

# COMP 251

Algorithms & Data Structures (Winter 2022)

Graphs – TS & SCC

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Slides of (Comp321 ,2021), Langer (2014), Kleinberg & Tardos, 2005 & Cormen et al., 2009, Jaehyun Park' slides CS 97SI, Topcoder tutorials, T-414-AFLV Course, Programming Challenges books, slides from D. Plaisted (UNC) and Comp251-Fall McGill.

# Announcements

- Proof Activity.
  - [#523](#) (Latex Tutorial)
  - [#453](#) (submit only one proof)
- Assignment 2.
  - [#503](#) (extension)
  - [#505](#) (extra OH)
- Assignment 3.
  - Will be published on Friday.
- Midterm.
  - [#532](#) (logistics)
  - (test crowdmark)

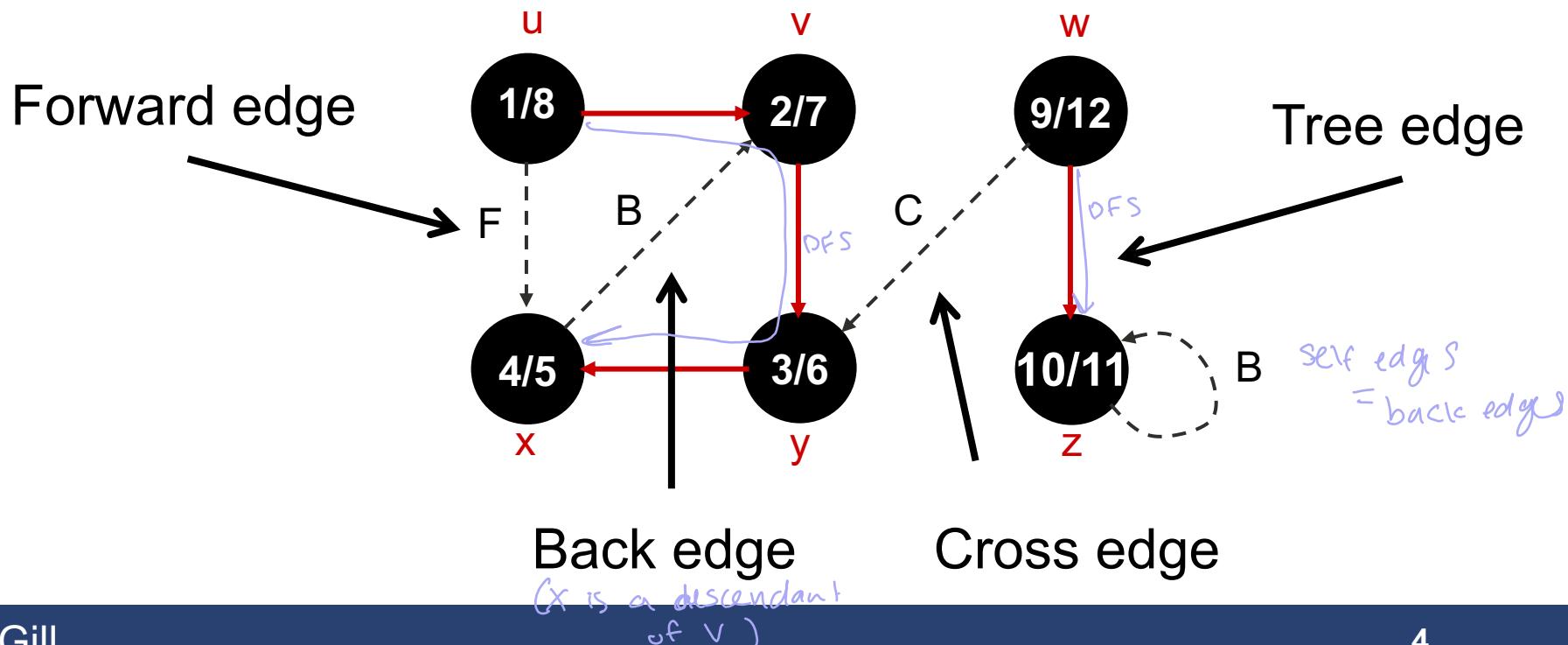
# Outline

- Graphs.
  - Introduction.
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  - Network Flow 1.
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  - Shortest Path.
  - Minimum Spanning Trees.
  - Bipartite Graphs.

*explore each*

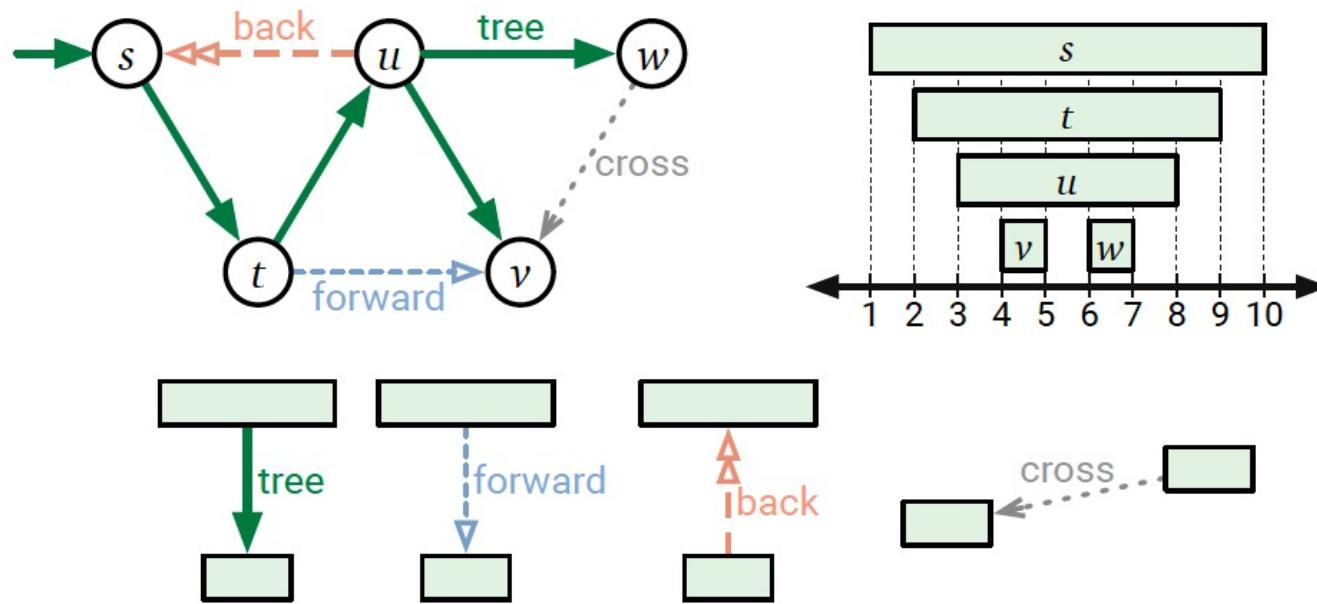
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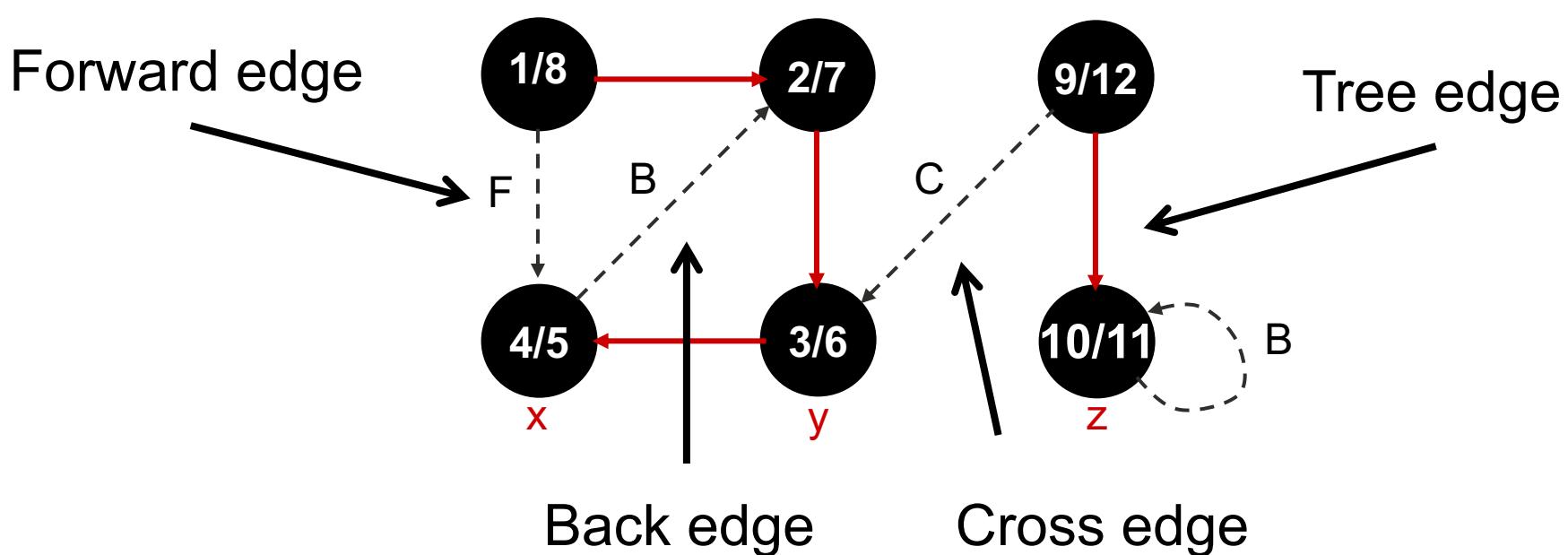
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# DFS – Classification of Edges

- Edge type for edge  $(u, v)$  can be identified when it is first explored by DFS.
- Identification is based on the color of  $v$ .
  - White – tree edge.
  - Gray – back edge.
  - Black – forward or cross edge.



# DFS – Classification of Edges - Comments

- The actual classification of edges depends on the order in which DFS considers vertices and the order in which DFS considers the edges leaving each vertex.
- An undirected graph may entail some ambiguity in how we classify edges, since  $(u,v)$  and  $(v,u)$  are really the same edge.
  - we classify the edge as the first type in the classification list that applies.
  - we classify the edge according to whichever of  $(u,v)$  or  $(v,u)$  the search encounters first.

