
Basic Graph Algorithms

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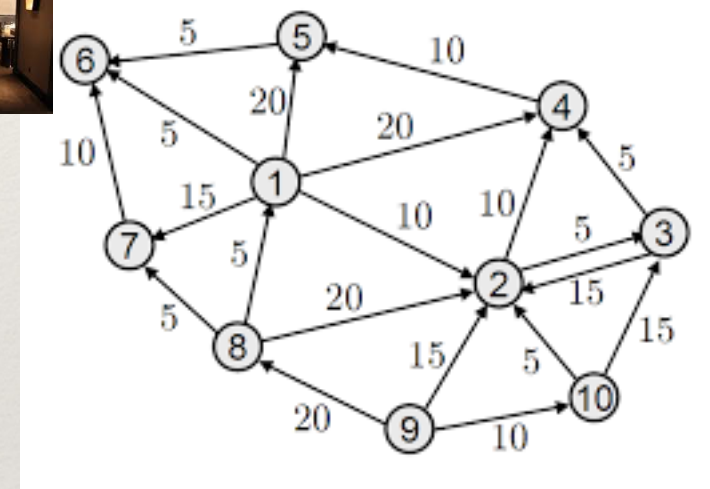
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Graph Algorithm

- ❖ In the previous lectures, algorithms over lists / strings have been discussed.
- ❖ The relation between objects are relatively simple: ordering, overlapping...
- ❖ Today we will discuss algorithms over a more involved relation between objects: *graph*

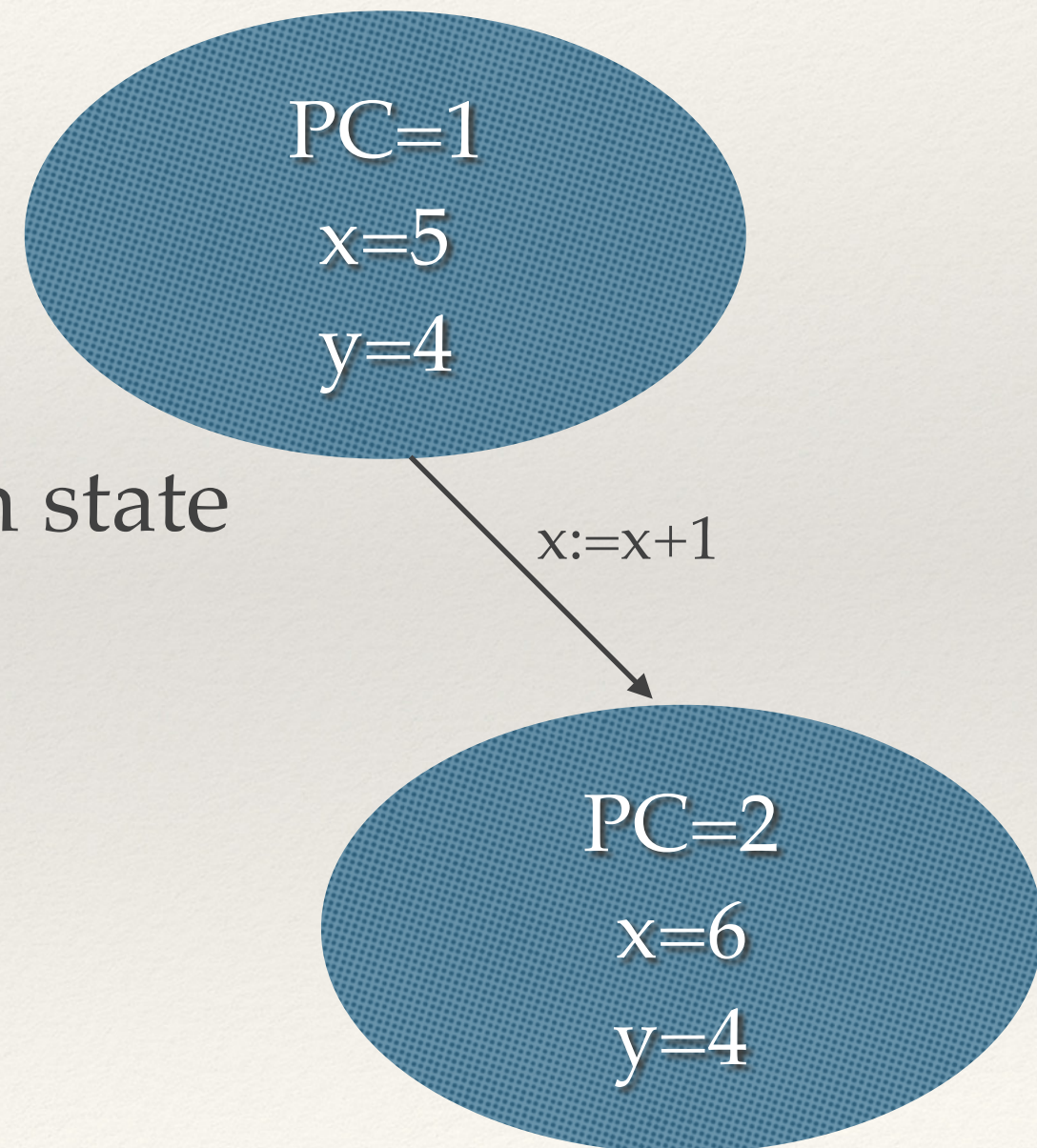
Examples of Modeling by Graphs

- ❖ Finding a good route to a restaurant in a city:
 - ❖ Edges: streets
 - ❖ Vertices: intersections
 - ❖ Directed edge to model one way
 - ❖ Expected time delay is associated to each edge or vertex



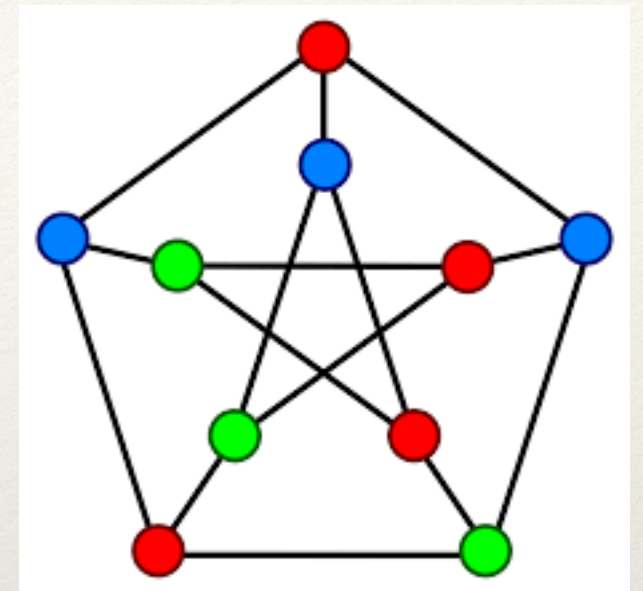
Examples of Modeling by Graphs (cont.)

- ❖ Program's Behavior
 - ❖ Vertices: program states
 - ❖ Edges: program statements
 - ❖ We can ask if an error program state is reachable
- ❖ We can do a demo :-)



Examples of Modeling by Graphs (Cont.)

- ❖ Scheduling classes:
 - ❖ Vertices: classes
 - ❖ Undirected edges: two classes taught by the same instructor
 - ❖ Colors: time slots



The Königsberg Bridges Problem

Can one start from one of the lands, **cross every bridge exactly once**, and return to the origin?

