

# CS II Lecture 5

- Finding Strongly Connected Components in a directed graph
- Breadth First Search

# Finding SCCs

We have

- An algorithm that finds connected components in undirected graphs
  - what does it do in directed graphs?
- An algorithm that finds a topological sort in directed acyclic graphs
  - what does it do in directed graphs with cycles?

- An algorithm that finds connected components in undirected graphs

Global variables:

graph  $G = (V, E)$

array visited [] one entry per vertex  
initialized to F

array comp [] of integers, one  
entry per vertex

def explore ( $v, c$ )

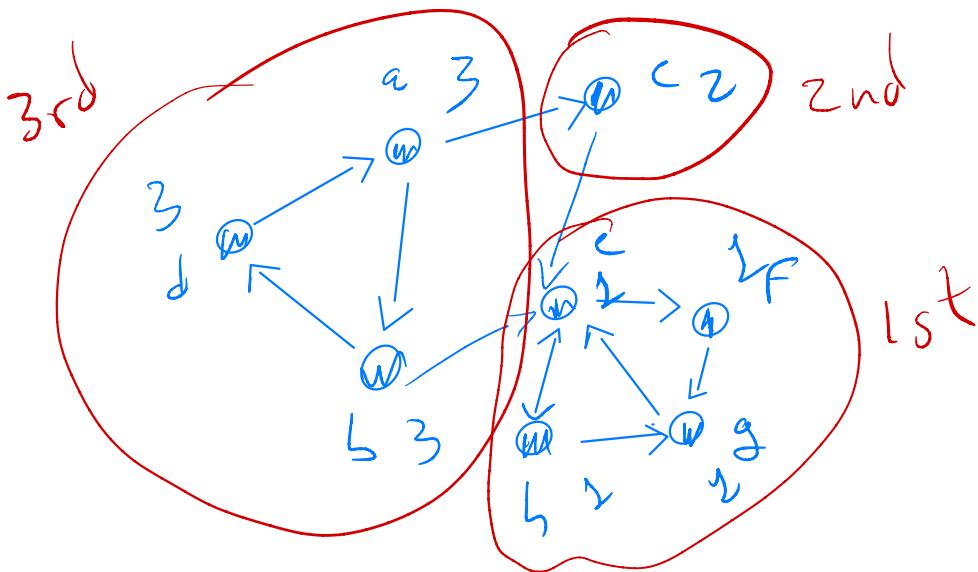
visited [ $v$ ] = T ; comp [ $v$ ] =  $c$

for each  $w$  such that  $(v, w) \in E$  :  
if not visited [ $w$ ]:  
explore ( $w, c$ )

def DFS-cc ()

$c = 0$

for each  $v$  in  $V$ :  
if not visited [ $v$ ]:  
 $c = c + 1$   
explore ( $v, c$ )



Run using

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h

as order in "for each  $v$  in  $V$ "

Run using

c, f, b, h, a, c, d, g

Run using c, f, b, h, a, d, g

Ok if order in which SCCs first appear in list is reverse of topological order among SCCs

An algorithm that finds a topological sort in directed acyclic graphs

Global variables:

graph  $G = (V, E)$

array visited [ ] one entry per vertex

initialized to F

list L initialized to  $\emptyset$

def explore ( $v$ ) :

visited [ $v$ ] = T

for each  $w$  such that  $(v, w) \in E$ :

if not visited [ $w$ ]:

explore ( $v$ )

