

# Design and Analysis of Algorithms

## L16: Topological Sorting

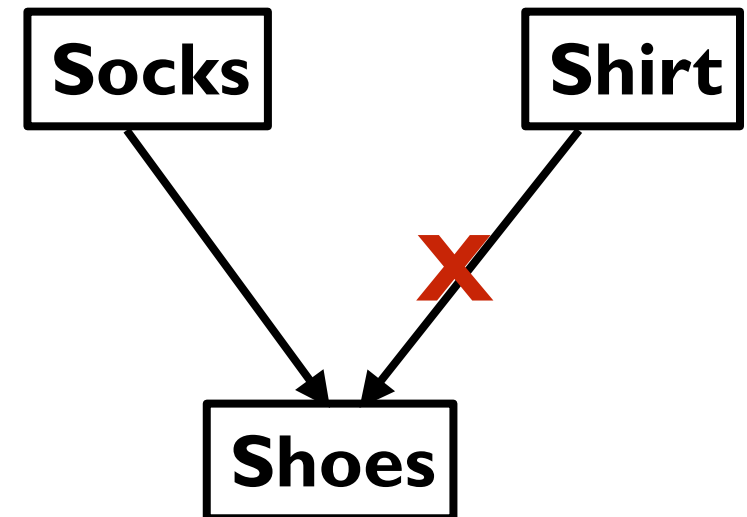
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# Resources

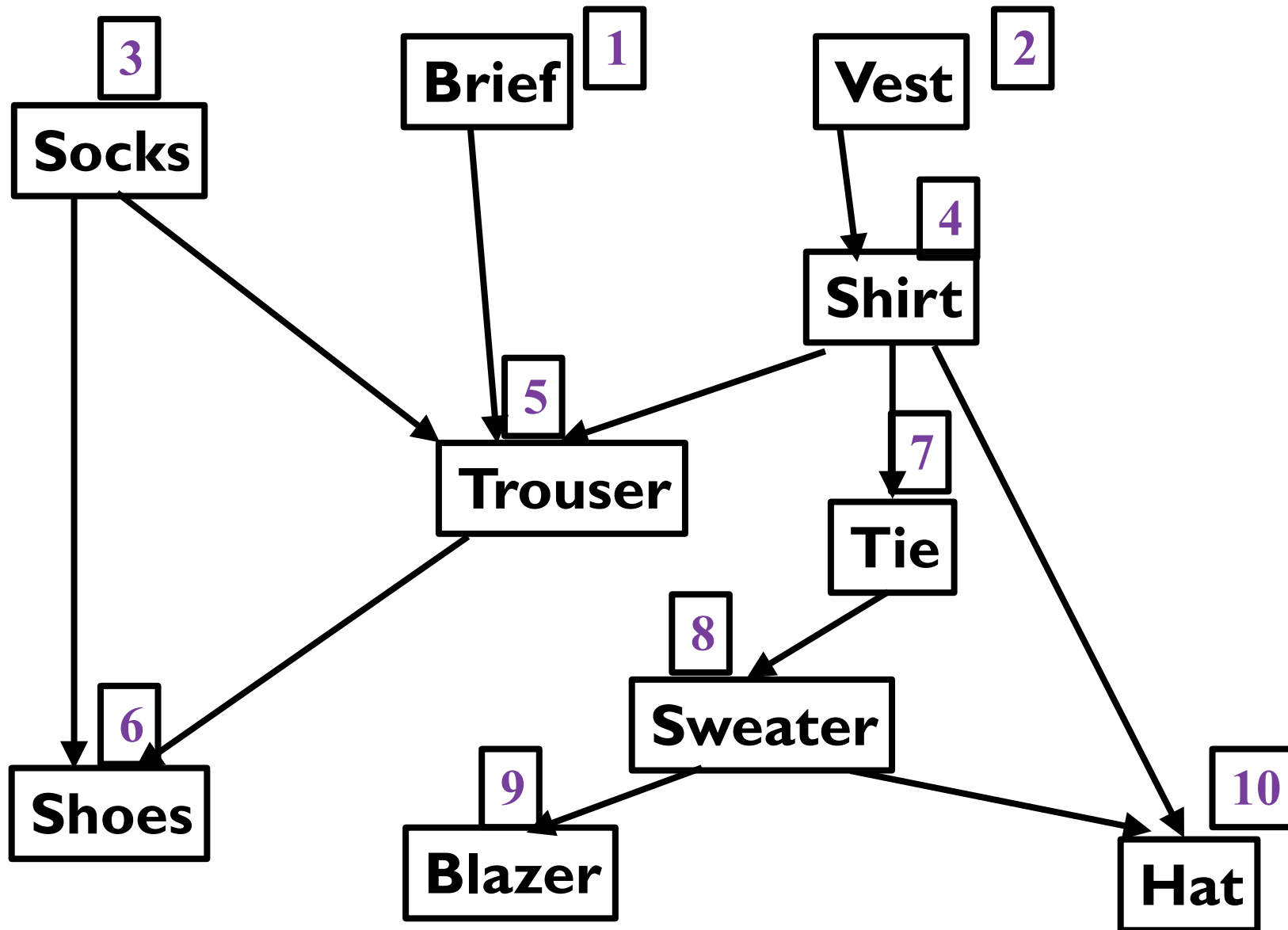
- T1: Sec 5.1-5.3 - Levitin
- RI: Introduction to Algorithms
  - Cormen et al.
- Introduction to Algorithms - A creative approach
  - Udi Manber

