

2IL50 Data Structures

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Lecture 11: Elementary Graph Algorithms

Honors track: Competitive Programming and Problem Solving

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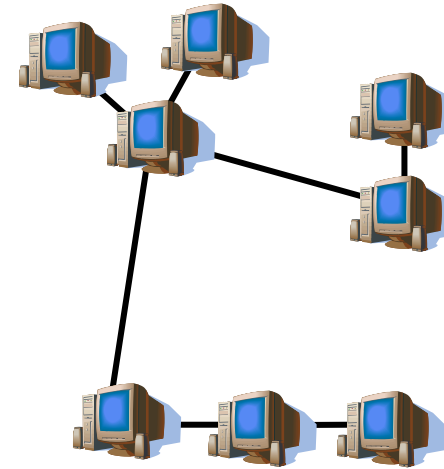


Networks and other graphs

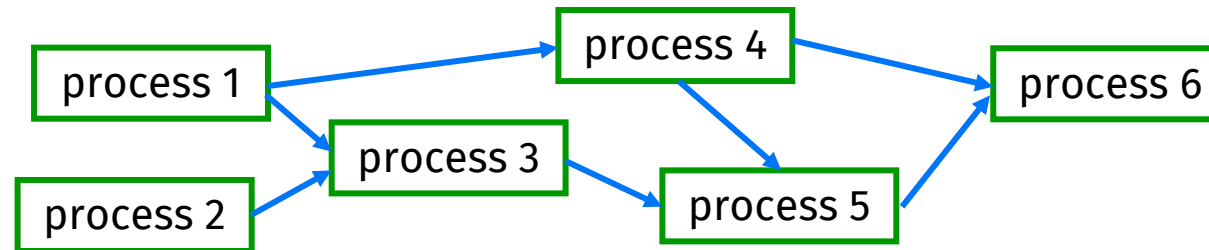
road network



computer network



execution order for processes



Graphs: Basic definitions and terminology

A graph G is a pair $G = (V, E)$

- V is the set of **nodes** or **vertices** of G

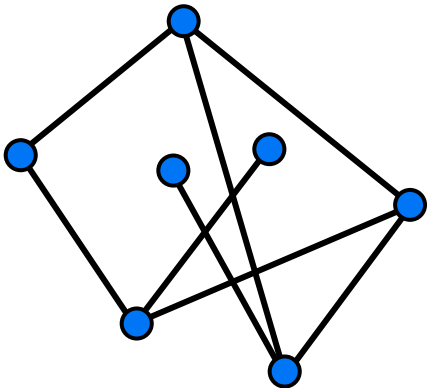
- $E \subset V \times V$ is the set of **edges** or **arcs** of G

If $(u, v) \in E$ then vertex v is **adjacent** to vertex u

undirected graph

(u, v) is an unordered pair: $(u, v) = (v, u)$

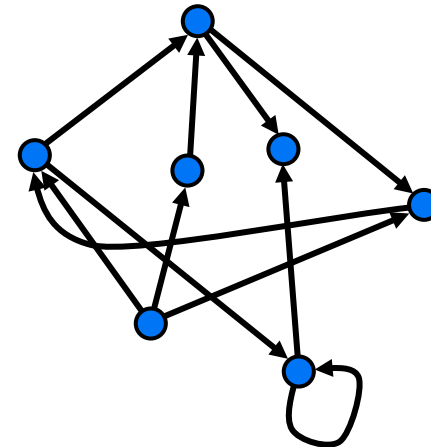
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(u, v) is an ordered pair: $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$

self-loops possible



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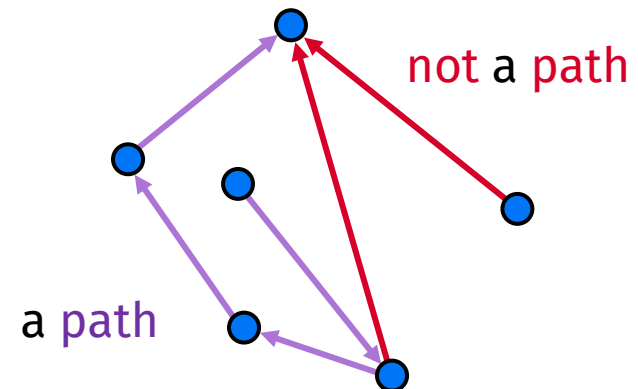
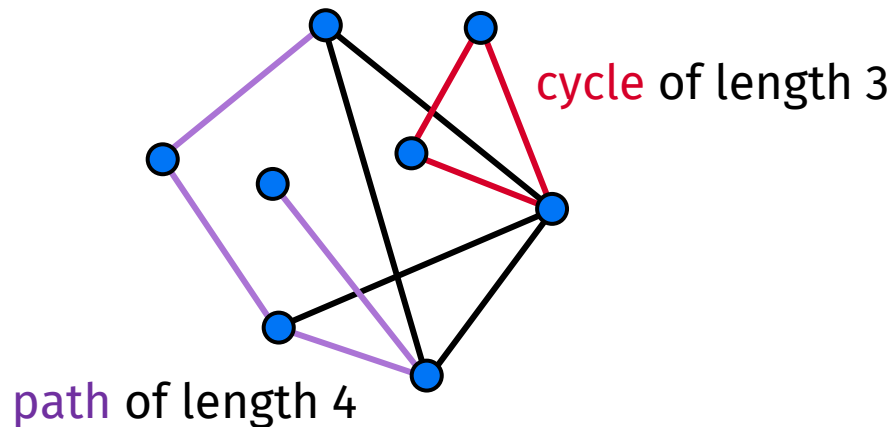
Degree of a vertex number of edges attached to vertex

Path in a graph sequence $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ of vertices,
such that $(v_{i-1}, v_i) \in E$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$

