

# Graphs and Graph Algorithms

Fundamentals, Terminology, Traversal and Algorithms

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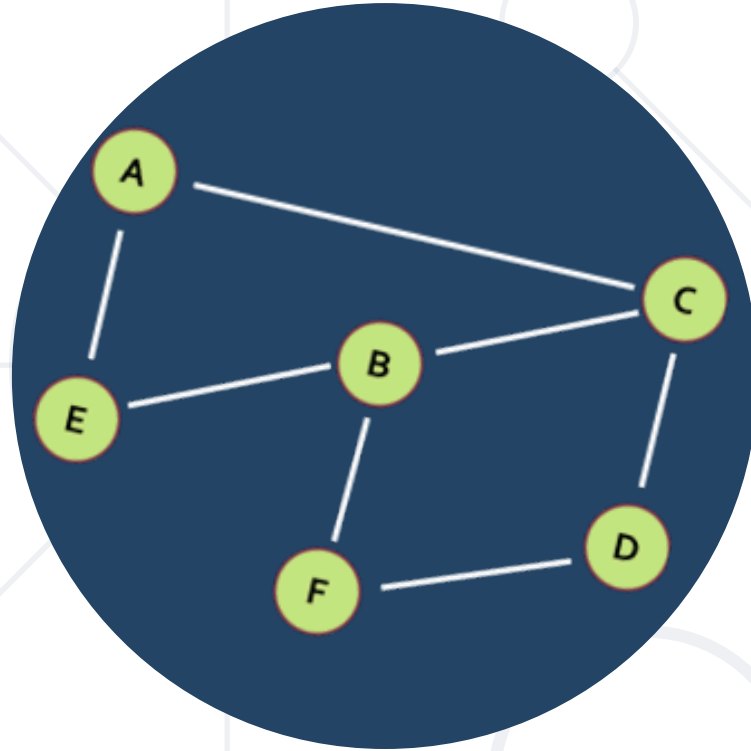


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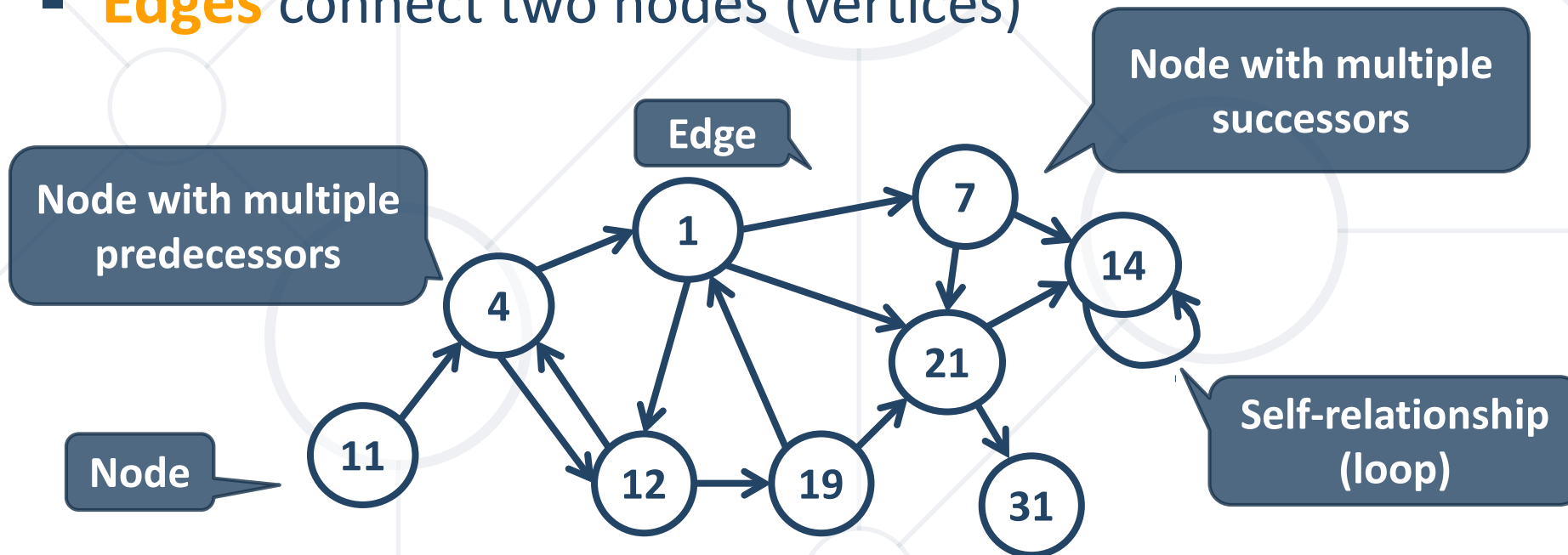




# Graphs

## Definitions and Terminology

- **Graph**, denoted as  $G(V, E)$ 
  - Set of nodes **V** with many-to-many relationship between them (edges **E**)
  - Each **node (vertex)** has **multiple** predecessors and **multiple** successors
  - **Edges** connect two nodes (vertices)



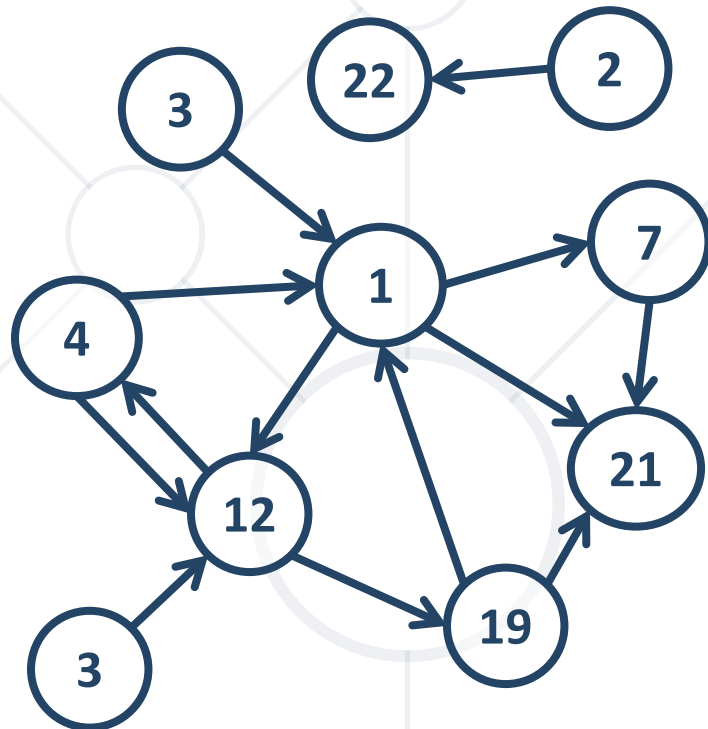
# Graph Definitions (1)

- **Node** (vertex)
  - Element of a graph
  - Can have name / value
  - Keeps a list of adjacent nodes
- **Edge**
  - Connection between two nodes
  - Can be directed / undirected
  - Can be weighted / unweighted



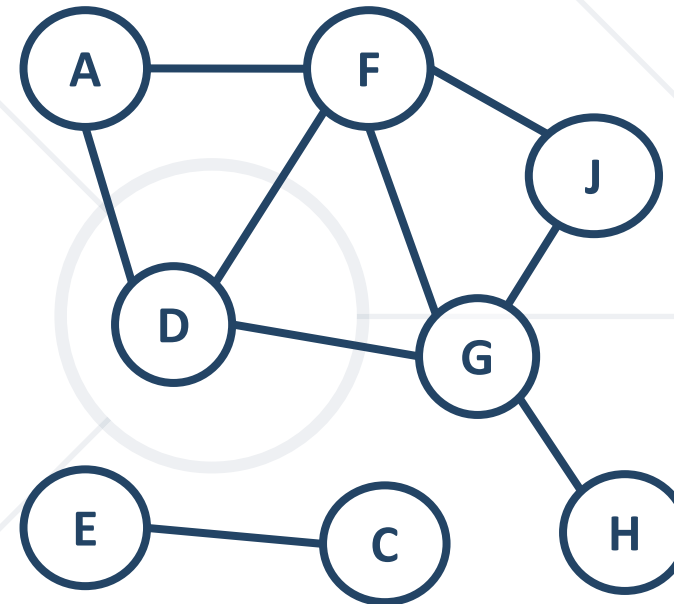
- **Directed graph**

- Edges have direction



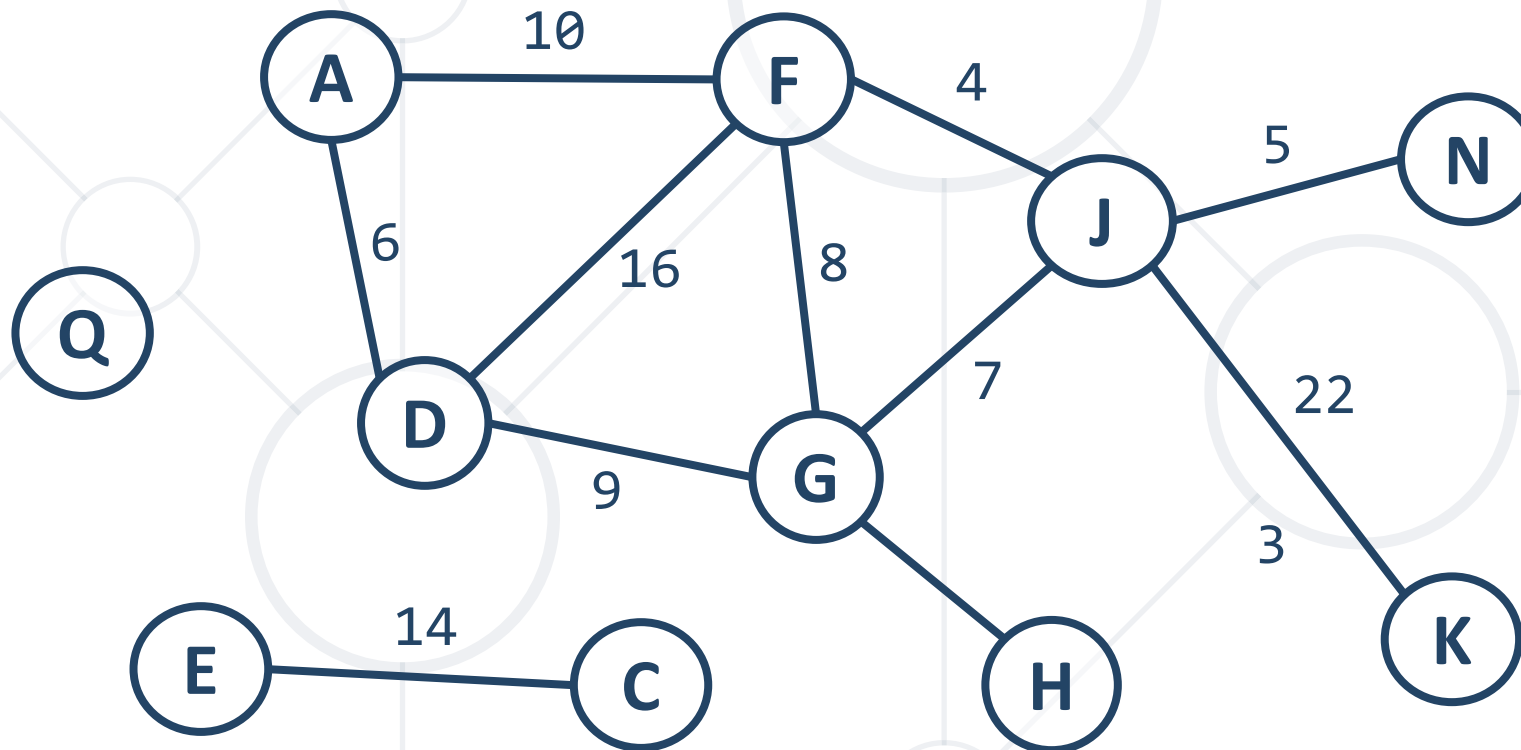
- **Undirected graph**

- Undirected edges



- **Weighted graph**

- Weight (cost) is associated with each edge

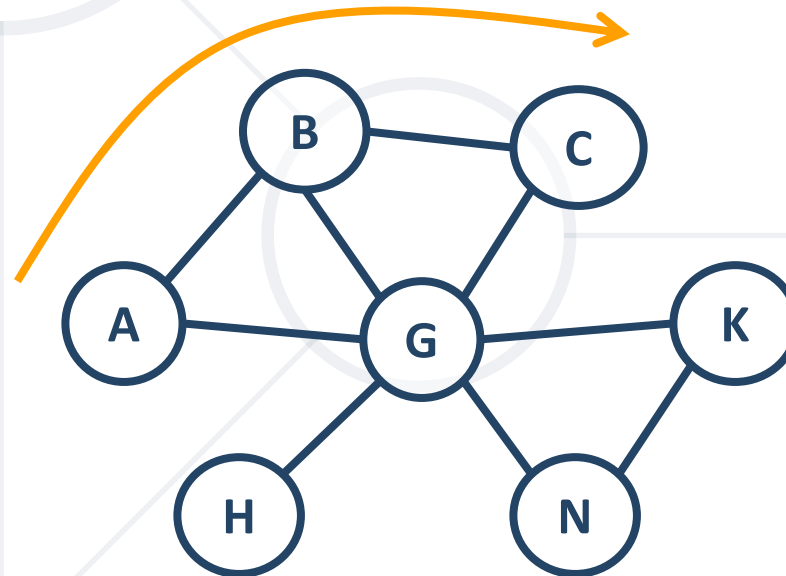


- **Path** (in undirected graph)

- Sequence of nodes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$
- Edge exists between each pair of nodes  $n_i, n_{i+1}$

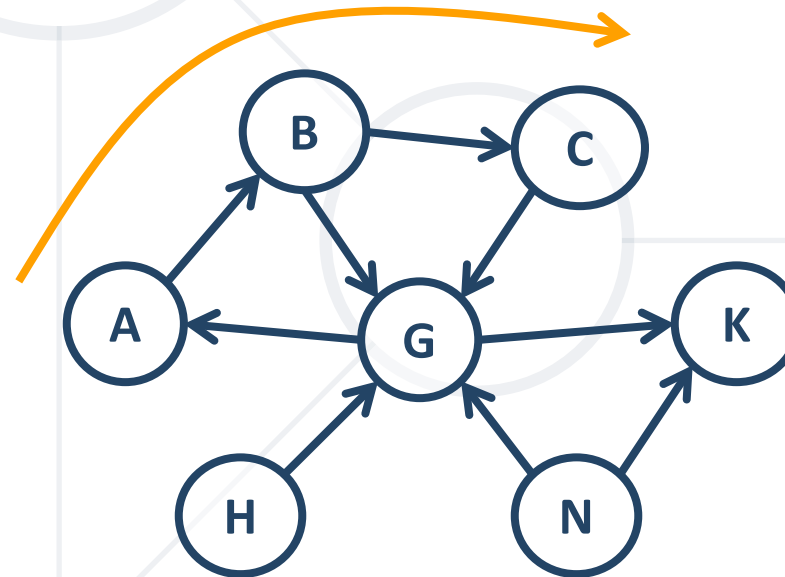
- Examples:

- A, B, C is a path
- A, B, G, N, K is a path
- H, K, C is not a path
- H, G, B, G, N is a path





- **Path** (in directed graph)
  - Sequence of nodes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$
  - Directed edge exists between each pair of nodes  $n_i, n_{i+1}$
  - Examples:
    - A, B, C is a path
    - N, G, A, B, C is a path
    - A, G, K is not a path
    - H, G, K, N is not a path



- **Cycle**

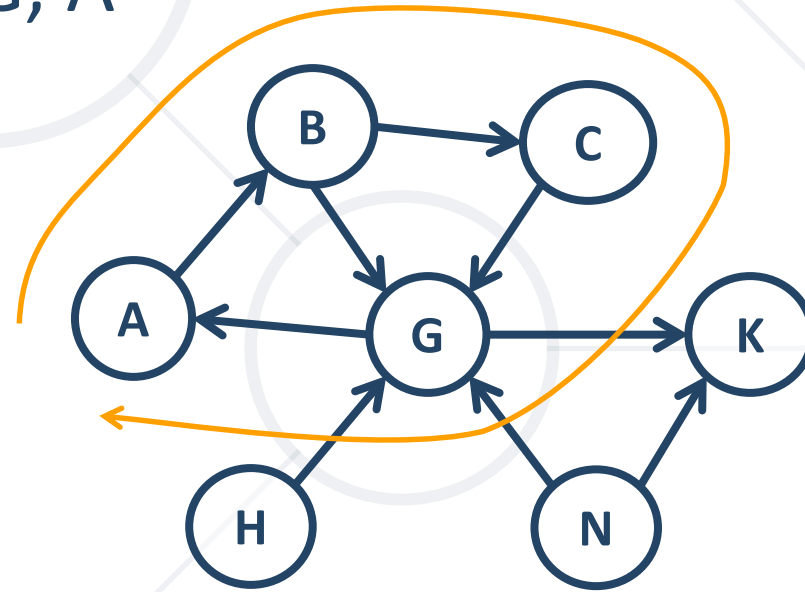
- Path that ends back at the starting node
- Example of cycle: A, B, C, G, A

- **Simple path**

- No cycles in path

- **Acyclic graph**

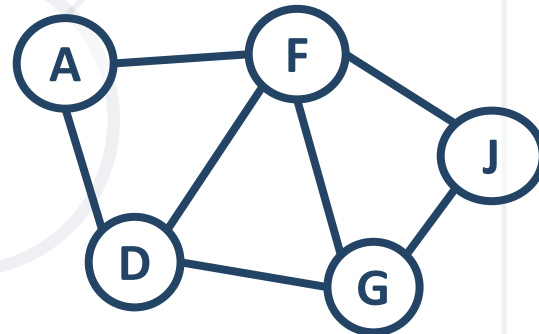
- Graph with no cycles
- Acyclic undirected graphs are trees



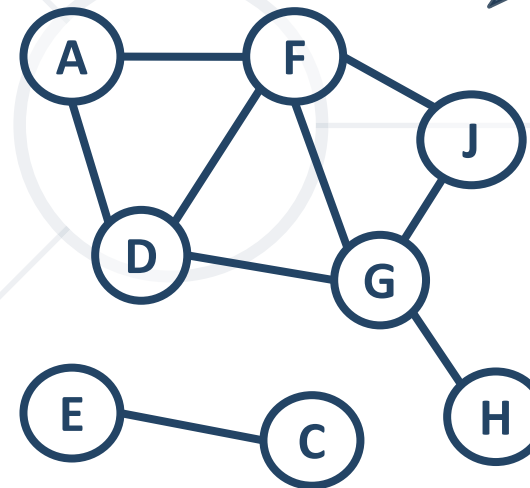
# Graph Definitions (7)

- Two nodes are **reachable** if a path exists between them
- **Connected graph**
  - Every two nodes are reachable from each other

Connected  
graph

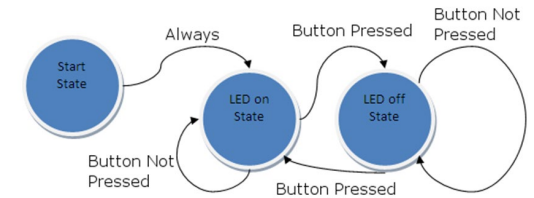


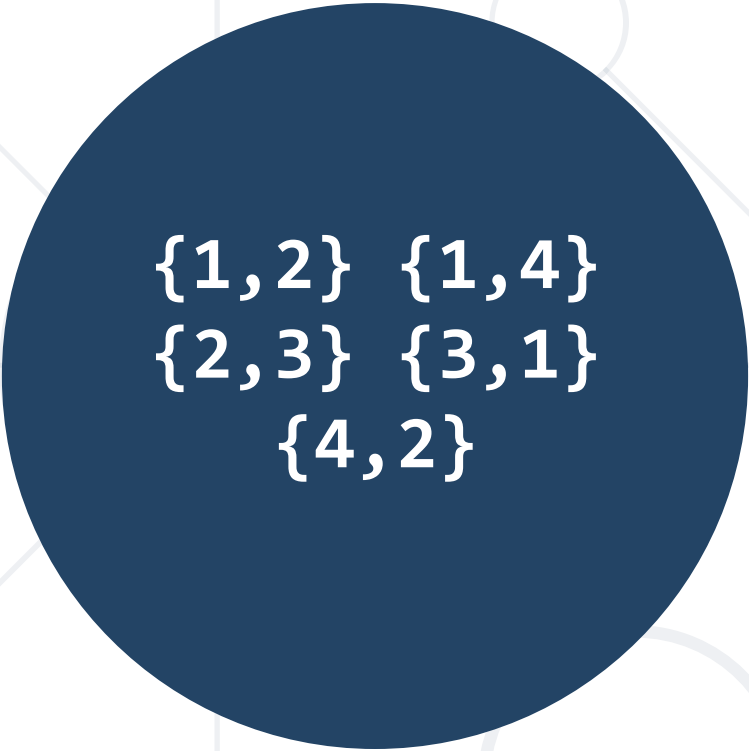
Unconnected graph  
holding two connected  
components



# Graphs and Their Applications

- Graphs have many real-world applications
  - Modeling a **computer network** like the Internet
    - Routes are simple paths in the network
  - Modeling a city **map**
    - Streets are edges, crossings are vertices
  - **Social networks**
    - People are nodes and their connections are edges
  - **State machines**
    - States are nodes, transitions are edges





$\{1,2\}$   $\{1,4\}$   
 $\{2,3\}$   $\{3,1\}$   
 $\{4,2\}$

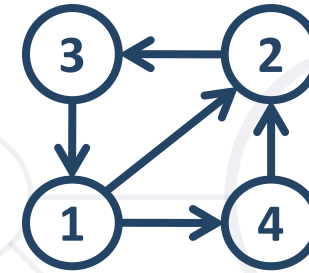
# Representing Graphs

Classic and OOP Ways

- **Adjacency list**

- Each node holds a list of its neighbors

```
1 -> {2, 4}
2 -> {3}
3 -> {1}
4 -> {2}
```



- **Adjacency matrix**

- Each cell keeps whether and how two nodes are connected

	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	1	0	0	0
4	0	1	0	0

- **List of edges**

```
{1,2}, {1,4}, {2,3}, {3,1}, {4,2}
```

# Graph Representation: Adjacency List

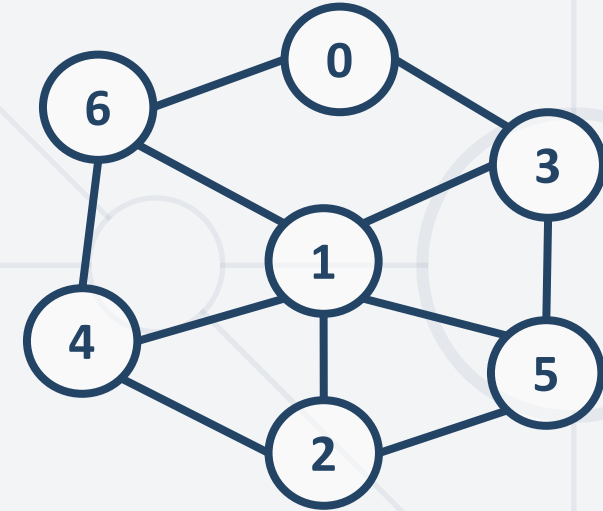
```
g = [  
    [3, 6],  
    [2, 3, 4, 5, 6],  
    [1, 4, 5],  
    [0, 1, 5],  
    [1, 2, 6],  
    [1, 2, 3],  
    [0, 1, 4],  
]
```

```
// Add an edge { 3 <-> 6 }
```

```
g[3].append(6)
```

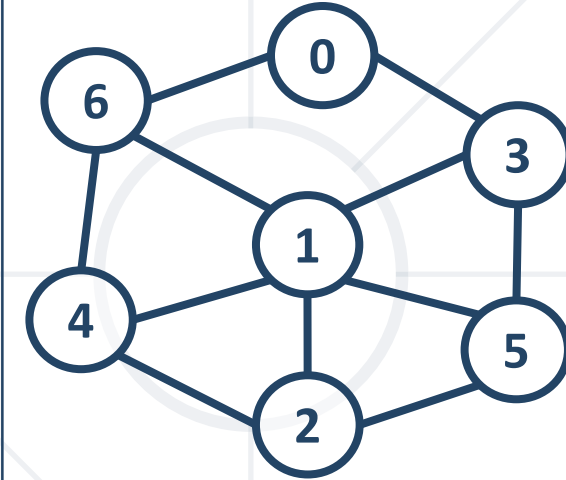
```
g[6].append(3)
```

```
child_nodes = g[1] # List the children of node 1
```



# Graph Representation: Adjacency Matrix

```
graph = [  
    [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1], # node 0  
    [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1], # node 1  
    [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0], # node 2  
    [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0], # node 3  
    [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1], # node 4  
    [0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0], # node 5  
    [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0], # node 6  
]  
  
# Add an edge { 3 -> 6 }  
graph[3][6] = 1  
  
# List the children of node 1  
child_nodes = graph[1]
```





# Graph Representation: List of Edges

```
class Edge:
    def __init__(self, parent, child):
        self.parent = parent
        self.child = child
graph = [
    Edge(0, 3),
    Edge(0, 6),
]
# Add an edge { 3 -> 6 }
graph.append(Edge(3, 6))
# List the children of node 1
child_nodes = [e for e in graph if e.parent == 1]
```

# Graph Representation: Dictionary

```
graph = {  
    'Sofia': ['Plovdiv', 'Ruse', 'Varna'],  
    'Plovdiv': ['Ruse', 'Sofia'],  
    'Ruse': ['Plovdiv', 'Varna'],  
    'Varna': ['Ruse', 'Sofia']  
}
```

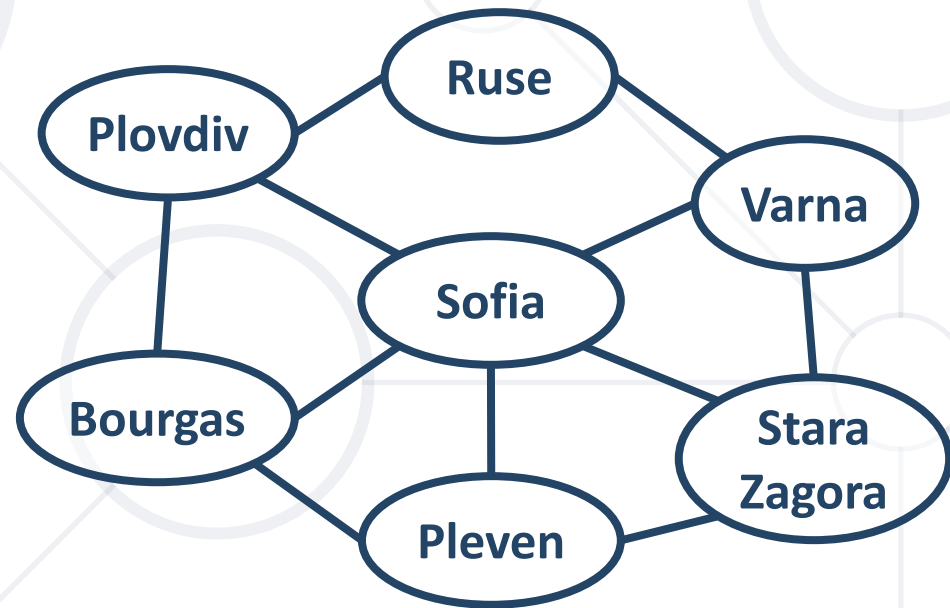
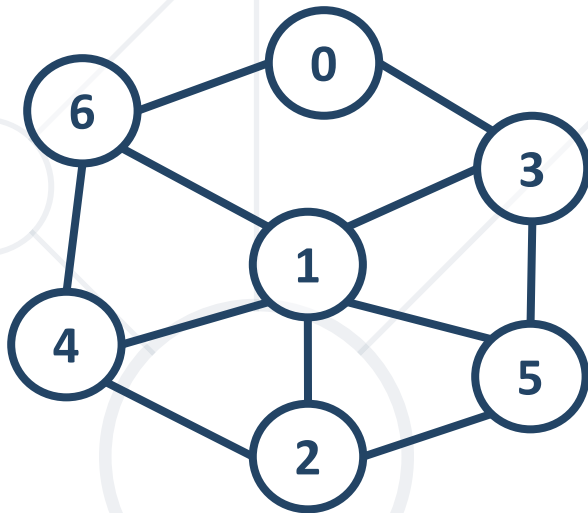
**# Adding a new edge**

```
graph['Varna'].append('Plovdiv')  
graph['Plovdiv'].append('Varna')
```

**# All neighbours of node with id 'Sofia'**

```
child_nodes = graph['Sofia']
```

- A common technique to **speed up** working with graphs
  - **Numbering the nodes** and accessing them by index (not by name)



Graph of **numbered nodes**: [0...6]