# Topological Sort Example

- Show the dependency graph in the order of wearing man's cloths
  - Blazer (Coat)
  - Brief
  - Hat
  - Shirt (tucked-in)
  - Sweater
  - Tie
  - Trouser
  - Socks
  - Shoes
  - Vest



# Topological Sort Example



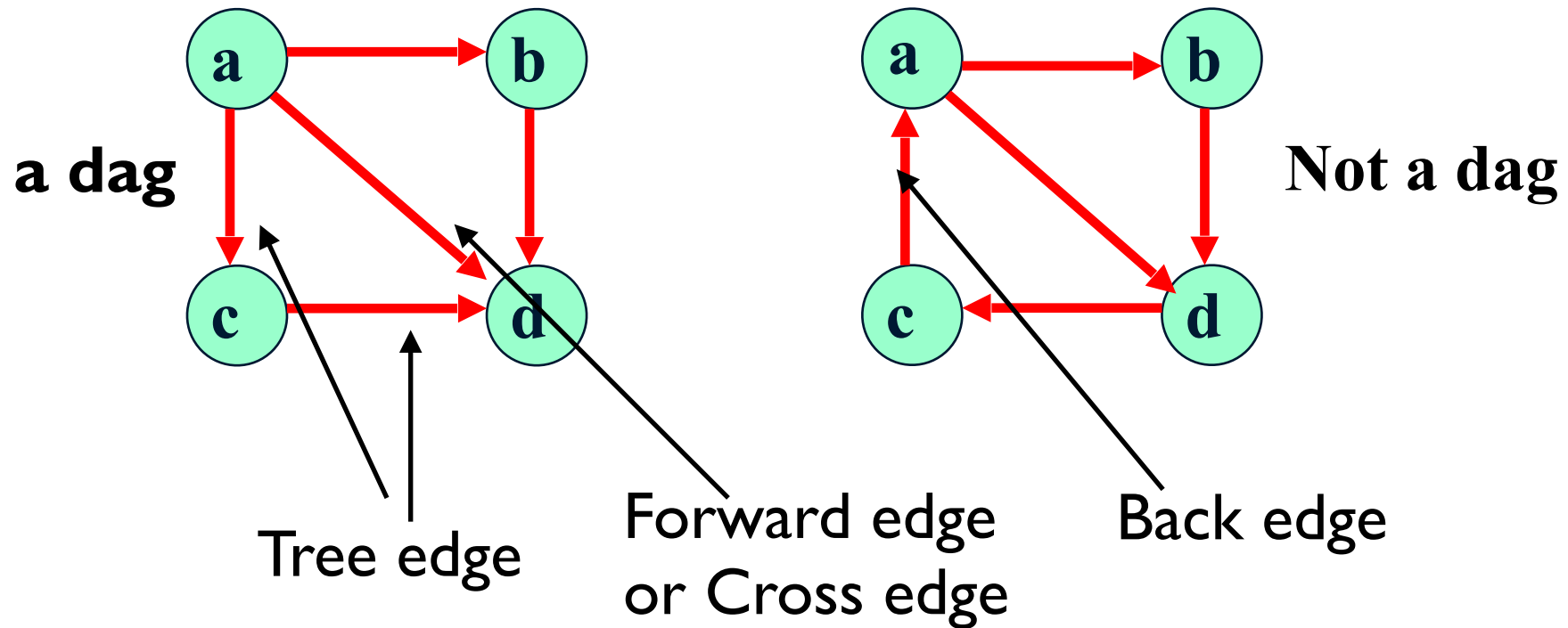
# Topological Sort Example

- Show the dependency graph in the order of wearing man's cloths.
  - Belt (new). Define dependency
  - Blazer (Coat)
  - Brief
  - Hat
  - Shirt (tucked-in)
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# Directed Acyclic Graph (*dag*)