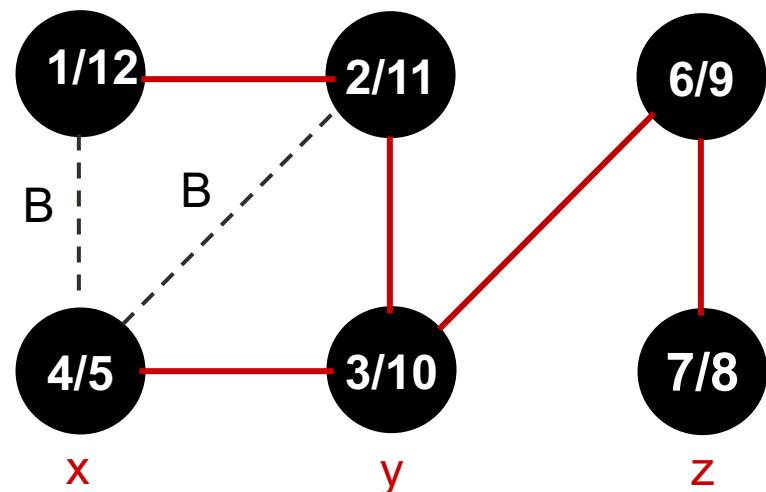
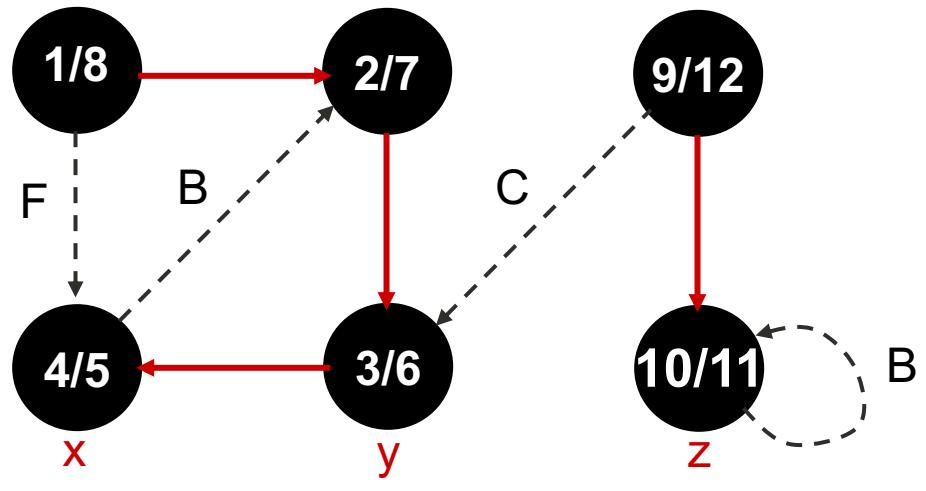
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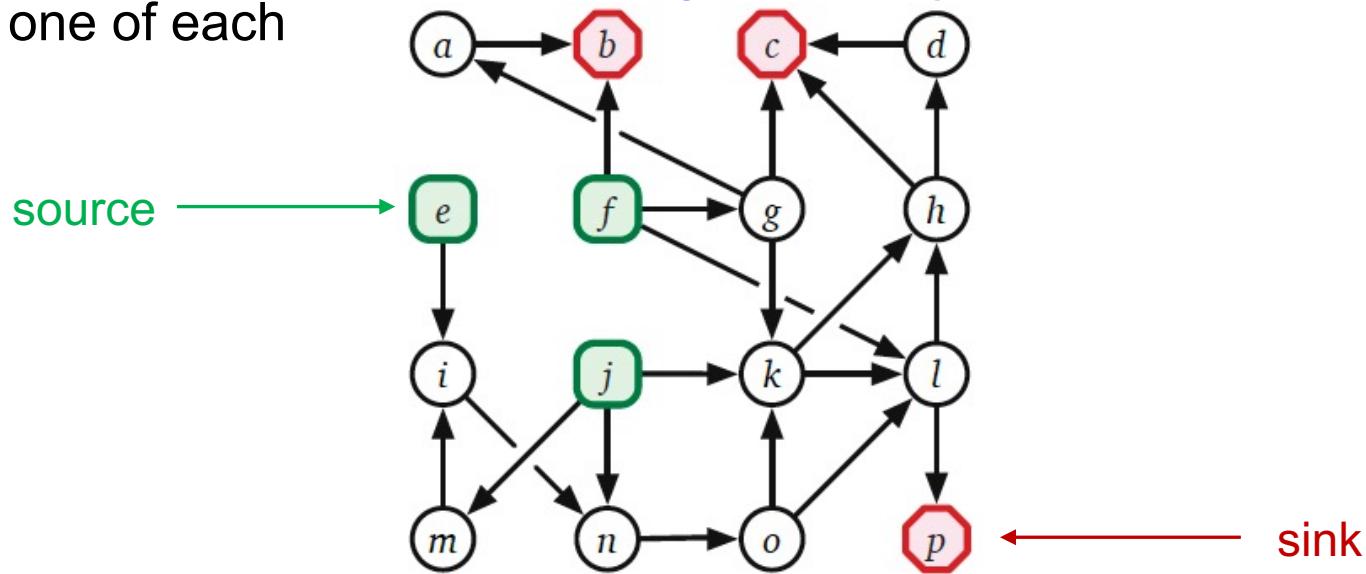
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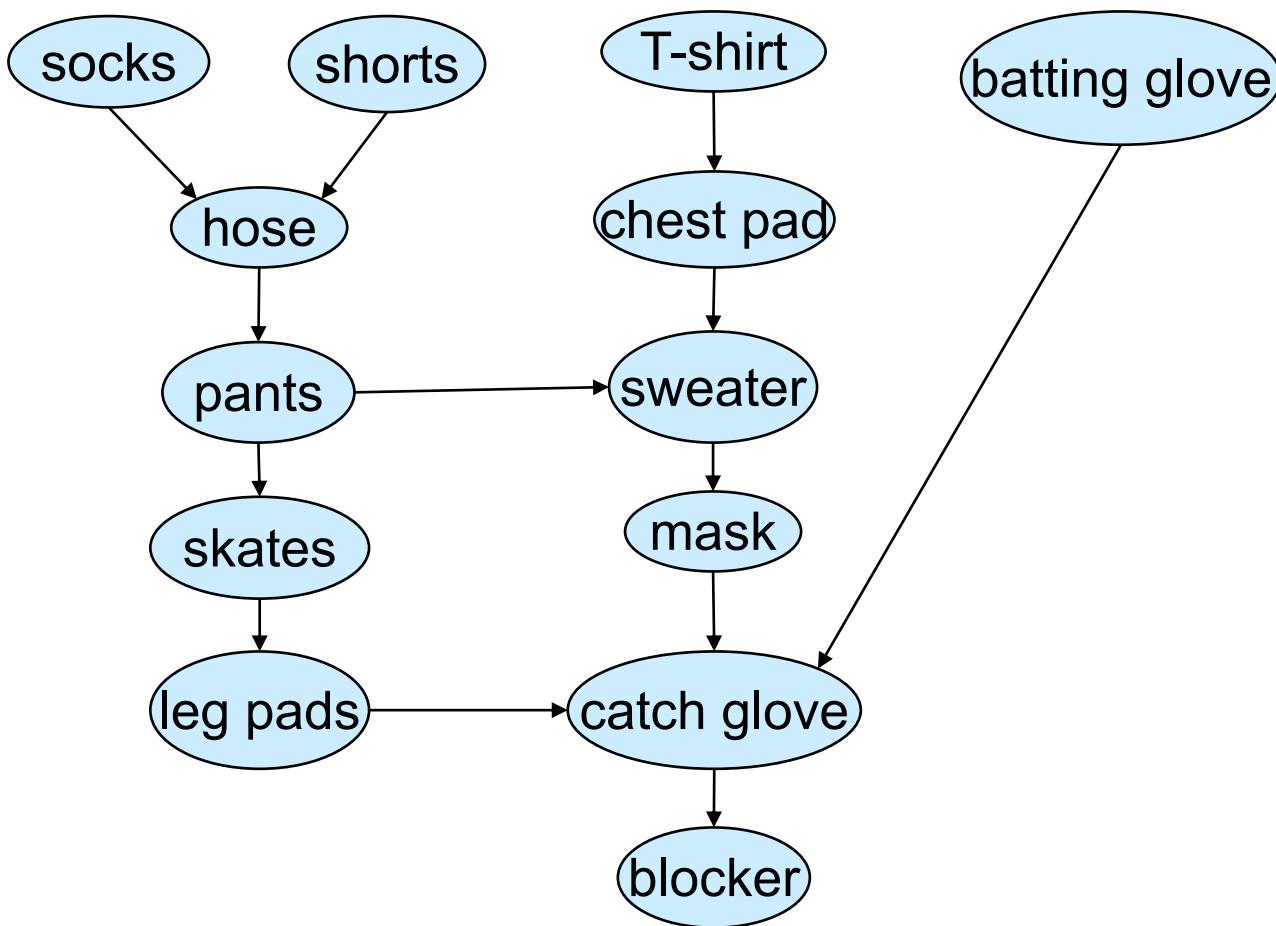
# Directed Acyclic Graph

- DAG – Directed graph with no cycles.
- DAGs can be used to encode precedence relations or dependencies in a natural way.
  - **Source:** Any vertex in a dag that has no incoming vertices
  - **Sink:** any vertex with no outgoing edges
  - **Every DAG has at least one source and one sink**, but may have more than one of each



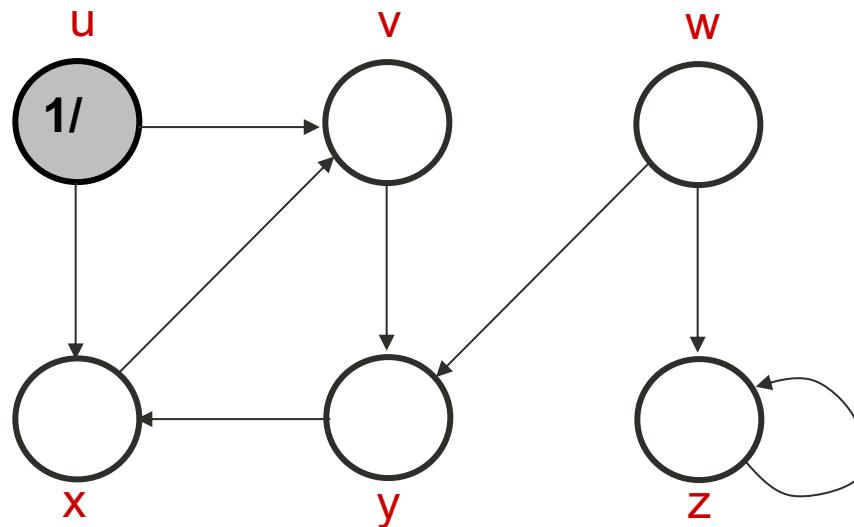
# Directed Acyclic Graph - Example

- DAG of dependencies for putting on goalie equipment.



# White-path Theorem

$v$  is a descendant of  $u$  if and only if at time  $d[u]$ , there is a path  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  consisting of only white vertices (Except for  $u$ , which was *just* colored gray).



$v$ ,  $y$ , and  $x$  are descendants of  $u$ .

*time of discovery*

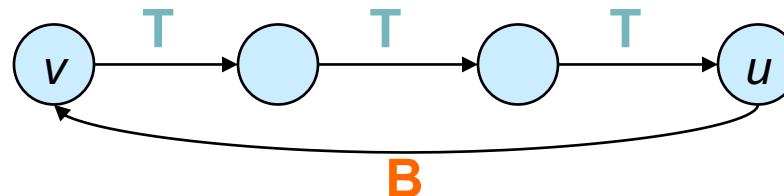
# DAG- Characterization

## Lemma 1

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

## Proof:

- ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Show that back edge  $\Rightarrow$  cycle.
  - Suppose there is a back edge  $(u, v)$ . Then  $v$  is ancestor of  $u$  in depth-first forest.
  - Therefore, there is a path  $v \rightsquigarrow u$ , so  $v \rightsquigarrow u \rightsquigarrow v$  is a cycle.



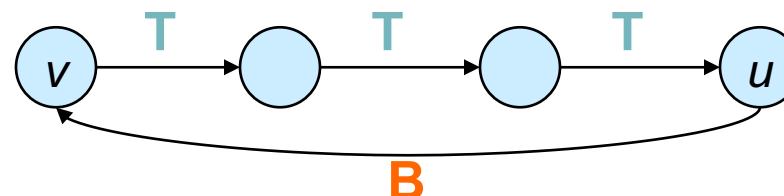
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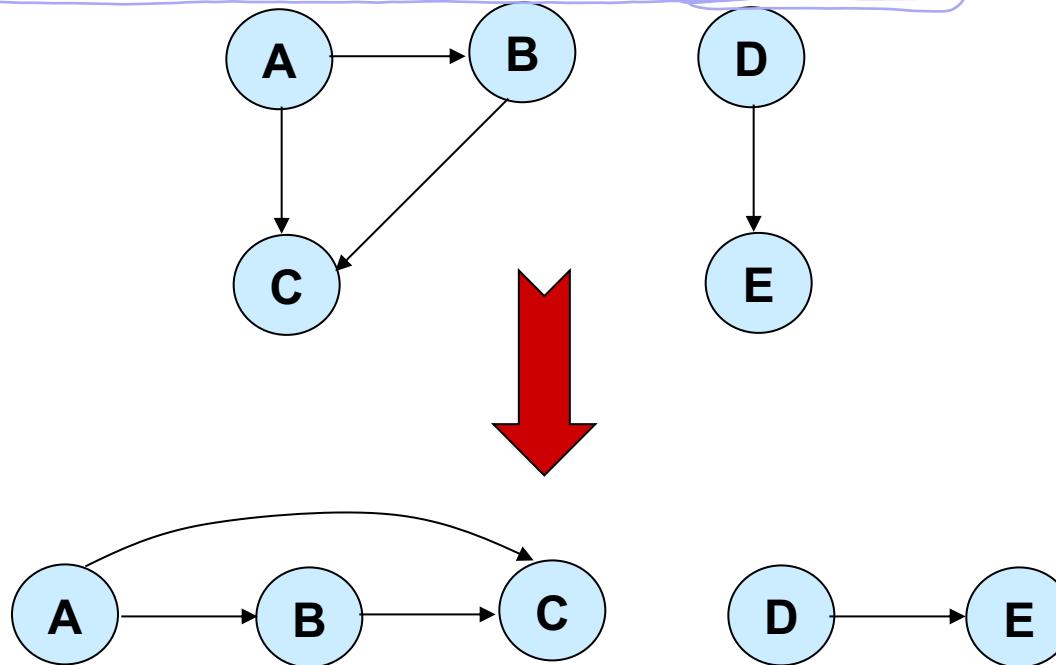
- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Show that a cycle implies a back edge.
  - Suppose that  $G$  contains a cycle  $c$ .
  - $v$  : first vertex discovered in  $c$ ;  $(u, v)$  : preceding edge in  $c$ .
  - At time  $d[v]$ , vertices of  $c$  form a white path  $v \rightsquigarrow u$ .
  - By **white-path theorem**,  $u$  is a descendent of  $v$  in depth-first forest.
  - Therefore,  $(u, v)$  is a back edge.



