

Depth-First Search

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Depth-First Search (DFS)

- DFS is another popular graph search strategy
 - Idea is similar to pre-order traversal (visit node, then visit children recursively)
- DFS will continue to visit **neighbors** in a recursive pattern
 - Whenever we visit v from u , we recursively visit all unvisited neighbors of v . Then we backtrack (return) to u .

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DFS Traversal Example

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DFS Algorithm

Algorithm $DFS(s)$

1. for each vertex v
2. do $flag[v] := false;$
3. $RDFS(s);$

Flag all vertices as not visited

Algorithm $RDFS(v)$

1. $flag[v] := true;$
2. for each neighbor w of v
3. do if $flag[w] = false$
4. then $RDFS(w);$

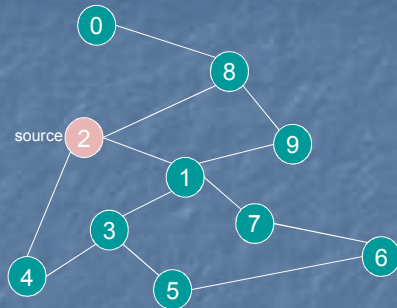
Flag v as visited; *print* v ;

For unvisited neighbors, call $RDFS(w)$ recursively

We can also record the paths using $prev[]$.
Where do we insert the code for $prev[]$?

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Example



Adjacency List

0	8
1	3 7 9 2
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)

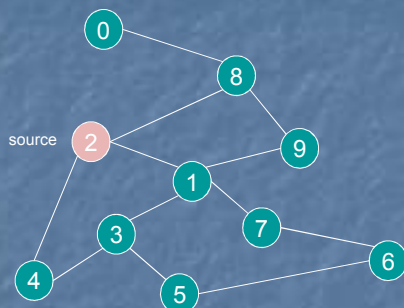
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9	F	-

Pred

Initialize visited table (all False)

