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**W'21 CS 584/684**  
**Algorithm Design &  
Analysis**

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## Lecture 4

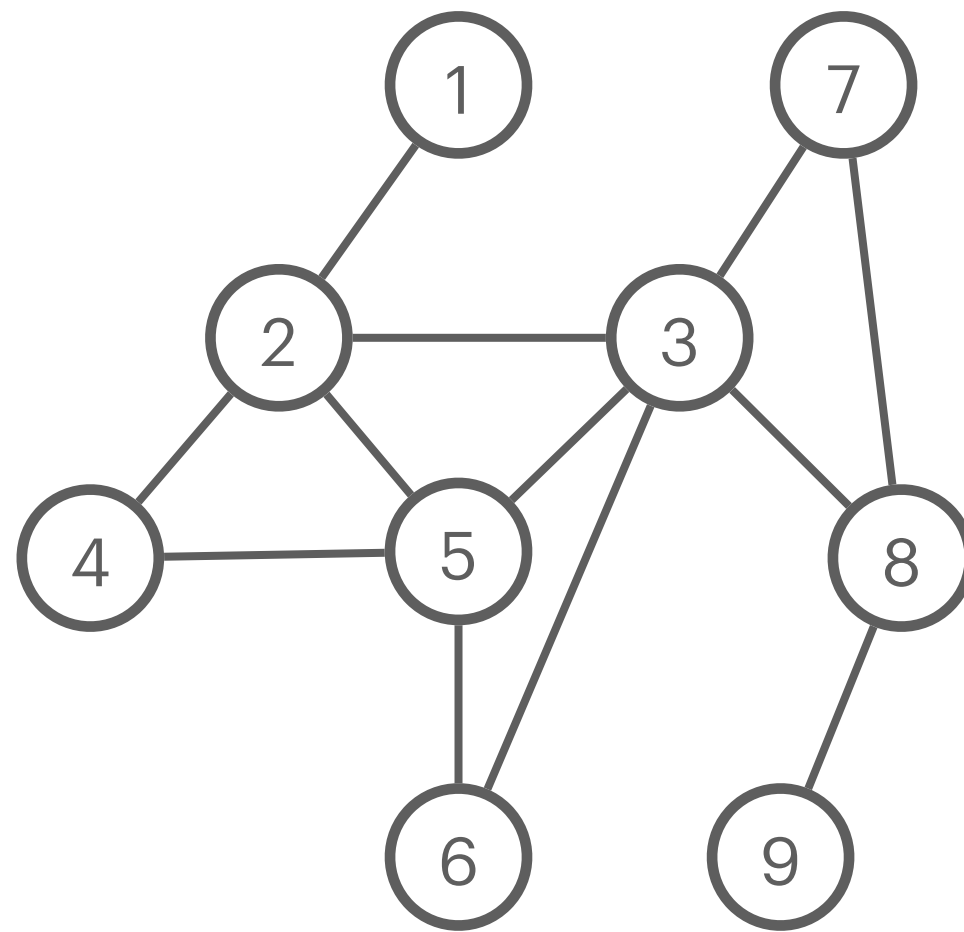
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- Graphs
- Graph traversal
  - BFS
  - DFS

Credit: based on slides by A. Smith & K. Wayne

# Warm-up exercises

- © True or False. A tree of  $n$  vertices can have  $n$  edges.
- © Run BFS and DFS starting at node  $s$ , and form BFS/DFS trees. Decide if nodes 1 and 9 are connected.



# Recap: BFS running time

Theorem. BFS takes  $O(m + n)$  time (**linear** in input size).

Why not  $n \cdot m$ ?

**BFS**( $s$ ):

// **Discovered**[1,...,n] array of bits (explored or not),  
initialized to all zeros.

// **Queue**  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$

1. Set **Discovered**[ $s$ ] = 1

2. **EnQ**( $s$ ) // add  $s$  to  $Q$

3. **While**  $Q$  not empty **DeQ**( $u$ )

