

# Data Structures and Algorithms

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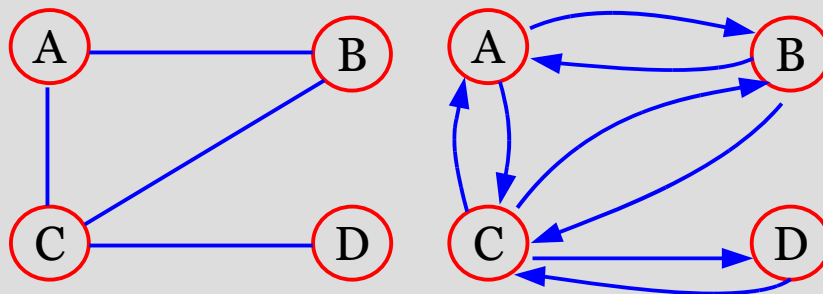
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# Graphs – Definition

- A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  is composed of:
  - $V$ : set of **vertices**
  - $E \subset V \times V$ : set of **edges** connecting the **vertices**
- An **edge**  $e = (u, v)$  is a pair of vertices
- We assume **directed** graphs.
  - If a graph is undirected, we represent an edge between  $u$  and  $v$  by having  $(u, v) \in E$  and  $(v, u) \in E$



$$V = \{A, B, C, D\}$$

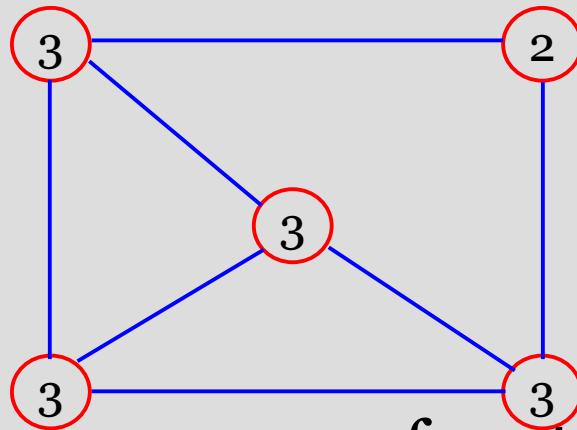
$$E = \{(A, B), (B, A), (A, C), (C, A), (C, D), (D, C), (B, C), (C, B)\}$$

# Applications

- Electronic circuits, pipeline networks
- Transportation and communication networks
- Modeling any sort of relationships (between components, people, processes, concepts)

# Graph Terminology

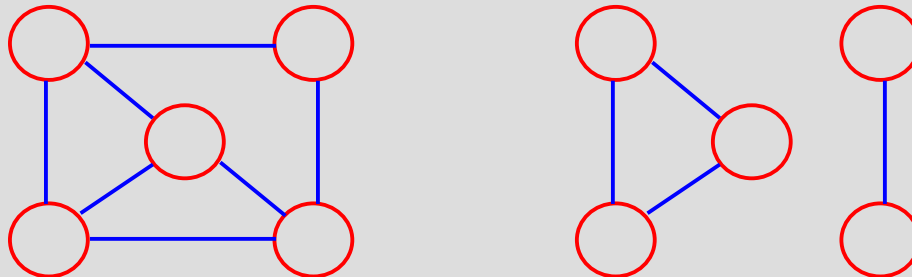
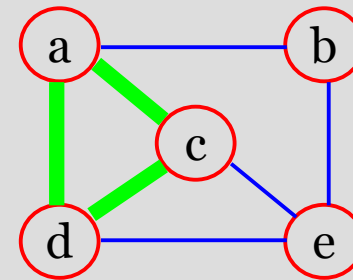
- Vertex  $v$  is **adjacent** to vertex  $u$  iff  $(u,v) \in E$
- **degree** of a **vertex**: # of adjacent vertices



- **Path** – a sequence of vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  such that  $v_{i+1}$  is adjacent to  $v_i$  for  $i = 1 \dots k - 1$

