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## Lecture 4

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- **Graphs**
- **Graph traversal**
  - **BFS**
  - **DFS**

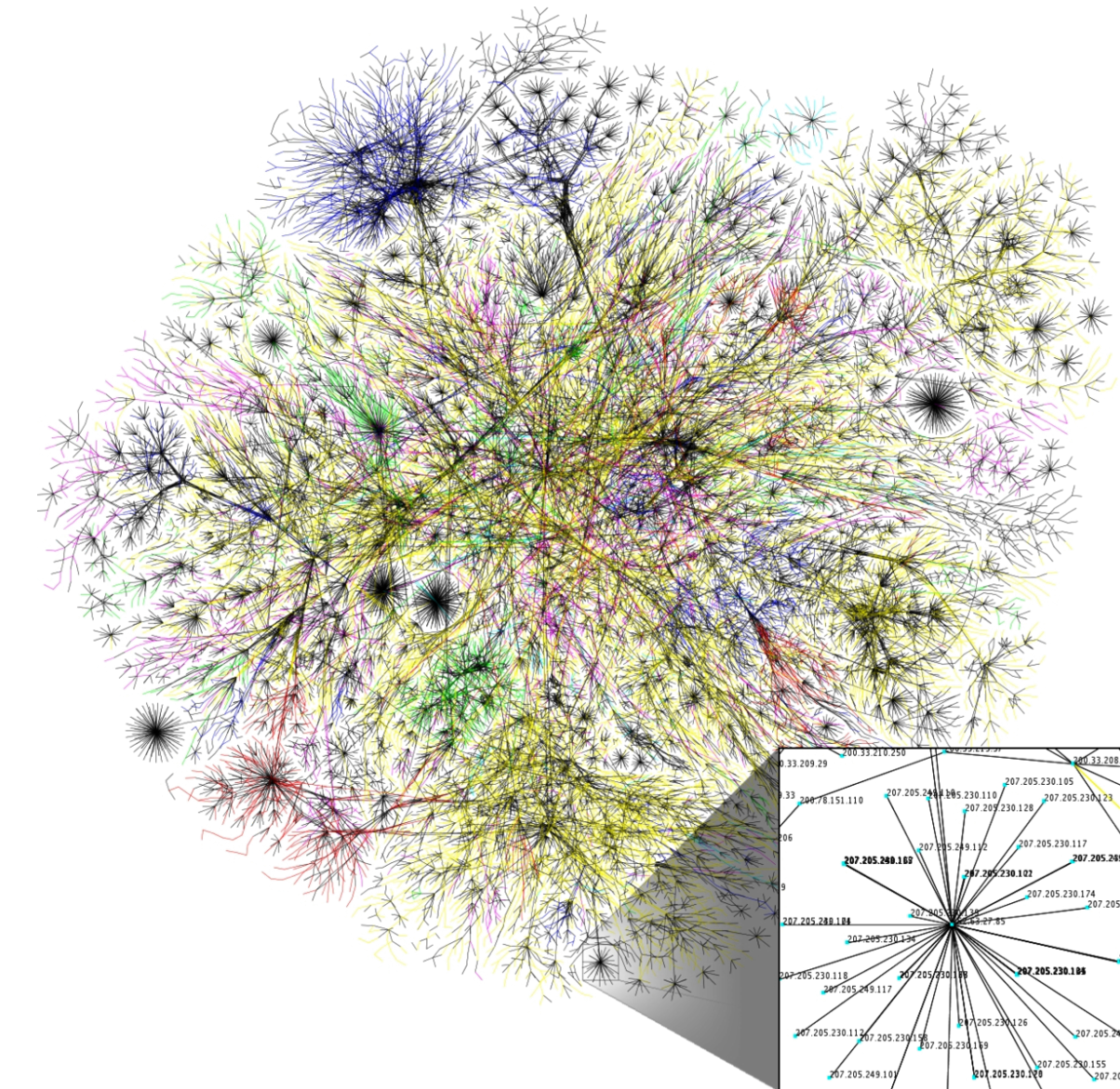
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# Recall: master theorem

	$T(n)$	$f(n)$ vs. $n^{\log_b a}$
1	$\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$	$f(n) = O(n^{(\log_b a) - \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ .
2	$\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$	$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$
3	$\Theta(f(n))$	$f(n) = \Omega(n^{(\log_b a) + \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ , and $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some $c < 1$ .

# Graphs

- ◎ A graph is a set of **vertices** that are pairwise connected by **edges**.
  - Two categories: **directed** vs. **undirected**.
- ◎ Why care about graphs?
  - Graphs are a very useful abstraction.
  - Graphs have numerous applications.
  - A lot of graph algorithms exist (and more under way).



# Versatile abstraction

<b>Application</b>	<b>Vertices</b>	<b>Edges</b>
Traffic	Intersections	Roads
Social network	People	Friendship
Game	Board position	Legal move
Financial	Stock/currency	Transactions
Programs	Procedures	Procedure call

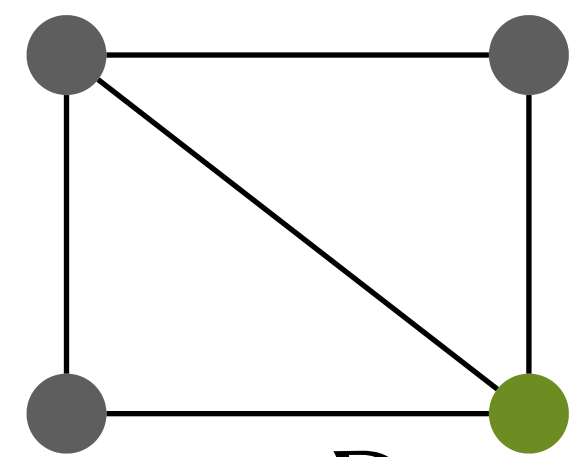
# Defining graphs

- ◎ An **undirected** graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of
  - $V$ : a finite set. (Vertex/node set)
  - $E \subseteq \{(u, v) : u, v \in V\}$ . (Edge set)
  - NB. Self loop  $(u, u)$  not allowed.
- ◎ A **directed** graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of
  - $V$ : a finite set. (Vertex/node set)
  - $E \subseteq \{u \rightarrow v : u, v \in V\}$ . (Edge set)
  - The set of edges need **NOT** be symmetric.

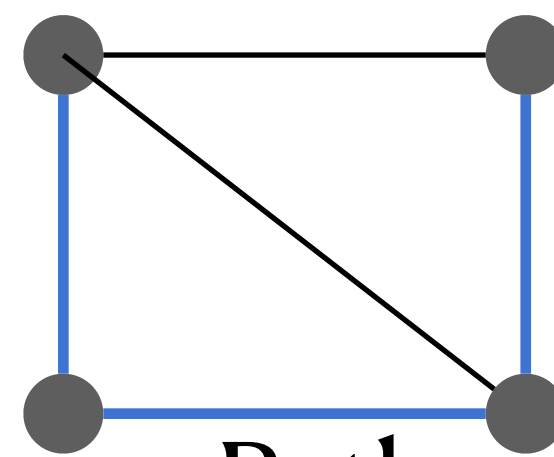


# Graph terminology

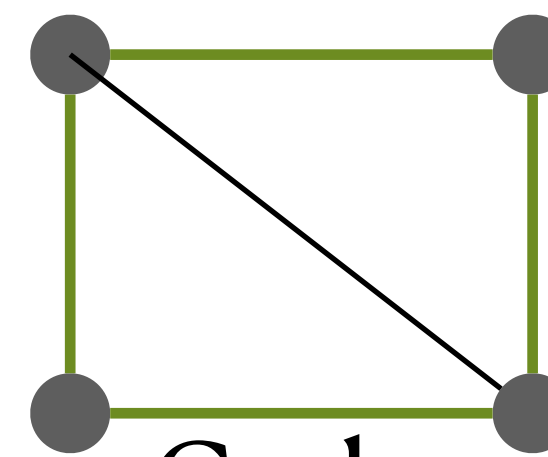
- ⊙ If  $e = (u, v)$  is an edge in a graph, then  $v$  is called **adjacent** to  $u$ . (a.k.a neighbors)
- ⊙ Edge  $e$  is said to be **incident** to  $u$  and  $v$ .
- ⊙ **Degree** of a vertex  $d(u)$ : the number of edges incident to the vertex  $u$ .