Initialize Pred to -1

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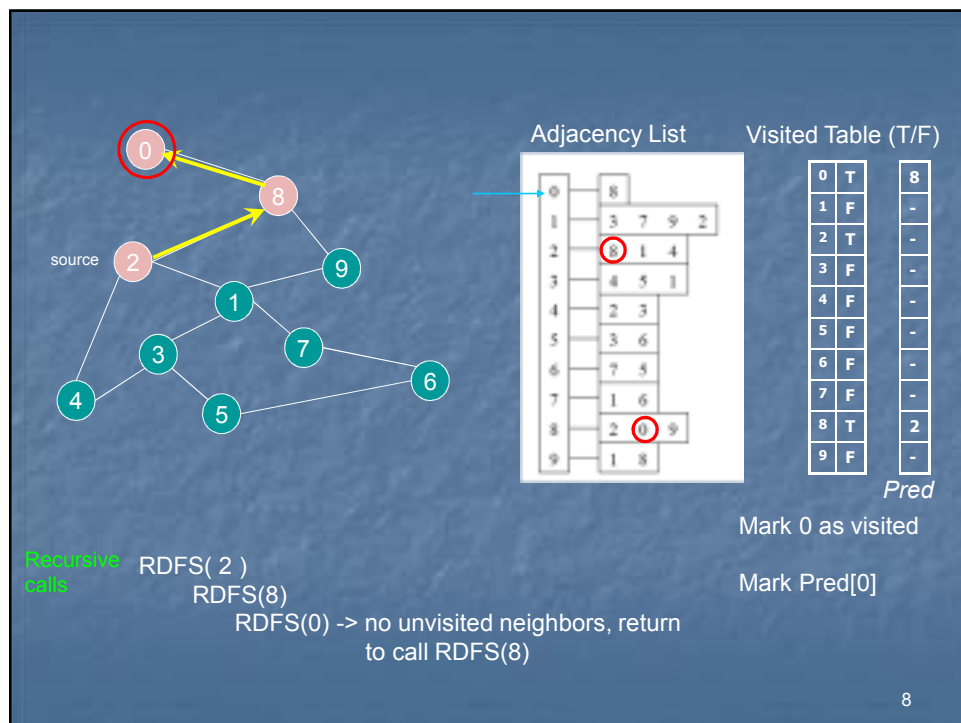
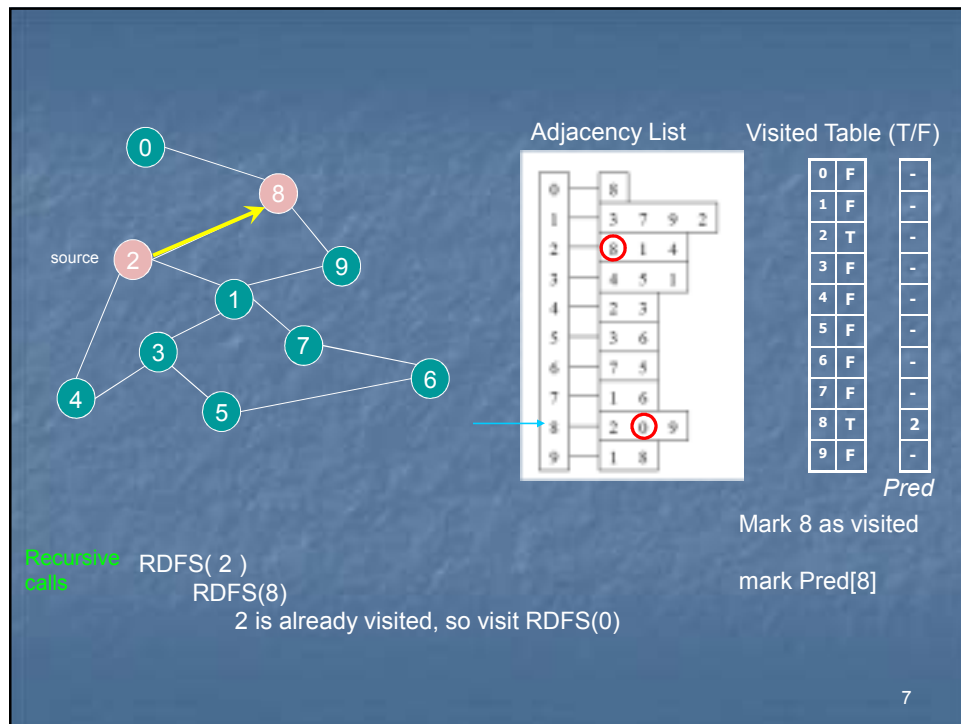
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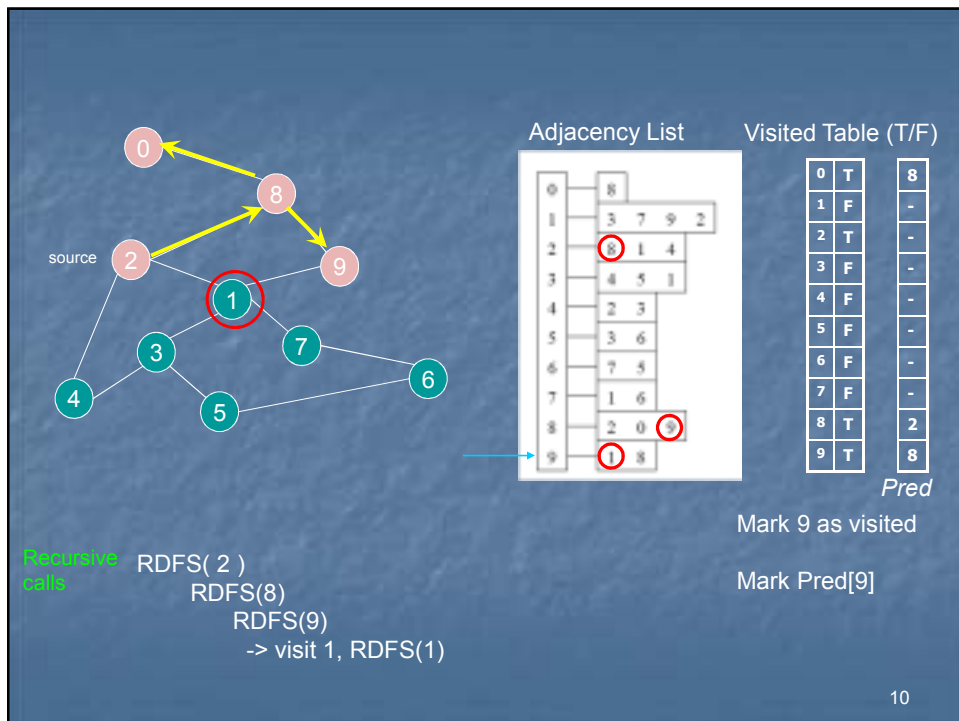
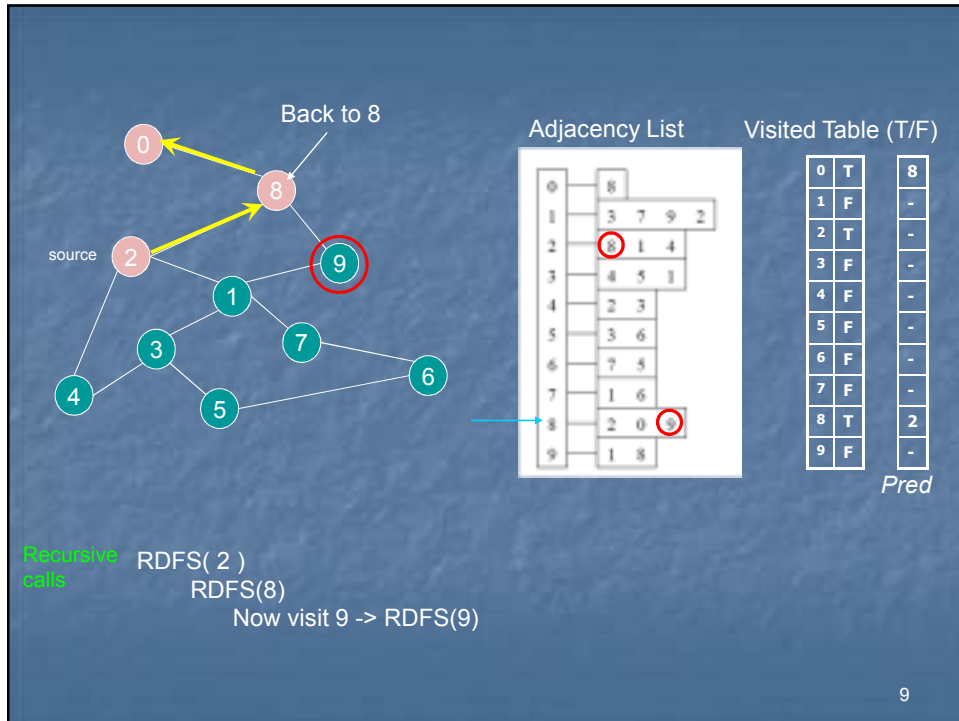
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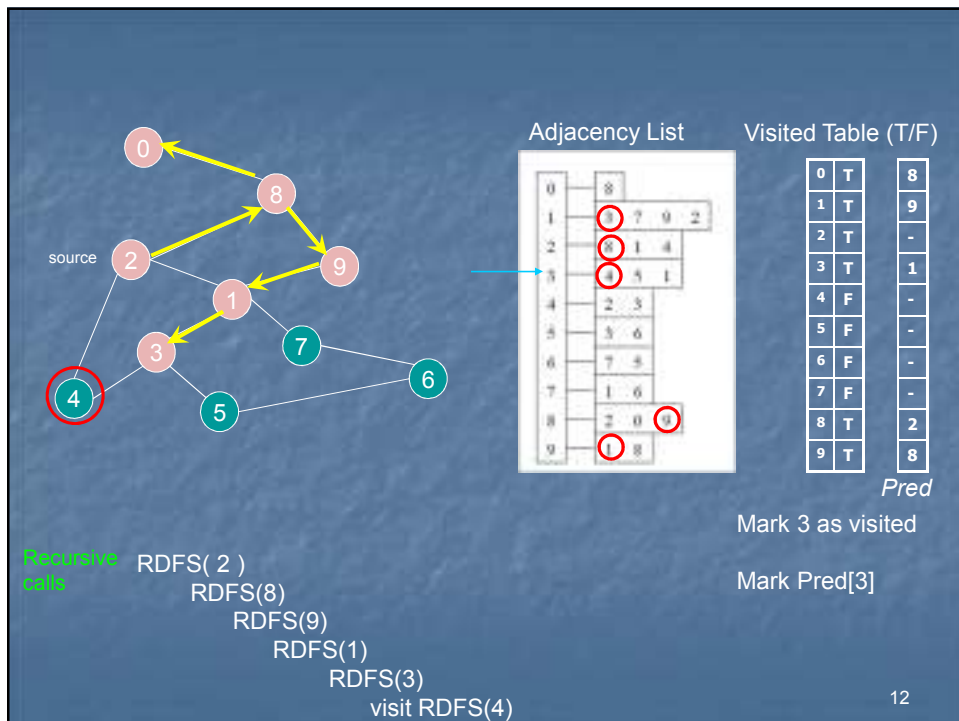
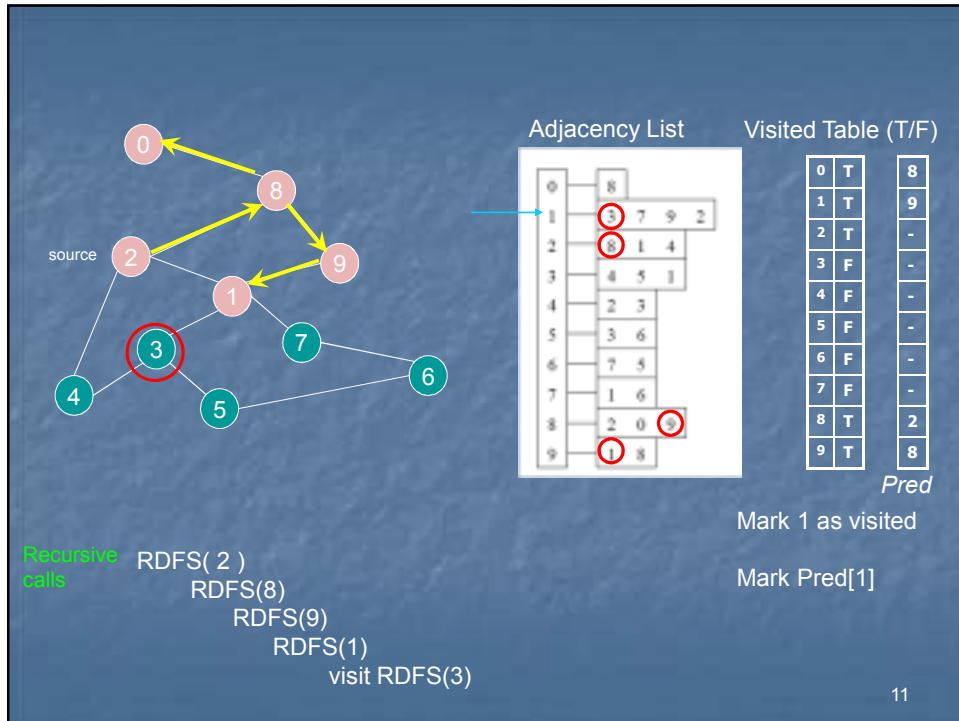
Mark 2 as visited