# Graph Terminology/2

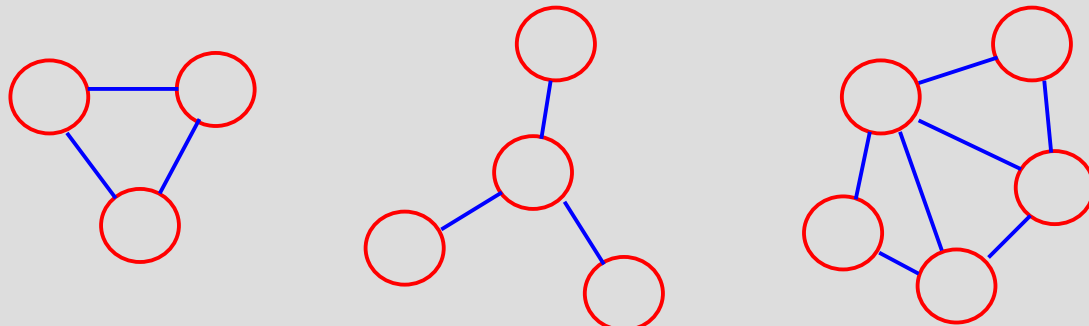
- **Simple path** – a path with no repeated vertices
- **Cycle** – a simple path, except that the last vertex is the same as the first vertex
- **Connected graph**: any two vertices are connected by some path





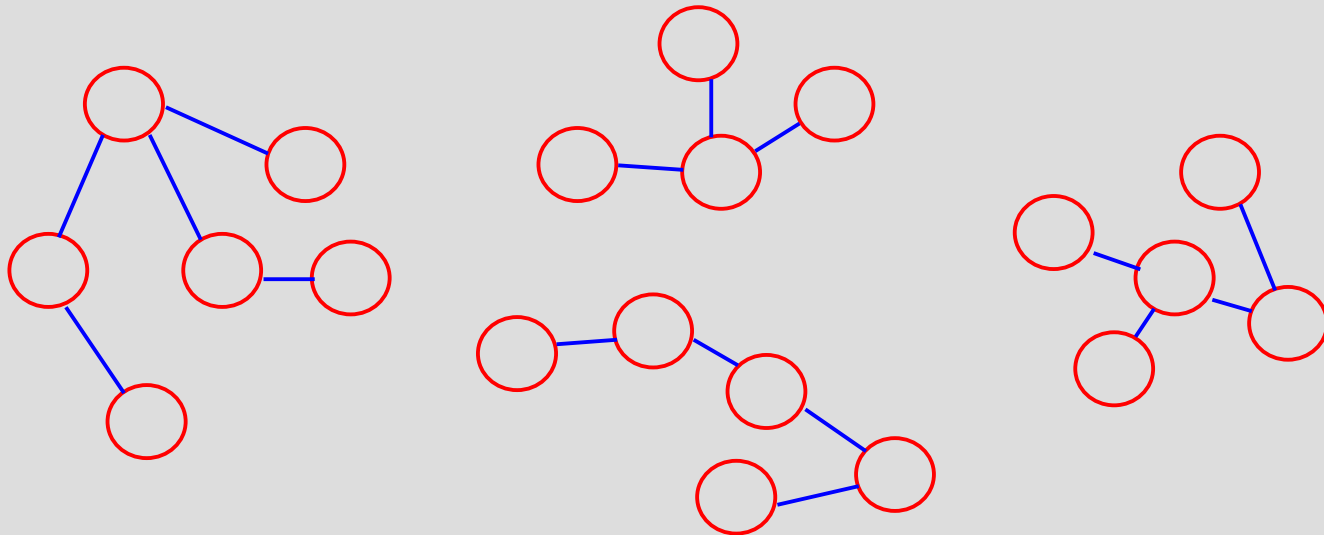
# Graph Terminology/3

- **Subgraph** – a subset of vertices and edges forming a graph
- **Connected component** – maximal connected subgraph.
  - For example, the graph below has 3 connected components



# Graph Terminology/4

- **tree** – connected graph without cycles
- **forest** – collection of trees



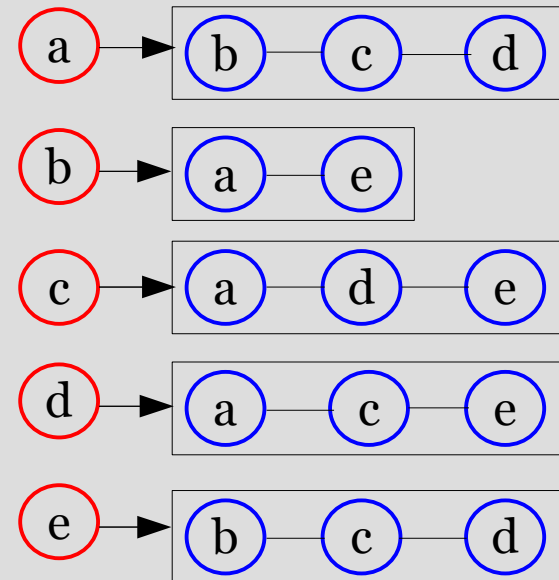
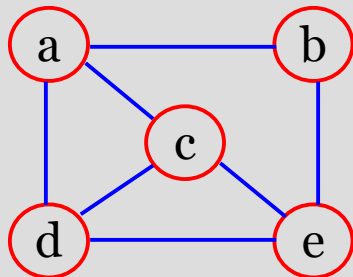
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# Data Structures for Graphs

