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### BFS with distances and layers

# BFS with distances

## **BFS**( $s$ )

Mark all vertices as unvisited; **for each**  $v$  **set**  $\text{dist}(v) = \infty$

Initialize search tree  $T$  to be empty

Mark vertex  $s$  as visited **and set**  $\text{dist}(s) = 0$

set  $Q$  to be the empty queue

**enqueue**( $s$ )

**while**  $Q$  is nonempty **do**

$u = \text{dequeue}(Q)$

**for each** vertex  $v \in \text{Adj}(u)$  **do**

**if**  $v$  is not visited **do**

            add edge  $(u, v)$  to  $T$

            Mark  $v$  as visited, **enqueue**( $v$ )

**and set**  $\text{dist}(v) = \text{dist}(u) + 1$

# Properties of BFS: Undirected Graphs

## Theorem

The following properties hold upon termination of **BFS**(**s**)

- Ⓐ Search tree contains exactly the set of vertices in the connected component of **s**.
- Ⓑ If  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}) < \text{dist}(\mathbf{v})$  then **u** is visited before **v**.
- Ⓒ For every vertex **u**,  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u})$  is the length of a shortest path (in terms of number of edges) from **s** to **u**.
- Ⓓ If **u**, **v** are in connected component of **s** and  $\mathbf{e} = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is an edge of **G**, then  $|\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}) - \text{dist}(\mathbf{v})| \leq 1$ .

# Properties of BFS: Directed Graphs

## Theorem

The following properties hold upon termination of **BFS**(**s**):

- Ⓐ The search tree contains exactly the set of vertices reachable from **s**
- Ⓑ If  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}) < \text{dist}(\mathbf{v})$  then **u** is visited before **v**
- Ⓒ For every vertex **u**,  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u})$  is indeed the length of shortest path from **s** to **u**
- Ⓓ If **u** is reachable from **s** and  $\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  is an edge of **G**, then  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{v}) - \text{dist}(\mathbf{u}) \leq 1$ .  
*Not necessarily the case that  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}) - \text{dist}(\mathbf{v}) \leq 1$ .*

# BFS with Layers

**BFSLayers**( $s$ ):

Mark all vertices as unvisited and initialize  $T$  to be empty

Mark  $s$  as visited and set  $L_0 = \{s\}$

$i = 0$

**while**  $L_i$  is not empty **do**

    initialize  $L_{i+1}$  to be an empty list

**for** each  $u$  in  $L_i$  **do**

**for** each edge  $(u, v) \in \text{Adj}(u)$  **do**

            if  $v$  is not visited

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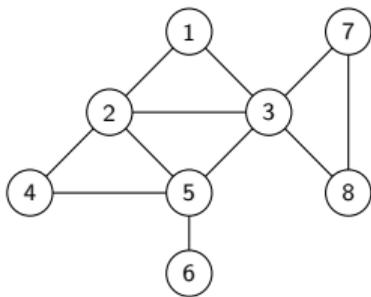
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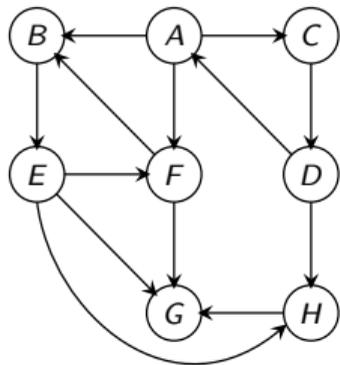
# BFS with Layers: Properties

## Proposition

The following properties hold on termination of **BFS**Layers(**s**).

- 1 **BFS**Layers(**s**) outputs a **BFS** tree
- 2  $L_i$  is the set of vertices at distance exactly  $i$  from **s**
- 3 If **G** is undirected, each edge  $e = \{u, v\}$  is one of three types:
  - 1 tree edge between two consecutive layers
  - 2 non-tree forward/backward edge between two consecutive layers
  - 3 non-tree cross-edge with both  $u, v$  in same layer
  - 4  $\implies$  Every edge in the graph is either between two vertices that are either (i) in the same layer, or (ii) in two consecutive layers.

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# BFS with Layers: Properties

For directed graphs

## Proposition

The following properties hold on termination of **BFSLayers**( $s$ ), if  $G$  is directed.  
For each edge  $e = (u, v)$  is one of four types:

- 1 a tree edge between consecutive layers,  $u \in L_i, v \in L_{i+1}$  for some  $i \geq 0$
- 2 a non-tree forward edge between consecutive layers
- 3 a non-tree backward edge
- 4 a cross-edge with both  $u, v$  in same layer

**THE END**

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