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### DAG's and Strong Components

- 1.) Prove the following statement:

In every directed acyclic graph, there is a node with no outgoing edges.

Proof:

Suppose that  $G$  is a graph where every node has at least one outgoing edge.

If we can show that we can find a cycle, this proves the claim.

Pick any node  $v$  and follow the edges forwards.

This is possible since all nodes have at least one outgoing edge.

Take  $n + 1$  steps.

Now, at least one node has been visited twice thus proving  $G$  has a cycle.

- 2.) Psuedo Code:

Choose starting point ( $u$ )

Check if path from  $u$  to  $v$  and  $v$  to  $u$  // checking if  $u$  and  $v$  are strong components

If so append  $v$  as a strong component in a list based on starting point  $u$

Else:

Move to new neighbor and run algorithm again on that node

The computational complexity of this is actually the same as BFS (Breadth-First Search) giving it a time complexity of  $O(V+E)$  where  $V$  is the number of vertices and  $E$  is the number of edges.

- 3.) Prove the following statement:

The meta-graph over the strong components of a directed graph is a directed acyclic graph.

Proof:

Suppose that  $G$  is a directed graph.

By definition of strong components, if  $u$  is a strong group and  $v$  is another strong group then it is impossible to go from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .

Since it is impossible to travel in both directions between the groups this means the graph is directed.

By definition of a directed graph all nodes can only have either incoming or outgoing edges.

This infers at least one node does not have an incoming edge.

By statement 3.19, in a DAG there should be a node with no incoming edges, we know that this meta graph is a Directed Acyclic Graph.