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# Top sort DFS : making it more precise

TOPLOGICALSORT( $G$ ):

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for all vertices  $v$ 
     $v.status \leftarrow NEW$ 
     $clock \leftarrow V$ 
for all vertices  $v$ 
    if  $v.status = NEW$ 
         $clock \leftarrow \text{TOPSORTDFS}(v, clock)$ 
return  $S[1..V]$ 

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TOPSORTDFS( $v, clock$ ):

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 $v.status \leftarrow ACTIVE$ 
for each edge  $v \rightarrow w$ 
    if  $w.status = NEW$ 
         $clock \leftarrow \text{TOPSORTDFS}(v, clock)$ 
    else if  $w.status = ACTIVE$ 
        fail gracefully
     $v.status \leftarrow FINISHED$ 
 $S[clock] \leftarrow v$ 
 $clock \leftarrow clock - 1$ 
return  $clock$ 

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Figure 6.9. Explicit topological sort

# Unpacking his figure:

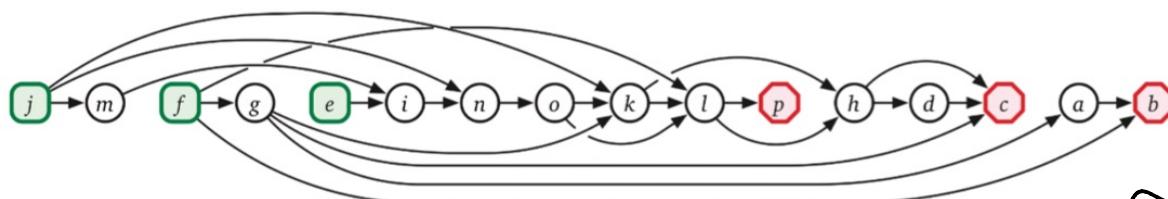
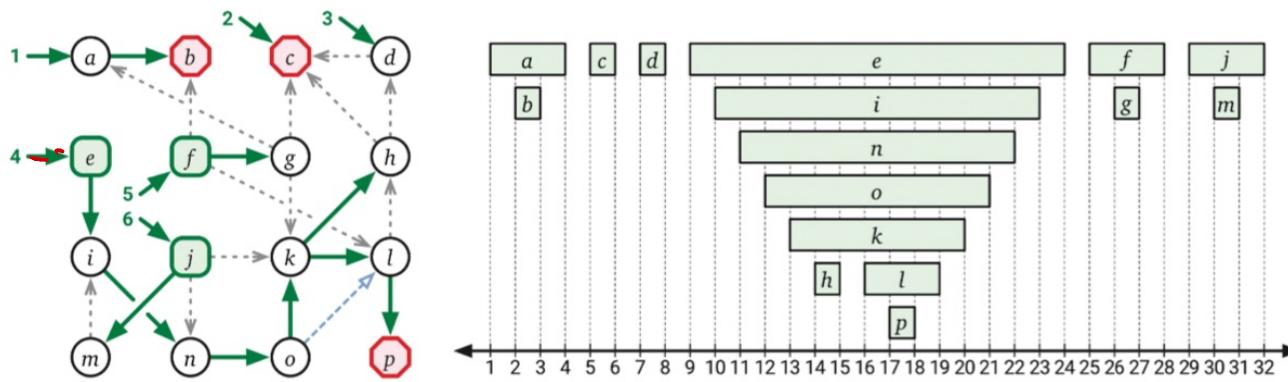


Figure 6.8. Reversed postordering of the dag from Figure 6.6.

# Memoization & DP

Nice connection!

If the graph is a DAG,

Can do dynamic programming  
on it.

Why?

Think of the recurrences:

$$T(v) = \max_{\substack{(\text{predecessors} \\ \text{or successors } u \\ \text{of } v)}} \left\{ T(u) \right\}$$

