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

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Characterastics of Gabow's Algorithms

- One-pass algorithm. But for the algorithm of strong components, what we have learned from the textbook is a two-pass algorithm, by which we must traverse the whole graph twice.
- Lower time and space complexity. This algorithm only use two stacks and an array, and do not employ a disjoint-set data structure.





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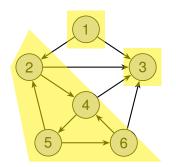
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Review: What have we learned from the textbook? Concepts of Strong Components

- Two mutually reachable vertices are in the same strong component.
- It is a equivalence relation.







Review: What have we learned from the textbook? Algorithms to Find Strong Components

- Idea: Run DFS twice: Once on the original graph G, once on its transpose G^T.
- Trick: Using finishing times of each vertex computed by the first DFS.
- Linear time complexity: O(V + E)
- Proposed by S. Rao Kosaraju, known as the Kosaraju's Algorithm.





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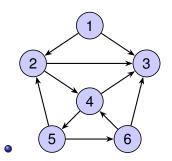


Purdom and Munro's High-Level Algorithm: Plain text

- Initially H is the given graph G. If H has no vertices stop. Otherwise start a new path P by choosing a vertex v and setting P = (v). Continue by growing P as follows.
- To grow the path $P = (v_1, \dots, v_k)$ choose an edge (v_k, w) directed from the last vertex of P and do the following:
 - If $w \notin P$, add w to P, making it the new last vertex of P. Continue growing P.
 - If $w \in P$, say $w = v_i$, contract the cycle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k , both in H and in P. P is now a path in the new graph H. Continue growing P.
 - If no edge leaves v_k , output v_k as a vertex of the strong component graph. Delete v_k from both H and P. If P is now nonempty continue growing P. Otherwise try to start a new path P.



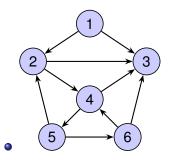




- Path *P* = { }
- Initially, H = G.



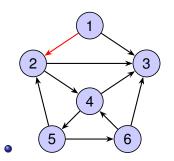




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- Grow P by adding v_1 .



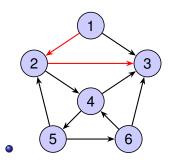




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$
- Grow P by adding v_2 .



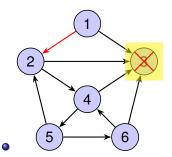




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$
- Grow P by adding v_3 .



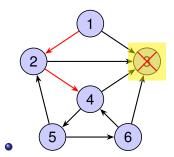




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$ \ \{3\}
- As v_3 is isolated, no edge leaves from v_3 , so just delete it.



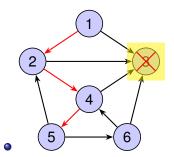




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}\}$ {3}
- Grow P by adding v_4 .



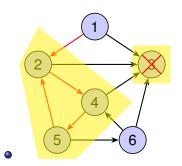




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{4\}, \{5\}\}$ {3}
- Grow P by adding v_5 .



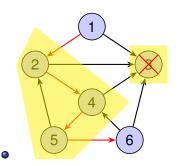




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2, 4, 5\}\}$ \ \{3\}
- The cycle v_2 , v_4 , v_5 in P is detected. Contract this cyclc.



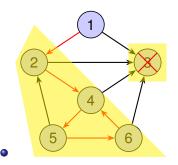




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{6\}\}$ \ \{3\}
- Grow P by adding v_6 .



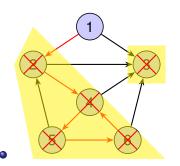




- Path $P = \{\{1\}, \{2, 4, 5, 6\}\}$ {3}
- The cycle $\{v_2, v_4, v_5\}$, v_6, v_4 in P is detected. Contract this cyclc.



