

Problem type 1:

Answer the following question:

(See variants below)

a. BYH

How many strongly connected components can a direct acyclic graph have?

Solution: A DAG must have n strongly connected components (each node is its own SCC). ■

b. BYF

How many topological sorts does a fully connected directed graph have?

Solution: Trick question. Answer is 0. (one caveat, if $n = 1$, then the number of topological sorts is 1). ■

c. BYE

What type of graph has the greatest number of topological sorts?

Solution: A completely disconnected graph (no edges), has $n!$ topological sorts. ■

d. BYD

Given a directed graph, give a algorithm that finds the node that has the largest reach (find u such that $|rch(u)|$ is maximized).

Solution: Need to find vertex with largest interval. Larger the interval means the more vertices were reached after this vertex.

- Run DFS with pre/post numbering on G
- return the vertex with the largest *post-pre* number

Can't just look at vertex with largest post number because there may be multiple source vertices. ■

e. BYB

Given a directed graph, give a algorithm that finds the node that has the smallest reach (find u such that $|rch(u)|$ is minimized).

Solution: Need to find a vertex in the sink SCC.

- Run DFS with pre/post numbering on G^{rev}
- return the vertex with the largest post number

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f. BYG

You run DFS with pre/post numbering on a directed acyclic graph. You get the numbering for vertices u and v . You notice that the edge (u, v) can be classified as a **forward** edge because of the relationship of the pre/post numberings.

Fill in the equality:

$$w < x < y < z$$

that must be true for a forward edge where

$$w, x, y, z, \in \{pre(u), post(u), pre(v), post(v)\}$$

Solution: $pre(u) < pre(v) < post(v) < post(u)$ ■

g. BYC

You run DFS with pre/post numbering on a directed acyclic graph. You get the numbering for vertices u and v . You notice that the edge (u, v) can be classified as a **backward** edge because of the relationship of the pre/post numberings.

Fill in the equality:

$$w < x < y < z$$

that must be true for a forward edge where

$$w, x, y, z, \in \{pre(u), post(u), pre(v), post(v)\}$$

Solution: $pre(v) < pre(u) < post(u) < post(v)$ ■

h. BYA

You run DFS with pre/post numbering on a directed acyclic graph. You get the numbering for vertices u and v . You notice that the edge (u, v) can be classified as a **cross** edge because of the relationship of the pre/post numberings.

Fill in the equality:

$$w < x < y < z$$

that must be true for a forward edge where

$$w, x, y, z, \in \{pre(u), post(u), pre(v), post(v)\}$$

Solution: $pre(u) < post(u) < pre(v) < post(v)$ or $pre(v) < post(v) < pre(u) < post(u)$ ■