Design and Analysis of Algorithms (UE17CS251)

Unit III - Decrease-and-Conquer

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Sum of the elements of an array using **Brute Force** approach.

 $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

```
Algorithm Sum(A[0..n-1])
//Sum(A[0..n-1]) = A[0] + A[1] + ... + A[n-1]
//Input: Array A having n numbers
//Output: Sum of n numbers in the array A
     sum ← 0
     for i ← 1 to n
           sum \leftarrow sum + A[i]
     return sum
C(n) = n
```

Sum of the elements of an array using **Divide-and-Conquer** approach.

```
Algorithm Sum(A[0..n-1])
//Sum(A[0..n-1]) = Sum(A[0..n/2-1]) + Sum(A[n/2..n-1])
//Input: Array A having n numbers
//Output: Sum of n numbers in the array A
     if (n = 0) return 0
     if (n = 1) return A[0]
                Sum(A[0..|(n-1)/2|]) +
     return
                       Sum(A[|(n-1)/2|+1..n-1])
C(n) = 2C(n/2) + 1, C(1) = 1
T(n) \in \Theta(n)
```

Sum of the elements of an array using **Decrease-and-Conquer** approach.

Brute Force:

- \circ Sum(A[0..n-1]) = A[0] + A[1] + ... + A[n-1]
- \circ T(n) $\in \Theta$ (n)

Divide-and-Conquer:

- \circ Sum(A[0..n-1]) = Sum(A[0..n/2-1]) + Sum(A[n/2..n-1])
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Decrease-and-Conquer:

- \circ Sum(A[0..n-1]) = Sum(A[0..n-2]) + A[n-1]
- C(n) = C(n-1) + 1, C(1) = 1 $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

Finding **a**ⁿ using **Brute Force** approach.

```
Algorithm Power(a, n)
//Finds a^n = a*a*...a (n times)
//Input: a \in \mathbf{R} and n \in \mathbf{I}^+
//Output: a<sup>n</sup>
       p ← 1
       for i 

1 to n
            p \leftarrow p * a
       return p
C(n) = n
T(n) \in \Theta(n)
```

Finding **a**ⁿ using **Divide-and-Conquer** approach.

```
Algorithm Power(a, n)
//Finds a^{n} = a^{[n/2]} * a^{[n/2]}
//Input: a \in \mathbf{R} and n \in \mathbf{I}^+
//Output: a<sup>n</sup>
        if (n = 0) return 1
        if (n = 1) return a
        return Power(a, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) * Power(a, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)
C(n) = 2C(n/2) + 1
T(n) \in \Theta(n)
```

Finding **a**ⁿ using **Decrease-and-Conquer** approach.

This approach is **Decrease-by-a-constant-and-Conquer.**Can we solve it by **Decrease-by-a-constant-factor-and-Conquer?**

Finding **a**ⁿ using **Decrease-by-a-constant-factor-and- Conquer** approach.

```
Algorithm Power(a, n)
//\text{Finds } a^{n} = (a^{[n/2]})^{2} * a^{n \mod 2}
//Input: a \in \mathbf{R} and n \in \mathbf{I}^+
//Output: a<sup>n</sup>
        if (n = 0) return 1
        p \leftarrow Power(a, |n/2|)
        p \leftarrow p \star p
        if (n is odd) p \leftarrow p * a
    return p
C(n) = C(n/2) + 2
T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)
```

Finding **a**ⁿ using different approaches.

- Brute-Force approach in Θ(n)
 - \circ $a^n = a * a * ... a (n times)$
- Divide-and-Conquer approach in Θ(n)

$$\circ$$
 $a^{n} = a^{[n/2]} * a^{[n/2]}, a^{0}=1, a^{1}=a$

- Decrease-by-a-constant-and-Conquer in Θ(n)
 - \circ $a^{n} = a^{n-1} * a, a^{0}=1$
- Decrease-by-a-constant-factor-and-Conquer in Θ(log n)
 - $\circ a^{n} = (a^{[n/2]})^{2} * a^{n \mod 2} a^{0} = 1$
 - \circ $a^n = (a^{n/2})^2$ when n is even $a^n = a*(a^{(n-1)/2})^2$ when n is odd and $a^0 = 1$

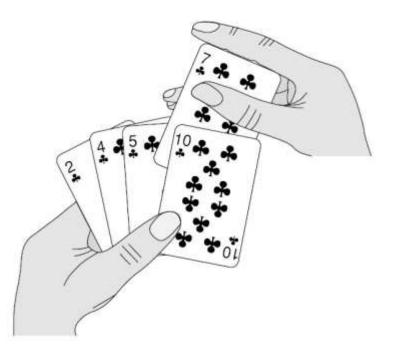
Decrease-and-Conquer:

- 1. Reduce problem instance into a smaller instance of the same problem.
- 2. Solve the smaller instance.
- 3. Extend the solution of the smaller instance to obtain solution to the original instance.

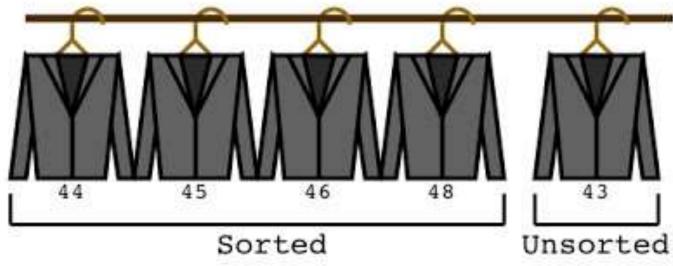
Also referred to as *inductive* or *incremental* approach.

Variants of **Decrease-and-Conquer**:

- Decrease-by-a-constant-and-Conquer
 - $\circ a^n = a^{n-1} * a$
 - \circ Sum $(a_{0..n-1}) = Sum (a_{0..n-2}) + a_{n-1}$
- Decrease-by-a-constant-factor-and-Conquer
 - \circ $a^n = (a^{n/2})^2$ when n is even $a^n = a*(a^{(n-1)/2})^2$ when n is odd and
 - $a^1 = a, a^0 = 1$
 - Binary Search
- Decrease-by-variable-size-and-Conquer
 - \circ gcd(m, n) = gcd(n, m mod n), and gcd(m, 0) = m



Insertion Sort:



Insertion Sort: To sort an array A[0..n-1], sort A[0..n-2] and then insert A[n-1] in its proper place among the sorted A[0..n-2]. It's a Decrease-by-a-constant-and-Conquer approach.

```
Algorithm InsertionSortRecursive (A[0..n-1])
   if (n > 1)
             InsertionSortRecursive(A[0..n-2])
             temp \leftarrow A[n-1]
      j \leftarrow n-2
      while (j \ge 0 \text{ and } A[j] > \text{temp})
             A[j+1] \leftarrow A[j]
             j ← j-1
      A[j+1] \leftarrow temp
```

Insertion Sort: To sort an array A[0..n-1], sort A[0..n-2] and then insert A[n-1] in its proper place among the sorted A[0..n-2].

It's a Decrease-by-a-constant-and-Conquer approach. It's usually implemented bottom-up (non-recursively).

Example: Sort 6, 4, 1, 8, 5, 5

54	26	93	17	77	31	44	55	20	Assume 54 is a sorted list of 1 item
26	54	93	17	77	31	44	55	20	inserted 26
26	54	93	17	77	31	44	55	20	inserted 93
17	26	54	93	77	31	44	55	20	inserted 17
17	26	54	77	93	31	44	55	20	inserted 77
17	26	31	54	77	93	44	55	20	inserted 31
17	26	31	44	54	77	93	55	20	inserted 44
17	26	31	44	54	55	77	93	20	inserted 55
17	20	26	31	44	54	55	77	93	inserted 20

$$A[0] \le \cdots \le A[j] < A[j+1] \le \cdots \le A[i-1] \mid A[i] \cdots A[n-1]$$

smaller than or equal to A[i]

greater than A[i]

 $A[0] \le \cdots \le A[j] < A[j+1] \le \cdots \le A[i-1] \mid A[i] \cdots A[n-1]$ smaller than or equal to A[i] greater than A[i]

Algorithm InsertionSort(A[0..n-1]) for
$$i \leftarrow 1$$
 to $n-1$ temp \leftarrow A[i] $j \leftarrow i-1$ while($j \ge 0$ and A[j] > temp)
$$A[j+1] \leftarrow A[j]$$
 $j \leftarrow j-1$ $A[j+1] \leftarrow temp$

Time efficiency

○
$$C_{worst}(n)$$
 = 1 + 2 + 3 + ... + n - 1
= n (n - 1) / 2 ∈ $\Theta(n^2)$
○ $C_{best}(n)$ = n - 1 ∈ $\Theta(n)$

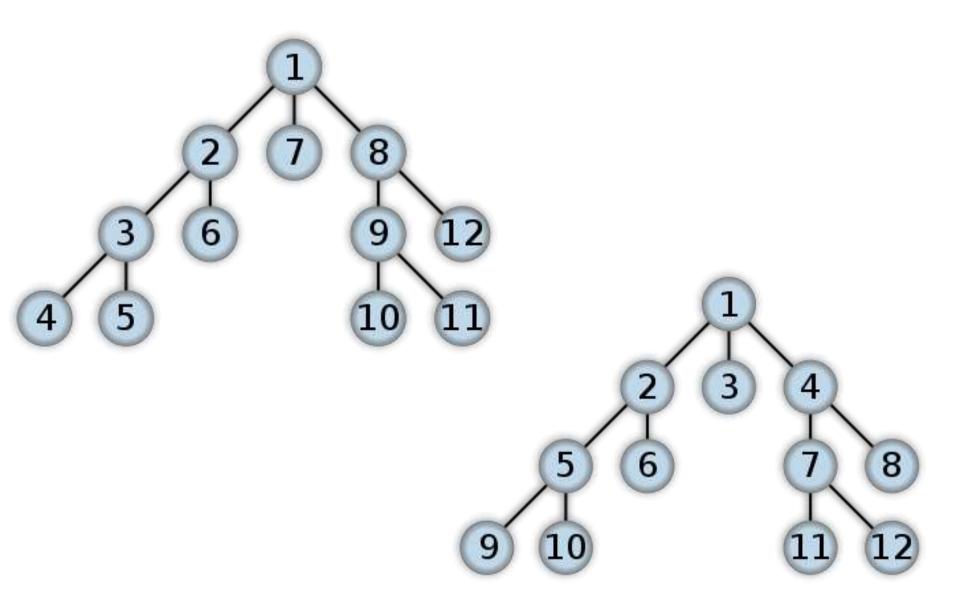
- $\circ C_{\text{avg}}(n) \approx n^2/4 \in \Theta(n^2)$
- Fast on nearly sorted arrays
- Space complexity?
- Stable sorting?
- Best elementary sorting algorithm overall
 - Often used in Quicksort implementations
- Binary insertion sort?

