

# Graphs:

$G = (V, E)$        $V = \text{vertices}$        $n = |V|$   
 $E = \text{edges}$        $m = |E|$

Undirected graphs: edge  $(i, j) \in E$  means  
 $i$  &  $j$  connected by an edge

Directed graphs:  $\vec{ij} \in E$  means  
 edge from  $i$  to  $j$

## Representing graphs:

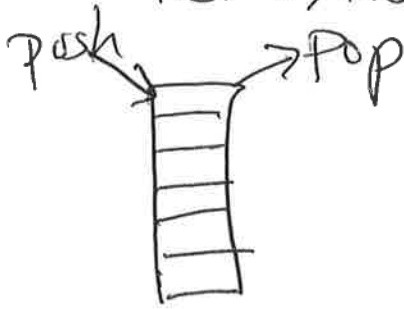
- 1) Adjacency matrix  $A$  size  $O(n^2)$
- 2) Adjacency list size  $O(n+m)$

## Exploring graphs:

DFS = depth first search  
 BFS = breadth first search.

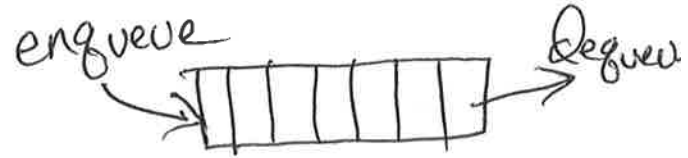
DFS:

Stack = LIFO  
= last-in, first-out

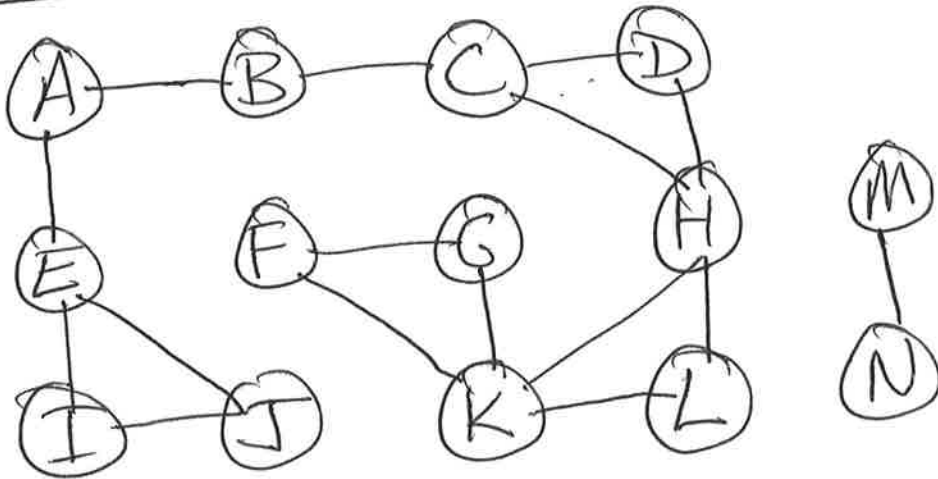


BFS:

Queue = FIFO  
= first-in, first-out

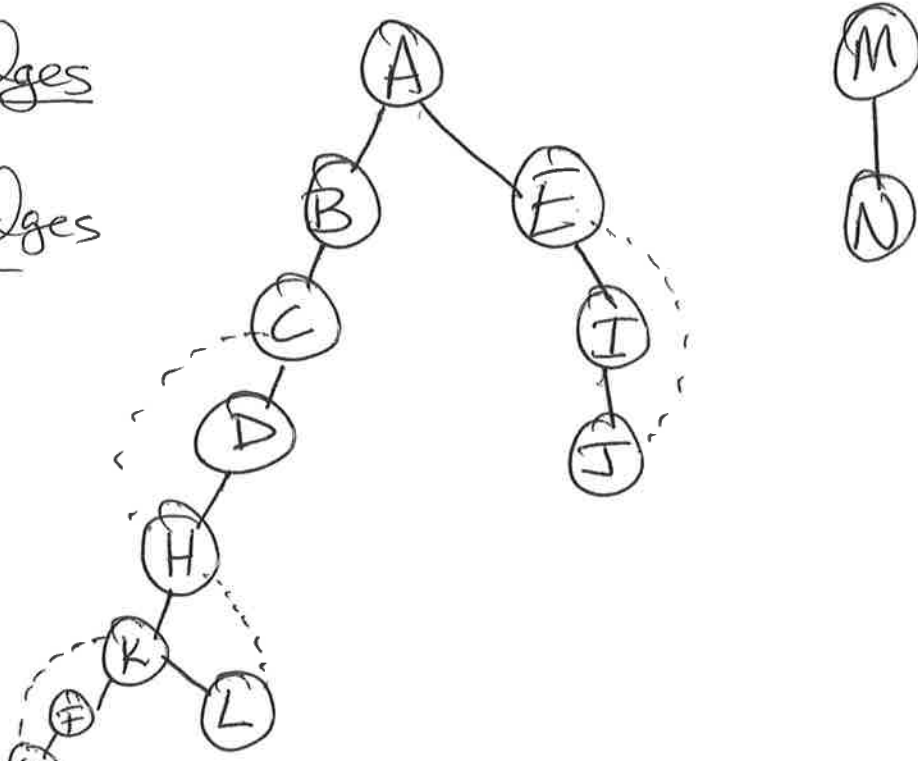


Example:



tree edges

back edges



DFS: can implement a stack using recursion.

Pseudocode:

DFS(G):

for all  $v \in V$ , set  $visited(v) = FALSE$

~~Explore~~

for all  $v \in V$ , if not  $visited(v)$   
then  $Explore(v)$

Explore(w):

$visited(w) = TRUE$

for all  $(w, z) \in E$ :

if not  $visited(z)$

then  $Explore(z)$ .

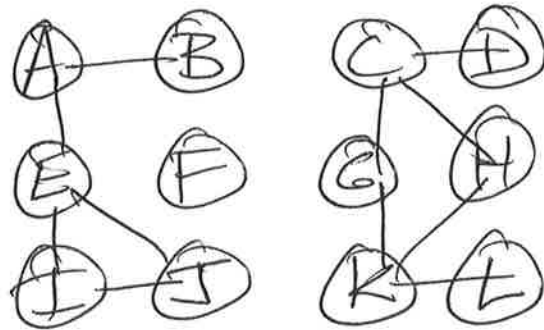
$Explore(z)$ : finds all vertices reachable from  $z$ .

can use to find connected components.

For undirected  $G$ , vertices  $v$  &  $w$  are connected <sup>(4)</sup>  
if: there is a path between  $v$  &  $w$ .

Connected components: maximal set of  
connected vertices.

Example:



3 components:  $\{A, B, E, I, J\}$ ,  $\{F\}$ ,  $\{C, D, G, H, K, L\}$

To find connected components:

- 1) Choose arbitrary start vertex  $z$
- 2) Run ~~z~~ Explore ( $z$ ) to find component containing  $z$
- 3) Choose an unexplored  $z$  & repeat.

Same pseudocode as DFS, just keep track of connected component #.

Here's the pseudocode:

DFS(G):

for all  $v \in V$ ,  $visited(v) = FALSE$

$cc = 0$

for all  $v \in V$ ,

if not  $visited(v)$

then  $\begin{cases} cc++ \\ Explore(v) \end{cases}$

Explore(z):

$visited(z) = TRUE$

$ccnum(z) = cc$

for each  $(z, w) \in E$ :

if not  $visited(w)$

then  $Explore(w)$

Running time:  $O(n+m)$ , for  $G$  in adjacency list representation.

How about connectivity in directed graphs?

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- Need more info from DFS.

- add a clock

- keep track of preorder # & postorder #

$Pre(v)$  = time start exploring  $v$

$Post(v)$  = time finish exploring all neighbors of  $v$ .

DFS(G):

for all  $v \in V$ ,  $visited(v) = FALSE$

clock = 1

for all  $v \in V$ ,

if not  $visited(v)$

then  $Explore(v)$

Explore(z):

