

# Traversing of Graph.

↳ Breadth - first search (BFS)

↳ Depth - first search (DFS)

↳ Breadth - first search → BFS is one of the simplest algorithms for searching a graph.

→ Prim's minimum - spanning - tree algorithm and Dijkstra's algorithm use ideas similar to those in breadth - first search

→ Breadth - first search discovers every vertex that is reachable from  $s$  (source vertex).

→ It computes the distance from  $s$  to each reachable vertex. It also produces a "breadth - first tree" with roots that contains all reachable vertices.

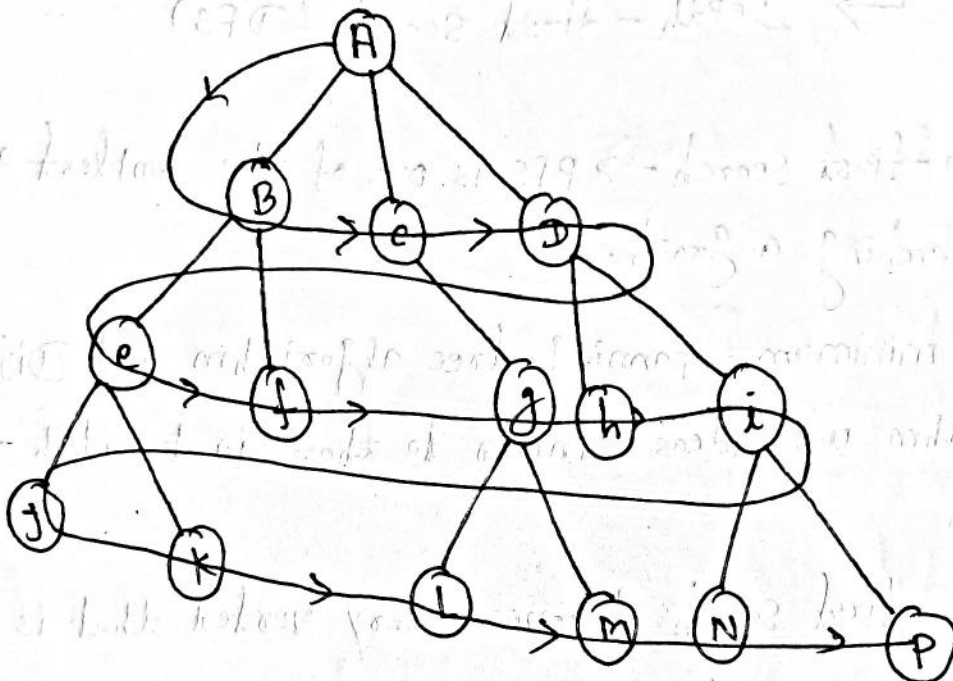
→ For any vertex  $v$  reachable from  $s$ , the path in the breadth - first tree from  $s$  to  $v$  corresponds to a "shortest path" from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G$ .

→ BFS algorithm works on both directed and undirected graphs.

→ BFS algorithm use queue data structure.

key point: → This algorithm discovers all vertices at distance  $k$  from  $s$  before discovering any vertices at distance  $k+1$ .

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BFS ( $G, s$ )

1. for each vertex  $u \in V[G] - \{s\}$
2.   do colour[u]  $\leftarrow$  WHITE
3.          $\pi[u] \leftarrow \infty$
4.          $\pi[u] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
5. colour[s]  $\leftarrow$  GRAY
6. d[s]  $\leftarrow$  0
7.  $\pi[s] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
8.  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$
9. ENQUEUE ( $Q, s$ )
10. while  $Q \neq \emptyset$
11.   do  $u \leftarrow$  DEQUEUE ( $Q$ )
12.         for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$
13.             do if colour[v] = WHITE
14.                 then colour[v]  $\leftarrow$  GRAY
15.                 d[v]  $\leftarrow$  d[u] + 1
16.                  $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$
17.                 ENQUEUE ( $Q, v$ )
18. colour[u]  $\leftarrow$  BLACK .

