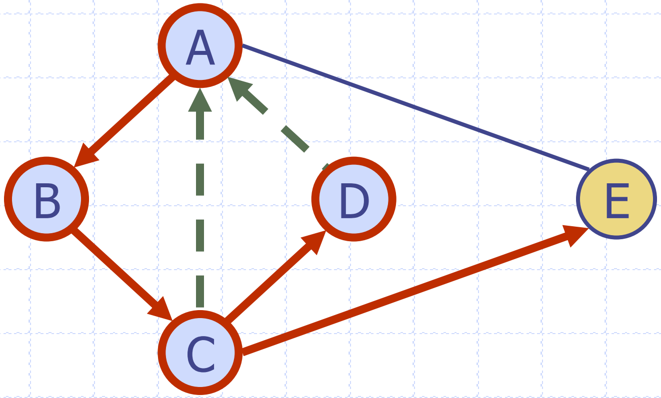
Depth-First Search



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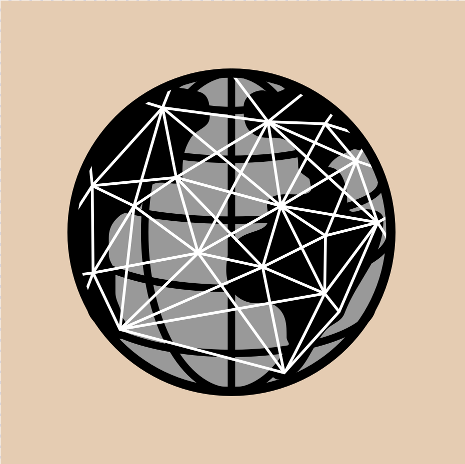

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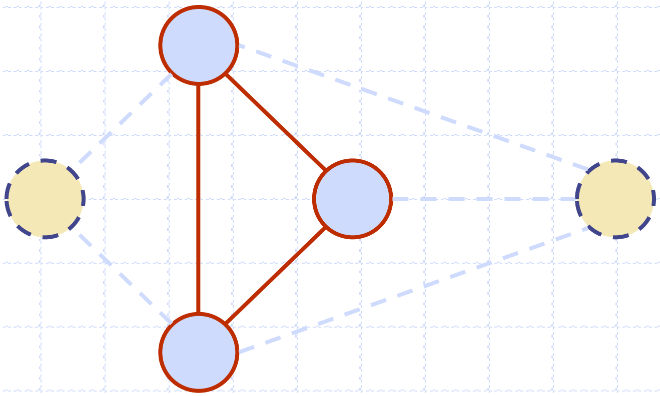
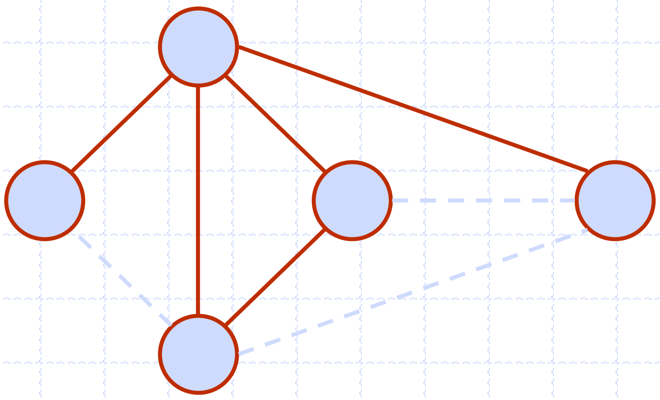
First some more terminology…

Subgraphs

- A subgraph S of a graph G is a graph such that
  - The vertices of S are a subset of the vertices of G
  - The edges of S are a subset of the edges of G
- A spanning subgraph of G is a subgraph that contains all the vertices of G



