# Chap 22 – Elementary Graph Algorithms

\*22.1 Representations of graphs

22.2 Breadth-first search

22.3 Depth-first search

22.4 Topological sort

- Breadth-first search
  - ∘ G = (V, E) directed or undirected; S ∈ V source vertex
  - BFS explores the graph *G* level-by-level and computes
    - v.d = distance (smallest # of edges) from s to  $v, \forall v \in V$ 
      - = length of shortest path  $s \sim v$
    - $v.\pi = \text{predecessor of } v \text{ on shortest path } s \sim v$
  - ∘  $v.\pi$  induces a breadth-first tree:  $\{(v, v.\pi : v \in V \{s\})\}$
  - As BFS progresses, every vertex has a color
    - WHITE = undiscovered
    - GRAY = discovered, but not finished
    - BLACK = finished

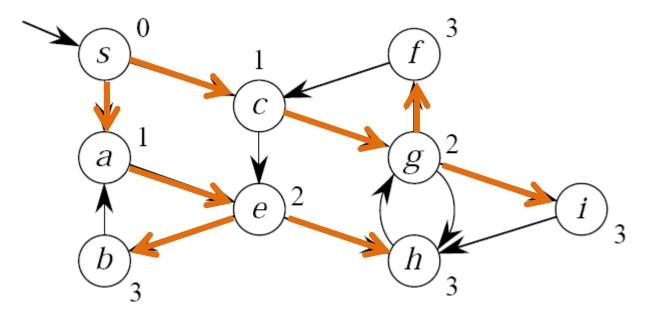
#### Breadth-first search

• BFS
$$(V, E, s)$$
  
for each  $u \in V - \{s\}$   
 $u.d = \infty$   
 $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$   
 $u.color = \text{WHITE}$   
 $s.d = 0$   
 $s.\pi = \text{NIL}$   
 $s.color = \text{GRAY}$   
 $Q = \emptyset$   
ENQUEUE $(Q, s)$ 

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while Q \neq \emptyset
   u = \mathsf{DEQUEUE}(Q)
   for each v \in G. Adj[u]
       if v.color == WHITE
          v.d = u.d + 1
          v.\pi = u
          v.color = GRAY
          ENQUEUE(Q, v)
   u.color = BLACK
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#### Breadth-first search

#### Example



$$Q = \{s^0\} \to \{a^1, c^1\} \to \{c^1, e^2\} \to \{e^2, g^2\} \to \{g^2, b^3, h^3\}$$
  
 
$$\to \{b^3, h^3, i^3, f^3\} \to \{h^3, i^3, f^3\} \to \{i^3, f^3\} \to \{f^3\} \to \emptyset$$

- Breadth-first search
  - BFS may not discover all vertices.
  - $\circ$  Time: O(V+E)
    - O(V) : each vertex is enqueued at most once
    - O(V)
      - $\because$  for directed graph, each edge (u, v) is examined at most once when u is dequeued.
      - For undirected graph, each edge  $\{u, v\}$  is examined at most twice when u and v are dequeued.

#### Depth-first search

- Depth-first search explores the graph path-by-path.
- No source vertex is given if any undiscovered vertices remain, DFS selects one of them as a new source and searches from that source.
- Comment

In the book, BFS is limited to one source, but DFS may search from multiple sources.

Why?

It is because BFS and DFS are typically used this way.

- Depth-first search
  - DFS computes two timestamps on each vertex:
    - v.d = discovery time (i.e. when v is grayed)
    - v.f = finishing time (i.e. when v is blacken)
  - It also computes
    - $v.\pi = \text{predecessor of } v$
  - $\circ$  Since DFS may repeat from multiple sources , v.  $\pi$  induces a depth-first forest comprising several depth-first trees, one for each source vertex.

