

CS 10:  
Problem solving via Object Oriented  
Programming  
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Day 16 – Graph Traversals

# Agenda



1. Depth first search

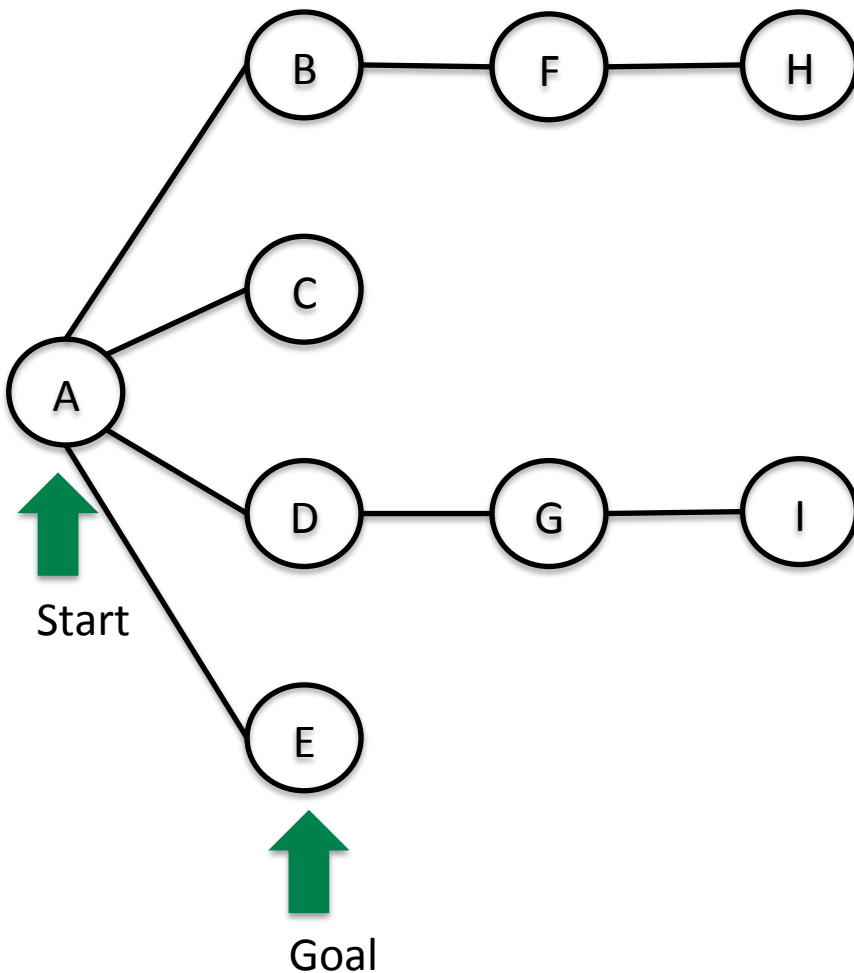
2. Breadth first search

# Graph traversals are useful to answer questions about vertex relationships

## Some Graph traversals uses

- Uses are typically around *reachability*
- Computing *path* from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$
- Given start vertex  $s$  of Graph  $G$ , compute a path with the minimum number of edges between  $s$  and all other vertices (or report no such path exists)
- Testing whether  $G$  is fully connected (e.g., all vertices reachable)
- Identifying *cycles* in  $G$  (or reporting no cycle exists)
- Today's examples have no cycles (next class will consider them)

# Depth First Search (DFS) uses a stack to explore as if in a maze



## DFS basic idea

- Keep going until you can't go any further, then back track
- Relies on a stack (implicit or explicit) to keep track of where you've been

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And if you get pixel from end of list, you implemented a stack

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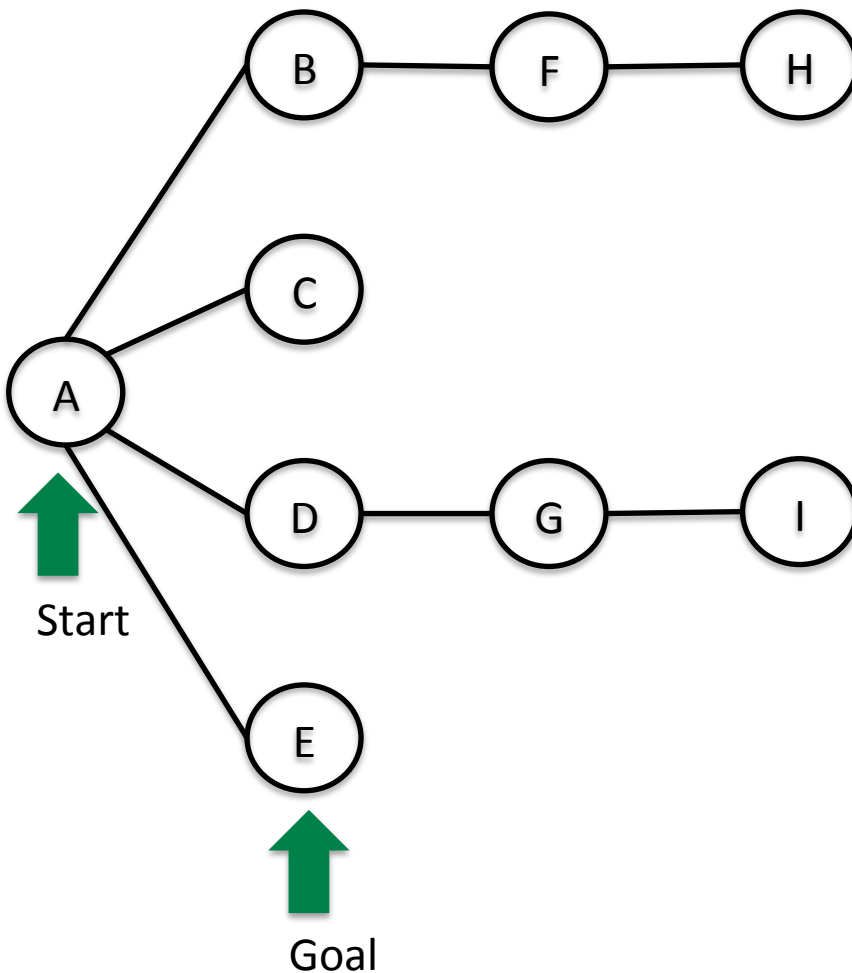
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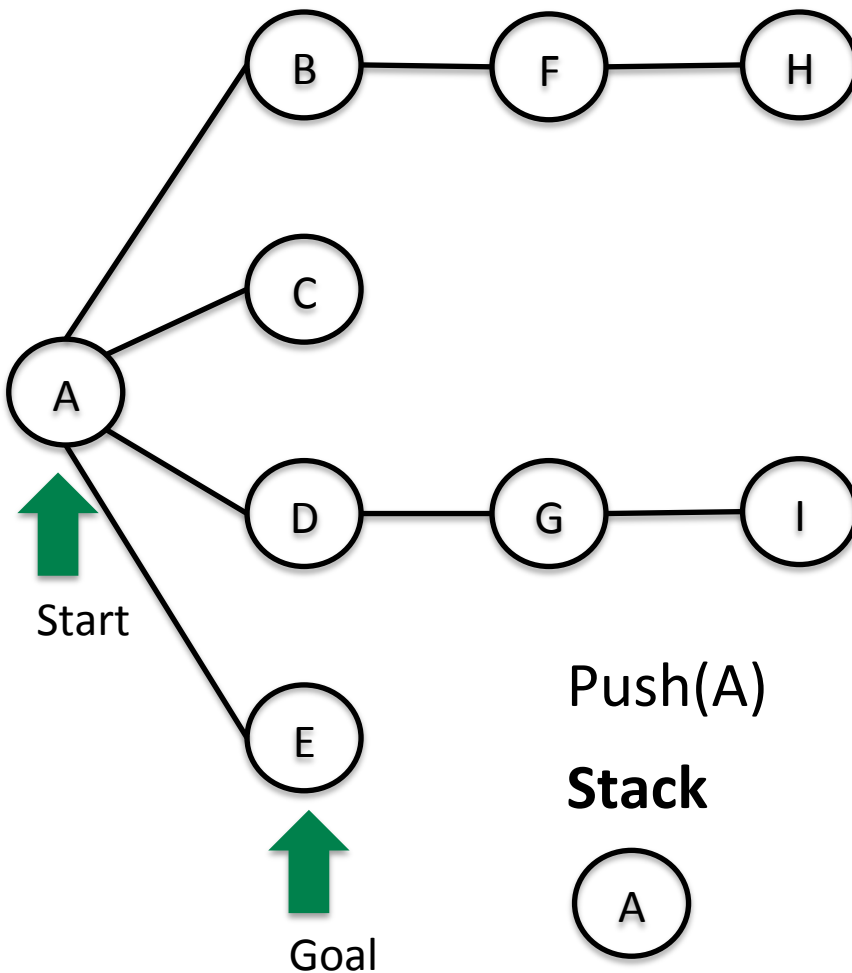


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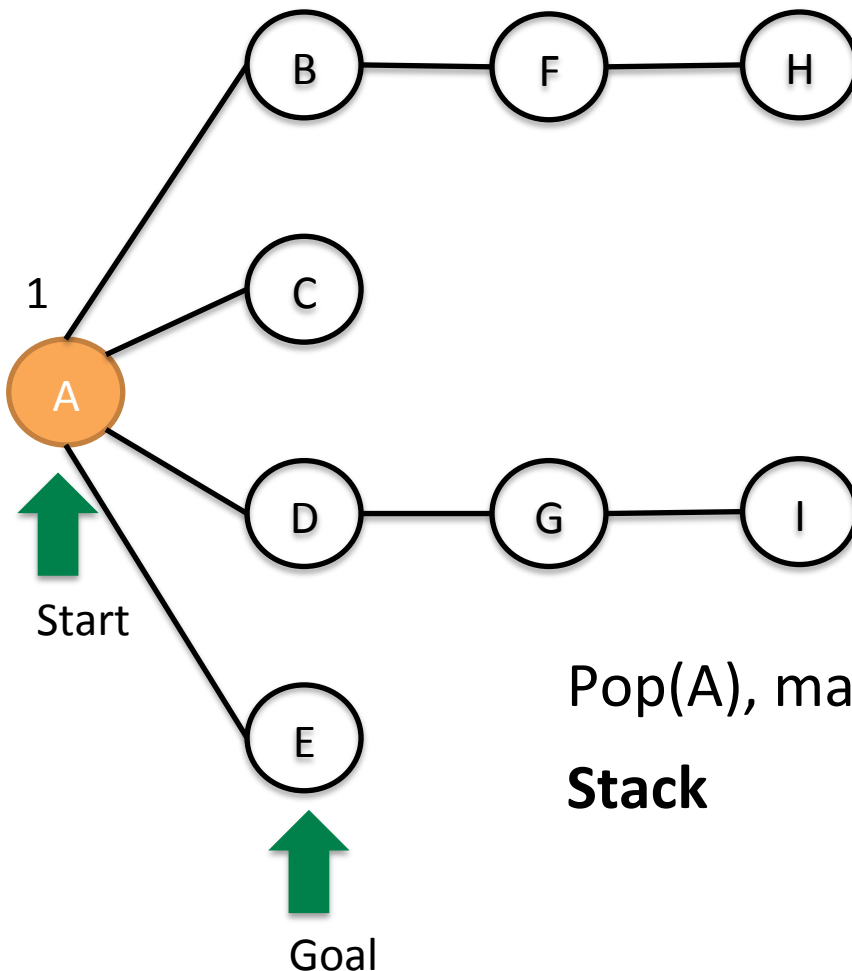
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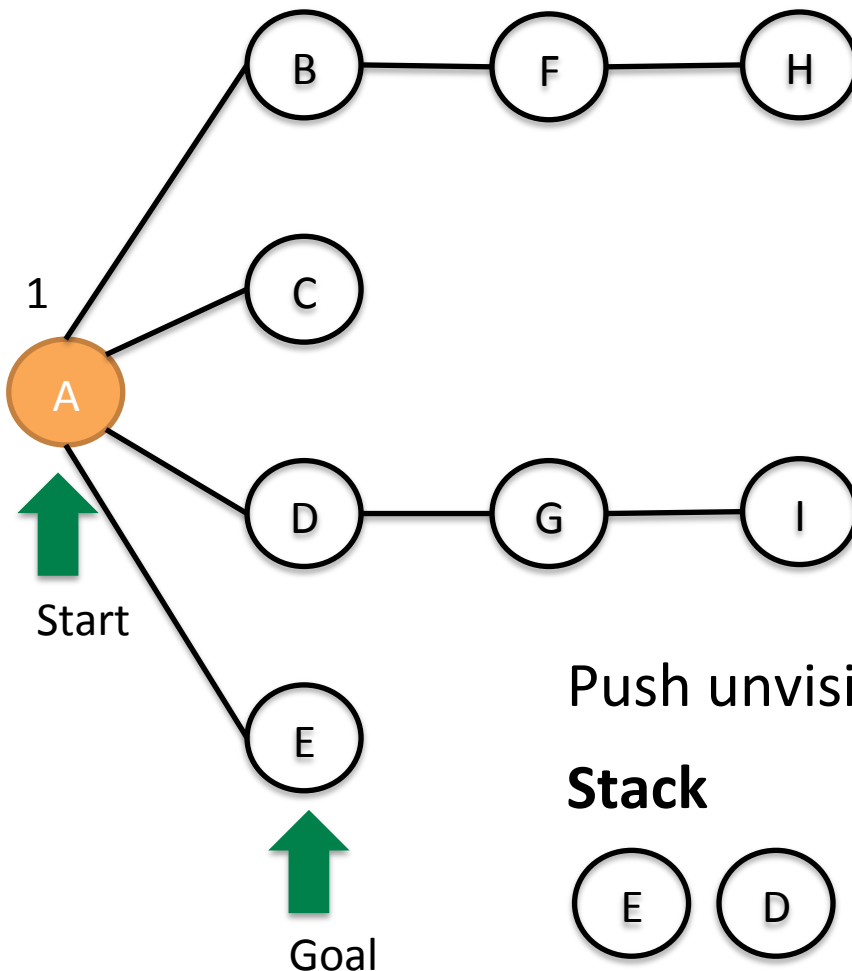
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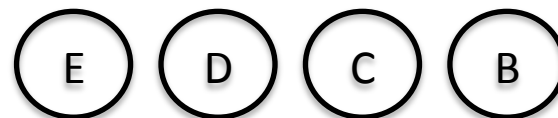


