

## Graph Algorithm

- ▶ Graph, a pervasive data structure in computer science.  
Hundreds of interesting computational problems defined in terms of graph.
- ▶ A graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V$  set of vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $E$  set of edges  $\{(u, v) : u, v \in V\}$ .

A graph  $G = (V, E)$

$V$  a set of vertices,  $|V|$ : number of vertices.

$E$  a set of edges,  $|E|$ : number of edges.

In the book, it might use  $V$  to represent  $|V|$  and  $E$  to represent  $|E|$ .

Time complexity is defined in terms of the two variables  $V$  and  $E$ .

Vertex set of a graph  $G$ :  $V[G]$ , edge set  $E[G]$ .

## Representation of Graphs

- ▶ Adjacency list,
  - ▶ provide a compact way to represent sparse graph ( $|E|$  is much less than  $|V|^2$ )
  - ▶ Adjacency matrix,  $G = (V, E)$  consists of an array  $Adj$  of  $|V|$  lists.
  - ▶ For each  $u \in V$ ,  $Adj[u]$  contains pointers to all the vertices  $v$ , s.t.,  $(u, v) \in E$ .
  - ▶  $Adj[u]$  consists of all the vertices adjacent to  $u$  in  $G$ .

## Adjacency Matrix

- ▶  $G = (V, E)$ , vertices are numbered  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$ .
- ▶ A  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix  $A = (a_{i,j})$  s.t.,

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i,j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ A graph is directed, edges are arcs.
- ▶ Weighted, edges has an associated weight,
- ▶ weight function :  $w : E \rightarrow R$ ,
- ▶  $w(u, v)$ : weight of edge  $(u, v) \in E$ .

# Minimum Spanning Tree

- ▶ Design of electronic circuit, to connect  $n$  pings, try to use the least amount of wire, there are  $n - 1$  wires.
- ▶ Model the problem as a weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$ , weights are distance between pings.
- ▶ Find a spanning tree  $T$  that total weight  $w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u, v)$  is the least.
- ▶ spanning tree, the tree span the graph,
- ▶ the least cost, minimum-spanning-tree problem.

## Growing a minimum spanning tree

- ▶ Input: a connected, undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,
- ▶ with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow R$ .
- ▶ wish to find the minimum spanning tree of  $G$ .

## Greedy Strategy, A “Generic Strategy”

- ▶ Growing a minimum spanning tree one at a time.
- ▶ maintain the loop invariant, “prior to each iteration,  $A$  is a subset of some minimum spanning tree”.
- ▶ At each step, determine an edge  $(u, v)$  that can be added to  $A$  without violating the invariant ( $A \cup \{(u, v)\}$  is also a subset of the minimum spanning tree).
- ▶  $(u, v)$  a safe edge of  $A$ .
- ▶ Keep on inserting safe edges until MST is formed.
- ▶ Tricky part is to find a safe edge.



## Some definitions

- ▶ A **cut**  $(S, V - S)$  of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of  $V$ .
- ▶ An edge  $(u, v) \in E$  **crosses** the cut  $(S, V - S)$  if one of its endpoints is in  $S$  and the other is in  $V - S$ .
- ▶ A cut **respects** the set  $A$  of edges if no edges in  $A$  crosses the cut.
- ▶ An edge is a **light edge** crossing a cut if its weight is the minimum of any edge crossing the cut.

**Theorem:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected undirected graph with a real-value weight function  $w$  defined on  $E$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of  $E$  that is included in some minimum spanning tree for  $G$ , let  $(S, V - S)$  be any cut of  $G$  that respects  $A$ , and let  $(u, v)$  be a light edge crossing  $(S, V - S)$ . The edge  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ .

**Proof** Let  $T$  be an minimum spanning tree that includes  $A$  and assume that  $T$  does not contain the light edge  $(u, v)$ .

We shall construct another minimum spanning tree  $T'$  that includes  $A \cup \{(u, v)\}$ .

Since  $T$  does not include  $(u, v)$ , inserting  $(u, v)$  forms a cycle with the edges on the path  $p$  from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $T$ .