$visited(z) = TRUE$

$Pre(z) = clock$

clock++

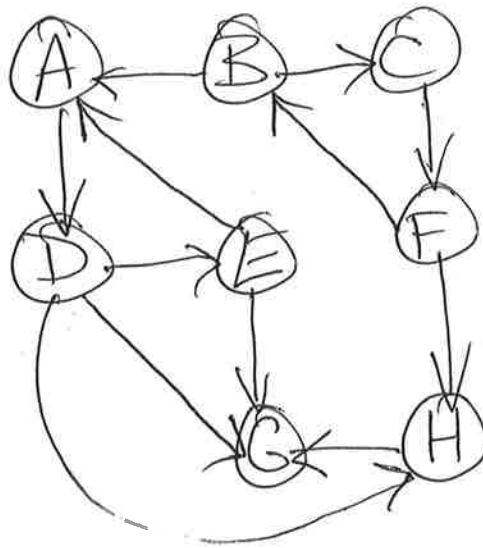
for every  $(z, w) \in E$

if not  $visited(w)$  then  $Explore(w)$

$Post(w) = clock$

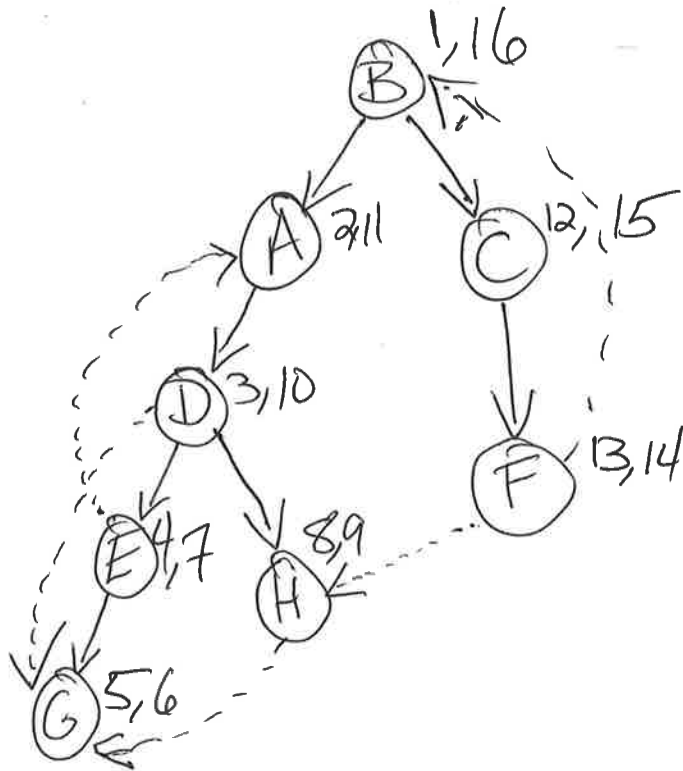
clock++

Example:



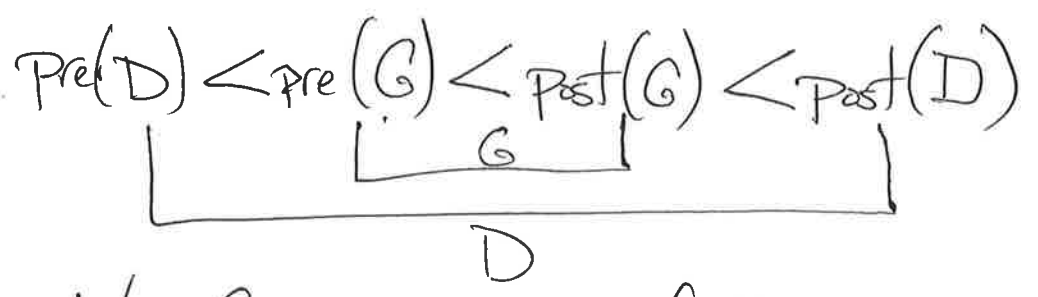
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Let's run DFS starting at B



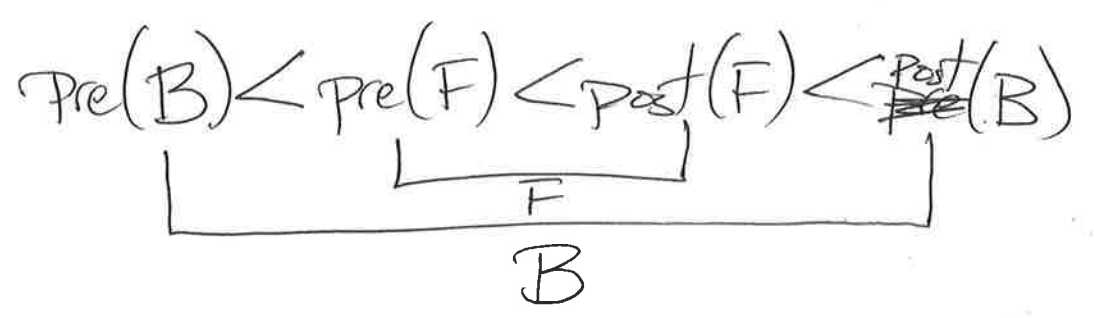
# 3 types of nontree (unexplored) edges

Forward:  $D \rightarrow G$ : vertex to descendant



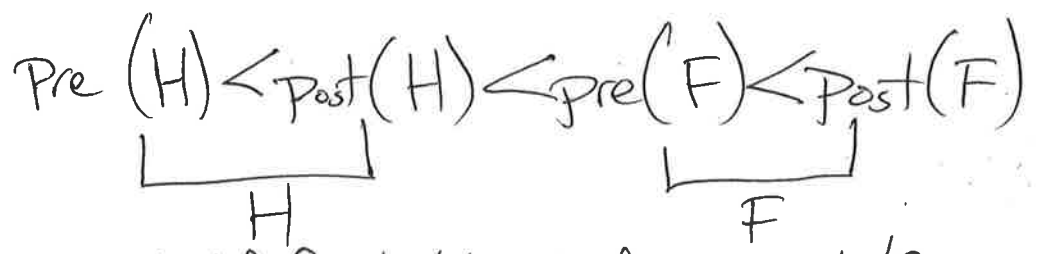
b/c G is in subtree of D

Back:  $E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow B$ : vertex to ancestor



F is in B's subtree

Cross:  $F \rightarrow H, H \rightarrow G$



Start & finish H before start/finish F.



