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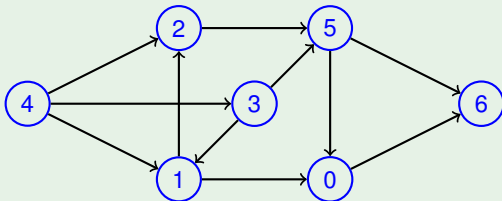
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Adjacency List Representation of a Graph

Example 1



$V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

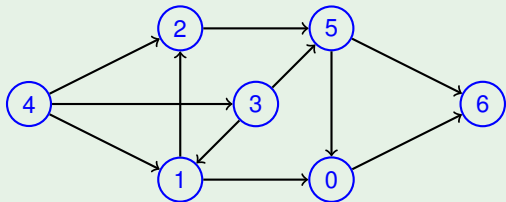
$E = \{(4, 2), (2, 5), (5, 6), (4, 3), (3, 5), (5, 0), (1, 2), (4, 1), (3, 1), (1, 0), (0, 6)\}$

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with $n := |V|$ vertices. Let $V = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$. The **adjacency list representation** of G consists of

- an array of n **adjacency lists**, say $a[0], \dots, a[n-1]$
- for vertex $u \in V$, $a[u]$ is the list of all $v \in V$ with an edge from u to v :
 - $(u, v) \in E$ (directed graphs)
 - $\{u, v\} \in E$ (undirected graphs)

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Example 2



```
a[0] = (6)
a[1] = (0, 2)
a[2] = (5)
a[3] = (5, 1)
a[4] = (2, 1, 3)
a[5] = (0, 6)
a[6] = ()
```

- The space required to store the graph in this representation is $O(|V| + |E|)$.
- Vertex IDs do not need to be $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. Options:
 - ① Make IDs an attribute of the vertex, e.g. `v.id` in object-oriented programming
 - ② Use another array with ids, e.g. `id[0], \dots id[n - 1]`
 - ③ Instead of an array use a data structure that allows other indexing: A **hash** allows to access a node like `a["Greifswald"]`



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C++ example (just one of many ways to code a graph in adjacency list representation)

```
class Node {
    string ID;
    list<Edge> adj;
};

class Edge {
    int weight;
    Node *from;
    Node *to;
};

class Graph {
    vector<Node> nodes;
};
```



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Alternative: Adjacency Matrix Representation of a Graph

Adjacency matrix

Edges are represented by a binary matrix $A = (a_{ij})_{0 \leq i, j < n}$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ if } (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- requires $O(|V|^2)$ space which is often asymptotically larger than $O(|V| + |E|)$ (sparse/dense graphs)
- checking the presence of an edge takes only constant time (adjacency list: $O(|k|)$, where k is the length of the adjacency list)



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Breadth-First Search

BFS(G, s)

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a (directed) graph and $s \in V$ be the **source**.

- 1: $Q \leftarrow$ empty queue
- 2: **for** each vertex $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$ **do**
- 3: $v.\pi \leftarrow \text{NULL}$ // predecessor during run of BFS
- 4: $v.d \leftarrow \infty$ // distance to s
- 5: $v.\text{color} \leftarrow \text{white}$ // white: not queued yet
- 6: $s.d \leftarrow 0$, $s.\text{color} \leftarrow \text{gray}$, $s.\pi \leftarrow \text{NULL}$
- 7: enqueue(Q, s) // insert s into Q
- 8: **while** Q not empty **do**
- 9: $u \leftarrow \text{dequeue}(Q, s)$ // $u =$ first element of Q
- 10: **for** each $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ **do**
- 11: **if** $v.\text{color} = \text{white}$ **then**
- 12: $v.d \leftarrow u.d + 1$
- 13: $v.\pi \leftarrow u$
- 14: $v.\text{color} \leftarrow \text{gray}$
- 15: enqueue(Q, v)
- 16: $v.\text{color} \leftarrow \text{black}$

Running time: $O(|V| + |E|)$



Breadth-First Search

Properties (proof chalkboard)

Let $v \in V$ be any node. After running $\text{BFS}(G, s)$

- ① $v.d$ is the distance $d(s, v)$ (length of a shortest path) from s to v .
- ② A shortest path from s to v is obtained (in reverse order) by following the links $*.\pi$ starting from v and until reaching s .

