

# Graph Search (6A)

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# Graph Traversal

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**graph traversal (graph search)** refers to the process of visiting (checking and/or updating) each **vertex** in a graph.

Such traversals are classified by the order in which the vertices are visited.

**Tree traversal** is a special case of **graph traversal**.

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# DFS

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A depth-first search (**DFS**) is an algorithm for traversing a finite graph.

DFS visits the **child vertices** before visiting the **sibling vertices**;

that is, it traverses the **depth** of any particular path before exploring its **breadth**.

A **stack** (often the program's call stack via recursion) is generally used when implementing the algorithm.

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# DFS Backtrack

The algorithm begins with a chosen "**root**" vertex;

it then iteratively transitions from the **current** vertex to an **adjacent, unvisited** vertex, until it can no longer find an **unexplored vertex** to transition to from its current location.

The algorithm then **backtracks** along previously **visited vertices**, until it finds a vertex connected to yet more uncharted territory.

It will then proceed down the **new path** as it had before, **backtracking** as it encounters **dead-ends**, and ending only when the algorithm has backtracked past the original "root" vertex from the very first step.

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# BFS

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A breadth-first search (**BFS**) is another technique for traversing a finite graph.

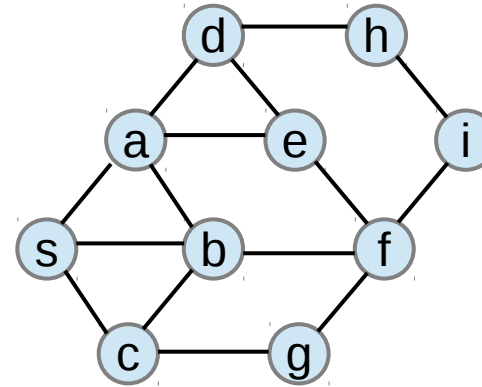
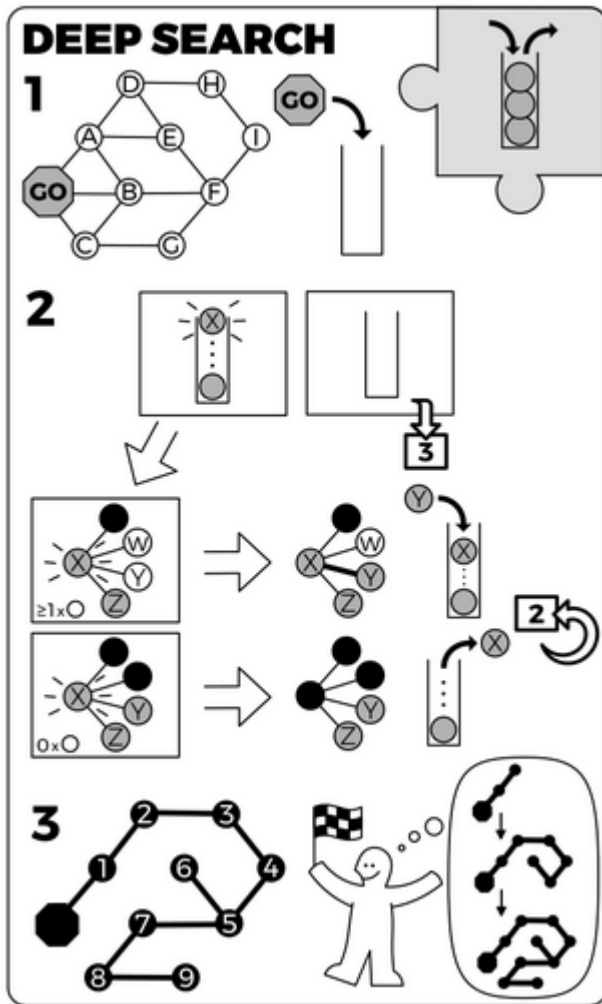
BFS visits the **neighbor** vertices before visiting the **child** vertices

a **queue** is used in the search process

This algorithm is often used to find the **shortest path** from one vertex to another.

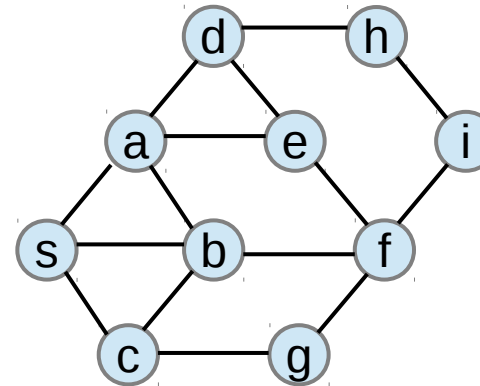
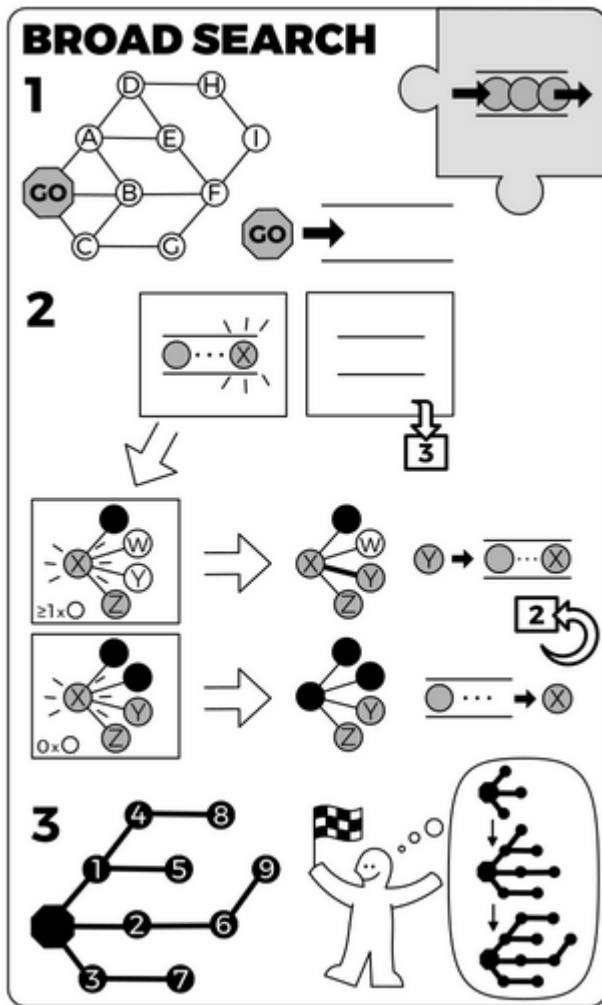
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# Depth First Search Example



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# Breadth First Search Example