Depth-first search

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• DFS(G)

for each u \in G. V

u. color = WHITE

u. \pi = NIL

time = 0

for each u \in G. V

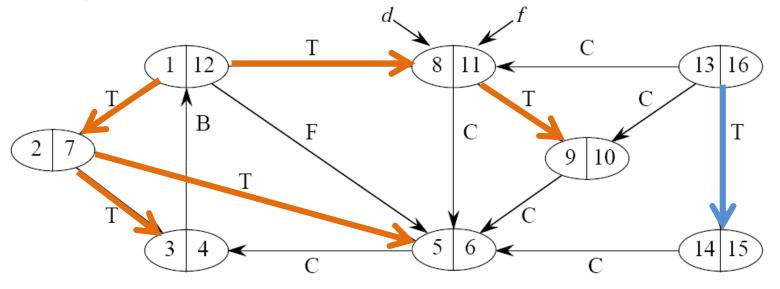
if u. color == WHITE

DFS_VISIT(G, u)
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• *time* is a global variable.

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DFS_VISIT(G, u)
time = time + 1
u.d = time
u.color = GRAY
for each v \in G. Adj[u]
   if v.color == WHITE
      \nu.\pi = u
      DFS_VISIT(G, v)
u.color = BLACK
time = time + 1
u.f = time
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- Depth-first search
  - Time:  $\Theta(V+E)$ 
    - Similar to BFS analysis.
    - $\Theta$  not O : guaranteed to examine every vertex and edge
  - Example

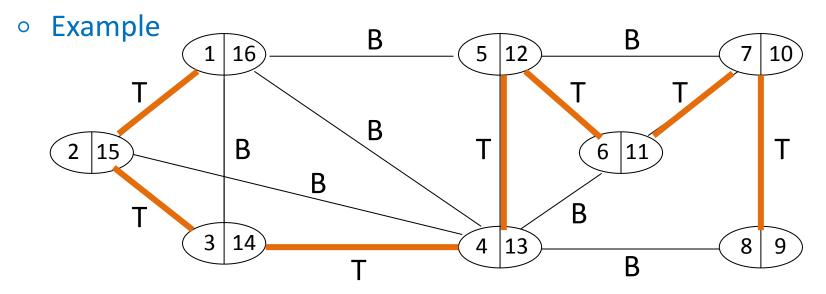


- Properties of depth-first search
  - Classification of edges
    - Tree edge: edges in the depth-first forest
    - Back edge: (u, v), where u is a descendant of v.
    - Forward edge: (u, v), where v is a descendant of u, but not a tree edge.
    - Cross edge: Any other edge between vertices in the same depth-first tree or in different depth-first trees.
  - $\circ$   $\because$  (u,v) and (v,u) are the same edge in an undirected graph, an edge is classified by the first type above that matches.

#### Depth-first search

#### • THEOREM

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



Every edge not in the tree is a back (not forward) edge.

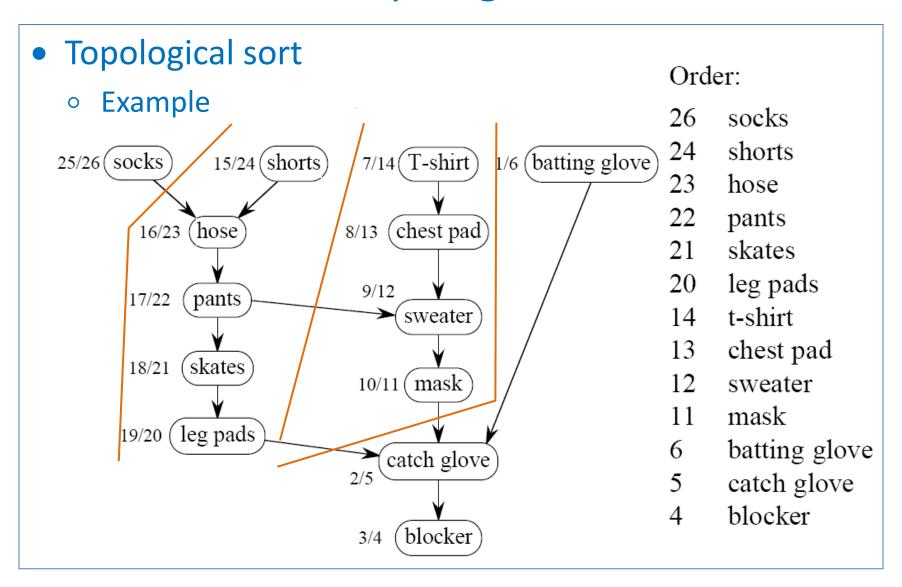
- Depth-first search
  - THEOREM (PARENTHESIS THEOREM)

