



Elementary Graph Algorithms

Foundations of Algorithms
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Reading Assignment

- Cormen, Chapter 22



Graph Algorithms Outline

- Graph definitions
- DFS of graphs
- Biconnected components
- DFS of digraphs
- Finding articulation points



Graph Terminology

- Graph $G = (V, E)$
- Vertex set V
- Edge set $E =$ pairs of adjacent vertices
- Incidence
 - pair (u, e) where $u \in V$, $e \in E$ e is incident to u
- Adjacency
 - two distinct incidences (u, e) and (v, f) are adjacent iff $u = v$, $e = f$ or $(u, v) = e$ or f



Directed and Undirected Graphs

- G directed
edges are ordered pairs (u,v)
also called digraph
- G undirected
edges are unordered pairs $\{u,v\}$

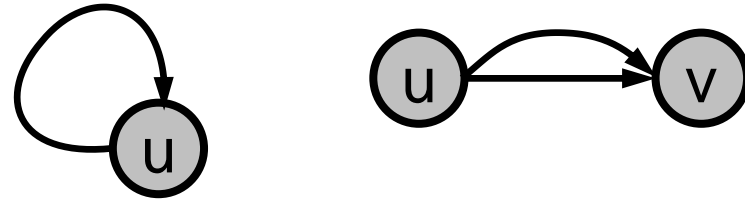


Proper Graphs and Subgraphs

- Proper graph

- no loops

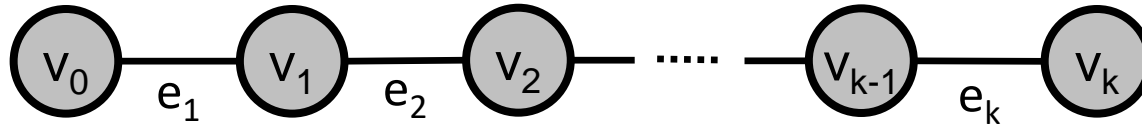
- no multi-edges



- Subgraph G' of G

- $G' = (V', E')$ such that $V' \subset V$, $E' \subset E$

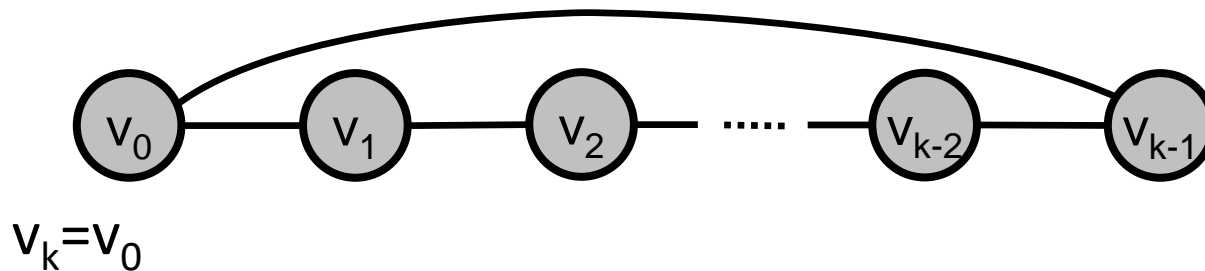
Paths in Graphs



- Path p
- p is a sequence of vertices v_0, \dots, v_k where for $i=1, \dots, k$, v_{i-1} is adjacent to v_i
- p is a sequence of edges e_1, \dots, e_k where for $i=2, \dots, k$, edges e_{i-1} and e_i share a vertex

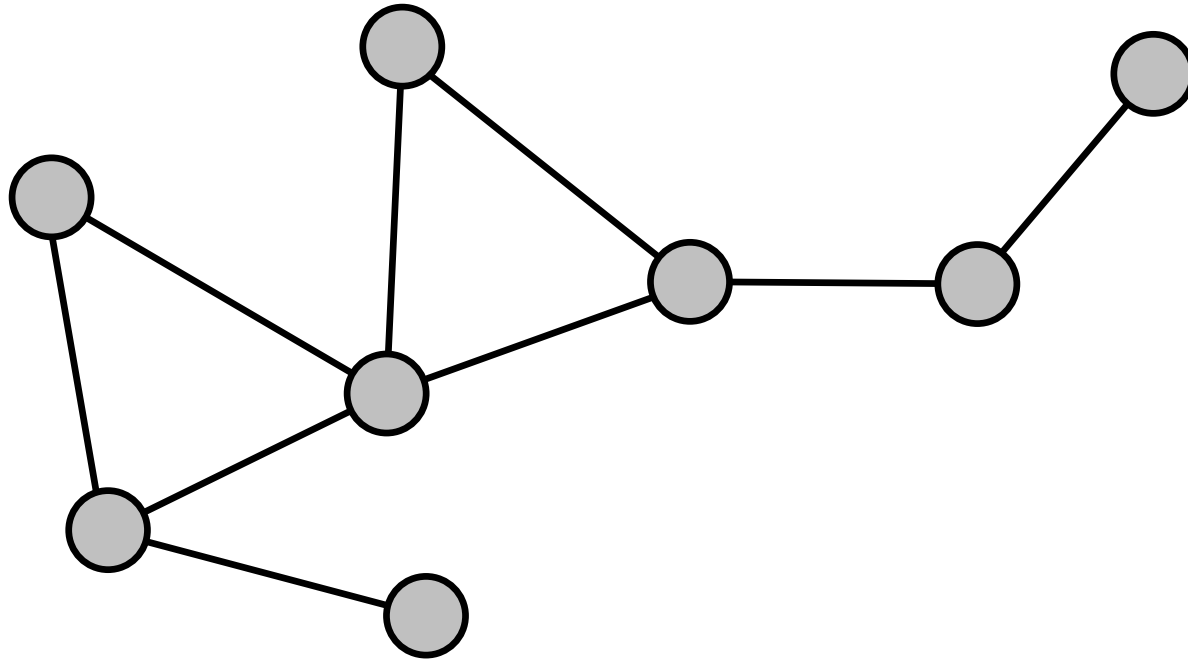
Simple Paths and Cycles

- Simple path
no edge or vertex is repeated,
except possibly $v_0 = v_k$
- Cycle
a path p with $v_0 = v_k$ where $k > 1$



