

# Depth-First Search

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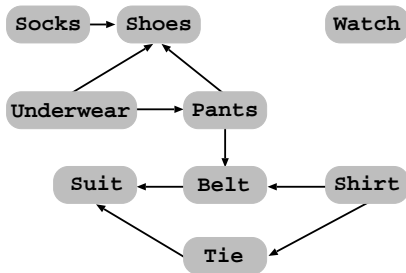
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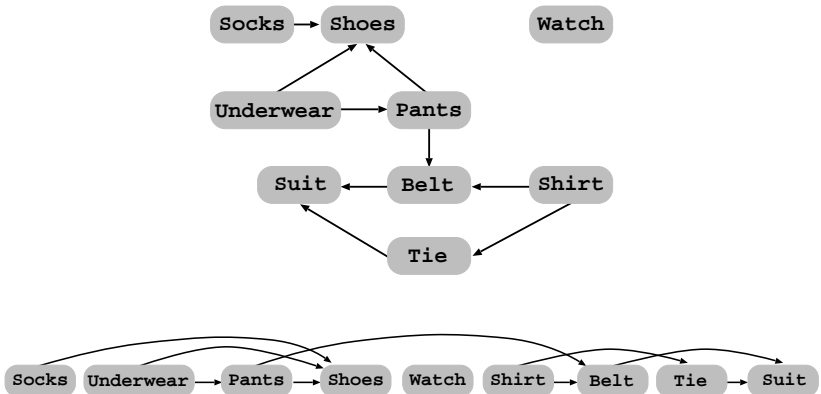
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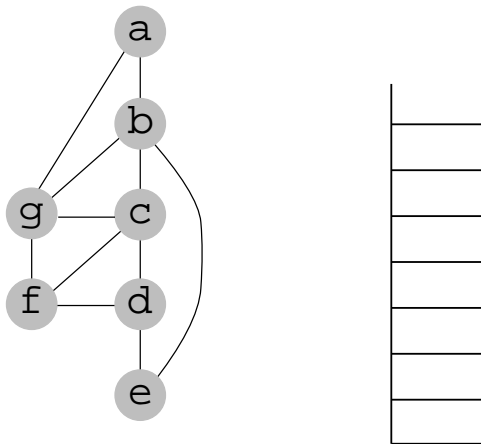
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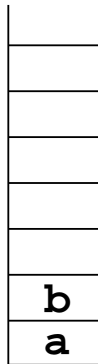
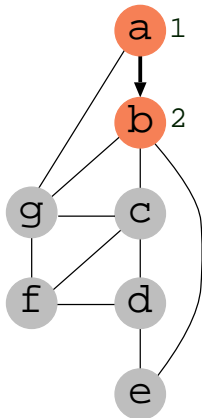
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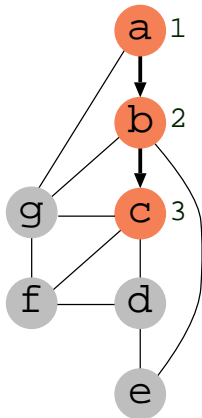




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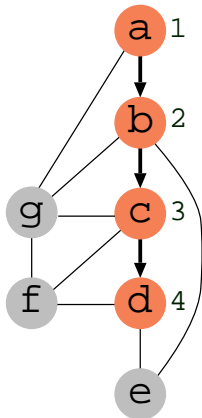


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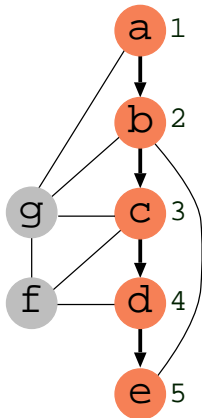
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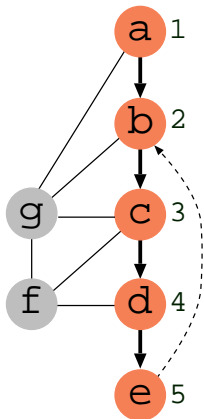
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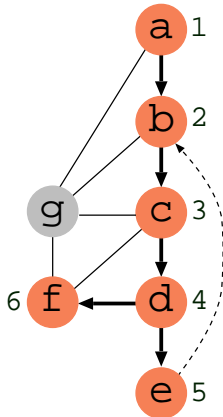
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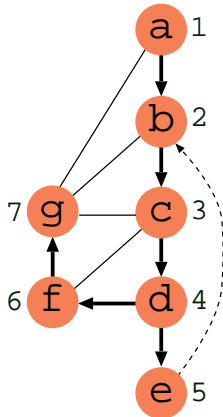
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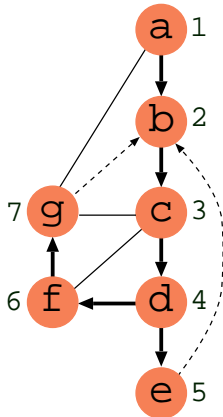
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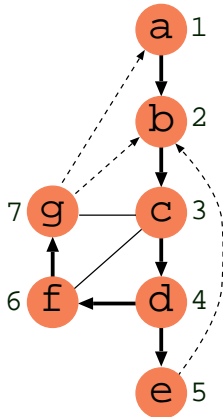


