Breadth First Search (BFS)
Part 2

Lecture 23

Shortest Path Recording

- BFS we saw only tells us whether a path exists from source s, to other vertices v.
  - It doesn't tell us the path!
  - We need to modify the algorithm to record the path

- How can we do that?
  - Note: we do not know which vertices lie on this path until we reach v!
  - Efficient solution:
    - Use an additional array *pred[0..n-1]*
    - *Pred[w] = v means that vertex w was visited from v*

BFS + Path Finding

Algorithm *BFS*(s)

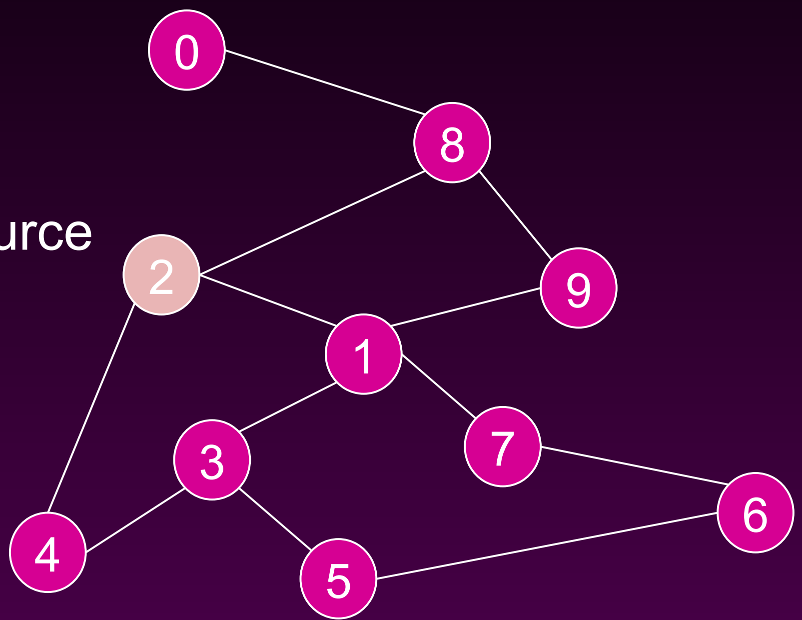
for each vertex v
  do $\mathit{flag}(v) :=$ false;
    $\boxed{\mathit{pred}[v] := -1;}$
$Q =$ empty queue;
$\mathit{flag}[s] :=$ true;
enqueue(Q, s);
while Q is not empty
  do $v :=$ *dequeue*(Q);
    for each w adjacent to v
      do if $\mathit{flag}[w] =$ false
        then $\mathit{flag}[w] :=$ true;
          $\boxed{\mathit{pred}[w] := v;}$
          enqueue(Q, w)

initialize
all pred[v] to -1

Record where
you came from

Example

source



Adjacency List

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2	8 1 4
3	4 5 1
4	2 3
5	3 6
6	7 5
7	1 6
8	2 0 9
9	1 8

Visited Table (T/F)

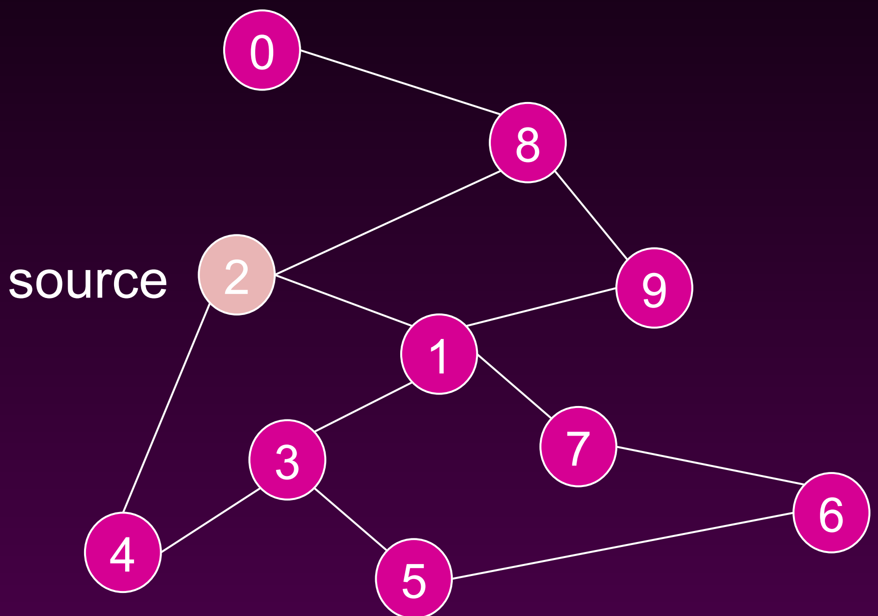
		Pred
0	F	-
1	F	-
2	F	-
3	F	-
4	F	-
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	F	-
8	F	-
9	F	-