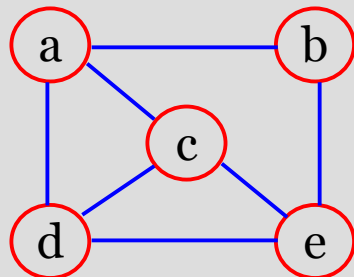
- The **Adjacency list** of a vertex  $v$ : a sequence of vertices adjacent to  $v$
- Represent the graph by the adjacency lists of all its vertices



$$\text{Space} = \theta (|V| + \sum \text{deg}(v)) = \theta (|V| + |E|)$$

# Adjacency Matrix

- Matrix  $M$  with entries for all pairs of vertices
- $M[i,j] = \text{true}$  – there is an edge  $(i,j)$  in the graph
- $M[i,j] = \text{false}$  – there is no edge  $(i,j)$  in the graph
- Space =  $O(|V|^2)$



	A	B	C	D	E
A	F	T	T	T	F
B	T	F	F	F	T
C	T	F	F	T	T
D	T	F	T	F	T
E	F	T	T	T	F

# Pseudocode Assumptions

- Each node has some properties (fields of a record):
  - **adj**: list of adjacenced nodes
  - **dist**: distance from start node in a traversal
  - **pred**: predecessor in a traversal
  - **color**: color of the node (is changed during traversal; white, gray, black)
  - **starttime**: time when first visited during a traversal (depth first search)
  - **endtime**: time when last visited during a traversal (depth first search)

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# Graph Searching Algorithms

- Systematic search of every edge and vertex of the graph
- Graph  $G = (V, E)$  is either directed or undirected
- Applications
  - Compilers
  - Graphics
  - Maze-solving
  - Networks: routing, searching, clustering, etc.



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# Breadth First Search

- A **Breadth-First Search (BFS)** traverses a **connected component** of an (un)directed graph, and in doing so defines a **spanning tree**.
- BFS in an **undirected** graph  $G$  is like wandering in a labyrinth with a string and exploring the neighborhood first.
- The starting vertex  $s$ , it is assigned distance 0.
- In the first round the string is unrolled 1 unit. All edges that are 1 edge away from the anchor are visited (**discovered**) and assigned distance 1.

# Breadth-First Search/2

- In the second round, all the new edges that can be reached by unrolling the string 2 edges are visited and assigned a distance of 2
- This continues until every vertex has been assigned a level
- The label of any vertex  $v$  corresponds to the length of the shortest path (in terms of edges) from  $s$  to  $v$

# BFS Algorithm

**BFS** ( $G, s$ )

```
01 for  $u \in G.V$ 
02    $u.color := white$ 
03    $u.dist := \infty$ 
04    $u.pred := NIL$ 
05  $s.color := gray$ 
06  $s.dist := 0$ 
07 init-queue ( $Q$ )
08 enqueue ( $Q, s$ ) // FIFO queue
09 while not isEmpty ( $Q$ )
10    $u := head(Q)$ 
11   for  $v \in u.adj$  do
12     if  $v.color = white$  then
13        $v.color := gray$ 
14        $v.dist := u.dist + 1$ 
15        $v.pred := u$ 
16       enqueue ( $Q, v$ )
17   dequeue ( $Q$ )
18    $u.color := black$ 
```

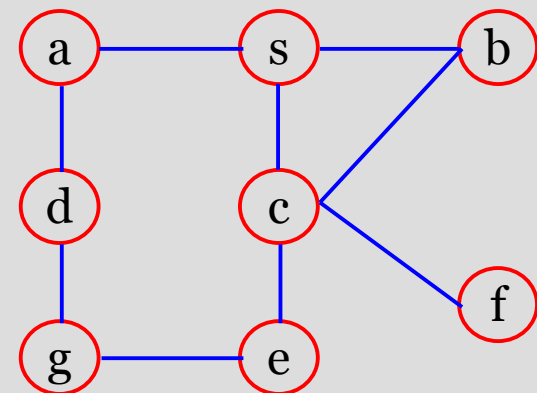
Init all vertices

Init BFS with  $s$

Handle all of  $u$ 's children before handling children of children

# Coloring of Vertices

- A vertex is **white** if it is undiscovered
- A vertex is **gray** if it has been discovered but not all of its edges have been explored
- A vertex is **black** after all of its adjacent vertices have been discovered (the adj. list was examined completely)
- Lets do an example of BFS:



# BFS Running Time

- Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - Vertices are enqueued if their color is white
  - Assuming that en- and dequeuing takes  $O(1)$  time the total cost of this operation is  $O(V)$
  - Adjacency list of a vertex is scanned when the vertex is dequeued
  - The sum of the lengths of all lists is  $\Theta(E)$ . Thus,  $O(E)$  time is spent on scanning them.
  - Initializing the algorithm takes  $O(V)$
- **Total running time  $O(V+E)$**  (linear in the size of the adjacency list representation of  $G$ )

# BFS Properties

- Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , BFS **discovers all vertices reachable from a source vertex  $s$**
- It computes the **shortest distance** to all reachable vertices
- It computes a **breadth-first tree** that contains all such reachable vertices
- For any vertex  $v$  reachable from  $s$ , the path in the breadth first tree from  $s$  to  $v$ , corresponds to a **shortest path** in  $G$

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# Depth-First Search

- **A depth-first search (DFS)** in an undirected graph  $G$  is like wandering in a labyrinth with a **string** and following one path to the end
  - We start at vertex  $s$ , tying the end of our string to the point and painting  $s$  “visited (discovered)”. Next we label  $s$  as our current vertex called  $u$
  - Now, we travel along an arbitrary edge  $(u,v)$ .
  - If edge  $(u,v)$  leads us to an already visited vertex  $v$  we return to  $u$ .
  - If vertex  $v$  is unvisited, we unroll our string, move to  $v$ , paint  $v$  “visited”, set  $v$  as our current vertex, and repeat the previous steps.

# Depth-First Search/2

- Eventually, we will get to a point where **all edges from  $u$  lead to visited vertices**
- We then **backtrack** by rolling up our string until we get back to a previously visited vertex  $v$ .
- $v$  becomes our current vertex and we repeat the previous steps

# DFS Algorithm

**DFS-All**(G)

```
01 for u ∈ G.V
02     u.color := white
03     u.pred := NIL
04 time := 0
05 for u ∈ G.V
06     if u.color = white then DFS(u)
```

Init all vertices

Visit all vertices

**DFS**(u)

```
01 u.color := gray
02 time := time + 1
03 u.starttime := time
04 for v ∈ u.adj
05     if v.color = white then
06         v.pred := u
07         DFS(v)
08 u.color := black
09 time := time + 1
10 u.endtime := time
```

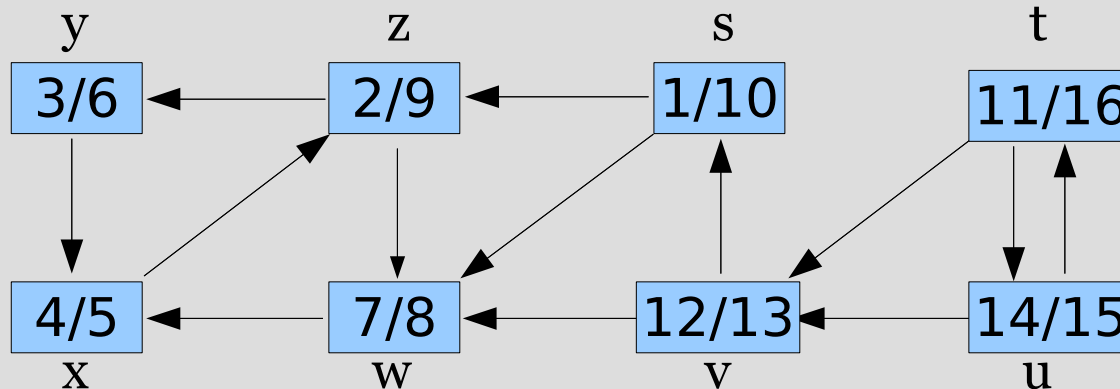
Visit all children  
recursively  
(children of  
children are  
visited first)

# DFS Algorithm/2

- Initialize – color all vertices white
- Visit each and every white vertex using DFS-All (even if there are disconnected trees).
- Each call to DFS( $u$ ) roots a new tree of the **depth-first forest** at vertex  $u$
- When DFS returns, each vertex  $u$  has assigned
  - a discovery time  $d[u]$
  - a finishing time  $f[u]$

