

Graph Traversal

- Depth-First Search
 - Goes deep first
 - Stack / Recursion
 - Pathfinding, topological sort
- Breadth-First Search
 - Explores level by level
 - Queue
 - Shortest path in unweighted graphs

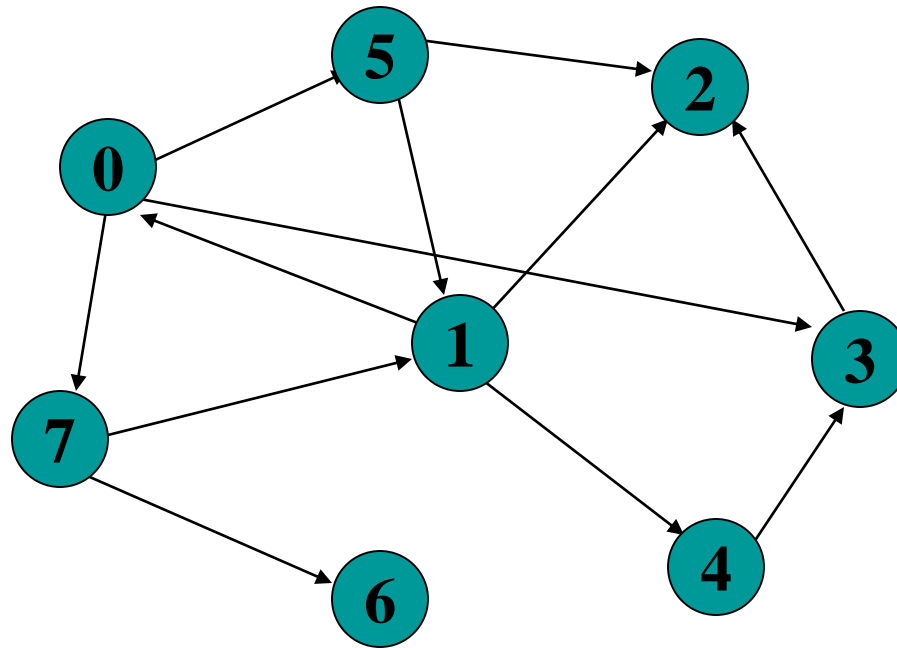
Overview

- Goal
 - To systematically visit the nodes of a graph
- A tree is a directed, acyclic, graph (DAG)
- If the graph is a tree,
 - DFS is exhibited by preorder, postorder, and (for binary trees) inorder traversals
 - BFS is exhibited by level-order traversal

Depth-First Search

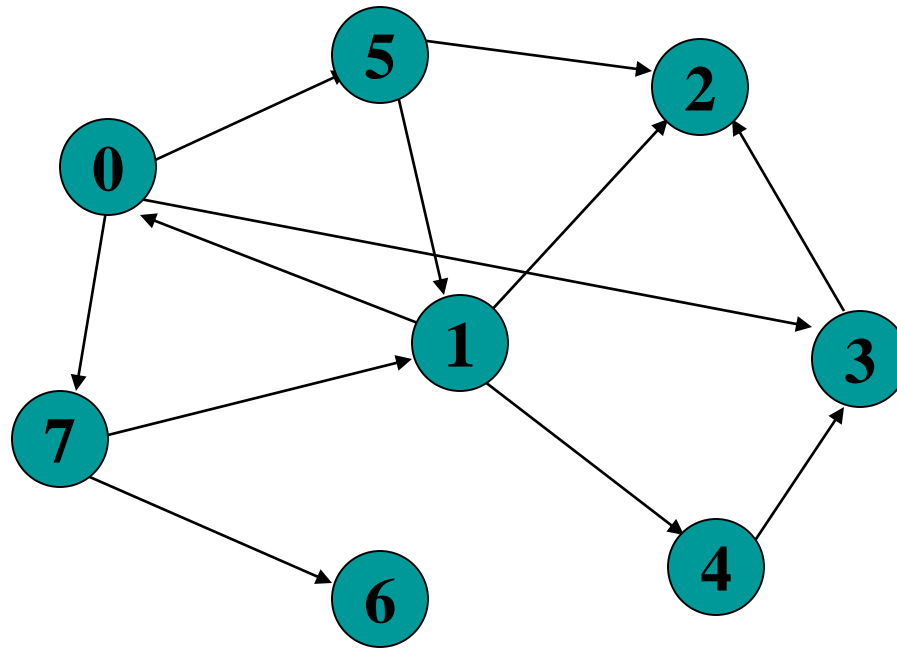
- **Initialize** all vertices in the graph as *unvisited*.
- **Start** from the given **source vertex v**.
- **Mark** the **current vertex as visited**.
- **Process** the current vertex (e.g., print it).
- **For each adjacent vertex** u of the current vertex v:
- If u is *unvisited*, then **recursively apply DFS** on u.
- **Repeat** until all vertices reachable from the source have been visited.
- If the graph is **disconnected**, repeat DFS for the remaining unvisited vertices.

Example



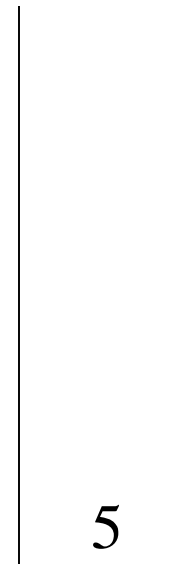
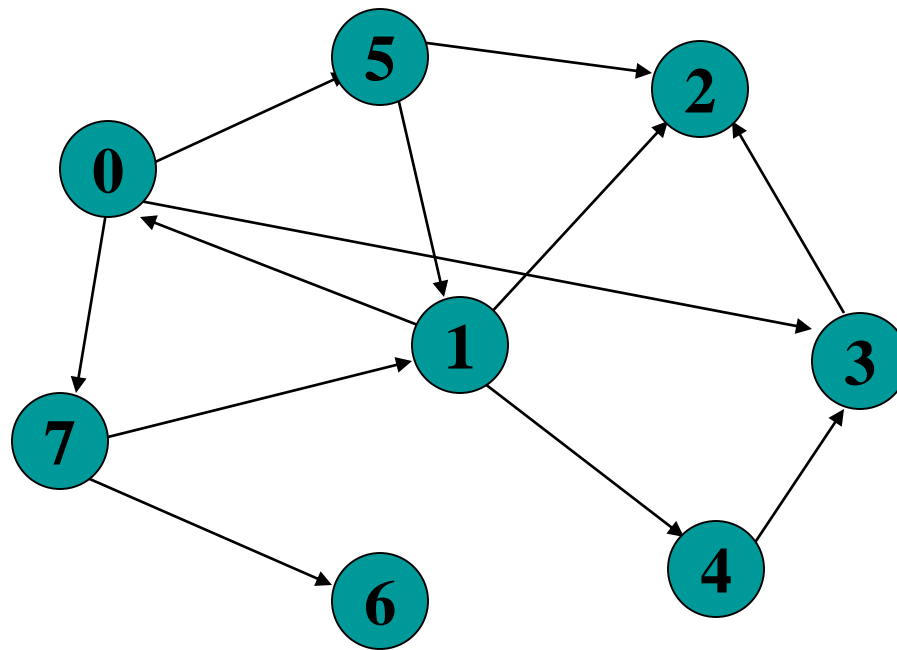
Policy: Visit adjacent nodes in increasing index order

Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



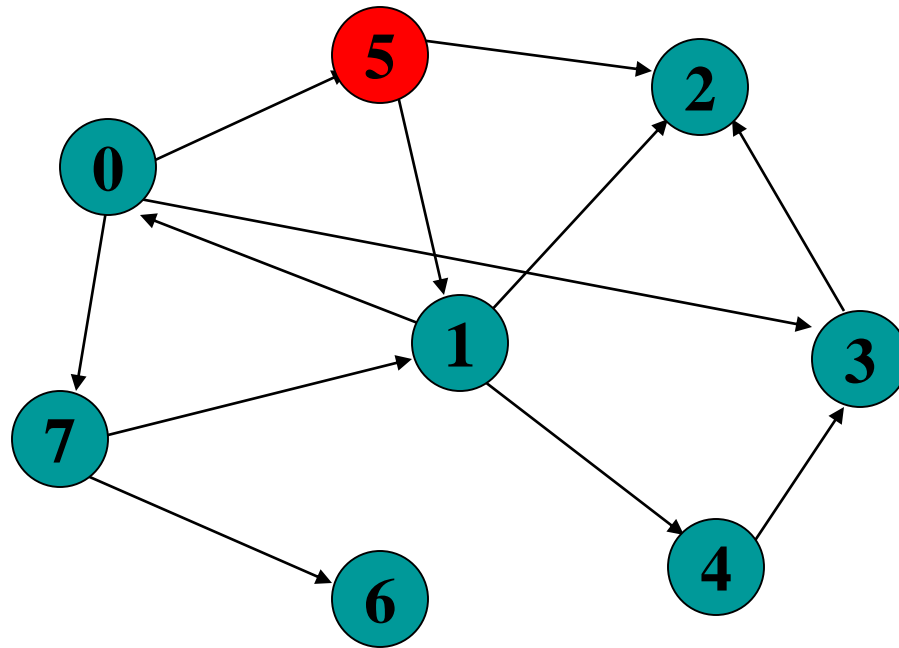
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Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Push 5