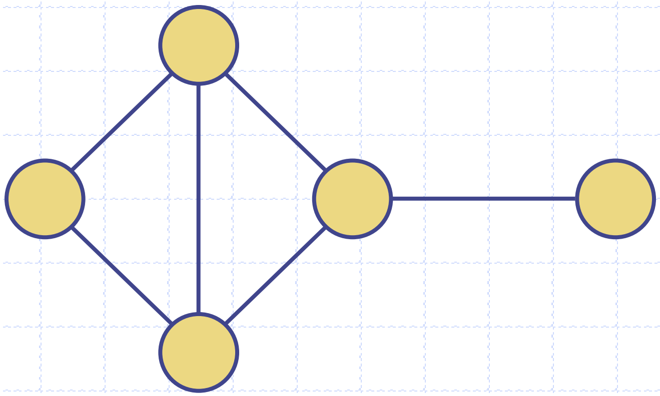
Subgraph



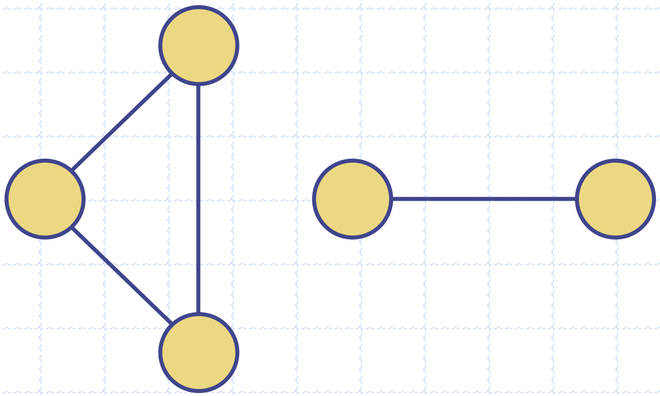
Spanning subgraph

Connectivity

- A graph is connected if there is a path between every pair of vertices
- A connected component of a graph G is a maximal connected subgraph of G



Connected graph

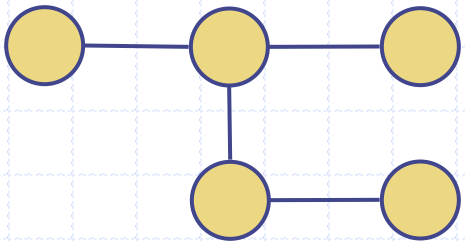


Non-connected graph with two connected components

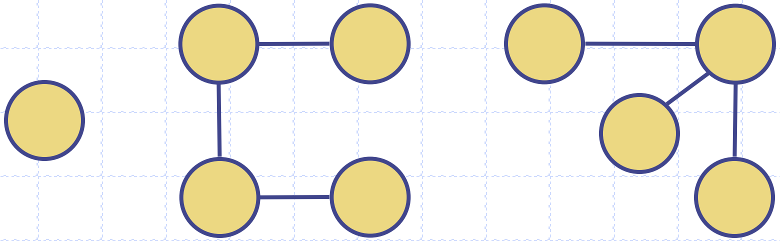
Trees and Forests

- A (free) tree is an undirected graph T such that
  - T is connected
  - T has no cycles

  This definition of tree is slightly different from the one of a rooted tree
- A forest is an undirected graph without cycles
- The connected components of a forest are trees



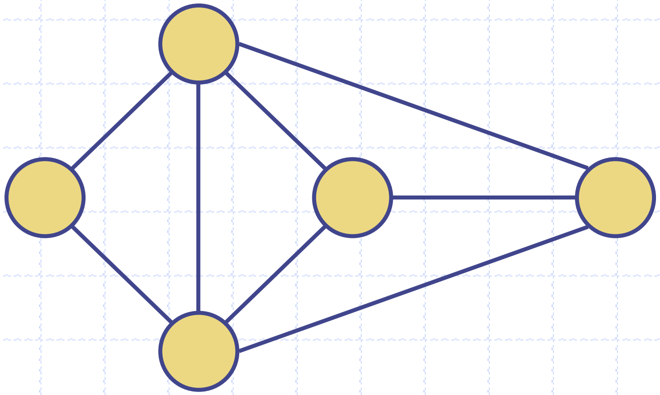
Tree



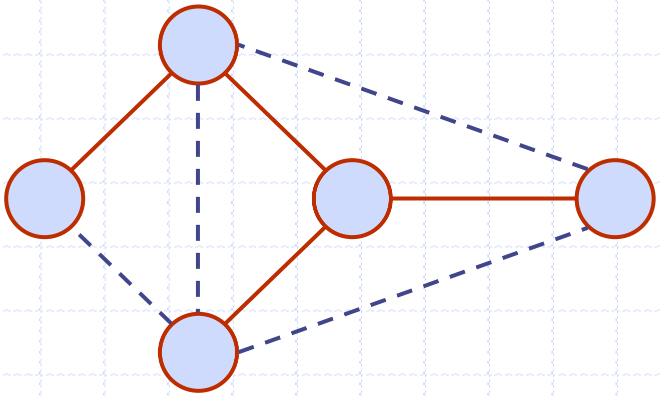
Forest

Spanning Trees and Forests

- A spanning tree of a connected graph is a spanning subgraph that is a tree
- A spanning tree is not unique unless the graph is a tree
- Spanning trees have applications to the design of communication networks
- A spanning forest of a graph is a spanning subgraph that is a forest

