

Exercise 1: Cycle Detection in Directed Graphs

Implement a function to determine whether a directed graph contains at least one cycle and, if a cycle exists, print the vertices forming the cycle. Your solution must use a modified depth-first search (DFS) that keeps track of the recursion stack.

A directed graph contains a cycle if there exists a path from some vertex v back to itself. During DFS traversal, encountering an edge that points to a vertex currently in the recursion stack indicates a *back edge*, which confirms the presence of a cycle.

Maintain three states for each vertex:

- **UNVISITED (0)**: the vertex has not been explored,
- **VISITING (1)**: the vertex is part of the current DFS recursion stack,
- **VISITED (2)**: the vertex and all its descendants have been fully processed.

If DFS reaches a vertex in the VISITING state, a cycle has been found. To reconstruct the cycle, maintain a `parent[]` array. When a back edge $u \rightarrow v$ is discovered, follow the parent pointers from u until you return to v , thereby producing the sequence of vertices that form the cycle.

Use an adjacency list to represent the directed graph and a `state[]` array to track the state of each vertex. Your function should return a boolean value indicating whether a cycle exists, and if so, print the cycle.

Time Complexity:

$O(V + E)$, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges.

Sample Test Case

Input: A directed graph with 4 vertices and edges: $0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 1$

Output:

Cycle detected: true

Cycle: $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$

Exercise 2: Bipartiteness Testing for Undirected Graphs

Determine whether a given undirected graph is bipartite. A graph is bipartite if its vertices can be partitioned into two disjoint sets such that every edge connects vertices from different sets.

A graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd-length cycles. The algorithmic approach involves attempting to 2-color the graph using BFS. If a valid 2-coloring exists, the graph is bipartite; otherwise, it is not.

Algorithm Steps

1. Initialize a `color[]` array with -1 for all vertices (indicating uncolored).
2. For each uncolored vertex (to handle disconnected components):
 - (a) Start BFS from that vertex and assign it color 0.
 - (b) For each neighbor:
 - If uncolored, assign the opposite color (1 if current is 0, or 0 if current is 1).

- If a neighbor already has the same color as the current vertex, the graph is not bipartite.
- (c) Continue BFS until the component is fully processed.

3. If all components can be successfully 2-colored, the graph is bipartite.

Use BFS for the coloring process and handle disconnected graphs by iterating over all vertices. Use an integer array `color[]` with values $\{-1, 0, 1\}$, and return or print a clear statement about bipartiteness. As an optional extension, if the graph is bipartite, output the two vertex sets.

$O(V + E)$, as each vertex and edge is processed at most once.

Sample Test Case

Input: An undirected graph with 4 vertices and edges: $0 - 1, 1 - 2, 2 - 3, 3 - 0$

Output: The graph is bipartite

Explanation: Sets $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{1, 3\}$ form a valid bipartition.

Exercise 3: Topological Sorting Using Indegrees

Implement Kahn's algorithm for topological sorting of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) using a queue and indegree computation. If the graph contains a cycle, report that no valid topological order exists.

A topological sort of a directed graph is a linear ordering of its vertices such that for every directed edge $u \rightarrow v$, vertex u appears before v in the ordering. Topological sorting is only possible for DAGs.

The indegree of a vertex is the number of incoming edges. A vertex with indegree 0 has no prerequisites and can be processed immediately.

Algorithm Overview (Kahn's Algorithm)

1. Compute the indegree for all vertices by iterating through all edges.
2. Initialize a queue and enqueue all vertices with indegree 0.
3. While the queue is not empty:
 - (a) Dequeue a vertex v and append it to the topological order.
 - (b) For each outgoing edge $v \rightarrow w$:
 - Decrement the indegree of w .
 - If the indegree of w becomes 0, enqueue w .
4. After processing, if the number of vertices in the topological order equals the total number of vertices, output the order. Otherwise, report that the graph contains a cycle and no topological order exists.

Use an adjacency list representation and maintain an `indegree[]` array. Use a queue (FIFO structure) for processing vertices, output the topological order as a sequence of vertices, and detect and report cycles appropriately.

$O(V + E)$, as we process each vertex and edge exactly once.

Sample Test Case

Input: A directed graph with 6 vertices and edges: $5 \rightarrow 2, 5 \rightarrow 0, 4 \rightarrow 0, 4 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 1$

Output: Topological order: 4 5 2 0 3 1
(or another valid ordering)