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Ideas/Issues

## COMP2521 24T3

Graphs (II) Graph Traversal

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bfs and dfs path checking path finding

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## Common problems on graphs:

- Is there a path between two vertices?
- What is the shortest path between two vertices?
- Is the graph connected?
- If we remove an edge, is the graph still connected?
- Which vertices are reachable from a particular vertex?
- Is there a cycle that passes through all vertices?

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All of the above problems can be solved by a systematic exploration of a graph via its edges.

This systematic exploration is called traversal or search.

- Visiting a vertex: going to a vertex
- Exploration of the vertex: exploration means if I am on a particular vertex, then visiting its all adjacent vertices

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Two primary methods for graph traversal/search:

### Breadth-first search (BFS)

- Prioritises visiting all neighbours over path-following
  - "Go wide"
- Implemented iteratively (using a queue)

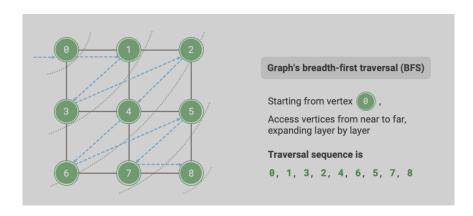
### Depth-first search (DFS)

- Prioritises path-following over visiting all neighbours
  - "Go deep"
- Implemented recursively or iteratively (using a stack)

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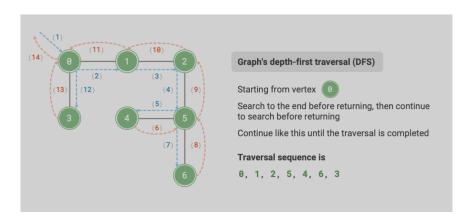
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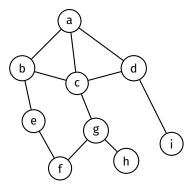
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In what order would BFS and DFS visit the vertices of this graph?

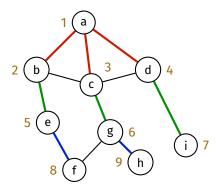


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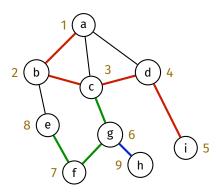
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Breadth-first search



Depth-first search

#### BFS

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Breadth-first search visits vertices in order of distance from the starting vertex.

It visits the starting vertex, then the neighbours of the starting vertex, then the neighbours of those neighbours, etc.

BFS is implemented iteratively using a queue.

## Traversal RFS

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### Data structures used in BFS:

- Visited array
  - To keep track of which vertices have been visited
- Predecessor array
  - To keep track of the predecessor of each vertex
  - The predecessor of v is the vertex from which we reached v
    - i.e., the vertex before v on the path to v
- Queue
  - First-in-first-out data structure
  - Stores unvisited vertices in the order that they should be visited

#### BFS Example

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### Algorithm:

- 1 Create/initialise data structures:
  - Create visited array, initialised to false
  - Create predecessor array, initialised to -1
  - Create empty queue
- Mark starting vertex as visited and enqueue it
- 3 While the queue is not empty:
  - Dequeue a vertex
    - Let this vertex be v
  - **2 Explore** v that is, for each of v's unvisited neighbours:
    - Mark it as visited
    - 2 Set its predecessor to v
    - 3 Enqueue it

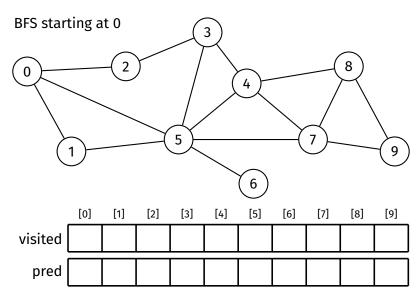
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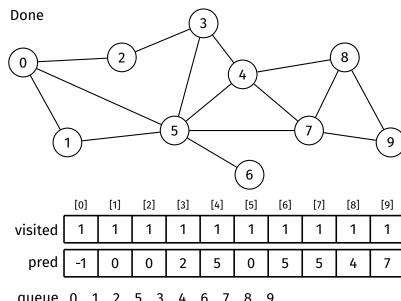


## **Breadth-First Search** Example



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bfs(G, src):

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Input: graph G, starting vertex src
create visited array, initialised to false
create predecessor array, initialised to -1
create queue Q
visited[src] = true
enqueue src into Q
while Q is not empty:
    v = dequeue from Q
    for each neighbour w of v in G where visited \lceil w \rceil = \text{false}:
        visited[w] = true
        predecessor[w] = v
        enqueue w into Q
```

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When using a predecessor array in BFS, the predecessor array can double as a visited array

predecessor[v] = -1 means v is not visited

# **Breadth-First Search**

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- Typical queue implementation has O(1) enqueue and dequeue
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- For each vertex, all of its edges are considered  $\Rightarrow O(E)$

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A BFS finds the shortest path between the starting vertex and all other vertices.

Shortest path in terms of the number of edges

The shortest path between src and dest can be found by tracing backwards through the predecessor array (from dest to src).

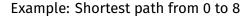
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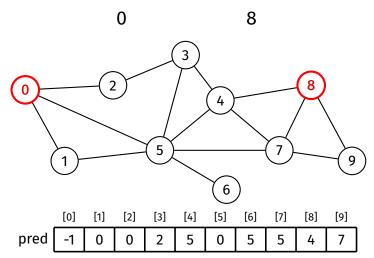
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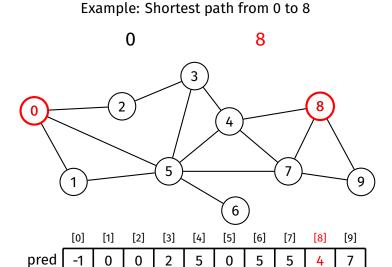
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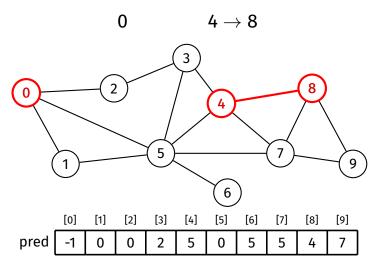
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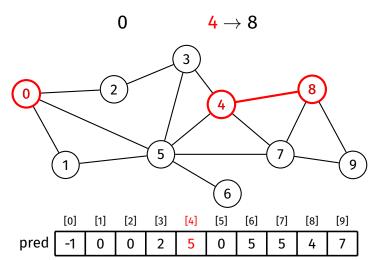
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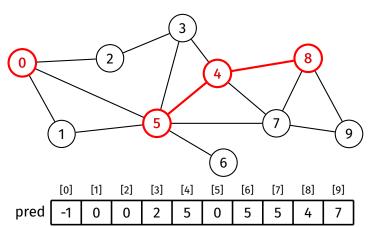
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$$5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8$$



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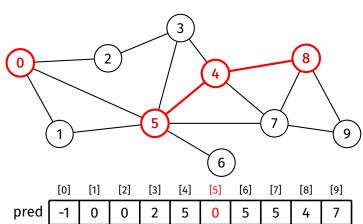
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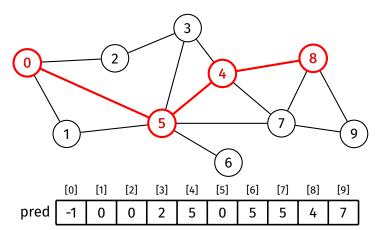
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$$0\longrightarrow 5\rightarrow 4\rightarrow 8$$



# Path-Finding with BFS

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```
bfsFindPath(G, src, dest):
   Input: graph G, vertices src and dest
... BFS starting from src ...

if predecessor[dest] \neq -1:
   v = dest
   while v \neq src:
      print v, "<-"
   v = dest
   predecessor[v]

print src
```

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#### DFS

Recursive

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Depth-first search goes as far down one path as possible until it reaches a dead end, then backtracks until it finds a new path to take, then repeats

DFS can be implemented recursively or iteratively.

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Depth-first search is described recursively as:

- 1 Mark current vertex as visited
  - The first time, this is the starting vertex
- 2 For each neighbour of the current vertex:
  - If it has not been visited:
    - Recursively traverse starting from that vertex

The recursion naturally induces backtracking.

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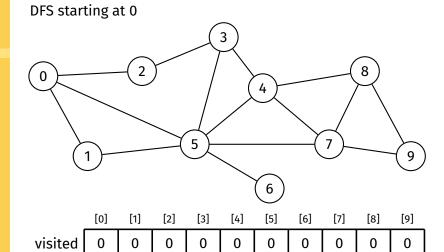
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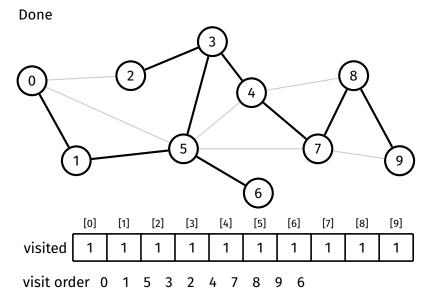


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Recursive DFS is O(V + E) when using the adjacency list representation:

- Each vertex is visited at most once  $\Rightarrow O(V)$ 
  - Function is called on each vertex at most once
- For each vertex, all of its edges are considered once  $\Rightarrow O(E)$

## Path-Checking with Recursive DFS

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Recursive DFS can be adapted to check if a path exists between two vertices.

#### Idea:

- To check if a path exists between *src* and *dest*:
  - If src = dest, then there is a path (the empty path)
  - ullet Otherwise, for each neighbour of src, recursively check if there is a path from that neighbour to dest

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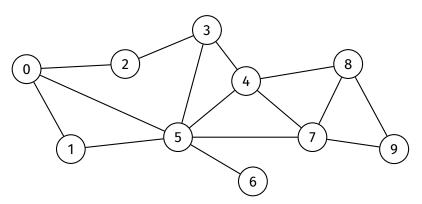
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## Does there exist a path between 0 and 7 in this graph?