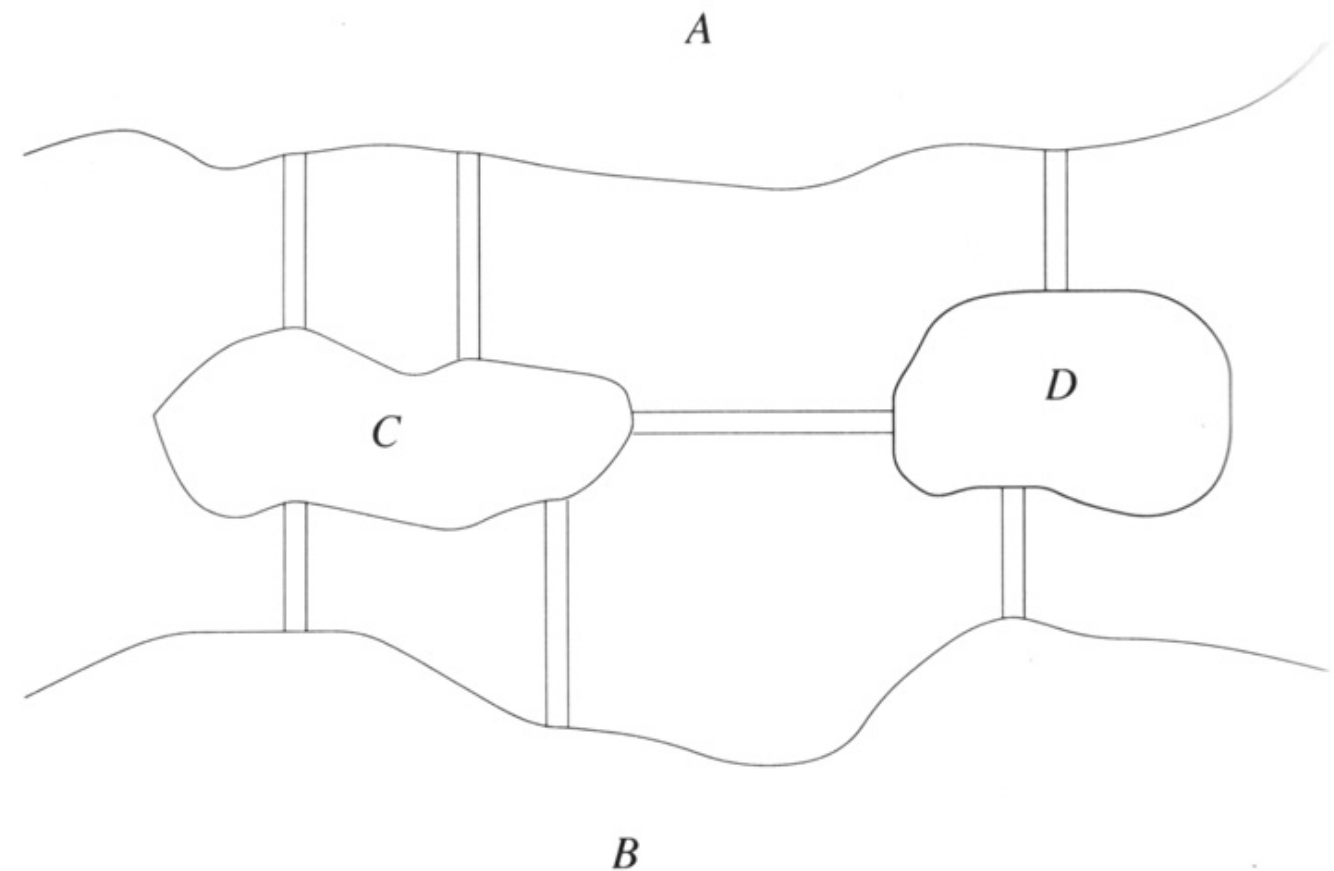


Figure 7.1 The Königsberg bridges problem.

Source: [Manber 1989]

The Königsberg Bridges Problem

The graph corresponding to the problem.

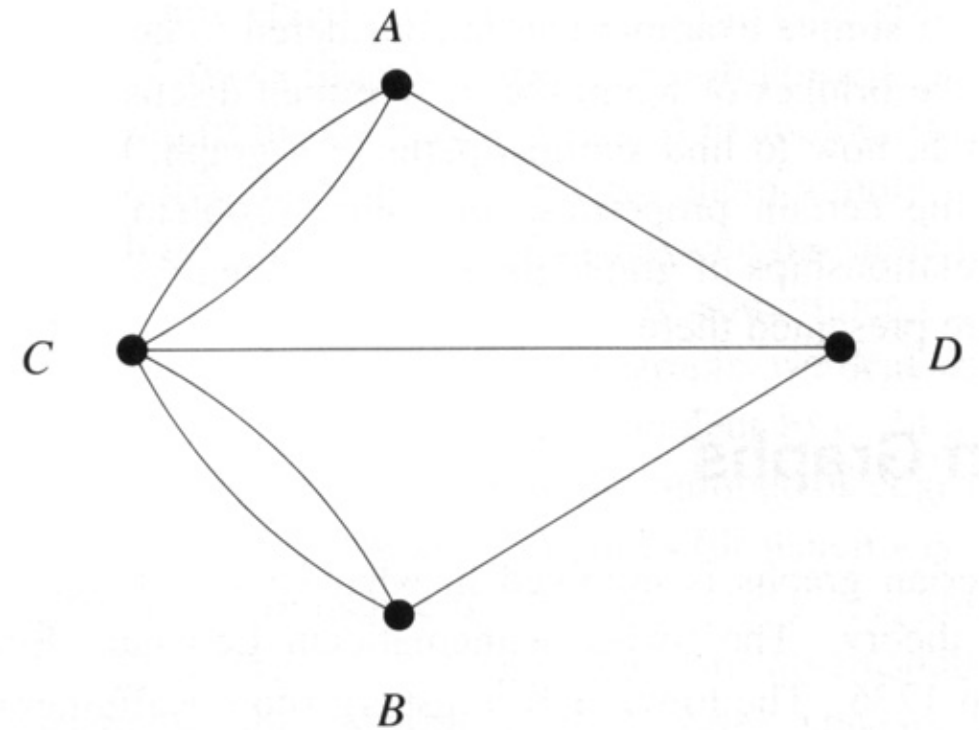
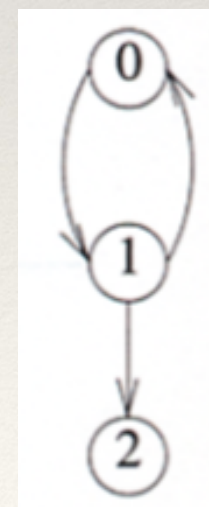


Figure 7.2 The graph corresponding to the Königsberg bridges problem.