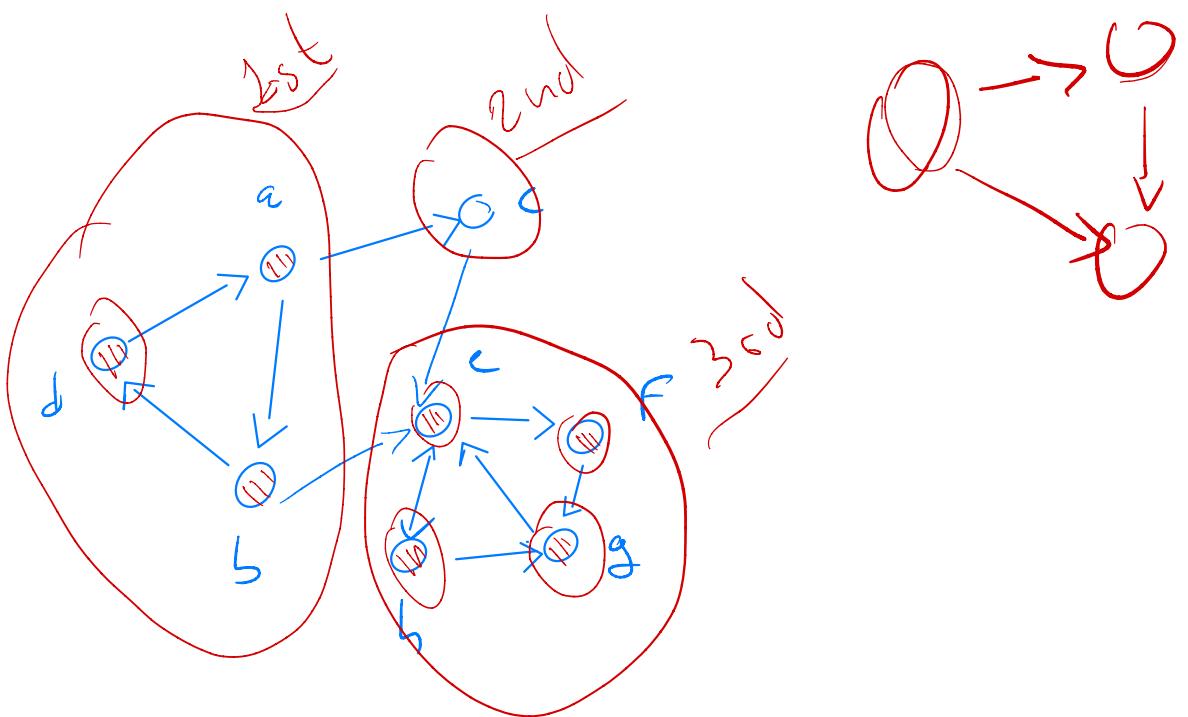
add  $v$  at head of L

def DFS():

for each  $v$  in  $V$ :

if not visited [ $v$ ]:

explore ( $v$ )



Using a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h order  
in "for each  $v \in V"$

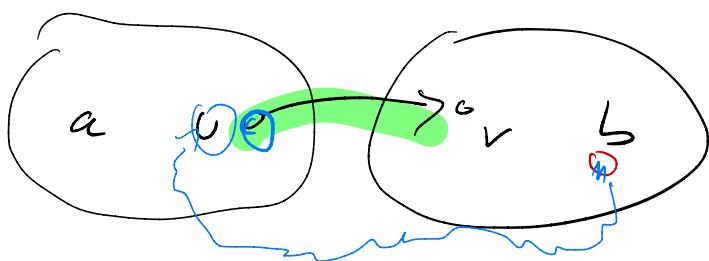
$$L = \underbrace{\underline{a} \ \underline{c} \ \underline{b} \ \underline{e} \ \underline{f} \ \underline{g} \ \underline{d}}_{\longrightarrow}$$

SCCs first appear in list  
in topological order of SCCs

Lemma

-- a --- b .. v .. v --

- - a .. v .. b --- v



If  $(u, v)$  is an edge between SCCs,  
a is last one to complete explore (-)  
in SCC of  $u$ , b is last one  
to complete explore (-) in SCC of  $v$ ,  
then explore (a) terminates after  
explore (b)