Remark

BFS can be considered a special case of **Dijkstra's** algorithm. The latter finds shortest paths in a *weighted* graph and uses a priority queue instead of an ordinary queue.



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Depth-First Search (DFS, Tiefensuche)

- runs on directed and undirected graphs $G = (V, E)$
- is a graph traversal algorithm: it determines an ordering for the nodes, that
 - is every useful for many algorithms on trees that require bottom-up traversal
 - defines a so-called **topological ordering** on DAGs (more later)
- determines a **forest** on the node set V
 - each vertex $v \in V$ will receive a **predecessor** $v.pred \in V \cup \{NULL\}$
 - the **depth-first forest** is (V, E_{pred}) , where $E_{pred} := \{(v.pred, v) \mid v \in V, v.pred \neq NULL\}$
 - if $v.pred = NULL$ then v is a root in the forest otherwise $v.pred$ is v 's father.
- we will assume an adjacency list representation for the time analysis

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Node colors

white: The vertex has not yet been discovered.

gray: The vertex has been discovered but is not yet finished.

black: The vertex is **finished**: The vertex and all outgoing edges have been visited.

Depth-First Search

DFS(G)

```
1: for each vertex  $v$  of  $G$  do  
2:    $v.color \leftarrow$  white  
3:    $v.pred \leftarrow$  NULL  
4:  $time \leftarrow 0$   
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6:   if  $v.color =$  white then  
7:     DFS-Visit( $G, v$ )
```

DFS-VISIT(G, v)

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2:  $v.discoverTime \leftarrow time$   
3:  $v.color \leftarrow$  gray  
4: for each  $w$  in the adjacency list of  $v$  do  
5:   if  $w.color =$  white then  
6:      $w.pred \leftarrow v$   
7:     DFS-VISIT( $G, w$ )  
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Running time

Loops 1-3 and 5-7 of DFS(G) each take time $O(|V|)$, not counting the time spent in DFS-VISIT(v). DFS-VISIT(v) is called *exactly once* for each vertex. Loop 3-6 of DFS-VISIT(v) is executed $|a[v]|$ times. As $\sum_v |a[v]| = |E|$, we obtain the total running time $O(|V| + |E|)$.



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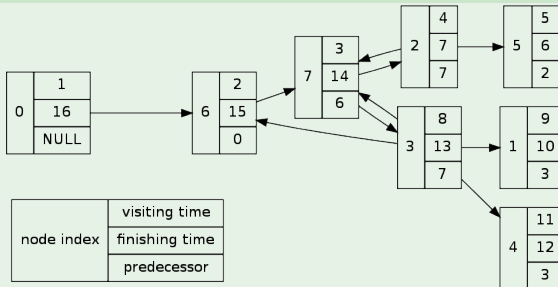
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Example 3



Classification of edges

Note that the depth-first forest is indeed a forest (exercise: prove that (V, E_{pred}) is acyclic). Edges $(u, v) \in E$ are either

- **tree edges**: $(u, v) \in E_{pred}$
- **forward edges**: not a tree edge and v is a proper descendant of u in the depth-first forest
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Node colors partially determine edge class

If in the loop of line 3 of DFS-VISIT(v)

- w is white. Then (v, w) is a tree edge.
- w is gray. Then (v, w) is a back edge.
- w is black. Then (v, w) is a forward or cross edge.

Properties of DFS

Theorem 4 (Parenthesis theorem)

For a vertex v let $v.d$ be short for v .discoverTime and $v.f$ be short for v .finishTime. Let u and v be two different vertices in G . After a run of DFS(G) exactly one of the following three statements holds

- 1 $[u.d, u.f] \cap [v.d, v.f] = \emptyset$ and neither of the two vertices is a descendant of the other
- 2 $[u.d, u.f] \subset [v.d, v.f]$ and u is a descendant of v in a depth-first-tree
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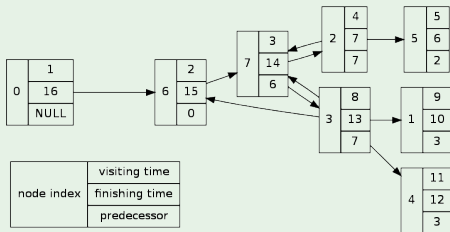
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Example 5



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
((((())	(()	()))))
0	6	7	2	5	5	2	3	1	1	4	4	3	7	6	0



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Proof.