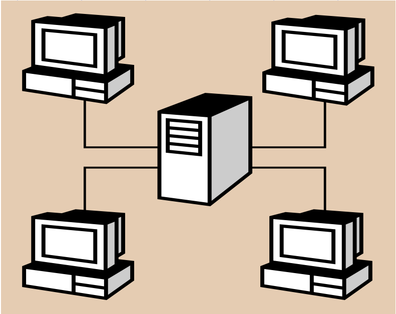


Graph



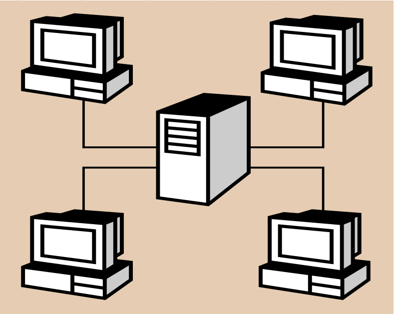
Spanning tree

Depth-First Search



- Depth-first search (DFS) is a general technique for traversing a graph
  - Like "pre/in/post-order" for trees, this is the equivalent for graphs
- A DFS traversal of a graph G
  - Visits all the vertices and edges of G
  - Determines whether G is connected
  - Computes the connected components of G
  - Computes a spanning forest of G
- DFS on a graph with n vertices and m edges takes $O(n+m)$ time
- DFS can be further extended to solve other graph problems
  - Find and report a path between two given vertices
  - Find a cycle in the graph

DFS Algorithm



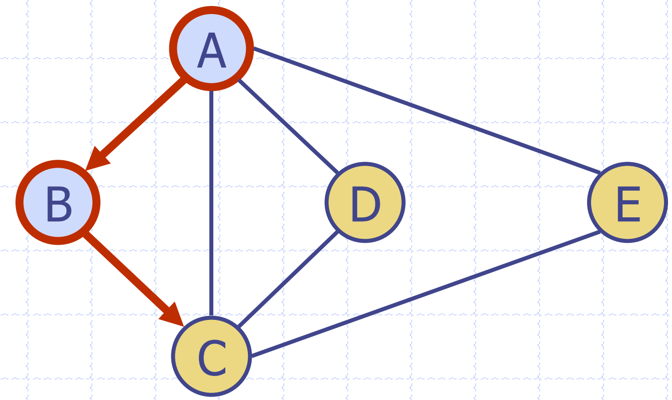
- The algorithm uses a mechanism for setting and getting "labels" of vertices and edges