Cycle path with $v_0 = v_k$

Length of a **path** number of edges in the path

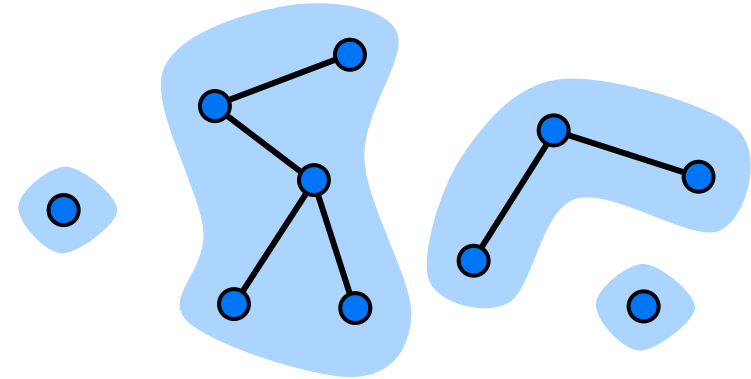
Distance between vertex u and v
length of a **shortest path** between u and v
(∞ if v is not **reachable** from u)



Graphs: Basic definitions and terminology

An **undirected** graph is **connected** if every pair of vertices is connected by a path.

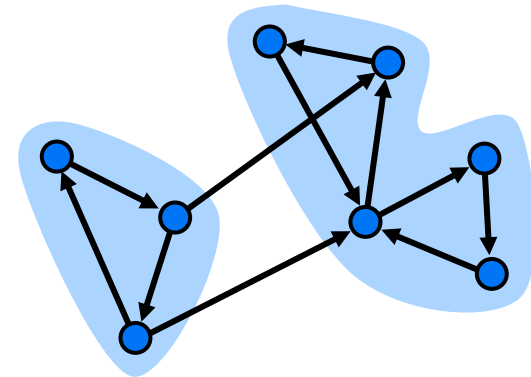
connected components



A **directed** graph is **strongly connected** if every two vertices are **reachable** from each other.

For every pair of vertices u and v we have a directed path from u to v and a directed path from v to u .

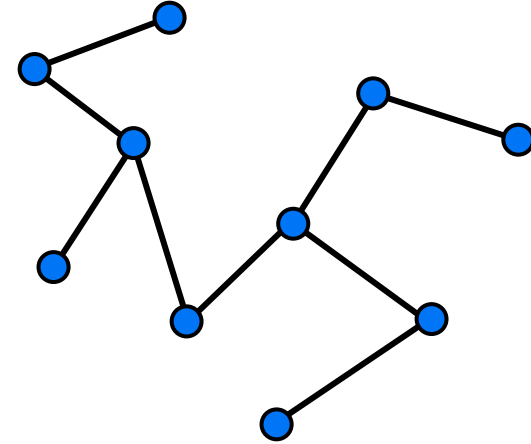
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Some special graphs

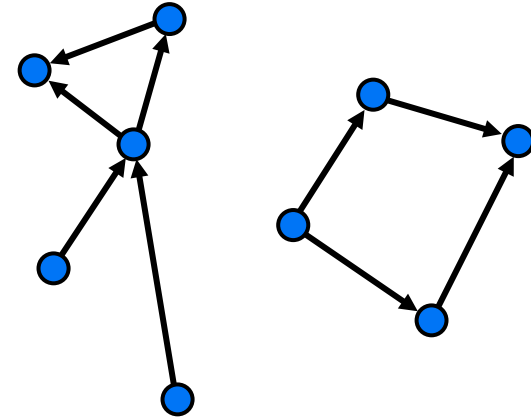
Tree connected, undirected, acyclic graph

Every tree with n vertices has exactly $n - 1$ edges



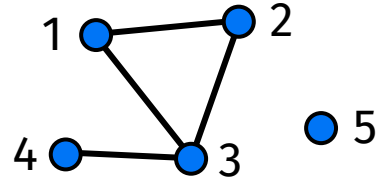
DAG directed, acyclic graph

Check Appendix B.4 for more basic definitions



Graph representation

Graph $G = (V, E)$

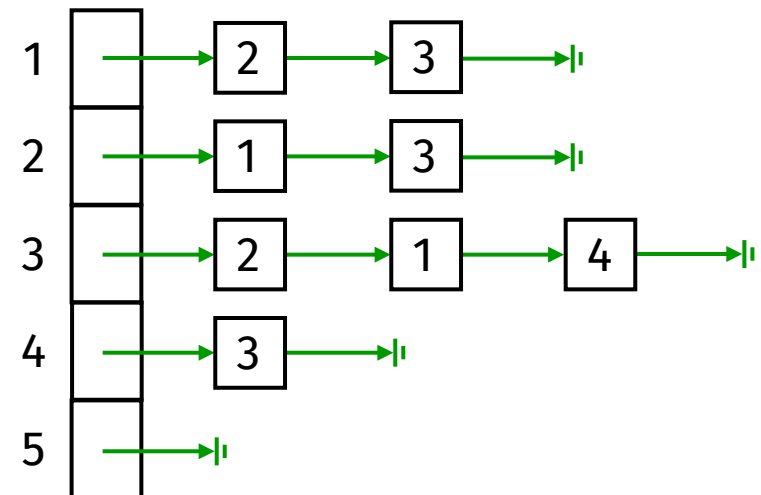


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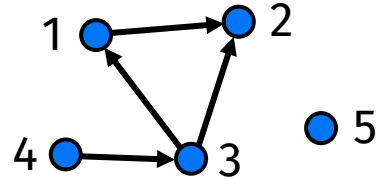
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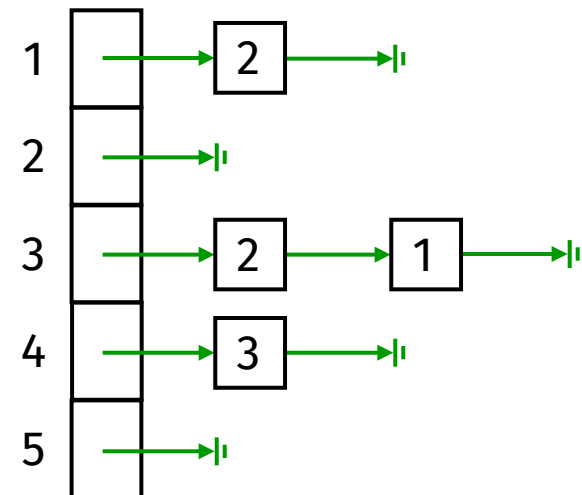


