

Claim: For any edge $\{x, y\}$, $|L(x) - L(y)| \leq 1$.

Pf. Suppose x is discovd first.

We process q until we get to x . (x)

Case 1. y is not yet disc when we process x .

$\rightarrow y$ will be disc when process x and we set $L(y) = L(x) + 1$.

Case 2. y is disc before we process x .

So y is disc when we process z , and z is before x

$$\text{imp: } q \quad L(x) \leq L(y) = L(z) + 1 \leq L(x) + 1$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \uparrow & \nwarrow \\ x \text{ is add} & y \text{ is disc} & z \text{ is add} \\ \text{bef } y & \text{when proc } z & \text{bef } x \end{matrix}$

Claim. For all i , $L(i) =$ shortest path of s to i (when we do BFS(s)).

Pf. - shortest path $\leq L(i)$.

$L(i) =$ length of path from $s \rightarrow i$ in BFS tree

shortest path $\stackrel{v}{=} \text{length of the smallest path } s \rightarrow i$

- $L(i) \leq$ shortest path.

shortest path $s = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k = i$

$$L(v_0) = 0$$

$$L(v_1) \leq L(v_0) + 1 = 1$$

$$L(v_2) \leq L(v_1) + 1 \leq 2$$

\vdots

$$L(i) = L(v_k) \leq k.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{shortest path to } i = k \geq L(i) = L(v_k)$$

Exercise. IF G has n vertices & n edges $\Rightarrow G$ has a cycle.