Without loss of generality assume that u was discovered before v , i.e. $u.d < v.d$. Then a) $v.d < u.f$ or b) $v.d > u.f$.

In case a) v was discovered while u was gray. Therefore u is an ancestor of v . v must be finished before u , i.e. $v.f < u.f$. Therefore, case 3 of the theorem applies.

In case b) $u.d < u.f < v.d < v.f$ and case 1 of the theorem applies. □



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Theorem 6 (White path theorem)

Vertex v is a descendant of vertex u in the depth-first forest constructed by $\text{DFS}(G)$ if and only if at time $u.d$ there is a path in G from u to v consisting entirely of white vertices.

(We consider a vertex to be white until right after it is discovered and each vertex is considered its own descendant.)



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Proof.

\Rightarrow : Let v be a descendant of u in the depth-first forest. Then any vertex w on the path from u to v is also a descendant of u . Then case 3 of the parenthesis theorem holds and $[u.d, u.f] \supset [w.d, w.f]$, which implies $u.d < w.d$. As w is discovered after u , vertex w is white at time $u.d$.

\Leftarrow : Suppose at time $u.d$ there is a path π from u to v consisting entirely of white vertices. Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that v is not a descendant of u . Then, there are vertices r and s on π such that $(r, s) \in E$, r is a descendant of u , but s is not a descendant of u ($r = u$ is possible). By the parenthesis theorem, $u.d < r.d < r.f < u.f$. As s is not a descendant of u it must remain white during the time interval $[u.d, u.f]$. As there is an edge from r to s , when the loop in line 3 is executed during the call to $\text{DFS-VISIT}(r)$ vertex s is discovered: $r.d < s.d < r.f$. By the parenthesis theorem s must also be a descendant of u , which constitutes the desired contradiction. \square



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Definition 7 (Topological ordering)

A topological ordering of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with n vertices is an ordering $s = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ of the vertices V (i.e. $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$) such that

$$i < j \text{ for all } (v_i, v_j) \in E.$$

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DAG

When G contains a cycle, then no topological ordering can exist. We will below give an algorithm that constructs a topological ordering for any DAG, however.



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TOPOLOGICAL-SORT(G)

- 1 initialize s as the empty list
- 2 call a variant of DFS(G), where DFS-VISIT(v) has an additional line:
9: insert v at the front of s
- 3 return s

The topological order is the
reverse order of finishing times.



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Theorem 9

A directed graph G has a cycle iff DFS(G) yields at least one back edge.



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Theorem 9

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Proof.

\Leftarrow : Suppose (u, v) is a back edge. Then v is an ancestor of u in the depth-first forest produced by DFS(G). Therefore, there is a path in G from v to u which becomes a cycle by adding the edge (u, v) to it.

\Rightarrow : Suppose G has a cycle c . Let v be the vertex on the cycle that is discovered first during DFS(G). Let u be the vertex preceding v on the cycle c ($u = v$ is possible). By the white path theorem, and as all vertices on c are white at time $v.d$, u is a descendant of v in the depth-first forest. The edge (u, v) is not a tree edge, as the tree would otherwise contain cycle c . The edge (u, v) must therefore be a back edge. □



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Proof.

Let G be acyclic and let $(v, w) \in E$ be any edge. Consider the point in time when this edge is explored (line 3 of $\text{DFS-VISIT}(v)$). If w is white at that time, then $\text{DFS-VISIT}(w)$ is called and w is finished before v : $w.f < v.f$. w cannot be gray at that time, as otherwise (v, w) would be a back edge and by Theorem 9 G would not be acyclic. If w is black at that time, then it has already been finished and also $w.f < v.f$. In any case all edges go from a vertex with a later finishing time to a vertex with an earlier finishing time. Therefore, the reversed finishing times constitute a topological ordering. \square