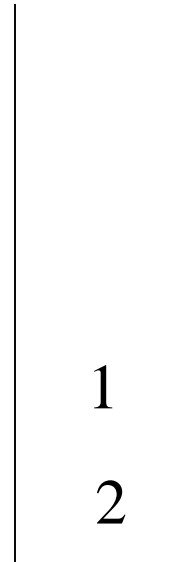
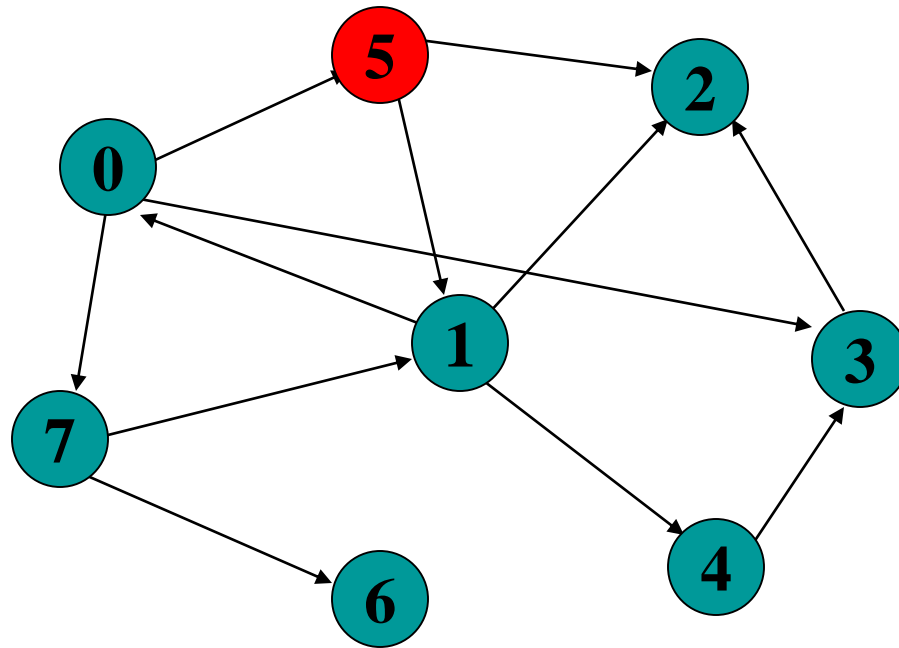
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Pop/Visit/Mark 5

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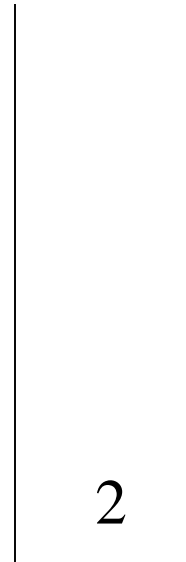
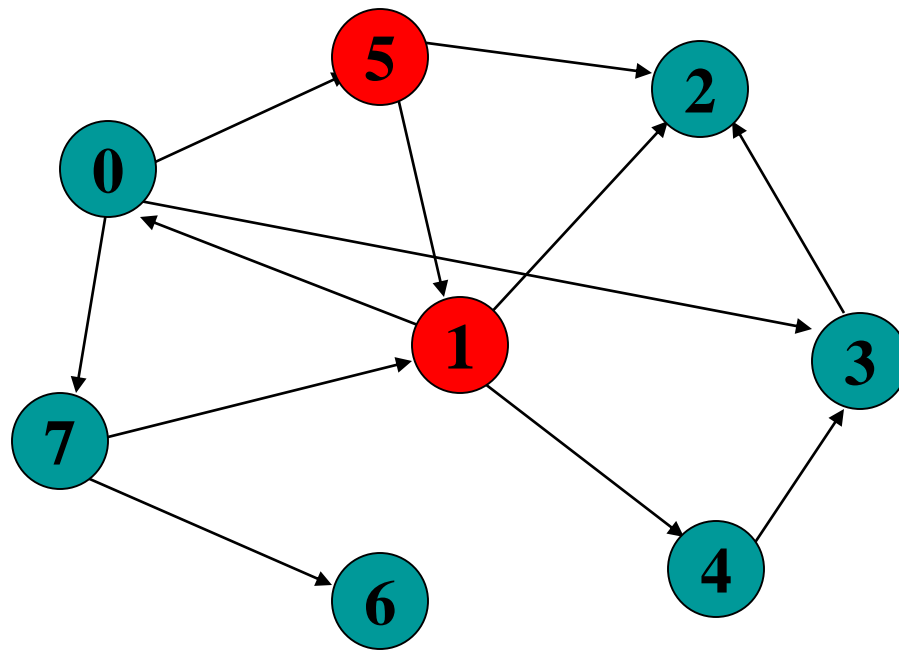
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Push 2, Push 1

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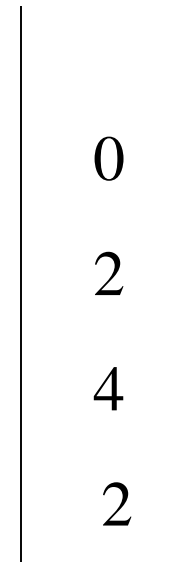
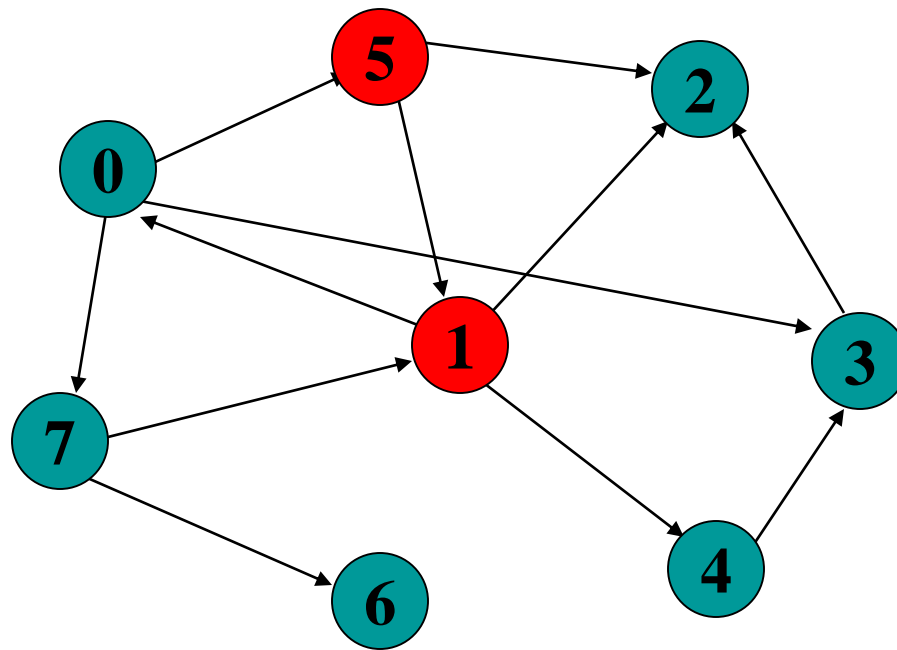
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Pop/Visit/Mark 1

5 1

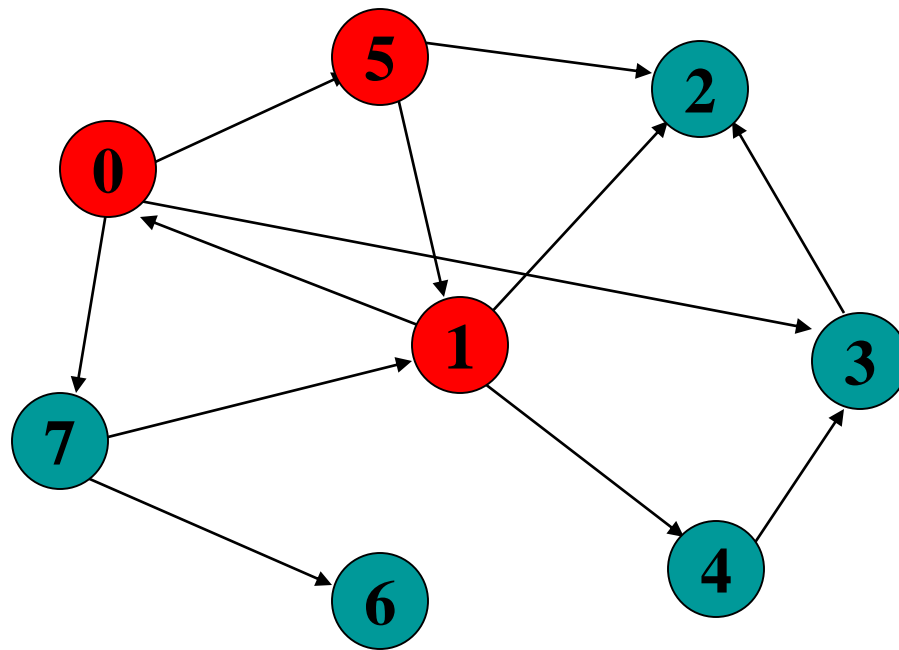
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Push 4, Push 2,
Push 0

