



# Applications of Graph Traversal

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Algorithm : Design & Analysis  
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# In the last class...

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- Depth-First and Breadth-First Search
  - Finding Connected Components
  - General Depth-First Search Skeleton
  - Depth-First Search Trace
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# Applications of Graph Traversal

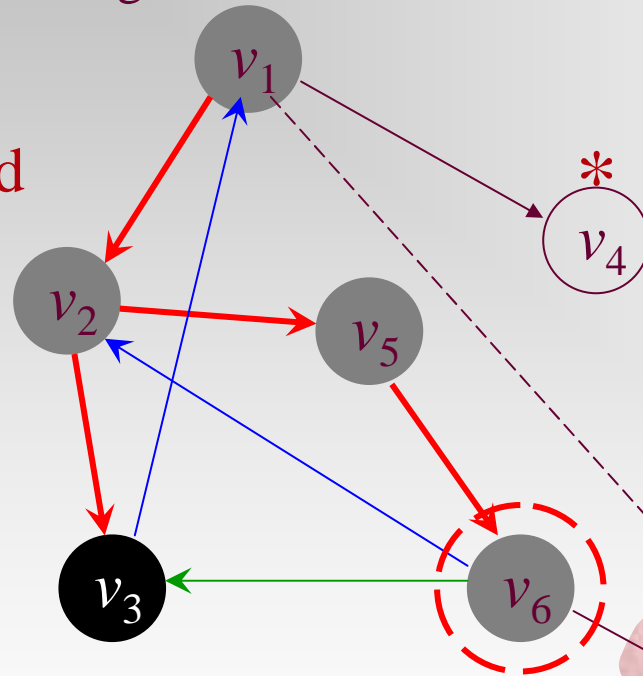
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- Directed Acyclic Graph
    - Topological Order
    - Critical Path Analysis
  - Strongly Connected Component
    - Strong Component and Condensation
    - Leader of Strong Component
    - The Algorithm
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# For Your Reference

A DFS tree  
**partially formed**  
at the moment  
the search  
checking  $v_3$   
from  $v_6$

starting vertex

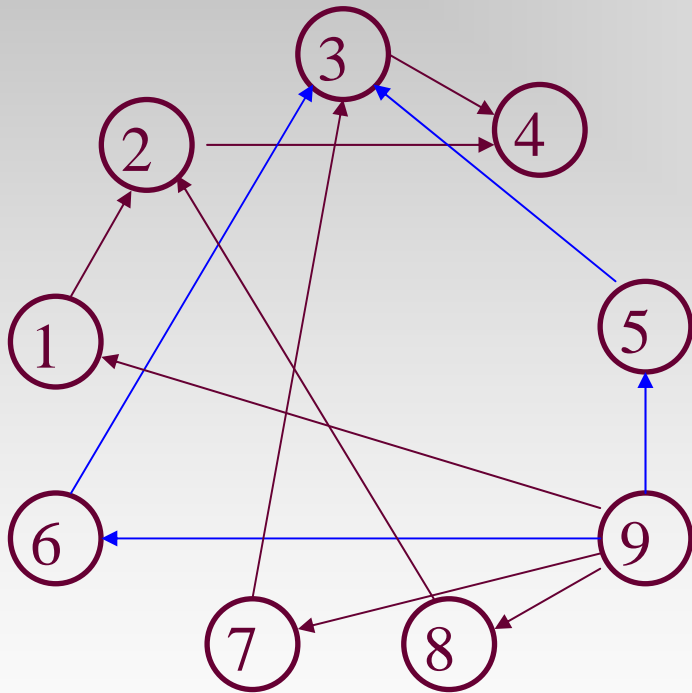


Now, here

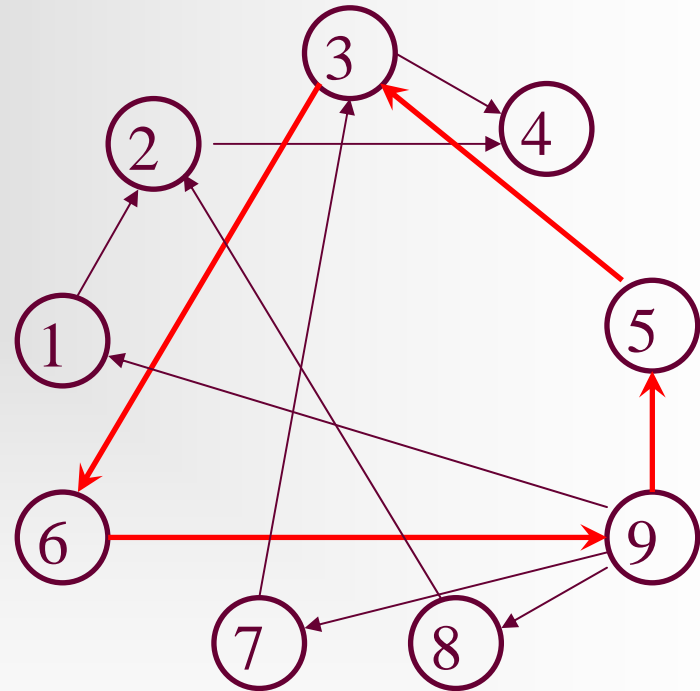
- tree edge
- back edge
- cross edge
- tree edge not accessed yet
- Descendant edge not accessed yet

\* Note:  $v_4$  is reachable from  $v_6$ , and is white, but it is not a descendant of  $v_6$

# Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)



