

CompSci 201, L22: Graphs, DFS

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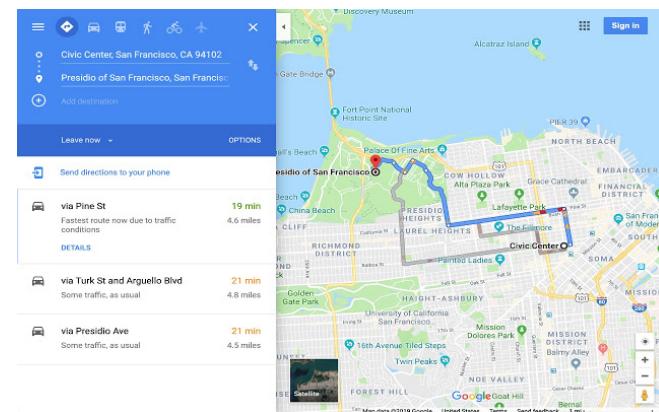
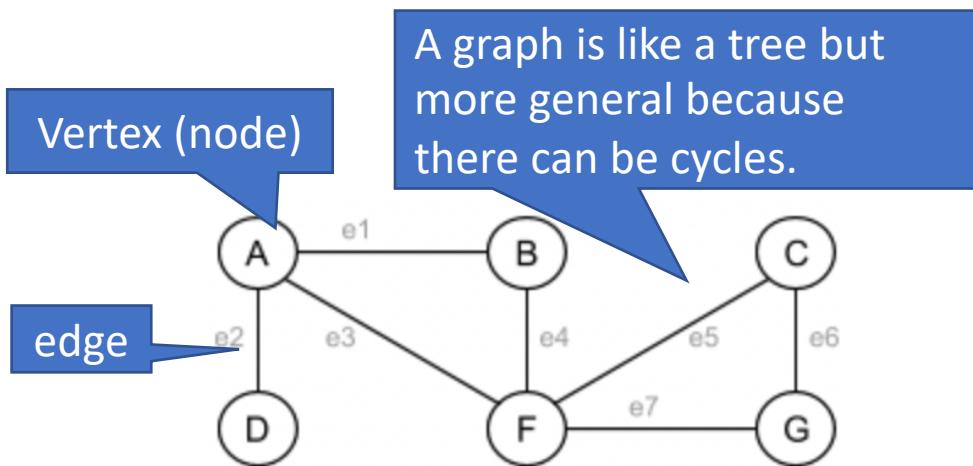
Logistics, Coming up

- P5 Huffman due today, Monday 11/14
- APT10 (greedy) due Wed., 11/16
- APT Quiz 2:
 - Release: This Thursday 11/17
 - Complete by: Monday 11/21
 - Quiz, not a hw, no late period

What is a graph?

A **graph** is a data structure for representing connections among items, and consists of vertices connected by edges.

- A **vertex** (or node) represents an item in a graph.
- An **edge** represents a connection between two vertices in a graph.



Maps/directions software:

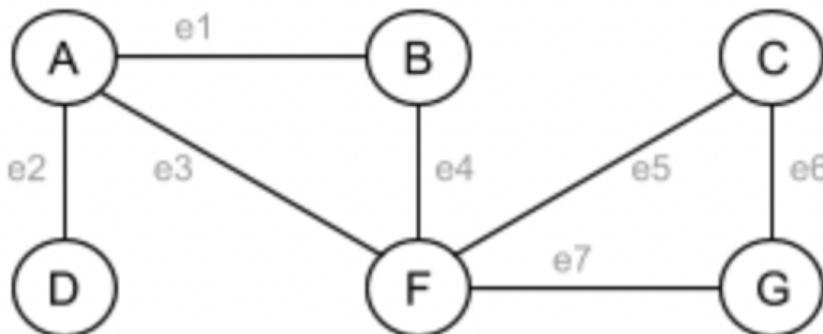
- Vertices \approx intersections
- Edges \approx roads

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Undirected versus directed graphs