5 1

Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5

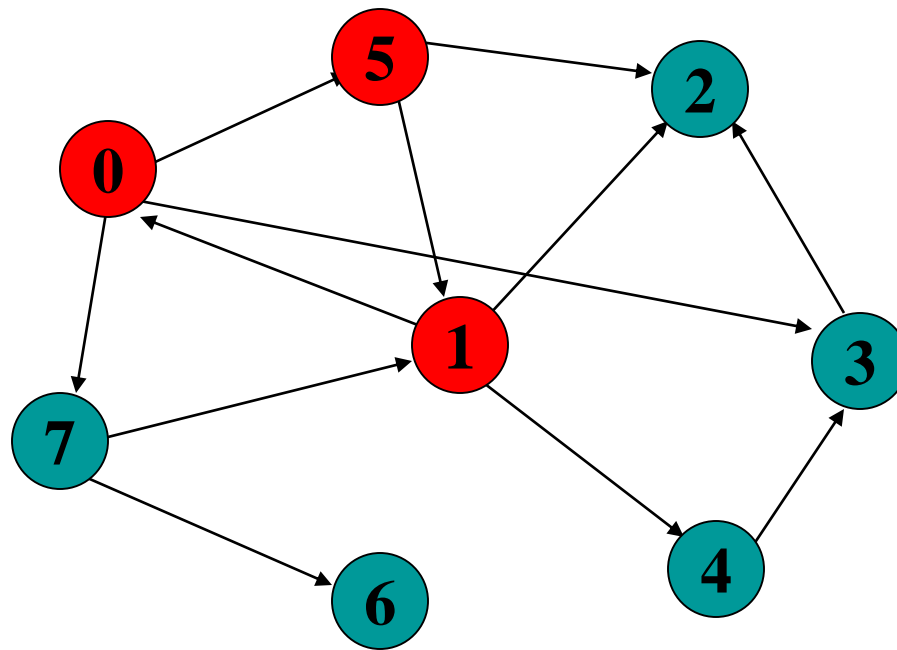


2
4
2

Pop/Visit/Mark 0

5 1 0

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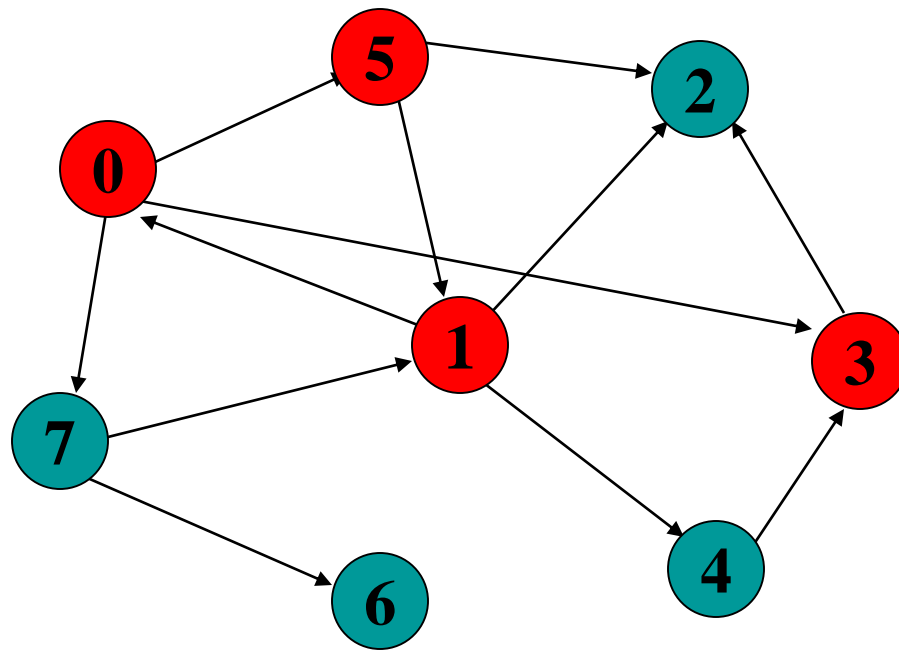


3
7
2
4
2

Push 7, Push 3

5 1 0

Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5

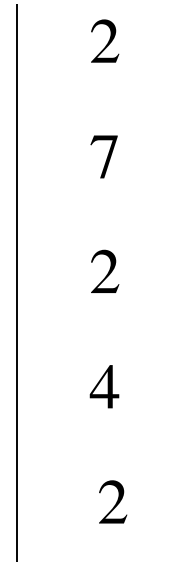
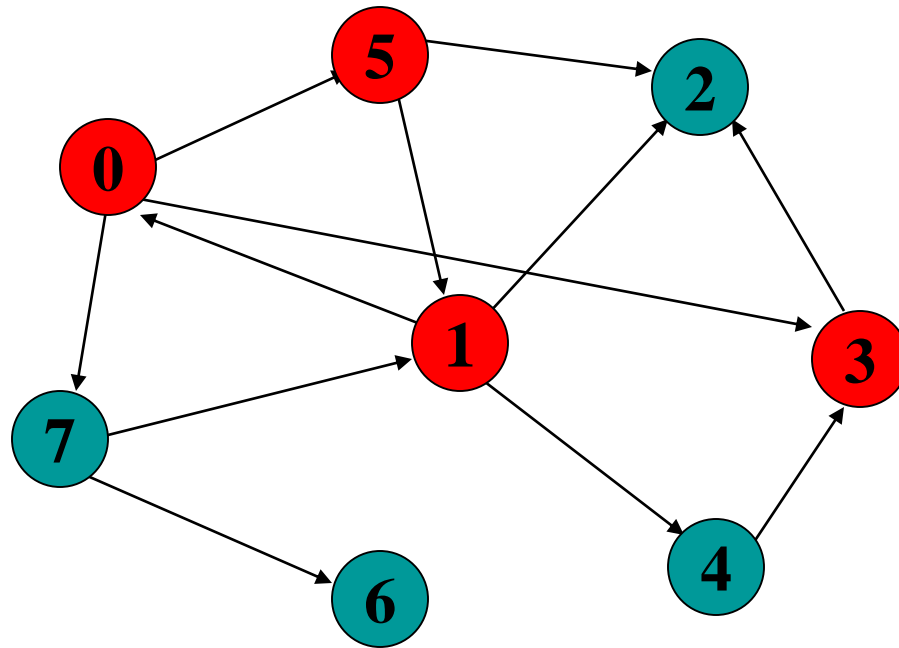


7
2
4
2

Pop/Visit/Mark 3

5 1 0 3

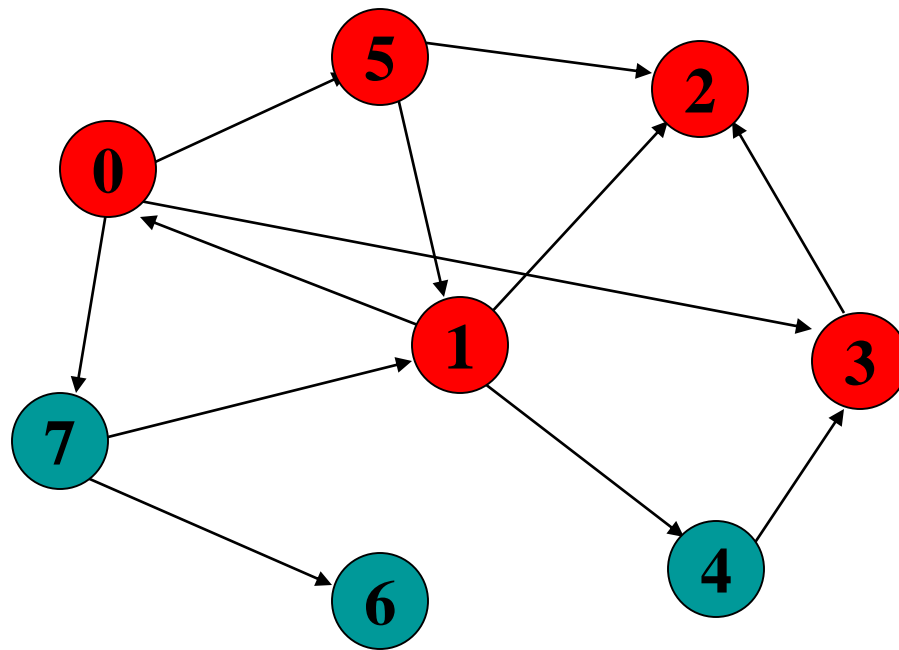
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Push 2

5 1 0 3

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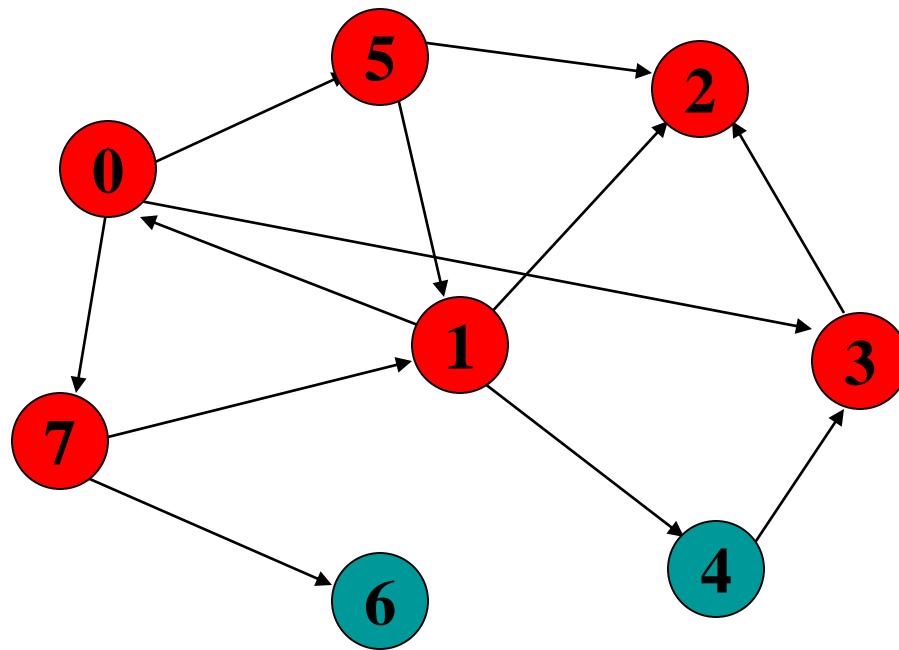