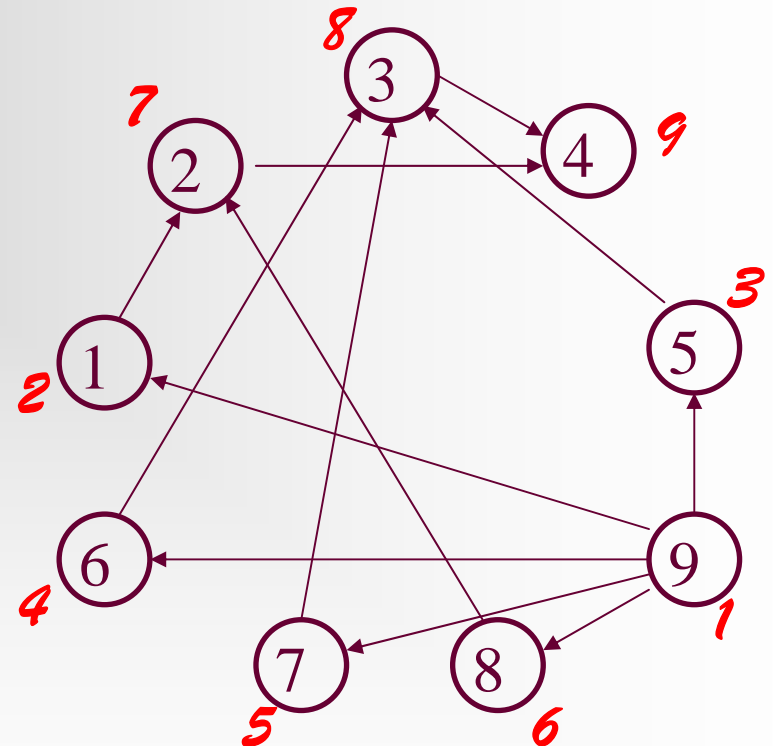
A Directed Acyclic Graph



**Not** a DAG

# Topological Order

- $G=(V,E)$  is a directed graph with  $n$  vertices. A **topological order** for  $G$  is an assignment of distinct integer  $1,2,\dots,n$  to the vertices of  $V$  as their **topological number**, such that, for every  $vw \in E$ , the topological number of  $v$  is less than that of  $w$ .
- Reverse topological order can be defined similarly, (“greater than”)



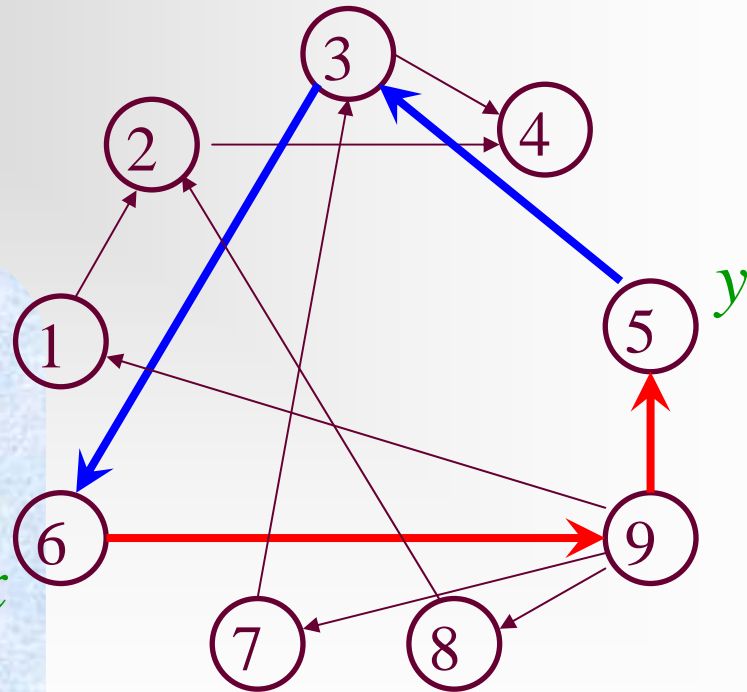
# Existence of Topological Order

## - a Negative Result

- If a directed graph  $G$  has a cycle, then  $G$  has no topological order
- Proof
  - [By contradiction]

----->  $yx$ -path  
----->  $xy$ -path

For any given topological order, all the vertices on both paths must be in increasing order. Contradiction results for any assignments for  $x$  and  $y$ .



# Reverse Topological Ordering using DFS Skeleton - Parameters

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- Specialized parameters
    - Array *topo*, keeps the topological number assigned to each vertex.
    - Counter *topoNum* to provide the integer to be used for topological number assignments
  - Output
    - Array *topo* as filled.
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# Reverse Topological Ordering using DFS Skeleton - Wrapper

- **void** dfsTopoSweep(IntList[ ] *adjVertices*, **int** *n*, **int**[ ] *topo*)
- **int** *topoNum*=0
- <Allocate color array and initialize to white>
- For each vertex *v* of *G*, in some order
- **if** (color[*v*]==white)
- **dfsTopo**(*adjVertices*, color, *v*, *topo*, *topoNum*);
- *// Continue loop*
- **return**;