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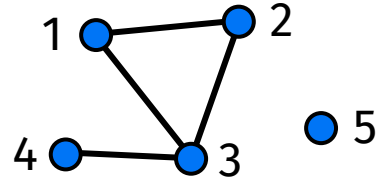
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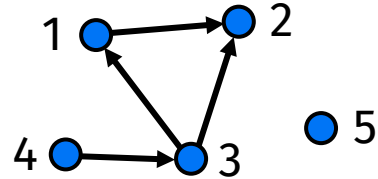
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also works for both directed and undirected graphs

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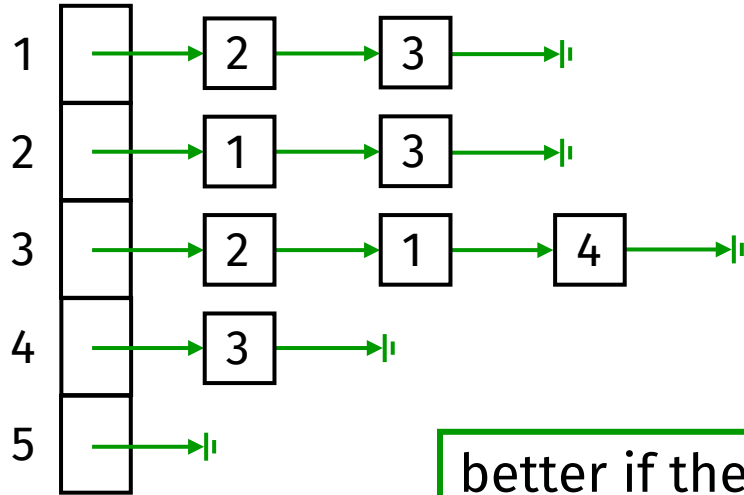
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Adjacency lists vs. adjacency matrix



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better if the graph is **sparse** ... use V for $|V|$ and E for $|E|$

	Adjacency lists	Adjacency matrix
Space	$\Theta(V + E)$	$\Theta(V^2)$
Time to list all vertices adjacent to u	$\Theta(\text{degree}(u))$	$\Theta(V)$
Time to check if $(u, v) \in E$	$\Theta(\text{degree}(u))$	$\Theta(1)$

Searching a graph: BFS and DFS

Basic principle:

- start at source *s*
- each vertex has a color: white = not yet visited (initial state)
gray = visited, but not finished
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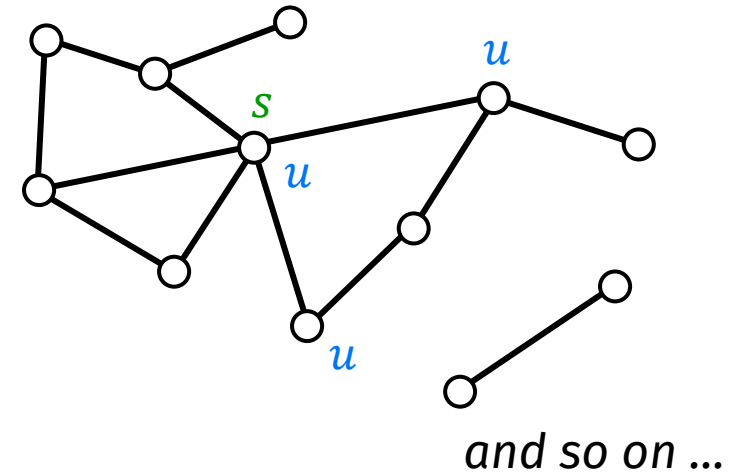


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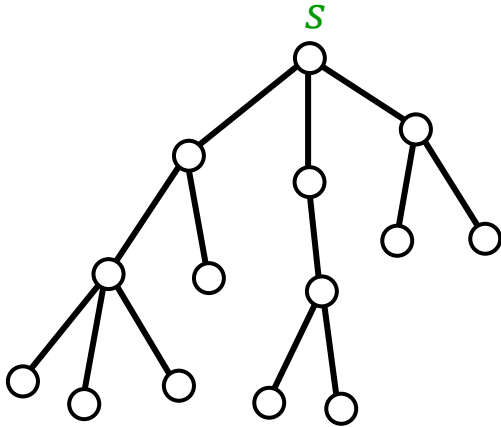
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1  s.color = gray; S = {s}
2  while S ≠ ∅
3      remove a vertex  $u$  from S
4      for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ 
5          if  $v.\text{color} == \text{white}$ 
6               $v.\text{color} = \text{gray}; S = S \cup \{v\}$ 
7       $u.\text{color} = \text{black}$ 
```



BFS and DFS choose u in different ways;
BFS visits only the connected component that contains s .

BFS and DFS

Breadth-first search

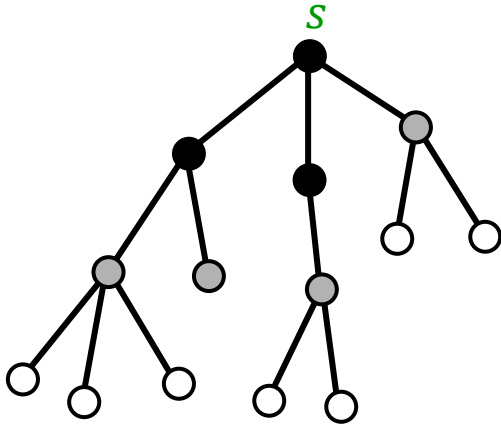


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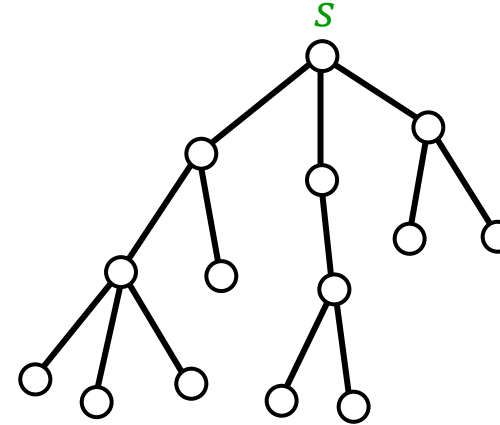
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Depth-first search



DFS uses a **stack**

Breadth-first search (BFS)

BFS(G, s)