Proof

when explore ( $u$ ) looks at  $(u, v)$

visited [b] = F

visited [v] = F

discover b inside  
explore ( $u$ )

explore (a) terminates

after explore ( $u$ )

explore ( $u$ ) terminates  
after explore (b)

visited [b] = T

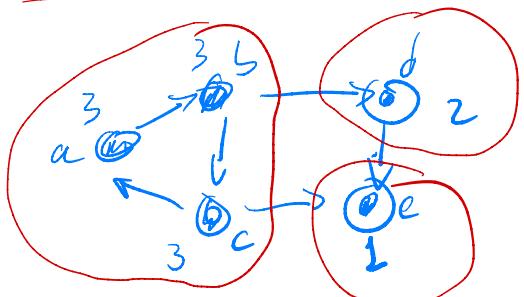
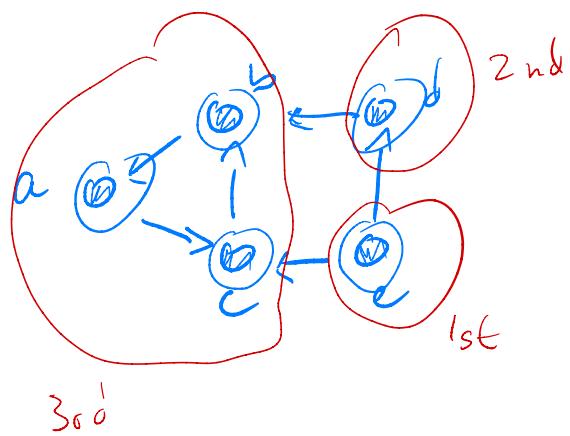
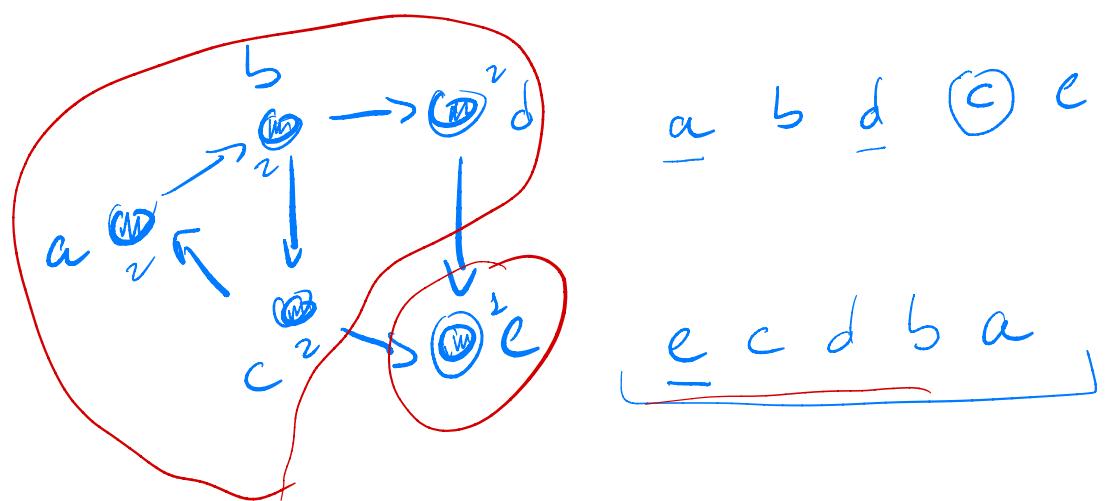
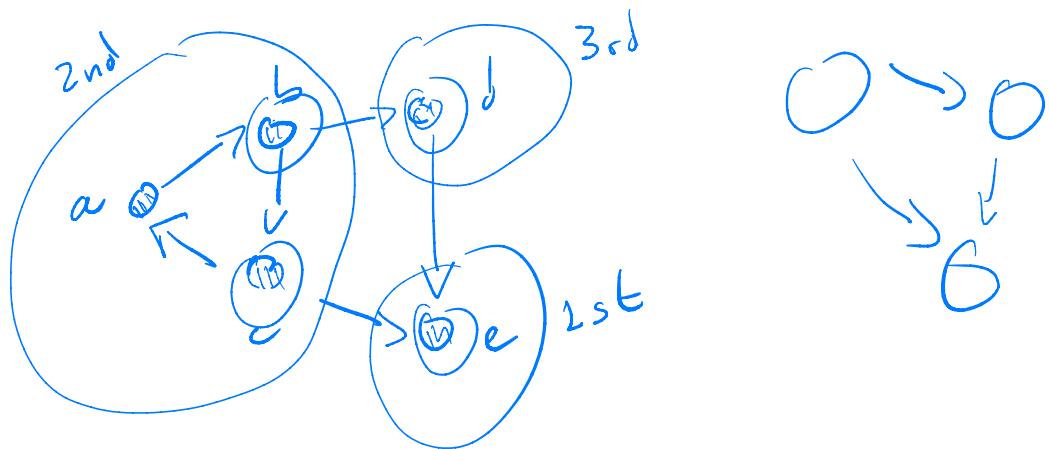
explore (b) has  
terminated