$u$  and  $v$  are on opposite sides of the cut  $(S, V - S)$ , there must be an edge on the path crosses the cut  $(S, V - S)$ . Let  $(x, y)$  be the edge.

Note that both  $(x, y)$  and  $(u, v)$  are edge crossing and  $(u, v)$  is the light edge.

Removing  $(x, y)$  breaks the tree  $T$ ; adding  $(u, v)$  reconnects a tree  $T'$ . We have  $T' = T - \{(x, y)\} \cup \{(u, v)\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} w(T') &= w(T) - w(x, y) + w(u, v) \\ &\leq w(T), \text{ since } (u, v) \text{ is light.} \end{aligned}$$

But  $T$  is minimum spanning tree, so  $w(T) \leq w(T')$ ; thus  $T'$  must be a minimum spanning tree.

It remain to show that  $(u, v)$  is a safe edge for  $A$ . We have  $A \subseteq T'$ , since  $A \subseteq T$  and  $(x, y) \notin A$ ;  $A \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq T'$ . And, since  $T'$  is the minimum spanning tree,  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ .

**Corollary** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected weighted undirected graph. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $E$  that is included in some minimum spanning tree of  $G$ , and let  $C$  be a connected component (tree) in the forest  $G_A = (V, A)$ . If  $(u, v)$  is a light edge connecting  $C$  to some other component in  $G_A$ , then  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ .

**proof** The cut  $(C, V - C)$  respect  $A$ , and  $(u, v)$  is a light edge for the cut.

## Kruskal's Algorithm

- ▶ Given a weighted undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , preprocess the edges
- ▶ Maintain a set  $A$  that is a forest.
  - ▶ sort the edges according their weights.
  - ▶ put edges in a priority queue
- ▶ Iteratively do the following,
  - ▶ Take out the least weight edge, check if it is safe (form cycle?).
  - ▶ Include the edge if the edge is a safe
  - ▶ until a single tree is formed.

## Prim's Algorithm

- ▶ Maintain a set  $A$  that is a single tree.
- ▶ Start with a tree having a single node  $s$ ,
- ▶ choose the least-weight edge connecting the tree to a vertex not in the tree.
- ▶ until the a tree connecting all vertices.

## Time Complexity

- ▶ Kruskal's Algorithm,
  - ▶ Presort or heap operation  $O(E \log E)$ ,
  - ▶ For each edge, check if it is safe,  $\alpha(V)$  (two FINDs). There are at most  $E$  edges.
  - ▶ Insert it into the tree and make two trees in the forest become one,  $O(1)$ , (a UNION,  $n - 1$  times).
  - ▶ Total cost  $O(E \log E) + O(E\alpha(V))$
- ▶ Prim's Algorithm
  - ▶  $V$  elements stored in the Fibonacci Heap.
  - ▶ EXTRACT-MIN can be done in  $O(\log n)$  amortized time.
  - ▶ DECREASE-KEY can be done in  $O(1)$  amortized time. There are at most  $E$  times DECREASE-KEY.
  - ▶ Total cost is  $O(E + V \lg V)$ .



# Breadth First Search

- ▶ One of the simplest algorithm.
- ▶ Dijkstra's single source shortest path algorithm and Prim's Minimum Spanning tree algorithm used similar ideas.
- ▶ Given  $G = (V, E)$  and a distinguished source vertex  $s$ , bfs systematically explores the edges of  $G$  to discover every vertex reachable from  $s$ .

- ▶ Assume the graph is stored in an adjacency list  $Adj[ ]$ .
- ▶ Each vertex has a color, WHITE, GRAY, BLACK. All vertex starts with WHITE. Once discovered, change to non-white. Need to distinguish non-white to ensure the search is in a breadth first manner. Color of  $u$  stored in  $Color[u]$
- ▶ BFS construct a BFT (breadth first tree). Initial contains a root  $s$ . Whenever a white vertex  $v$  is discovered while scanning the neighborhood of  $u$ , edge  $(u, v)$  is added to the tree. We say  $u$  the predecessor of  $v$ . Predecessor of  $u$  stored in  $\pi[u]$ .