```
1 for each  $u \neq s$ 
2      $u.color = \text{white}; u.d = \infty; u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
3  $s.color = \text{gray}; s.d = 0; s.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
4  $Q = \emptyset$ 
5 Enqueue( $Q, s$ )
6 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
7      $u = \text{Dequeue}(Q)$ 
8     for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ 
9         if  $v.color == \text{white}$ 
10              $v.color = \text{gray}; v.d = u.d + 1; v.\pi = u$ 
11             Enqueue( $Q, v$ )
12      $u.color = \text{black}$ 
```

$u.d$ becomes distance from s to u

$u.d = \infty; u.\pi = \text{NIL}$

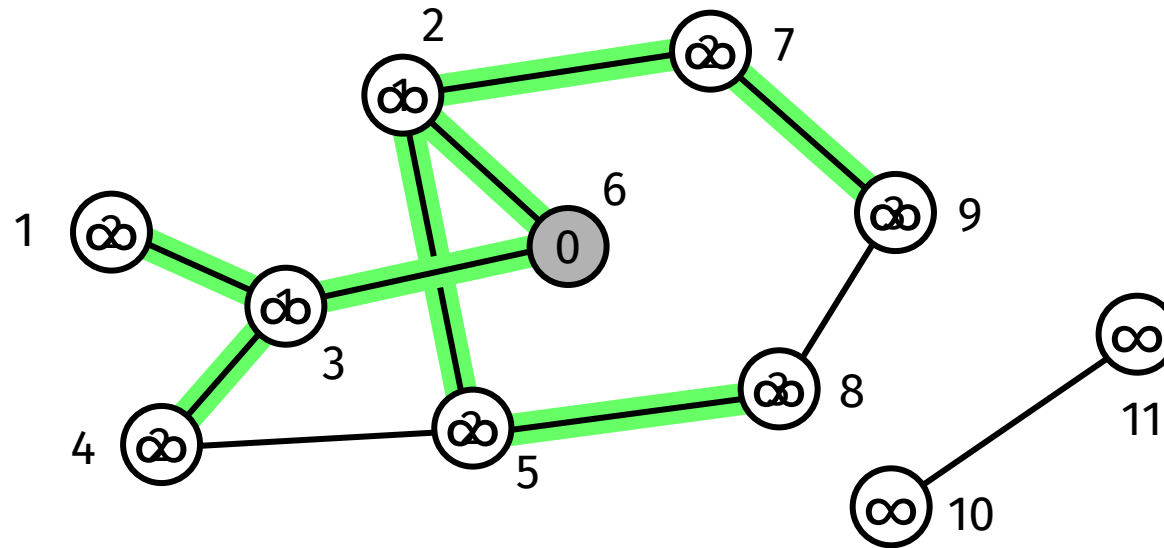
$u.\pi$ becomes predecessor of u

BFS on an undirected graph

Adjacency lists

1	3
2	6, 7, 5
3	1, 6, 4
4	5, 3
5	2, 4, 8
6	3, 2
7	2, 9
8	9, 5
9	7, 8
10	11
11	10

Source $s = 6$



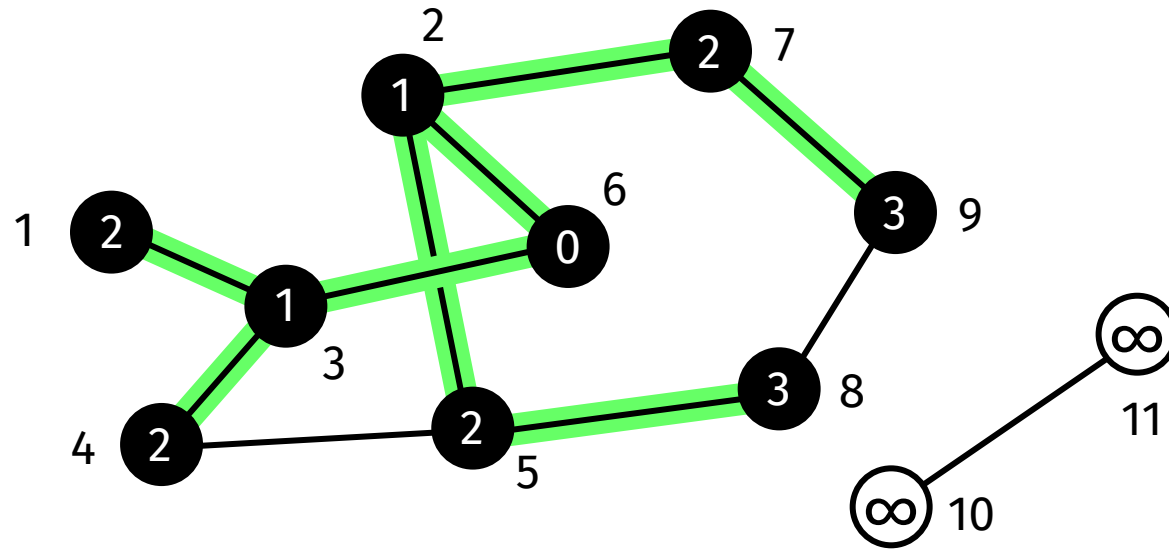
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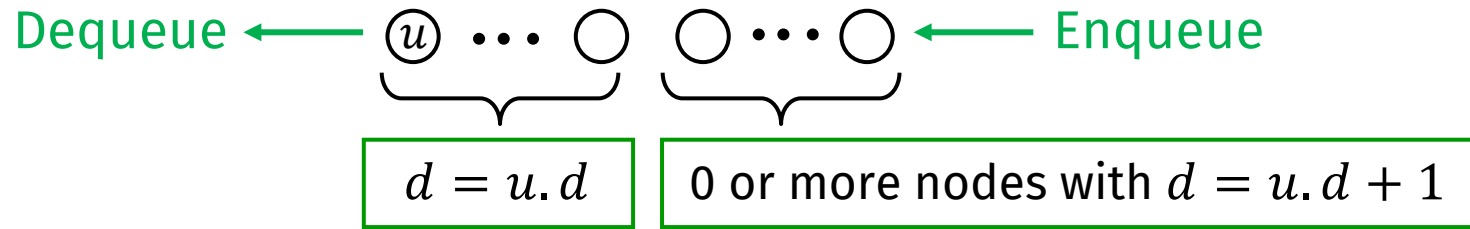
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Note: BFS only visits the nodes that are reachable from s

BFS: Properties

Invariants

- Q contains only gray vertices
- gray and black vertices never become white again
- the queue has the following form:



- the d fields of all gray vertices are correct
- for all white vertices we have: (distance to s) $> u.d$

BFS: Analysis

Invariants

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This implies

- every vertex is enqueued at most once
 - every vertex is dequeued at most once
- processing a vertex u takes $\Theta(1 + |\text{Adj}[u]|)$ time
 - running time at most $\sum_u \Theta(1 + |\text{Adj}[u]|) = O(V + E)$

BFS: Properties

After BFS has been run from a source s on a graph G we have

- each vertex u that is reachable from s has been visited
- for each vertex u we have $u.d = \text{distance to } s$
- if $u.d < \infty$, then there is a shortest path from s to u
that is a shortest path from s to $u.\pi$ followed by the edge $(u.\pi, u)$

Proof: follows from the invariants (*details see book*)

Depth-first search (DFS)

DFS(G)