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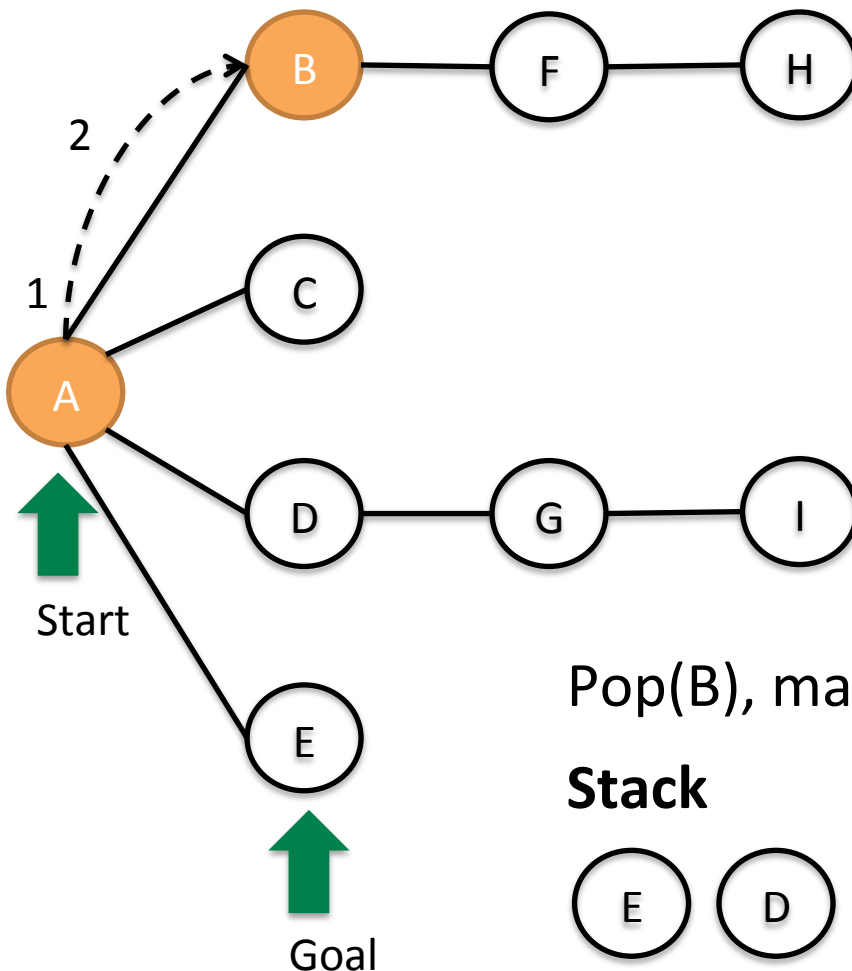
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**Stack**



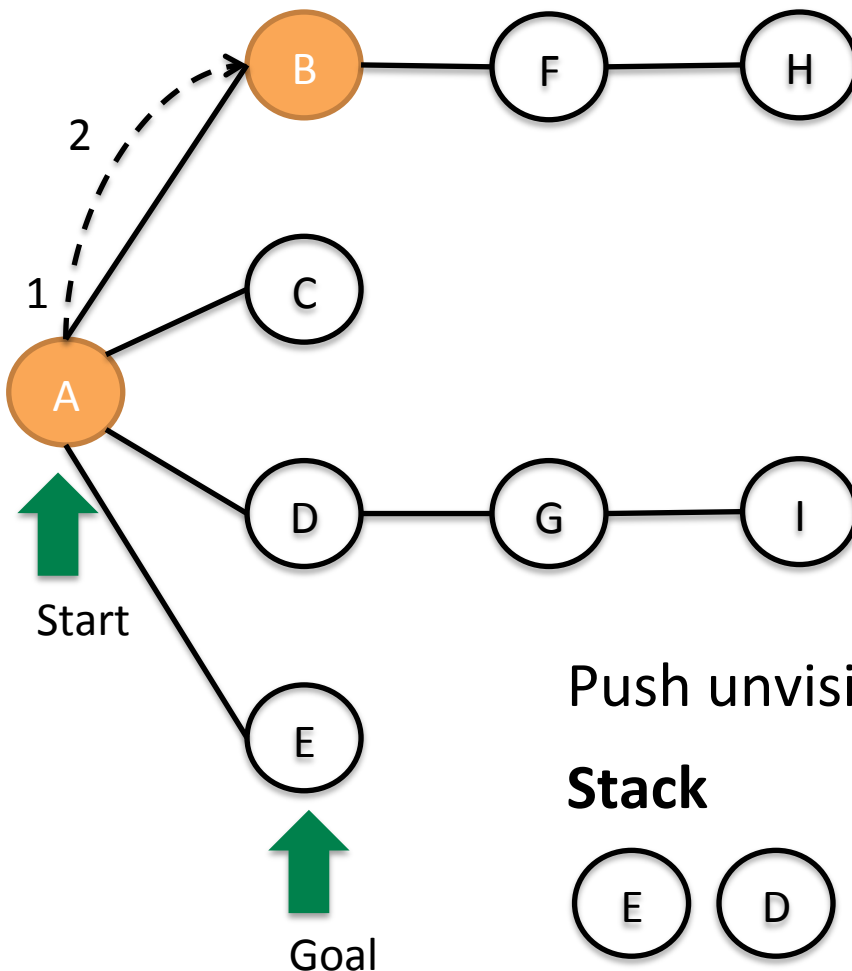
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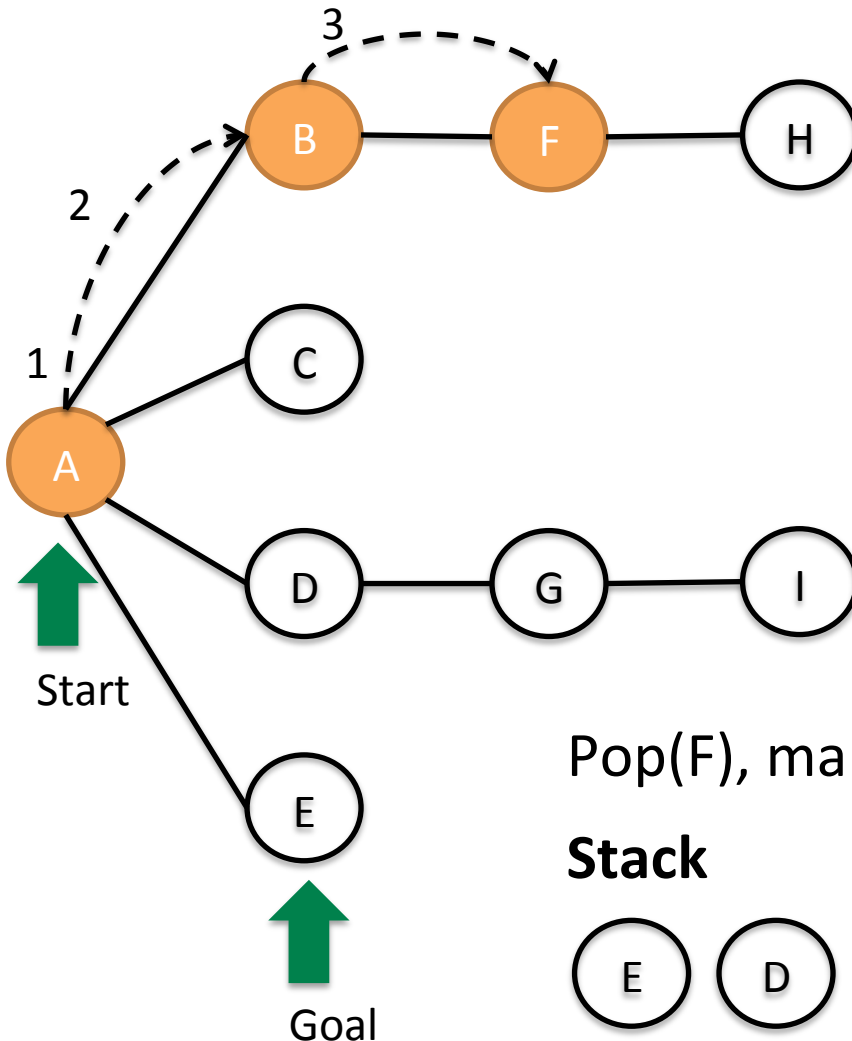
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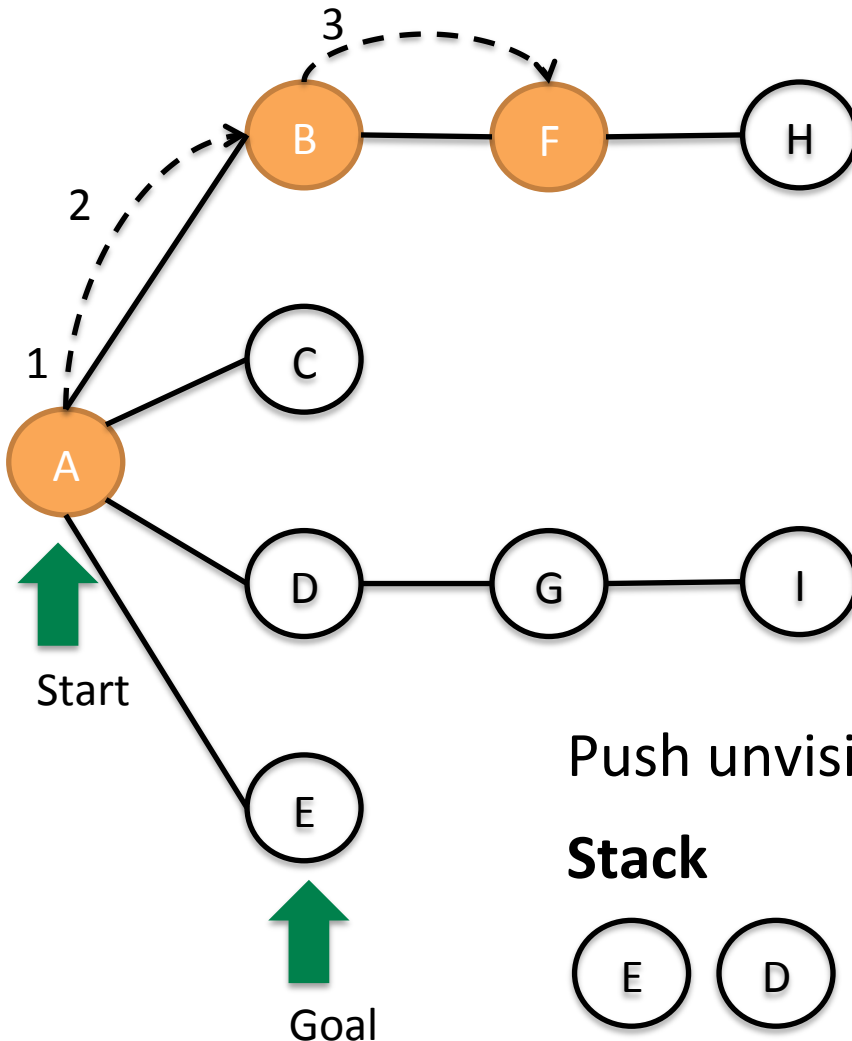
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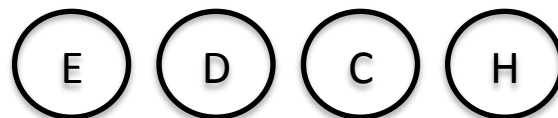