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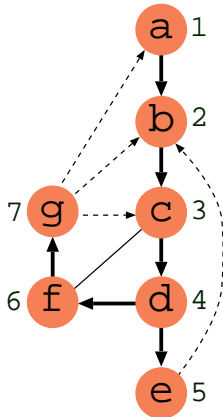
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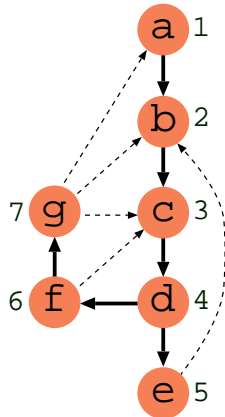
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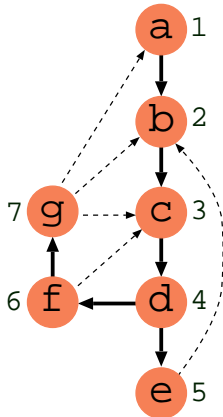
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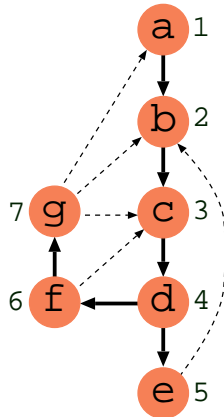
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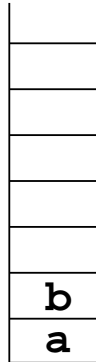
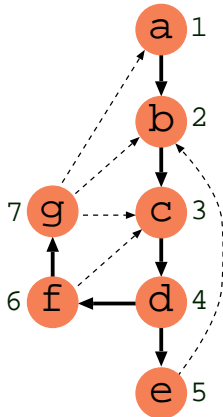
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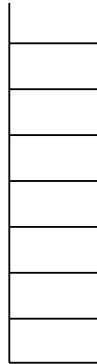
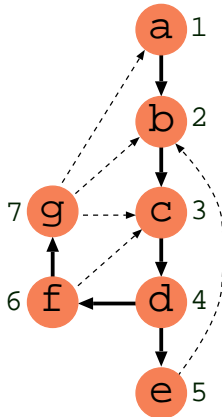
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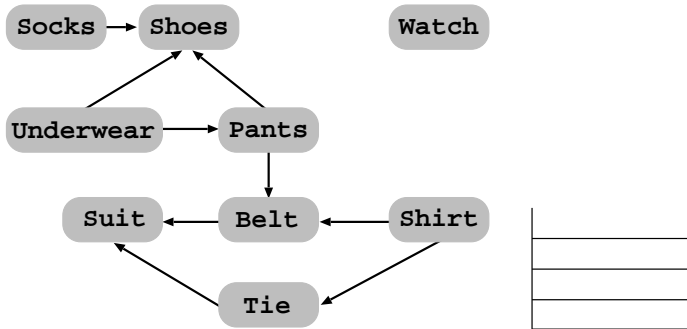
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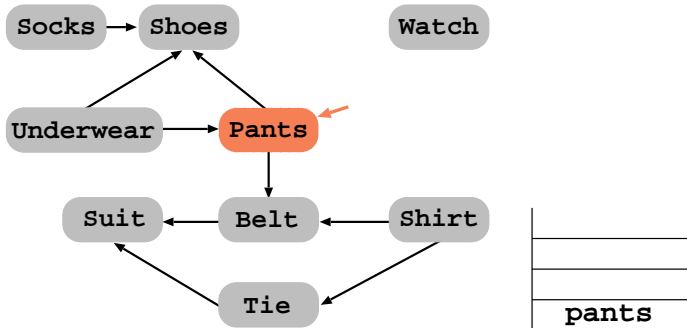
If every vertex has indegree greater than 0, we can go backwards through the edges without stopping. Since there is a finite number of vertices, this is only possible in a cycle, but acyclic graphs do not have cycles. □

