

## Basic Graph Algorithms

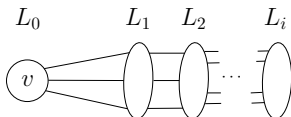
- Exploring Graphs
- Depth First Search
- DFS Forest - Start and Finish Time
- DAG, Topological Sorting
- Strongly Connected Components
- Breadth First Search
- Bipartite Graphs

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## Breadth First Search (BFS)

- Breadth First Search is an alternative algorithm to explore graphs
- Starting from a vertex  $v$ , BFS explores all vertices that are reachable from  $v$
- BFS first explores neighbors of  $v$ , then neighbors of neighbors of  $v$  and so on

Starting from  $v$ , explore outwards, adding nodes to one “layer” at a time



- $L_0 := \{v\}$
- $L_1 :=$  neighbors of  $L_0$
- $L_2 :=$  those unvisited nodes having an edge from  $L_1$
- $L_{i+1} :=$  those unvisited nodes having an edge from  $L_i$

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**Algorithm** BFS( $G$ )

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$visited \leftarrow \text{ZEROS}(n)$

**for**  $v \in V$  **do**

**if**  $visited[v] = 0$  **then**

        BFS-EXPLORE( $v$ )

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**Algorithm** BFS-EXPLORE( $s$ )

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$visited[v] \leftarrow 1$

ENQUEUE( $Q, s$ )

**while**  $Q \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$v \leftarrow \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$

**for**  $u \in N(v)$  **do**

**if**  $visited[u] = 0$  **then**

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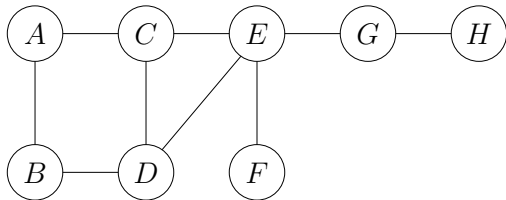
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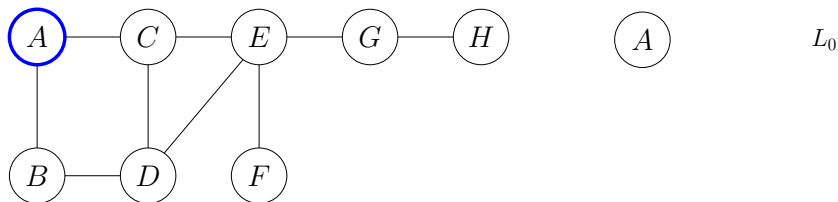
Running time:  $O(|E| + |V|) = O(n + m)$

## BFS: Example

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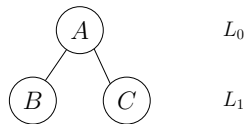
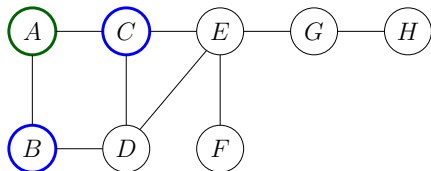



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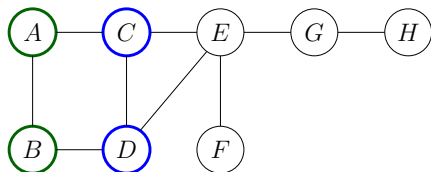