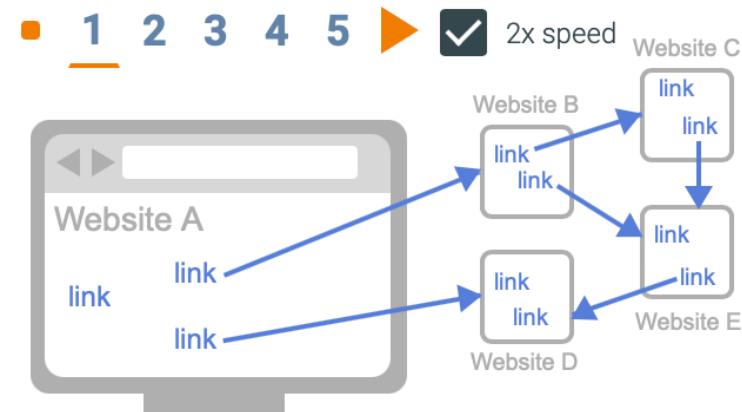
Undirected Graph

Edges go both ways



Directed Graph

Edges go one way only



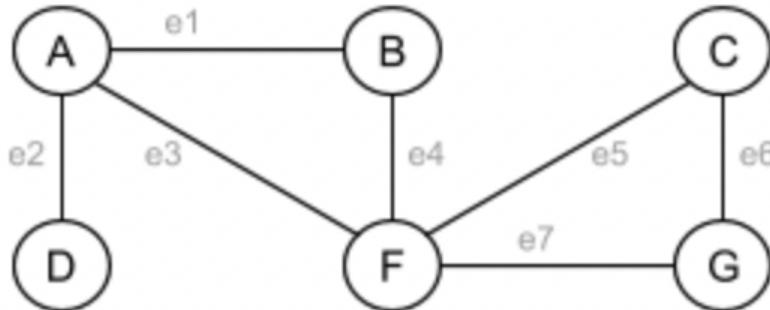
Facebook network, most road networks, are undirected

Worldwide web is a directed graph of webpages (nodes) and links (directed edges)

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Simple Graphs and Graph Sizes

- In a **simple** graph, there is at most one (undirected) edge between nodes (or 2 directed).

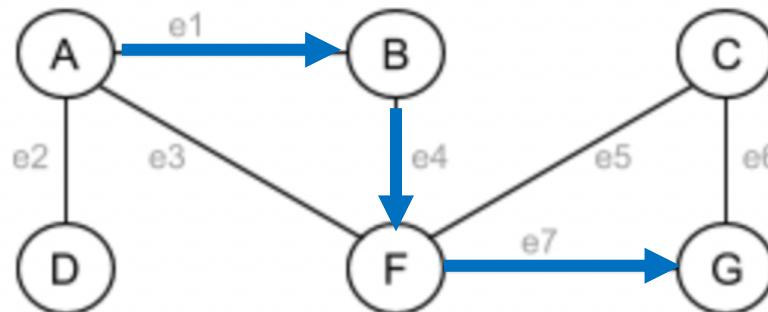


- Usually parameterize the size of the graph as:
 - N (or $|V|$) = number of vertices/nodes
 - M (or $|E|$) = number of edges
 - $M \leq N^2$ for a **simple** graph

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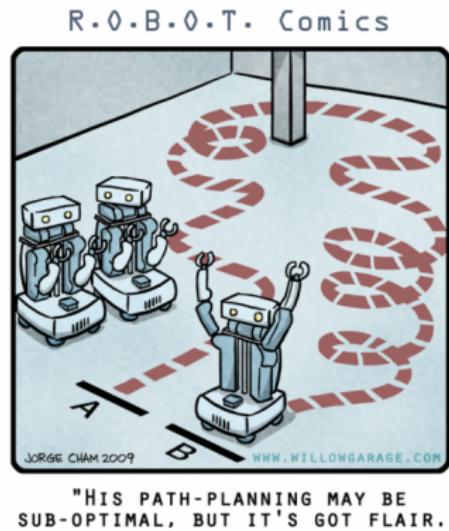
Paths in Graphs

- A **path** is a sequence of unique vertices where subsequent nodes are connected by edges
 - (Also commonly defined as a sequence of edges with unique vertices)



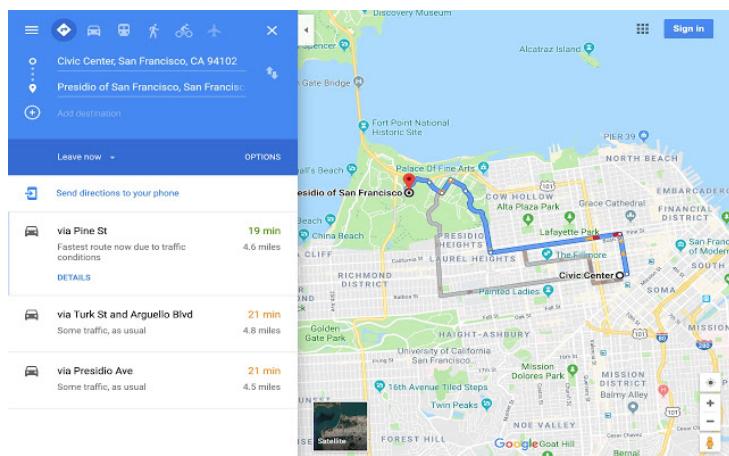
- Example in bold blue: [A, B, F, G].
 - (or [e1, e4, e7])

Pathfinding or Graph Search



Is there a way to get from point A to point B?