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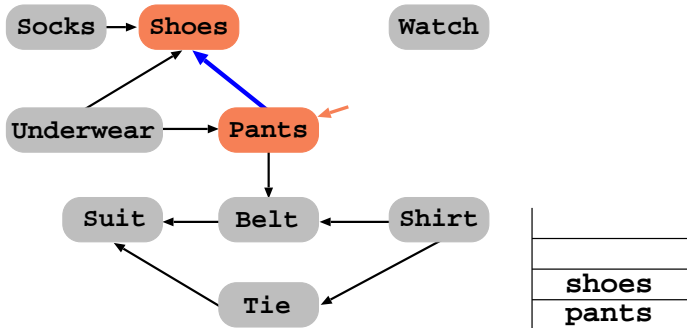
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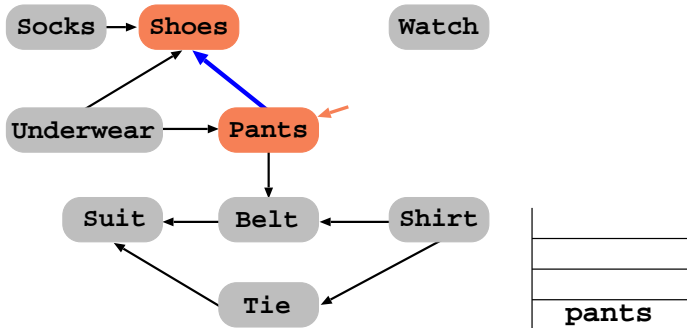
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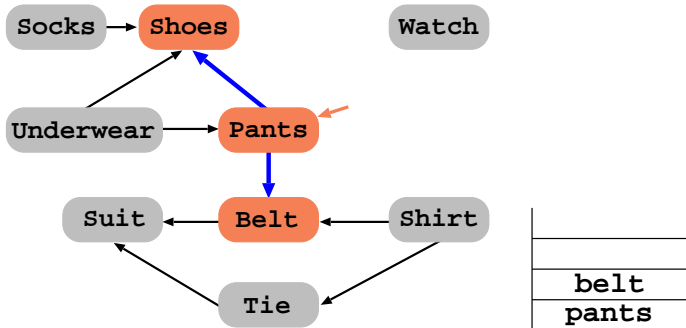
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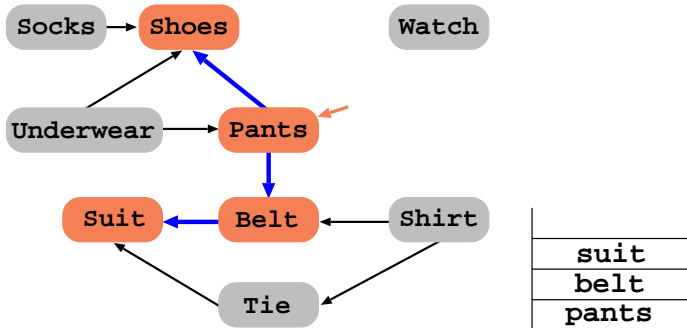
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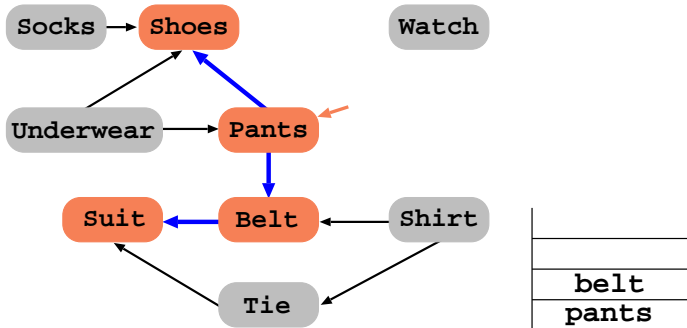
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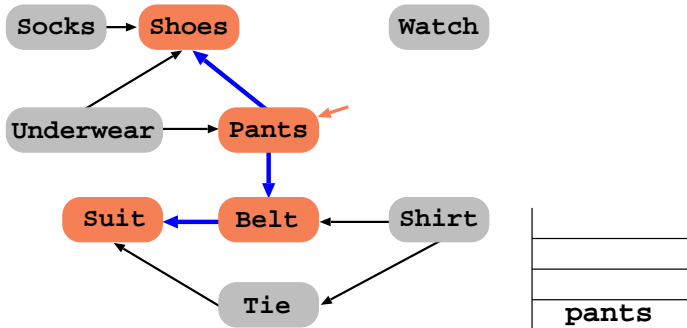