# Graphs – Topological Sort

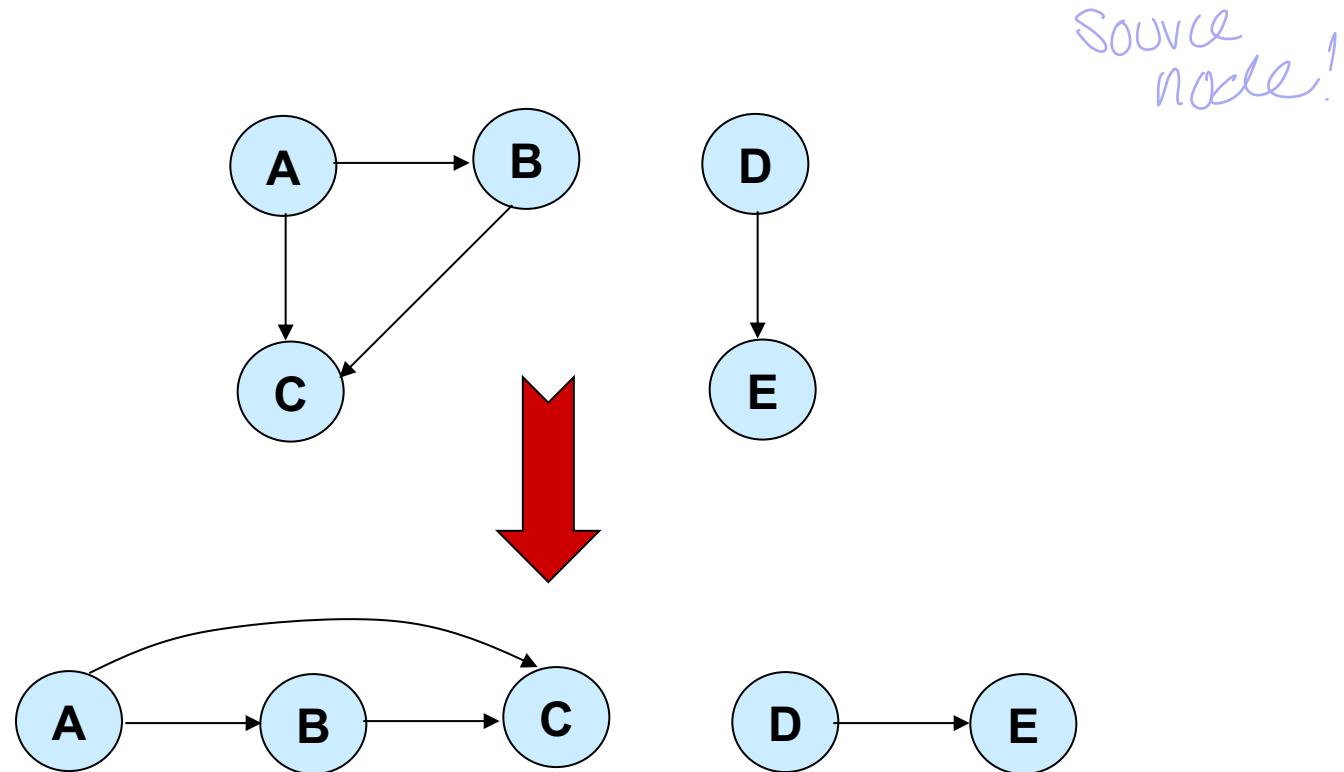
- Want to ‘sort’ a DAG.

- Linear ordering of the vertices of  $G$  such that if  $(u, v) \in E$ , then  $u$  appears somewhere before  $v$ .
- Less formally, a topological ordering arranges the vertices along a horizontal line so that all edges point from left to right.



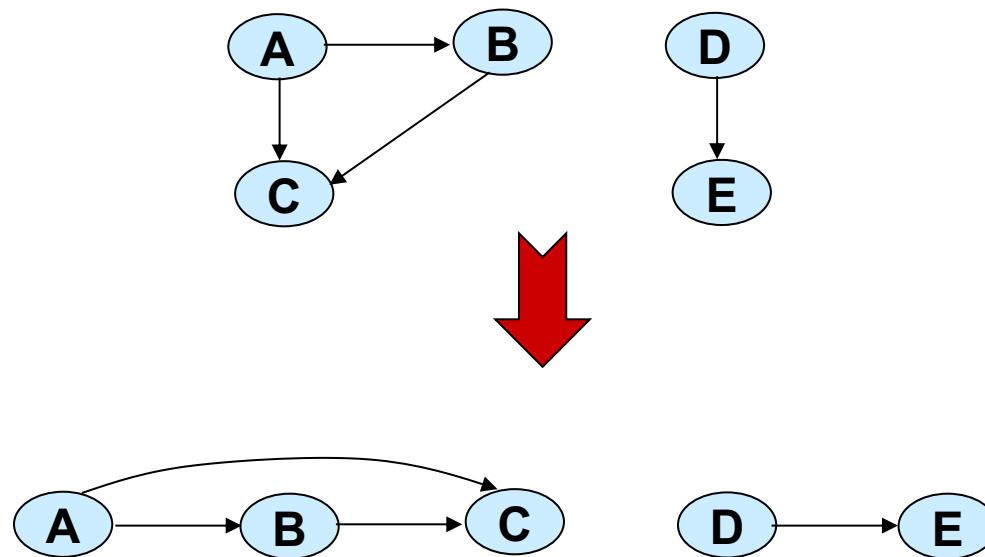
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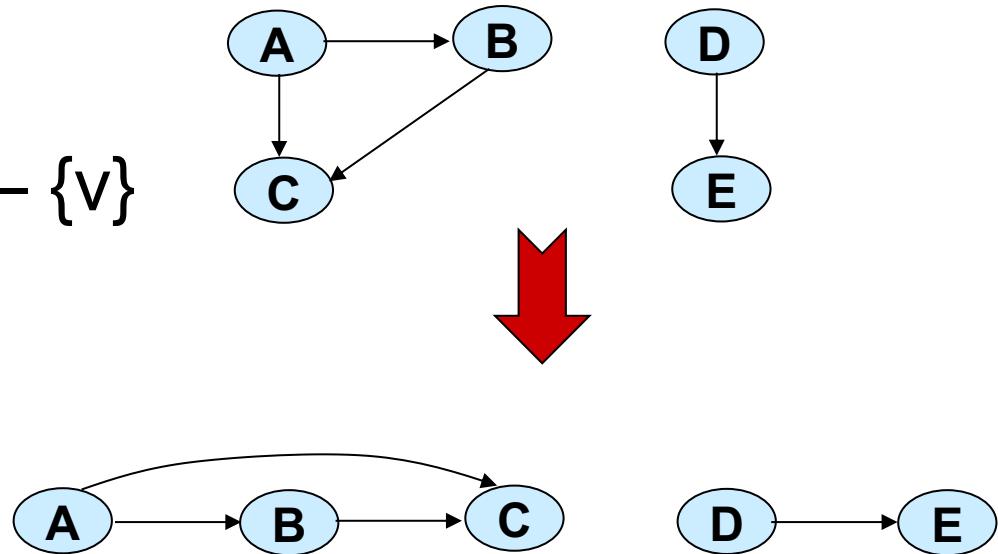
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    - ANS: A **source node** because this node guarantees that all edges point forward.
    - Please remember that **Every DAG has at least one source.**