22.2 Breadth-first search

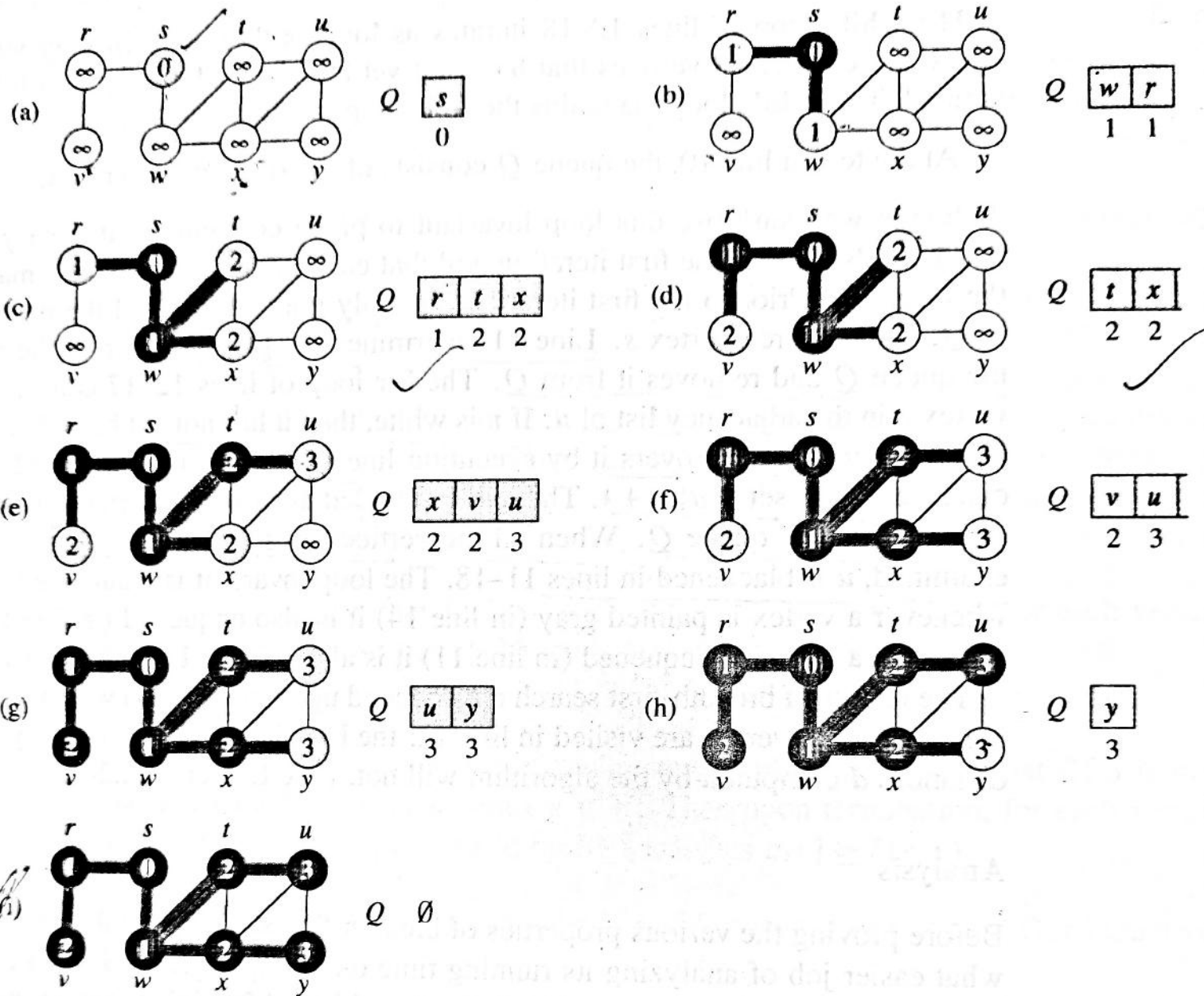


Figure 22.3 The operation of BFS on an undirected graph. Tree edges are shown shaded as they are produced by BFS. Within each vertex  $u$  is shown  $d[u]$ . The queue  $Q$  is shown at the beginning of each iteration of the **while** loop of lines 10–18. Vertex distances are shown next to vertices in the queue.

Figure 22.3 illustrates the progress of BFS on a sample graph.

The procedure **BFS** works as follows. Lines 1–4 paint every vertex white, set  $d[u]$  to be infinity for each vertex  $u$ , and set the parent of every vertex to be **NIL**. Line 5 paints the source vertex  $s$  gray, since it is considered to be discovered when the procedure begins. Line 6 initializes  $d[s]$  to 0, and line 7 sets the predecessor of the source to be **NIL**. Lines 8–9 initialize  $Q$  to the queue containing just the vertex  $s$ .