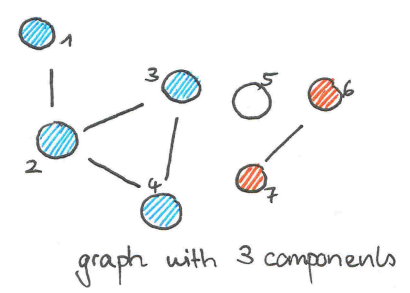


# Graphentheorie - DFS

## Previous:

- graph traversal = 'walk on' / explore graph
- component = all nodes who can reach each other
- adjacency list = way to store graph:  
for each node keep list of all neighbours

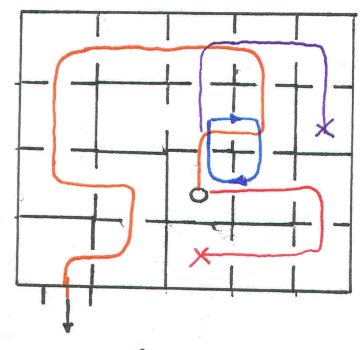


1: 2	5:
2: 1, 3, 4	6: 7
3: 2, 4	7: 6
4: 2, 3	node: neighbours

usually stored as vector of vectors

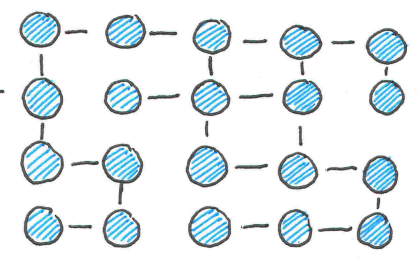
## DFS

- def: depth first search
- goal: traverse entire graph
- analog Labyrinth
- are trapped in a labyrinth → find exit
- view it as a graph:  
rooms = nodes, lanes betw. rooms = edges



## strategy:

- fixate a red string in our starting room  
→ can always find way back
- paint a red point in each new room  
→ know where we have been
- visit all neighbours,  
- if neighbour is already marked by red point or has no other neighbours (lead end)  
→ return, go back



⇒ always take a new path - repeat unless we discover nothing new.

## DFS Algorithm

- simulate red points with boolean list
- red string → function calls
- In each function call:

- check if we visited before (return if yes)
- mark visited
- visit all neighbours

## sample Impl. in python

## Analysis

Memory: need visited array, one entry per node  $O(n)$

Runtime: visit each node & walk once over every edge  $O(n+m)$

- n = # nodes, m = # edges

## Applications

- count components
- graph coloring
- finding cycles
- more advanced:  
find bridges & articulation points



```

visited = [False] * n
def dfs(pos):
    if visited[pos]:
        return
    visited[pos] = True
    for neighbor in graph[pos]:
        dfs(neighbor)
    
```

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Graph theory - DFS

## Application - Graph coloring

- task: want to assign colours to nodes  
but no neighbours shall be the same colours!

exmpl.: coloring a world map, sodoku, 2 passports, ...

• Sadly very hard problem with many colors

→ can solve for two colors

check out task tables at [prelim.soi.ch](http://prelim.soi.ch)

• Idea:

- fix colour for one node

→ know color for his neighbours

- continue this for the next neighbour & so on  
& check for a conflict

→ extend DFS

- give colour as an argument

- return False if there is a conflict, True if coloring pos.

- save colour in separate Array or  
modify visited [0 → unvisited, 1 → visited, blue / 2 → visited, red]