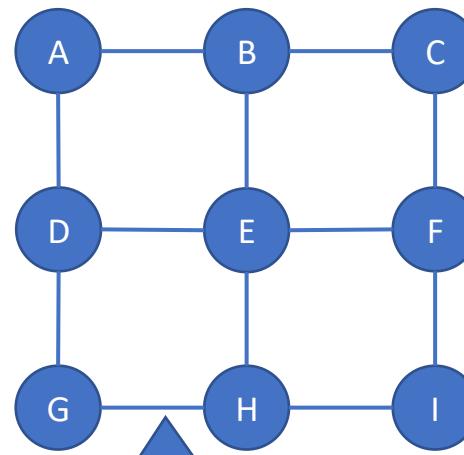
- Maps/directions
- Video games
- Robot motion planning
- Etc.



Recursive Depth-first search (DFS) in Grid Graphs

Two-dimensional grid is simple graph with implicit structure

	0	1	2
0	A	B	C
1	D	E	F
2	G	H	I



Represent as 2d array, e.g., `char[][]`
Two nodes adjacent if indices $+$ / $-$ 1

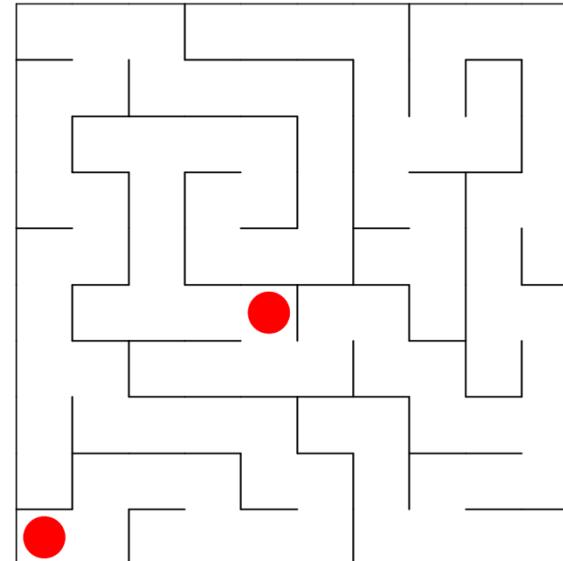
If not all of these edges are present, can represent a maze.

A maze is a grid graph

```
17  public class MazeDemo {  
18      private int mySize;           // dimension of maze  
19      private boolean[][] north;  // is there a wall to north of cell i, j  
20      private boolean[][] east;  
21      private boolean[][] south;  
22      private boolean[][] west;
```

- Example: ten by ten grid
- Edge = no wall, no edge = wall.
- Look for a path from start (lower left) to middle.