Initialize visited table (all False)

Initialize Pred to -1

Q = { }

Initialize **Q** to be empty



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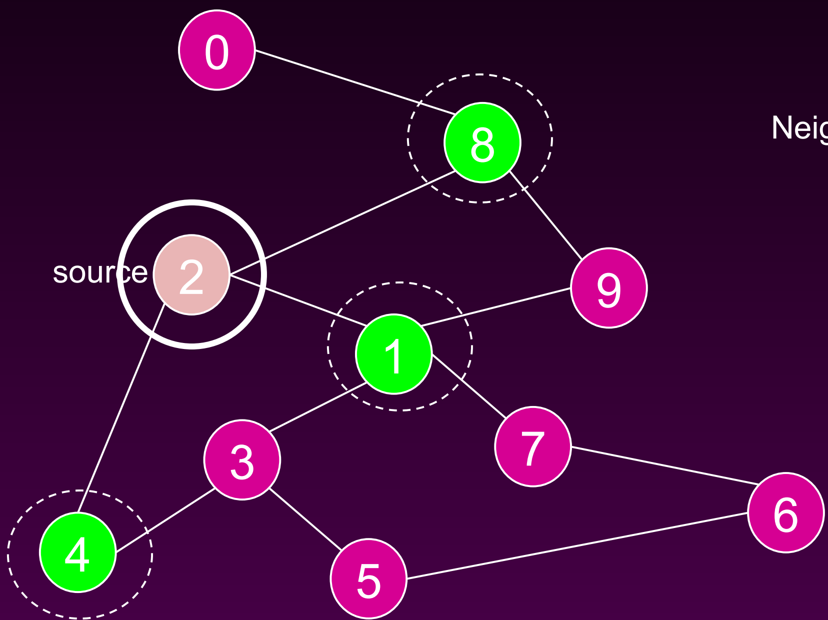
Visited Table (T/F)

		Pred
0	F	-
1	F	-
2	T	-
3	F	-
4	F	-
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	F	-
8	F	-
9	F	-

Flag that 2 has been visited.

Q = { 2 }

Place source 2 on the queue.



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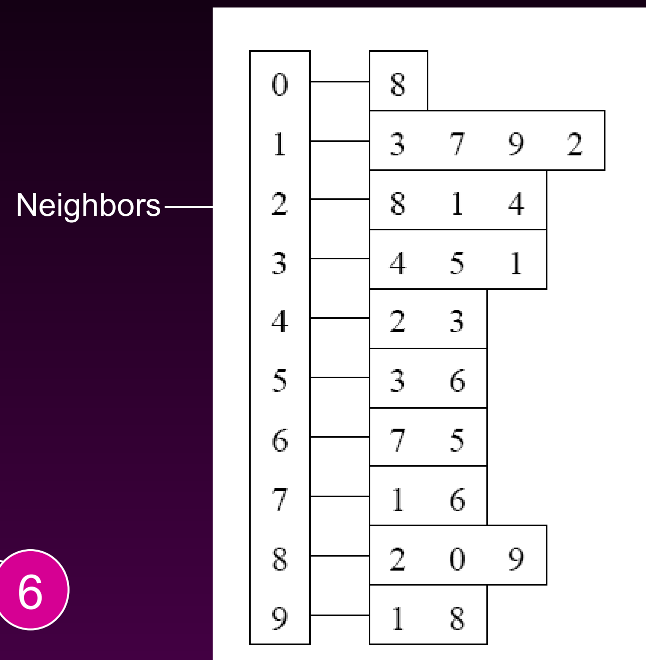


Visited Table (T/F)

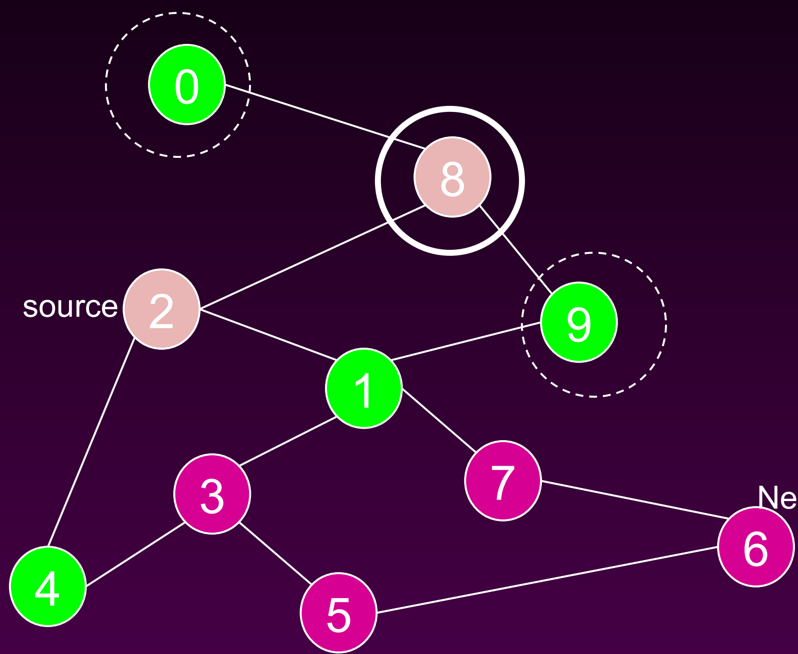
		Pred
0	F	-
1	T	2
2	T	-
3	F	-
4	T	2
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	F	-
8	T	2
9	F	-

