Depth-First Search

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Undirected Graphs

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On the picture:

- $V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, 7 \text{ vertices in total }$
- $E = \{(0,2), (0,6), (2,1), (2,6), (3,5)\}, 5 \text{ edges in total}$
- Vertex degree is number of adjacent vertices. For example, deg(0)=2, deg(1)=1, deg(2)=2,, deg(4)=0.
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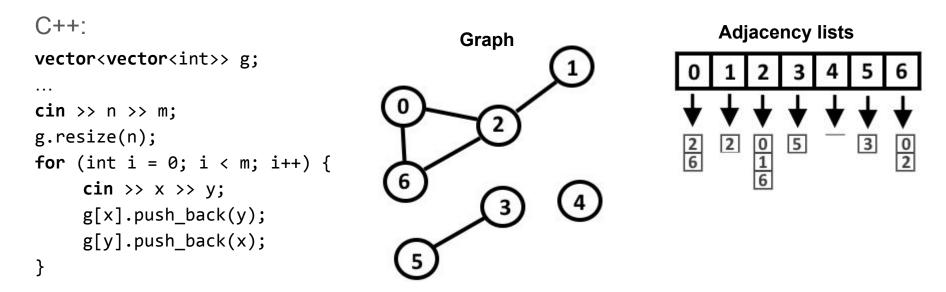
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- $E = \{(0,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,0), (2,4), (4,2), (5,5)\}, 7 \text{ edges in total}$
- Vertex out-degree is number of outgoing edges. For example, out_deg(0)=1, out_deg(1)=2, out_deg(3)=0, ..., out_deg(5)=1. Similarly, in_deg(0)=in_deg(1)=1
- Path is a sequence of vertices, connected consistently, (4,2,0,1,2) is a path.

Store graphs in a program

The simplest and efficient way is **adjacency lists**. Maintain array (vector) g, where g[u] is neighbours of vertex u.



Path Search Problem

Given a graph *G* (directed or undirected) and to vertices *s* and *t*. Check if a path from *s* to *t* exists? If a path exists, find and print any path from *s* to *t*.

We need some strategy to traverse the graph visiting all the vertices reachable from s. Think about it as about exploring a maze.

Two popular strategies (algorithms) DFS and BFS:

- DFS: explore maze by a single person moving each time to unvisited place or moving back if no neighbouring unvisited place.
- BFS: explore maze as fire spreads

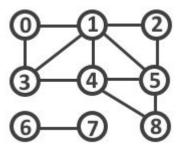
Path Tree

Path tree is an outgoing tree rooted at *s*. Path tree covers all vertices reachable from *s*.

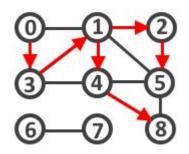
- parent[u] = u for root vertex u=s
- parent[u]=-1 for unreachable vertices u
- parent[u] = v if v is the previous vertex
 for u on the path from s to u

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function pathTo(t):
    path := []
    while parent[t] != t:
        path.push(t)
        t = parent[t]
    path.push(t)
    reverse(path)
    return path
```

Graph example, *s*=0.



Path tree example, s=0.



Parent array: parent = [0,3,1,0,1,2,-1,-1,4]

DFS starts from at the root vertex *s*. Say, *u* is a current vertex of DFS. If there is not visited neighbour *v*, go to *v* in recursive manner. If there is no such neighbour, go back returning from recursive call.

Simplest implementation (works in O(|V|+|E|)):

```
function DFS(u):
    visited[u] := true
    for each v, v is neighbour of u:
        if not visited[v]:
            DFS(v)
```

If graph is not connected (not all vertices are reachable from s), use serie of DFS calls, like:

```
visited[] ← false
for each u, u is a vertex:
   if not visited[u]:
        DFS(u)
```

Colors:

- * **WHITE**: vertex is not visited yet (not started)
- * **GRAY**: vertex is visited but not finished (started but not finished)
- * **BLACK**: vertex is finished

Times:

- * *tin*[*u*]: time vertex *u* started to be processed (**WHITE CRAY**)
- * *tout*[u]: time vertex *u* finished to be processed (**GRAY D BLACK**)

```
function DFS(u, p):
    parent[u] := p
    color[u] := GRAY
    tin[u] := T++
    for each v, v is neighbour of u:
        if color[v] == WHITE:
            DFS(v, u)
    color[u] := BLACK
    tout[u] := T++
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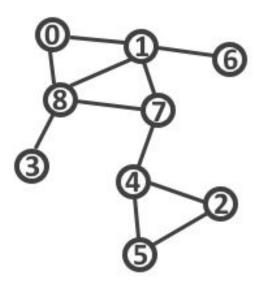
main:

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parent[] \leftarrow -1

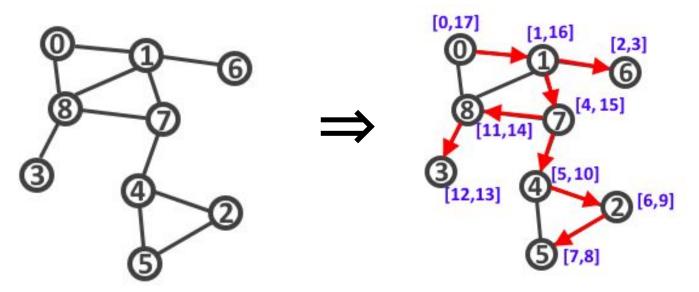
color[] \leftarrow WHITE

DFS(s, s)
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Example (s=0):



Example (*s*=0):



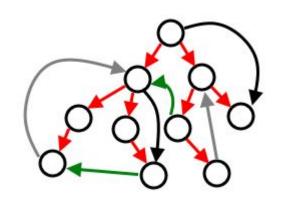
Time Segments

For any two vertices *u* and *v* time segments [tin[u], tout[u]], [tin[v], tout[v]]:

- [tin[u], tout[u]] nested in [tin[v], tout[v]] meaning u is descendant of v in DFS-tree,
- [tin[v], tout[v]] nested in [tin[u], tout[u]] meaning v is descendant of u in DFS-tree,
- [tin[v], tout[v]] and [tin[u], tout[u]] do not intersect meaning u and v are not comparable.

Edge Types

- Tree edges: from GRAY to WHITE
- → Backward edges: from GRAY to GRAY
- → Forward edges: from GRAY to BLACK
- → Cross edges: from GRAY to BLACK



For an undirected graph type of an edge is assigned in moment of the first lookup along the edge.

For undirected graphs forward and cross edges do not exist, only tree and backward edges exist.

^{*} Look on times tin/tout to choose forward or cross

Cycle Criterion

Cycle exists if and only if a backward edge exists, i.e. lookup from the current vertex to a GRAY vertex (careful with undirected graphs: skip an edge by which you came).

For undirected graphs:

visited/not visited information is enough

For directed graphs:

three colors (WHITE, GRAY, BLACK) are required

Topological Sort

A **topological sort** or **topological ordering** of a directed graph is a linear ordering of its vertices such that for every directed edge (u, v) from vertex u to vertex v, u comes before v in the ordering.

Possible topological sorts for graph from the picture:

- [e, h, g, c, b, f, a, d]
- [g, h, c, e, b, f, d, a]
- and others

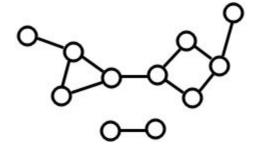
Criterion: A topological sort exists if and only graph is an acyclic.

Topological Sort

Naive approach. Each time extract a vertex u with $out_deg(u)=0$ **Linear algorithm.** Sort vertices in order of decreasing of *tout* values.

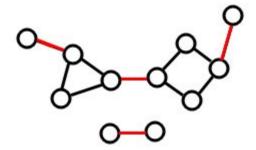
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function topsort(u):
     visited[u] := true
     for each v, v is neighbour of u:
         if not visited[v]:
              topsort(v)
    order.push(u)
main:
     order := [], visited[] ← false
     for each u, u is a vertex:
         if not visited[u]:
              topsort(u)
    reverse(order)
```

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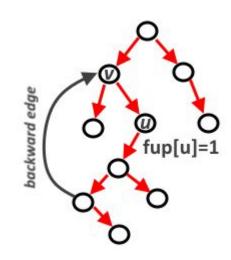
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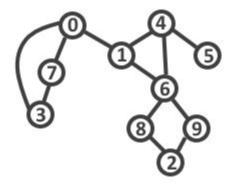
After DFS only tree edges could be bridges.

How to check if tree edge is a bridge?

Definition. Forward-up value, fup[u] is minimal possible distance from the root to v in DFS-tree where v is reachable from u by zero or more tree edges and after it zero or one backward edge.

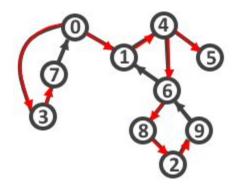


Example



Consider DFS visits neighbours in order of increasing their indices.

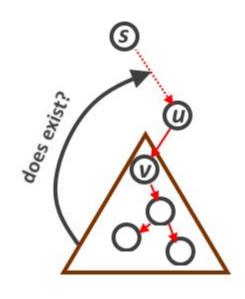
Example



Calculate values fup:

• fup = [0, 1, 3, 0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 3, 3].

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Calculate fup values in O(|V|+|E|):
 function DFS(u, p, d):
     visited[u] := true
     dep[u] := fup[u] := d
     for each v, v is neighbour of u:
         if v == p:
             continue
         if not visited[v]:
             DFS(v, u, d+1)
             fup[u] := min(fup[u], fup[v])
         else:
             fup[u] := min(fup[u], dep[v])
```