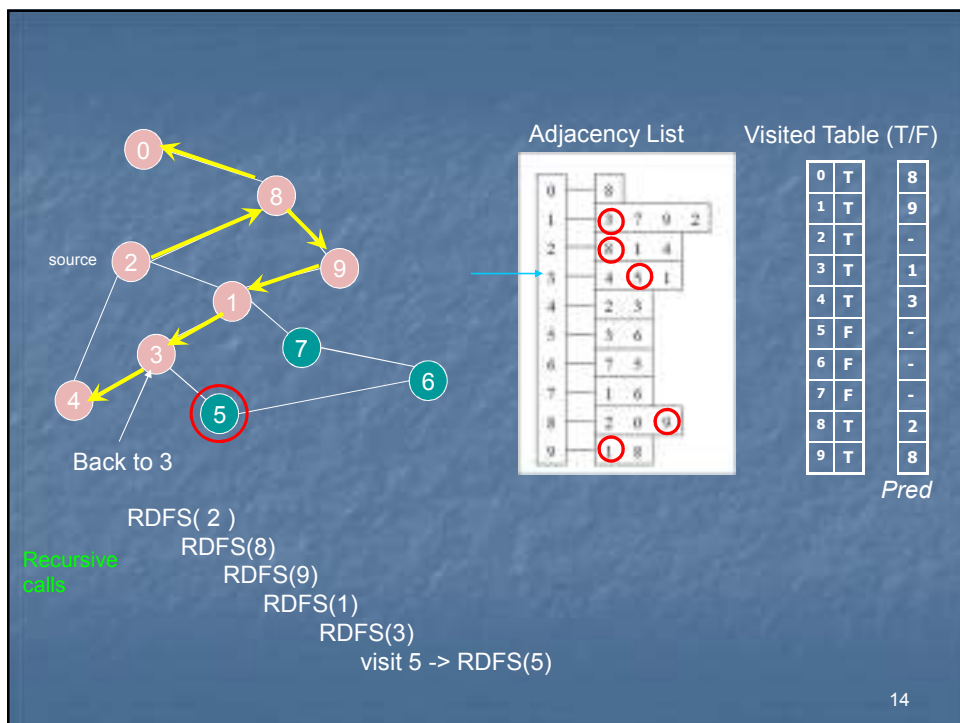
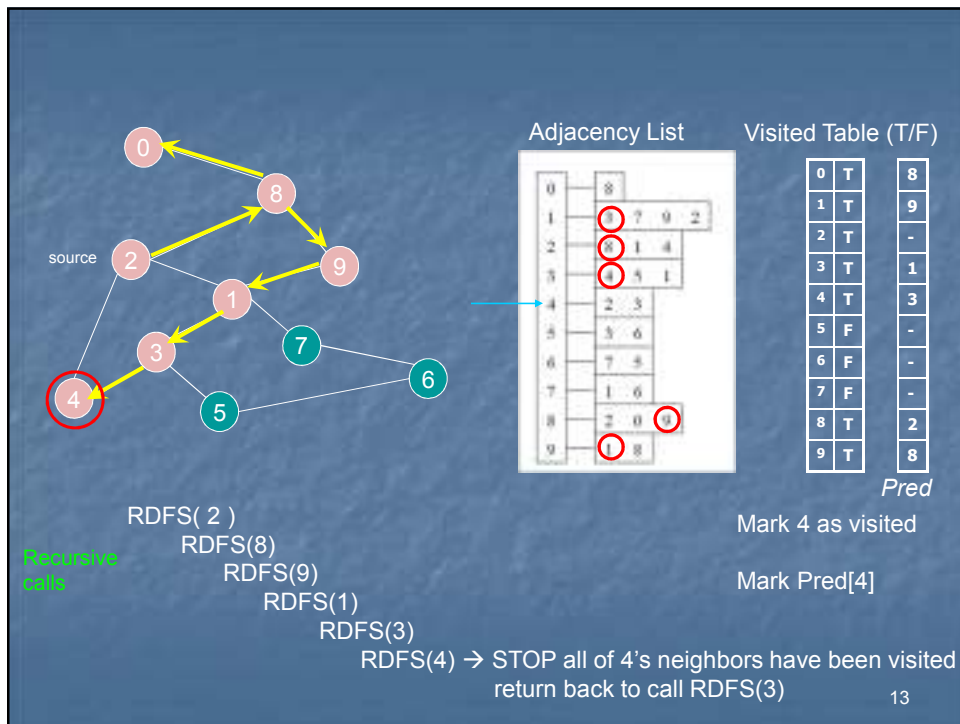
RDFS(2)
Now visit RDFS(8)