Graph Traversal Algorithms:

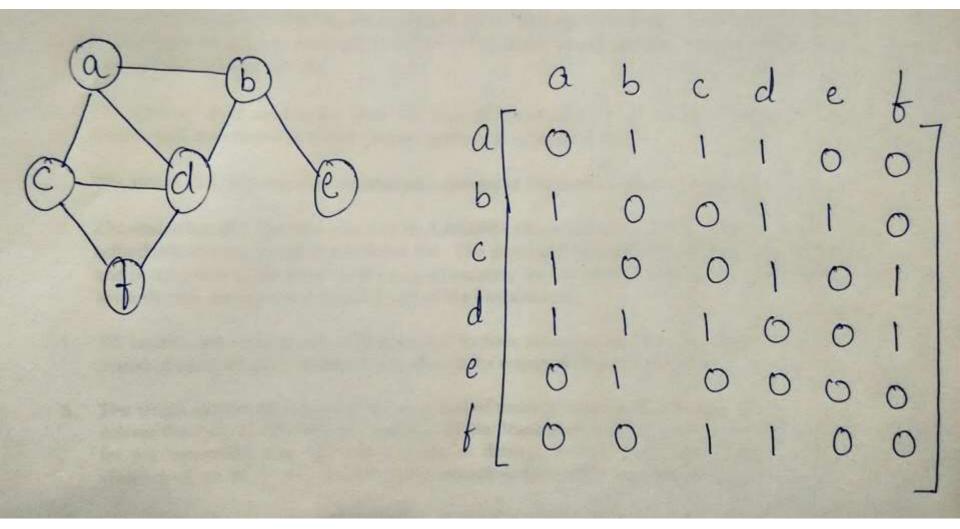
Many problems require processing all graph vertices (or edges) in a systematic way.

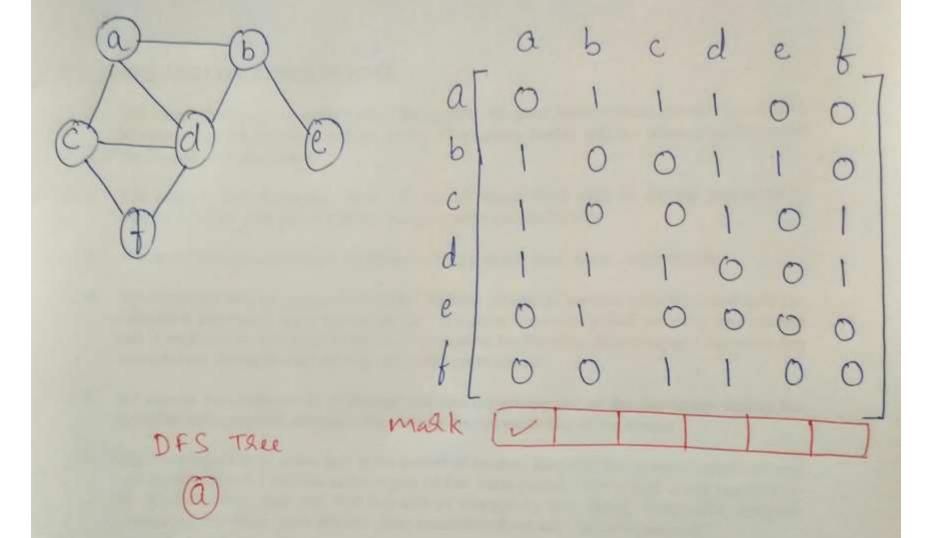
Based on the order of visiting the vertices:

- Depth-first search (DFS)
 - Search everything related a one neighbor recursively before starting with another
 - Uses Stack behavior
- Breadth-first search (BFS)
 - Search all the neighbors (first level) before the 2nd level of nodes
 - Uses Queue behavior

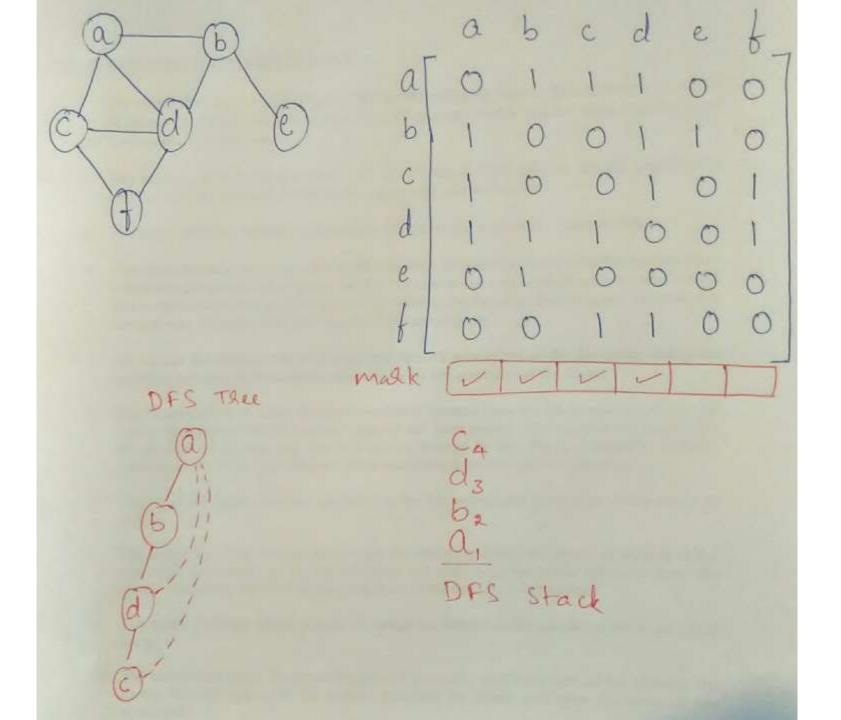


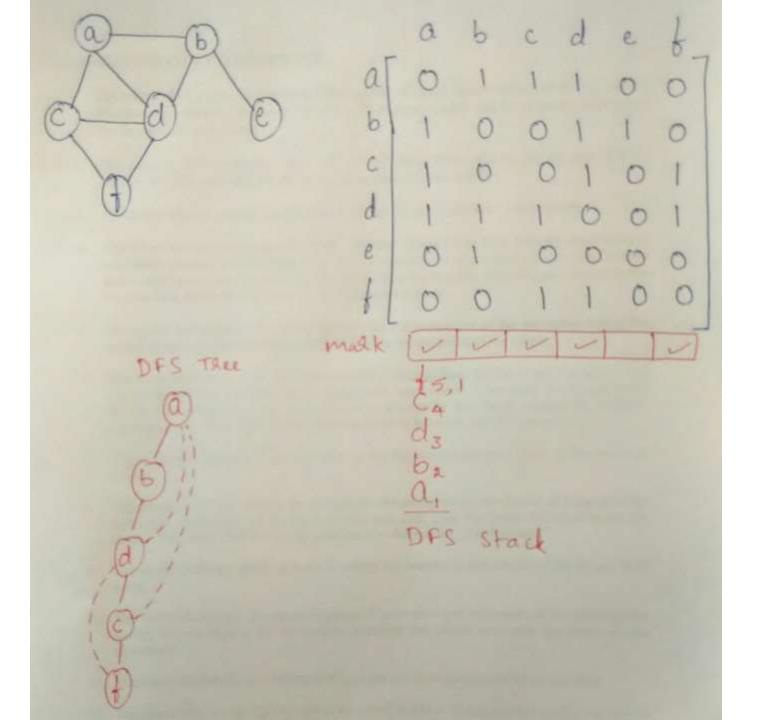
Algorithm dfs(v)