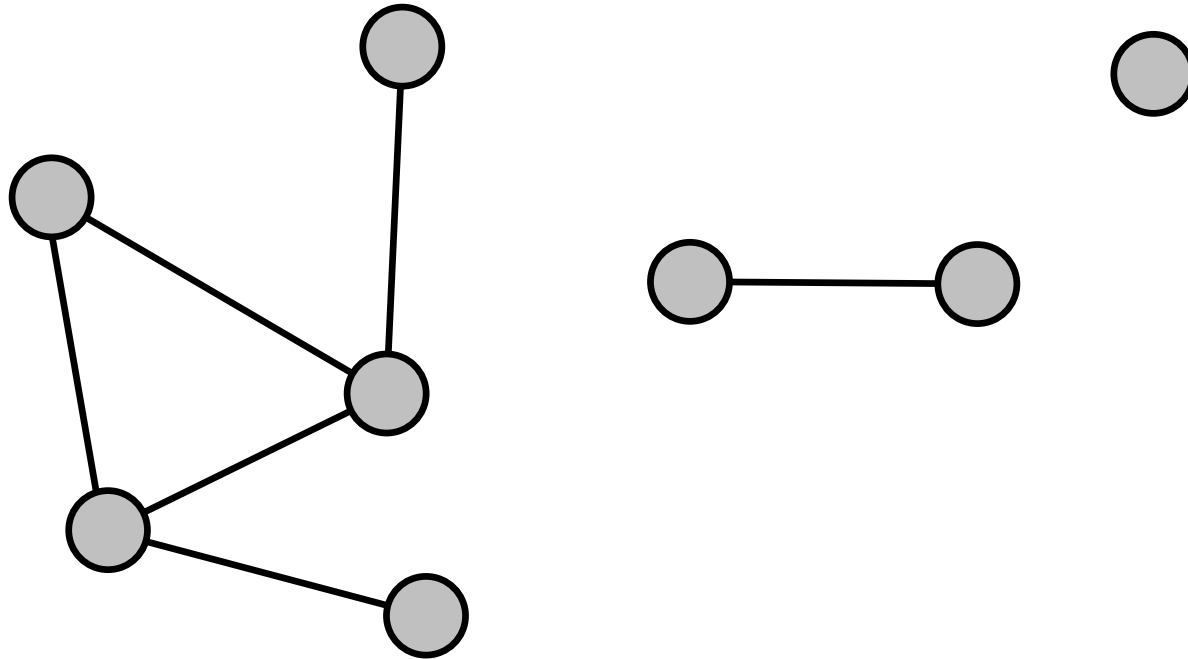
A Connected Undirected Graph

- G is connected if \exists path between each pair of vertices



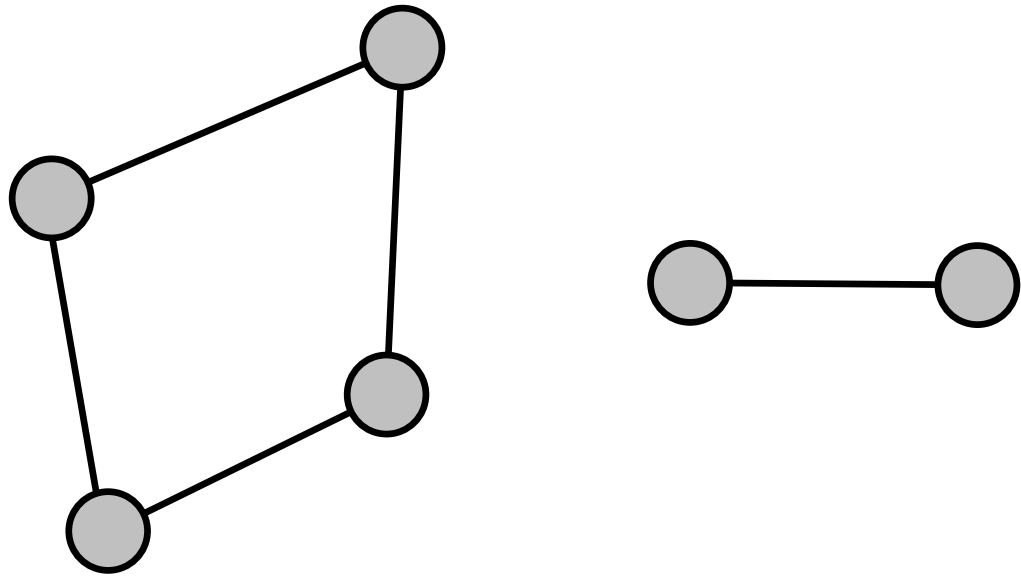
Connected Components of an Undirected Graph

- Or G has ≥ 2 connected components, which are called maximal connected subgraphs



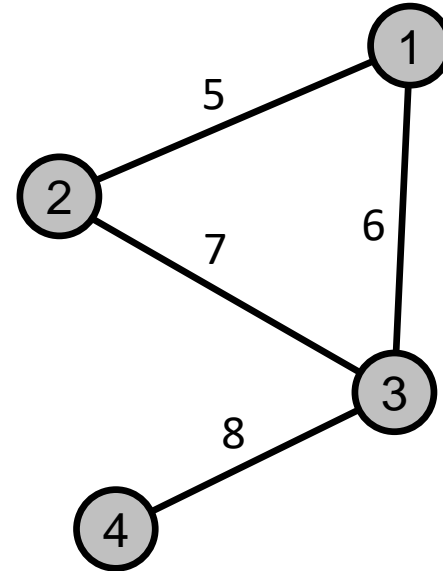
Biconnected Undirected Graphs

- G is biconnected if \exists two disjoint paths between each pair of vertices
 G can be a single edge



Size of a Graph

- Graph $G = (V, E)$
 - $n = |V| = \# \text{ vertices}$
 - $m = |E| = \# \text{ edges}$
 - size of G is $n+m$
- Degree of vertices
 - $\deg(v) = \text{number of edges for } v$
 - $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|$



Adjacency Matrix

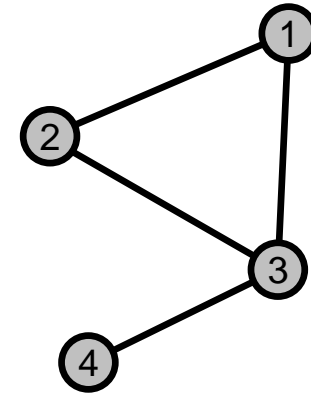
- Adjacency matrix A

A is n-by-n square matrix

$$A(i,j) = \begin{cases} 1 & (i,j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

space cost = $n^2 - n$

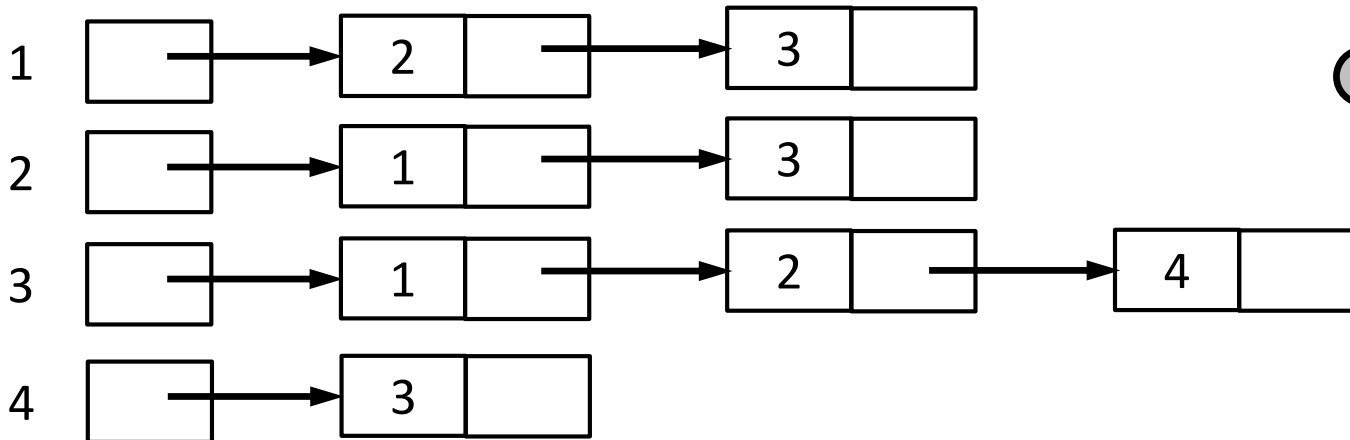
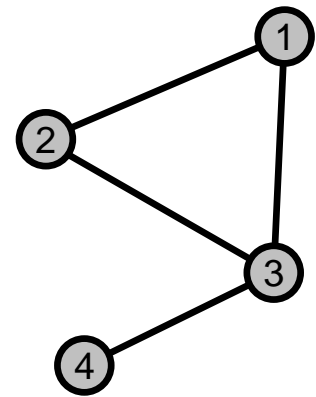
- no need to store the diagonal which has to be always zero in a proper graph



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 4}$$

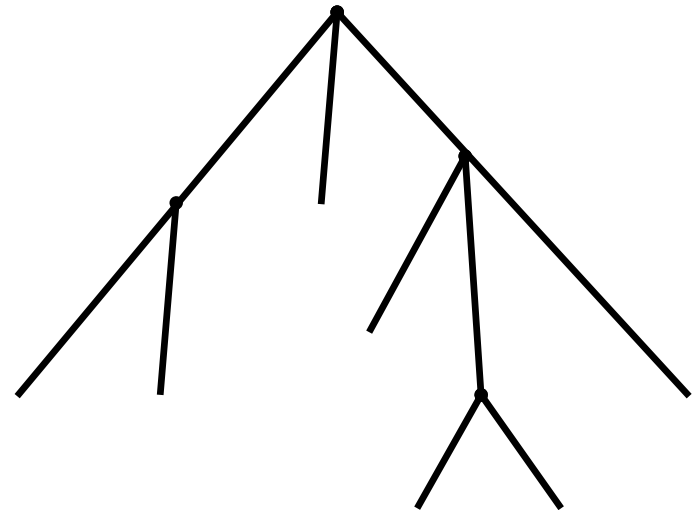
Adjacency List

- Adjacency lists $\text{Adj}(1), \dots, \text{Adj}(n)$
 $\text{Adj}(v)$ = list of vertices adjacent to v
space cost $O(n+m)$
- Note, the following example uses $n+2m$ space



Definition of an Undirected Tree

- Tree T
 T is a graph with unique path
between every pair of its vertices
 $k = \# \text{ vertices}$
 $k-1 = \# \text{ edges}$
- Forest
set of trees



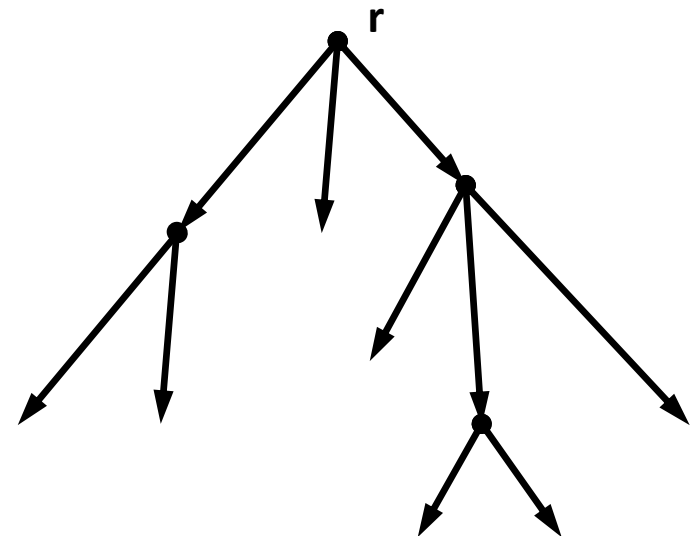
Definition of a Directed Tree

- Directed tree

T is a digraph with distinguished vertex root r such that each vertex is reachable from r by a unique path

