

# Data Structures

## Graph Traversals

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# Announcements

EC points have been awarded for all IEF and surveys

MP\_traversal survey will go out today

FAIR cases are in the works — remember course policies!



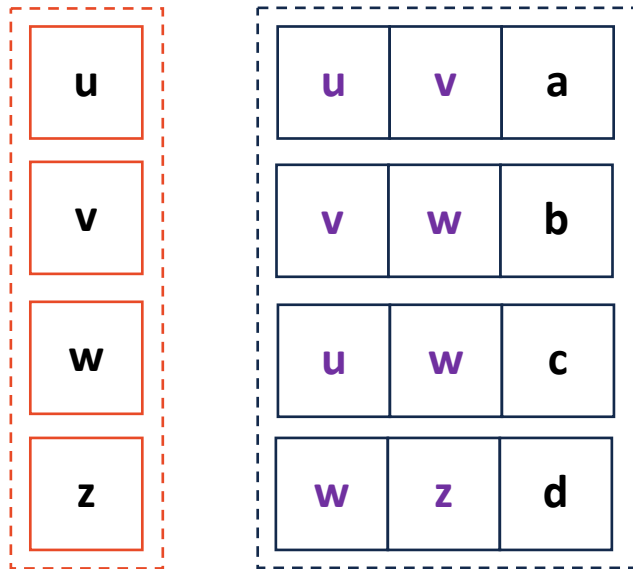
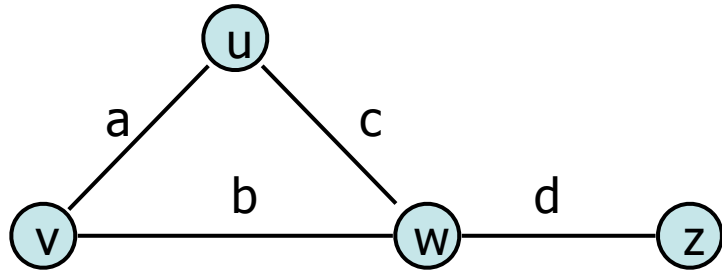
# Learning Objectives

Discuss graph traversal algorithms

# Graph Implementation: Edge List $|V| = n, |E| = m$

The equivalent of an 'unordered' data structure

Is the smallest  
storage structure



## Vertex Storage:

An optional list of vertices

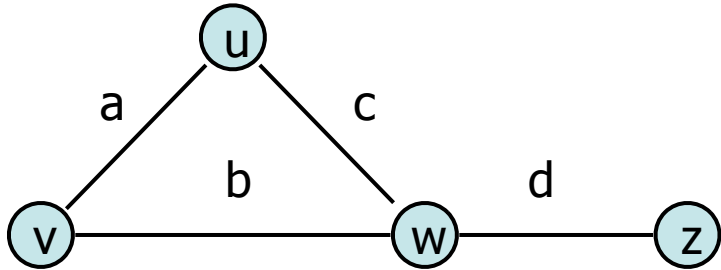
## Edge Storage:

A list storing edges as (V1, V2, Weight)

**Most graphs are stored as just an edge list!**

# Graph Implementation: Adjacency Matrix

$$|V| = n, |E| = m$$



## Vertex Storage:

A hash table of vertices

Implicitly or explicitly store index

## Edge Storage:

A  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix of edges

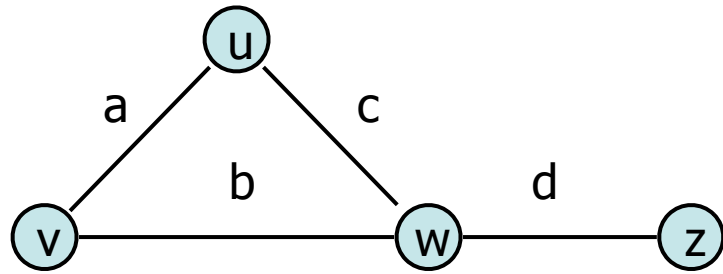
Weight is stored at position (u, v)

|   |   |
|---|---|
| u | 0 |
| v | 1 |
| w | 2 |
| z | 3 |

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | - | a | c | 0 |
| 1 |   | - | b | 0 |
| 2 |   |   | - | d |
| 3 |   |   |   | - |