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Graphs

- ❖ A graph consists of a set of **vertices** (or nodes) and a set of **edges** (or links).
- ❖ A graph is commonly denoted as (V, E) , where
 - ❖ V is the set of vertices, and
 - ❖ E is the set of edges



Terminology

- ❖ **Undirected Graphs:**

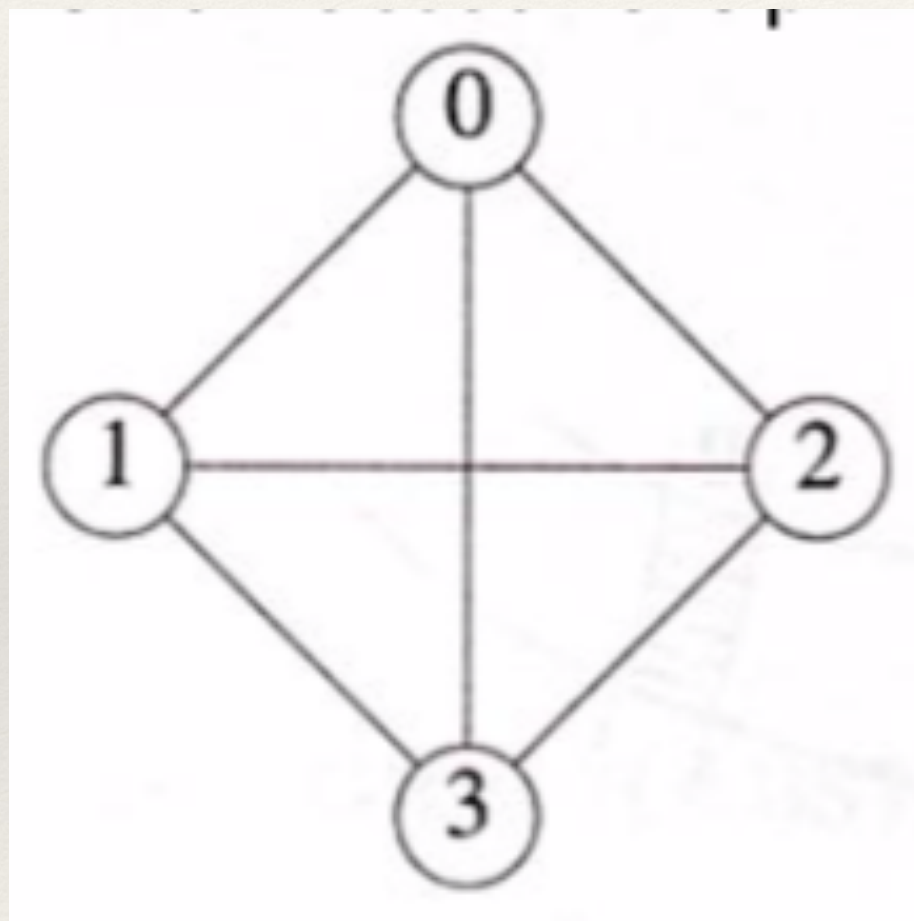
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- ❖ An undirected graph with n vertices has at most $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ edges.

- ❖ **Directed Graphs:**

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- ❖ An undirected graph with n vertices has at most $n(n-1)$ edges.

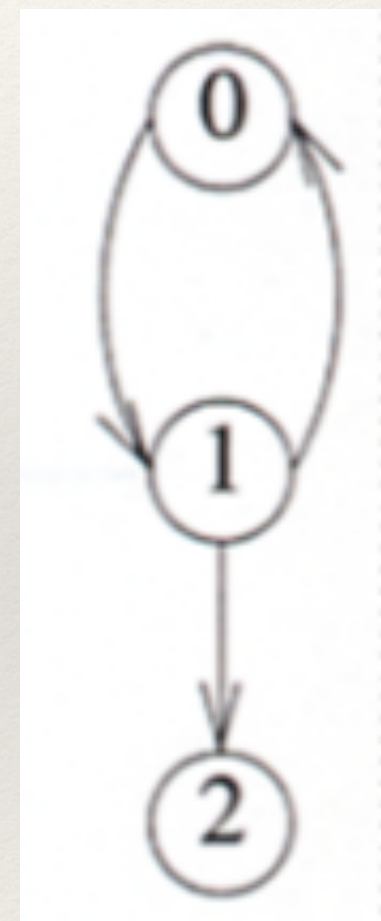
Terminology (cont.)

Undirected Graph



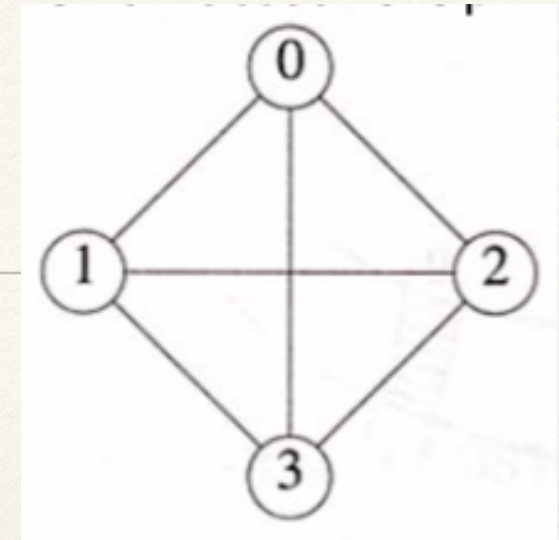
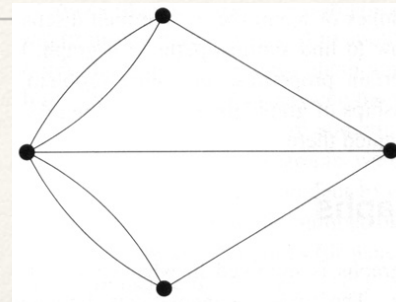
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Directed Graph



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Terminology (cont.)



- ❖ **Simple graph vs Multigraph**

- ❖ A pair of vertices may be connected with multiple edges; the edges are not labeled (and thus cannot be distinguished).

- ❖ **Path:**

- ❖ A sequence of edges that begins at one vertex and ends at another.
- ❖ May pass the same vertex multiple times.
- ❖ E.g., $(0,1)(1,2)(2,0)(0,3)$ is a path from 0 to 3.

- ❖ **Cycle or Circuit:**

- ❖ A path whose first and last vertices are the same.

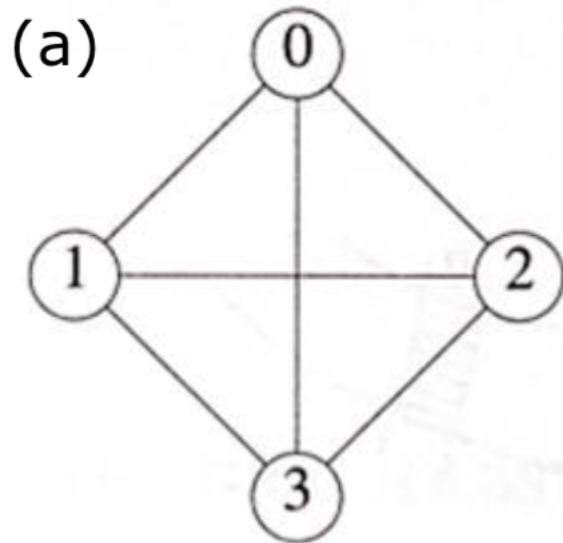
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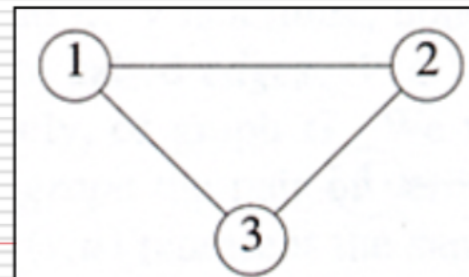
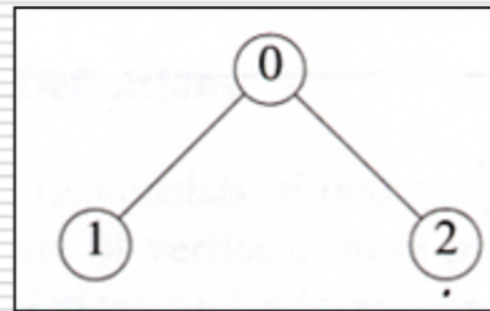
- ❖ **Degree, In-Degree, Out-Degree**
- ❖ **Connected Graph:**
 - ❖ Has a path between each pair of distinct vertices
- ❖ **Subgraph, Induced Subgraph:**
 - ❖ A vertex-induced subgraph must include every edge in the original graph that connects a pair of selected vertices.