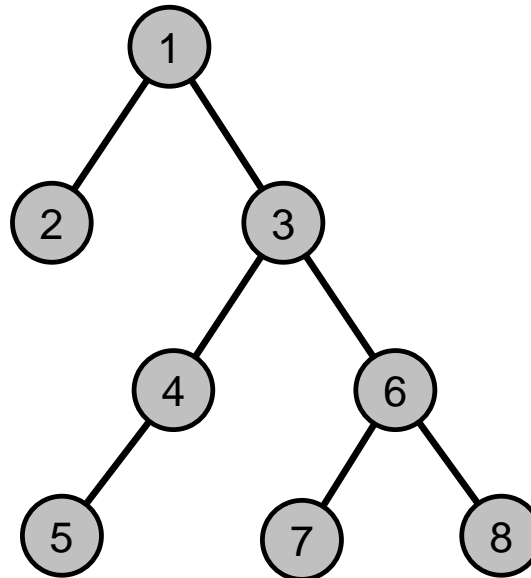
- Family relationships

- ancestors
- descendants
- parent
- child
- siblings
- leaves have no proper descendants



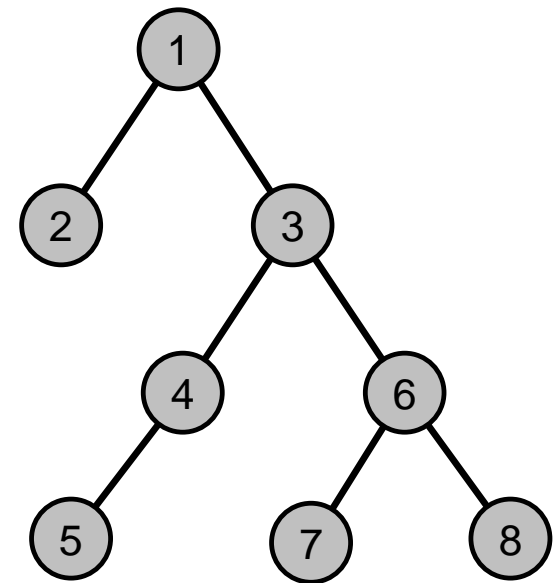
An Ordered Tree

- Ordered Tree is a directed tree with siblings ordered



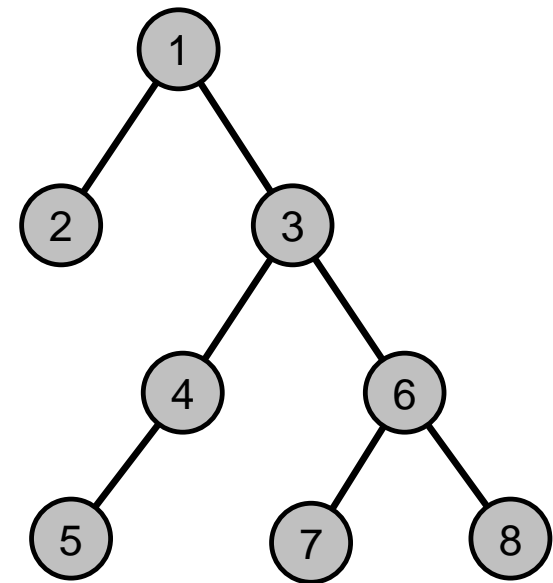
Preorder Recursive Tree Traversal

- Preorder : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 1. root (order vertices as pushed on a stack)
 2. preorder left subtree
 3. preorder right subtree



Postorder Recursive Tree Traversal

- Postorder: 2, 5, 4, 7, 8, 6, 3, 1
 1. postorder left subtree
 2. postorder right subtree
 3. root (order vertices as popped off stack)



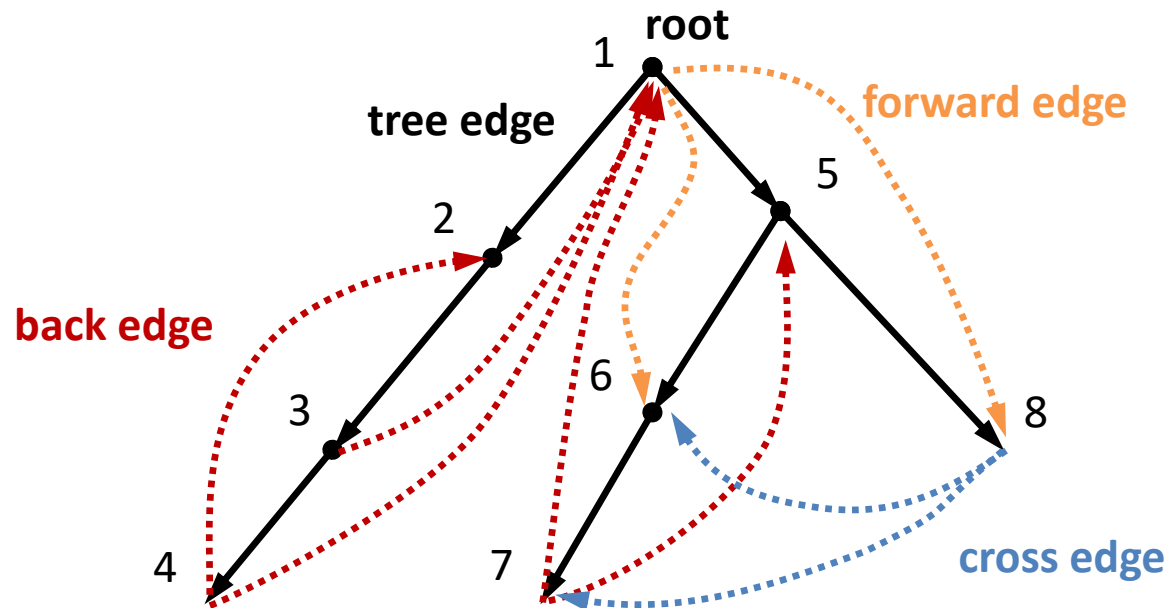
Spanning Tree and Forest of a Graph

- T is a spanning tree of graph G if
 1. T is a directed tree with the same vertex set as G
 2. $e \in T$ is a directed version of an $e \in G$

Size $T = n + (n-1)$
- Spanning forest
forest of spanning trees of connected components of G



Example Spanning Tree of a Graph



Classification of Edges of G with a Spanning Tree T

- An edge (u,v) of T is a tree edge
- An edge (u,v) of $G - T$ is a back edge if u is a descendent or ancestor of v
- Else an edge (u,v) of $G - T$ is a cross edge
- $G = T + \text{back edges} + \text{cross edges}$
(Note: directions of edges were ignored)



Recursive Depth First Search Algorithm

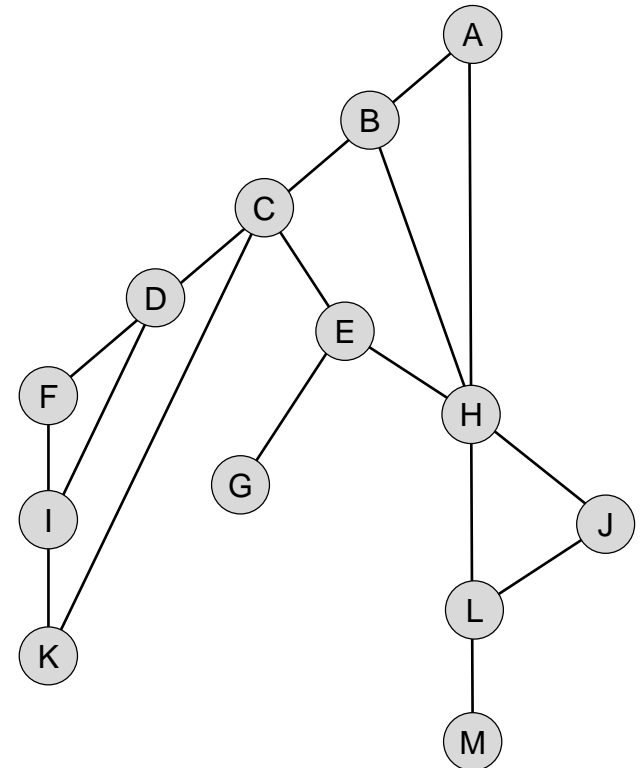
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def init():  
    # Introduce dfsnum attribute of the vertices V  
    set all v.dfsnum = -1 # node is undiscovered  
    dfscounter = 1  
  