- ▶ in BFT, the distance between  $u$  to the source  $s$  is stored in  $d[u]$ .
- ▶ BFS needs a first-in, first-out queue  $Q$ .

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BFS( $G, s$ )
1  for each vertex  $u \in V[G] - \{s\}$ 
2    do  $color[u] \leftarrow WHITE$ 
3     $d[u] \leftarrow \infty$ 
4     $\pi[u] \leftarrow NIL$ 
5   $color[s] \leftarrow GRAY$ 
6   $d[s] \leftarrow 0$ 
7   $\pi[s] \leftarrow NIL$ 
8   $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
9  EnQUEUE( $Q, s$ )
10 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
11   do  $u \leftarrow DEQUEUE(Q)$ 
12   for each  $v \in Adj[u]$ 
13     do if  $color[v] = WHITE$ 
14       then  $color[v] \leftarrow GRAY$ 
15          $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + 1$ 
16          $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$ 
17         ENQUEUE( $Q, v$ )
18    $color[u] \leftarrow BLACK$ 

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run through an example.

# Run Time

- ▶ Each vertex enqueued and dequeued at most once, the queue operations take  $O(V)$  time.
- ▶ List in  $Adj[u]$  is scanned when  $u$  is colored black. The length of the list is  $O(E)$
- ▶ total time is  $O(V + E)$

# Shortest Path

- ▶ Define the shortest-path distance  $\delta(s, v)$  from  $s$  to  $v$  the minimum number of edges in any path from  $s$  to  $v$ .
- ▶ A path of length  $\delta(s, v)$  from  $s$  to  $v$  is said to be a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ .

**Lemma** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed or undirected graph, and  $s \in V$  be an arbitrary vertex. Then, for any edge  $(u, v) \in E$ ,

$$\delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + 1.$$

**Proof** If  $u$  is reachable from  $s$ , then so is  $v$ . The shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  cannot be longer than the shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$  followed by the edge  $(u, v)$ , i.e.,  $\delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + 1$ . If  $u$  is not reachable from  $s$ , then  $\delta(s, u) = \infty$ , and the inequality holds.

To show that BFS properly computes  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for each vertex  $v \in V$ , we first show that  $d[v]$  bounds  $\delta(s, v)$ .

**Lemma** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed or undirected graph, and suppose that bfs run on  $G$  from a given source vertex  $s \in V$ . Then upon termination, for each vertex  $v \in V$ , the value  $d[v]$  computed by BFS satisfies  $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$ .



**Proof** Induction on the number of ENQUEUE operations.

Inductive hypothesis is  $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

Basis, immediately after  $s$  is enqueued. Inductive hypothesis is true since  $d[s] = 0 = \delta(s, s)$  and  $d[v] = \infty \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V - \{s\}$ .

For inductive step, consider a white vertex  $v$  is discovered during the search from a vertex  $u$ . The inductive hypothesis implies that  $d[u] \geq \delta(s, u)$ . From the assignment performed by line 15 and from previous lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d[v] &= d[u] + 1 \\ &\geq \delta(s, u) + 1 \\ &\geq \delta(s, v) \end{aligned}$$

Vertex  $v$  is then enqueued, and it is never enqueued again because it is GRAY.  $d[v]$  never changes, inductive hypothesis is maintained.

To show  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$ , we first show that at all times, there are at most two distinct  $d$  values in the queue.

**Lemma** During the execution of BFS on a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , the queue  $Q$  contains the vertices  $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r \rangle$ , where  $v_1$  is the head of  $Q$  and  $v_r$  is the tail. The  $d[v_r] \leq d[v_1] + 1$  and  $d[v_i] \leq d[v_{i+1}]$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r - 1$ .

**Proof** Induction in the number of queue operations. Initially, when the queue contains only  $s$ , the lemma holds.

For the inductive step, we must prove that the lemma holds after both dequeuing and enqueueing a vertex.