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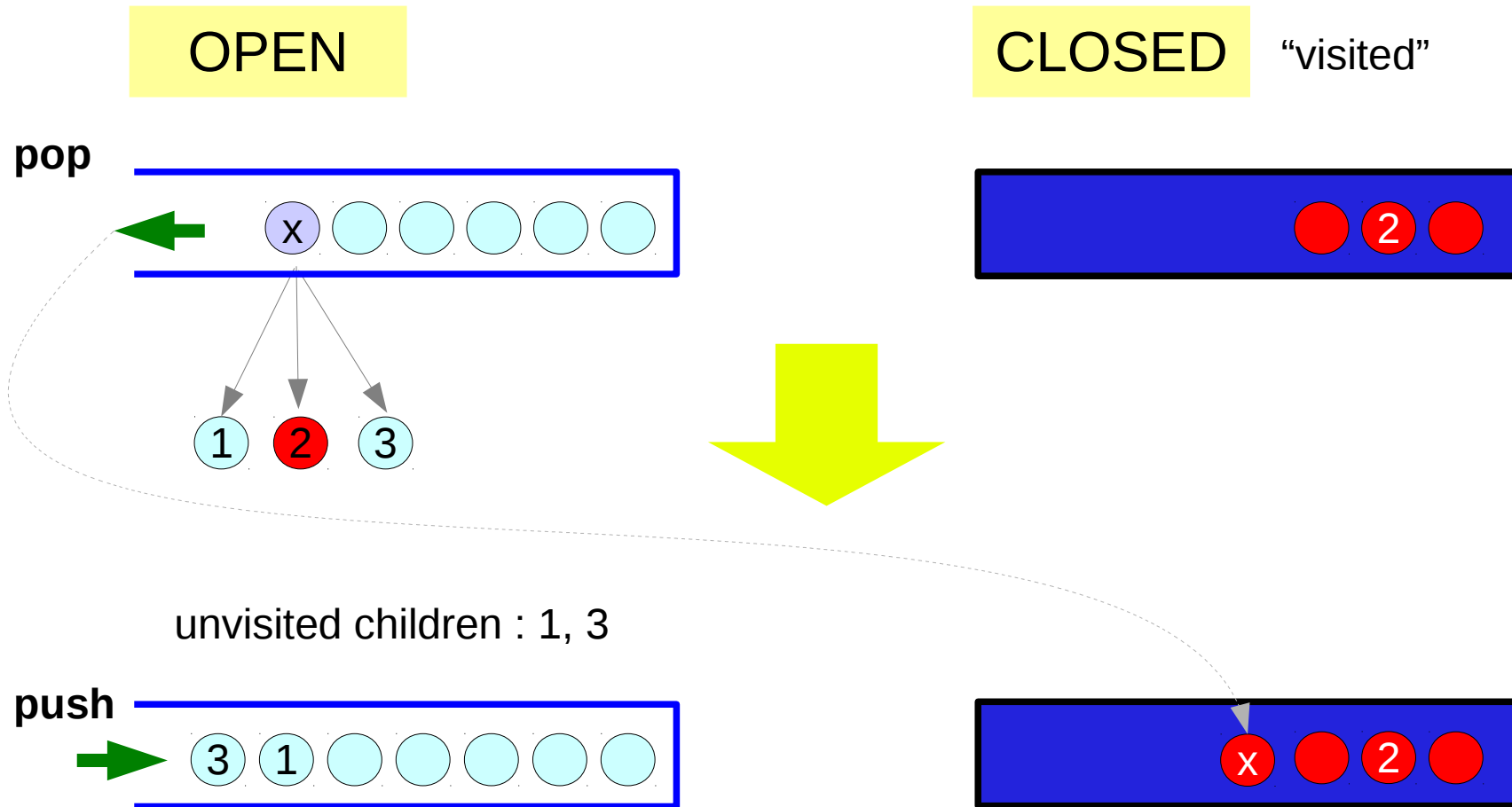
# General Graph Search Algorithm – 1

```
Search(Start, isGoal, Criteria)
  insert(Start, Open);
  repeat
    if (empty(Open)) then return fail;
    select node from Open using Criteria;
    mark node as visited;
    if (isGoal(node)) then return node;
    for each child of node do
      if (child not already visited)
        then insert(child, Open);
```