For any u, v, exactly one of the following holds:

- $[u.d,u.f] \cap [v.d,v.f] = \emptyset$  and neither of u and v is a descendant of the other.
- $[u.d, u.f] \subseteq [v.d, v.f]$  and u is a descendant of v.
- $[v.d, v.f] \subseteq [u.d, u.f]$  and v is a descendant of u.
- THEOREM (WHITE-PATH THEOREM)

v is a descendant of u iff at the time u. d that the search discovers u, there is a path  $u \sim v$  consisting of only white vertices (except for u, which was just colored gray).

- Topological sort
  - G = (V, E) directed acyclic graph (dag) A topological sort of G is a linear ordering on V such that if  $(u, v) \in E$  the u appears somewhere before v.
  - $\circ$  Topological-Sort(G)
    - 1 Call DFS(G) to compute finishing times v. f for all v
    - 2 Output vertices in order of *decreasing* finishing times
  - Time:  $\Theta(V + E)$ 
    - Don't need to sort by finishing times
    - Just insert the vertices onto the front of a linked list as they're finished.



#### Depth-first search

#### THEOREM

A directed graph G is acyclic iff a DFS of G yields no back edges.

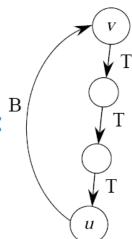
#### Proof

 $\Rightarrow$  Suppose (u, v) is a back edge.

Then, u is a descendant of v in a depth-first tree:

Therefore,  $v \sim u \rightarrow v$  is a cycle.

A contradiction.

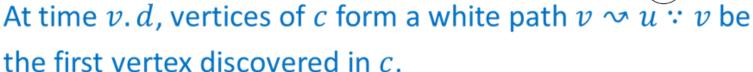


- Depth-first search
  - THEOREM (Cont'd)

 $\Leftarrow$  Suppose G contains a cycle c.

Let v be the first vertex discovered in c

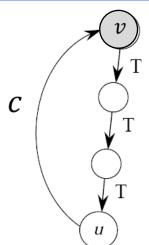
Let (u, v) be the preceding edge in c



By the white-pace theorem, u is a descendant of v.

Therefore, (u, v) is a back page.

A contradiction.



#### Depth-first search

• **THEOREM** TOPOLOGICAL-SORT(G) is correct.

Proof

Need to show that  $(u, v) \in E \Rightarrow u.f > v.f$ 

When we explore (u, v), u.color == GRAY.

Case 1: v.color == GRAY

Then, u is a descendant of v

 $\Rightarrow$  (u, v) is a back edge  $\Rightarrow$  G is cyclic. A contradiction.

Case 2: v.color == WHITE

Then, v is a descendant of u

 $\Rightarrow$  [v.d,v.f]  $\subseteq$  [u.d,u.f]  $\Rightarrow$  u.f > v.f, as desired.

- Depth-first search
  - THEOREM (Cont'd)

Case 3: v.color == BLACK

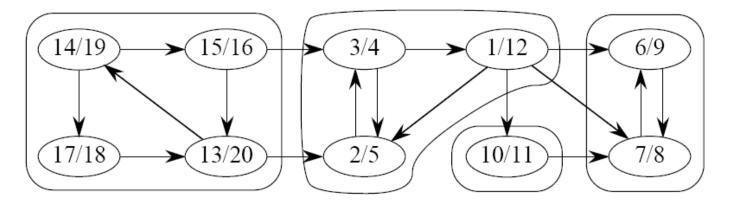
Then, v is already finished.

Since we're exploring (u, v), we have not yet finished u.

 $\Rightarrow u.f > v.f$ , as desired.