lookup +  
calculation

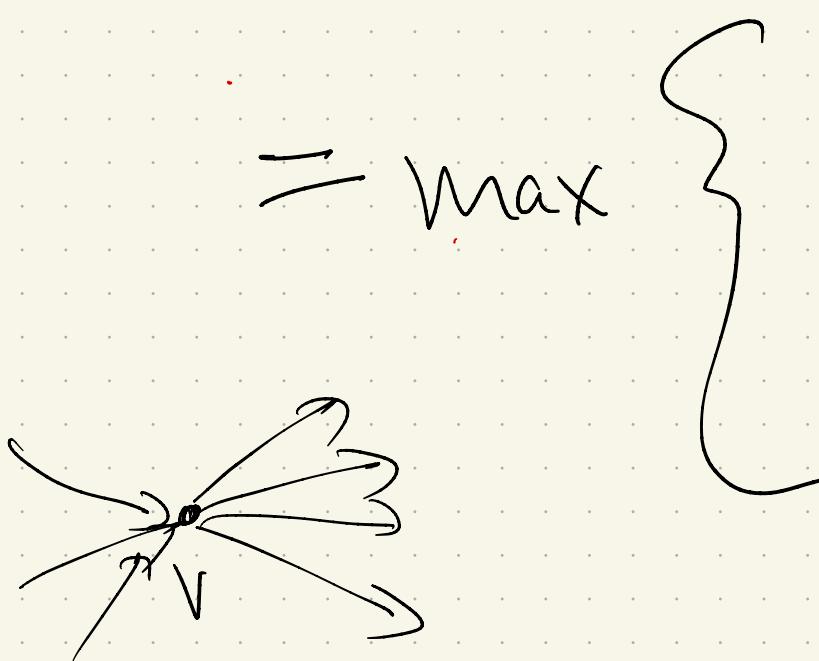
When will the algorithm  
get stuck?

Example: longest path in  
a DAG.

Usually → very hard.

Think backtracking for a moment, & fix a "target" vertex  $t$ .

Let  $LLP(v) = \underbrace{\text{longest path}}_{\text{from } v \text{ to } t}$



Using this recursion:

"memoize" the value LLP:

Add a field to the vertex  
& store it.

(Initially,  $=$ )

Get Longest( $V$ ):

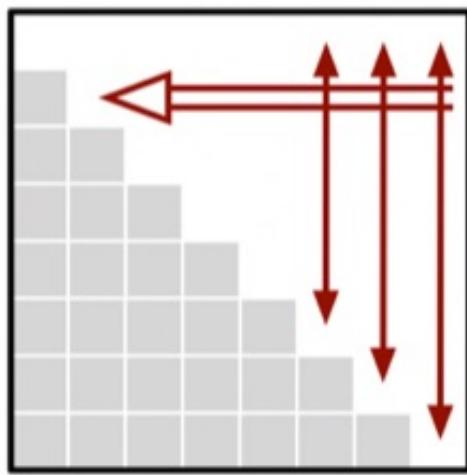
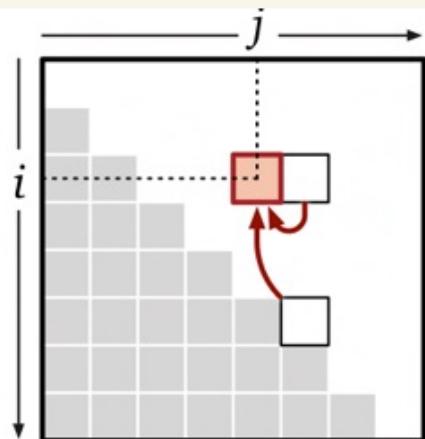
If  $V = t$ :

otherwise:

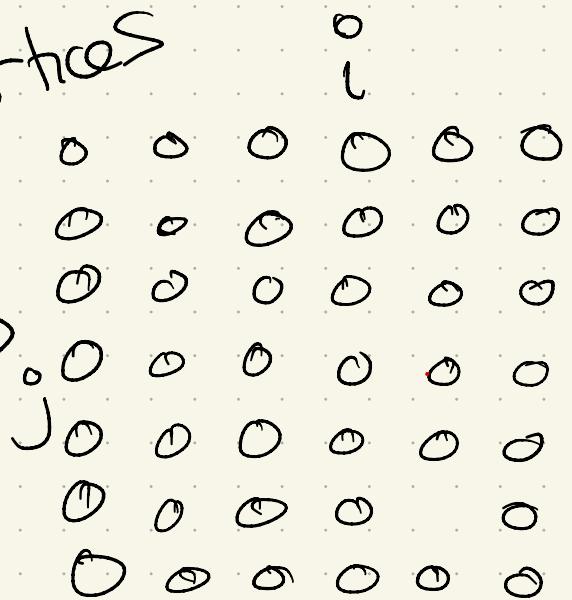
In principle, every DP we saw is working on a dependency graph of subproblems!