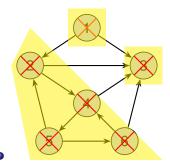




- Path $P = \{\{1\}\}\$ $\{2, 4, 5, 6\}, \{3\}$
- No edge leaves from $\{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$, so we delete it.



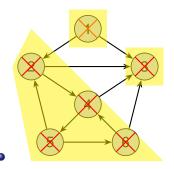




- Path $P = \{ \} \{1\}, \{2, 4, 5, 6\}, \{3\}$
- No edge leaves from $\{v_1\}$, so we delete it.







- Path $P = \{ \} \{1\}, \{2, 4, 5, 6\}, \{3\}$
- Now graph H is empty, which has no vertex.





Correctness

- Correctness: If no edge leaves v_k then v_k is a vertex of the finest acyclic contraction.
- Easy to prove by contradiction: If no edge leaves v_k, but v_k is not a vertex of the finest acyclic contraction. That is to say, v_k is a part of some strong component S', so there is a vertex v' ∈ S', which satisfies v_k ≠ v' but v_k and v' are mutually reachable. Therefore, one edge at least leaving v_k must be existent.





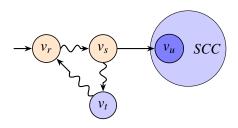
Three Cases When Growing Path

- To grow the path $P = (v_1, \dots, v_k)$ choose an edge (v_k, w) directed from the last vertex of P and do the following:
 - If $w \notin P$, add w to P, making it the new last vertex of P. Continue growing P.
 - If $w \in P$, say $w = v_i$, contract the cycle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k , both in H and in P. P is now a path in the new graph H. Continue growing P.
 - If no edge leaves v_k , output v_k as a vertex of the strong component graph. Delete v_k from both H and P. If P is now nonempty continue growing P. Otherwise try to start a new path P.





How to implement by DFS?



- Assume the current node is v_s which has two adjacent nodes. The current path is $P = (\cdots, v_r, \cdots, v_s)$.
- For the node v_u incident from v_s but also in the SCC, after running Sub-DFS() on this node, v_u will be removed with the SCC.





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Pseudo Code

Algorithm 1: Strong components: Main-DFS(G) (DFS caller)

H=G:

while H still has a vertex v do

Sub-DFS(v); /* start a new path P = (v)







Pseudo Code

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Algorithm 2: Strong components: Sub-DFS(v) (DFS callee)
add the v as the new last vertex of path P;
for w \in \{vertices adjacent to v\} do
   if w \notin P then
       Sub-DFS(w);
   else /* w = v_i, and v = v_k
                                                                * /
       contract the cycle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k, both in H and in P;
if no edge leaves v then
   output v as a vertex of the strong component graph;
   delete v from both H and P;
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Assessment

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

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contract the cycle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k, both in H and in P;
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- 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 usually.



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Gabow's Contribution

- He gave a simple list-based implementation that achieves linear time.
- Use only stacks and arrays as data structure.
- Do not need a disjoint set merging data structure.





Data Structure Used in Algorithm

- In DFS, the path P from root to each node is almost always significant. So it is in this algorithm.
- A stack S contains the sequence of vertices in P.
- A stack B contains the boundaries between contracted vertices.
- An array I[1...n] is used to store stack S indices corresponding to vertices.





Contraction Makes Much Difference

- When contraction is executed, some vertices merges into a set.
- It is possible that several elements in stack S are in the same vertex in path P. More formal,

$$v_i = \{S[j] : B[i] \le j < B[i+1]\}$$

ullet By the way, the formal definition of I[v] is

$$I[v] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } v \text{ has never been in P;} \\ j, & \text{if } v \text{ is currently in P and } S[j] = v; \\ c, & \text{if the strong component containing } v \text{ has been deleted and numbered as } c. \end{cases}$$

where c counts from n + 1.