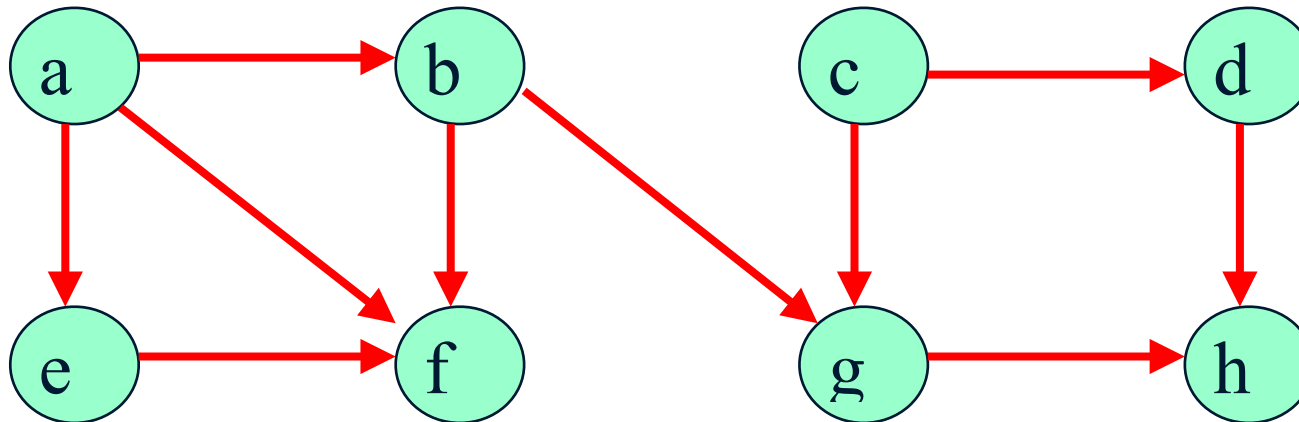
- *dag*: A directed graph with no (direct) cycles
- Useful in cases where pre-requisite constraints exists that define some dependency
- Topological sorting:
  - Ordering of vertices such that for every (directed) edge, the starting vertex of the edge is listed before the ending vertex.
    - pre-requisite courses for higher order courses
    - version control
  - Being a *dag* is a necessary condition for topological sorting to be possible.

# Examples: *dag* and non-*dag*



# Topological Sort: DFS Based

- DFS-based algorithm for topological sorting
  - Perform DFS traversal,
    - Note down the order vertices are popped off the traversal stack
  - Reverse order solves topological sorting problem
  - Back edges encountered? → NOT a dag!