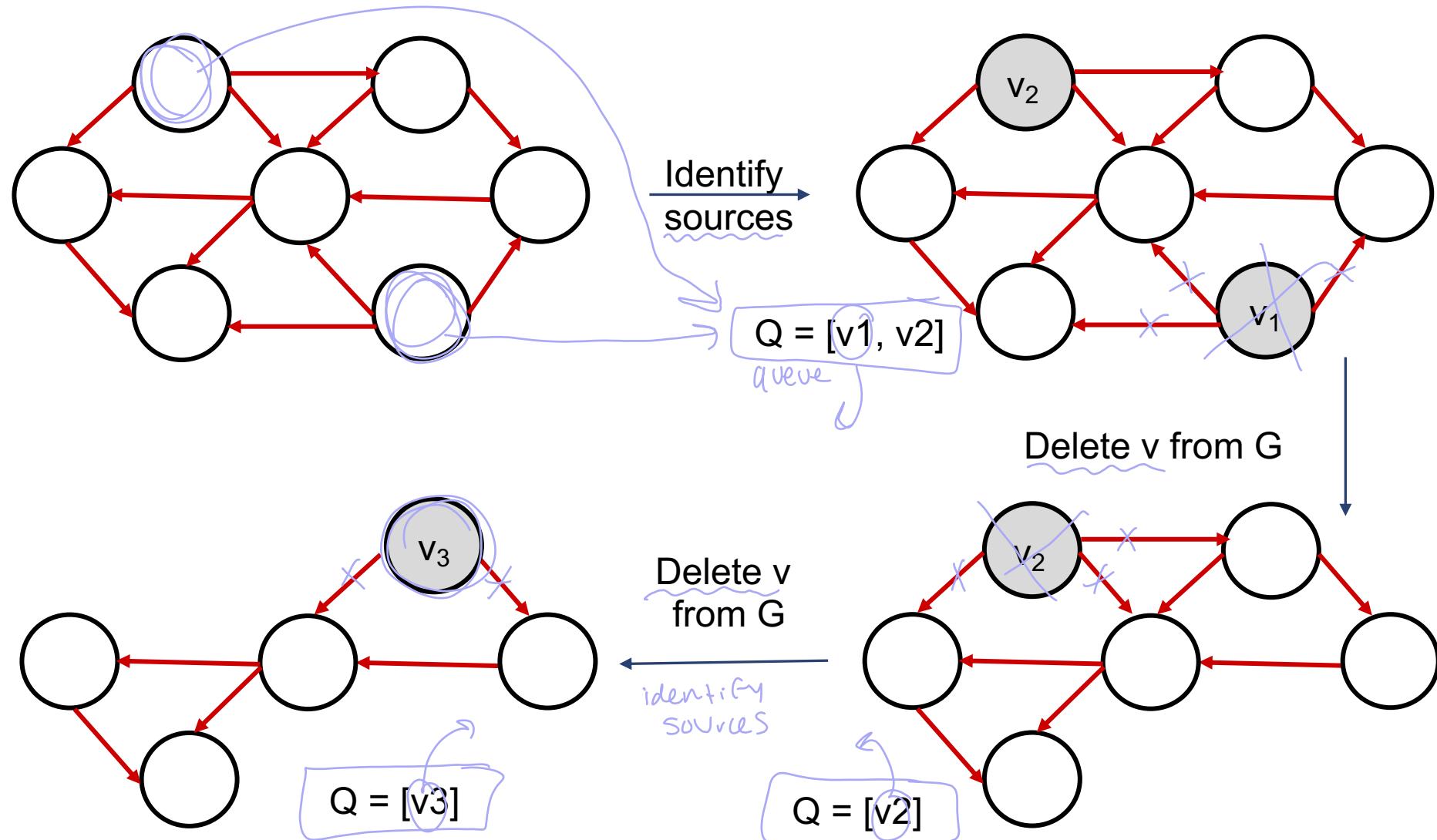


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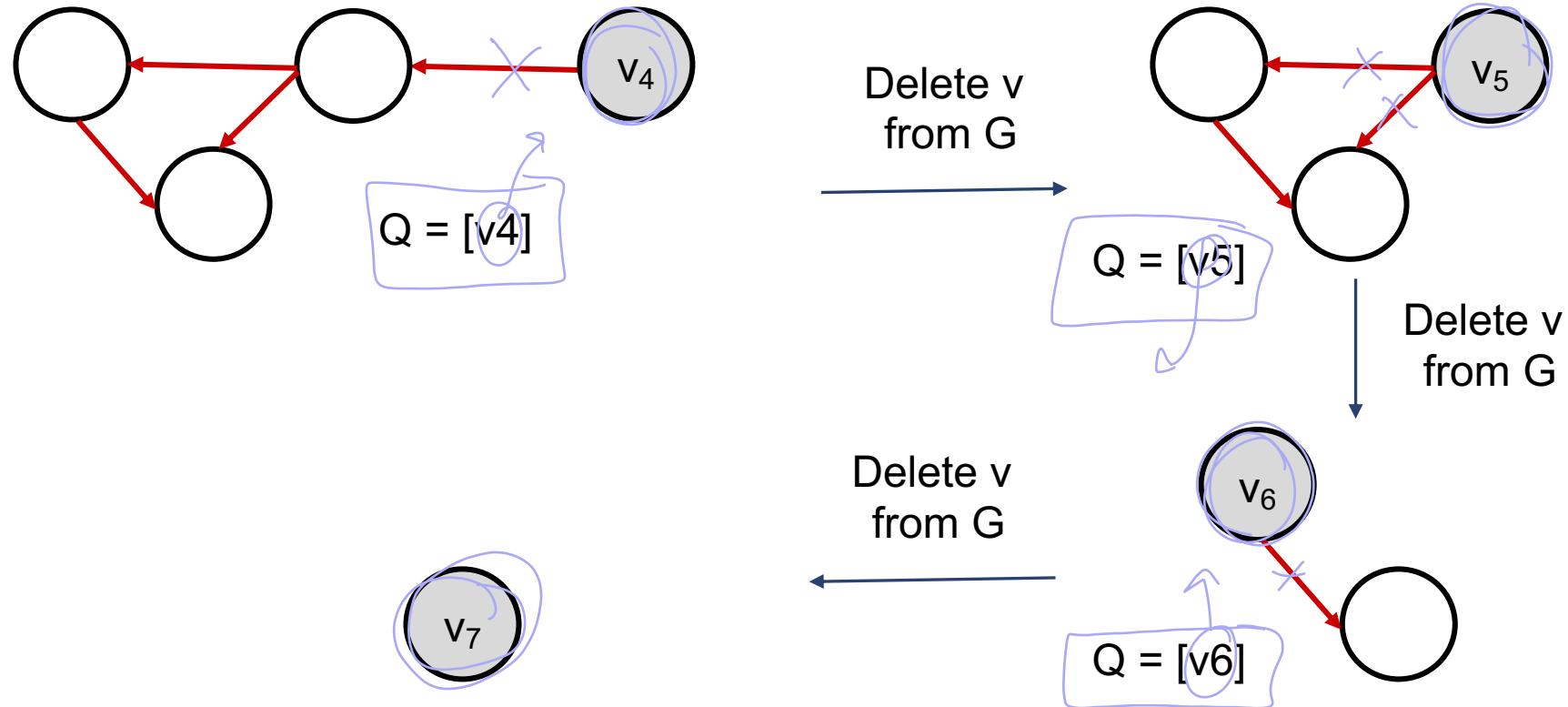
- ① • Find a source node  $v$ .
- ② • Place  $v$  first in the topological ordering.
  - This is safe, since all edges out of  $v$  will point forward.
- ③ • Delete  $v$  from  $G$ .
  - This is safe, since deleting  $v$  can not create any cycles that were not there previously
- ④ • Recursively compute a topological ordering of  $G - \{v\}$



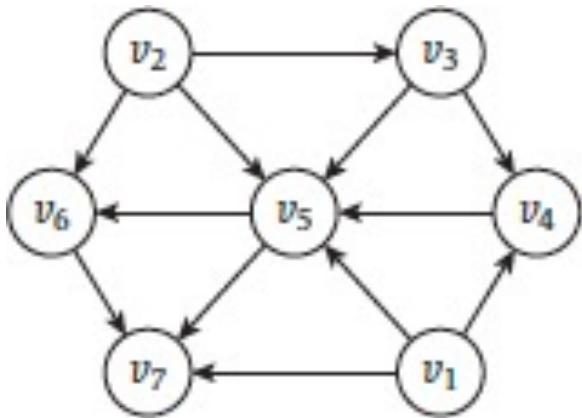
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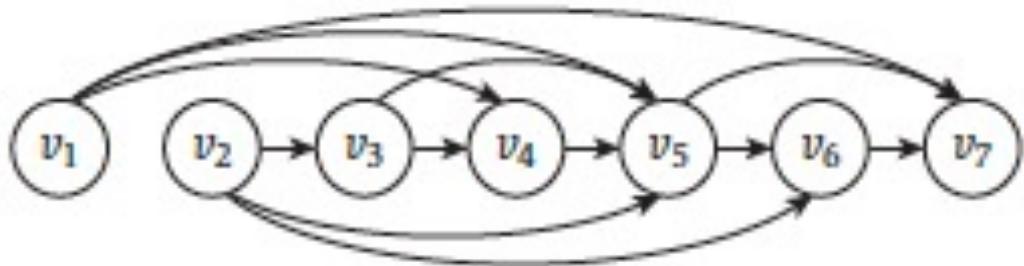
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In a topological ordering, all edges point from left to right.



**Step-1:** Compute in-degree *of each node*  $O(V + E)$

**Step-2:** Pick all the vertices with in-degree as 0 and add them into a queue

**Step-3:** Remove a vertex from the queue.

Decrease in-degree by 1 for all its neighboring nodes.

If in-degree of a neighboring nodes is zero, then add it to the queue.

**Step 5:** Repeat Step 3 until the queue is empty.

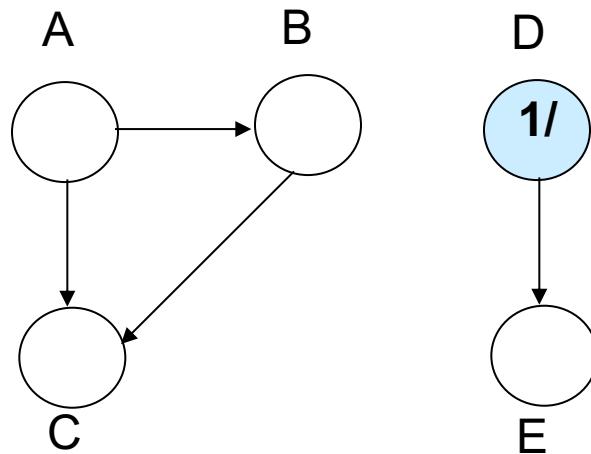
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# Topological Sort – Algorithm2 – Example2

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1. call  $\text{DFS}(G)$  to compute finishing times  $f[v]$  for all  $v \in V$
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3. return the linked list of vertices

**Time:**  $\Theta(V + E)$ .

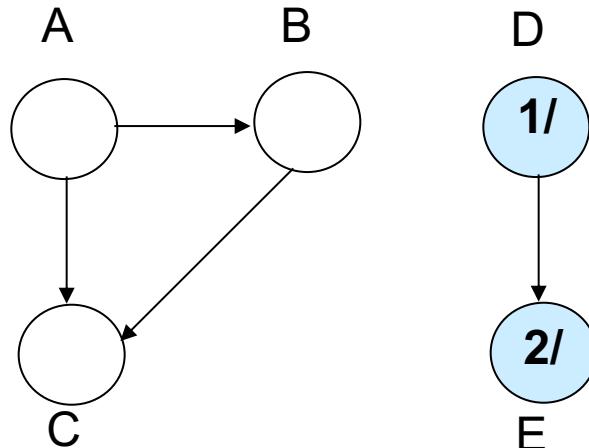


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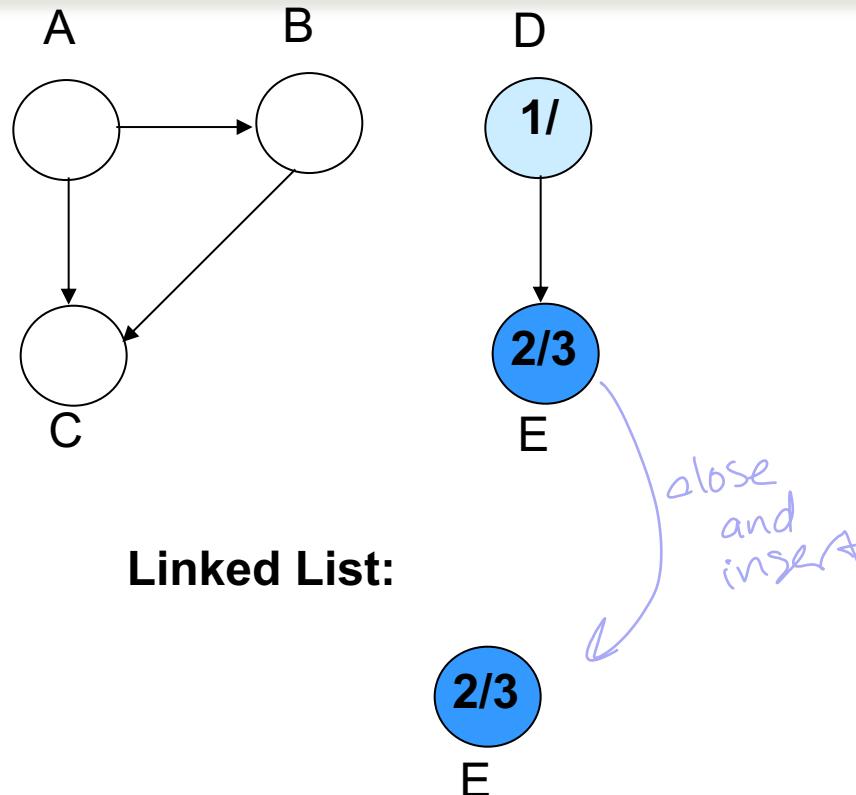


