

# DAG-TopologicalSort

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## 1 Topological Sort

- <https://opensa-server.cs.vt.edu/ODSA/Books/CS3/html/GraphTopsort.html>
- the process of laying out the vertices of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) in a linear order to meet the prerequisite rules

### 1.1 Applications of Topological Sort

- scheduling a series of tasks, such as classes or construction jobs, where certain task cannot be started until after prerequisites are completed
- wish to organize the tasks in a linear order that allows us to complete them one at a time without violating any prerequisites
- model the problem using a DAG
  - graph is directed because one task is a prerequisite of another
  - graph is acyclic because a cycle would indicate a conflicting series of prereq that couldn't be completed without violating at least one prereq
- e.g. in Figure 1, seven tasks have dependencies as shown by the directed graph:  
Fig. 1 DAG
- an acceptable topological sort for Figure 1 graph is: J1, J2, J3, J4, J6, J5, J7

### 1.2 Depth-first Solution; stack-based

- a topo sort can be found by performing a DFS on the graph
- algorithm steps:
  - when a vertex is visited, no action is taken (i.e., function PreVisit does nothing)
  - when the recursion pops back to that vertex, function PostVisit prints the vertex
  - yields a topological sort in reverse order
  - use stack to put it back in the right order
  - it doesn't matter where the sort starts, as long as all the vertices are visited in the end
- visualize it here: <https://opensa-server.cs.vt.edu/ODSA/Books/CS3/html/GraphTopsort.html>

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[1]: // we'll use unordered_map to represent graph  
// allows us to store node with any data type without creating/using graph ADT  
#include <unordered_map>  
#include <vector>  
#include <iostream>  
#include <string>  
#include <utility>
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#include <stack>
#include <queue>
using namespace std;
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[2]: // operator<< overloaded to print a vector
template<class T>
ostream& operator<<(ostream& out, const vector<T>& v) {
    char comma[3] = {'\0', ' ', '\0'};
    out << '[';
    for (auto& e: v) {
        out << comma << e;
        comma[0] = ',';
    }
    out << "]\n";
    return out;
}
```

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[3]: // operator<< overloaded to print a unordered_map container
template<class T1, class T2>
ostream& operator<<(ostream& out, const unordered_map<T1, T2>& m) {
    //char comma[3] = {'\0', ' ', '\0'};
    out << "{\n";
    for (auto& e: m) {
        out << "    " << e.first << ':' << e.second;
        //comma[0] = ',';
    }
    out << "}\n";
    return out;
}
```

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[4]: // Lets generate the above graph using unordered_map
// key is the node and and vector of value is its neighbors
// Creates out-degree based graph; adjacency-list
using Graph = unordered_map<string, vector<string> >;
Graph DAG;
```

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[5]: DAG.insert(make_pair("J1", vector<string>{"J2", "J3"}));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J2", vector<string>{"J6", "J4"}));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J3", vector<string>{"J4"}));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J4", vector<string>{"J5"}));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J5", vector<string>{"J7"}));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J6", vector<string>()));
DAG.insert(make_pair("J7", vector<string>()));
DAG["J2"].push_back("J5");
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[6]: // lets check properties of the graph
cout << "total nodes of DAG = " << DAG.size() << endl;
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total nodes of DAG = 7

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[7]: // print the no. of neighbors of J2
cout << "total neighbors of J2 = " << DAG["J2"].size() << endl;
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total neighbors of J2 = 3

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[8]: // print the whole DAG
cout << DAG;
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{
    J6: []
    J4: [J5]
    J1: [J2, J3]
    J5: [J7]
    J3: [J4]
    J7: []
    J2: [J6, J4, J5]
}
```