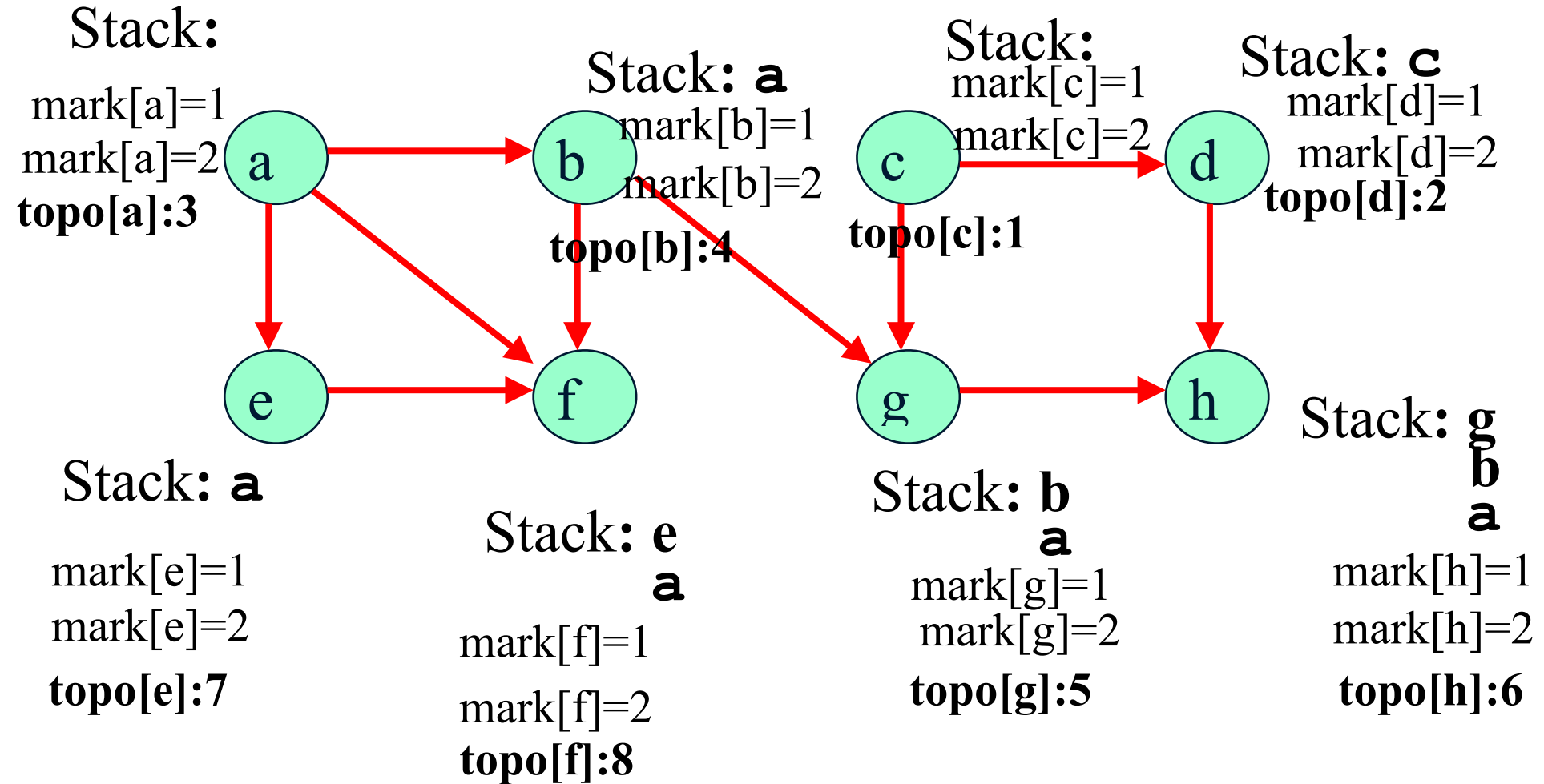




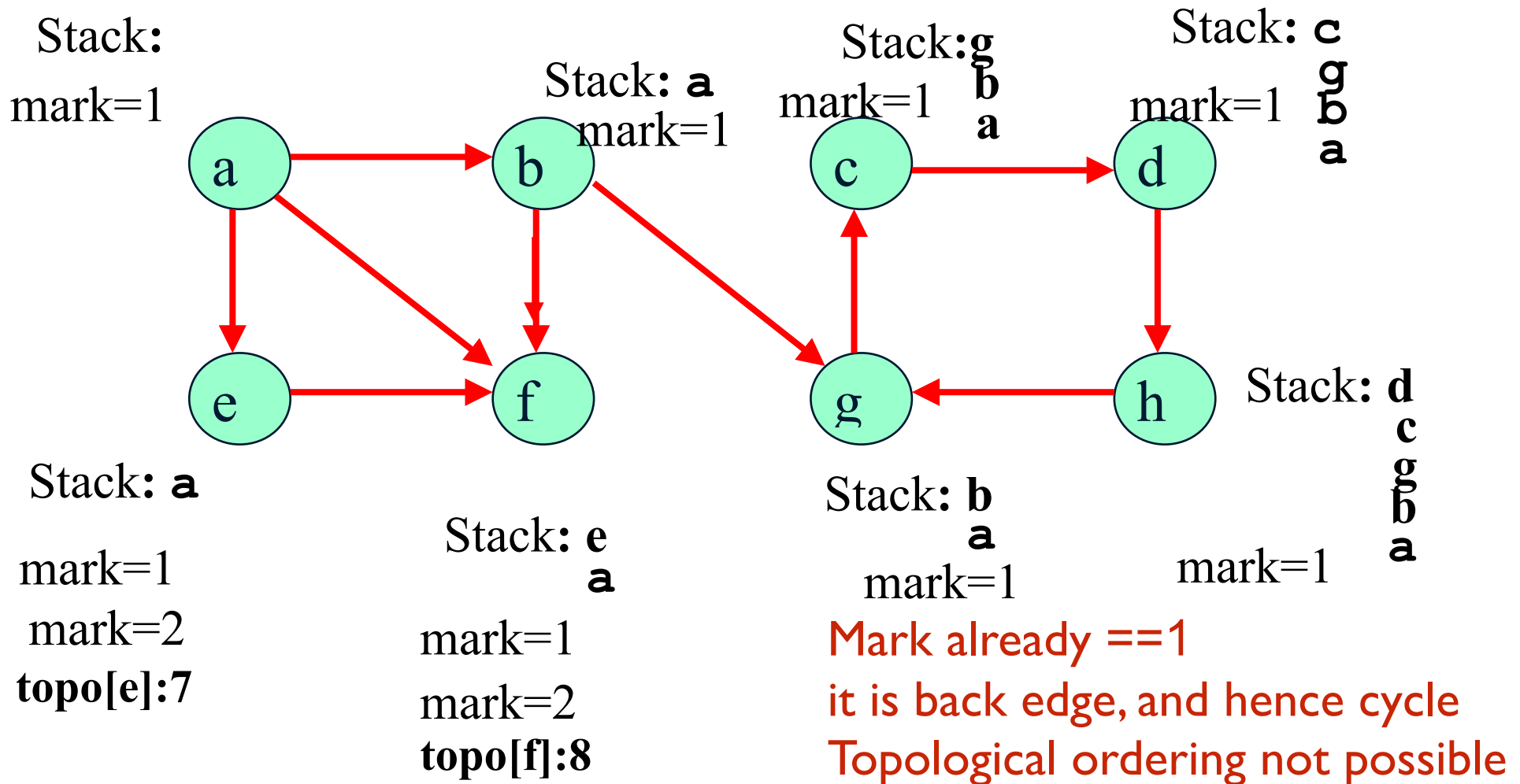
# DFS Algo - Topo Sort

```
proc DFS (v)
    mark[v] ← 1 /* visiting
    for each vertex w ∈ adjacency(v) do
        if mark[w] == 0 /* explore unvisited vertex */
            DFS (w) /* node v is pushed on stack */
        if mark[w] == 1 /* a back edge, and hence cycle */
            exit("graph has cycle")
    mark[v] ← 2 /* v is popped from stack, mark it visited */
    topo[v] = order--
/* initialization */
order ← N /* reverse ordering */
for each vertex v ∈ V do
    mark[v] ← 0 /* unvisited */;
    topo[v] = 0 /* order */
for each vertex v ∈ V where v has no incident edges do
    DFS (v) /* start from a some root */
```