Maze Demo with DFS
File

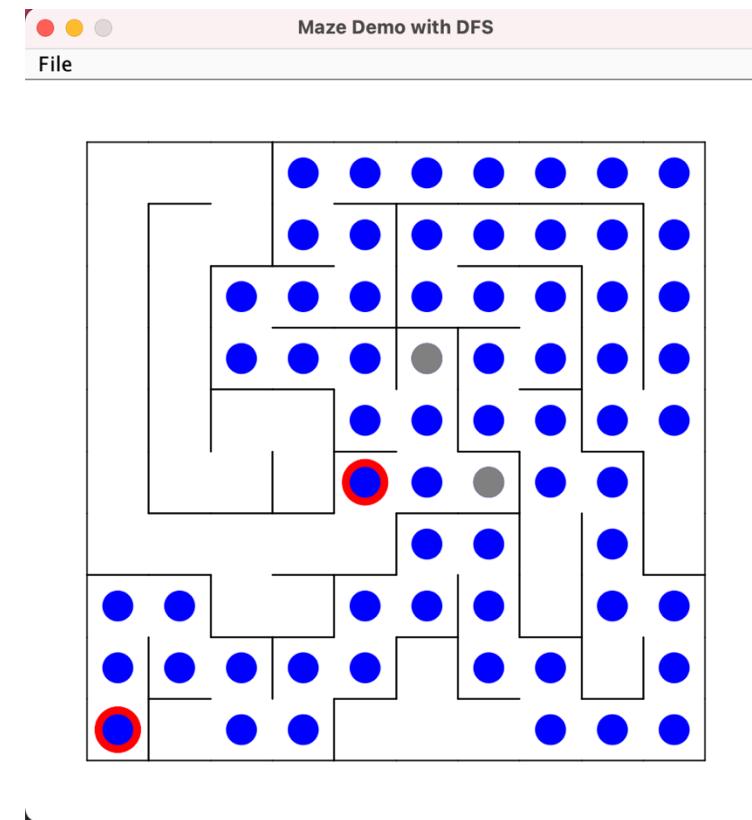


Depth First Search for Solving Maze

Always explore (recurse on) a new (unvisited) adjacent vertex if possible.

If impossible, **backtrack** to the most recent vertex adjacent to an unvisited vertex and continue.

coursework.cs.duke.edu/cs-201-fall-22/maze-demo



How is DFS Graph Traversal like Recursive Tree Traversal?

Tree traversals assumed only two adjacent nodes (children) and no cycles

```
49  public void inOrder(TreeNode root) {  
50  if (root != null) {  
51  51  }  
52  inOrder(root.left);  
53  System.out.println(root.info);  
54  inOrder(root.right);  
55  }  
  }
```

- Just try recursing on every adjacent vertex?
- Unlike in a tree, there are cycles: How do we avoid infinite recursion?

Base Cases and Visited Set

```
23     private boolean[][] visited;
```

Need to keep track to
avoid infinite recursion

```
160    private int solveDFS(int x, int y, int depth) {  
161        if (x == 0 || y == 0 || x == mySize +1 || y == mySize +1) return 0;  
162        if (visited[x][y]) return 0;  
163  
164        visited[x][y] = true;
```

- Line 161: Base case: Searching off the grid
- Line 162: Base case: Already explored here

```
171     // reached middle which is goal of maze  
172     if (x == mySize /2 && y == mySize /2) {  
173         return depth;  
174     }
```

- Line 172: Base case: Found the middle!

Recursive case

!north[x][y] → no wall above, can go that way.

y+1 → recurse on node above

Tracking length of path

```
176     if (!north[x][y]) {  
177         int d = solveDFS(x, y + 1, depth+1);  
178         if (d > 0) return d;  
179     }
```

If you found the center, return the path length

3 more symmetric cases for other 3 directions

Runtime complexity for Recursive DFS maze/grid

- Suppose the grid has $N = \text{width} \times \text{height}$ nodes.
- Each node will be recursed on ≤ 4 times:
 - Has 4 neighbors that could recurse on it,
 - Keep track of visited, we don't recurse from the same neighbor twice.
- Each recursive call is $O(1)$.
- Overall runtime complexity is $O(N)$.

WOTO

Go to duke.is/8vshq

Not graded for correctness,
just participation.

Try to answer *without* looking
back at slides and notes.

But do talk to your neighbors!



Iterative Depth-first search (DFS) in General Graphs

Stack Abstract Data Structure: LIFO List

```
5  public static void sdemo() {  
6      String[] strs = {"compsci", "is", "wonderful"};  
7      Stack<String> st = new Stack<>();  
8      for(String s : strs) {  
9          st.push(s);  
10     }  
11     while (! st.isEmpty()) {  
12         System.out.println(st.pop());  
13     }  
14 }
```