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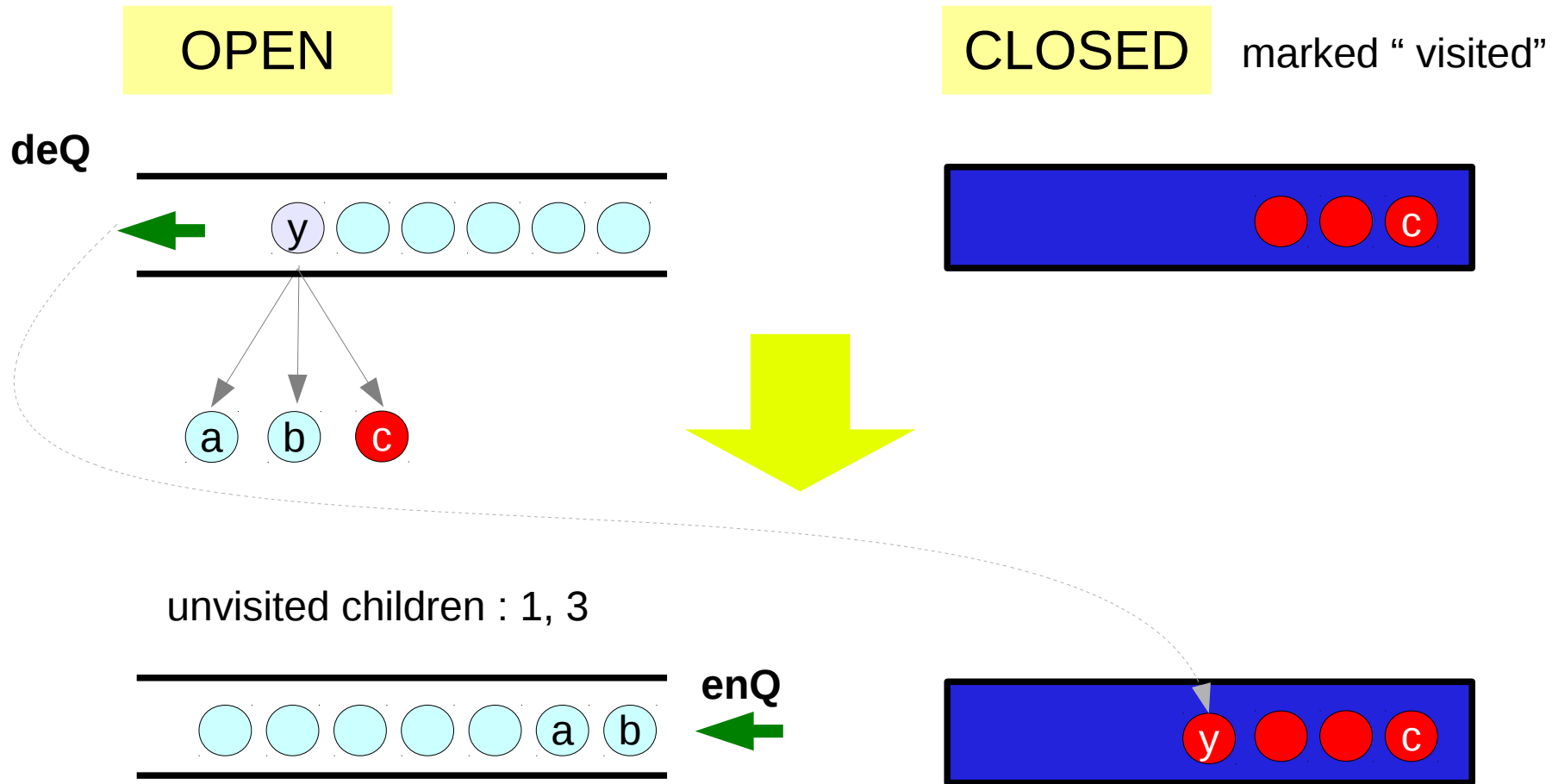
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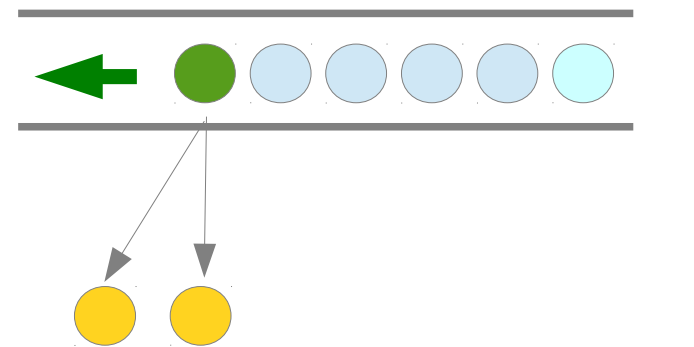
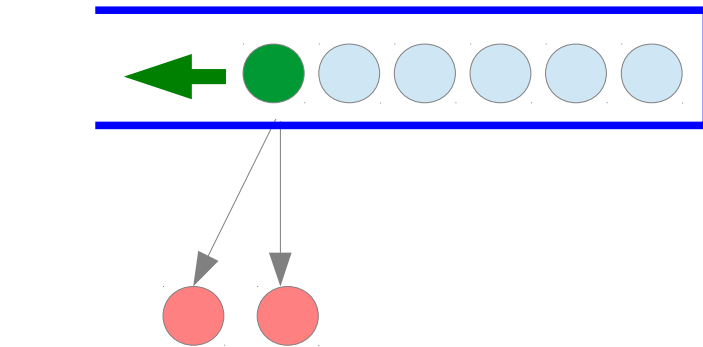


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DFS **Stack**

BFS **Queue**



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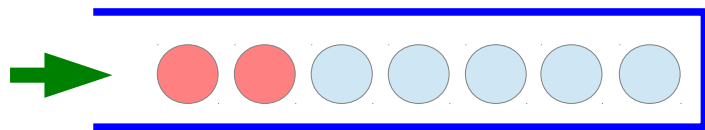
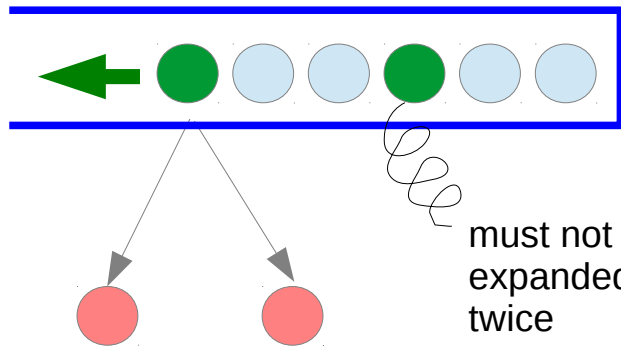
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# Must check before expansion

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## DFS *Stack*

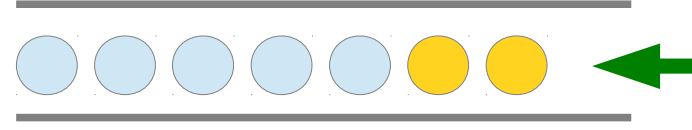
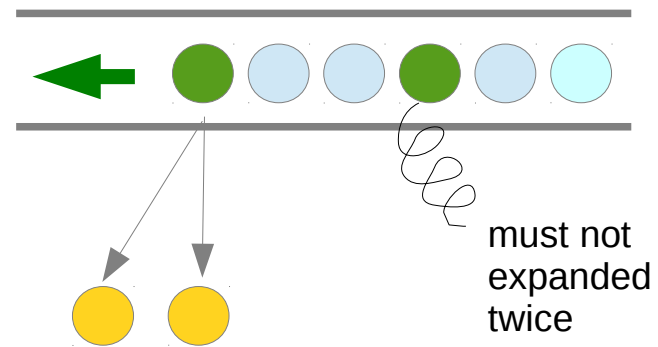
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possible duplication