For non-reverse topological ordering, initialized as  $n+1$

# Reverse Topological Ordering using DFS Skeleton - Recursion

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void dfsTopo(IntList[] adjVertices, int[] color, int v, int[] topo, int  
    topoNum)  
    int w; IntList remAdj; color[v]=gray; remAdj=adjVertices[v];  
    while (remAdj≠nil)  
        w=first(remAdj);  
        if (color[w]==white)  
            dfsTopo(adjVertices, color, w, topo, topoNum);  
        remAdj=rest(remAdj);  
    topoNum++; topo[v]=topoNum  
    color[v]=black;  
    return;
```

Obviously, in  $\Theta(m+n)$

Filling *topo* is a post-order processing,  
so, the earlier discovered vertex has  
relatively greater topo number

# Correctness of the Algorithm

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- If  $G$  is a DAG with  $n$  vertices, the procedure *dfsTopoSweep* computes a reverse topological order for  $G$  in the array *topo*.
  - Proof
    - The procedure *dfsTopo* is called exactly once for a vertex, so, the numbers in *topo* must be distinct in the range  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .
    - For any edge  $vw$ ,  $vw$  can't be a back edge (otherwise, a cycle is formed). For any other edge types, we have  $finishTime(v) > finishTime(w)$ , so, *topo*( $w$ ) is assigned earlier than *topo*( $v$ ). Note that *topoNum* is incremented monotonically, so, *topo*( $v$ )  $>$  *topo*( $w$ ).
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# Existence of Topological Order

## - A Better Result

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- In fact, the proof of correctness of topological ordering has proved that: DAG always has a topological order.
  - So, **G has a topological ordering, if and only if G is a directed acyclic graph.**
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# Task Scheduling

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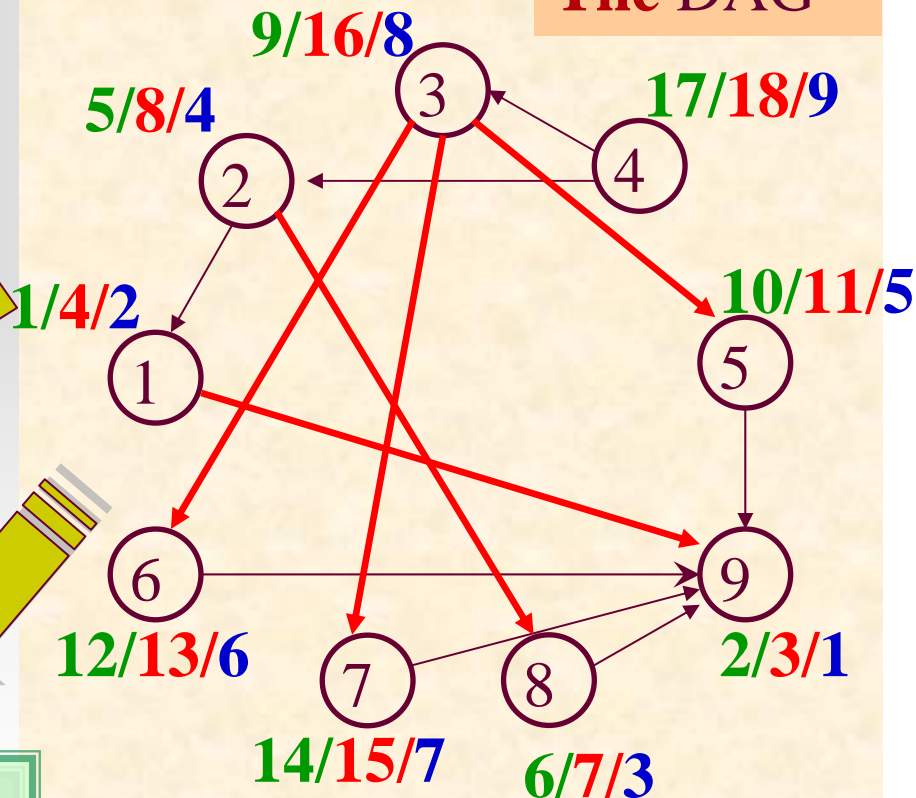
- Problem: Scheduling a project consisting of a set of **interdependent** tasks to be done by one person.