Recall: Longest Inc Subsequence

$$LISbigger(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LISbigger(i, j + 1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max \left\{ LISbigger(i, j + 1), 1 + LISbigger(j, j + 1) \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



vertices



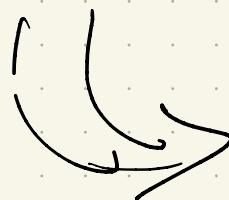
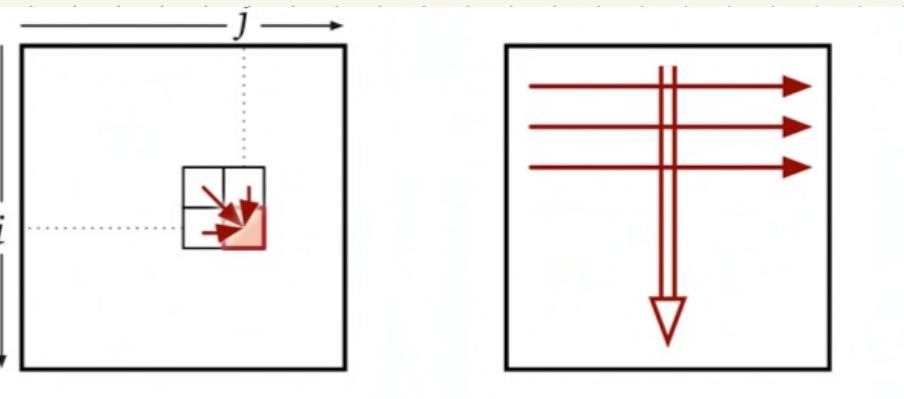
edges:

$$(i, j) \rightarrow$$

$$(i, j) \rightarrow$$

Edit distance:  
we actually (sort of)  
showed the graph!

$$Edit(i, j) = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } j = 0 \\ j & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Edit(i, j - 1) + 1 \\ Edit(i - 1, j) + 1 \\ Edit(i - 1, j - 1) + [A[i] \neq B[j]] \end{array} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

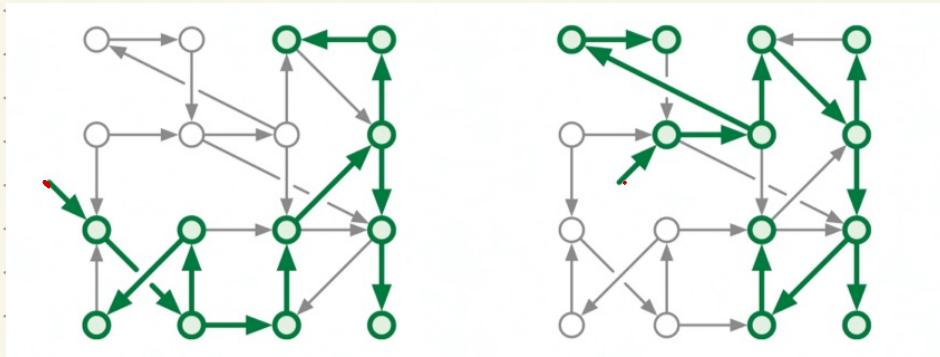


	A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M	
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
2	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3	2	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	
4	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	
5	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	
6	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	6	
7	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	6	
8	7	6	6	6	6	5	4	5	6	
9	8	7	7	7	7	6	5	5	6	
10	9	8	8	8	8	7	6	6	6	

# Strong connectivity

In an undirected graph,  
if  $u \rightsquigarrow v$ , then  $v \rightsquigarrow u$ .

Not true in directed case:



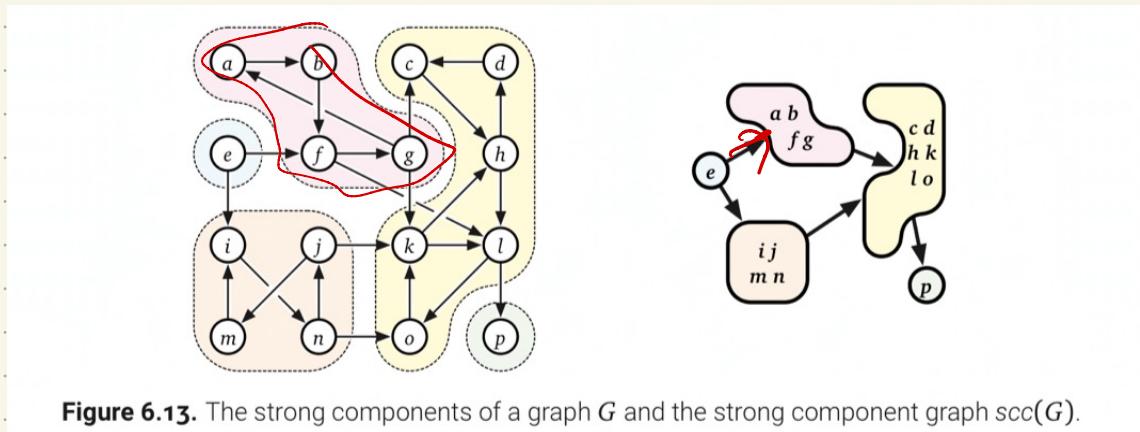
So 2 notions:

weak connectivity:

strong connectivity:

related: SCCs

Can actually order the  
Strongly connected pieces  
of a graph:



**Figure 6.13.** The strong components of a graph  $G$  and the strong component graph  $scc(G)$ .

How?