while explore ( $u$ )  
active

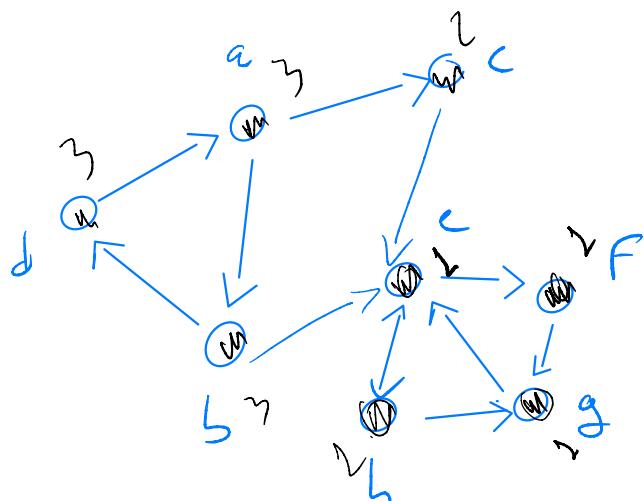
# Algorithm for SCCs

Given  $G$

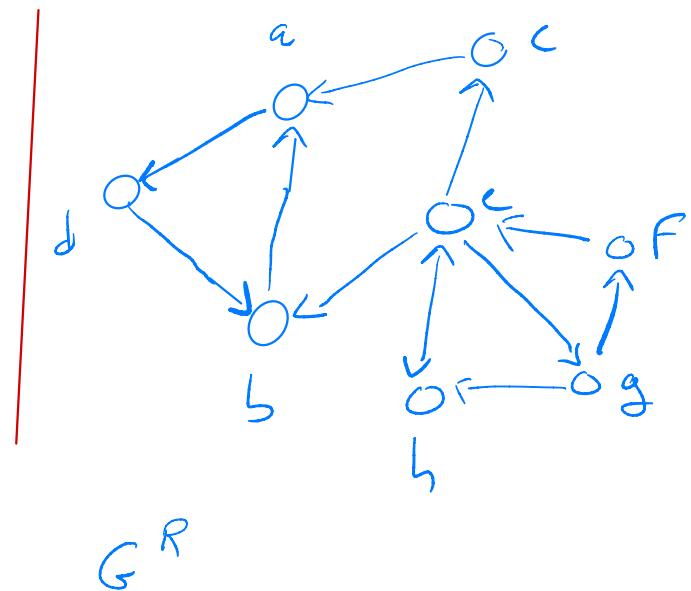
- Reverse direction of edges to create  $G^R$
- Run topological sort algorithm on  $G^R$ 
  - obtain list  $L$  of vertices such that order in which SCCs of  $G^R$  first appear in  $G^R$  is topological order of SCC
  - SCCs of  $G$  appear in  $L$  in reverse of topological order of  $G$
- Run undirected CC algorithm on  $G$  using  $L$  for order in which to run "for each  $v \in V$ "