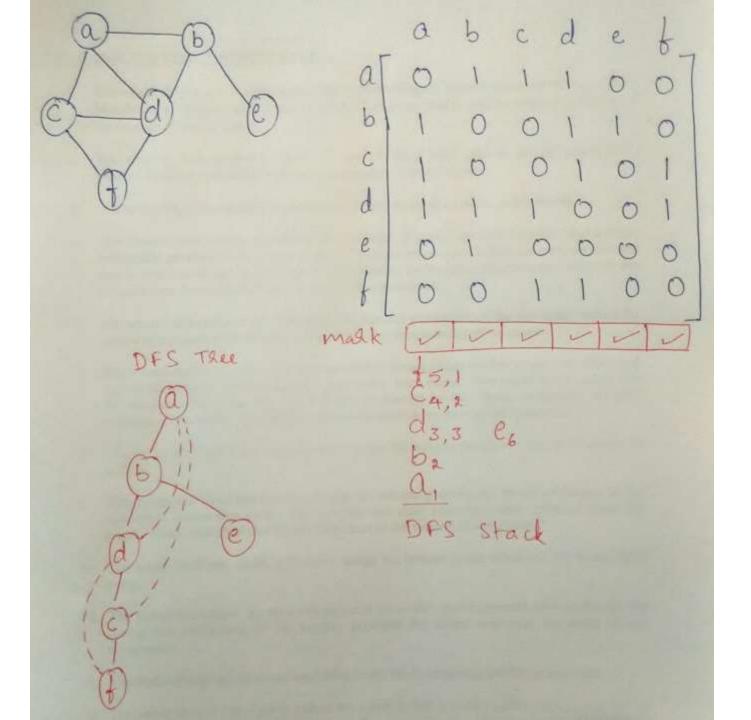


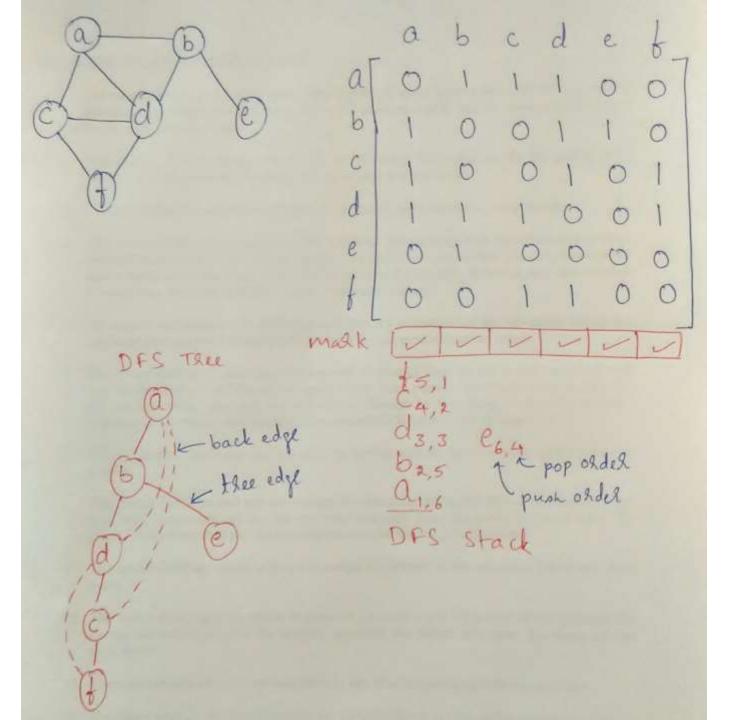


OFS Stack

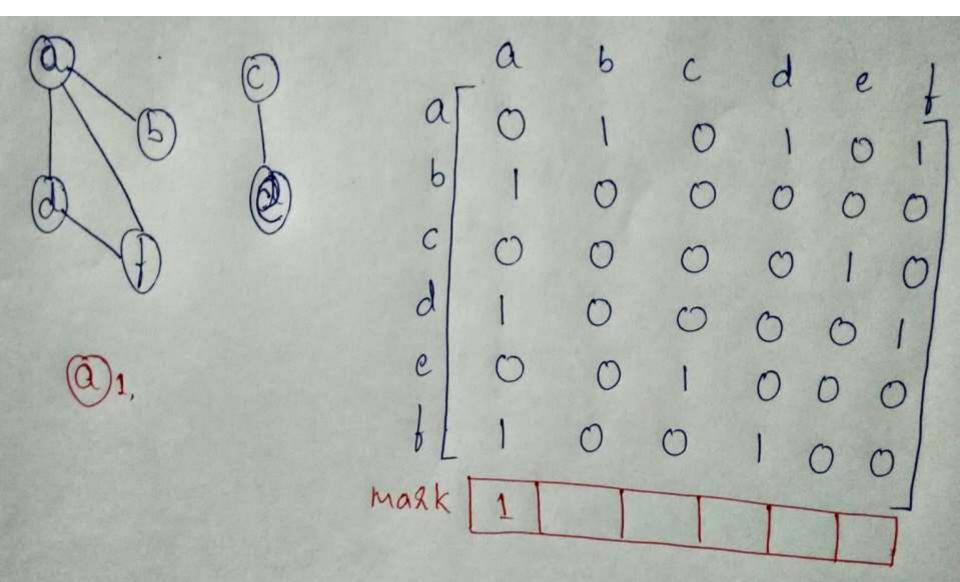


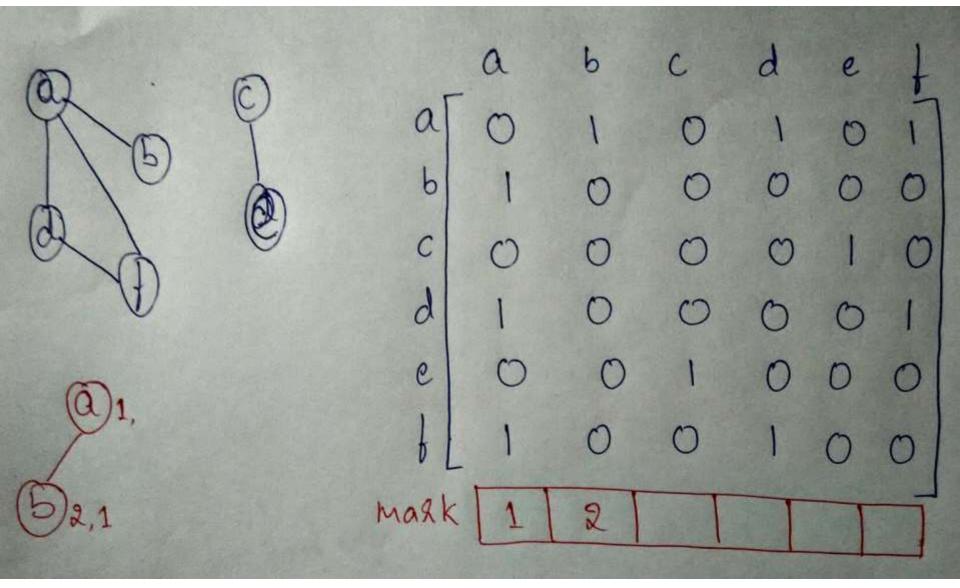


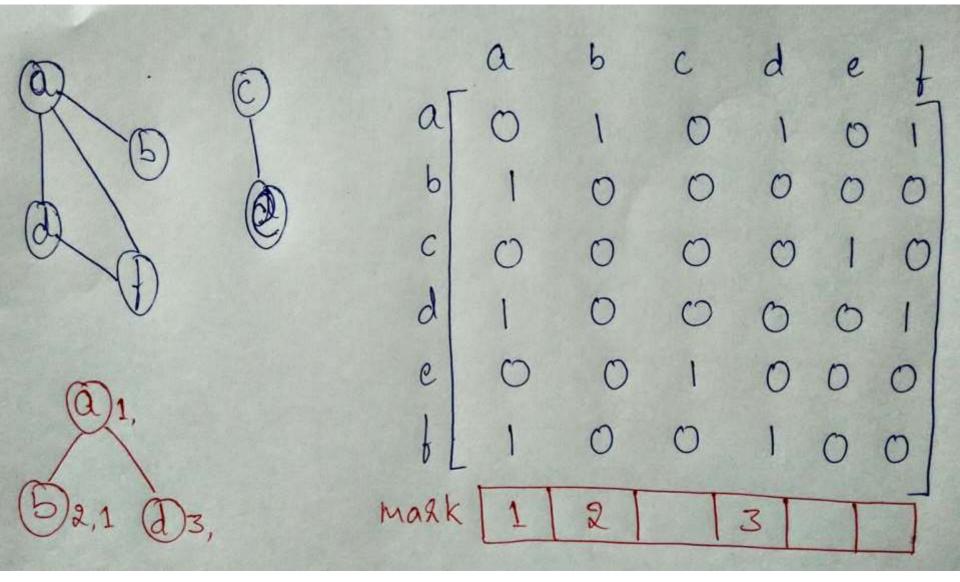


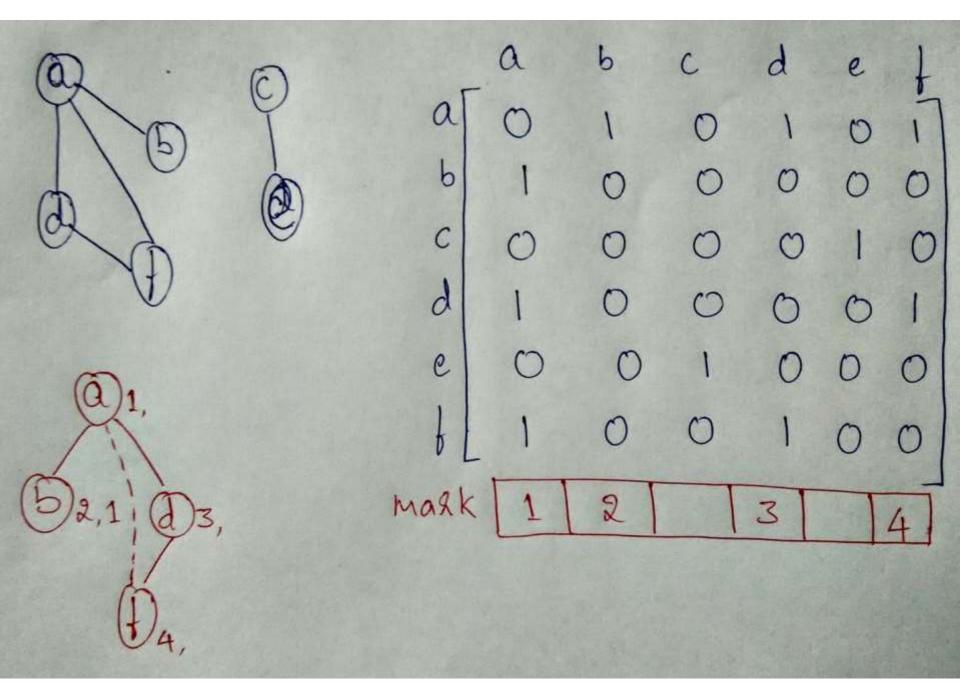


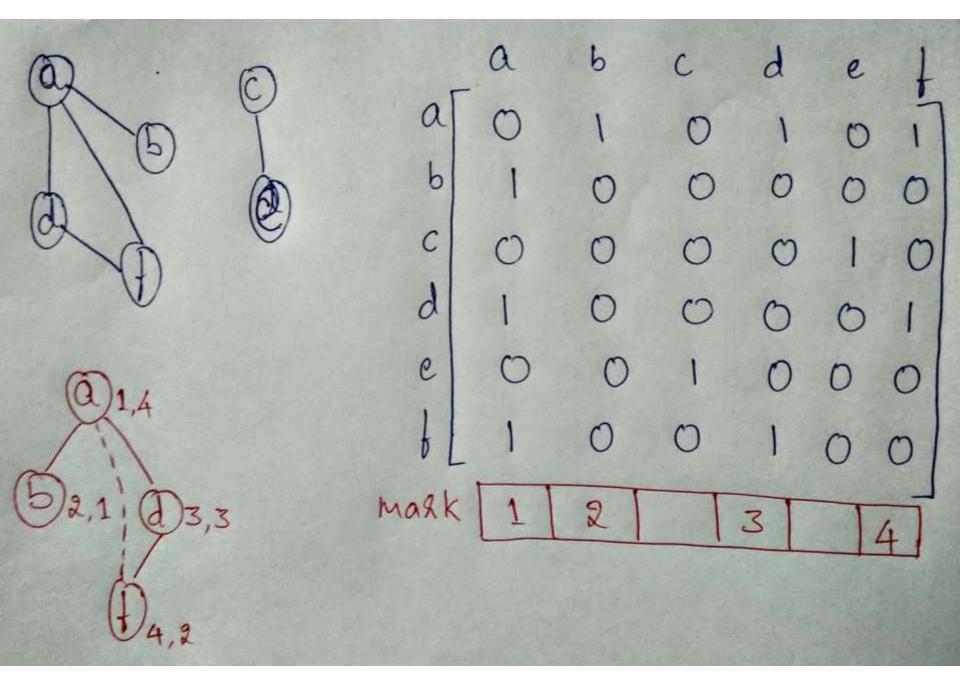
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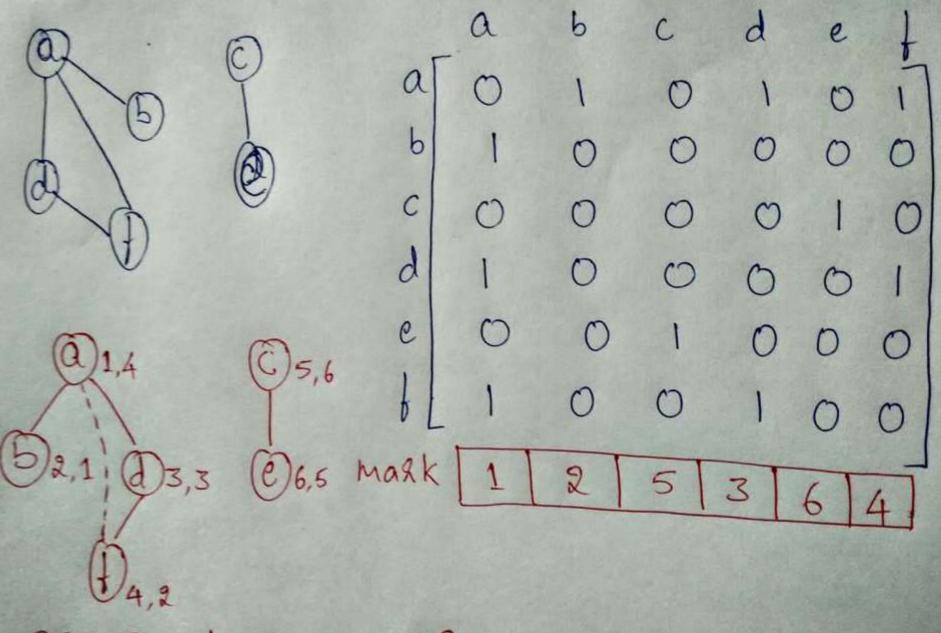


Algorithm DFS_MAIN(G(V, E))

Mark each vertex in v with 0
for each vertex v in V
 if (v is marked with 0)
 dfs recurse(v)

Procedure dfs_recurse(v)

Mark v with 1
for each vertex w in V adjacent to v
 if (w is marked with 0)
 dfs recurse(w)



OFS Forest with Stack blace

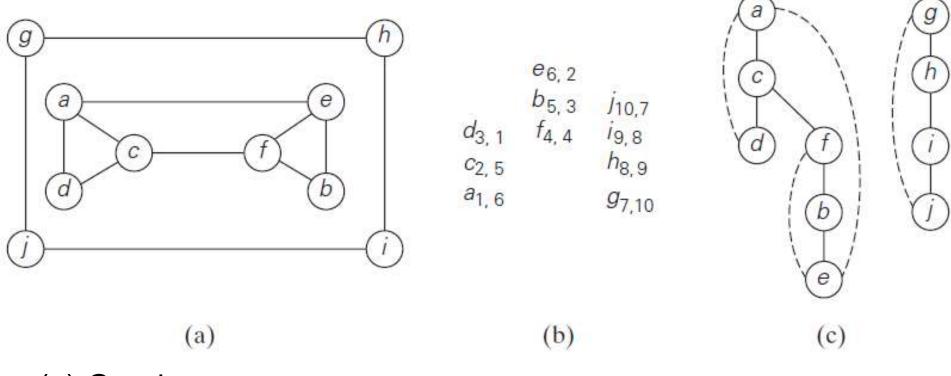
ALGORITHM DFS(G)//Implements a depth-first search traversal of a given graph //Input: Graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ //Output: Graph G with its vertices marked with consecutive integers //in the order they've been first encountered by the DFS traversal mark each vertex in V with 0 as a mark of being "unvisited" $count \leftarrow 0$ for each vertex v in V