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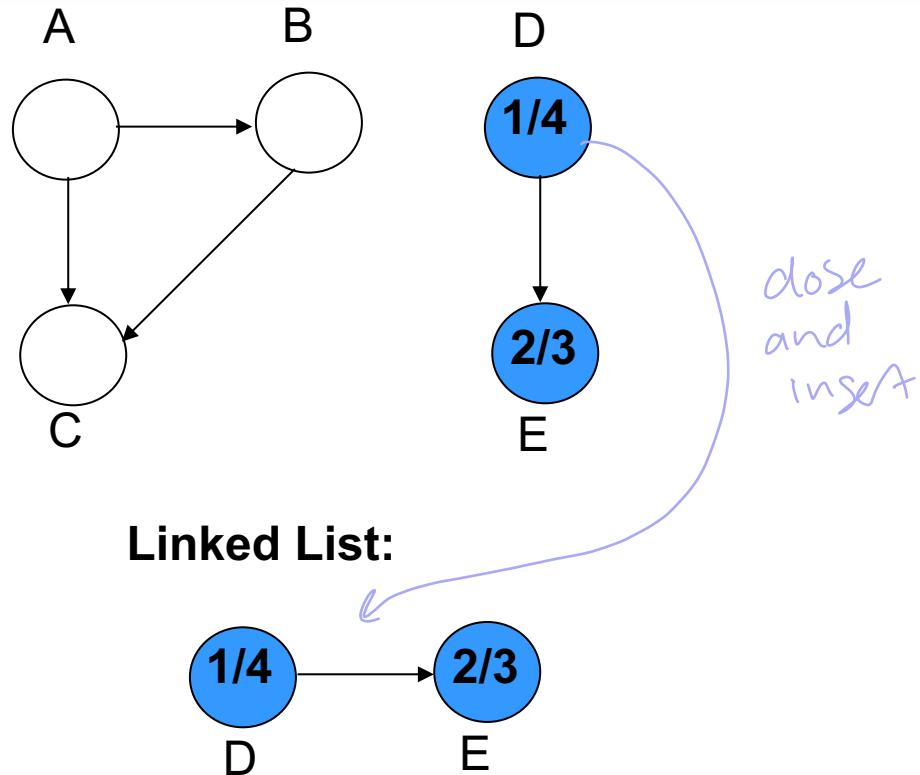
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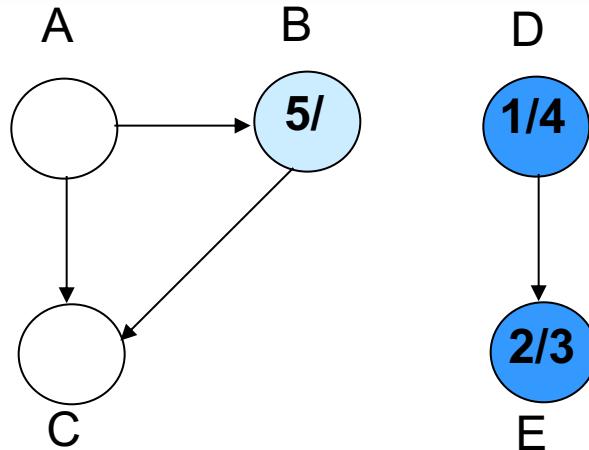
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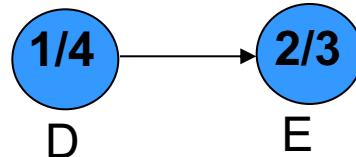
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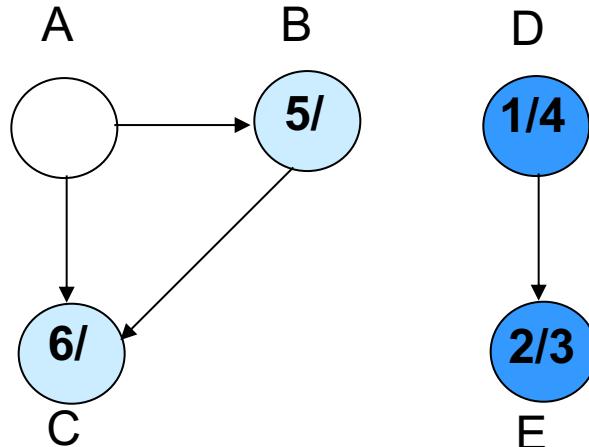
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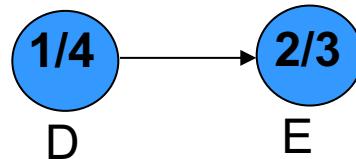
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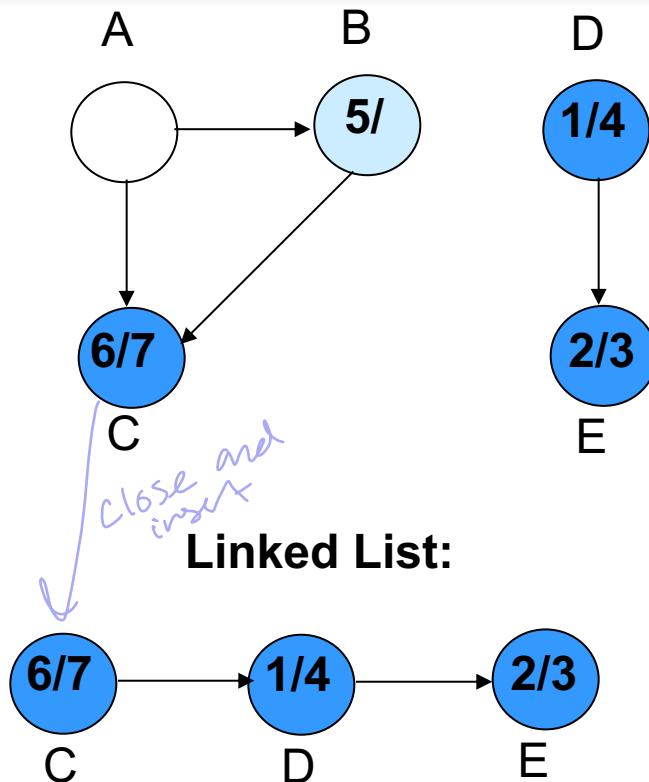
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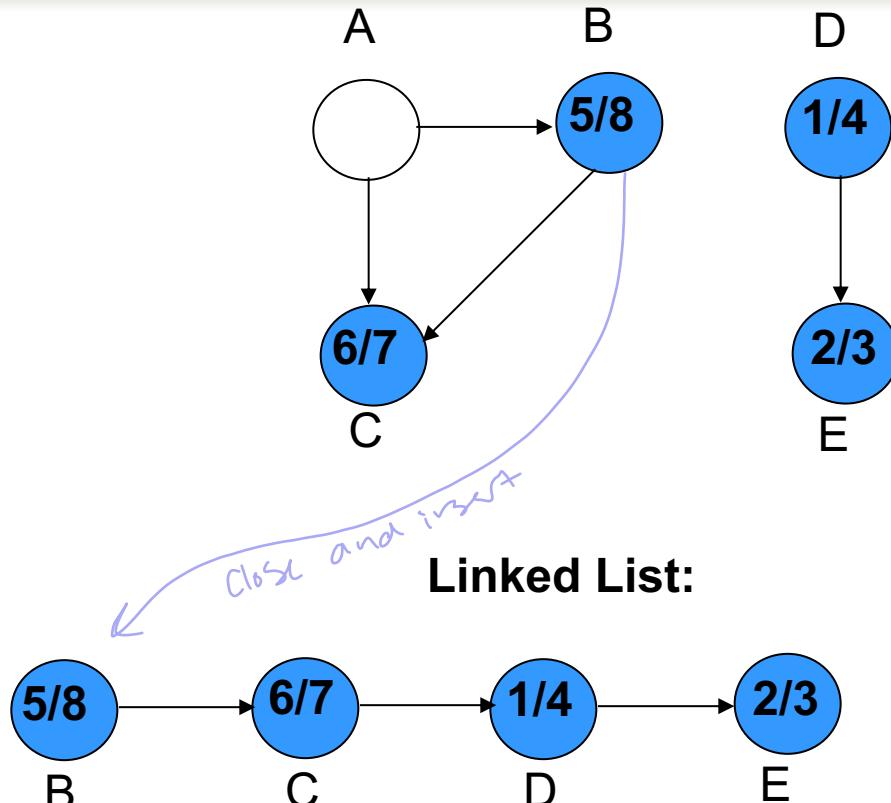
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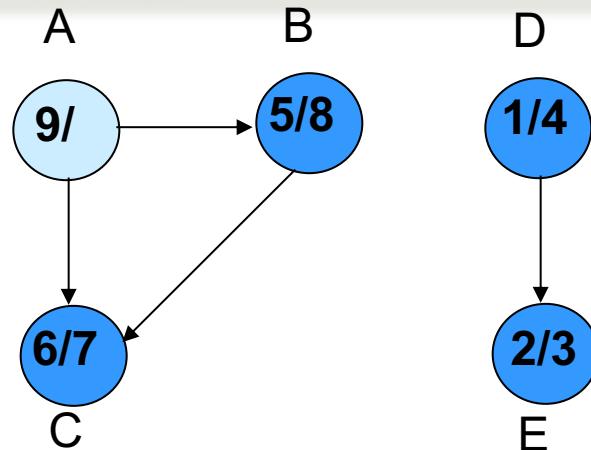


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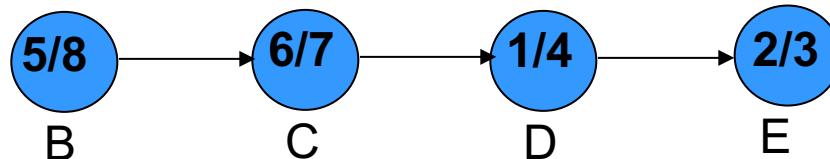
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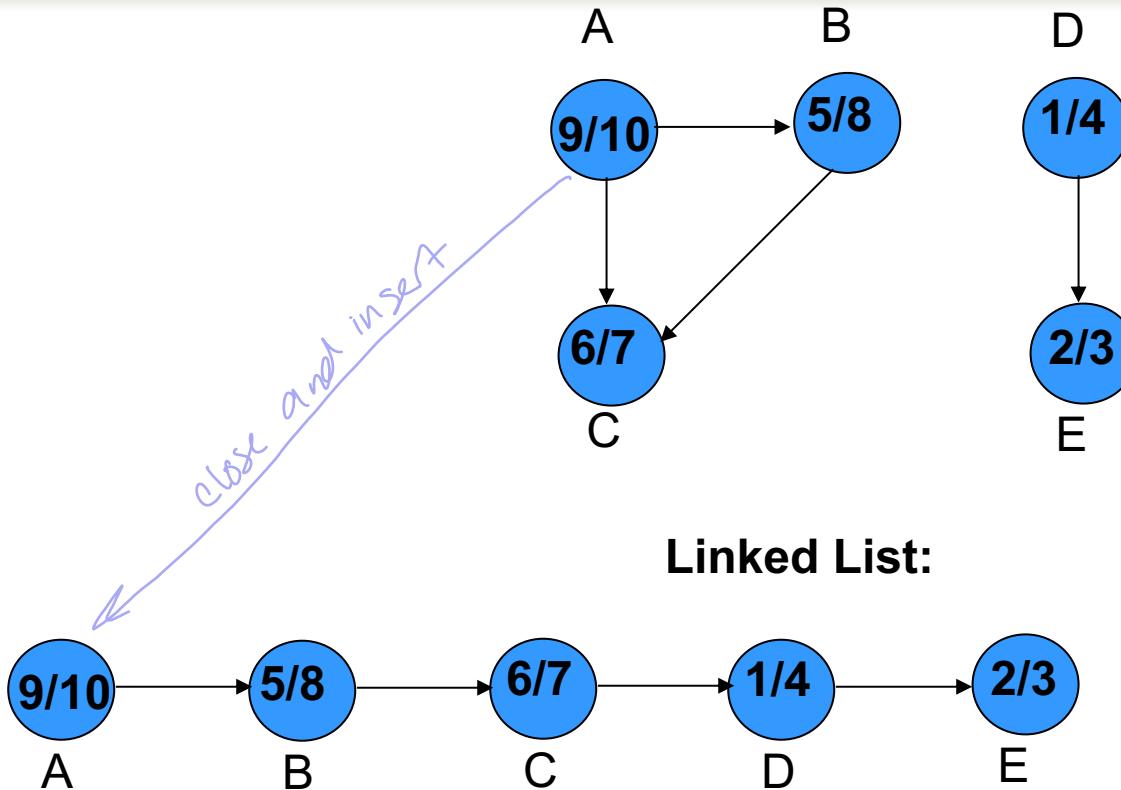
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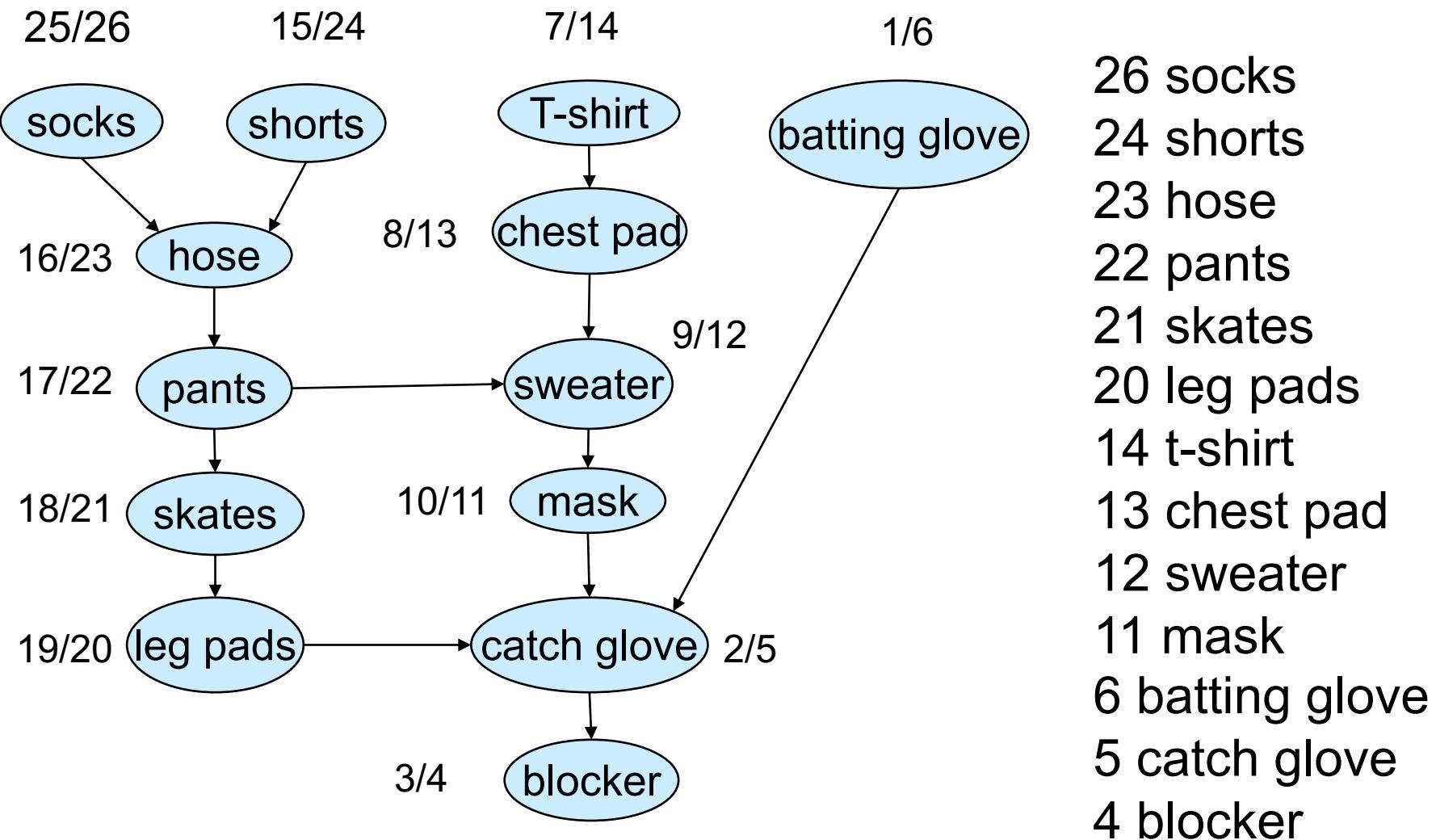
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# Topological Sort – Algorithm2 – Example3



# Topological Sort – Algorithm2 – Correctness

“Linear ordering of the vertices of  $G$  such that if  $(u, v) \in E$ , then  $u$  appears somewhere before  $v$ .”