## BFS *Queue*

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  insert(Start, Open);
  repeat
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    select node from Open using Criteria;
    mark node as visited;
    if (isGoal(node)) then return node;
    for each child of node do
      if (child not already visited)
        then insert(child, Open);
```

Remedy 1:  
check if visited when selecting

Remedy 2:  
check redundant nodes

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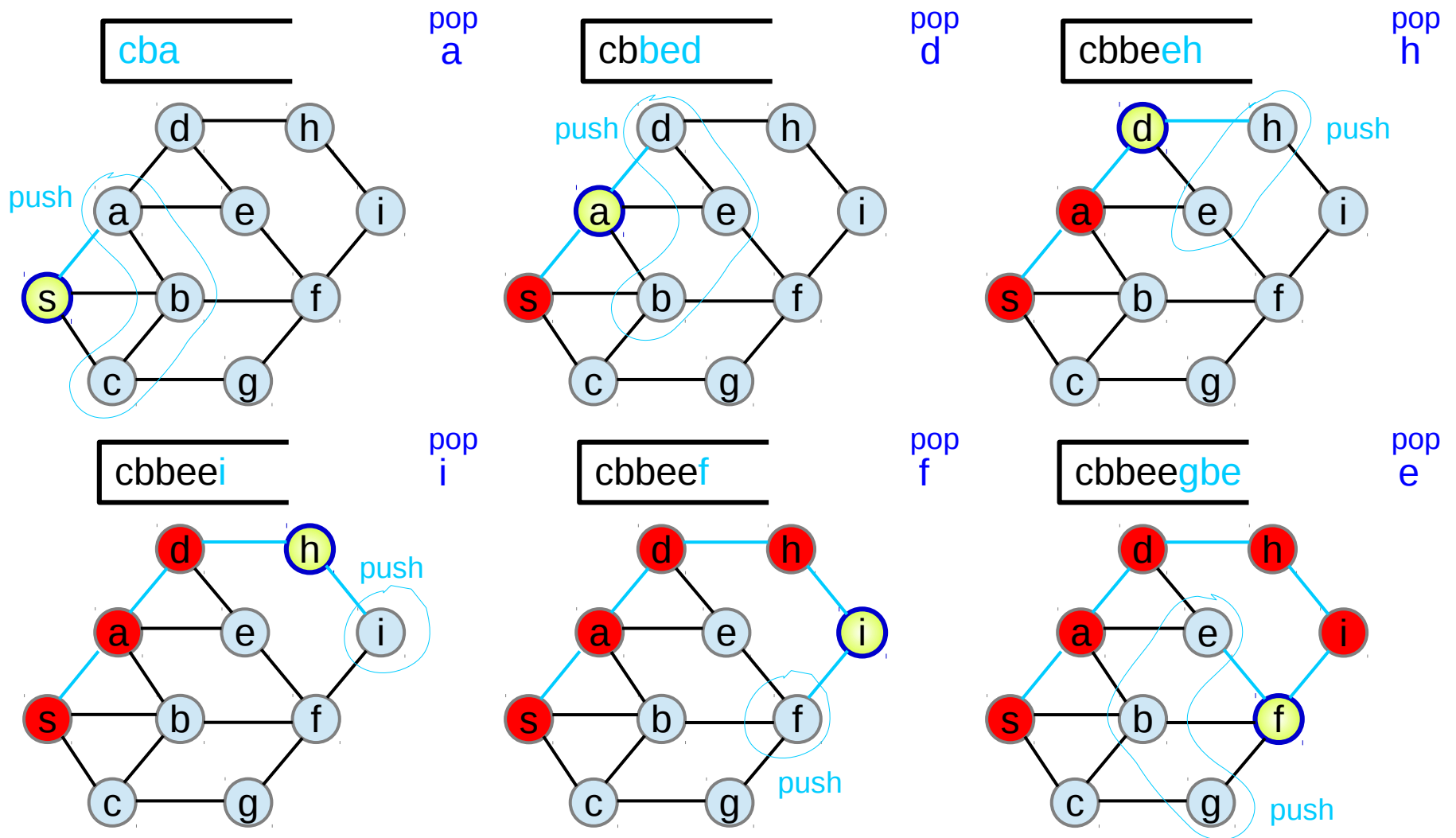
# DFS-1 (Depth First Search)

Open list – use a stack  
Select with Criteria – **pop**

```
DFS(Start, isGoal)
  push(Start, Open);           // push
  repeat
    if (empty(Open)) then return fail;
    node := pop(Open);         // pop
    mark node as visited;
    if (isGoal(node)) then return node;
    for each child of node do
      if (child not already visited) then
        push(child, Open);     // push
```

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# DFS-1 Example (1)



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# BFS-1 (Breadth First Search)

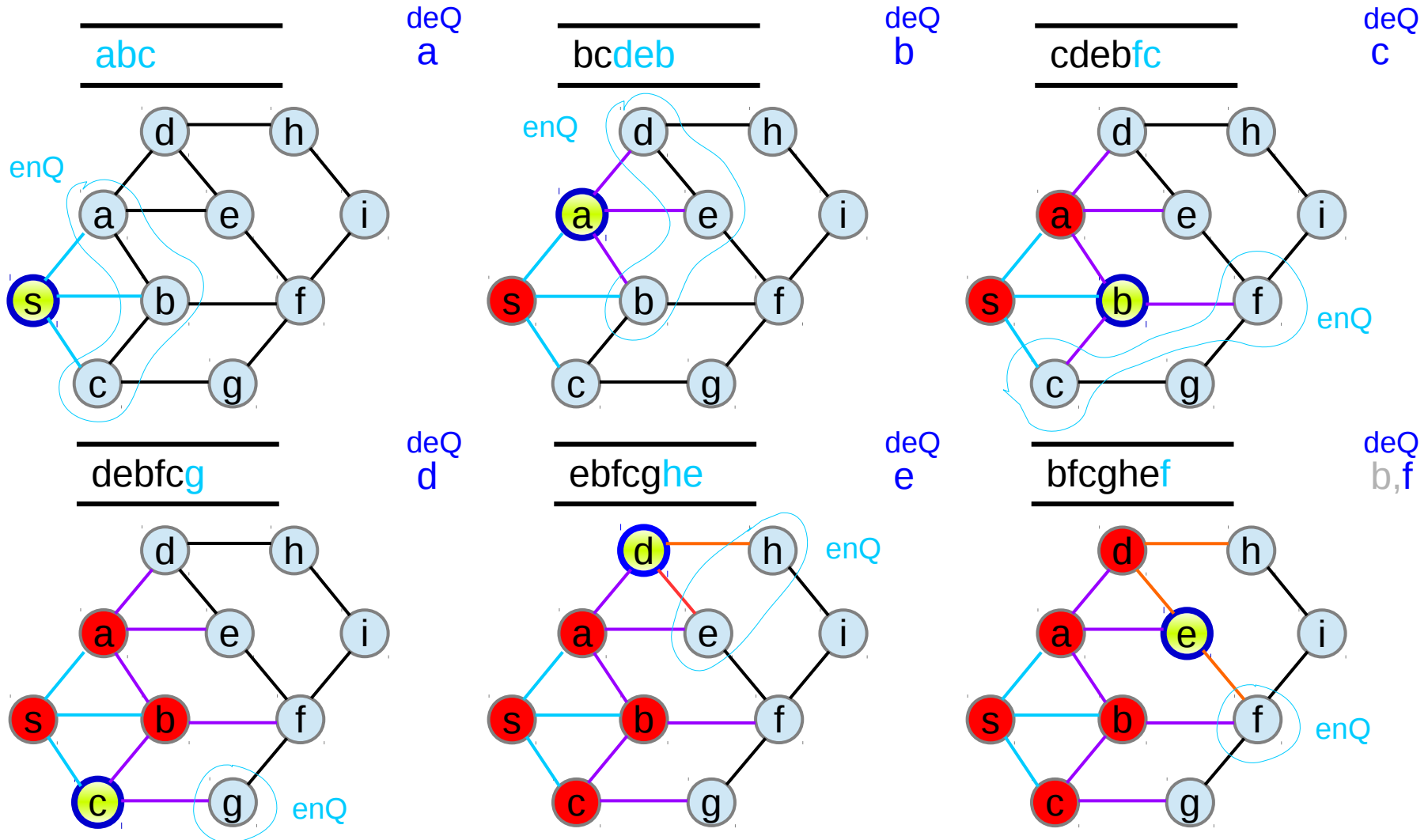
Open list – use a FIFO

Select with Criteria – **dequeue**

