

Graph Algorithms

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Announcements

- ❖ Exercises 13, 14 out!
 - Correct due dates listed on Ed
- ❖ Midterm reflection Q1 resubmissions

Lecture Outline

❖ Graph Representations

- Adjacency Matrix
- Adjacency List

❖ Topological Sort

❖ Traversals

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What is the Data Structure?

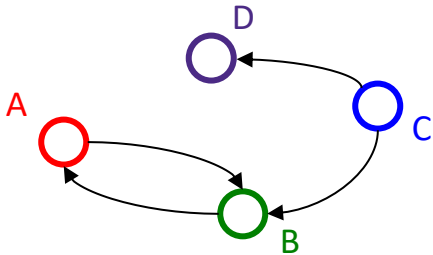
- ❖ Is a Graph an ADT? Maybe!
 - “Develop an algorithm over the graph, then use whatever data structure is efficient”
- ❖ The “best” data structure can depend on:
 - Properties of the graph (e.g., dense versus sparse)
 - Common queries
 - e.g., “is (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) an edge?” vs “what are the neighbors of node \mathbf{u} ?”
- ❖ There are two standard graph representations:
 - *Adjacency Matrix* and *Adjacency List*
 - Different trade-offs, particularly time vs space

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Adjacency Matrix: Representation

- ❖ Assign each node a number from 0 to $|\mathcal{V}| - 1$
- ❖ Graph is a $|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|$ matrix (ie, 2-D array) of booleans
 - $M[u][v] == \text{true}$ means there is an edge from u to v

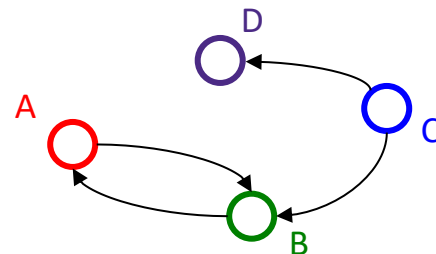


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C	F	T	F	T
D	F	F	F	F

Adjacency Matrix: Properties (1 of 3)

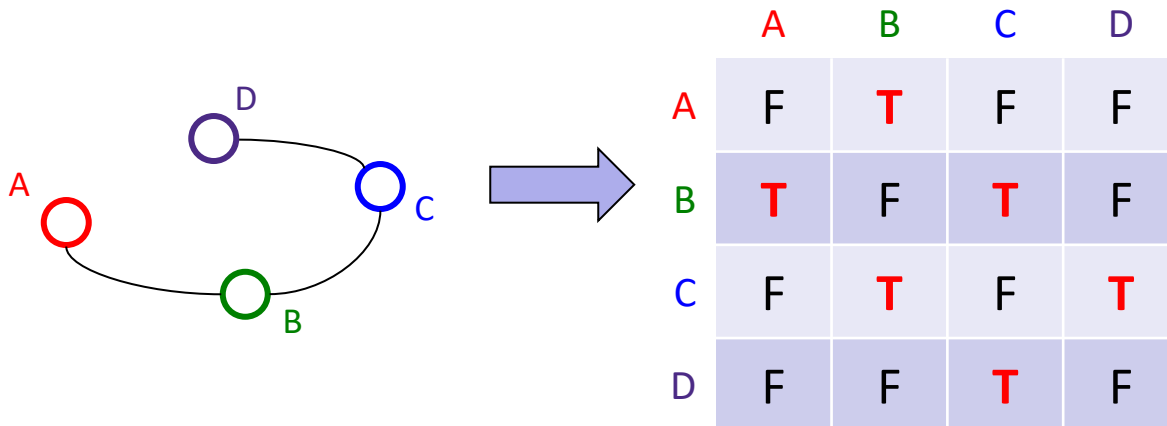
- ❖ Running time to:
 - Get a vertex's out-edges:
 - $O(|V|)$
 - Get a vertex's in-edges:
 - $O(|V|)$
 - Decide if some edge exists:
 - $O(1)$
 - Insert an edge:
 - $O(1)$
 - Delete an edge:
 - $O(1)$
- ❖ Space requirements:
 - $|V|^2$ bits
- ❖ Best for sparse or dense graphs?
 - Best for dense graphs

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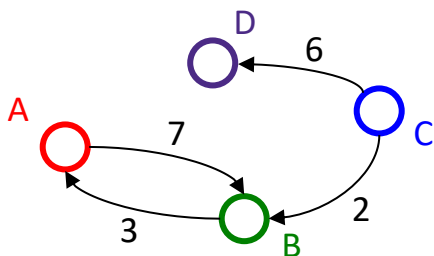
Adjacency Matrix: Properties (2 of 3)

- ❖ How does the adjacency matrix vary for an *undirected graph*?
 - *Undirected graphs are symmetric about diagonal axis*
 - *Languages with array-of-array matrix representations can save ½ the space by omitting the symmetric half*
 - *Languages with “proper” 2D matrix representations (eg, C/C++) can’t do this*



Adjacency Matrix: Properties (3 of 3)

- ❖ How can we adapt the representation for *weighted graphs*?
 - *Store the weight in each cell*
 - *Need some value to represent “not an edge”*
 - *In some situations, 0 or -1 works*



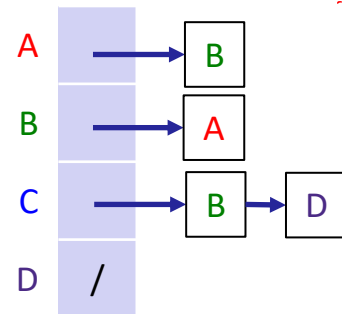
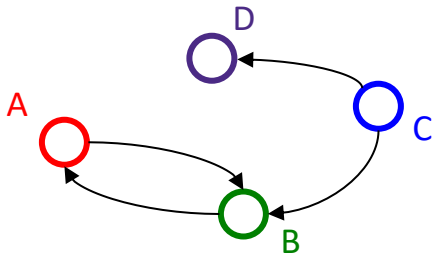
	A	B	C	D
A	0	7	0	0
B	3	0	0	0
C	0	2	0	6
D	0	0	0	0

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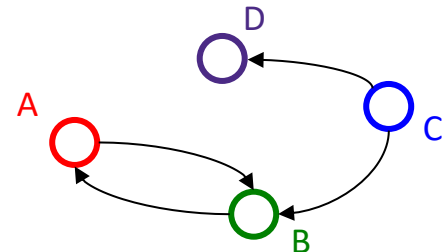
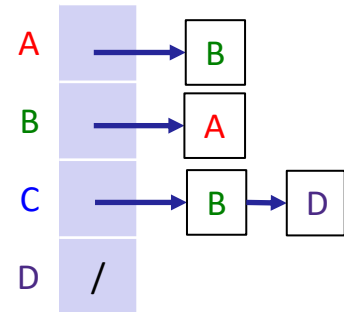
Adjacency List: Representation

- ❖ Assign each node a number from 0 to $|\mathcal{V}| - 1$
- ❖ Graph is an array of length $|\mathcal{V}|$; each entry stores a list of all adjacent vertices
 - E.g. linked list



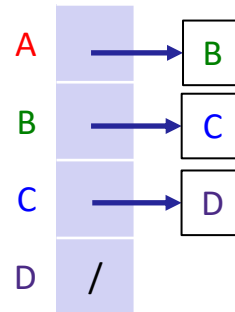
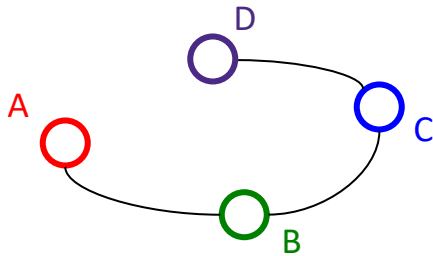
Adjacency List: Properties (1 of 3)

- ❖ Running time to:
 - Get a vertex's out-edges:
 - $O(d)$ where d is out-degree of vertex
 - Get a vertex's in-edges:
 - $O(|V| + |E|)$
 - (but could keep a second adjacency list for this!)
 - Decide if some edge exists:
 - $O(d)$ where d is out-degree of source vertex
 - Insert an edge:
 - $O(1)$
 - (unless you need to check if it's there; then $O(d)$)
 - Delete an edge:
 - $O(d)$ where d is out-degree of source vertex
- ❖ Space requirements:
 - $O(|V| + |E|)$
- ❖ Best for sparse or dense graphs?
 - Best for sparse graphs, so usually just stick with linked lists for the buckets

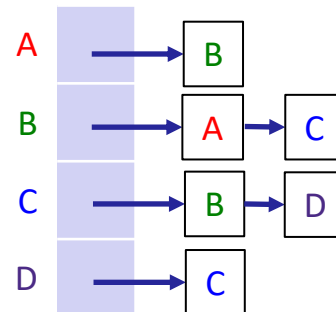


Adjacency List: Properties (2 of 3)

- ❖ How does the adjacency list vary for an *undirected* graph?
 - *Optionally, can double the entries to increase edge lookup speed*

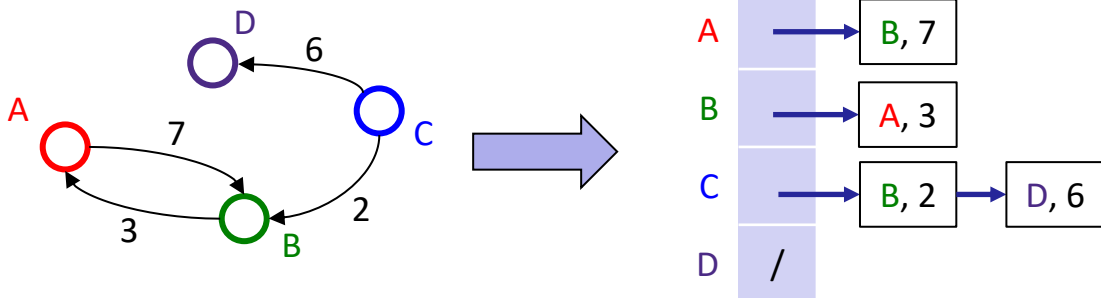


... or ...



