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1. states of vertices
2. types of edges
3. lifetime of vertices (DFS)
 - ▶ $v : d[v], f[v]$
 - ▶ $f[v]$: DAG, SCC
 - ▶ $d[v]$: biconnectivity

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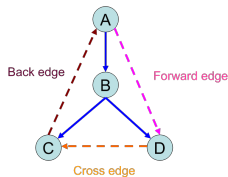
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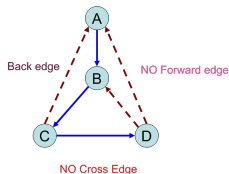
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- ▶ applicable to both DFS and BFS
- ▶ w.r.t. DFS/BFS trees

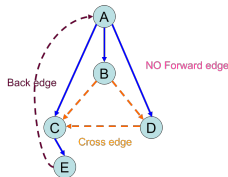
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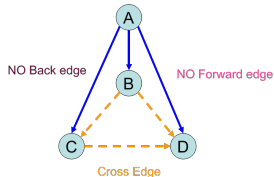
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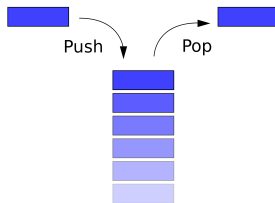
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Height and diameter of tree

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Binary tree $T = (V, E)$ with $|V| = n$:

- ▶ height ($O(n)$)
- ▶ diameter ($O(n)$)

Question

Diameter of a tree *without* designated root?

Perfect subtree

Perfect subtree (Problem 5.22)

- ▶ binary tree $T = (V, E)$
- ▶ root $r \in V$
- ▶ goal: find all perfect subtrees

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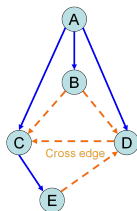
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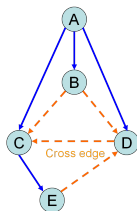
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$$\text{tree: } |E| = |V| - 1 \implies \text{check } |E| \geq |V|$$

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Toposort: sort vertices in *decreasing* order of their *finish* times.

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1. i hates j : $i \prec j$
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Every digraph is a dag of its SCCs.

Remark

Two tiered structure of digraphs:

- ▶ digraph \equiv a dag of SCCs
- ▶ SCC: equivalence class over reachability

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Connectivity

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Prove: connected undirected graph G :

$$\exists v : G \setminus v \text{ is still connected}$$

Example: strongly connected digraph G :

$$\exists v : G \setminus v \text{ is not strongly connected}$$

Example: digraph G with 2 SCCs:

$$(G + e) \text{ is not strongly connected}$$

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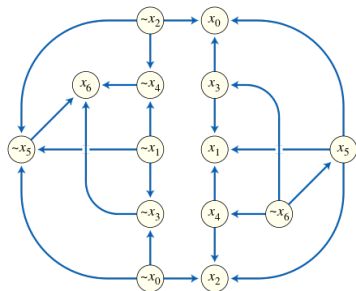
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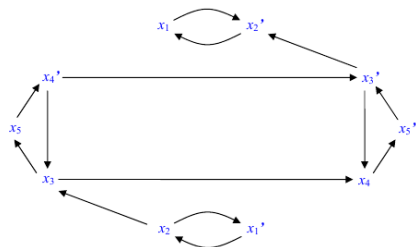
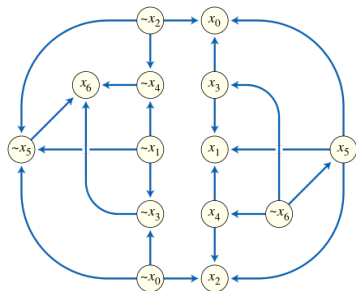
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 & (x_3 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_5 \vee x_6)
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Question

To prove the lemma and design an algorithm.

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