Degree  $d(u) = 3$



Path

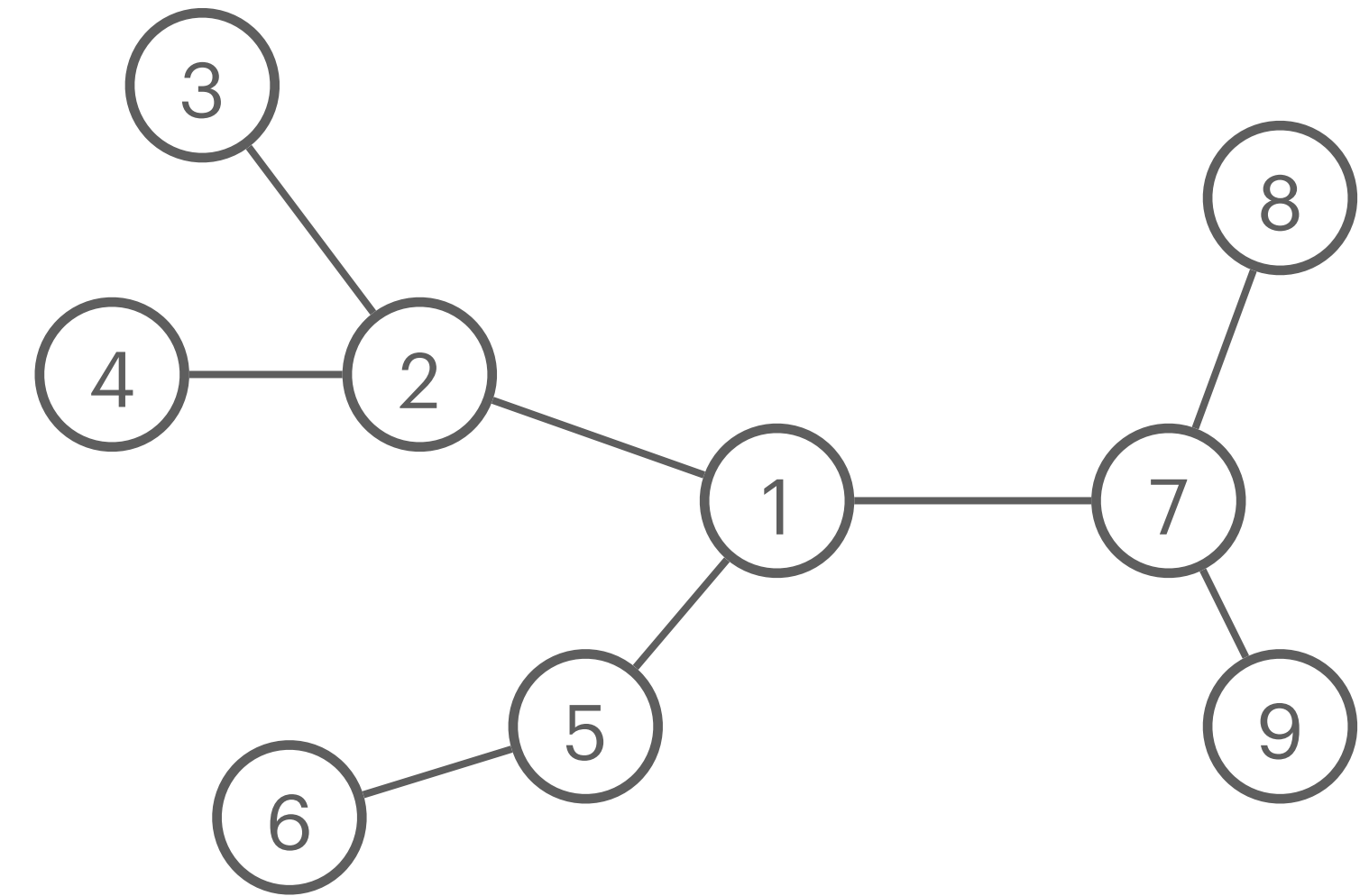


Cycle

- ⊙ A **path** is a sequence of vertices that are connected by edges.
  - $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ , s.t.  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k - 1$ .
- ⊙ A **cycle** is a path whose first and last vertices are the same.
- ⊙ Two vertices are **connected** if and only if (iff.) there is a path between them.

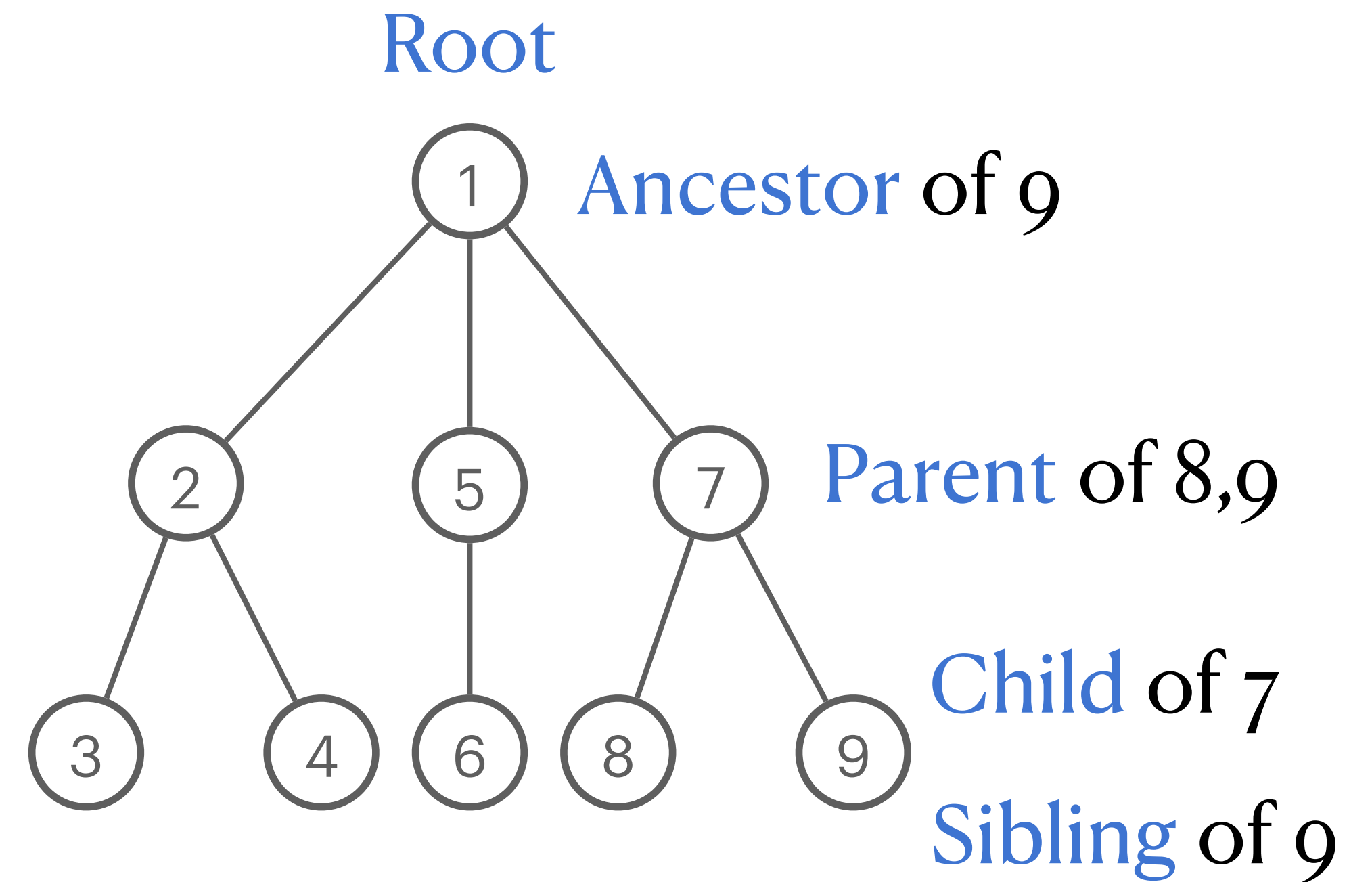
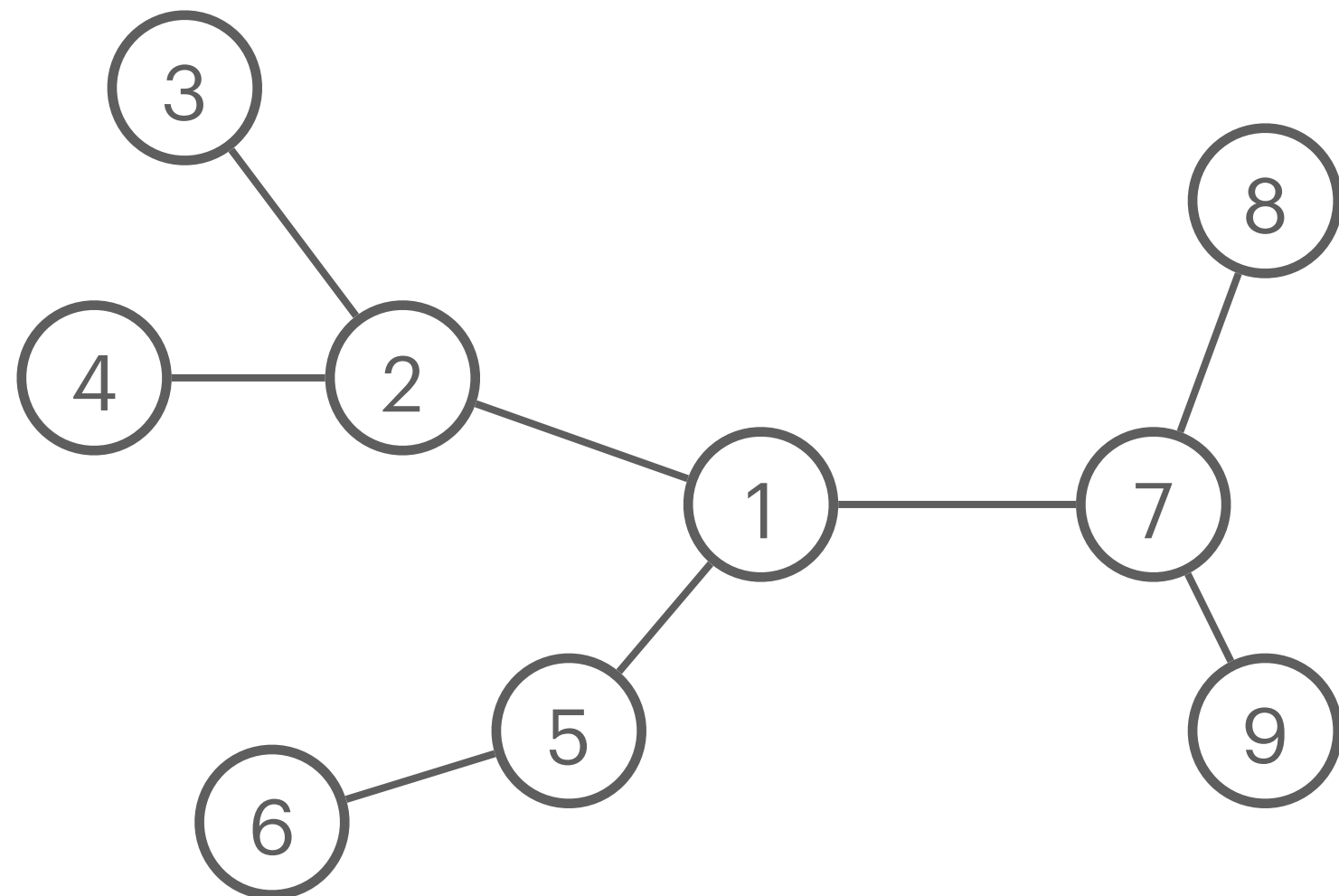
# Trees