def dfs(v):  
    # starts from root or first vertex  
    v.dfsnum = dfscounter++  
    for each edge (v,x):  
        if x.dfsnum == -1:  
            call dfs(x) # recursive  
        else: # have seen/past this node previously  
            process_further() # process for back edges, etc.
```



Recursive DFS Example

- Adjacency list

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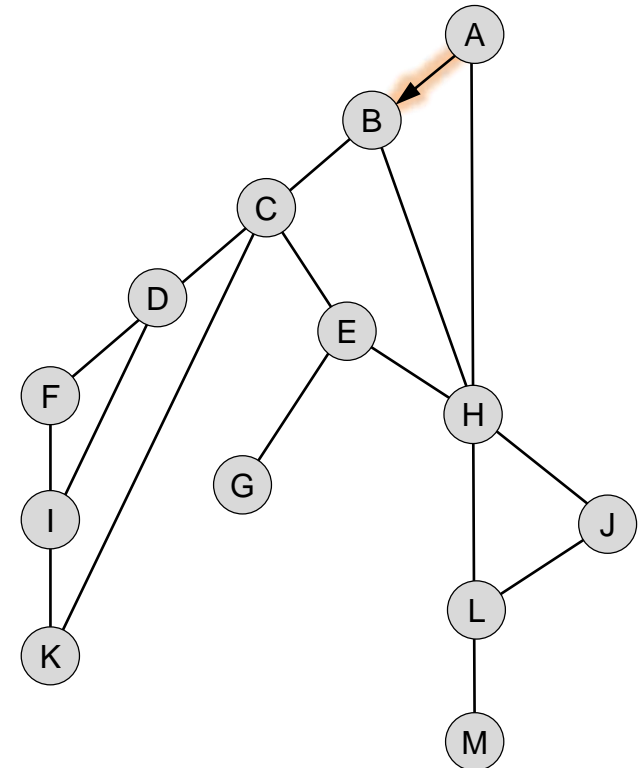


Recursive DFS Example (cont.)

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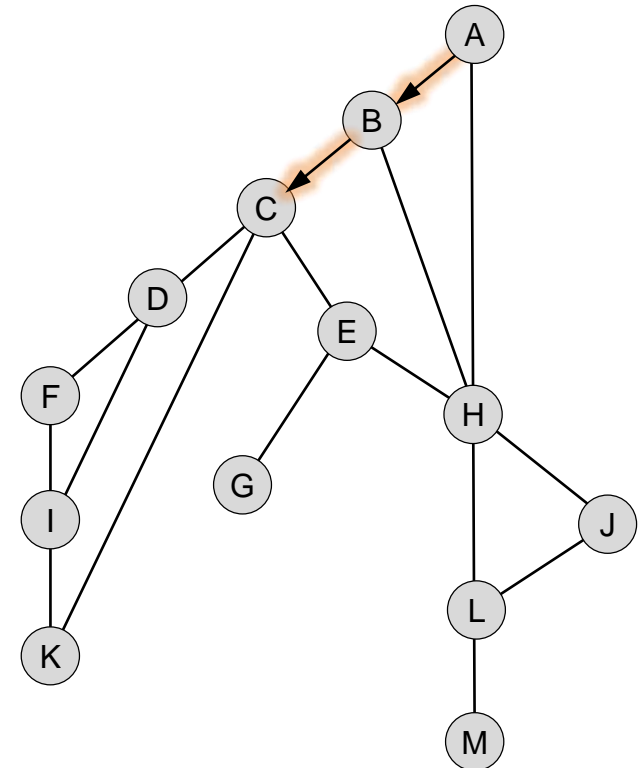
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new v from recursion

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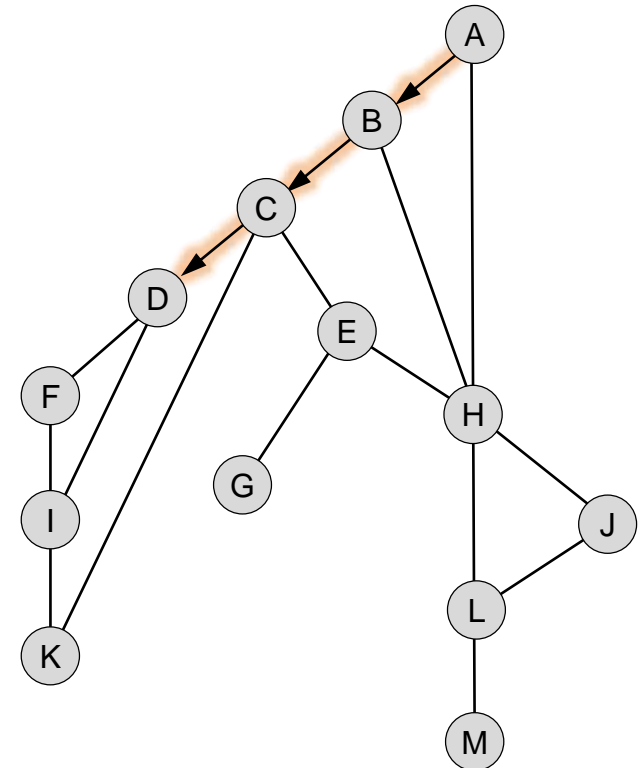
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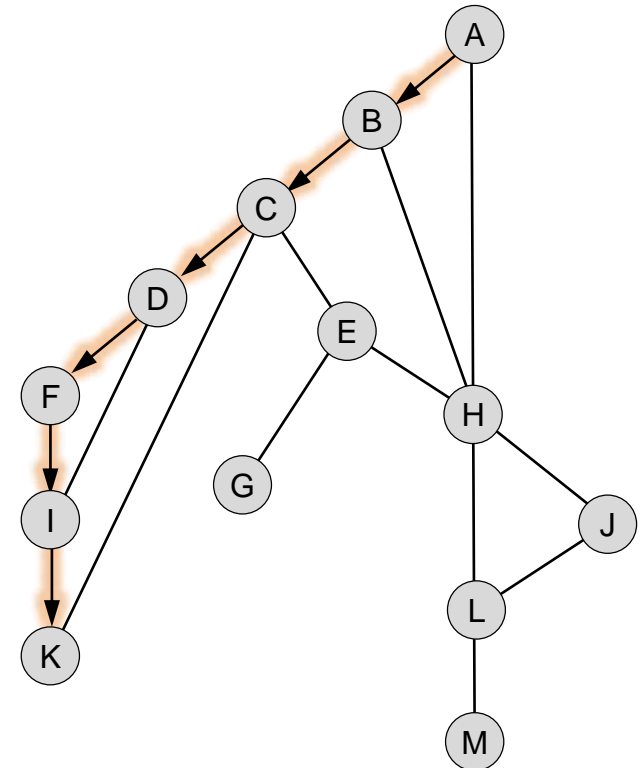
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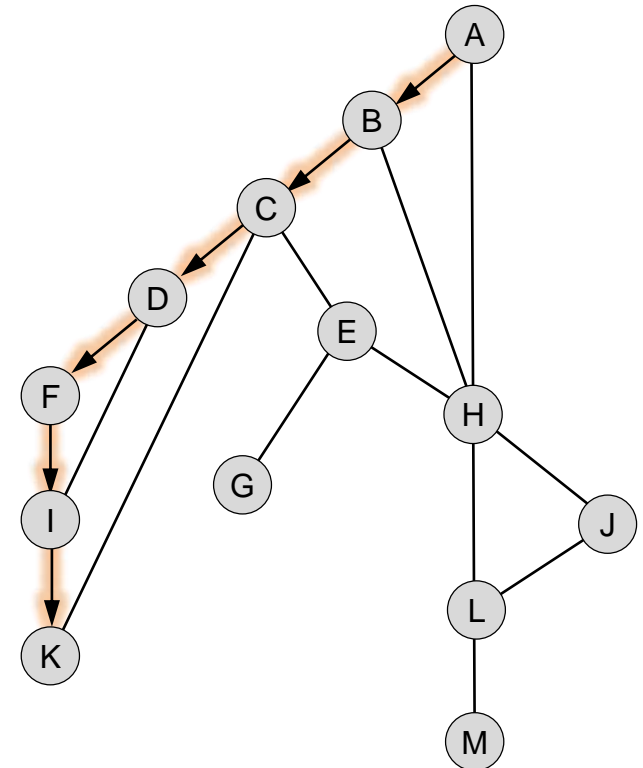
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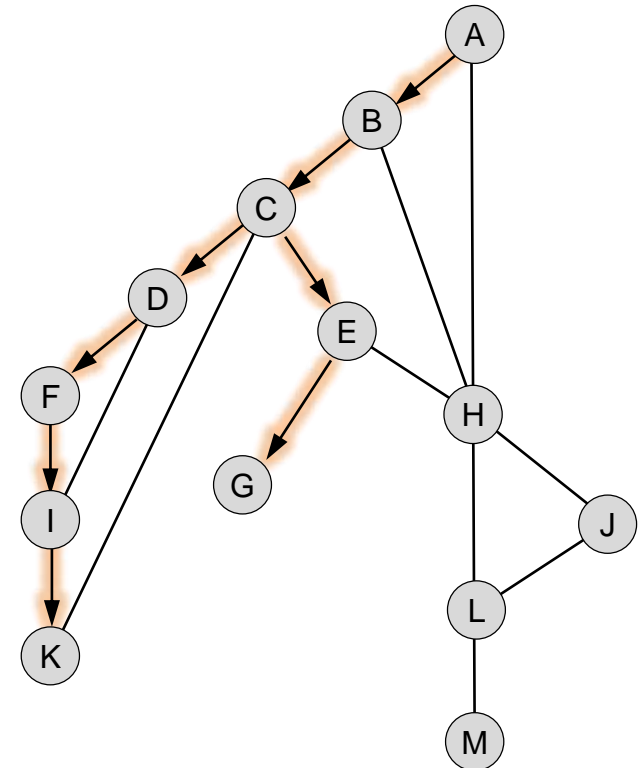
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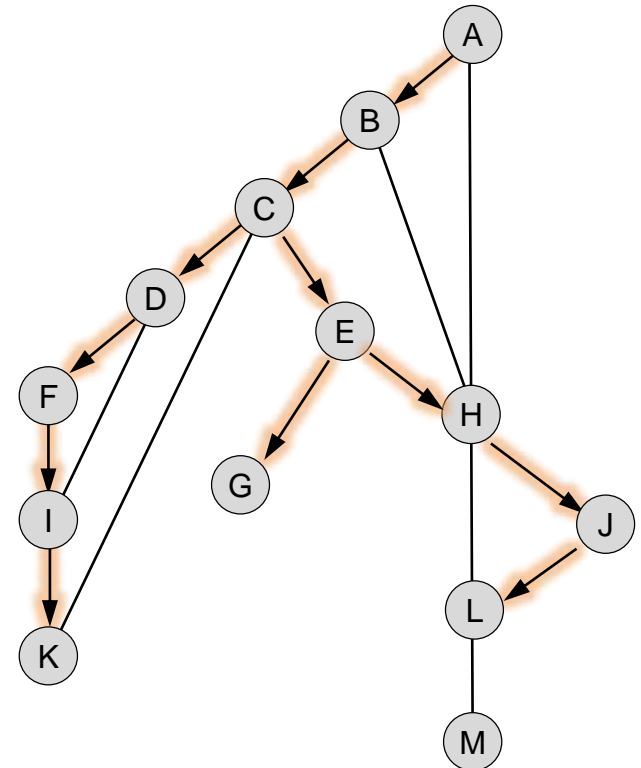
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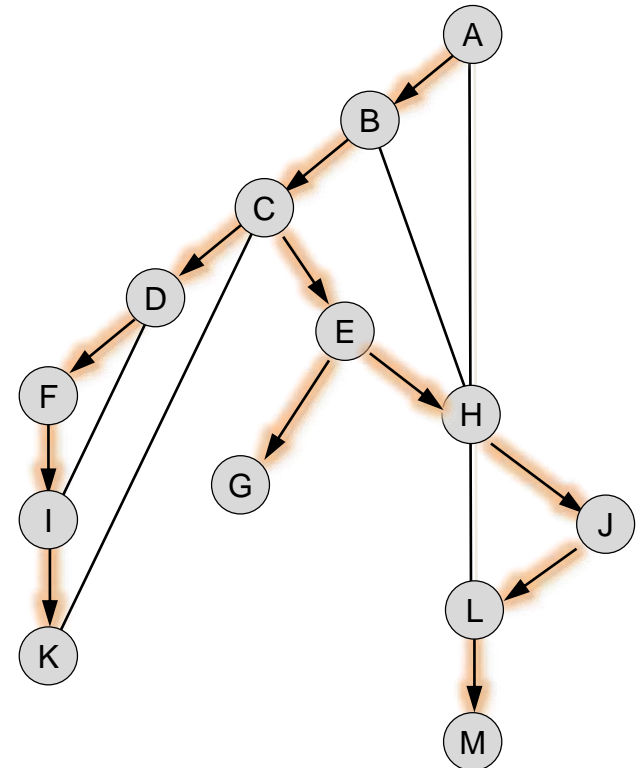
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Time Cost of DFS Algorithm

- Input size $n = |V|$, $m = |E|$
- **Theorem**
Depth First Search Algorithm is $O(n+m)$
- **Proof**
Each edge and vertex is associated with constant number of operations



Breadth First Search Algorithm

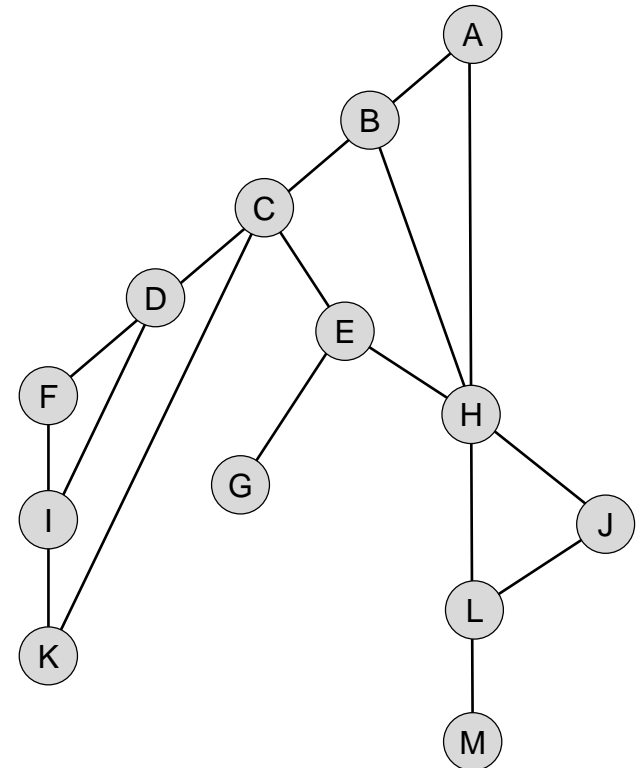
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def bfs():