wonderful
is
compsci

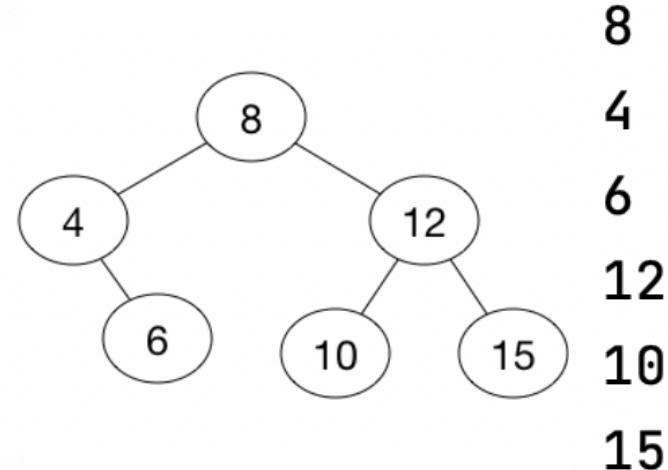
LIFO = Last In
First Out

Push: Add
element to stack

Pop: Get last
element in

Did we really need recursion? preOrder Tree Traversal with Stack

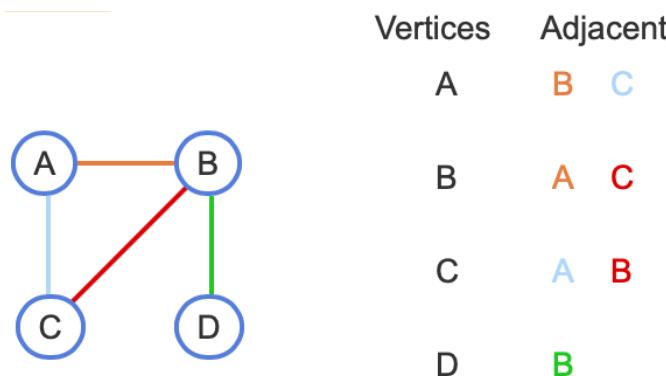
```
public static void preOrder(TreeNode tree) {  
    Stack<TreeNode> myStack = new Stack<>();  
    myStack.add(tree);  
    while (!myStack.isEmpty()) {  
        TreeNode current = myStack.pop();  
        if (current != null) {  
            System.out.println(current.info)  
            myStack.add(current.right);  
            myStack.add(current.left);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Recursion uses the call stack to keep track of nodes
Could also explicitly use a stack, can do the same for DFS

General data structures for graphs: Not necessarily a grid

Adjacency List



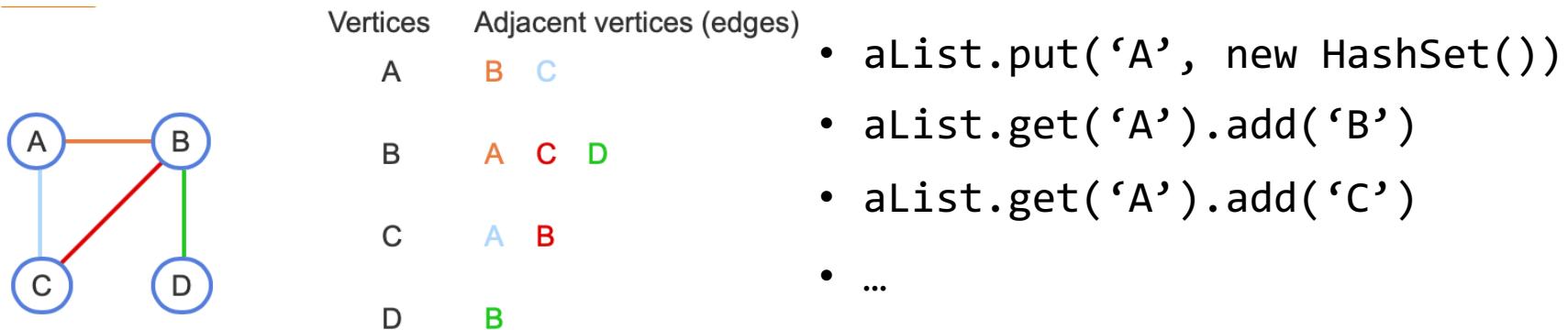
Adjacency Matrix

	A	B	C	D
A	1	1	0	0
B	0	1	1	1
C	1	0	1	0
D	0	1	0	1

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Efficient Adjacency “List” Using Double Hashing

- `HashMap<Vertex, HashSet<Vertex>> aList`
 - Vertex type can be Integer, char, String, custom object, ..., needs to have good `hashCode()` and `equals()`.



$O(1)$ time to check if nodes are connected or get the neighbors of a node (assuming good `hashCode`)

Graph Search Data Structures

- Have an adjacency list for the graph
- Keep track of visited nodes in a set
- Keep track of the *previous* node: During search, how did I get to this node?

```
9  public class DFS {  
10     public static Map<Character, Set<Character>> aList;  
11     public static Set<Character> visited;  
12     public static Map<Character, Character> previous;
```

- Example has Character nodes, could be any label for the nodes.
- Storing as instance variables, accessible in methods.

Initializing Iterative DFS

- **Stack** stores nodes we have *visited/discovered*, but not explored from yet.
- Explore from one *current* node at a time.