```
1 for each  $u \in V$ 
2    $u.color = \text{white}; u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
3    $\text{time} = 0$ 
4   for each  $u \in V$ 
5     if  $u.color == \text{white}$ : DFS-Visit( $u$ )
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time = global timestamp for discovering and finishing vertices

DFS-Visit(u)

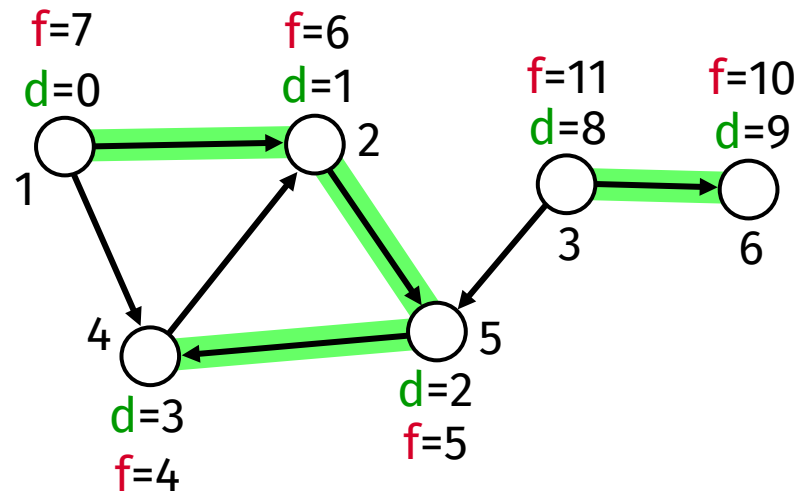
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5  $u.color = \text{black}; u.f = \text{time}; \text{time} = \text{time} + 1$ 
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$u.d$ = discovery time
 $u.f$ = finishing time

DFS on a directed graph

Adjacency lists

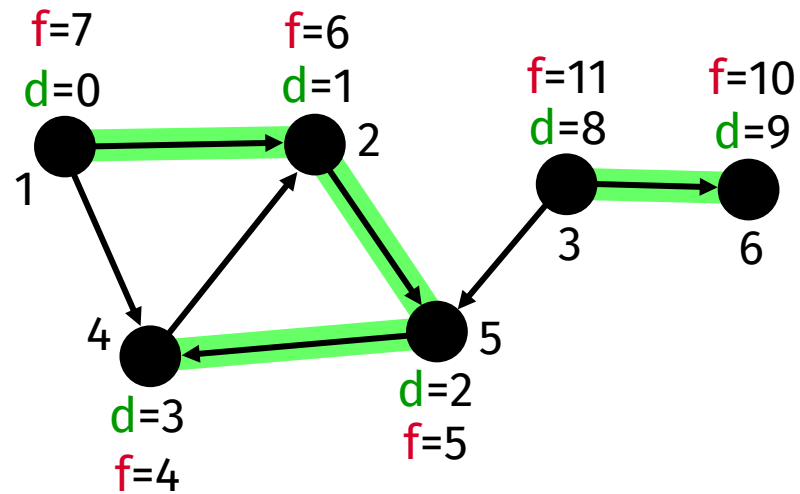
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Note: DFS always visits all vertices

DFS: Properties

DFS visits all vertices and edges of G

Running time: $\Theta(V + E)$

DFS forms a **depth-first forest** comprised of ≥ 1 **depth-first trees**.