# Example of DFS

- Start with s:



- Explores subgraph s first, t second

# DFS Algorithm Running Time

- Running time
  - the loops in DFS-All take time  $\Theta(V)$  each, excluding the time to execute DFS
  - DFS is called once for every vertex
    - its only invoked on white vertices, and
    - paints the vertex gray immediately
  - for each DFS a loop iterates over all  $v.\mathbf{adj}$ 
$$\sum_{v \in V} |v.\mathbf{adj}| = \Theta(E)$$
  - the total cost for DFS is  $\Theta(E)$
  - **the running time of DFS-All is  $\Theta(V+E)$**

# DFS versus BFS

- The BFS algorithm visits all vertices that are reachable from the start vertex. It returns one search tree.
- The DFS-All algorithm visits all vertices in the graph. It may return multiple search trees.
- The difference comes from the applications of BFS and DFS. This behavior of the algorithms can easily be changed.

# Generic Graph Search

```
GenericGraphSearch(G, s)
01 for each vertex  $u \in G.V$  {  $u.color := white$ ;  $u.pred := NIL$  }
04  $s.color := gray$ 
05 init(GrayVertices)
06 add(GrayVertices, s)
07 while not isEmpty(GrayVertices)
08    $u := extractFrom$ (GrayVertices)
09   for each  $v \in u.adj$  do
10     if  $v.color = white$  then
11        $v.color := gray$ 
12        $v.pred := u$ 
13       addTo(GrayVertices, v)
14    $u.color := black$ 
```

- BFS if GrayVertices is a Queue (FIFO)
- DFS if GrayVertices is a Stack (LIFO)



# DFS Annotations

- A DFS can be used to annotate vertices and edges with additional information.
  - starttime (when was the vertex visited first)
  - endtime (when was the vertex visited last)
  - edge classification (tree, forward, back or cross edge)
- The annotations reveal useful information about the graph that is used by advanced algorithms.

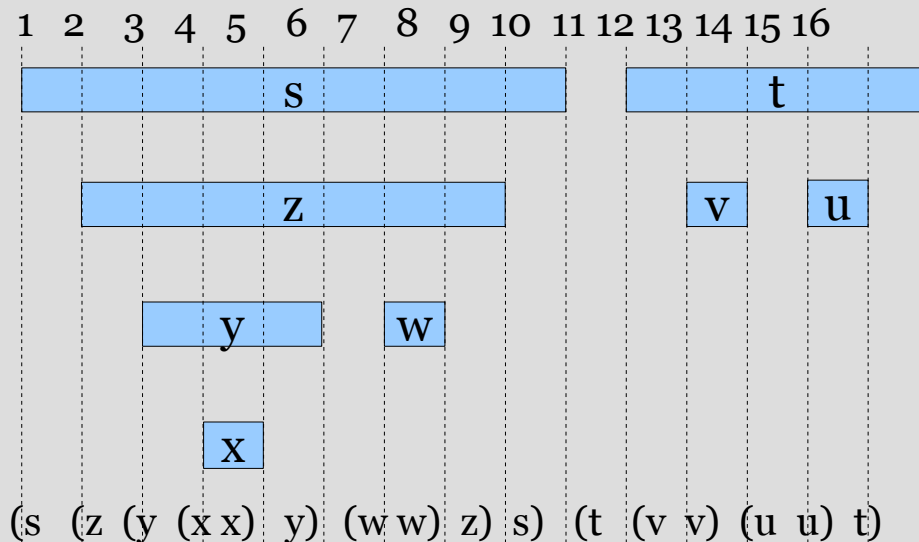
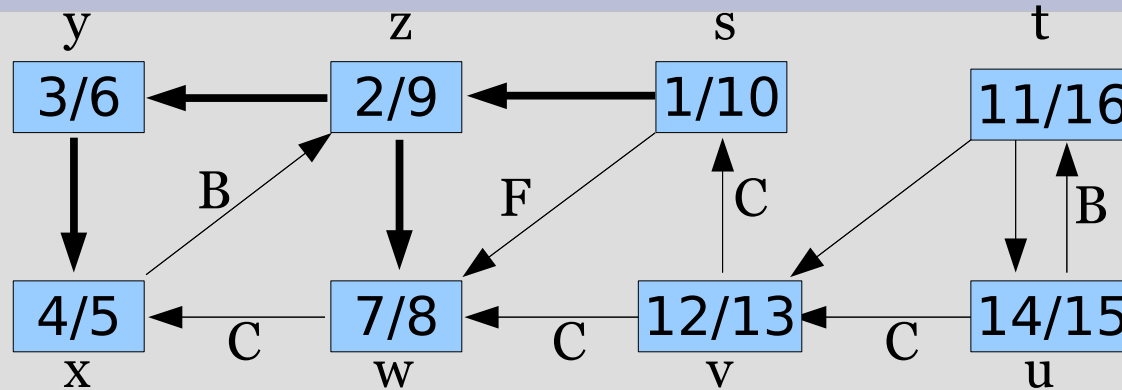
# DFS Timestamping