New Algorithm to Discover Strong Components

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Procedure 3: STRONG(G)
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empty stacks S and B;

for v \in V do

\mid I[v] = 0;

c = n;

for v \in V do

\mid \text{if } I[v] = 0 \text{ then } / \star \text{ vertex } v \text{ has never been accessed yet} \star \mid \text{DFS}(v);
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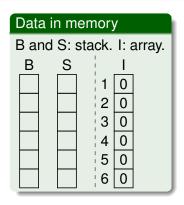


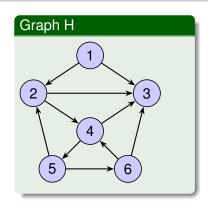


New Algorithm to Discover Strong Components

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Procedure 4: DFS(v)
PUSH(v, S); I[v] = TOP(S); PUSH(I[v], B);
/* add v to the end of P
for egdes(v, w) \in E do
   if I[w] = 0 then
      \mathsf{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);
   c = c + 1;
   while I[v] \leq TOP(S) do
      I[POP(S)] = c;
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Demo: Gabow's Strong Components Algorithm

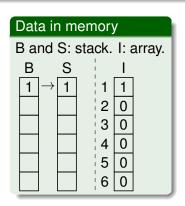


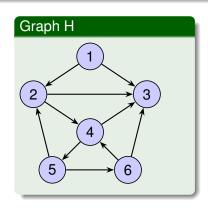


- Call stack: STRONG()
- This state is the first after initialized. DFS(1) is going to be called.



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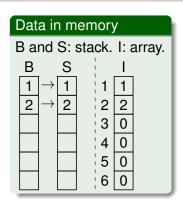


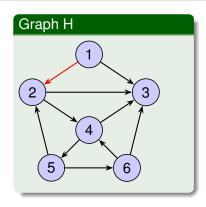


- Call stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)
- Code: for edges (v, w) ∈E do ···
- w = 2.



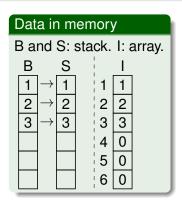
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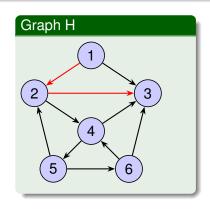




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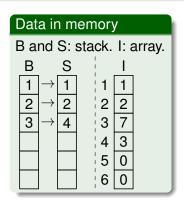


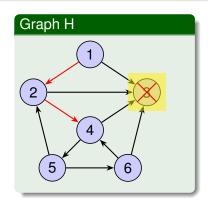




- Call stack: $STRONG() \rightarrow DFS(1) \rightarrow DFS(2) \rightarrow DFS(3)$
- Code: if I[v]=B[TOP(B)] then ···
- Go back.

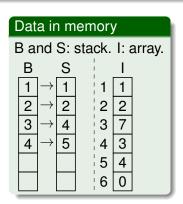


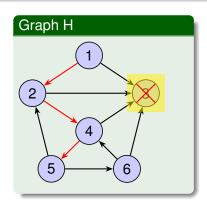




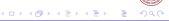
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- Code: for edges (v, w) ∈E do ···
- w = 5.

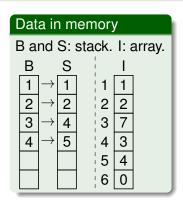


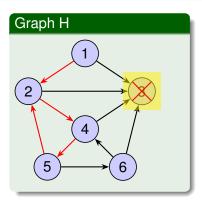




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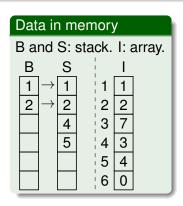


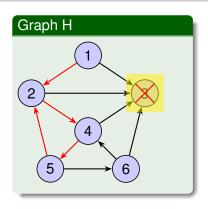




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- Code: while I[w] < B[TOP(B)] do POP(B);</pre>
- Now, w = 2, contract!