Adjacency List: Properties (3 of 3)

- ❖ How can we adapt the representation for *weighted graphs*?
 - *Store the weight alongside the destination vertex*
 - *No need for a special value to represent “not an edge”!*



Summary: Which is Better?

- ❖ Graphs are often sparse:
 - Road networks are often grids
 - Every corner isn't connected to every other corner
 - Airlines rarely fly to all possible cities
 - Or if they do it is to/from a hub

- ❖ Adjacency lists should generally be your default choice
 - Slower performance compensated by greater space savings
 - Many graph algorithms rely heavily on `getAllEdgesFrom(v)`

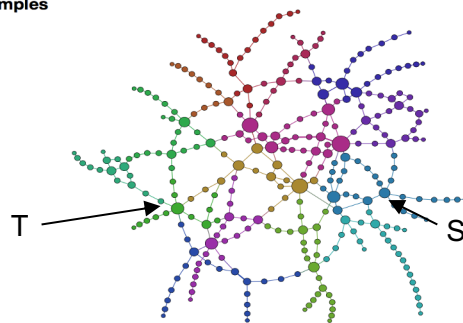
	<code>getAllEdgesFrom(v)</code>	<code>hasEdge(v, w)</code>	<code>getAllEdges()</code>
Adjacency Matrix	$\Theta(V)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(V^2)$
Adjacency List	$\Theta(\text{degree}(v))$	$\Theta(\text{degree}(v))$	$\Theta(E + V)$

Quick Detour: Overview of Graph Problems

Graph Problems

- ❖ Lots of interesting questions we can ask about a graph:
 - What is the shortest route from S to T? What is the longest route without cycles?
 - Are there cycles in this graph?
 - Is there a cycle that uses each *vertex* exactly once?
 - Is there a cycle that uses each *edge* exactly once?

Introduction to **Network Visualization** with GEPHI – Martin Grandjean
Examples



Graph Problems More Theoretically

- ❖ Some well known graph problems and their common names:
 - **s-t Path.** Is there a path between vertices s and t ?
 - **Connectivity.** Is the graph connected?
 - **Biconnectivity.** Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?
 - **Shortest s-t Path.** What is the shortest path between vertices s and t ?
 - **Cycle Detection.** Does the graph contain any cycles?
 - **Euler Tour.** Is there a cycle that uses every edge exactly once?
 - **Hamilton Tour.** Is there a cycle that uses every vertex exactly once?
 - **Planarity.** Can you draw the graph on paper with no crossing edges?
 - **Isomorphism.** Are two graphs the same graph (in disguise)?
- ❖ Often can't tell how difficult a graph problem is without very deep consideration.

Graph Problem Difficulty

- ❖ Some well known graph problems:
 - **Euler Tour:** Is there a cycle that uses every *edge* exactly once?
 - **Hamilton Tour:** Is there a cycle that uses every *vertex* exactly once?
- ❖ Difficulty can be deceiving
 - An efficient Euler tour algorithm $O(\# \text{ edges})$ was found as early as 1873 [[Link](#)].
 - Despite decades of intense study, no efficient algorithm for a Hamilton tour exists. Best algorithms are exponential time.
- ❖ Graph problems are among the most mathematically rich areas of CS theory

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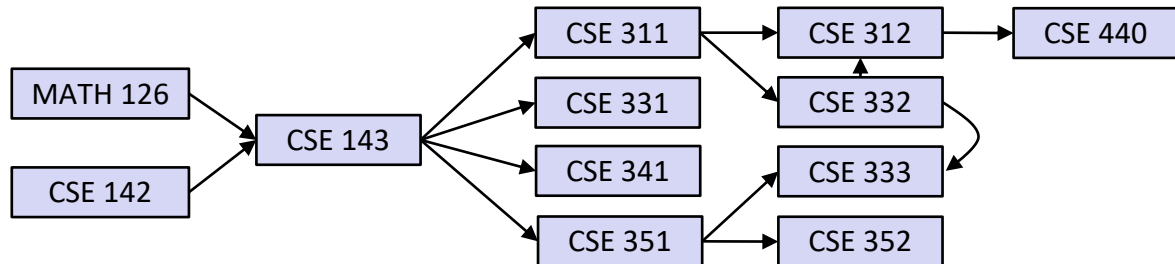
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Topological Sort

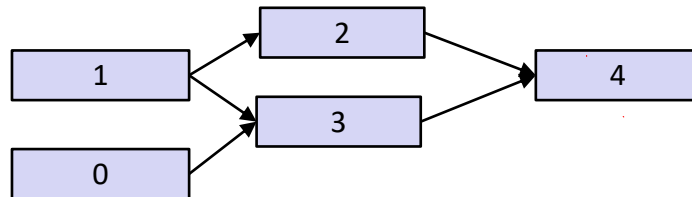
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- ❖ Given a DAG, output all the vertices in an order such that no vertex appears before any other vertex that has a path to it
- ❖ Example input:



- ❖ Example output:
 - 126, 142, 143, 311, 331, 332, 312, 341, 351, 333, 352, 440

- ❖ List 3 valid Topological sorts:

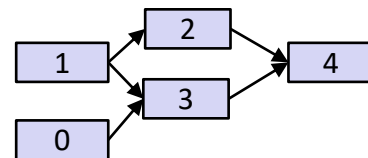


- ❖ Why do we perform topological sorts only on DAGs?
 - *A cycle means there is no correct answer*
- ❖ Does a DAG always have a unique answer?
 - *No; there can be 1 or more answers, depending on the graph*
- ❖ What DAGs have exactly 1 answer?
 - *A list*
- ❖ *Terminology:* A DAG represents a **partial order**, and a topological sort produces a **total order** that is consistent with it

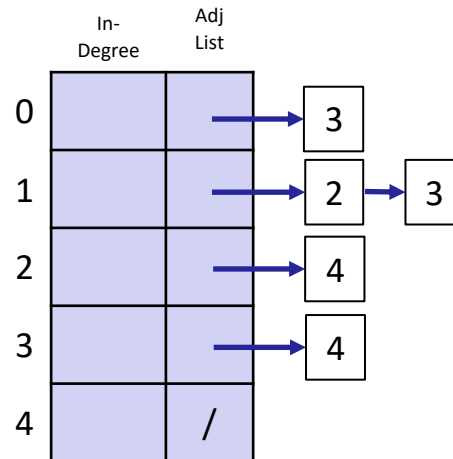
Topological Sort: Applications

- ❖ Figuring out how to finish your degree
- ❖ Determining the order for recomputing spreadsheet cells
- ❖ Computing the order to compile files using a Makefile
- ❖ Scheduling jobs in a big data pipeline
- ❖ *Often: finding an order of execution for a dependency graph*

TopoSort: A Naïve Algorithm



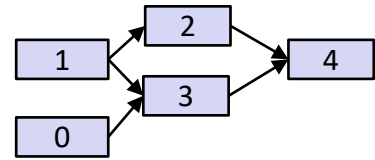
1. Label (“mark”) each vertex with its in-degree
 - Could write directly into a vertex’s field or a parallel data structure (e.g., array)
2. While there are vertices not yet output:
 - Choose a vertex v with labeled with in-degree of 0
 - Output v and conceptually remove it from the graph
 - Foreach vertex w adjacent to v:
 - Decrement the in-degree of w



TopoSort: Notes

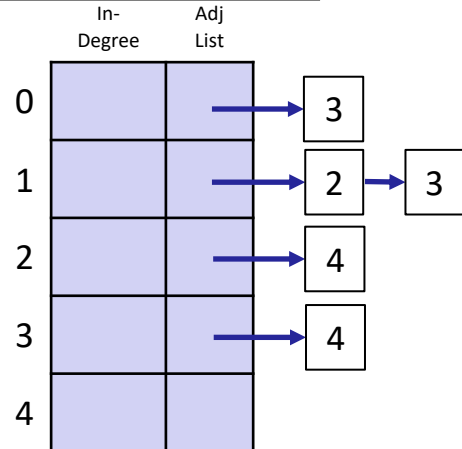
- ❖ Needed a vertex with in-degree of 0 to start
 - Remember: graph must be acyclic!
- ❖ If >1 vertex with in-degree=0, can break ties arbitrarily
 - Potentially many different correct orders!