    set all v.bfsnum = -1  # node is undiscovered
    bfscounter = 1
    Q.enqueue(root)  # A queue Q is used for BFS
    root.bfsnum = bfscounter++
    while Q is not empty:
        v = Q.dequeue()  # pick first element from queue
        for each edge (v,x):
            if x.bfsnum == -1:  # x is not visited
                Q.enqueue(x)
                x.bfsnum = bfscounter++
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BFS Example

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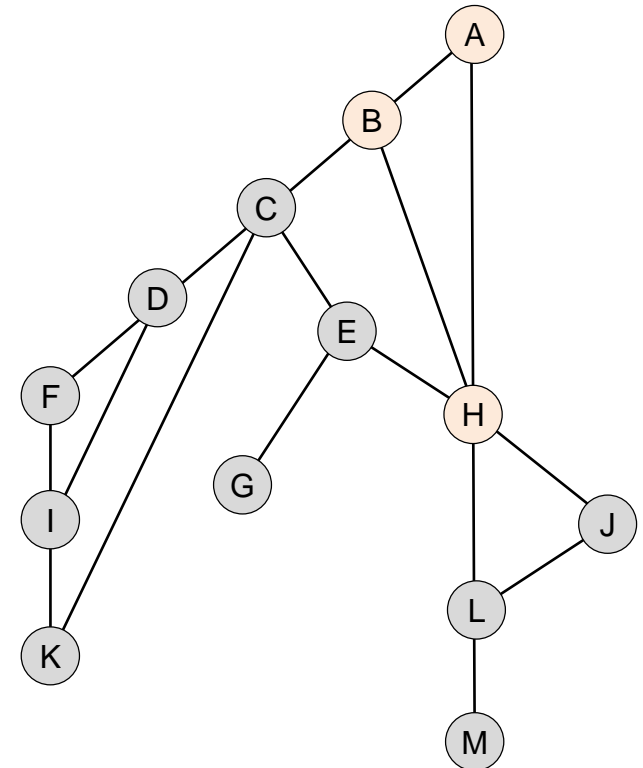
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BFS

in queue: B, H

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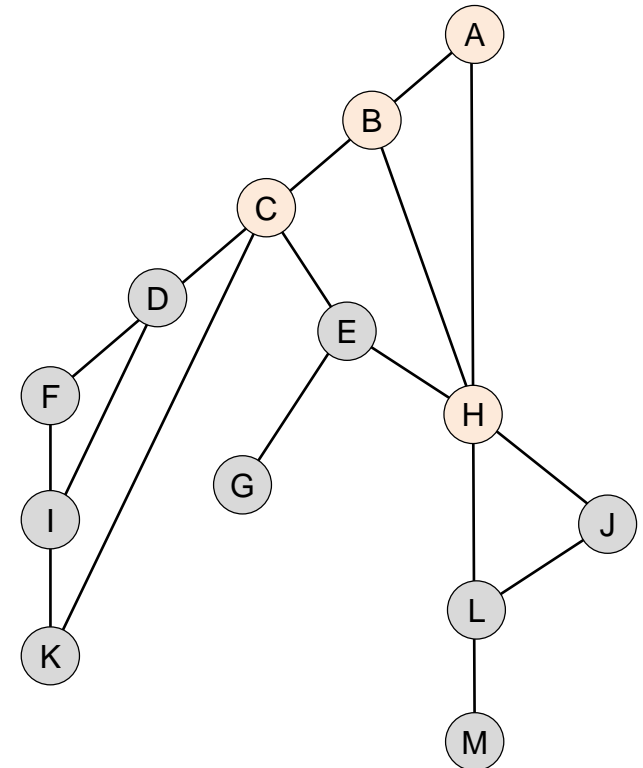
BFS

in queue: H, C

seen before, **bfs#** != -1

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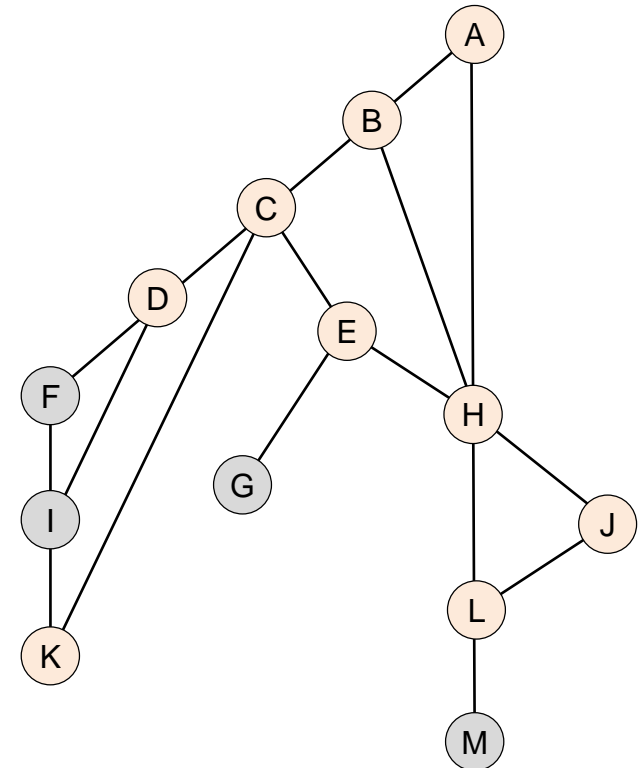
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in queue: E, J, L, D, K

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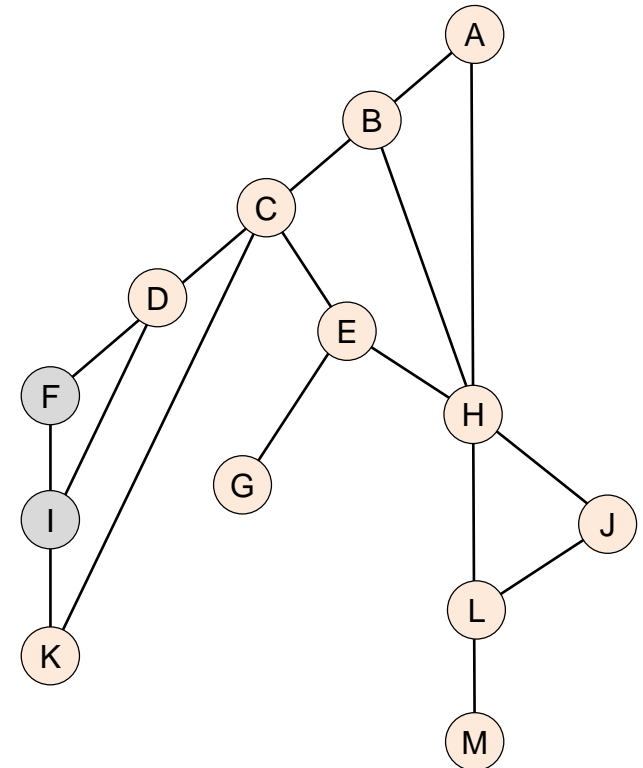
BFS

in queue: D, K, G, M

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C	4
D	8
E	5
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G	10
H	3
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M	11



BFS Example (cont.)

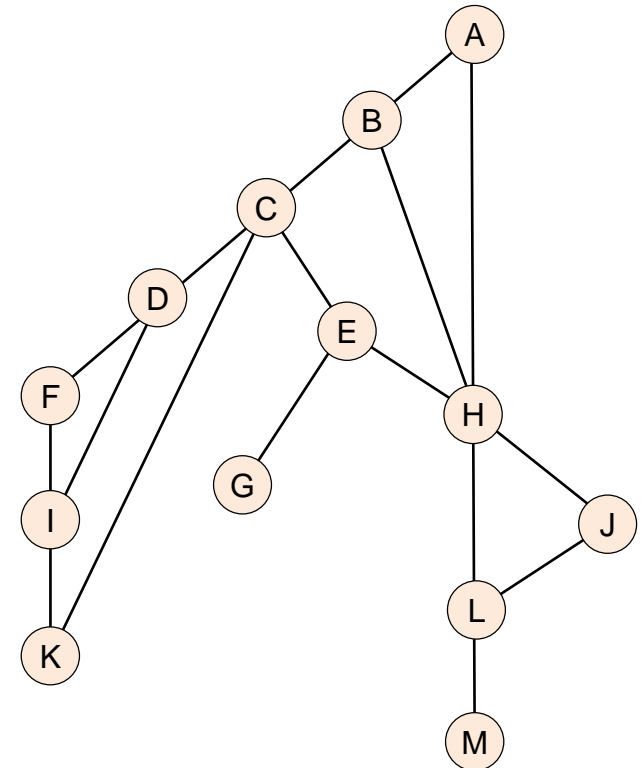
BFS

in queue: K, G, M, F, I

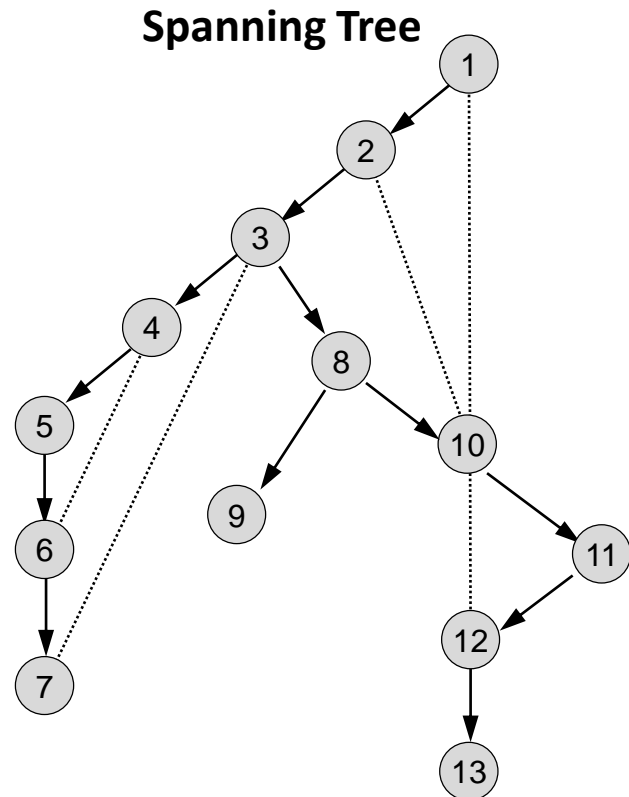
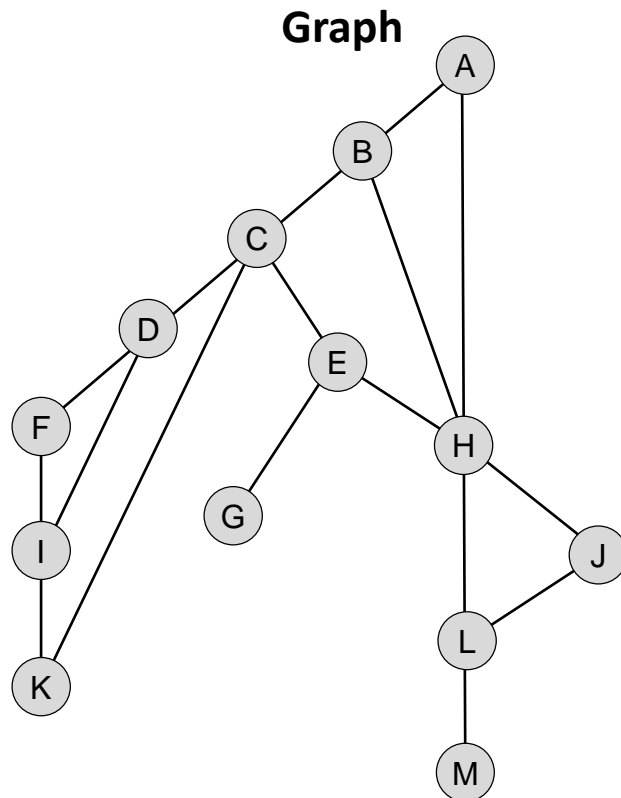
seen before, **bfs#** != -1

A → B → H → ∅
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 M → L → ∅

Vertex	bfs#
A	1
B	2
C	4
D	8
E	5
F	12
G	10
H	3
I	13
J	6