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[9]: unordered_map<string, bool> visited;
for(auto pair: DAG) {
    visited[pair.first] = false;
}
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[10]: // answer stack stores the topological order of the nodes
void DFS(Graph& G, unordered_map<string, bool>& visited, string node,
    stack<string>& answer) {
    // mark node as visited
    visited[node] = true;
    // run DFS on all its neighbors
    for (auto& neighbor: G[node]) {
        if (!visited[neighbor]) {
            DFS(G, visited, neighbor, answer);
        }
    }
    // visit/print node
    answer.push(node);
}
```

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[11]: // depth-first topological sort
void TopologicalSort(Graph& G, stack<string>& answer) {
    // visited unordered_map, <node, visited>
    unordered_map<string, bool> visited;
    // mark each node as not visited
    for(auto& pair: G) {
        visited[pair.first] = false;
    }
}
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    // run DFS from each node if that node is not visited
    for(auto& pair: G) {
        if (!visited[pair.first]) {
            DFS(G, visited, pair.first, answer);
        }
    }
}

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[12]: stack<string> answer;
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[13]: // run topological sort or DAG
TopologicalSort(DAG, answer);
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[14]: // print the topological sort from answer stack
while(!answer.empty()) {
    cout << answer.top() << " ";
    answer.pop();
}

```

J1 J3 J2 J4 J5 J7 J6

### 1.3 Queue-based Solution - Kahn's Algorithm

- in-degree-based solution
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topological\\_sorting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topological_sorting)
- See <https://opensds-server.cs.vt.edu/ODSA/Books/CS3/html/GraphTopsort.html>

#### 1.3.1 Algorithm Steps

1. compute in-degree (number of incoming edges/prerequisites) for each vertex
2. Place vertices with no prerequisites or in-degrees of 0 into a queue
3. While queue is not empty:
  1. pop the next vertex, v from the queue; and print it
    - decrease in-degree of v's neighbors (i.e. all vertices that have v as a prerequisite) by 1
    - if in-degree of the neighbor becomes 0, add it to the queue
4. If the count of printed/visited nodes is NOT equal to the number of nodes, graph contains cycle or topological sort not possible

#### 1.4 E.g., let's work on the above DAG in Fig. 1

```
[15]: void KahnsAlgorithm(Graph &G, vector<string> &answer) {
    // step 1: compute in-degree
    // this can be done when building graph for efficiency!
    unordered_map<string, int> indegree;
    for (auto &pair: G)
        indegree[pair.first] = 0; // initialize in-degree of each v to 0

    for (auto &pair: G) {

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        for (auto neighbor: G[pair.first]) // for each neighbor of v
            indegree[neighbor] += 1;
    }

    // step 2: create a queue of all vertices with 0-indegree
    queue<string> tasksQ;
    for(auto & pair: indegree) {
        if (indegree[pair.first] == 0)
            tasksQ.push(pair.first);
    }

    // step 3:
    while(!tasksQ.empty()) {
        string v = tasksQ.front(); // access the first element
        tasksQ.pop(); // remove the first element; step 3.A
        answer.push_back(v);
        // 3.B
        for(auto n: G[v]) {
            --indegree[n];
            // 3.C
            if (indegree[n] == 0)
                tasksQ.push(n);
        }
    }

    // step 4
    //cout << "answer-size = " << answer.size() << endl;
    if (answer.size() != G.size())
    {
        // topological sort not possible
        answer.clear();
        answer.push_back("topological sort not possible!");
    }
}

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[16]: // let's test the KahnsAlgorithm
      vector<string> ans;

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[17]: KahnsAlgorithm(DAG, ans);
      cout << ans;

```

[J1, J2, J3, J6, J4, J5, J7]

## 1.5 Exercises

1. Brexit - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/brexit>
  - Build Dependencies - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/builddeps>
  - Running MoM - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/runningmom>

- finding cycle in a DAG
- Conservation - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/conservation>
  - Hints: Keep two queues; one for each lab
  - Run Topological sort twice one starting from lab1 and another from lab2
  - use the min answer
- Managin Package - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/managingpackaging>
  - Hints: Create in-degree/dependency graphs
  - Use queue-based topological sort; replace queue with priority queue to print in sorted order

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