Lecture 3 Continued...

Another example



Example

• Which solution would DFS find to move from node S to node G if run on the graph below?



Breadth First Search (BFS)

- There are many ways to traverse graphs. BFS is the most commonly used approach.
- BFS is a traversing algorithm where you should start traversing from a selected node (source or starting node) and traverse the graph layer wise thus exploring the neighbor nodes (nodes which are directly connected to source node).

- You must then move towards the next-level neighbor nodes.
- As the name BFS suggests, you are required to traverse the graph breadthwise as follows:
- 1. First move horizontally and visit all the nodes of the current layer
- 2. Move to the next layer





Uniform Cost Search

- UCS is different from BFS and DFS because here the costs come into play. In other words, traversing via different edges might not have the same cost.
- The goal is to find a path where the cumulative sum of costs is least.

Cost of a node is defined as:

- cost(node) = cumulative cost of all nodes from root
- cost(root) = 0

Example

• Which solution would UCS find to move from node S to node G if run on the graph below?



Solution

- The equivalent search tree for the above graph is as follows.
- Based on UCS strategy, the path with least cumulative cost is chosen..



Cost: 4