

Design and implement C/C++ Program to obtain the Topological ordering of vertices in a given digraph.

◆ Introduction to Topological Sorting

Topological sorting is an ordering of vertices in a **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)** such that for every directed edge (u,v), **vertex u appears before vertex v in the ordering**. This is useful in scheduling tasks, dependency resolution, and ordering steps in a workflow.

◆ Concepts Used in the Program

1. Graph Representation

- The graph is represented using an **adjacency list** implemented with a `vector<vector<int>>` `adj`.
- Each vertex stores a list of vertices it directs edges to.

2. Depth-First Search (DFS) Approach for Topological Sorting

- The function `topologicalSortUtil` uses **DFS** to visit nodes and push them onto a stack **after all their neighbors have been visited**.
- The **stack ensures that dependencies are resolved** first before processing a node.

3. Stack-based Ordering

- Once DFS traversal is complete, elements are popped from the stack to obtain the **topological ordering**.

4. Graph Construction

- The function `addEdge(v, w)` adds a **directed edge** from $v \rightarrow w$ to the adjacency list.

◆ DFS-Based Topological Sorting

1. **Mark the current node as visited.**
2. **Recursively visit all its adjacent nodes.**
3. **Push the node onto the stack after visiting all its neighbors.**

The above program is based on **DFS (Depth-First Search) for Topological Sorting**.

◆ Why is it DFS-Based?

1. Recursive Traversal

- The function `topologicalSortUtil(int v, vector<bool>& visited, stack<int>& Stack)` is a **DFS-based recursive function** that explores each node and its adjacent nodes **before pushing it onto the stack**.

2. Stack-Based Ordering

- Once all adjacent nodes of a vertex v are visited, v is pushed onto the stack, ensuring that **dependencies are processed first**.

3. Reverse Order Output

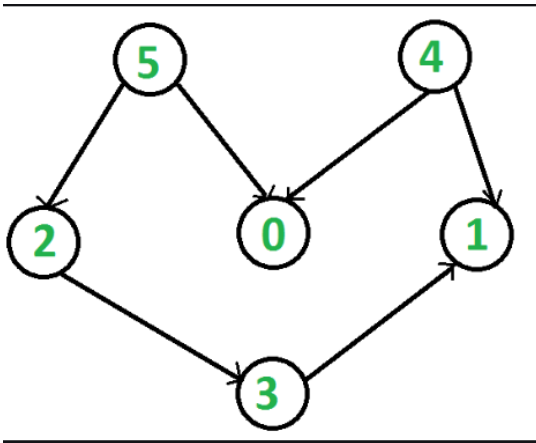
- The final **topological order** is obtained by popping elements from the stack, which maintains the correct dependency order.
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◆ Difference from Source-Removal Algorithm (Kahn's Algorithm)

- **DFS-Based Approach (Current Program)**
 - Uses **recursion and a stack** to process dependencies.
 - Time Complexity: $O(V + E)$
 - Works well in **recursive problems and graph traversals**.
- **Source-Removal (Kahn's Algorithm)**
 - Uses **in-degree counting** to find nodes with no incoming edges.
 - Uses a **queue (BFS-based)** instead of recursion.
 - Also runs in $O(V + E)$ but is better suited for **iterative approaches**.

🔪 Dry Run (Step-by-Step Execution)



Given Graph with 6 vertices (0 to 5)

The edges are:

$5 \rightarrow 2$

$5 \rightarrow 0$

$4 \rightarrow 0$

$4 \rightarrow 1$

$2 \rightarrow 3$

$3 \rightarrow 1$

This forms the **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)**.

Graph Representation (Adjacency List)

$0 \rightarrow []$

$1 \rightarrow []$

$2 \rightarrow [3]$

$3 \rightarrow [1]$

$4 \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$5 \rightarrow [2, 0]$

Initialization

visited = {false, false, false, false, false, false}

Stack = {} (empty)

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Step-by-Step Execution of topologicalSort()

We iterate over all vertices from $i = 0$ to $i = 5$, calling topologicalSortUtil() for unvisited nodes.

Iteration 1: $i = 0$

Already visited, skip.