Naïve TopoSort: Running Time?



```

labelEachVertexWithItsInDegree();
for (i=0; i < numVertices; i++){
  v = findNewVertexOfDegreeZero();
  put v next in output
  for each w adjacent to v
    w.indegree--;
}
  
```



TopoSort's Runtime: Doing Better

- ❖ Avoid searching for a zero-degree node every time!
 - Keep the “pending” 0-degree nodes in a list, stack, queue, table, etc
 - The order we process them affects output, but not correctness or efficiency (*as long as add/remove are both $O(1)$*)

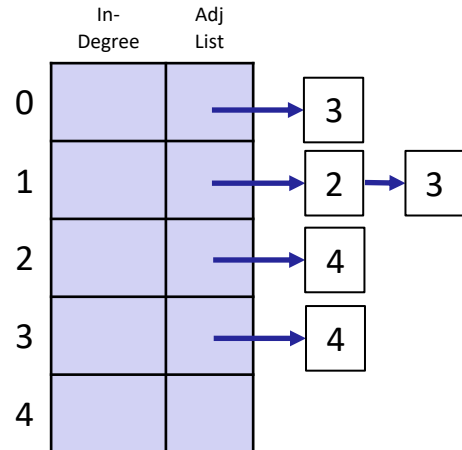
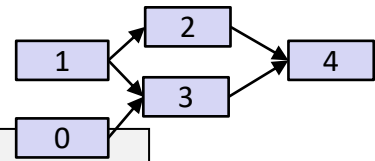
- ❖ Using a queue:
 - Label each vertex with its in-degree, enqueueing 0-degree nodes
 - While “pending” queue is not empty:
 - $v = \text{dequeue}()$
 - Output v and remove it from the graph
 - For each vertex w adjacent to v (i.e. w such that (v,w) in E):
 - decrement the in-degree of w
 - if new degree is 0, enqueue it

Better TopoSort: Running Time?

```

labelAllAndEnqueueZeros();
for (i=0; i < numVertices; i++){
    v = dequeue();
    put v next in output
    for each w adjacent to v
        w.indegree--;
        if (w.indegree == 0)
            enqueue(w);
}

```



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- ❖ You've seen a graph traversal before in 143. List all three.

Tree and Graph Reachability

- ❖ Find all nodes *reachable* from a starting node v
 - ie, there exists a path
 - Might “do something” at each visited node (an iterator!)
 - “Do something” is called *visiting* or *processing* a node
 - eg, print to output, set some field, etc.
 - *Traversing a node* or *iterating over a node* is different!
 - Just fetch adjacent/child nodes

- ❖ Related Questions:
 - Is an undirected graph connected?
 - Is a directed graph weakly / strongly connected?
 - For strongly, need a cycle back to starting node

Tree and Graph Traversals

- ❖ Can answer reachability with a *tree traversal* or *graph traversal*
 - Iterates over every node in a graph in some defined ordering
 - “Processes” or “visits” its contents
- ❖ There are several types of tree traversals
 - Level Order Traversal aka Breadth-First Traversal
 - Depth-First Traversal
 - Pre-order Traversal
 - In-order Traversal
 - Post-order Traversal

Tree/Graph Traversal: High-level Algorithm

❖ High-level Algorithm:

- Initialization:
 - Create an empty data structure (often called a “fringe”) to track “remaining work”
 - Mark start as visited
- While we still have work, follow the nodes:
 - Get a node
 - Visit/process that node
 - Update its neighbors (eg, add to “remaining work” if it’s not already there)

❖ *Memorize this 5-step pattern!*

```
traverseGraph(Node start) {
    pending = emptyFringe()
    pending.add(start)
    mark start as visited

    while (!pending.empty()) {
        next = pending.remove()
        process(next) //marks visited
        foreach u adjacent to next
            if (!u.marked)
                mark u
            pending.add(u)
    }
```

Tree/Graph Traversal: Running Time

- ❖ Assuming $\text{add}()$ and $\text{remove}()$ are $O(1)$, traversal is $O(|E|)$
 - Remember: we default to using an adjacency list

Tree/Graph Traversal: Order

- ❖ The order we process() depends *entirely* on how pending.add() and pending.remove() are implemented
 - Queue:
 - Tree: Level-order traversal
 - Graph: Breadth-first graph search (BFS)
 - Stack:
 - Tree: Depth-first search (3 flavors!)
 - Graph: Depth-first graph search (DFS)

- ❖ DFS and BFS are “big ideas” in computer science
 - Depth: explore one part before exploring other unexplored parts
 - Breadth: explore parts closer to the start before exploring farther parts

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Graphs: Breadth-First Search

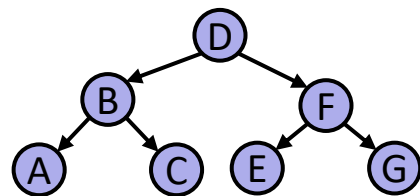
- ❖ The fringe here is a Queue!

```
BFS(Node start) {
  q.enqueue(start)
  mark start as visited

  while (!q.empty())
    next = q.dequeue()
    process(next)
    foreach u adjacent to next
      if (!u.marked)
        mark u
        q.enqueue(u)
}
```

Trees: Level-Order

- ❖ Process top-to-bottom, left-to-right
 - Like reading in English
 - Goes “broad” instead of “deep”
- ❖ Resembles how we converted our binary heap (ie, a complete tree) to its array representation



Breadth-First Search on a Graph

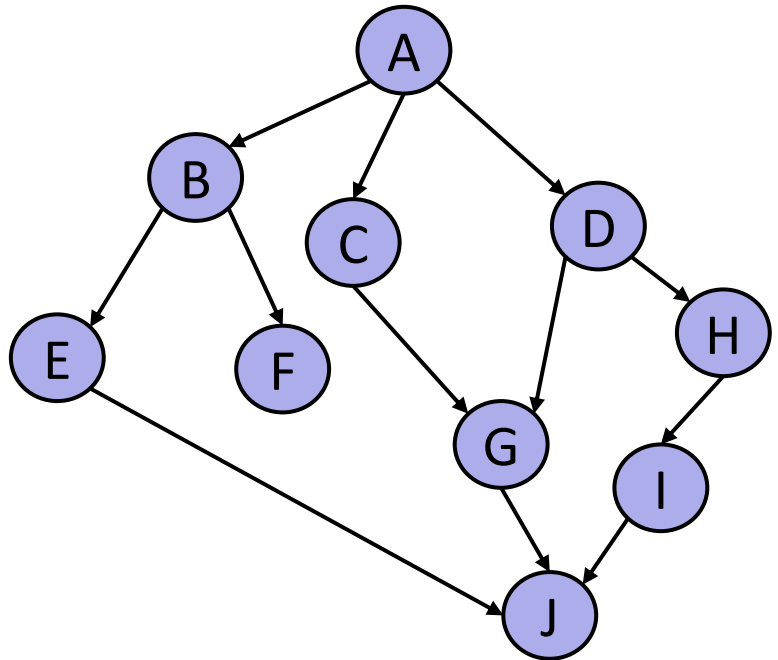
Queue:

Marked:

Order Processed:

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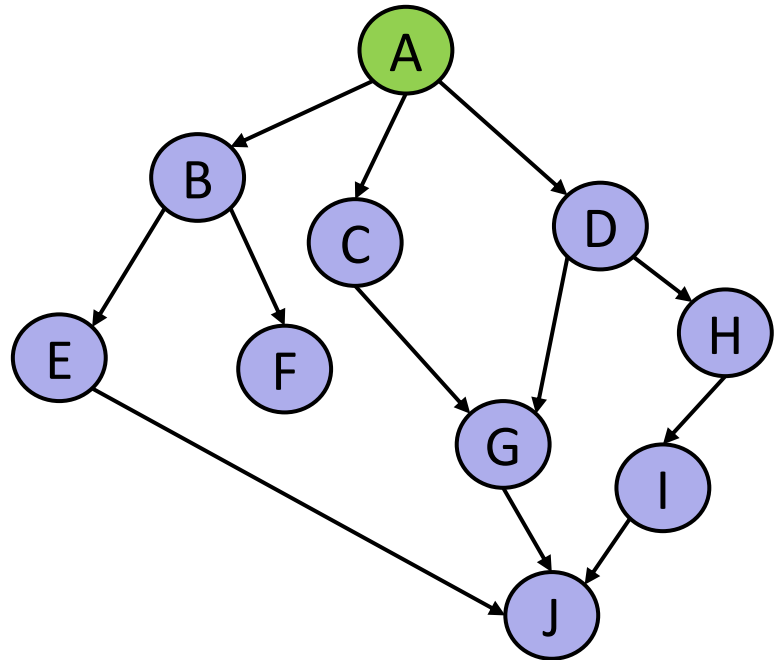
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Queue:

B, C, D

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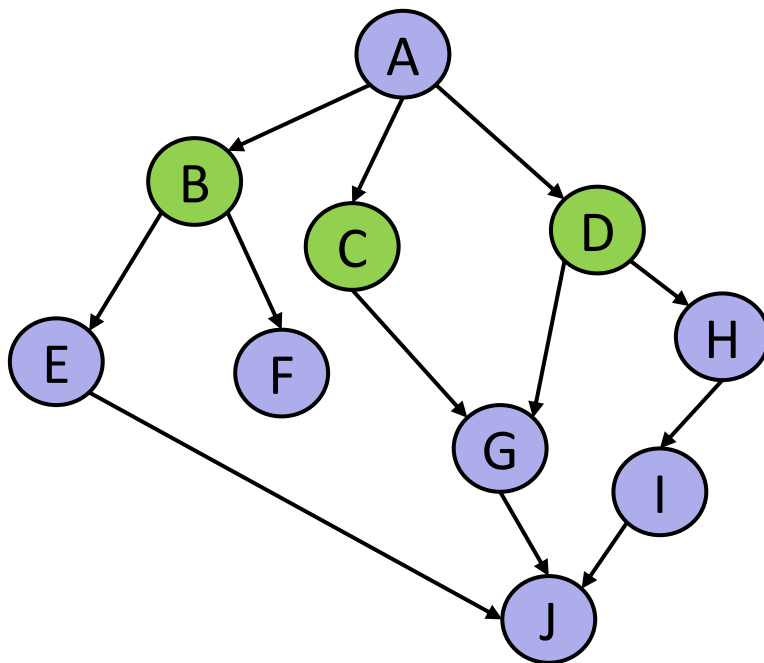
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}
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Queue:

C, D, E, F

Marked:

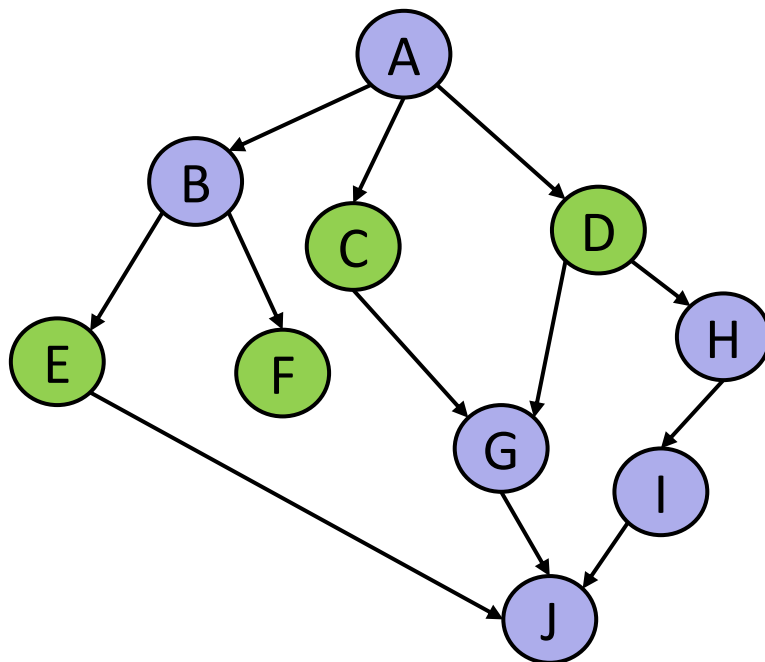
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Order Processed:

A, B

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    process(next)
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Breadth-First Search on a Graph

Queue:

D, E, F, G

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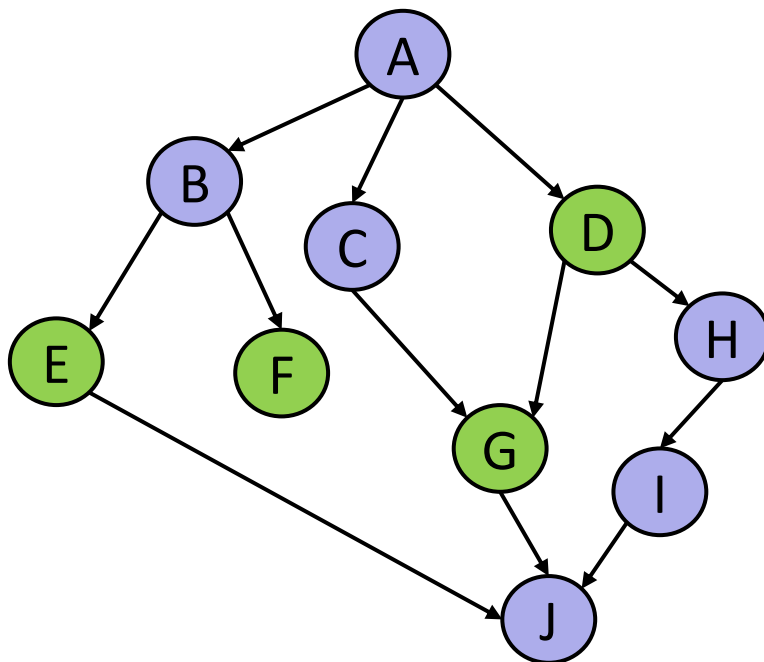
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Order Processed:

A, B, C

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  mark start as visited

  while (!q.empty())
    next = q.dequeue()
    process(next)
    foreach u adjacent to next
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        mark u
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}
```



Breadth-First Search on a Graph

Queue:

E, F, G, H

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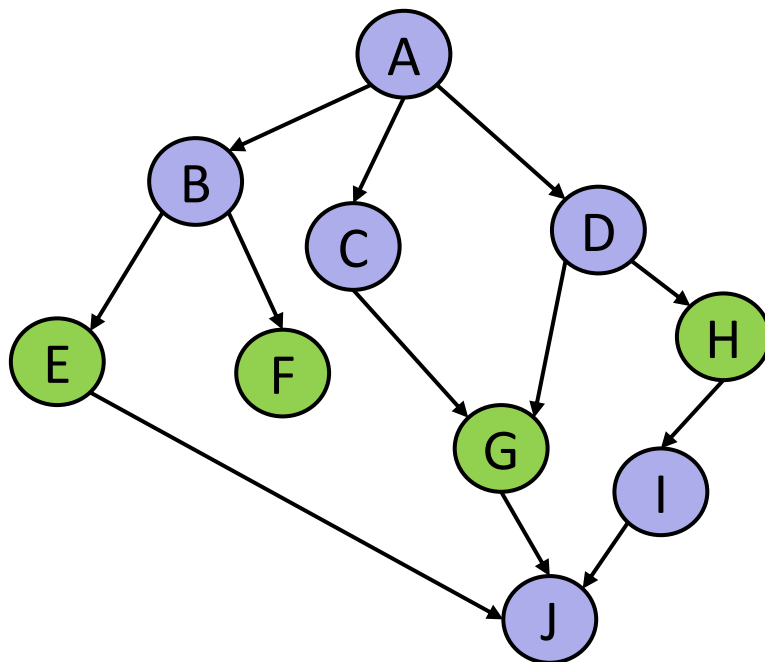
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Order Processed:

A, B, C, D

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F, G, H, J

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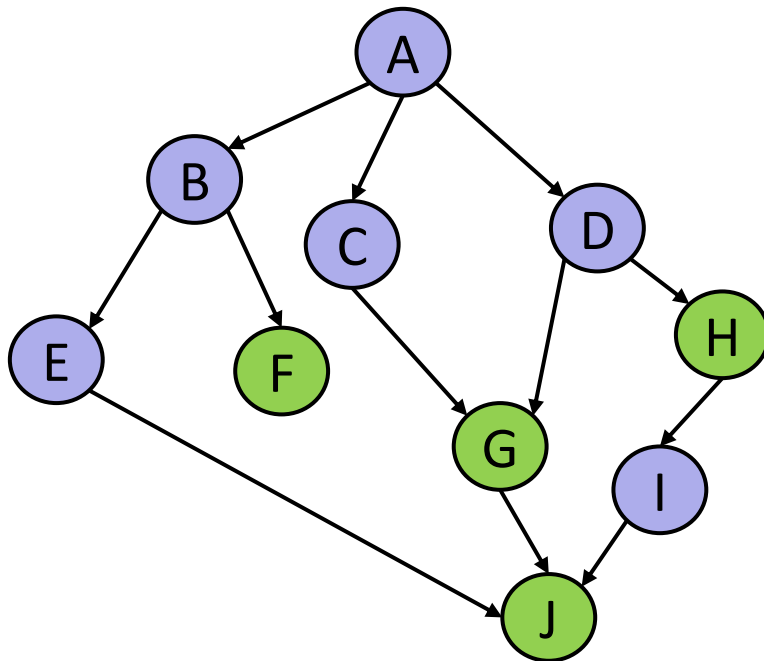
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G, H, J

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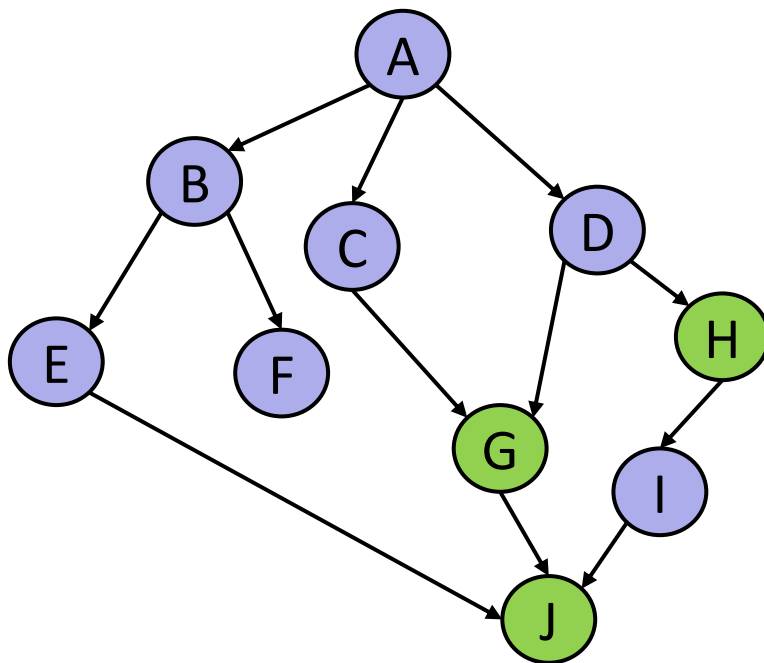
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  while (!q.empty())
    next = q.dequeue()
    process(next)
    foreach u adjacent to next
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        mark u
        q.enqueue(u)
}
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H, J

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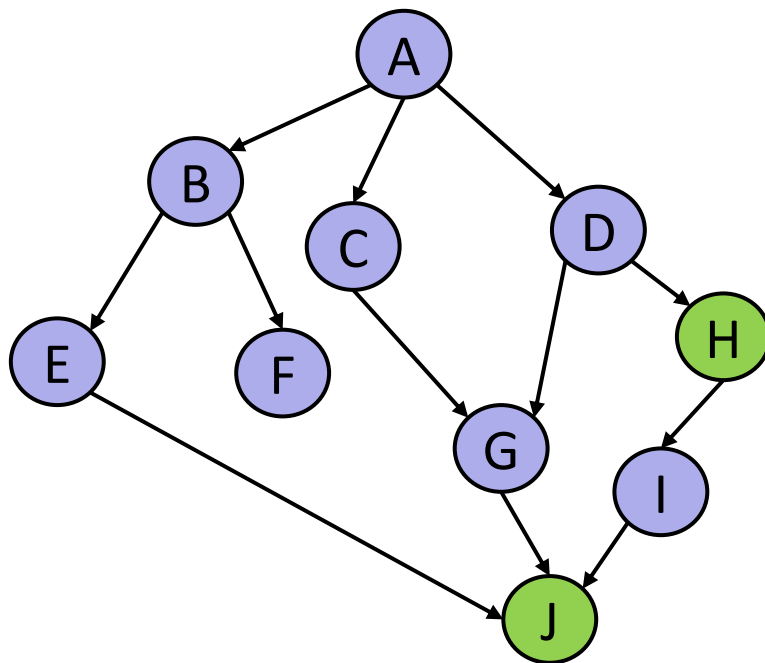
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J, I

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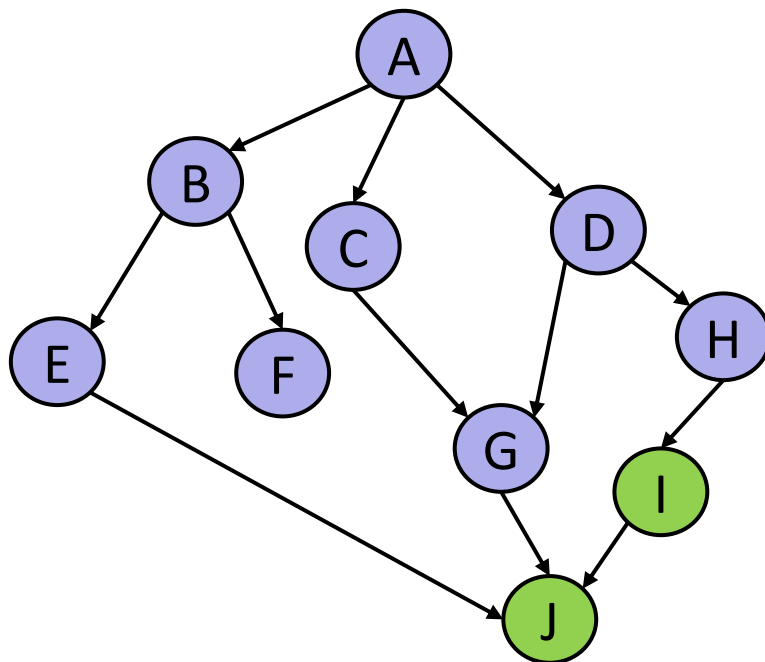
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Breadth-First Search on a Graph

Queue:

I

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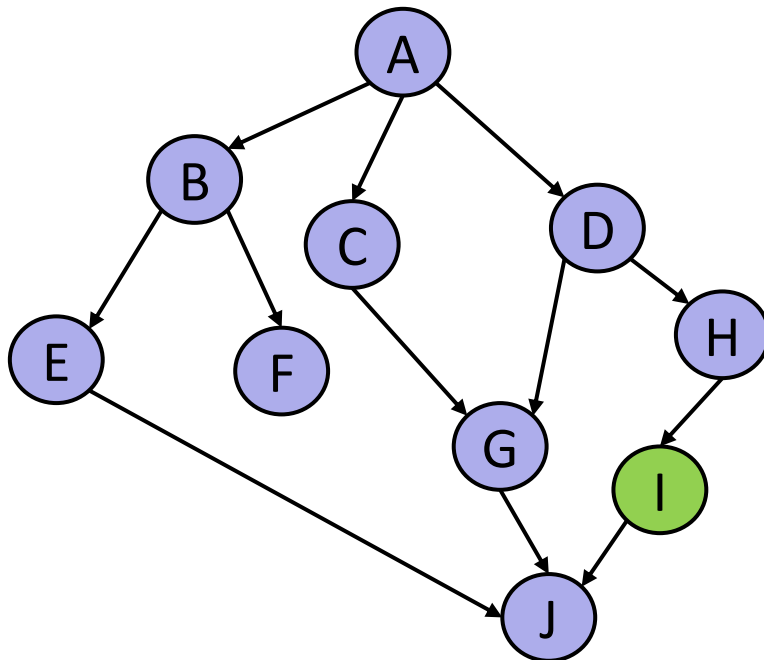
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Breadth-First Search on a Graph

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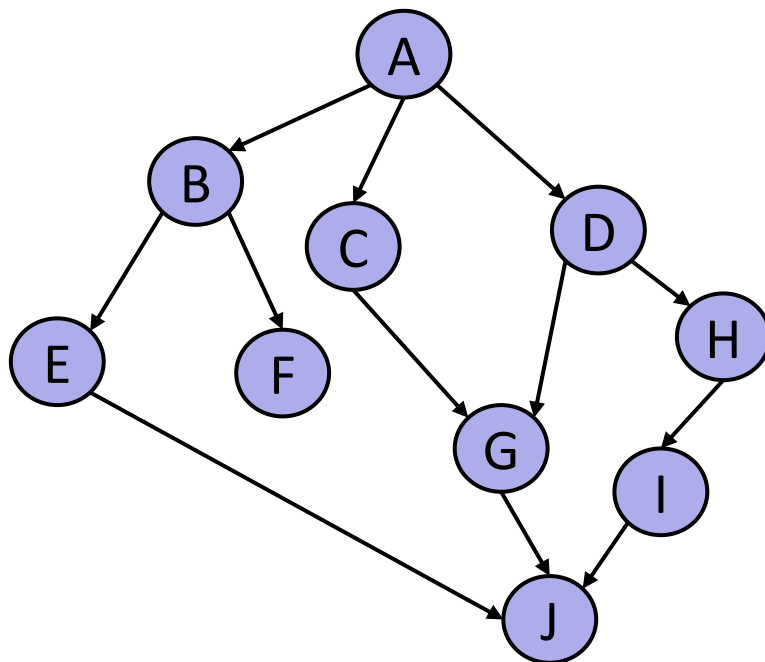
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Graphs: Depth-First Search

- ❖ The fringe here is a Stack!
- ❖ Note: many algorithms that use a stack have an Iterative and a Recursive solution...

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DFSIterative(Node start) {
    s.push(start)
    mark start as visited

    while (!s.empty())
        next = s.pop()
        process(next)
        foreach u adjacent to next
            if (!u.marked)
                mark u
                q.push(u)
}
```