**For** each  $(u,v)$  incident to  $u$

**If** **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=0 **then**

            Set **Discovered**[ $v$ ]=1

            Add edge  $(u,v)$  to  $T$

**EnQ**( $v$ )

$O(1)$ , run once for all

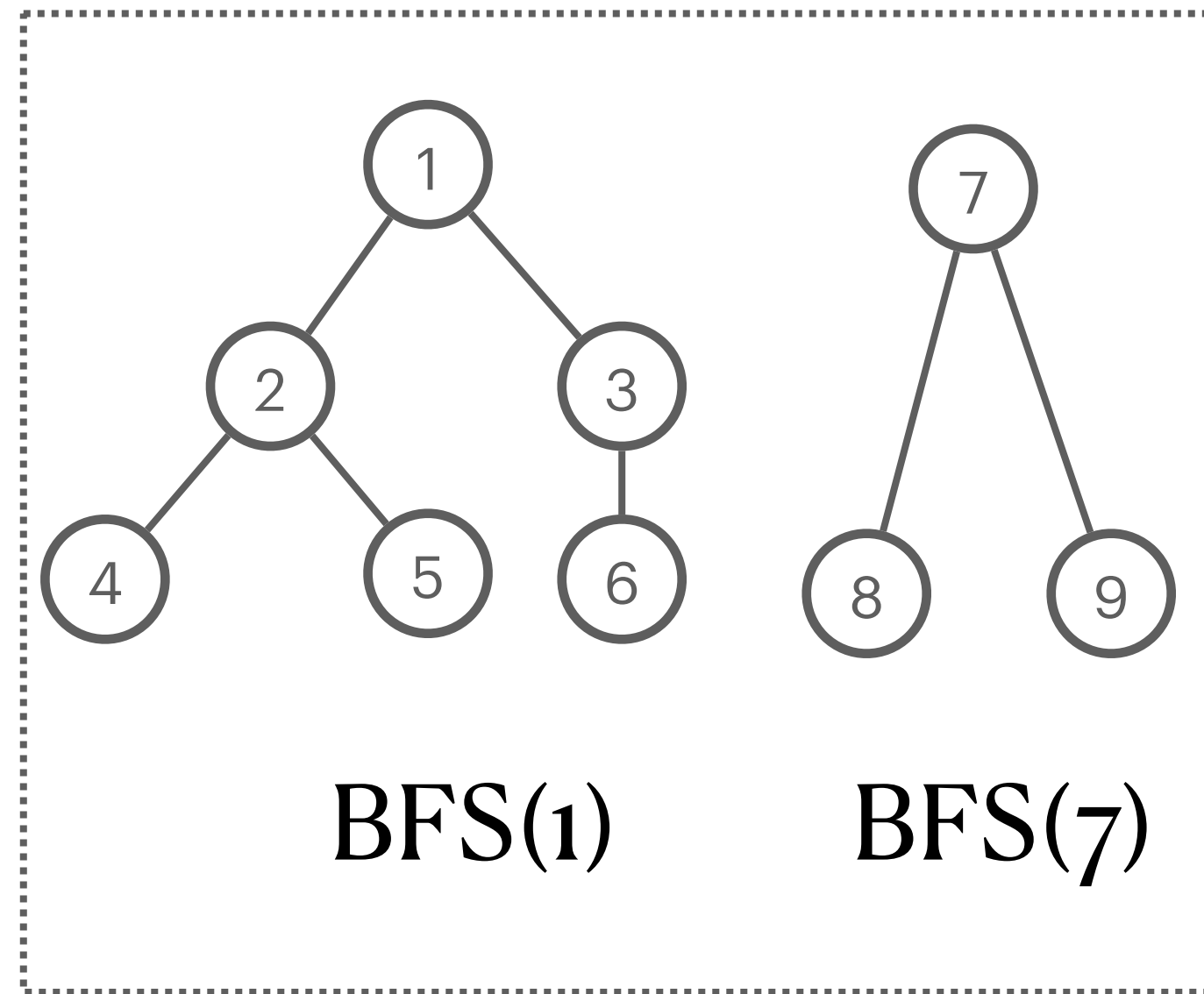
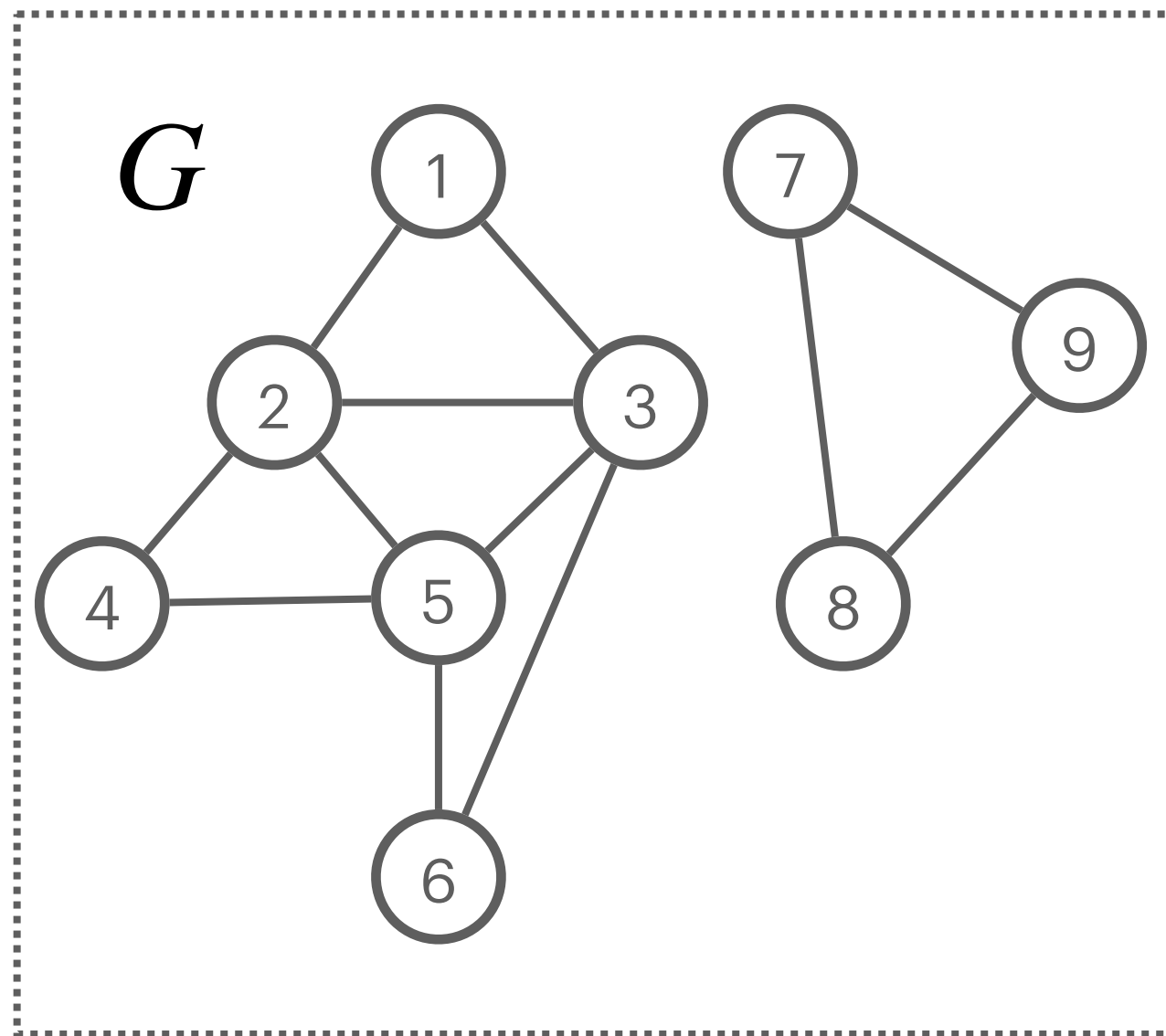
$O(1)$ , run once **per vertex**