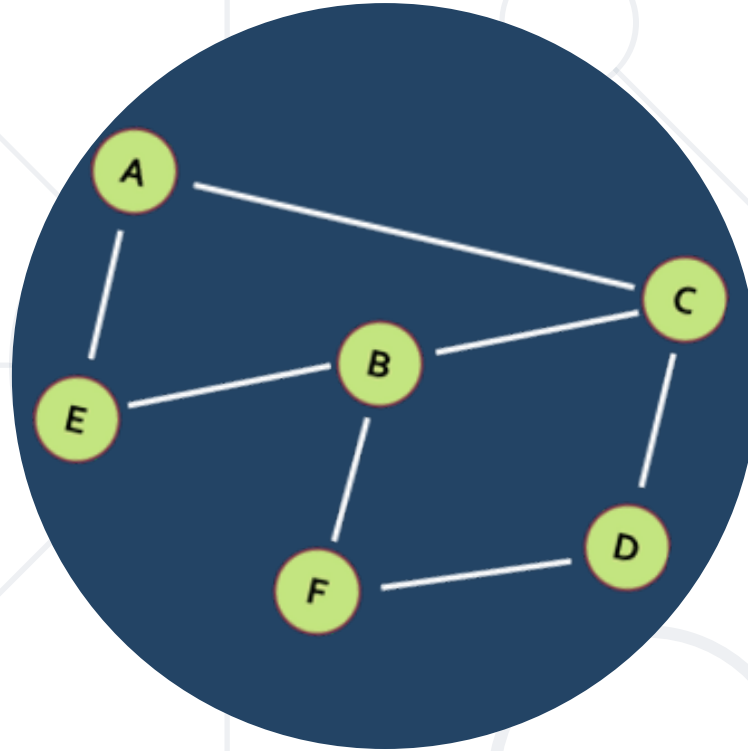
Graph of **named nodes**

# Numbering Graph Nodes – How?

- Suppose we have a **graph of  $n$  nodes**
  - We can assign a number for each node in the range  $[0...n-1]$

#	Node
0	Ruse
1	Sofia
2	Pleven
3	Varna
4	Bourgas
5	Stara Zagora
6	Plovdiv

- Using OOP:
  - Class **Node**
  - Class **Edge (Connection)**
  - Class **Graph**
  - Optional classes
  - Algorithm classes



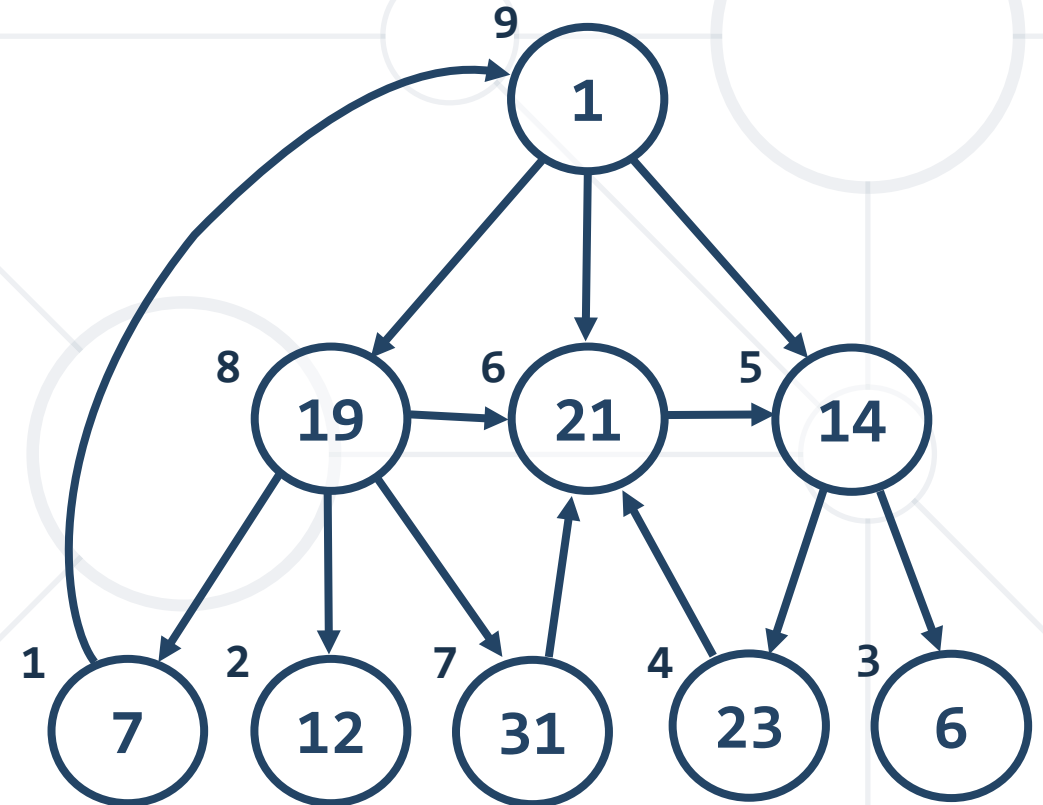
# Graphs Traversals

Depth-First Search and Breadth-First Search

- **Traversing a graph** means to visit each of its nodes exactly once
  - The order of visiting nodes may vary on the traversal algorithm
  - **Depth-First Search** (DFS)
    - Visit node's successors first
    - Usually implemented by **recursion**
  - **Breadth-First Search** (BFS)
    - Nearest nodes visited first
    - Implemented with a **queue**

- **Depth-First Search (DFS)** first visits all descendants of given node recursively, finally visits the node itself

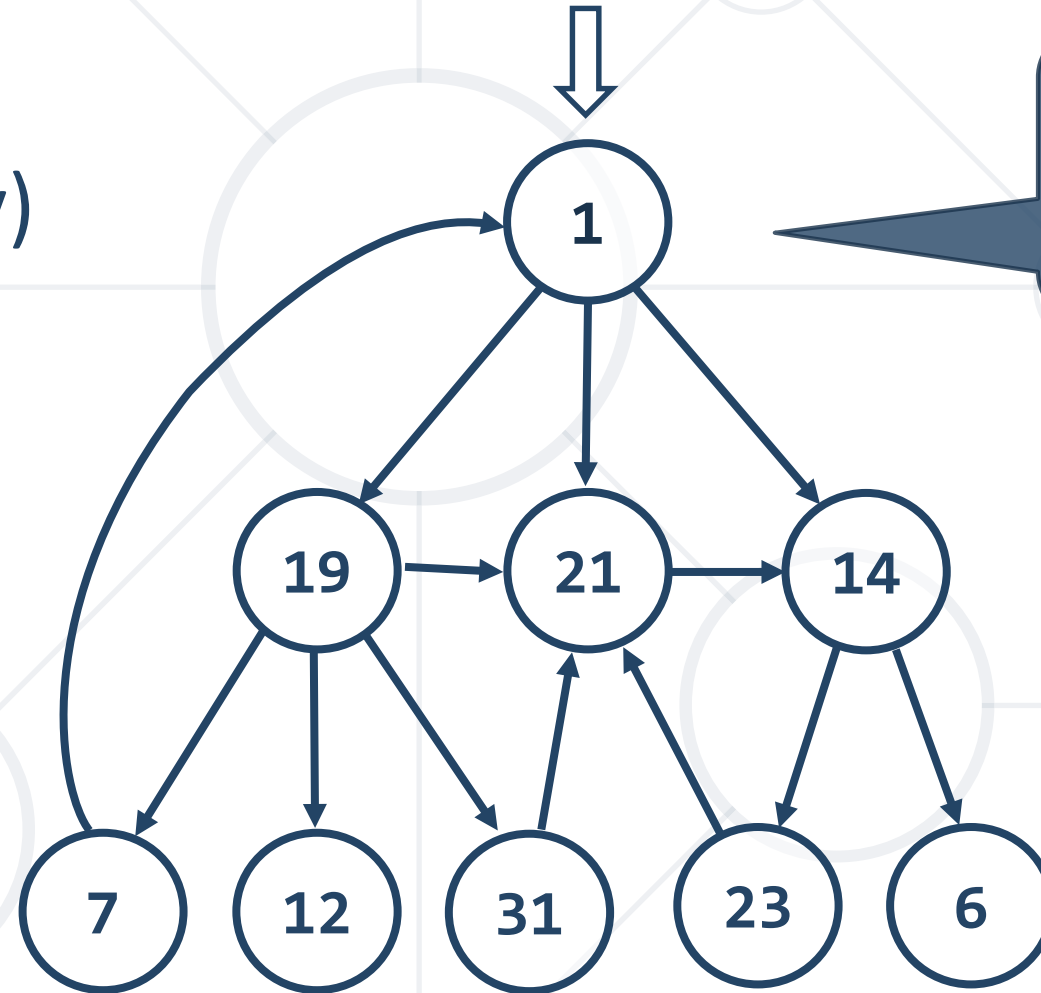
```
visited[0 ... n-1] = false;  
for (v = 0 ... n-1) dfs(v)  
dfs (node) {  
    if not visited[node] {  
        visited[node] = true;  
        for each child c of node  
            dfs(c);  
        print node;  
    }  
}
```





# DFS in Action (Step 1)

- Stack: 1
- Output: (empty)

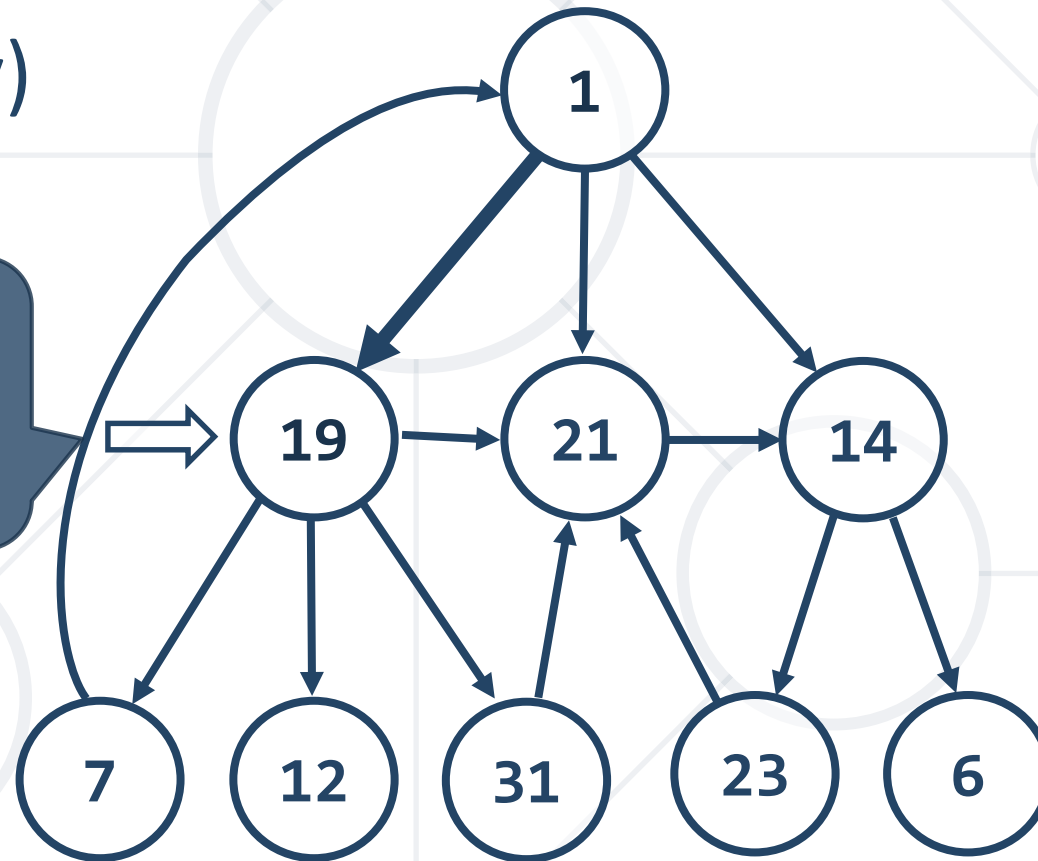


Start DFS from  
the initial node **1**

# DFS in Action (Step 2)

- Stack: 1, 19
- Output: (empty)

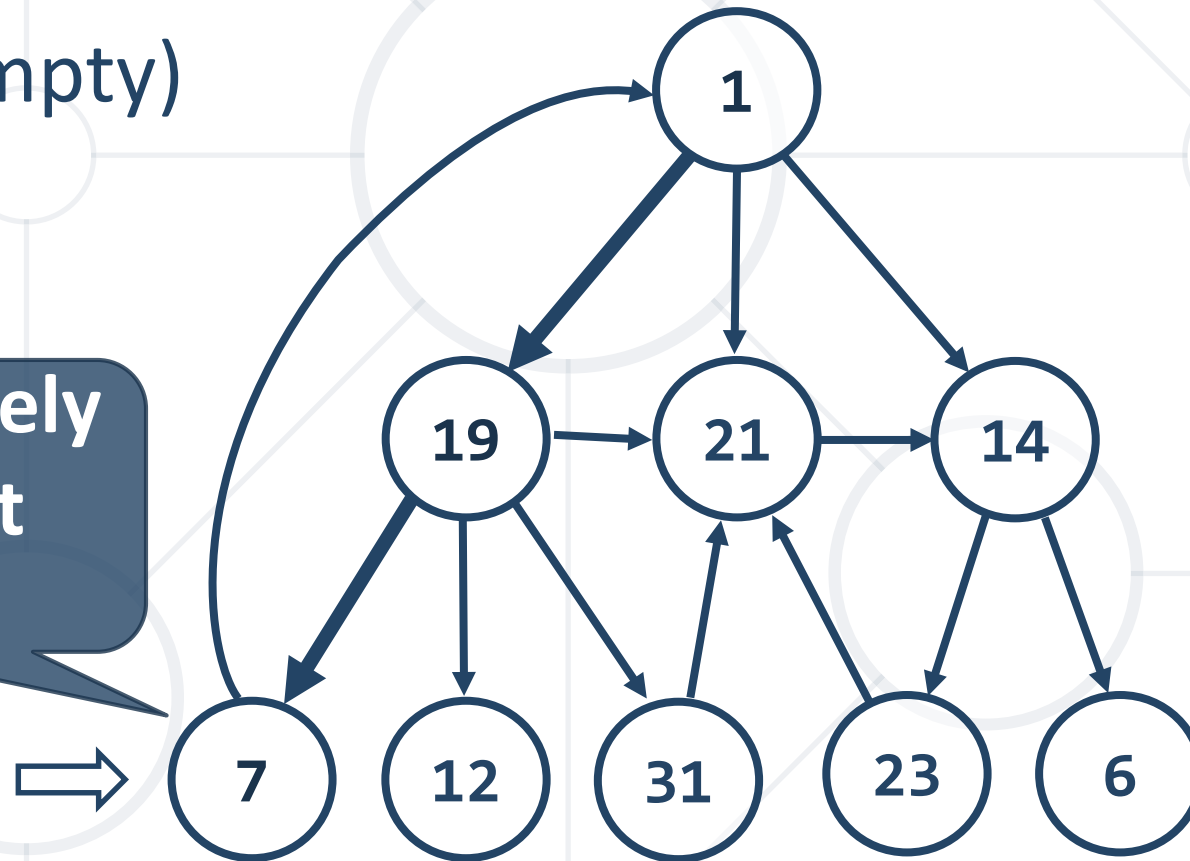
Enter recursively  
into the first  
child **19**



# DFS in Action (Step 3)

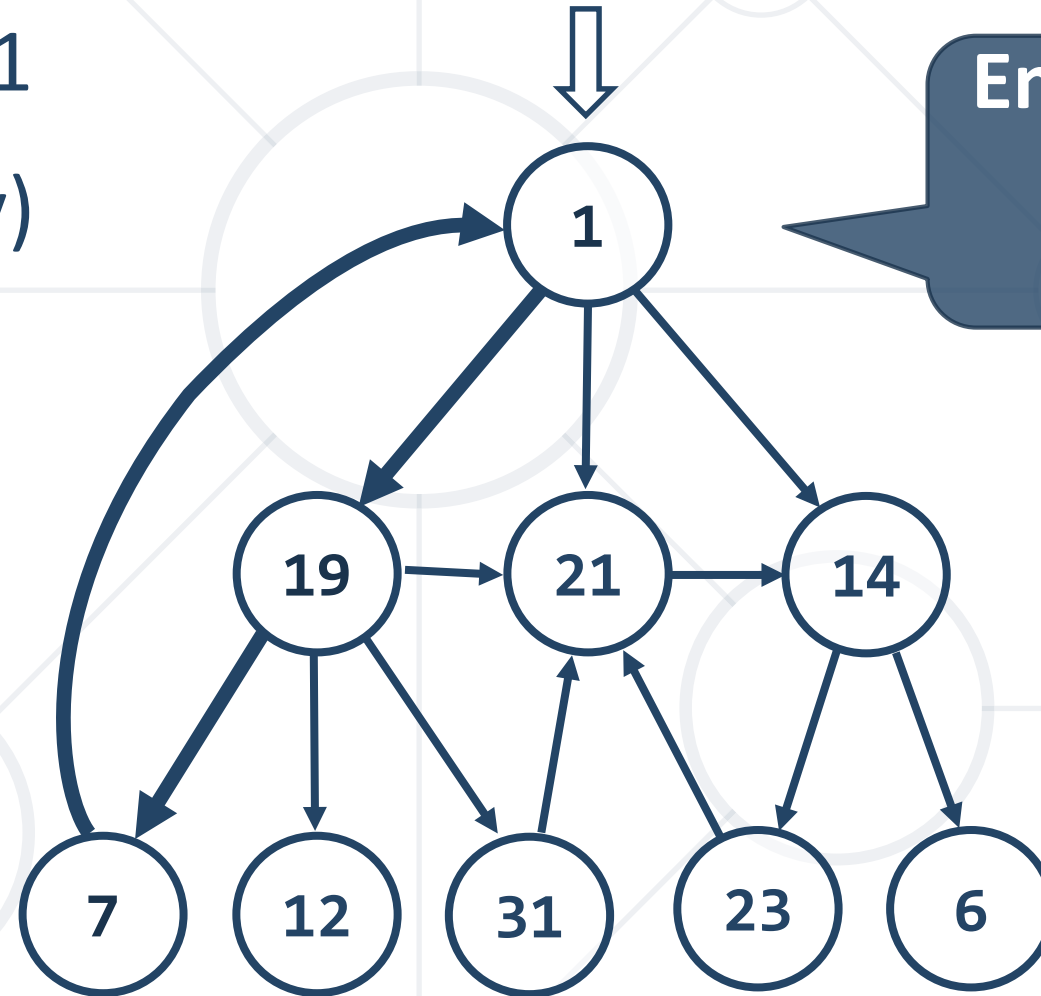
- Stack: 1, 19, 7
- Output: (empty)

Enter recursively  
into the first  
child **7**



# DFS in Action (Step 4)

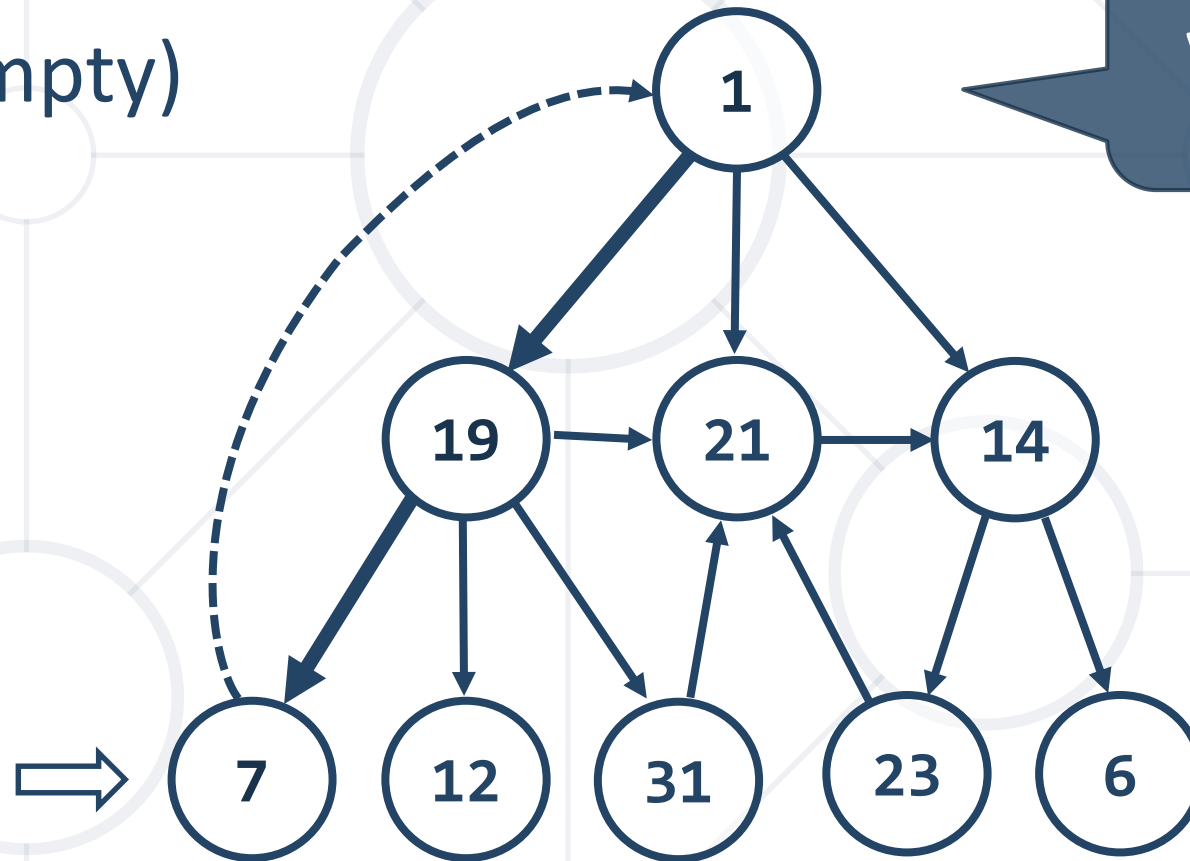
- Stack: 1, 19, 7, 1
- Output: (empty)



Enter recursively  
into the first  
child **1**

# DFS in Action (Step 5)

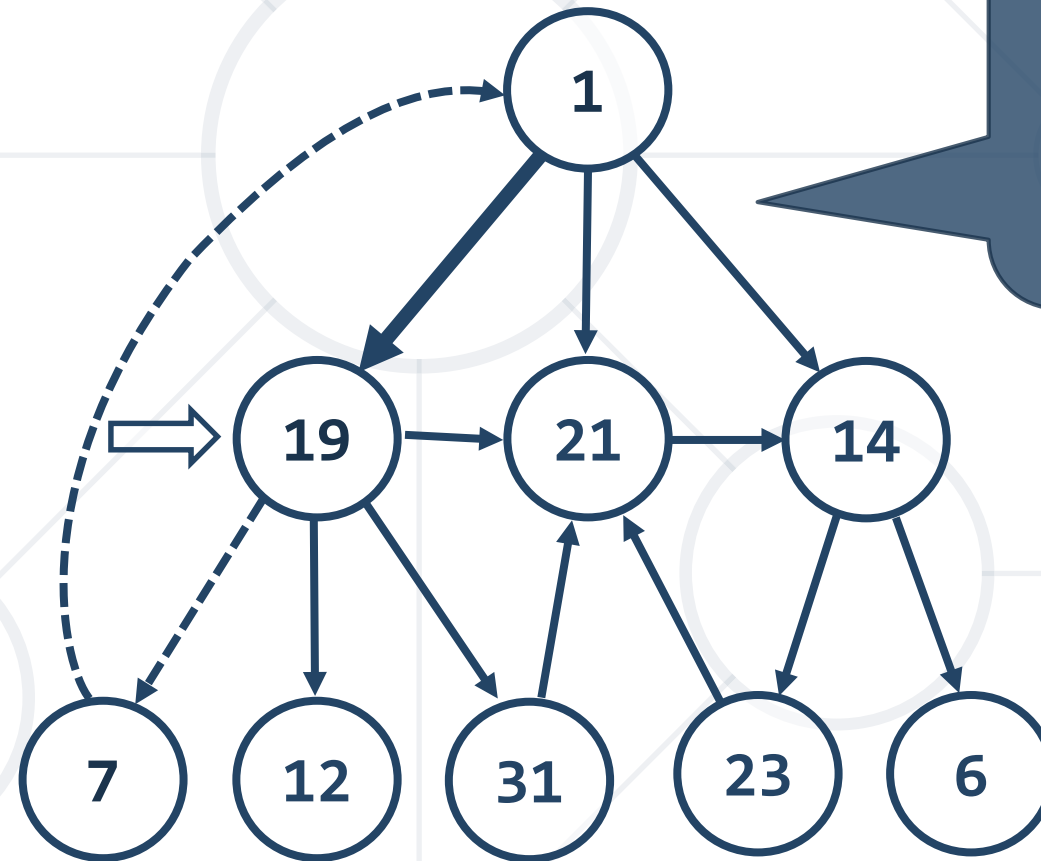
- Stack: 1, 19, 7
- Output: (empty)



Node **1** already  
visited - return  
back

# DFS in Action (Step 6)

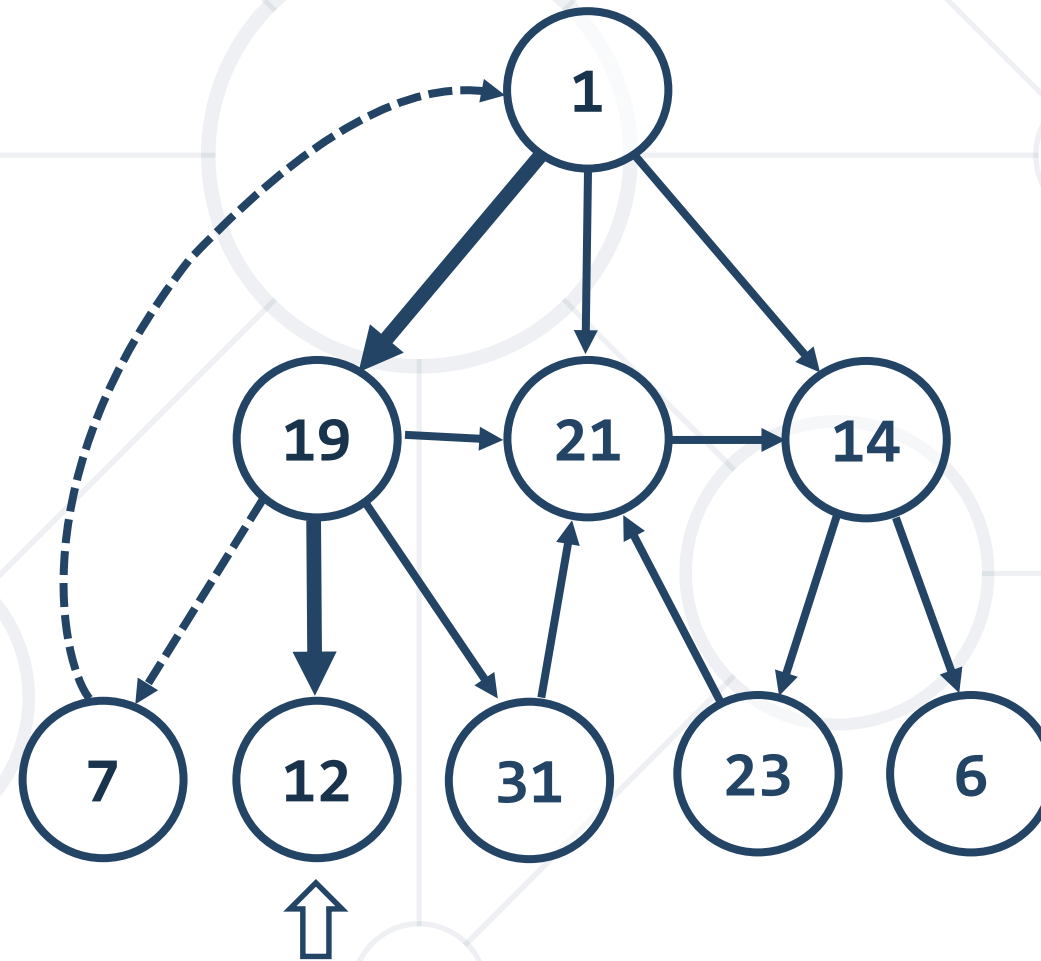
- Stack: 1, 19
- Output: 7



Return back from  
recursion and print  
the last visited  
node - **7**

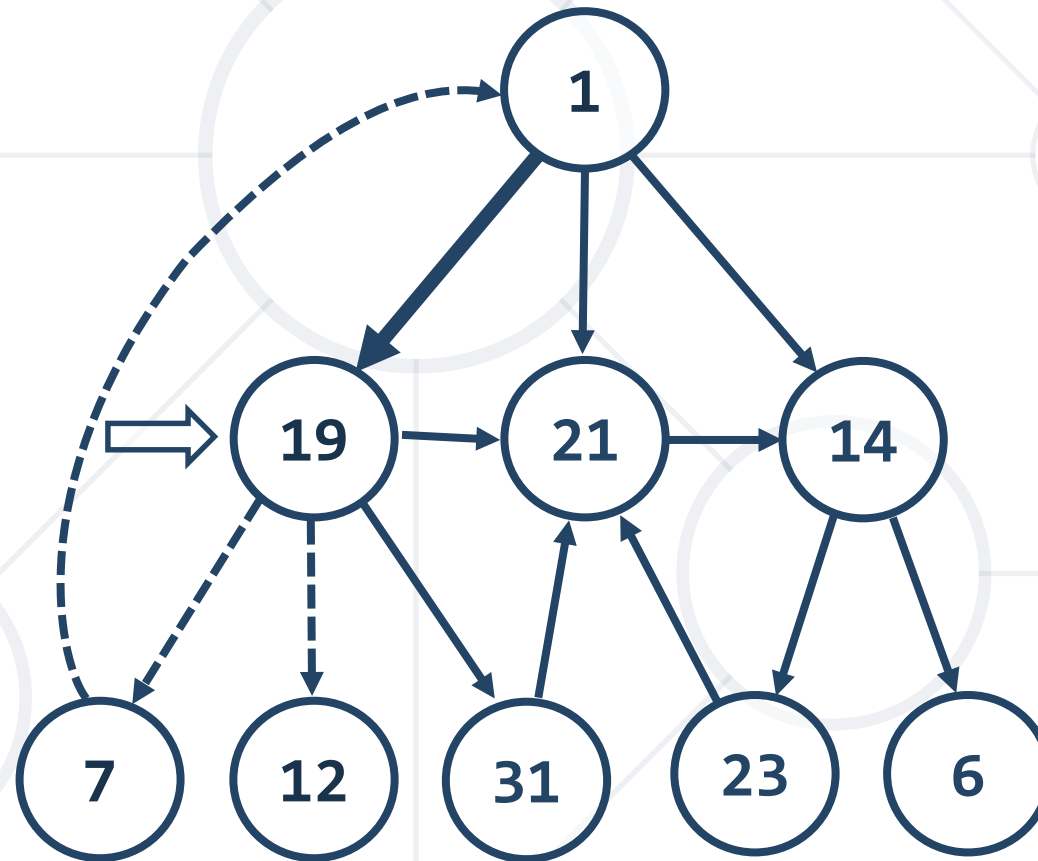
# DFS in Action (Step 7)