Terminology (cont.)

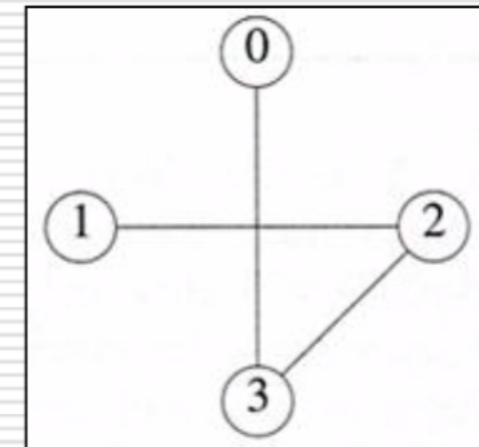
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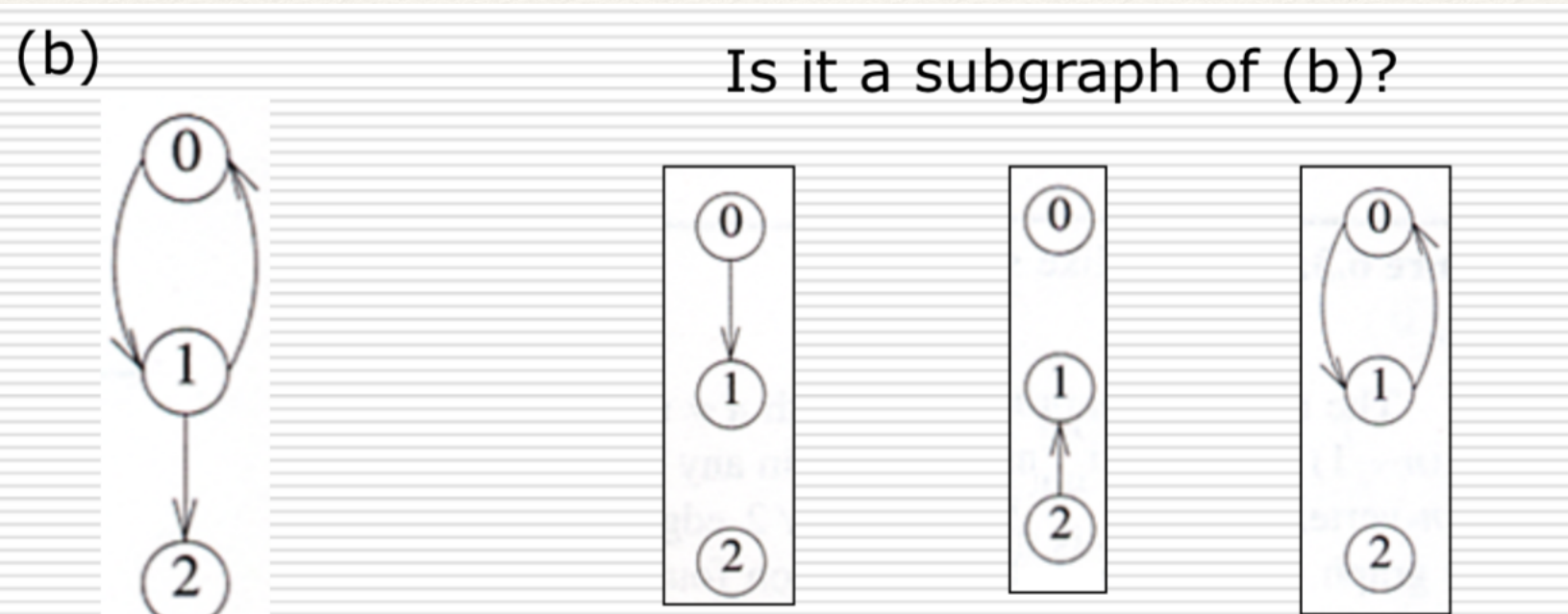
Subgraphs of (a)



Is it a subgraph of (a)?



Terminology (cont.)



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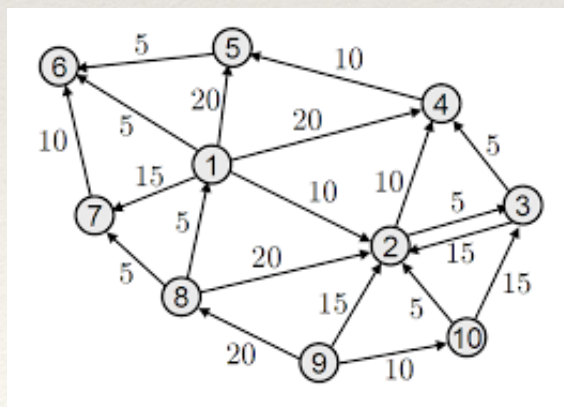
- ❖ **Tree, Forest**

- ❖ Tree: A **connected** graph with no cycle

- ❖ Forest: a graph with no cycle

- ❖ **Spanning Tree, Spanning Forest**

- ❖ **Weighted Graph**



Eulerian Graph

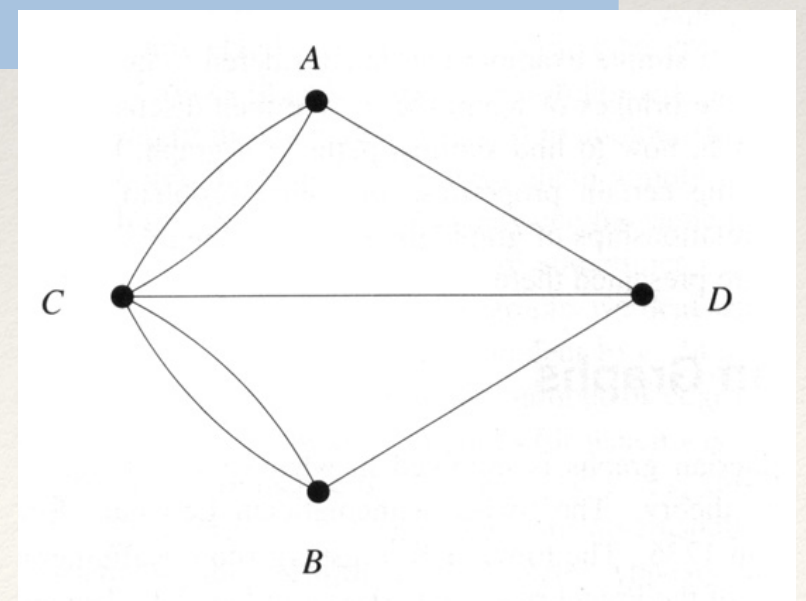
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Given an undirected connected graph $G=(V,E)$ such that all the vertices have **even degrees**, find a circuit P such that each edge of E appears in P exactly once.

