

Exercise 23.2-4

Main Idea:

Short version:

In a BFS, the final value $d[u]$ of node u is the length of the shortest path from the root $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$. Therefore, it is independent of the order with which the adj. lists have the nodes. (Theorem 23.4).

Long version:

Induction on the depth $d[u]$.

Hypothesis: For the nodes of depth $d[u] = k$, ~~the~~ the depth does not depend on the adj. list order.

1. Basis: for depth = 0, root.
2. Hyp. : for depth = k .
3. Prove: for depth = $k+1$.