



Depth First Search (DFS)

Applications:

Biconnected components of a graph.

(Are there two edge-disjoint-paths between each vertex-pair?)

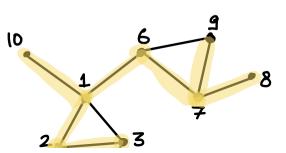
Finding **bridges** in a graph.

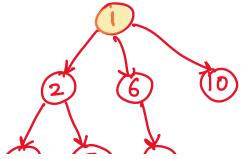
(List all those edges e for which failure of e in G disconnects the graph?)

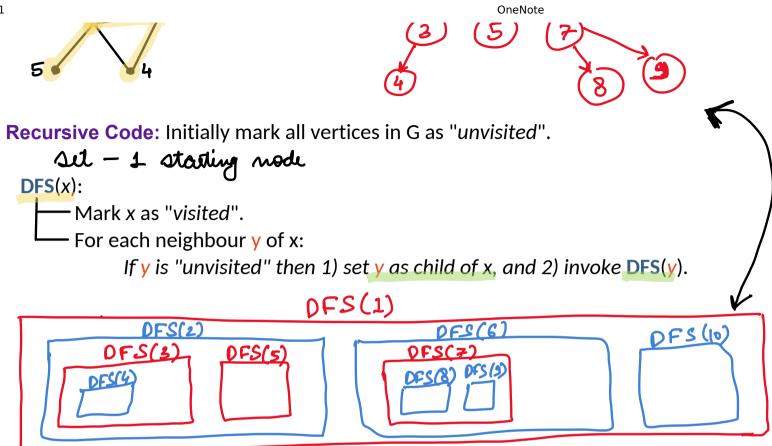
- Planarity testing of a graph (Can a given graph be embedded in a plane?)
- Strongly connected components of a directed graph.
- (the extension of connectivity in case of directed graphs)

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.







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) => Hyp(i-1):

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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 a internal node: Let "x1, ..., xk" be children of x. These children have depth "i". Observe that in the recursive call of DFS(x), we visit x and invoke DFS(x1),...,DFS(xk).

Therefore, vertices visited by DFS(x) = $\{x\}$ + <u>vertices visited by DFS(x1), ..., DFS(xk)</u>.

By applying induction hypothesis on vertices x1,...,xk lying at depth "i", we get:

vertices visited by DFS(x) = $\{x\}$ + descendants of x1, ..., xk in the DFS tree.

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

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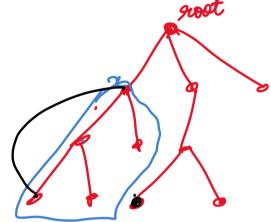
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Lemma 2: Let T be a DFS tree of G=(V,E), and (x, y) be a non-tree edge of G satisfying x,y are vertices in T. Then one of x or y is an ancestor of the other.

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

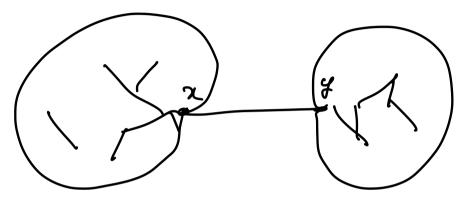
Before function DFS(x) returns, it must have visited y. (Why? - bcoz y is neighbour of x).

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



Each non-tree edge (2,y) satisfy the cond"
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Bridge Edge: An edge (x,y) is said to be a bridge edge if x and y are disconnected in $G\setminus(x,y)$.



If G is connected and G,y) is beidge edge, then it implies (x,y) is a tea-edge.

Oz. If it is posent of y in OFS tee, and (x,y) is beidge edge then T(y) has no non-tree edges that cong from encestor of y. descent ofy

How O1, O2 imply

O(m+n) time algo do find

no of edges vertice ALL Beidge edges.
in G