```
BFS(Start, isGoal)
  enqueue(Start, Open);           // enqueue
  repeat
    if (empty(Open)) then return fail;
    node := dequeue(Open);       // dequeue
    mark node as visited;
    if (isGoal(node)) then return node;
    for each child of node do
      if (child not already visited) then
        enqueue(child, Open);    // enqueue
```

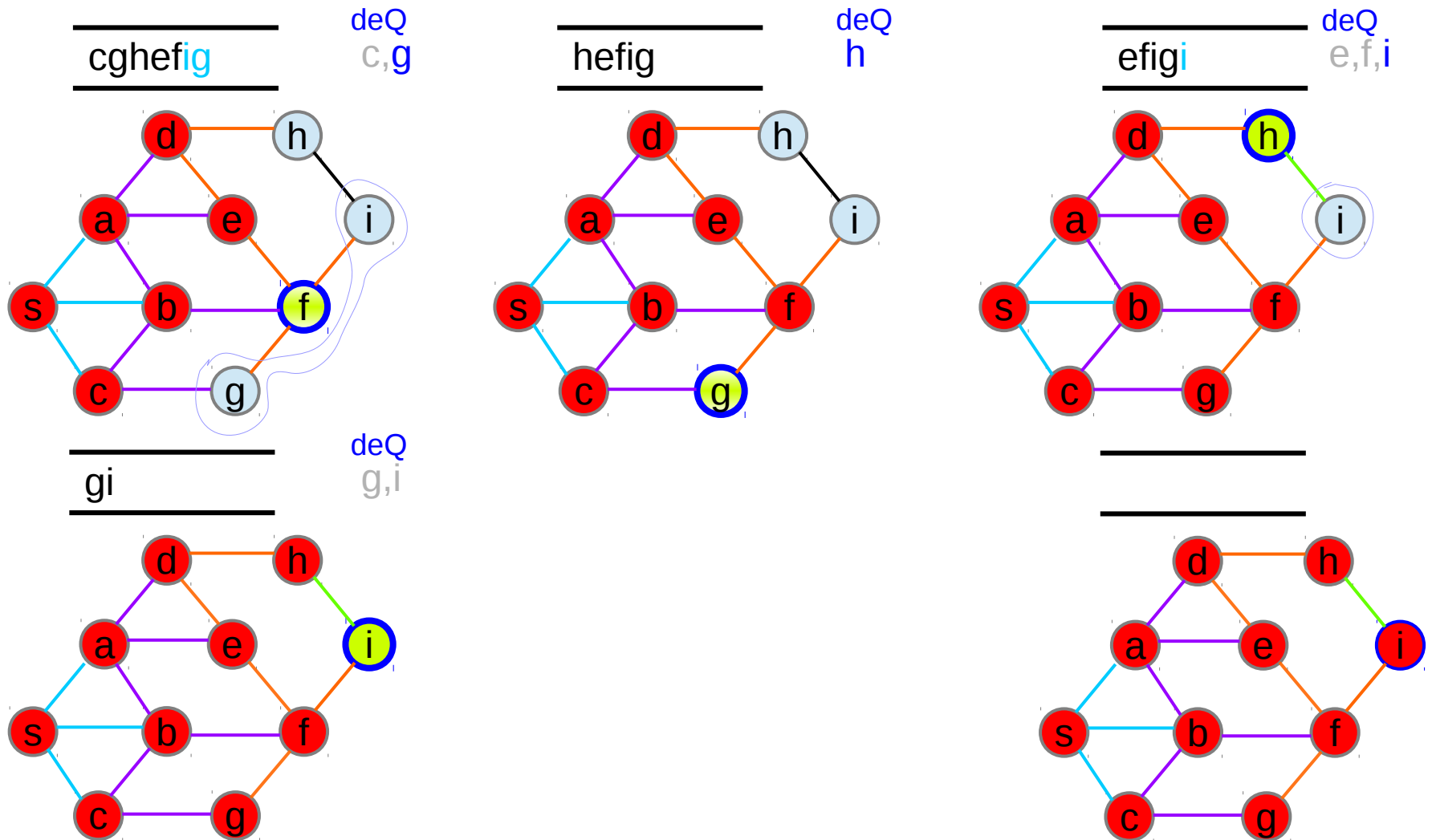
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# BFS-1 Example (2)



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# General Graph Search Algorithm – 2

**Initialize** as follows:

**unmark** all nodes in  $N$ ;

**mark** node  $s$ ;

$\text{pred}(s) = 0$ ; {that is, it has no predecessor}

$LIST = \{s\}$

**while**  $LIST \neq \emptyset$  **do**

**select** a node  $i$  in  $LIST$ ;

**if** node  $j$  is incident to an admissible arc  $(i,j)$  **then**

**mark** node  $j$ ;

$\text{pred}(j) := i$ ;

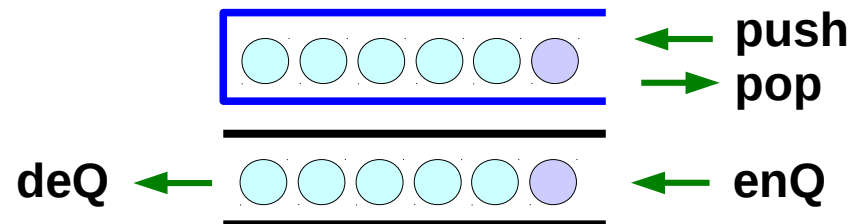
**add** node  $j$  to the end of  $LIST$ ;

**else**

**delete** node  $i$  from  $LIST$

**DFS** : **select** the **last** node  $i$  in  $LIST$ ;

**BFS** : **select** the **first** node  $i$  in  $LIST$ ;



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# Admissible arc