- ⦿ A graph is connected if every pair of vertices  $u$  &  $v$  are connected.
- ⦿ A **tree** is an undirected graph that is **connected** and does **not contain a cycle**.
- ⦿ **Theorem.** Let  $G$  be an undirected graph on  $n$  nodes. Any two of the following statements imply the third.
  - $G$  is connected.
  - $G$  does not contain a cycle.
  - $G$  has  $n - 1$  edges.



# Rooted trees

- Given a tree, choose a root node  $r$ , and orient each edge away from  $r$ .
  - Models hierarchical structure.





# Exploring a graph

**Given:** vertices  $s, t \in V$ .

**Goal:** decide if there is a path from  $s$  to  $t$ .

⦿ **Breadth-first search (BFS)**

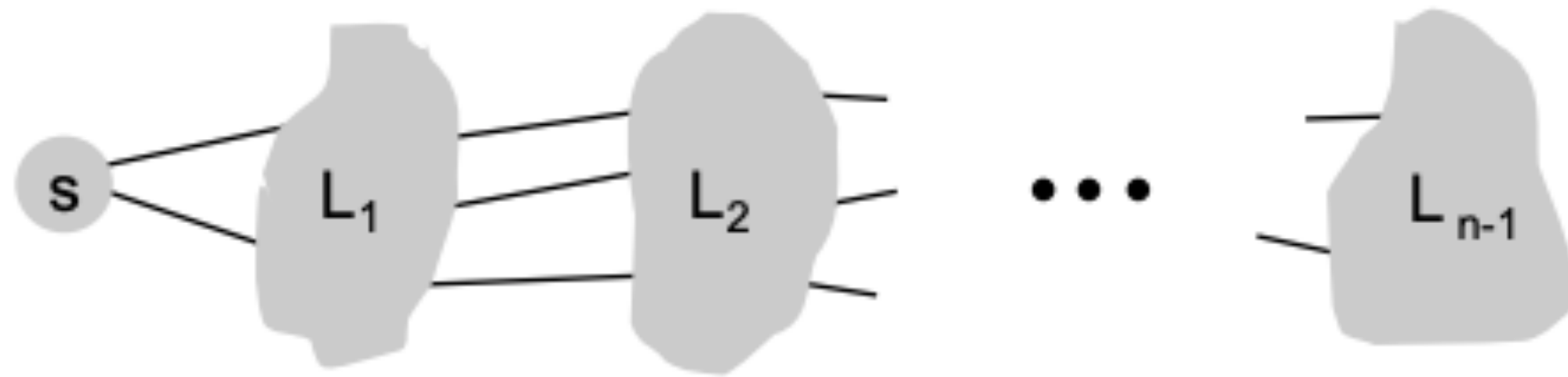
- Explore children in **order of distance** to start node.

⦿ **Depth-first search (DFS)**

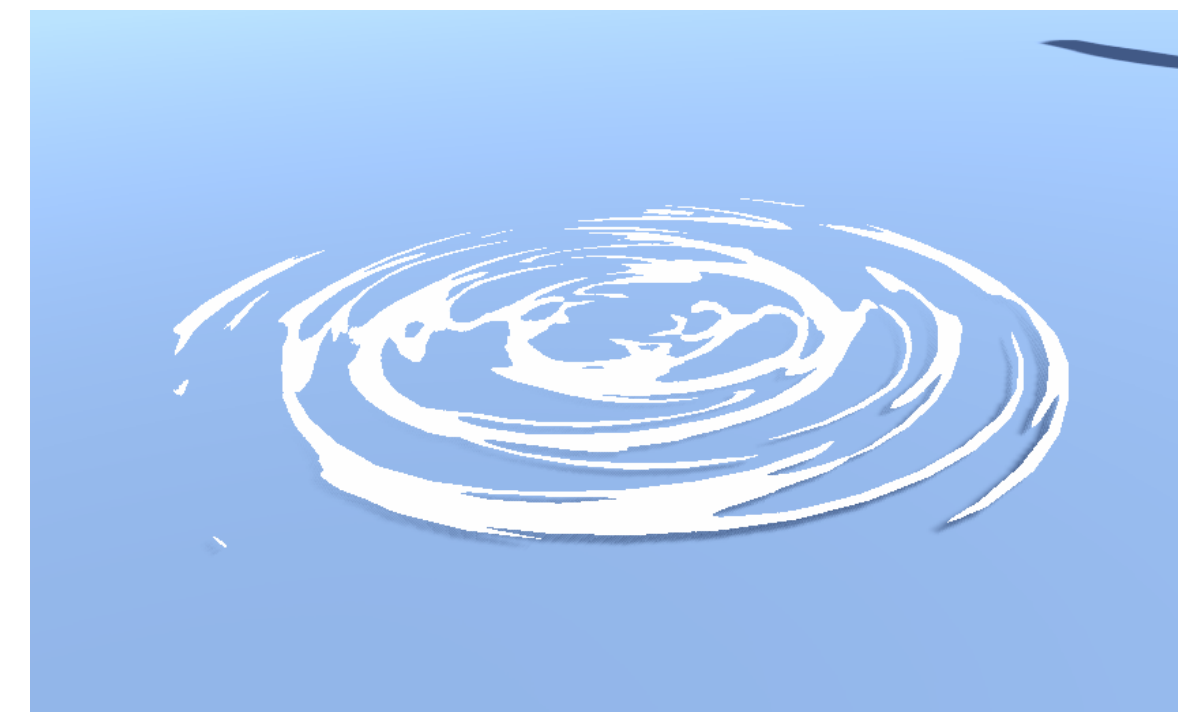
- **Recursively** explore node's **children before** exploring **siblings**.