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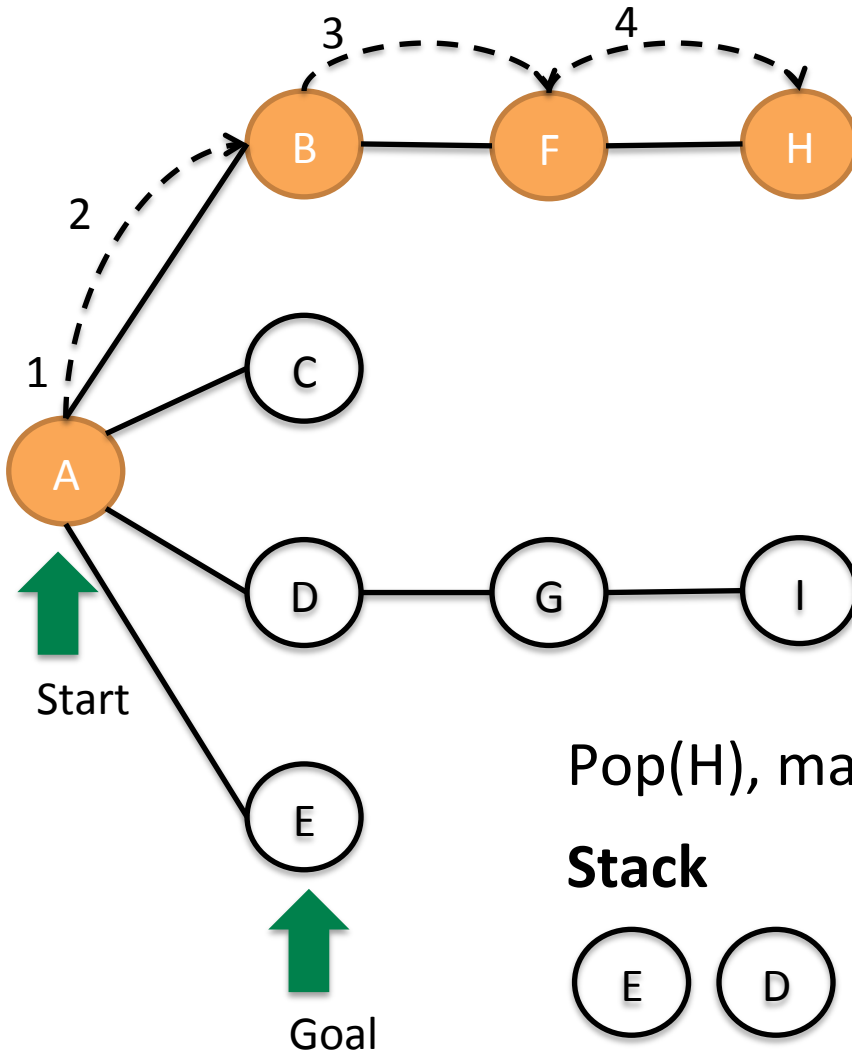
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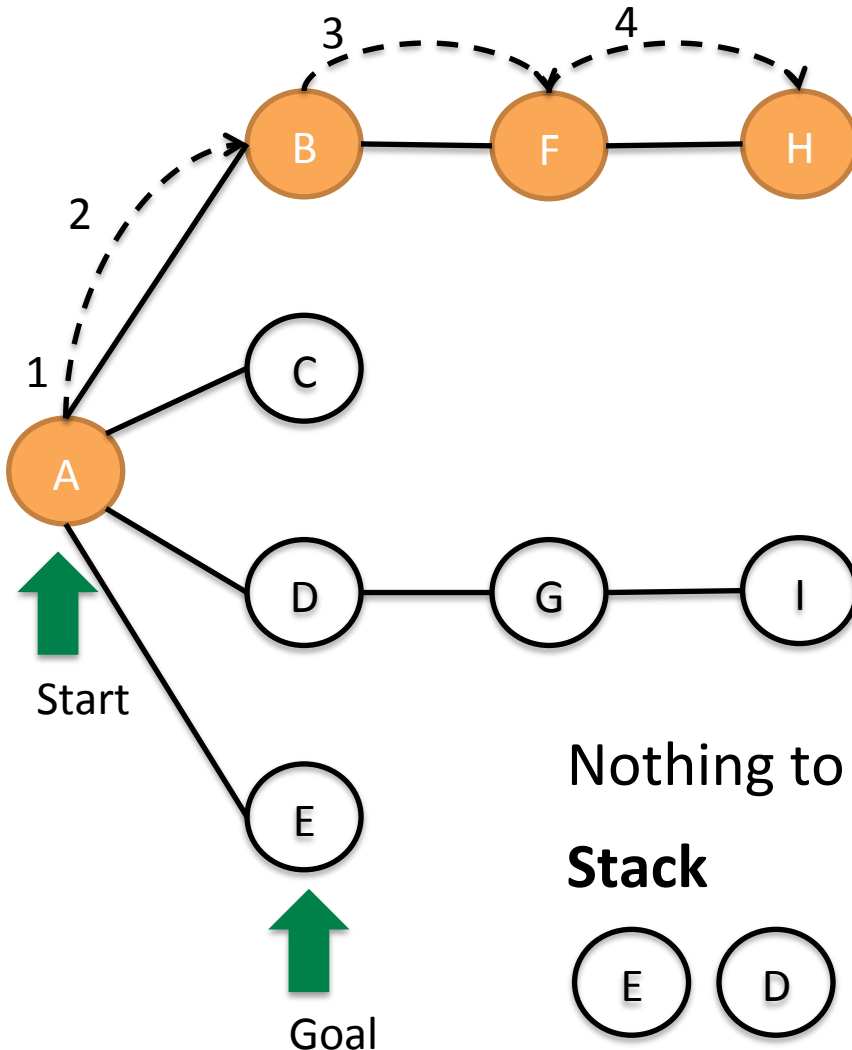


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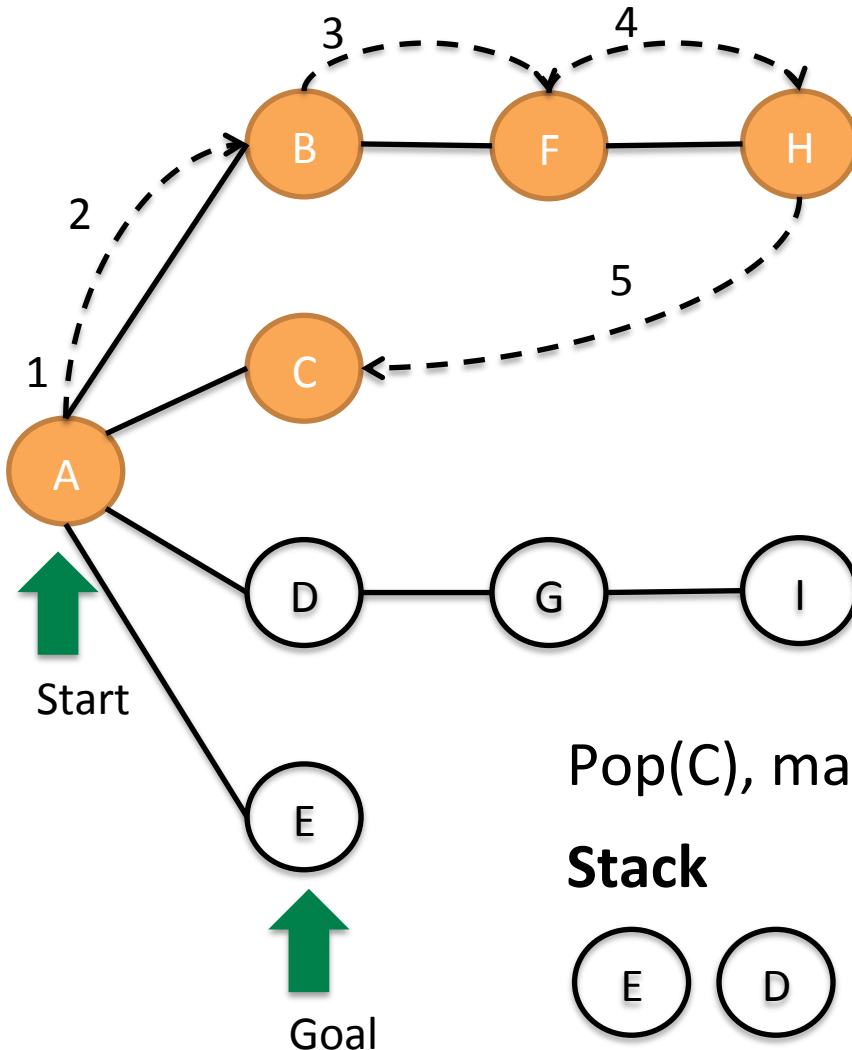
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Nothing to push, back up by popping C

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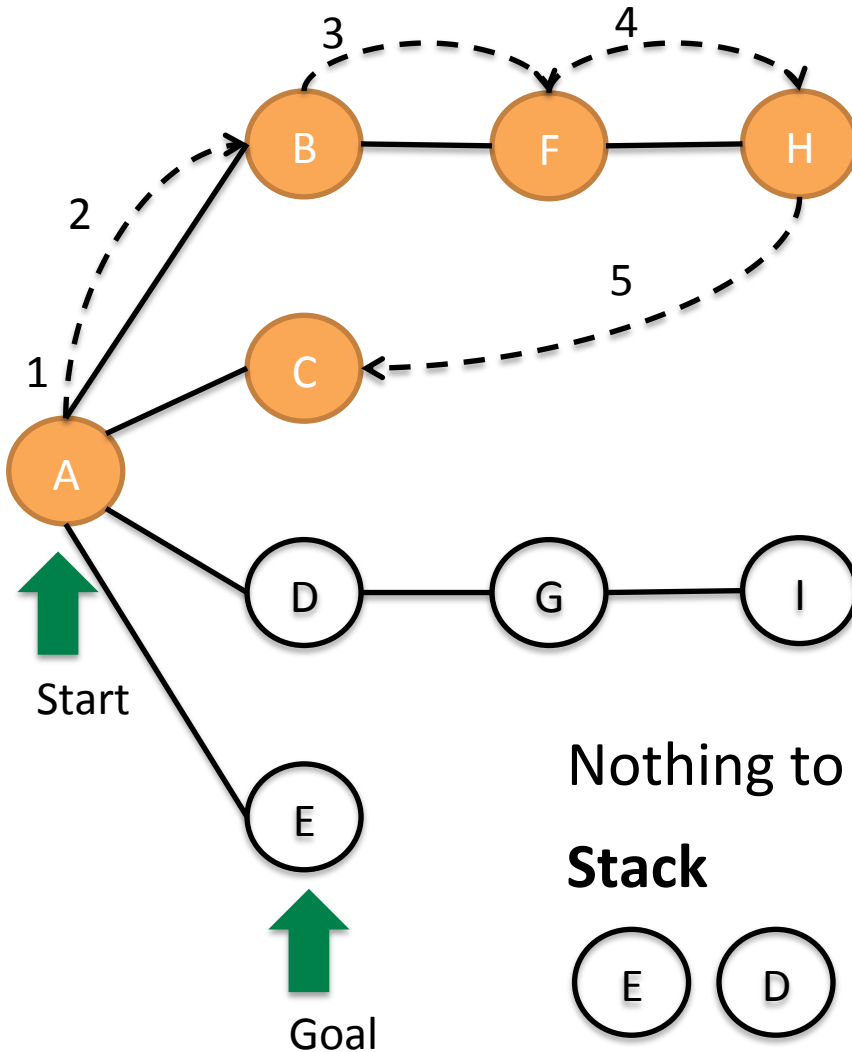
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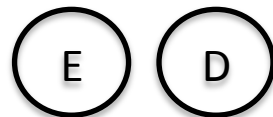