7
2
4
2

Pop/Mark/Visit 2

5 1 0 3 2

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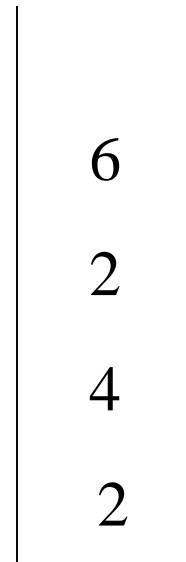
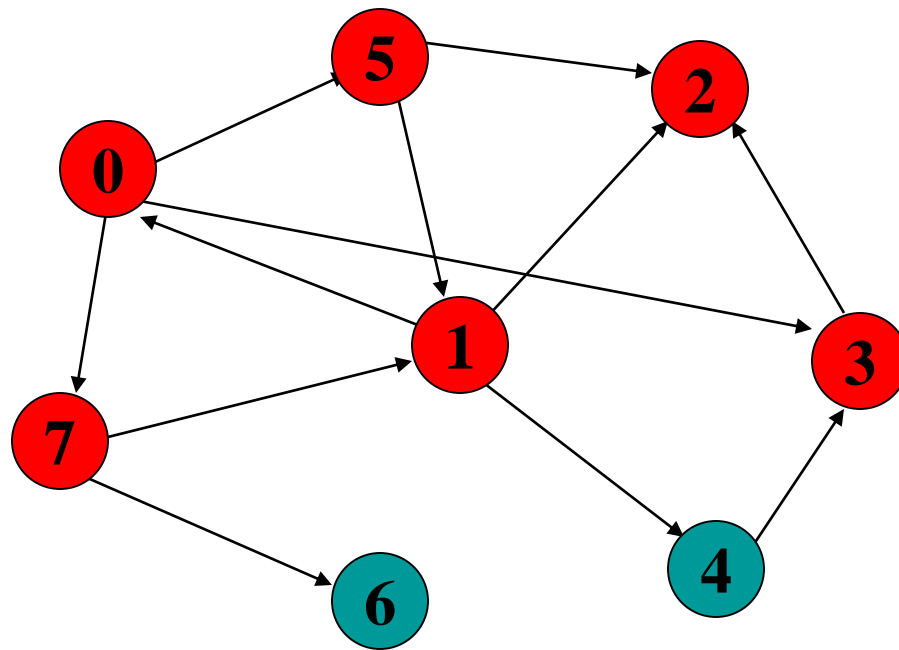


2
4
2

Pop/Mark/Visit 7

5 1 0 3 2 7

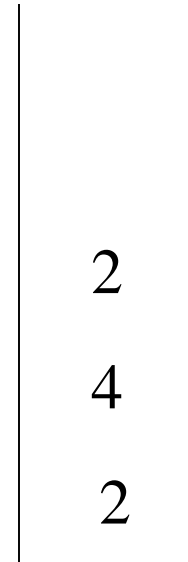
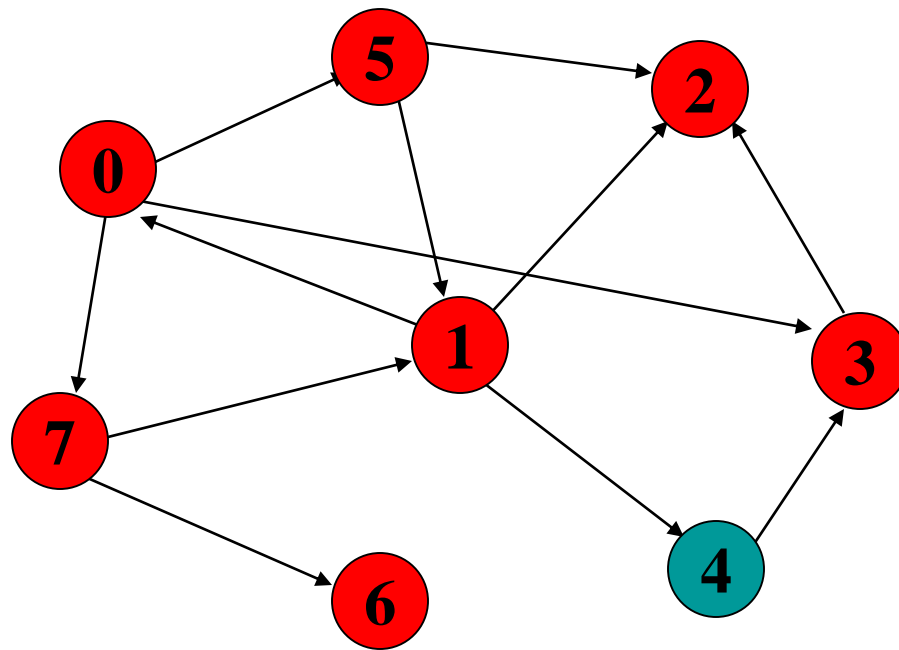
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Push 6

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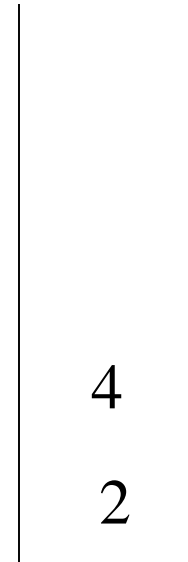
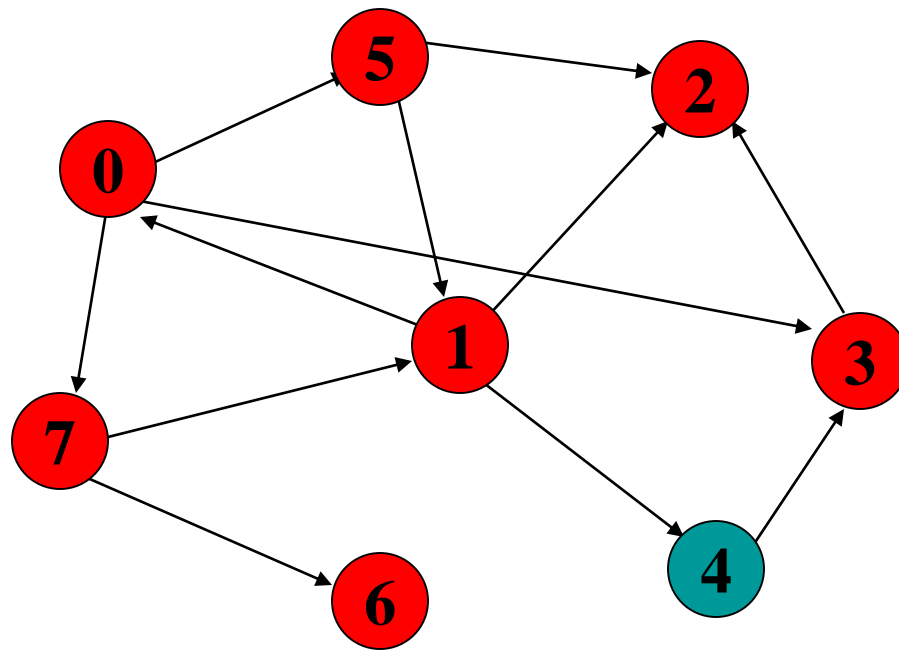
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Pop/Mark/Visit 6

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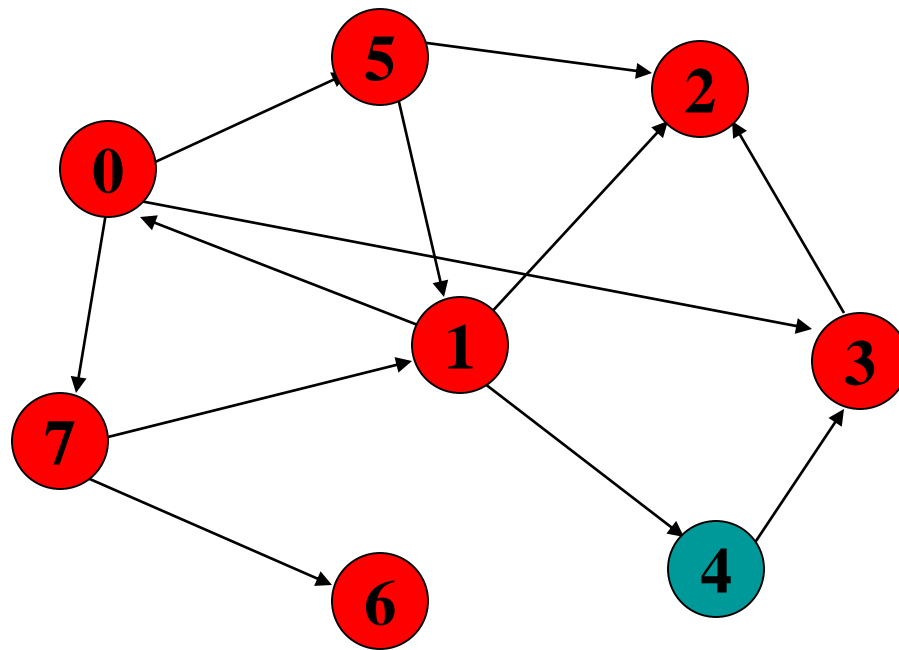
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Pop (don't visit) 2