# DFS Based Topological Sort-dag



# DFS Based Topological Sort



# Analysis: DFS based Topo Sort

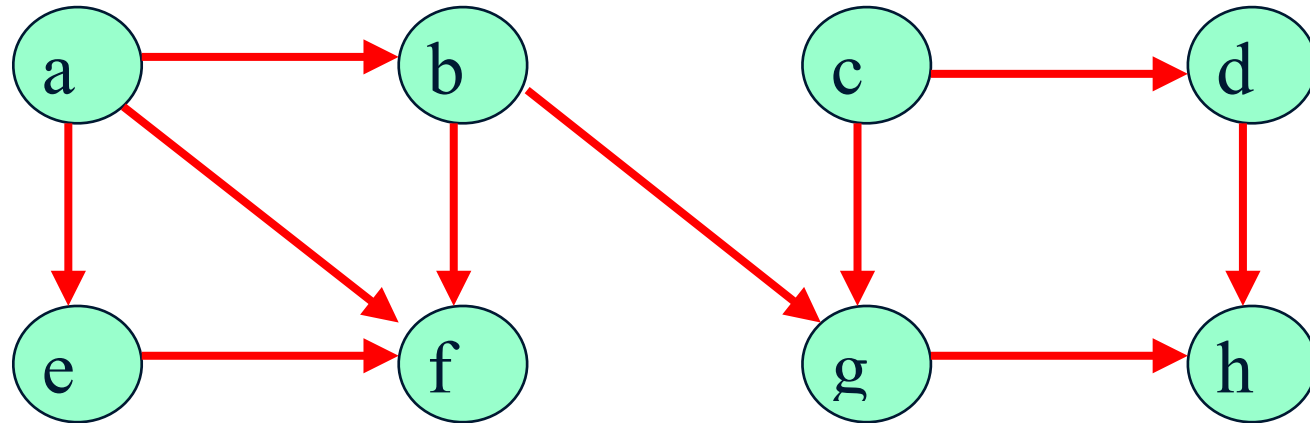
- When a vertex  $v$  is popped off the stack
  - no vertex  $u$  with an edge  $(u, v)$  can be among vertices popped off the stack before  $v$ .
    - Otherwise,  $(u, v)$  would be a back edge
    - Thus, any such vertex  $u$  will be listed after  $v$ .
- Time complexity
  - Same as that of DFS algorithm
    - $O(|V| + |E|)$

# Topo Sort: Decrease and Conquer

- Given the diagram (dag)
  - Identify a source (vertex with no incoming edges)
    - Remove this source from the diagram
    - If there are multiple such sources
      - Take any one at random
    - Repeat the process in remaining diagram
- The order in which vertices are removed
  - Provides a solution to the topological sorting
- If no source (without any incoming edges) is found
  - Then solution does not exist
  - There is a cycle and topological sorting can't be done