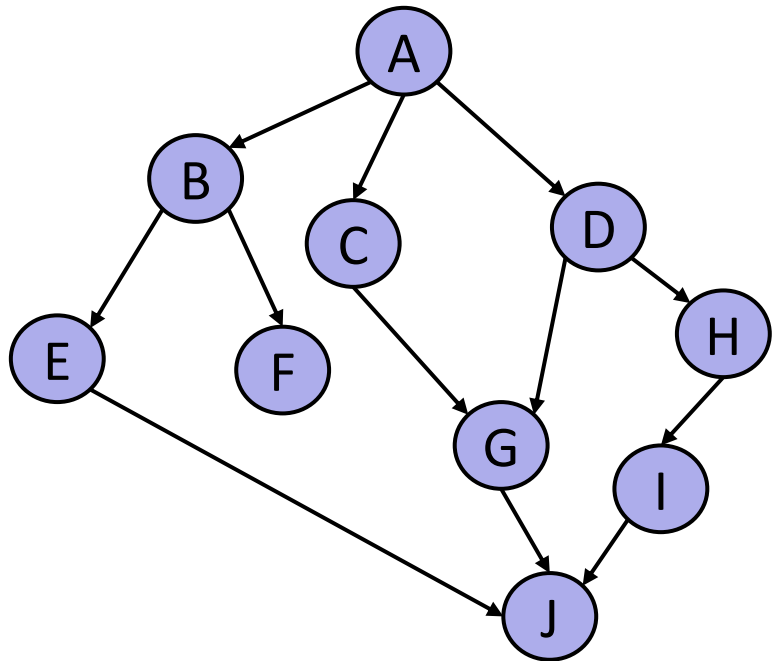
Depth-First Search on a Graph

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Marked:

Order Processed:

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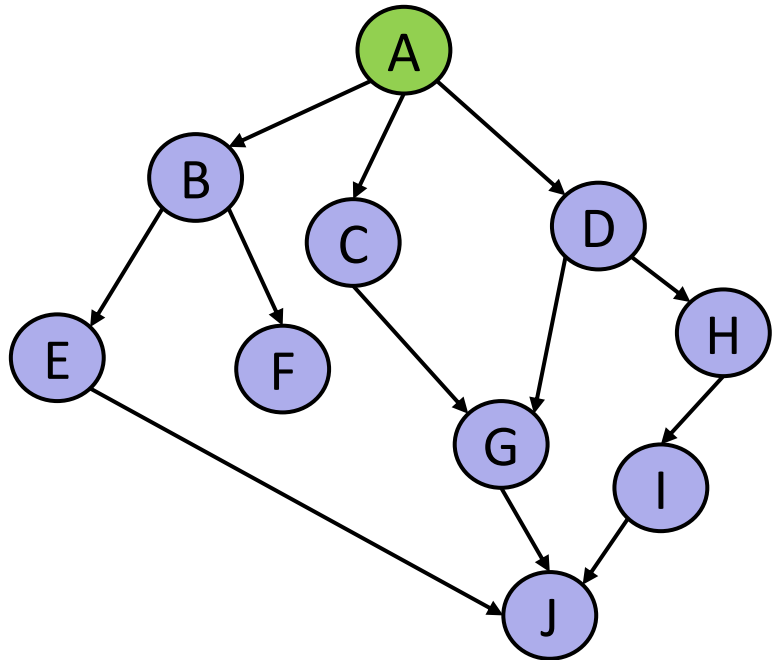
A

Marked:

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B, C, D

Marked:

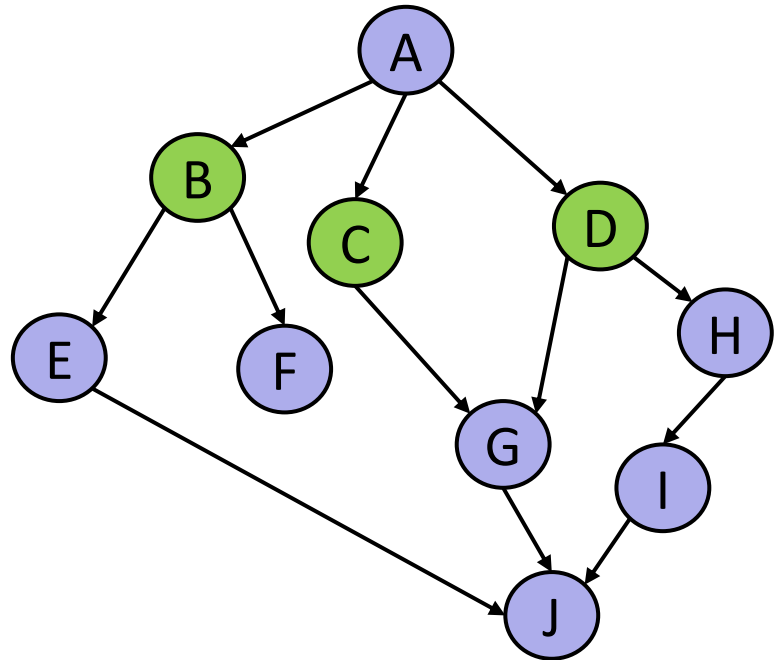
A, B, C, D

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B, C, G, H

Marked:

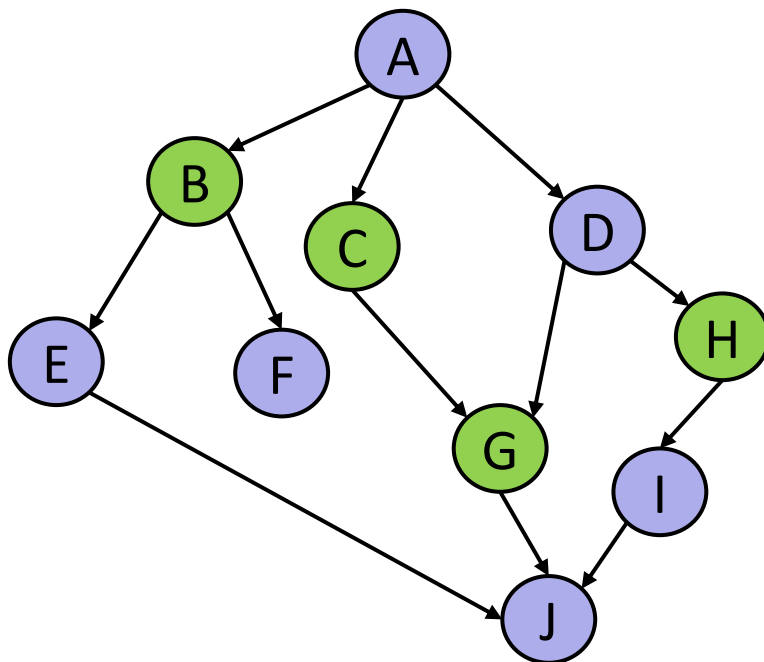
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Order Processed:

A, D

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B, C, G, I

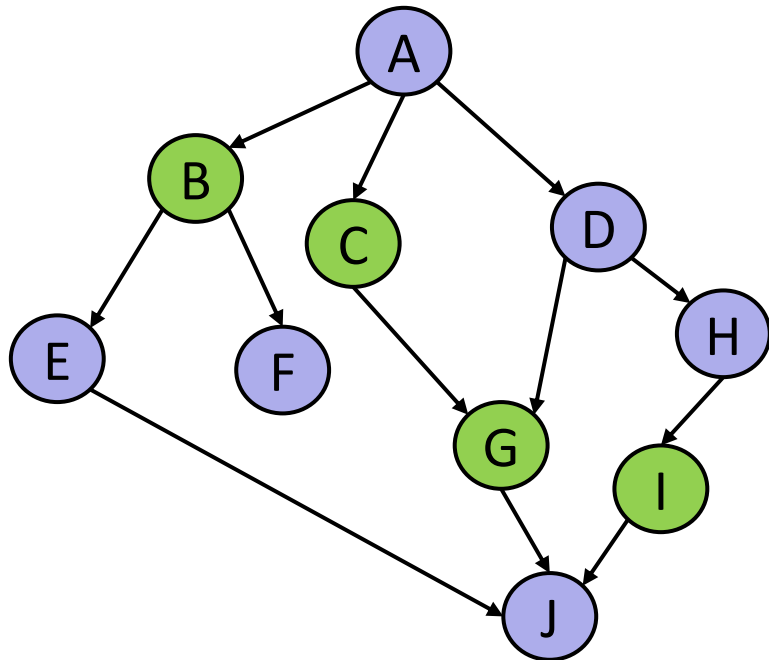
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A, B, C, D, G, H, I