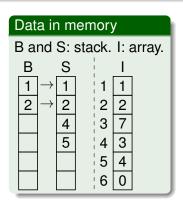


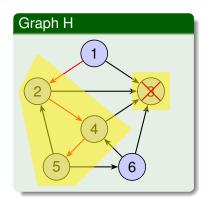




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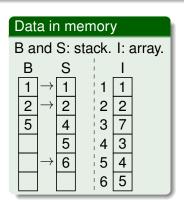


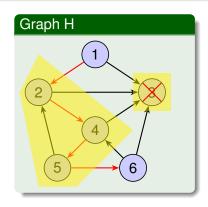




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- Code: if I[w] = 0 then DFS(w);
- w = 6.

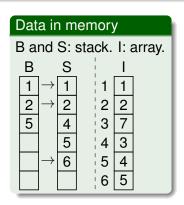


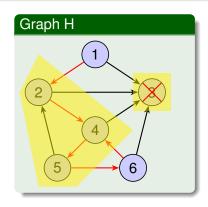




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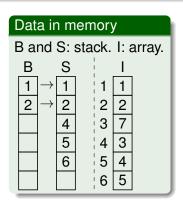


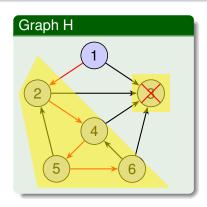




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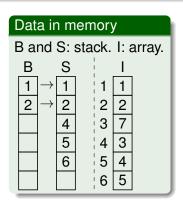


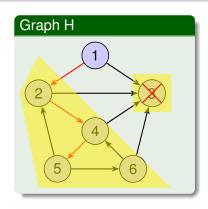




- Call stack: $\cdots \rightarrow DFS(2) \rightarrow DFS(4) \rightarrow DFS(5) \rightarrow DFS(6)$
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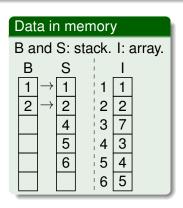


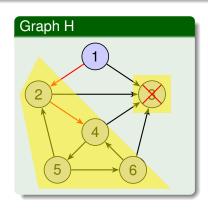




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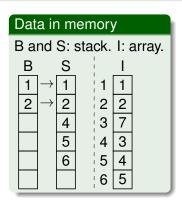


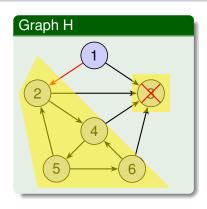




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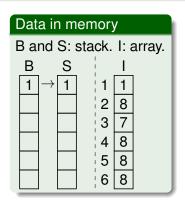


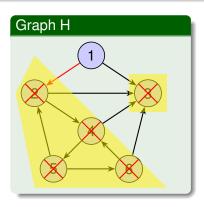




- Call stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)→DFS(2)
- Code: if I[v]=B[TOP(B)] then ...
- Go back. But this time, Condition in last line is satisfied!

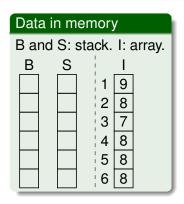


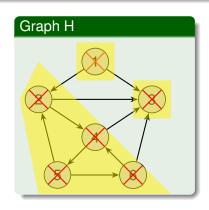




- Call stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)→DFS(2)
- Code: while I[v] < TOP(S) do I[POP(S)] = c;
- Pop 2 from B, while 2, 4, 5, 6 in S are also popped.







- Call stack: STRONG()→DFS(1)
- Code: while I[v] ≤TOP(S) do I[POP(S)]=c;
- Pop the last one both in B and in S. Finished!!.



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Correctness of Gabow's Strong Components Algorithm

Theorem (Correctness and complexity)

When STRONG(G) halts each vertex $v \in V$ belongs to the strong component numbered I[v]. The time and space are both O(V+E).

 The key of proof is to show that STRONG(G) is a valid implementation of the P&M's high-level algorithm.