do if v is marked with 0 dfs(v)dfs(v)//visits recursively all the unvisited vertices connected to vertex v by a path //and numbers them in the order they are encountered //via global variable count $count \leftarrow count + 1$; mark v with count

for each vertex w in V adjacent to v do

if w is marked with 0

dfs(w)

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Algorithm DFS MAIN(G(V, E))
     for each vertex v in V
     v.mark \leftarrow 0
     counter \leftarrow 0
     for each vertex v in V
          if (v is marked with 0)
               dfs recurse(v)
Procedure dfs recurse(v)
     counter ← counter + 1
  v.mark ← counter
     for each vertex w in V adjacent to v
          if (w.mark = 0) dfs recurse(w)
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- (a) Graph
- (b) Stack of the DFS Traversal
- (c) DFS Forest
 - i. Tree edges
 - ii. Back edges

Time Efficiency of DFS(G):

Adjacency Matrix:

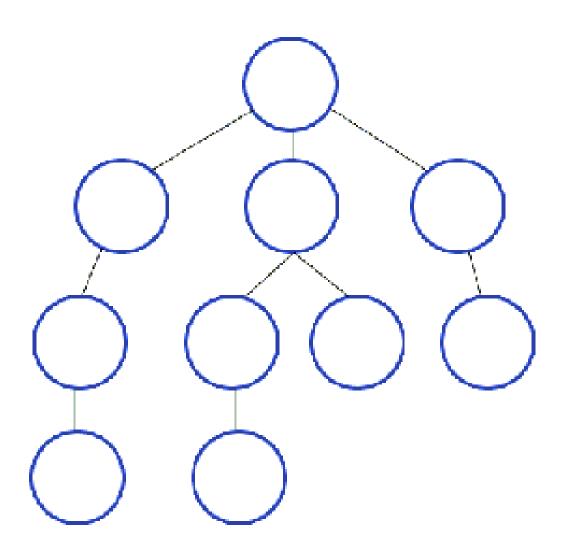
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\Theta(|V|^2)
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Adjacency Lists:

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\Theta(|V| + |E|)
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ALGORITHM
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    //Implements a depth-first search traversal of a given graph
    //Input: Graph G = \langle V, E \rangle
    //Output: Graph G with its vertices marked with consecutive integers
    //in the order they've been first encountered by the DFS traversal
    mark each vertex in V with 0 as a mark of being "unvisited"
    count \leftarrow 0
    for each vertex v in V do
        if v is marked with 0
          dfs(v)
    dfs(v)
    //visits recursively all the unvisited vertices connected to vertex v by a path
    //and numbers them in the order they are encountered
    //via global variable count
    count \leftarrow count + 1; mark v with count
    for each vertex w in V adjacent to v do
        if w is marked with 0
          dfs(w)
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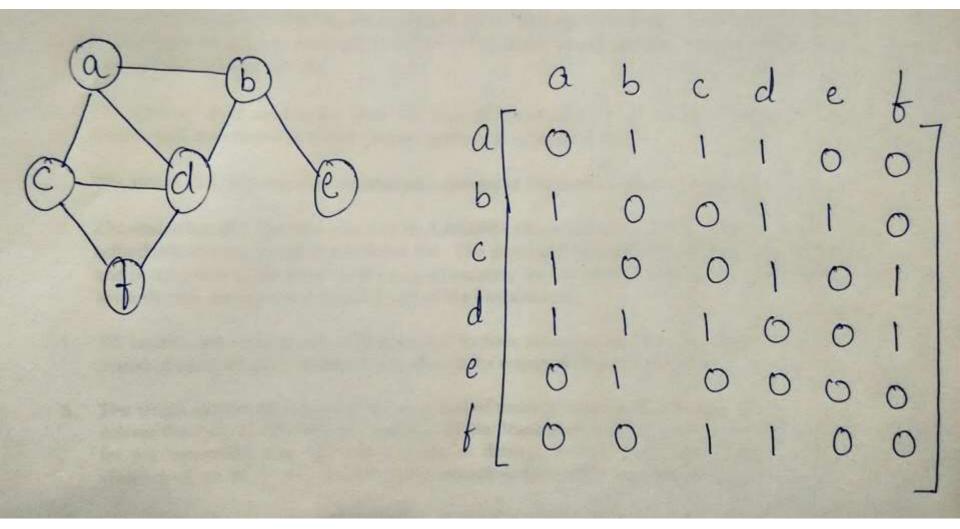
Breadth First Search (BFS)

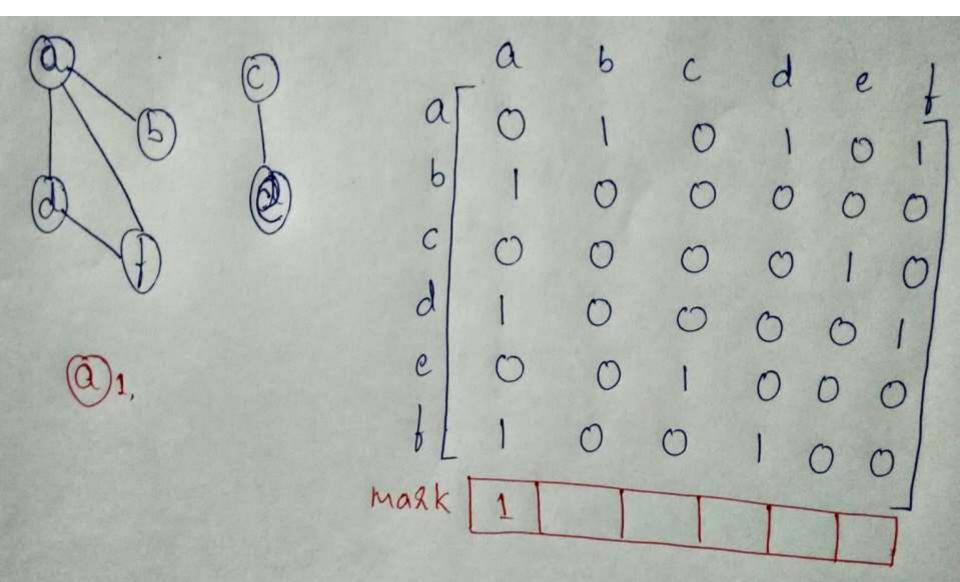


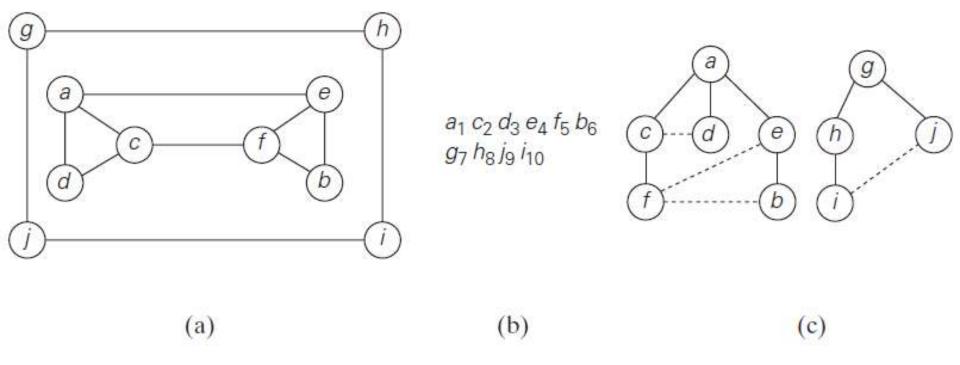
Algorithm BFS_main(G(V, E)) Mark each vertex in v with 0 for each vertex v in V if(v is marked with 0) bfs_node(v)

Procedure bfs node(v)

Mark v with 1
Insert v into the Queue
while the Queue is not empty
v ← remove a vertex from the Queue
for each vertex w in V adjacent to v
 if(w is marked with 0)
 Mark w with 1
 Add w to the Queue







- (a) Graph
- (b) Queue of the BFS Traversal
- (c) BFS Forest
 - i. Tree edges
 - ii. Cross edges

Algorithm BFS(G)

```
for each vertex v in V
v.mark \leftarrow 0
for each vertex v in V
     if(v.mark = 0)
           v.mark \leftarrow 1
     Insert v into the Queue
     while the Queue is not empty
     v ← remove a vertex from the Queue
     for each vertex w in V adjacent to v
           if(w.mark = 0)
                w.mark \leftarrow 1
                      Add w to the Queue
```

```
ALGORITHM BFS(G)
    //Implements a breadth-first search traversal of a given graph
    //Input: Graph G = \langle V, E \rangle
    //Output: Graph G with its vertices marked with consecutive integers
              in the order they are visited by the BFS traversal
    mark each vertex in V with 0 as a mark of being "unvisited"
    count \leftarrow 0
    for each vertex v in V do
        if v is marked with 0
            bfs(v)
    bfs(v)
    //visits all the unvisited vertices connected to vertex v
    //by a path and numbers them in the order they are visited
    //via global variable count
    count \leftarrow count + 1; mark v with count and initialize a queue with v
    while the queue is not empty do
        for each vertex w in V adjacent to the front vertex do
            if w is marked with 0
                 count \leftarrow count + 1; mark w with count
                 add w to the queue
        remove the front vertex from the queue
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Time Efficiency of BFS(G):

Adjacency Matrix: Θ(|V|²)

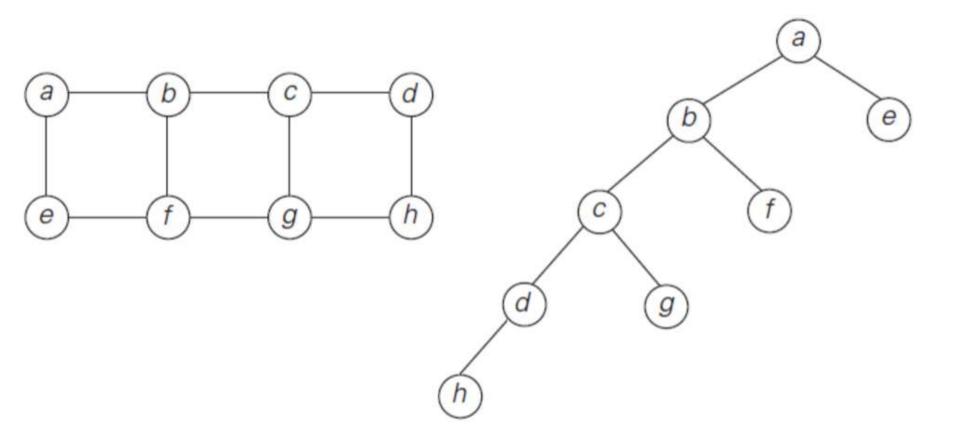
Adjacency Lists: Θ(|V| + |E|)

Algorithm BFS_main(G(V, E))

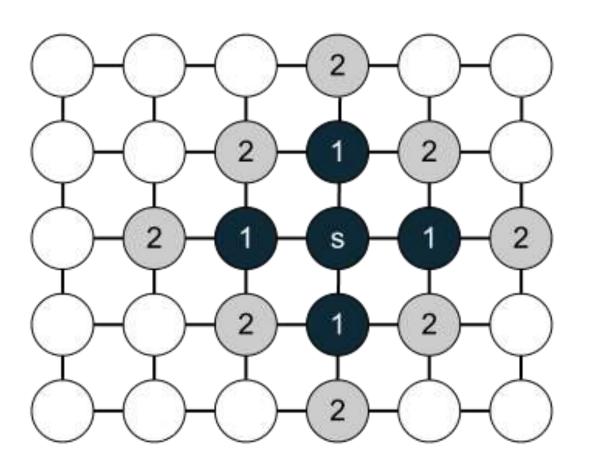
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 if(v is marked with 0)
 bfs node(v)

Procedure bfs node(v)

BFS-based algorithm for finding a minimum-edge path.



BFS: WHITE, GRAY, BLACK



Paths

The distances between the starting vertex and all the other vertices are the shortest possible!

Problem for the lab on DFS/BFS:

Write a program to find the number of components an undirected graph has. The graph could be represented as an adjacency matrix.

- (a) Using DFS traversal
- (b) Using BFS traversal

The output is just a positive integer indicating the number of components the given undirected graph has.

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Problem for the lab on DFS/BFS: Test-cases:
Sample Input 1:
3
0 1 0
1 0 0
0 0 0
Sample Output 1:
2
Sample Input 2:
0 0
Sample Output 2:
2
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Problem for the lab on DFS/BFS: Test-cases:
Sample Input 3:
1
Sample Output 3:
Sample Input 4:
9
 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
   0 0 0 0 0
   0 0 0
        0 0 0
 1 0 0 0
   0 0 0
   0 0 0
        0 0
 0 0 0 0
        1 1 0 0
Sample Output 4:
4
```

Practice problem for the lab on DFS/BFS:
Simulate a maze search using DFS technique.
Represent a 2-dimensional maze by grid of nodes, where a node in the grid can potentially connect to four other nodes in the grid. Two nodes have an edge between them if they are adjacent in the grid and there is no obstacle in between. Print the index of the nodes (i, j) visited during the maze

search. The search ends when all reachable

nodes from (0, 0) are visited.