- Well, each component either isn't connected, or only has 1-way edges. Why?

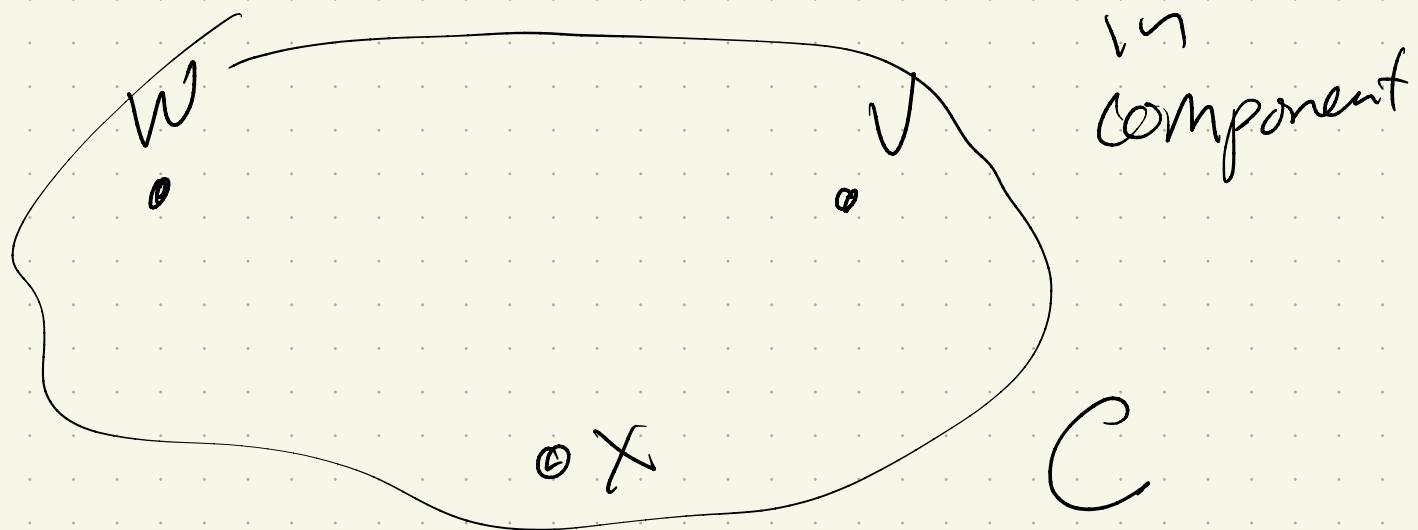
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More formally:

Every strong cc must have at least one vertex with no parent.

Proof: Consider two vertices



Let  $x$  be first vertex  
in clock-order in  $\text{sec}$ :

Possible to compute SCCs  
in  $O(V+E)$  time.

Need good sinks!

DFS ( $\text{rev}(G)$ )

↳ find sinks

Then, reverse back to  
 $G$  & run DFS from  
them.

(See book for details)

Next module:

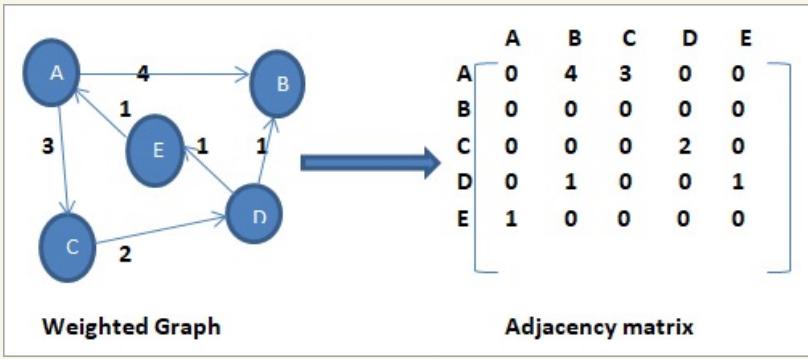
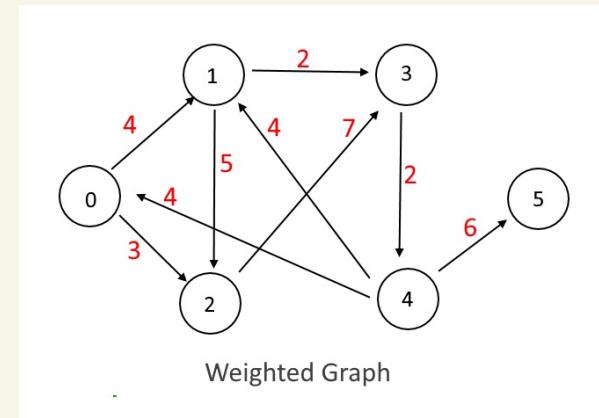
# Minimum Spanning trees