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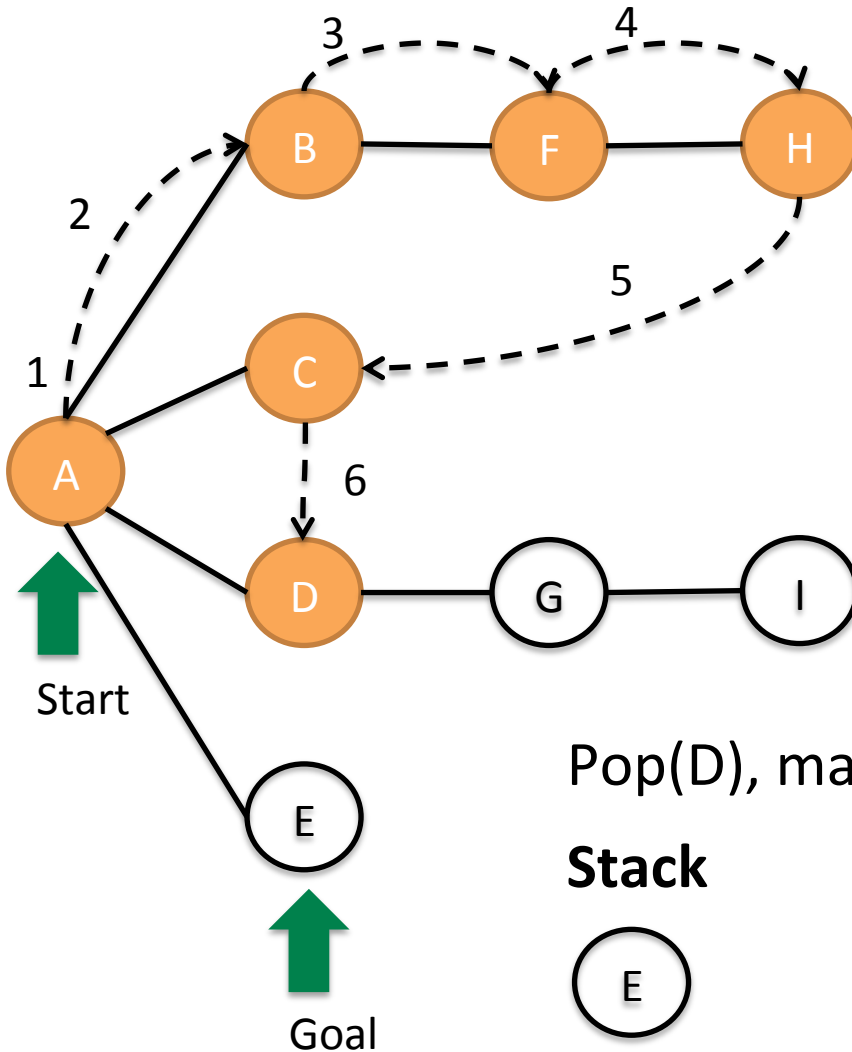
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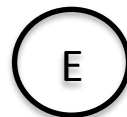
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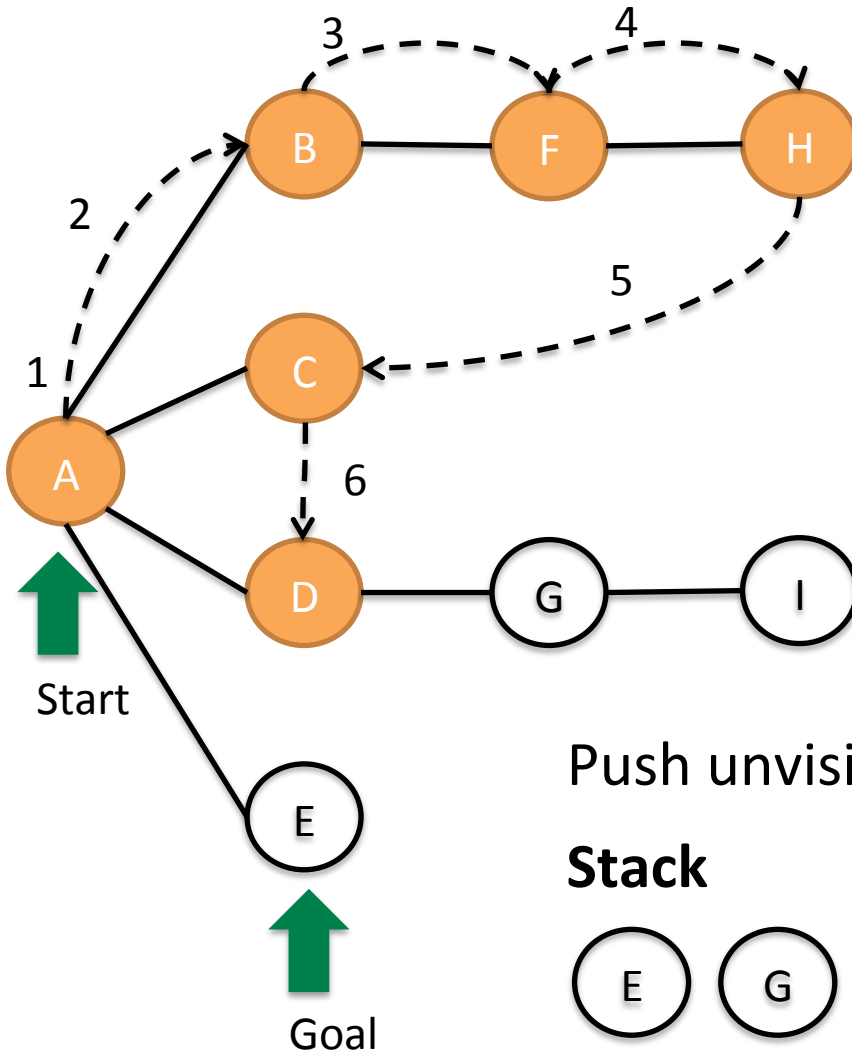
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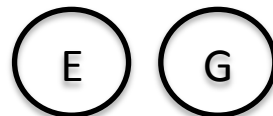


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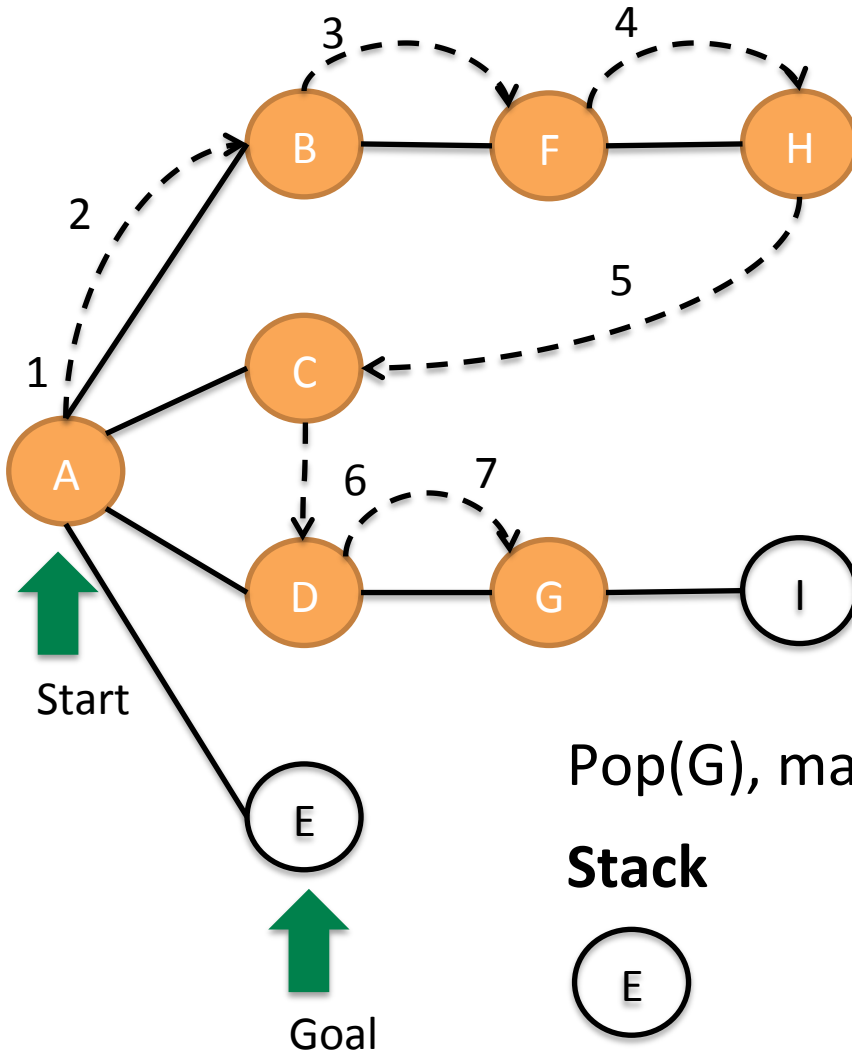
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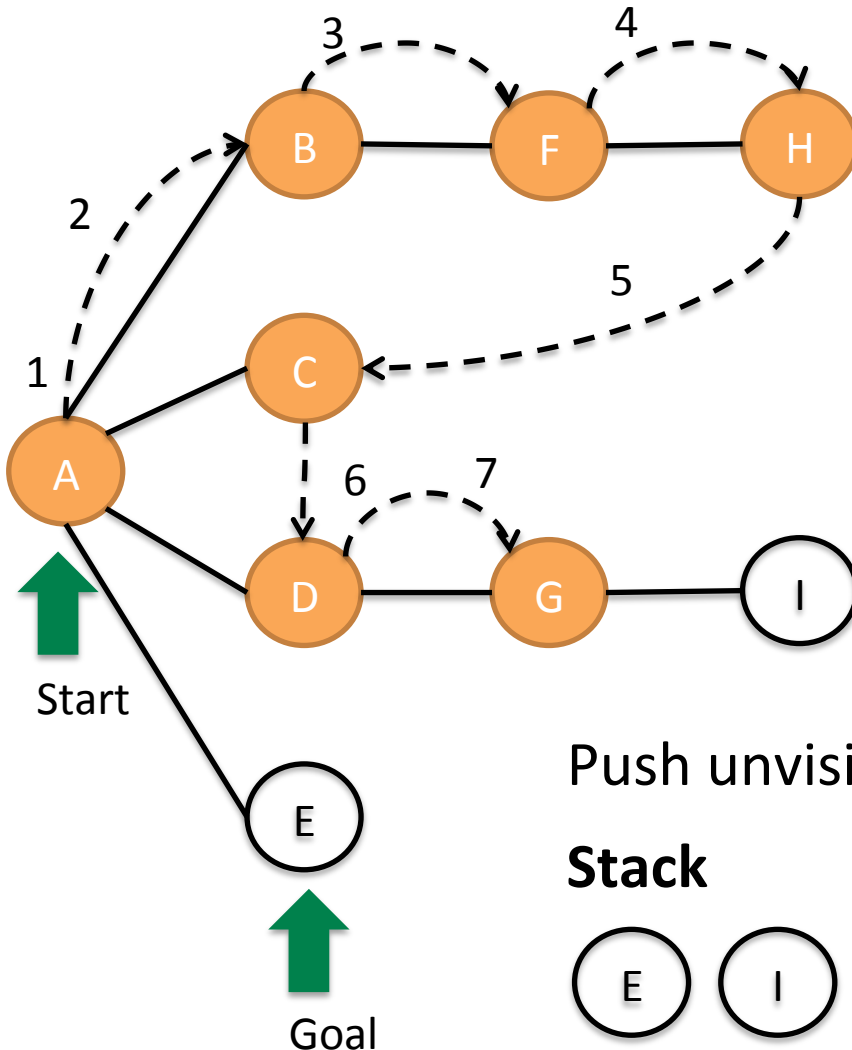
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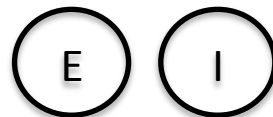


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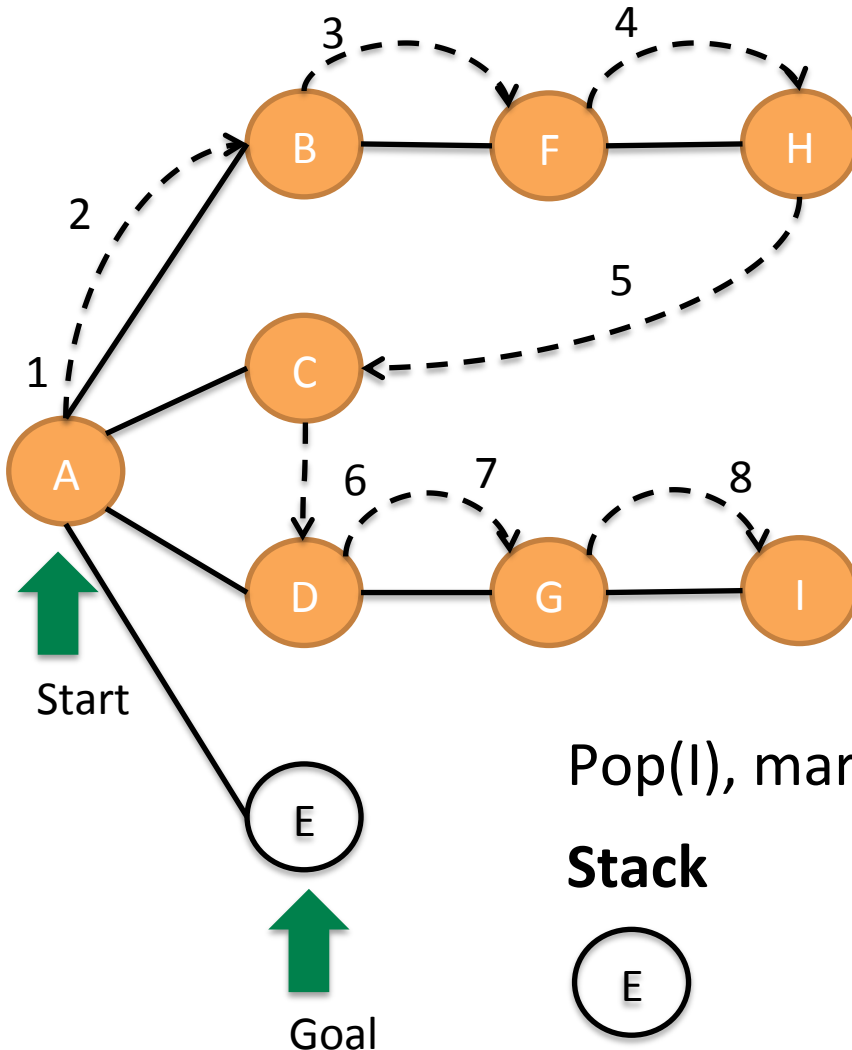
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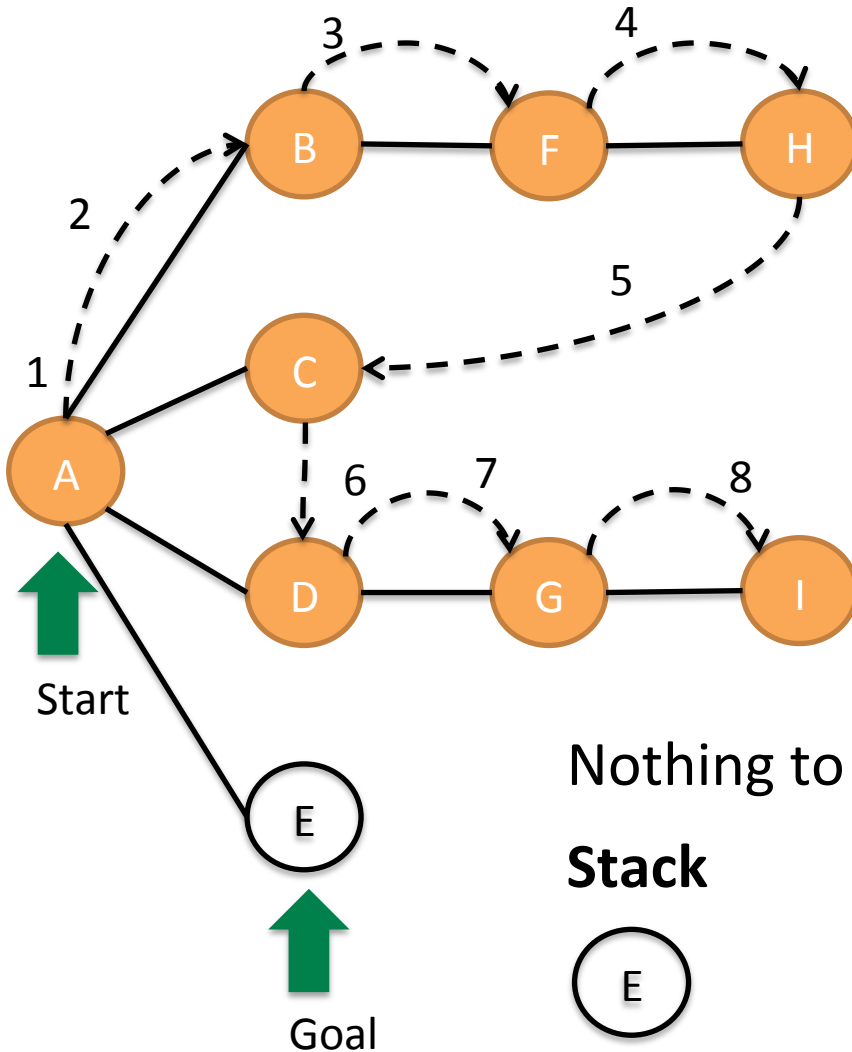