Practice problem for the lab on DFS/BFS:

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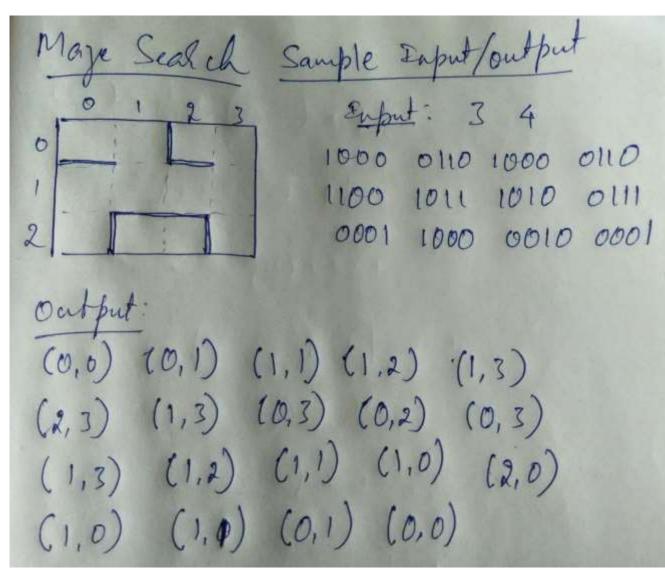
Input: 'r' rows and 'c' columns in the grid. It is followed by r*c binary strings of 4 bits (like 1001) indicating the connection to its right, bottom, left and top adjacent nodes, respectively.

Output: Series of nodes with their locations indices (like (4,0) indicating 4th row, 0th column) in the order of their visit during the maze search. The ones visited during backtracking also to be printed.

Practice problem for the lab on DFS/BFS:

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Sample Input/Output:

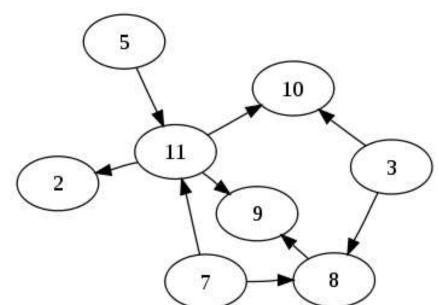


Directed cycle:

It is a cycle or circuit in a digraph.

DAG (directed acyclic graph):

A digraph having no directed cycle.



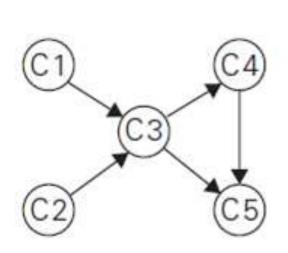
Topological Sorting:

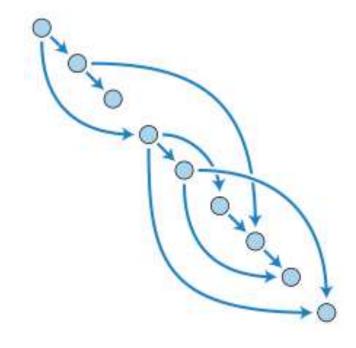
(aka Toposort, Topological Ordering)

What do you know about **Topological Sorting** from the course in Discrete Math?

Topological Sorting: is listing vertices of a directed graph in such an order that for every edge in the graph, the vertex where the edge starts is listed before the vertex where the edge ends.

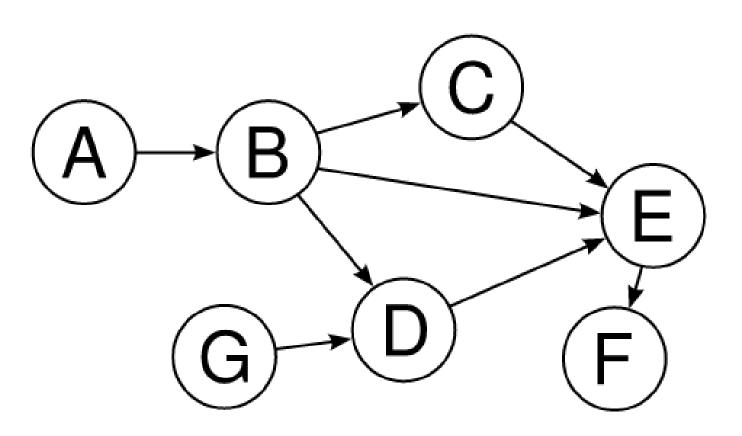
A digraph has a topological sorting iff it is a dag.



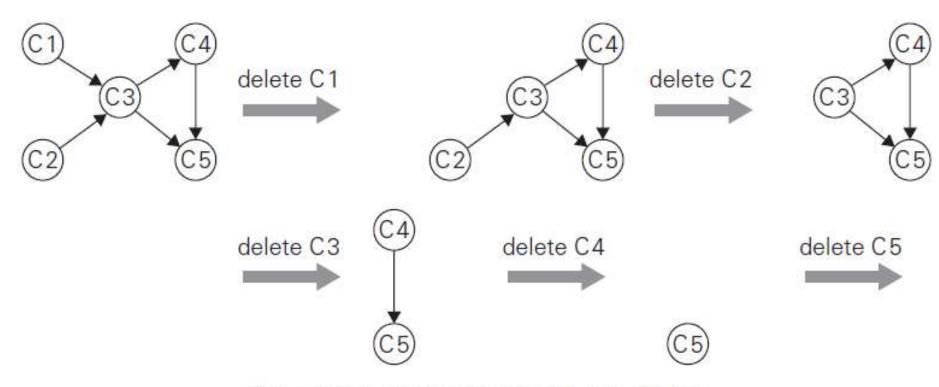


Finding a **Topological Sorting** of the vertices of a dag:

- Source-removal algorithm
- DFS-based algorithm



Source-removal algorithm for finding Topological Sorting



The solution obtained is C1, C2, C3, C4, C5

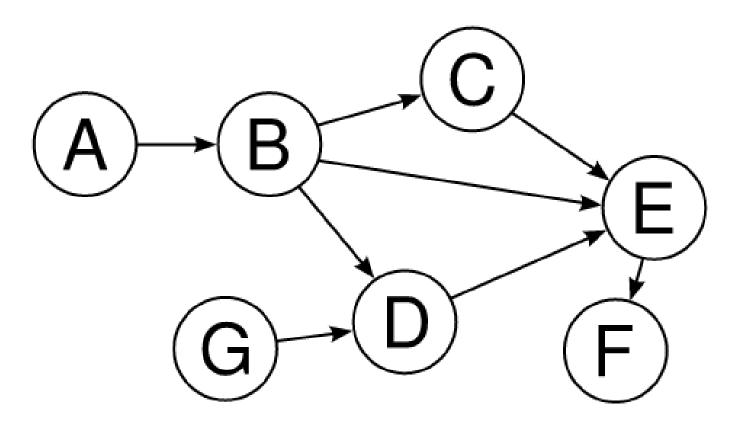
Algorithm SourceRemoval_Toposort(V, E)

- L ← Empty list that will contain the sorted vertices
- S ← Set of all vertices with no incoming edges

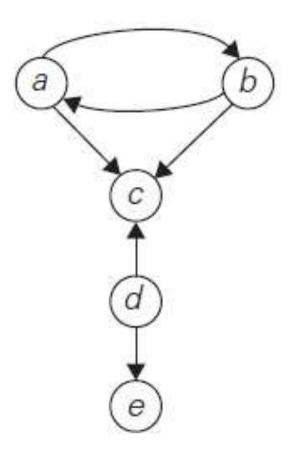
while S is non-empty do

- remove a vertex v from S
- add v to tail of L
- for each vertex m with an edge e from v to m do
 - remove edge e from the graph
 - if m has no other incoming edges then
 - insert m into S
- if graph has edges then
 - return error (not a DAG)
- else return L (a topologically sorted order)

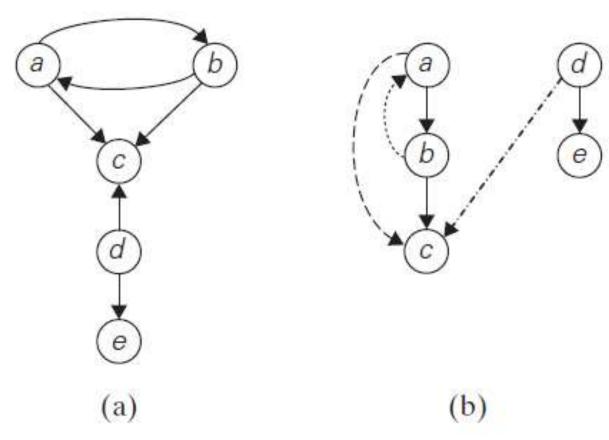
Find a Topological Sort of the following **dag** using **Source-removal** algorithm



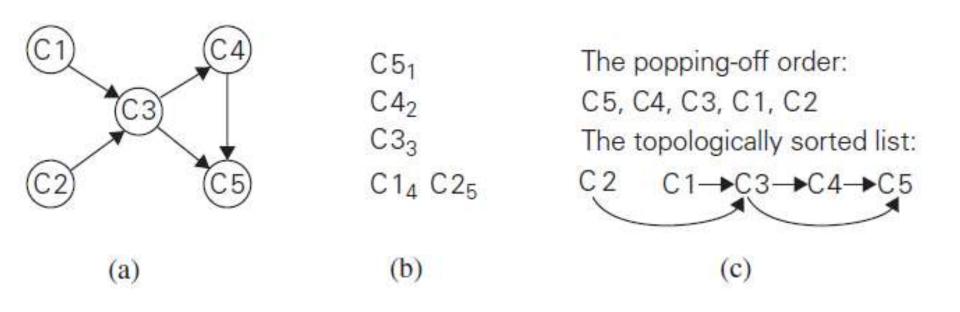
Draw a DFS forest for the given directed graph.