The circuit P in the problem statement is called an **Eulerian circuit**.

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An undirected connected graph has an Eulerian circuit **if and only if** all of its vertices have even degrees.



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The “only if” direction is easy:

When traveling a circuit, we enter and leave each vertex the same number of times. Each edge is used exactly once, the number of vertices adjacent to each vertex must be even.

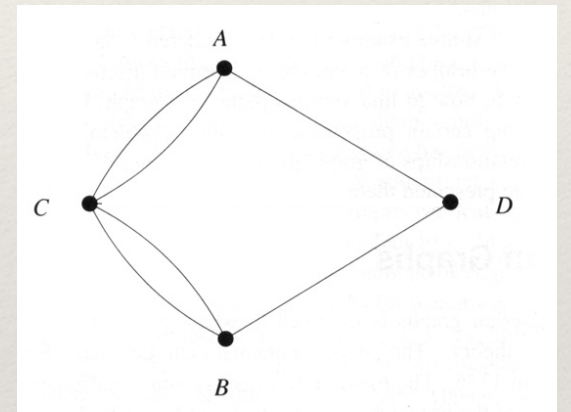
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- ❖ We want to prove the “if” direction by induction:
 - ❖ Which parameter to apply induction?
 - ❖ Reduce the problem without changing it.
- ❖ Let's try to remove **an edge** or **a vertex**
 - ❖ Does not work—the resulting graph might not have the even-degree property
- ❖ We should remove a set of edges **S** such that for each vertex **v** in the graph, the number of edges from **S** adjunct to **v** is even.



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- ❖ We should remove a set of edges **S** such that for each vertex **v** in the graph, the number of edges from **S** adjunct to **v** is even.
- ❖ Any **circuit** satisfies this requirement.
- ❖ Next question: does even-degree graph always contains a **circuit**?
 - ❖ Hint: one can always leave a newly visited vertex after entering it

Eulerian Graph (cont.)

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Induction hypothesis

A **connected** graph with $< m$ edges, all of whose vertices have even degrees, contains a circuit that includes each edge exactly once, and we know how to find that circuit.

Note: it is easier to state the induction hypothesis in terms of number of edges rather than the number of circuits, even though the induction is performed on paths.

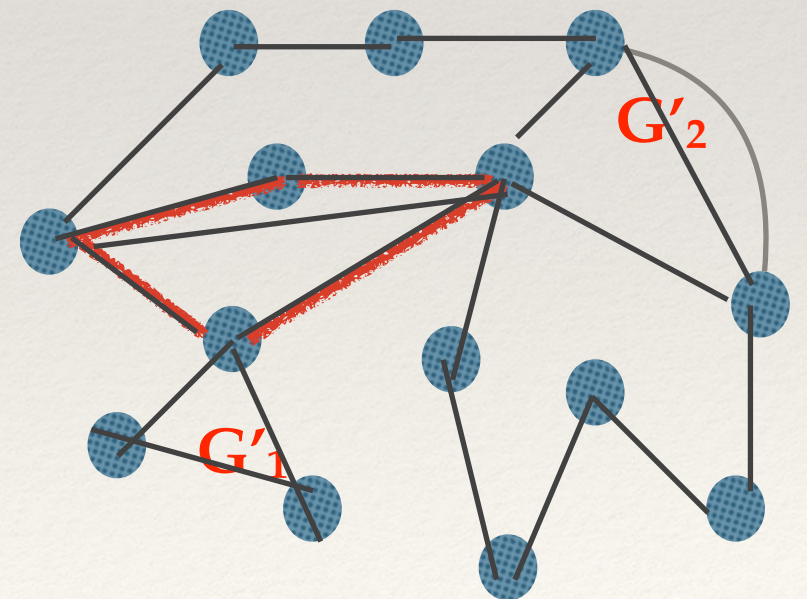
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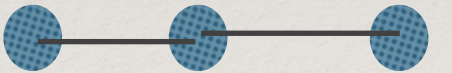
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Graph Traversal

- ❖ The algorithm for Eulerian circuit is not completed yet.
- ❖ We still need efficient algorithm to (1) identify connected components, and (2) traverse the graph.
- ❖ Traverse all involved objects is a trivial problem in previous lectures—the structure is only linear. 
- ❖ Two traversal algorithms for graph will be presented:
(1) **depth-first search** and (2) **breadth-first search**

We need to know not only how it works, but also why it is correct?

Depth-First Search



- ❖ Edges: corridors
- ❖ Vertices: intersections
- ❖ The graph might not be Eulerian

- ❖ We want to find a way to see all the paintings in the gallery

- ❖ Assume I have unlimited amount of pebbles in my pocket.



Depth-First Search (cont.)