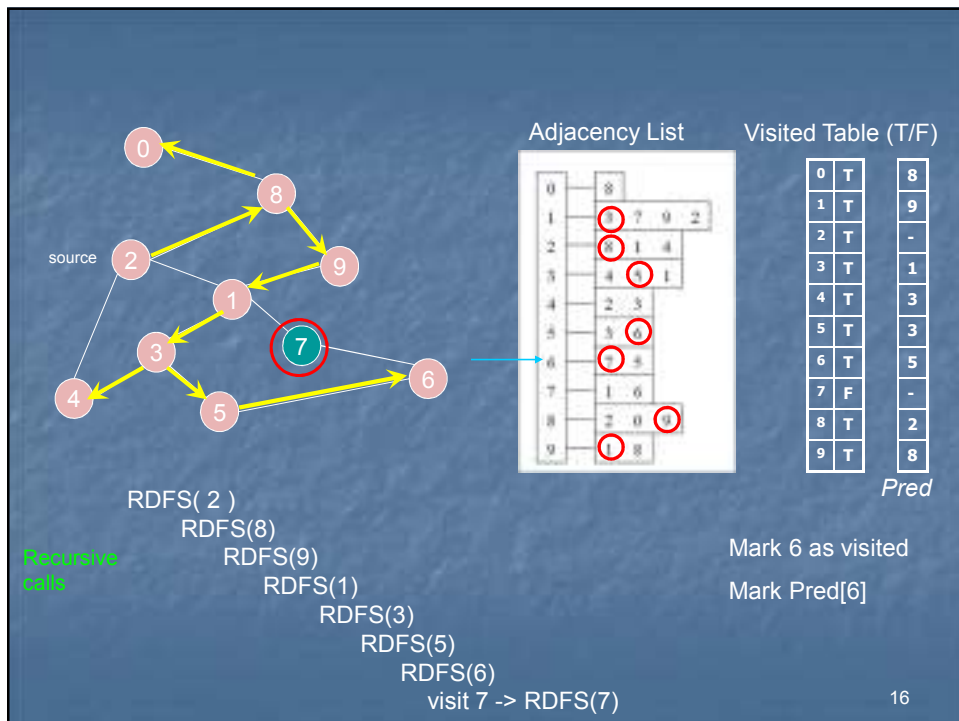
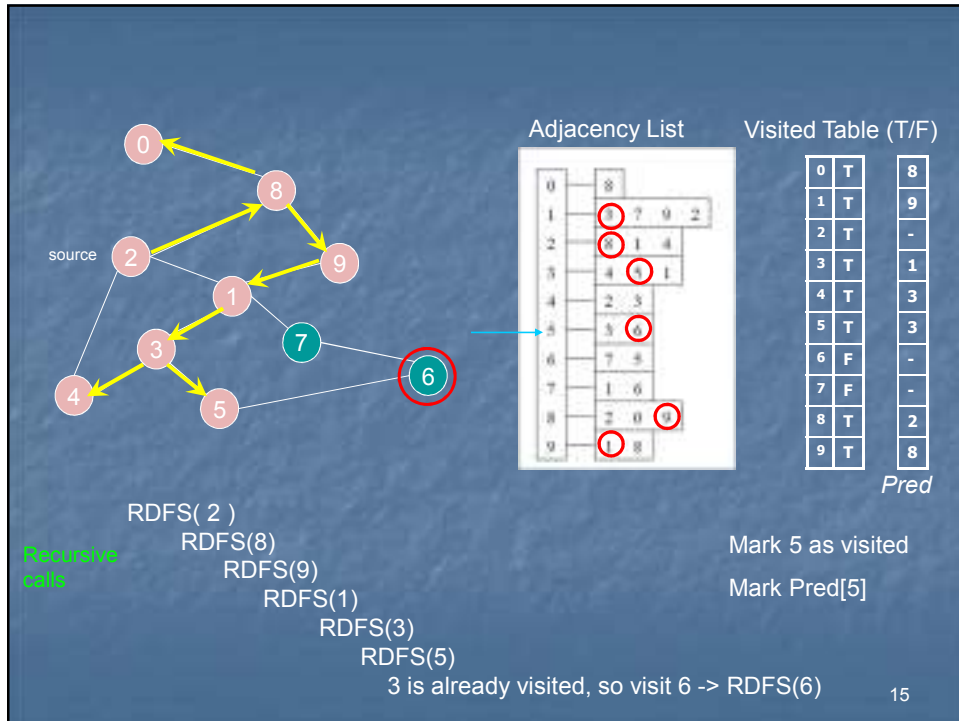
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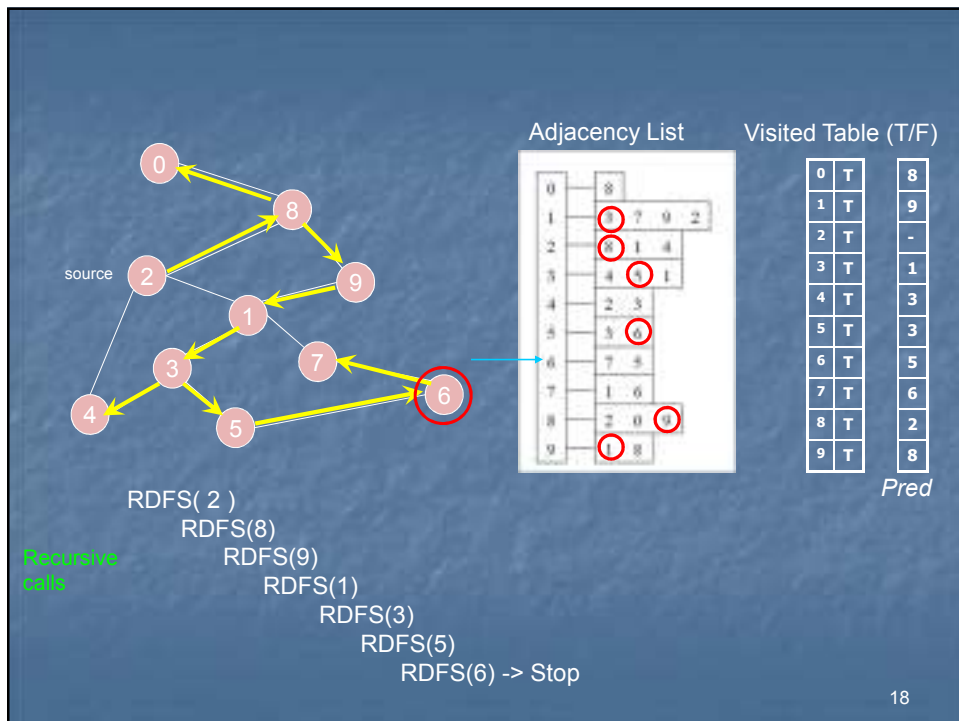
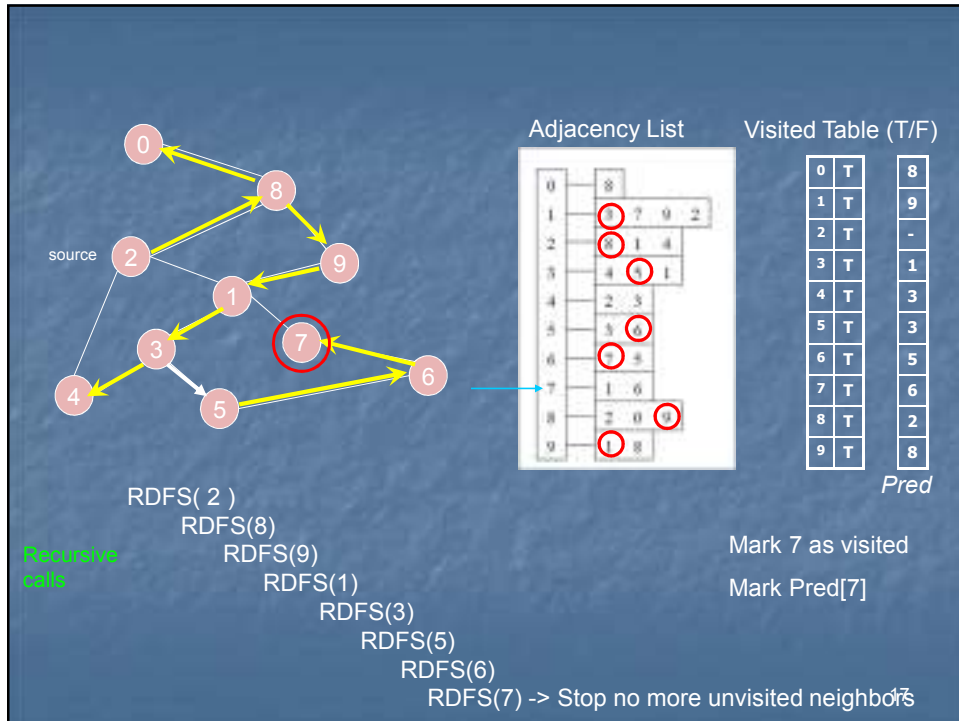