```
14     public static void dfs(char start) {  
15         Stack<Character> toExplore = new Stack<>();  
16         char current = start;  
17         toExplore.add(current);  
18         visited.add(current);
```

- Stack is LIFO (last-in first-out), so we always explore from the *last node we discovered, depth-first!*

Iterative DFS Loop

While there are nodes we have not explored from...

Explore from the most recently discovered node...

```
20  while (!toExplore.isEmpty()) {  
21      current = toExplore.pop();  
22      for (char neighbor : aList.get(current)) {  
23          if (!visited.contains(neighbor)) {  
24              previous.put(neighbor, current);  
25              visited.add(neighbor);  
26              toExplore.push(neighbor);  
27      }  
28  }  
29 }
```

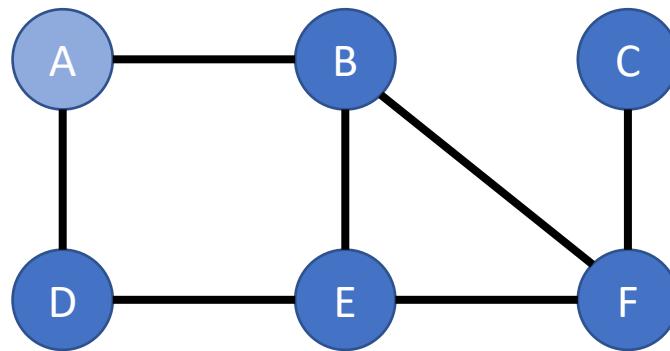
Look at all neighbors of current node...

If we haven't seen them before...

Then:
1. note how we got here
2. Note we have seen
3. Mark to explore later

Initialize search at A

start: A



Adjacency List:

A=[B, D]
B=[A, E, F]
C=[F]
D=[A, E]
E=[B, D, F]
F=[B, C, E]

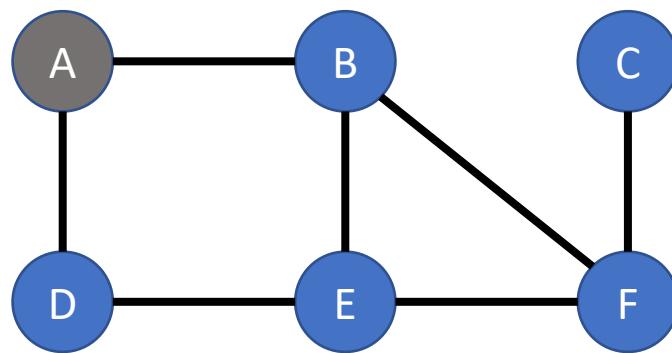
toExplore (stack) **previous (map)** **Visited (set)**

A

{A}

Pop A off the stack

start: A



Adjacency List:

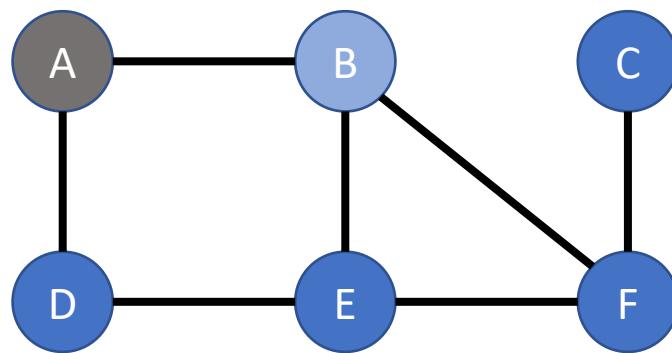
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toExplore (stack) **previous (map)** **Visited (set)**

{A}

Find B from A

start: A



Adjacency List:

A=[B, D]
B=[A, E, F]
C=[F]
D=[A, E]
E=[B, D, F]
