $u$  of  $S$

    if  $u$  has a grey neighbour, there is a cycle

    else if  $u$  has a white neighbour  $w$ ,  
    colour  $w$  grey and push it onto  $S$

    else colour  $u$  black and pop  $S$

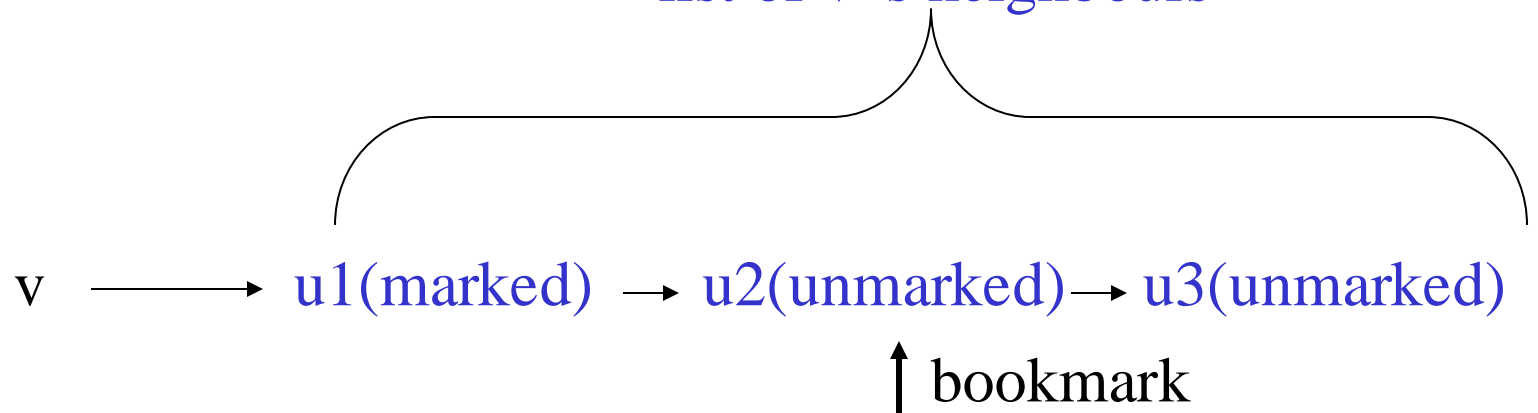


# Pseudocode for BFS and DFS

- To compute complexity, we will be referring to an adjacency list implementation
- Assume that we have a method which returns the first unmarked vertex adjacent to a given one:

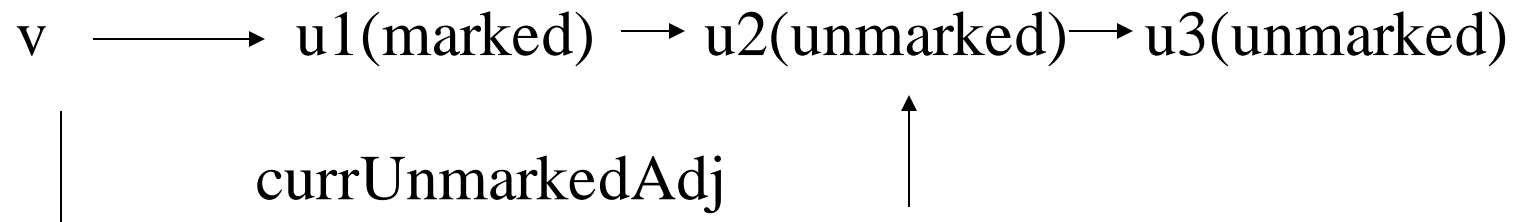
**GraphNode firstUnmarkedAdj (GraphNode v)**

list of v's neighbours



# Implementation of firstUnmarkedAdj()

- We keep a pointer into the adjacency list of each vertex so that we do not start to traverse the list of adjacent vertices from the beginning each time.
- Or we use the same iterator for this list, so when we call `next()` it returns the next element in the list – again does not start from the beginning.