Mark neighbors as visited.

Q = {2} → { 8, 1, 4 }

Dequeue 2.
Place all unvisited neighbors of 2 on the queue

Record in Pred that we came from 2.



Adjacency List

Neighbors

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2	8 1 4
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Visited Table (T/F)

0	T	8
1	T	2
2	T	-
3	F	-
4	T	2
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	F	-
8	T	2
9	T	8

Pred

Mark new visited Neighbors.

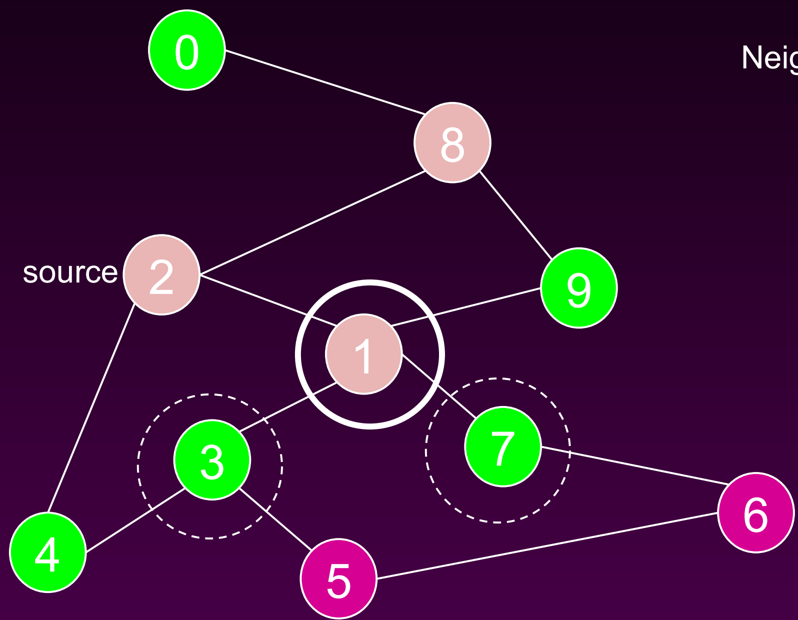
Record in Pred that we came from 8.

Q = { 8, 1, 4 } → { 1, 4, 0, 9 }

Dequeue 8.

-- Place all unvisited neighbors of 8 on the queue.

-- Notice that 2 is not placed on the queue again, it has been visited!



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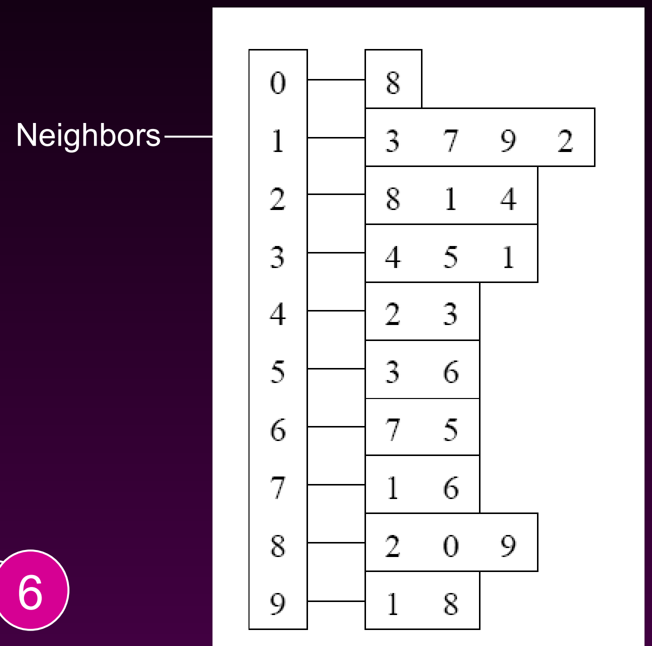


Visited Table (T/F)