# Breadth-first search

- © **Intuition.** Explore outward from  $s$  in all possible directions.
  - Adding nodes one **layer** at a time.



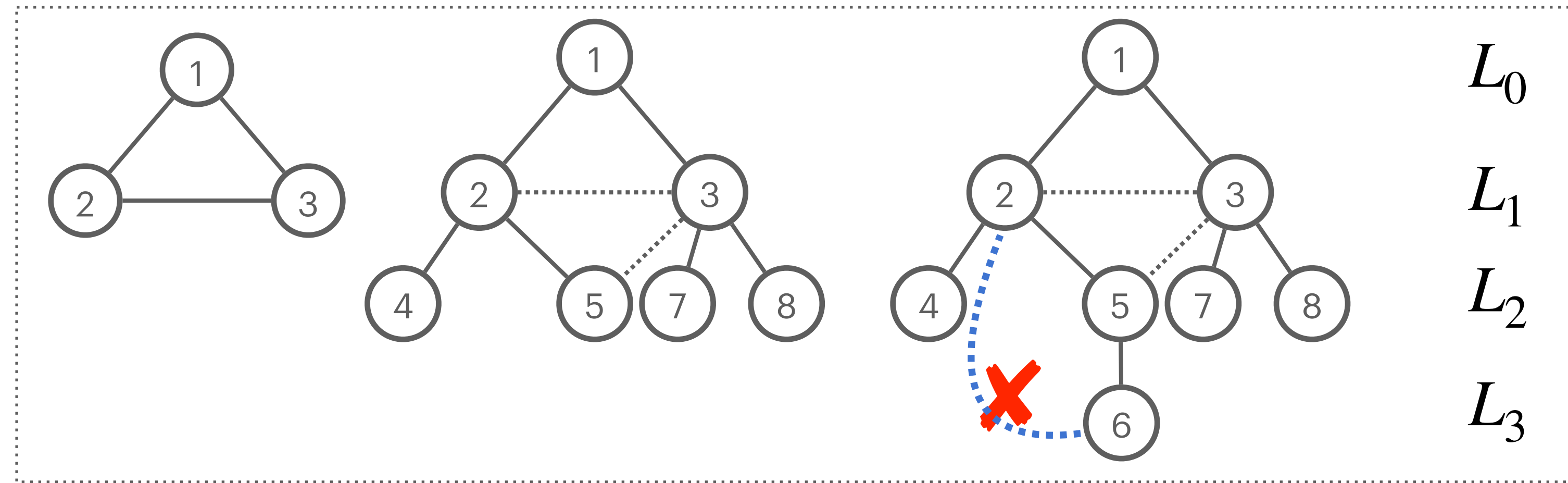
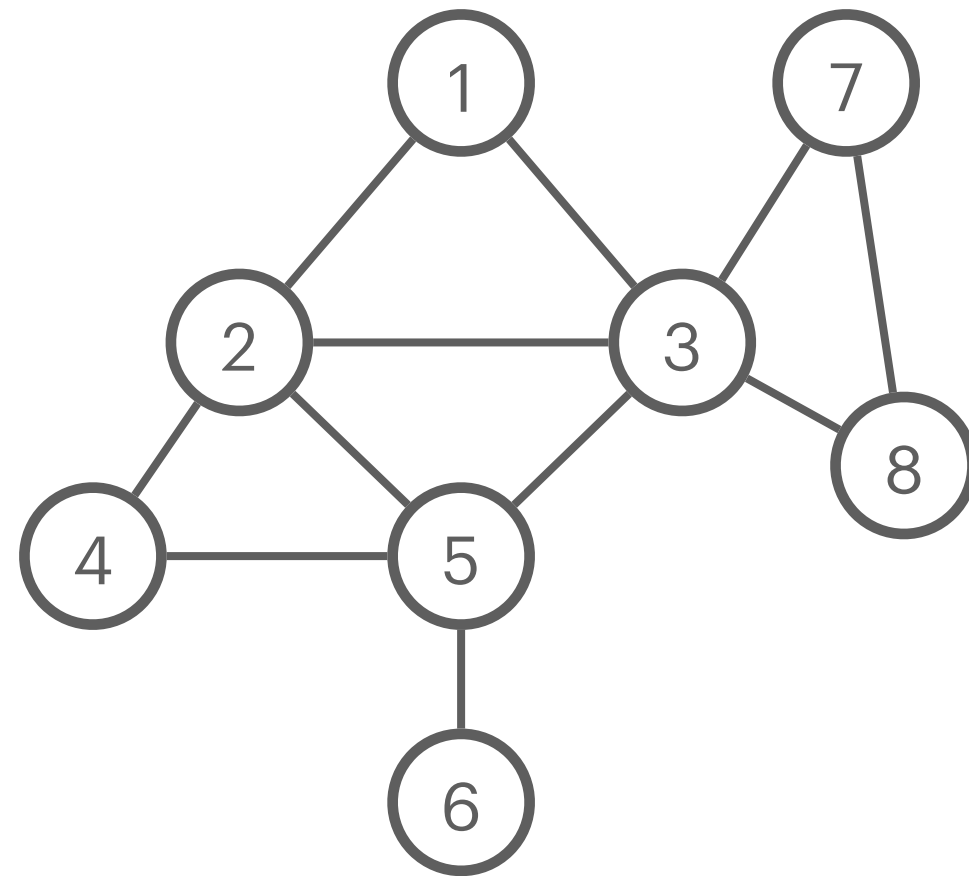
- $L_0 = \{s\}$
- $L_1 = \{\text{neighbors of } L_0\}$
- $L_2 = \{\text{neighbors of } L_1 \text{ not in } L_0 \ \& \ L_1\}$



Analogy: wave front of a ripple

# Understanding BFS

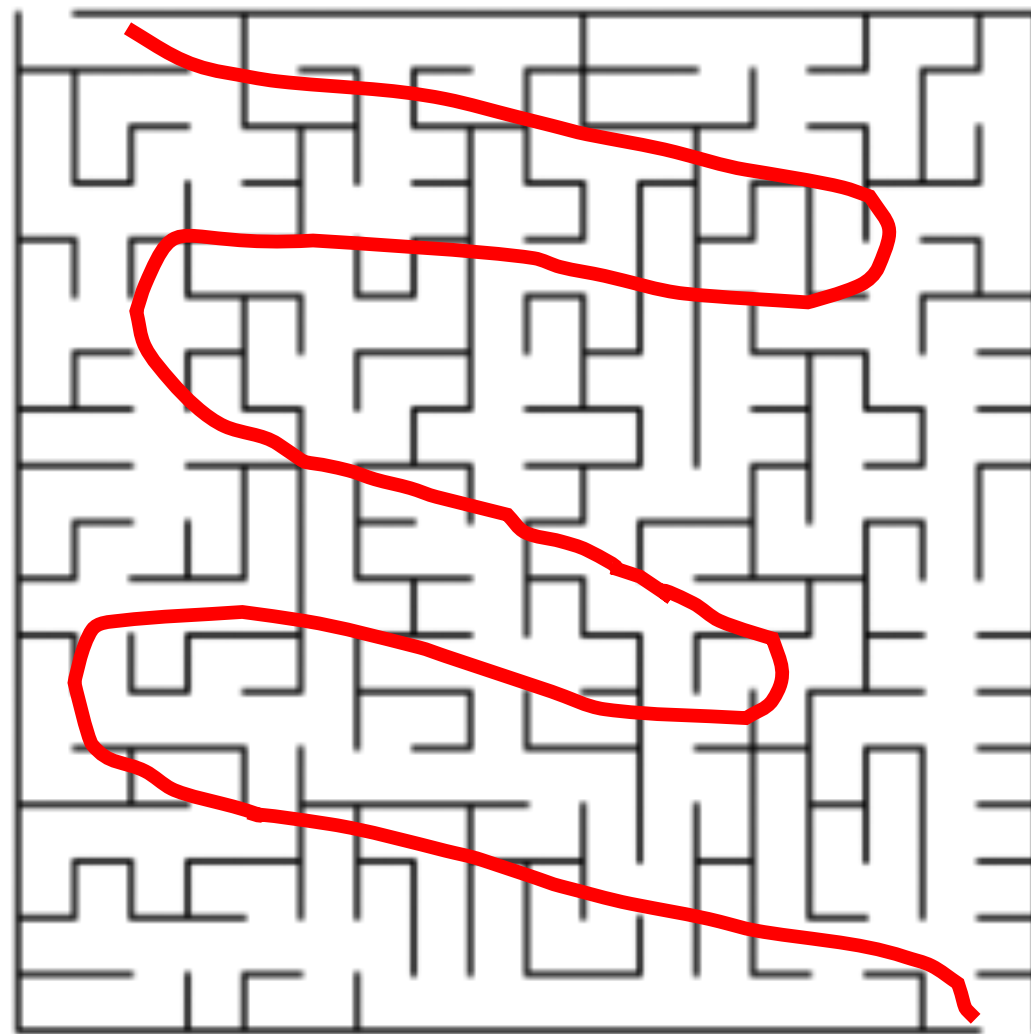
## ⦿ BFS demo.