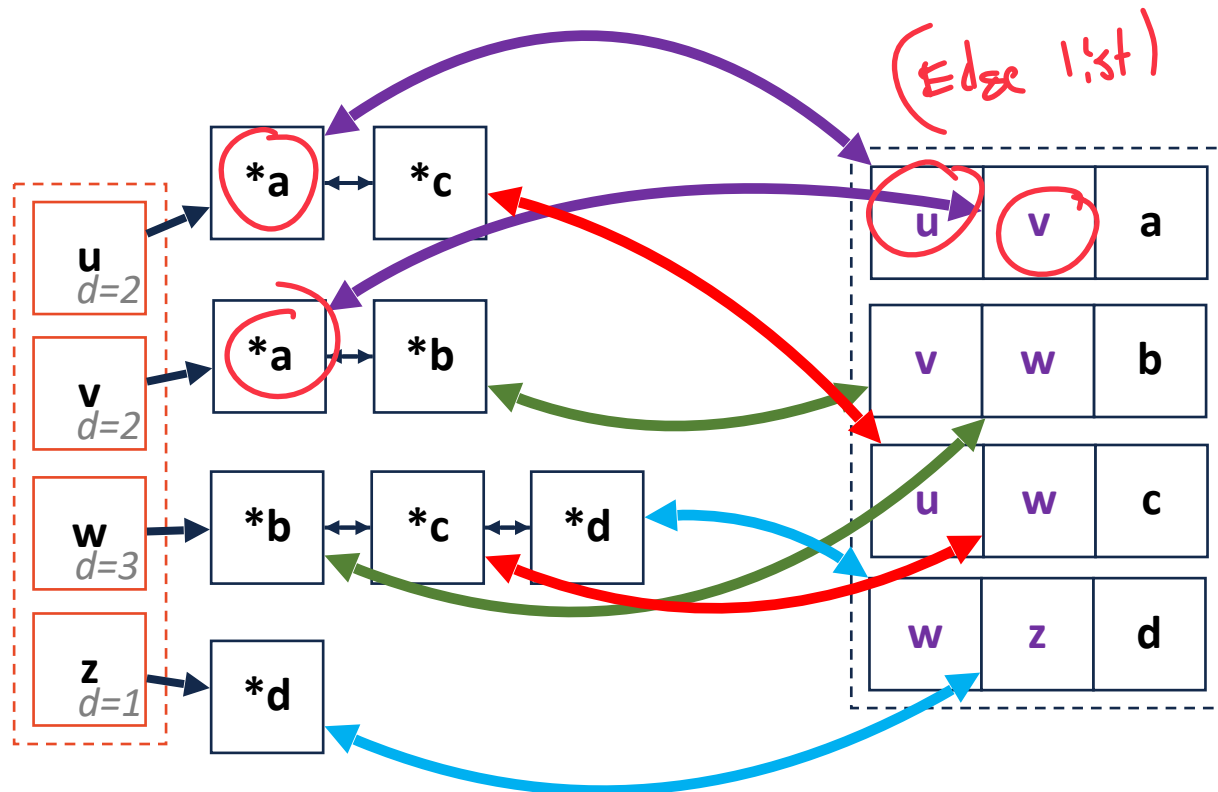
$O(1)$  lookup in vector

# Adjacency List



## Vertex Storage:

A bidirectional linked list with size variable  
Each node is a pointer to edge in edge list



## Edge Storage:

A list of (v1, v2, weight) edges  
Also store pointers back to nodes

$$|V| = n, |E| = m$$

| Expressed as $O(f)$ | Edge List | Adjacency Matrix | Adjacency List                       |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Space               | $n+m$     | $n^2$            | $n+m$                                |
| insertVertex(v)     | $1^*$     | $n^*$            | $1^*$                                |
| removeVertex(v)     | $n+m$     | $n$              | $\text{deg}(v)$                      |
| insertEdge(u, v)    | $1$       | $1$              | $1^*$                                |
| removeEdge(u, v)    | $m$       | $1$              | $\min(\text{deg}(u), \text{deg}(v))$ |
| incidentEdges(v)    | $m$       | $n$              | $\text{deg}(v)$                      |
| areAdjacent(u, v)   | $m$       | $1$              | $\min(\text{deg}(u), \text{deg}(v))$ |