  - Solution:
    - Establishing a dependency graph, the vertices are tasks, and edge  $vw$  is included iff. the execution of  $v$  depends on the completion of  $w$ ,
    - Making task scheduling according to the topological order of the graph(if existing).
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# Task Scheduling: an Example

Tasks(No.)	Depends on
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choose clothes(1)	9
dress(2)	1,8
eat breakfast(3)	5,6,7
leave(4)	2,3
make coffee(5)	9
make toast(6)	9
pour juice(7)	9
shower(8)	9
wake up(9)	-

The DAG



A reverse topological order  
**9, 1, 8, 2, 5, 6, 7, 3, 4**

# Critical Path in a Task Graph

- **Earliest start time**(*est*) for a task  $v$ 
  - If  $v$  has no dependencies, the *est* is 0
  - If  $v$  has dependencies, the *est* is the maximum of the **earliest finish time** of its dependencies.
- **Earliest finish time**(*eft*) for a task  $v$ 
  - For any task:  $eft = est + duration$
- **Critical path** in a project is a sequence of tasks:  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k$ , satisfying:
  - $v_0$  has no dependencies;
  - For any  $v_i (i=1, 2, \dots, k)$ ,  $v_{i-1}$  is a dependency of  $v_i$ , such that *est* of  $v_i$  equals *eft* of  $v_{i-1}$ ;
  - *eft* of  $v_k$ , is maximum for all tasks in the project.

# Project Optimization Problem

Assuming that parallel executions of tasks are possible except for prohibited by interdependency.

## ■ Observation

- In a critical path,  $v_{i-1}$ , is a critical dependency of  $v_i$ , i.e. any delay in  $v_{i-1}$  will result in delay in  $v_i$ .
- The time for entire project depends on the time for the critical path.
- Reducing the time of a off-critical-path task is no help for reducing the total time for the project.

## ■ The problems

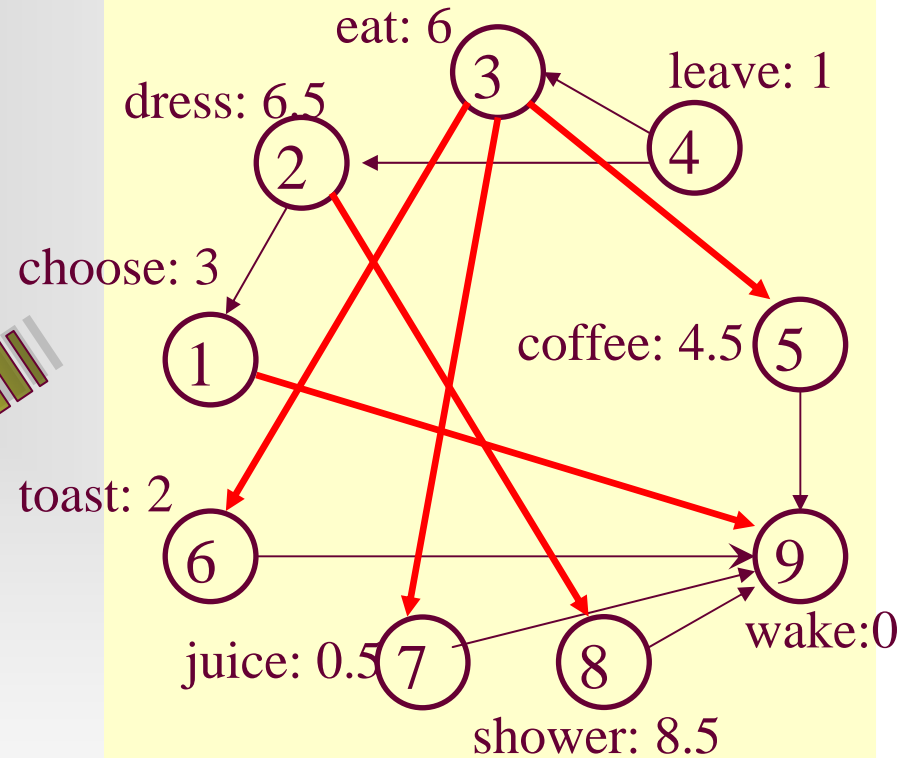
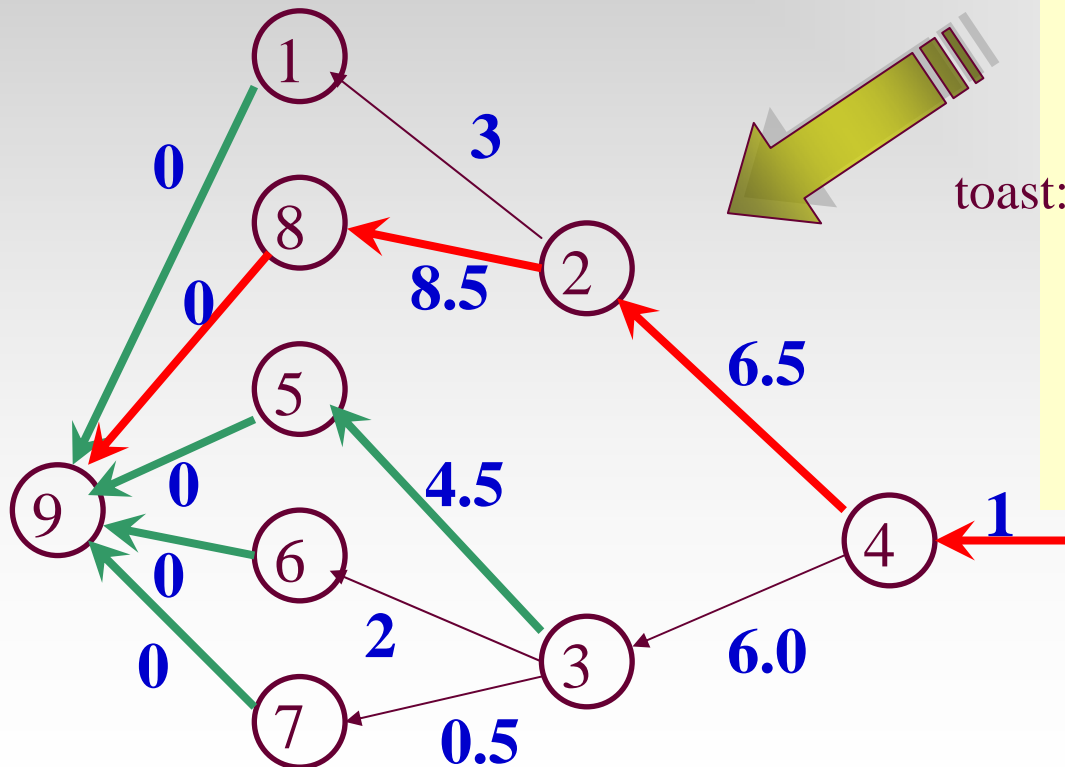
- Find the critical path in a **DAG**
- (And try to reduce the time for the critical path)

This is a precondition.