- Stack: 1, 19, 12
- Output: 7



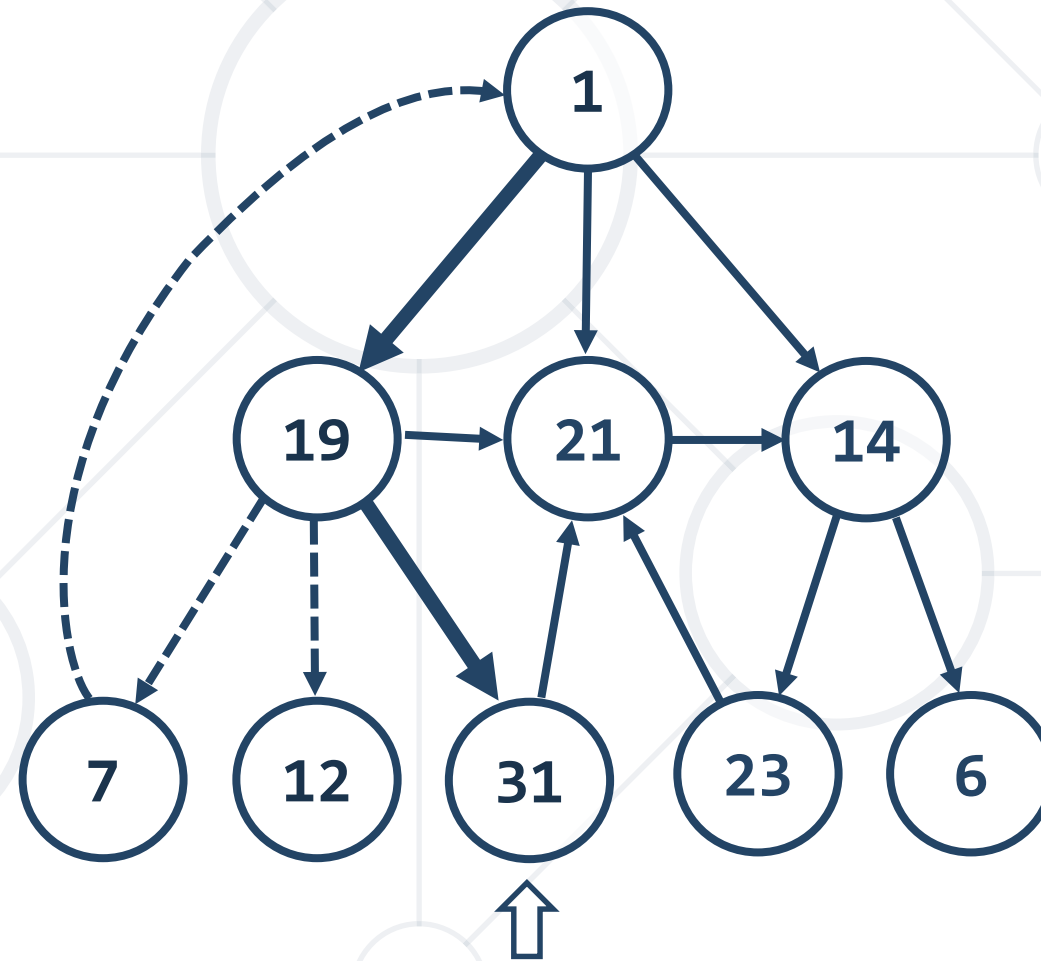
# DFS in Action (Step 8)

- Stack: 1, 19
- Output: 7, 12



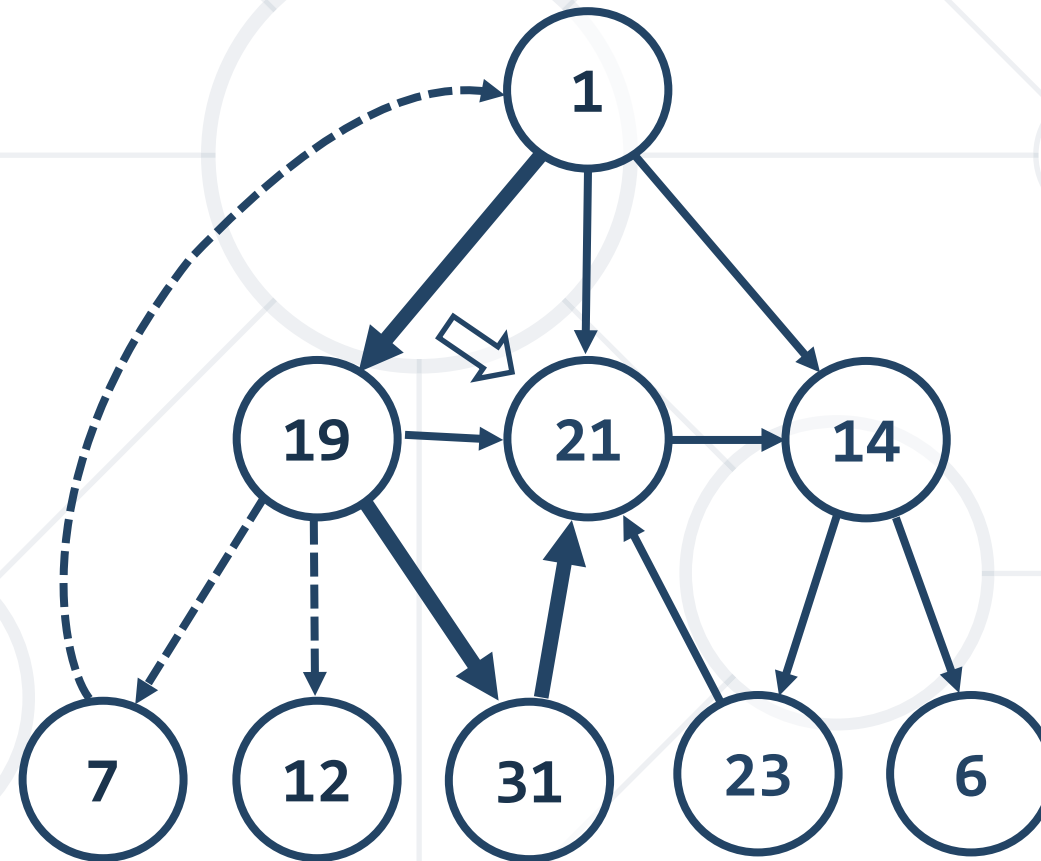


- Stack: 1, 19, 31
- Output: 7, 12



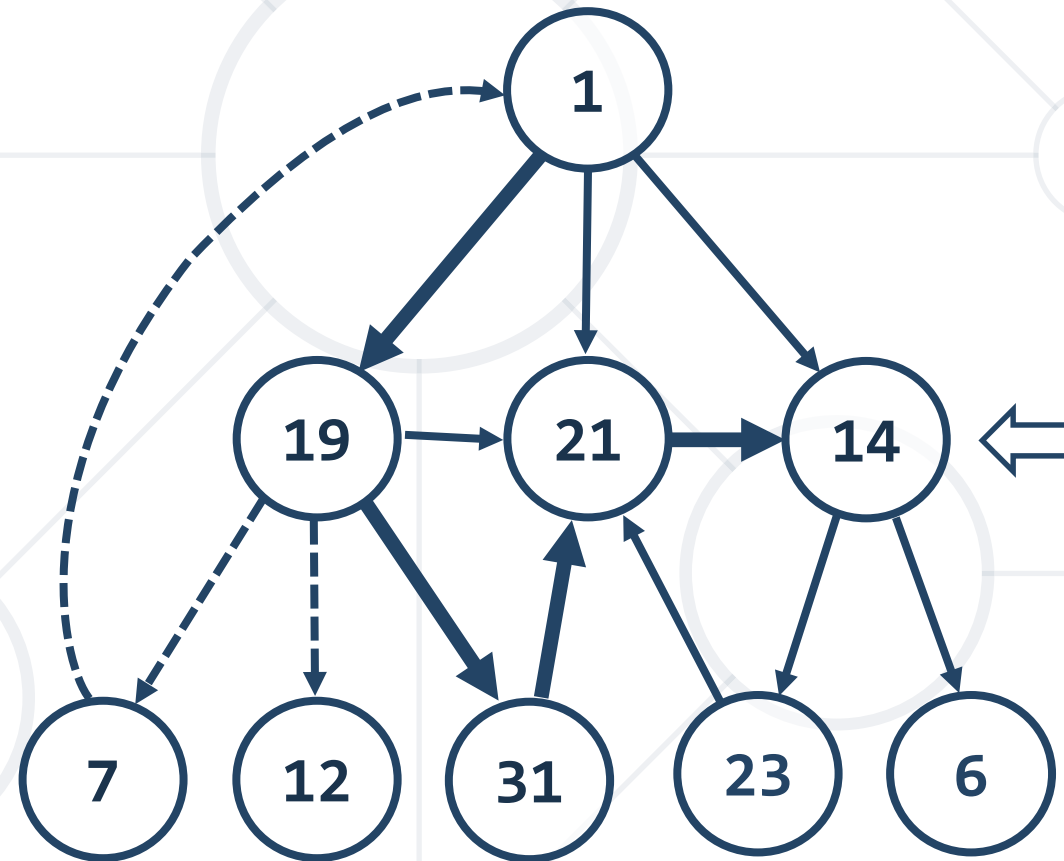
# DFS in Action (Step 10)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21
- Output: 7, 12



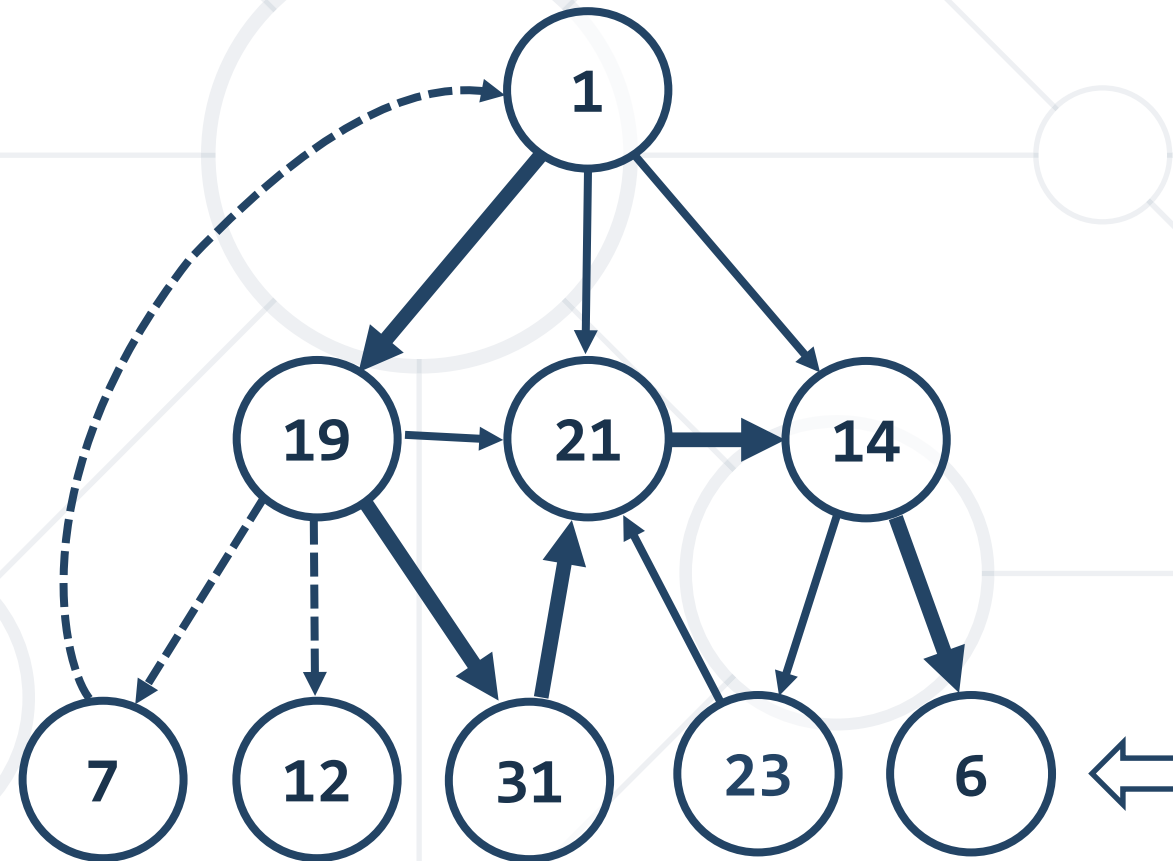
# DFS in Action (Step 11)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14
- Output: 7, 12



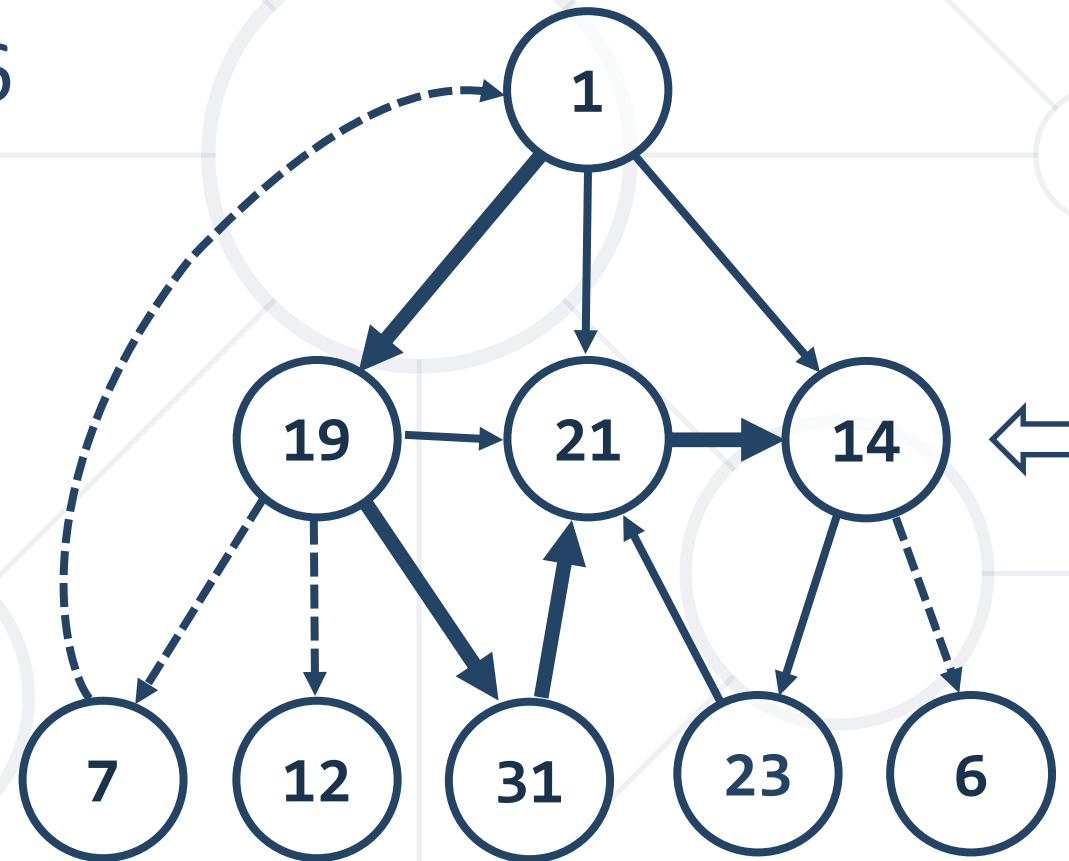
# DFS in Action (Step 12)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14, 6
- Output: 7, 12



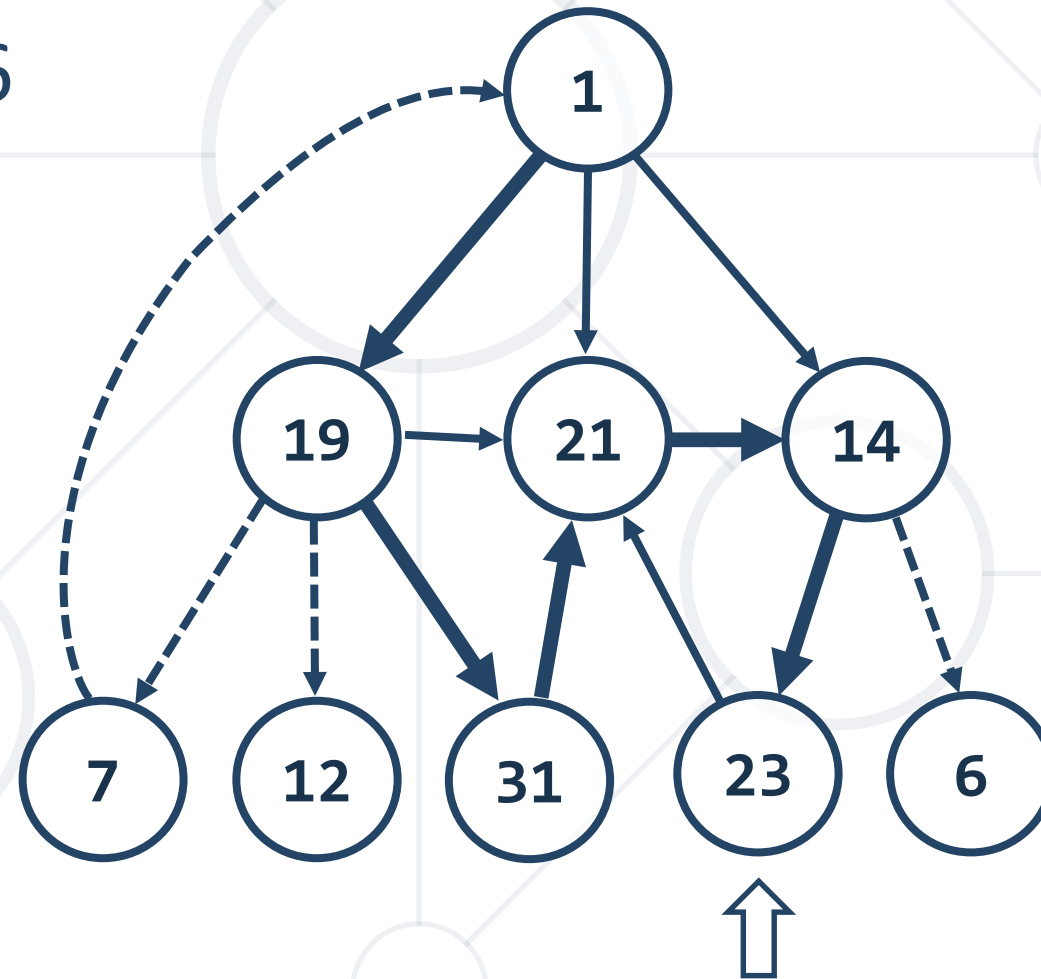
# DFS in Action (Step 13)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14
- Output: 7, 12, 6



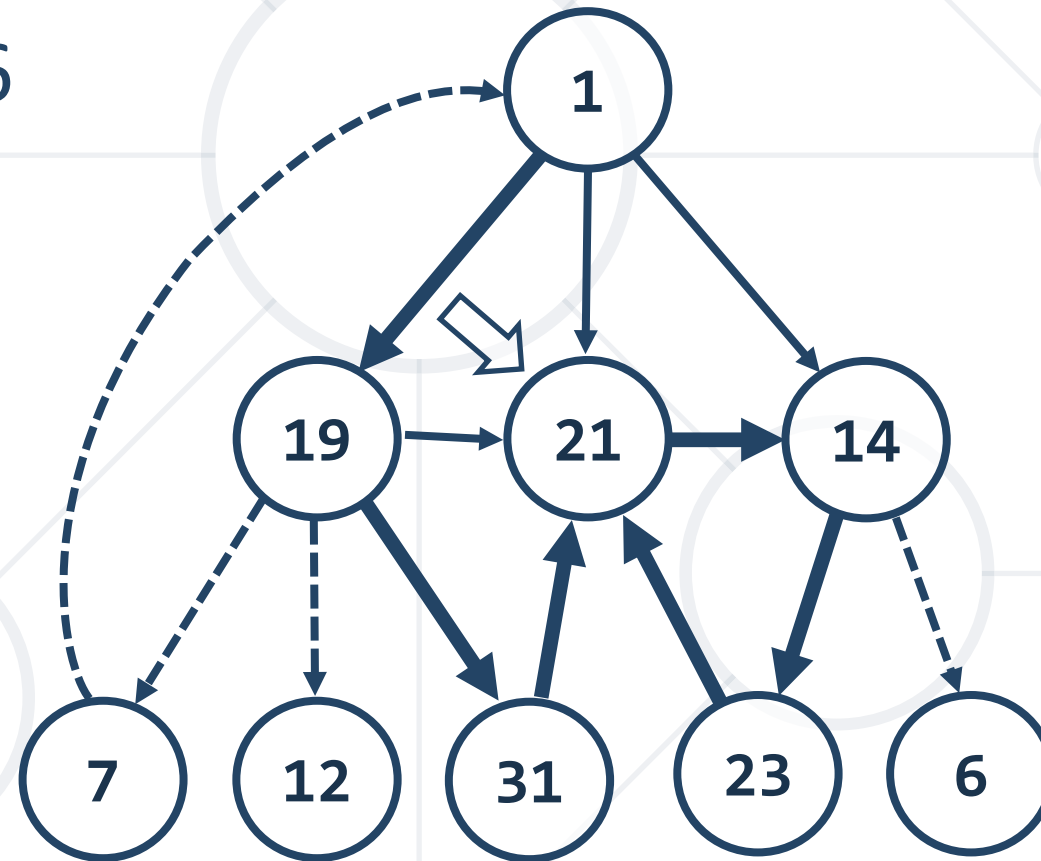
# DFS in Action (Step 14)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14, 23
- Output: 7, 12, 6



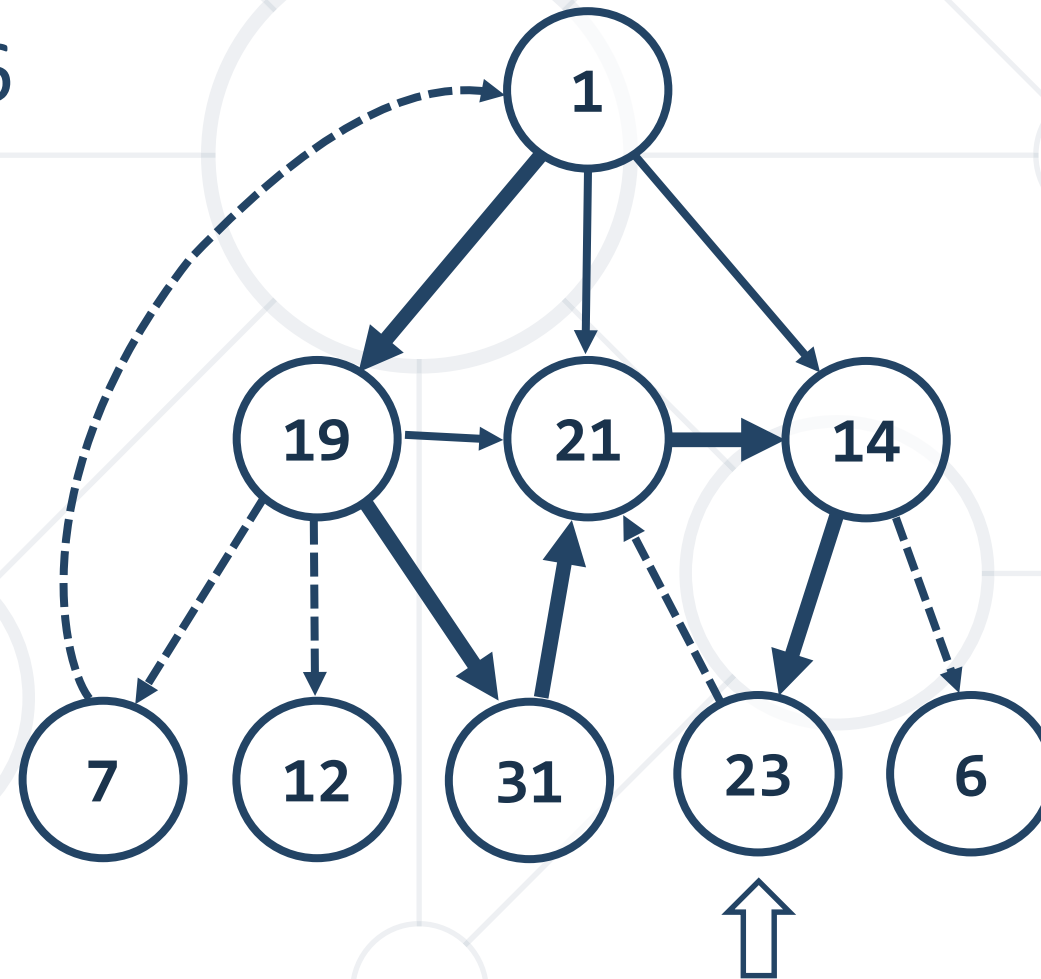
# DFS in Action (Step 15)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14, 23, 21
- Output: 7, 12, 6



# DFS in Action (Step 16)

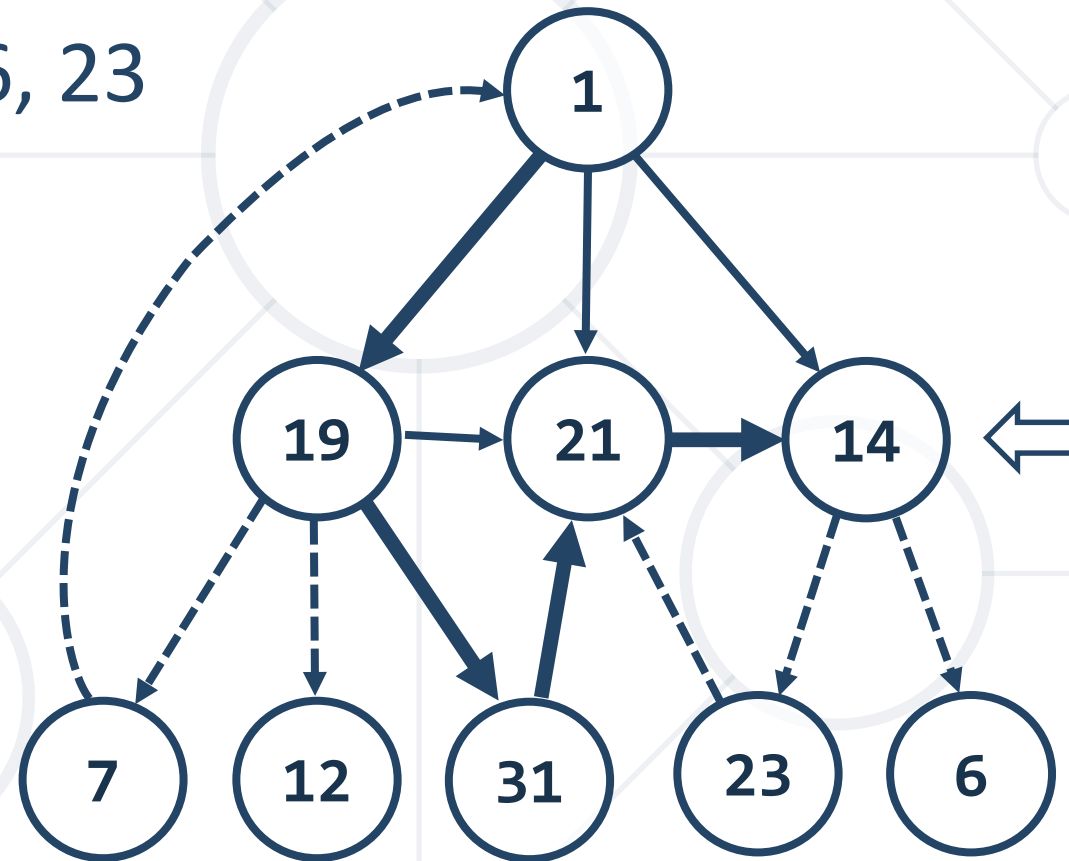
- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14, 23
- Output: 7, 12, 6