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- ❖ Vertices: intersections

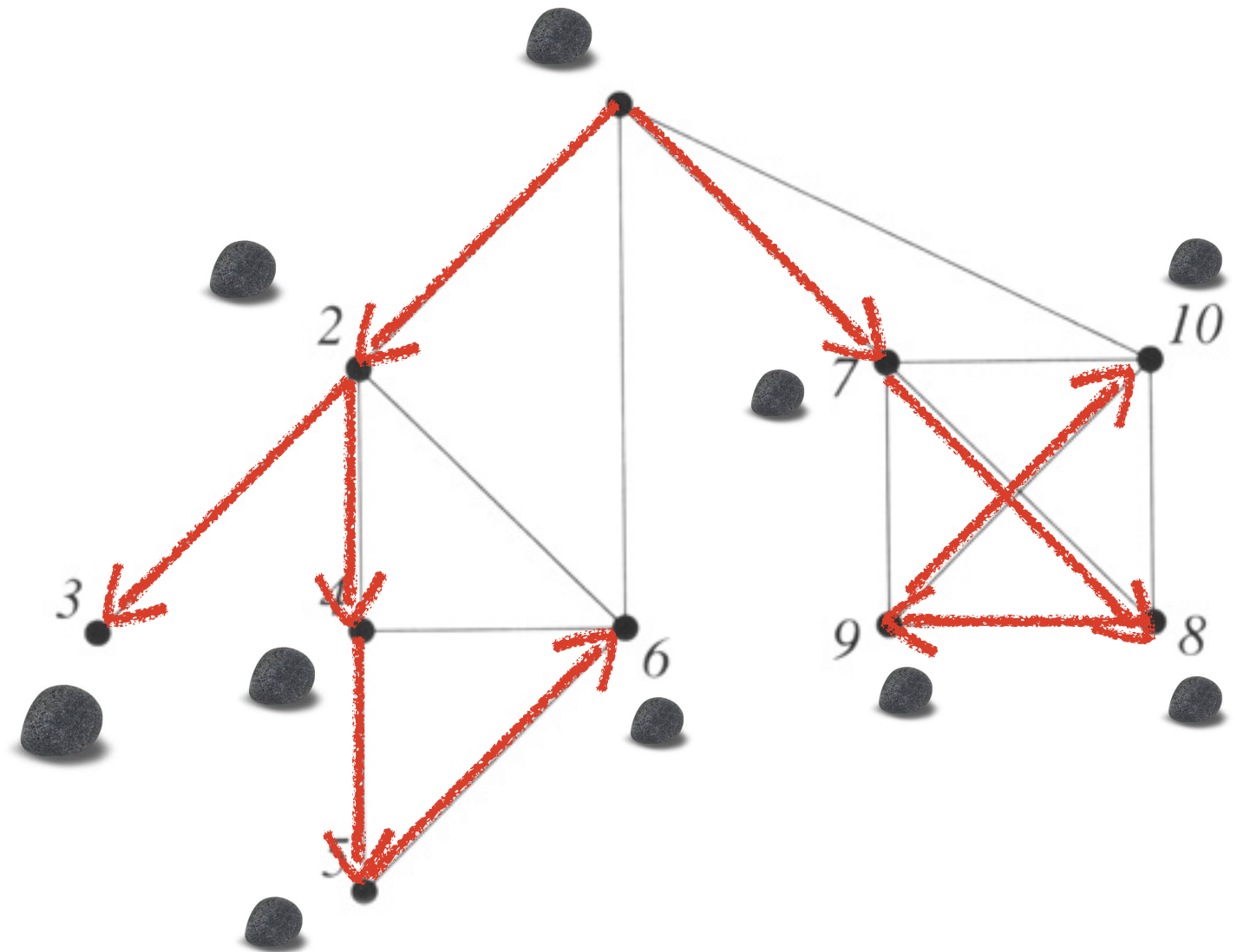


Figure 7.4 A DFS for an undirected graph.

Depth-First Search (cont.)

- ❖ DFS for undirected connected graph

```
Algorithm Depth_First_Search( $G, v$ );  
begin  
    mark  $v$ ;  
    perform preWORK on  $v$ ;  
    for all edges  $(v, w)$  do  
        if  $w$  is unmarked then  
            Depth_First_Search( $G, w$ );  
        perform postWORK for  $(v, w)$   
end
```

Complexity:

- ❖ Each edge is visited exactly twice (once from each end).
- ❖ The running time is $O(|E|)$.

Depth-First Search (cont.)

Lemma

If G is connected, then **all its vertices will be marked** by the algorithm `Depth_First_Search`, and **all its edges will be looked at** at least once during the execution of the algorithm.

Proof by contradiction:

- ❖ Let U be the set of unmarked vertices at the end of the algorithm
- ❖ G is connected, at least one vertex in U is connected to a marked vertex in G (contradiction).
- ❖ So all vertices are marked. The algorithm visits all edges connected to a visited vertex. It follows that all edges are also visited.

Connected Components

```
Algorithm Connected_Components( $G$ );  
begin  
     $Component\_Number := 1$ ;  
    while there is an unmarked vertex  $v$  do  
         $Depth\_First\_Search(G, v)$   
        (preWORK:  
             $v.Component := Component\_Number$ );  
         $Component\_Number := Component\_Number + 1$   
    end
```

Time Complexity: $O(|E| + |V|)$

DFS Numbers

```
Algorithm DFS_Numbering( $G, v$ );  
begin  
     $DFS\_Number := 1$ ;  
    Depth_First_Search( $G, v$ )  
    (preWORK:  
         $v.DFS := DFS\_Number$ ;  
         $DFS\_Number := DFS\_Number + 1$ )  
end
```

Time Complexity (assume G is connected): $O(|E|)$

The DFS Tree

```
Algorithm Build_DFS_Tree( $G, v$ );  
begin  
    Depth_First_Search( $G, v$ )  
    (postWORK:  
        if  $w$  was unmarked then  
            add the edge  $(v, w)$  to  $T$ );  
end
```

DFS Tree (cont.)

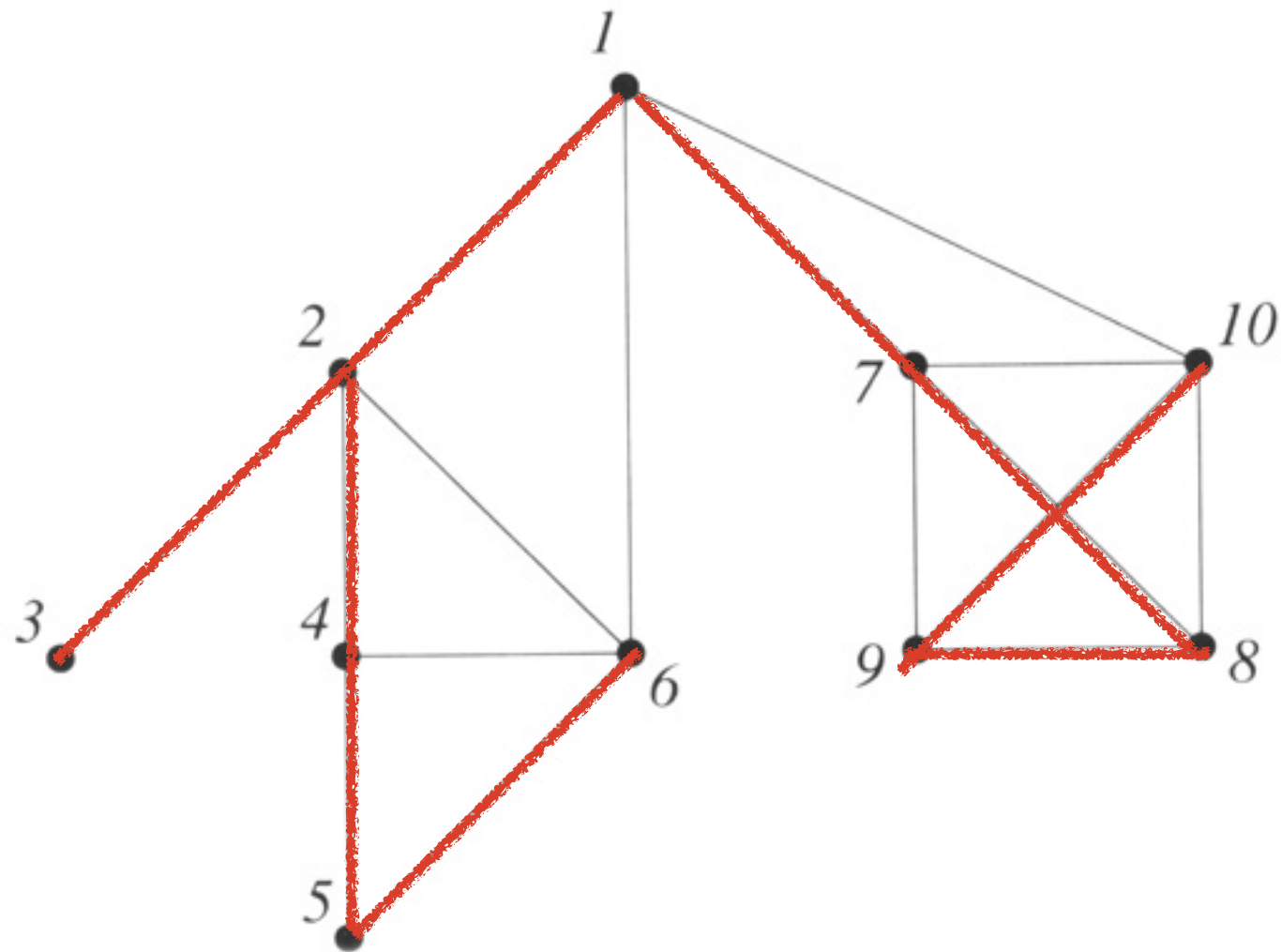


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The DFS Tree (cont.)