Each tree is made of edges (u, v) such that u is gray and v is white when (u, v) is explored.

DFS: Edge classification

Tree edges

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the tree edges form a forest, the DF-forest

Back edges

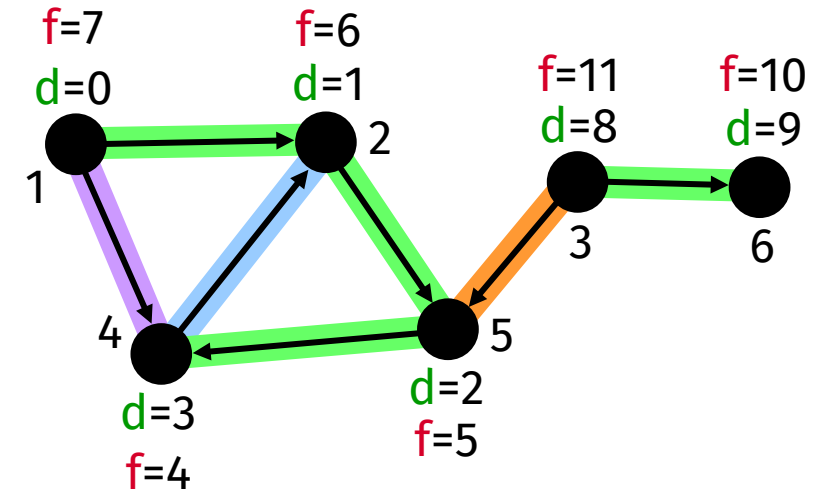
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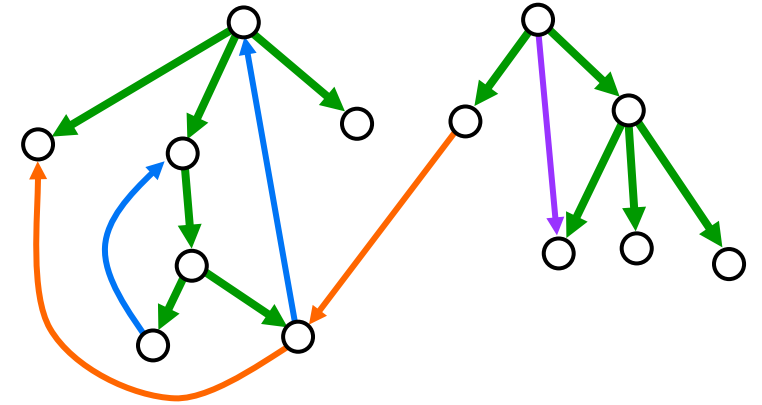
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Undirected graph

(u, v) and (v, u) are the same edge;
classify by first type that matches.

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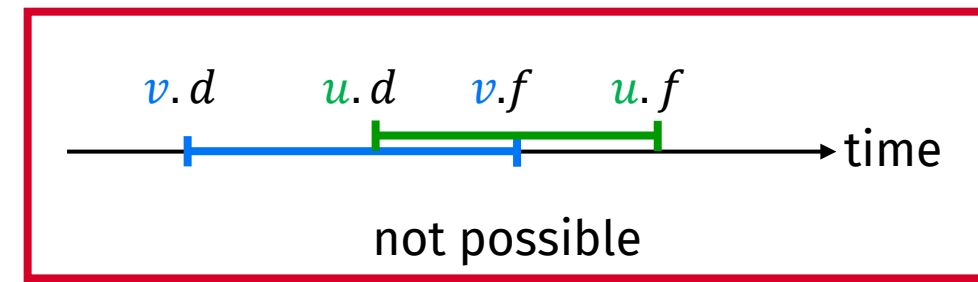
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DFS of an undirected graph yields only **tree** and **back** edges.
No **forward** or **cross** edges.

Discovery and finishing times have **parenthesis structure**.

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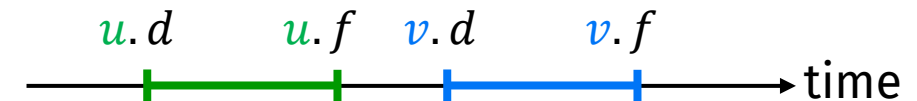
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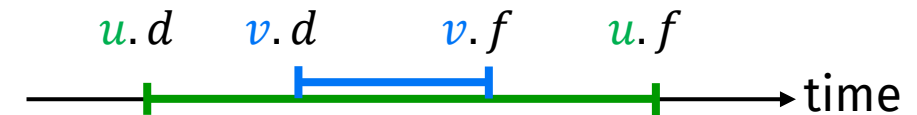
Theorem

In any depth-first search of a (directed or undirected) graph $G = (V, E)$, for any two vertices u and v , exactly one of the following three conditions holds:

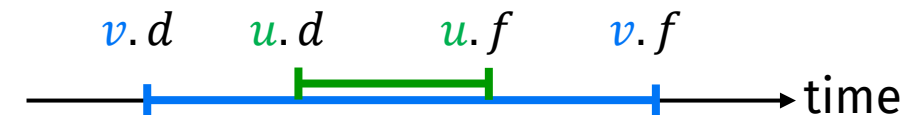
1. the intervals $[u.d, u.f]$ and $[v.d, v.f]$ are entirely disjoint
neither of u or v is a descendant of the other



2. the interval $[u.d, u.f]$ entirely contains the interval $[v.d, v.f]$
 v is a descendant of u



3. the interval $[v.d, v.f]$ entirely contains the interval $[u.d, u.f]$
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DFS: Discovery and finishing times

Proof (sketch)

■ assume $u.d < v.d$

case 1: v is discovered in a recursive call from u

⇒ v becomes a descendant of u

recursive calls are finished before u itself is finished

⇒ $v.f < u.f$

case 2: v is not discovered in a recursive call from u

⇒ v is not reachable from u and not one of u 's descendants

⇒ v is discovered only after u is finished

⇒ $u.f < v.d$

⇒ u cannot become a descendant of v since it is already discovered



DFS: Discovery and finishing times

Corollary v is a proper descendant of u if and only if $u.d < v.d < v.f < u.f$.