Framework of STRONG(G)

Algorithm 5: Strong components: Main-DFS(G) (DFS caller)

```
H = G;
while H still has a vertex v do
Sub-DFS(v); /* start a new path P = (v)
```

Procedure 6: STRONG(G)

```
empty stacks S and B;

for v \in V do

\mid I[v] = 0;

c = n;

for v \in V do

\mid \text{ if } I[v] = 0 \text{ then } /*
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if I[v] = 0 then /*v has never been accessed | DFS(v);
```



Growing Path P

Algorithm 7: A Part of High-Level Algorithm

```
\begin{array}{l} \textbf{for } w \in \{\textit{vertices adjacent to } v\} \textbf{ do} \\ & \textbf{if } w \notin P \textbf{ then} \\ & \mid \text{Sub-DFS}(w); \\ & \textbf{else } / \star \ w = v_i, \ \text{ and } \ v = v_k \\ & \mid \text{ contract the cycle } v_i, v_{i+1}, \cdots, v_k, \text{ both in } H \text{ and in } P; \end{array}
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Procedure 8: A Part of DFS(v)

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\begin{array}{l} \textbf{for } \textit{egdes}(v,w) \in E \textbf{ do} \\ & \textbf{if } I[w] = 0 \textbf{ then} \\ & | \textbf{ DFS}(w); \\ & \textbf{else} \ / \star \ \texttt{contract if necessary} \\ & | \textbf{ while } I[w] < B[\textit{TOP}(B)] \textbf{ do} \\ & | \textbf{ POP}(B); \end{array}
```



Having Found a Strong Components

Algorithm 9: A Part of High-Level Algorithm

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if no edge leaves v then
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output v as a vertex of the strong component graph; delete v from both H and P;
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Procedure 10: A Part of DFS(v)

```
if I[v] = B[TOP(B)] then /* number vertices of the next strong component */

POP(B);

c = c + 1;

while I[v] \le TOP(S) do

I[POP(S)] = c;
```





Time Complexity

- Every vertex is pushed onto and popped from each stack S, B exactly once. So the algorithm spends O(1) time on each vertex or edge.
- Time complexity: O(V + E)
- Intuitively, from another view, this algorithm is based on DFS, and no loop is executed on one vertex or one edge.





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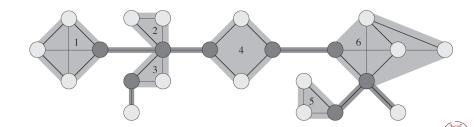
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Review: Biconnected Component

 A biconnected component of G is a maximal set of edges such that any two edges in the set lie on a common simple cycle.



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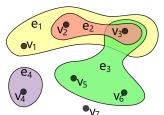
Concepts: Hypergraph

- A hypergraph H = (V, E) is a generalization of a graph in which an edge can join any number of vertices.
- In the following hypergraph,

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7\}$$

$$E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$$

$$= \{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_5, v_6\}, \{v_4\}\}$$







Concepts: Hypergraph

- Therefore, we need redefine the edge, path, cycle, ..., and nearly all concepts as long as it is relative to edge.
- A *path* is a sequence $(v_1, e_1, \cdots, v_k, e_k)$ of distinct vertices v_i and distinct edges e_i , $1 \le i \le k$, with $v_1 \in e_1$ and $v_i \in e_{i-1} \cap e_i$ for every $1 < i \le k$.
- An important property:

$$v_{i+1} \in e_i - \{v_i\}, \text{ or } v_i \in e_i - \{v_{i+1}\}, \quad 1 \le i < k$$