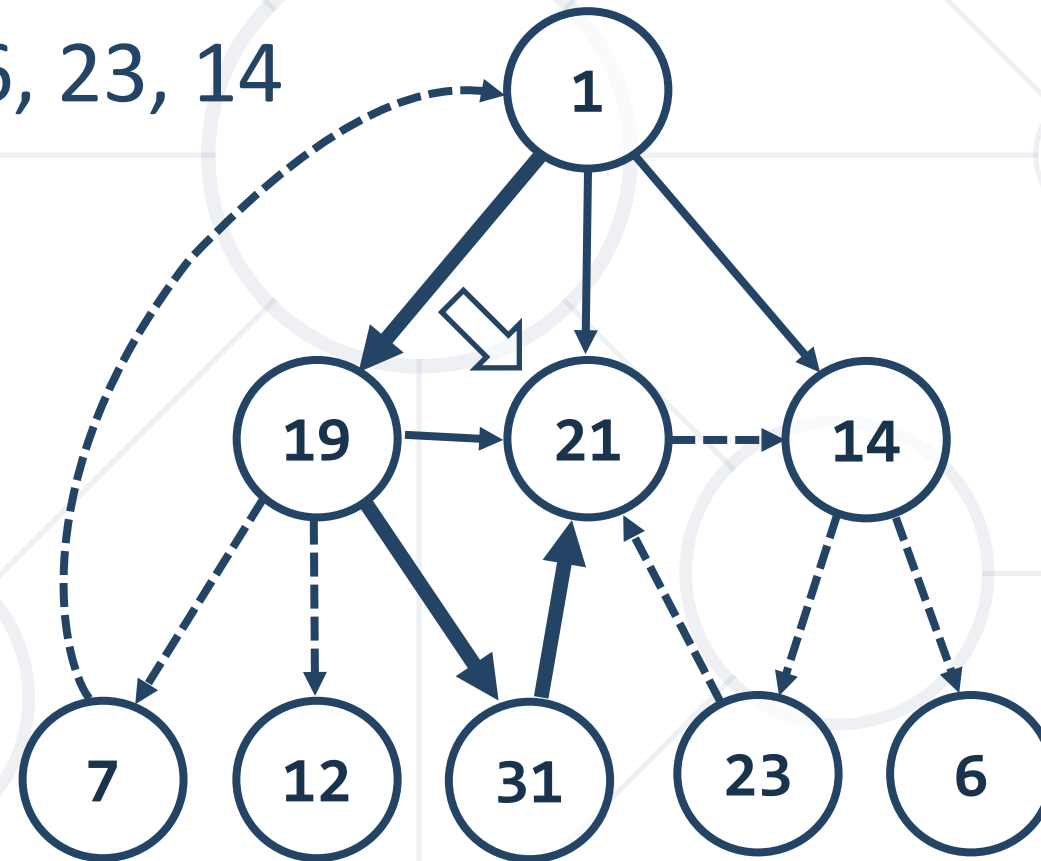
# DFS in Action (Step 17)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21, 14
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23



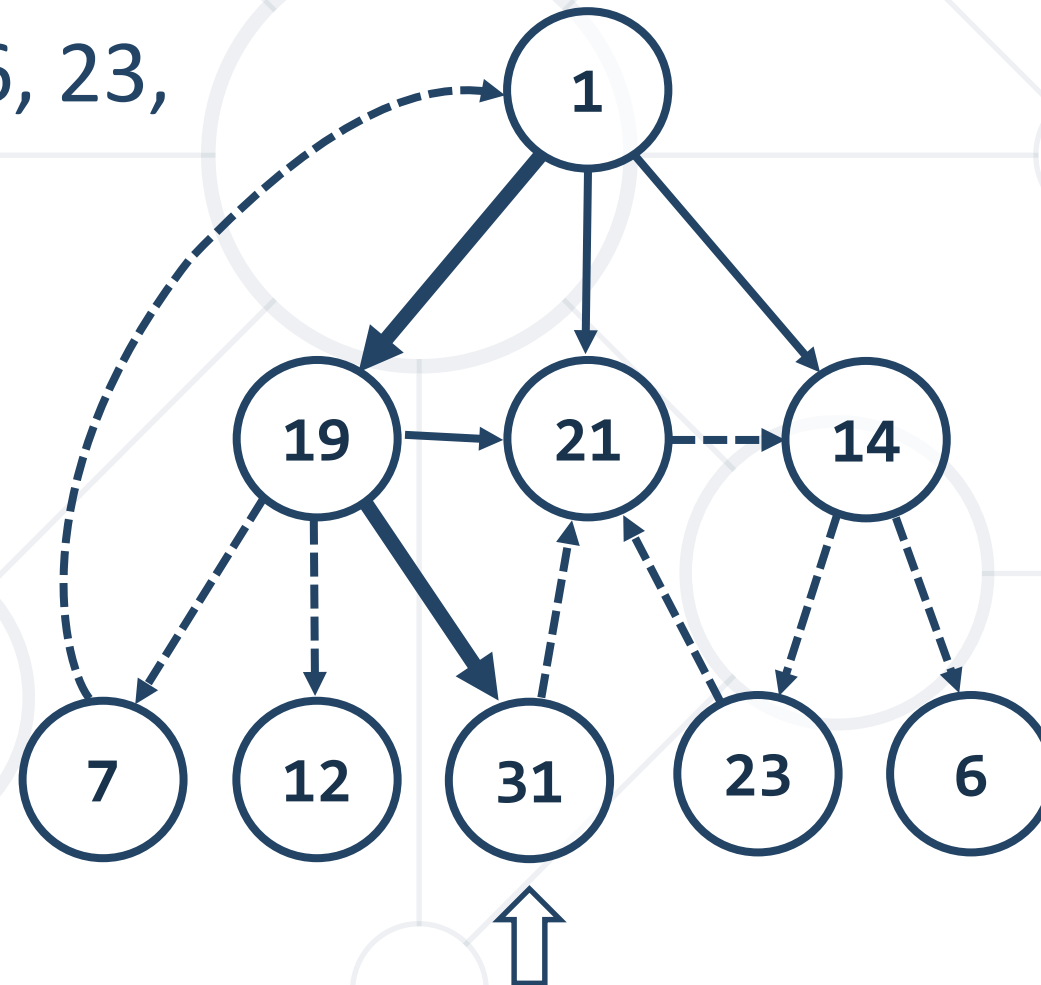
# DFS in Action (Step 18)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31, 21
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14



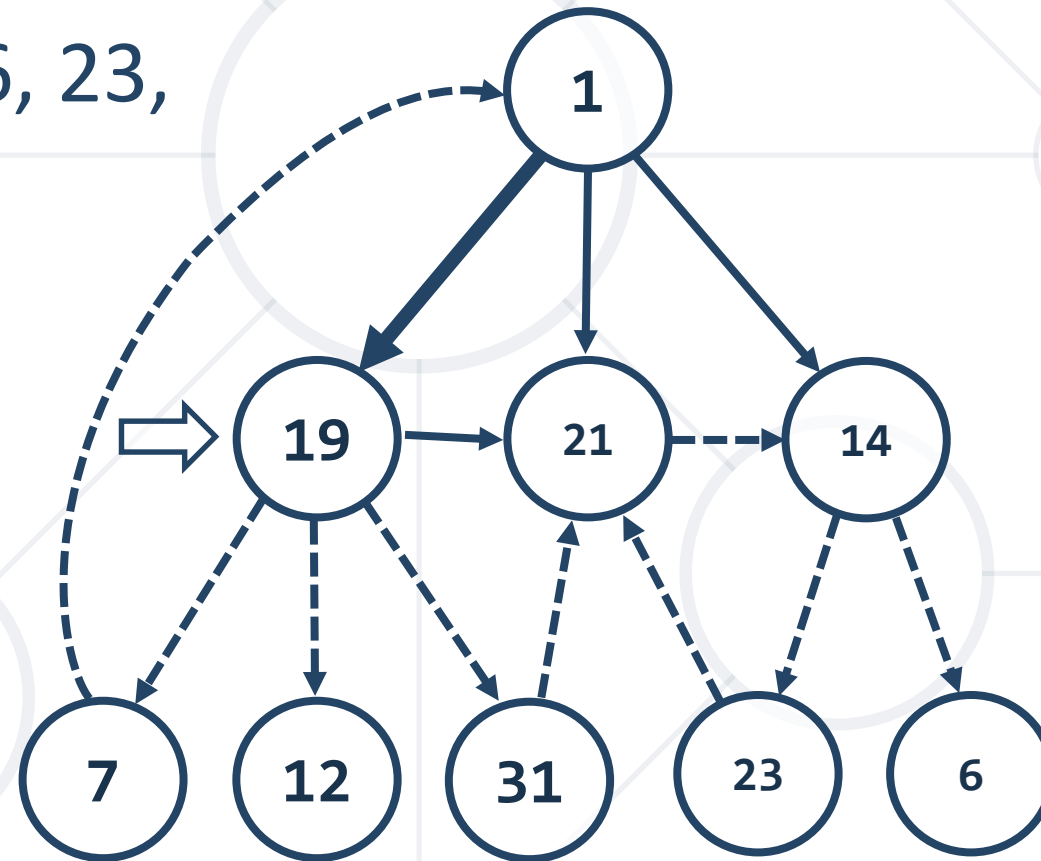
# DFS in Action (Step 19)

- Stack: 1, 19, 31
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21



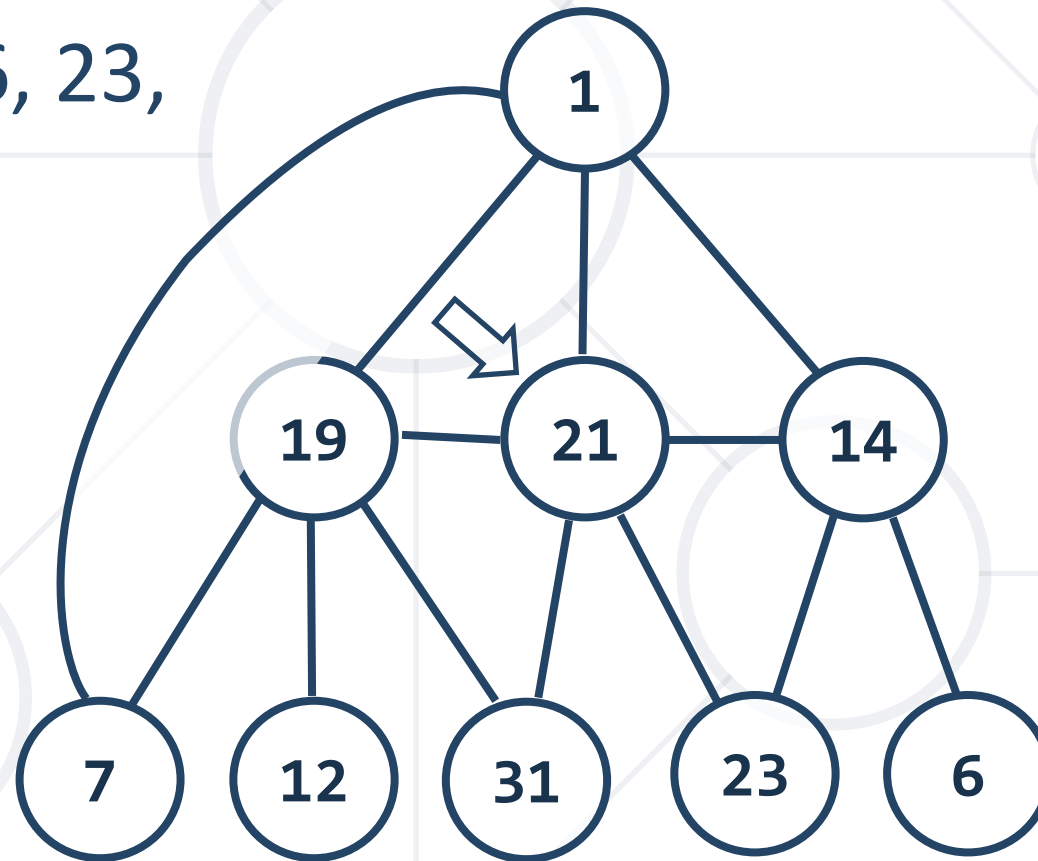
# DFS in Action (Step 20)

- Stack: 1, 19
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31



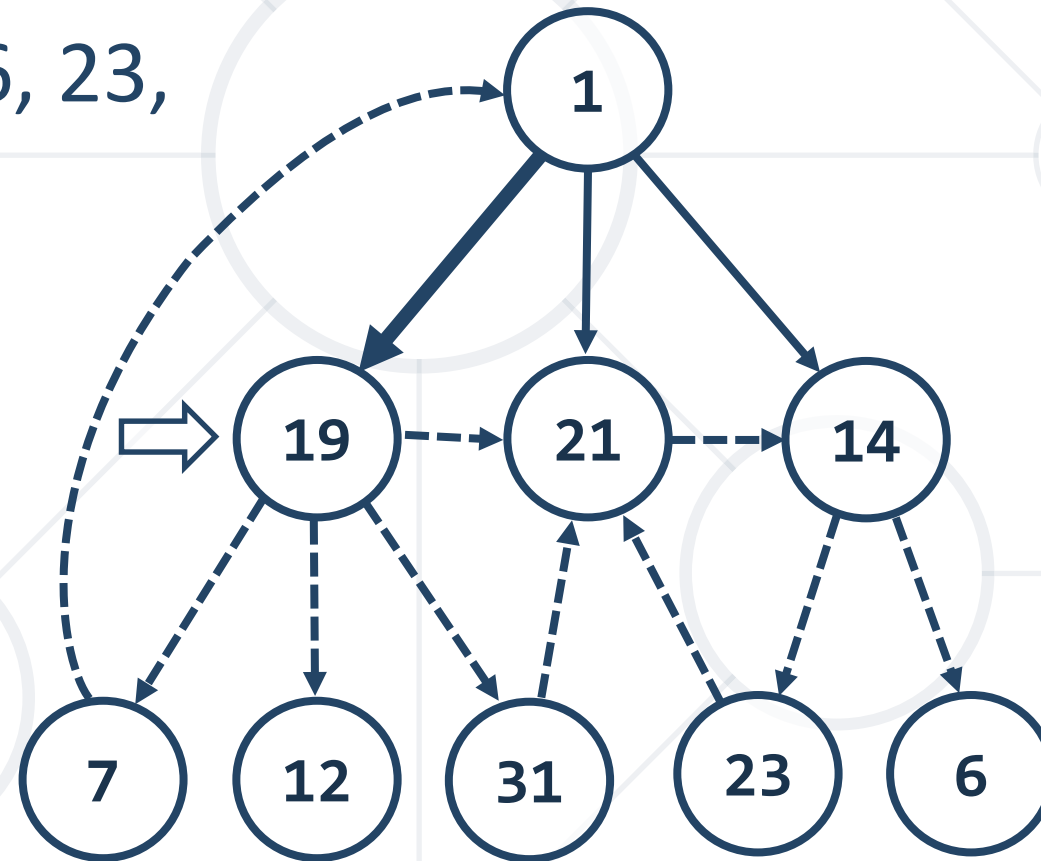
# DFS in Action (Step 21)

- Stack: 1, 19, 21
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31



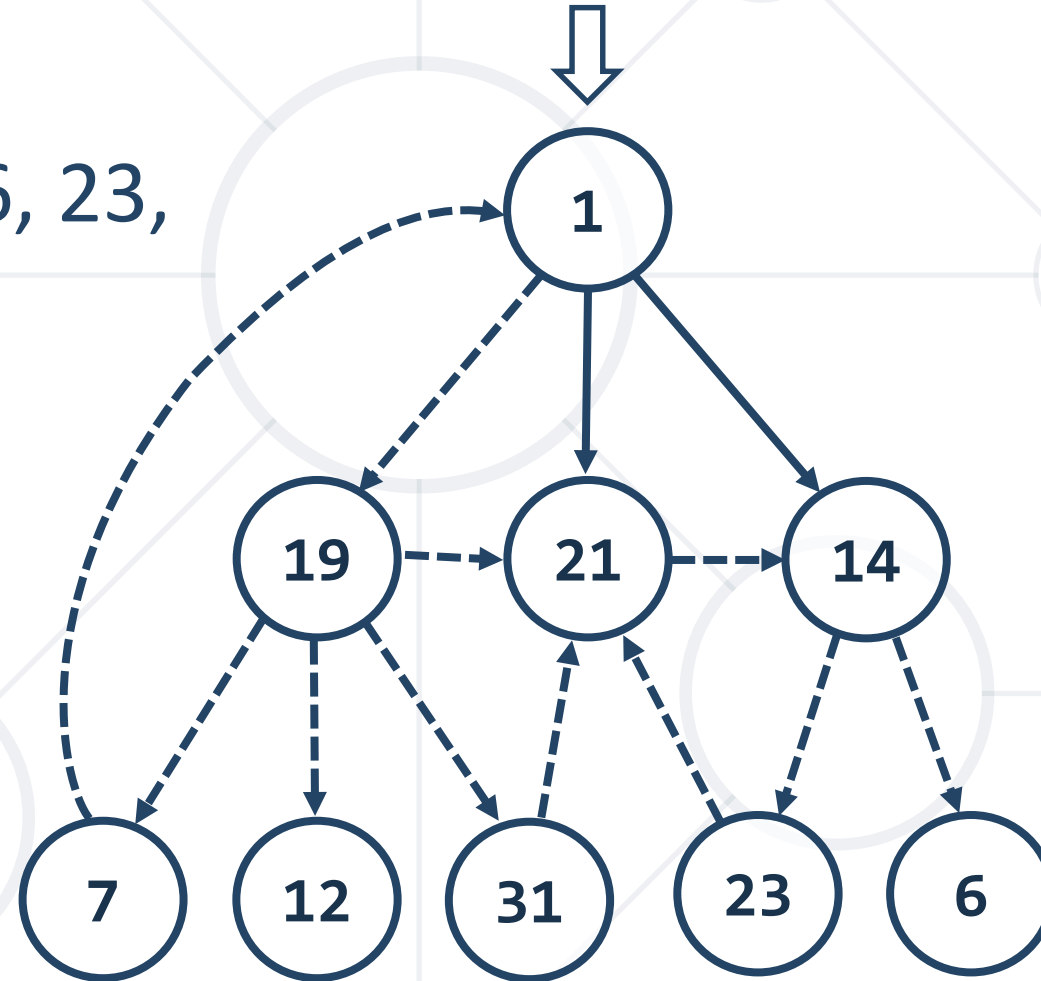
# DFS in Action (Step 22)

- Stack: 1, 19
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31



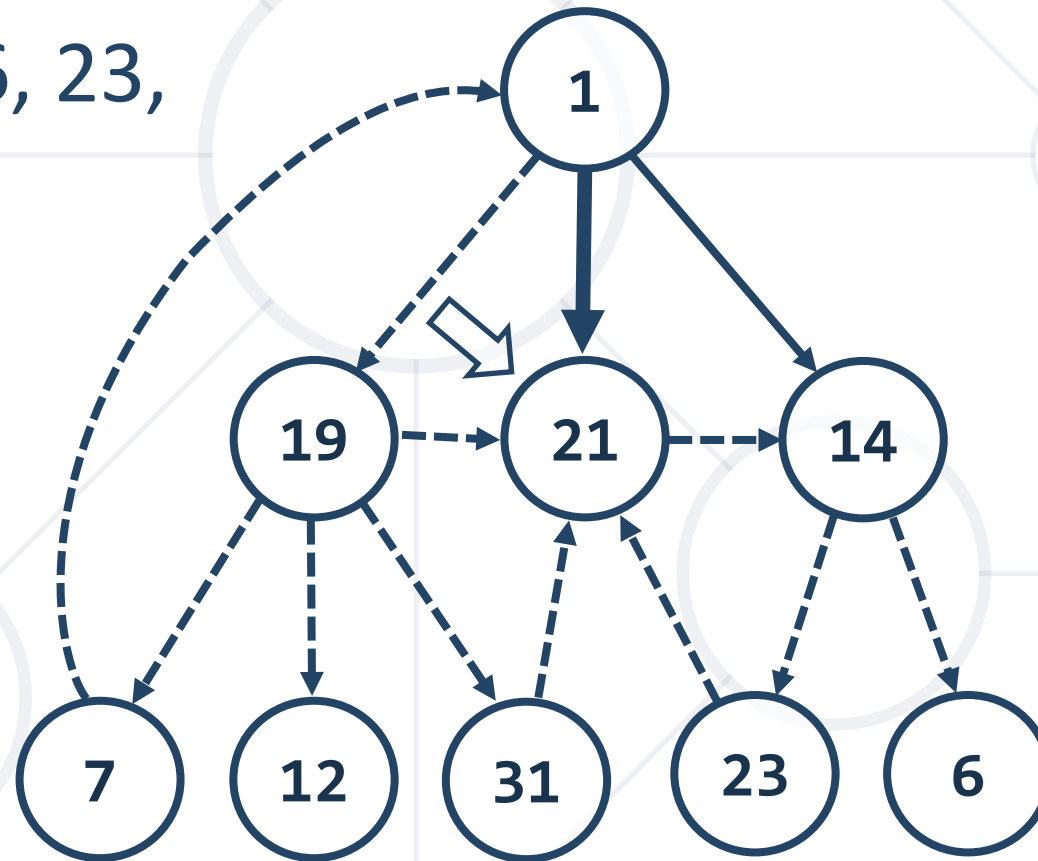
# DFS in Action (Step 23)

- Stack: 1
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31, 19



# DFS in Action (Step 24)

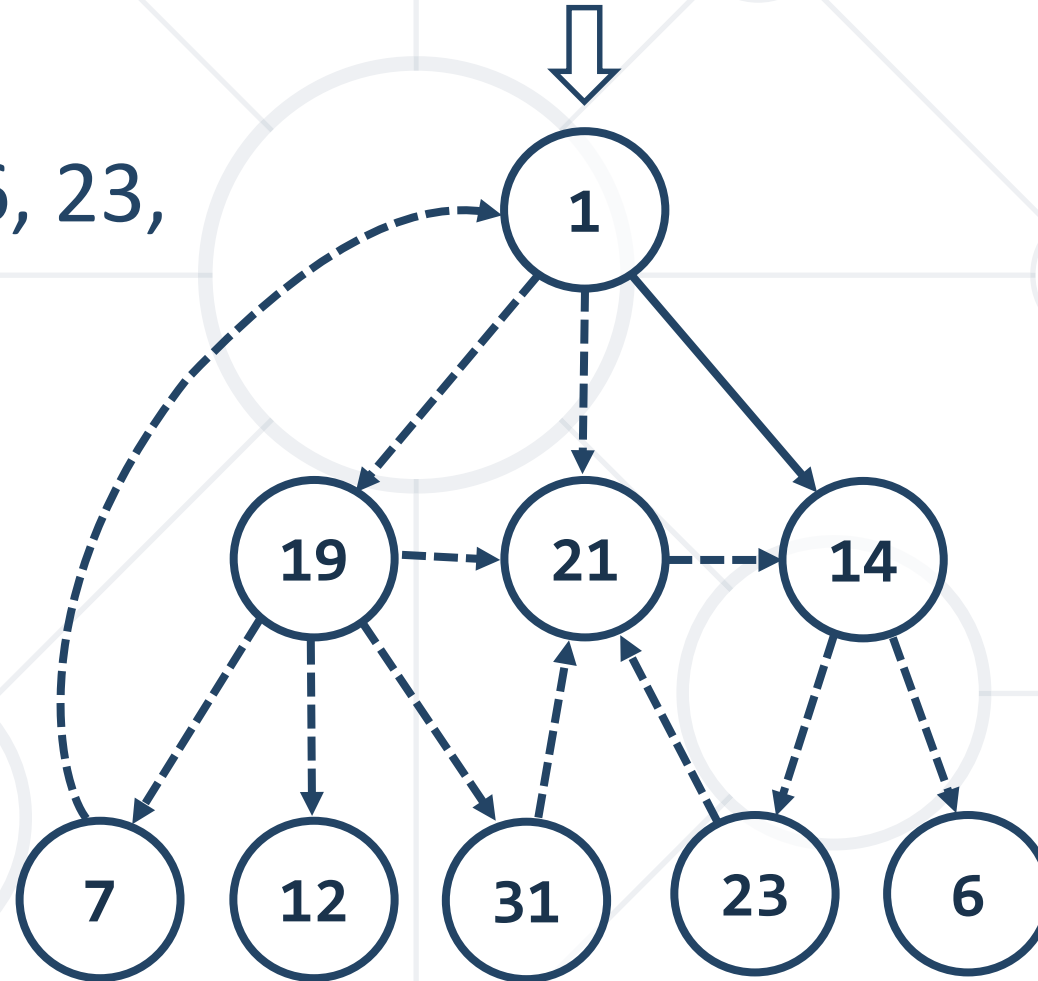
- Stack: 1, 21
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31, 19





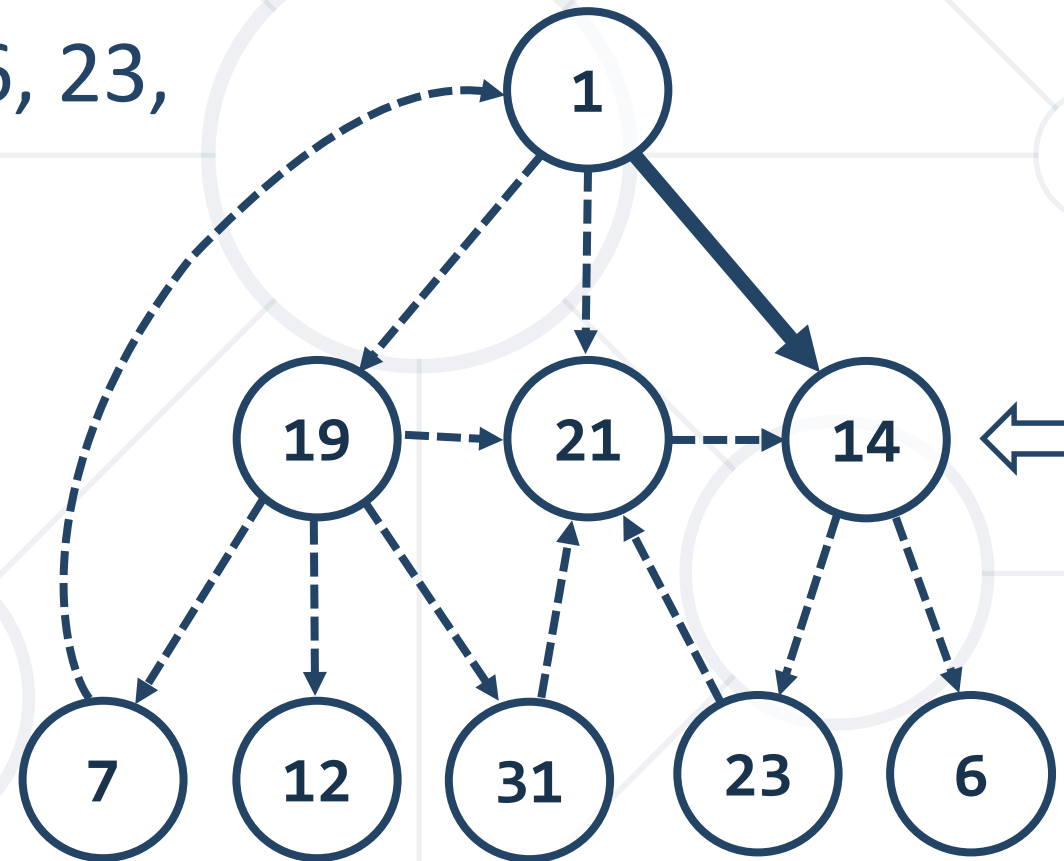
# DFS in Action (Step 25)