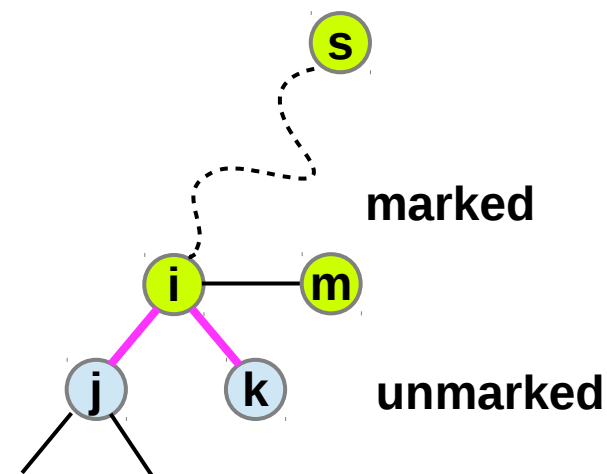
$\text{pred}(j)$  is a **node** that **precedes**  $j$  on some path from  $s$ ;

A node is either **marked** or **unmarked**.

Initially only **node**  $s$  is **marked**.

If a **node** is **marked**, it is **reachable** from **node**  $s$ .

An arc  $(i,j) \in A$  is **admissible** if **node**  $i$  is marked and  $j$  is not.



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# LIST

Before a node is added into **LIST**,  
the node is **marked**

**LIST** contains only the **marked** nodes

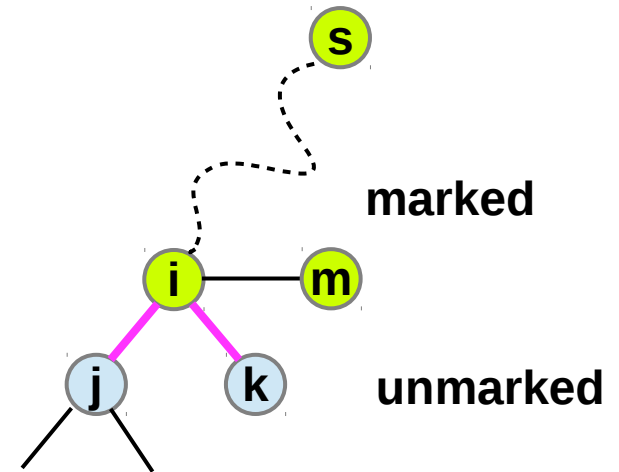
thus, the selected node **i** is **marked** already

The node **j** incident to the **admissible** arc(**i,j**)  
must be **unmarked**

This node **j** is **marked** and added into **LIST**

In this way, **LIST** contains  
only **marked** and **non-repeating** nodes

Check before inserting



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# DFS-2

**Initialize** as follows:

**unmark** all nodes in  $N$ ;

**mark** **node**  $s$ ;

$\text{pred}(s) = 0$ ; {that is, it has no predecessor}

