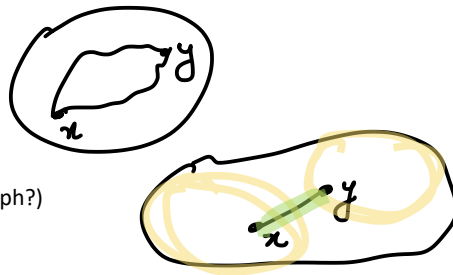


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## Depth First Search (DFS)

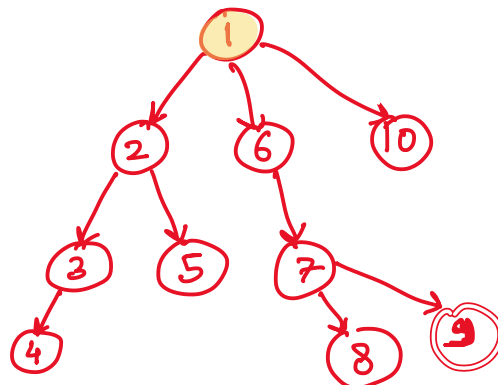
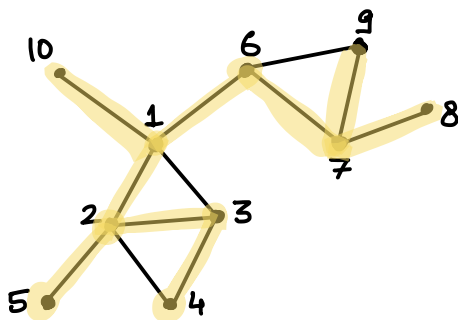
### Applications:

- ✓ • **Biconnected** components of a graph.  
(Are there two edge-disjoint-paths between each vertex-pair ?)
- ✓ • Finding **bridges** in a graph.  
(List all those edges  $e$  for which failure of  $e$  in  $G$  disconnects the graph?)
- **Planarity testing** of a graph  
(Can a given graph be embedded in a plane ?)
- **Strongly connected** components of a directed graph.  
(the extension of connectivity in case of directed graphs)



In **BFS**: we explore layer by layer, so each vertex explores all neighbors.

In **DFS**: explores as far as possible along each branch and then back trace.



**Recursive Code:** Initially mark all vertices in  $G$  as "unvisited".

Set - 1 starting node

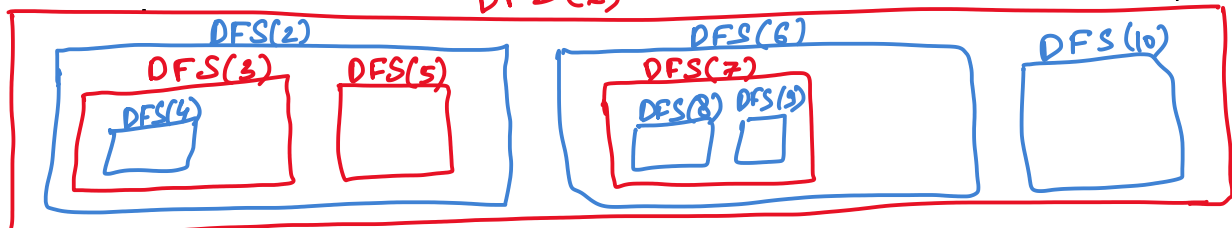
**DFS(x):**

└ Mark  $x$  as "visited".

└ For each neighbour  $y$  of  $x$ :

    If  $y$  is "unvisited" then 1) set  $y$  as child of  $x$ , and 2) invoke **DFS(y)**.

**DFS(1)**



**Lemma 1:** The vertices visited during recursive call  $DFS(x)$  are descendants of  $x$  in DFS tree

**Proof:** To prove the claim we will apply induction on the depth of DFS tree and proceed in a bottom-up manner.

Hyp(i) : For each vertex  $x$  at depth " $i$ " in the DFS tree, we have:

"vertices visited by DFS( $x$ ) = descendants of  $x$  in the DFS tree"

Hyp(i)  $\Rightarrow$  Hyp(i-1) :

Take a vertex " $x$ " at depth " $i-1$ ". We have two cases.

**Case 1:**  $x$  is a leaf node: In this case DFS( $x$ ) only visits itself as all its neighbors are already visited. So vertices visited by DFS( $x$ ) =  $\{x\}$  = descendants of  $x$  in the DFS tree.