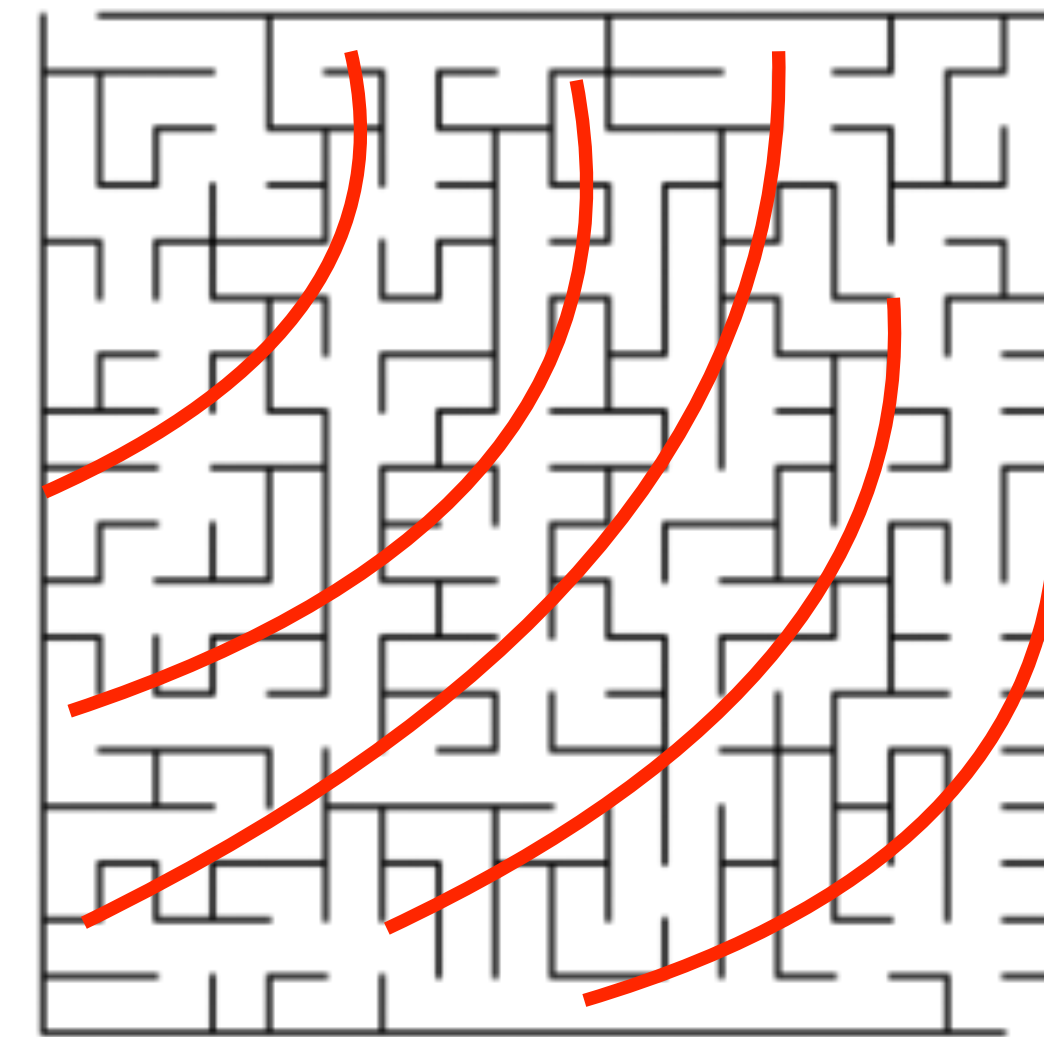
- ⦿ **Running time:** linear  $O(|V| + |E|)$  [more to come]
- ⦿ For each  $i$ ,  $L_i$  consists of all nodes **at distance exactly  $i$**  from  $s$ .
- ⦿ There is a path from  $s$  to  $t$  **iff**  $t$  appears in some layer.
- ⦿ Let  $T$  be a BFS tree of  $G = (V, E)$ , and  $(u, v)$  an edge of  $G$ . Then the **levels** of  $u$  and  $v$  differ by **at most 1**.

# Depth-first search

- © Intuition. Children prior to siblings.