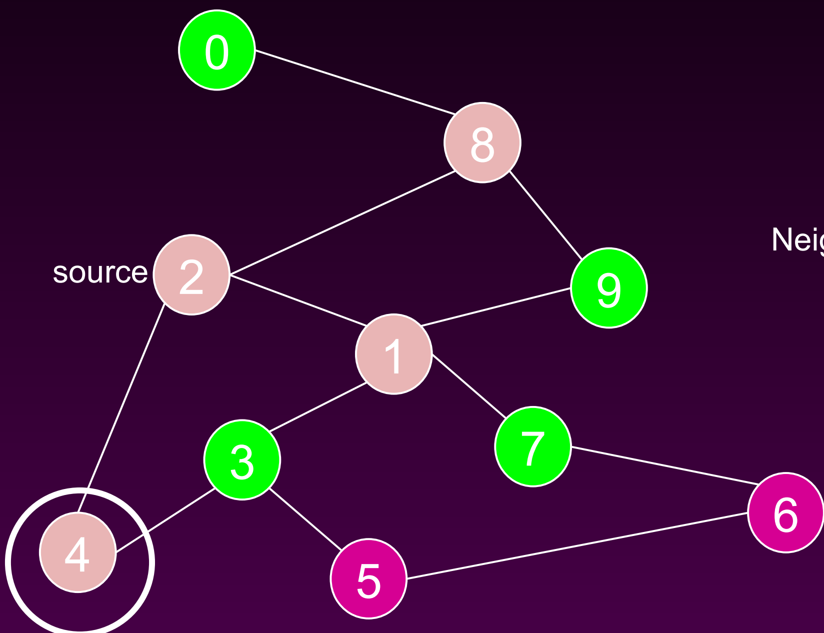
		Pred
0	T	8
1	T	2
2	T	-
3	T	1
4	T	2
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	T	1
8	T	2
9	T	8

Mark new visited Neighbors.

Record in Pred that we came from 1.

Q = { 1, 4, 0, 9 } → { 4, 0, 9, 3, 7 }

Dequeue 1.
-- Place all unvisited neighbors of 1 on the queue.
-- Only nodes 3 and 7 haven't been visited yet.



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		Pred
0	T	8
1	T	2
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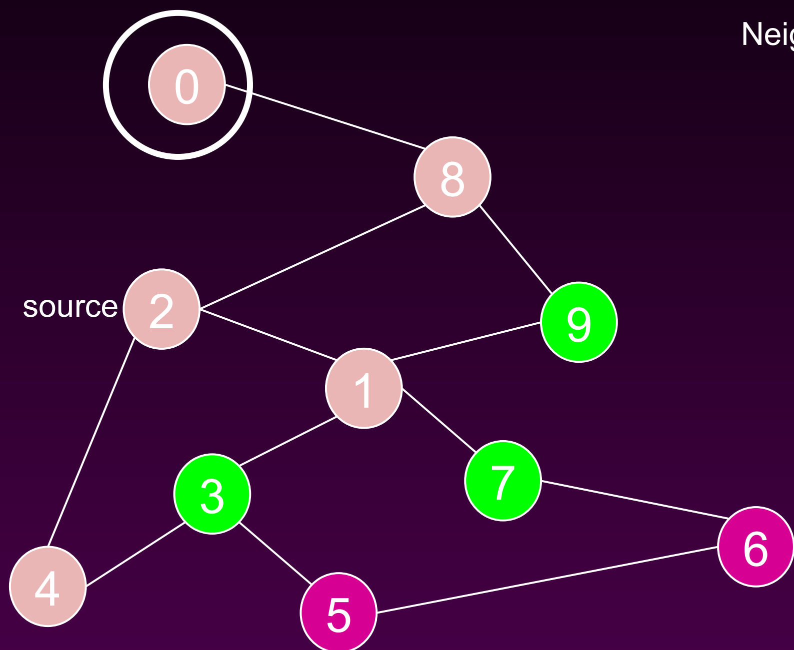
3	T	1
4	T	2
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	T	1
8	T	2
9	T	8

Q = { 4, 0, 9, 3, 7 } → { 0, 9, 3, 7 }

Dequeue 4.
-- 4 has no unvisited neighbors!