*Dequeue*  $v_1$  is dequeued and  $v_2$  becomes the head. By inductive hypothesis,  $d[v_1] \leq d[v_2]$  and  $d[v_r] \leq d[v_1] + 1$ , thus  $d[v_r] \leq d[v_2] + 1$ .

*Enqueue*  $v$  is enqueued in line 17, it becomes  $v_{r+1}$ . At this moment, the vertex  $u$  has been removed from the queue and we are scanning the adjacency list of  $u$ . By inductive hypothesis, the new head  $v_1$  has  $d[v_1] \geq d[u]$ .

Thus  $d[v_{r+1}] = d[v] = d[u] + 1 \leq d[v_1] + 1$ .

We also have  $d[v_r] \leq d[u] + 1$  and so

$d[v_r] \leq d[u] + 1 = d[v] = d[v_{r+1}]$ .

**Corollary** Suppose that vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are enqueued during the execution of BFS, and that  $v_i$  is enqueued before  $v_j$ . Then  $d[v_i] \leq d[v_j]$  at the time that  $v_j$  is enqueued.

## Theorem: Correctness of breadth-first search

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed or undirected graph, and suppose that BFS is run on  $G$  from a given source vertex  $s \in V$ .

The BFS discovers every vertex  $v \in V$  that is reachable from the source  $s$ , and upon termination,  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

Moreover, for any vertex  $v \neq s$  that is reachable from  $s$ , one of the shortest paths from  $s$  to  $v$  is a shortest from  $s$  to  $\pi[v]$  followed by the edge  $(\pi[v], v)$ .

**Proof** Suppose that the theorem is not true. Some vertex receives a  $d$  value  $\neq$  the shortest path distance.

Let  $v$  be the vertex with minimum  $\delta(s, v)$  that receives such incorrect  $d$  value.

1. It is obvious  $s \neq v$ . 2. By previous lemma,  $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$ , we must have  $d[v] > \delta(s, v)$ .  $v$  must be reachable from  $s$  (otherwise  $\delta(s, v) = \infty \geq d[v]$ ).

Let  $u$  be the vertex immediately preceding  $v$  on the shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ . Then we have

$$\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + 1$$

Now we have  $\delta(s, u) < \delta(s, v)$ ; because how we choose  $v$ , we have  $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$ . Putting all these properties together, we have

$$d[v] > \delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + 1 = d[u] + 1.$$

Now look at the pseudo code. At the time BFS chooses to dequeue vertex  $u$  from  $Q$  in line 11. At this time, vertex  $v$  is either white, gray, or black. We show that in each of the cases, we can derive contradiction.

If  $v$  is white: Line 15 set  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ , contradiction to the inequality.

If  $v$  is black,  $v$  was already removed from the queue, according to the corollary,  $d[v] < d[u]$ , contradiction to the inequality.



If  $v$  is gray, it was grayed when  $w$  was dequeued.  $w$  was removed from  $Q$  earlier than  $u$  and  $d[v] = d[w] + 1$ . From the corollary,  $d[w] < d[u]$ , so we have  $d[v] \leq d[u] + 1$ , contradicting the equation. Thus we conclude  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .  
To conclude the proof, observe that  $\pi[v] = u$ , then  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ . Thus we obtain a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  by taking the shortest path from  $s$  to  $\pi[v]$  then follow the edge  $(\pi[v], v)$  to  $v$ .

## Breadth First Tree

For a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$ , we define the *predecessor subgraph* of  $G$  as  $G_\pi = (V_\pi, E_\pi)$ , where

$$V_\pi = \{v \in V : \pi[v] \neq \text{NIL}\} \cup \{s\}$$

and

$$E_\pi = \{(\pi[v], v) : v \in V_\pi - \{s\}\}.$$

Predecessor subgraph is a breadth-first tree. The path from  $s$  to  $v$  is unique, and it is the shortest path. Edges in  $E_\pi$  are called the tree edges.