# Pseudocode for breadth-first search starting from vertex $s$

```
s.marked = true; // marked is a field in
                  // GraphNode
Queue Q = new Queue();
Q.enqueue(s);
while(! Q.isEmpty()) {
    v = Q.dequeue();
    u = firstUnmarkedAdj(v);
    while (u != null){
        u.marked = true;
        Q.enqueue(u);
        u = firstUnmarkedAdj(v); } } }
```

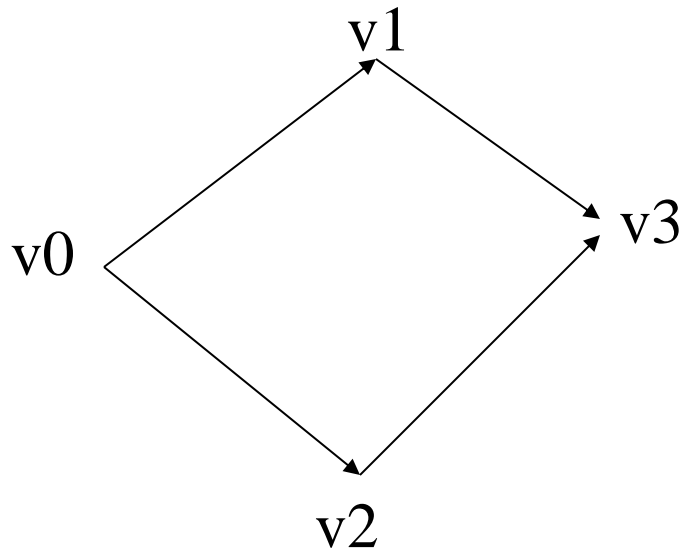
# Pseudocode for DFS

```
s.marked = true;  
Stack S = new Stack();  
S.push(s);  
while(! S.isEmpty()) {  
    v = S.peek();  
    u = firstUnmarkedAdj(v);  
    if (u == null) S.pop();  
    else {  
        u.marked = true;  
        S.push(u);  
    }  
}
```

# Time Complexity of BFS and DFS

- In terms of the number of vertices  $|V|$ : two nested loops over  $|V|$ , hence  $O(|V|^2)$ .
- More useful complexity estimate is in terms of the number of edges. Usually, the number of edges is less than  $|V|^2$ .

# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V	E
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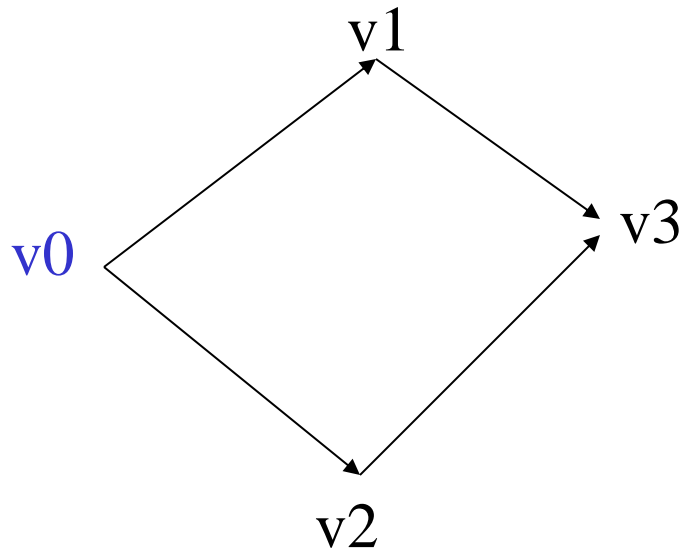
v0:	{v1,v2}
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v1:	{v3}
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v2:	{v3}
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v3:	{}
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# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V      E

