

Path-based depth-first search for strong and biconnected components

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1 Introduction

2 Strong Components

- Thinking about Strong Components
- Purdom and Munro's high-level algorithm
- Contribution



Several Questions

- One-pass or two-pass?
- LOWPOINT?
- Ear decomposition?
- Compele version?
- Robbin's Theorem?



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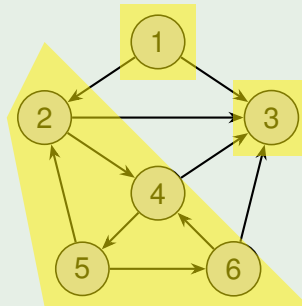


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Concepts of Strong Components

- Two **mutually reachable** vertices are in the same *strong component*.

Example



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Algorithms to Find Strong Components

- Idea: Run DFS twice. Once on the original graph G , once on the *transposition* of G^T .
- Trick: Using *finishing times* of each vertex computed by the first DFS.
- Linear time complexity: $O(V + E)$



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Pseudo-Code

```
1  H = G;  
2  while H still has a vertex v  
3      start a new path P = (v);  
4      while P is not empty  
5          if the last vertex vk of P has an edge (vk, w)  
6              if w belongs to P  
7                  contract the cycle vi(w), ... , vk, both  
                        in H and in P; /* w and vi are  
                        identical. */  
8              else  
9                  add w to P, as the new last vertex of P;  
10             end if
```

- Note that *contracting* means selecting one vertex as a representation and **merging** others rather than deleting them.



Pseudo-Code (Continued)

```
11     else
12         output v_k as a vertex of the strong component
           graph;
13         delete v_k from both H and P;
14     end if
15 end
16 end
```



Assessment

- The time consumption of each statement in the pseudo-code is clear. Total time complexity is linear, except the statement in line 7:

```
7 contract the cycle v_i(w), ... , v_k, both in H and in  
  P; /* w and v_i are identical. */
```

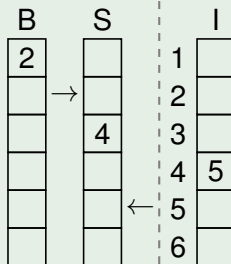
- Problem is how to merge in linear time while keeping the next time accessing this vertex still in constant time.
- Therefore, a good data structure for disjoint set merging is needed.



Examples

Block B

The second line.



Block C

The third line.



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His Contribution

- He gave a simple list-based implementation that achieves linear time.
- Use only stacks and arrays as data structure.



New algorithm to discover strong components

Procedure 1: STRONG(G)

empty stacks S and B;

for $v \in V$ **do**

$I[v] = 0$;

$c = n$;

for $v \in V$ **do**

if $I[v] = 0$ **then**

 DFS(v);



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Procedure 2: DFS(v)

```
PUSH(v,S); I[v]=TOP(S); PUSH(I[v],B);  
/* add v to the end of P */  
for edges(v, w) ∈ E do  
    if I[v] = 0 then  
        DFS(w);  
    else /* contract if necessary */  
        while I[w] < B[TOP[B]] do  
            POP(B);  
        if I[v] = B[TOP(B)] then  
            /* number vertices of the next strong component */  
            POP(B);  
            increase c by 1;  
            while I[v] ≤ TOP[S] do  
                I[POP(S)]=c;
```



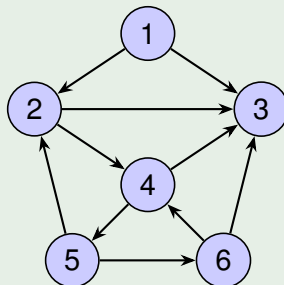
Demo: Gabow's strong components algorithm

Data in memory

B and S: stack. I: array.

B	S		I
		1	0
		2	0
		3	0
		4	0
		5	0
		6	0

Graph H



- Call Stack: STRONG()
- This state is the first after initialized. DFS(1) is going to be called.



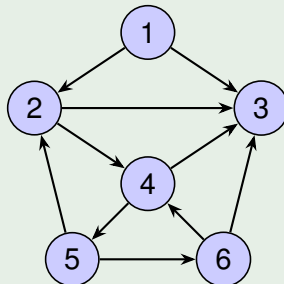
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- Call Stack: $\text{STRONG}() \rightarrow \text{DFS}(1)$
- Code: **for** edges $(v, w) \in E$ **do** ...
- $w = 2$.



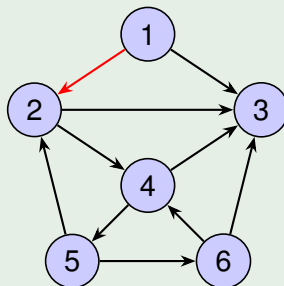
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		5	0
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- Call Stack: $\text{STRONG}() \rightarrow \text{DFS}(1) \rightarrow \text{DFS}(2)$
- Code: **for** edges $(v, w) \in E$ **do** ...
- $w = 3$.



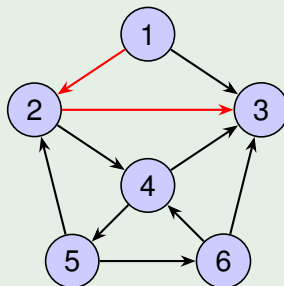
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Graph H



- Call Stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)→DFS(2)→DFS(3)
- Code: **if** $I[v] = B[TOP(B)]$ **then** ...
- Go back.