# Example



$G$



$G^T$

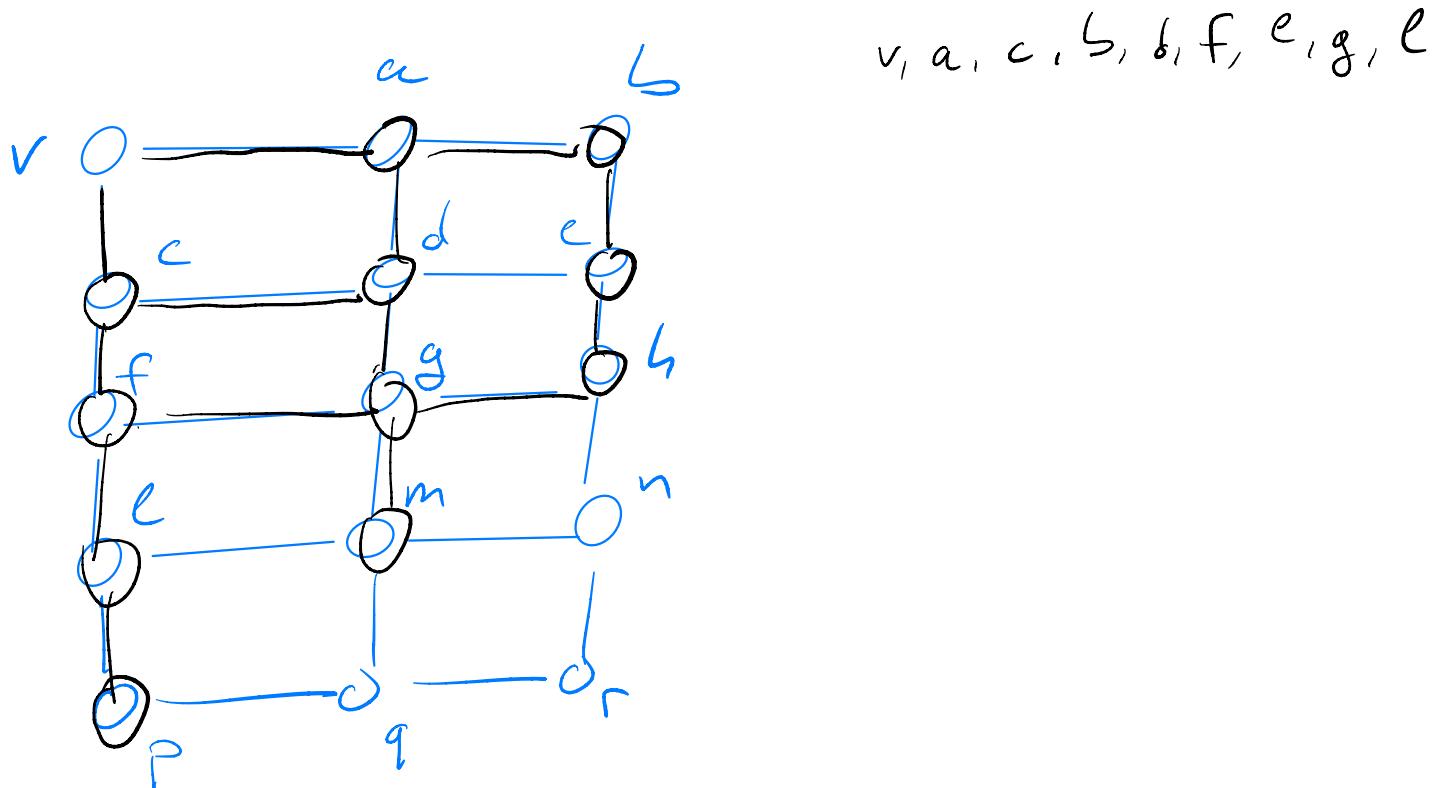
- Run T.S. algorithm on  $G^T$

obtain list

$$L = \underline{e} \underline{g} \underline{h} \underline{f} \underline{c} \underline{a} \underline{d} \underline{b}$$

- Run undirected cc algorithm on  $G$  using  $L$  for "for each  $v \in V$ " loop

New goal: explore a graph  
starting from a node  $v$   
in increasing distance from  $v$



# Queue

## operations

- create empty queue
- insert an element
- remove and read "oldest element"

insert (b)

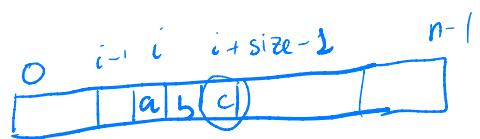
insert (c)

insert (a)