$O(1)$ , run  $\leq$  twice **per edge**

# Connected components

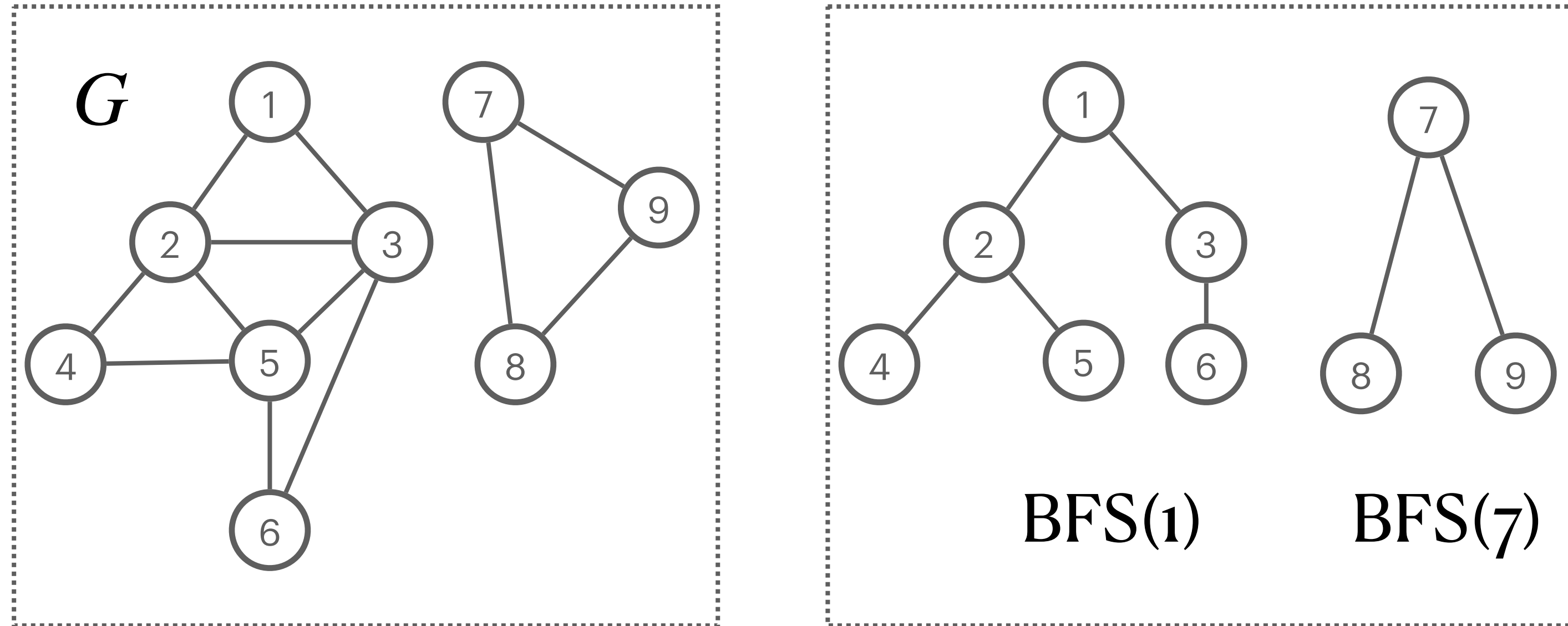
- B/DFS tell more than  $s$ - $t$  connectivity.

**Connected component** of  $G$  containing  $s$ :  
all nodes reachable from  $s$ .



- Claim. For any two nodes  $s$  and  $t$ , their connected components are either **identical** or **disjoint**.

# The set of all connected components

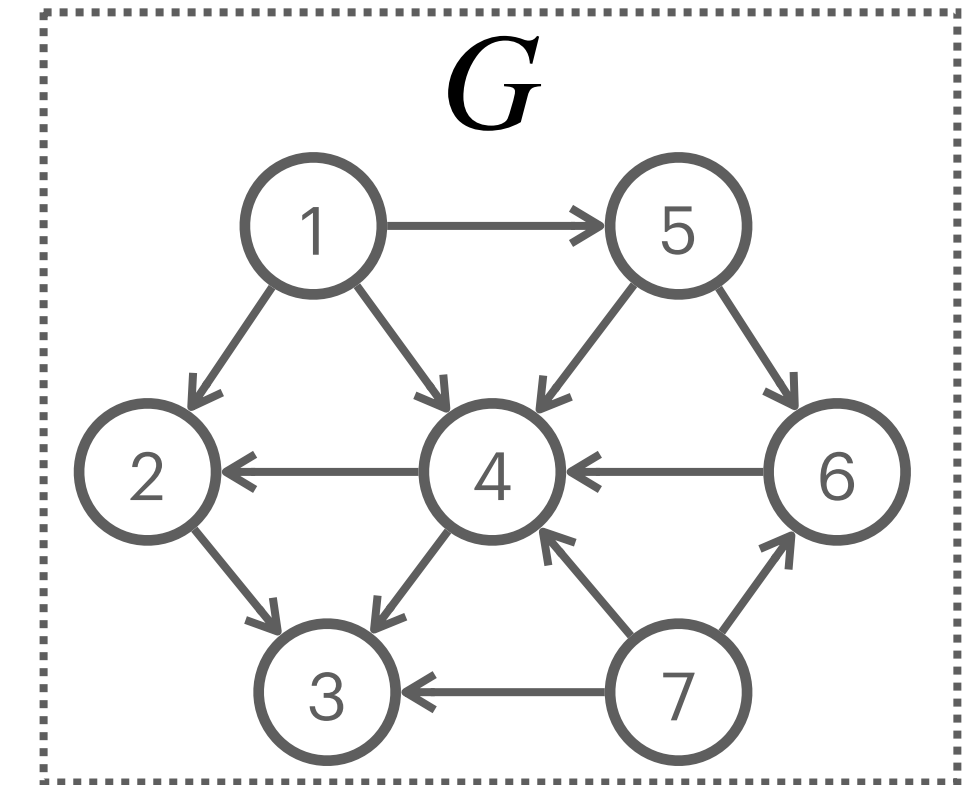


- How to find all?
  - Iterate over  $V$ , run B/DFS.
- How fast?
  - $\sum_i n_i + m_i = O(m + n)$ .
- Why care?
  - Basic topology about  $G$ .