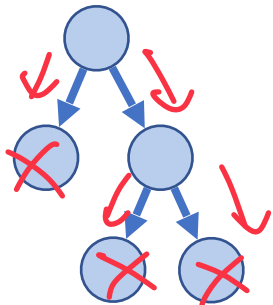


# Graph Traversals

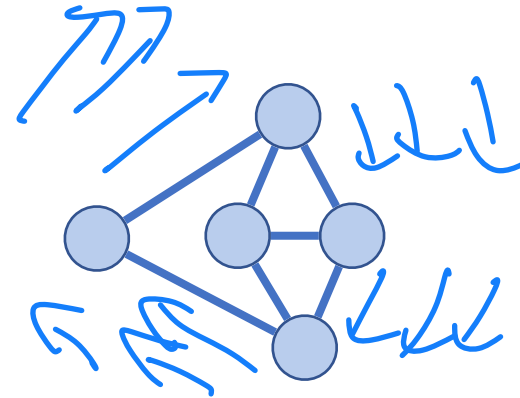
**Objective:** Visit every vertex and every edge in the graph.

How can we systematically go through a complex graph in the fewest steps?

Tree traversals won't work — let's compare:

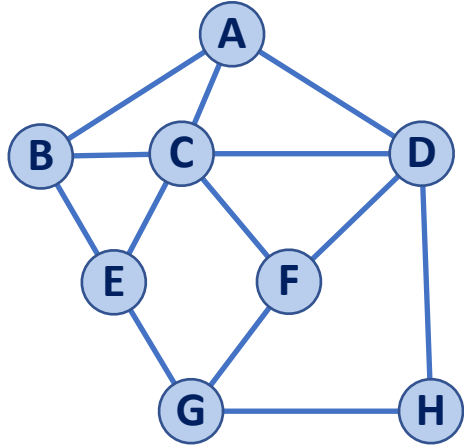


- Rooted
- Acyclic
- A clear endpoint  
↳ IF node has no children!



- No clear root
- cycles
- No obvious endpoint!

# Traversal: BFS



**To complete a traversal what do we need?**

As input:

↳ I need a clear starting node

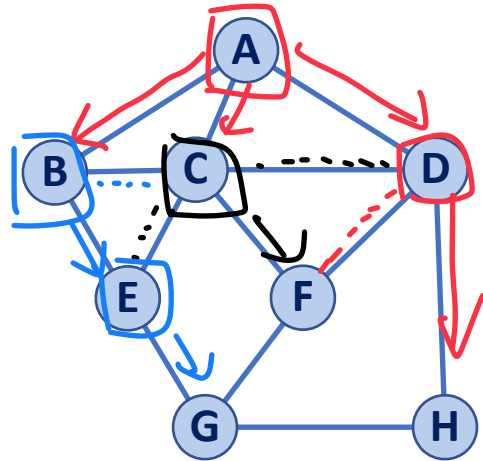
To keep track of:

↳ Nodes we visit so far

↳ and what node comes next

# Traversal: BFS

- 0) Initialize
  - ↳ Queue (put start in queue)
  - ↳ Depth (start = 0)
  - ↳ Predecessor (start = -1)



→ Discovery (New vertex)  
 ..... Cross (old vertex)

- While queue not empty
  - ↳ tmp = dequeue()
  - ↳ Process all children
    - ↳ Add to queue
    - ↳ Set depth (tmp.depth + 1)
    - ↳ Set prev (to tmp)

All discovery edges are in table  
 All edges not in table are cross

"visited" nodes have depth/prev

| depth prev |   |   |                |
|------------|---|---|----------------|
| v          | d | P | Adjacent Edges |
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| H          | 2 | D | D G            |

check if vertex is "new"  
 Does it already have depth/prev

~~A~~ B C ~~D~~ ~~E~~ F H G

Front (queue) Back

# Traversal: BFS

Initialize queue / depth / predecessor

While queue not empty:

- Remove front vertex of queue

- Check if edge connects to new vertex

  - Set dist / pred if new vertex

- Add unvisited edges to queue

Every edge "visited" twice

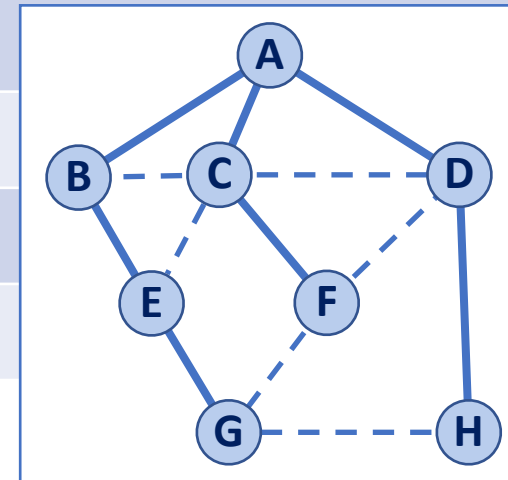
Every vertex is processed

Running time?  $O(m + n)$

$$|V| = n, |E| = m$$



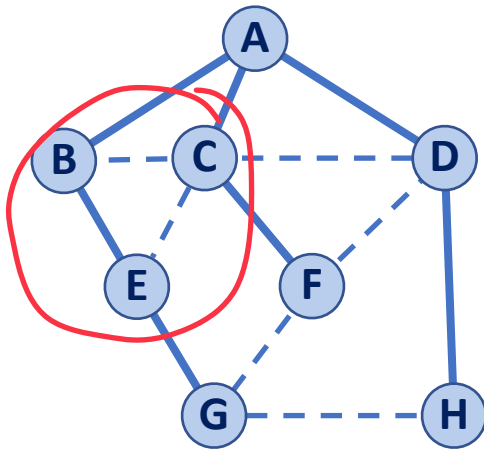
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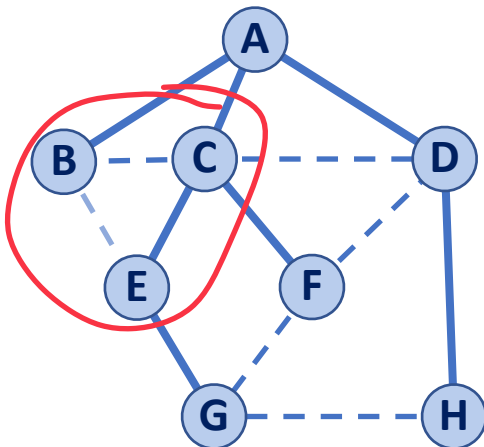
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# Traversal: BFS

Traversal depends on start position as well as order of edges at each node



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**Input:** Graph, G

**Output:** A labeling of the edges in G as discovery or cross

```
1 BFS(G):  
2   foreach (Vertex v : G.vertices()):  
3     setPred(v, NULL)  
4     setDist(v, -1)  
5  
6   foreach (Edge e : G.edges()):  
7     setLabel(e, UNEXPLORED)  
8  
9   foreach (Vertex v : G.vertices()):  
10    if getDist(v) == -1:  
11      BFS(G, v)
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Initialization

↑ ↑  
start vertex

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12 BFS(G, v) :
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14   setDist(v, 0)
15   q.enqueue(v)
16
17   while !q.empty() :
18     v = q.dequeue()
19
20   foreach (Vertex w : G.adjacent(v)) :
21     if( getDist(w) == -1) :
22       setLabel((v, w), DISCOVERY)
23       setPred(w, v)
24       setDist(w, v + 1)
25       q.enqueue(w)
26   else:
27     setLabel((v, w), CROSS)
```

Initialize

label

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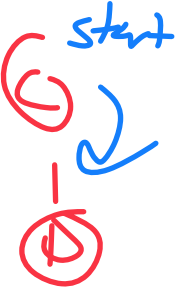
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Init

call BFS

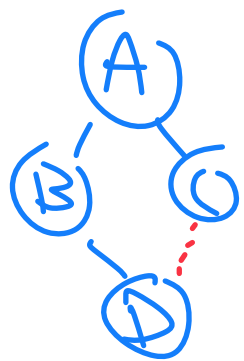
## Count connected components?

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## Cycle Detection?

↳ cross edge label!



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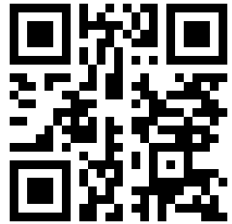
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more init

label

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# BFS Observations

What is the shortest path from **A** to **H**?

A - D - H

walk backwards!

What is the shortest path from **E** to **H**?

↳ we don't know!

BFS in graphs solves shortest path  
(for the start node)

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A-D-H (see by walking backwards!)