- Vertex  $u$  is
  - white before  $u.starttime$
  - gray between  $u.starttime$  and  $u.endtime$ , and
  - black after  $u.endtime$
- Notice the structure throughout the algorithm
  - gray vertices form a linear chain
  - corresponds to a stack of vertices that have not been exhaustively explored (DFS started but not yet finished)

# DFS Parenthesis Theorem

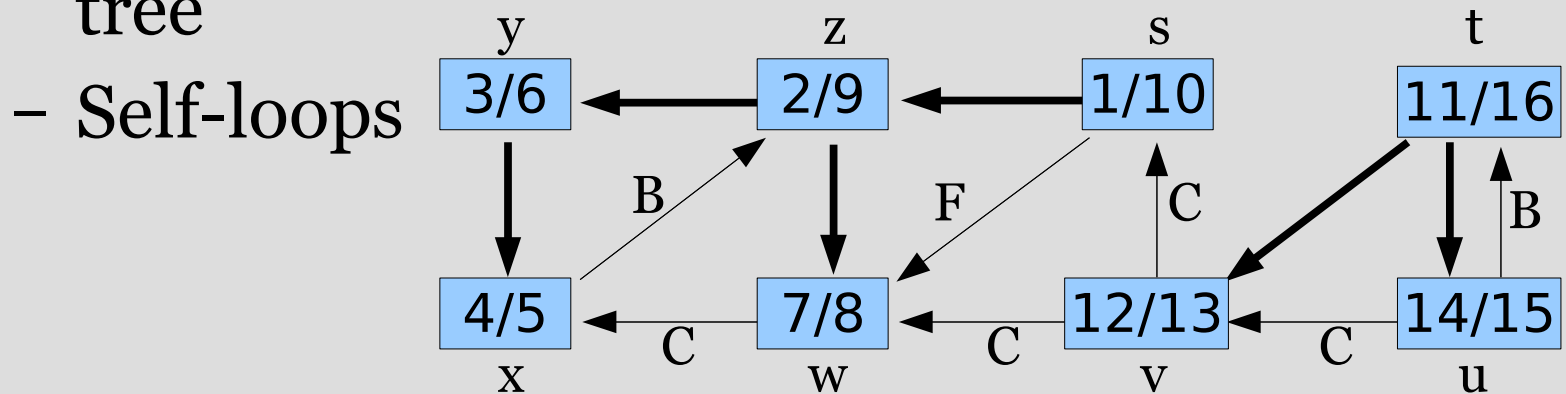
- Start and end times have parenthesis structure
  - represent starttime of  $u$  with left parenthesis " $(u$ "
  - represent endtime of  $u$  with right parenthesis " $u)$ "
  - history of start- and endtimes makes a well-formed expression (parenthesis are properly nested)
- Intuition for proof: any two intervals are either disjoint or enclosed
  - Overlapping intervals would mean finishing ancestor, before finishing descendant or starting descendant without starting ancestor