# Directed graphs

● A **directed** graph  $G = (V, E)$

- Edge  $u \rightarrow v$  leaves node  $u$  and enters node  $v$ .
- Adjacency matrix: **a**symmetric
- Adjacency list: track outgoing edges (or two for in and out)



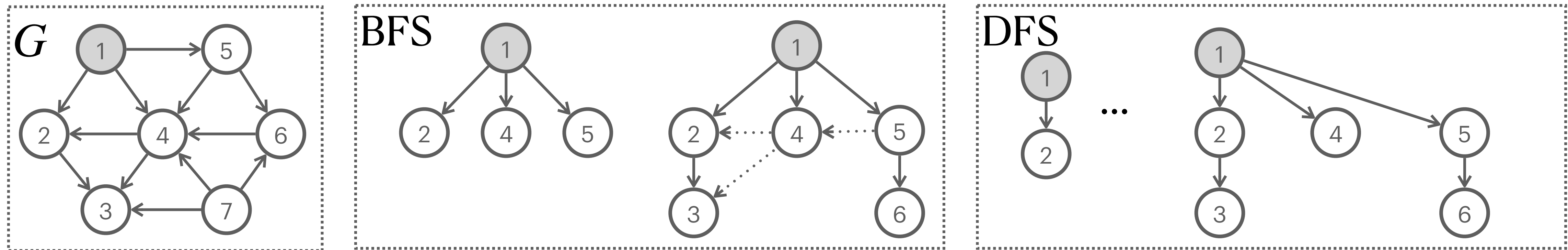
...  $Adj_{out}[2] = \{3\}, Adj_{in} = \{1,4\}$

● **Examples.**

Directed graph	Node	Directed edges
Transportation	Intersections	One-way street
Social network	People	Following
Web	Webpage	Hyperlink
Citation	Article	Citing

# Connectivity in directed graphs

- **Directed reachability.** Find all nodes reachable from a node  $s$ .
  - BFS/DFS apply.
  - $s \rightsquigarrow t$ : there is a path from  $s$  to  $t$ . Need not be  $t \rightsquigarrow s$ .



- **Application: web crawler.**

- Start from web page  $s$ . Find all web pages linked from  $s$ , via one or more hops.



# Strong connectivity

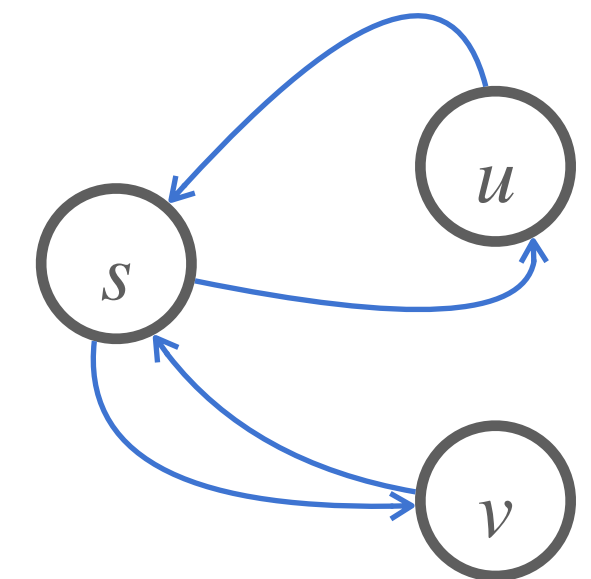
- Def.  $u$  and  $v$  are **mutually reachable** ( $u \rightsquigarrow v$ )
- Observation. If  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  and  $v \rightsquigarrow w$ , then  $u \rightsquigarrow w$ .

Def. A graph is **strongly connected** if every pair of nodes is **mutually reachable**.

Lemma. Let  $s$  be any node.  $G$  is strongly connected **iff** every node is reachable from  $s$ , and  $s$  is reachable from every node.

- Proof. [Show both “if” and “only if”]

- $\Rightarrow$  (only if) By definition of “strongly connected”.
- $\Leftarrow$  (if) for any two nodes  $u, v$ :  
 $u \rightsquigarrow v$  by following  $u \rightsquigarrow s$  then  $s \rightsquigarrow v$ .  
 $v \rightsquigarrow u$  by following  $v \rightsquigarrow s$  then  $s \rightsquigarrow u$ .





# Testing strong connectivity

Theorem. There is an  $O(m + n)$  time algorithm that determines if  $G$  is strongly connected.