# Path-Checking with Recursive DFS

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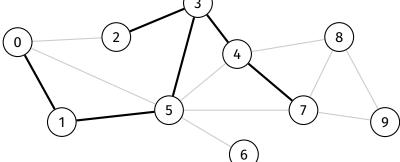
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# Path-Checking with Recursive DFS

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           dfsHasPath(G, src, dest):
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               Input: graph G, vertices src and dest
               Output: true if there is a path from src to dest
                        false otherwise
               create visited array, initialised to false
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               return dfsHasPathRec(G, src, dest, visited)
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           dfsHasPathRec(G, v, dest, visited):
               Input: graph G, vertices v and dest, visited array
               visited[v] = true
               if v = dest:
                   return true
               for each neighbour w of v in G:
                   if visited[w] = false:
                        if dfsHasPathRec(G, w, dest, visited):
                            return true
               return false
```

# Path-Checking with Recursive DFS

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O(V + E) when using the adjacency list representation:

• Algorithm is just a modified recursive DFS with return statements

# Path-Finding with Recursive DFS

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Knowing whether a path exists can be useful.

Knowing what the path is can be even more useful.

### Idea:

- Record the predecessor of each vertex during the DFS
- Trace backwards through the path after the DFS

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Traversal
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```
dfsFindPath(G, src, dest):
    Input: graph G, vertices src and dest
    create predecessor array, initialised to -1
    predecessor[src] = src
    if dfsFindPathRec(G, src, dest, predecessor):
        v = dest
        while v \neq src:
            print v, "<-"
            v = predecessor[v]
