

Directed Graphs -- Digraphs

A Digraph is a graph in which each edge has a direction. Directed edges are called Arcs.

$D = (V, A)$ is a Digraph, where V = Set of Vertices
and A = Set of Arcs, each arc is an ordered pair.

In effect, we have implemented (undirected) Graphs as Digraphs as each edge $\{i, j\}$ (unordered pair) is represented by two arcs -- directed edges, (i, j) and (j, i) .

The In-degree of a vertex v is the number of arcs leading into v and the Out-degree of v is the number of arcs leading out of v .

Implementation of Digraph

A Digraph may be represented by an Adjacency Matrix or Adjacency Lists.

Traversing Digraphs

Just as in (undirected) Graphs we can traverse Digraphs by Depth First or Breadth First. The algorithms are the same as for (undirected) Graphs.

Let D be a Digraph.

The underlying Graph of D is the (undirected) graph where the arcs are viewed as (undirected) edges.

Path in D

A sequence x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k ($x_1 \neq x_k$) of vertices is a path if each $(x_1, x_2), (x_2, x_3) \dots$ is an arc in D

If the vertices x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k are distinct then it is called an elementary path.

If $x_1 = x_k$ then we have a circuit or elementary circuit if the path is elementary.

D is Connected iff the underlying graph of D is connected.

D is Strongly Connected iff for each pair of vertices (i, j) in D there is a path from i to j .

Directed Acyclic Graph -- DAG

A DAG is a Digraph with no circuits. The underlying graph may have a cycle.

Note: A graph is a Tree if it has no cycles.

A Directed Tree is Digraph in which each vertex, except the root, has In-degree 1.

Vertices with Out-degree 0 are called Leaves.

Note:

In some circumstances a Binary Tree may be regarded as Directed Tree in which the max Out-degree (of all the vertices) is 2.

A Binary tree is different from a Directed tree as the 'children' are ordered i.e. we have a left and a right child.

We could associate with each Binary Tree a directed tree where the order of the 'children' is ignored.

Topological Sort

A directed acyclic graph (DAG) D gives rise to a (strict) partial order on the vertices of D .

$i \rightarrow j$ "i can reach j" iff there is a path from i to j

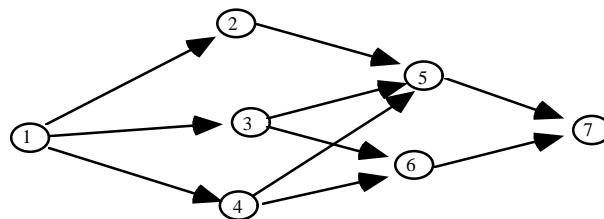
The relation \rightarrow is a (strict) partial order on D as it is

1. Irreflexive: not($i \rightarrow i$), there is no path from i to itself
2. Asymmetric: $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$ is impossible
3. Transitive: if $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow k$ then $i \rightarrow k$

Application of DAG

A DAG can be used to represent an Activity Network.

E.G.



The project is completed when task 7 is done.

Task has to wait for 5 and 6 to be done.

In an activity Network,

$i \rightarrow j$ means that i must be completed before j begins.

and so $i \rightarrow i$ is impossible.

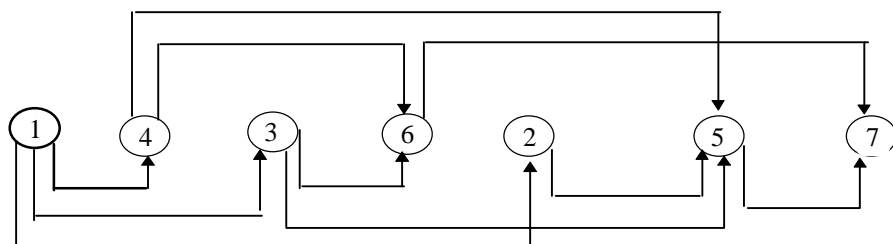
Topological Order

From a DAG, D , with PO (Partial Order) \rightarrow ("reaches"), we can generate a sequence of vertices S with the following property;

if $i \rightarrow j$ in D then i precedes j in the S .