Order Processed:

A, D, H

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

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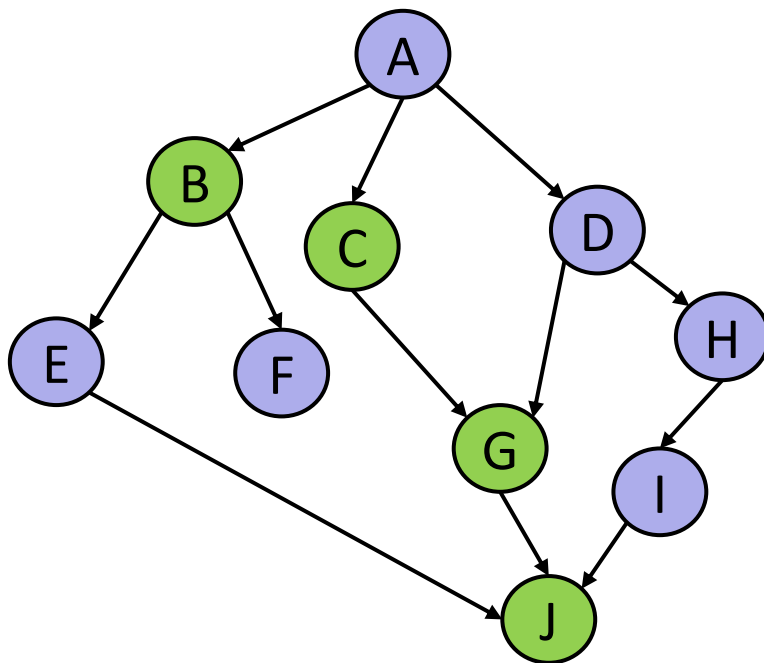
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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B, C, G

Marked:

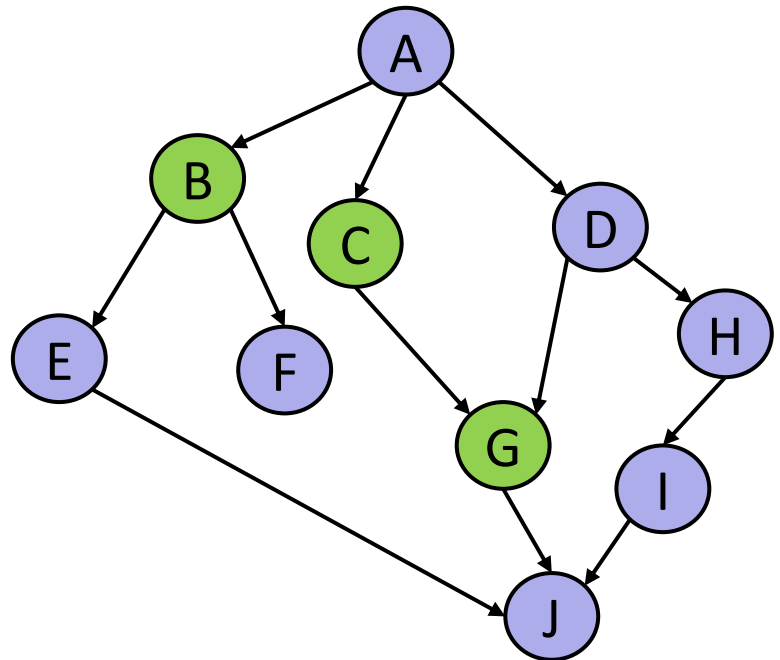
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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B, C,

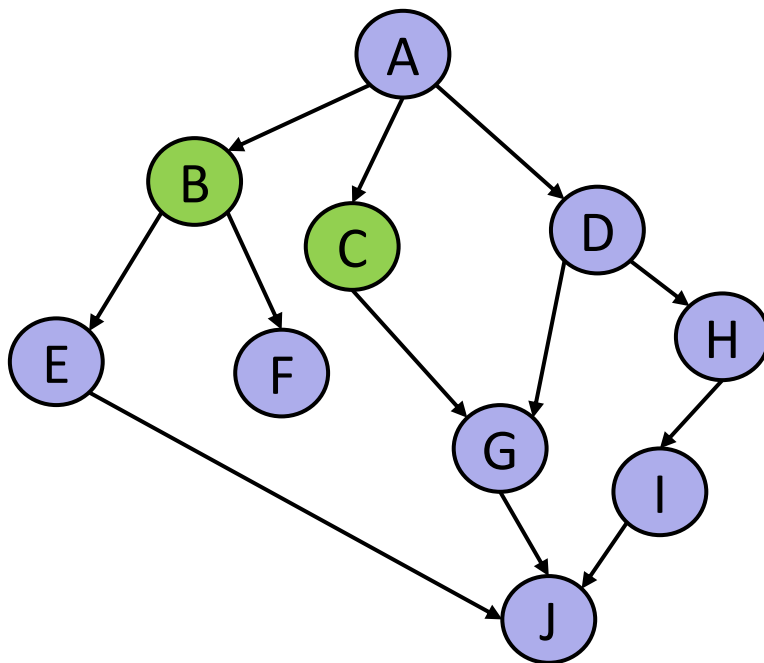
Marked:

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Order Processed:

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

B,

Marked:

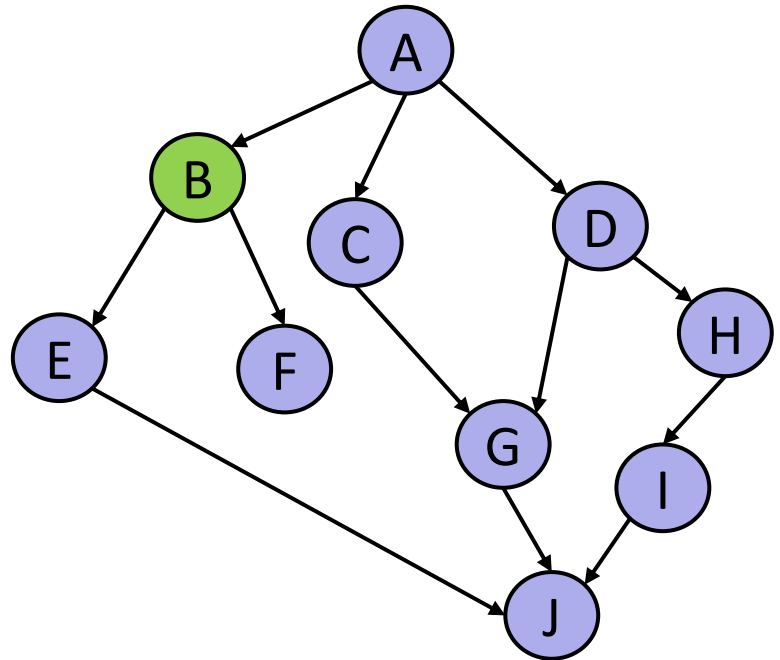
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Order Processed:

A, D, H, I, J, G, C

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Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

E, F

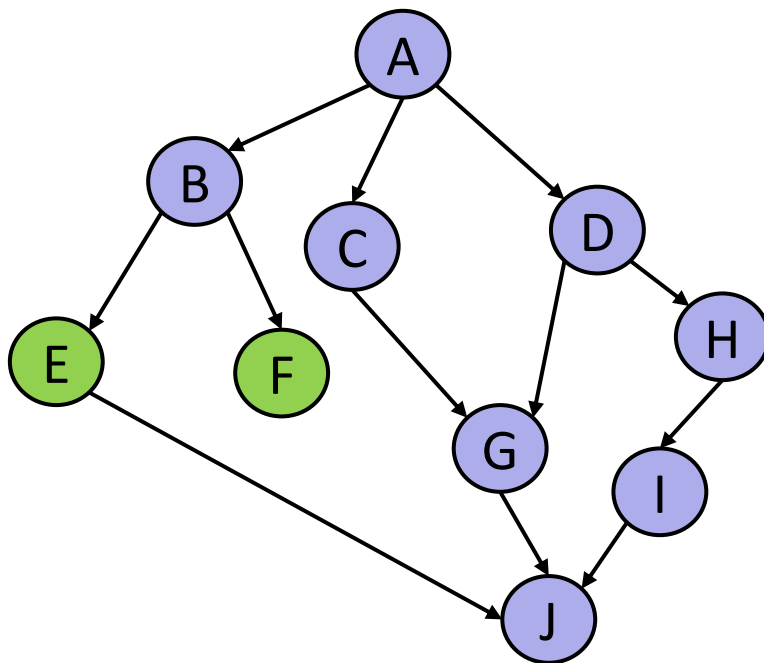
Marked:

A, B, C, D, G, H, I, J, E, F

Order Processed:

A, D, H, I, J, G, C, B

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    while (!s.empty())  
        next = s.pop()  
        process(next)  
        foreach u adjacent to next  
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                mark u  
                q.push(u)  
}
```



Depth-First Search on a Graph

Stack:

E

Marked:

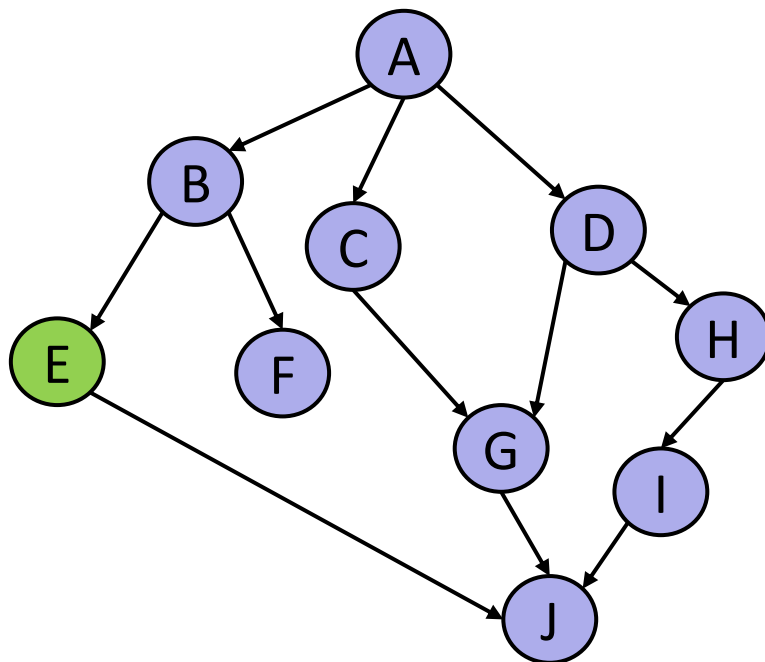
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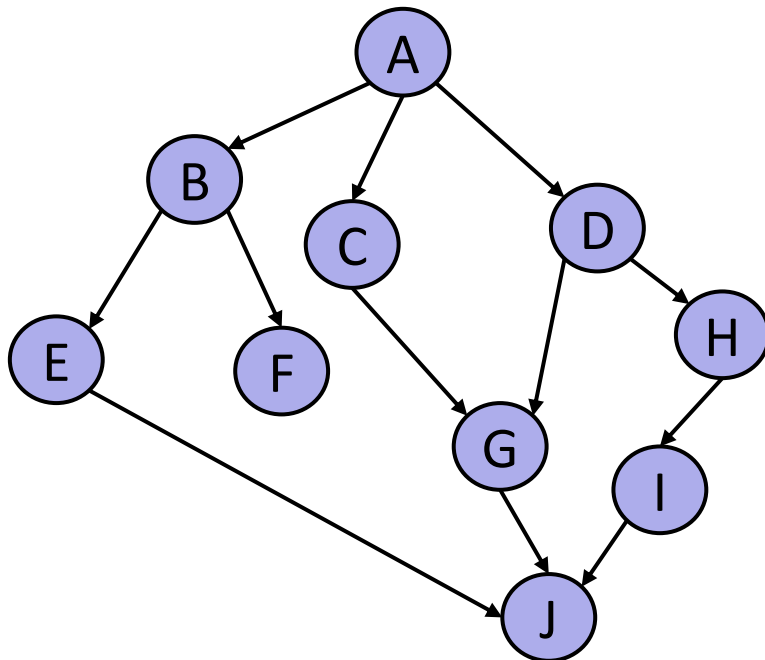
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- ❖ Were the Pre/In/Post-Order Traversals from 143 examples of BFS or DFS?

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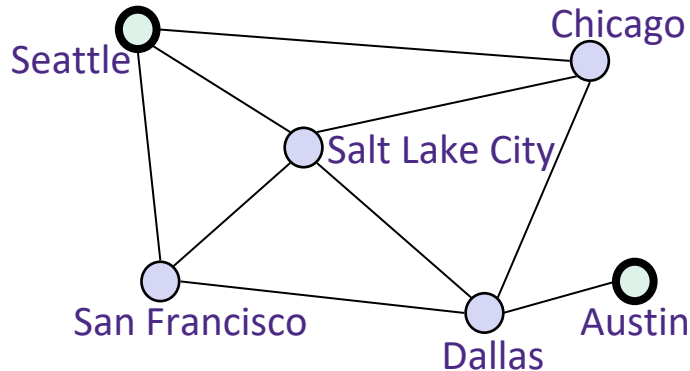
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Saving the Path

- ❖ These graph traversals can answer the “reachability question”:
 - “Is there a path from node x to node y ?”
- ❖ But what if we want to output the actual path or its length?
 - Eg, getting driving directions vs knowing it’s possible to get there
- ❖ Modifications:
 - Instead of just “marking” a node, store the path’s previous node
 - ie: when processing u , if we add v to the “remaining work” set $v.\text{prev}$ to u
 - When you reach the goal, follow prev fields backwards to start
 - (don’t forget to reverse the answer)
 - Path length:
 - Same idea, but also store integer distance at each node

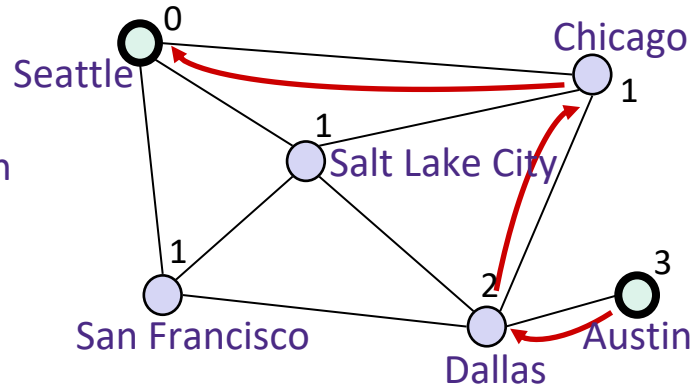
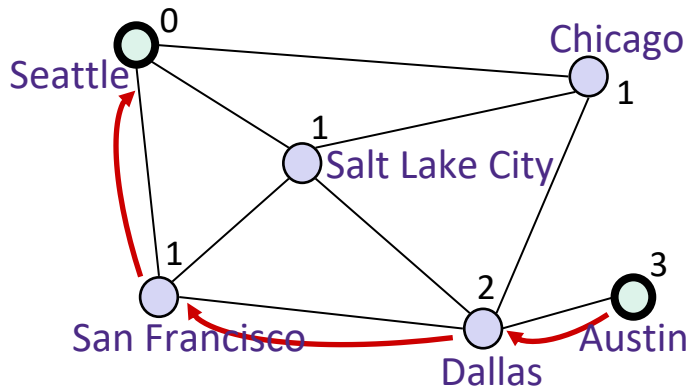
Saving the Path: Example using BFS (1 of 2)

- ❖ Find the shortest path from Seattle to Austin
 - Remember marked nodes are not re-enqueued
 - Shortest paths may not be unique



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DFS/BFS Comparison

❖ Breadth-first search:

- Always finds shortest paths, i.e., finds “optimal solutions”
 - Better for “what is the shortest path from x to y ?”
- But queue may hold up to $O(|V|)$ nodes
 - Eg, at the bottom level of perfect binary tree, queue contains $|V|/2$ nodes

❖ Depth-first search:

- Can use less space when finding a path
 - If longest path in the graph is p and highest out-degree is d then stack never has more than $d \cdot p$ elements

It Doesn't Have to be Either/Or

- ❖ A third approach: Iterative deepening (IDDFS):
 - Try DFS, but don't allow recursion more than K levels deep
 - If fails to find a solution, increment K and start the entire search over
- ❖ Like BFS, finds shortest paths. Like DFS, less space

Summary

- ❖ Two very different “standard” graph representations
 - Must understand tradeoffs to choose between adj list and adj matrix
- ❖ TopoSort finds a total ordering in a DAG representing a partial ordering
 - Runtime for TopoSort was dependent on graph representation and a helper data structure!
- ❖ We can traverse both trees and graphs
 - Depth-first-style tree traversals have 3 flavors (named by when the processing happens)
 - Breadth-first-style tree traversals are called “level-order”
 - Graphs can have “pre-” and “post-” style traversals, but ordering is less important than in trees