        print src
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## Recursive

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dfsFindPathRec(G, v, dest, predecessor):
    if v = dest:
        return true

for each neighbour w of v in G:
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        if dfsFindPathRec(G, w, dest, predecessor):
        return true
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return false

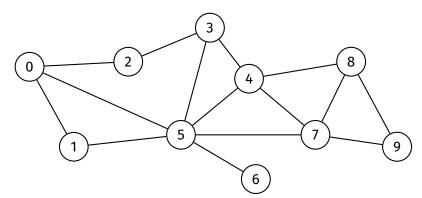
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## Find a path from 0 to 7



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## Path found: [0] [1] [2] [5] [3] [4] [6] [7] [8] [9] pred 5 3 0 -1

Clearly, DFS is not guaranteed to find the shortest path. 4□ ト 4 回 ト 4 三 ト 4 三 り 9 ○ ○

# **Iterative Depth-First Search**

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DFS can be implemented iteratively.

Iterative DFS is similar to BFS, but there are a few crucial differences:

- DFS uses a stack instead of a queue
- DFS marks a vertex as visited after removing it from the stack, not when adding it (which is what BFS does, but with a queue)

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dfs(G, src):
    Input: graph G, vertex src
    create visited array, initialised to false
    create predecessor array, initialised to -1
    create stack S
    push src onto S
    while S is not empty:
        v = pop from S
        if visited[v] = true:
            continue // i.e., return to start of loop
        visited[v] = true
        for each neighbour w of v in G where visited \lceil w \rceil = \text{false}:
            predecessor[w] = v
            push w onto S
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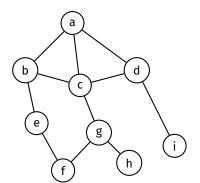
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Disconnected Graphs The edges traversed in a graph traversal form a spanning tree.

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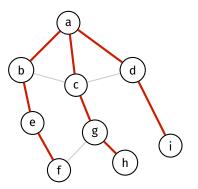


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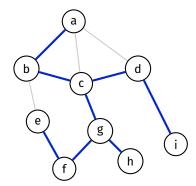