- Stack: 1
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31, 19

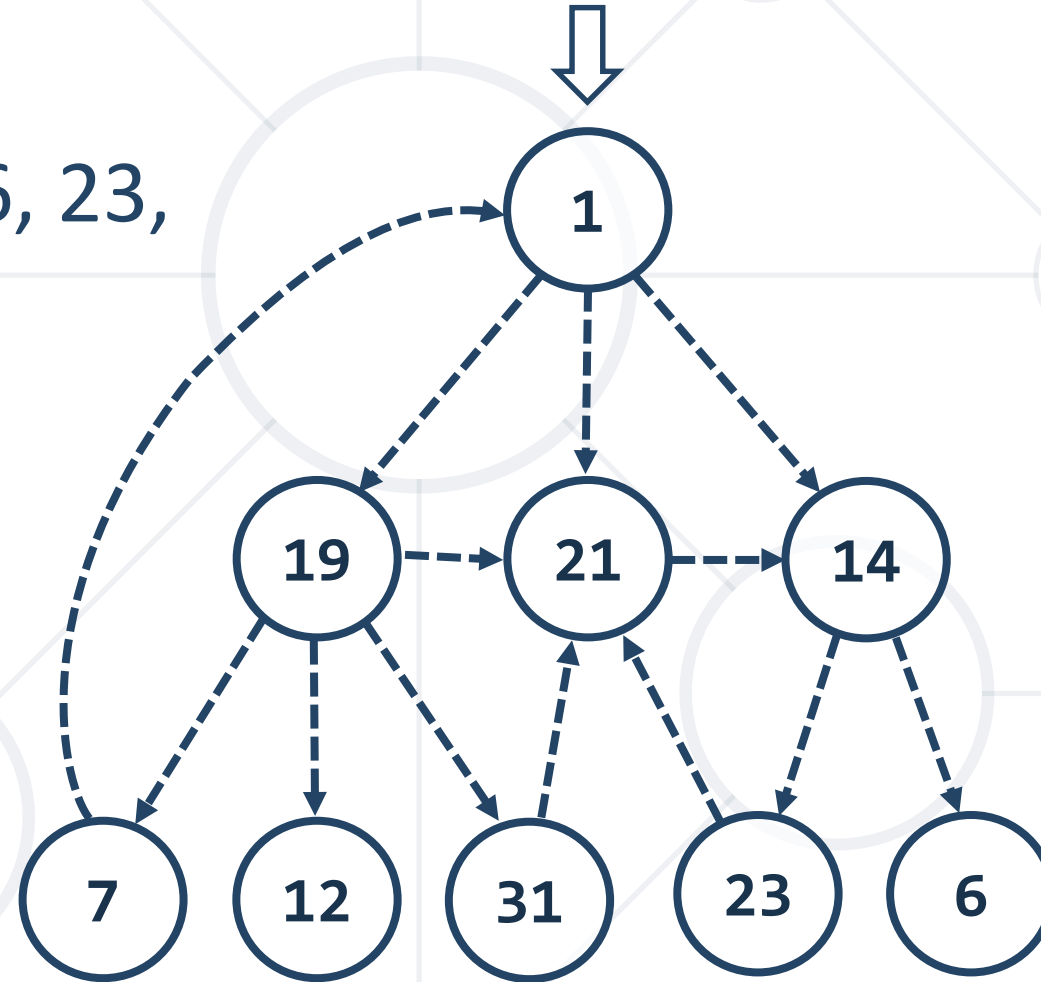


# DFS in Action (Step 26)

- Stack: 1, 14
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31, 19



- Stack: 1
- Output: 7, 12, 6, 23, 14, 21, 31, 19

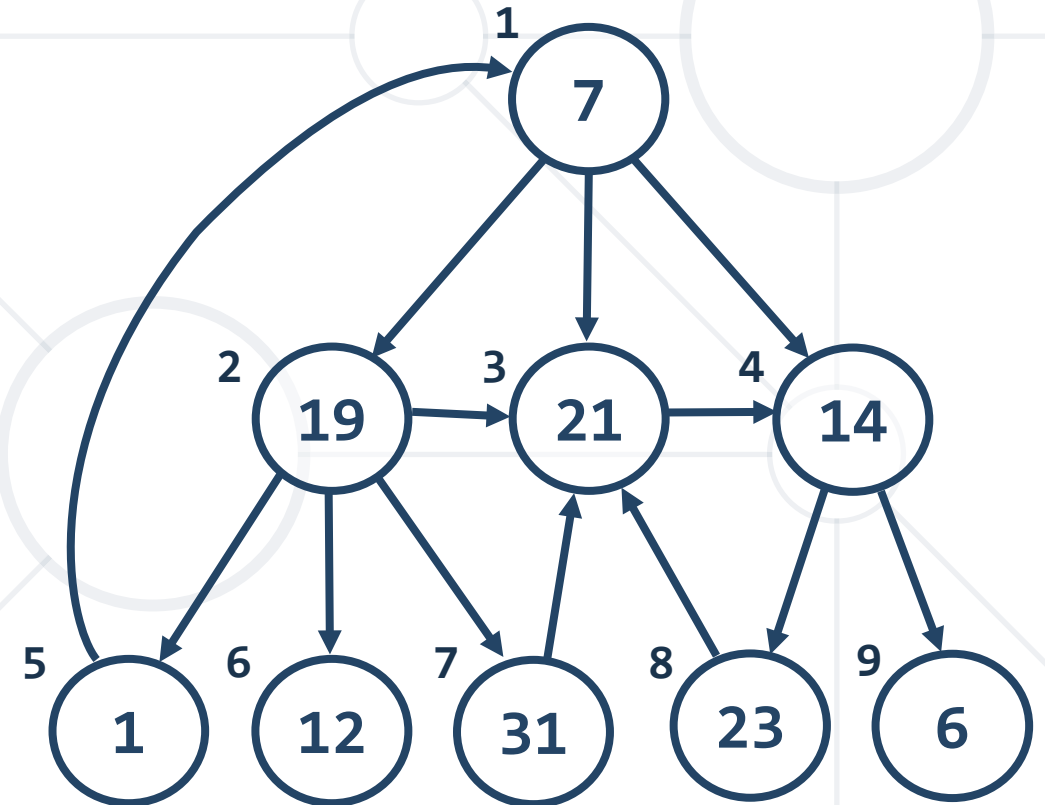


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- A directed graph with 8 nodes arranged in four levels. The root node is 1. Level 2 contains nodes 19, 21, and 14. Level 3 contains nodes 7, 12, 31, 23, and 6. Edges are as follows: 1 to 19 (solid), 1 to 21 (dashed), 1 to 14 (dashed), 19 to 7 (solid), 19 to 12 (dashed), 19 to 31 (dashed), 21 to 31 (solid), 21 to 23 (dashed), 14 to 23 (dashed), 14 to 6 (dashed), 7 to 1 (curved dashed), 19 to 21 (dashed), and 21 to 14 (dashed).

# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

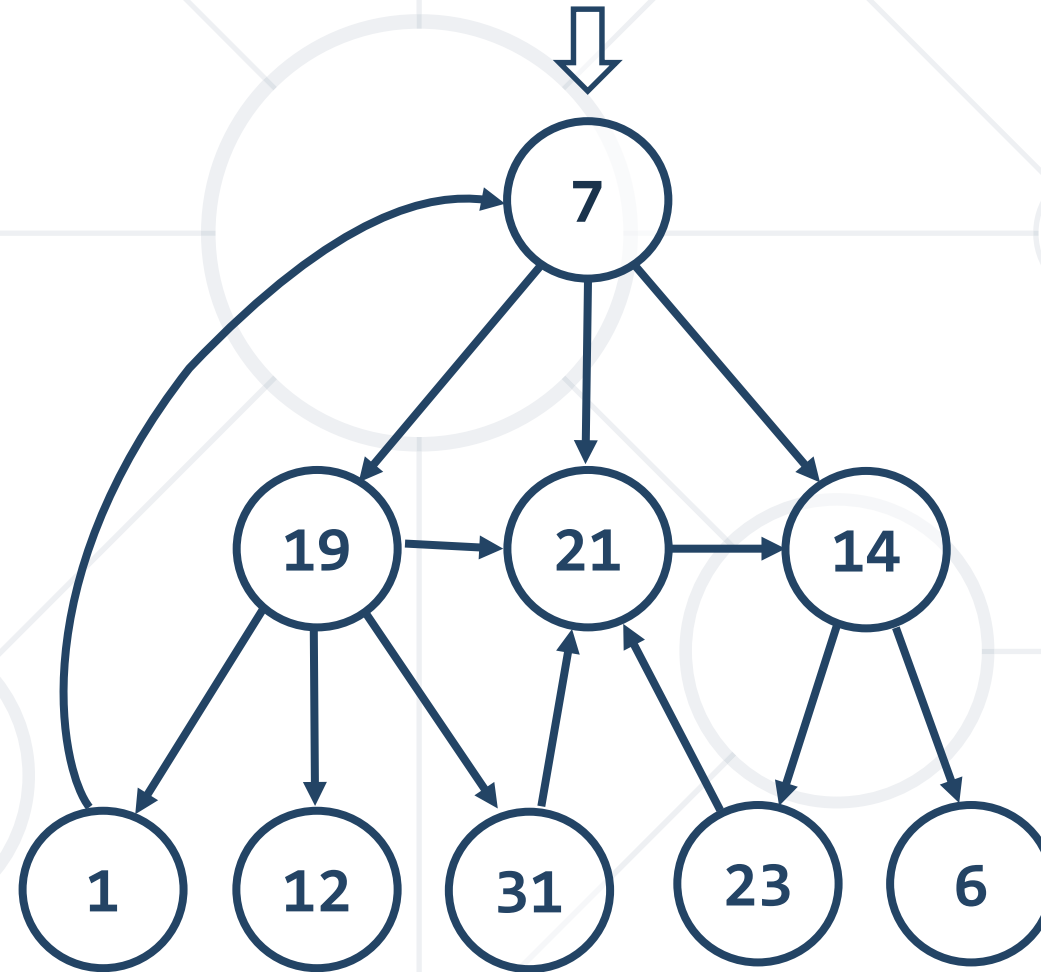
- **Breadth-First Search (BFS)** first visits the neighbor nodes, then the neighbors of neighbors, then their neighbors, etc.

```
bfs(node) {  
  queue ← node  
  visited[node] = true  
  while queue not empty  
    v ← queue  
    print v  
    for each child c of v  
      if not visited[c]  
        queue ← c  
        visited[c] = true  
}
```



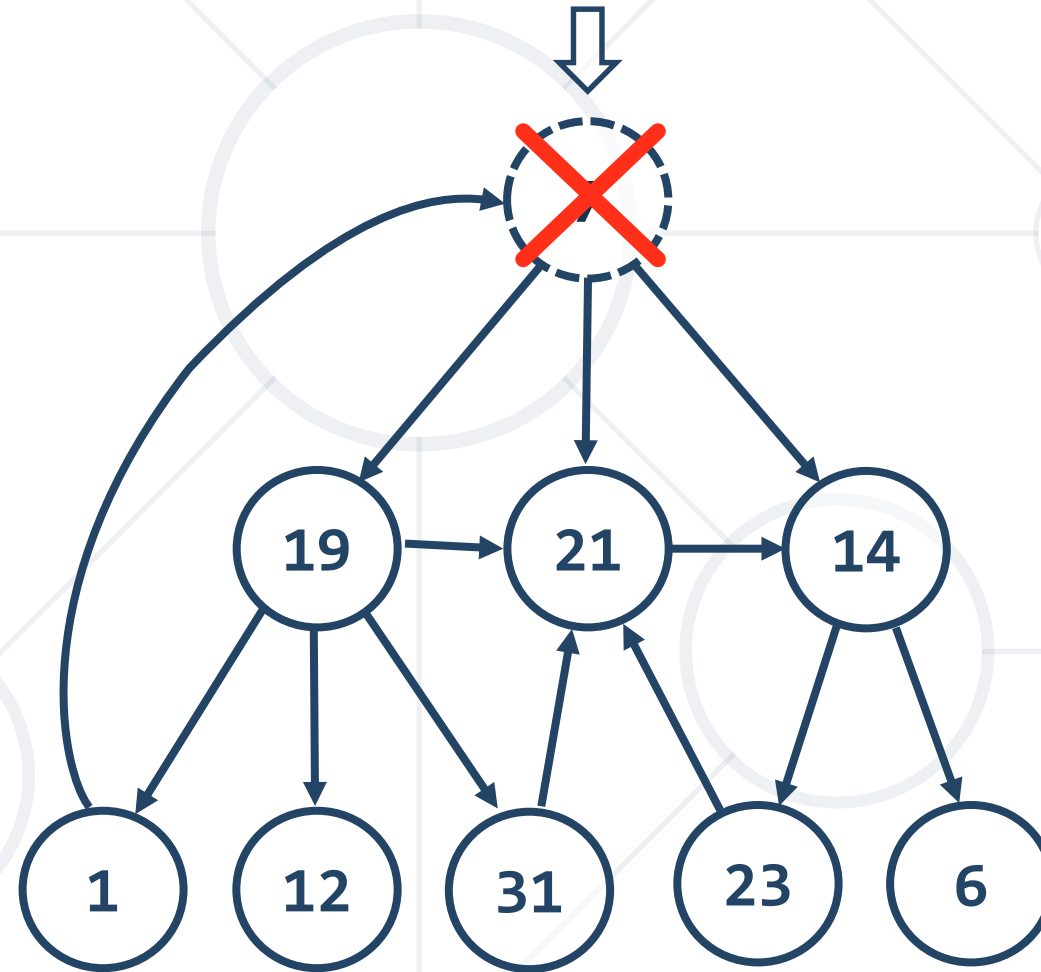
# BFS in Action (Step 1)

- Queue: 7
- Output:



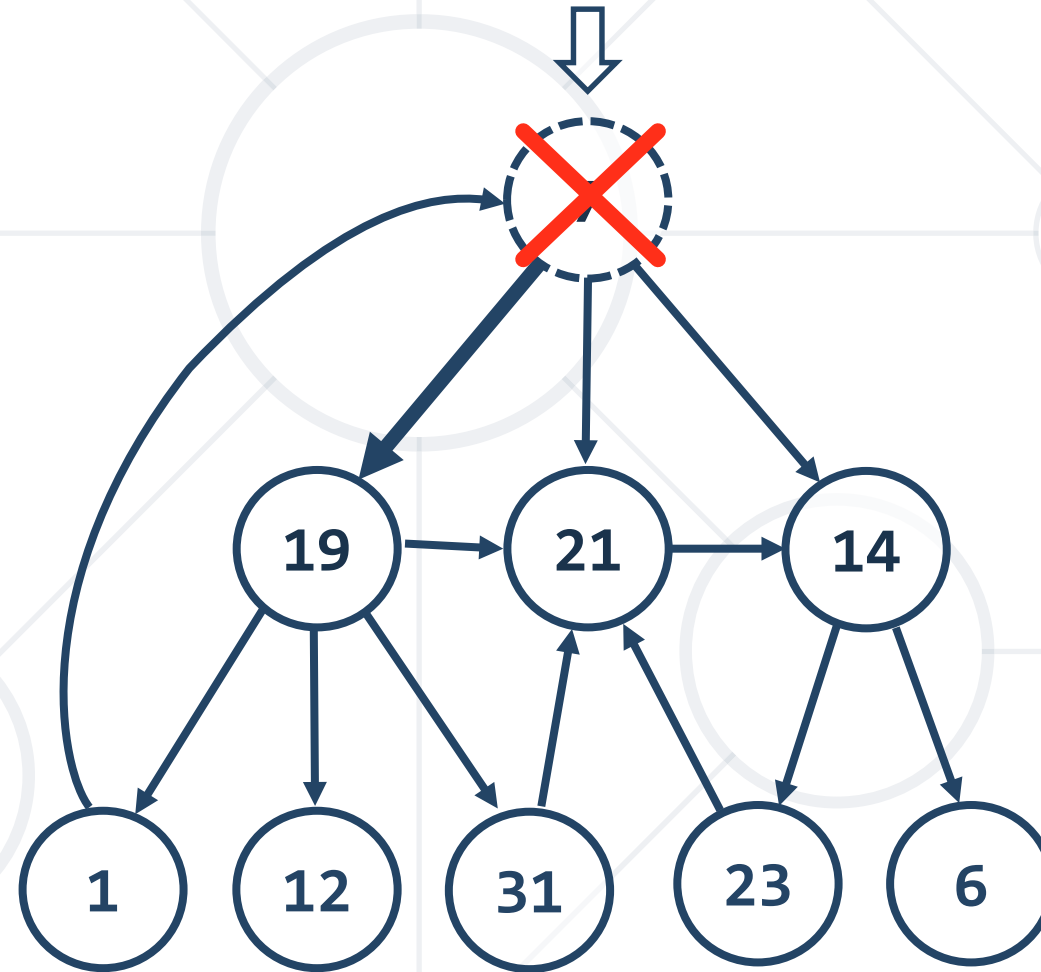
# BFS in Action (Step 2)

- Queue: ~~7~~
- Output: 7



# BFS in Action (Step 3)

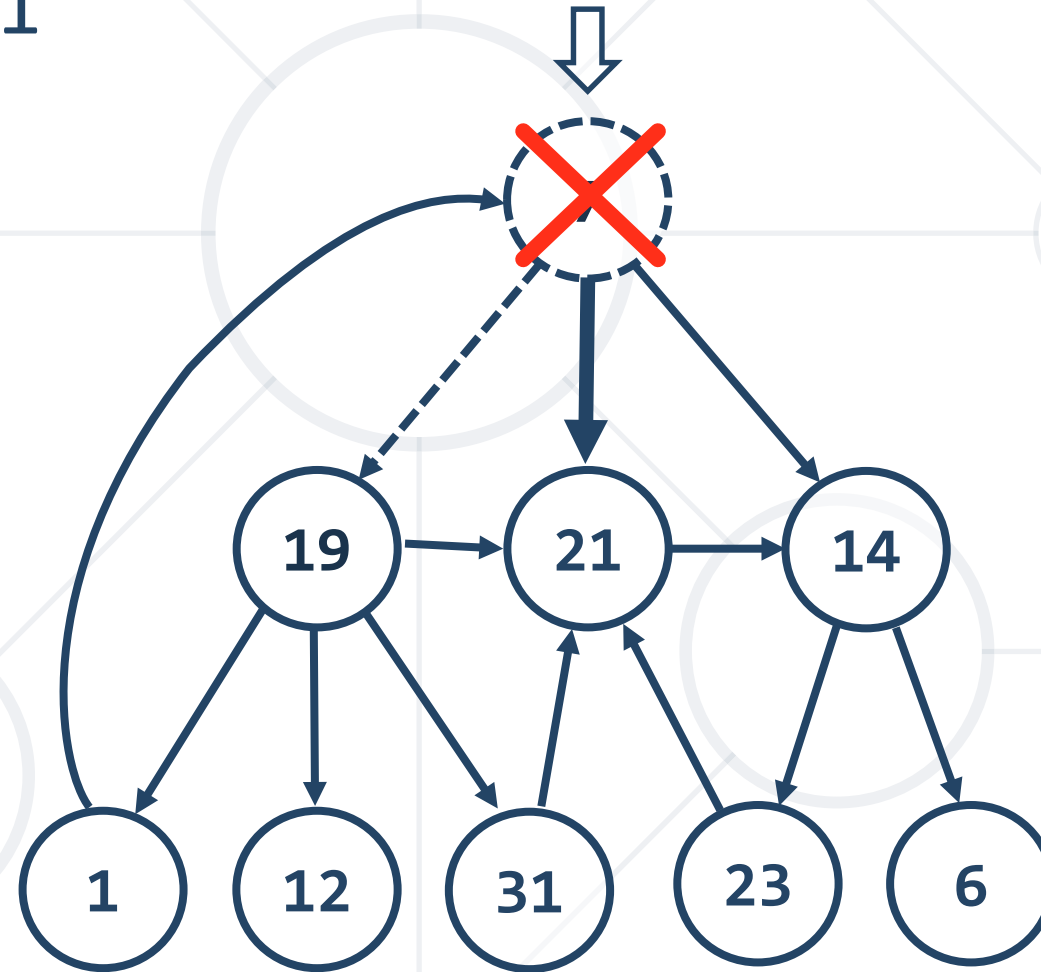
- Queue: ~~7~~, 19
- Output: 7





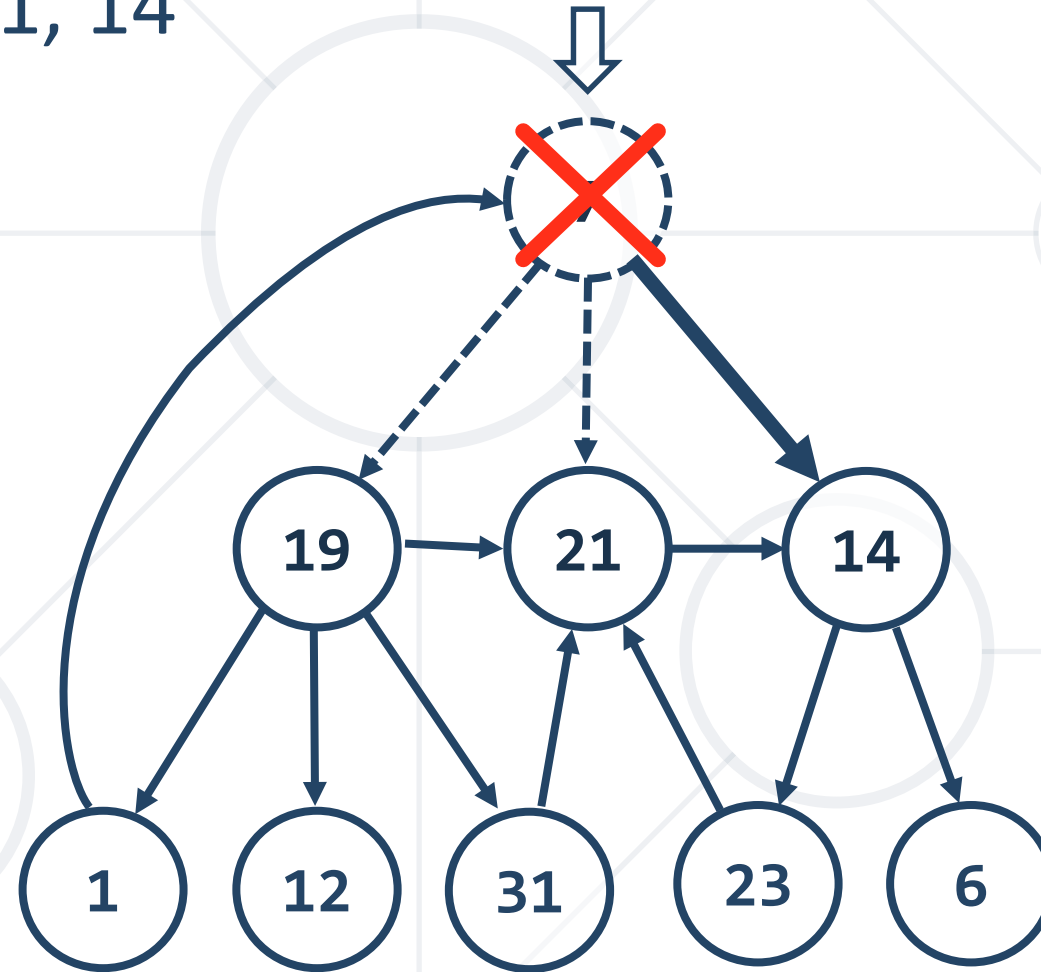
# BFS in Action (Step 4)

- Queue: ~~7~~, 19, 21
- Output: 7



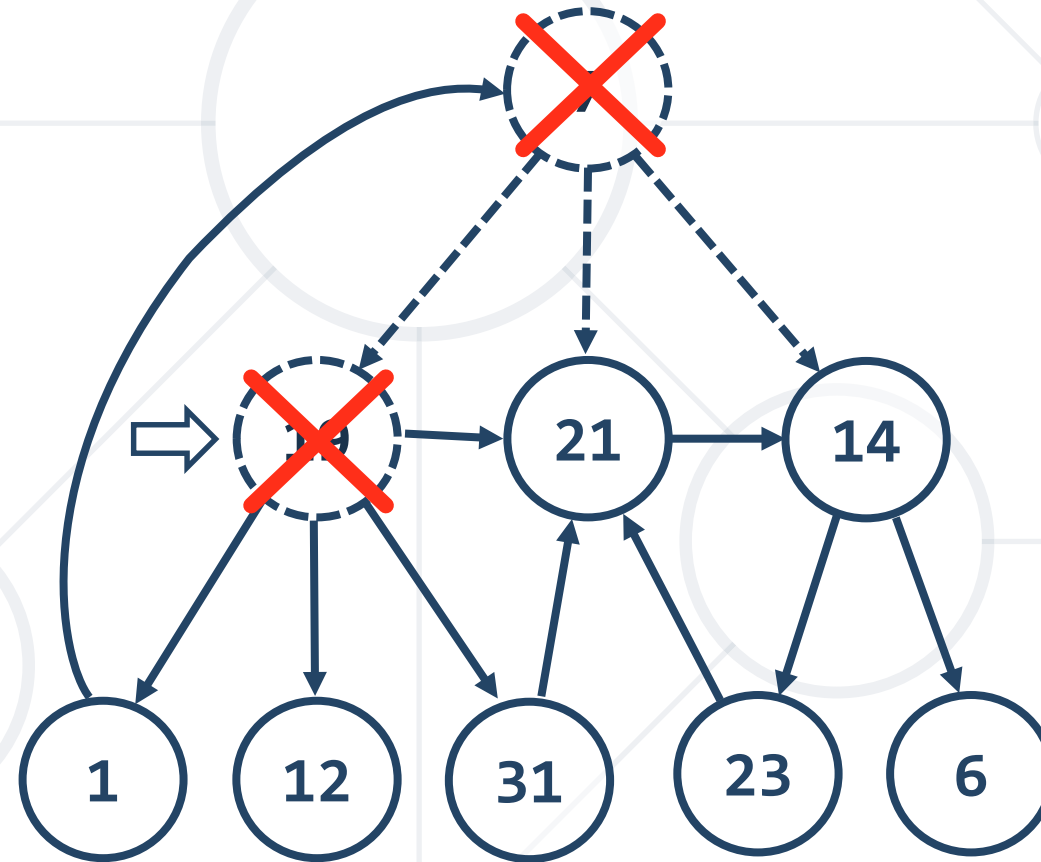
# BFS in Action (Step 5)

- Queue: ~~7~~, 19, 21, 14
- Output: 7



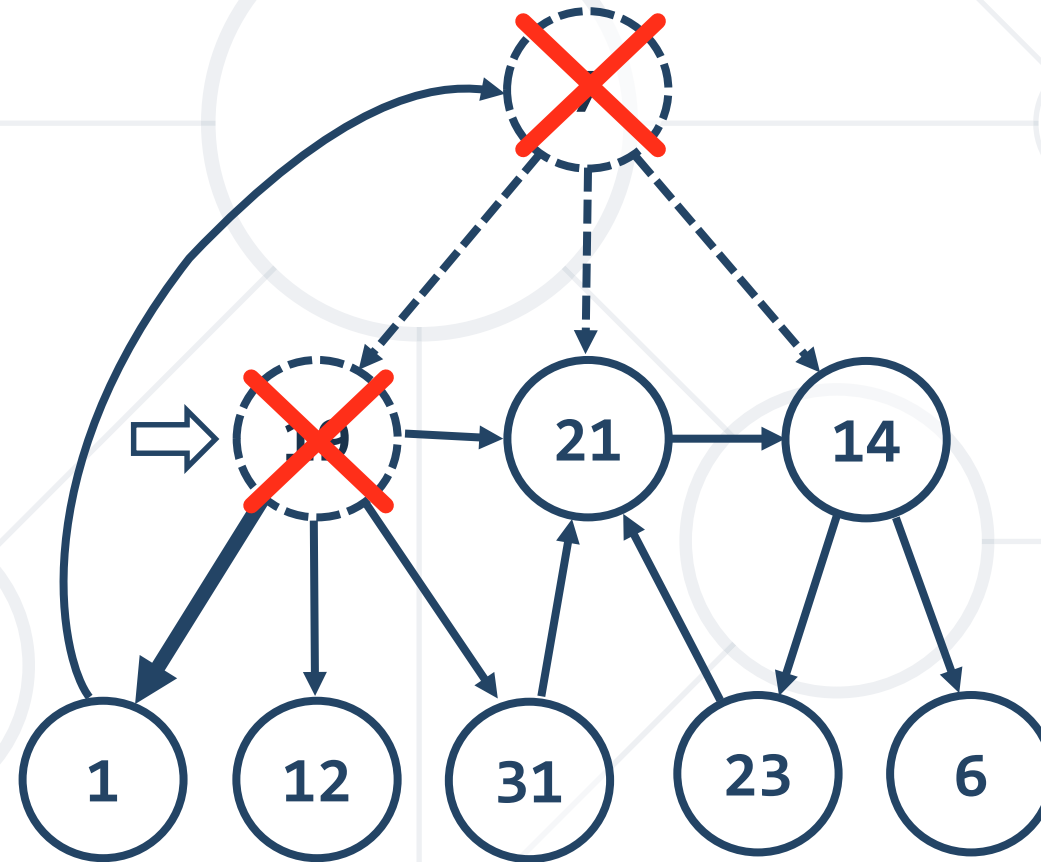
# BFS in Action (Step 6)

- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, 21, 14
- Output: 7, 19



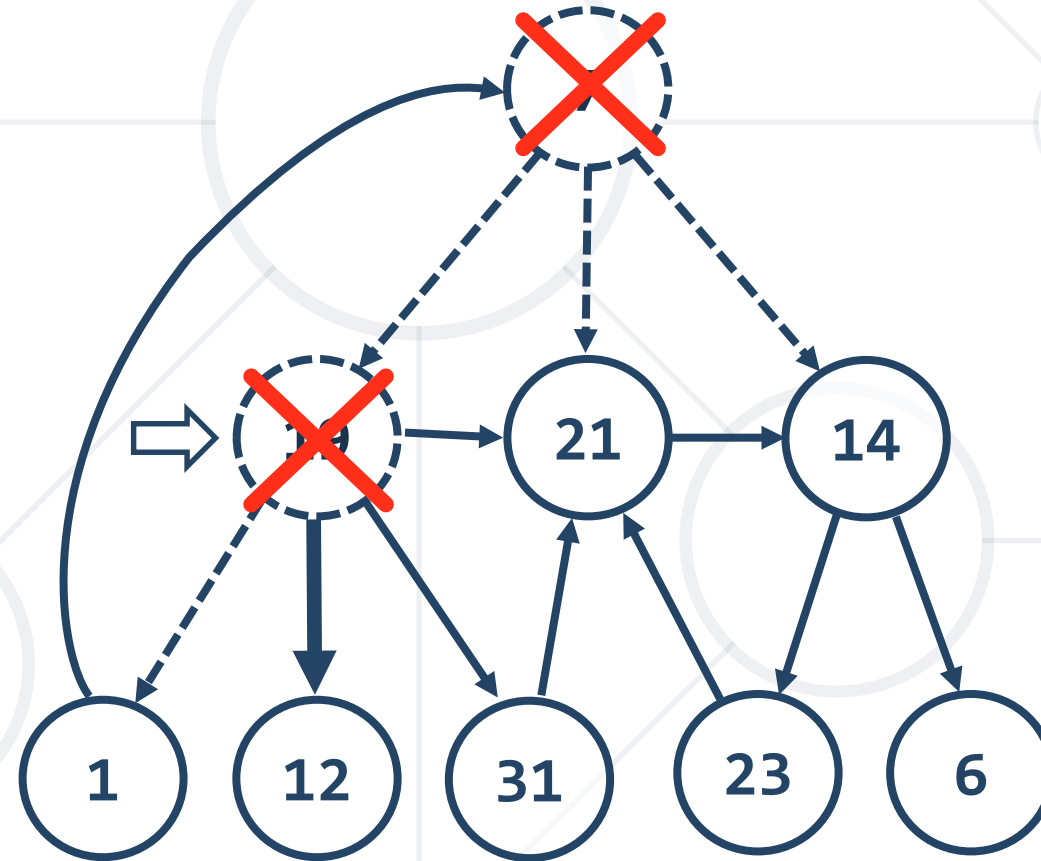
- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~18~~, 21, 14, 1

- Output: 7, 19



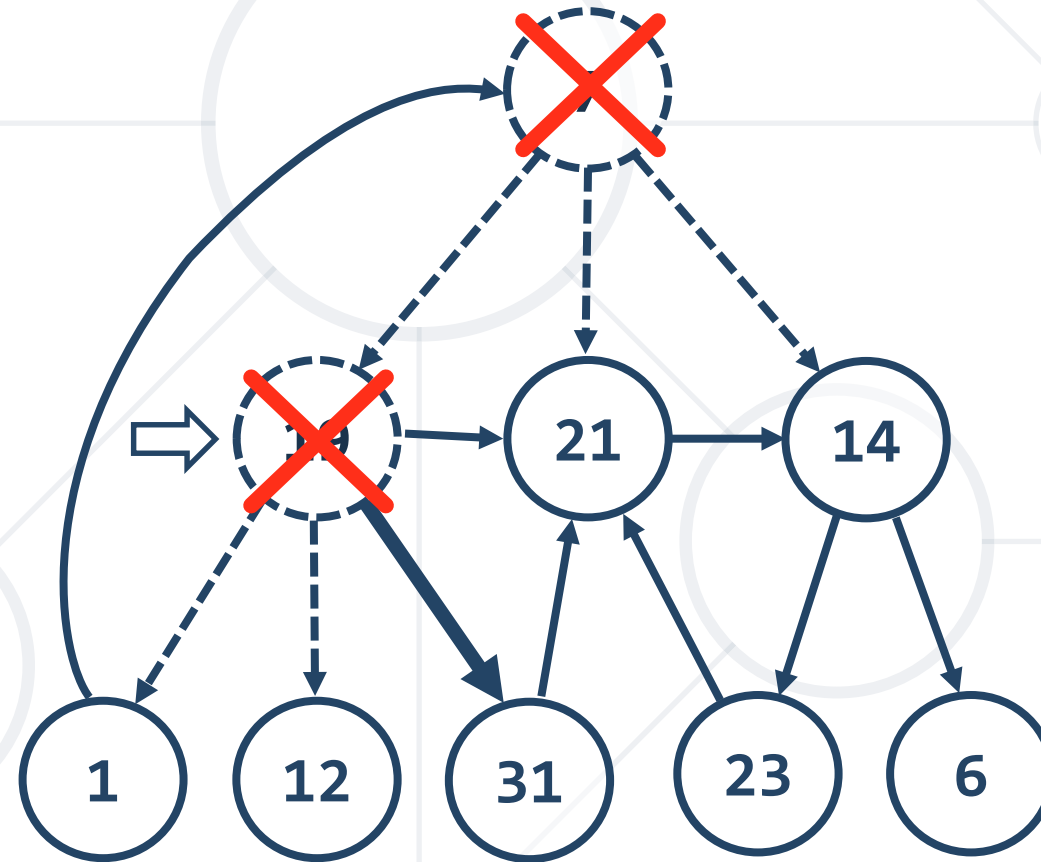
- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, 21, 14, 1, 12

- Output: 7, 19



# BFS in Action (Step 9)

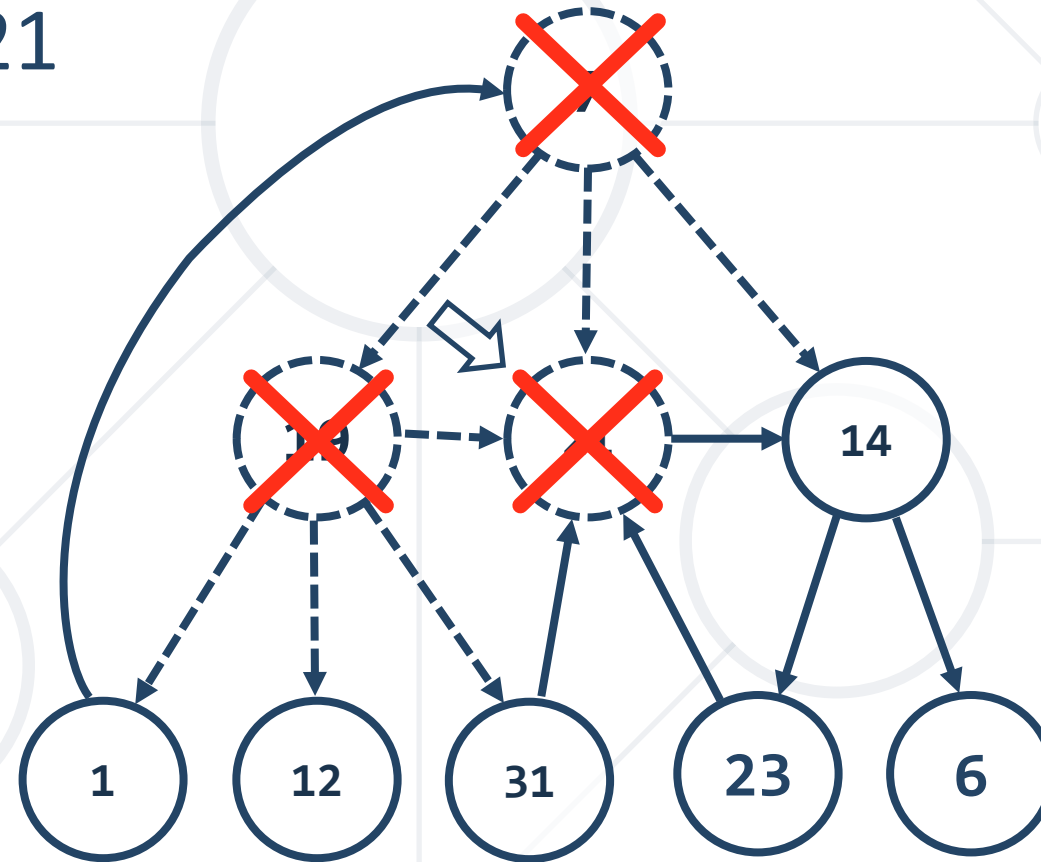
- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, 21, 14, 1, 12, 31
- Output: 7, 19



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- The diagram shows a binary tree structure with nodes 1, 12, 31, 21, 14, 23, and 6. Nodes 1 and 12 are crossed out with red X's. A large arrow points from node 1 to node 21, and another large arrow points from node 12 to node 14. Dashed lines indicate the original tree structure.

# BFS in Action (Step 11)

- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, 14, 1, 12, 31
- Output: 7, 19, 21

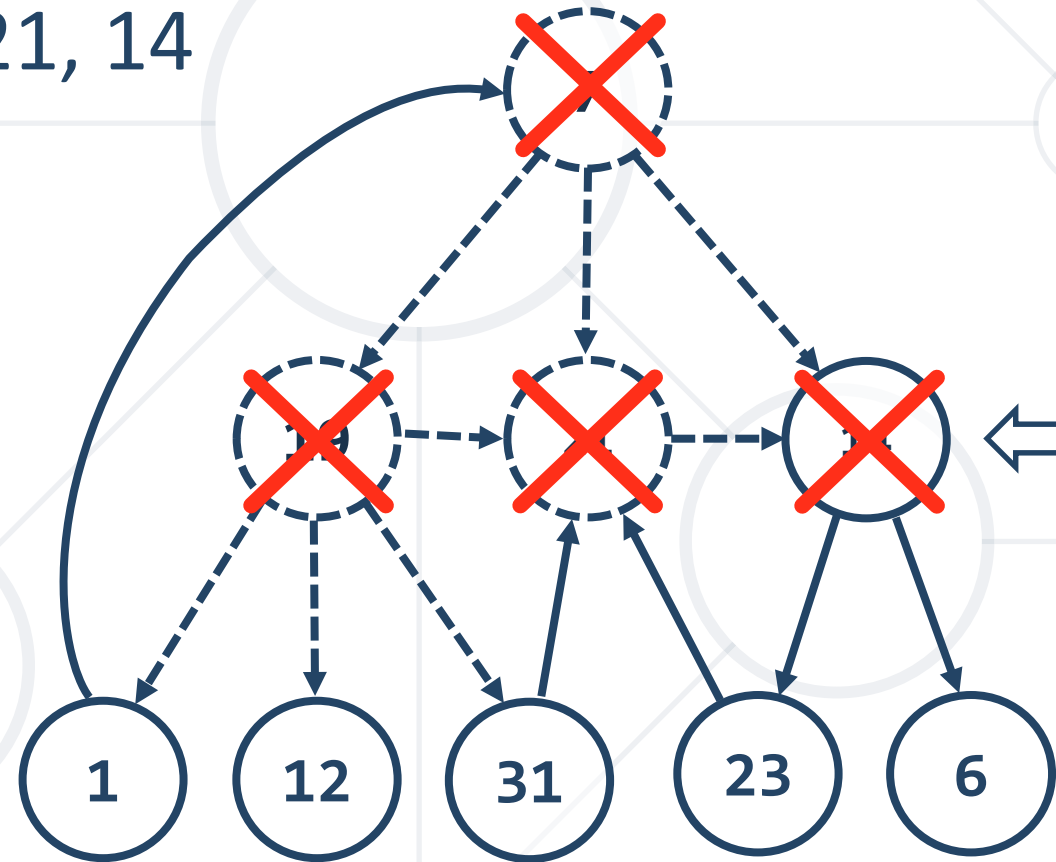




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# BFS in Action (Step 13)

- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, ~~14~~, 1, 12, 31
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14

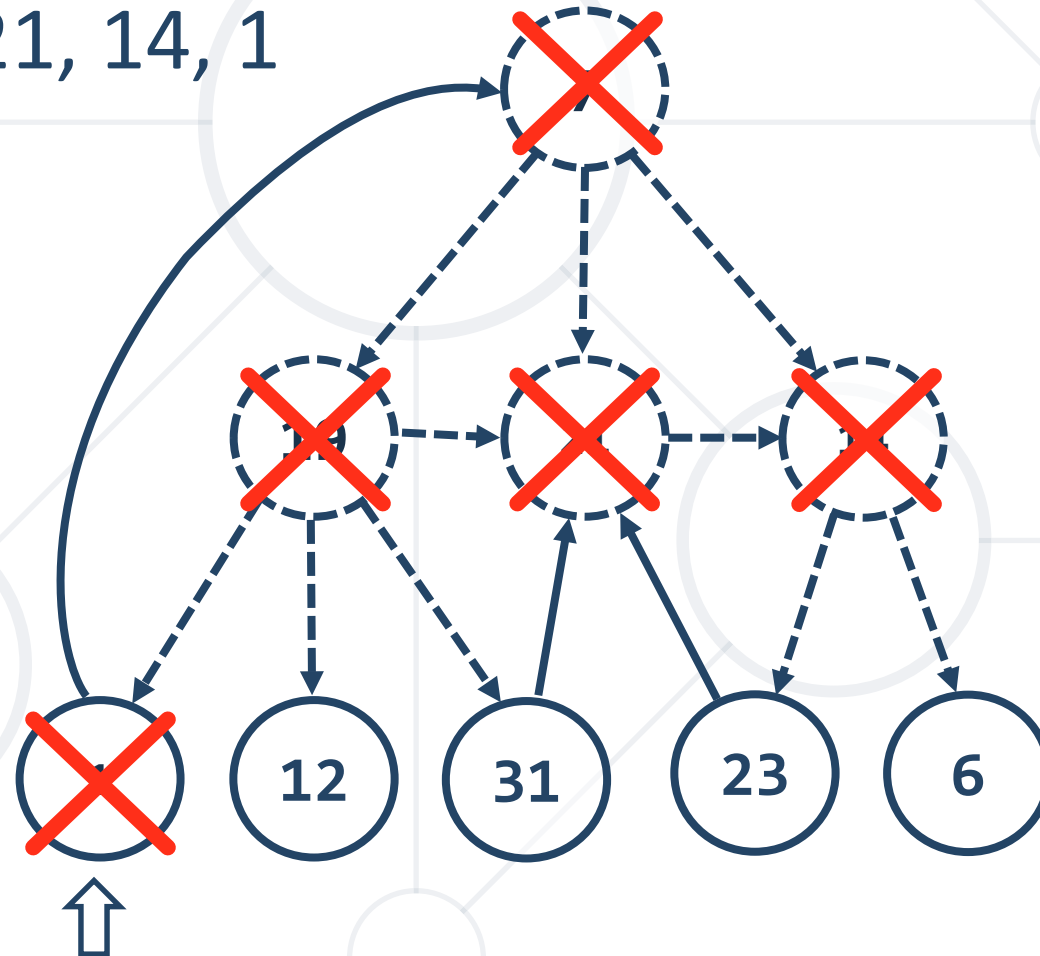


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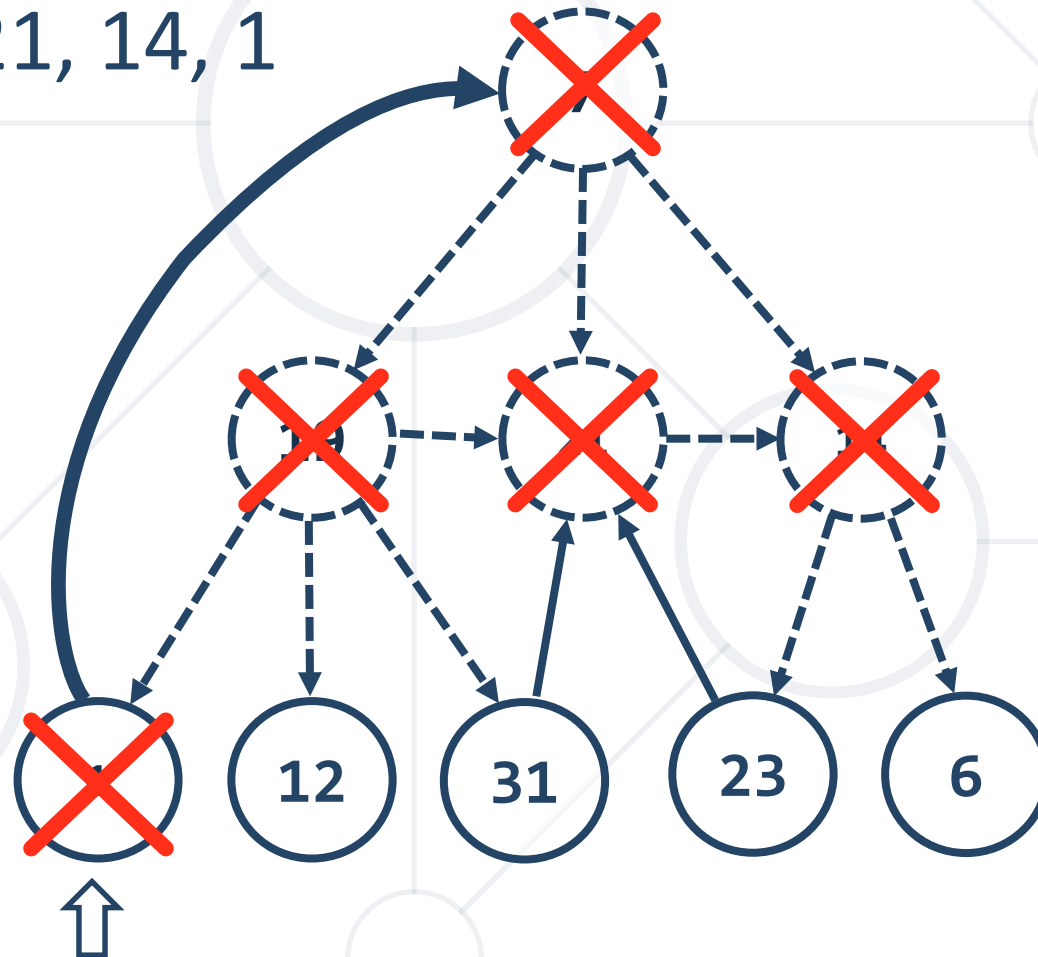
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- 1, 14

# BFS in Action (Step 16)

- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, ~~14~~, ~~1~~, 12, 31, 23, 6
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14, 1



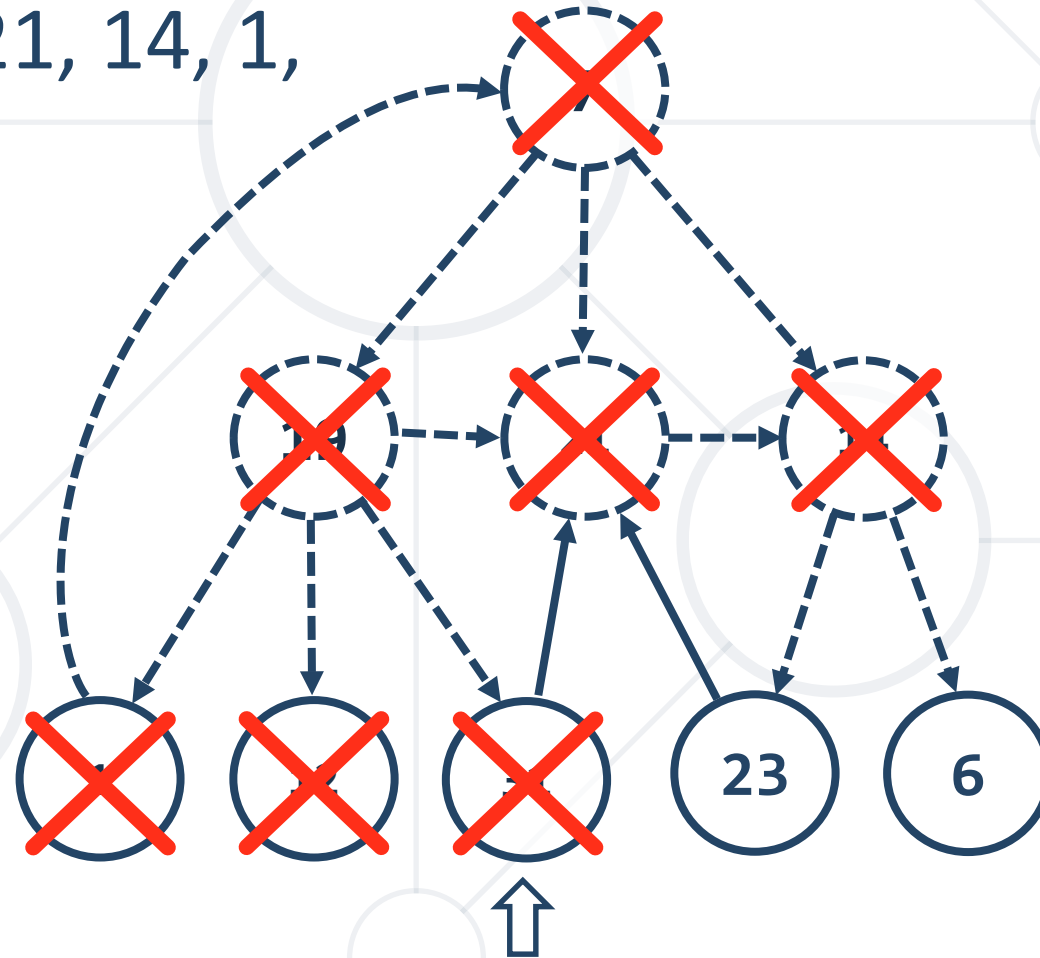
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14, 1



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# BFS in Action (Step 19)

- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, ~~14~~, ~~1~~, ~~12~~, ~~31~~, 23, 6
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14, 1,  
12, 31



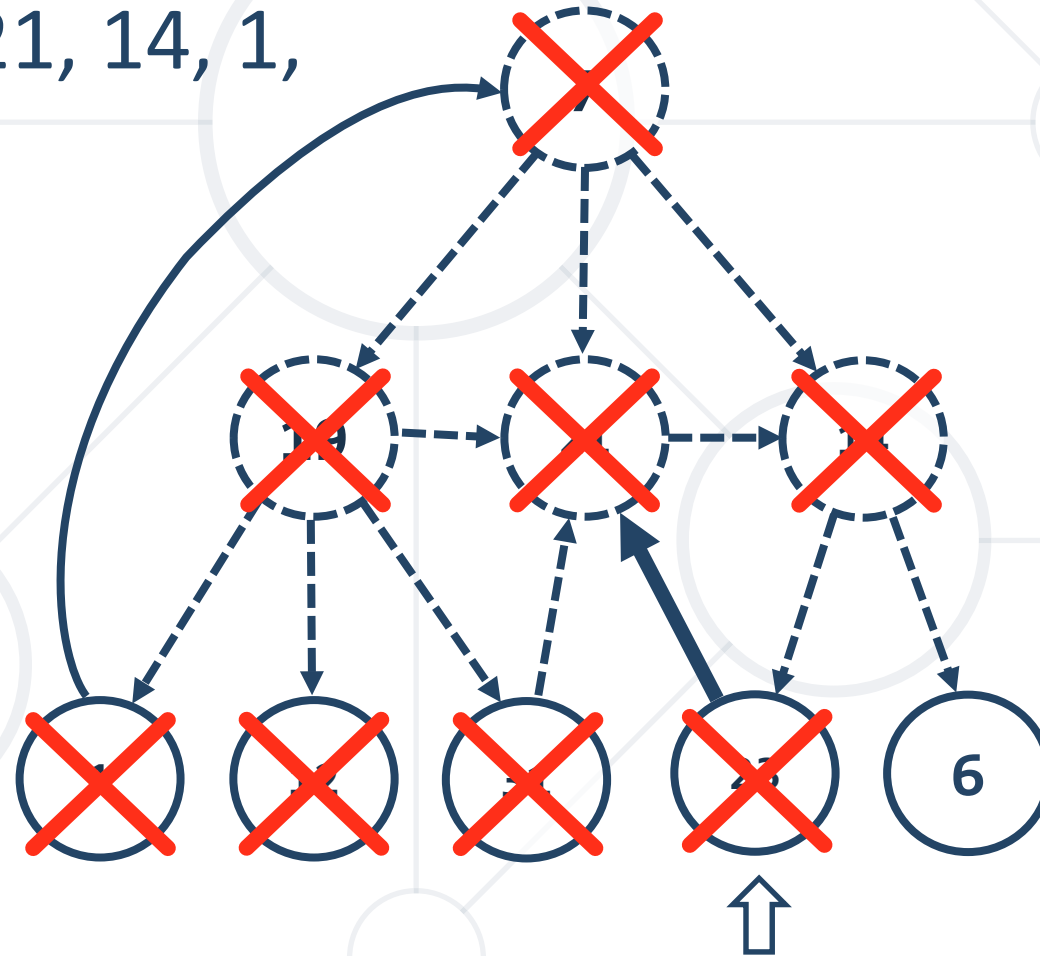


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## BFS in Action (Step 22)

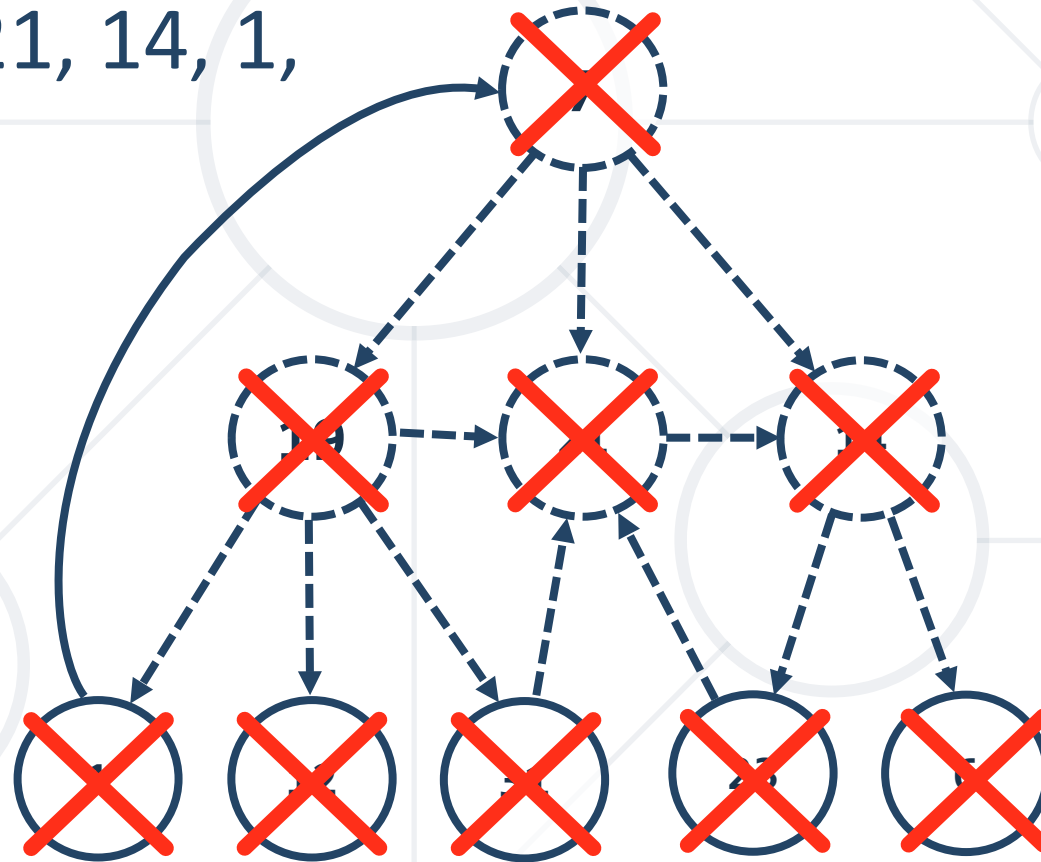
- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, ~~14~~, ~~1~~, ~~12~~, ~~31~~, ~~23~~, 6
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14, 1, 12, 31, 23



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- 1, 14, 1,
- Diagram illustrating a binary tree structure with 10 nodes, all marked with a red 'X' indicating they are not part of the solution. The tree is labeled with numbers: 1, 14, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1. An arrow points to the rightmost node.

