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Proposition: Let T be a BFS tree for $G = (V, E)$.

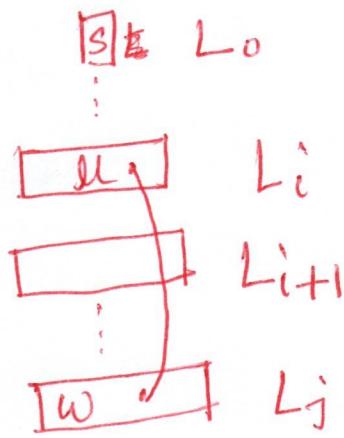
IF $(u, w) \in E$ s.t. $u \in L_i$, $w \in L_j$

$\Rightarrow |i-j| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow i \in \{j-1, j, j+1\}$

Proof idea:

WLOG assume $i \leq j$ [if $i > j$,
without loss of generality change the rules
of $i & j$]

For contradiction, assume $|i-j| > 1 \Rightarrow j > i+1$
 $\Rightarrow j > i+2$



Consider the situation when BFS is creating L_{i+1} .
 $\Rightarrow u \in L_i$, $w \notin L_0, \dots, L_i$
 $\Rightarrow (u, w) \in E$
 $\Rightarrow w$ will be added by BFS to L_{i+1}
 \Rightarrow contradicts $w \in L_j$ for $j > i+2$ \square