K	9
L	7
M	11



Classification of Edges of a Graph via DFS Spanning Tree



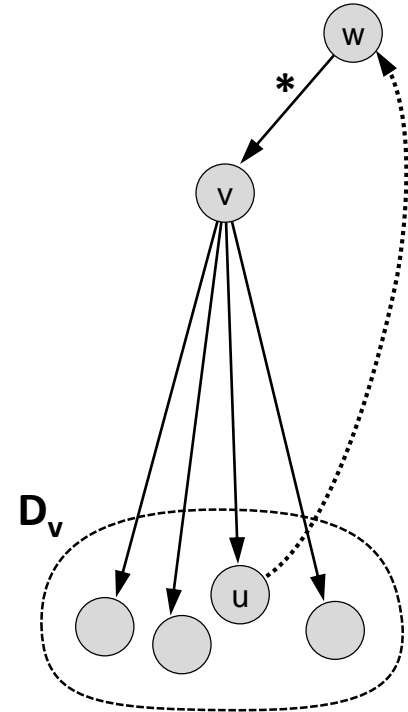
Classification of Edges of a Graph via DFS Spanning Tree (cont.)

- Edge notation induced by DFS Tree T
- $u \rightarrow v$ iff (u,v) is a tree edge of T
- $u^* \rightarrow v$ iff u is an ancestor of v
- $u \cdots v$ iff (u,v) is a back edge,
where $(u,v) \in G - T$ with either $u^* \rightarrow v$ or $v^* \rightarrow u$
- Every vertex is an ancestor and a descendant of itself



Descendant Vertices via Preordering of a Tree

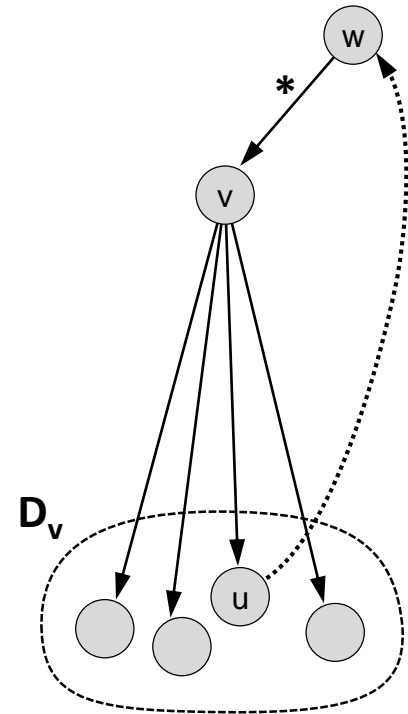
- Use $v.\text{dfs\#}$ determined by DFS
Notation: $v.d = v.\text{dfs\#}$
- Let $|D_v| = \#$ of descendants of v
- **Lemma**
 u is descendant of v iff
 $v.d \leq u.d \leq v.d + |D_v|$



Proper Ancestors via Preordering of a Tree

- **Lemma**

If u is descendant of v
and (u, w) is a back edge s.t. $w.d < v.d$
then w is a proper ancestor of v

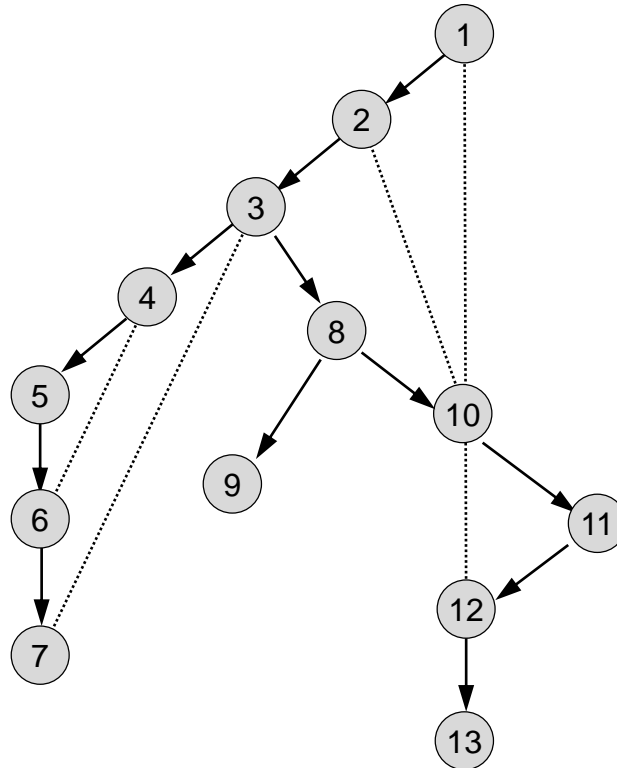
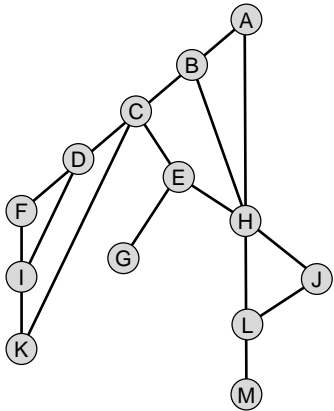


Low Values

- For each vertex v , define
$$\text{low}(v) = \min\{v.d, w.d \mid (u,w) \text{ is a back edge} \\ \text{for some descendant } u \text{ of } v\}$$
$$\text{low}(v) = \min\{v.d, w.d \mid v \overset{*}{\rightarrow} \dots w\}$$
- **Lemma**
$$\text{low}(v) = \min\{v.d, \{\text{low}(u) \mid v \rightarrow u\}, \{w.d \mid u \rightarrow \dots w\}\}$$
(Proof by induction)
- $\text{low}(v)$ can be computed during DFS in postorder



Example: Low Values of G



Vertex	dfs#	low
A	1	1
B	2	1
C	3	1
D	4	3
E	8	1
F	5	3
G	9	9
H	10	1
I	6	3
J	11	10
K	7	3
L	12	10
M	13	13