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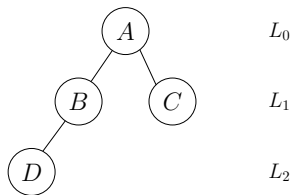
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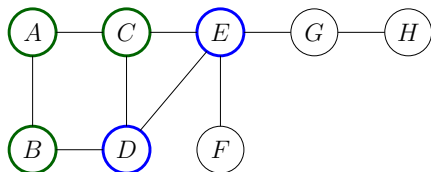
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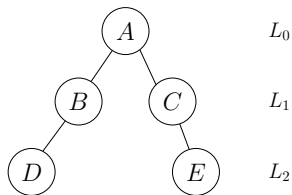
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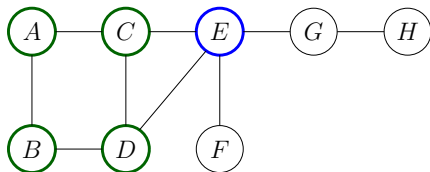
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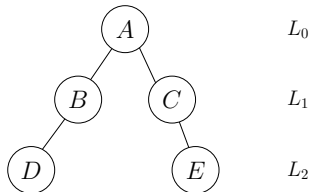
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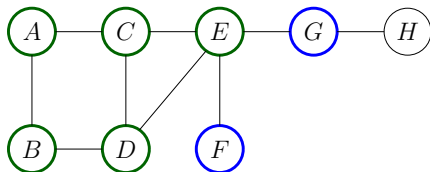
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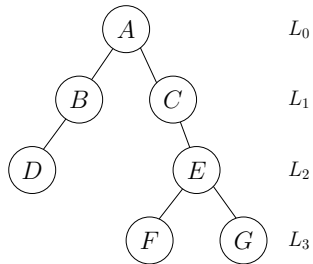
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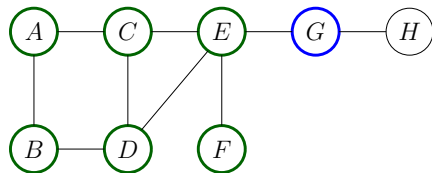
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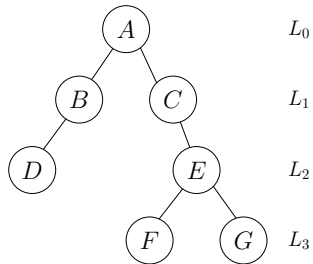
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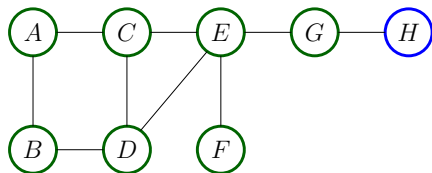
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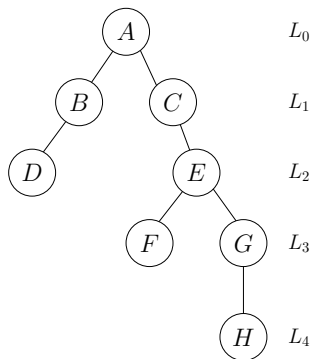
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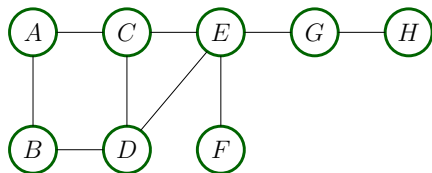
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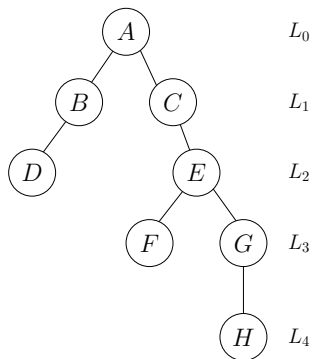
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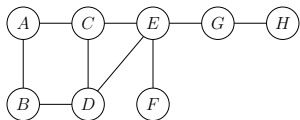
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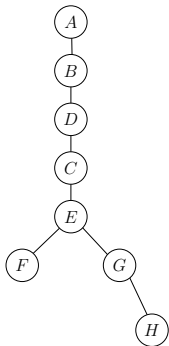
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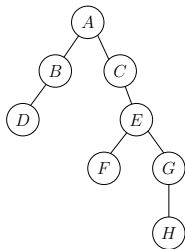
## DFS and BFS



(a) Graph G



(a) DFS Tree of G



(b) BFS Tree of G

## Connected Components via BFS

Find number of connected components in graph  $G$

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**Algorithm** BFS( $G$ )

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visited  $\leftarrow$  ZEROS( $n$ )
complD  $\leftarrow$  0
for  $v \in V$  do
    if visited[ $v$ ] = 0 then
        complD  $\leftarrow$  complD + 1
        BFS-EXPLORE( $v$ )
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**Algorithm** BFS-EXPLORE( $s$ )

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visited[ $v$ ]  $\leftarrow$  1
ENQUEUE( $Q, s$ )
while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do
     $v \leftarrow$  DEQUEUE( $Q$ )
    for  $u \in N(v)$  do
        if visited[ $u$ ] = 0 then
            visited[ $u$ ]  $\leftarrow$  1
            ENQUEUE( $Q, u$ )
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This finds just the number of connected components

- Can be extended to find nodes in all components, components sizes, the largest/smallest components sizes etc.

Running Time:  $O(|V| + |E|)$

## Applications of BFS

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- Superimpose all graph edges onto the BFS tree
- What can we say about edges?
- (forward edges, tree edges, backward edges, cross edges)
- This observation is the key to many applications of BFS
- Shortest Paths, Bipartite testing, Betweenness Centrality