# Weighted DAG with *done* Vertex

← Critical Path  
← Critical Subpath



*done*

# Critical Path Finding using DFS - Parameters

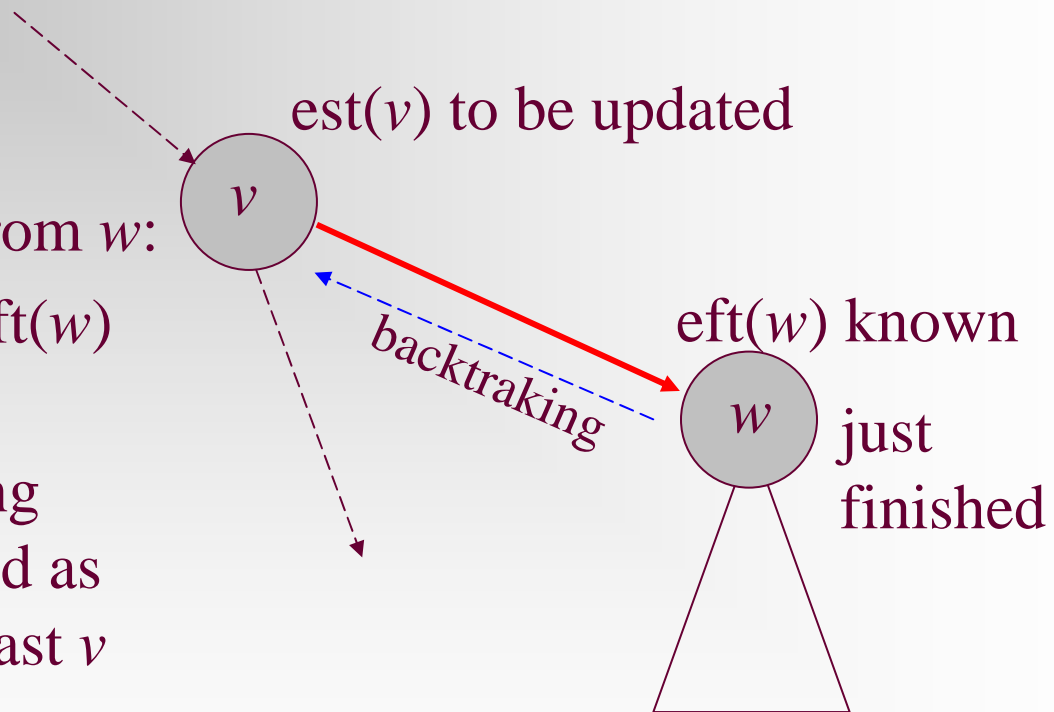
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- Specialized parameters
    - Array *duration*, keeps the execution time of each vertex.
    - Array *critDep*, keeps the critical dependency of each vertex.
    - Array *eft*, keeps the earliest finished time of each vertex.
  - Output
    - Array *topo*, *critDep*, *eft* as filled.
  - Critical path is built by tracing the output.
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# Build the Critical Path – Case 1

**Upon backtracking** from  $w$ :

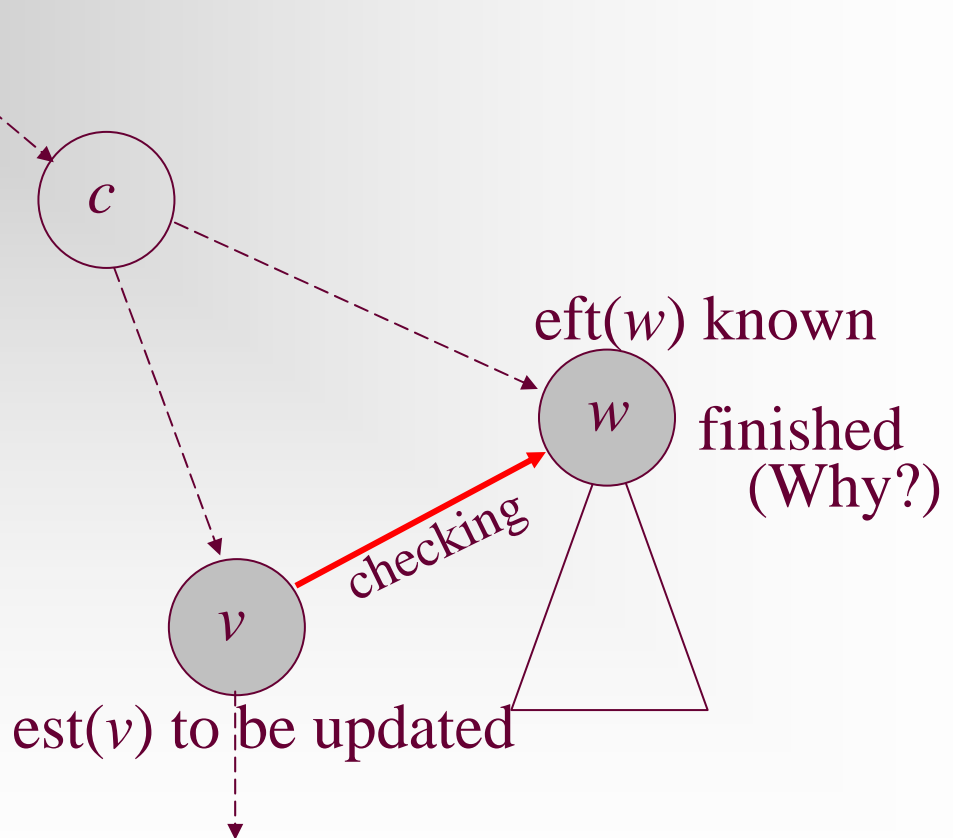
- $est(v)$  is updated if  $eft(w)$  is larger than  $est(v)$
- and the path including edge  $vw$  is recognized as the critical path for task  $v$
- and the  $eft(v)$  is updated accordingly



# Build the Critical Path – Case 2

## Checking $w$ :

- $est(v)$  is updated if  $eft(w)$  is larger than  $est(v)$
- and the path including edge  $vw$  is recognized as the critical path for task  $v$
- and the  $eft(v)$  is updated accordingly



# Critical Path Finding using DFS - Wrapper

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- **void** dfsCritSweep(IntList[ ] *adjVertices*, **int** n, **int**[ ] *duration*, **int**[ ] *critDep*, **int**[ ] *eft*)
  - <Allocate color array and initialize to white>
  - For each vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , in some order
  - **if** (color[ $v$ ]==white)
  - **dfsCrit**(*adjVertices*, color,  $v$ , *duration*,  
critDep, eft);
  - *// Continue loop*
  - **return**;
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# Critical Path Finding using DFS - Recursion

- **void dfsCrit**(.. *adjVertices*, .. *color*, .. *v*, **int**[ ] *duration*, **int**[ ] *critDep*, **int**[ ] *eft*)
- **int** *w*; **IntList** *remAdj*; **int** *est*=0;
- *color*[*v*]=gray; **critDep**[*v*]=-1; *remAdj*=*adjVertices*[*v*];
- **while** (*remAdj*≠nil) *w*=first(*remAdj*);
