DIGITAL LOGIC SYSTEMS: ASSIGNMENT 1

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Exercise 1.

Prove that if the vertices of a directed graph G admit a topological ordering (i.e. $(u, v) \in E$ implies that $\pi(u) < \pi(v)$), then G is acyclic.

Solution 1.

If possible, let G = (V, E) be cyclic.

Therefore, after a finite number of runs of the algorithm TS(V,E), there will be a case where there are no sinks. In such a case, the algorithm fails. Therefore, the vertices of G do not assume a topological sorting.

This contradicts the given condition.

Hence, G must be acyclic.

Exercise 2.

Suggest an algorithm that is input a directed graph and outputs whether the graph is acyclic.

Algorithm 1 An algorithm that is input a directed graph and outputs whether the graph is acyclic.

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\begin{array}{l} \textbf{if} \ |V| = 0 \ \textbf{then} \\ \text{let} \ v \in V \ \textbf{and} \\ \textbf{return} \ \ \pi(v) = 0 \ \textbf{and} \\ \textbf{return} \ \ \text{acyclic} \\ \textbf{else} \ \ \textbf{if} \ \exists v \in V, \ \text{such that} \ \text{deg}_{\text{out}} = 0 \ \textbf{then} \\ \textbf{return} \ \ \left( \text{TS}(V, E) \left( V \setminus v, E \setminus E_v \right) \right) \ \text{extended by} \ \pi(v) = |V| - 1. \\ \textbf{else} \\ \textbf{return} \ \ \text{cyclic} \\ \textbf{end} \ \ \textbf{if} \end{array}
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