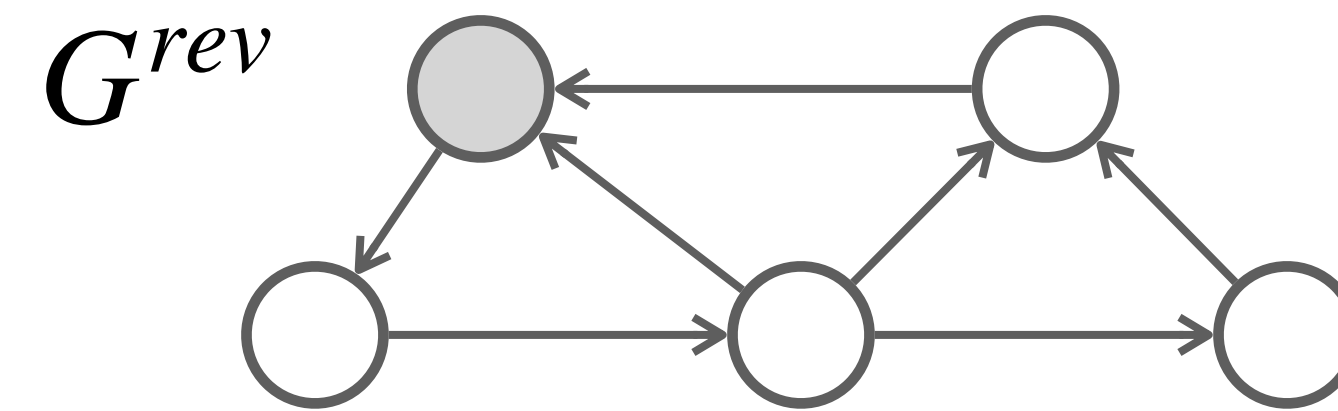
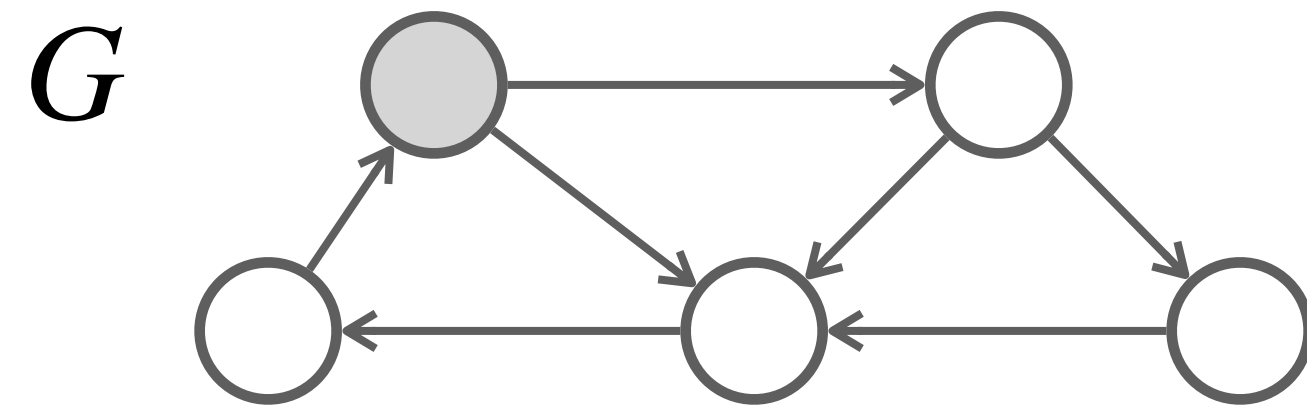
© Proof. [construction of an algorithm. Fill in the analysis on your own.]



1. Pick any node  $s$ .
2. Run **BFS** from  $s$  on  $G$ .
3. Run **BFS** from  $s$  on  $G^{rev}$ .
4. Return true if all nodes reached in both **BFS** runs.

# Exercise

- © Determine if the graph is strongly connected.



# Strong (connected) components

- © Def. A **strong component** is a **maximal** subset of mutually reachable nodes.
- © Obs. For any two nodes  $s$  and  $t$  in a directed graph, their strong components are either **identical** or **disjoint**.

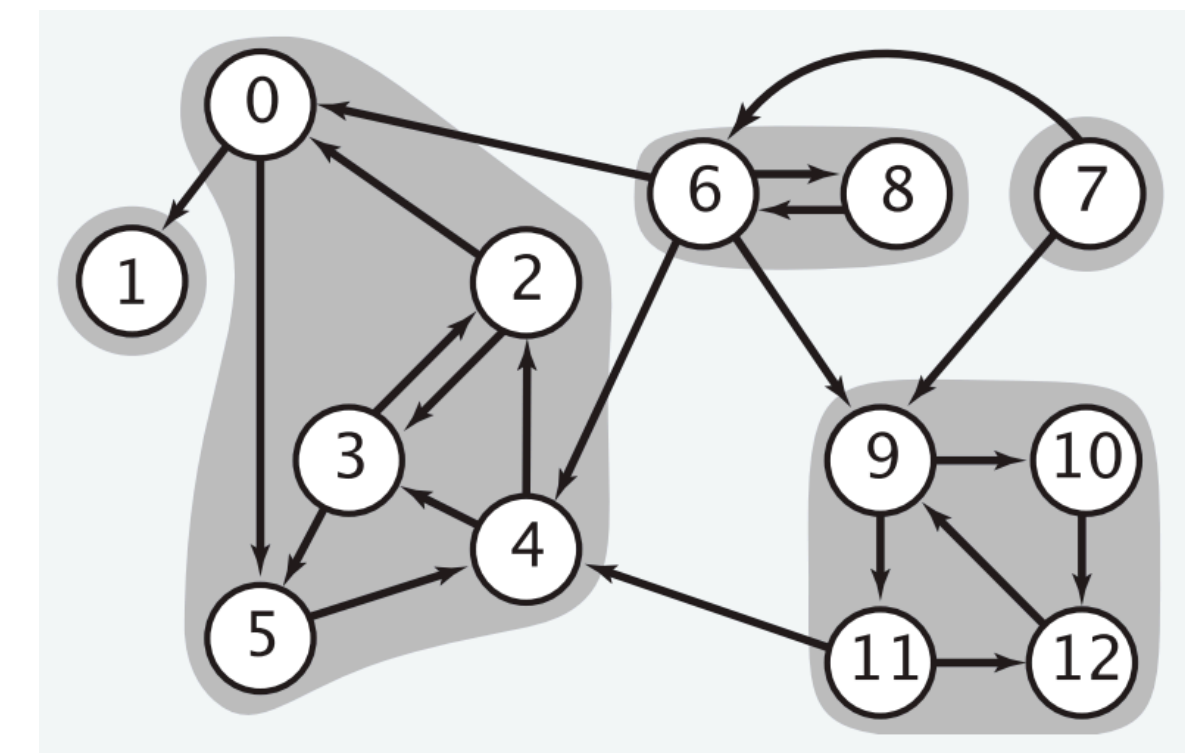
Theorem. There is an  $O(m + n)$  time algorithm that finds all strong components.