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## A traversal starting at vertex 'a' forms the following spanning trees:



Breadth-first search



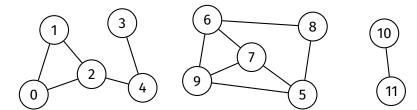
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Disconnected Graphs If a graph is not connected, a graph traversal starting from a given vertex will not traverse the entire graph



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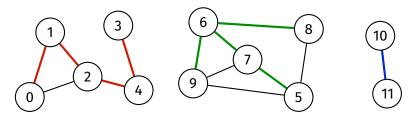
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#### Solution

After initial traversal is complete, perform traversal again on an unvisited vertex, repeat until all vertices are visited

This produces a spanning forest



# **Disconnected Graphs**

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dfs(G):
    Input: graph G

create predecessor array, initialised to -1

for each vertex v in G:
    if predecessor[v] = -1:
        dfsRec(G, v, predecessor)
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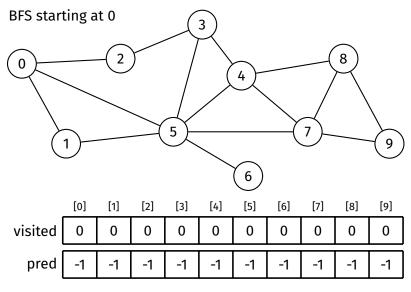
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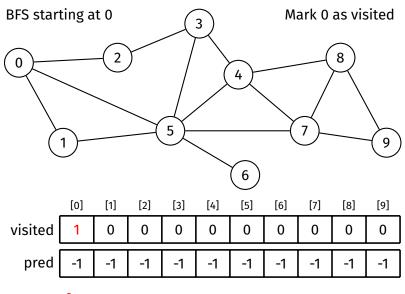


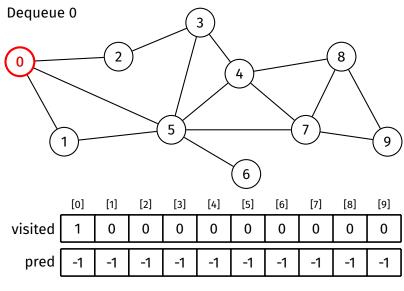
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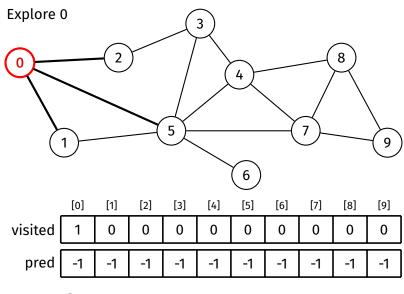
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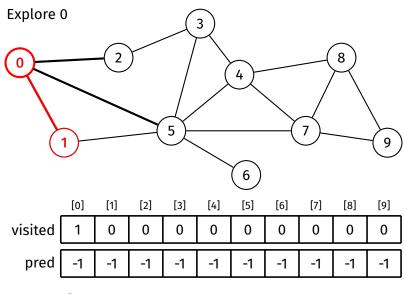
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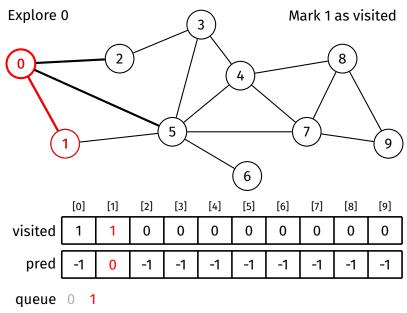




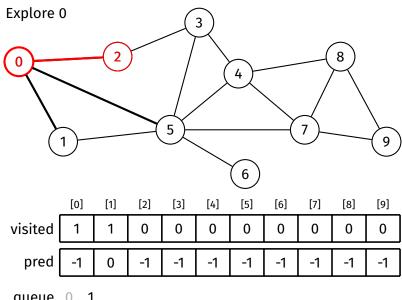




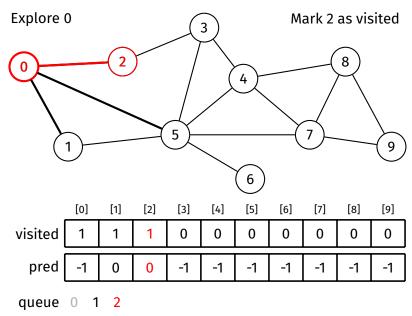




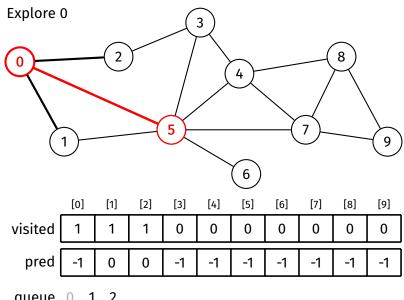
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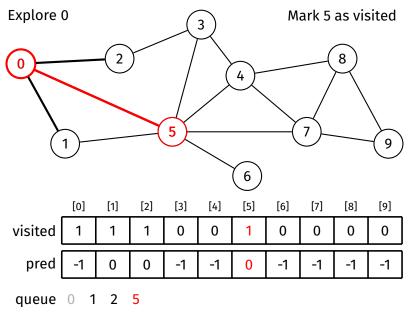
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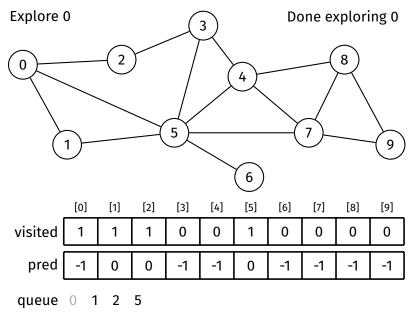


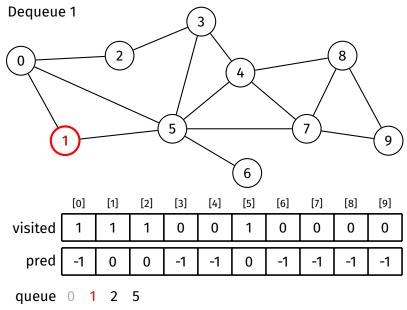
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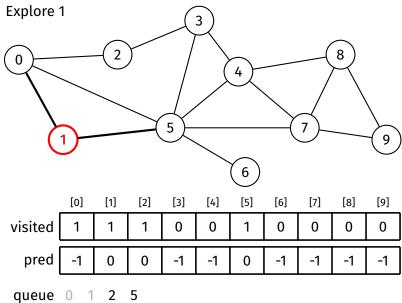
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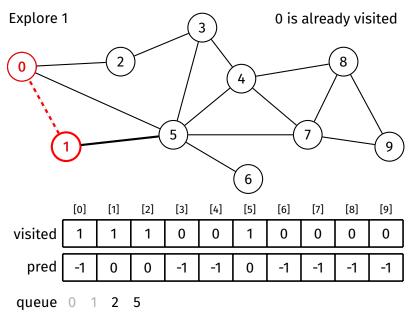


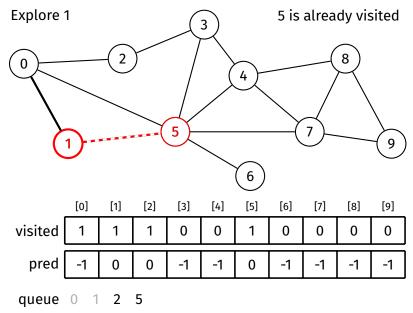


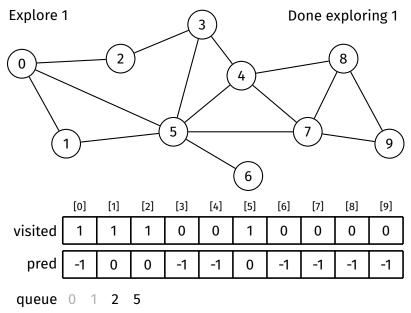