**Case 2:**  $x$  is an internal node: Let " $x_1, \dots, x_k$ " be children of  $x$ . These children have depth " $i$ ". Observe that in the recursive call of DFS( $x$ ), we visit  $x$  and invoke DFS( $x_1$ ), ..., DFS( $x_k$ ).

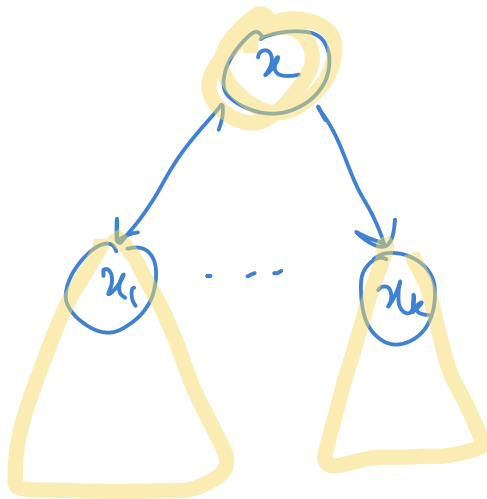
Therefore, vertices visited by DFS( $x$ ) =  $\{x\}$  + vertices visited by DFS( $x_1$ ), ..., DFS( $x_k$ ).

By applying induction hypothesis on vertices  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  lying at depth " $i$ ", we get:

vertices visited by DFS( $x$ ) =  $\{x\}$  + descendants of  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  in the DFS tree.

Since right-side term in above expression is just descendants of  $x$  (why?), we get following:

vertices visited by DFS( $x$ ) = descendants of  $x$  in the DFS tree.

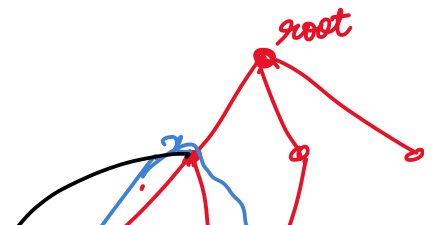


**Lemma 1:** The vertices visited during recursive call DFS( $x$ ) are descendants of  $x$  in DFS tree.

**Lemma 2:** Let  $T$  be a DFS tree of  $G=(V,E)$ , and  $(x, y)$  be a non-tree edge of  $G$  satisfying  $x, y$  are vertices in  $T$ . Then one of  $x$  or  $y$  is an ancestor of the other.

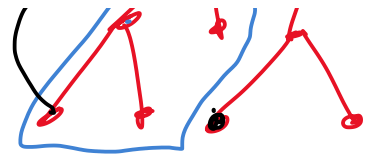
**Proof:** Suppose  $x$  is visited before  $y$  in DFS traversal.

Before function DFS( $x$ ) returns, it must have visited  $y$ .



(Why? - bcoz  $y$  is neighbour of  $x$ ).

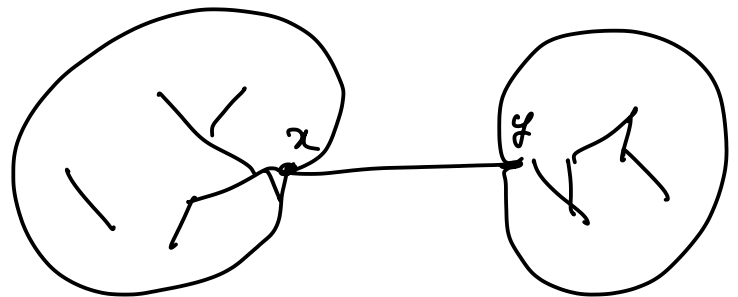
So by Lemma 1,  $y$  must be a descendant of  $x$  in the DFS tree.



Each non-tree edge  $(x, y)$  satisfy the cond<sup>n</sup>

" $\exists$  ancestor - descendant relation b/w  $x$  &  $y$ "

**Bridge Edge:** An edge  $(x, y)$  is said to be a bridge edge if  $x$  and  $y$  are disconnected in  $G \setminus (x, y)$ .



Q1. If  $G$  is connected and  $(x, y)$  is bridge edge, then implies  $(x, y)$  is a tree-edge.

Q2. If  $x$  is parent of  $y$  in DFS tree, and  $(x, y)$  is be then  $\underbrace{T(y)}_{\text{descendant of } y}$  has no non-tree edges that connect

How Q1, Q2 imply

$O(m+n)$  time algo to find  
 no of edges in  $G$       vertices      ALL Bridge edges