## Depth-first search

- ▶ Strategy: to search “deeper” in the graph whenever possible.
- ▶ Edges are explored out of the most recently discovered vertex  $v$  that still has unexplored edges leaving it.
- ▶ When there is no way out from  $v$ , the search “backtrack” to the vertex from which  $v$  was discovered.
- ▶ Process continues until we have discovered all the vertices reachable from source.
- ▶ If any undiscovered vertex remain, then one of them is selected as a new source.

- ▶ Vertex  $v$  is discovered while scanning the adjacency list of a discovered vertex  $u$ ,  $v$ 's predecessor field  $\pi[v] = u$ .
- ▶ DFS produces a predecessor subgraph of  $G$ , it is a forest.

$G_\pi = (V, E_\pi)$ , where

$E_\pi = \{(\pi[v], v) : v \in V \text{ and } \pi[v] \neq \text{NIL}\}.$

Edges in  $E_\pi$  are called *tree edge*.

Vertices have color to indicate their states.

- ▶ Initially WHITE,
- ▶ Become GRAY when it is discovered,
- ▶ Blackened when it is finished, i.e., adjacency list has been examined completely.

DFS *timestamps* each vertices, each vertex has two timestamps.

- ▶  $d[v]$ : the first timestamp, records when  $v$  is first discovered.
- ▶  $f[v]$ : records when the search finishes examining  $v$ 's adj. list.

Timestamps are ranged integers ranged from 1 to  $2|V|$ .

For every  $v$ ,  $d[v] < f[v]$ .

DFS( $G$ )

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1  for each vertex  $u \in V[G]$ 
2      do  $color[u] \leftarrow \text{WHITE}$ 
3       $\pi[u] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$ 
4   $time \leftarrow 0$ 
5  for each vertex  $u \in V[G]$ 
6      do if  $color[u] = \text{WHITE}$ 
7          then DFS-Visit( $u$ )
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DFS-Visit( $u$ )

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1   $color[u] \leftarrow \text{GRAY}$ 
2   $time \leftarrow time + 1$ 
3   $d[u] \leftarrow time$ 
4  for each  $v \in Adj[u]$ 
5      do if  $color[v] = \text{WHITE}$ 
6          then  $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$ 
7              DFS-Visit( $v$ )
8   $color \leftarrow \text{BLACK}$ 
9   $f[u] \leftarrow time \leftarrow time + 1$ 
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run through an example



- ▶ Results depends on the order of vertices examined
- ▶ depends on what stored in the data structure (the *Adj* list)
- ▶ run time is  $\Theta(V + E)$ .

## Properties of the DFS

- ▶ Predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  forms a forest.
- ▶  $v$  is a descendant of  $u$  in the DFS forest iff  $v$  is discovered during the time in which  $u$  is gray.
- ▶ discovery and finishing time have parenthesis structure

## Theorem: Parenthesis theorem

In any DFS of a (direct or undirected) graph  $G = (V, E)$ , for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , exactly one of the following 3 conditions hold:

- ▶ the intervals  $[d[u], f[u]]$  and  $[d[v], f[v]]$  are entirely disjoint, and neither  $u$  nor  $v$  are descendant of the other in DFS tree.
- ▶ the intervals  $[d[u], f[u]]$  is contained entirely within interval  $[d[v], f[v]]$ , and  $u$  is a descendant of  $v$  in DFS tree,
- ▶ the intervals  $[d[v], f[v]]$  is contained entirely within interval  $[d[u], f[u]]$ , and  $v$  is a descendant of  $u$  in DFS tree.

**Proof** if  $d[u] < d[v]$ , there are two subcases depending on  $d[v] < f[u]$  or not.

if  $d[v] < f[u]$ ,  $v$  is discovered while  $u$  was gray. Thus  $v$  is a descendant of  $u$ . Furthermore, after all the outgoing edges of  $v$  are explored, the search return to  $u$ ,  $f[v] < d[v]$ . We conclude  $[d[v], f[v]]$  is entirely in the interval of  $[d[u], f[u]]$ .

The other case  $f[u] < d[v]$ . By the inequality  $d[u] < f[u]$ , we have the two intervals are disjoint. Thus neither vertices was discovered while the other was gray, and so neither vertex is a descendant of the other.

