# Advanced Algorithmic Techniques (COMP523) 

Graph Algorithms \#2

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- Often, we write $G=(A \cup B, E)$.



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- Sometimes, these alternatives definitions are also called "characterisations".


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- Does this remind you of something?
- It is essentially BFS!
- We label the nodes of level 1 red, the nodes of level 2 green, and so on.
- Implementation:
- Add a check for odd/even and assign a colour accordingly.
- In the end, check all edges to see if they have endpoints of the same colour.


# Breadth-First Search Pseudocode 

```
Algorithm BFS(G,s)
Initialise empty list Lo
Initialise colour list C
Insert s into Lo
Set C[s] = red
Set i=0
While Li is not empty
    Initialise empty list Li+1
    for each node v in Li
    for all edges e incident to v
            if edge e is unexplored
            let w be the other endpoint of e
            if node w is unexplored
                label e as discovery edge
                insert w into Li+1
                If i+1 is odd, set C[w] = red, else set C[w] = green
            else
                label e as cross edge
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- Running time $\mathbf{O}(\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{n})$.


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- We started at an arbitrary node s.
- Maybe we were lucky / unlucky?


## Properties of BFS

- For simplicity, assume that the graph is connected.
- The traversal visits all vertices of the graph.
- The discovery edges form a spanning tree.
- The path of the spanning tree from s to a node $\mathbf{v}$ at level $i$ has $i$ edges, and this is the shortest path.
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- Since the endpoints of any edge can not differ by more than one layer and layers have alternating colours, x and y must be in the same layer.


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## Directed graphs

- Nodes are arranged as a list, each node points to the neighbours.
- For directed graphs, the node points in two directions, for in-degree and for out-degree.



## DFS and BFS on directed graphs

- Very similar to their version on undirected graphs.
- When we are at a node and we examine its neighbours, a neighbour is now only a node that we can reach with a directed edge.
- The running time is still $O(n+m)$.


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## Connectivity

- What BFS is computing is the set of nodes $t$ such that there is a path from $s$ to $t$.
- A path from s to $t$ does not mean that there is path from $t$ to $s$.
- (Weak) connectivity: If we ignored the directions for all edges, there would a path from any node to any node.
- Strong connectivity: For every two nodes $u$ and $v$, there is a path from $u$ to $v$ and a path from $v$ to $u$.
- Question: Given a graph $\mathrm{G}=(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E})$, is it strongly connected?


## Mutual reachability

- Two nodes $u$ and $v$ are mutually reachable, if there is path from $u$ to $v$ and a path from $v$ to $u$ in $G$.
- Strong connectivity: For every pair of nodes $u$ and $v$, these nodes are mutually reachable.
- Transitivity: If $u$ and $v$ are mutually reachable and $v$ and $w$ are mutually reachable, then $u$ and $w$ are mutually reachable.

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- Pick any other node v . Since s and v are also mutually reachable, by transitivity, v and $u$ are mutually reachable and the graph is strongly connected.


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## Strongly connected components

- How do we find all strongly connected components of a graph G?
- We can run the "forward" and "backward" BFS for a node s and find the set of nodes that are mutually reachable from $s$.
- This is the strongly connected component of s .
- But BFS might produce different connected components, depending on how we visit the nodes.
- We need a consistent way of visiting them in the "forward" and in the "backward" pass.


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- We perform DFS twice.
- The running time is $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{m}+\mathrm{n})$.


## Correctness

- Next lecture.