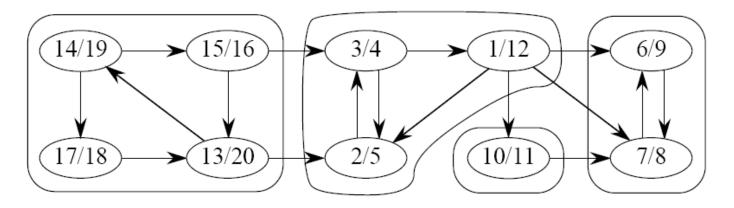
- Strongly connected components
  - G = (V, E) directed graph

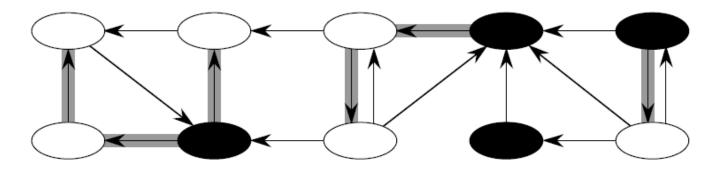
    A **strongly connected component** (**SCC**) of G is a maximal set of vertices  $C \subseteq V$  such that for all  $u. v \in C$ , both  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  and  $v \rightsquigarrow u$ .
  - Example



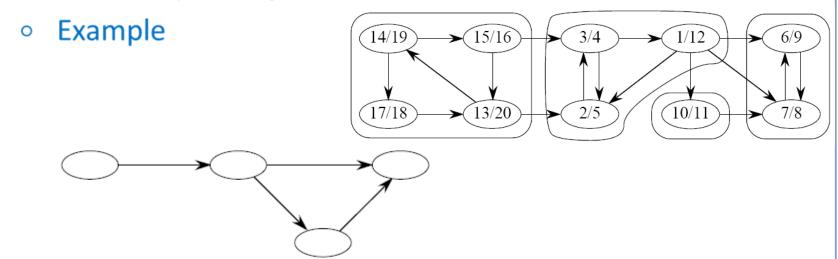
- Strongly connected components
  - $\circ$  SCC(G)
    - 1 Call DFS(G) to compute finishing times v. f for all v
    - 2 Compute  $G^T$ , i.e. the transpose of G
    - 3 Call DFS( $G^T$ ), but consider vertices in topological sort order, i.e. in order of decreasing v. f found in Step 1
    - 4 Output the vertices of each depth-first tree as a SCC
  - $\circ$  Time:  $\Theta(V+E)$ 
    - $G^T = (V, E^T)$ , where  $E^T = \{(u, v) : (v, u) \in E\}$ , can be created in  $\Theta(V + E)$  time using adjacency list
    - G and  $G^T$  have the same SCC's,  $\because u \rightsquigarrow^G v$  iff  $v \rightsquigarrow^{G^T} u$

- Strongly connected components
  - Example (Cont'd)





- Strongly connected components
  - Component graph
    - $G^{scc} = (V^{scc}, E^{scc})$
    - V<sup>scc</sup> has one vertex for each SCC in G.
    - E<sup>scc</sup> as an edge if there's an edge between the corresponding SCC's in G.



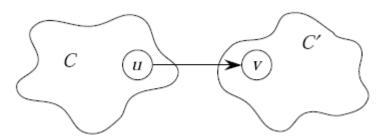
- Strongly connected components
  - **LEMMA**  $G^{SCC}$  is a dag.

More formally, let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G, let  $u, v \in C, u', v' \in C'$ , and suppose there is a path  $u \rightsquigarrow u'$  in G. Then, there can't also be a path  $v' \rightsquigarrow v$  in G. Proof

If  $v' \sim v$  exists, then  $u \sim u' \sim v'$  and  $v' \sim v \sim u$ . Therefore, u and v' are reachable from each other, so they aren't in separated SCC's

- Strongly connected components
  - Let  $U \subseteq V$ , define  $d(U) = \min_{u \in U} \{u.d\}$ , i.e. the earliest discovery time in U  $f(U) = \max_{u \in U} \{u.f\}$ , i.e. the latest finishing time in U where u.d and u.f refer to the 1st DFS.
  - LEMMA