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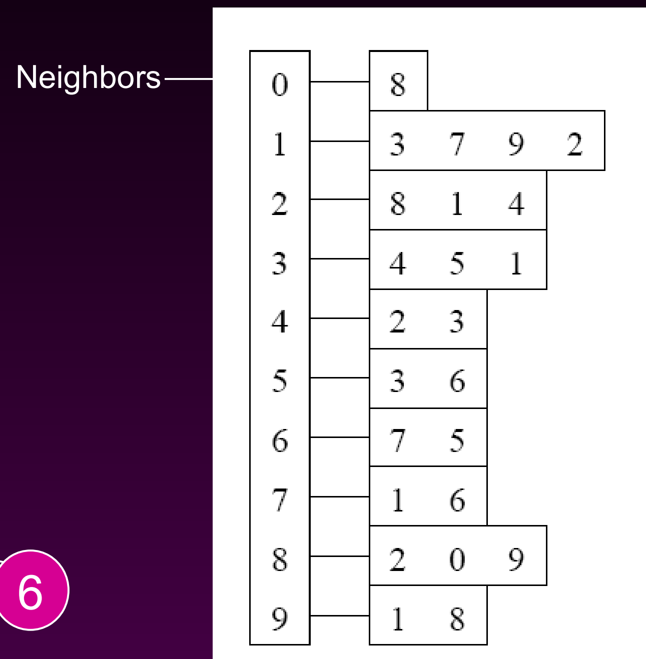

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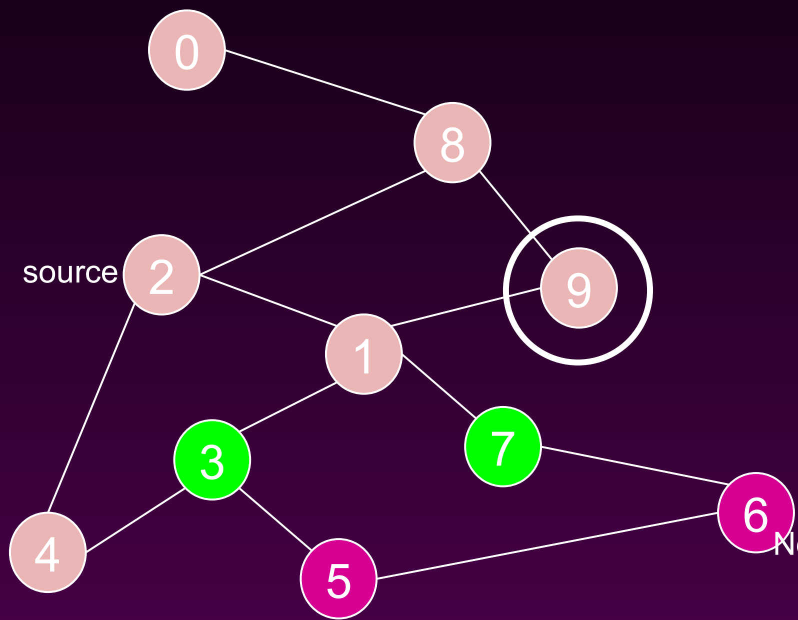
		Pred
0	T	8
1	T	2
2	T	-
3	T	1
4	T	2
5	F	-
6	F	-
7	T	1
8	T	2
9	T	8

Q = { 0, 9, 3, 7 } → { 9, 3, 7 }

Dequeue 0.
-- 0 has no unvisited neighbors!



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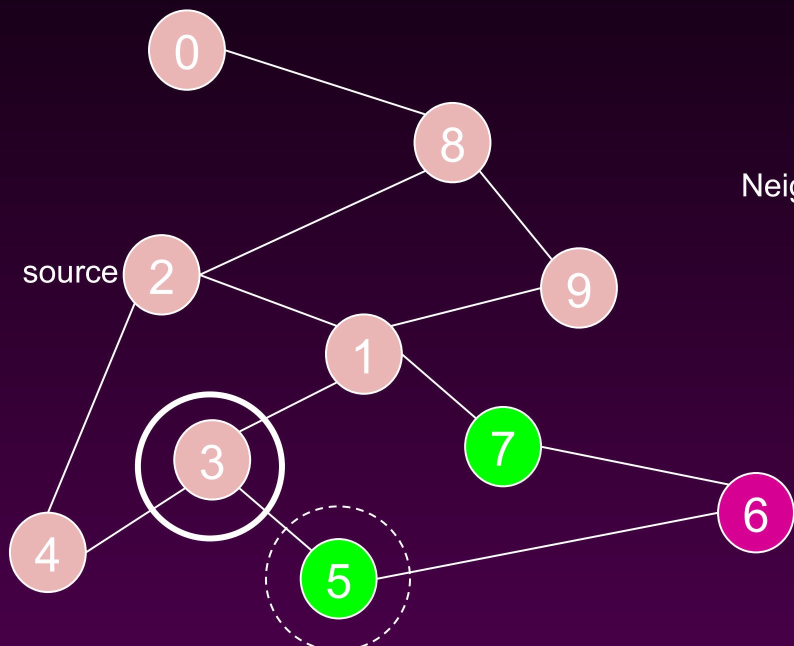
8	T	2
9	T	8

Q = { 9, 3, 7 } → { 3, 7 }

Dequeue 9.
-- 9 has no unvisited neighbors!