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## DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH AND LINEAR GRAPH ALGORITHMS\*

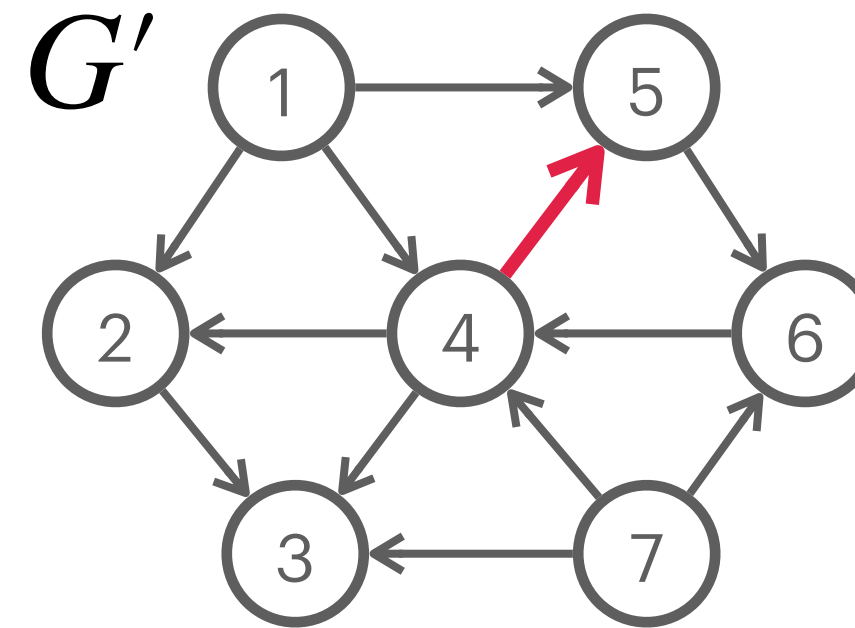
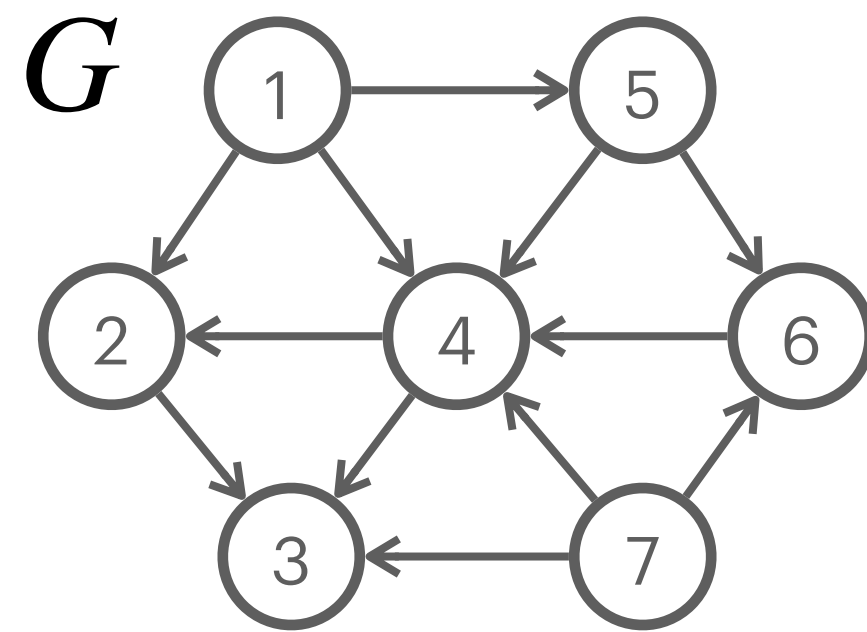
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**Abstract.** The value of depth-first search or “backtracking” as a technique for solving problems is illustrated by two examples. An improved version of an algorithm for finding the strongly connected components of a directed graph and an algorithm for finding the biconnected components of an undirect graph are presented. The space and time requirements of both algorithms are bounded by



# Directed acyclic graphs (DAG)

● Def. A **DAG** is a directed graph that contains **no directed cycles**.