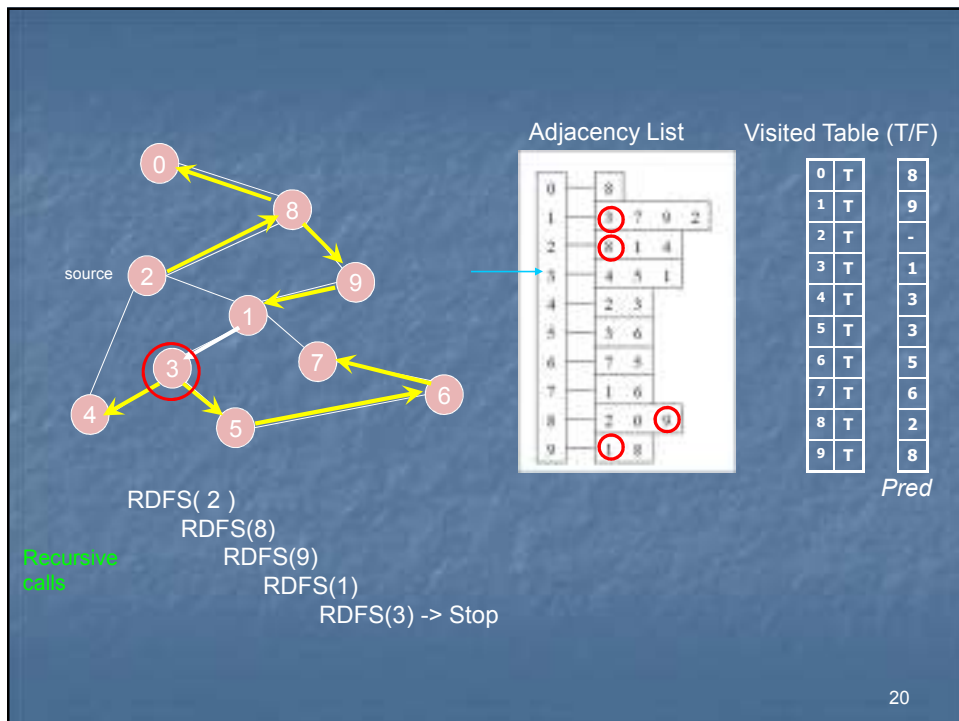
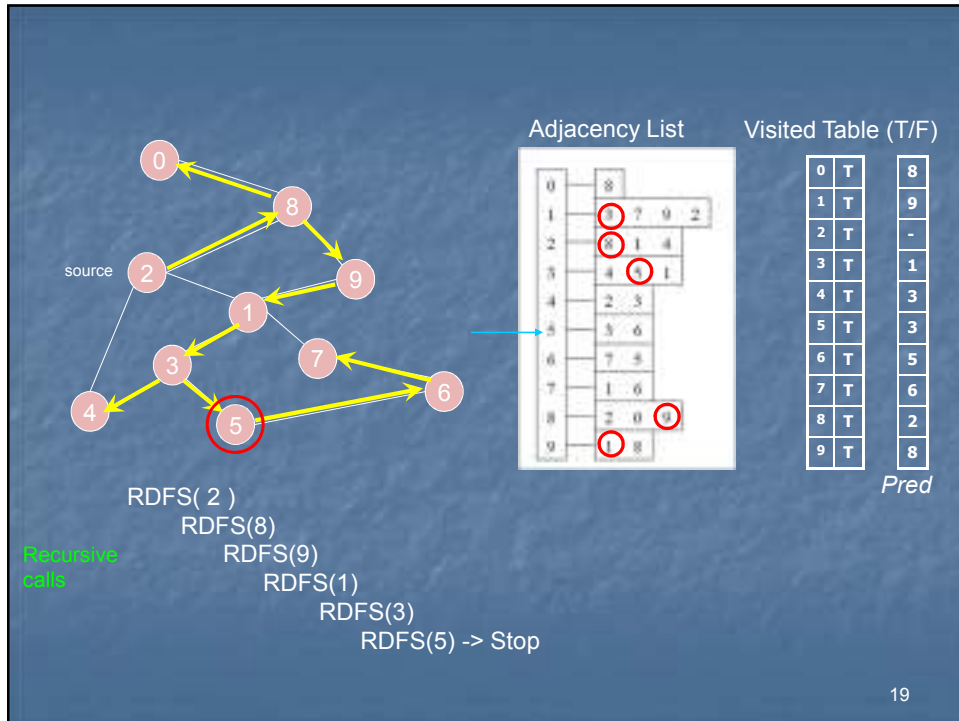