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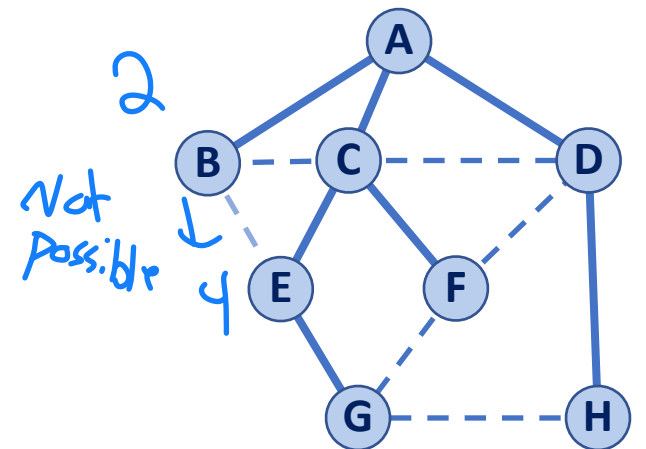
Can't tell by BFS!

If my node has distance **d**, do I know anything about the nodes connected by a **cross edge**?

Are  $\pm 1$  in depth/distance to me

What structure is made from **discovery edges**?

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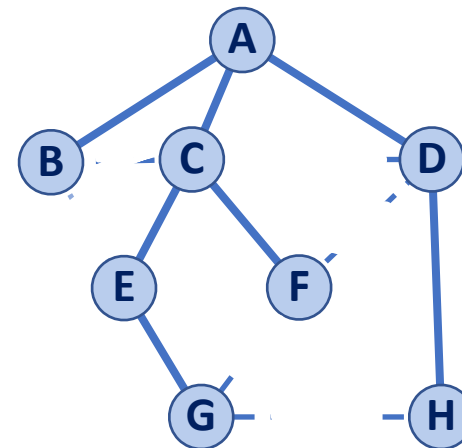
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↳ A tree!

(Spanning tree)

↳ connects all vertices in smallest count of edges

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# BFS Observations

1. BFS can be used to count components

2. BFS can be used to detect cycles

\* 3. The BFS 'distance' value is always the shortest distance from source to any vertex (and the discovery edges form a spanning tree)

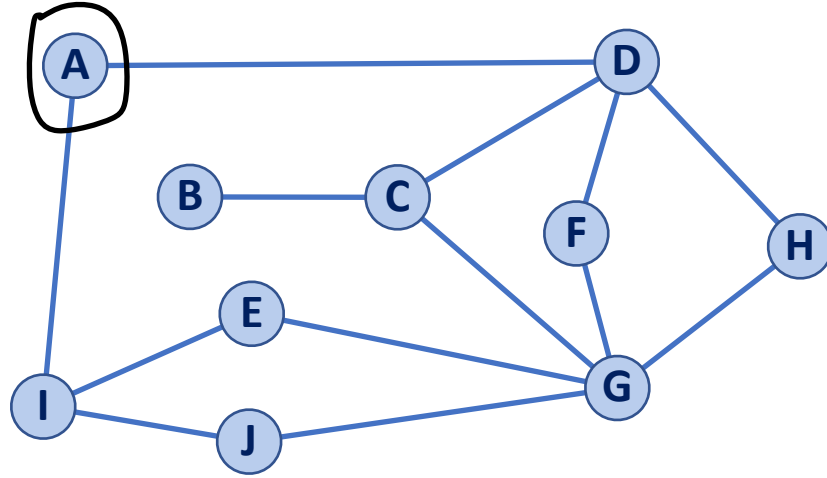
↳ solves shortest path

↳ solves minimum spanning tree

4. The endpoints of a cross edge never differ in distance by more than 1 (  $|d(u) - d(v)| = 1$  )

# Traversal: DFS

1) Initialize distance / pred / stack  
↳ stack ← start



while stack not empty

tmp = pop()