The other case that  $d[v] < d[u]$  is similar.

**Corollary: (Nesting of descendant's intervals)**

$v$  is proper descendant of  $u$  in DFS forest for a directed of undirected graph  $G$  iff

$$d[u] < d[v] < f[v] < f[u].$$

### **Theorem: (White-path theorem)**

In a DFS forest of  $G = (V, E)$   $v$  is a descendant of  $u$  iff at the time  $d[u]$  that the search discovers  $u$ , vertex  $v$  can be reached from  $u$  along a path consisting entirely of white vertices.

### **Proof**

## Proof :

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $v$  is a descendant of  $u$ . Let  $w$  be any vertex on the path between  $u$  and  $v$ .  $w$  is a descendant of  $u$ . By the corollary,  $d[u] < d[w]$  so  $w$  is white at time  $d[u]$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose that vertex  $v$  is reachable from  $u$  along a path of white vertex at time  $d[u]$ , but  $v$  does not become a descendant of  $u$  in DFT.

Without loss of generality, assume that every vertices along the path become a descendant of  $u$ , (otherwise, we can let  $v$  be the closest vertex to  $u$  along the path that does not become a descendant of  $u$ ). Let  $w$  be the predecessor of  $v$  in the path, so that  $w$  is a descendant of  $u$ .

By Corollary,  $f[w] \leq f[u]$ .

Note that  $v$  must be discovered after  $u$  is discovered, but before  $w$  is finished. Therefore  $d[u] < d[v] < f[w] \leq f[u]$ . By previous theorem,  $[d[v], f[v]]$  is contained entirely within the interval  $[d[u], f[u]]$ . By corollary,  $v$  must be descendant of  $u$ .

We can define four edge types in terms of the depth-first forest  $G_\pi$  produced by a DFS on  $G$

- ▶ *Tree edges*: Edges in the DF forest  $G_\pi$ .
- ▶ *Back edges*: Edge  $(u, v)$  connecting  $u$  to an ancestor  $v$  in DF forest. Self-loop, which may occur in directed graphs, are considered to be back edges.
- ▶ *Forward edges*:  $(u, v)$  are nontree edges connecting a vertex  $u$  to a descendant  $v$  in DF tree.
- ▶ *Cross edges*: All other edges.



- ▶ DFS can be modified to classify edges as it encounters them.
- ▶ Key idea: edge  $(u, v)$  can be classified by the color of the vertex  $v$  that is reached when the edge is first explored.
  - ▶ WHITE indicates tree edges
  - ▶ GRAY indicates a back edge
  - ▶ BLACK indicate forward or cross edge

**Theorem** In a DFS of an undirected graph  $G$ , every edge of  $G$  is either a tree edge or a back edge.

**Proof** Let  $(u, v)$  be an arbitrary edge of  $G$ , and suppose without loss of generality that  $d[u] < d[v]$ . Then  $v$  must be discovered and finished before we finish  $u$ , since  $v$  is in  $u$ 's adjacency list. If  $(u, v)$  is explored first in the direction from  $u$  to  $v$ , then  $v$  is discovered until that time, otherwise, we could have explored this edge already in the direction from  $v$  to  $u$ . Thus  $(u, v)$  becomes a tree edge. If  $(u, v)$  is explored first in the direction from  $v$  to  $u$ , then  $(u, v)$  is a back edge, since  $u$  is still gray at the time the edge is first explored.

## Topological Sort

- ▶ Apply DFS to perform a topological sort of a *directed acyclic graph*, (acyclic: no cycle) or *dag*.
- ▶ A topological sort of a dag  $G = (V, E)$ , a linear order of all vertices s.t. if  $G$  contains an edge  $(u, v)$ , then  $u$  appears before  $v$  in the ordering.
- ▶ If the graph is not acyclic, no linear order is possible.

## TOPOLOGICAL-SORT( $G$ )

1. call DFS( $G$ ) to compute finishing time  $f[v]$  for each vertex  $v$ .
  2. as each vertex is finished, insert it onto the front of the linked list.
  3. return the linked list of vertices.
- run through an example in pp 550