 Merging a set of edges is to replace old edges with the new one:

$$e_{new} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} e_i$$



Addtional Concepts We Need

- The *block hypergraph H* of *G* is the hypergraph formed by merging the edges of each biconnected component of *G*.
- The set of all vertices in edges of P is denoted

$$V(P) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{k} e_i$$





High-Level Algorithm in Plain Text

- Initially H is the given graph G. If H has no edges stop. Otherwise start a new path P by choosing an edge $\{v, w\}$ and setting $P = (v, \{v, w\})$. Continue by growing P.
- To grow the path $P=(v_1,\,e_1,\,\cdots,\,v_k,\,e_k)$ choose an edge $\{v,\,w\}\neq e_k$ with $v\in e_k-\{v_k\}$ and do:
 - If $w \notin V(P)$, add v, $\{v, w\}$ to the end of P. Continue growing P.
 - If $w \in V(P)$, say $w \in e_i \{v_{i+1}\}$, merge the edges of the cycle w, e_i , v_{i+1} , e_{i+1} , \cdots , v_k , e_k , v, $\{v, w\}$ to a new edge $e = \bigcup_{i=1}^k e_i$, both in H and in P. Continue growing P.
 - If no edge leaves $e_k \{v_k\}$, output e_k as an edge of the block hypergraph. Delete e_k from H and delete (v_k, e_k) from P. If P is now nonempty continue growing P. Otherwise try to start a new path P.





Pseudo Code

Algorithm 11: Biconnected Components: Main-DFS (DFS caller)

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H = G; while H still has an edge \{v, w\} do
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Sub-DFS(v); /* start a new path
$$P = (v, \{v, w\})$$
 */





Pseudo Code

Algorithm 12: Biconnected Components: Sub-DFS (DFS callee)

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add the v as the new last vertex of path P; for w \in \{vertices\ adjacent\ to\ v\} do /* Grows path P */

if w \notin V\{P\} then

add \{v,\ w\} to the end of P, as the new last edge of P;

Sub-DFS(w);

remove the edge \{v,\ w\} if necessary;

else /* w \in e_i - \{v_{i+1}\}, but most likely w \neq v_i */

replace the cycle w,\ e_i,\ v_{i+1},\ e_{i+1},\ \cdots,\ v_k,\ e_k,\ v to a new edge e = \bigcup_{j=i}^k e_j, both in H and in P;
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if no edge leaves $e_k - v_k$ then

output e_k as an edge of the block hypergraph; delete e_k from H and delete (v_k, e_k) from P;



Correctness

- When v, $\{v, w\}$ is added to P the result is a valid path, by the condition $v \in e_k \{v_k\}$. When edges are merged they form a valid cycle, by the condition $\{v, w\} \neq e_k$.
- The algorithm correctly forms the finest acyclic merging of G, it finds the block hypergraph as desired.





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Data Structure Used in Algorithm

- A stack S contains the vertices V(P).
- A stack B contains the boundaries between edges of P, two vertices per boundary.
- An array I[1...n] is used to store stack indices corresponding to vertices.
- All of above are similar (but not the same) to these in strong components.





Algorithms

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Procedure 13: BICONN(G)
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empty stacks S and B;

for v \in V do

\mid I[v] = 0;

c = n;

for v \in V do

\mid \text{if } I[v] = 0 \text{ and } v \text{ is not isolated then}

\mid \mathsf{DFS}(v);
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Algorithms