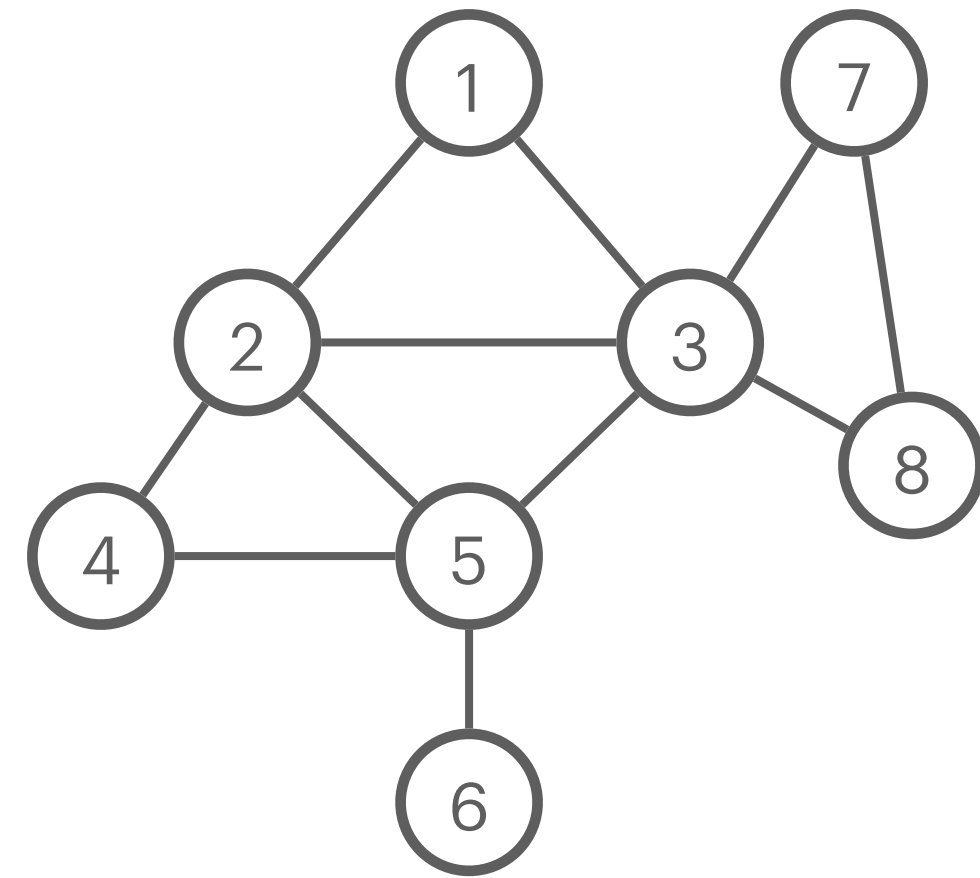


**DFS:** an impatient maze runner



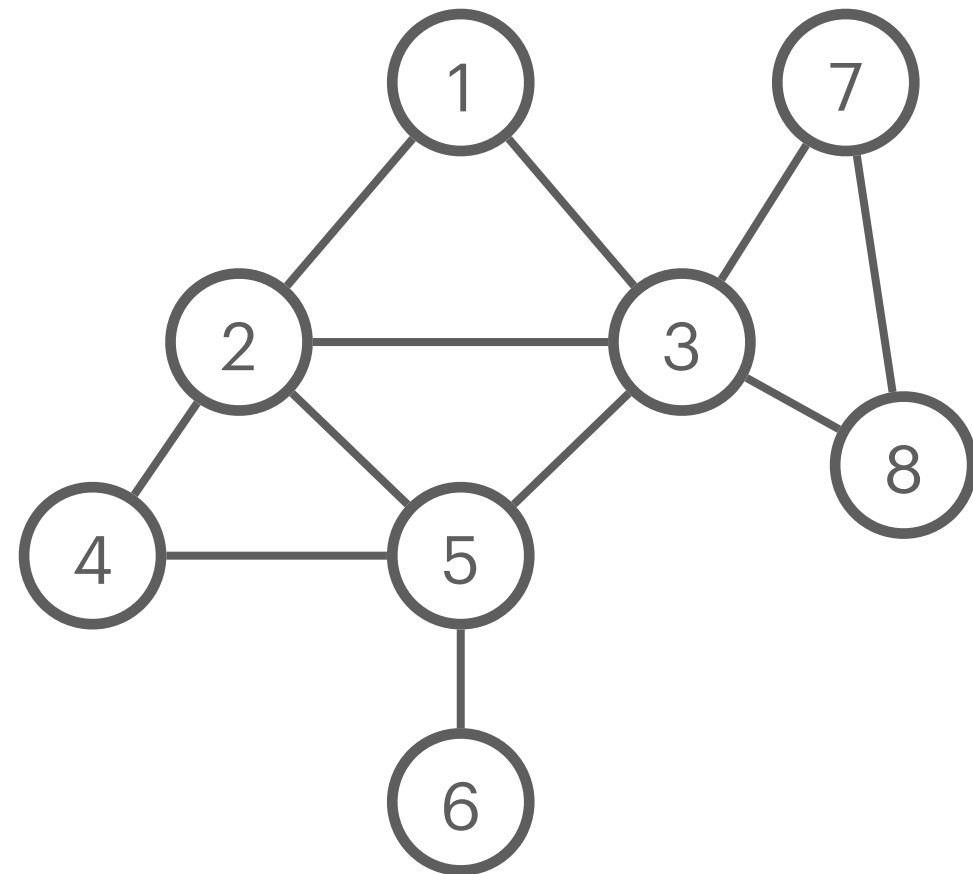
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# DFS in action

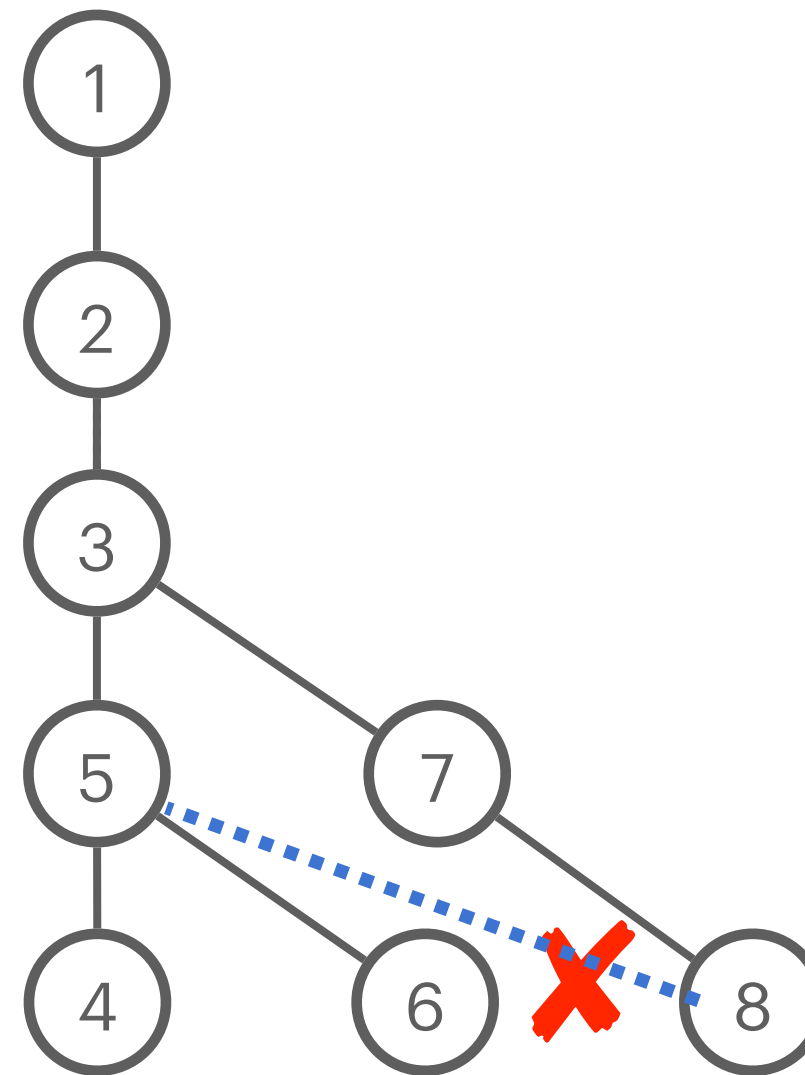




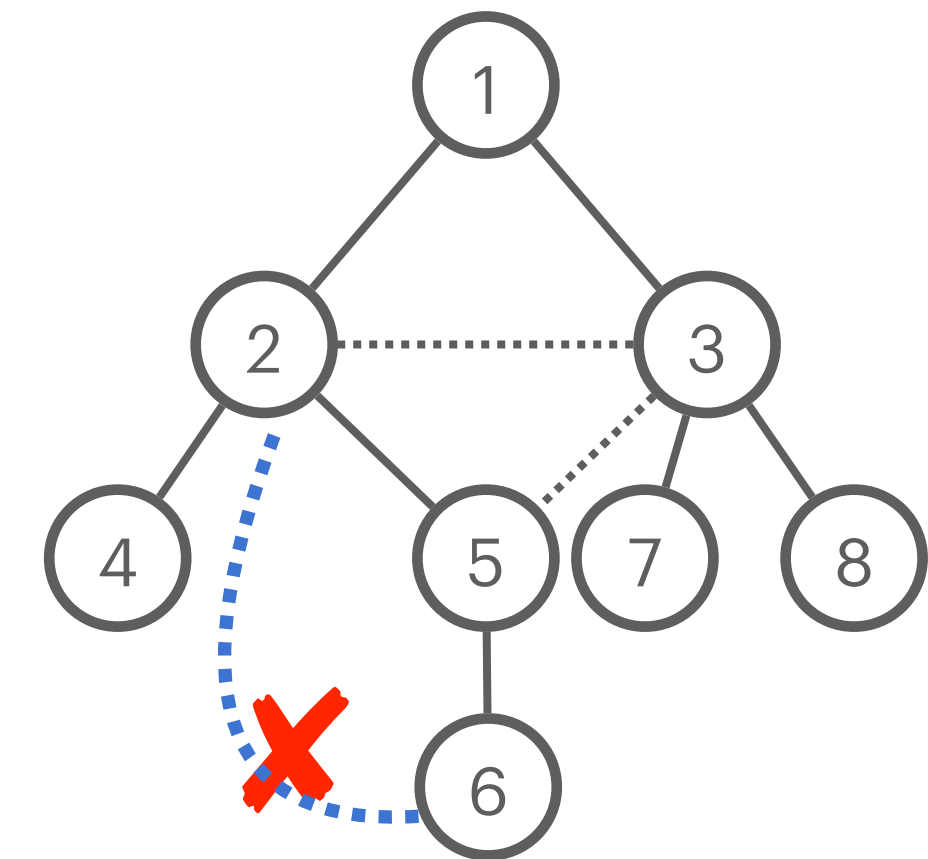
# Understanding DFS



DFS Tree



Contrast with BFS Tree



- **Running time:** linear  $O(|V| + |E|)$  [more to come]
- Let  $T$  be a DFS tree of  $G = (V, E)$ , and let  $u$  &  $v$  be nodes in  $T$ .
  - If  $(u, v)$  is an edge of  $G$  that is **not an edge of  $T$** .
  - Then one of  $u$  or  $v$  is an **ancestor** of the other.

# Implementing BFS/DFS

## ⦿ Generic traversal algorithm

1.  $R = \{s\}$
2. **While** there is an edge  $(u, v)$  where  $u \in R$  and  $v \notin R$ , add  $v$  to  $R$ .

To implement it, need to choose

## ⦿ Graph representation

## ⦿ Data structure to track ...

- Vertices already explored.
- Edges to be followed next.