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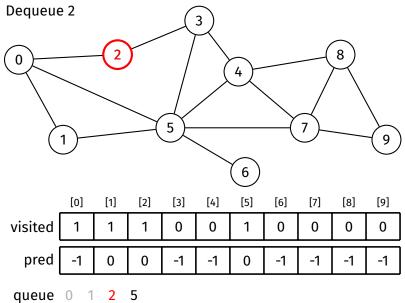


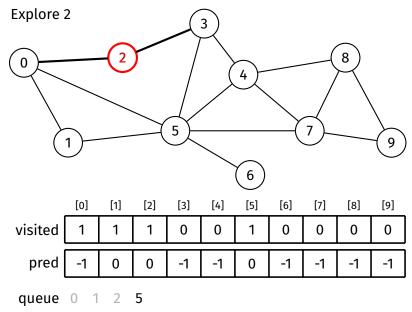




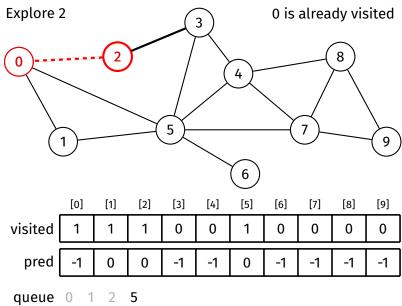


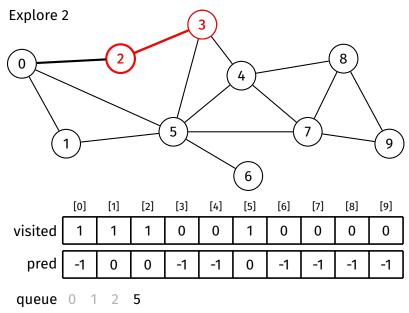
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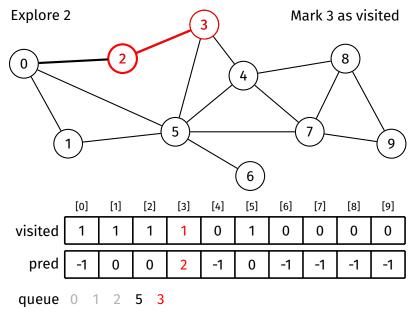


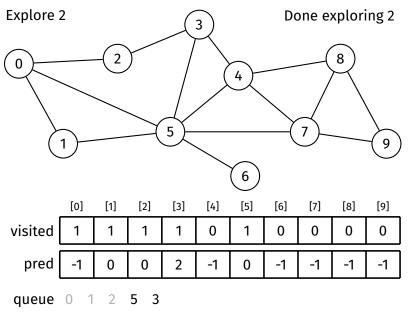


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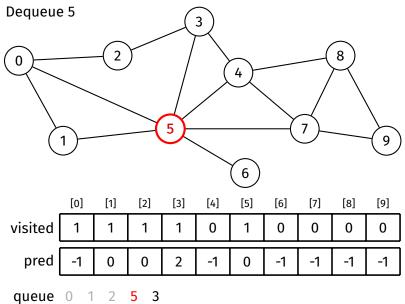


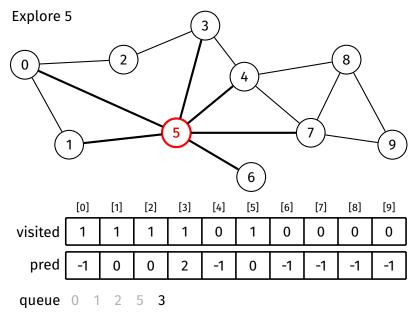


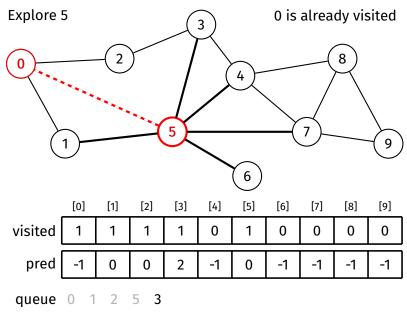


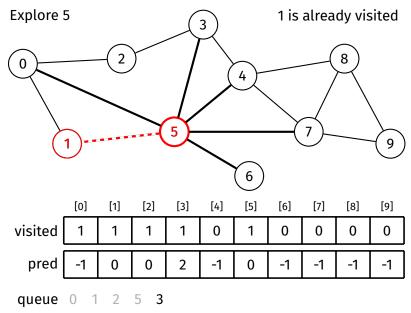


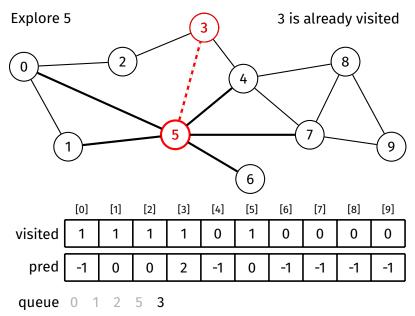
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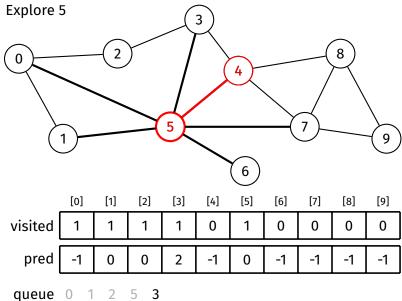


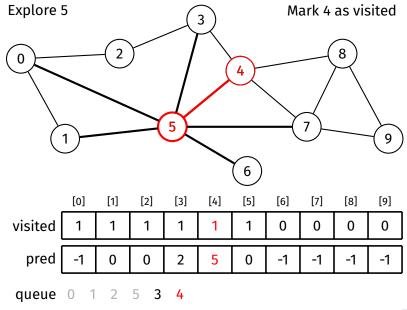


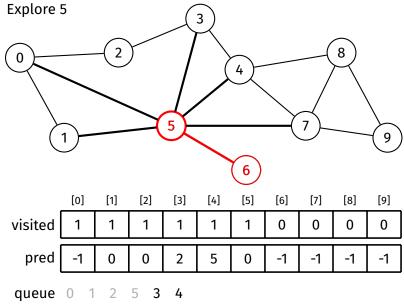


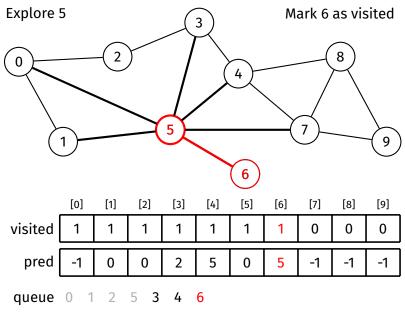


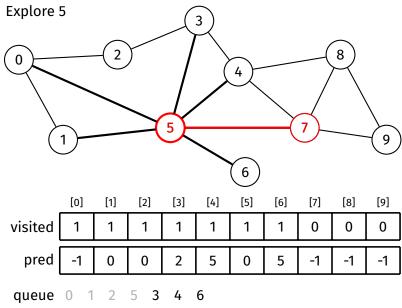
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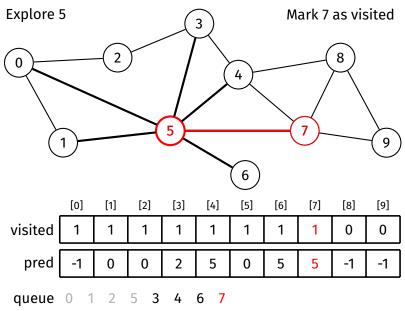


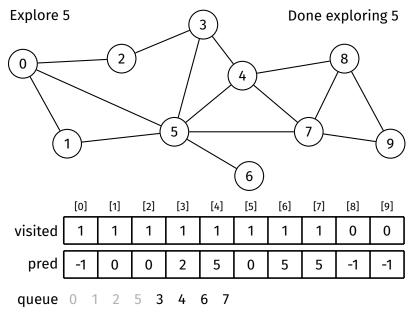


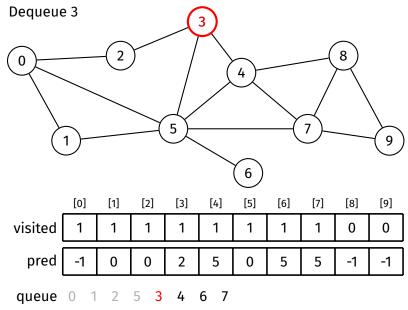


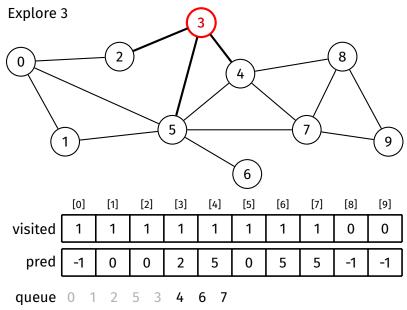


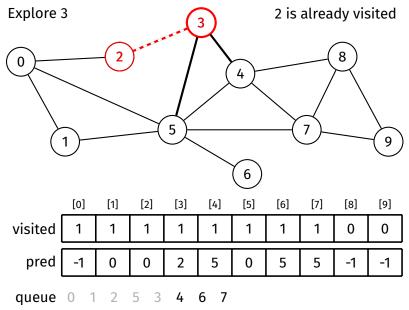


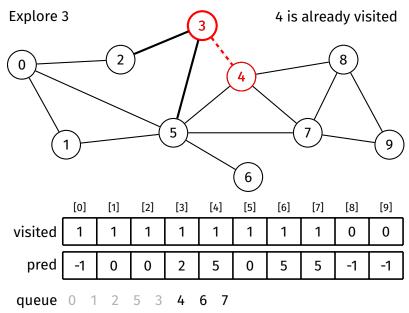


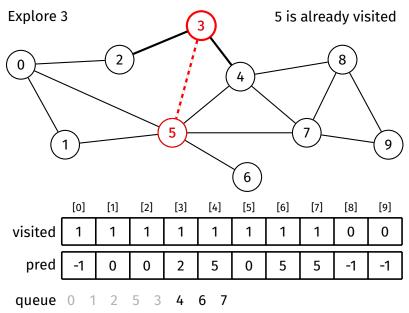


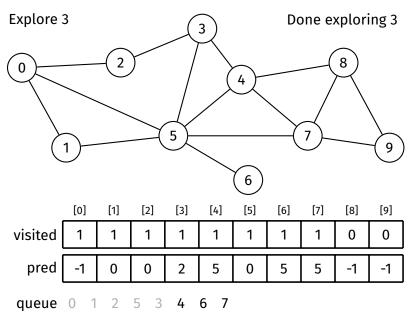


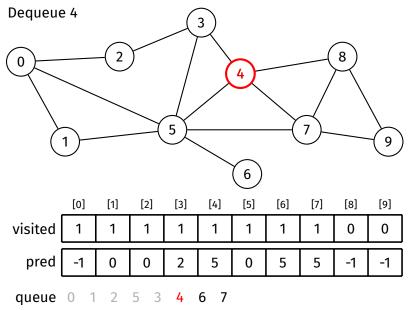


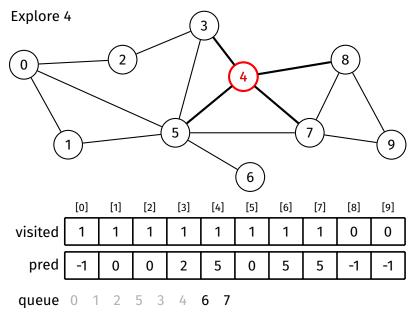


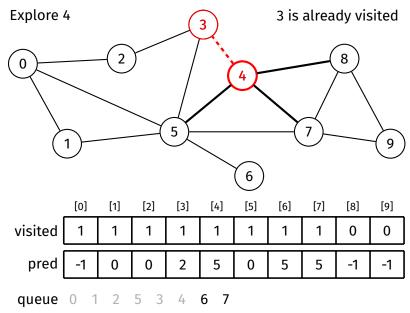


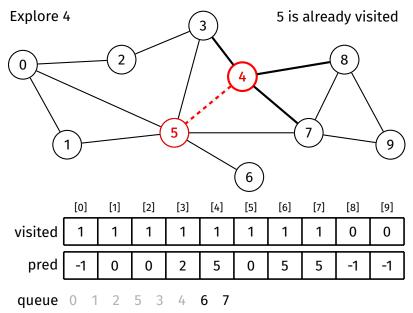


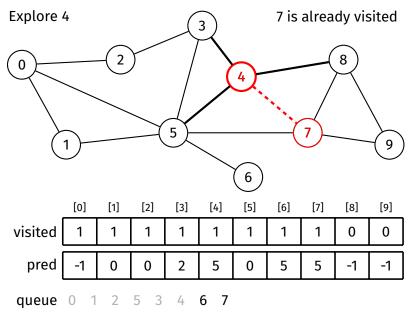


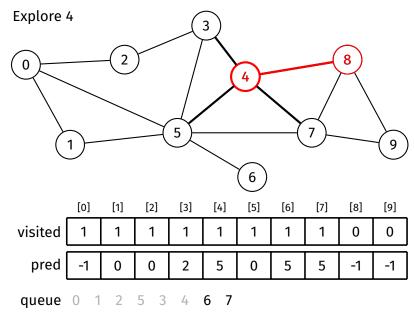


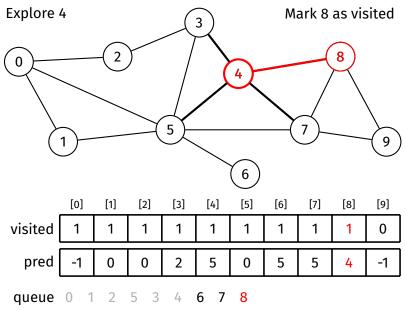


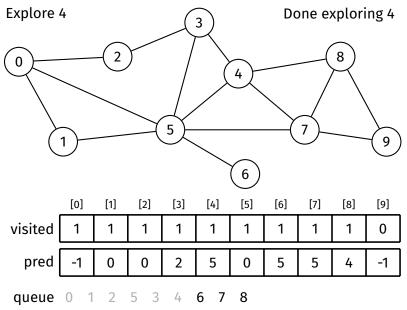


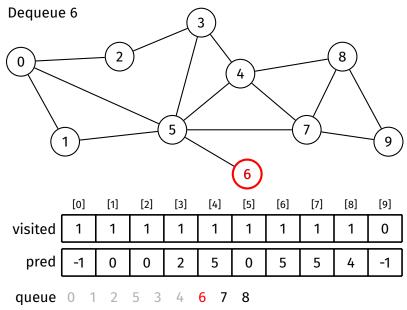


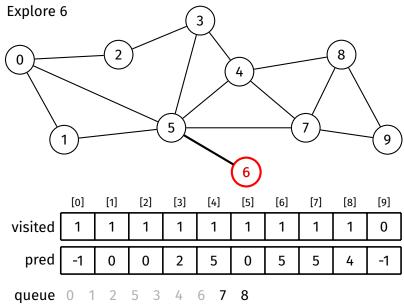


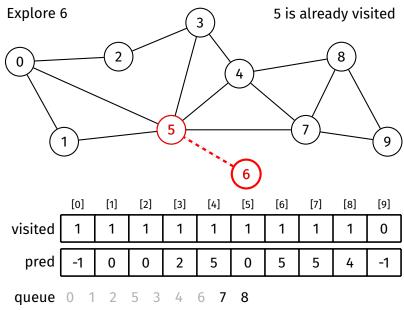


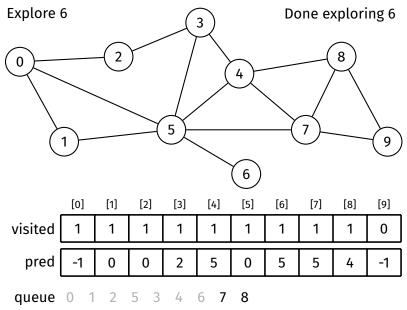


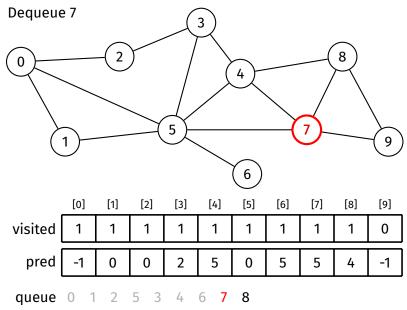


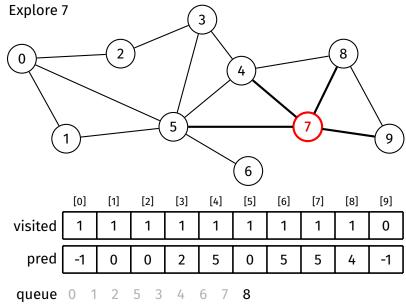


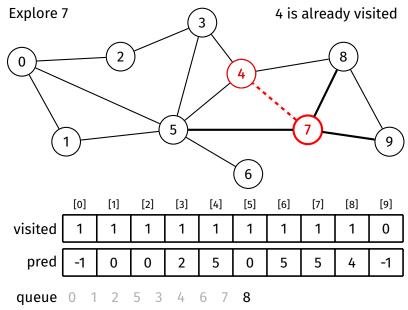


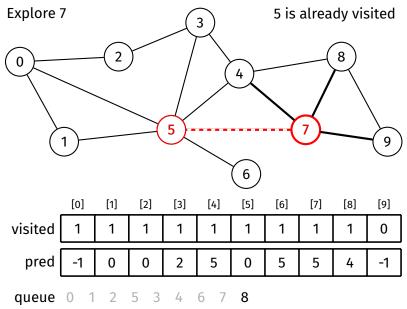


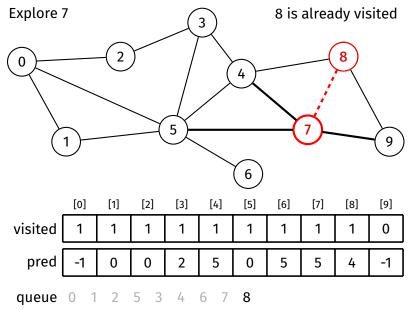


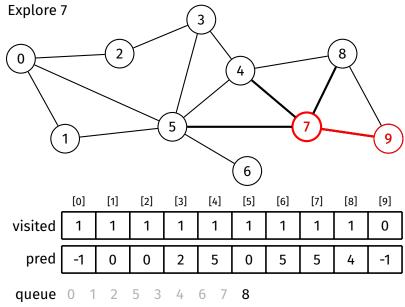


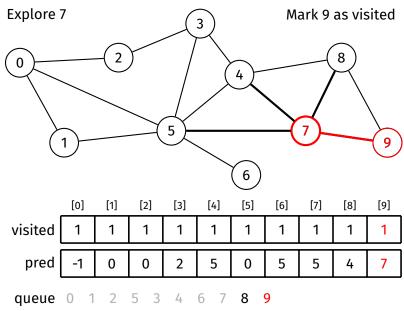


