# Graph traversal DFS, BFS, applications

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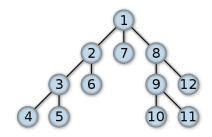
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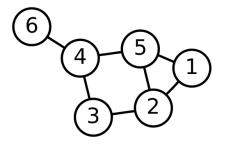
# Depth-first principle

- ► Go in depth, backtrack when stuck
- Visit everything before switching



# DFS example

Do not visit a node twice!



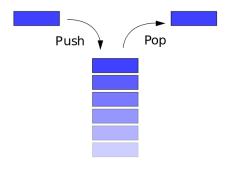
$$\textbf{1} \rightarrow \textbf{2} \rightarrow \textbf{3} \rightarrow \textbf{4} \rightarrow \textbf{5} \rightarrow \textbf{4} \rightarrow \textbf{6} \rightarrow \textbf{4} \rightarrow \textbf{3} \rightarrow \textbf{2} \rightarrow \textbf{1}$$

## DFS recursive implementation

```
vector<int> neigh[MAXN];
bitset < MAXN> visited;
void dfs(int u)
    if (visited[u])
        return:
    visited[u] = true;
    for (int i = 0; i < (int) neigh[u].size(); i++)
        dfs(neigh[u][i]);
```

#### DFS visit order

- ightharpoonup Always travels locally: parent ightharpoonup child ightharpoonup parent
- ► The last discovered are the first visited ⇒ we can also use a Last In First Out structure (stack)

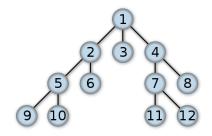


## DFS stack implementation

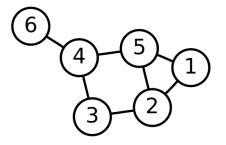
```
stack<int> st;
st.push(start);
while (!st.empty())
    int u = st.top();
    st.pop();
    for (int i = 0; i < (int) neigh [u]. size (); i++)
        int v = neigh[u][i];
        if (!visited[v])
            visited[v] = true;
            st.push(v);
```

# Breadth-first principle

- Go layer by layer
- Visit the closest nodes first



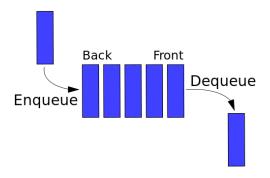
# BFS example



 $1\rightarrow2\rightarrow5\rightarrow3\rightarrow4\rightarrow6$ 

#### BFS visit order

The first discovered are the first visited  $\Rightarrow$  we can use a *First In First Out* structure (queue)



# BFS implementation

```
queue < int > q; // different
q.push(start);
while (!q.empty())
    int u = q.front(); // different
    q.pop();
    for (int i = 0; i < (int) neigh [u]. size (); i++)
        int v = neigh[u][i];
        if (!visited[v])
             visited[v] = true;
            q.push(v);
```

# BFS for shortest path

BFS traverses graph with nondecreasing distance!

- Add two tables dist[] and parent[]
- When adding to queue:
  - dist [v] = dist[u] + 1
  - ▶ parent[v] = u
- Trace path back using parent[]

## Comparison

Complexity: both O(V + E).

How to choose:

- ▶ If distance / shortest path necessary ⇒ BFS
- ▶ Otherwise ⇒ DFS (shorter)

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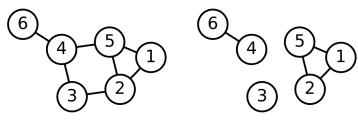
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#### Connected components

- ► On **undirected graphs**, "*u* connected to *v*" is an equivalence relation
- So it forms a partition of the vertices



1 connected component

3 connected components

# Finding connected components

One run of DFS/BFS visits a whole component!

- Go through nodes and check if visited
- ▶ In dfs(), store nodes in a vector

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
{
    if (!visited[i]) // new CC
    {
       vector < int > cc;
       dfs(i, &cc); // adds nodes to cc
       // process cc
    }
}
```

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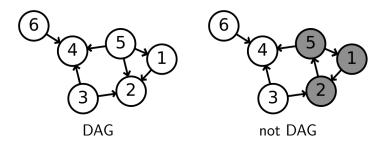
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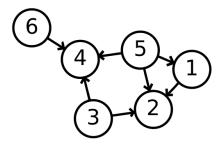
# Directed acyclic graphs

Directed graphs without cycles



# Topological sort

- ▶ There are no cycles, so we can order the nodes so that edge  $u \rightarrow v \Rightarrow u$  before v
- Example: course prerequisites, how to take them all in order
- ► Not unique: {3,5,6,4,1,2}, {5,3,1,6,2,4},...



## Toposort with zero in-degree

If *u* does not have edges pointing to it, it can go first!

- Start at nodes with deg<sub>in</sub> = 0
- ▶ Remove edges as we find them
- Continue until no node is left

# Zero in-degree implementation