# DFS Parenthesis Theorem/2



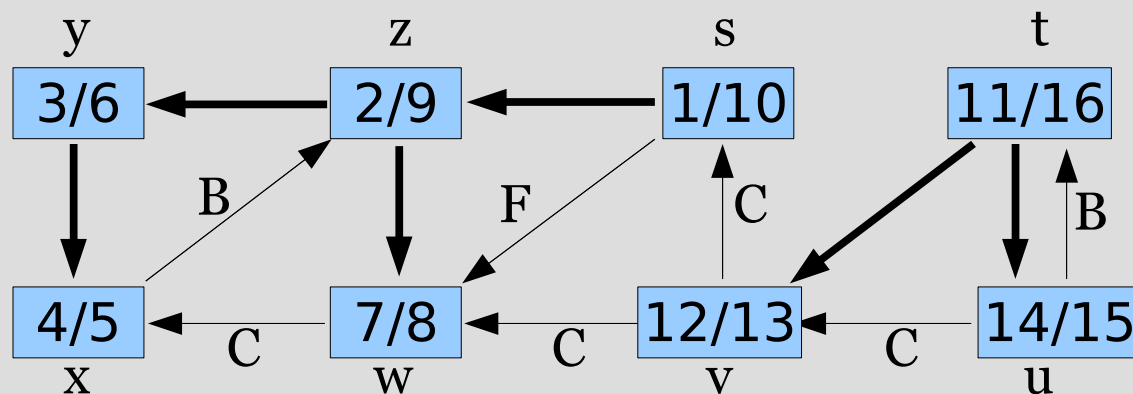
# DFS Edge Classification

- Tree edge (gray to white)
  - Edges in depth-first forest
- Back edge (gray to gray)
  - from descendant to ancestor in depth-first tree



# DFS Edge Classification/2

- Forward edge (gray to black)
  - Nontree edge from ancestor to descendant in depth-first tree
- Cross edge (gray to black)
  - remainder – between trees or subtrees



# DFS Edge Classification/3

- In a DFS the color of the next vertex decides the edge type (this makes it impossible to distinguish forward and cross edges).
- Tree and back edges are important.
- Most algorithms do not distinguish between forward and cross edges.

# Suggested exercises

- Implement BFS and DFS, both iterative and recursive
- Using paper & pencil, simulate the behaviour of BFS and DFS (and All-DFS) on some graphs, drawing the evolution of the queue/stack



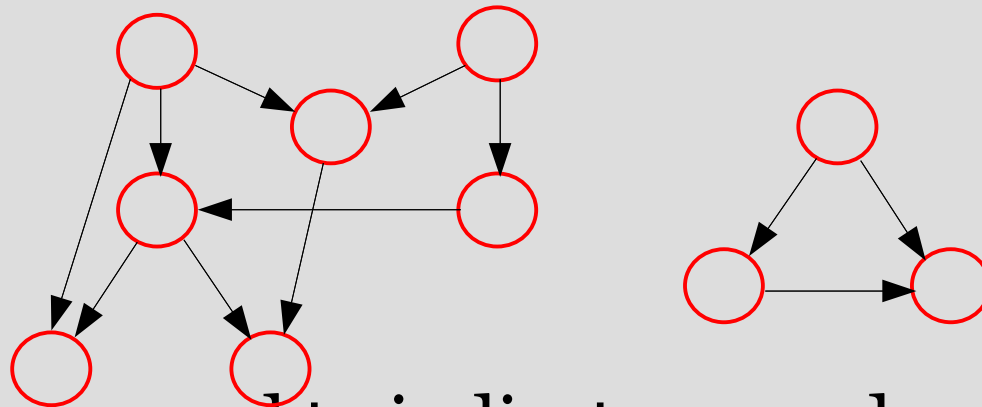
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# Directed Acyclic Graphs

- A DAG is a directed graph without cycles.



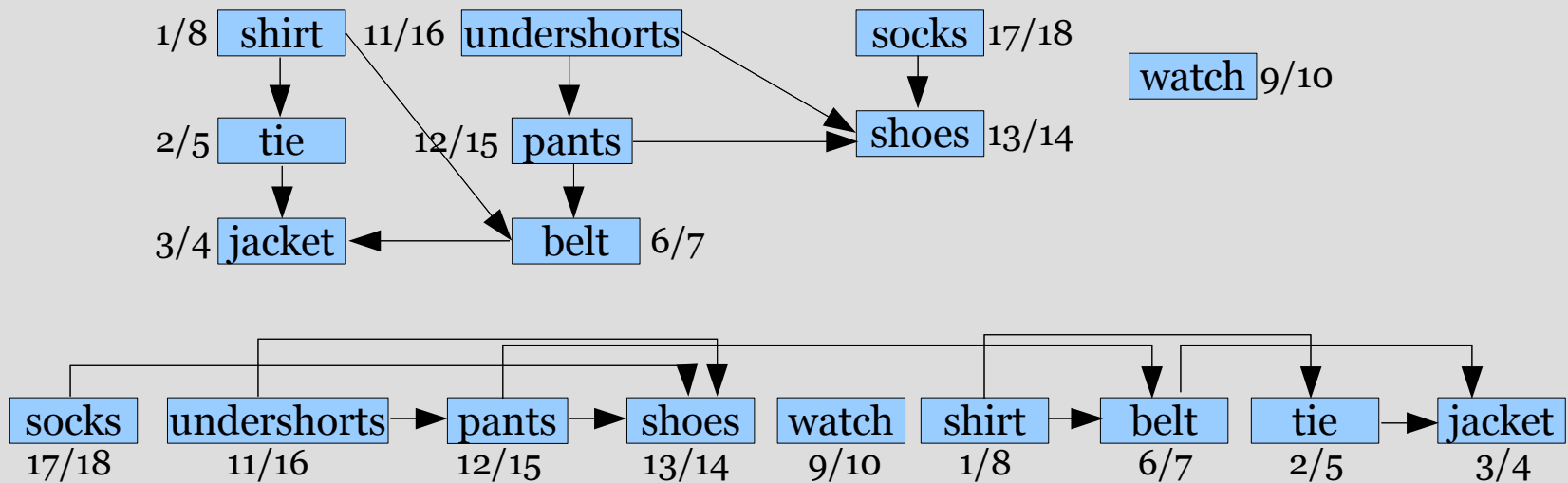
- DAGs are used to indicate precedence among events (event  $x$  must happen before  $y$ ).
- An example would be a parallel code execution.
- We get total order using **Topological Sorting**.