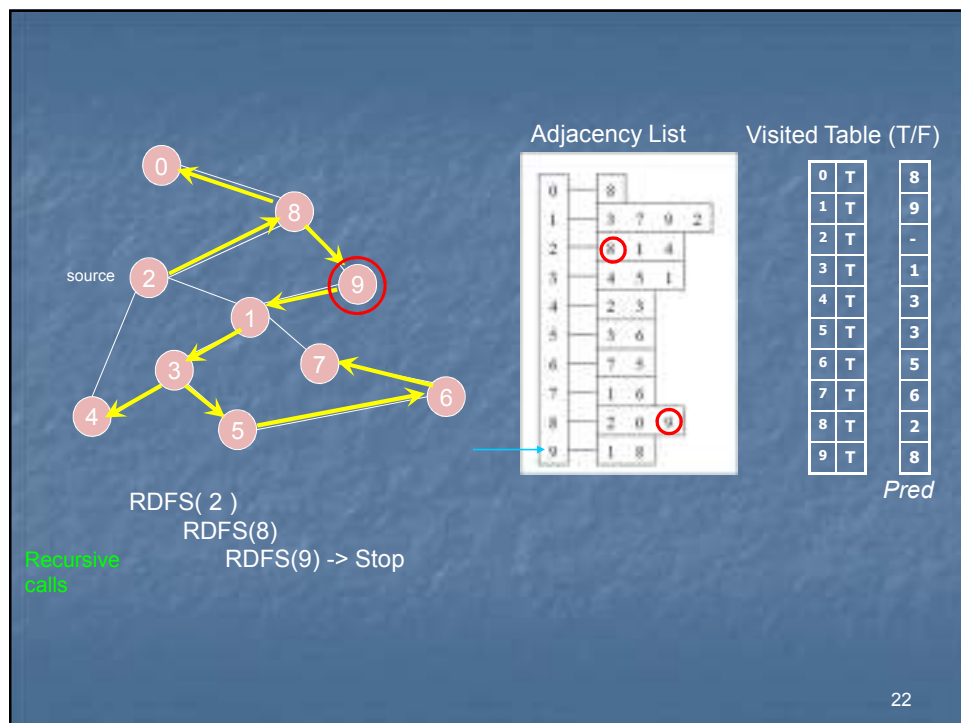
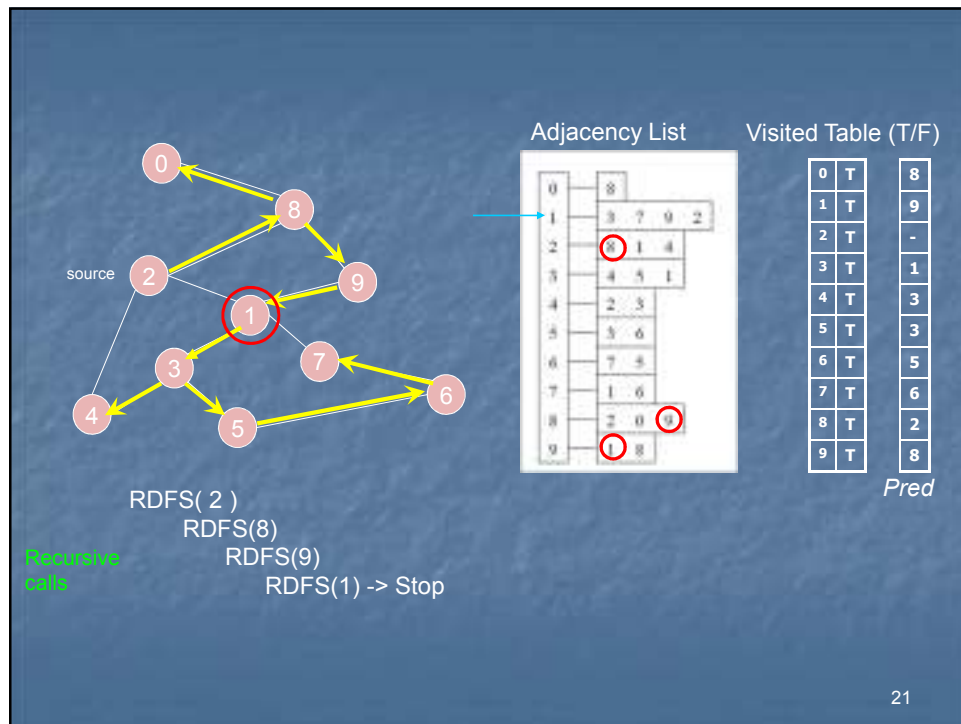