- (a) DiGraph
- (b) DFS Forest
 - i. Tree edges
 - ii. Back edges
 - iii. Forward edges
 - iv. Cross edges



DFS-based algorithm for finding **Topological Sorting**



Algorithm DFS_Toposort(V, E)

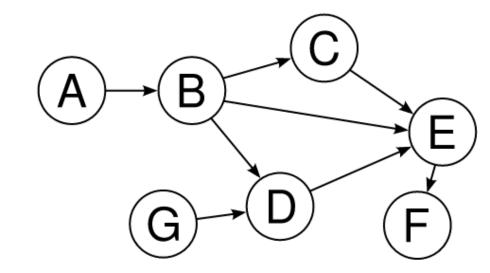
L ← Empty list that will contain the sorted vertices

for each vertex v in V
v.mark ← 0

for each vertex v in V do

if(v.mark = 0) visit(v, L)

return L



Procedure visit(vertex v, List L)

 $v.mark \leftarrow 1$

for each vertex m with an edge (v, m) do

if(m.mark = 0) visit(m)

add v at *head* of L

Algorithm DFS_Toposort(V, E)

L ← Empty list that will contain the sorted vertices

for each vertex v in V

$$mark(v) \leftarrow 0$$
, $instack(v) \leftarrow 0$

for each vertex v do

$$if(mark(v) = 0) visit(v, L)$$

return L

Procedure visit(vertex v, List L)

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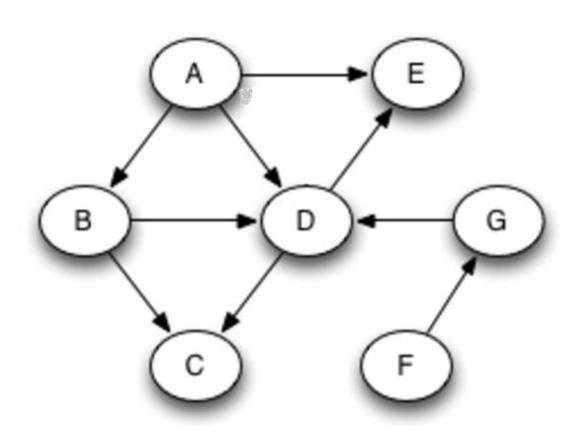
$$if(mark(v) = 0) visit(m)$$

add v at head of L

$$instack(v) \leftarrow 0$$

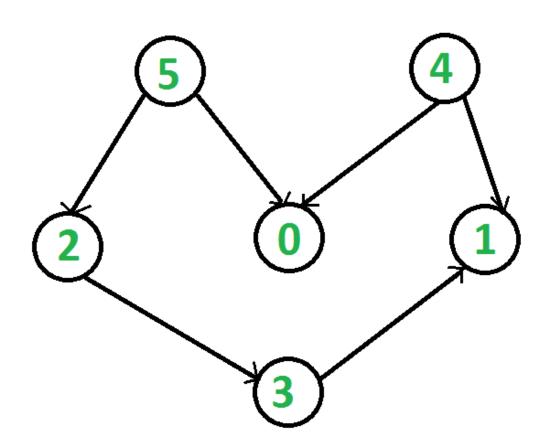
Topological Sorting of the vertices using

- Source-removal algorithm
- **DFS-based** algorithm



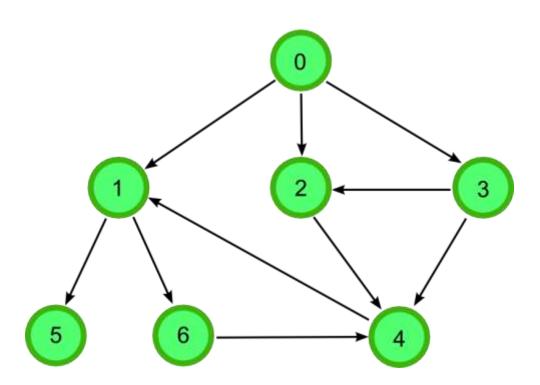
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Generating **Permutations:**

 Lexicographic Order

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Decrease-and-

Conquer

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Generating Permutations:

123

132

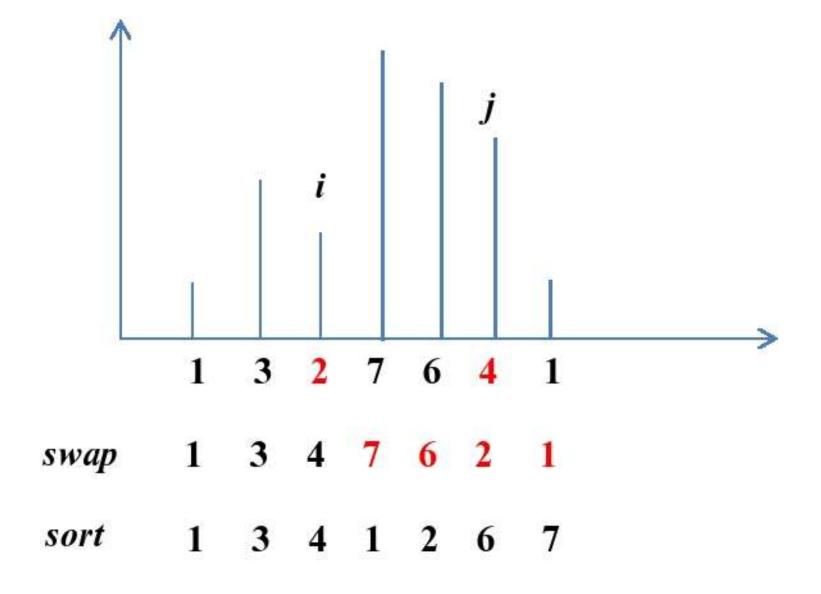
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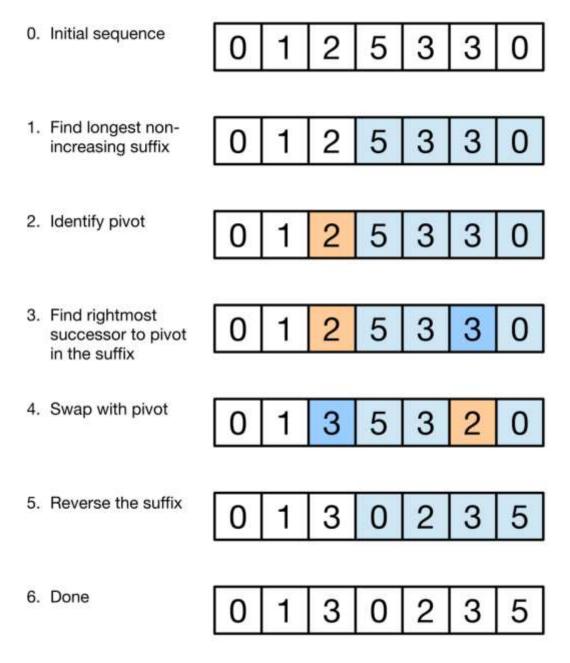
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- Lexicographic order
 - the order in which they would be listed in a dictionary if the digits were interpreted as letters/characters.
- Decrease-and-Conquer
 - Solve it for input size of (n-1) and hence for n.





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Generating Permutations by **Decrease-and-Conquer**

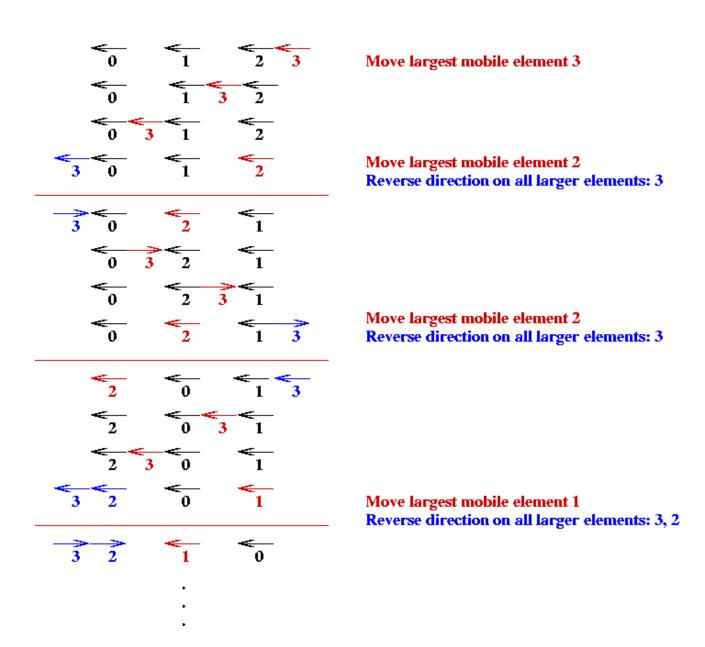
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Step 1: There is only one permutation for 1 symbol

Step 2: Assume we know how to generate permutations for (n-1) symbols.

