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 - Output:** (1) two timestamps for every $v \in V$
 - $d[v]$ = when v is **first discovered**.
 - $f[v]$ = when v is **finished**.
 - (2) classification of edges

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 - ▶ **White** = a vertex is **undiscovered**
 - ▶ **Gray** = a vertex is discovered, but its processing is **incomplete**
 - ▶ **Black** = a vertex is discovered, and its processing is **complete**

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- ▶ For more properties of DFS, see pp.606-608 of [CLRS,3rd ed.]

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Note: In an undirected graph, there may be some ambiguity since edge (u,v) and (v,u) are the same edge. Classify by the first type that matches.

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BFS contains only **one** processing opportunity for each vertex v , and then it is dequeued