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G = (V, E). Suppose there is an edge  $(u, v) \in E$  such that  $u \in C$  and  $v \in C'$ 



Then, f(C) > f(C')

- Strongly connected components
  - Proof of LEMMA

Case 1: d(C) < d(C')

Let  $x \in C$  be the 1<sup>st</sup> discovered vertex

- $\Rightarrow$  At time x.d = d(C), all vertices in C and C' are white.
- $\Rightarrow \exists$  a path  $x \sim y$  of white vertices in C and C', where  $y \in C \cup C' \{x\}$ , since C and C' are SCC's and there is an edge (u, v) from C to C'
- $\Rightarrow$  By the white-space theorem, y is a descendant of x in depth-first tree
- $\Rightarrow$  By the parenthesis theorem,  $[y, d, y, f] \subsetneq [x, d, x, f]$
- $\Rightarrow x. f = f(C) > f(C')$

- Strongly connected components
  - Proof of LEMMA

Case 2: 
$$d(C) > d(C')$$

Let  $y \in C'$  be the 1<sup>st</sup> discovered vertex

By similar argument, all vertices in C' are descendants of y

$$\Rightarrow$$
 y.  $f = f(C')$ 

On the other hand,  $G^{scc}$  is a dag and there is an edge

$$(u, v)$$
 from  $C$  to  $C'$ 

- $\Rightarrow$   $\nexists$  a path from C' to C
- $\Rightarrow$  all vertices in C aren't descendants of y
- $\Rightarrow$  at time y. f = f(C'), all vertices in C are still white
- $\Rightarrow f(C) > f(C')$

#### Strongly connected components

#### COROLLARY

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G = (V, E). Suppose there is an edge  $(u, v) \in E^T$  such that  $u \in C$  and  $v \in C'$  Then, f(C) < f(C')Proof  $(u, v) \in E^T \Rightarrow (v, u) \in E \Rightarrow f(C) < f(C')$ 

#### COROLLARY

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G = (V, E). Suppose that f(C) > f(C'), then there is no edge from C to C' in  $G^T$ .

- Strongly connected components
  - **THEOREM** SCC(G) is correct.

#### Proof

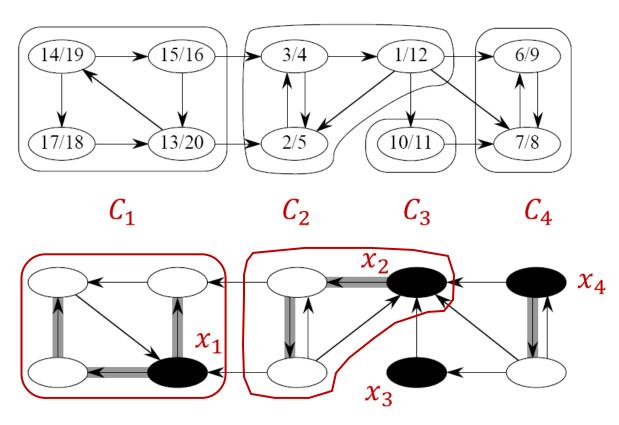
Let  $C_1, C_2, C_3, ...$  be SCC's with  $f(C_1) > f(C_2) > f(C_3) > ...$ 

Let  $x_i \in C_i$  be such that  $x_i \cdot f = f(C_i)$ 

The last corollary says that there is no edge from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$ , i > j, in  $G^T$ .

Therefore, DFS( $G^T$ ) starts with  $x_1$  and visits **only** vertices in  $C_1$ , which means that the depth-first tree rooted at  $x_1$  contains **exactly** the vertices of  $C_1$ .

- Strongly connected components
  - THEOREM (Cont'd)



- Strongly connected components
  - **THEOREM** (Cont'd) Next, DFS( $G^T$ ) selects  $x_2$  as a new root and visits
    - vertices in  $C_2$  gets tree edges to these
    - vertices in already-visited SCC  $\mathcal{C}_1$  gets no tree edges to these

Therefore, the depth-first tree rooted at  $x_2$  contains exactly the vertices of  $C_2$ .

The process continues until all the SCC's are found.