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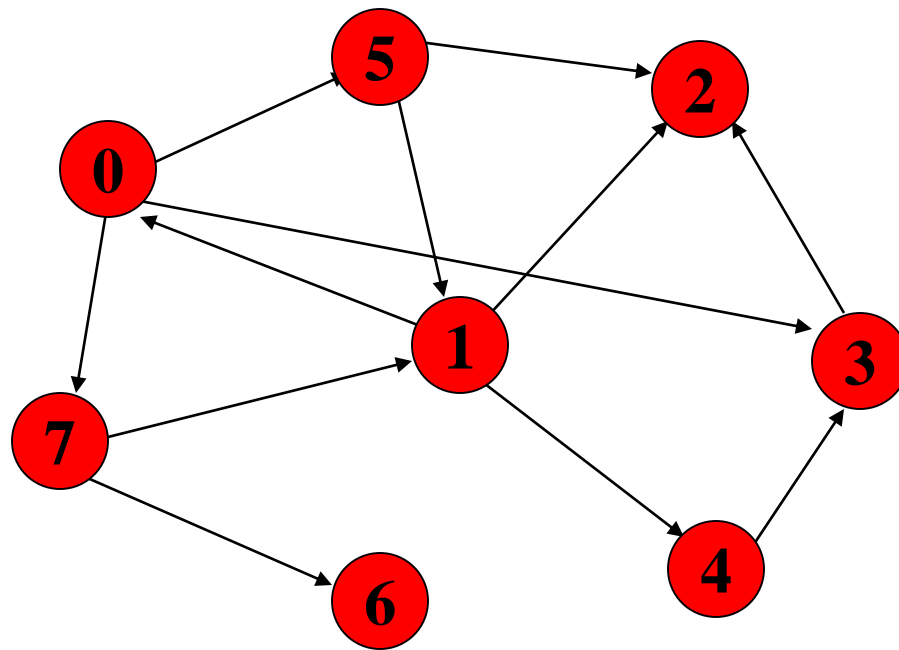
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Pop/Mark/Visit 4

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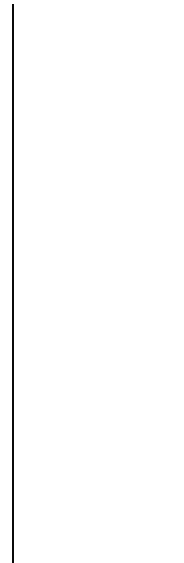
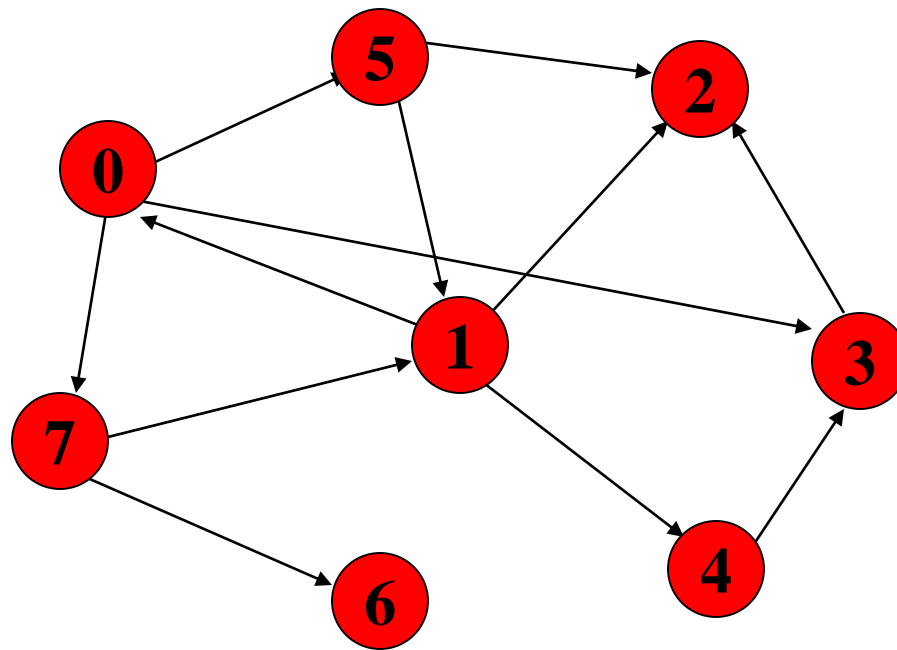
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Pop (don't visit) 2

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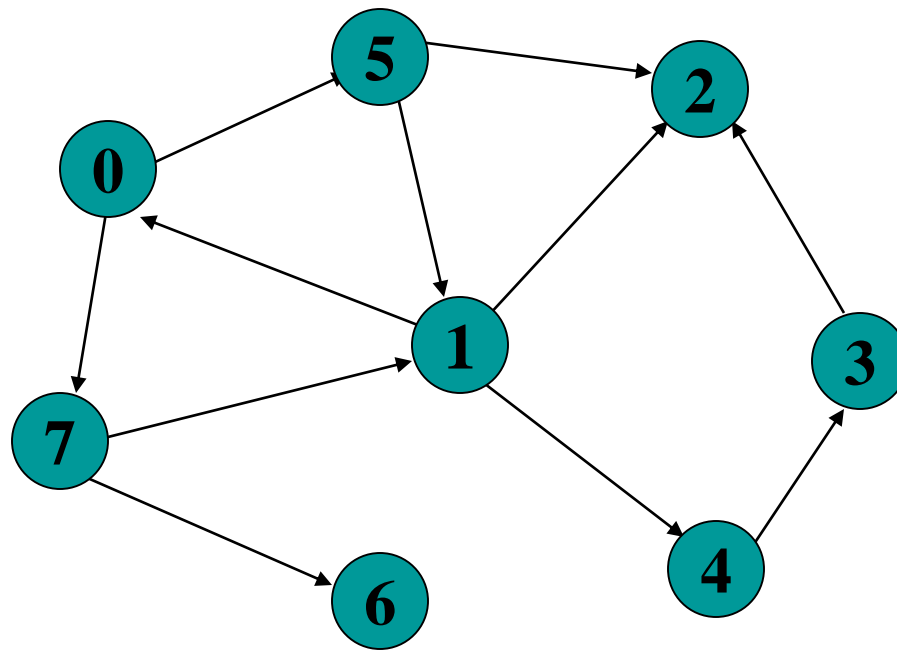
Preorder DFS: Start with Node 5



Done

5 1 0 3 2 7 6 4

Note: edge (0,3) removed



5 1 0 7 6 2 4 3

Depth-First Search

Graph.h

```
#ifndef GRAPH_H  
#define GRAPH_H
```

```
// Define maximum number of vertices  
#define MAX_V 20
```

```
// Function declarations  
void addEdge(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int src, int dest);  
void DFS(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int visited[MAX_V], int  
vertex, int vertices);
```

```
#endif
```


Depth-First Search

Graph.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "graph.h"
/*
 * Function: addEdge
 * -----
 * Adds a directed edge from src to dest.
 * In adjacency matrix representation:
 *   graph[src][dest] = 1
 * (No reverse edge is added because it is a directed graph)
 */
void addEdge(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int src, int dest)
{
    graph[src][dest] = 1; // Directed edge from src → dest
}
```

Adjacency Matrix

	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0
2	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	0	1	0	0

Depth-First Search

Graph.c

```
/*  
 * Function: DFS  
 * -----  
 * Performs Depth First Search starting from a given vertex.  
 *  
 * Parameters:  
 * - graph : adjacency matrix representation of the graph  
 * - visited : keeps track of visited vertices  
 * - vertex : the current vertex being explored  
 * - vertices: total number of vertices in the graph  
 *  
 * Working:  
 * 1. Mark current vertex as visited.  
 * 2. Print current vertex.  
 * 3. Recursively visit all unvisited adjacent vertices.  
 */
```

Depth-First Search

Graph.c

```
void DFS(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int visited[MAX_V], int
vertex, int vertices)
{
    printf("%d ", vertex);    // Print current vertex
    visited[vertex] = 1;      // Mark as visited

    // Explore all adjacent vertices
    for (int i = 0; i < vertices; i++) {
        if (graph[vertex][i] == 1 && !visited[i]) {
            DFS(graph, visited, i, vertices);
        }
    }
}
```

Depth-First Search

main.c

```
int main() {  
    int vertices, edges, src, dest, startVertex;  
    int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V] = {0}; // Initialize adjacency matrix  
    int visited[MAX_V] = {0};      // Track visited vertices
```

```
    printf("Enter number of vertices: ");  
    scanf("%d", &vertices);
```

Example Directed Graph
Number of vertices: **5 (0–4)**
Number of edges: **6**

```
    printf("Enter number of edges: ");  
    scanf("%d", &edges);
```

```
    // Input edges
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < edges; i++) {  
        printf("Enter edge (src dest): ");  
        scanf("%d %d", &src, &dest);  
        addEdge(graph, src, dest); // Directed edge  
    }
```

Edges

0 → 1

0 → 2

1 → 3

2 → 3

3 → 4

4 → 2

Depth-First Search

main.c

```
printf("Enter starting vertex for DFS: ");  
scanf("%d", &startVertex);
```

```
printf("DFS Traversal starting from vertex %d:\n", startVertex);  
DFS(graph, visited, startVertex, vertices);
```