Neighbors

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5	T	3
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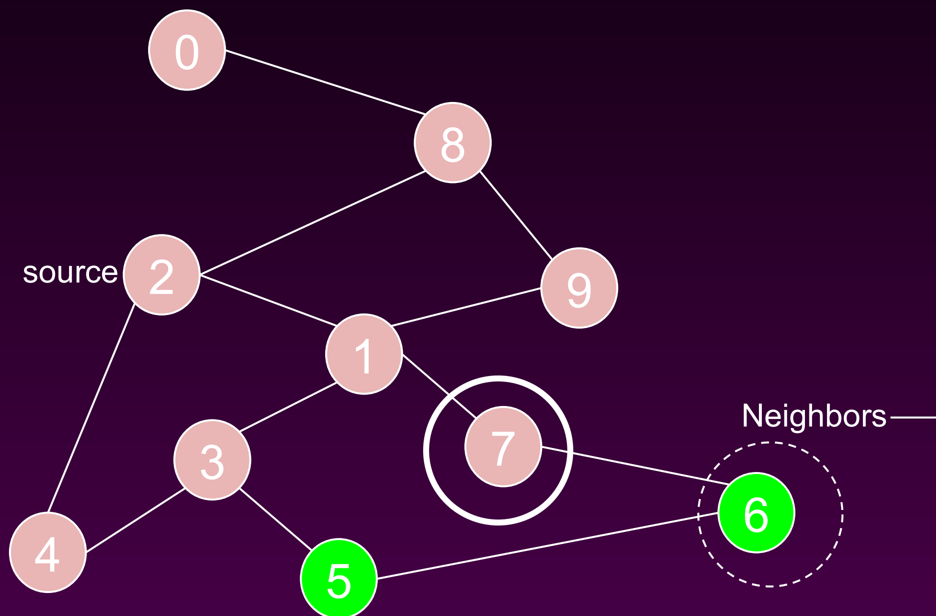
8	T	2
9	T	8

Mark new visited Vertex 5.

Record in Pred that we came from 3.

Q = { 3, 7 } → { 7, 5 }

Dequeue 3.
-- place neighbor 5 on the queue.



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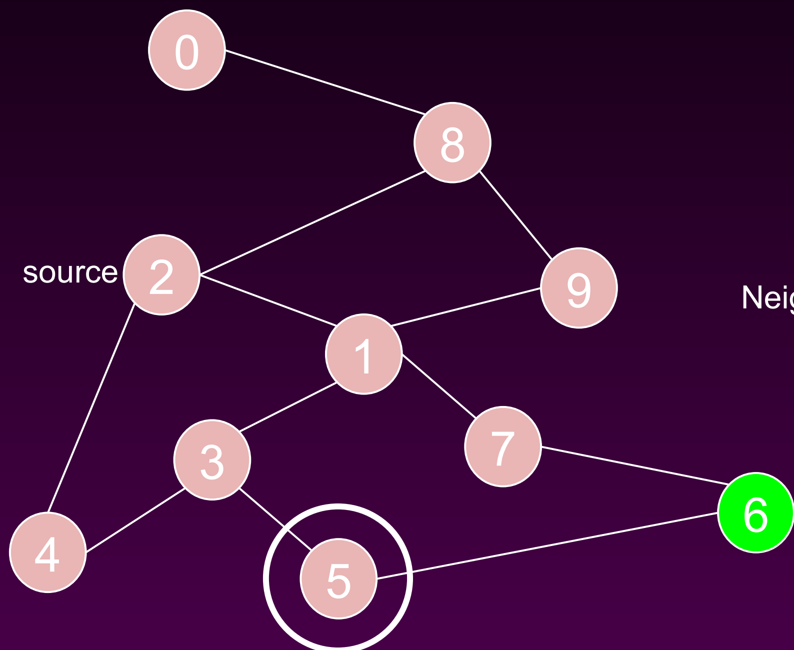
5	T	3
6	T	7
7	T	1
8	T	2
9	T	8

Mark new visited Vertex 6.

Record in Pred that we came from 7.

Q = { 7, 5 } → { 5, 6 }

Dequeue 7.
 -- place neighbor 6 on the queue.