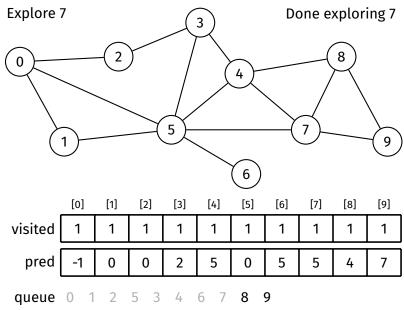


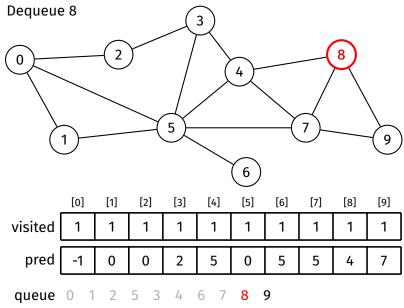


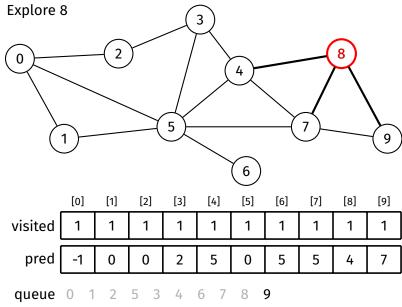


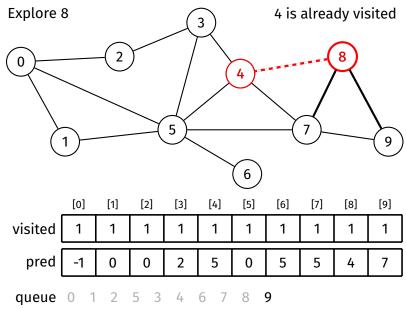


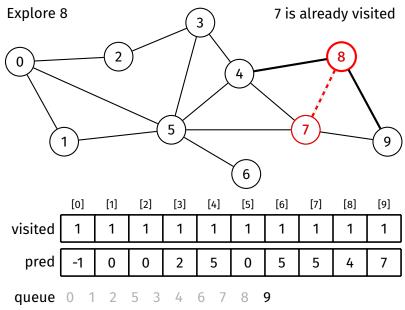


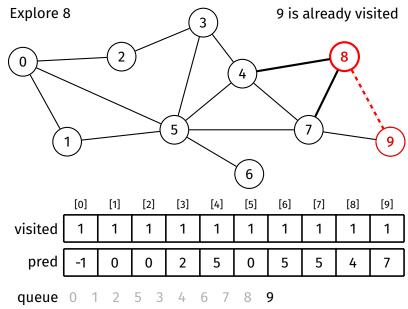


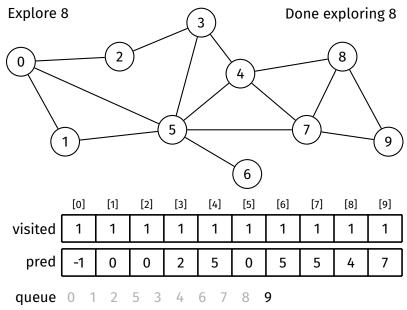


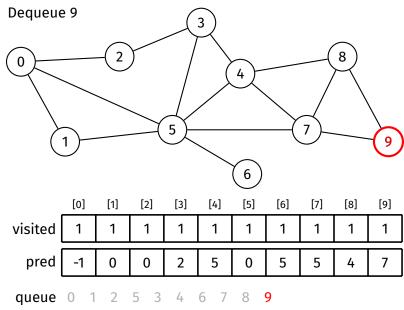


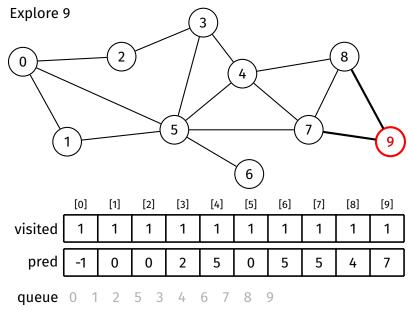


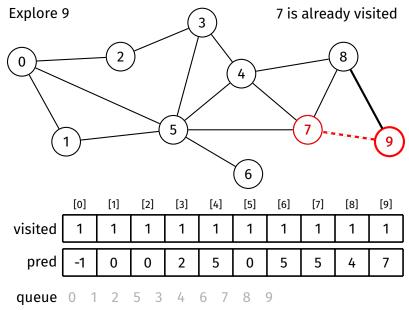


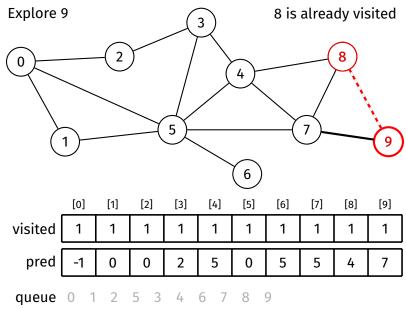


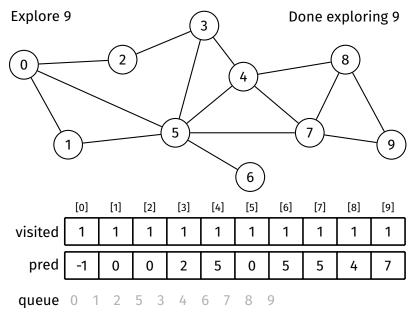


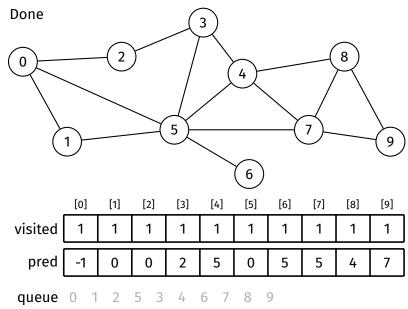


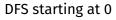


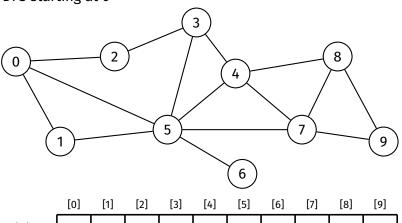






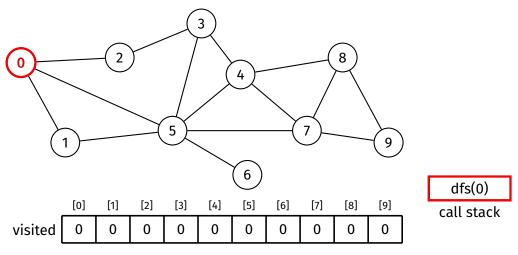


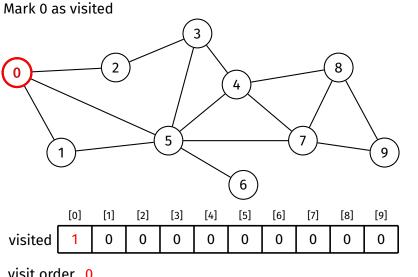




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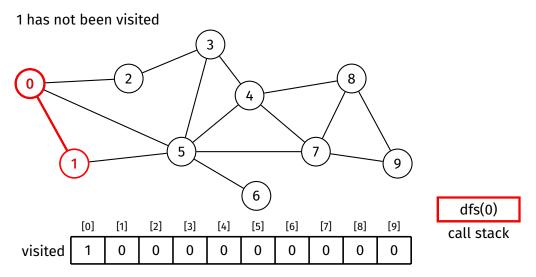
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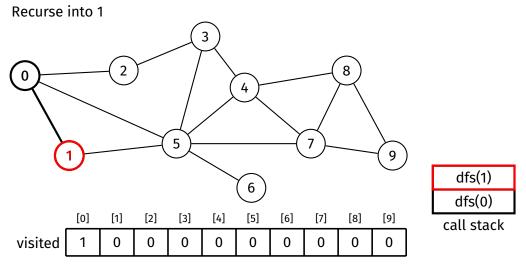


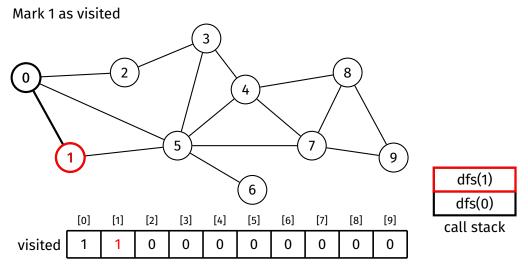


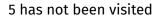
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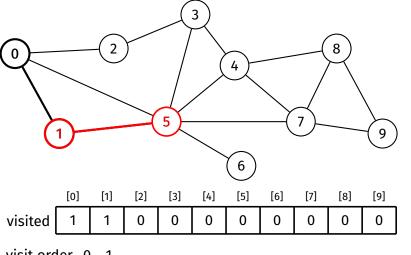
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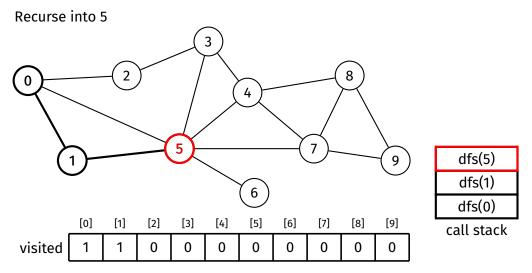


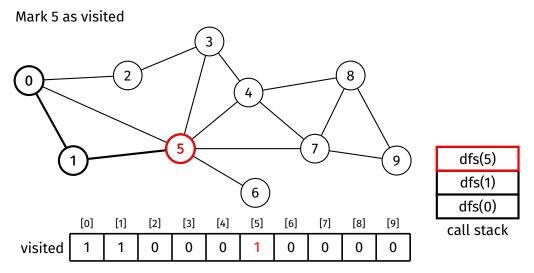




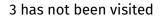


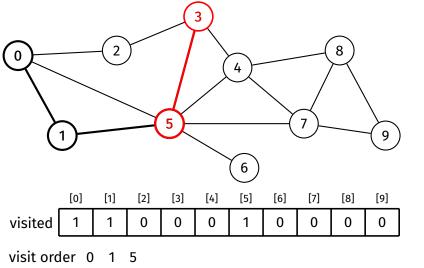
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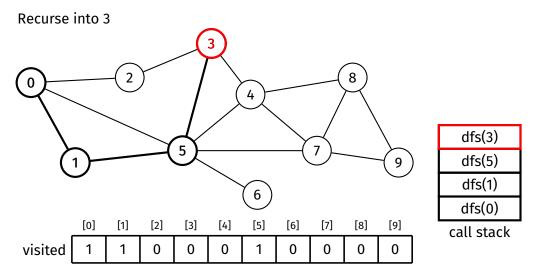
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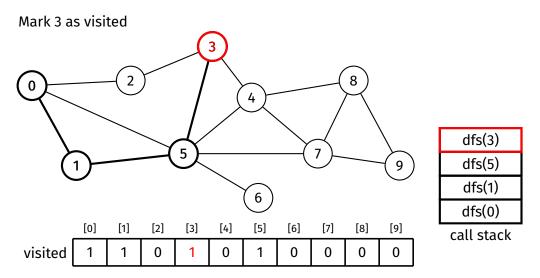


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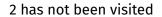
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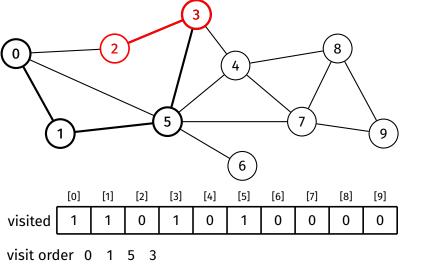


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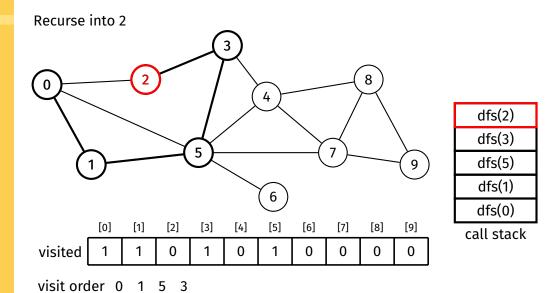
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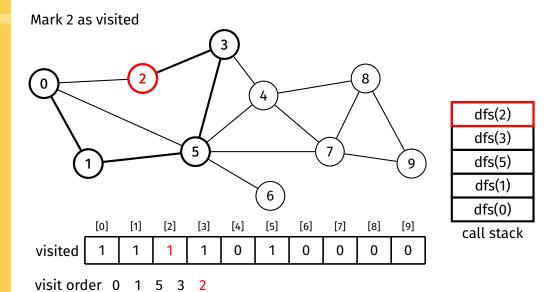


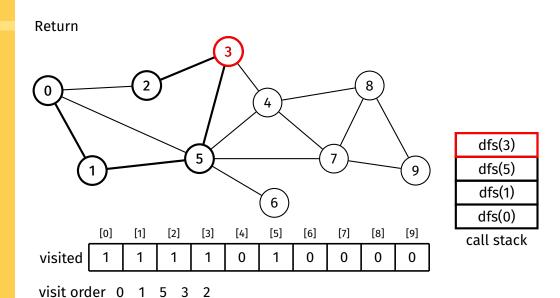


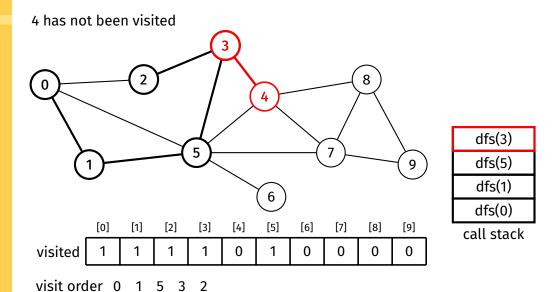
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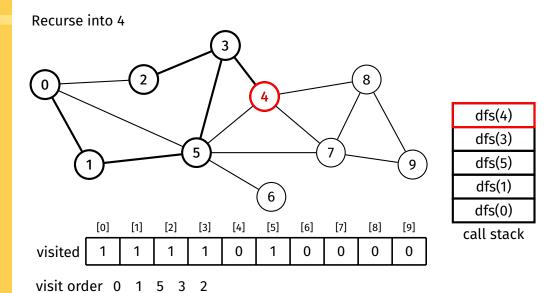