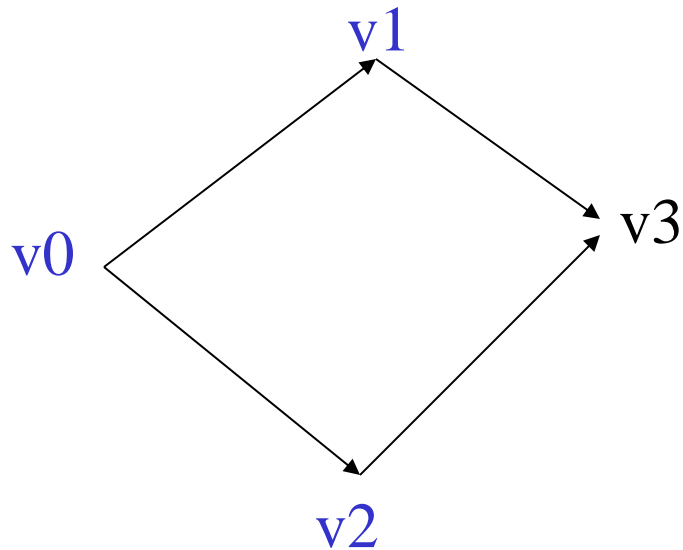
**v0**: {v1,v2} mark, enqueue  
v0

v1: {v3}

v2: {v3}

v3: {}

# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V      E

**v0**: {**v1**, **v2**} dequeue v0;  
mark, enqueue v1, v2

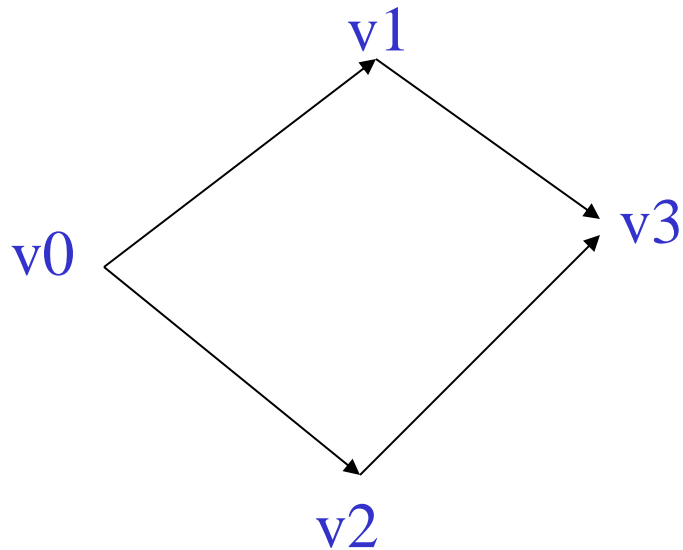
v1: {v3}

v2: {v3}

v3: {}



# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V      E

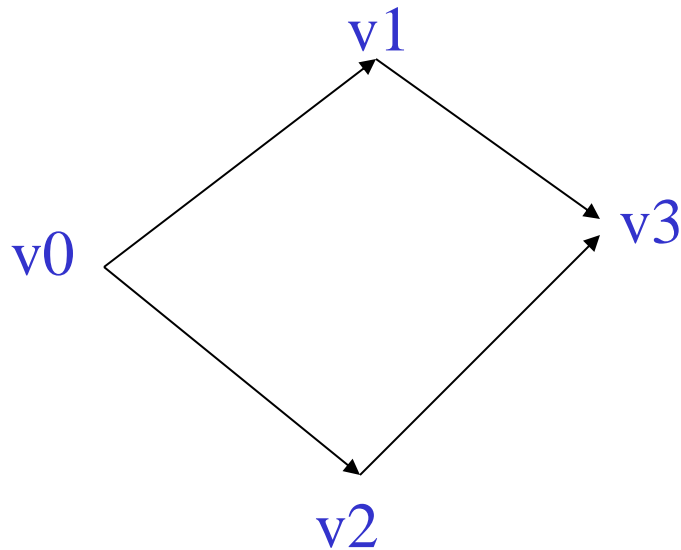
**v0**: {**v1**, **v2**}

**v1**: {**v3**} dequeue v1; mark,  
enqueue v3

v2: {v3}

v3: {}

# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V      E

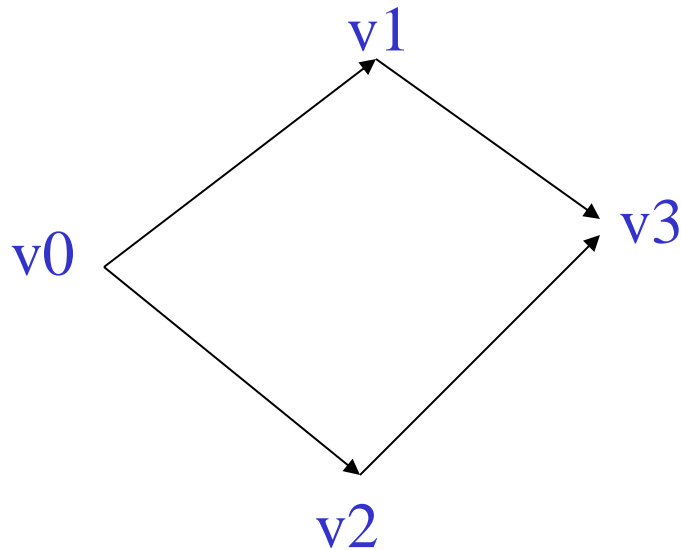
**v0**: {v1, v2}

**v1**: {v3}

**v2**: {v3} dequeue v2, check  
its adjacency list (v3  
already marked)

**v3**: {}

# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V      E

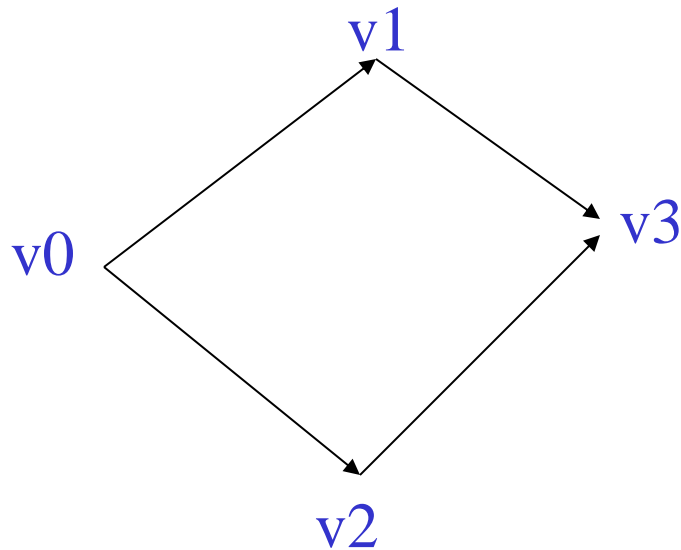
**v0**: { **v1**, **v2** }

**v1**: { **v3** }

**v2**: { **v3** }

**v3**: { } dequeue v3; check its  
adjacency list

# Time complexity of BFS



Adjacency lists:

V	E
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**v0**: { **v1**, **v2** } |E0| = 2

**v1**: { **v3** } |E1| = 1

**v2**: { **v3** } |E2| = 1

**v3**: { } |E3| = 0

Total number of steps:

$$\begin{aligned} &|V| + |E0| + |E1| + |E2| + |E3| \\ &= \\ &= |V| + |E|. \end{aligned}$$

# Complexity of breadth-first search

- Assume an adjacency list representation,  $|V|$  is the number of vertices,  $|E|$  is the number of edges.
- Each vertex is enqueued and dequeued at most once.
- Scanning for all adjacent vertices takes  $O(|E|)$  time, since sum of lengths of adjacency lists is  $|E|$ .
- Gives a  $O(|V|+|E|)$  time complexity.

# Complexity of depth-first search

- Each vertex is pushed on the stack and popped at most once.
- For every vertex we check what the next unvisited neighbour is.
- In our implementation, we traverse the adjacency list only once. This gives  $O(|V|+|E|)$  again.