Part I

Breadth First Search
Overview

(A) **BFS** is obtained from **BasicSearch** by processing edges using a data structure called a **queue**.

(B) It processes the vertices in the graph in the order of their shortest distance from the vertex **s** (the start vertex).

As such...

1. **DFS** good for exploring graph structure
2. **BFS** good for exploring **distances**
xkcd take on DFS

PREPARING FOR A DATE:
WHAT SITUATIONS MIGHT I PREPARE FOR?
1) MEDICAL EMERGENCY
2) DANCING
3) FOOD TOO EXPENSIVE
4) KINGDOM COME?

OKAY, WHAT KINDS OF EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN?
A) SNAKEBITE
B) LIGHTNING STROKE
C) FALL FROM CHAIR

HMM, WHICH SNAKES ARE DANGEROUS? LET'S SEE...
A) APOLLO SNAKE
B) CORN SNAKE
C) GARTER SNAKE
D) COPPERHEAD

THE RESEARCH COMPARING SNAKE VENOMS IS SCATTERED
AND INCONSISTENT. I'LL MAKE A SPREADSHEET TO ORGANIZE IT

I'M HERE TO PICK YOU UP. YOU'RE NOT DRESSED?

BY LE, THE INLAND TAIPAN HAS THE DEADIEST VENOM OF ANY SNAKE!

I REALLY NEED TO STOP USING DEPTH-FIRST SEARCHES.
A **queue** is a list of elements which supports the operations:

1. **enqueue**: Adds an element to the end of the list
2. **dequeue**: Removes an element from the front of the list

Elements are extracted in **first-in first-out (FIFO)** order, i.e., elements are picked in the order in which they were inserted.
**BFS Algorithm**

Given (undirected or directed) graph $G = (V, E)$ and node $s \in V$

**BFS(s)**
- Mark all vertices as unvisited
- Initialize search tree $T$ to be empty
- Mark vertex $s$ as visited
- set $Q$ to be the empty queue
- $\text{enq}(s)$

**while** $Q$ is nonempty **do**
- $u = \text{deq}(Q)$
- **for** each vertex $v \in \text{Adj}(u)$
  - **if** $v$ is not visited **then**
    - add edge $(u, v)$ to $T$
    - Mark $v$ as visited and $\text{enq}(v)$

**Proposition**

**BFS(s) runs in $O(n + m)$ time.**
BFS: An Example in Undirected Graphs

\begin{align*}
1. & \quad [1] \quad 4. & \quad [4,5,7,8] \quad 7. & \quad [8,6] \\
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**BFS: An Example in Directed Graphs**

A directed graph (also called a digraph) is denoted as $G = (V, E)$, where $V$ is a set of vertices or nodes and $E \subseteq V \times V$ is the set of ordered pairs of vertices called edges.
**BFS with Distance**

**BFS(s)**

- Mark all vertices as unvisited and 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

**enq(s)**

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  - **if** $v$ is not visited **do**
    - Add edge $(u, v)$ to $T$
    - Mark $v$ as visited, $\text{enq}(v)$ and set $\text{dist}(v) = \text{dist}(u) + 1$
Properties of BFS: Undirected Graphs

Proposition

The following properties hold upon termination of BFS(s)

(A) The search tree contains exactly the set of vertices in the connected component of s.

(B) If \( \text{dist}(u) < \text{dist}(v) \) then u is visited before v.

(C) For every vertex u, \( \text{dist}(u) \) is indeed the length of shortest path from s to u.

(D) If u, v are in connected component of s and e = \{u, v\} is an edge of G, then either e is an edge in the search tree, or \( |\text{dist}(u) - \text{dist}(v)| \leq 1 \).

Proof.

Exercise.
If the edge \((u, v)\) is in the graph \(G\).
Do \textbf{BFS} \((s)\), such that both \(u\) and \(v\) are reachable from \(s\).
Then, we must have that

(A) \(\text{dist}(u) < \text{dist}(v)\)
(B) \(\text{dist}(u) > \text{dist}(v)\)
(C) \(\text{dist}(u) \leq 1 + \text{dist}(v)\)
(D) \(\text{dist}(v) \leq 1 + \text{dist}(u)\)
(E) None of the above.
(F) All of the above.
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Proof.

Exercise.
BFS with Layers

BFS\text{Layers}(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

mark $v$ as visited

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

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$L_2$

Alexandra (UIUC)
Example
BFS with Layers: Properties

Proposition

The following properties hold on termination of $\text{BFSLayers}(s)$.

1. $\text{BFSLayers}(s)$ 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. $\Rightarrow$ Every edge in the graph is either between two vertices that are either (i) in the same layer, or (ii) in two consecutive layers.
Proposition

The following properties hold on termination of \textbf{BFSLayers}(s), if \( G \) is directed.