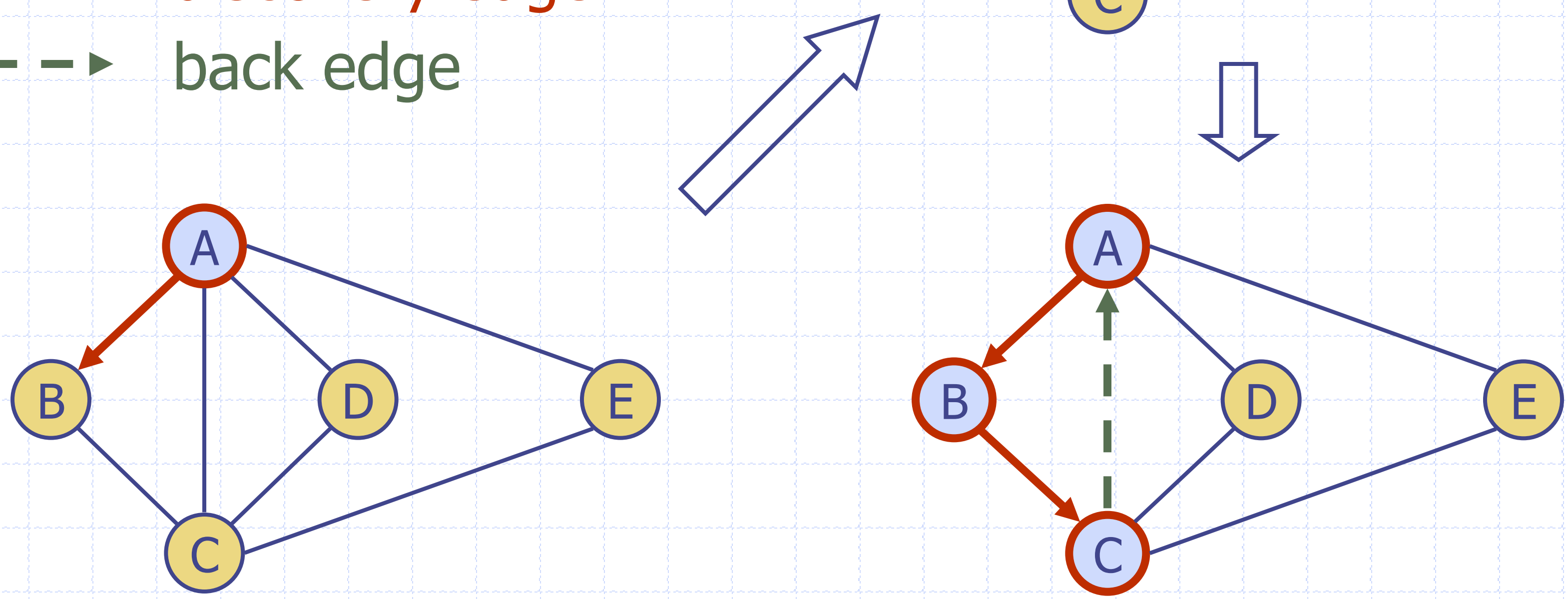
```
Algorithm DFS(G)
    Input graph G
    Output labeling of the edges of G
        as discovery edges and
        back edges
  for all u ∈ G.vertices()
    setLabel(u, UNEXPLORED)
  for all e ∈ G.edges()
    setLabel(e, UNEXPLORED)
  for all v ∈ G.vertices()
    if getLabel(v) = UNEXPLORED
        DFS(G, v)
```

```
Algorithm DFS(G, v)
  Input graph G and a start vertex v of G
  Output labeling of the edges of G
    in the connected component of v
    as discovery edges and back edges
  setLabel(v, VISITED)
  for all e ∈ G.incidentEdges(v)
    if getLabel(e) = UNEXPLORED
      w ← opposite(v,e)
      if getLabel(w) = UNEXPLORED
        setLabel(e, DISCOVERY)
        DFS(G, w)
      else
        setLabel(e, BACK)
```