Property: Directed  $G$  has a cycle  
iff its DFS tree contains a back edge.

Proof:

$\Rightarrow$  if  $G$  has a cycle  $C$ , let  $v$  be 1<sup>st</sup> vertex  
in  $C$  visited in the DFS. Then  $C \setminus v$  is  
~~is~~ reachable from  $v$  so all are in  $v$ 's  
subtree of the DFS tree.

&  $\geq 1$  edge from  $C \setminus v$  to  $v$  which  
is a back edge.

$\Leftarrow$  Say the DFS tree has a back edge  $w \rightarrow v$   
Then  $w$  is a descendant of  $v$  so  
there is a path  $P$  from  $v$  to  $w$ ,  
& taking  $P \cup (w, v)$  gives a cycle.

□

So if no cycles in directed  $G$  then  
no back edges.

For back edge  ~~$w \rightarrow v$~~ ,  $\text{Post}(w) < \text{Post}(v)$

For all other edges  $w \rightarrow v$ ,  $\text{Post}(v) < \text{Post}(w)$ .

So can detect if  $G$  has a cycle  
by checking Post #'s to see if  
we find a back edge.

DAG = Directed acyclic graph.

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↑ no cycles  
hence no back edges

Topologically sorting a DAG

= order the vertices so that  
all edges go left to right  
(lower #) (higher #)

Easy: sort by decreasing Post #

highest Post #  $\longrightarrow$  lowest Post #

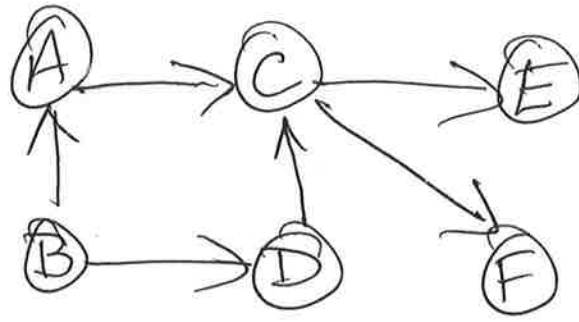
Since no back edges,

every edge  $w \rightarrow v$

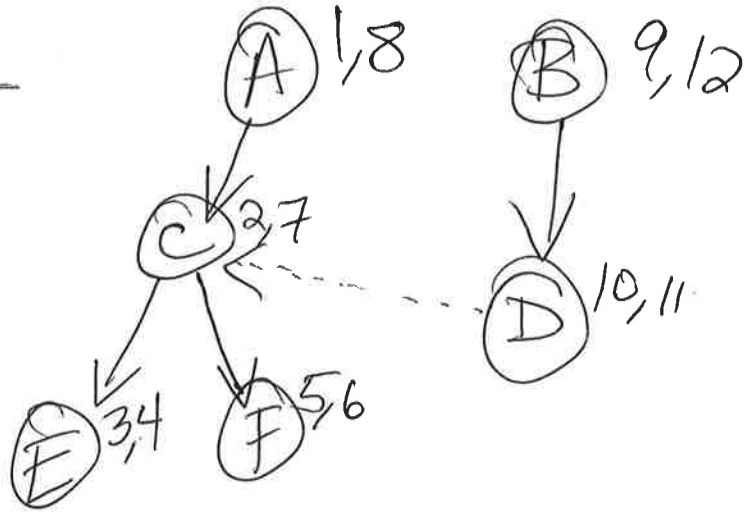
has  $\text{post}(w) > \text{post}(v)$

so left  $\rightarrow$  right.

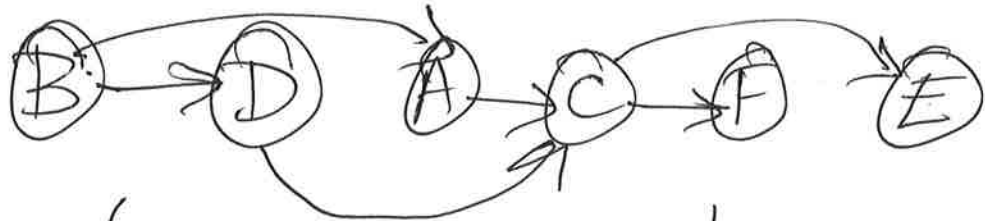
Example:



Run DFS:



Topologically sorted as:



(There are other topological orderings)