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Procedure 14: DFS(v)
PUSH(v, S); I[v] = TOP(S);
if I[v] > 1 then /* create a filled arrow on B
   PUSH(I[v], B);
for eades\{v, w\} \in E do
   if I[w] = 0 then /* create an open arrow on B
       PUSH(I[v], B); DFS(w);
   else /* possible merge
       while I[v] > 1 and I[w] < B[TOP(B) - 1] do
          POP(B); POP(B);
if I[v] = 1 then
   I[\mathsf{POP}(S)] = c;
else if I[v] = B[TOP(B)] then
   POP(B); POP(B); c = c + 1;
   while I[v] < TOP(S) do I[POP(S)] = c;
```

Representations

• Open arrows: They point to the vertices v_i of P.

$$v_i = S[B[2i-1]], \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

Filled arrows: They demarcate the sets $e_i - \{v_i\}$; these sets are the "nonfirst" vertices of edges e_i of P.

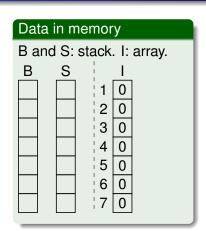
$$e_i - \{v_i\} = \{S[j] : B[2i] \le j < B[2i+2]\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$$

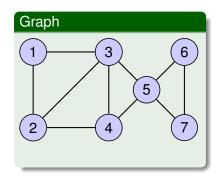
• Biconnected components: Each edge $\{v, w\}$ belongs to the biconnected component with number $\min\{I[v], I[w]\}$.





Demo: Gabow's biconnected components algorithm

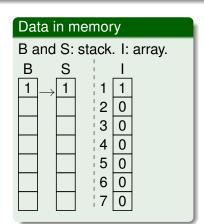


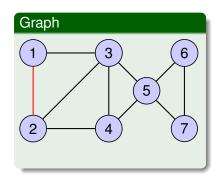


Procedure: BICONN(G)





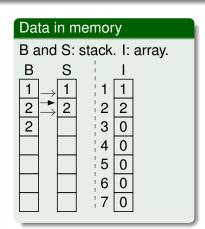


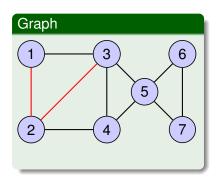


Procedure: DFS(1): w=2

$$\bullet$$
 $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2\}\}$



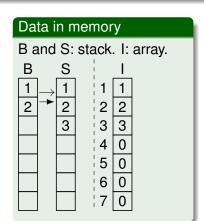


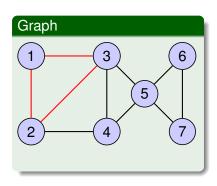


Procedure: DFS(2): w=3

$$P = \{ v_1, \{v_1, v_2\}, v_2, \{v_2, v_3\} \}$$



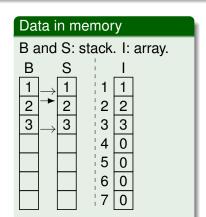


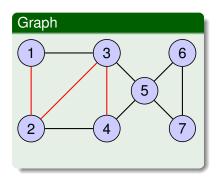


Procedure: DFS(3): w=1

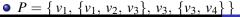
$$\bullet$$
 $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}\}$



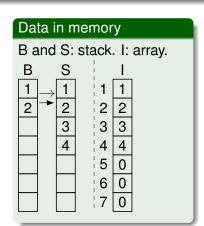


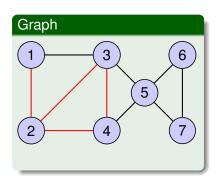


• Procedure: DFS(3): w=4





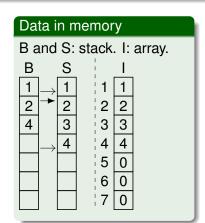


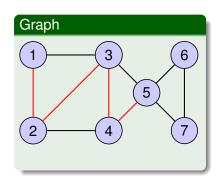


Procedure: DFS(4): w=2

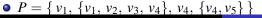
 \bullet $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}\}$



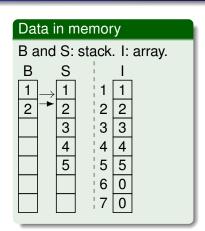