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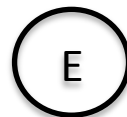


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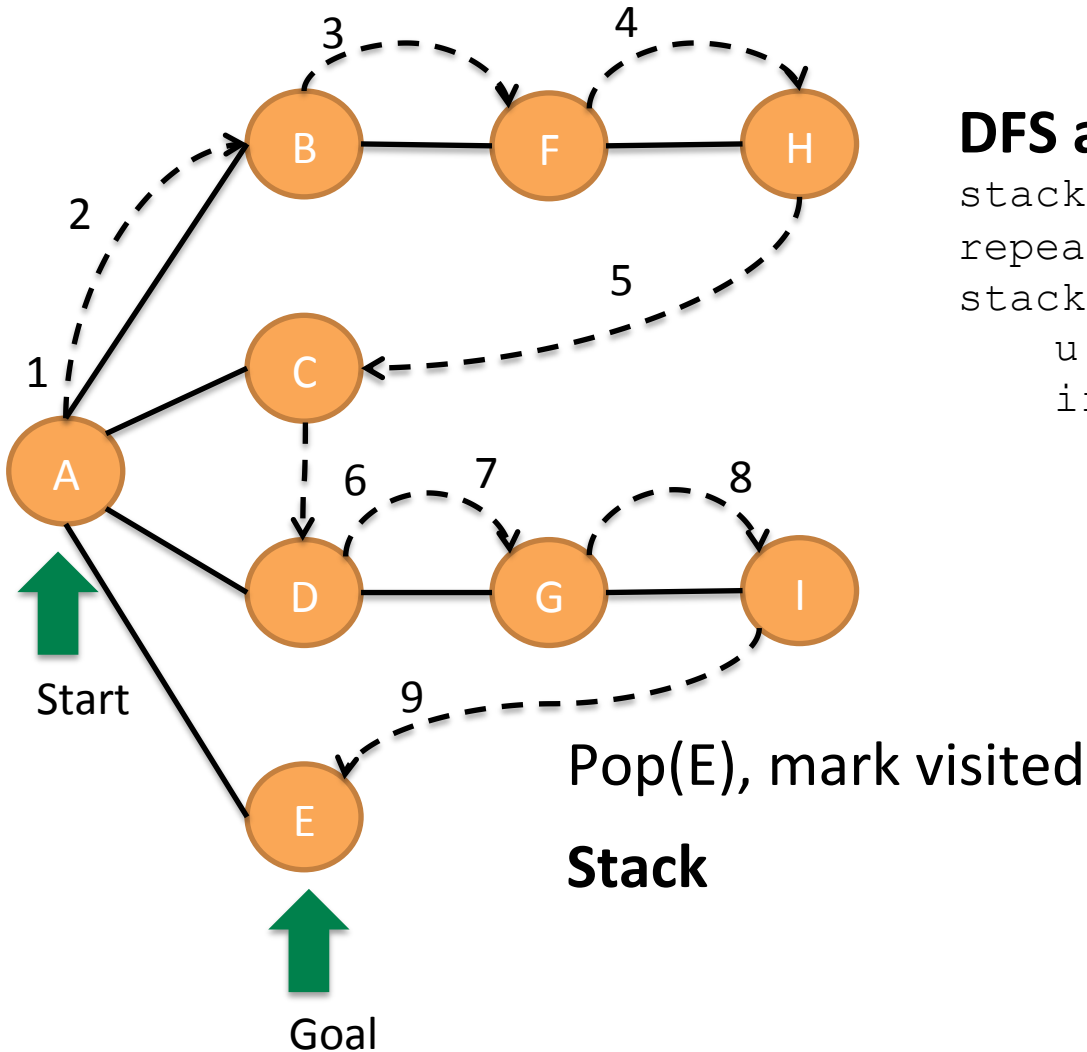
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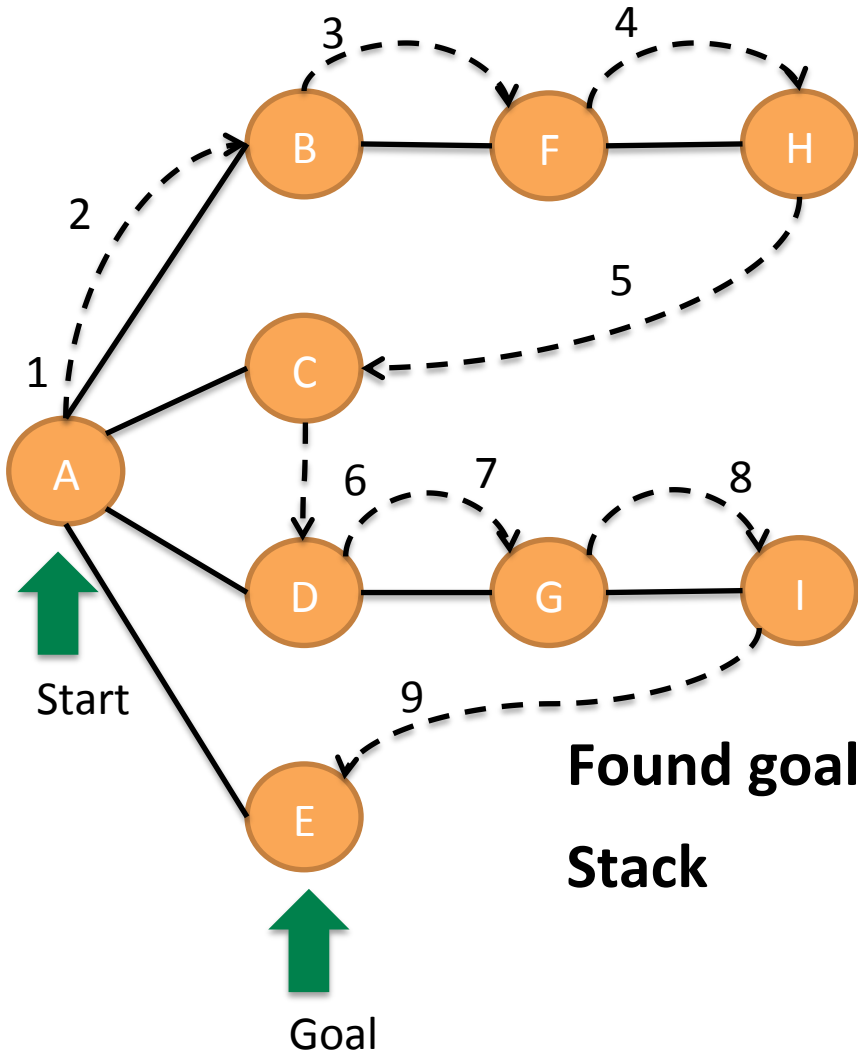
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# Node discovery tells us something about the graph

## Discovery edges

- Edges that lead to unvisited nodes
- Discovery edges form a tree on the graph
- Can traverse from start to goal on tree (if goal reachable)
- Can tell us which nodes are not reachable (not on path formed by discovery nodes)
- **Not guaranteed to be shortest path!**

## Back edges

- Edges that lead to previously discovered nodes
- Lead to ancestor nodes in tree
- Indicate presence of a cycle in the graph

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## Run time

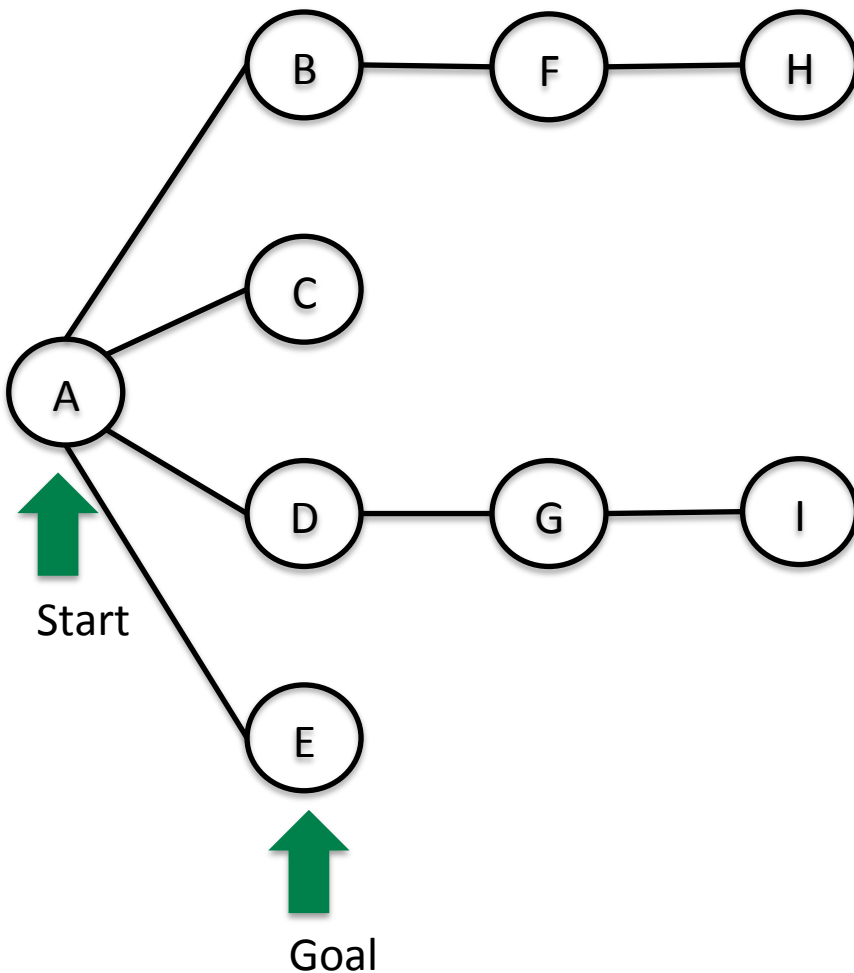
- Assume graph with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges
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# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS basic idea

- Explore outward in “ripples”
- Look at all nodes 1 step away, then all nodes 2 steps away...
- Relies on a queue (implicit or explicit) implementation
- Path found from  $s$  to any other vertex is shortest

