

## Longest Path

There is a directed graph  $G$  with  $N$  vertices and  $M$  edges. The vertices are numbered  $1, 2, \dots, N$ , and for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq M$ ), the  $i$ -th directed edge goes from Vertex  $x_i$  to  $y_i$ .  $G$  does not contain directed cycles.

Find the length of the longest directed path in  $G$ . Here, the length of a directed path is the number of edges in it.

### Input

Input is given from Standard Input in the following format:

```
N M
x1 y1
x2 y2
⋮
⋮
xn yn
```

### Output

Print the length of the longest directed path in  $G$ .

### Constraints

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2 ≤ N ≤ 2 · 105
1 ≤ M ≤ 2 · 105
1 ≤ xi, yi ≤ n
```

### Example

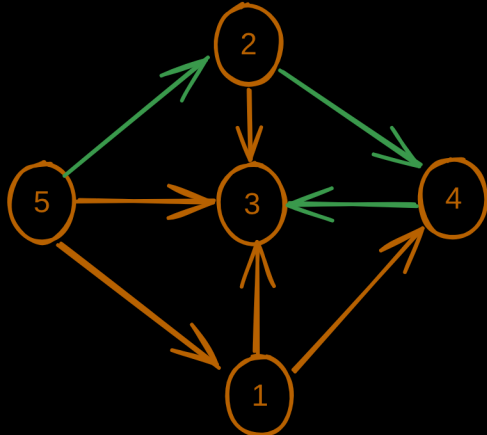
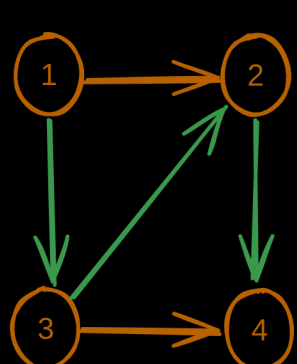
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Input:
4 5
1 2
1 3
3 2
2 4
3 4
Output:
3
```

Problem Breakdown

Lets understand the problem first

You are given a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) with  $N$  vertices and  $M$  edges. Each edge is directed  $x \rightarrow y$ .

You need to find the length of the longest directed path in the DAG. (A path's length = number of edges.)



Since the graph has no cycles, we can order its nodes topologically — so that every edge goes from an earlier node  $\rightarrow$  a later node.

This property makes DAGs perfect for DP, because we can process nodes in that topological order — when we visit a node, we already know all its predecessors' results.

### Define DP state

$dp[v]$  = length of the longest path that ends at node  $v$

That means:

- $dp[v] = 0$  if no edges go into  $v$  (it's a start node)
- otherwise  $dp[v] = \max(dp[u] + 1)$  for all edges  $u \rightarrow v$

### Transition formula

For every directed edge  $u \rightarrow v$ :

$dp[v] = \max(dp[v], dp[u] + 1)$

This means:

If we can reach  $v$  from  $u$ , then a path ending at  $u$  can be extended by one more edge to reach  $v$ .

### Algorithm overview

We can do this using Topological Sort + DP:

1. Build adjacency list.
2. Compute indegree of every node.
3. Perform topological sort using Kahn's algorithm (queue).
4. For each node in topo order:

- For every edge  $u \rightarrow v$ , update  $dp[v] = \max(dp[v], dp[u] + 1)$ .

5. The answer =  $\max(dp[i])$  for all nodes.

### Code

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    ios::sync_with_stdio(false);
    cin.tie(nullptr);

    int n, m;
    cin >> n >> m;

    vector<vector<int>>> adj(n + 1);
    vector<int> indeg(n + 1, 0);
    vector<int> dp(n + 1, 0);

    for(int i = 0; i < m; ++i) {
        int x, y;
        cin >> x >> y;
        adj[x].push_back(y);
        indeg[y]++;
    }

    //Topological Sort
    queue<int> q;
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
        if(indeg[i] == 0) q.push(i);
    }

    vector<int> topo;
    while(!q.empty()) {
        int u = q.front(); q.pop();
        topo.push_back(u);
        for(int v : adj[u]) {
            indeg[v]--;
            if(indeg[v] == 0) q.push(v);
        }
    }

    // DP in Topological order
    for(int u : topo) {
        for(int v : adj[u]) {
            dp[v] = max(dp[v], dp[u] + 1);
        }
    }

    int ans = 0;
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; ++i) {
        ans = max(ans, dp[i]);
    }

    cout << ans << "\n";
}
```

### Complexity

Building Graph  $\rightarrow O(m)$

Topological Sort  $\rightarrow O(n + m)$

DP propagation  $\rightarrow O(n + m)$

Total  $\rightarrow O(n + m)$

Memory  $\rightarrow O(n + m)$