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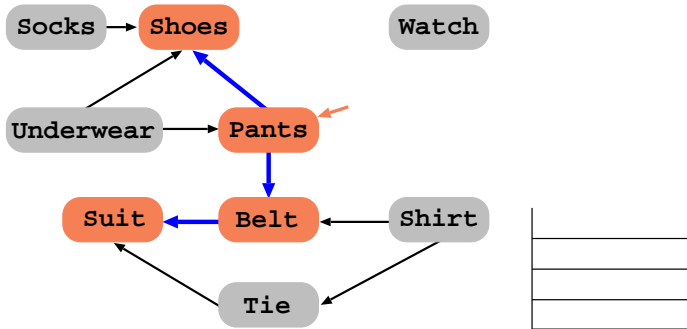
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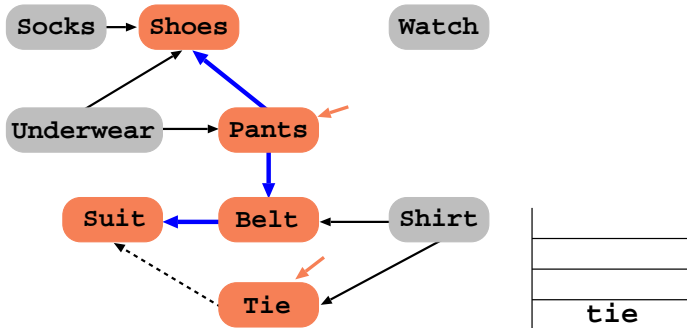
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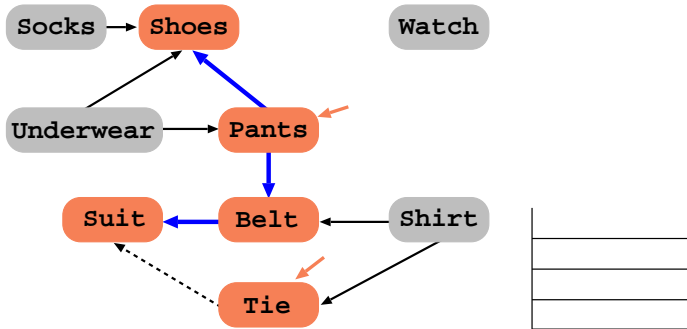
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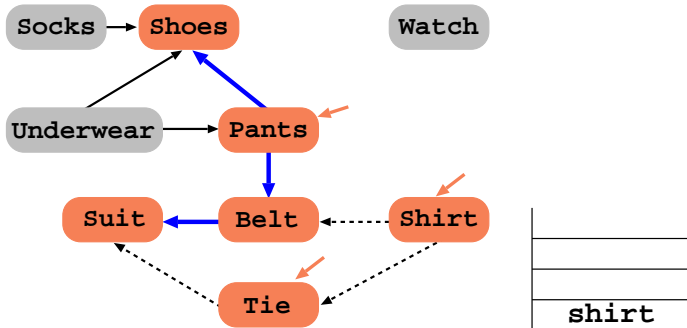
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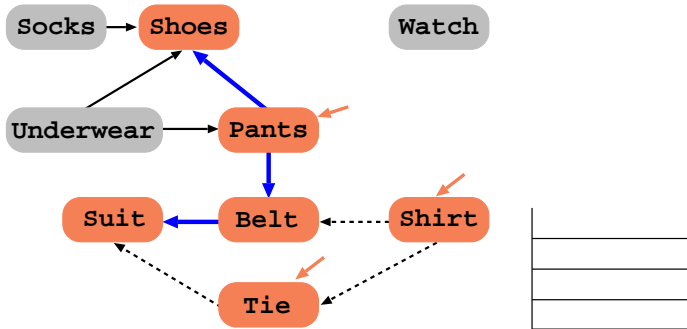
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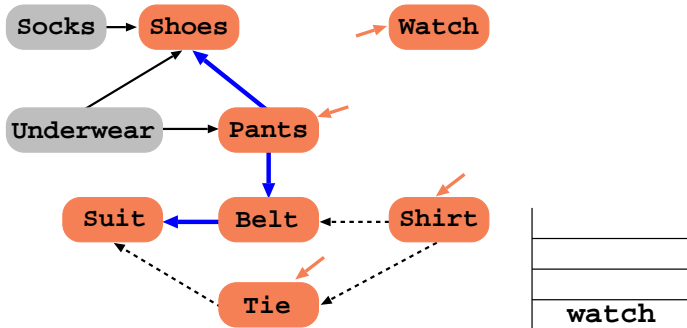
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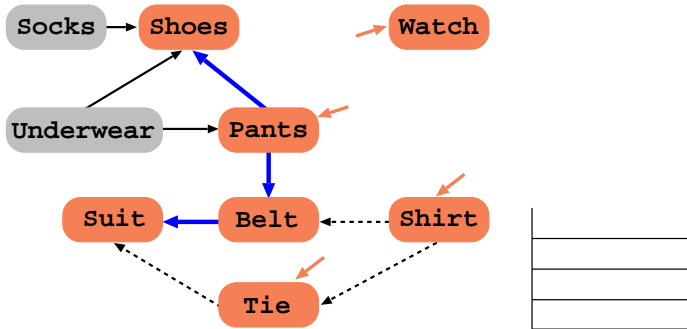
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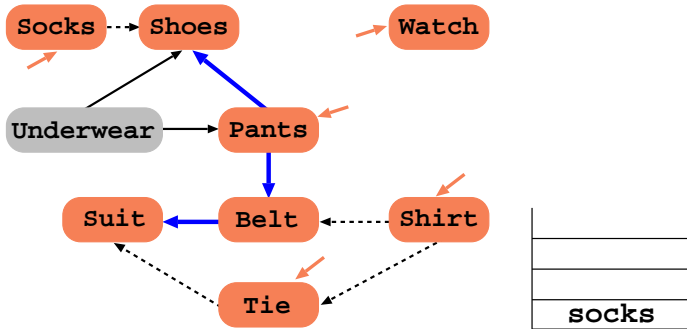