Such a sequence S is said to in Topological Order. For a given DAG there may be more than one such order. In effect, the partial order of the DAG is embedded in the sequence.

A topological order for the above DAG, is



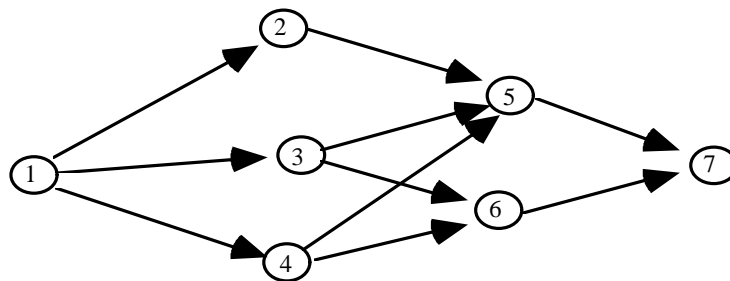
Algorithm for Topological Sort

Given a DAG, write a routine that will output the vertices of D in a Topological Order.

Abstract algorithm:

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until
    no more vertices
loop
    Select a vertex v, with in-degree 0 (i.e. no predecessors)
    output v
    Delete v (and all arcs leading from v)
end
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Example:



Reading in a Digraph for Topological Sort:

As well as keeping track of the neighbours of a vertex, we need to also need to know the In_Degree of the Vertex. A Digraph D is an array of VERTEX_D

i.e. $D : \text{ARRAY}[\text{VERTEX_D}]$ where

```
class VERTEX_D -- Vertex Properties
creation
    make
feature
    In_Degree : INTEGER
    Adj_L : LIST_SET[INTEGER]

    Degree_Set(n : INTEGER) is
    do
        In_Degree := n
    end -- Degree_Set

    make is
    do
        !!Adj_L
    end -- make
end -- VERTEX_D
```

**To input a Digraph we assume the input is given as ordered pairs (the arcs)
e.g. for the above the input could be**

```
1 2   1 3   1 4
2 5
3 5   3 6
4 5   4 6
5 7
6 7
```

To read in a Digraph we can use,

```
Read_Digraph is
  local
    i,j,k,ind : INTEGER -- i, j are vertices
    vx : VERTEX_D
  do
    !!D.make(1,size)
    from
      k := 1
    until
      k > size
    loop
      !!vx.make
      D.put(vx,k)
      k := k+1
    end
    from
      io.read_integer
    until
      io.end_of_file
    loop
      i := io.last_integer
      io.read_integer
      j := io.last_integer
      D.item(i).Adj_L.add(j)
      ind := D.item(j).In_Degree
      D.item(j).Degree_Set(ind+1)
      io.read_integer
    end
  end --Read_Digraph
```

Outputting a Digraph is as for (undirected) graphs.

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Topol_Sort is
  local
    Zero_V : QUEUE[INTEGER]
    L : List_Set[INTEGER]
    k, z, it, degree : INTEGER
  do
    !!Zero_V.make
  from
    k := 1
  until
    k > size
  loop
    if D.item(k).In_Degree = 0 then
      Zero_V.add(k)
    end
    k := k+1
  end -- Zero_V is a queue of vertices with in-degree 0
  from
  until
    Zero_V.Empty
  loop
    z := Zero_V.item
    Zero_V.remove
    io.put_int(z)
    io.put_string(" ")
    L := D.item(z).Adj_L
    from
      L.first
    until
      L.off
    loop
      it := L.item
      degree := D.item(it).In_Degree - 1
      D.item(it).Degree_Set(degree)
      if degree = 0 then
        Zero_V.add(it)
      end
      L.forth
    end
  end
end
end -- Topol_Sort

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This algorithm is very similar to Breadth First Traverse. Since the digraph is a DAG, there will be at least one vertex with In-degree 0. There may be more than one. The algorithm collects these zero-in-degree vertices in a Queue, Zero_V. Until Zero_V is empty the (front) item of Zero_V is processed. The item is printed and then in effect deleted from the digraph by decrementing the in-degree of each of its neighbours. Any neighbour then with in-degree 0 is added at the end of the queue, Zero_V.