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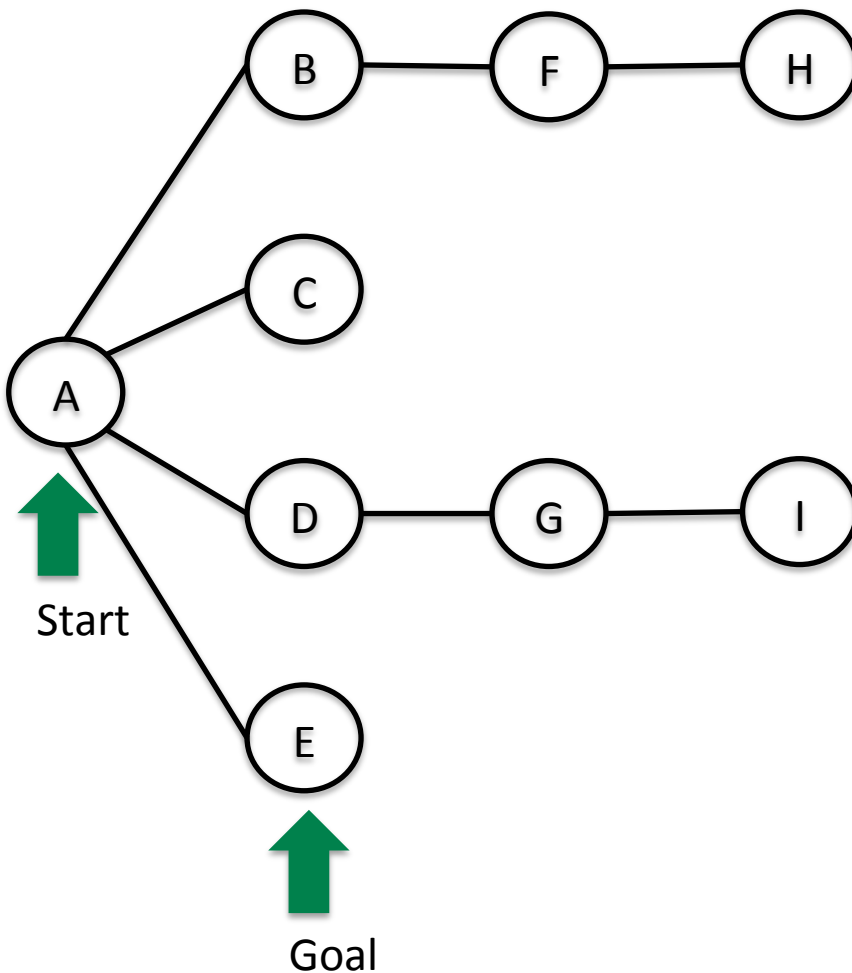
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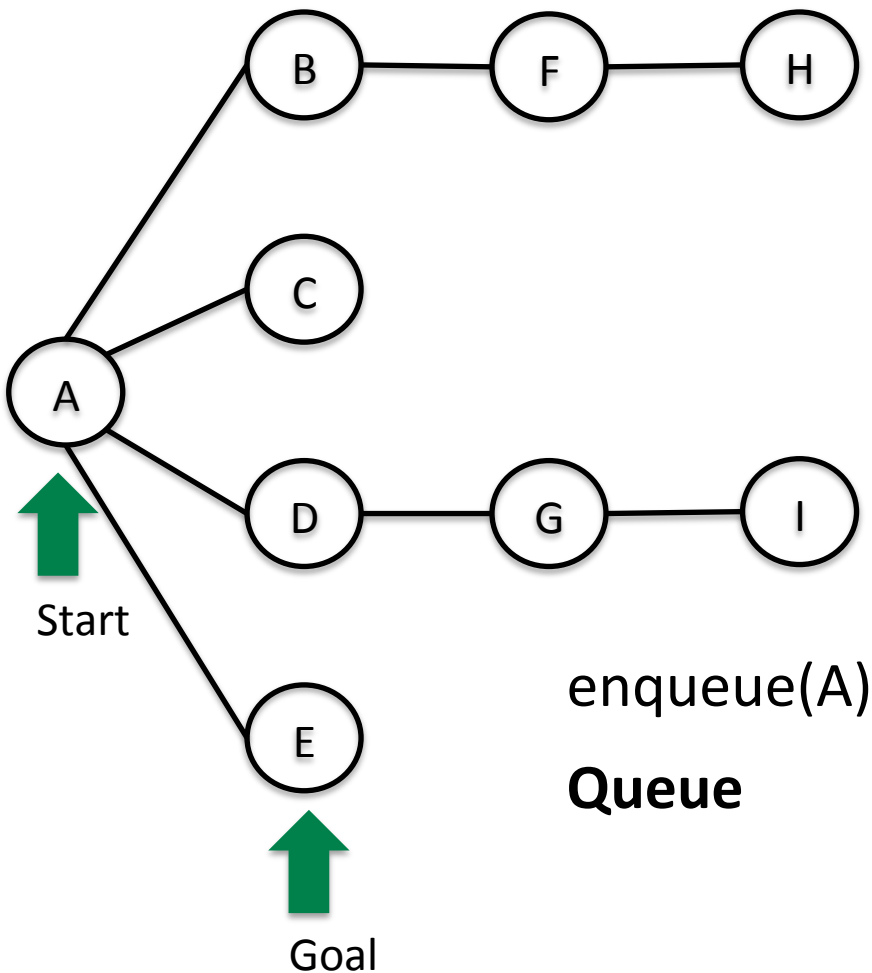
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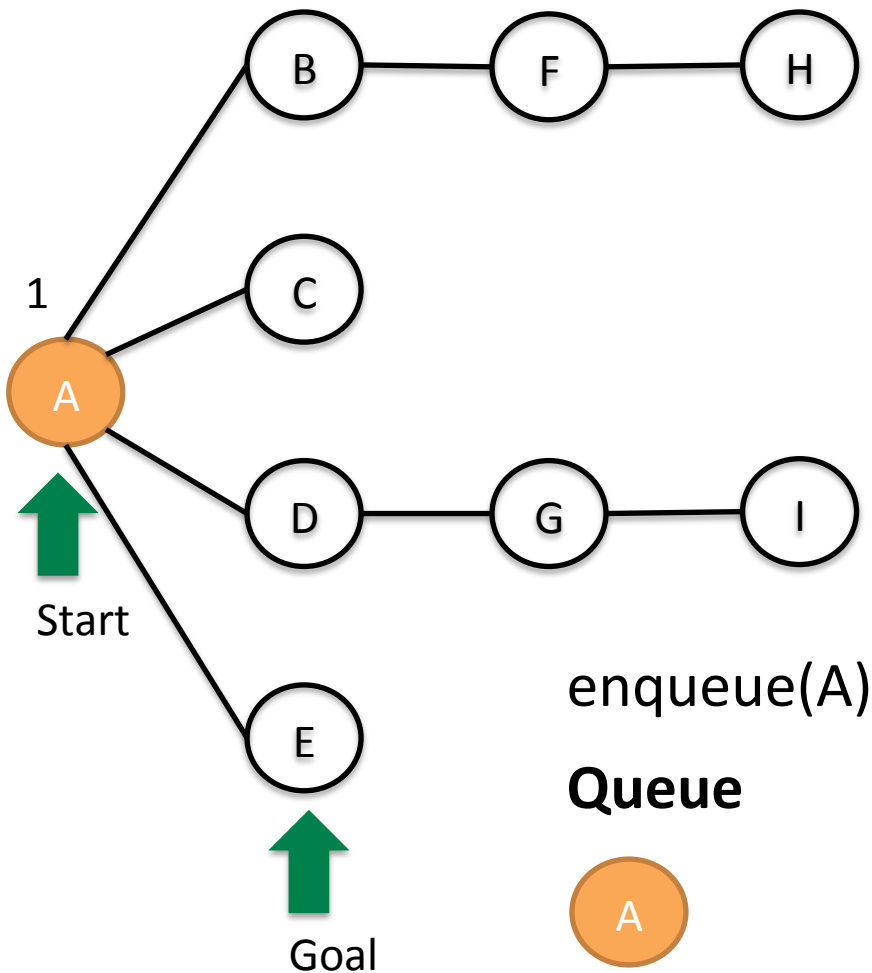
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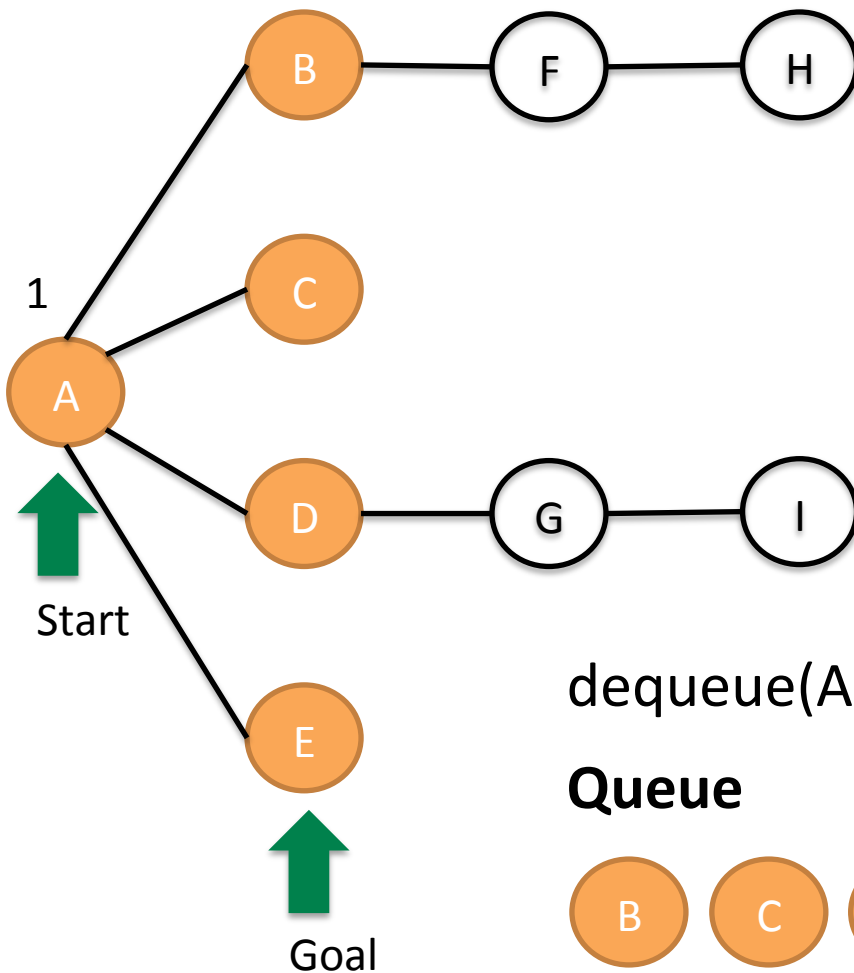
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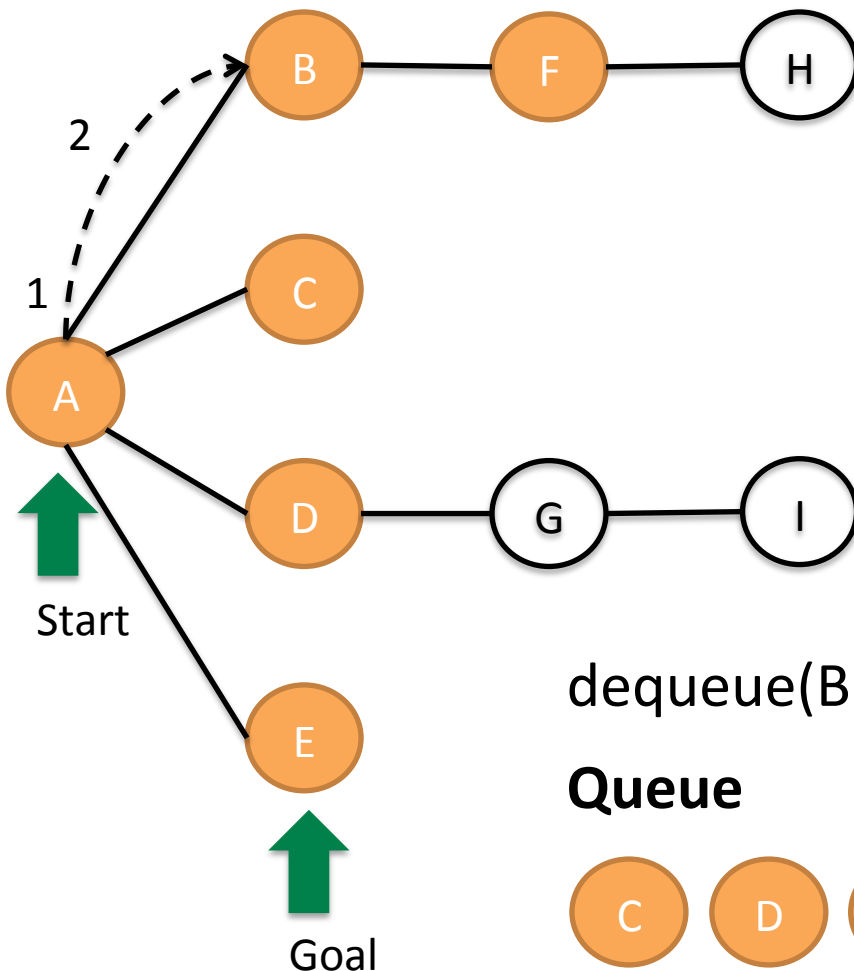
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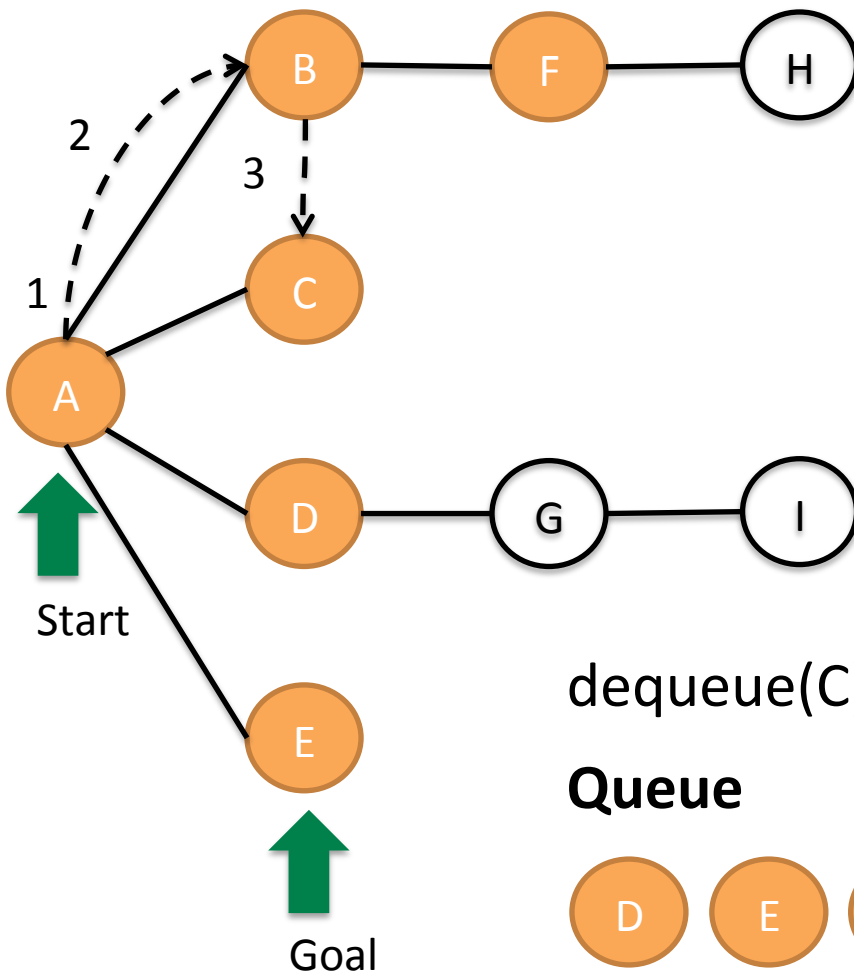
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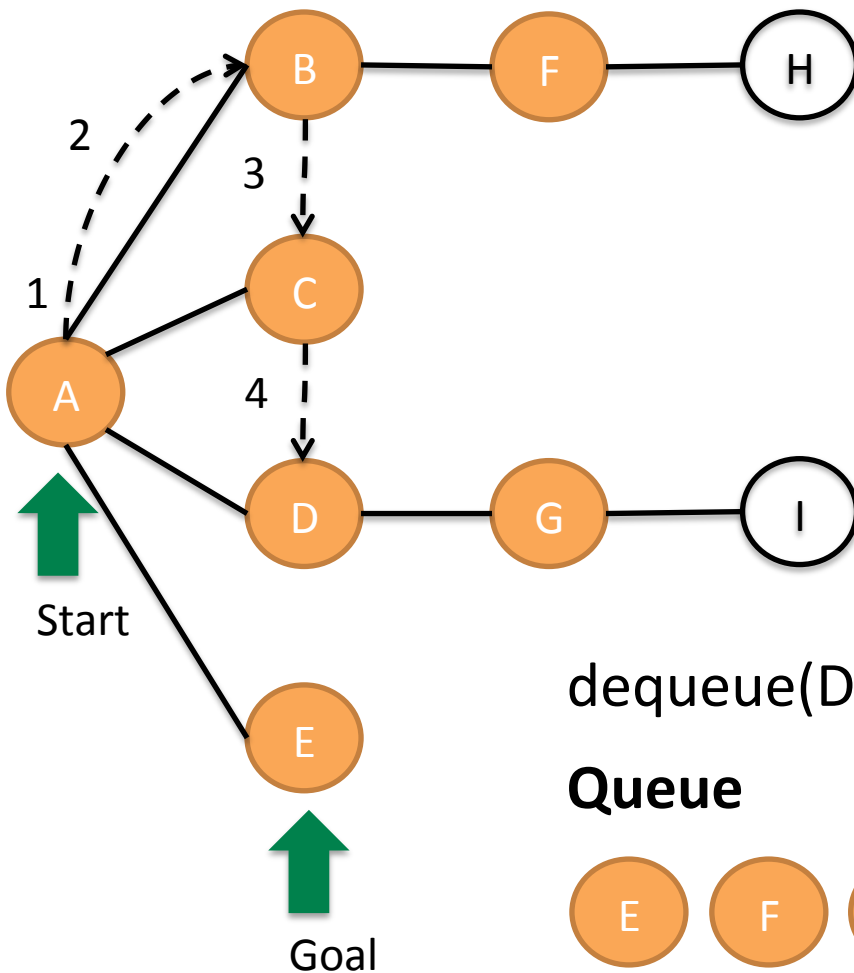