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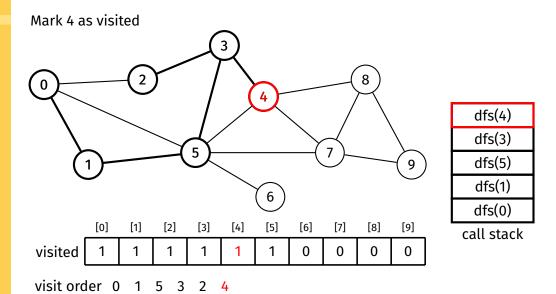


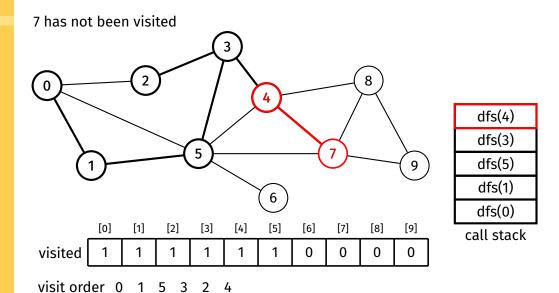


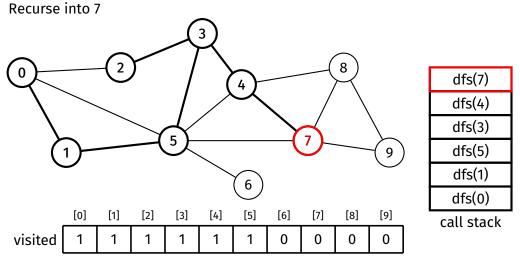




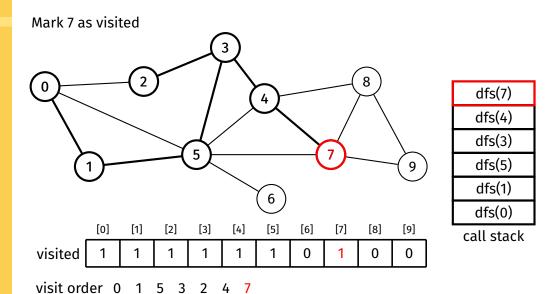


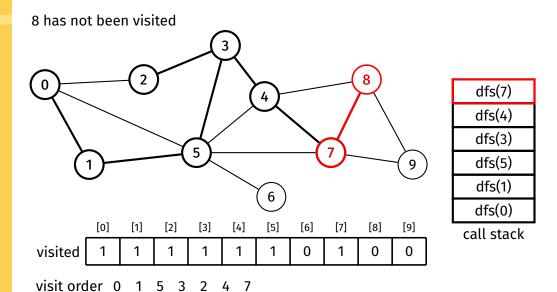


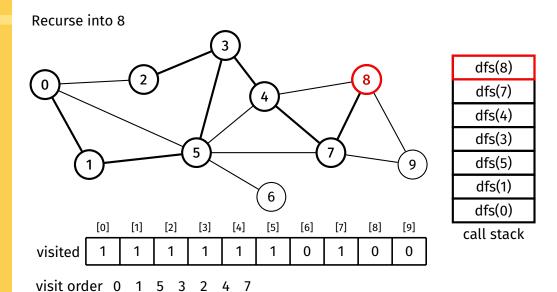


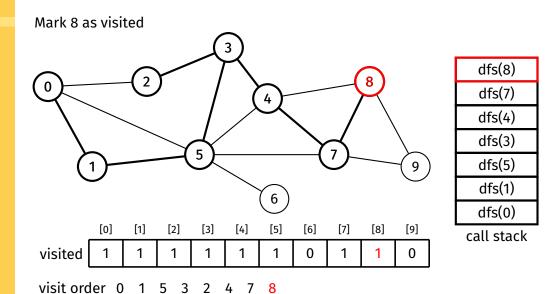


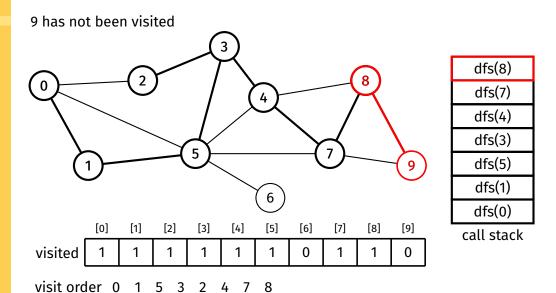
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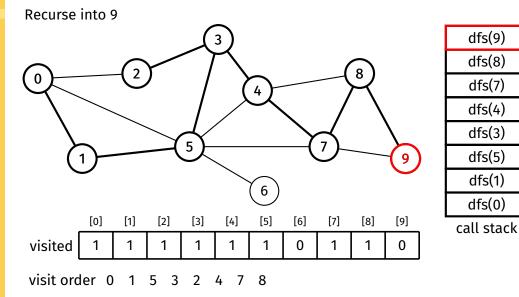


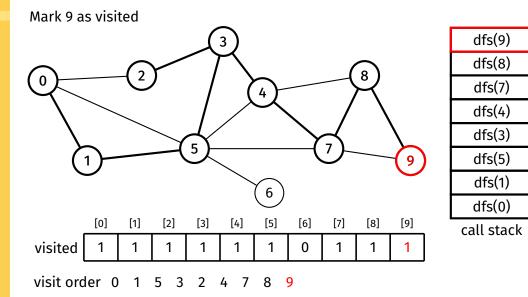


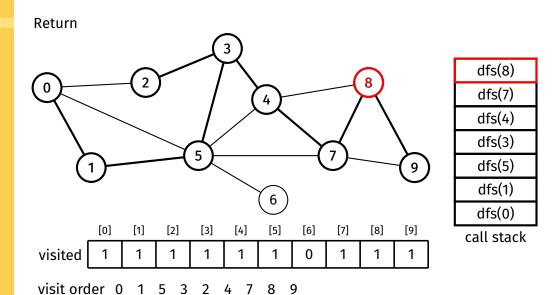


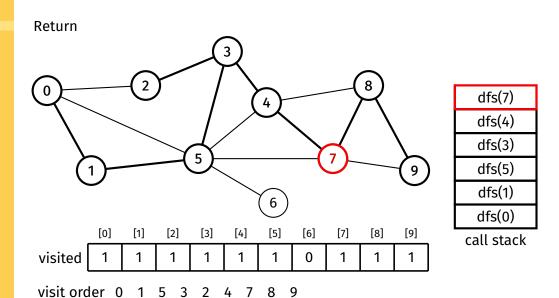


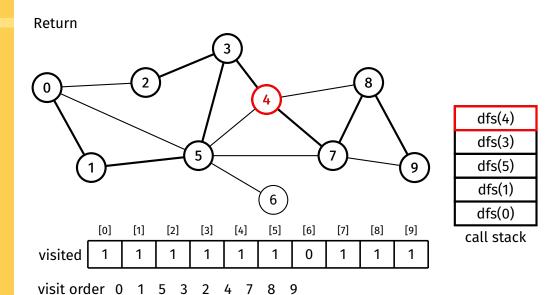


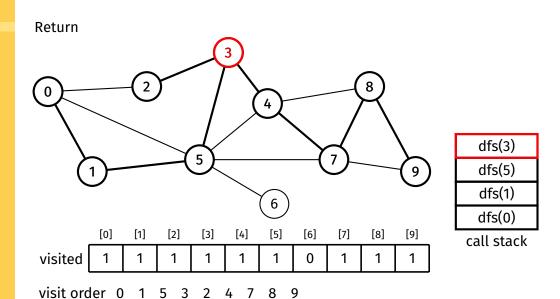


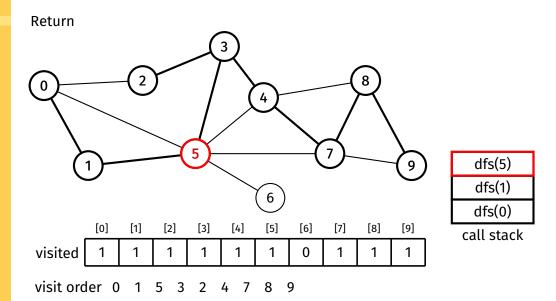


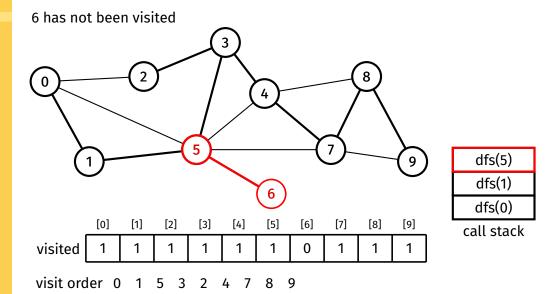


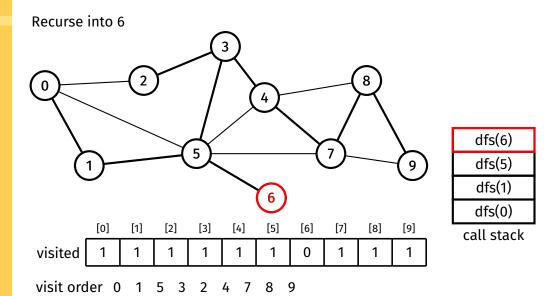


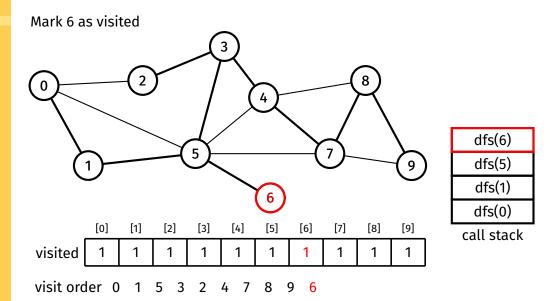


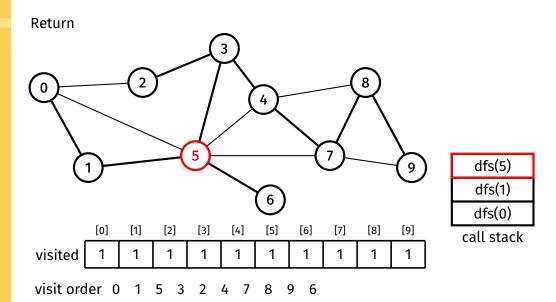


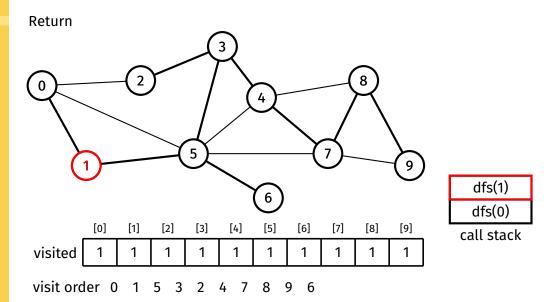


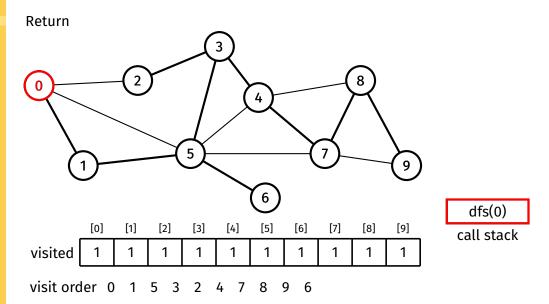


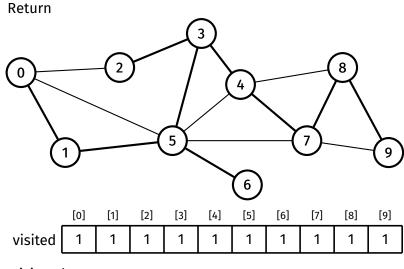








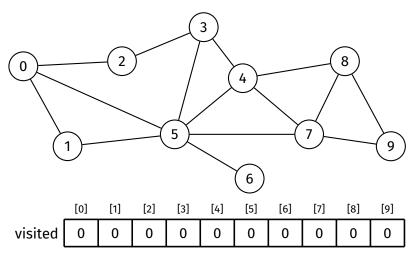




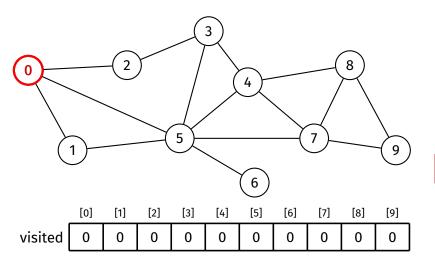
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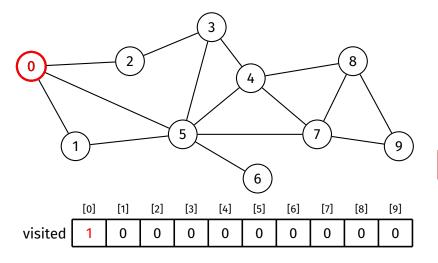
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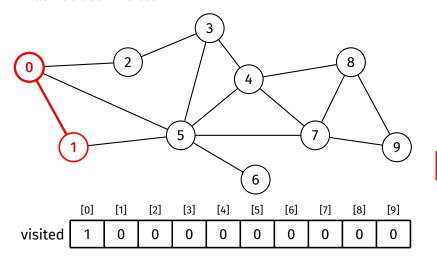
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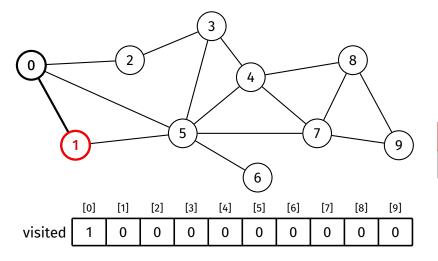
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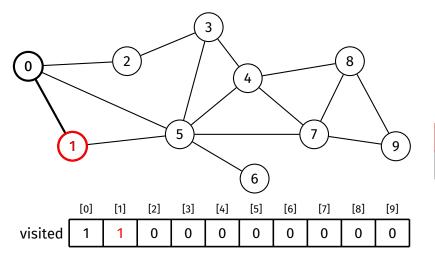
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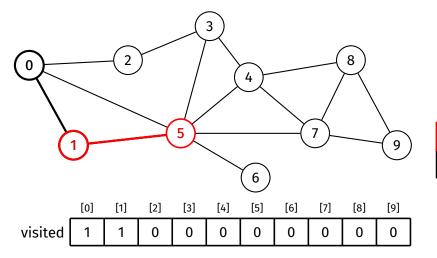
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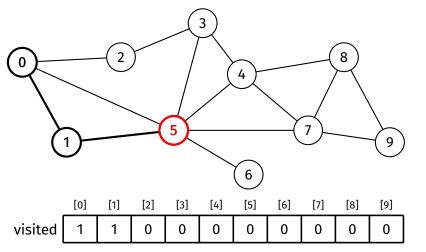
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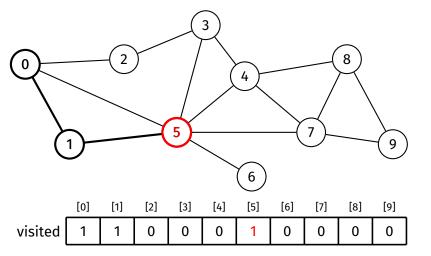
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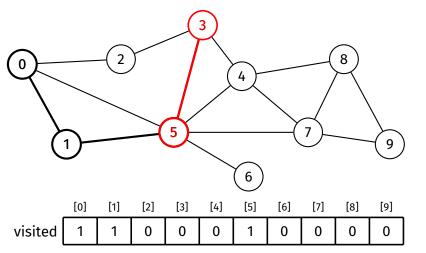


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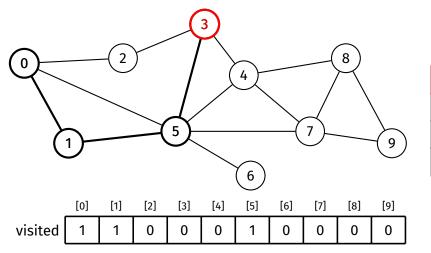


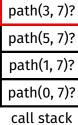
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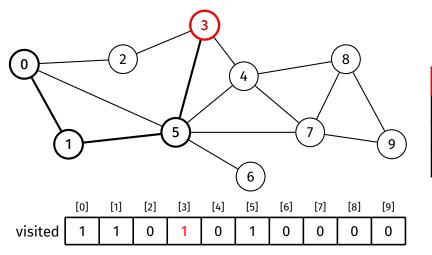


