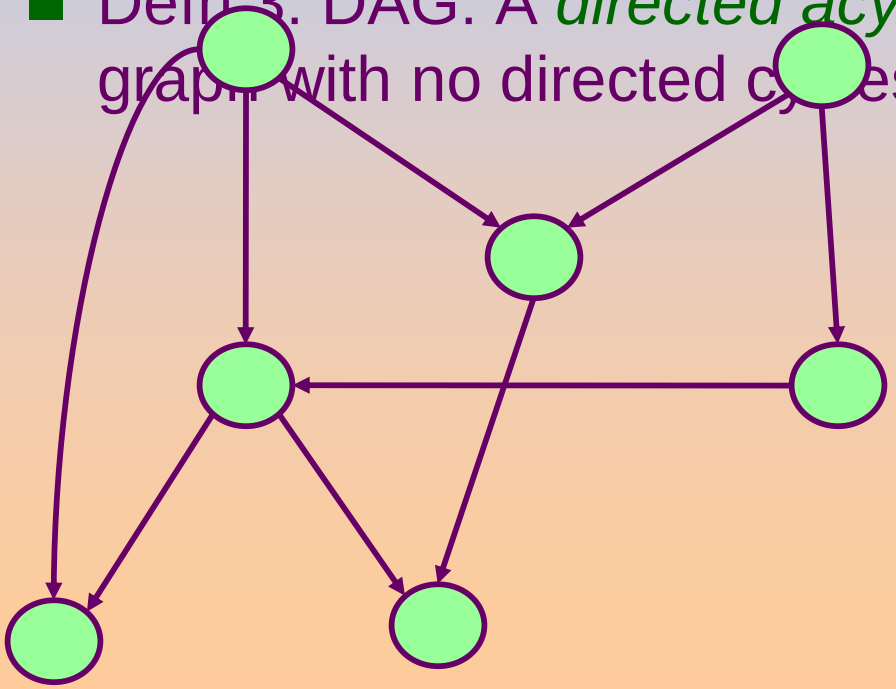
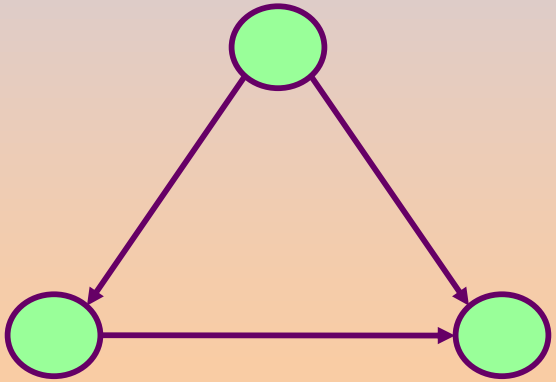
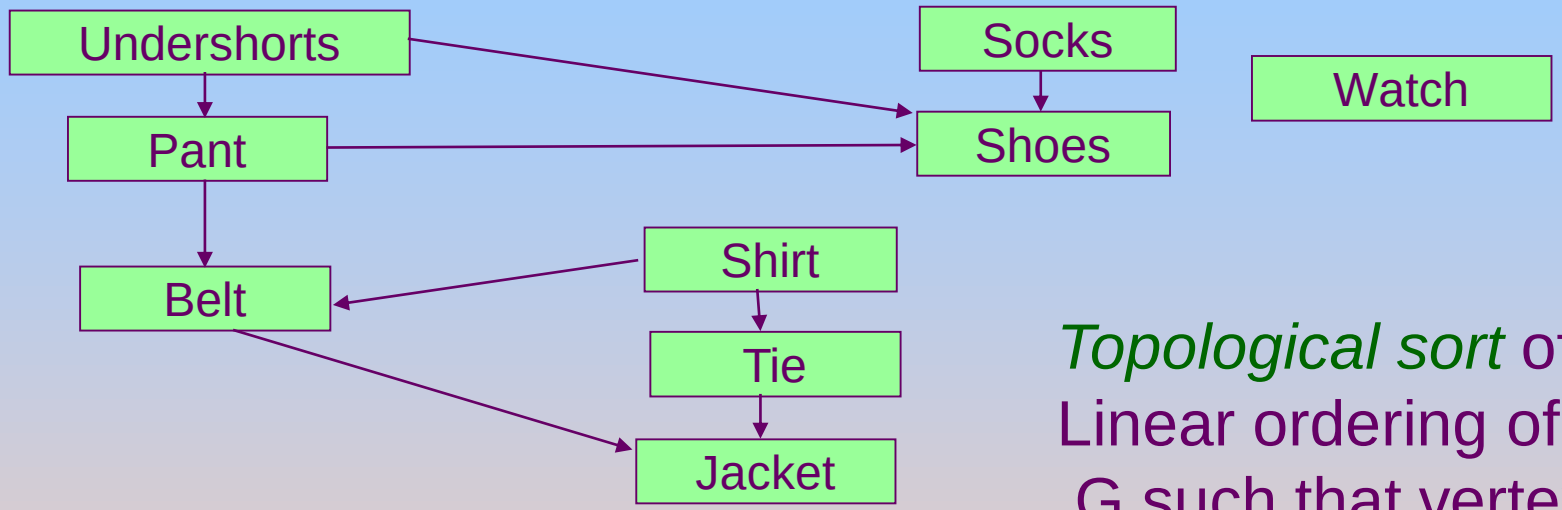
# Definitions