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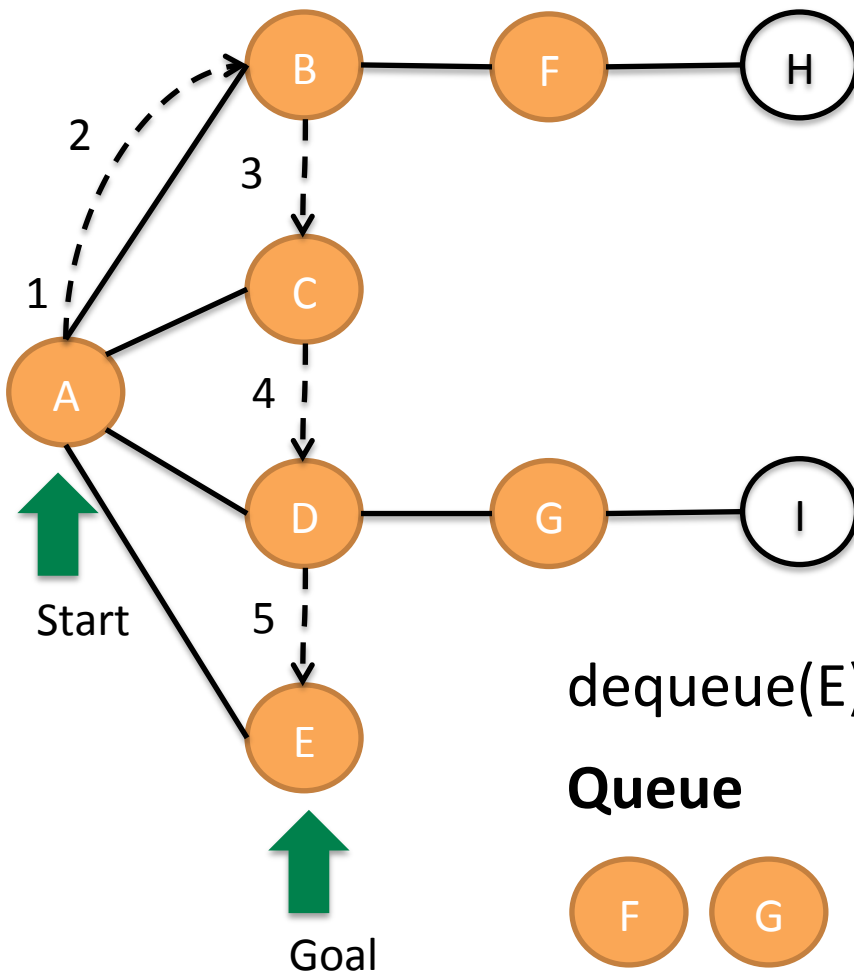
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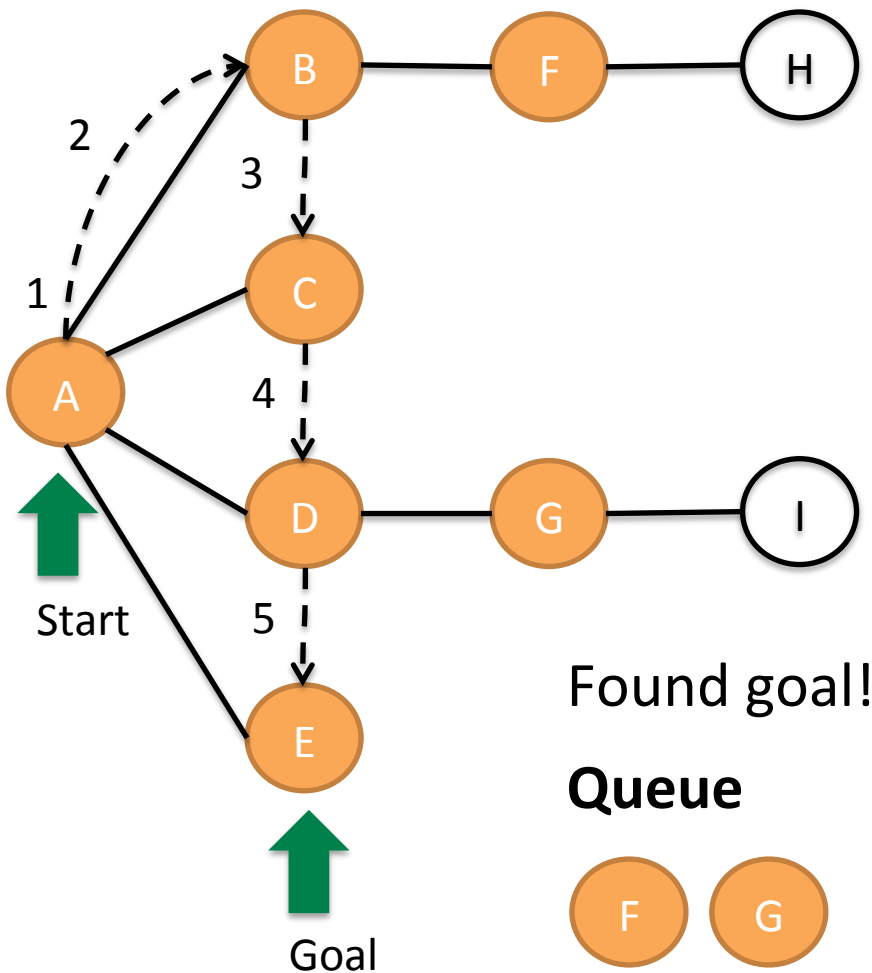
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            enqueue(v)
```

dequeue(E), enqueue unvisited adjacent

## Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS algorithm

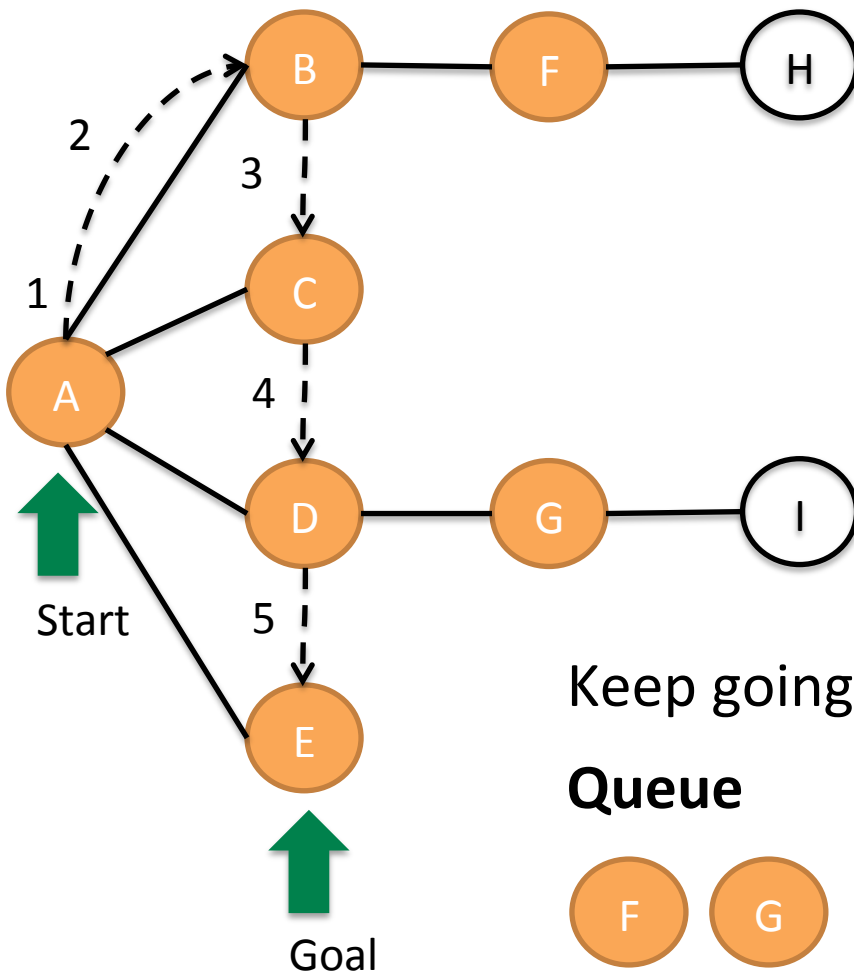
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enqueue(s) //start node
s.visited = true
repeat until find goal vertex or
queue empty:
    u = dequeue()
    for v ∈ u.adjacent
        if !v.visited
            v.visited = true
            enqueue(v)
```