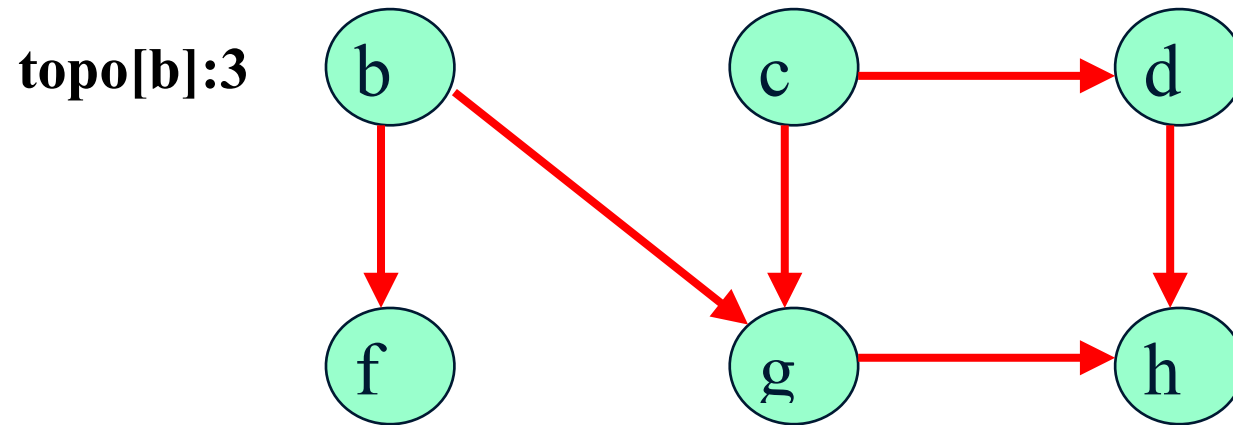
# Topo sort (D&C)-dag

**topo[a]:1**



**topo[e]:2**

# Topo sort (D&C)-dag

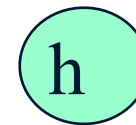


# Topo sort (D&C)-dag

topo[f]:6

topo[g]:7

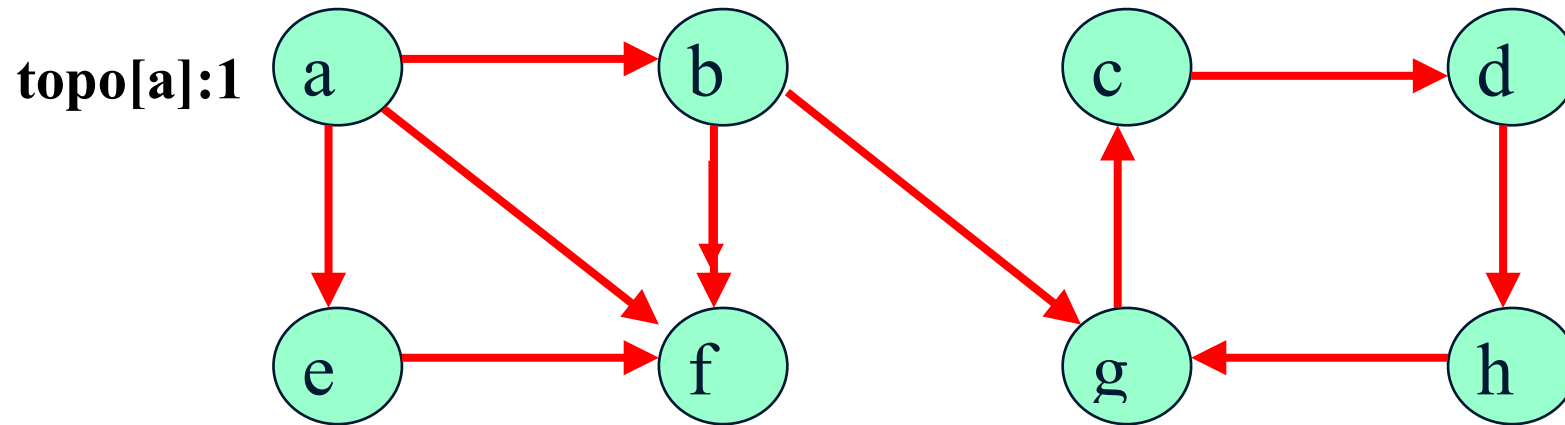
topo[h]:8



Topological sorting of vertices  
a:1, e:2, b:3, c:4, d:5, f:6, g:7, h:8



# Topo sort (D&C)-cyclic graph



topo[e]:2

# Topo sort (D&C)-cyclic graph

**topo[b]:3**

**topo[f]:4**

# Topo sort (D&C)-cyclic graph

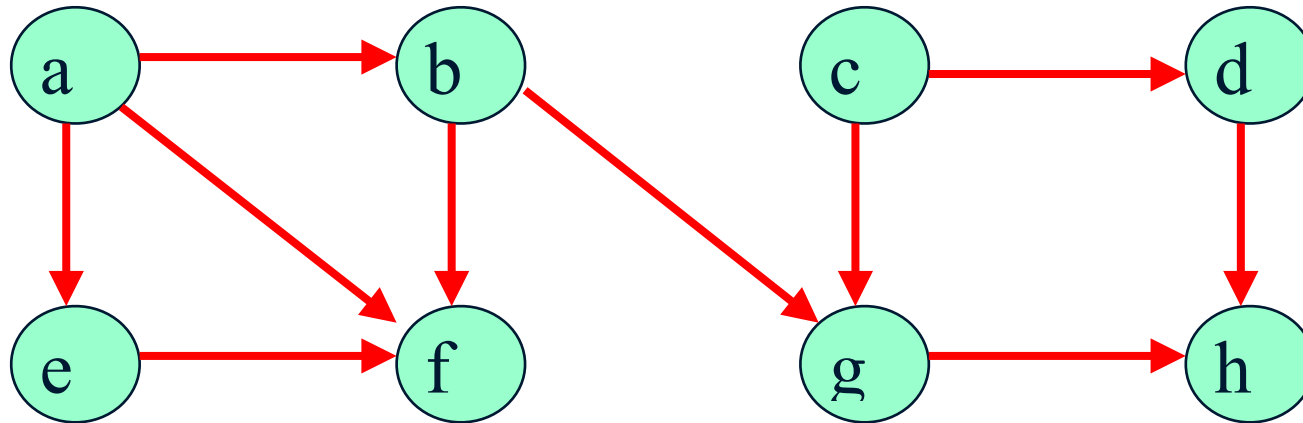
**No source can be found  
i.e. there is no vertex with  
no incoming edges.**