- **if** (*color*[*w*]==white)
- **dfsTopo**(*adjVertices*, *color*, *w*, *duration*, **critDep**, *efs*);
- **if** (*eft*[*w*]≥*est*) *est*=*eft*[*w*]; **critDep**[*v*]=*w*
- **else**//checking for nontree edge
- **if** (*eft*[*w*]≥*est*) *est*=*eft*[*w*]; **critDep**[*v*]=*w*
- *remAdj*=rest(*remAdj*);
- **eft**[*v*]=*est*+**duration**[*v*]; *color*[*v*]=black;
- **return**;

*When is the eft[w]  
initialized?*

Only black vertex

# Analysis of Critical Path Algorithm

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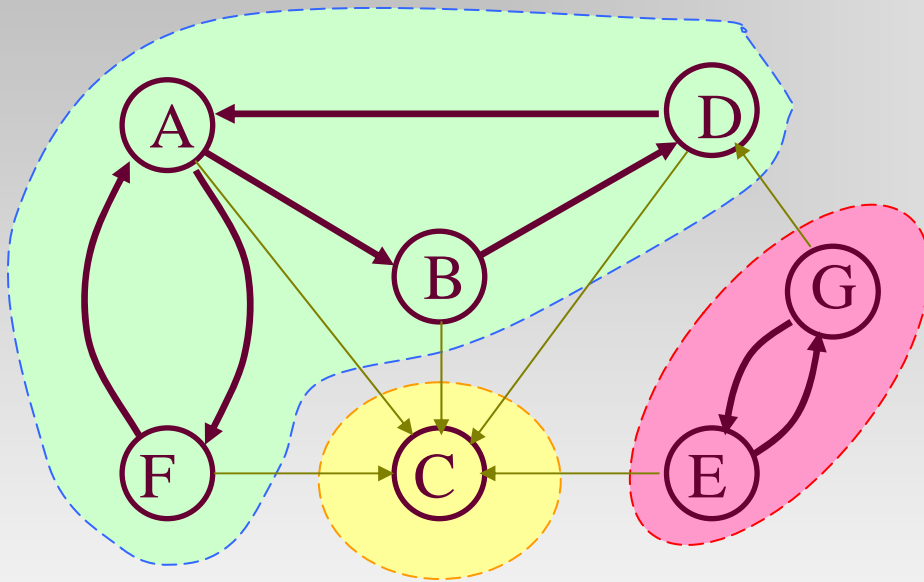
## ■ Correctness:

- When  $eft[w]$  is accessed in the while-loop, the  $w$  must not be gray (otherwise, there is a cycle), so, it must be black, with  $eft$  initialized.
- According to DFS, each entry in the  $eft$  array is assigned a value **exactly once**. The value satisfies the definition of  $eft$ .

## ■ Complexity

- Simply same as DFS, that is  $\Theta(n+m)$ .
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# Strongly Connected and Condensation

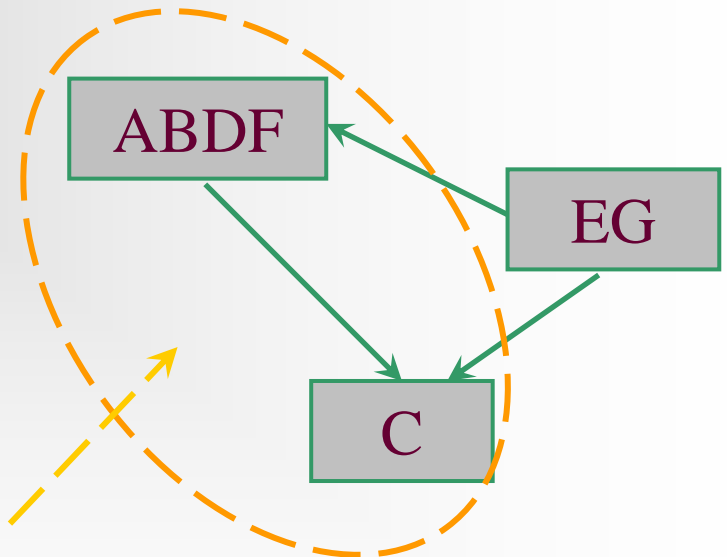


**Graph G**

**3 Strongly Connected Components**

Note: two SCC in one DFS tree

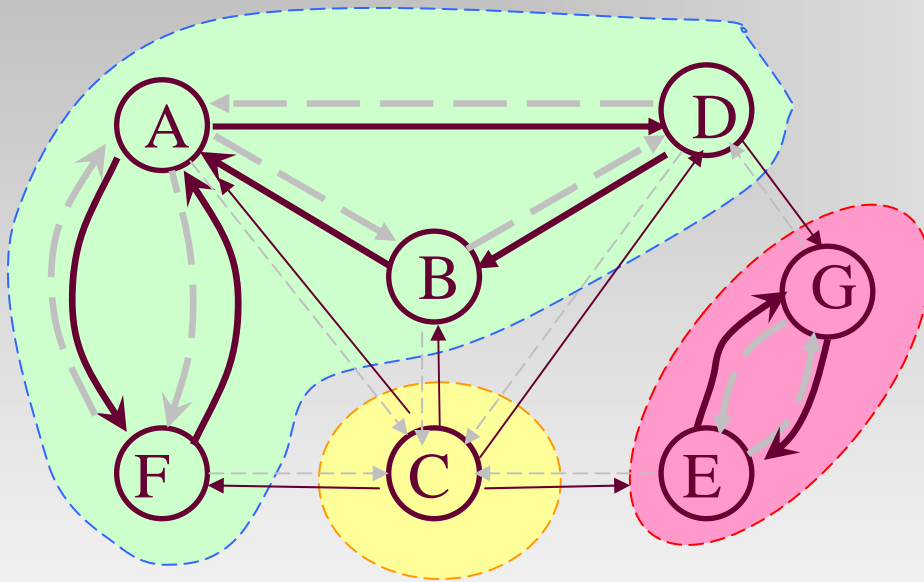
**Condensation Graph  $G \downarrow$**



It's acyclic, *Why?*

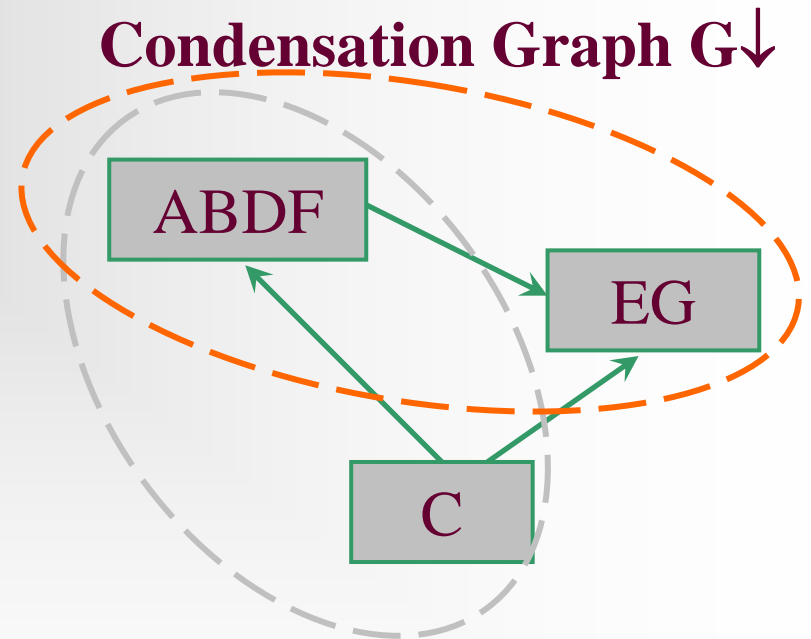


# Transpose Graph



Transpose Graph  $G^T$

Connected Components **unchanged**  
according to vertices



But, DFS tree **changed**

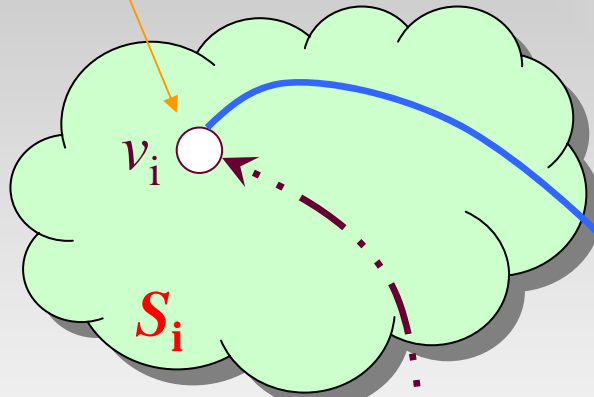
# Leader of a Strong Component

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- For a DFS, the first vertex discovered in a strong component  $S_i$  is called the **leader** of  $S_i$ .
  - Each DFS tree of a digraph  $G$  contains **only complete** strong components of  $G$ , one or more.
    - Proof: Applying White Path Theorem whenever the leader of  $S_i$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,p$ ) is discovered, starting with all vertices being white.
  - The leader of  $S_i$  is the last vertex to finish among all vertices of  $S_i$ . (since all of them in the same DFS tree)