& shortest paths.

Both are on weighted

graphs - so  $G = (V, E)$ ,  
plus  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^+$ )

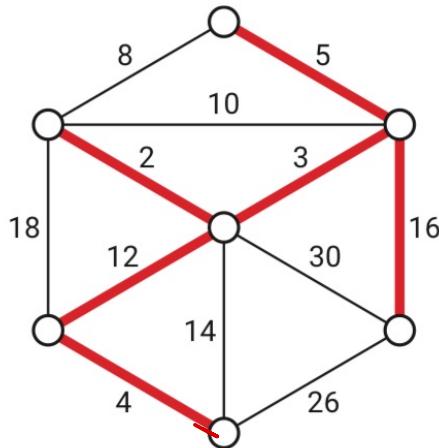
Picture:



# Minimum Spanning Trees

Goal: Given a weighted Graph  $G$ ,  
 $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the weight function,  
find a Spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$   
that minimizes:

$$w(T) = \sum_{e \in T} w(e)$$



**Figure 7.1.** A weighted graph and its minimum spanning tree.

Motivation:

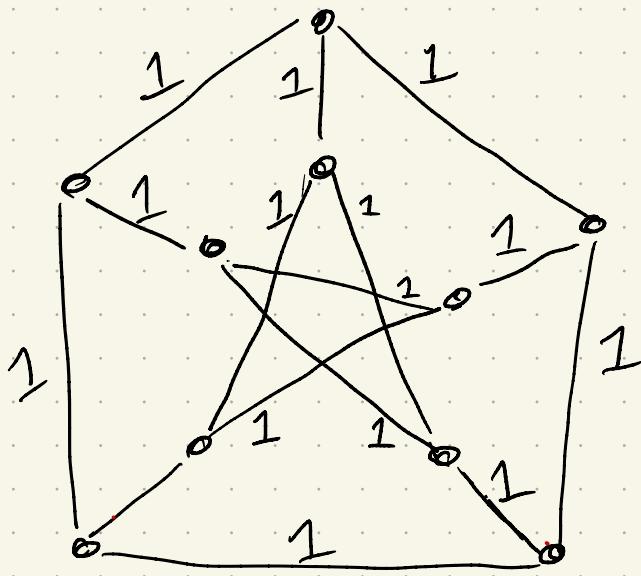
First:

Does it have to be a tree?

Second:

These are obviously not unique!

Ex:



tree?

Things will be cleaner, if we have unique trees. So:

Lemma: Assuming all edge weights are distinct, then MST is unique.

Pf: By contradiction:

Suppose  $T$  &  $T'$  are both MSTs, with  $T \neq T'$

- $T \cup T'$  contains a cycle
- That cycle must have 2 edges of equal weight  
 $\Rightarrow$  Contradiction!

Now, what if weights aren't unique?

Just need a way to consistently break ties.

SHORTESTEDGE( $i, j, k, l$ )

if $w(i, j) < w(k, l)$	then return $(i, j)$
if $w(i, j) > w(k, l)$	then return $(k, l)$
if $\min(i, j) < \min(k, l)$	then return $(i, j)$
if $\min(i, j) > \min(k, l)$	then return $(k, l)$
if $\max(i, j) < \max(k, l)$	then return $(i, j)$
<i>((if <math>\max(i, j) &gt; \max(k, l)</math>))</i>	

So, takeaway:  
Can assume unique MST.

Next: an algorithm.

The magic truth of MSTs:

You can be SUPER greedy.

Almost any natural idea  
will work!

This is highly unusual, &  
there's a reason for it:

These are a (rare) example  
of something called a  
matroid.

(Way beyond this class...)