# DAG Theorem

- A directed graph  $G$  is acyclic if and only if a DFS of  $G$  yields no back edges. Proof:
  - **suppose there is a back edge  $(u,v)$** ;  $v$  is an ancestor of  $u$  in DFS forest. Thus, there is a path from  $v$  to  $u$  in  $G$  and  $(u,v)$  completes the cycle
  - **suppose there is a cycle  $c$** ; let  $v$  be the first vertex in  $c$  to be discovered and  $u$  is the predecessor of  $v$  in  $c$ .
    - Upon discovering  $v$  the whole cycle from  $v$  to  $u$  is white
    - We visit all nodes reachable on this white path before  $\text{DFS}(v)$  returns, i.e., vertex  $u$  becomes a descendant of  $v$
    - Thus,  $(u,v)$  is a back edge
- Thus, we can verify a DAG using DFS.

# Topological Sorting Example

- Precedence relations: an edge from  $x$  to  $y$  means one must be done with  $x$  before one can do  $y$
- Intuition: can schedule task only when all of its precondition subtasks have been scheduled



# Topological Sorting/1

- Sorting of a directed acyclic graph (DAG).
- A topological sort of a DAG is a linear ordering of all its vertices such that for any edge  $(u,v)$  in the DAG,  $u$  appears before  $v$  in the ordering.

# Topological Sorting/2

- The following algorithm topologically sorts a DAG.
- The linked lists comprises a total ordering.

*Topological Sort (G)*

*Call DFS(G) to compute v.endtime for each vertex v*

*As each vertex is finished, insert it at the beginning of a linked list*

*Return the linked list of vertices*

# Topological Sorting

## Correctness

- Claim:  $\text{DAG} \wedge (u,v) \in E \Rightarrow u.\text{endtime} > v.\text{endtime}$
- When  $(u,v)$  explored,  $u$  is gray. We can distinguish three cases:
  - $v = \text{gray} \Rightarrow (u,v) = \text{back edge (cycle, contradiction)}$
  - $v = \text{white} \Rightarrow v$  becomes descendant of  $u$   
 $\Rightarrow v$  will be finished before  $u$   
 $\Rightarrow v.\text{endtime} < u.\text{endtime}$
  - $v = \text{black} \Rightarrow v$  is already finished  
 $\Rightarrow v.\text{endtime} < u.\text{endtime}$
- The definition of topological sort is satisfied.

# Topological Sorting Running Time

- Running time
  - depth-first search:  $O(V+E)$  time
  - insert each of the  $|V|$  vertices to the front of the linked list:  $O(1)$  per insertion
- Thus the total running time is  $O(V+E)$ .



# Suggested exercises

- Implement topological sorting, with a check for DAG property
- Using paper & pencil, simulate the behaviour of topological sorting

# Summary

- Graphs
  - $G = (V, E)$ , vertex, edge, (un)directed graph, cycle, connected component, ...
- Graph representation: adjacency list/matrix
- Basic techniques to traverse/search graphs
  - Breadth-First Search (BFS)
  - Depth-First Search (DFS)
- Topological Sorting

# Next Week

- Graphs:
  - Weighted graphs
  - Minimum Spanning Trees
    - Prim's algorithm
    - Kruskal's algorithm
  - Shortest Paths
    - Dijkstra's algorithm
    - Bellman-Ford algorithm