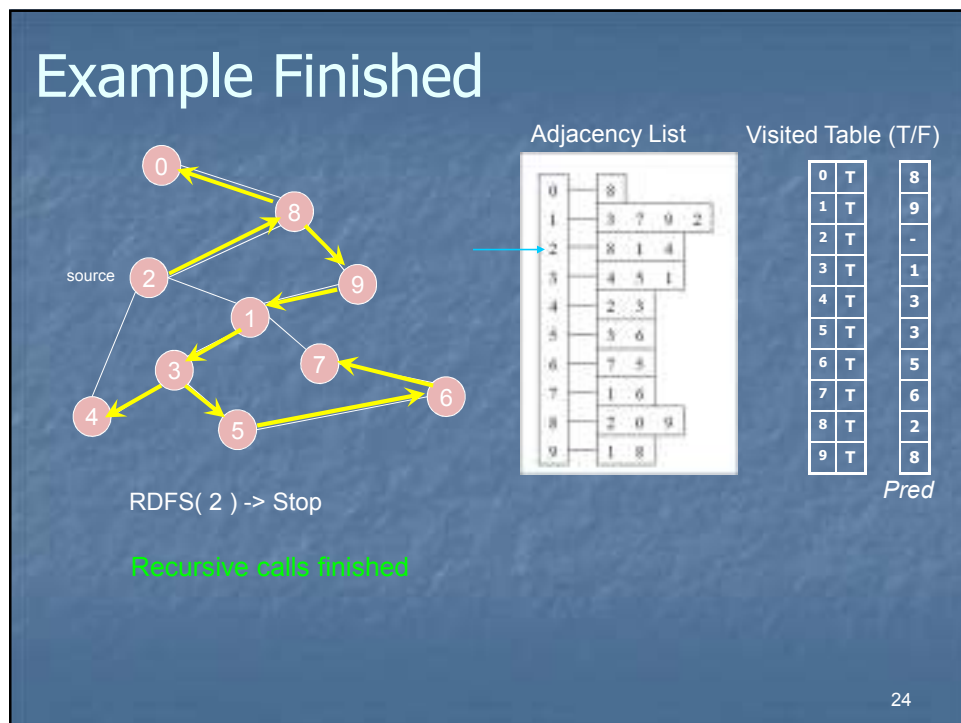
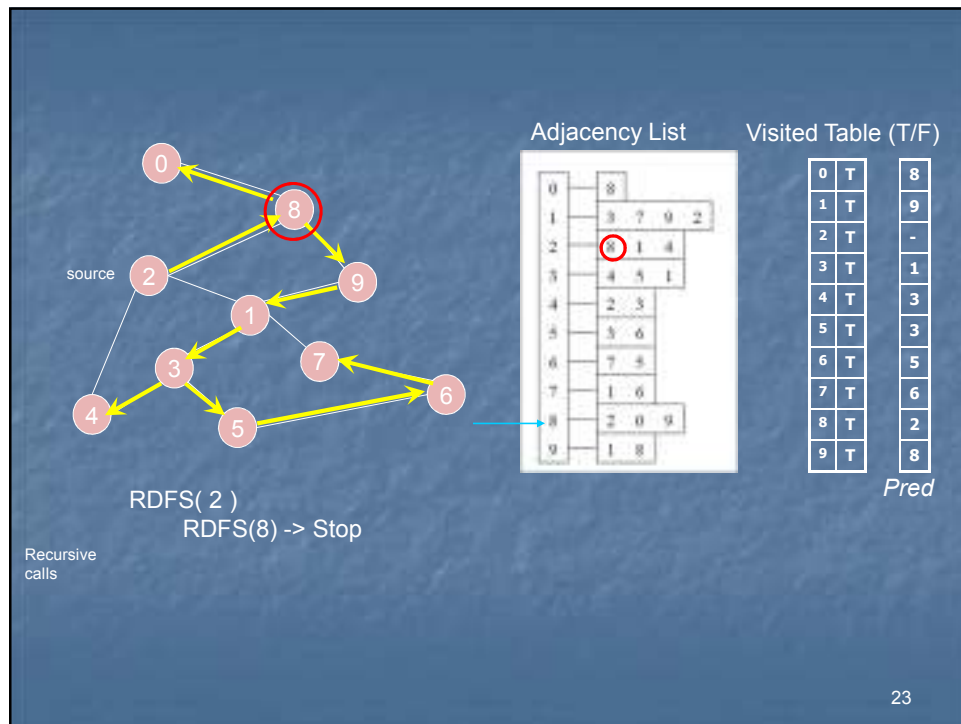