process children

↳  $depth = tmp.depth + 1$

↳  $pred = tmp$

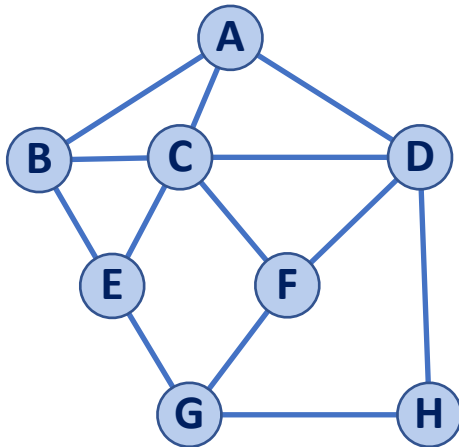
Go over example on Friday

A  
Bottom



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init

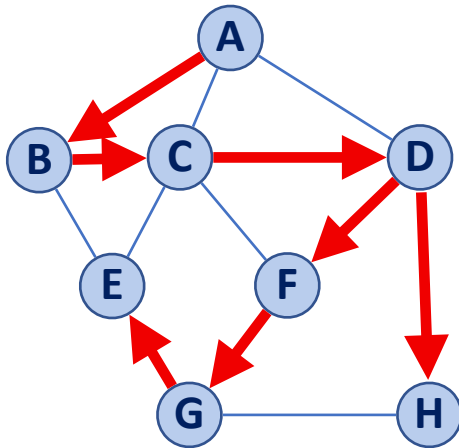


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Or go over  
this example

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| D | 3 | C | A C F H        |
| E | 6 | G | B C G          |
| F | 4 | D | C D G          |
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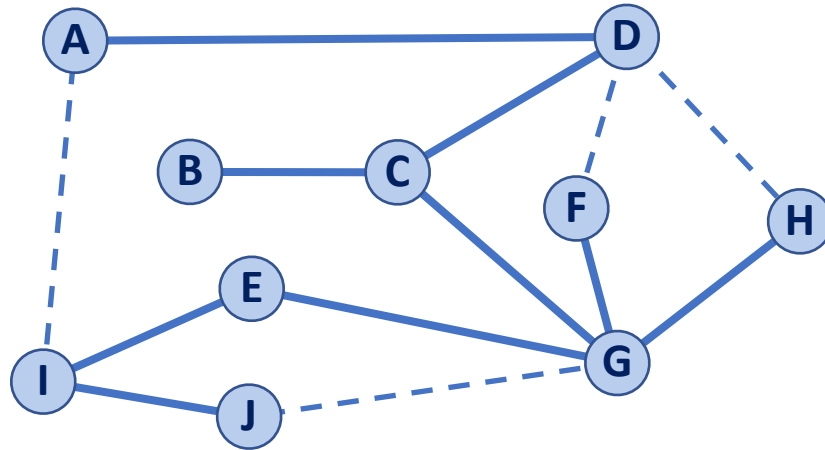
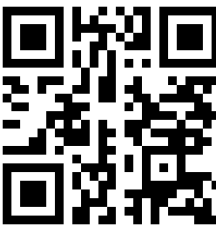
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Running time?

$|V| = n, |E| = m$

# Traversal: DFS

Do we still make a spanning tree?



Does distance have meaning here?

Do our edge labels have meaning here?