**push**  $s$  onto **LIST**

**while** **LIST**  $\neq \emptyset$  **do**

**pop** a **node**  $i$  from **LIST**;

**if** **node**  $j$  is incident to an admissible arc  $(i,j)$  **then**

**mark** **node**  $j$ ;

$\text{pred}(j) := i$ ;

**push**(**node**  $j$ ) onto **LIST**;

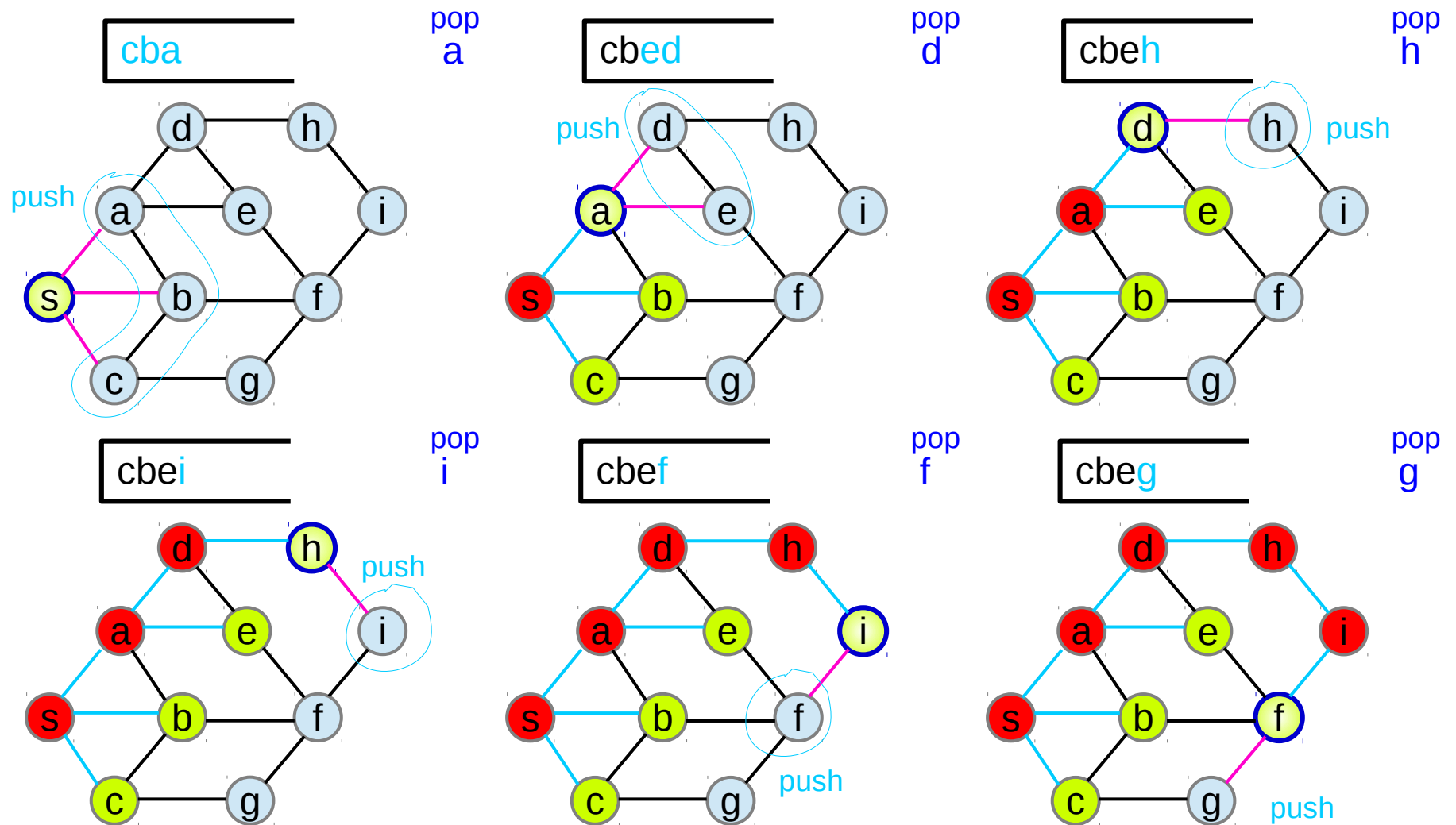
**else**

delete **node**  $i$  from **LIST**

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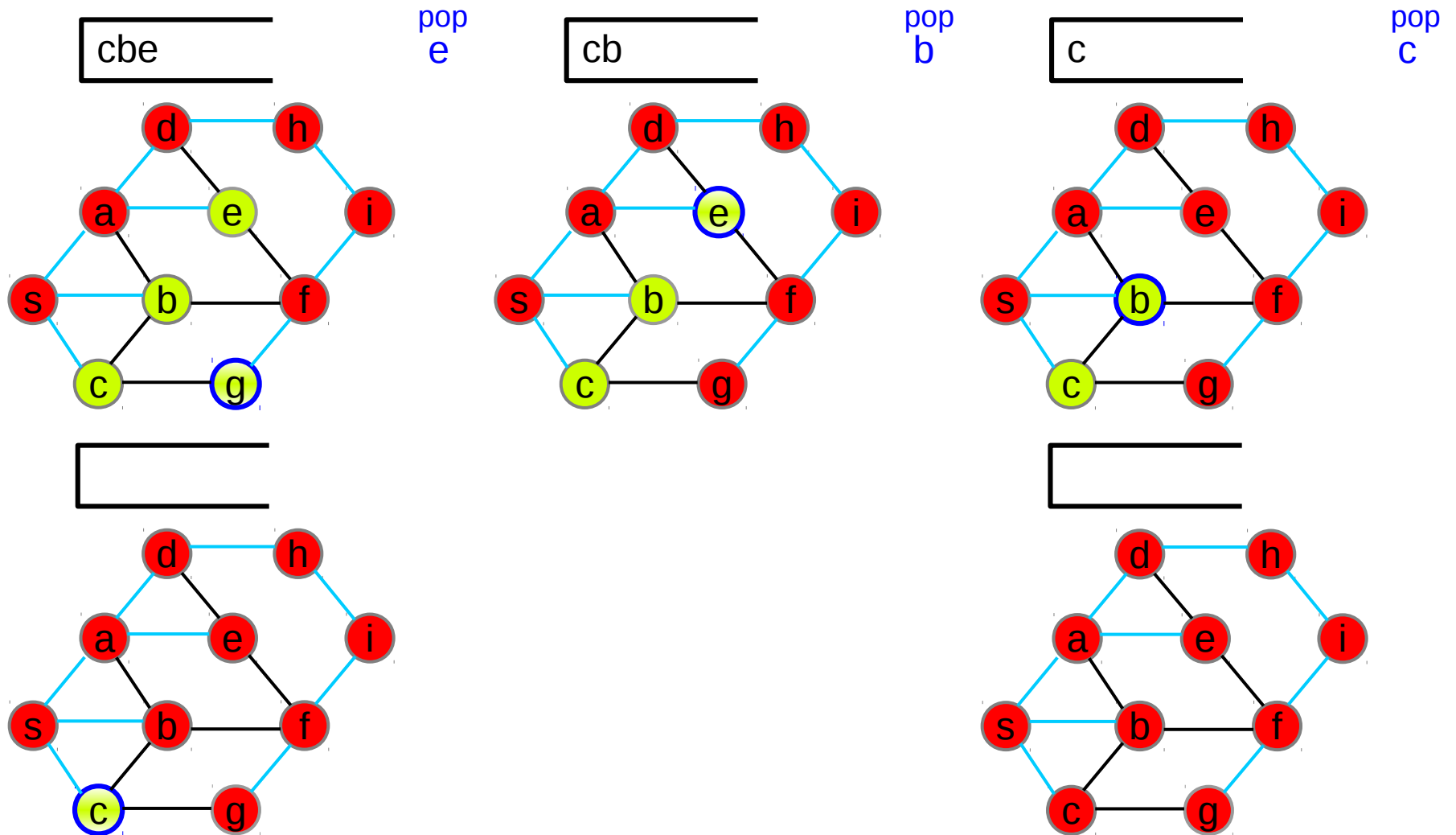


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# BFS-2

**Initialize** as follows:

**unmark** all nodes in  $N$ ;

**mark** node  $s$ ;

$\text{pred}(s) = 0$ ; {that is, it has no predecessor}

**enqueue**  $s$  onto  $LIST$

**while**  $LIST \neq \emptyset$  do

**dequeue** node  $i$  from  $LIST$ ;

**if** node  $j$  is incident to an admissible arc  $(i,j)$  **then**

**mark** node  $j$ ;

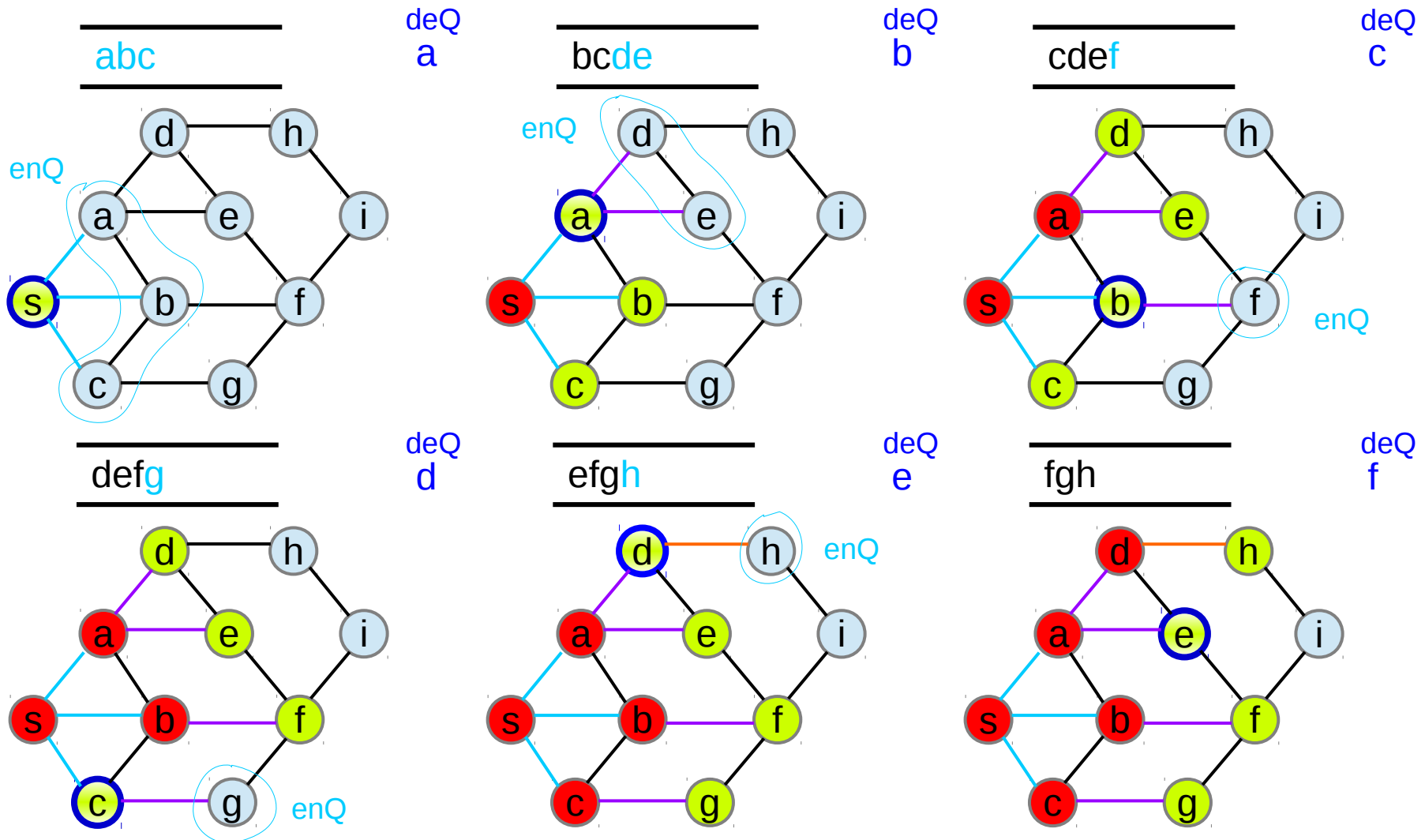
$\text{pred}(j) := i$ ;

**enqueue** node  $j$  onto  $LIST$ ;

**else**

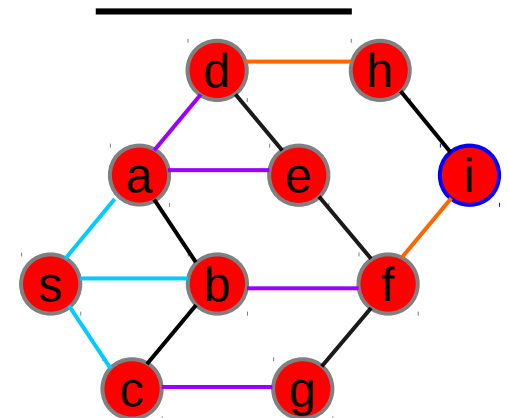
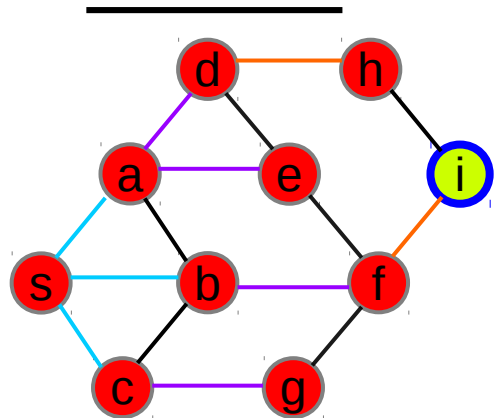