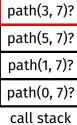
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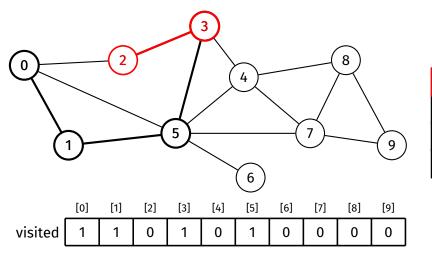


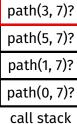
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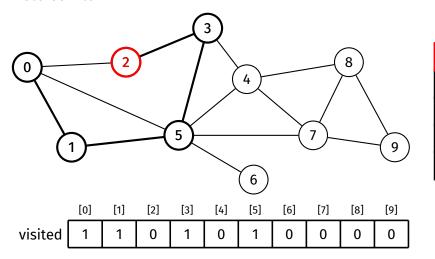


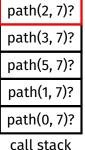
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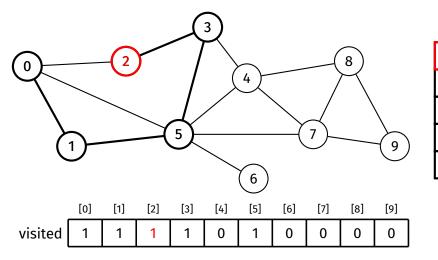


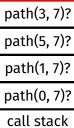
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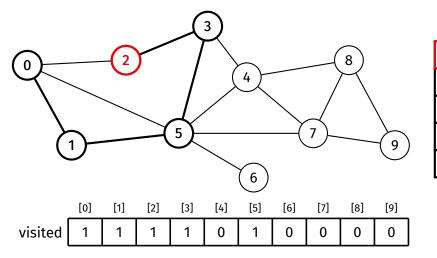
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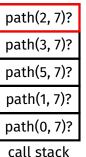


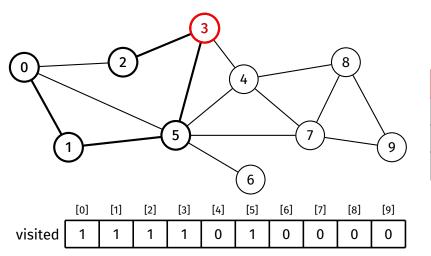


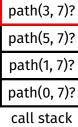
path(2, 7)?

# Return false

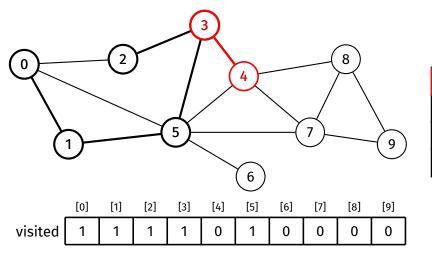


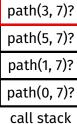




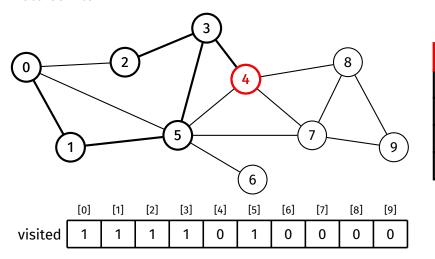


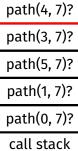
# 4 has not been visited



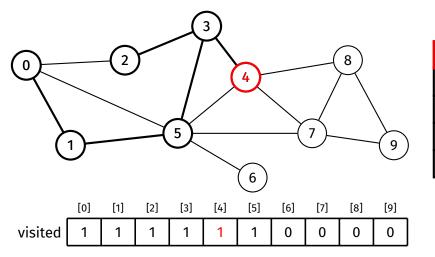


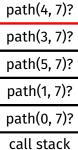
### Recurse into 4



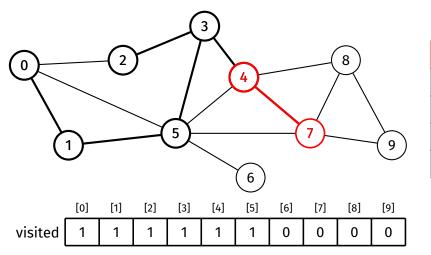


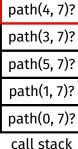
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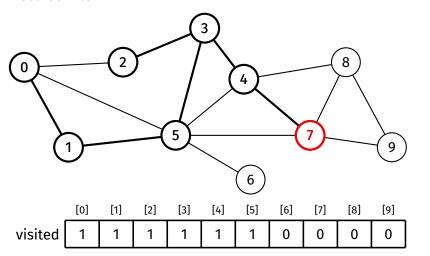


# 7 has not been visited





### Recurse into 7



path(7, 7)?

path(4, 7)?

path(3, 7)?

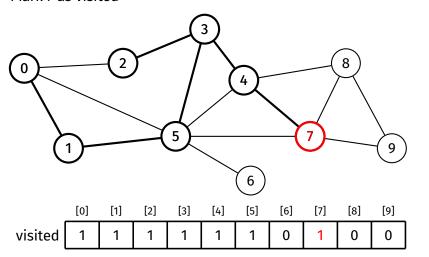
path(5, 7)?

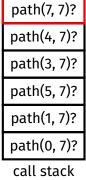
path(1, 7)?

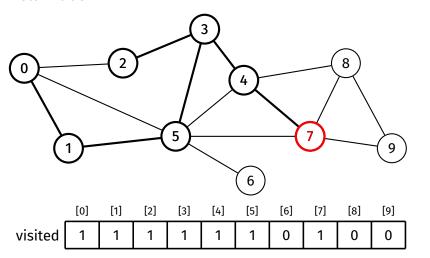
path(0, 7)?

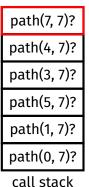
call stack

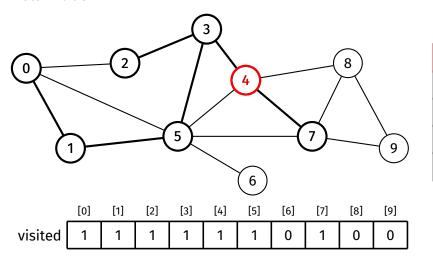
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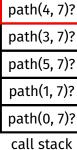


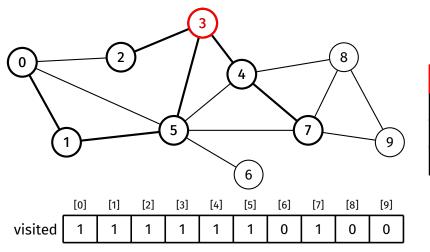


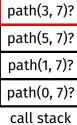


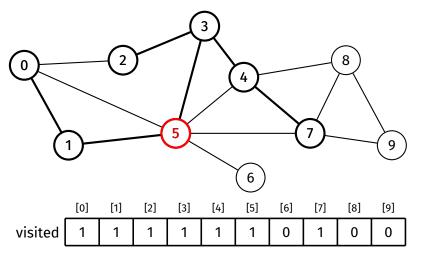






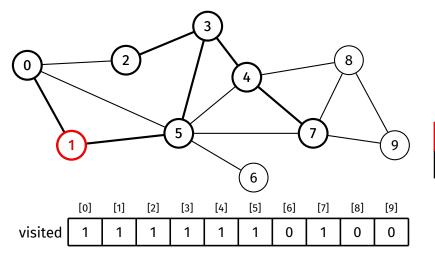






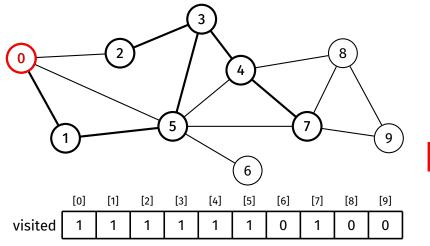


#### Return true



path(1, 7)? path(0, 7)? call stack

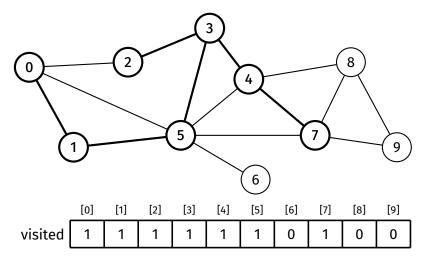
#### Return true



path(0, 7)?

call stack

Answer: Yes



call stack