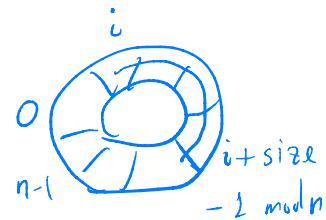
remove () = b

insert (d)

remove () = c



size = 3  
first = i



Recall queue:

data structure that supports operations of

- insert an element

- remove and read "oldest element"

def BFS ( $G, s$ ):

visited [ $\square$ ] = boolean array indexed by vertices initialized to F

$Q$  = initially empty queue

visited [ $s$ ] = T

$Q.\text{insert}(s)$

while not  $Q.\text{empty}()$ :

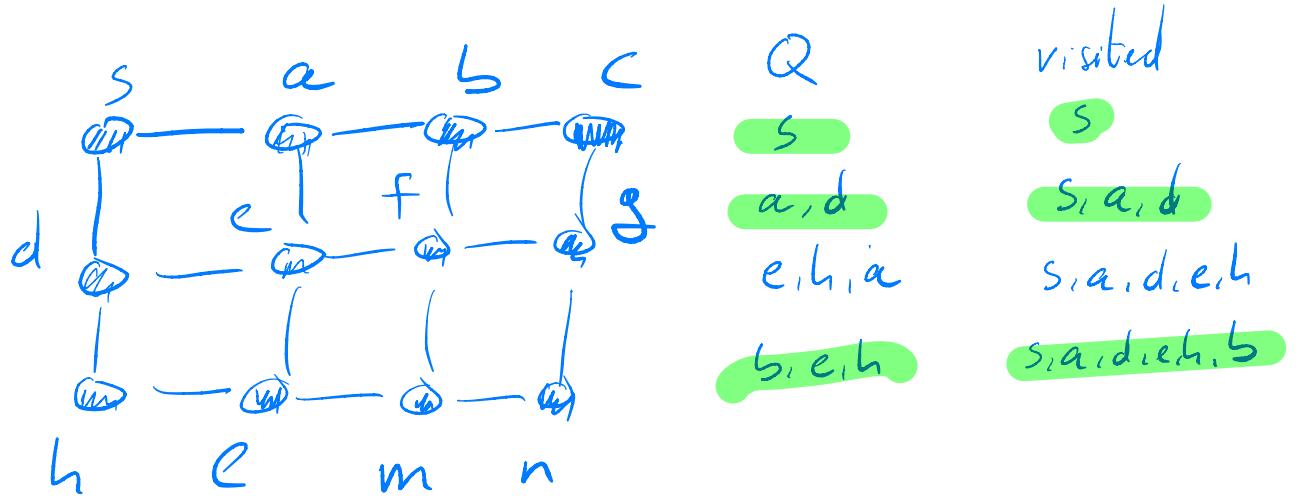
$v = Q.\text{eject}()$

for each  $(v, w)$  edge in  $G$ :

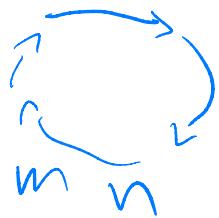
- if not visited [ $w$ ]:

- visited [ $w$ ] = T

- $Q.\text{insert}(w)$



Q



order in which nodes come out of Q

s, d a e h, b, f, l, c, g m, n

1            2            3            4            5

## Properties of BFS

- nodes are removed from  $Q$  in increasing distance from  $s$
- edge  $(u, v)$  that causes  $v$  to be added to  $Q$  is in shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$