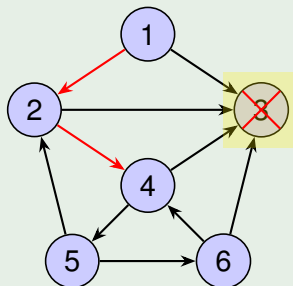
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Data in memory

B and S: stack. I: array.

B	S	I	I
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	4	3	7
		4	3
		5	0
		6	0

Graph H



- Call Stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)→DFS(2)→DFS(4)
- Code: **for** edges $(v, w) \in E$ **do** ...
- $w = 5$.



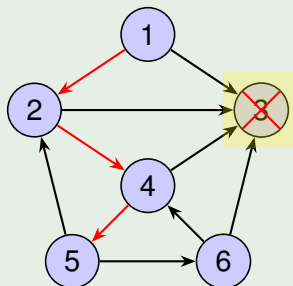
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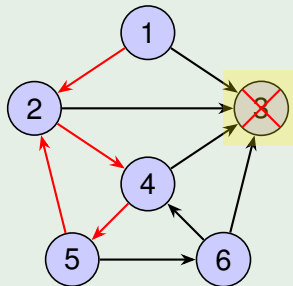
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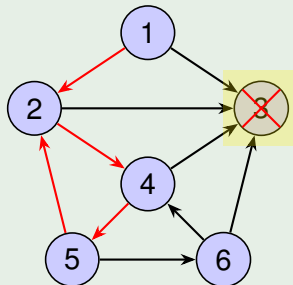
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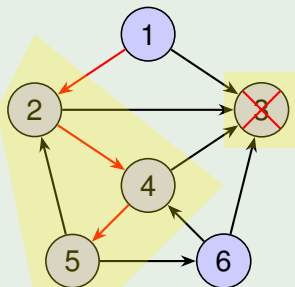
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- Code: **if** $I[w] = 0$ **then** $\text{DFS}(w)$;
- $w = 6$.



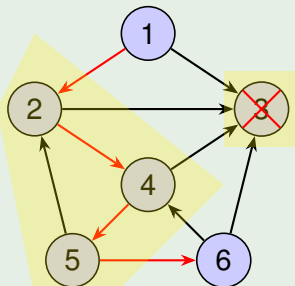
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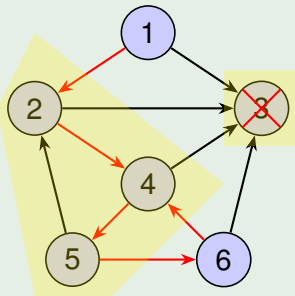
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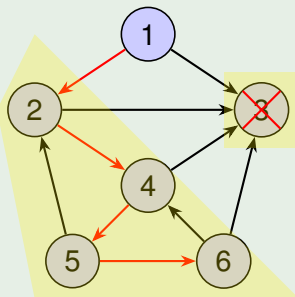
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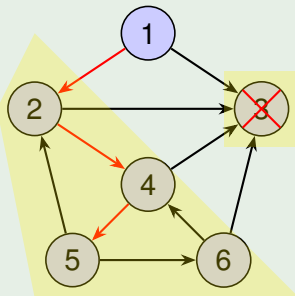
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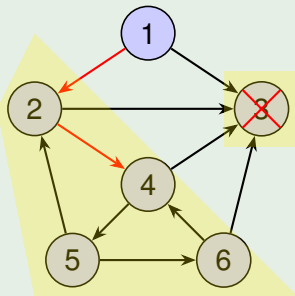
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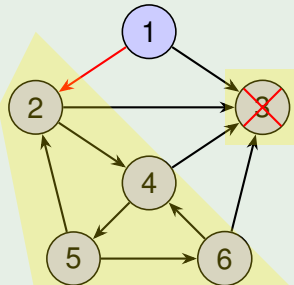
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- Go back. But this time, **Condition in last line is satisfied!**



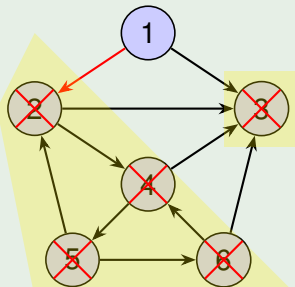
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- Code: **while** $I[v] \leq \text{TOP}(S)$ **do** $I[\text{POP}(S)] = c$;
- Pop 2 from B, while 2, 4, 5, 6 in S are also popped.



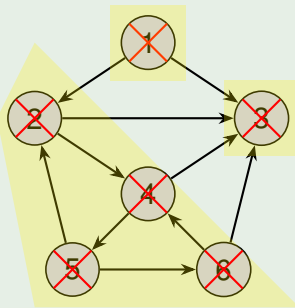
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		2 8
		3 7
		4 8
		5 8
		6 8

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- Pop the last one both in B and in S. *Finished!!*



Summary

- The **first main message** of your talk in one or two lines.
- The **second main message** of your talk in one or two lines.
- Perhaps a **third message**, but not more than that.
- Outlook
 - Something you haven't solved.
 - Something else you haven't solved.



For Further Reading I



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