Lemma (The main property of undirected DFS tree)

For an undirected graph $G=(V,E)$, every edge e in E either (1) belongs to the DFS tree T , or (2) connects two vertices of G , one of which is the ancestor of the other in T .

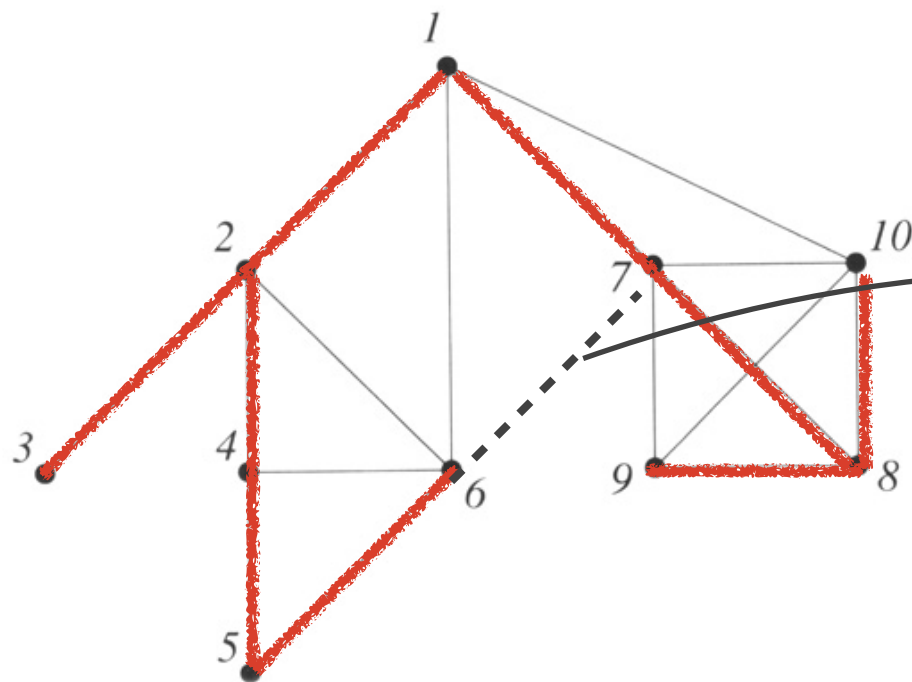


Figure 7.4 A DFS for an undirected graph.

In other words, **cross edges** will not occur

v is called **ancestor** of w in a tree T with root r if v is on the unique path from w to r in T , in this case w is called the **descendant** of v

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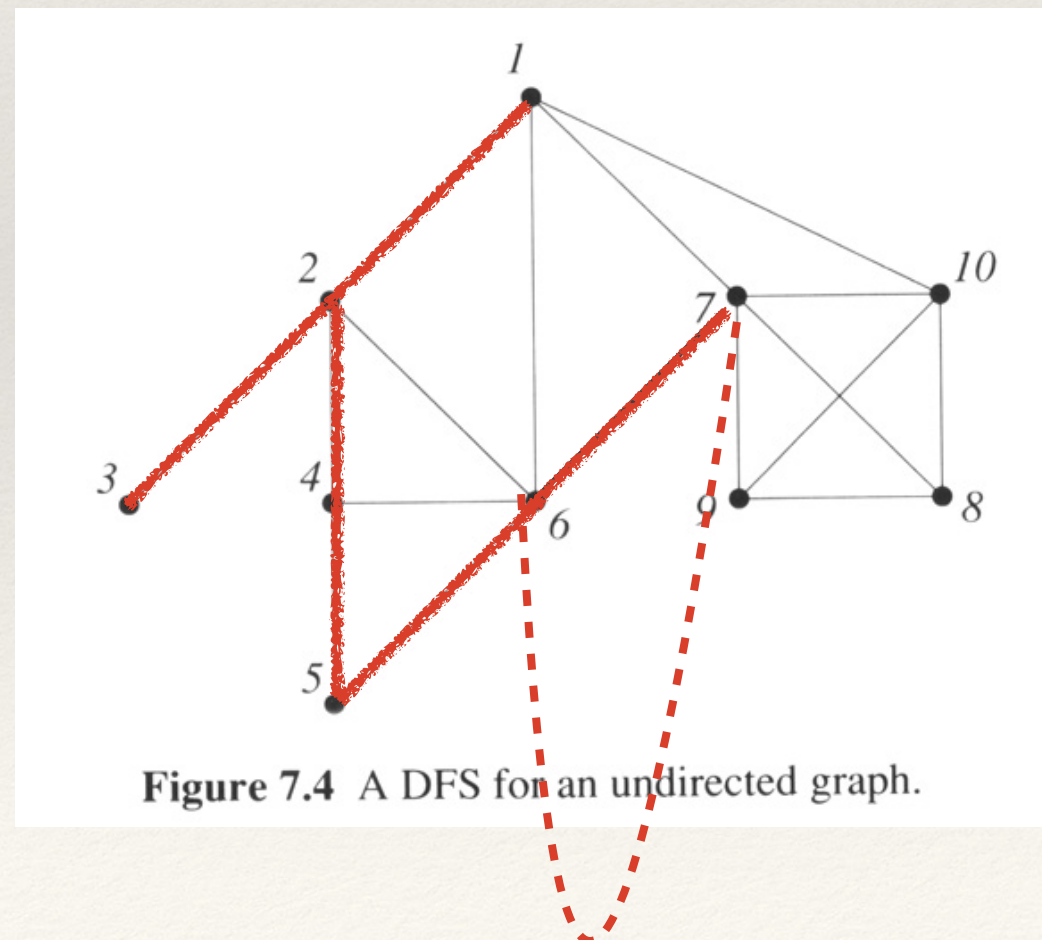