## Lemma

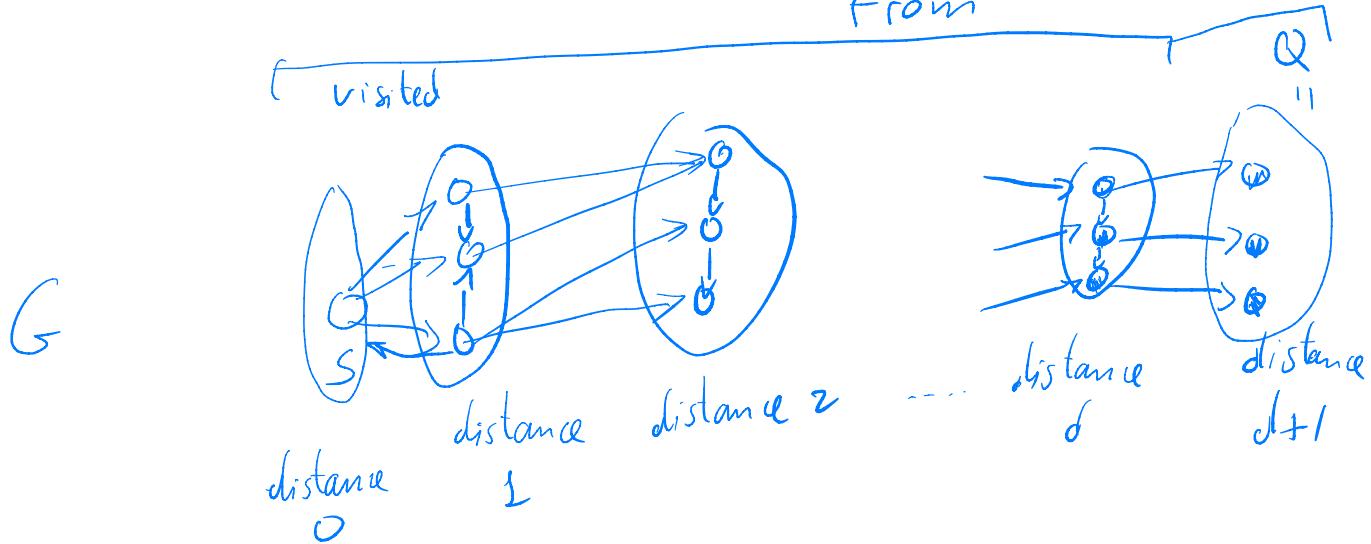
For each  $d = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  there is a point in time in the execution of the algorithm such that the visited nodes are precisely those at distance  $\leq d$  from  $s$ , and  $Q$  contains precisely the vertices at distance  $= d$

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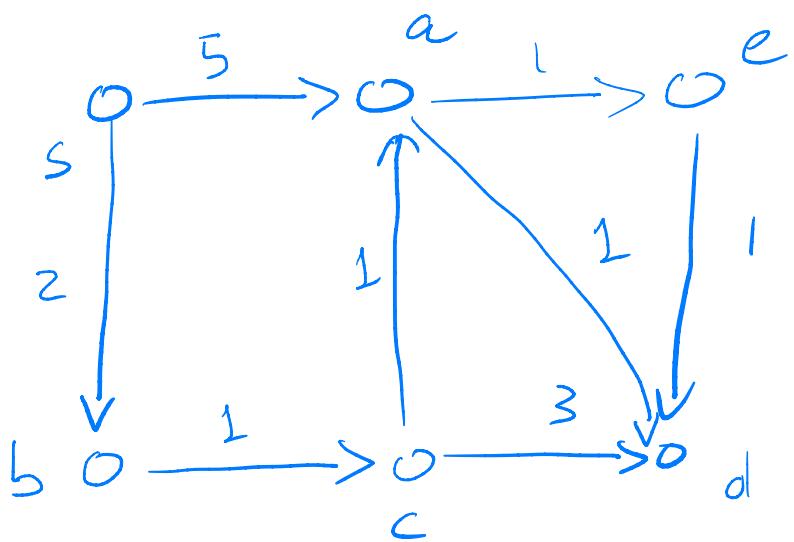
$d=0$  happens before start while loop

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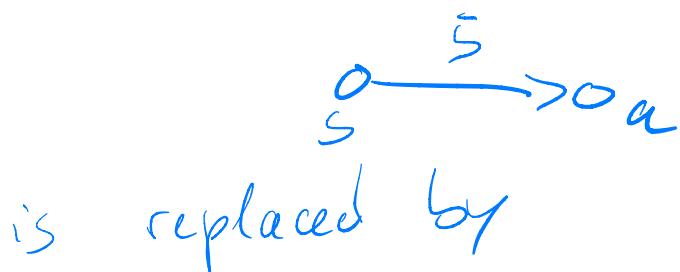
suppose there is point in time when  $Q$  contains precisely vertices at distance  $d$  visited  $[v] = T$  iff  $v$  has distance  $\leq d$  from



# Ideas of Dijkstra



Simulate BFS in which



is replaced by