Found goal!

Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



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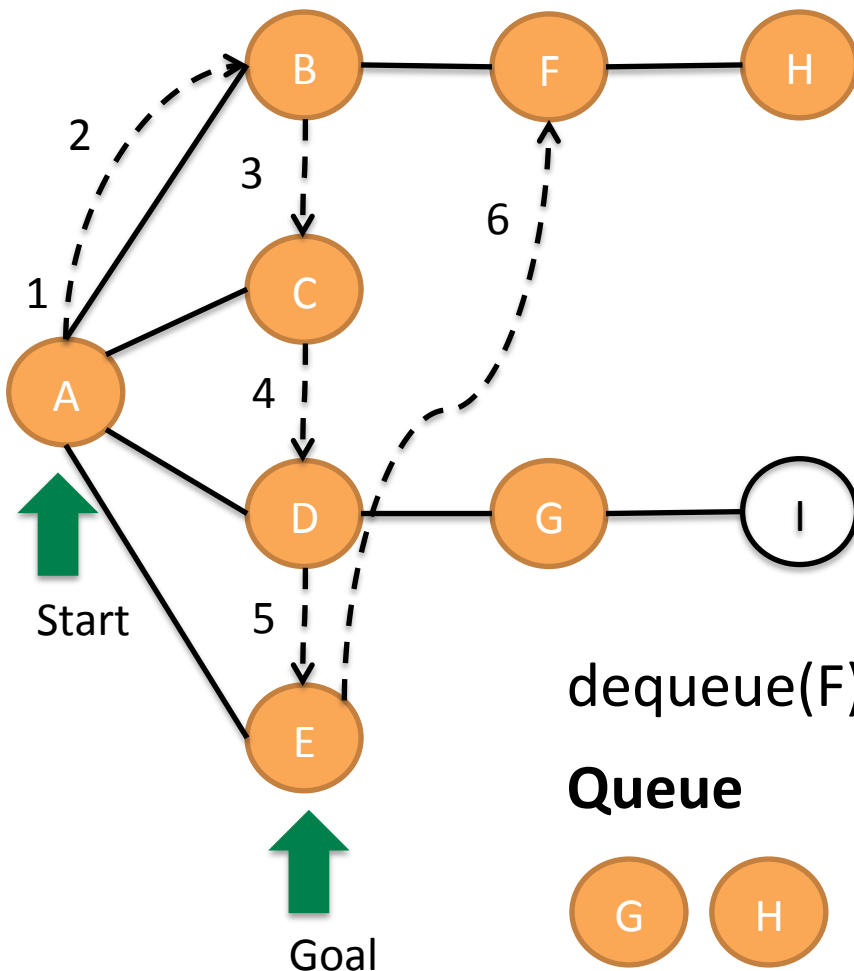
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```

Keep going for fun

Queue



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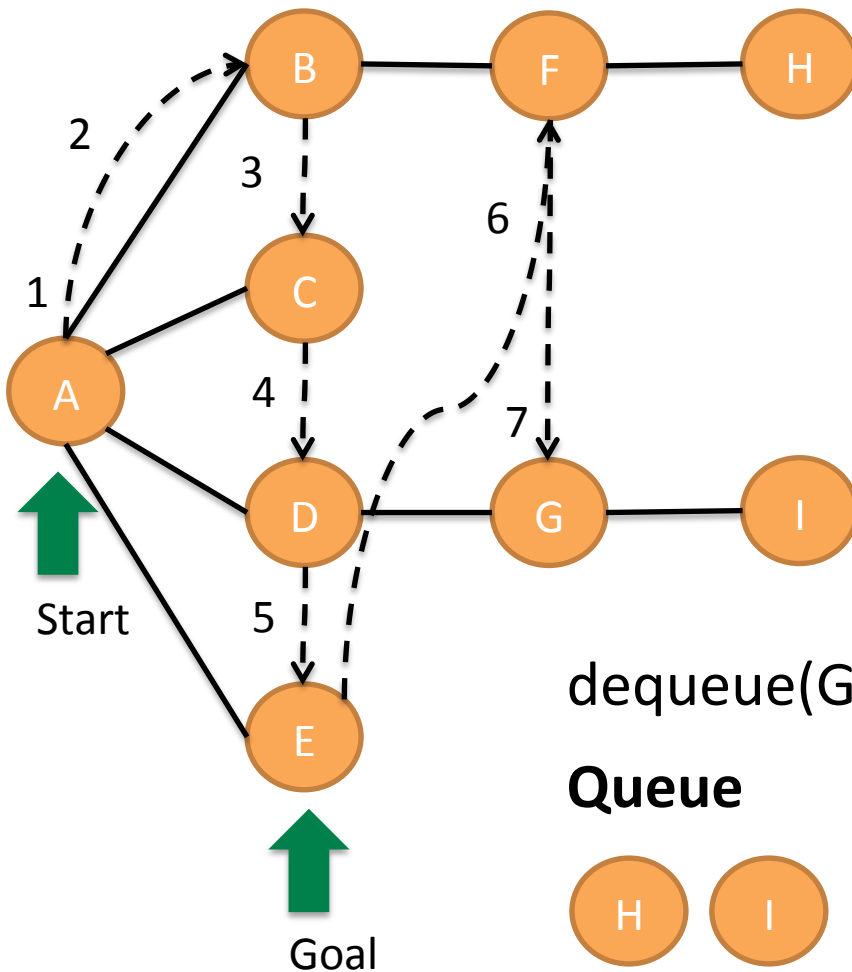
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            enqueue(v)
```

dequeue(F), enqueue unvisited adjacent H

## Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS algorithm

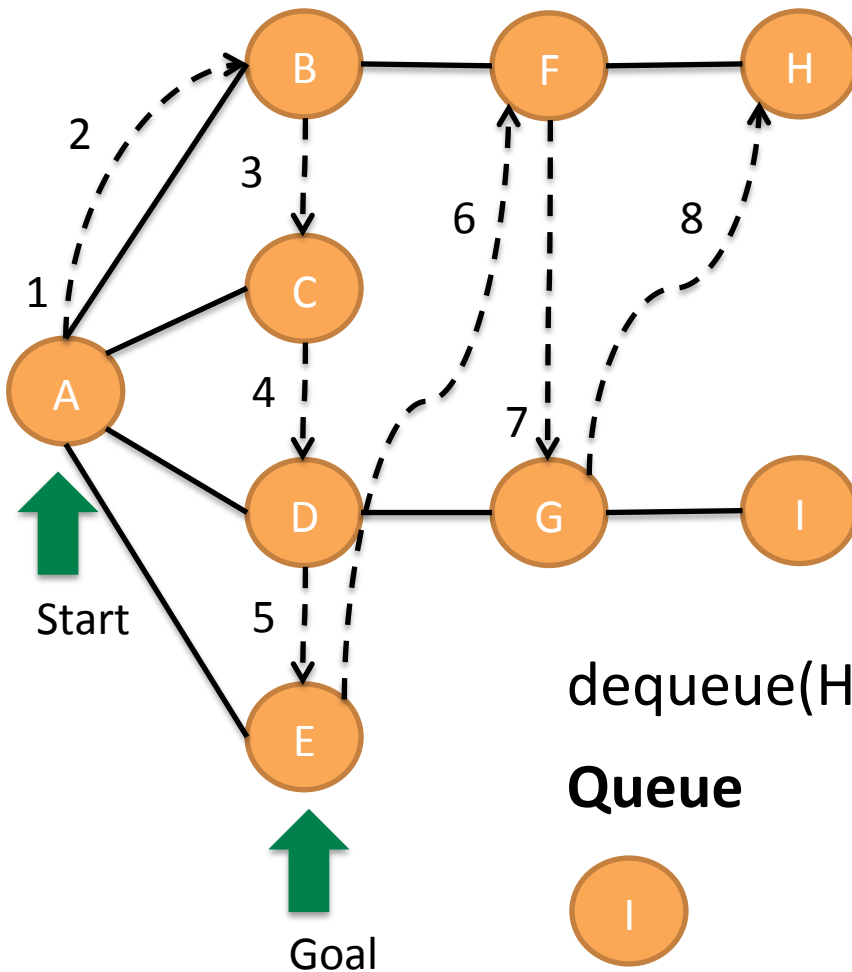
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repeat until find goal vertex or
queue empty:
    u = dequeue()
    for v ∈ u.adjacent
        if !v.visited
            v.visited = true
            enqueue(v)
```

dequeue(G), enqueue unvisited adjacent I

## Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS algorithm

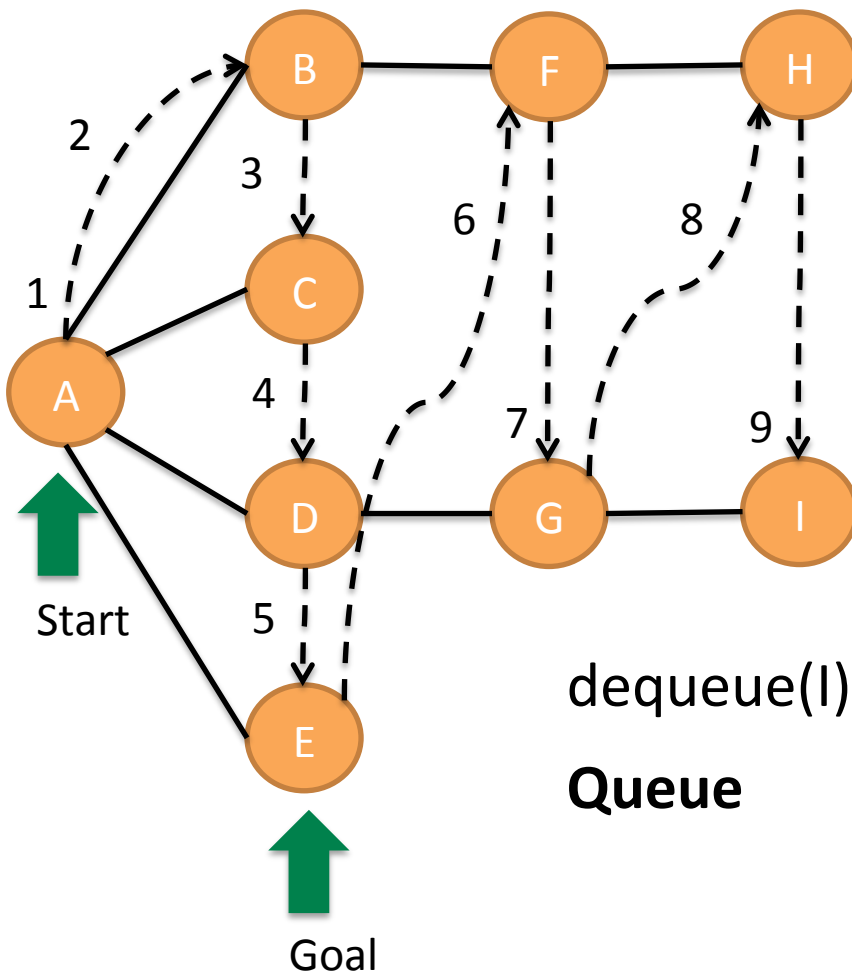
```
enqueue(s) //start node
s.visited = true
repeat until find goal vertex or
queue empty:
    u = dequeue()
    for v ∈ u.adjacent
        if !v.visited
            v.visited = true
            enqueue(v)
```

dequeue(H), enqueue unvisited adjacent (none)

Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS algorithm

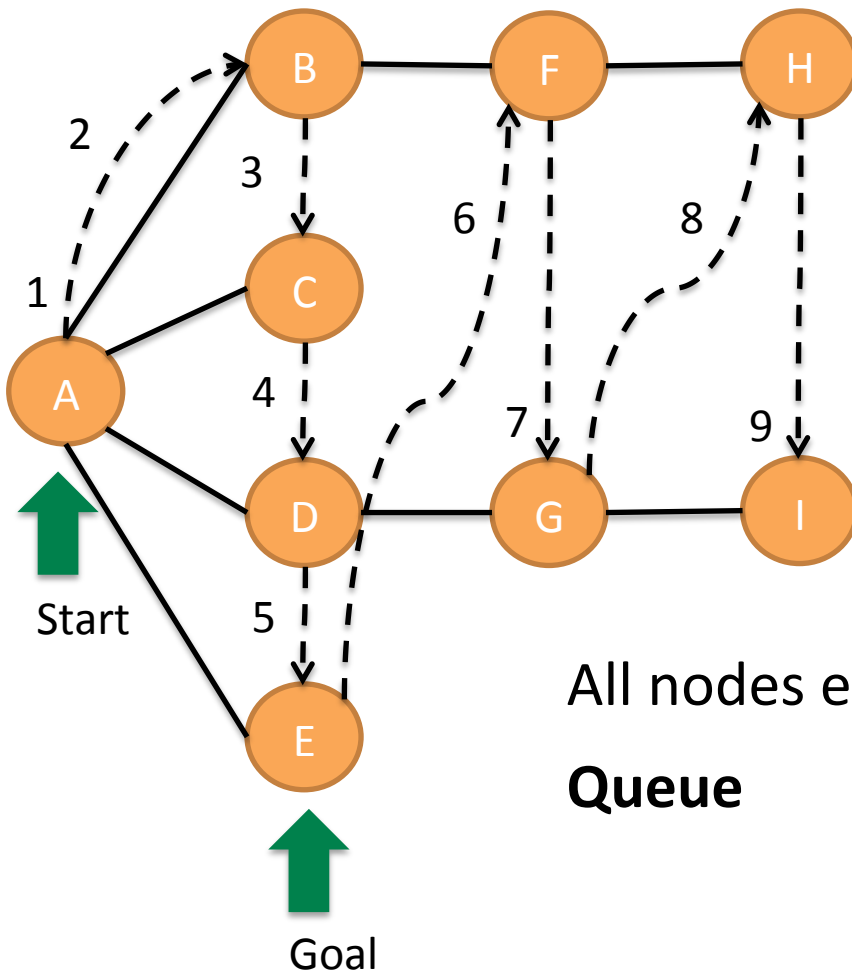
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repeat until find goal vertex or
queue empty:
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    for v ∈ u.adjacent
        if !v.visited
            v.visited = true
            enqueue(v)
```

dequeue(I), enqueue unvisited adjacent (none)

Queue



# Breadth First Search (BFS) can find the shortest path between nodes



## BFS algorithm

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# Node discovery tells us something about the graph

## **Discovery edges**

- Lead to unvisited nodes
- Form a tree on the graph
- Can traverse from start to goal (or any node)
- Can tell us which nodes are not reachable (not on path formed by discovery nodes)
- **Path guaranteed to have smallest number of edges**

## **Can track how we got to node to find shortest path**

- Build vertex tree
- Parent of each vertex is vertex that discovered it
- Parent is unique because we don't visit vertices twice

# Run time is $O(n+m)$

## Run time

- Assume graph with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges
- Visit each node at most one time (due to visited indicator)
- Visit each edge at most one time
- Run time  $O(n+m)$
- Useful for the Kevin Bacon game!