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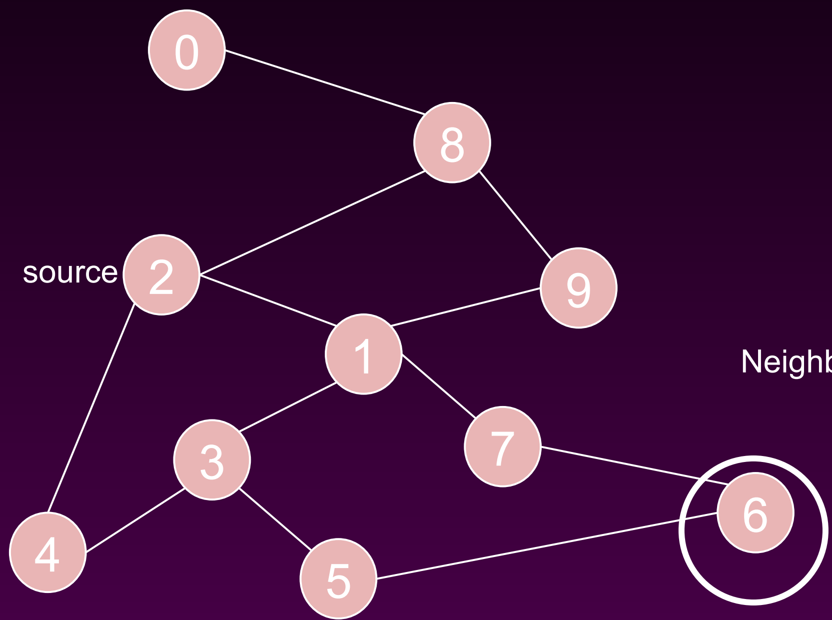
8	T	2
9	T	8

Q = { 5, 6} → { 6 }

Dequeue 5.
-- no unvisited neighbors of 5.



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3	T	1
4	T	2
5	T	3
6	T	7
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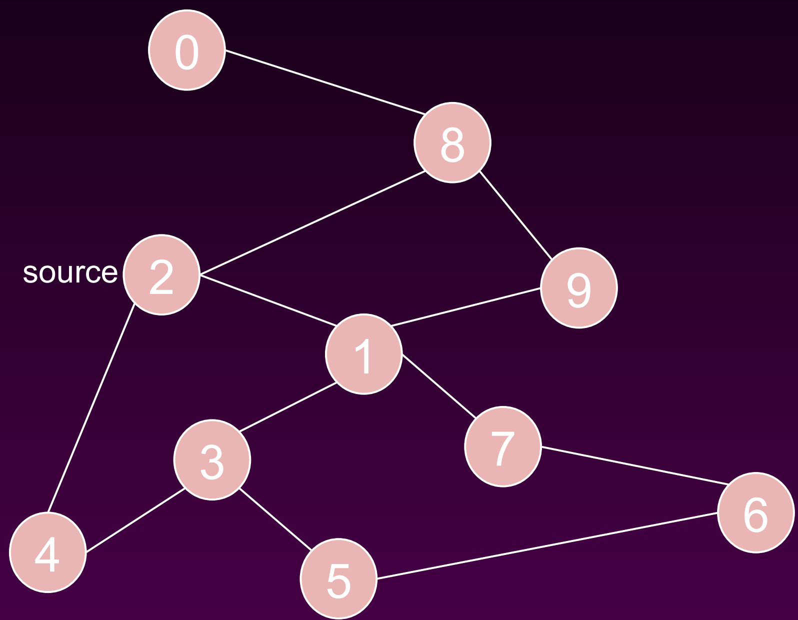
8	T	2
9	T	8

Q = { 6 } → { }

Dequeue 6.
-- no unvisited neighbors of 6.

BFS Finished



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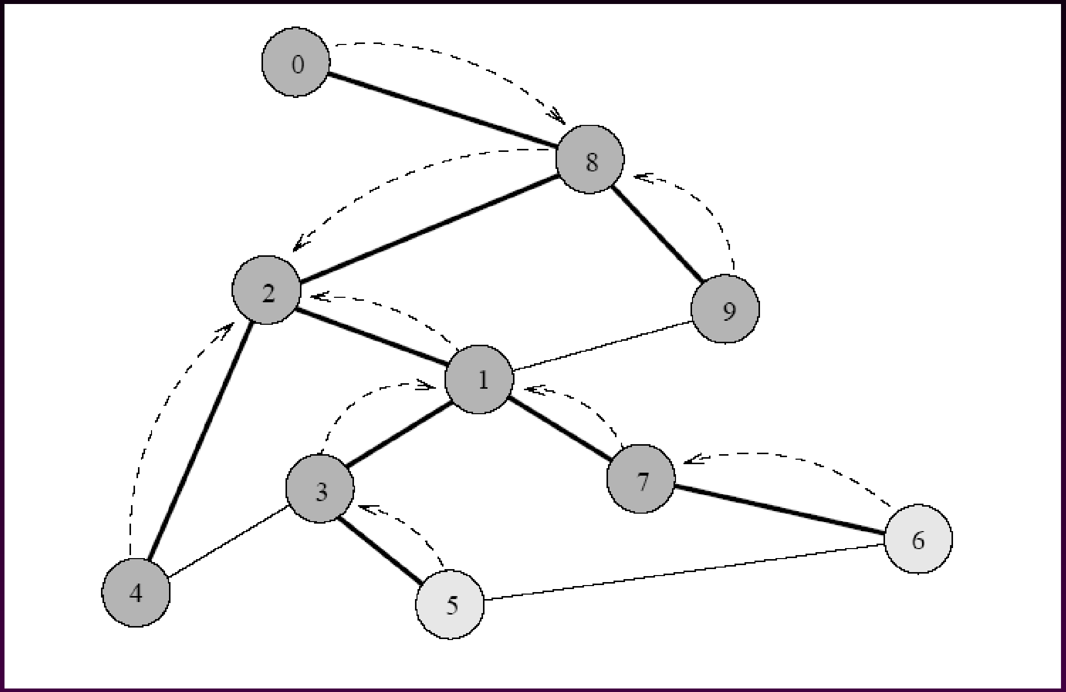
Q = { } STOP!!! Q is empty!!!