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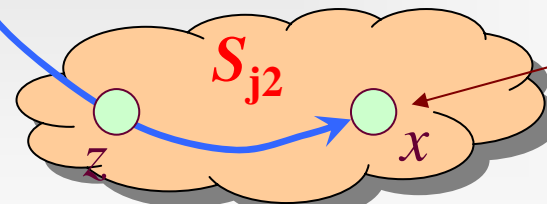
# Path between Strong Components

The leader of  $S_i$   
**At discovering**

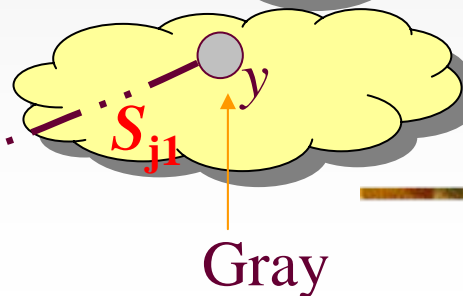


1.  $x$  can't be gray.
2.  $v_i x$ -path is a White Path, or
3. otherwise,  $x$  is black (consider the [possible] last non-white vertex  $z$  on the  $v_i x$ -path)

Existing a  $yv_i$ -path, so  $x$  must be in a different strong component.  
No  $v_i y$ -path can exist.



*What's the color?*



Gray

# Active Intervals

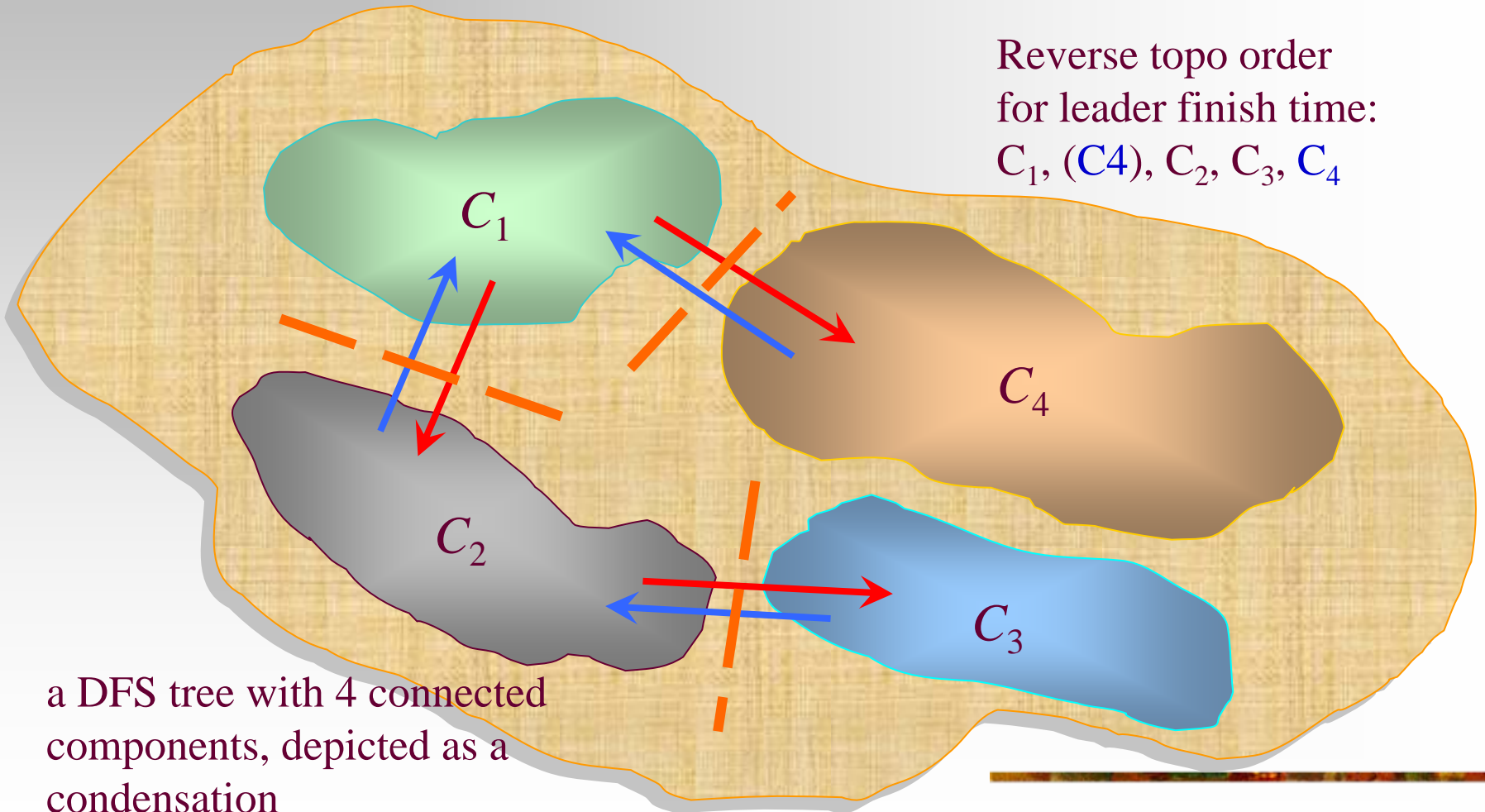
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- If there is an edge from  $S_i$  to  $S_j$ , then it is **impossible** that the active interval of  $v_j$  is **entirely after** that of  $v_i$ . (Note: for leader  $v_i$  only)
    - There is no path from a leader of a strong component to any gray vertex.
    - If there is a path from the leader  $v$  of a strong component to any  $x$  in a different strong component,  $v$  finishes later than  $x$ .
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# Basic Idea of SCC

→ exploring  
→ backtracking

Reverse topo order  
for leader finish time:  
 $C_1, (C_4), C_2, C_3, C_4$



# Strong Component Algorithm: Outline

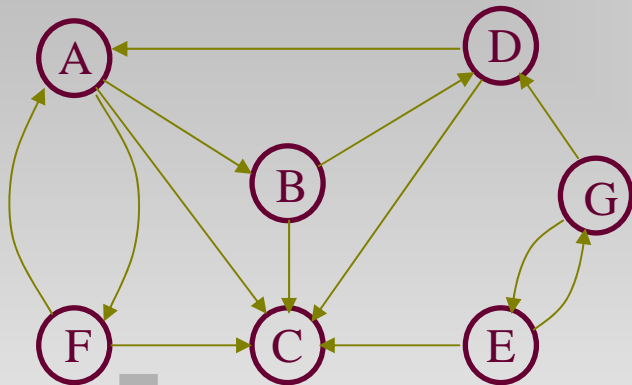
- **void** strongComponents(IntList[] *adjVertices*, **int** *n*, **int**[] *scc*)
- *//Phase 1*
- 1. IntStack *finishStack*=create(*n*);
- 2. Perform a depth-first search on *G*, using the DFS skeleton. At postorder processing for vertex *v*, insert the statement: **push(finishStack, v)**
- *//Phase 2*
- 3. Compute  $G^T$ , the transpose graph, represented as array *adjTrans* of adjacency list.
- 4. **dfsTsweep(adjTrans, n, finishStack, scc);**
- **return**

Note: *G* and  $G^T$  have the same SCC sets

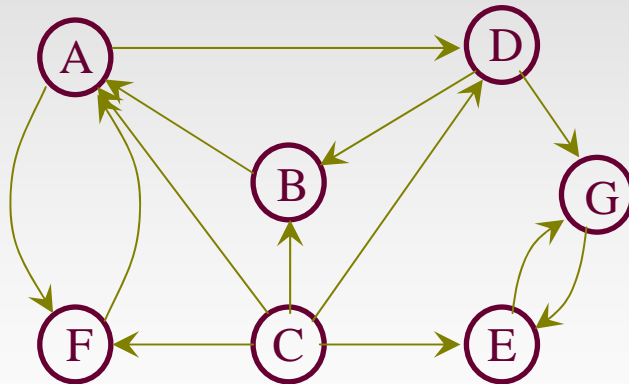
# Strong Component Algorithm: Core

- **void** dfsTsweep(IntList[] *adjTrans*, **int** *n*, IntStack *finishStack*, **int**[] *scc*)