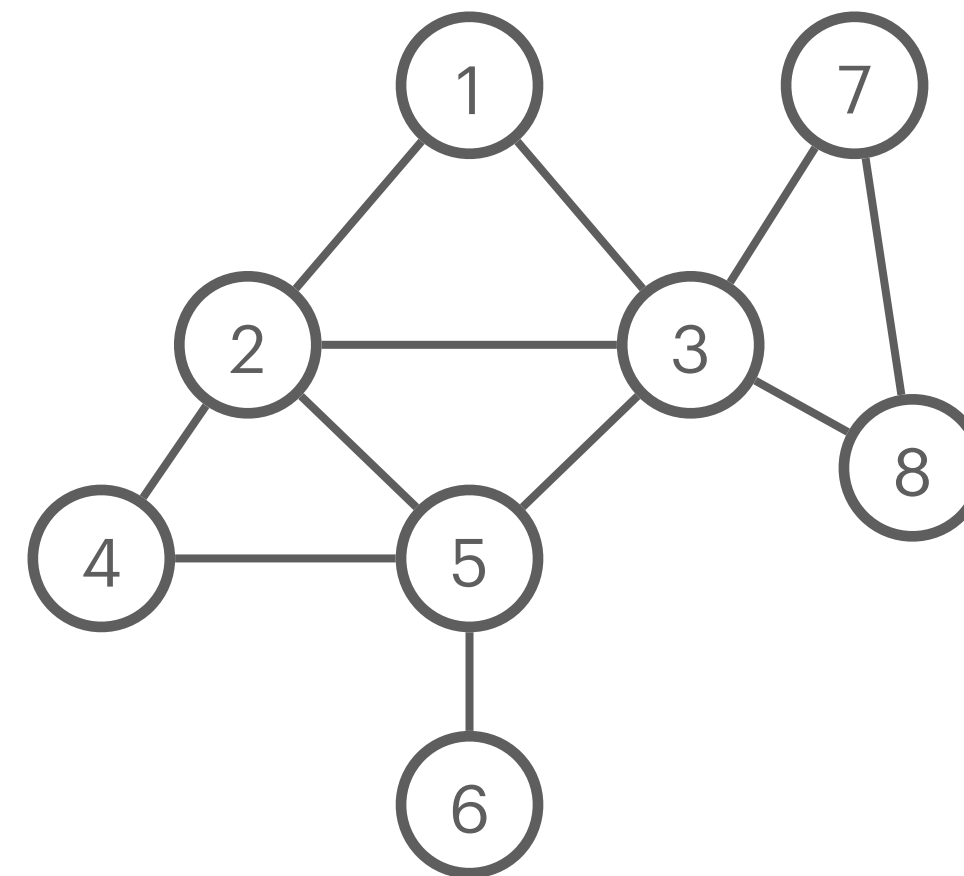
These choices affect the **order** of traversal

# Graph representation 1: adjacency matrix

- Given:  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $|V| = n$ ,  $|E| = m$ .
- Adjacency matrix  $A$ :  $n \times n$ ,  $A_{uv} = 1$  iff.  $(u, v) \in E$  is an edge.

- Basic properties

- Lookup an edge:  $\Theta(1)$ .
- List all neighbors:  $\Theta(n)$ .
- **Symmetric** for undirected graphs.
- Space:  $\Theta(n^2)$ , good for **dense** graphs.

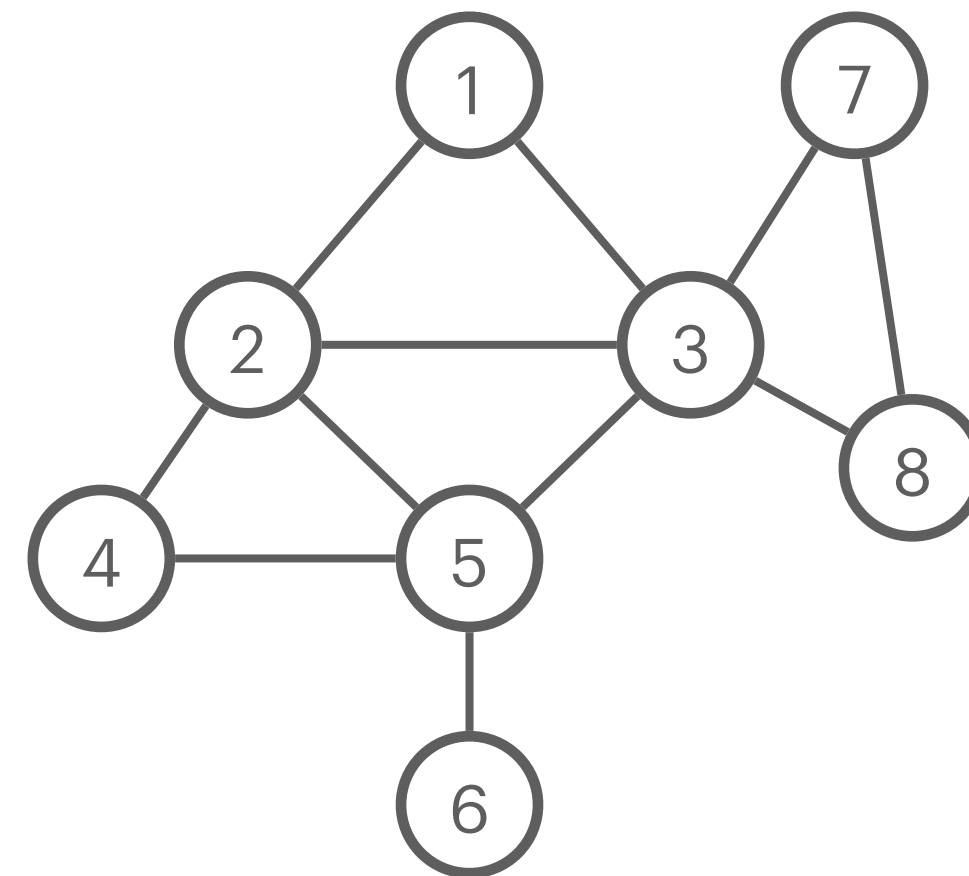


# Graph representation 1: adjacency list

- Given:  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $|V| = n$ ,  $|E| = m$ .
- Adjacency list  $Adj$ :  $\forall u \in V, Adj[u] = \{v : v \text{ adjacent to } u\}$ .

- Basic properties

- Lookup an edge:  $\Theta(\text{degree}(u))$ .
- Space:  $\Theta(m + n)$ , good for **sparse** graphs.



# Review: queue & stack

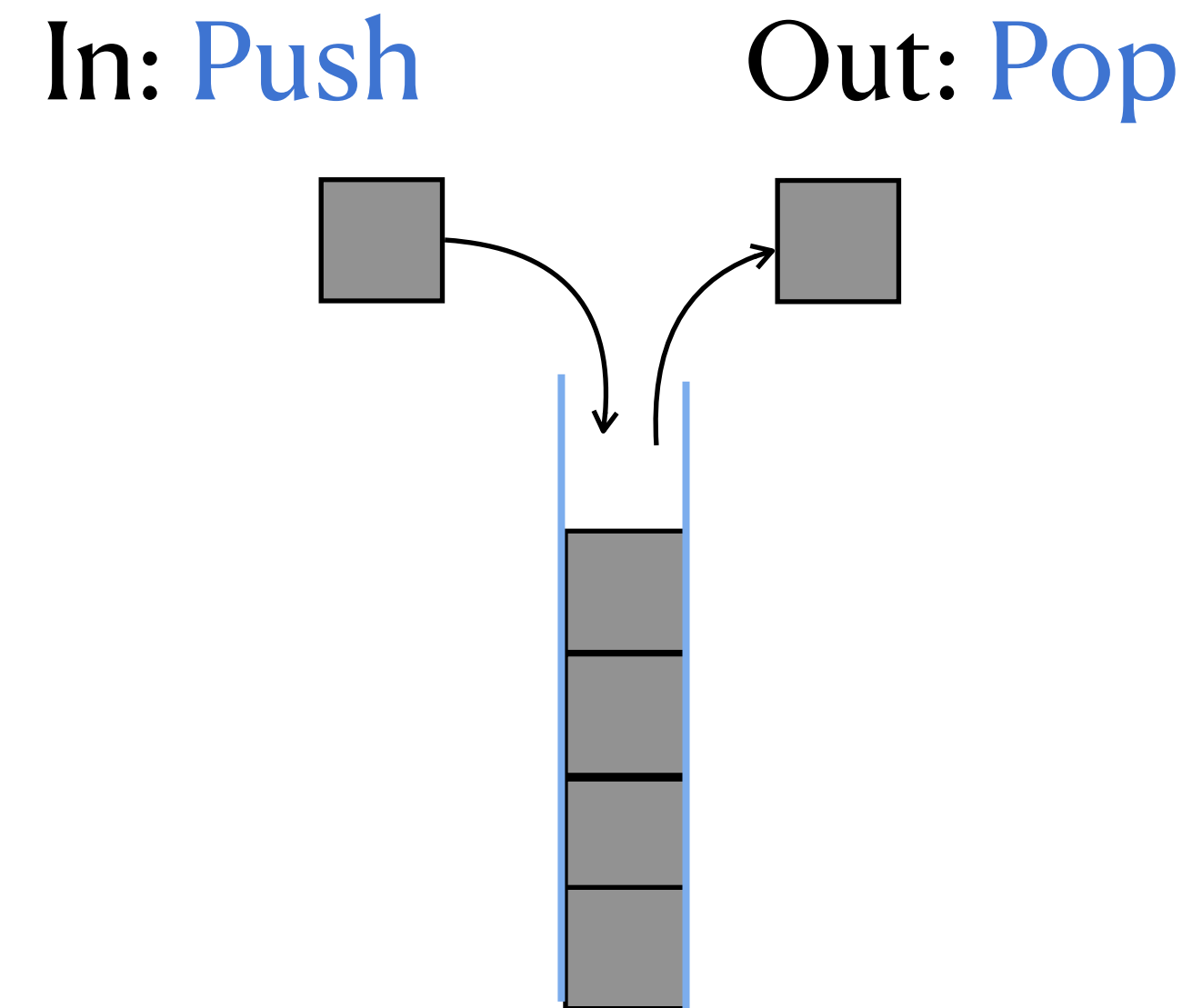
1. Queue: first-in first-out (FIFO)