F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

B

previous (map)

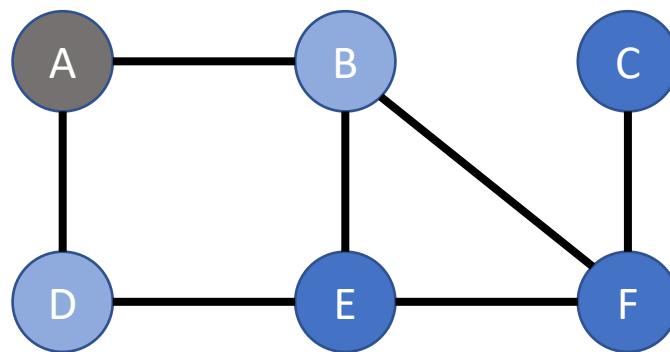
B <- A

Visited (set)

{A, B}

Find D from A

start: A



Adjacency List:

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D=[A, E]
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F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

D
B

previous (map)

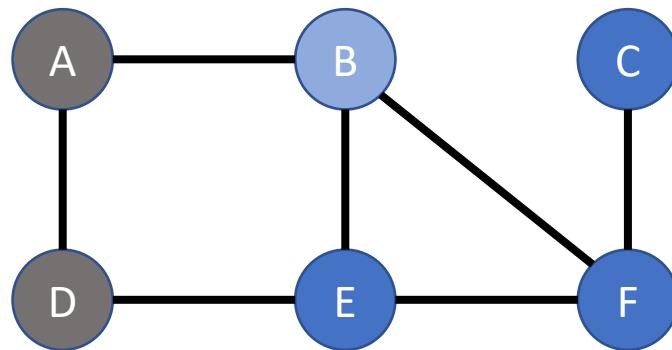
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D <- A

Visited (set)

{A, B, D}

Pop D off the stack

start: A



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toExplore (stack)

B

previous (map)

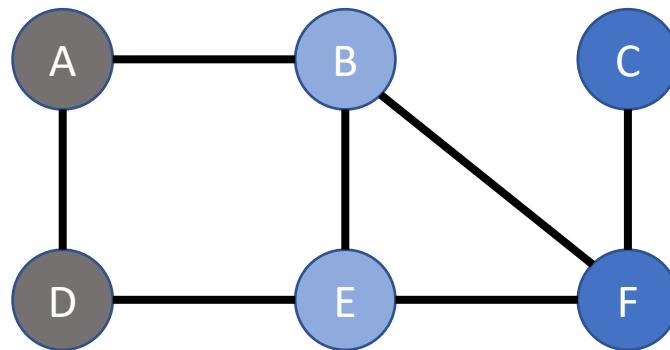
B <- A
D <- A

Visited (set)

{A, B, D}

Find E from D

start: A



Adjacency List:

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C=[F]
D=[A, E]
E=[B, D, F]
F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

E
B

previous (map)

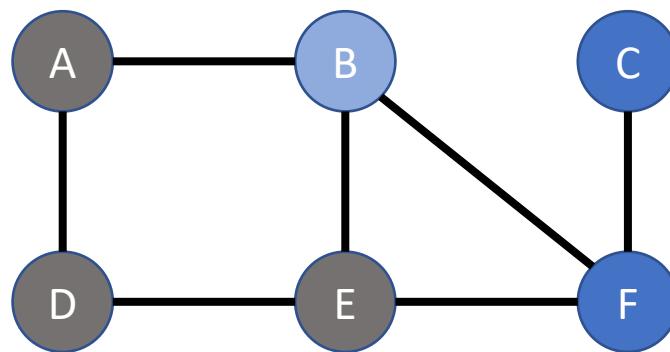
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D <- A
E <- D

Visited (set)

{A, B, D, E}

Pop E off the stack

start: A



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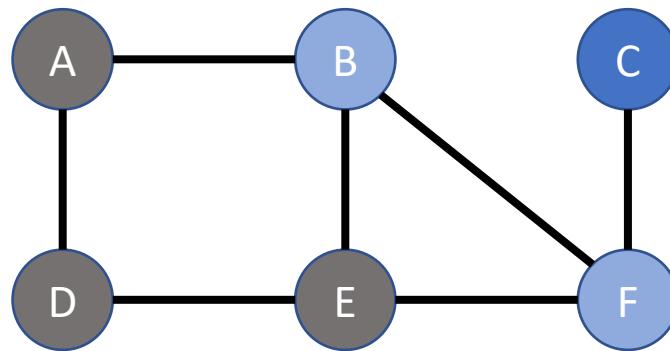
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Visited (set)

{A, B, D, E}

Find F from E

start: A



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F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

F
B

previous (map)

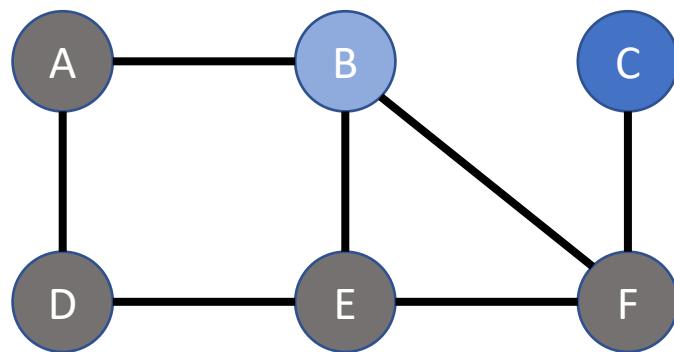
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E <- D
F <- E