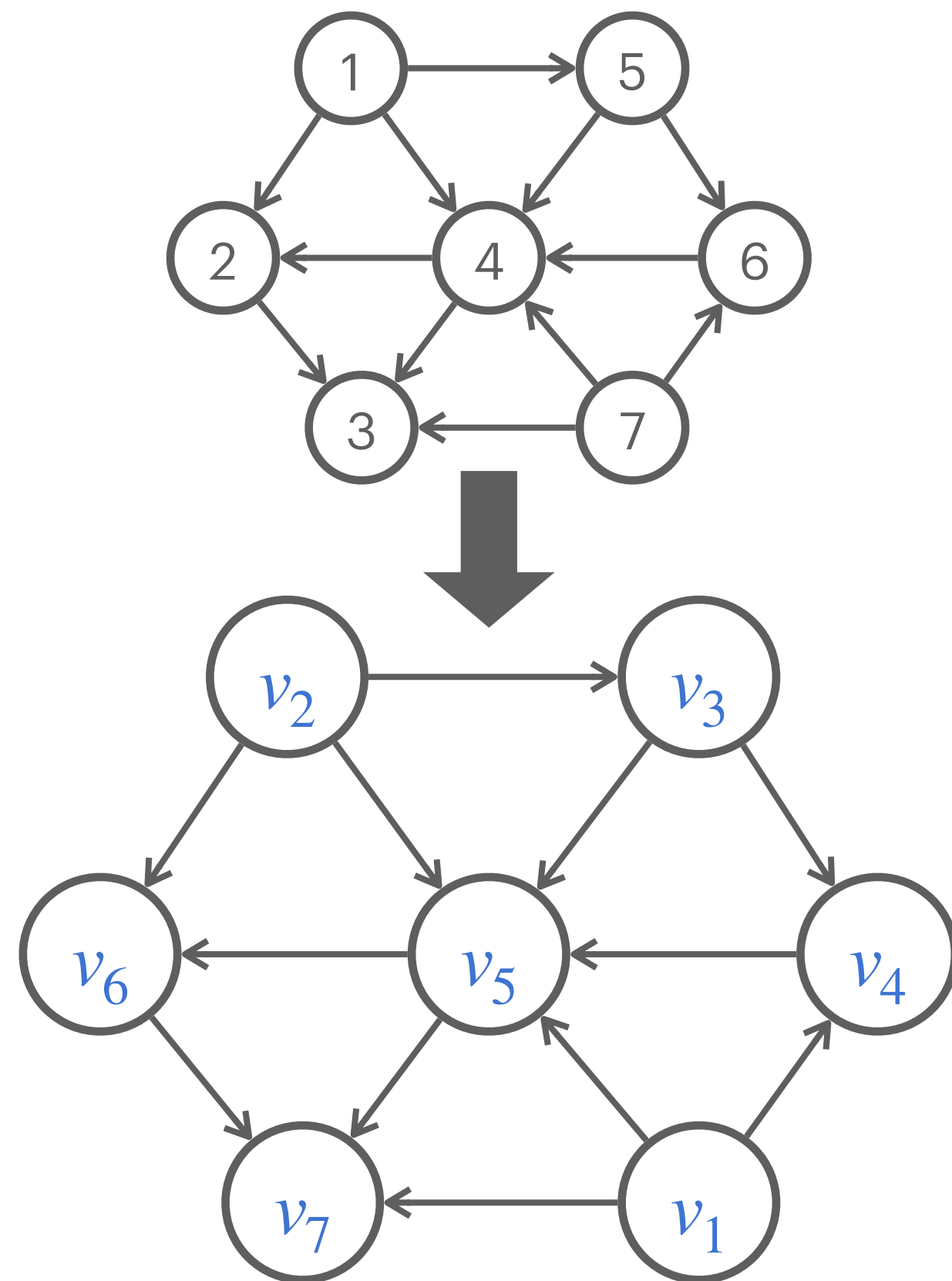


● Application: **precedence constraints**.

- Course prerequisite: 350 must be taken before 584/684.
- Compilation: module  $i$  must be compiled before  $j$ .
- Pipeline of computing jobs: output of job  $i$  determines input of job  $j$ .

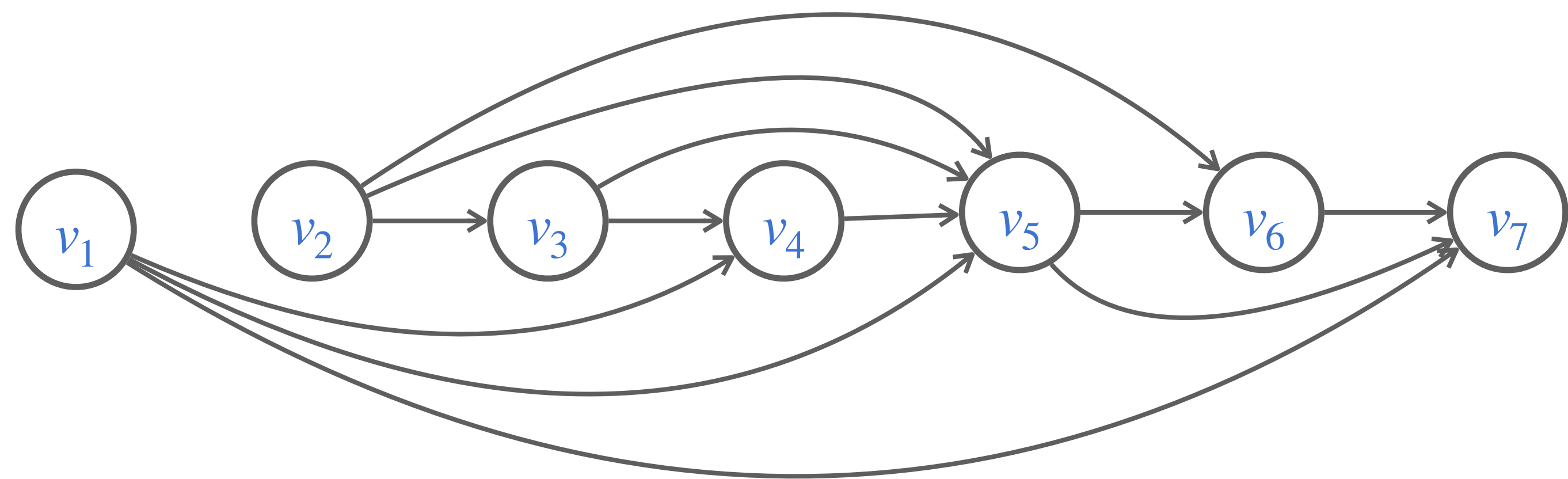
# Topological order

- Def. A **topological order** of a directed graph is an ordering of its nodes  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , so that for every edge  $v_i \rightarrow v_j$  we have  $i < j$ .



A topological order

All edges go from left to right



1. If  $G$  has a **topological order**, is  $G$  necessarily a **DAG**?
2. Does every **DAG** have a **topological order**?