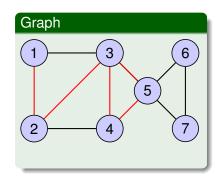


Procedure: DFS(4): w=5



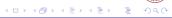


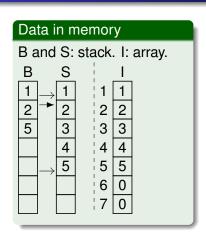


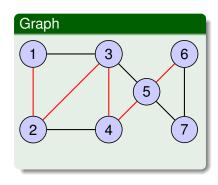


Procedure: DFS(5): w=3

$$P = \{ v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\} \}$$





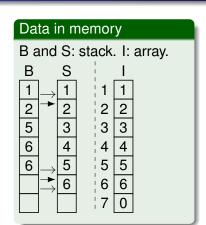


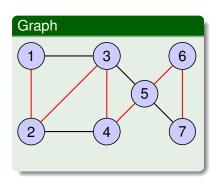
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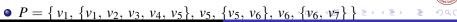
• $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}, v_5, \{v_5, v_6\}\}$

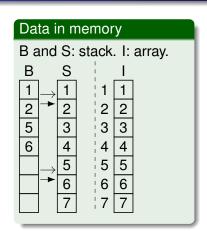


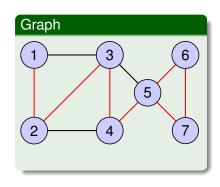




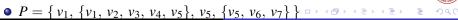
Procedure: DFS(6): w=7

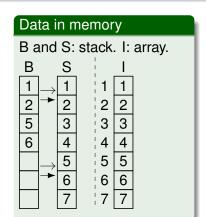


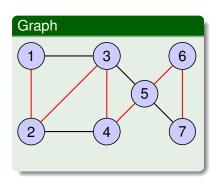




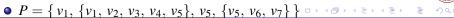
• Procedure: DFS(7): w=5

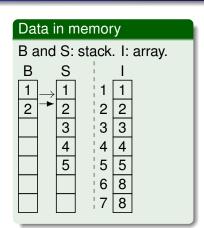


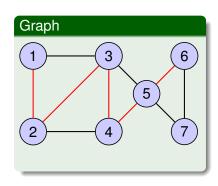




Procedure: DFS(7): End

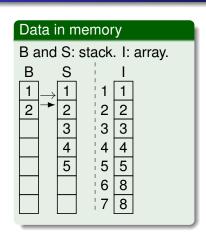


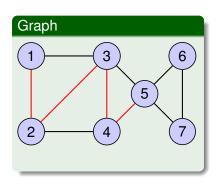




Procedure: DFS(6): End



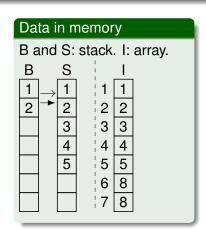


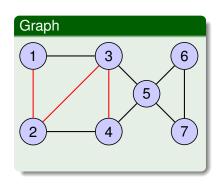


Procedure: DFS(5): End(No operation when w=7)

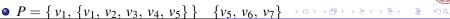


• $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}\}$ $\{v_5, v_6, v_7\}$

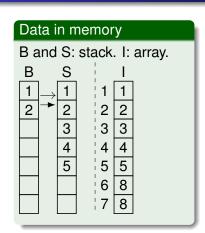


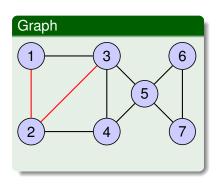


Procedure: DFS(4): End





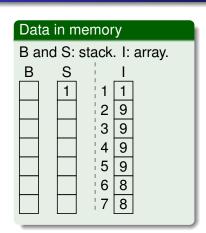


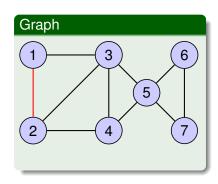


Procedure: DFS(3): End(No operation when w=5)



• $P = \{v_1, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}\}$ $\{v_5, v_6, v_7\}$





Procedure: DFS(2): End



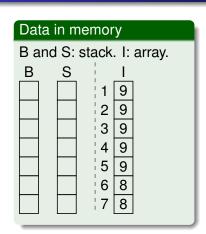
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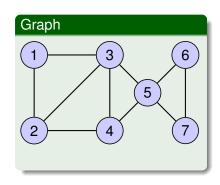












Procedure: DFS(1): End





Correctness

 In order to keep the completeness, the correctness is given as follow.

Theorem (Correctness and complexity)

When BICONN(G) halts any edge $\{v, w\} \in E$ belongs to the biconnected component numbered $\min\{I[v], I[w]\}$. The time and space are both O(V + E).