- Defn 1: Indegree : The number of incoming edges into a node
- Defn 2: Outdegree: The number of outgoing edges from a node
- Defn 3: DAG: A *directed acyclic graph(DAG)* is a directed graph with no directed cycles:





# Topological Sort




*Topological sort* of a DAG:
Linear ordering of all vertice
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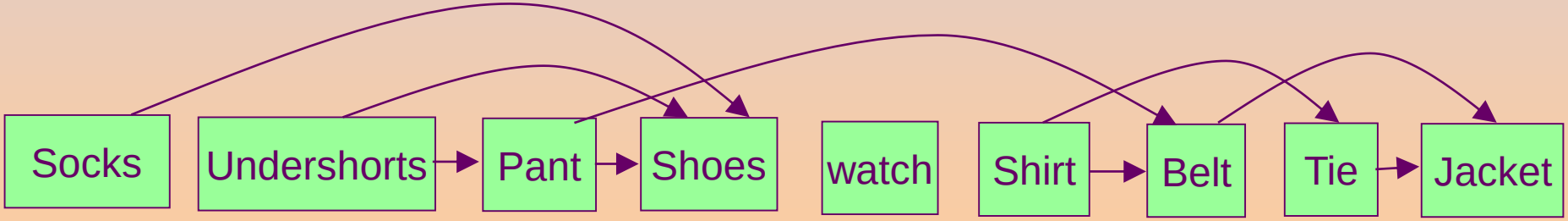

- Topological sort was defined as “Linear ordering of all vertices in graph G such that vertex *u* comes before vertex *v* if edge (*u*, *v*) $\in$ G”

Propose an algorithm that can produce a topological sorted sequence of the nodes in a DAG.
(Hint:Use the statement in question 3 which said “If there is a path from a node u to another node v in a DAG, then f(u) > f(v)”.)

Idea: Print all nodes in decreasing order of finish times

Do a DFS and write out the start and finish times.

While putting down a finish time, push the node into a stack as well.

After the DFS is complete, pop from stack and print

# Kahn's algorithms

- There could be many other alternate ways to find the topological sorted form of a DAG. Another popular alternative uses a BFS like appraoch called the Kahns algorithm. The idea is to first output the nodes with indegree 0 in any order. Remove them and their outgoing edges. We now have a new set of nodes with indegree 0

# Kahns Algorithm

- You maintain an AdjList along with the current indegree of each node.
- Keep a queue which is the set of nodes with indegree 0.
- Each time you pick a node whose indegree is 0, dequeue it, reduce indegree of all nodes adjancent to it. While reducing the indegree if any node indegree turns 0 add it to the queue.