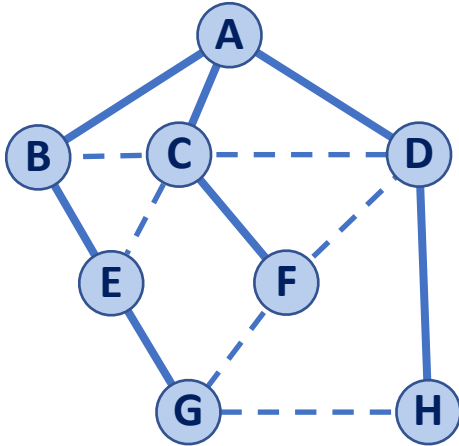
————— Discovery Edge

- - - - - Back Edge

# Efficiency: DFS vs BFS

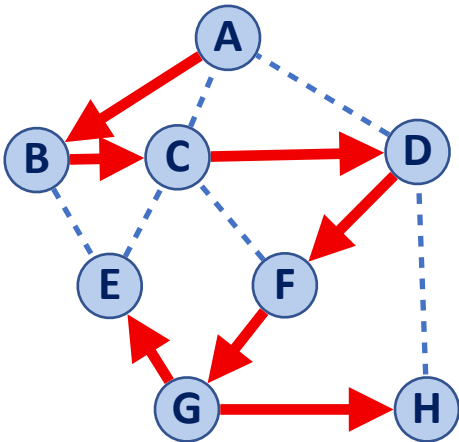
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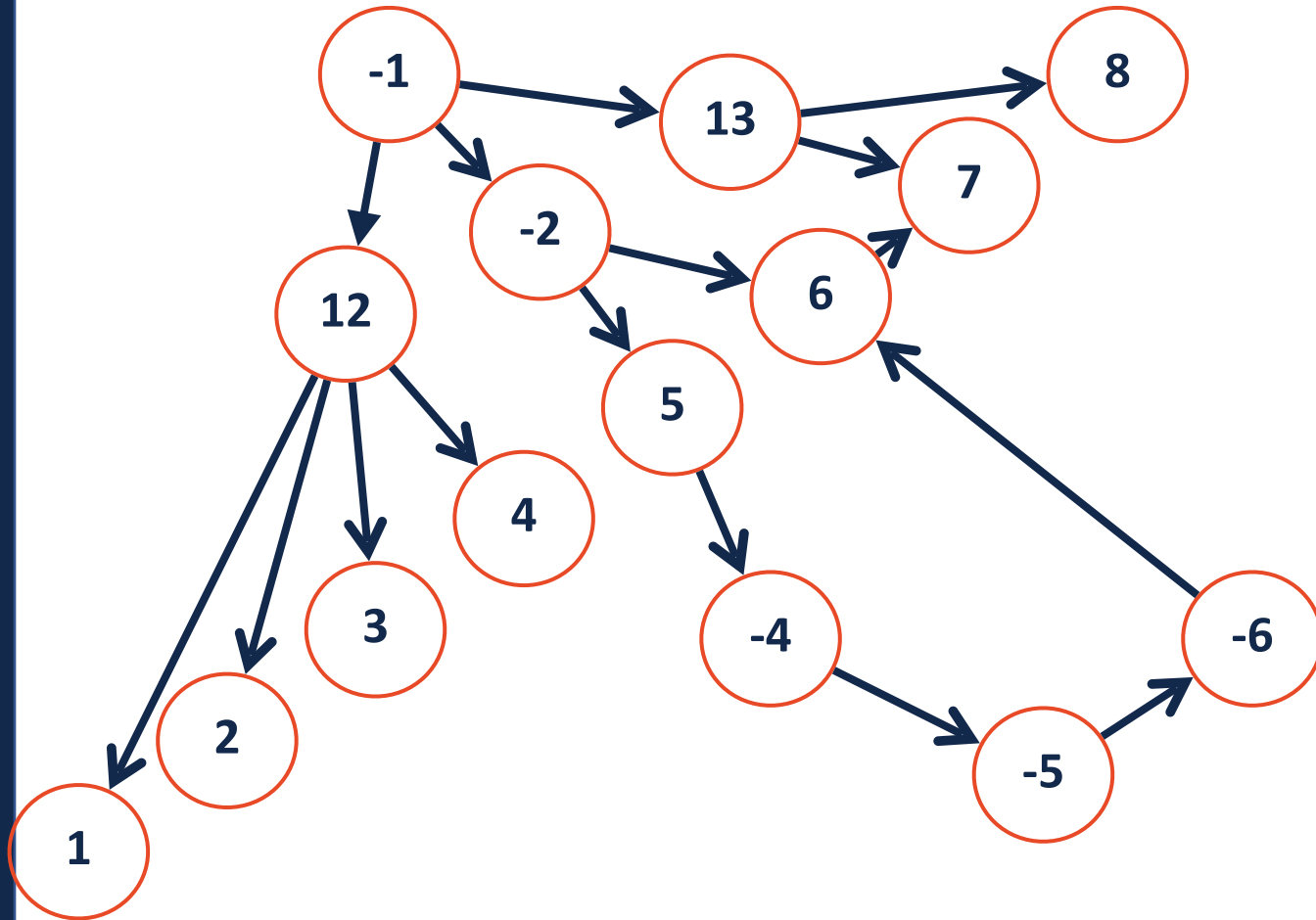
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**DFS:**



