
Input: Graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$

Output: List L containing topologically ordered vertices of G , or empty if a topological order does not exist.

procedure TOPOLOGICAL_SORT(G)

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$ \triangleright corresponds to set of vertices containing no incoming edges

$L \leftarrow$ initialize empty List

for $v \in G.V$ **do**

if v has no incoming edges **then**

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$

while $S \neq \emptyset$ **do**

$v \leftarrow$ remove any vertex from S

 Add v to tail of List L

for $e = (v, u) \in v.outgoing$ **do**

 Remove edge e from graph

if u has no incoming edges **then**

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$

if $|L| = |G.V|$ **then**

return L

else

return empty list \triangleright Topological ordering cannot be formed