```
return 0;  
}
```

DFS Traversal Starting from Vertex 0

We call **DFS(graph, visited, 0, 5)**

Depth-First Search

Edges	Adjacency Matrix
	0 1 2 3 4
0 → 1	0 : 0 1 1 0 0
0 → 2	1 : 0 0 0 1 0
1 → 3	2 : 0 0 0 1 0
2 → 3	3 : 0 0 0 0 1
3 → 4	4 : 0 0 1 0 0
4 → 2	

DFS Traversal Starting from Vertex 0
We call DFS(graph, visited, 0, 5)

Step 1:

- Visit **0** → print 0
- Mark visited[0] = 1
- Adjacent to 0 → {1, 2}

Step 2 (explore 1):

- Call DFS(1)
- Visit **1** → print 1
- Mark visited[1] = 1
- Adjacent to 1 → {3}

Step 4 (explore 4 from 3):

- Call DFS(4)
- Visit **4** → print 4
- Mark visited[4] = 1
- Adjacent to 4 → {2}

Step 3 (explore 3 from 1):

- Call DFS(3)
- Visit **3** → print 3
- Mark visited[3] = 1
- Adjacent to 3 → {4}

Step 5 (explore 2 from 4):

- Call DFS(2)
- Visit **2** → print 2
- Mark visited[2] = 1
- Adjacent to 2 → {3}
- but 3 is already visited
→ stop.

DFS Traversal Order

0 1 3 4 2

Breadth-first Search

- Ripples in a pond
- Visit designated node
- Then visited unvisited nodes a distance i away, where $i = 1, 2, 3$, etc.
- For nodes the same distance away, visit nodes in systematic manner (eg. increasing index order)

Breadth-First Search

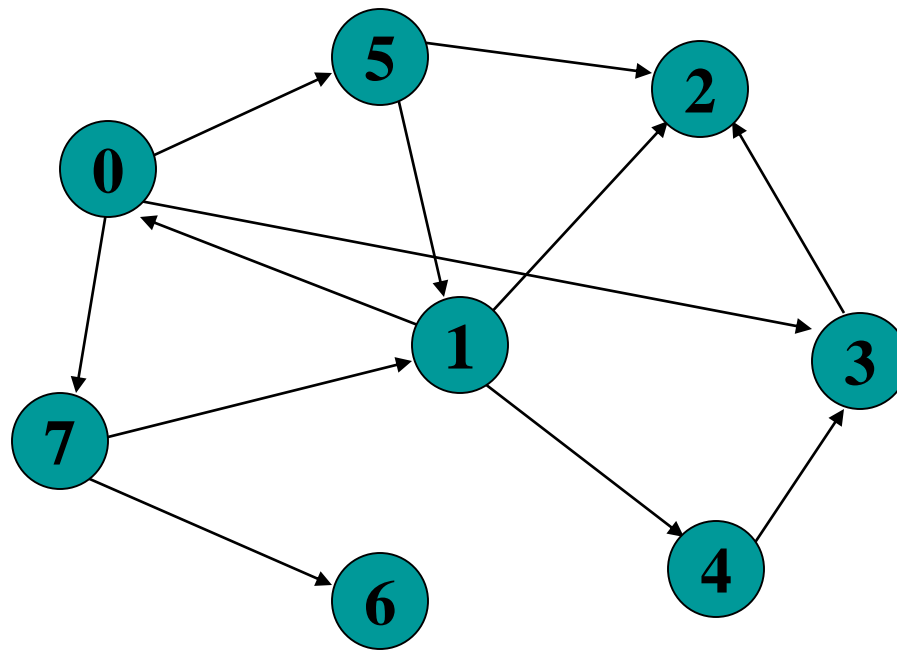