- <Allocate *color* array and initialize to white>
- **while** (*finishStack* is not empty)
- **int** *v*=top(*finishStack*);
- pop(*finishStack*);
- **if** (*color*[*v*]==white)
- dfsT(*adjTrans*, *color*, *v*, *v*, *scc*);
- return;
- **void** dfsT(IntList[] *adjTrans*, **int**[] *color*, **int** *v*, **int** *leader*, **int**[] *scc*)
- Use the standard depth-first search skeleton. At postorder processing for vertex *v* insert the statement:
- *scc*[*v*]=*leader*;
- Pass *leader* and *scc* into recursive calls.

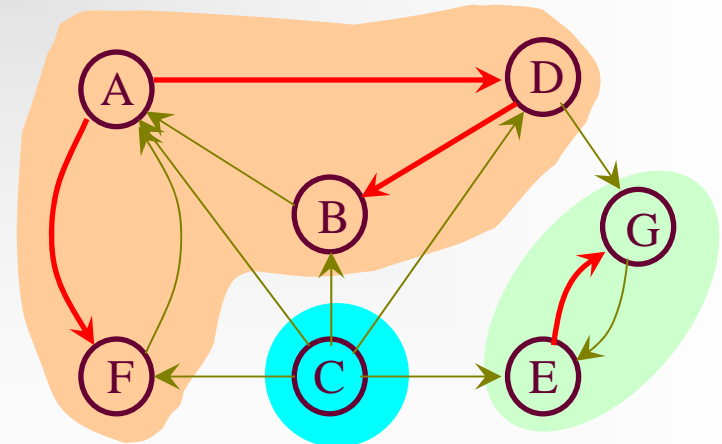
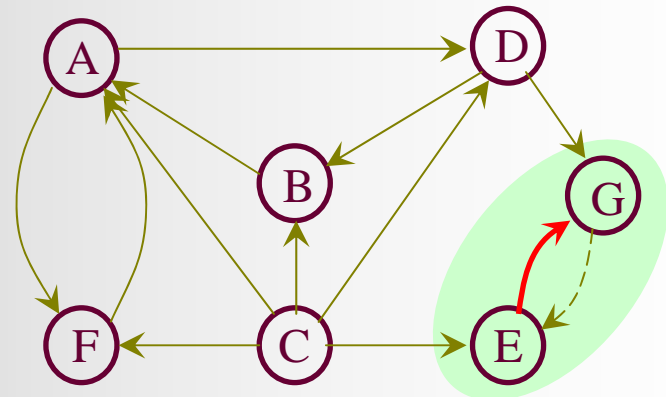
# SCC: an Example



transposed



*C D B F A G E* ← push/pop





# Correctness of Strong Component Algorithm(1)

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- In phase 2, each time a white vertex is popped from *finishStack*, that vertex is the Phase 1 leader of a strong component.
    - The later finished, the earlier popped
    - The leader is the first to get popped in the strong component it belongs to
    - If x popped is not a leader, then some other vertex in **the** strong component has been visited previously. But not a partial strong component can be in a DFS tree, so, x must be in a completed DFS tree, and is not white.
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# Correctness of Strong Component Algorithm(2)

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- In phase 2, each depth-first search tree contains exactly one strong component of vertices
    - Only “exactly one” need to be proved
    - Assume that  $v_i$ , a phase 1 leader is popped. If another component  $S_j$  is reachable from  $v_i$  in  $G^T$ , there is a path in  $G$  from  $v_j$  to  $v_i$ . So, in phase 1,  $v_j$  finished later than  $v_i$ , and popped earlier than  $v_i$  in phase 2. So, when  $v_i$  popped, all vertices in  $S_j$  are black. So,  $S_j$  are not contained in DFS tree containing  $v_i(S_i)$ .
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# Home Assignment

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