Theorem (White-path theorem)

v is a descendant of u if and only if at time $u.d$, there is a path $u \rightsquigarrow v$ consisting of only white vertices.

(Except for u which was *just* colored gray.)

(See the book for details and proof.)

Topological sort

Using depth-first search ...

Topological sort

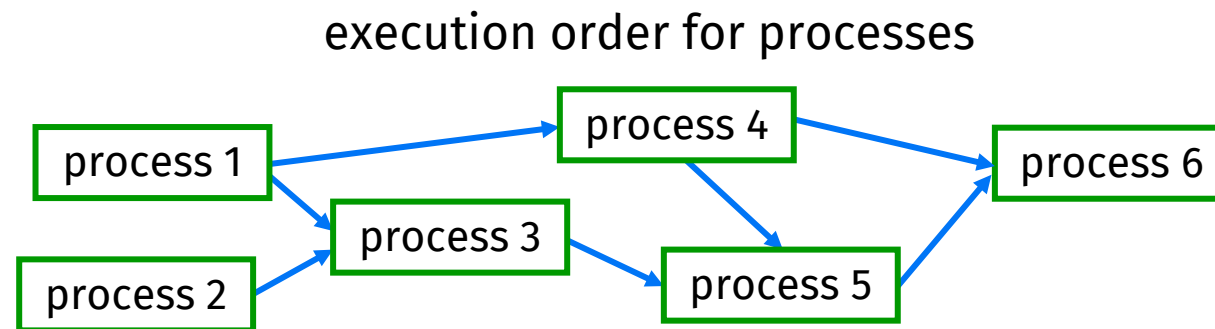
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Output a linear ordering v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n of the vertices such that if $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ then $i < j$

DAGs are useful for modeling processes and structures that have a **partial order**

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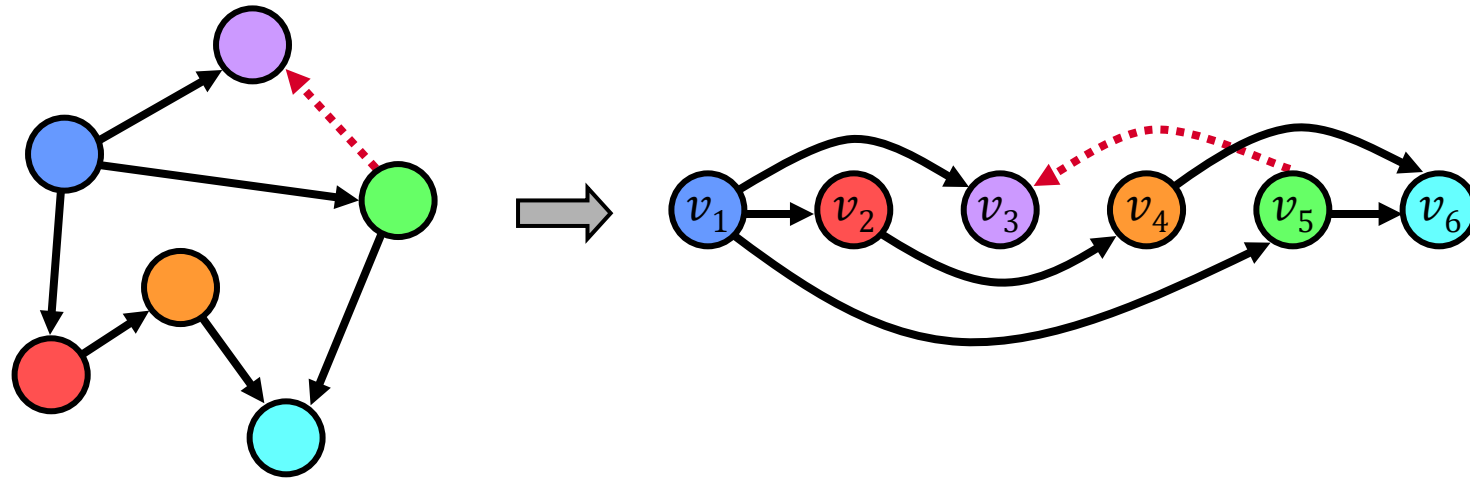
- $a > b$ and $b > c \Rightarrow a > c$
- but may have a and b such that neither $a > b$ nor $b > a$
- a partial order can always be turned into a **total order**
(either $a > b$ or $b > a$ for all $a \neq b$)

that's what a topological sort does ...