Input: Graph $G=(V,E)$ $G = (V, E)$ $G=(V,E)$, starting vertex s

Output: BFS traversal of the graph

Steps:

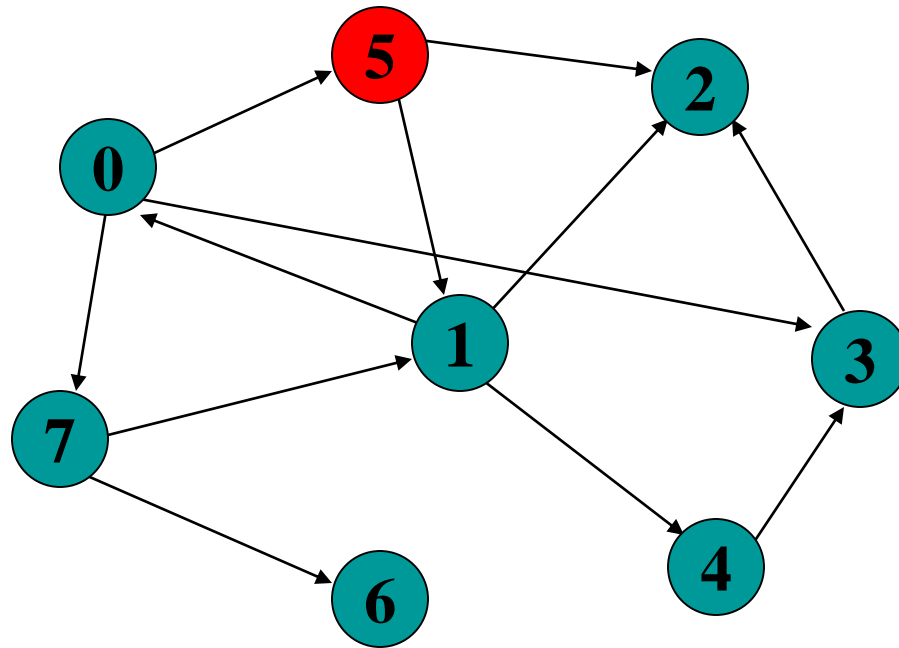
1. Initialize all vertices as *unvisited*.
2. Enqueue the starting vertex s and mark it visited.
3. While the queue is not empty:
 - Dequeue a vertex v .
 - Process v (print it).
 - For each adjacent vertex u of v :
 - If u is unvisited, mark it visited and enqueue it.

BFS: Start with Node 5

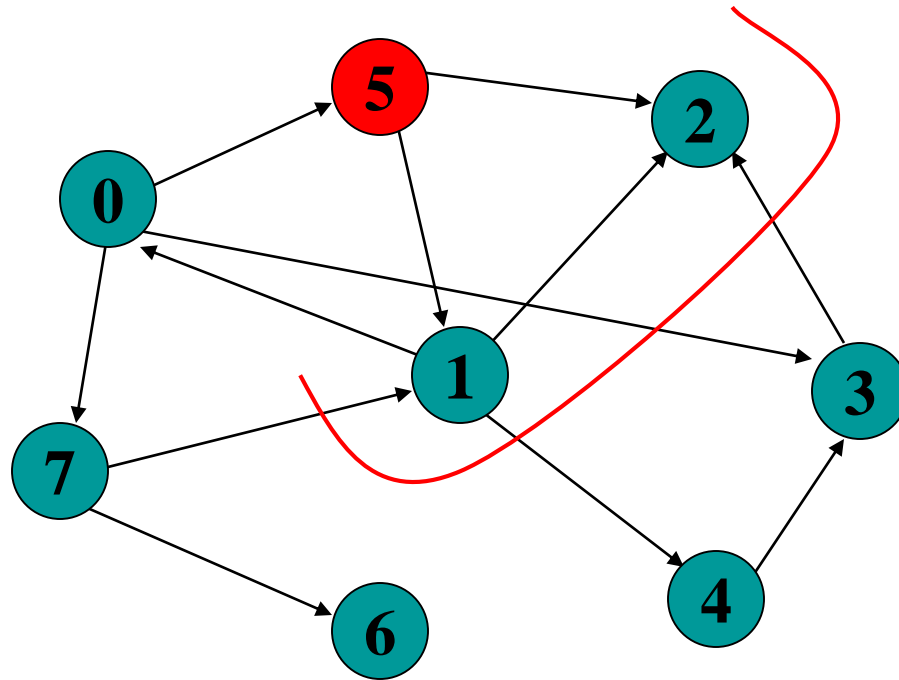


5 1 2 0 4 3 7 6

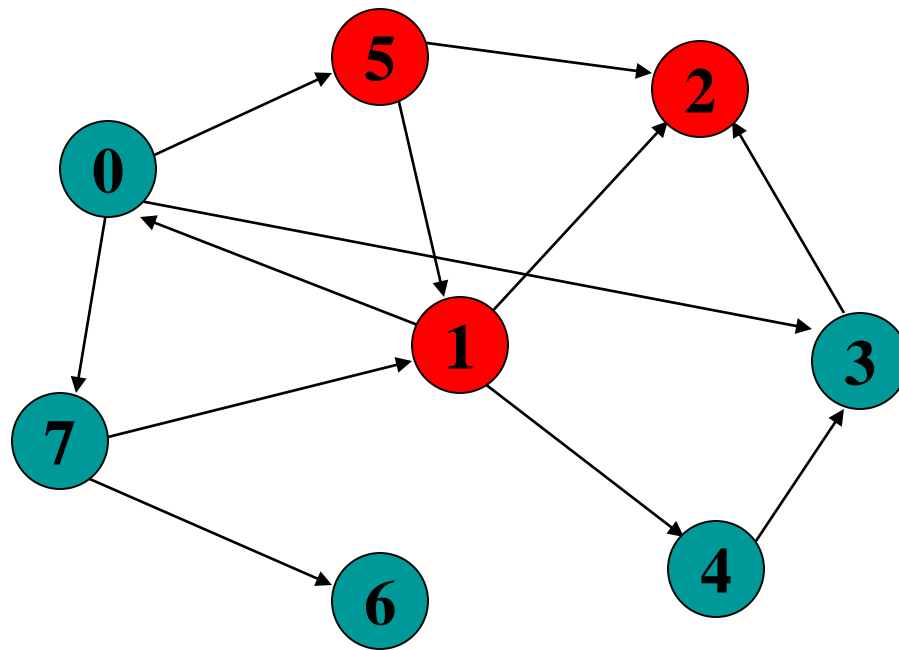
BFS: Start with Node 5



BFS: Node one-away

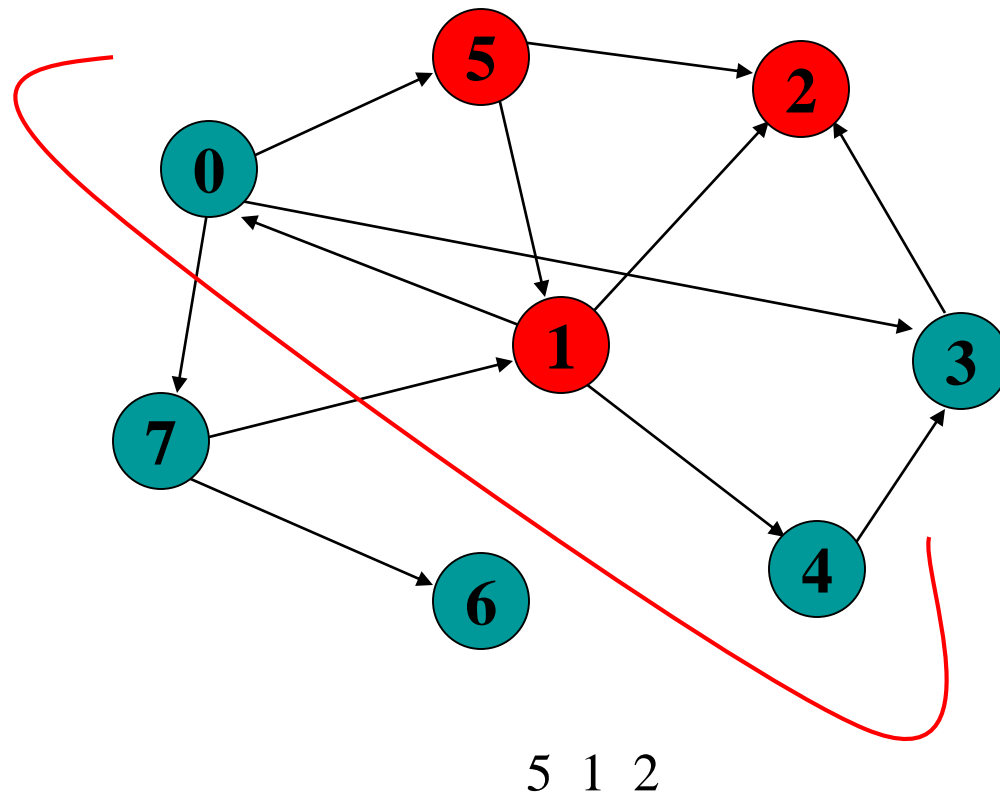


BFS: Visit 1 and 2

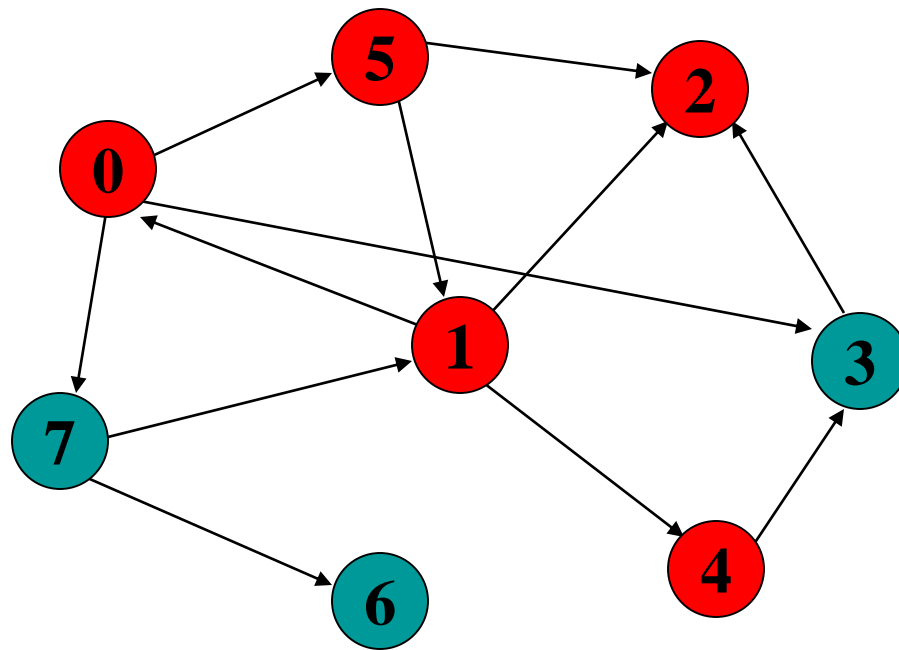


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BFS: Nodes two-away

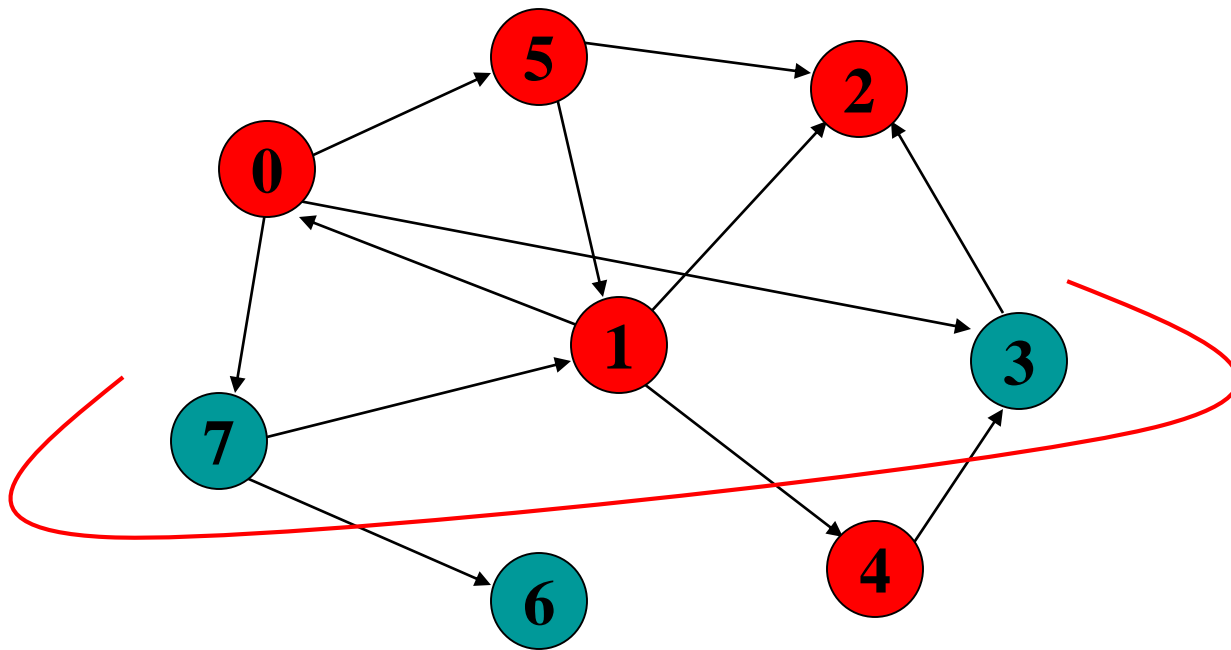


BFS: Visit 0 and 4



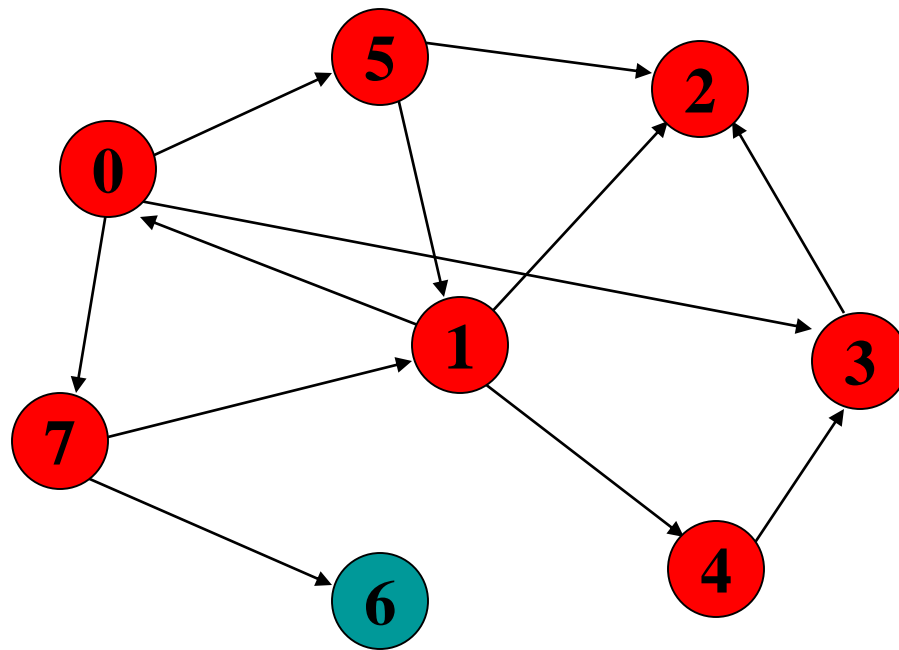
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BFS: Nodes three-away



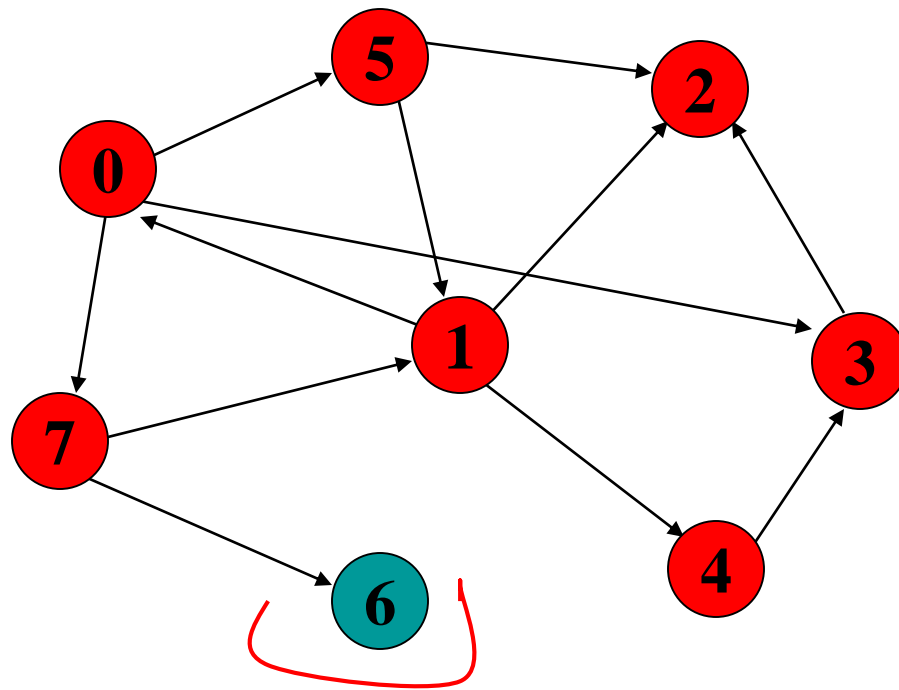
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BFS: Visit nodes 3 and 7



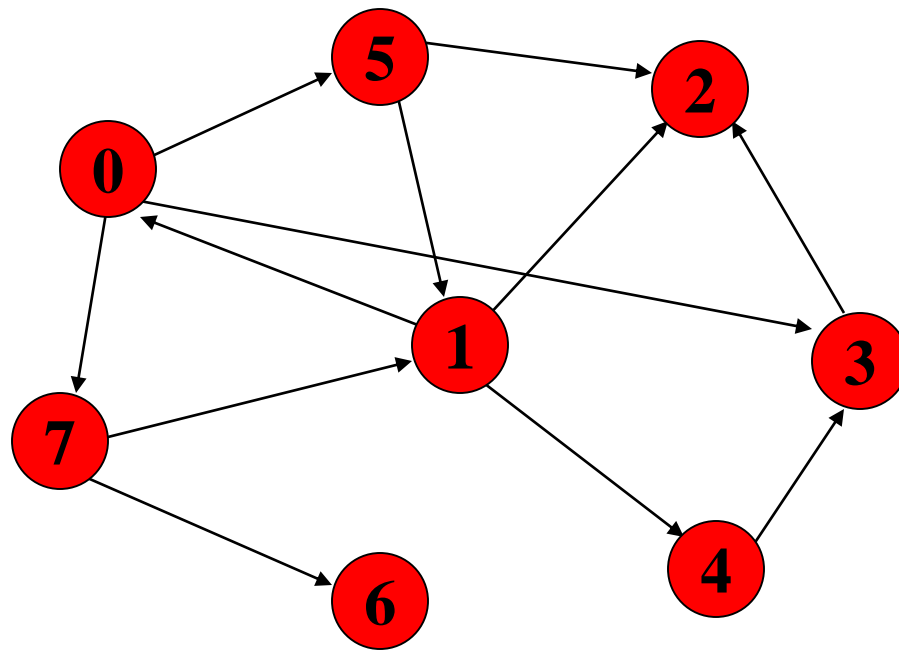
5 1 2 0 4 3 7

BFS: Node four-away



5 1 2 0 4 3 7

BFS: Visit 6



5 1 2 0 4 3 7 6

Breadth-First Search

Graph.h