⇒ We need to show if  $(u, v) \in E$ , then  $f[v] < f[u]$ .

When we explore  $(u, v)$ , what are the colors of  $u$  and  $v$ ?

Assume we just discovered  $u$ , which is thus gray.

Then, what are the possible colors of  $v$  ?

- Can  $v$  be gray?
- Can  $v$  be white?
- Can  $v$  be black?

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- Assume  $u$  is gray.
- Is  $v$  gray, too?

No, because then  $v$  would be ancestor of  $u$ .

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

$\Rightarrow$  contradiction of **Lemma 1** (DAG has no back edges).

- Is  $v$  white?
  - Then becomes descendant of  $u$ .
  - By **parenthesis theorem**,  $d[u] < d[v] < f[v] < f[u]$ .
- Is  $v$  black?
  - Then  $v$  is already finished.
  - Since we are exploring  $(u, v)$ , we have not yet finished  $u$ .
  - Therefore,  $f[v] < f[u]$ .

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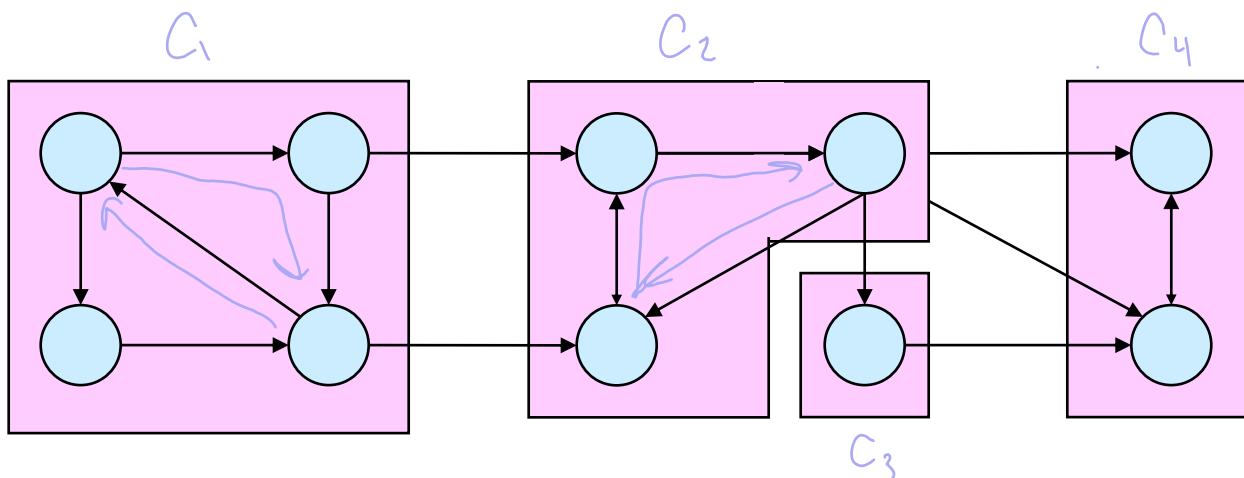
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DFS  
BFS  
 $\approx \mathcal{O}^3$

# Graphs – Strongly Connected Components

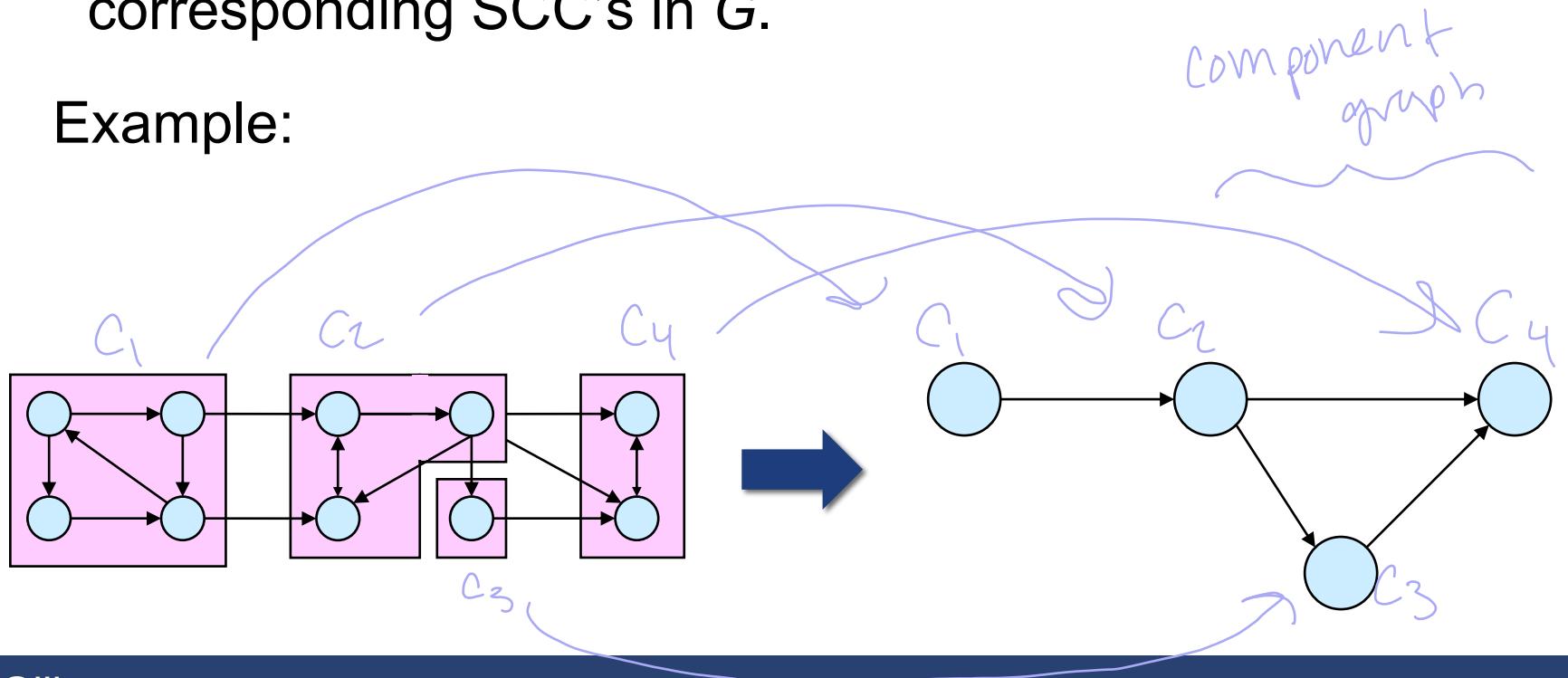
- $G$  is strongly connected if every pair  $(u, v)$  of vertices in  $G$  is reachable from one another.
  - A strongly connected component (SCC) of  $G$  is a maximal set of vertices  $C \subseteq V$  such that for all  $u, v \in C$ , both  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  and  $v \rightsquigarrow u$  exist.
- strongly connected part of graph*



# Graphs – Component Graph

- $G^{\text{SCC}} = (V^{\text{SCC}}, E^{\text{SCC}})$ .
- $V^{\text{SCC}}$  has one vertex for each SCC in  $G$ .
- $E^{\text{SCC}}$  has an edge if there is an edge between the corresponding SCC's in  $G$ .

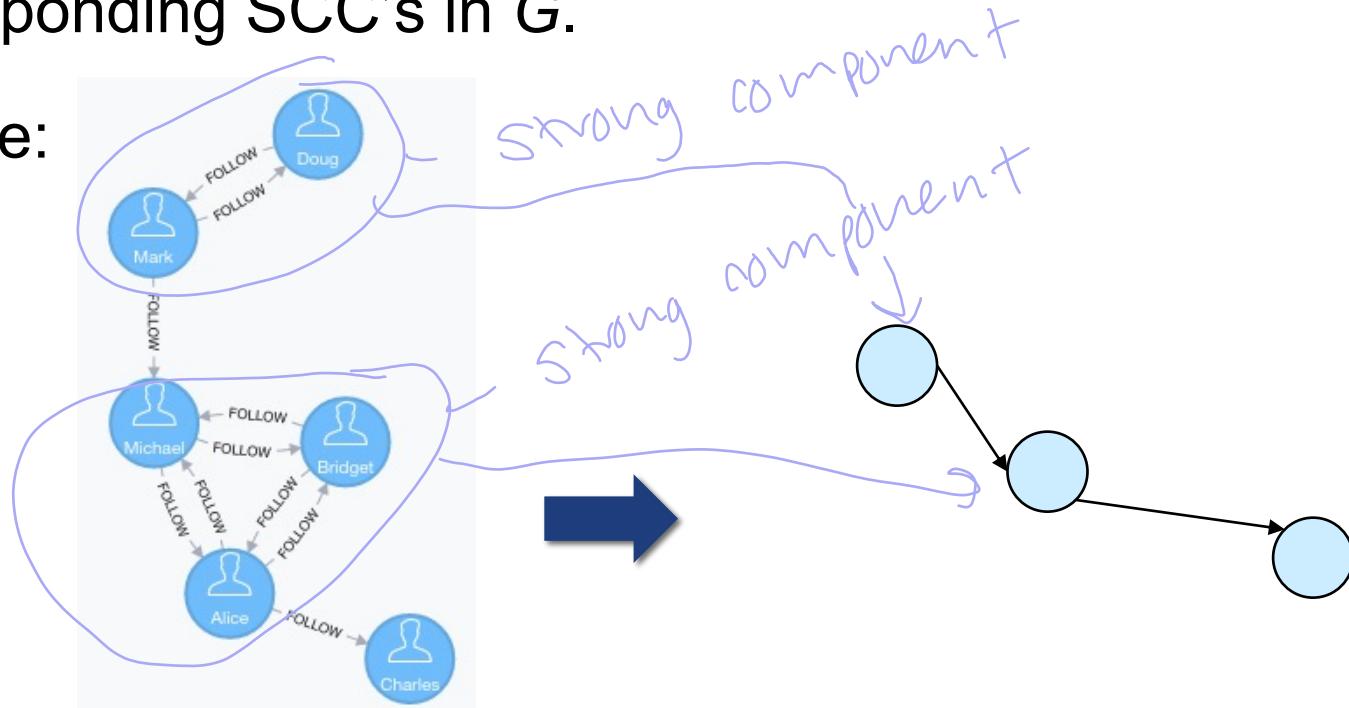
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## Lemma 2

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 cannot also be a path  $v' \rightsquigarrow v$  in  $G$ .