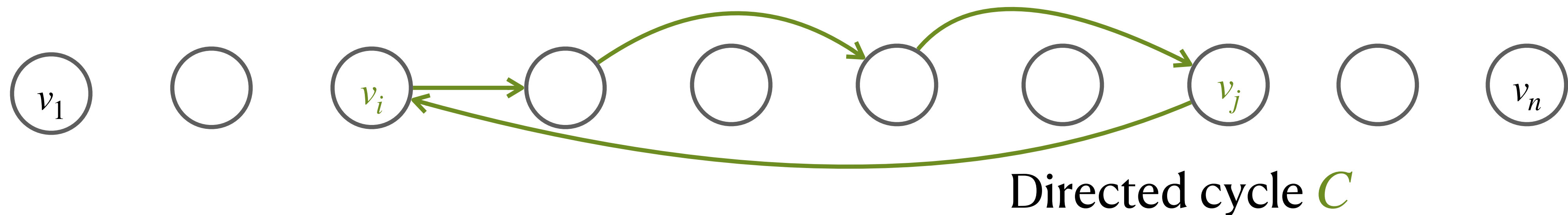


# Q1: If $G$ has a **topological order**, is $G$ necessarily a **DAG**?

Lemma 1. If  $G$  has a topological order, then  $G$  is a DAG.

## ● Proof [by contradiction]

- Suppose  $G$  has topological order  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ; and  $G$  also has a directed cycle  $C$ .
- Let  $v_i$  be the lowest-indexed node in  $C$ ,  $v_j$  be the node just before  $v_i$  in  $C$ .
- Then  $v_j \rightarrow v_i$  is an edge & by our choice  $i < j$ .
- But since  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a topological order, if  $v_j \rightarrow v_i$  is an edge, then  $j < i$ .
- Contradiction!





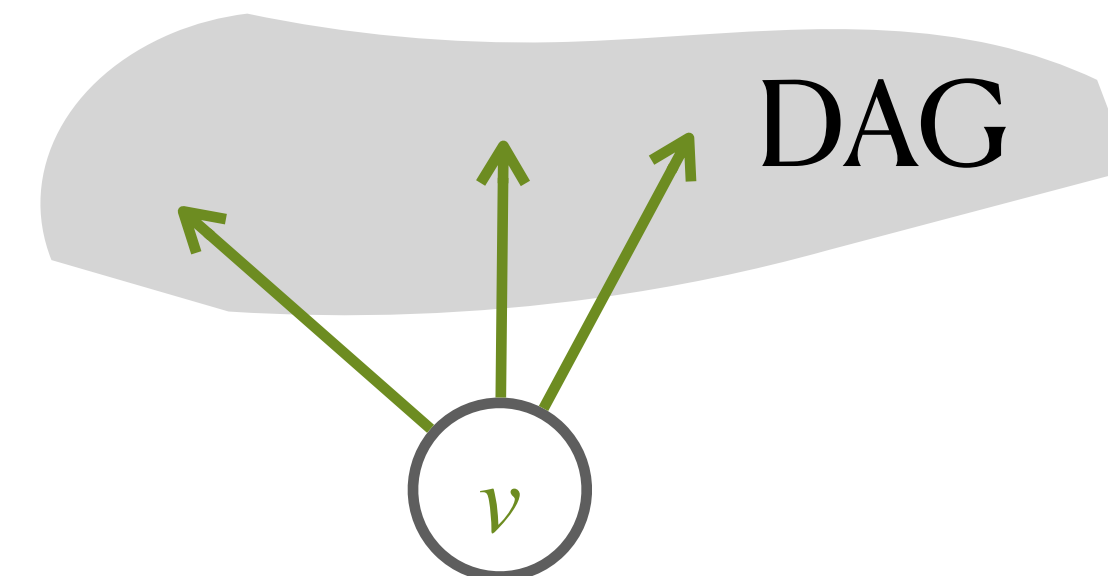
## Q2: Dose every **DAG** have a **topological order**?

Lemma 2. A **DAG**  $G$  has a node with **no entering edges**.

Corollary. If  $G$  is a **DAG**, then  $G$  has a **topological order**.

© Proof of corollary given Lemma 1 [by induction on number of nodes]

- Base case: true if  $n = 1$ .
- Given a DAG on  $n > 1$  nodes, find a node  $v$  with no entering edges [Lemma 1].
  - $G - \{v\}$  is a DAG, since deleting  $v$  cannot create cycles.
- Induction hypothesis,  $G - \{v\}$  (with  $n - 1$  nodes) has a topological order.
- Place  $v$  first then append nodes of  $G - \{v\}$  in topological order [valid because  $v$  has no entering edges].



# Topological sorting algorithm

TopSort( $G$ ):

//  $\text{count}(w)$  = remaining number of incoming edges  
//  $S$  = set of remaining nodes with no incoming edges  
//  $V[1, \dots, n]$  topological order

1. Initialize  $S$  and  $\text{Count}(\cdot)$  for all nodes

2. For  $v \in S$

    Append  $v$  to  $V$

    For all  $w$  with  $v \rightarrow w$  // delete  $v$  from  $G$

$\text{Count}(w) --$

    If  $\text{Count}(w) == 0$  add  $w$  to  $S$

]  
 $O(n + m)$ , a single scan of adjacency list

]  
 $O(1)$ , run once per edge

**Theorem.** TopSort computes a topological order in  $O(n + m)$  time.

# Completing the proof

Lemma 1. A **DAG**  $G$  has a node with **no entering edges**.

● **Proof [by contradiction]**

- Suppose  $G$  is a DAG, and every node has **at least one** entering edge.
- Pick any node  $v$ , and follow edges **backwards** from  $v$ . Repeat till we visit a node, say  $w$ , twice. ( $v \leftarrow u \leftarrow x \dots \leftarrow w \dots \leftarrow w$ )
- Let  $C$  be the sequence of nodes between successive visits to  $w$ .
- $C$  is a cycle. Contradiction!