```
int in_degree [MAXN]; // pre-filled
queue<int> zero_in; // pre-filled
vector<int> toposort;
while (!zero_in.empty())
    int u = zero_in.front();
    zero_in.pop();
    toposort.push_back(u);
    for (int i = 0; i < (int) neigh [u]. size (); i++)
        int v = neigh[u][i];
        in_degree[v]--;
        if (in_degree[v] = 0)
            zero_in.push(v);
```

## Toposort with DFS

Use DFS to build the toposort backwards

- Call dfs() on every node
- Add a node after recursing

Thus every node is

- after its children in the backward toposort
- before its children in the *forward* toposort

## Toposort DFS implementation

```
int dfs(int u, vector<int> *toposort)
    if (visited[u]) break;
    visited[u] = true;
    // recurse as usual...
    toposort -> push_back(u);
vector < int > toposort;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    dfs(i, &toposort); // no need to check visited[i]
for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--)
   // use toposort[i]
```

## Comparison

Complexity: both O(V + E)

Use the zero in-degree method only if needed:

- Additional conditions on the order
- ► Enumerate all possible toposorts

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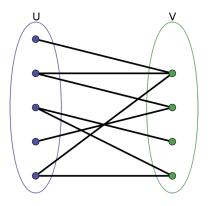
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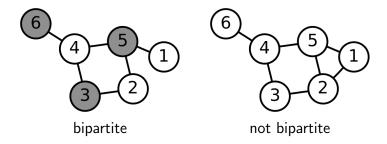
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# Bipartite graphs

- Can be split in two without internal edges
- ► Equivalent: no odd-length cycle



## Bipartite examples



# Bipartite check with DFS/BFS

Put an arbitrary node u on the left then traverse the graph:

- ▶ If v is on the left, put all its neighbors on the right
- ▶ If v is on the right, put all its neighbors on the left
- Continue until conflict or finished

Note: v on left  $\Leftrightarrow$  dist(u, v) even

## Bipartite check correctness

G is not bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow$  the assignment fails

- ▶ If G is not bipartite the assignment will clearly fail
- ▶ If there is a conflict between *u* and *v* adjacent
  - ▶ Let *p* be their common parent in the DFS
  - dist(p, u) and dist(p, v) have the same parity
  - ► Cycle p u v has odd length dist(p, u) + 1 + dist(p, v)
  - ▶ Thus *G* is not bipartite

# Bipartite check implementation

```
int color[MAXN];
bool dfs(int u)
    for (int i = 0; i < (int) neigh[u].size(); i++)
        int v = neigh[u][i];
        if (color[v] = -1) // unassigned
            color[v] = !color[u];
            if (!dfs(v))
                return false;
        else if (color[u] == color[v]) // conflict
            return false;
    return true;
```

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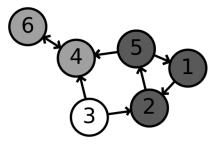
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#### Strongly connected components

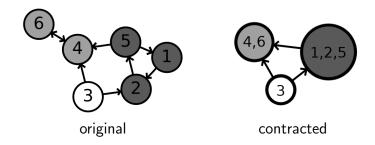
Nodes u, v in same SCC  $\Leftrightarrow$  path  $u \rightarrow v$  and path  $v \rightarrow u$ 



3 strongly connected components

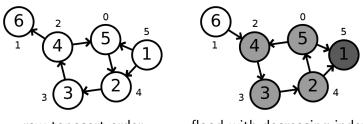
# Contracted graph

- ▶ If we contract the SCCs into one node, a DAG appears
- This is because all cycles have been contracted
- Useful for DP (as we will see later)



# Kosaraju's algorithm

- ▶ Run the DFS toposort algorithm on *G*
- ▶ Use that order and flood with the transpose of *G*



raw toposort order

flood with decreasing index

# Kosaraju implementation

```
void dfs(int u, vector<int> neigh[], vector<int> *st)
   // ... (use neigh[] to flood)
   st—>push_back(u);
vector<int> toposort; // not valid toposort!
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    dfs(i, neigh, &toposort);
visited . reset();
for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--)
    if (!visited[toposort[i]])
        vector<int> scc:
        dfs(toposort[i], neighT, &scc);
```

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