

### Directed Acyclic Graph where no path has

Lemma: if  $p$  is not a simple path,  
then  $\exists q \in p \neq p$  is a simple cycle.

proof: say of vertices in  $p$  is  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

let  $(v_i, v_j)$  be a pair such that:

1)  $v_i = v_j$

2) if  $v_i \neq v_j$  for all  $k$ , then

$j \neq i \neq k \neq \dots \neq n \neq i$ .

[ $(v_i, v_j)$  is the "relaxed" pair of

"repeating" vertices in  $p$ ]

now:  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are distinct (why?)

so  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_n \rightarrow v_1$  is a simple

cycle.  $\square$

Lemma: Let  $G$  denote a DAG.

Vpath  $p$  in  $G$ :  $\text{length}(p) \leq n-1$ .

proof: every path  $p$  in  $G$  is simple.

(otherwise,  $\exists q \in p$  which is a cycle,

contradicting  $G$  is acyclic).

Let  $l \triangleq \text{length}(p)$

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$  denote set of vertices

in  $p$ . By the pigeonhole principle,

$l+1 \leq n$   $\square$

Lemma:  $\forall$  DAG  $G$   $\exists$   $V$  sink

proof: assume for the sake of

contradiction, that every  $V \in V$

is not a sink.

This implies that every path  $p$

can be extended by an edge:

Hence,  $G$  contains a path  $V$  of length  $\geq |V|$ ,  
this contradicts the previous lemma.  $\square$

Lemma:  $\forall$  DAG  $G$   $\exists$   $V$  source

proof: could use a "path extension

argument" as before (how?).

Alternatively, define  $\text{reverse}(G)$ :

$G = (V, E) \& \text{reverse}(G) = (V, \text{reverse}(E))$

$x \rightarrow y \in E \Rightarrow y \rightarrow x \in \text{reverse}(E)$

1)  $G$  DAG  $\Leftrightarrow \text{reverse}(G)$  DAG

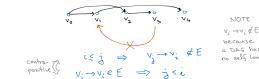
2)  $V$  source  $\Leftrightarrow V$  sink in

$\text{reverse}(G)$

By per lemma  $\exists$  sink in  $\text{reverse}(G)$ ,

$\Rightarrow \exists$   $V$  source in  $G$   $\square$

### TOPOLOGICAL ORDERING OF A DAG



### DAG matching steps



If task performed by a single person,  
how should person order subtasks?

Topological ordering

- \* all pan before cooking egg
- \* break egg before scramble egg
- \* heat pan before/after
- \* break egg.

### DAG matching steps



Q: can 2 people prepare an  
omelette faster?  
what about 3 people? 4? 5? ...  
("parallelism")

### TSC( $V, E$ )

$$G = (V, E) \quad V = \{u, v, w\} \quad E = \{uv, uw, vw, uw\}$$

$z$  is a sink:  $\pi(z) \triangleq 3$

$$V \setminus \{z\} = \{u, v, w\} \quad E \setminus \{zu\} = \{uv, uw, vw\}$$

$v$  is a sink:  $\pi(v) \triangleq 2$

$$V \setminus \{v\} = \{u, w\} \quad E \setminus \{vu\} = \{uw\}$$

$w$  is a sink:  $\pi(w) \triangleq 1$

$$V \setminus \{w\} = \{u, v\} \quad E \setminus \{wu\} = \emptyset$$

only  $u$  left (stopping cond.):

$$\pi(u) \triangleq 0$$

### CORRECTNESS OF ALG TSC( $V, E$ )

\*  $G = (V, E)$  DAG &  $\pi$  is topo sort.

proof: induction on  $|V|$ . Then reduce.

base:  $|V| = 1$ : let  $v \in V$ , then reduce.

hyp:  $|V| = k$  holds if  $|V'| = n$ .

step: need to prove  $|V'| = n-1$ .

alg picks sink  $v$  (always exists, why?).

Now: i) hyp:  $\pi(V \setminus \{v\}, E \setminus \{vu\})$

gives  $\pi: V \setminus \{v\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  topo sort.

also  $|V \setminus \{v\}| = n-1$

$$(V \setminus \{v\}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

claim:  $\pi$  is a topo sort.

concl:  $\pi: V \setminus \{v\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  then  $\pi(v) \geq \pi(x) \quad \forall x \in V \setminus \{v\}$

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