Pred now can be traced backward to report the path!

Path Reporting



nodes	visited from
0	8
1	2
2	-
3	1
4	2
5	3
6	7
7	1
8	2
9	8

Recursive algorithm

Algorithm *Path*(w)
1. **if** $pred[w] \neq -1$
2. **then**
3. *Path*$(pred[w])$;
4. output w

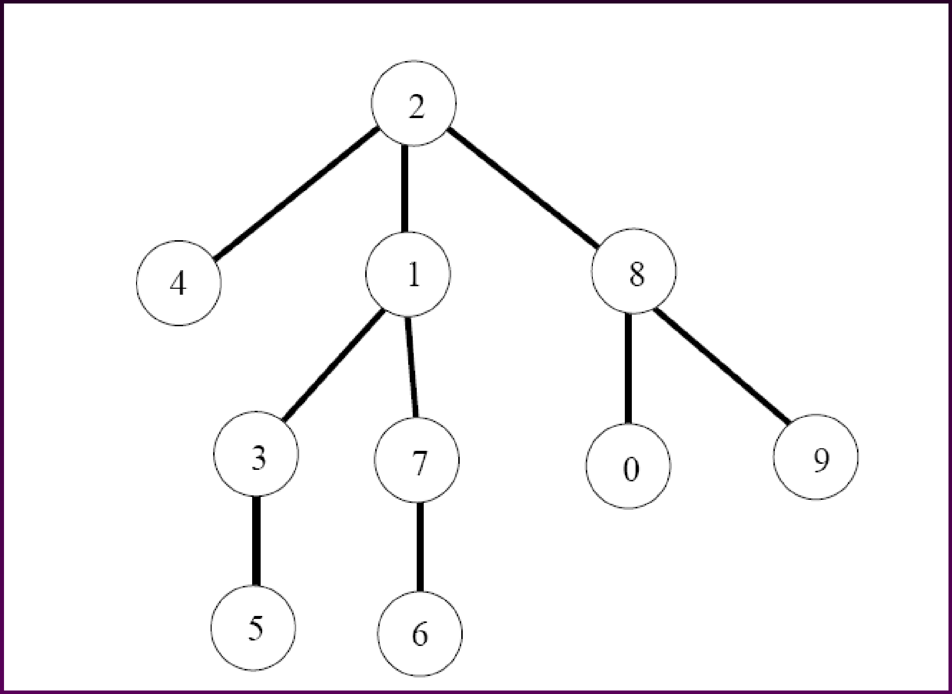
Try some examples, report path from s to v:
Path(0) ->
Path(6) ->
Path(1) ->

The path returned is the shortest from s to v (minimum number of edges).

BFS Tree

- The paths found by BFS is often drawn as a rooted tree (called BFS tree), with the starting vertex as the root of the tree.

BFS tree for vertex s=2.



Question: What would a “level” order traversal tell you?

Record the Shortest Distance

Algorithm *BFS*(s)

for each vertex v
    do $\mathit{flag}(v) :=$ false;
        $\mathit{pred}[v] := -1$; d(v) = ∞;
$Q =$ empty queue;
$\mathit{flag}[s] :=$ true; d(s) = 0;
enqueue(Q, s);
while Q is not empty
    do $v :=$ *dequeue*(Q);
        for each w adjacent to v
            do if $\mathit{flag}[w] =$ false
                then $\mathit{flag}[w] :=$ true;
            d(w)=d(v)+1; $\mathit{pred}[w] := v$;
                    enqueue(Q, w)

Application of BFS

- One application concerns how to find connected components in a graph

- If a graph has more than one connected components, BFS builds a BFS-forest (not just BFS-tree)!
  - Each tree in the forest is a connected component.