Step 3: Extend it to generate permutations for n symbols.

Johnson-Trotter algorithm to generate permutations



Johnson-Trotter algorithm to generate permutations

			
1234	1243	1423	4123
4132	1432	1342	1324
3124	3142	3412	4312
$\overrightarrow{4}\overrightarrow{3}\overrightarrow{2}\overrightarrow{1}$	3421	$\overrightarrow{3} \ \overrightarrow{2} \ \overrightarrow{4} \ \overrightarrow{1}$	$\overrightarrow{3}$ 2 1 4
2314	2341	2431	4231
$\overrightarrow{4}$ 2 1 3	$2\overline{4}\overline{1}\overline{3}$	$2\overrightarrow{1}\overrightarrow{4}\overrightarrow{3}$	$2\overrightarrow{1}\overrightarrow{3}\overrightarrow{4}$

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Generating Subsets:

Knapsack problem needed to find the most valuable subset of items that fits a knapsack of a given capacity.

Powerset: set of all subsets of a set. Set A={1, 2, ..., n} has 2ⁿ subsets.

Generate all subsets of the set A={1, 2, ..., n}.

Any **decrease-by-one** idea? # of subsets of $\{\} = 2^0 = 1$, which is $\{\}$ itself Suppose, we know how to generate all subsets of $\{1,2,...,n-1\}$ Now, how can we generate all subsets of $\{1,2,...,n\}$?

Generating Subsets:

All subsets of $\{1,2,...,n-1\}$: 2^{n-1} such subsets

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All subsets of \{1,2,...,n\}:

2^{n-1} subsets of \{1,2,...,n-1\} and

another 2^{n-1} subsets of \{1,2,...,n-1\} having 'n' with them.
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That adds up to all 2ⁿ subsets of {1,2,...,n}

Alternate way of Generating Subsets:

Knowing the binary nature of either having **n**th element or not, any idea involving binary numbers itself?

One-to-one correspondence between all 2^n bit strings $b_1b_2...b_n$ and 2^n subsets of $\{a_1, a_2, ..., a_n\}$.

Each bit string $b_1b_2...b_n$ could correspond to a subset. In a bit string $b_1b_2...b_n$, depending on whether b_i is 1 or 0, a_i is in the subset or not in the subset.

000 001 010 011 100 101 110 111
$$\varnothing$$
 { a_3 } { a_2 } { a_2 , a_3 } { a_1 } { a_1 , a_3 } { a_1 , a_3 } { a_1 , a_2 } { a_1 , a_2 , a_3 }

Generating Subsets in Squashed order:

Squashed order: any subset involving a_j can be listed only after all the subsets involving $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{j-1}$

Both of the previous methods does generate subsets in squashed order.

Generating Subsets in Squashed order:

Squashed order: any subset involving a_j can be listed only after all the subsets involving $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{j-1}$

Can we do it with minimal change in bit-string (actually, just one-bit change to get the next bit string)? This would mean, to get a new subset, just change one item (remove one item or add one item).

Binary reflected gray code:

000 001 011 010 110 111 101 100

Decrease-by-a-Constant-Factor Algorithms:

Finding aⁿ

$$a^{n} = (a^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})^{2} * a^{n \mod 2}$$

o $a^{n} = (a^{n/2})^{2}$ when n is even

 $a^{n} = a^{*}(a^{(n-1)/2})^{2}$ when n is odd and

 $a^{1} = a$, $a^{0} = 1$

Binary Search:

$$A[0] \dots A[m-1] \quad A[m] \quad A[m+1] \dots A[n-1]$$
search here if $K < A[m]$
search here if $K > A[m]$

Decrease-by-a-Constant-Factor Algorithms:

```
Algorithm BinarySearchRec(A[0..n-1], K)
     if(n \le 0)
          return -1
     m = |n/2|
     if(k = A[m])
          return m
     if(k < A[m])
          return BinarySearchRec(A[0..m-1], K)
     else
          return BinarySearchRec(A[m+1..n-1],
K)
```

Multiplication à la Russe: (aka Russian peasant method)

			-		
n	m		n	m	
50	65		50	65	
25	130		25	130	130
12	260	(+130)	12	260	
6	520		6	520	
3	1040		3	1040	1040
1	2080	(+1040)	1	2080	2080
	2080	+(130 + 1040) = 3250			3250
			600		

$$n \cdot m = \frac{n}{2} \cdot 2m. \qquad n \cdot m = \frac{n-1}{2} \cdot 2m + m \qquad 1 \cdot m = m$$

A puzzle circulated in WhatsApp groups

There are 8 coins. Out of which one is fake. The fake coin is lighter in weight than others. You have a common balance to weigh the coins.

How many iterations of weighing are required, to find the fake coin?

Fake-Coin Problem: There are *n* coins, which appear identical except that one of them is fake. The fake coin is lighter than the genuine ones. There is a balance scale but there are no weights; the scale can tell whether two sets of coins weigh the same and, if not, which of the two sets is heavier (but not by how much). Design an efficient algorithm for detecting the fake coin. Objective is to minimize the number of iterations of weighing.

Decrease-by-a-Constant-Factor Algorithms:

Fake-Coin Problem:

- Decrease-by-a-factor of 2 algorithm
 For 8 coins, it takes 3 iterations.
 Ceil(log₂ n) iterations of weighing
 Ceil(log₂ 1 trillion) = 40
- Decrease-by-a-factor of 3 algorithm
 For 8 coins, it takes 2 iterations.
 Ceil(log₃ n) iterations of weighing
 Ceil(log₃ 1 trillion) = 26

A puzzle circulated in WhatsApp groups

10 people standing in a circle in an order from 1 to 10.

No. 1 has a sword.

He kills the next person (i.e. no. 2) and gives sword to the following person (i.e. no. 3). Every time the person holding the sword kills the next alive person in the circle and gives the sword to the following alive person. It continues till only one person survives. Which one survives in the end? The problem is to determine the survivor's number.

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Answer for the previous one is 5. That is, 5th person survives. What if there are 100 people in the circle to start with.

100 people standing in a circle in an order from 1 to 100.

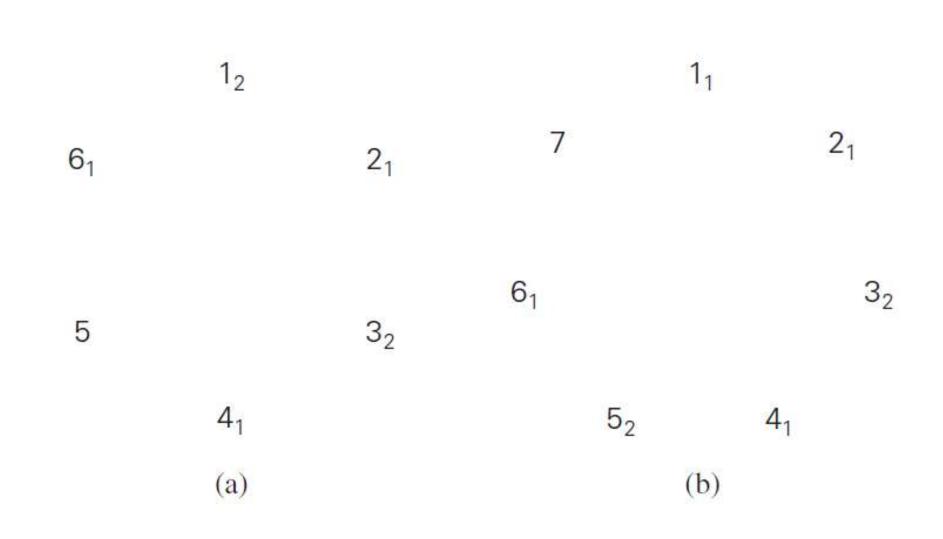
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Let n people be numbered from 1 to n stand in a circle. Starting the count from 1, we eliminate every second person until only one survivor is left. The problem is to determine the survivor's number J(n).

- A group of m soldiers are surrounded by the enemy and there is only a single horse for escape.
- The soldiers determine a pact to see who will escape and summon help.
- The form a circle and pick a number n which is between 1 and m.
- One of their names is also selected at random.

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1	<u>.</u>	5	5	1	3	7	7	1	1	1	9
2	3	9		2	5	11		2	3	5	
3	5			3	7			3	5	9	
4	7			4	9			4	7		
5	9			5	11			5	9		
6				6				6	11		
7				7				7			
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9				9				9			
10				10				10			
				11				11			
								12			

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$$J(2k) = 2J(k) - 1$$
 $J(2k + 1) = 2J(k) + 1$
 $J(2k + 1$

J(n) can be obtained by a 1-bit cyclic shift left of n itself! $J(6) = J(110_2) = 101_2 = 5$ and $J(7) = J(111_2) = 111_2 = 7$.

Take just a step at a time and reduce your problem size!

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