Tree edge (u,v) is a bridge if and only if:

• there is no edge from subtree of *v* to *u* or upper.

Or:

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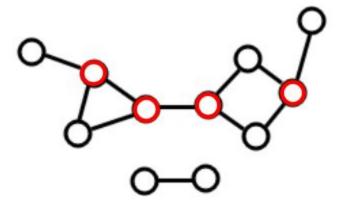
• fup[v]>dep[u].

It means that to find all edges, just add one line into the code to calculate fup-values (after DFS(v, u, d+1)).

Conclusion. Easy linear algorithm to find all bridges exists.

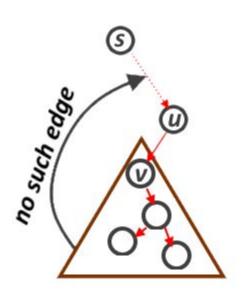
Cut Vertices (Articulation Points)

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There is no simple connection between bridges and cut points!

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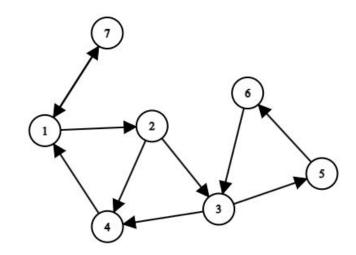


A vertex *u* is a cut point if and only if:

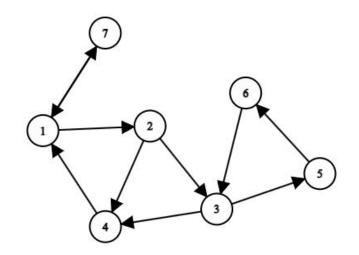
- u is not a root and such tree edge (u,v) exists that $fup[v] \ge dep[u]$,
- *u* is root and number of children in DFS-tree is at least 2.

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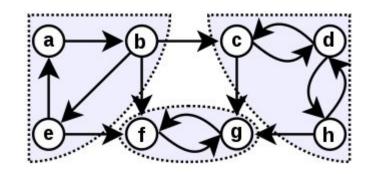
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- How to check if the given directed graph is strongly connected in linear time?
- Run DFS from any vertex u and check that all vertices are reachable from u
- Reverse the graph and again in reversed graph run DFS from any vertex u and check that all vertices are reachable from u



The strongly connected components of an arbitrary directed graph are maximal subgraphs that are themselves strongly connected.

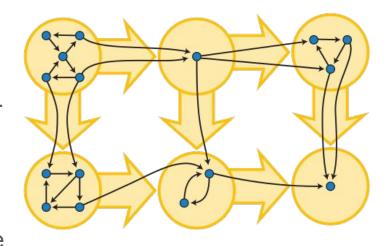
Such partition on strongly connected subgraphs is unique.

There are several linear algorithms to find strongly connected components.



If each strongly connected component is contracted to a single vertex, the resulting graph is a directed acyclic graph, the condensation of G.

A directed graph is acyclic if and only if it has no strongly connected subgraphs with more than one vertex, because a directed cycle is strongly connected and every non-trivial strongly connected component contains at least one directed cycle.



Kosaraju's algorithm

- 1. Run serie of DFS to visit all vertices. Order vertices in decreasing time of their tout values. Pay attention, it's exactly how topsort works!
- 2. Reverse the graph.
- 3. Do new serie of DFS in reversed graph in order of item 1.
- 4. Each DFS tree is a single strongly connected component.

Strongly connected component will be found in order of top sort in the correspondent condensation.

Thank you for your attention

Questions?