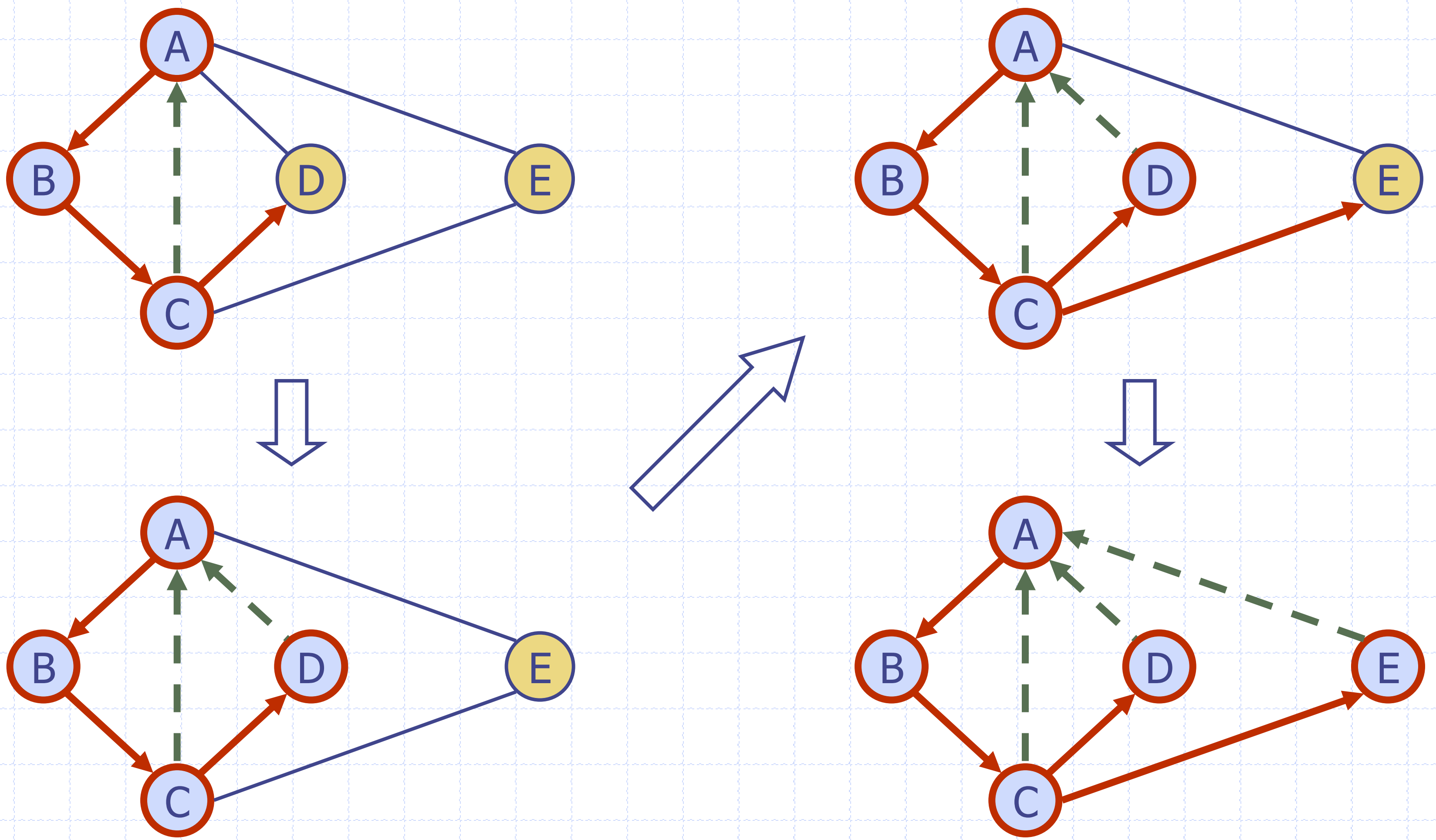
Example

- unexplored vertex
- visited vertex
- unexplored edge
- discovery edge
- back edge

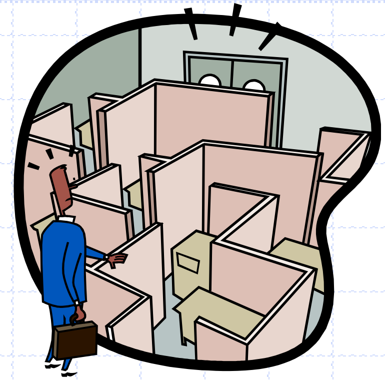




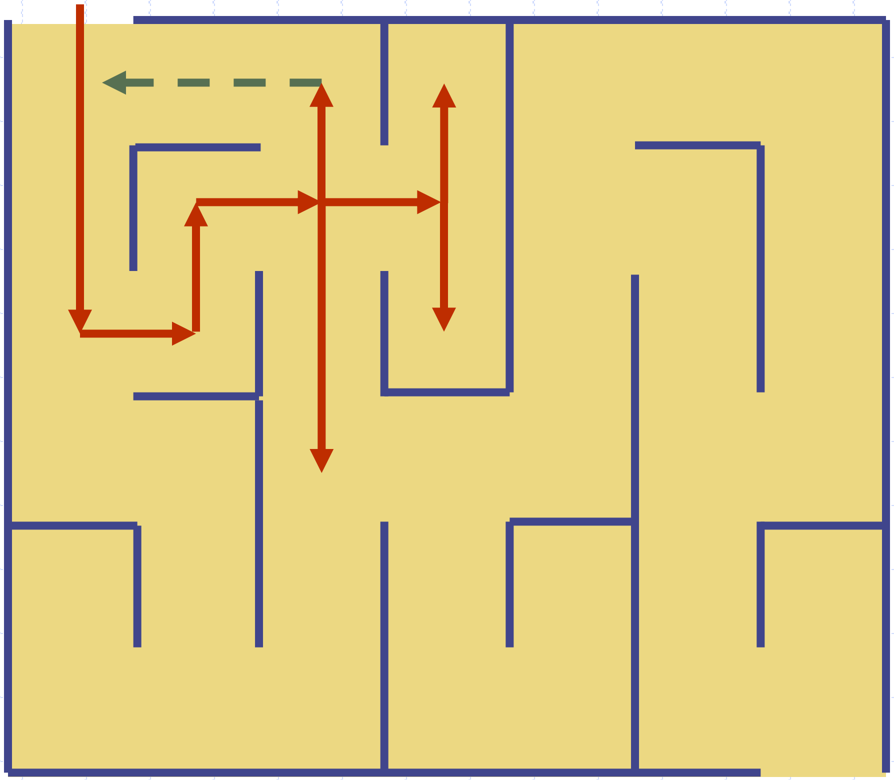
Example (cont.)