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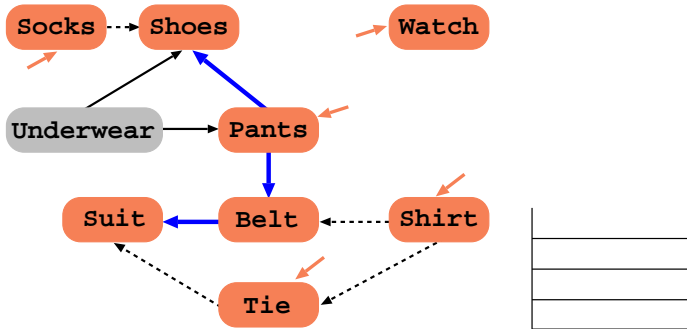
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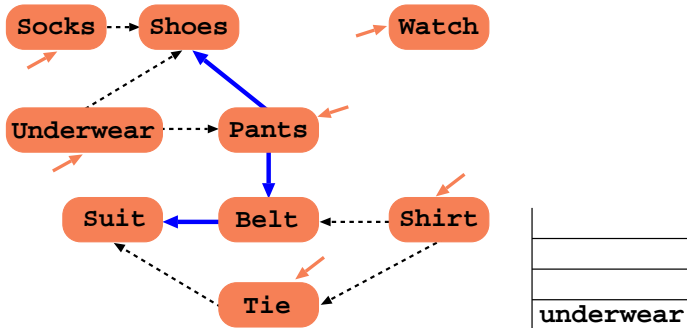
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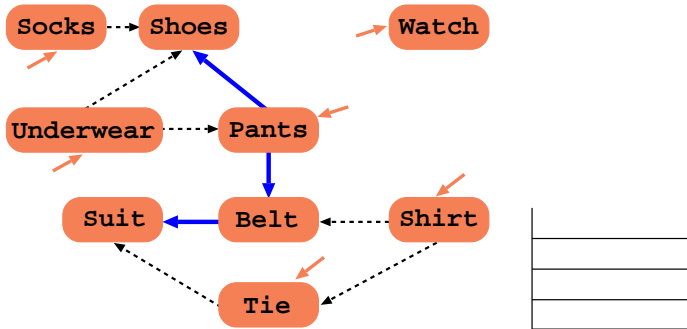
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## Topological Sorting Algorithm

```
1 dfs(G, u):  
2   u.visited = True  
3   for v in adj(u) do  
4     if not v.visited then  
5       dfs(G, v)  
6   insertFirst(L, u)  
  
7 for u in V(G) do  
8   u.visited = False  
9   L = List();  
10 for u in V(G) do  
11   if not u.visited then  
12     dfs(G, u)
```

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- All sources are now added.

## Exercises

1. Modify DFS algorithm to verify if a graph is acyclic.
2. Suppose  $G$  is connected, how we can use DFS algorithm to get a spanning tree of  $G$ ?
3. DFS algorithm can be used to verify if a graph is connected?
4. Propose an alternative algorithm to solve the topological sorting problem without using DFS, but with the same complexity of time.

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