**Thus, given graph is cyclic**

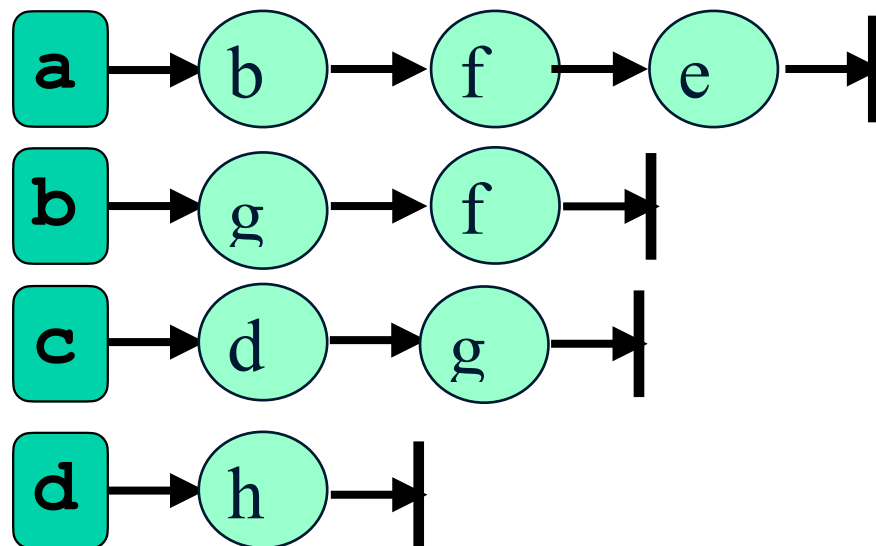
# Topo sort (D&C)-Algo

- **Algo:** `toposortdc(v, G)`
  - i/p: **v** is with in degree 0; o/p: topo order of v
  - `topo[v]=order++`
  - `if nodes in G == 1`
  - `return`
  - `For each edge v→w in G`
  - `remove v→w from G`
  - `Remove v from G`
  - Find a vertex  $w \in G$  such that in degree  $[w]$  is 0**
  - /\* if no such vertex  $w$ , then graph is cyclic**
  - `toposortdc(w, G)`
- /\* main \*/**
- `order=1`
- find  $v \in G$  such that indegree of v is 0**
- `toposortdc(v, G)`