Iteration 2: $i = 1$

Already visited, skip.

Iteration 3: $i = 2$

Not visited → Call topologicalSortUtil(2)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(2)

visited = {false, false, true, false, false, false}

neighbor = 3 (not visited) → Call topologicalSortUtil(3)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(3)

visited = {false, false, true, true, false, false}

neighbor = 1 (not visited) → Call topologicalSortUtil(1)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(1)

visited = {false, true, true, true, false, false}

No outgoing edges → Push 1 to Stack

Stack = {1} → Return to topologicalSortUtil(3)

Back to topologicalSortUtil(3)

Push 3 to Stack

Stack = {3, 1} → Return to topologicalSortUtil(2)

Back to topologicalSortUtil(2)

Push 2 to Stack

Stack = {2, 3, 1} → Return to topologicalSort()

Iteration 4: $i = 3$

Already visited, skip.

Iteration 5: $i = 4$

Not visited → Call topologicalSortUtil(4)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(4)

visited = {false, true, true, true, true, false}

neighbor = 0 (not visited) → Call topologicalSortUtil(0)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(0)

visited = {true, true, true, true, true, false}

No outgoing edges → Push 0 to Stack

Stack = {0, 2, 3, 1} → Return to topologicalSortUtil(4)

Back to topologicalSortUtil(4)

neighbor = 1 (already visited) → Skip

Push 4 to Stack

Stack = {4, 0, 2, 3, 1} → Return to topologicalSort()

Iteration 6: $i = 5$

Not visited → Call topologicalSortUtil(5)

Inside topologicalSortUtil(5)

visited = {true, true, true, true, true, true}

neighbor = 2 (already visited) → Skip

neighbor = 0 (already visited) → Skip

Push 5 to Stack

Stack = {5, 4, 0, 2, 3, 1} → Return to topologicalSort()

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Final Output

Thus, the Topological Sort of the given graph is:

$5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$

★ Time Complexity Analysis

- **DFS Traversal:** $O(V+E)$, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges.
- **Pushing into stack:** $O(V)$.
- **Overall Complexity:** $O(V+E)$.

✓ Key Takeaways

- ✓ **DFS-based Topological Sorting** works by **visiting a node's dependencies first** before the node itself.
- ✓ **Stack-based ordering** ensures correct dependency resolution.
- ✓ **Works only for DAGs**, as cycles make topological sorting impossible.
- ✓ **Time Complexity:** $O(V+E)$ $O(V + E)$ $O(V+E)$, making it efficient for large graphs.

Source code:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <stack>
using namespace std;

class Graph {
    int V;
    vector<vector<int>>> adj;
    void topologicalSortUtil(int v, vector<bool>& visited, stack<int>& Stack);

public:
    Graph(int V) : V(V), adj(V) {} // Constructor using member initializer list
    void addEdge(int v, int w) { adj[v].push_back(w); }
    void topologicalSort();
};

void Graph::topologicalSortUtil(int v, vector<bool>& visited, stack<int>& Stack) {
    visited[v] = true;
    for (int neighbor : adj[v]) {
        if (!visited[neighbor]) {
            topologicalSortUtil(neighbor, visited, Stack);
        }
    }
    Stack.push(v);
}

void Graph::topologicalSort() {
    stack<int> Stack;
    vector<bool> visited(V, false);
    for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
        if (!visited[i]) {
            topologicalSortUtil(i, visited, Stack);
        }
    }
    cout << "Topological sorting: ";
    while (!Stack.empty()) {
        cout << Stack.top() << " ";
    }
}
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```
Stack.pop();
}
cout << endl;
}

int main() {
    Graph g(6);
    g.addEdge(5, 2);
    g.addEdge(5, 0);
    g.addEdge(4, 0);
    g.addEdge(4, 1);
    g.addEdge(2, 3);
    g.addEdge(3, 1);

    cout << "Following is a Topological Sort of the given graph:\n";
    g.topologicalSort();
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

**Following is a Topological Sort of the given graph:
Topological sorting: 5 4 2 3 1 0**

=== Code Execution Successful ===