A B C D F G E H

# Space Efficiency: DFS vs BFS



# Summary: DFS and BFS

$$|V| = n, |E| = m$$



Both are  **$O(n+m)$**  traversals! They label every edge and every node

## BFS

Solves unweighted MST

Solves shortest path

Solves cycle detection

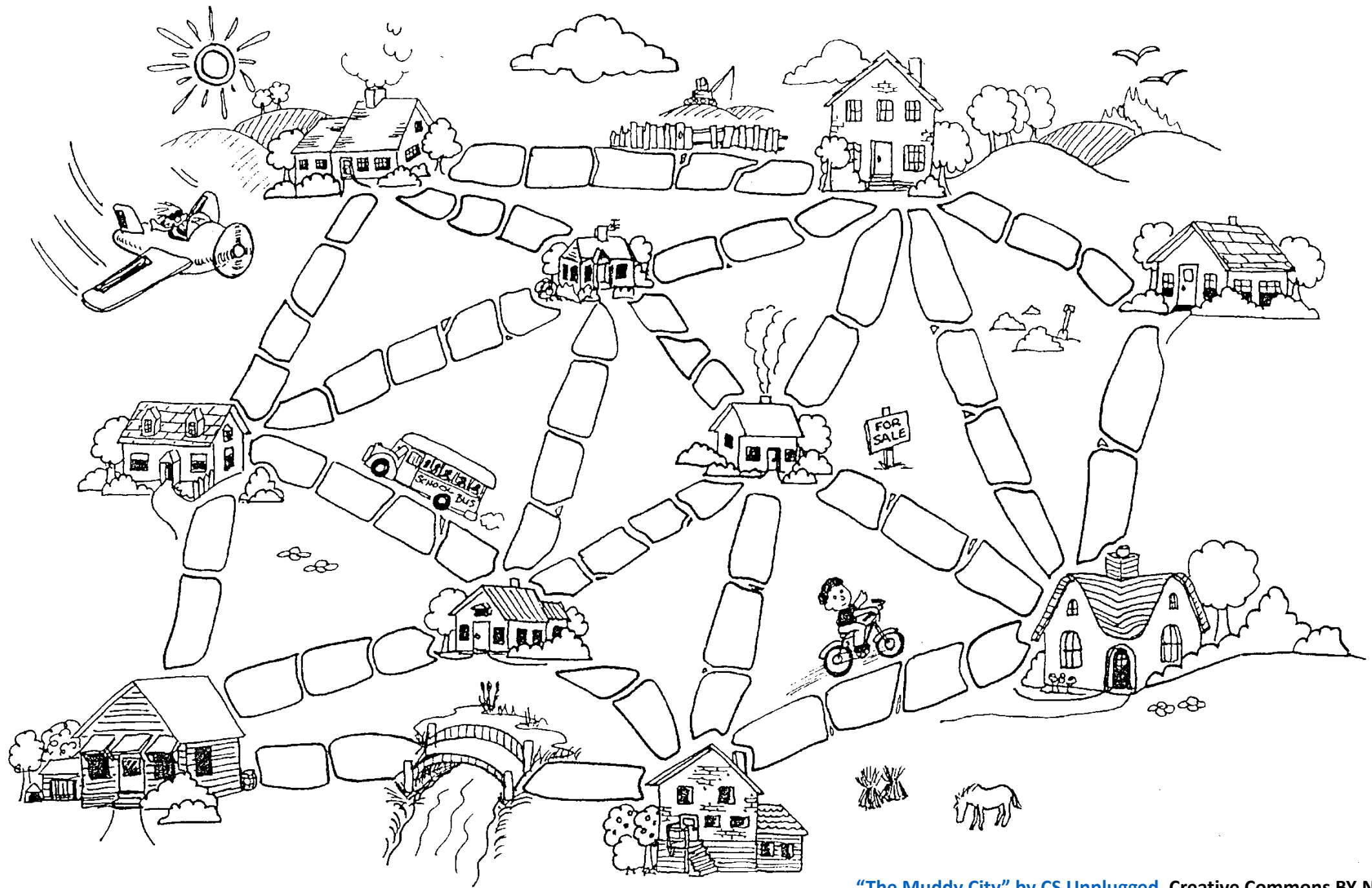
Memory bounded by width

## DFS

Solves unweighted MST

Solves cycle detection

Memory bounded by longest path



# Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithms

**Input:** Connected, undirected graph **G** with edge weights (unconstrained, but must be additive)

**Output:** A graph **G'** with the following properties:

- **G'** is a spanning graph of **G**
- **G'** is a tree (connected, acyclic)
- **G'** has a minimal total weight among all spanning trees