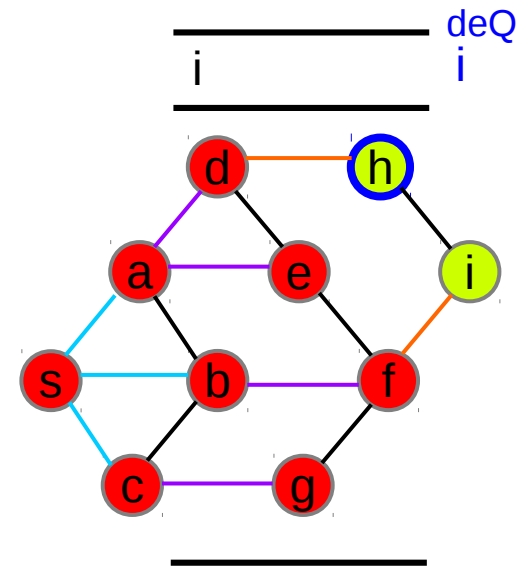
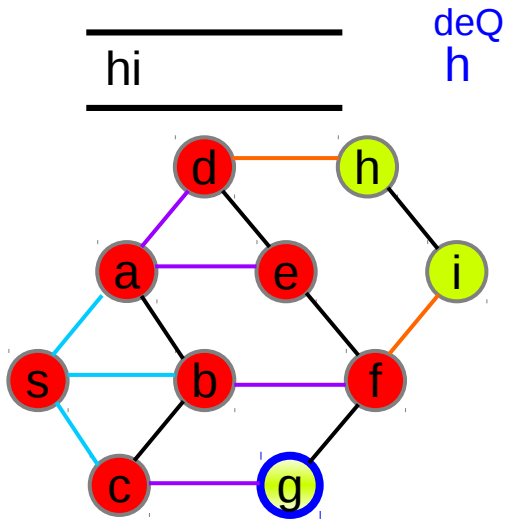
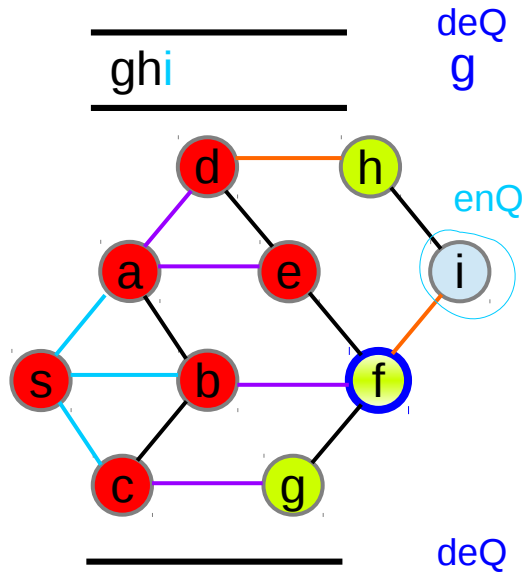
delete node  $i$  from  $LIST$

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# BFS-2 Example (2)



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# DFS Pseudocode

```
1 procedure DFS(G, v):
2   label v as explored
3   for all edges e in G.incidentEdges(v) do
4     if edge e is unexplored then
5       w ← G.adjacentVertex(v, e)
6       if vertex w is unexplored then
7         label e as a discovered edge
8         recursively call DFS(G, w)
9       else
10        label e as a back edge
```

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# BFS Pseudocode

```
1 procedure BFS(G, v):
2   create a queue Q
3   enqueue v onto Q
4   mark v
5   while Q is not empty:
6     t ← Q.dequeue()
7     if t is what we are looking for:
8       return t
9     for all edges e in G.adjacentEdges(t) do
12      o ← G.adjacentVertex(t, e)
13      if o is not marked:
14        mark o
15        enqueue o onto Q
16  return null
```

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