

Problem: Find a build order given a list of projects and dependencies.

Constraints

- Is it possible to have a cyclic graph as the input?
 - Yes
- Can we assume we already have Graph and Node classes?
 - Yes
- Can we assume this is a connected graph?
 - Yes
- Can we assume the inputs are valid?
 - Yes
- Can we assume this fits memory?
 - Yes

Test Cases

- projects: a, b, c, d, e, f, g
- dependencies: (d, g), (f, c), (f, b), (f, a), (c, a), (b, a), (a, e), (b, e)
- output: d, f, c, b, g, a, e

Note: Edge direction is down

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f    d
  /\  |
c | b  g
 \ | /
  a |
  | /
  e
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Test a graph with a cycle, output should be None

Algorithm

We can determine the build order using a topological sort.

- Build the graph with projects (nodes) and dependencies (directed edges)

- Add initially non-dependent nodes to processed_nodes
 - If none exist, we have a circular dependency, return None
- While the length processed_nodes < the length of graph nodes
 - Remove outgoing edges from newly added items in processed_nodes
 - Add non-dependent nodes to processed_nodes
 - If we didn't add any nodes, we have a circular dependency, return None
- Return processed_nodes

Complexity:

- Time: $O(V + E)$
- Space: $O(V + E)$