Topological sort

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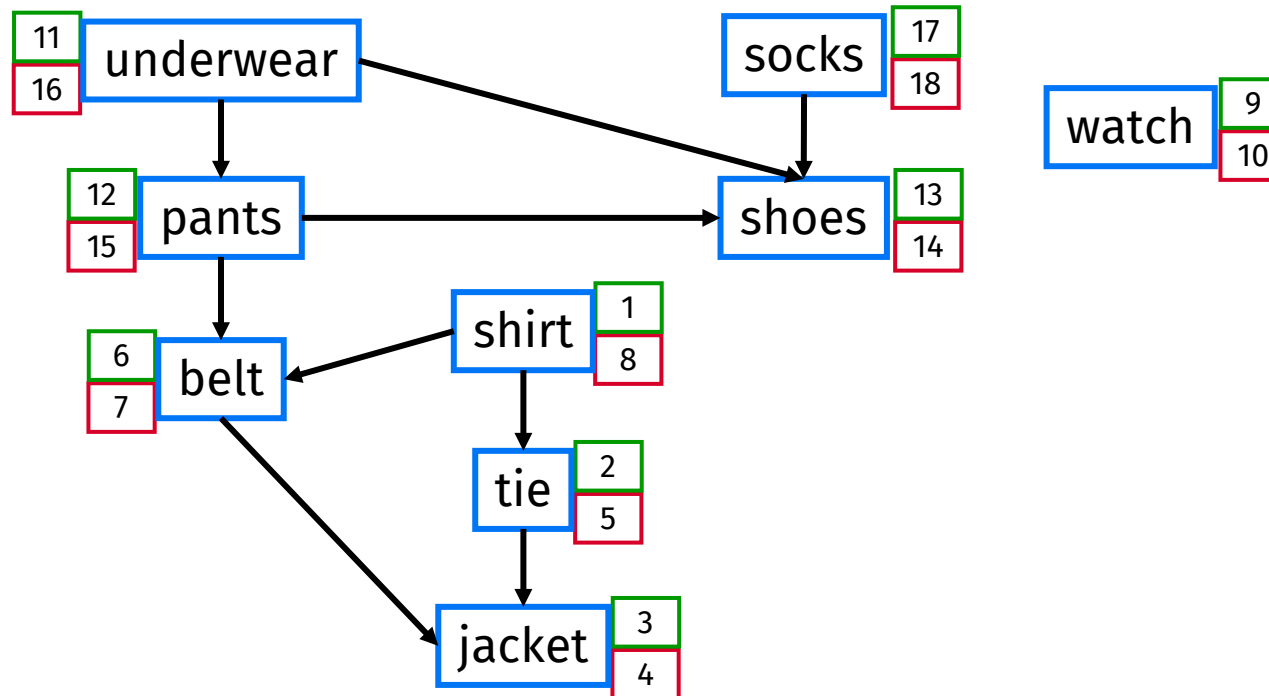
Every directed, acyclic graph has a topological order

Lemma A directed graph G is acyclic if and only if DFS of G yields no back edges.

Topological sort

TopologicalSort(V, E)

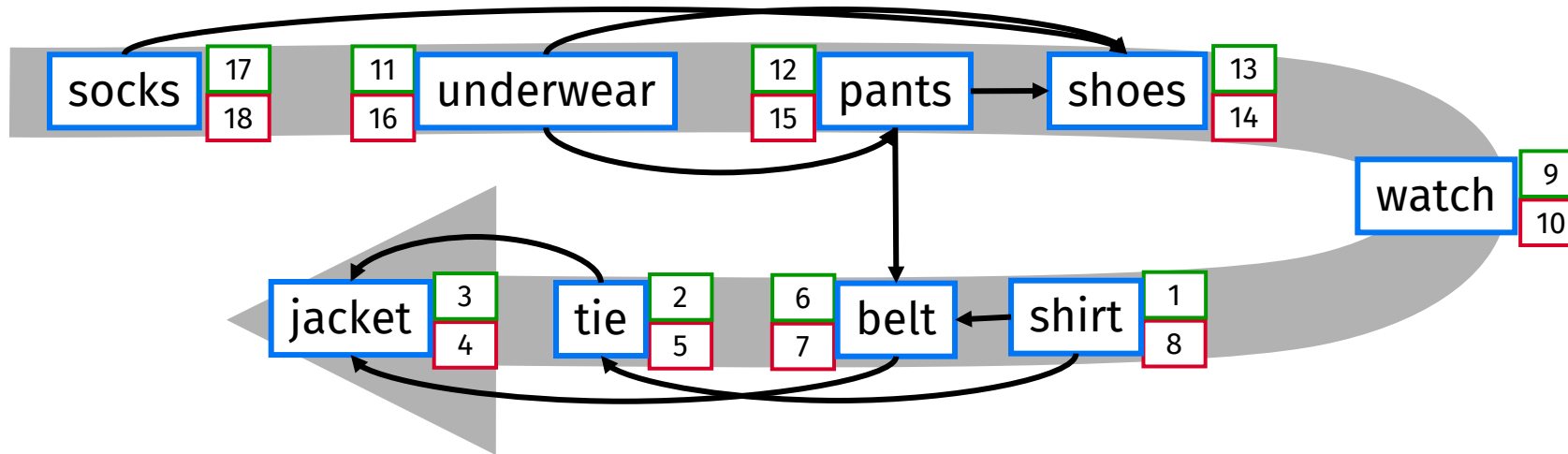
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- 2 output vertices in order of **decreasing** finishing time



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Topological sort



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Proof Let $(u, v) \in E$ be an arbitrary edge.

To show: $u.f > v.f$

Consider the intervals $[d, f]$ and assume $u.f < v.f$

case 1: $v.d \quad u.d \quad u.f \quad v.f \quad \Rightarrow u$ is a descendant of v

 G has a cycle 

case 2: $u.d \quad u.f \quad v.d \quad v.f$


When $\text{DFS-Visit}(u)$ is called, v has not been discovered yet.
 $\text{DFS-Visit}(u)$ examines all outgoing edges from u , also (u, v) .
 $\Rightarrow v$ is discovered before u is finished. 

Topological sort

Lemma

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Running time?

- we do not need to sort by finishing times
- just output vertices as they are finished
- ➔ $\Theta(V + E)$ for DFS and $\Theta(V)$ for output
- ➔ $\Theta(V + E)$

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