# Topo sort (D&C)-Implementation



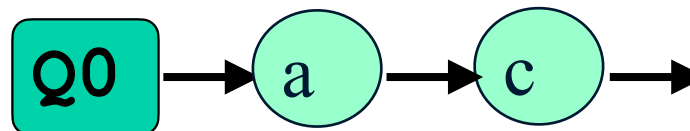
Adjacency List



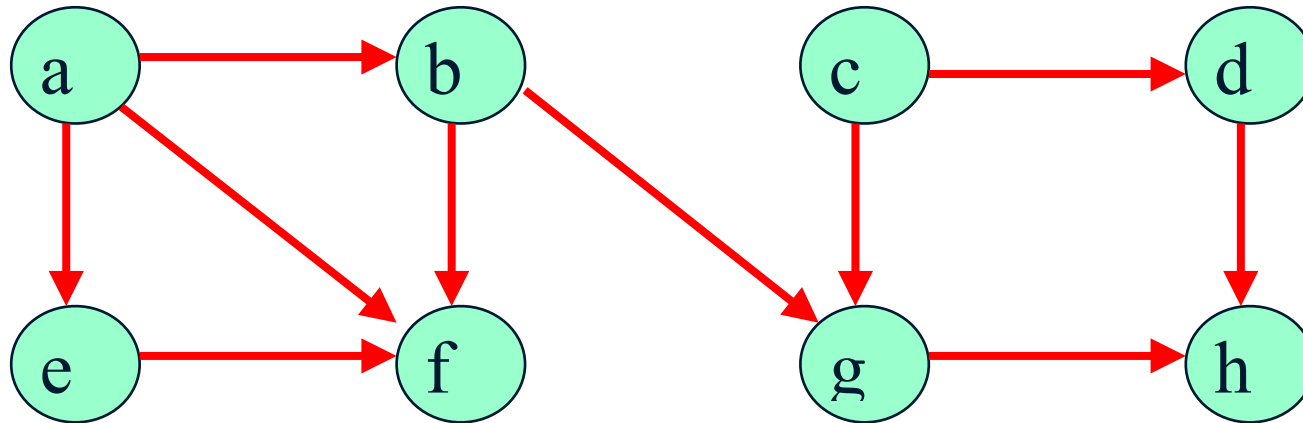
Indegrees

a : 0  
 b : 1  
 c : 0  
 d : 1  
 e : 1  
 f : 2 f : 3  
 g : 2  
 h : 2

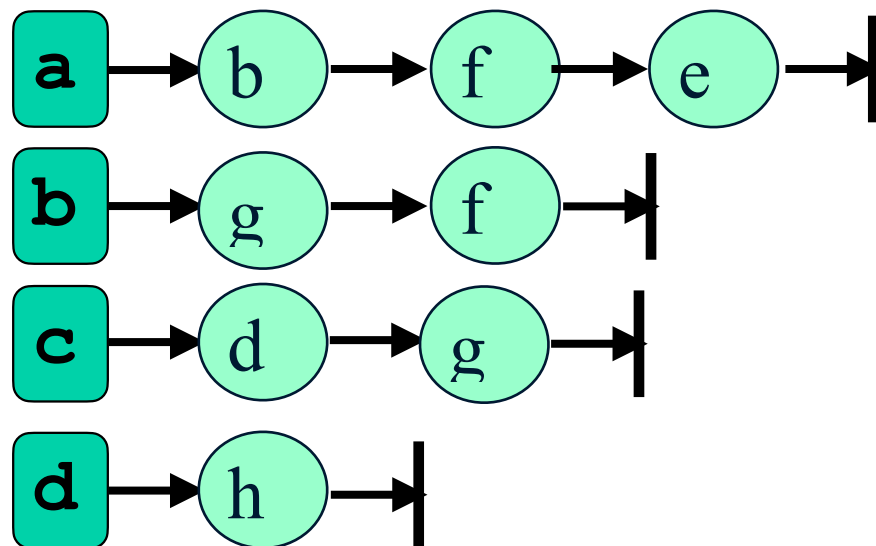
Queue with indegree 0



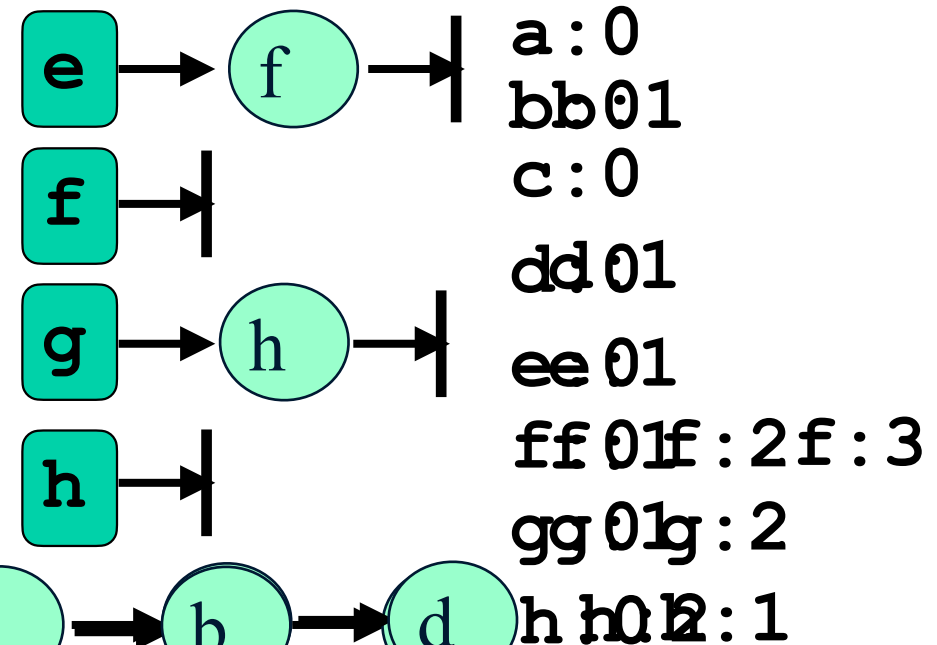
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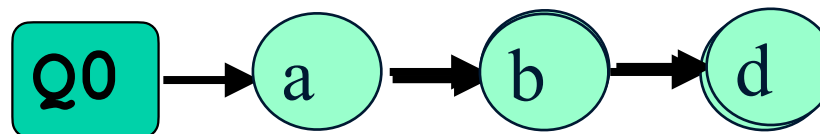
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Indegrees



Queue with indegree 0



# Topo sort (D&C)-Complexity

- Scanning a list of edges to build
  - Adjacency list:  $O(|E|)$
  - Indegree list:  $O(|E|)$
  - Queue of zero Indegree:  $O(|V|)$
- With each iteration of removing front of  $Q$ 
  - Indegree list is changed
  - node is added to end of Queue of zero indegree
- All the work done in all iterations
  - $O(|E|)$  for changing indegree
  - $O(|V|)$  for updating Queue of zero indegree
- **Total time complexity:**  $O(|V| + |E|)$

# Summary

- Topological order
- Directed acyclic graph
- Directed cyclic graph
- Topo sort using DFS
  - Time complexity:  $O(|V| + |E|)$
- Topo sort using node removal
  - Time complexity:  $O(|V| + |E|)$