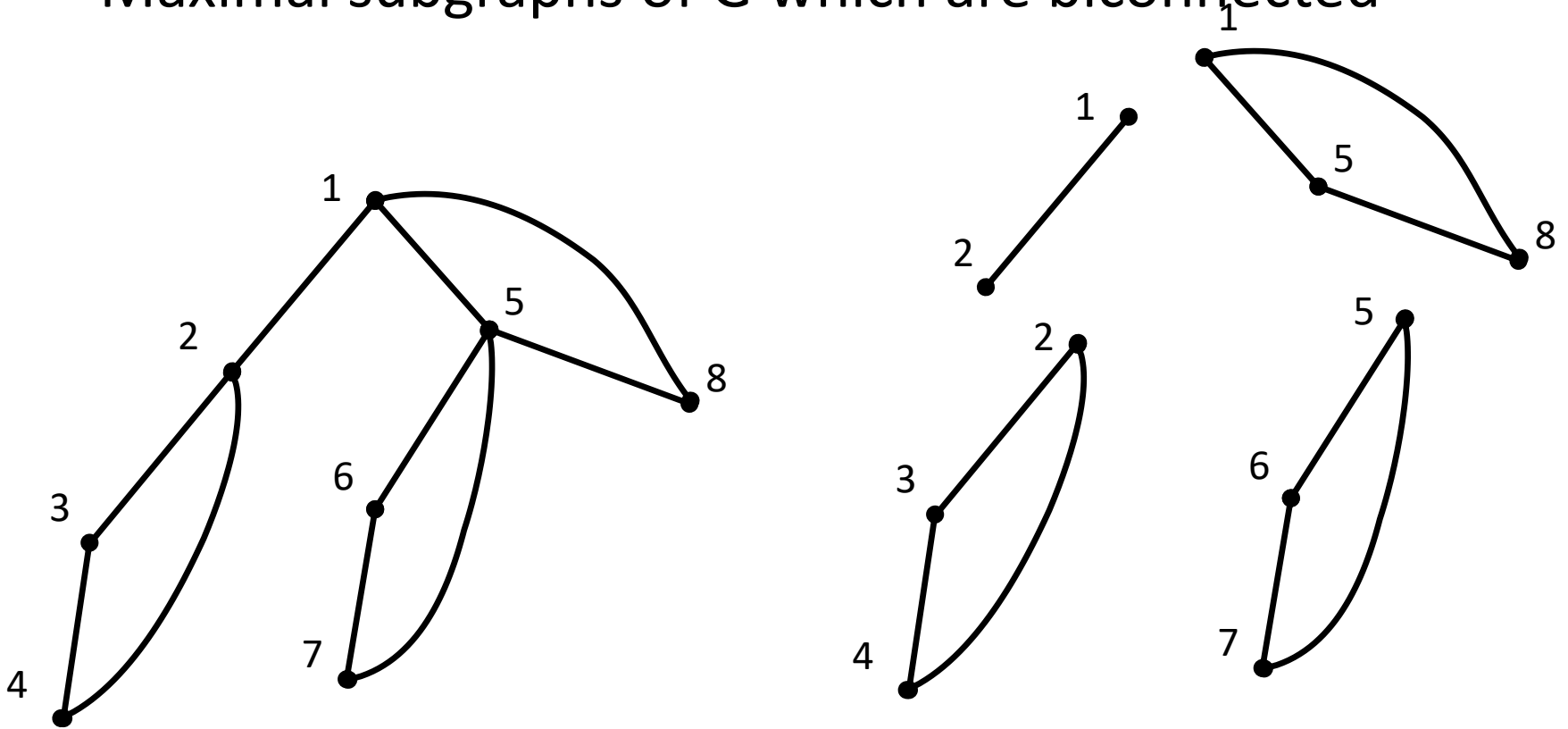
Biconnected Components

- G is biconnected iff either
 1. G is a single edge, or
 2. for each triple of vertices (u, v, w)
 \exists a path p from u to v where $w \notin p$
equivalently, \exists two disjoint paths for all edges



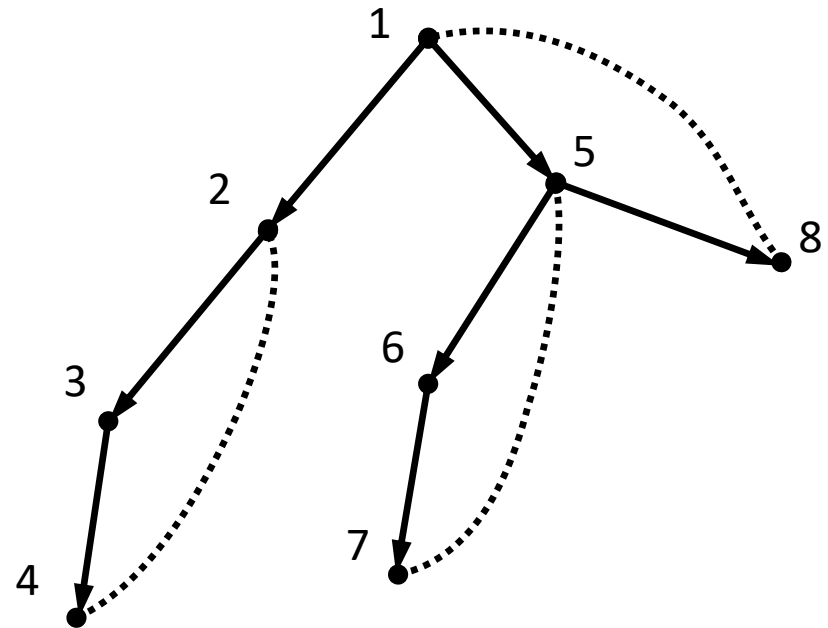
Example: Biconnected Components

- Maximal subgraphs of G which are biconnected



Biconnected Components Meet at Articulation Points

- The intersection of two biconnected components consists of at most one vertex called an Articulation Point
- Example: 1, 2, 5 are articulation points
- Removing the articulation point disconnects the graph
 - Removing the *bridge* edge disconnects the graph



Discovery of Biconnected Components via Articulation Points

- If we can find articulation points then we can compute biconnected components
- **Algorithm**
 - During DFS, use auxiliary stack to store visited edges
 - Each time we complete the DFS of a tree child of an articulation point, pop all stacked edges currently in stack
 - These popped off edges form a biconnected component



Characterization of an Articulation Point

- **Theorem**

a is an articulation point iff either

- 1. **a** is root with ≥ 2 tree children, or
- 2. **a** is not root, **a** has a tree child v with $\text{low}(v) \geq \mathbf{a.d}$



Proof of Characterization of an Articulation Point

- **Proof**

The conditions are sufficient since any **a**-avoiding path from v remains in the subtree T_v rooted at v , if v is a child of **a**

- To show the condition for necessary, assume **a** is an articulation point