Time Complexity of DFS

- We never visited a vertex more than once.
- We had to examine the adjacency lists of all vertices.
 - $\sum_{\text{vertex } v} \text{degree}(v) = 2E$
- So, the running time of DFS is proportional to the number of edges and number of vertices (same as BFS)
 - $O(V + E)$

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Enhanced DFS Algorithm

- What if a graph is not connected (strongly connected)?
 - Use an enhanced version of DFS, which is similar to the enhanced BFS algorithm.

```
DFSearch( G ) {  
    i = 1;    // component number  
    for every vertex v  
        flag[v] = false;  
    for every vertex v  
        if ( flag[v] == false ) {  
            print ( "Component " + i++ );  
            RDFS( v );  
        }  
}
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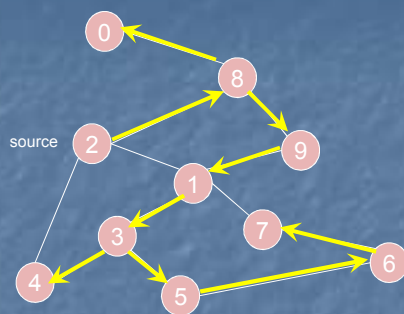
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Applications of DFS

- Is there a path from source s to a vertex v ?
- Is an undirected graph connected?
- Is a directed graph strongly connected?
- To output the contents (e.g., the vertices) of a graph
- To find the connected components of a graph
- To find out if a graph contains cycles and report cycles.
- To construct a DFS tree/forest from a graph

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DFS Path Tracking



DFS find out path too

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

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Pred

Try some examples.
 $Path(0) \rightarrow$
 $Path(6) \rightarrow$
 $Path(7) \rightarrow$

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Next time ...

- Applications of BFS and DFS
- Review

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