Visited (set)

{A, B, D, E, F}

Pop F off the stack

start: A



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toExplore (stack)

B

previous (map)

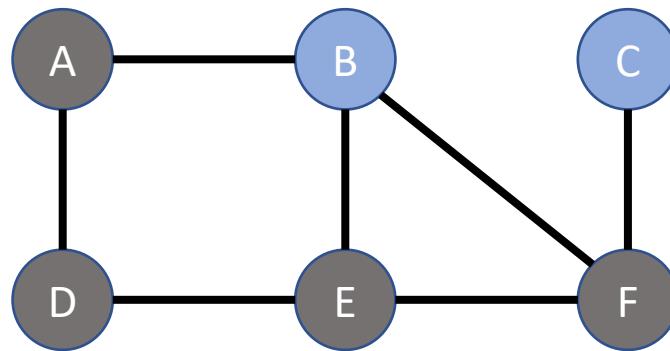
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F <- E

Visited (set)

{A, B, D, E, F}

Find C from F

start: A



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C=[F]
D=[A, E]
E=[B, D, F]
F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

previous (map)

Visited (set)

C

B <- A

{A, B, D, E, F, C}

B

D <- A

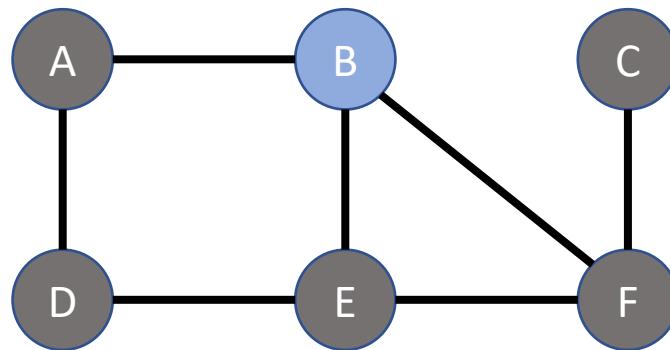
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F <- E

C <- F

Pop C off the stack

start: A



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toExplore (stack)

B

previous (map)

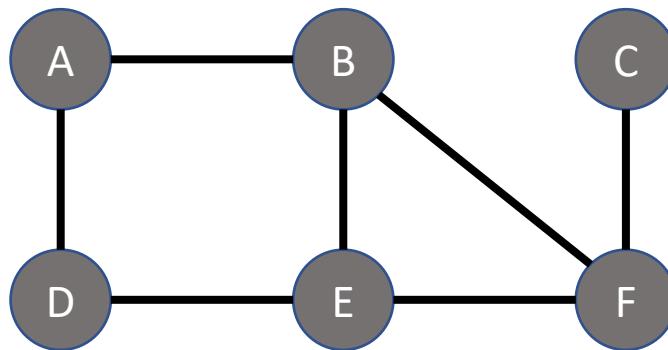
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C <- F

Visited (set)

{A, B, D, E, F, C}

Pop B off the stack

start: A



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previous (map)

Visited (set)

B <- A

{A, B, D, E, F, C}

D <- A

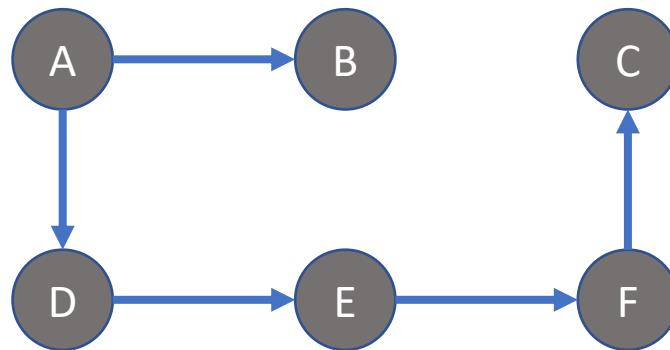
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F <- E

C <- F

DFS Search Tree

start: A



Adjacency List:

A=[B, D]
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D=[A, E]
E=[B, D, F]
F=[B, C, E]

toExplore (stack)

previous (map)

Visited (set)

Can find paths from A to X by following previous backwards from X

B <- A
D <- A
E <- D
F <- E
C <- F

{A, B, D, E, F, C}

Path from A to C:
C <- F <- E <- D <- A