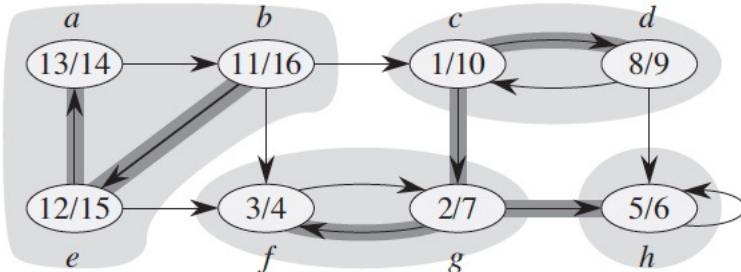
(mini graph)

## Proof:

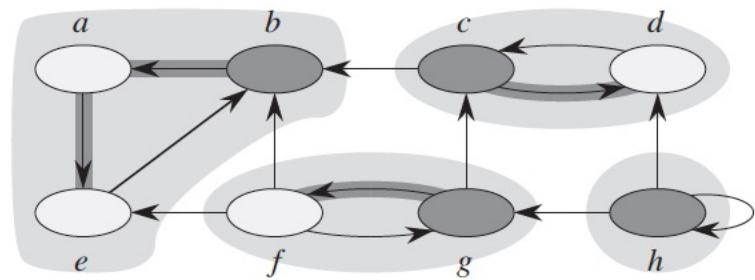
- Suppose there is a path  $v' \rightsquigarrow v$  in  $G$ .
- Then there are paths  $u \rightsquigarrow u' \rightsquigarrow v'$  and  $v' \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow u$  in  $G$ .
- Therefore,  $u$  and  $v'$  are reachable from each other, so they are not in separate SCC's.

# Transpose of a Directed Graph

- $G^T = \text{transpose}$  of directed  $G$ .
  - $G^T = (V, E^T)$ ,  $E^T = \{(u, v) : (v, u) \in E\}$ .
  - $G^T$  is  $G$  with all edges reversed.
- Can create  $G^T$  in  $\Theta(V + E)$  time if using adjacency lists.
- $G$  and  $G^T$  have the same SCC's.
  - $u$  and  $v$  are reachable from each other in  $G$  if and only if reachable from each other in  $G^T$ .



$G$



$G^T$

# Algorithm to determine SCCs

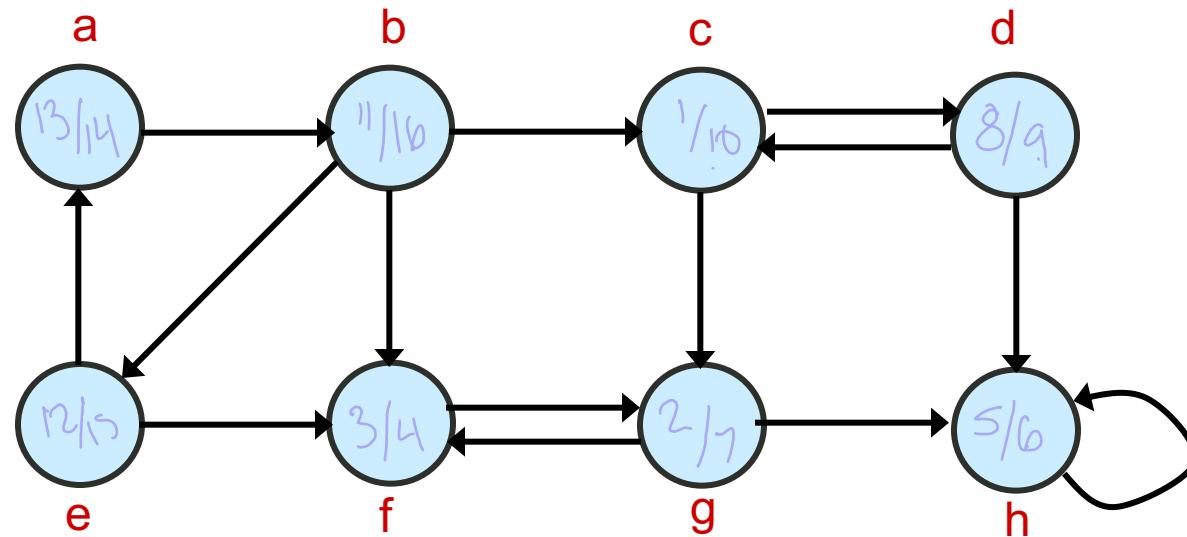
**SCC( $G$ )**

1. call  $\text{DFS}(G)$  to compute finishing times  $f[u]$  for all  $u$   $(V + E)$
2. compute  $G^T$  transpose  $(V \times E)$
3. call  $\text{DFS}(G^T)$ , but in the main loop, consider vertices in order of decreasing  $f[u]$  (as computed in first DFS)  $(V + E)$
4. output the vertices in each tree of the depth-first forest formed in second DFS as a separate SCC

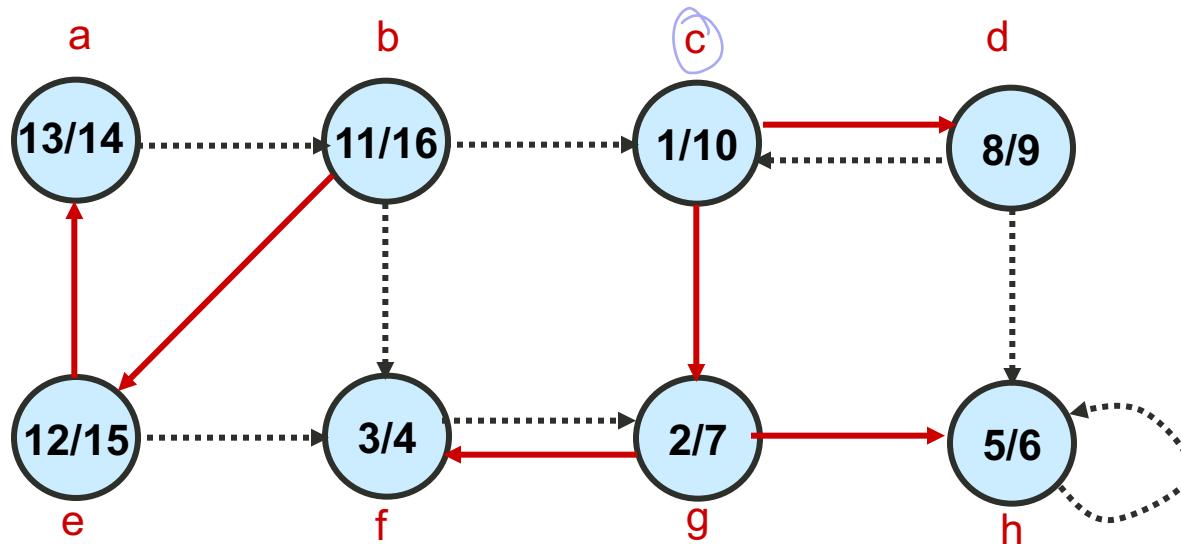
**Time:**  $\Theta(V + E)$ .

# SCCs - Example

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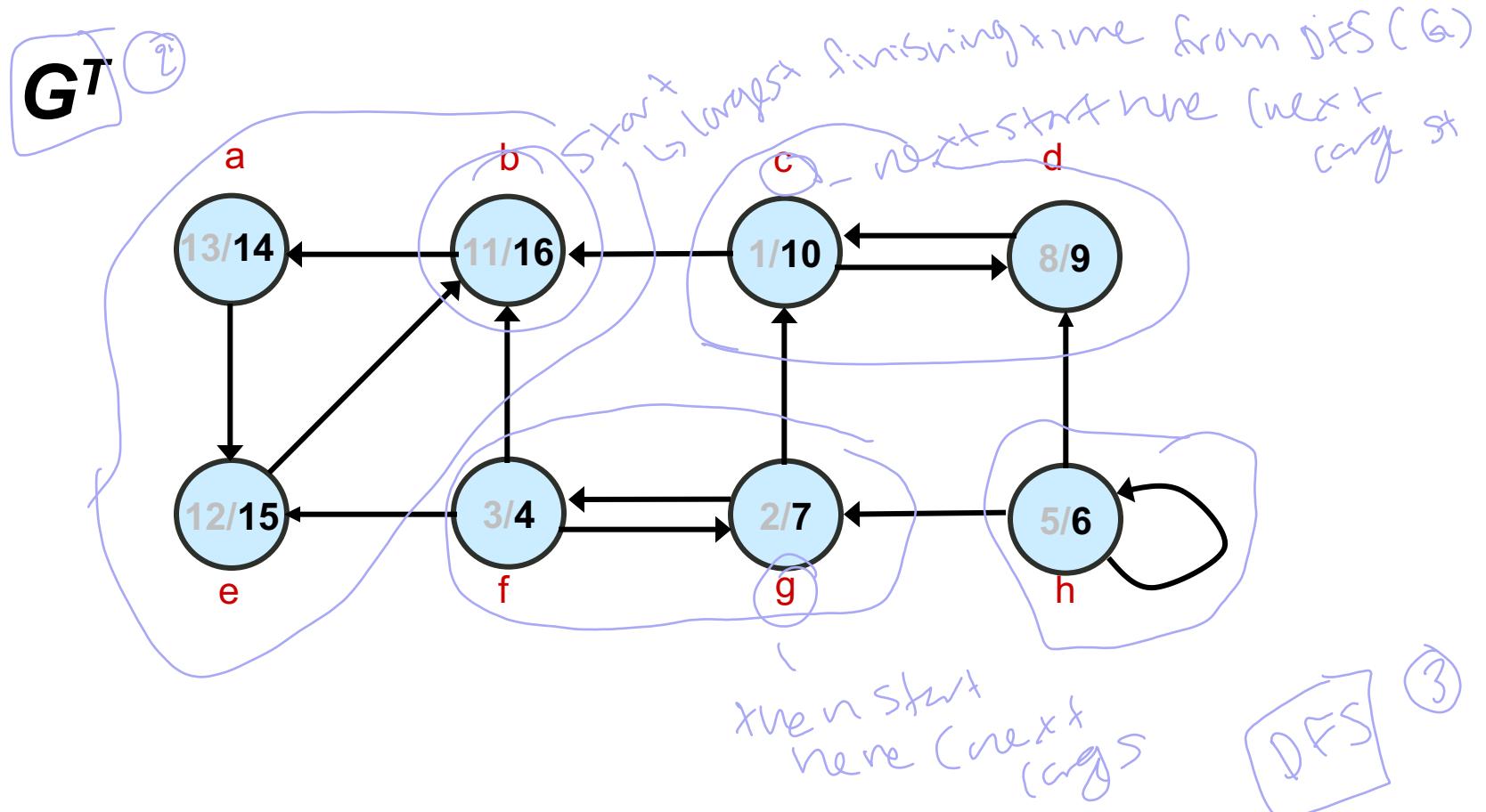


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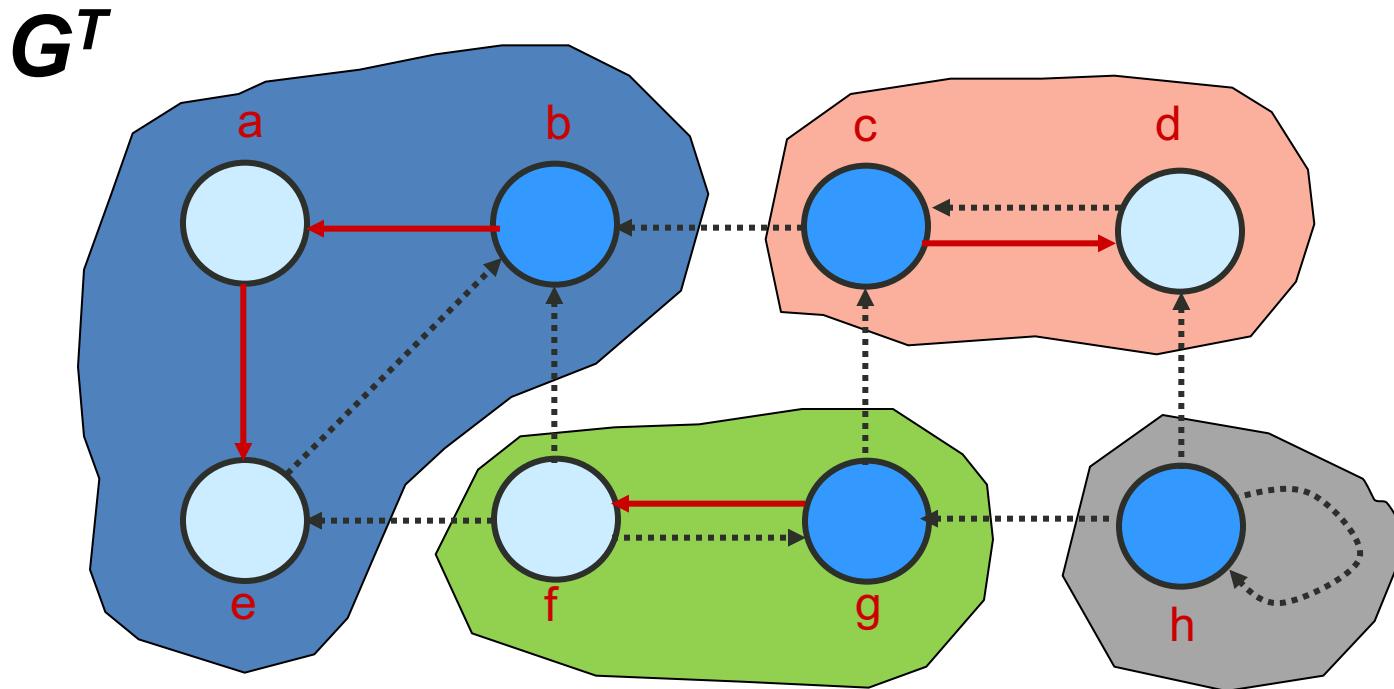
After the first DFS. We computed all finishing times in G.

