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TITLE: Depth First Search Algorithm And Breadth First Search Algorithm

**PROBLEM STATEMENT:** Implement Depth first search algorithm and Breadth First Search algorithm, use an undirected graph and develop a recursive algorithm for searching all the vertices of a graph or tree data structure.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. To understand Depth first search and Breadth first search algorithm and its importance.
- 2. To understand the implementation of a recursive algorithm.

### **THEORY:**

Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS) are two fundamental algorithms used for traversing or searching graphs and trees.

## 1. Depth First Search (DFS) :

- Depth-first search is a recursive algorithm for traversing a tree or graph data structure.
- It is called the depth-first search because it starts from the root node and follows each path to its greatest depth node before moving to the next path.
- DFS uses a stack data structure for its implementation.
- The process of the DFS algorithm is similar to the BFS algorithm.

#### Advantage:

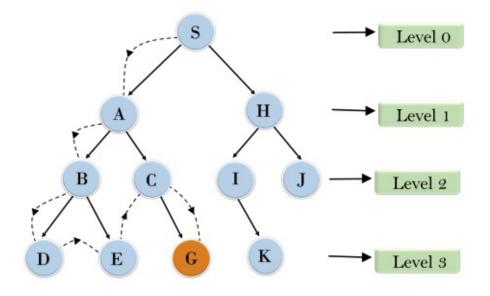
- DFS requires very less memory as it only needs to store a stack of the nodes on the path from root node to the current node.
- It takes less time to reach the goal node than the BFS algorithm (if it traverses in the right path).
- With the help of this we can store the route which is being tracked in memory to save time as it only needs to keep one at a particular time.

#### **Disadvantage:**

• There is the possibility that many states keep reoccurring, and there is no guarantee of

finding the solution.

- DFS algorithm goes for deep down searching and sometimes it may go to the infinite loop.
- The depth-first search (DFS) algorithm does not always find the shortest path to a solution.



# **Depth First Search**

**Output:** S -> A -> B -> D -> E -> C -> G

## 2. Breadth First Search (Level order Search)

- Breadth-first search is the most common search strategy for traversing a tree or graph. This algorithm searches breadthwise in a tree or graph, so it is called breadth-first search.
- BFS algorithm starts searching from the root node of the tree and expands all successor node at the current level before moving to nodes of the next level.
- The breadth-first search algorithm is an example of a general-graph search algorithm.
- Breadth-first search implemented using FIFO queue data structure.

## Advantages:

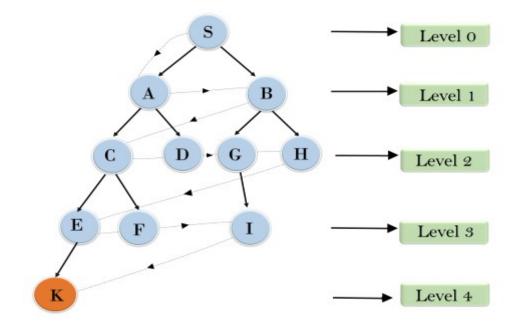
- BFS will provide a solution if any solution exists.
- If there are more than one solutions for a given problem, then BFS will provide the minimal solution which requires the least number of steps.
- It also helps in finding the shortest path in goal state, since it needs all nodes at the same

hierarchical level before making a move to nodes at lower levels.

• It is also very easy to comprehend with the help of this we can assign the higher rank among path types.

### **Disadvantages:**

- It requires lots of memory since each level of the tree must be saved into memory to expand the next level.
- BFS needs lots of time if the solution is far away from the root node.
- It can be a very inefficient approach for searching through deeply layered spaces, as it needs to thoroughly explore all nodes at each level before moving on to the next.



# **Breadth First Search**

**Output:** S---> A--->B---->C--->D---->G--->H--->E---->F---->K

## **Questions:**

- 1] Difference between DFS & BFS.
- 2] What is time and space complexity of DFS algorithm?
- 3] What is time space complexity of BFS algorithm?