Characterization of an Articulation Point

- Case 1

If **a** is a root and is an articulation point, then **a** must have ≥ 2 tree edges to two distinct biconnected components

- Case 2

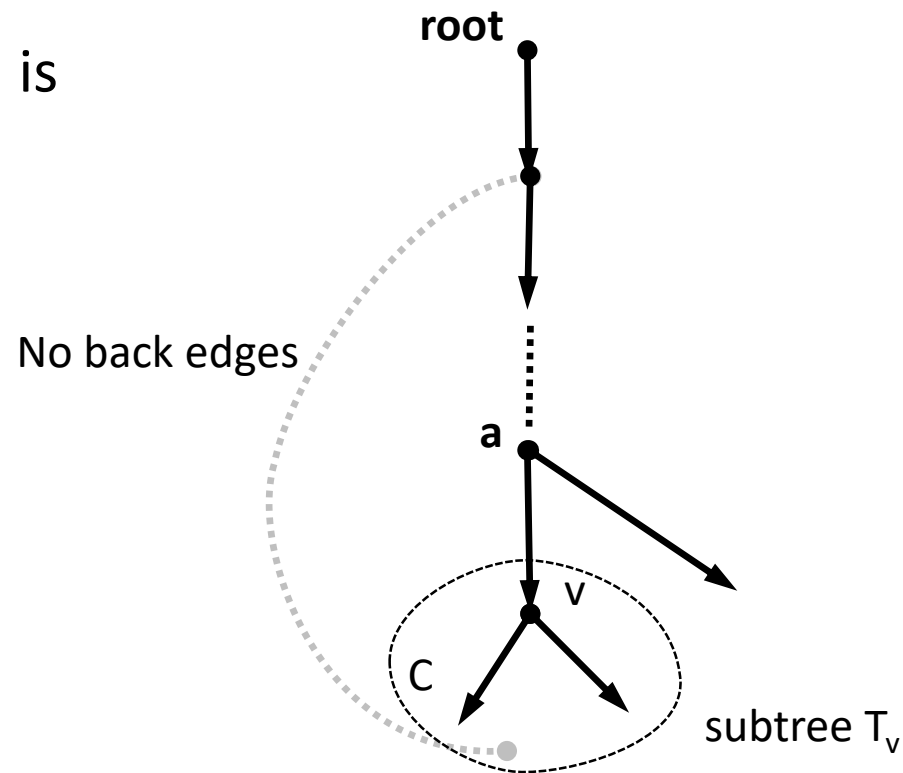
If **a** is not root, consider graph $\mathbf{G} - \{\mathbf{a}\}$ which must have a connected component **C** consisting of only descendants of **a**, and with no back edge from **C** to an ancestor of **a**. Hence **a** has a tree child **v** in **C** and $\text{low}(v) \geq \mathbf{a.d}$



Proof of Characterization of an Articulation Point (cont.)

- Case 2

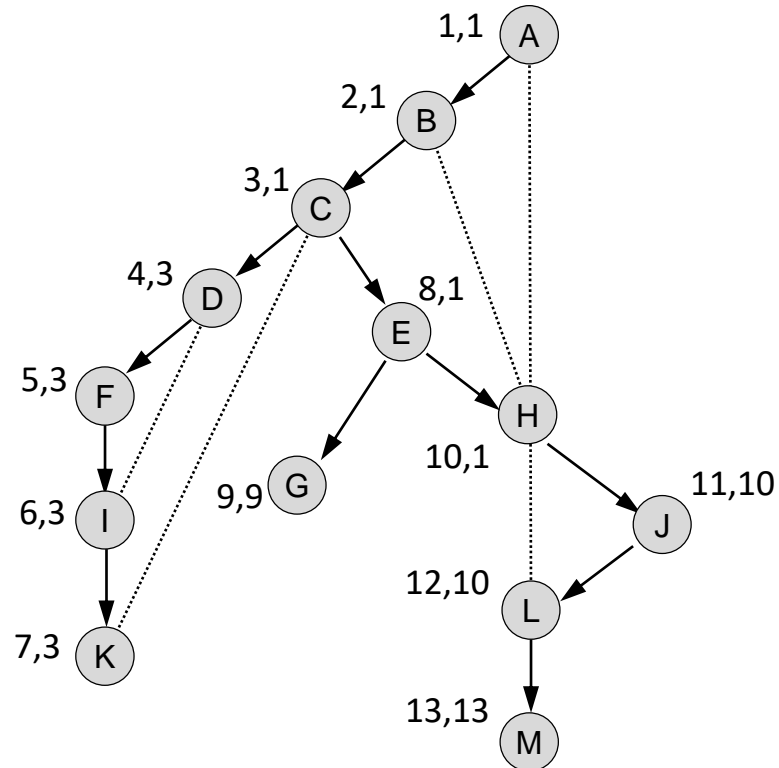
Articulation point a is not the root



Example: Articulation Points

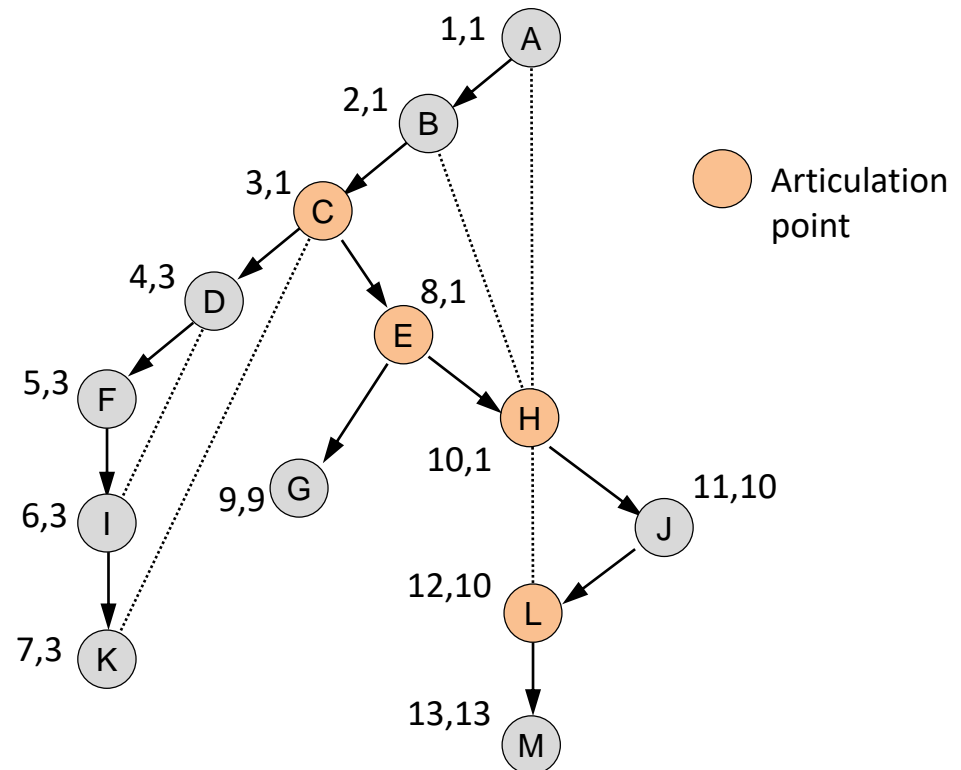
Vertex	dfs#	low
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B	2	1
C	3	1
D	4	3
E	8	1
F	5	3
G	9	9
H	10	1*
I	6	3
J	11	10
K	7	3*
L	12	10*
M	13	13

* back edge directly



Example: Articulation Points (cont.)

Vertex	dfs#	low
A	1	1
B	2	1
C	3	1
D	4	3
E	8	1
F	5	3
G	9	9
H	10	1
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Computing Biconnected Components

- **Theorem**

The biconnected components of $G = (V, E)$ can be computed in time $O(|V| + |E|)$

- **Proof idea**

- Use characterization of biconnected components via articulation points
- Identify these articulation points dynamically during DFS
- Use a secondary stack to store the edges of the biconnected components as they are visited
- When an articulation point is discovered, pop the edges of this stack off to output a biconnected component