```
#ifndef GRAPH_H  
#define GRAPH_H
```

```
#define MAX_V 20 // Maximum number of vertices
```

```
// Function declarations
```

```
void addEdge(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int src, int dest);  
void BFS(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int visited[MAX_V], int  
startVertex, int vertices);
```

```
#endif
```

Breadth-First Search

Graph.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "graph.h"
```

```
/*
 * Function: addEdge
 * -----
 * Adds a directed edge from src to dest.
 * For an undirected graph, also add graph[dest][src] = 1.
 */
void addEdge(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int src, int dest) {
    graph[src][dest] = 1; // Directed edge src → dest
    // For undirected graph, uncomment the next line:
    // graph[dest][src] = 1;
}
```

Adjacency Matrix

```
    0 1 2 3 4
0 : 0 1 1 0 0
1 : 0 0 0 1 0
2 : 0 0 0 1 0
3 : 0 0 0 0 1
4 : 0 0 1 0 0
```

Breadth-First Search

Graph.c

```
/*  
 * Function: BFS  
 * -----  
 * Performs Breadth First Search starting from startVertex.  
 *  
 * Parameters:  
 * - graph : adjacency matrix of the graph  
 * - visited : array to track visited vertices  
 * - startVertex : vertex to start BFS from  
 * - vertices: total number of vertices  
 *  
 * Working:  
 * 1. Create a queue.  
 * 2. Enqueue startVertex and mark it visited.  
 * 3. While queue is not empty:  
 *   - Dequeue a vertex and print it.  
 *   - Enqueue all its unvisited adjacent vertices.  
 */
```

Breadth-First Search

Graph.c

```
void BFS(int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V], int visited[MAX_V], int
startVertex, int vertices) {
    int queue[MAX_V], front = 0, rear = 0;

    // Enqueue start vertex
    queue[rear++] = startVertex;
    visited[startVertex] = 1;
```

Breadth-First Search

Graph.c

```
while (front < rear) {  
    int currentVertex = queue[front++]; // Dequeue  
    printf("%d ", currentVertex);  
  
    // Check all adjacent vertices  
    for (int i = 0; i < vertices; i++) {  
        if (graph[currentVertex][i] == 1 && !visited[i]) {  
            queue[rear++] = i; // Enqueue  
            visited[i] = 1;    // Mark visited  
        }  
    }  
}  
}
```

Breadth-First Search

main.c

```
int main() {  
    int vertices, edges, src, dest, startVertex;  
    int graph[MAX_V][MAX_V] = {0}; // Initialize adjacency matrix  
    int visited[MAX_V] = {0};      // Track visited vertices
```

```
    printf("Enter number of vertices: ");  
    scanf("%d", &vertices);
```

```
    printf("Enter number of edges: ");  
    scanf("%d", &edges);
```

```
    // Input edges
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < edges; i++) {  
        printf("Enter edge (src dest): ");  
        scanf("%d %d", &src, &dest);  
        addEdge(graph, src, dest);  
    }
```

Example Directed Graph

Number of vertices: **5 (0–4)**

Number of edges: **6**

Edges

0 → 1

0 → 2

1 → 3

2 → 3

3 → 4

4 → 2

Breadth-First Search

main.c

```
printf("Enter starting vertex for BFS: ");  
    scanf("%d", &startVertex);  
  
    printf("BFS Traversal starting from vertex %d:\n", startVertex);  
    BFS(graph, visited, startVertex, vertices);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Breadth-First Search

BFS(graph, visited, 0, 5)

Step 1: Initialization

- StartVertex = 0
- Mark visited[0] = 1
- Enqueue 0

Queue: [0]

Output: —

Step 2: Process 0

- Dequeue 0 → print 0
- Adjacent to 0 → {1, 2}
- Enqueue 1, Enqueue 2, mark visited

Queue: [1, 2]

Output: 0

Final BFS Traversal Order:

0 1 2 3 4

Step 3: Process 1

- Dequeue 1 → print 1
- Adjacent to 1 → {3}
- Enqueue 3, mark visited

Queue: [2, 3]

Output: 0 1

Step 4: Process 2

- Dequeue 2 → print 2
- Adjacent to 2 → {3} but already visited → skip

Queue: [3]

Output: 0 1 2

Step 5: Process 3

- Dequeue 3 → print 3
- Adjacent to 3 → {4}
- Enqueue 4, mark visited

Queue: [4]

Output: 0 1 2 3

Step 6: Process 4

- Dequeue 4 → print 4
- Adjacent to 4 → {} (none)

Queue: [] (empty)

Output: 0 1 2 3 4

Queue Evolution at Each Step

Start: [0]

After 0: [1, 2]

After 1: [2, 3]

After 2: [3]

After 3: [4]

After 4: []