# SCCs - Example



Then, we compute the transpose  $G^T$  of  $G$  and sort the vertices with the finishing time calculated in  $G$ .

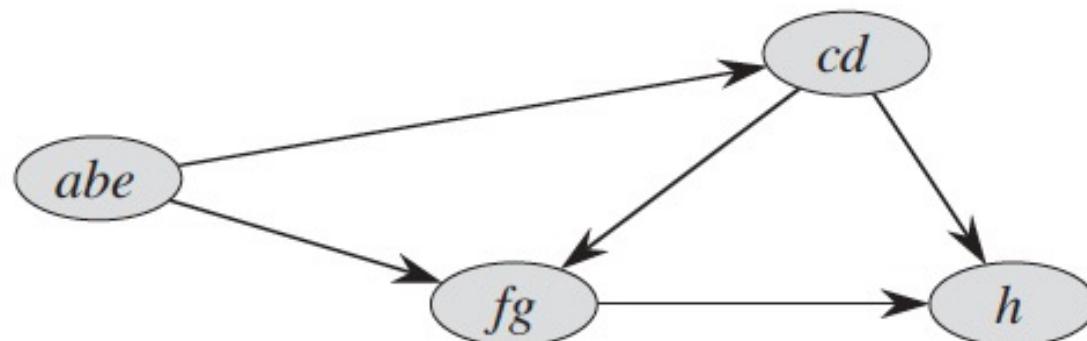
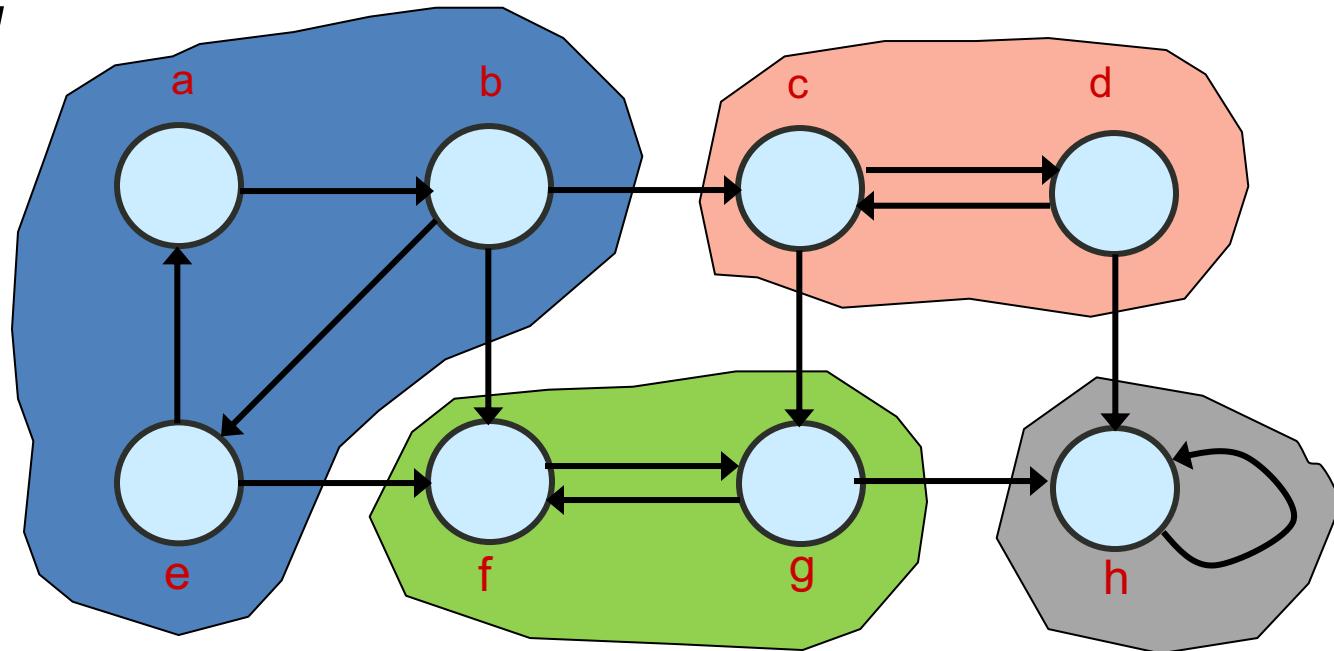
# SCCs - Example



(b (a (e e) a) b) (c (d d) c) (g (f f) g) (h)

# SCCs - Example

G



# SCCs – How does it work?

- **Idea:**

- By considering vertices in second DFS in decreasing order of finishing times from first DFS, we are visiting vertices of the **component graph** in topologically sorted order.
- Because we are running DFS on  $G^T$ , we will not be visiting any  $v$  from a  $u$ , where  $v$  and  $u$  are in different components.

- **Notation:**

- $d[u]$  and  $f[u]$  always refer to **first DFS**.
- Extend notation for  $d$  and  $f$  to sets of vertices  $U \subseteq V$ :
  - $d(U) = \min_{u \in U} \{d[u]\}$  (earliest discovery time)
  - $f(U) = \max_{u \in U} \{f[u]\}$  (latest finishing time)

# SCCs and DFS finishing times

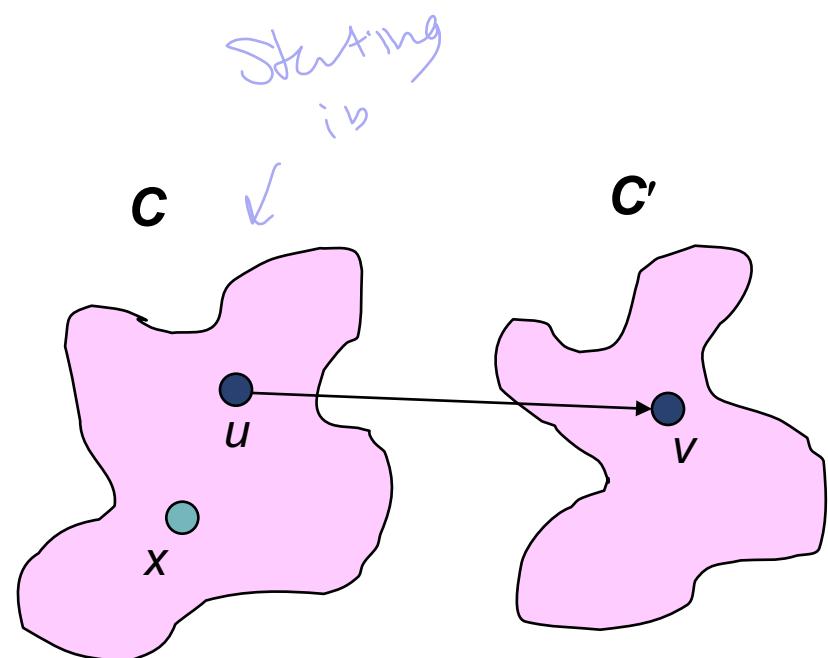
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#### • Case 1: $d(C) < d(C')$

- Let  $x$  be the first vertex discovered in  $C$ .
- At time  $d[x]$ , all vertices in  $C$  and  $C'$  are white. Thus, there exist paths of white vertices from  $x$  to all vertices in  $C$  and  $C'$ .
- By the white-path theorem, all vertices in  $C$  and  $C'$  are descendants of  $x$  in depth-first tree.
- By the parenthesis theorem,  $f[x] = f(C) > f(C')$ .



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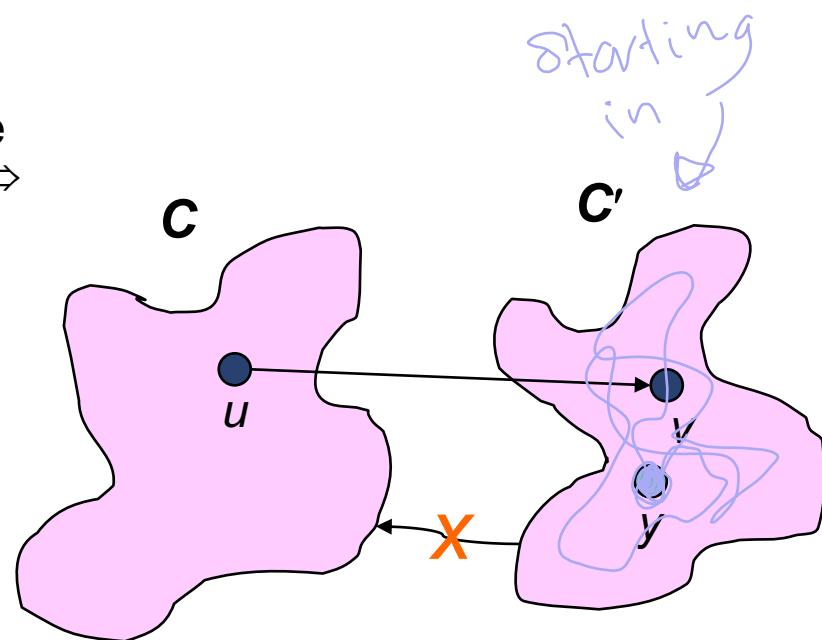
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#### • Case 2: $d(C) > d(C')$

- Let  $y$  be the first vertex discovered in  $C'$ .
- At  $d[y]$ , all vertices in  $C'$  are white and there is a white path from  $y$  to each vertex in  $C' \Rightarrow$  all vertices in  $C'$  become descendants of  $y$ . Again,  $f[y] = f(C')$ .
- At  $d[y]$ , all vertices in  $C$  are also white.
- By lemma 2, since there is an edge  $(u, v)$ , we cannot have a path from  $C'$  to  $C$ .
- So no vertex in  $C$  is reachable from  $y$ .
- Therefore, at time  $f[y]$ , all vertices in  $C$  are still white.
- Therefore, for all  $w \in C$ ,  $f[w] > f[y]$ , which implies that  $f(C) > f(C')$ .



# SCCs and DFS finishing times

## Corollary 1

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

## Proof:

- $(u, v) \in E^T \Rightarrow (v, u) \in E$ .
- Since SCC's of  $G$  and  $G^T$  are the same,  $f(C') > f(C)$ , by Lemma 3.
- Comment: each edge in  $G^T$  that goes between different strongly connected components goes from a component with an earlier finishing time (in the first depth-first search) to a component with a later finishing time.

# SCCs - Correctness

1) At beginning, DFS visit only vertices in the first SCC

- When we do the second DFS, on  $G^T$ , start with SCC  $C$  such that  $f(C)$  is maximum.
- The second DFS starts from some  $x \in C$ , and it visits all vertices in  $C$ .
- Corollary 1 says that since  $f(C) > f(C')$  for all  $C \neq C'$ , there are no edges from  $C$  to  $C'$  in  $G^T$ .
- Therefore, **DFS will visit only vertices in  $C$ .**
- Which means that the depth-first tree rooted at  $x$  contains *exactly* the vertices of  $C$ .

# SCCs - Correctness

2) *DFS doesn't visit more than one new SCC at the time*

- The next root in the second DFS is in SCC  $C'$  such that  $f(C')$  is maximum over all SCC's other than  $C$ .
  - DFS visits all vertices in  $C'$ , but **the only edges out of  $C'$  go to  $C$ , which we have already visited.**
  - Therefore, the only tree edges will be to vertices in  $C'$ .
- Iterate the process.
- Each time we choose a root, it can reach only:
  - vertices in its SCC—get tree edges to these,
  - vertices in SCC's *already visited* in second DFS—get *no* tree edges to these.

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