For each edge \( e = (u, v) \) is one of four types:

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

Bipartite Graphs and an application of BFS
Bipartite Graphs

**Definition (Bipartite Graph)**

Undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ is a **bipartite graph** if $V$ can be partitioned into $X$ and $Y$ s.t. all edges in $E$ are between $X$ and $Y$. 

![Diagram of bipartite graph](image)
Bipartite Graph Characterization

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When is a graph bipartite?

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Every tree is a bipartite graph.

Proof.
Root tree $T$ at some node $r$. Let $L_i$ be all nodes at level $i$, that is, $L_i$ is all nodes at distance $i$ from root $r$. Now define $X$ to be all nodes at even levels and $Y$ to be all nodes at odd level. Only edges in $T$ are between levels.

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Let $C = u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_{2k+1}, u_1$ be an odd cycle. Suppose $C$ is a bipartite graph and let $X, Y$ be the partition. Without loss of generality $u_1 \in X$. Implies $u_2 \in Y$. Implies $u_3 \in X$. Inductively, $u_i \in X$ if $i$ is odd $u_i \in Y$ if $i$ is even. But $\{u_1, u_{2k+1}\}$ is an edge and both belong to $X$!
Subgraphs

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1. Pick $u$ arbitrarily and do $\text{BFS}(u)$
2. $X = \bigcup_{i \text{ is even}} L_i$ and $Y = \bigcup_{i \text{ is odd}} L_i$
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Proof.

Let v be least common ancestor of a, b in BFS tree T. v is in some level j < i (could be u itself).
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Question: Is the following graph bipartite?

(A) Yes.
(B) No.
(C) IDK.
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Another tidbit

**Corollary**

There is an $O(n + m)$ time algorithm to check if $G$ is bipartite and output an odd cycle if it is not.
Part III

Shortest Paths and Dijkstra’s Algorithm
Shortest Path Problems

Input A (undirected or directed) graph $G = (V, E)$ with edge lengths (or costs). For edge $e = (u, v)$, $\ell(e) = \ell(u, v)$ is its length.

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**Single-Source Shortest Paths via BFS**

**Special case:** All edge lengths are 1.

1. Run \( \text{BFS}(s) \) to get shortest path distances from \( s \) to all other nodes.
2. \( O(m + n) \) time algorithm.

**Special case:** Suppose \( \ell(e) \) is an integer for all \( e \)? Can we use \( \text{BFS} \)? Reduce to unit edge-length problem by placing \( \ell(e) - 1 \) dummy nodes on \( e \)

Let \( L = \max_e \ell(e) \). New graph has \( O(mL) \) edges and \( O(mL + n) \) nodes. \( \text{BFS} \) takes \( O(mL + n) \) time. Not efficient if \( L \) is large.
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1. $s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow v_i$ is a shortest path from $s$ to $v_i$
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**Question:** How do we find the paths themselves?

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for each node \( u \neq s \) do

\[
\text{insert}(Q, (u, \infty))
\]

\[
\text{prev}(u) \leftarrow \text{null}
\]

\[
S = \emptyset
\]

for \( i = 1 \) to \( |V| \) do

\[
(v, \text{dist}(s, v)) = \text{extractMin}(Q)
\]

\[
S = S \cup \{v\}
\]

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

if \( \text{dist}(s, v) + \ell(v, u) < \text{dist}(s, u) \) then

\[
\text{decreaseKey}(Q, (u, \text{dist}(s, v) + \ell(v, u)))
\]

\[
\text{prev}(u) = v
\]
Dijkstra’s algorithm finds the shortest path distances from s to V.

**Question:** How do we find the paths themselves?

```plaintext
Q = makePQ()
insert(Q, (s, 0))
prev(s) ← null
for each node u ≠ s do
    insert(Q, (u, ∞))
    prev(u) ← null

S = ∅
for i = 1 to |V| do
    (v, dist(s, v)) = extractMin(Q)
    S = S ∪ {v}
    for each u in Adj(v) do
        if (dist(s, v) + ℓ(v, u) < dist(s, u)) then
            decreaseKey(Q, (u, dist(s, v) + ℓ(v, u)))
            prev(u) = v
```

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**Lemma**

The edge set \((u, \text{prev}(u))\) is the reverse of a shortest path tree rooted at \(s\). For each \(u\), the reverse of the path from \(u\) to \(s\) in the tree is a shortest path from \(s\) to \(u\).

**Proof Sketch.**

1. The edge set \(\{(u, \text{prev}(u)) \mid u \in V\}\) induces a directed in-tree rooted at \(s\) (Why?)

2. Use induction on \(|S|\) to argue that the tree is a shortest path tree for nodes in \(V\).
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