# BFS in Action (Step 24)

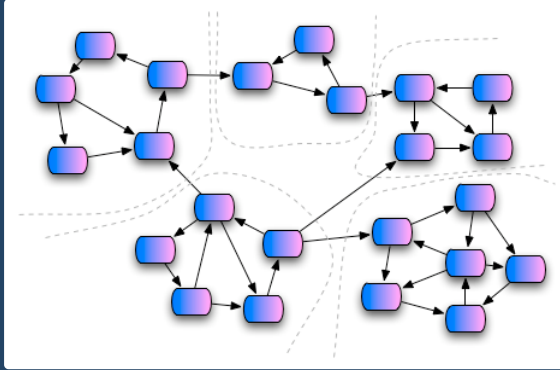
- Queue: ~~7~~, ~~19~~, ~~21~~, ~~14~~, ~~1~~, ~~12~~, ~~31~~, ~~23~~, ~~6~~
- Output: 7, 19, 21, 14, 1,  
12, 31, 23, 6



- What will happen if in the **Breadth-First Search (BFS)** algorithm we change the **queue** with a **stack**?
  - An iterative stack-based **Depth-First Search (DFS)**

```
bfs(node) {  
    queue ← node  
    visited[node] = true  
    while queue not empty  
        v ← queue  
        print v  
        for each child c of v  
            if not visited[c]  
                queue ← c  
                visited[c] = true  
}
```

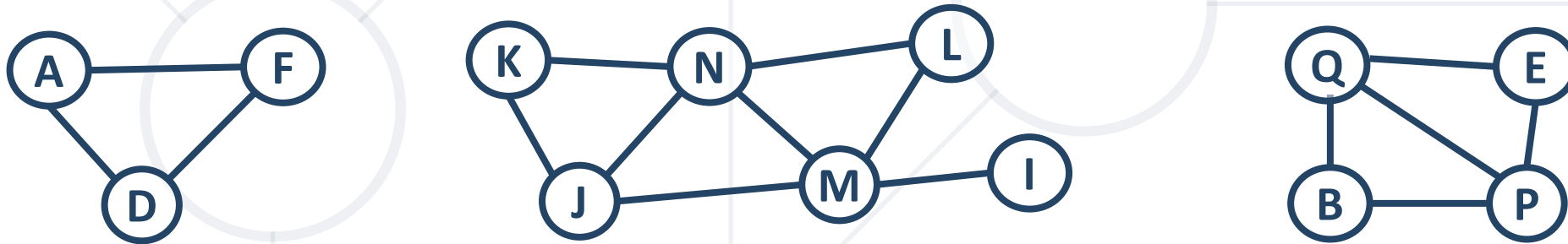
```
dfs(node) {  
    stack ← node  
    visited[node] = true  
    while stack not empty  
        v ← stack  
        print v  
        for each child c of v  
            if not visited[c]  
                stack ← c  
                visited[c] = true  
}
```



# Graph Connectivity

Finding the Connected Components

- **Connected component** of undirected graph
  - A sub-graph in which **any two nodes are connected** to each other by paths
  - E.g., the graph below consists of 3 connected components





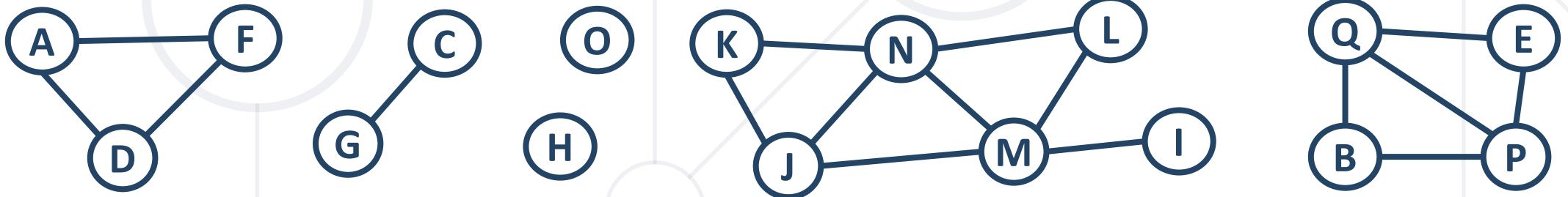
# Finding All Graph Connected Components

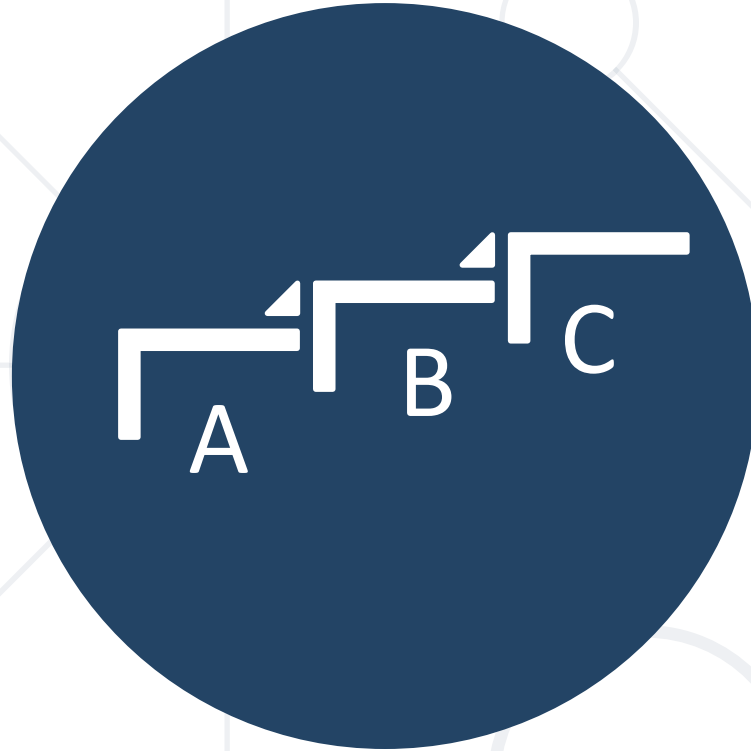
- Finding the connected components in a graph
  - Loop through all nodes and start a **DFS** / **BFS** traversing from any **unvisited** node
- Each time you start a new traversal
  - You find a new connected component

# Graph Connected Components: Algorithm

```
visited[] = false;  
foreach node from graph G {  
    if (not visited[node]) {  
        dfs(node);  
        countOfComponents++;  
    }  
}
```

```
dfs(node) {  
    if (not visited[node]) {  
        visited[node] = true;  
        foreach c in node.children  
            dfs(c);  
    }  
}
```





# Topological Sorting

Ordering a Graph by Set of Dependencies

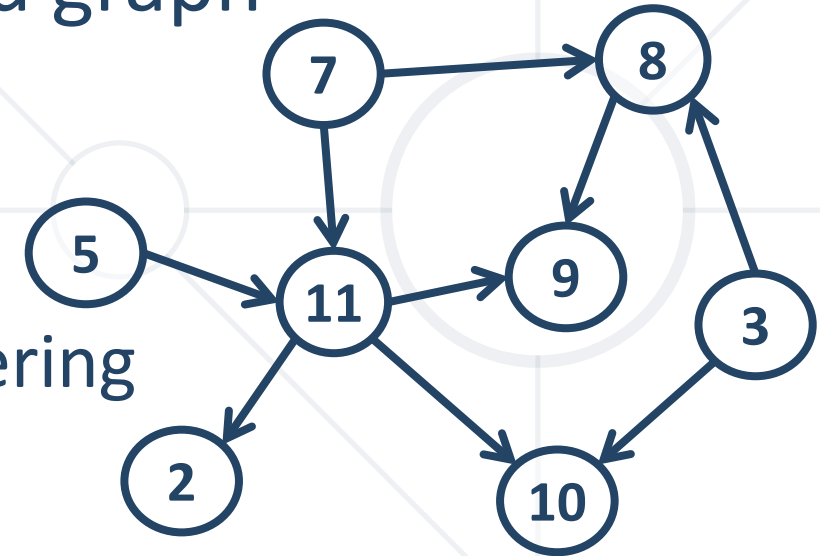
- **Topological sorting** (ordering) of a directed graph

- Linear ordering of its vertices, such that:

- For every directed edge from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ ,  $u$  comes before  $v$  in the ordering

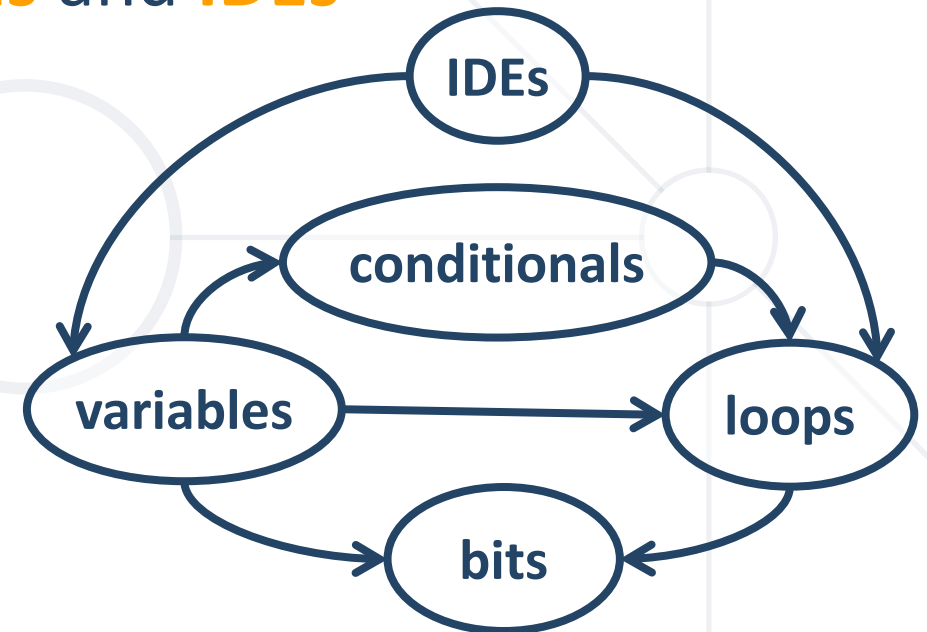
- Example:

- $7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10$
- $3 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 10$
- $5 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 2$



# Topological Sorting – Example

- We have a set of learning **topics** with **dependencies**
  - Order the topics in such order that all dependencies are met
- Example:
  - **Loops** depend on **variables**, **conditionals** and **IDEs**
  - **Variables** depend on **IDEs**
  - **Bits** depend on **variables** and **loops**
  - **Conditionals** depend on **variables**
- Ordering:
  - **IDEs** → **variables** → **loops** → **bits**



- Rules
  - Undirected graphs cannot be sorted
  - Graphs with cycles cannot be sorted
  - Sorting is not unique
  - Various sorting algorithms exists, and they give different results

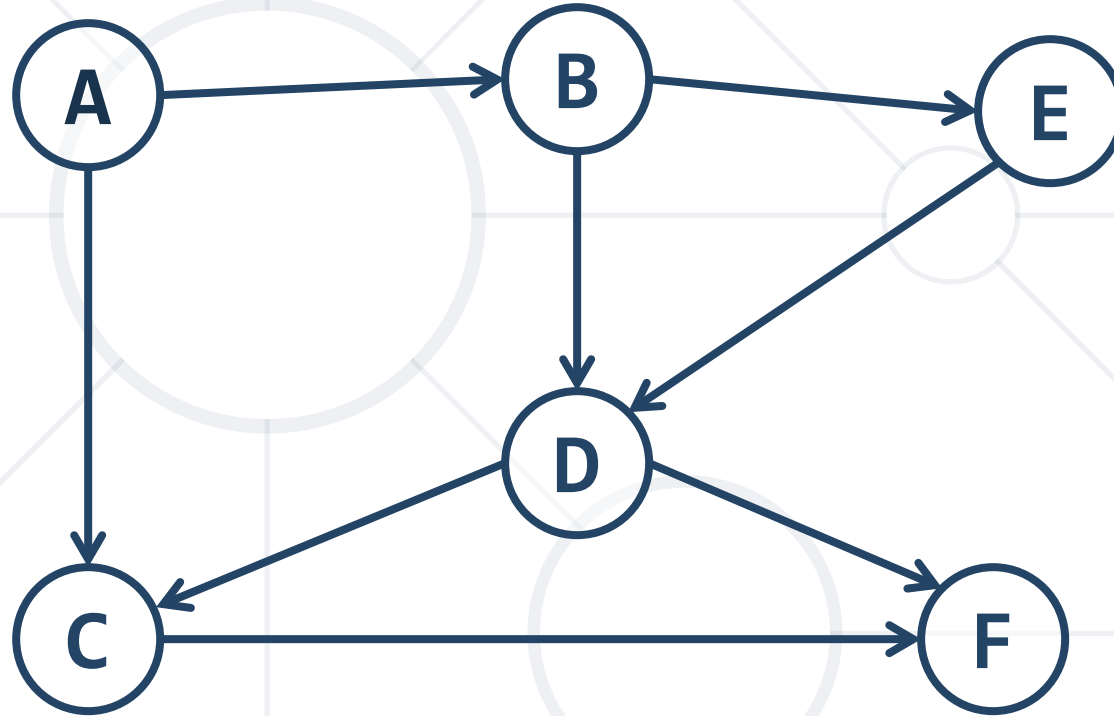
- **Source removal top-sort algorithm**
  - Create an empty list
  - Repeat until the graph is empty:
    - Find a node without incoming edges
    - Add this node to the list
    - Remove the edge from the graph

# Source Removal Algorithm

```
L ← empty list that will hold the sorted elements (output)
S ← set of all nodes with no incoming edges
while S is non-empty do
    remove some node n from S
    append n to L
    for each node m with an edge e: { n through m }
        remove edge e from the graph
        if m has no other incoming edges then
            insert m into S
if graph is empty
    return L (a topologically sorted order)
else
    return "Error: graph has at least one cycle"
```

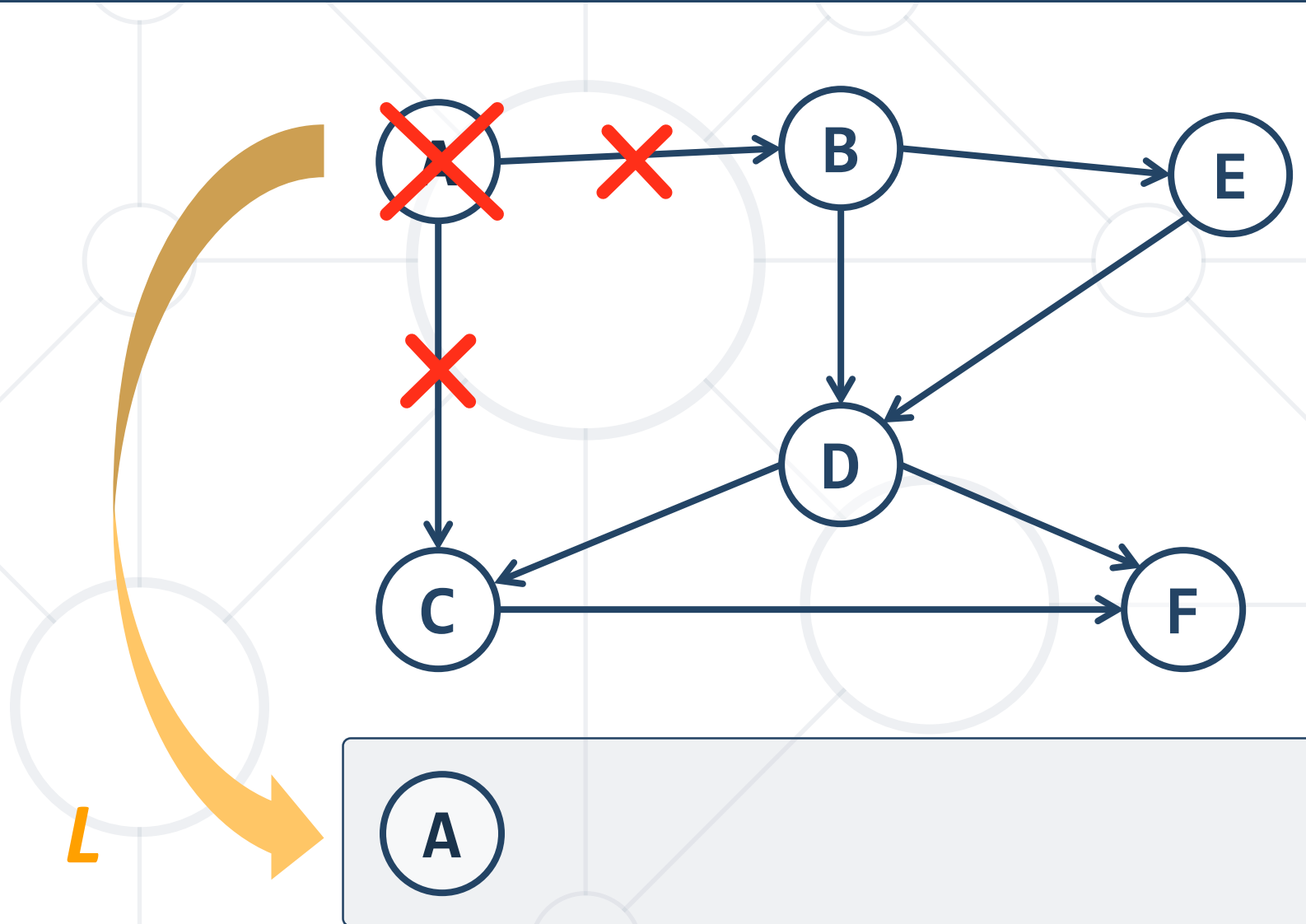


# Step #1: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges

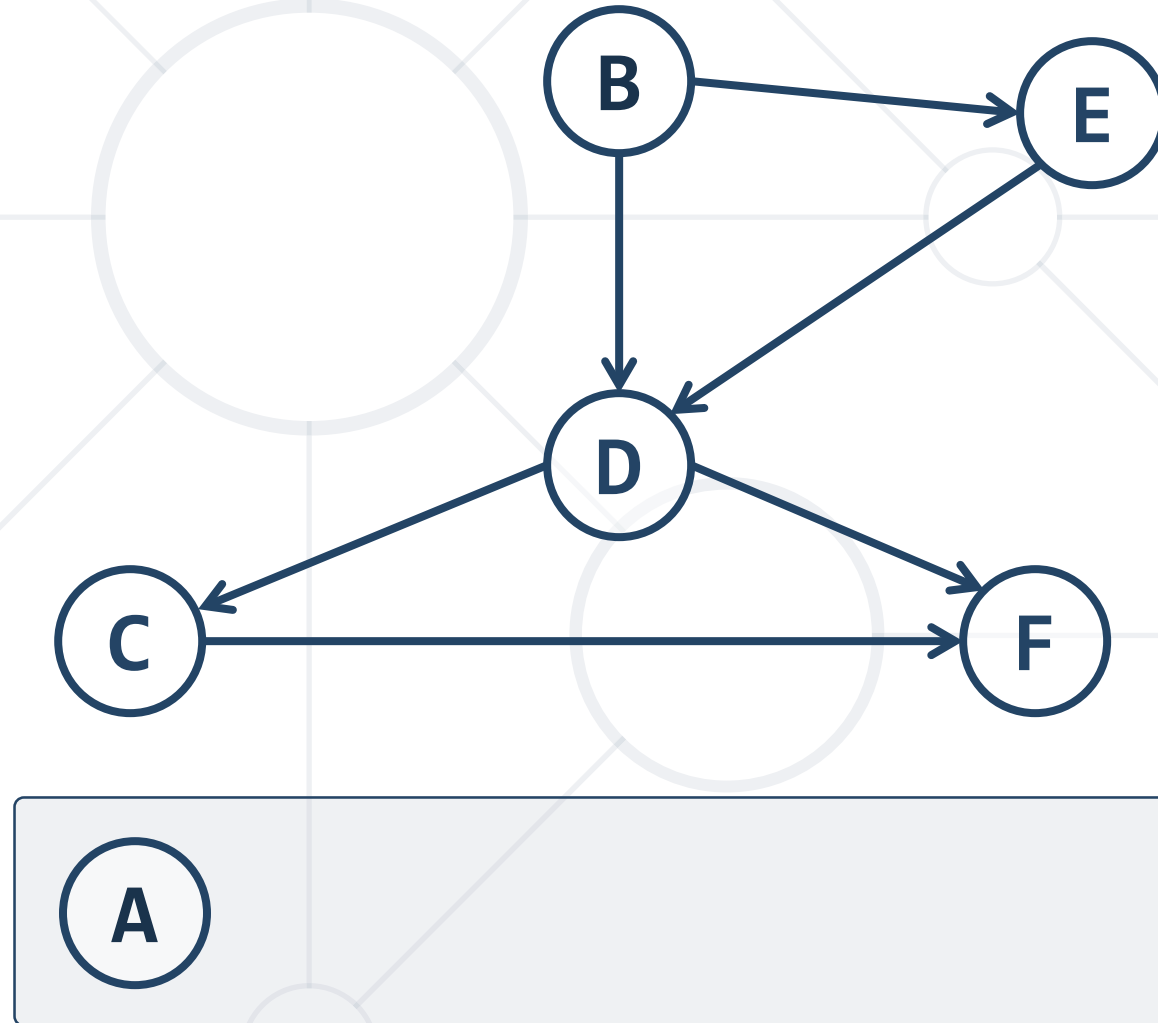


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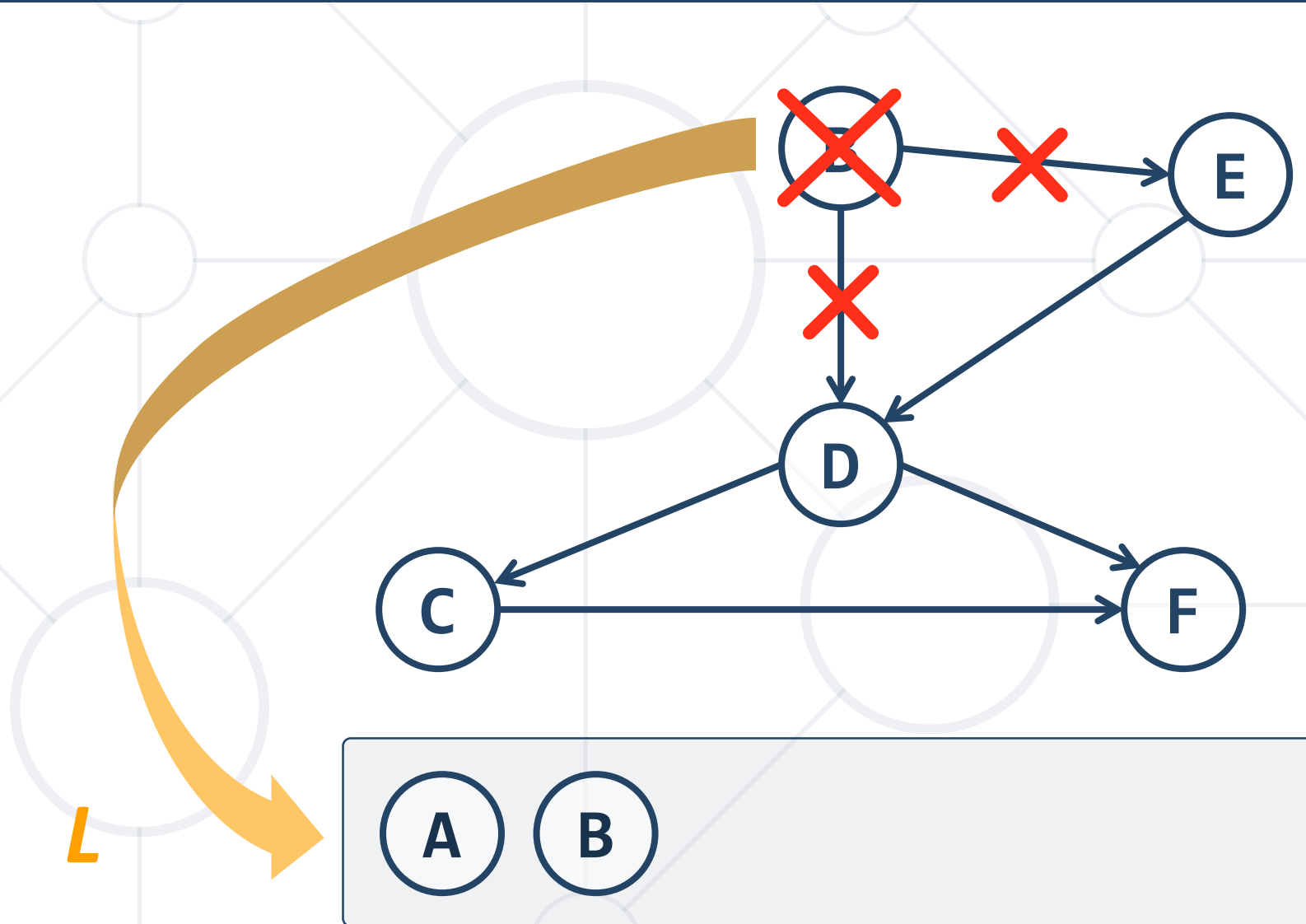
## Step #2: Remove Node A with Its Edges



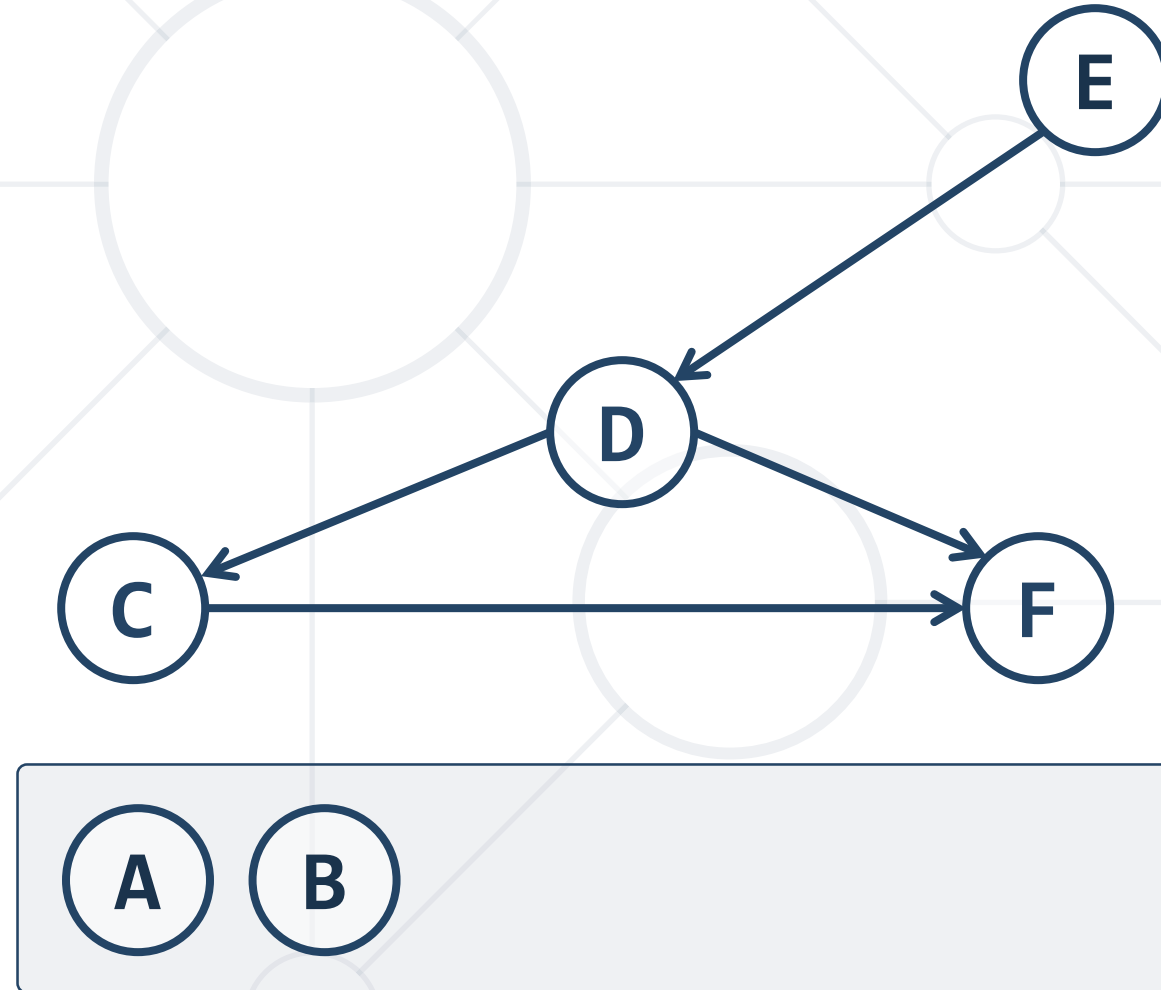
# Step #3: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges



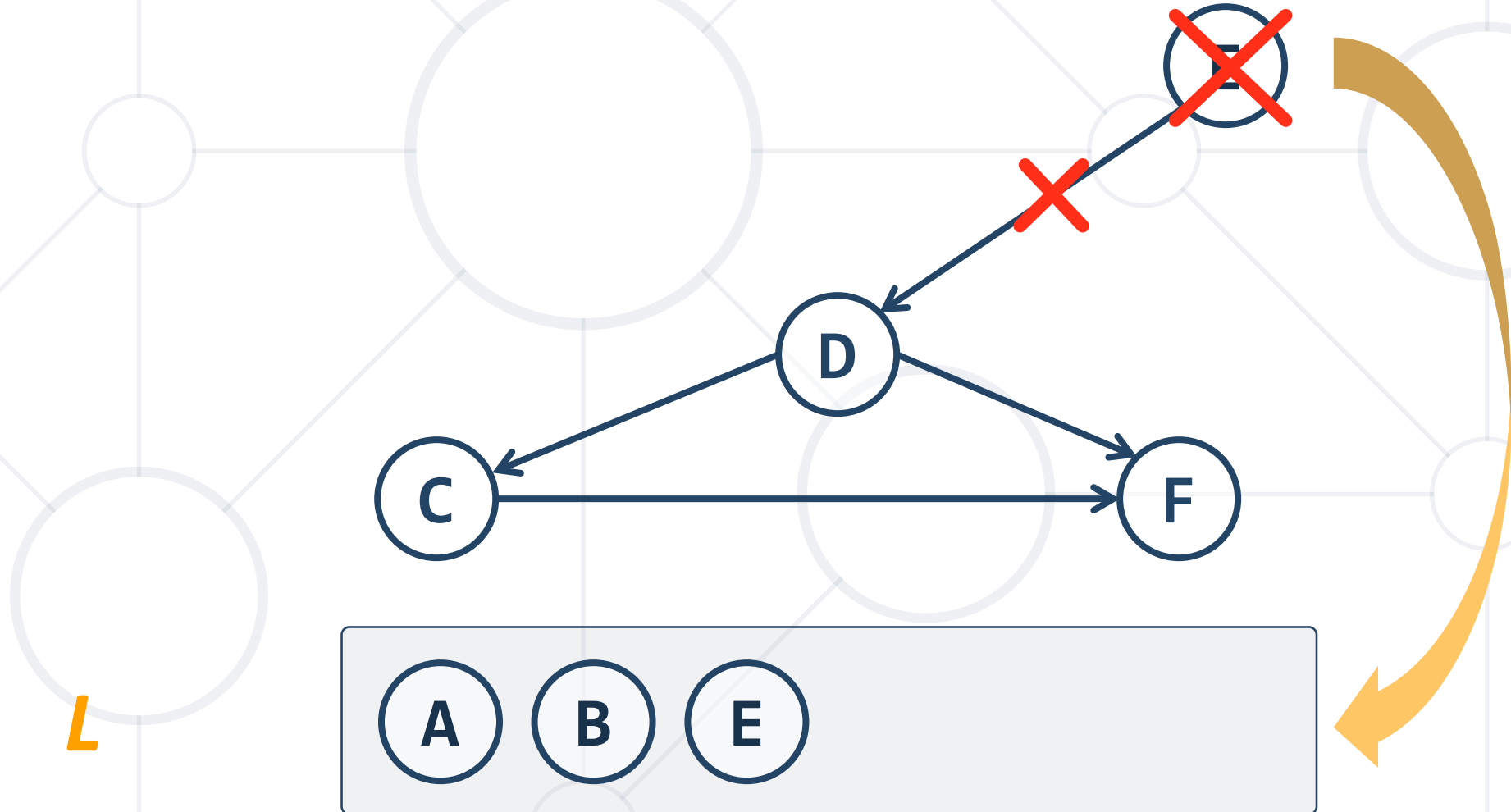
# Step #4: Remove Node B with Its Edges



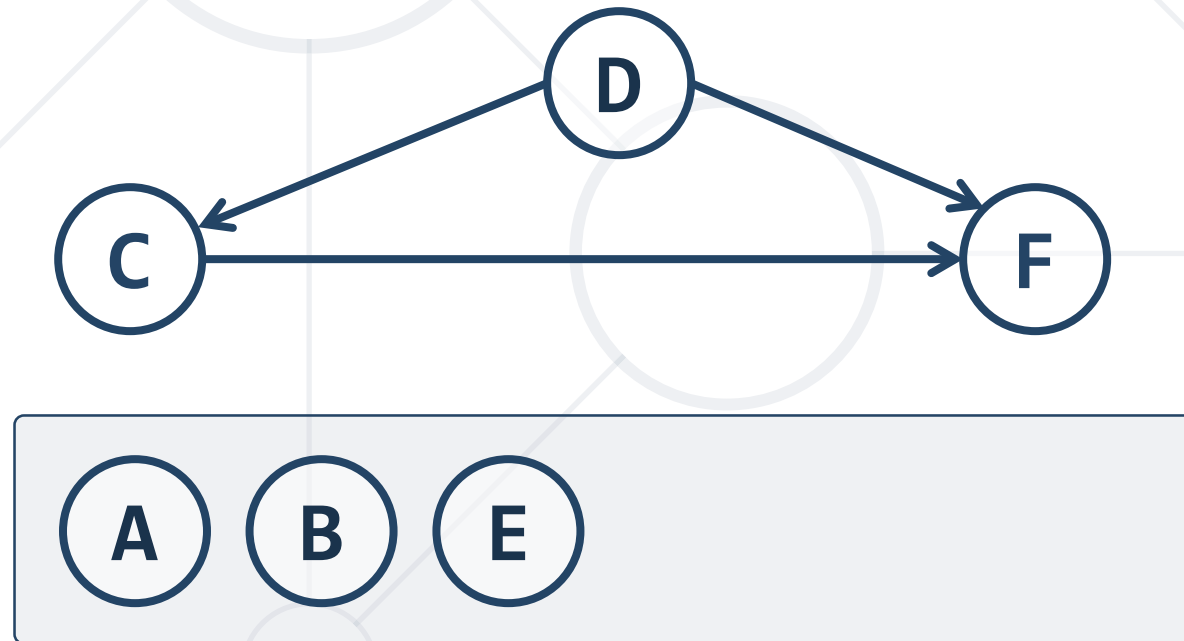
# Step #5: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges



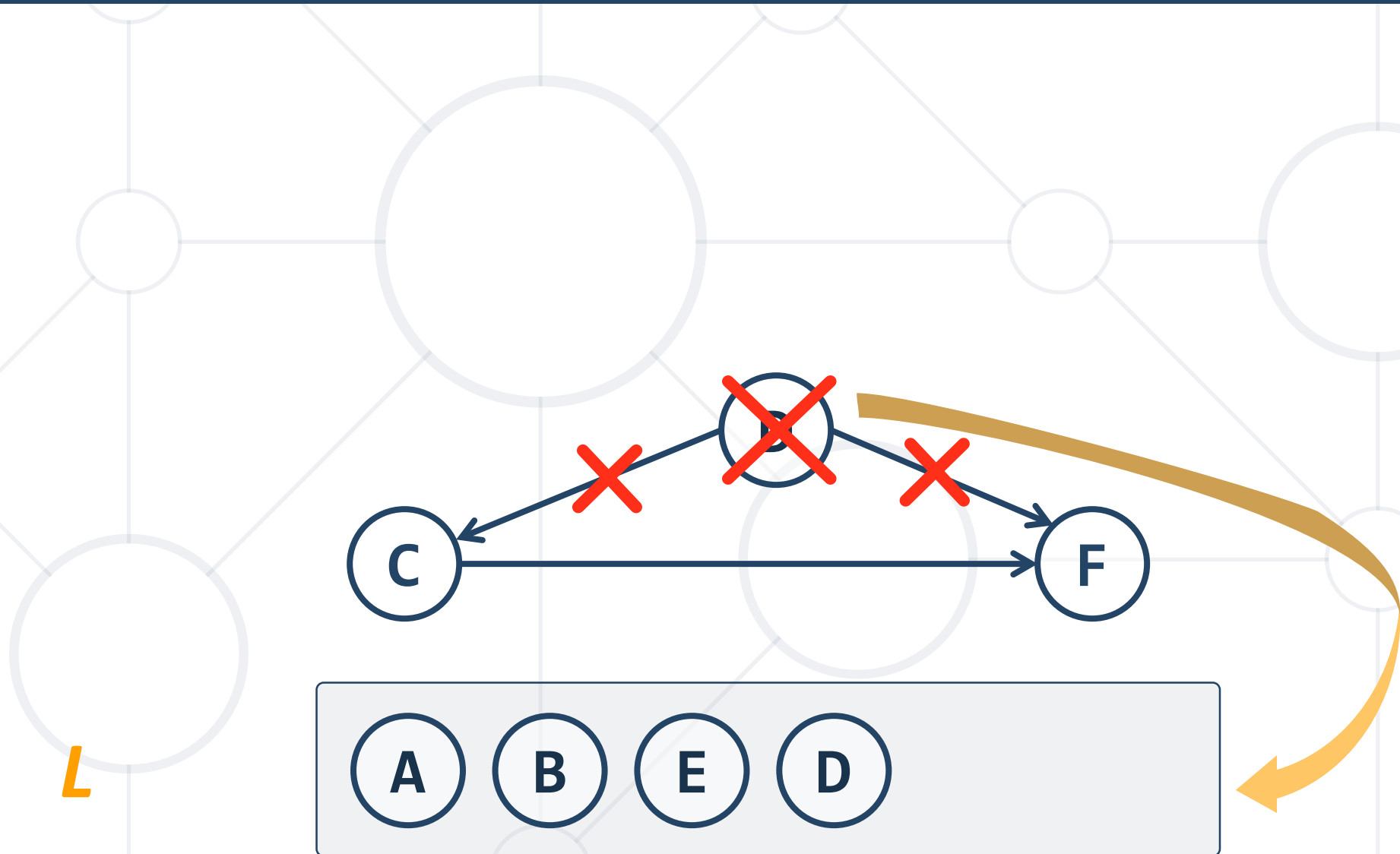
# Step #6: Remove Node E with Its Edges



# Step #7: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges

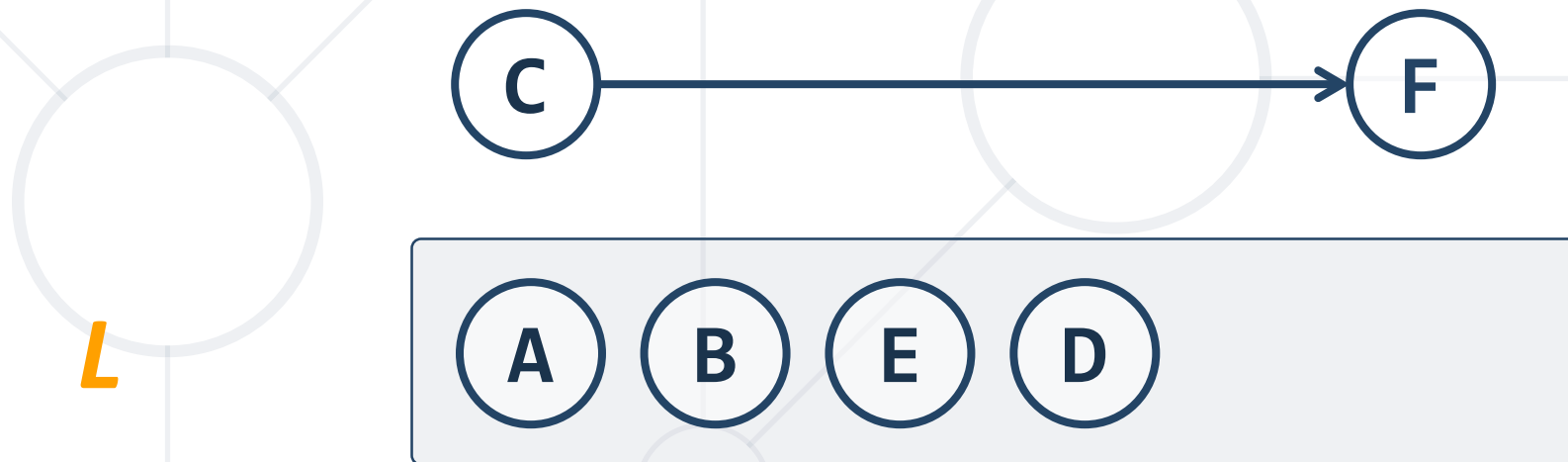


# Step #8: Remove Node D with Its Edges

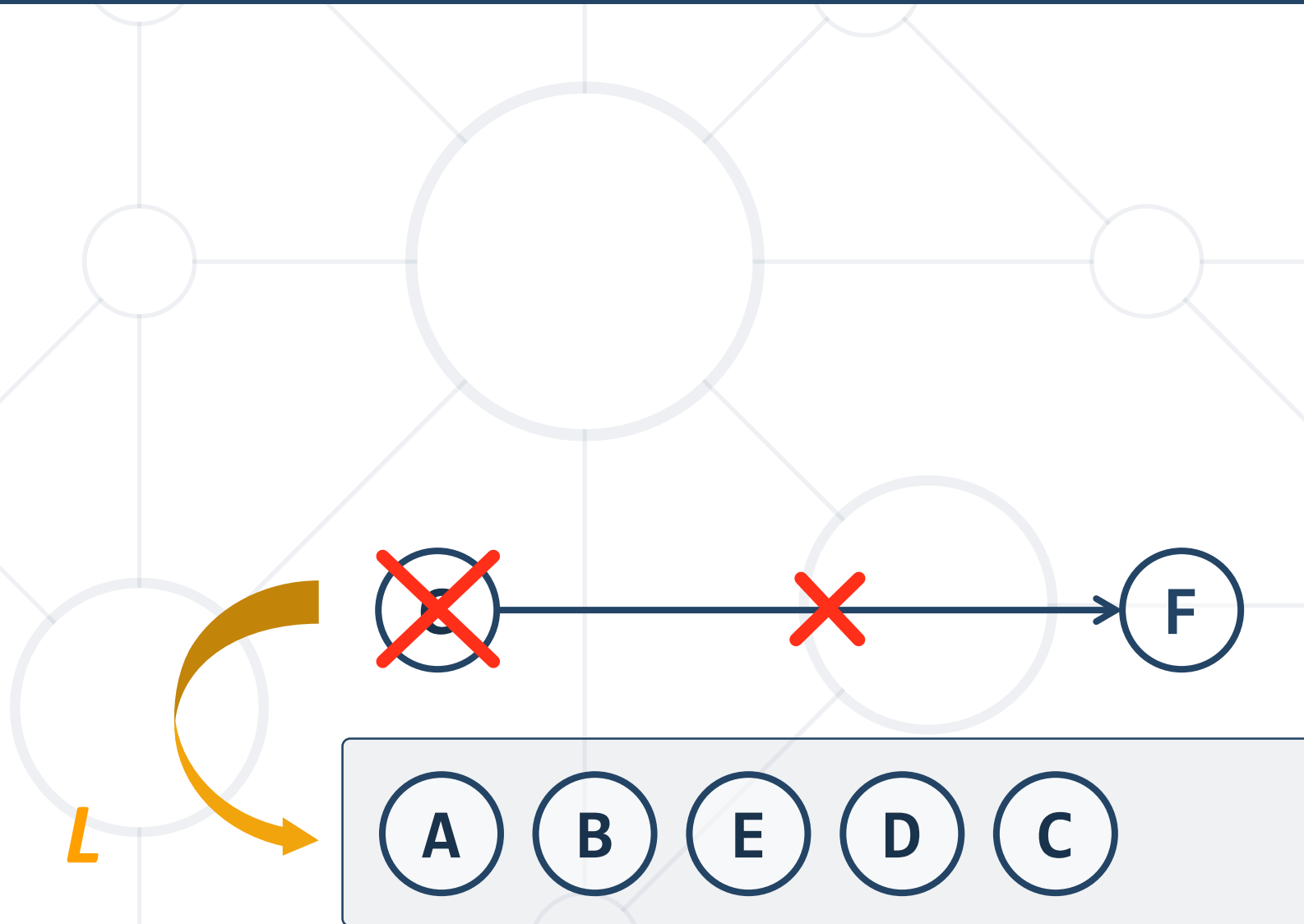




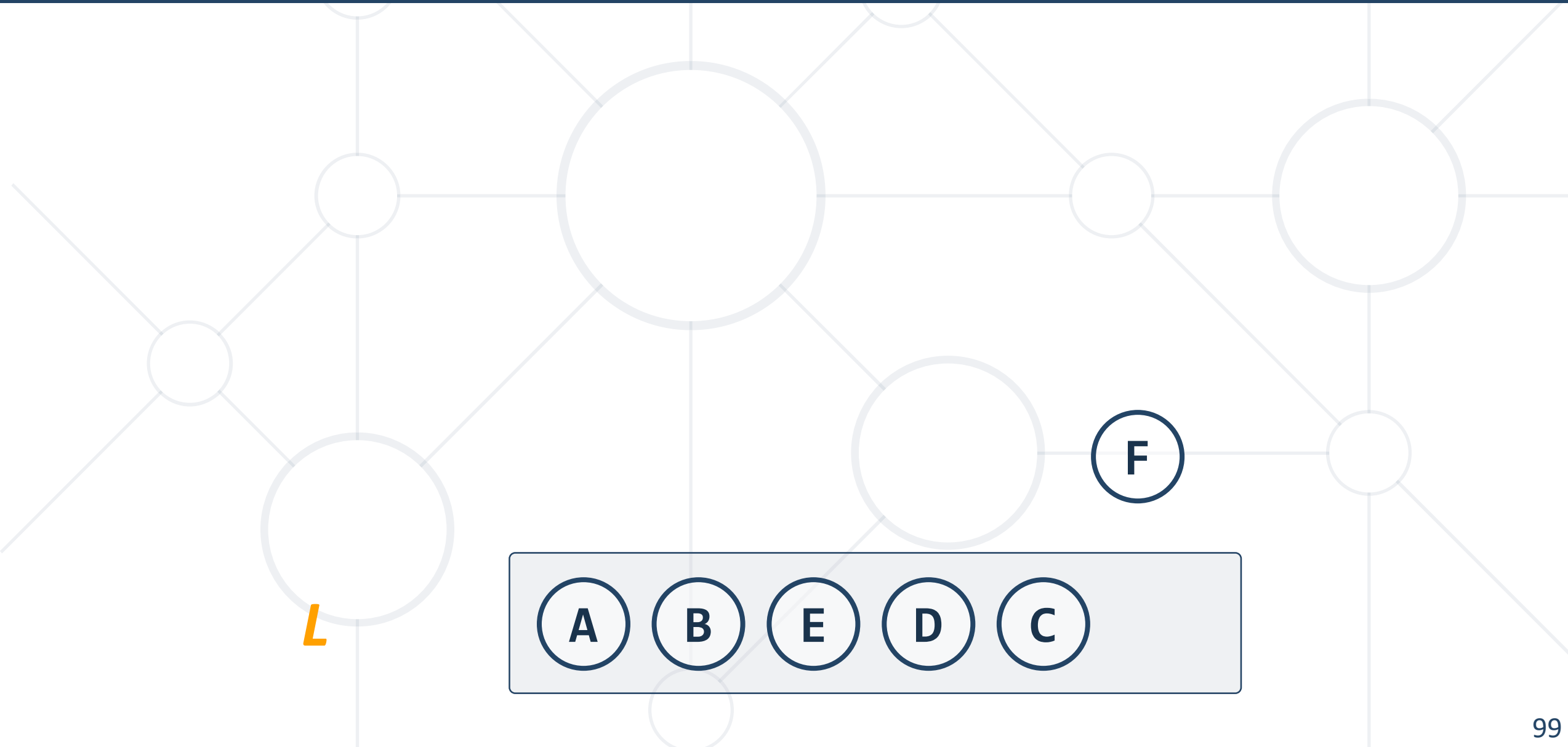
# Step #9: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges



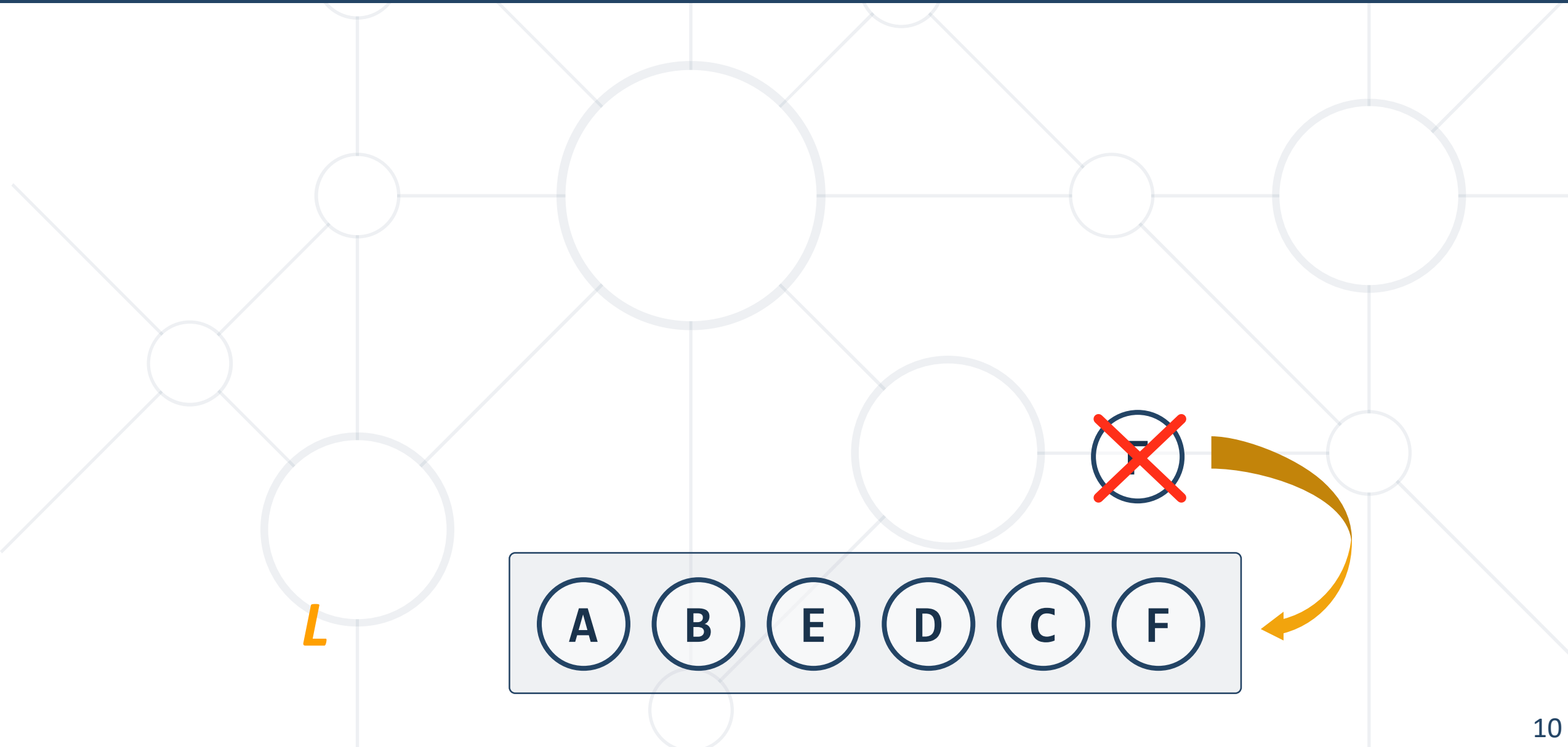
# Step #10: Remove Node C with Its Edges



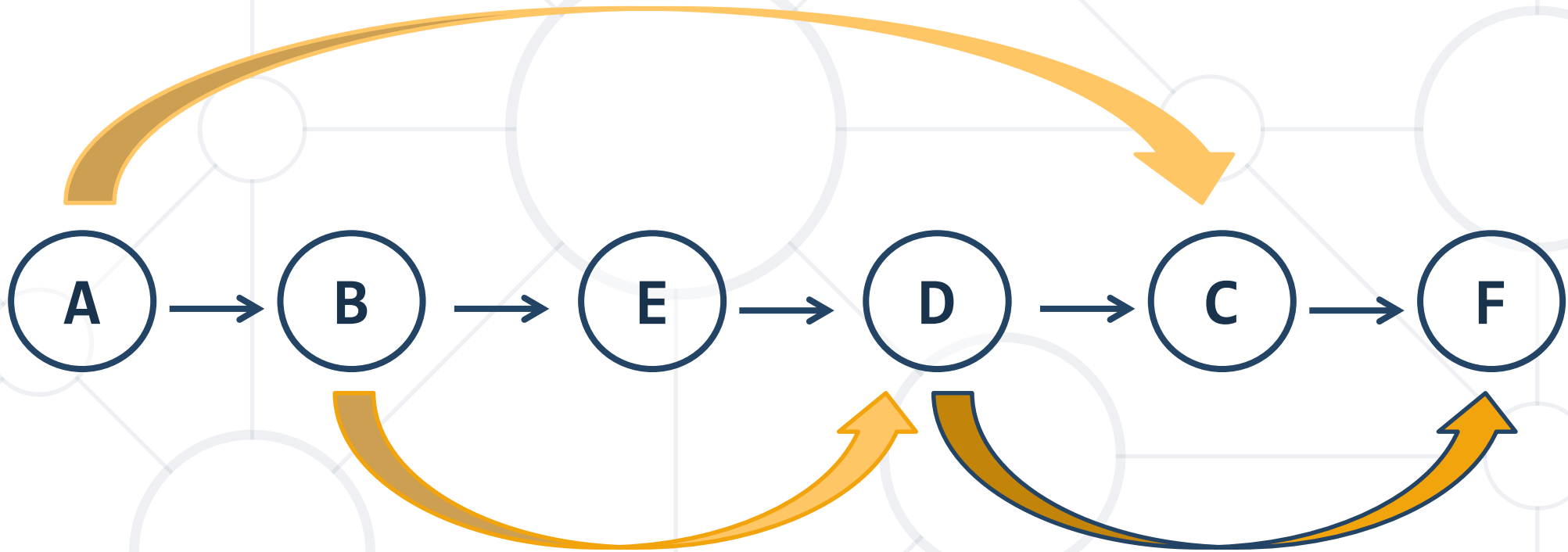
# Step #11: Find a Node with No Incoming Edges



# Step #12: Remove Node F with Its Edges



# Result: Topological Sorting



# Topological Sorting: DFS Algorithm

```
sortedNodes = { }    // linked list to hold the result
visitedNodes = { }   // set of already visited nodes
foreach node in graphNodes
    topSortDFS(node)
topSortDFS(node)
    if node ∉ visitedNodes
        visitedNodes ← node
        for each child c of node
            TopSortDFS(c)
        insert node upfront in the sortedNodes
```

# TopSort: DFS Algorithm + Cycle Detection

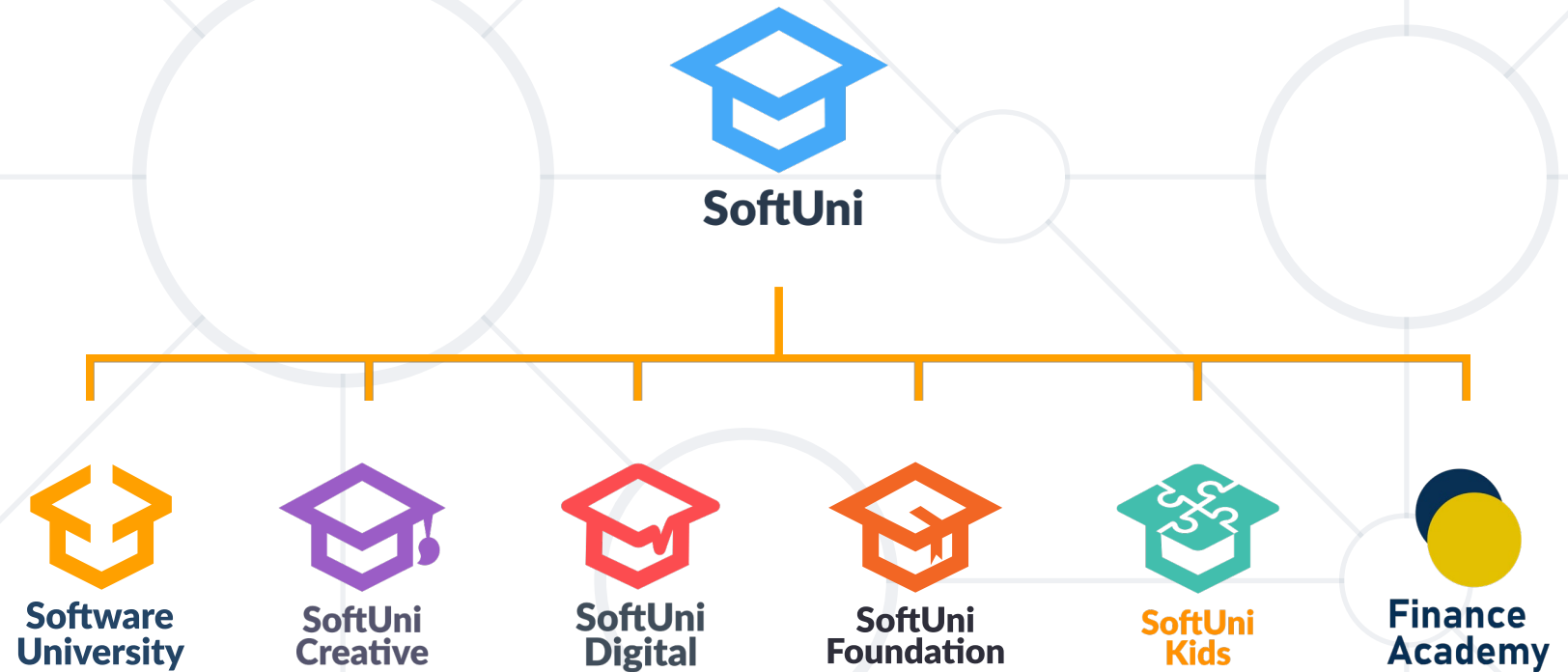
```
sortedNodes = { }    // linked list to hold the result
visitedNodes = { }   // set of already visited nodes
cycleNodes = { }     // set of nodes in the current DFS cycle
foreach node in graphNodes
    topSortDFS(node)
topSortDFS(node)
    if node ∈ cycleNodes
        return "Error: cycle detected"
    if node ∉ visitedNodes
        visitedNodes ← node
        cycleNodes ← node
        for each child c of node
            topSortDFS(c)
        remove node from cycleNodes
        insert node upfront in the sortedNodes
```

- Representing graphs in memory
  - **Adjacency list** holding the children for each node
  - **Adjacency matrix**
  - **List of edges**
  - Numbering the nodes for faster access
- Depth-First Search (**DFS**) – recursive in-depth traversal
- Breadth-First Search (**BFS**) – in-width traversal with a queue
- **Topological sorting**





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