DFS and Maze Traversal

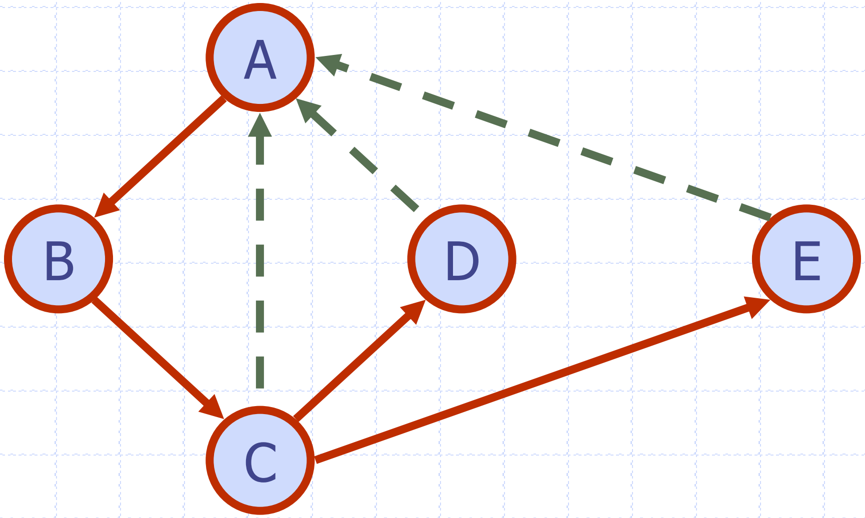


- The DFS algorithm is similar to a classic strategy for exploring a maze
  - We mark each intersection, corner and dead end (vertex) visited
  - We mark each corridor (edge) traversed
  - We keep track of the path back to the entrance (start vertex) by means of a rope (recursion stack)

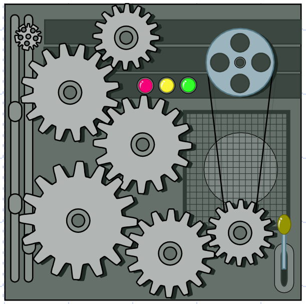


Properties of DFS

- Property 1
  - $DFS(G, v)$ visits all the vertices and edges in the connected component of v
- Property 2
  - The discovery edges labeled by $DFS(G, v)$ form a spanning tree of the connected component of v



Analysis of DFS



- Setting/getting a vertex/edge label takes $O(1)$ time
- Each vertex is labeled twice
  - once as UNEXPLORED
  - once as VISITED
- Each edge is labeled twice
  - once as UNEXPLORED
  - once as DISCOVERY or BACK
- Method incidentEdges is called once for each vertex
- DFS runs in $O(n + m)$ time provided the graph is represented by the adjacency list structure
  - Recall that $\Sigma_v \deg(v) = 2m$

Path Finding

- We can specialize the DFS algorithm to find a path between two given vertices u and z using the template method pattern
- How?
- We call $DFS(G, u)$ with u as the start vertex
- We use a stack S to keep track of the path between the start vertex and the current vertex
- As soon as destination vertex z is encountered, we return the path as the contents of the stack

```
Algorithm pathDFS(G, v, z)
  setLabel(v, VISITED)
  S.push(v)
  if v = z
    return S.elements()
  for all e ∈ G.incidentEdges(v)
    if getLabel(e) = UNEXPLORED
      w ← opposite(v,e)
      if getLabel(w) = UNEXPLORED
        setLabel(e, DISCOVERY)
        S.push(e)
        pathDFS(G, w, z)
        S.pop(e)
      else
        setLabel(e, BACK)
  S.pop(v)
```

Cycle Finding

- We can specialize the DFS algorithm to find a simple cycle using the template method pattern
- How?
- We use a stack S to keep track of the path between the start vertex and the current vertex
- As soon as a back edge (v, w) is encountered, we return the cycle as the portion of the stack from the top to vertex w

```
Algorithm cycleDFS(G, v, z)
    setLabel(v, VISITED)
    S.push(v)
    for all  e ∈ G.incidentEdges(v)
        if  getLabel(e) = UNEXPLORED
            w ← opposite(v,e)
            S.push(e)
            if getLabel(w) = UNEXPLORED
                setLabel(e, DISCOVERY)
                pathDFS(G, w, z)
                S.pop(e)
            else
                T ← new empty stack
                repeat
                    o ← S.pop()
                    T.push(o)
                until o = w
                return T.elements()
    S.pop(v)
```