In: EnQ

Out: DeQ

2. stack: last-in first-out (LIFO)



In: Push

Out: Pop



# BFS implementation

**Input:**  $G = (V, E)$  by adjacency list  $Adj$ . Start node  $s$ .

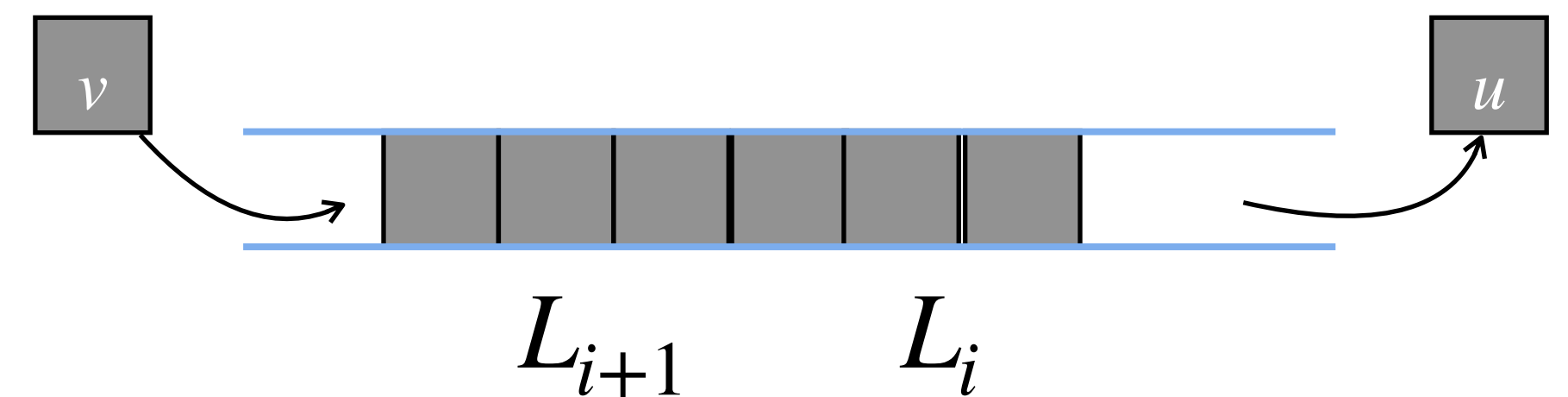
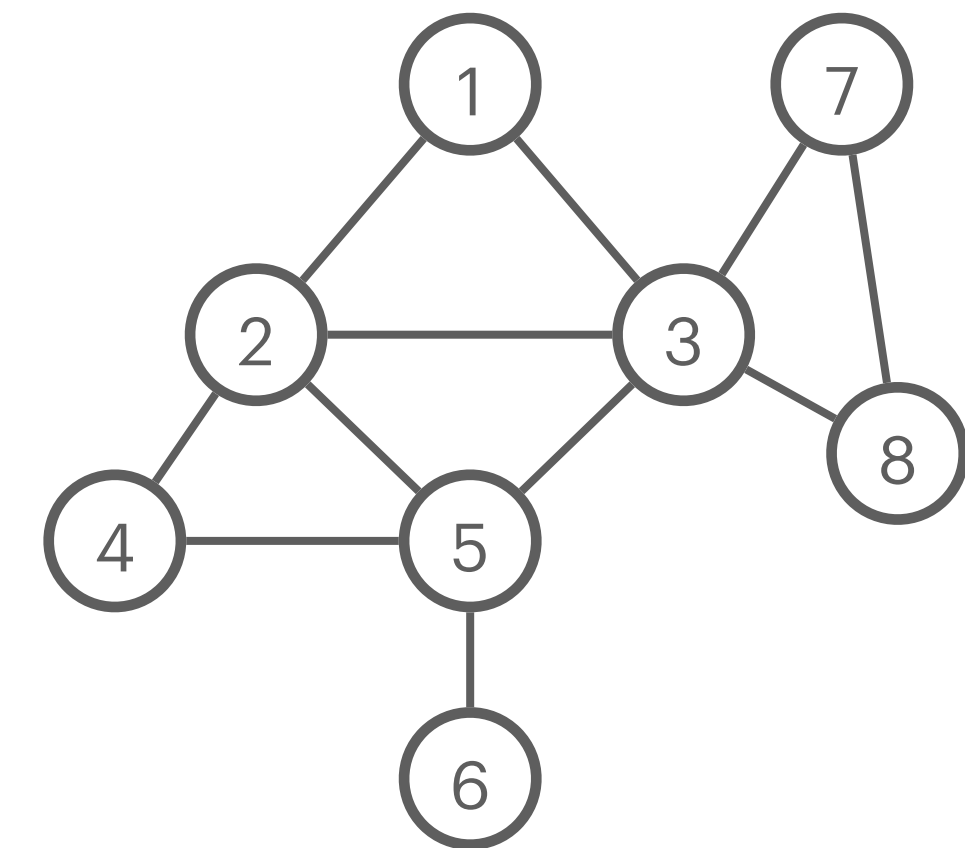
**Goal:** BFS tree  $T$  (rooted at  $s$ ).

**BFS**( $s$ ):

// **Discovered**[1,...,n] array of bits (explored or not),  
initialized to all zeros.

// **Queue**  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$

1. Set **Discovered**[ $s$ ] = 1
2. **EnQ**( $s$ ) // add  $s$  to  $Q$
3. **While**  $Q$  not empty **DeQ**( $u$ )  
    **For** each  $(u,v)$  incident to  $u$   
        **If** **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=0 **then**  
            Set **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=1  
            Add edge  $(u,v)$  to  $T$   
            **EnQ**( $v$ )



# BFS running time

BFS( $s$ ):

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**If** **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=0 **then**

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

**EnQ**( $v$ )

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$O(1)$ , run once for all

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$O(1)$ , run once **per vertex**

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$O(1)$ , run  $\leq$  twice **per edge**

**Theorem.** BFS takes  $O(m + n)$  time (**linear** in input size).

# DFS implementation

**DFS**( $s$ ):

// **Discovered**[1,...,n] array of bits (explored or not), initialized to all zeros.

// **Stack**  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$

1. Set **Discovered**[ $s$ ] = 1

2. **Push**( $s$ ) // add  $s$  to  $S$

3. **While**  $S$  not empty **Pop**( $u$ )

**If** **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=0 **then**

Set **Discovered**[ $u$ ]=1

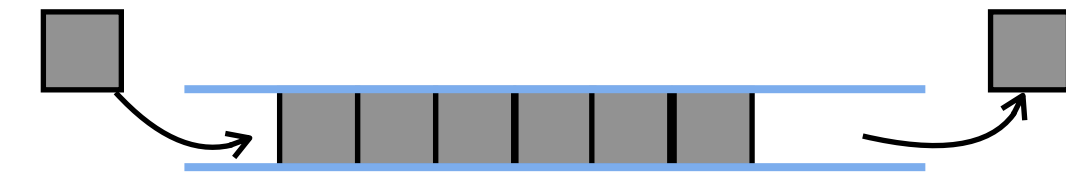
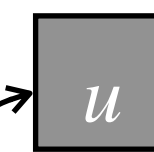
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**Push**( $v$ )

**Push**



**Pop**



**BFS**( $s$ ):

...

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**For** each  $(u,v)$  incident to  $u$

**If** **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=0 **then**

Set **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=1

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

**EnQ**( $v$ )

**Theorem.** DFS takes  $O(m + n)$  time (**linear** in input size).

☉ **Exercise.** How to build DFS tree  $T$  along the way?