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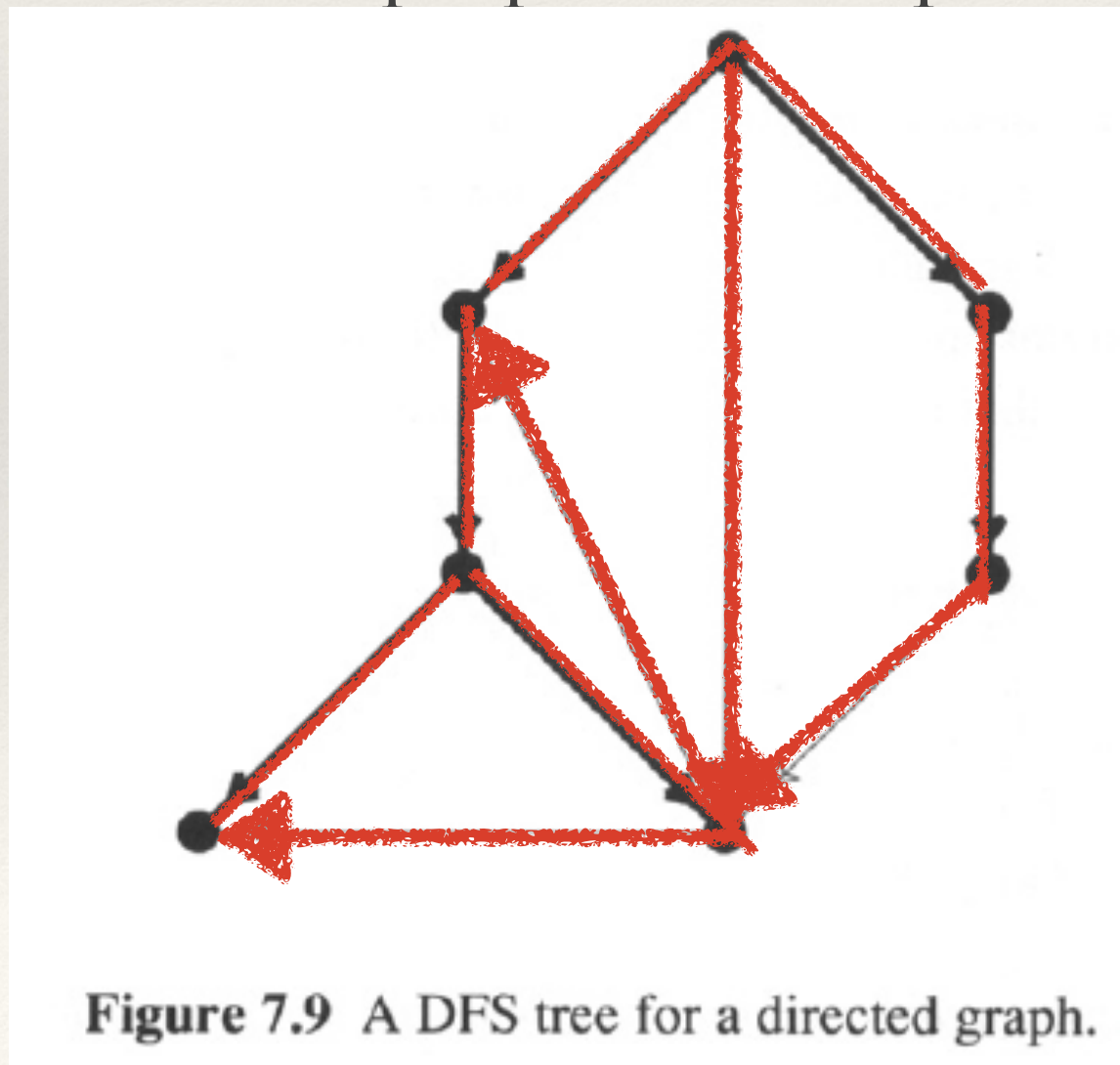
Non-Recursive Version of DFS

- ❖ Any recursive program can be rewritten to a non-recursive ones using loop and stack.
- ❖ This might be an overkill (we do not need to remember everything).

```
Algorithm Simple_Nonrecursive_DFS( $G, v$ );  
begin  
  push  $v$  to Stack;  
  while Stack is not empty do  
    pop vertex  $w$  from Stack;  
    if  $w$  is unmarked then  
      mark  $w$ ;  
      perform preWORK on  $w$ ;  
      for all edges  $(w, x)$  with  $x$  unmarked do  
        push  $x$  to Stack  
end
```

DFS for Directed Graph

- ❖ The DFS procedure for DFS is identical for both directed and undirected graph.
- ❖ However, the properties are quite different!



Tree edges

Back edges

Forward edges

Cross edges

DFS for Directed Graph (cont.)

Lemma (The main property of directed DFS tree)

For a directed graph $G=(V,E)$, if (v,w) is an edge in E such that $v.\text{DFS_Number} < w.\text{DFS_Number}$, then w is a descendant of v in the DFS tree T .

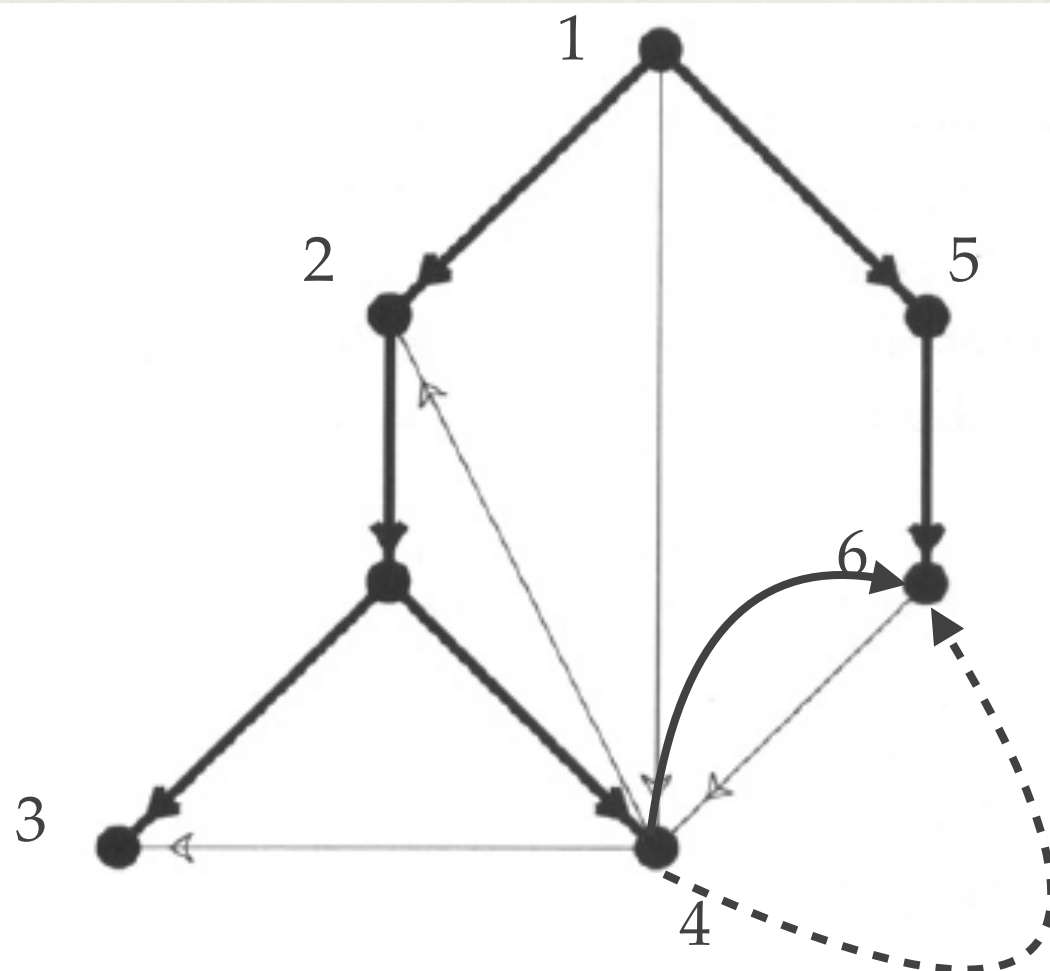


Figure 7.9 A DFS tree for a directed graph.

Cross edge must go from “high to low”

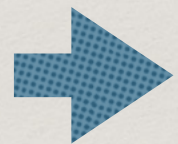
Directed Cycles

Problem

Given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$, determine whether it contains a cycle.

Lemma

G contains a directed cycle if and only if G contains a back edge (relative to the DFS tree)

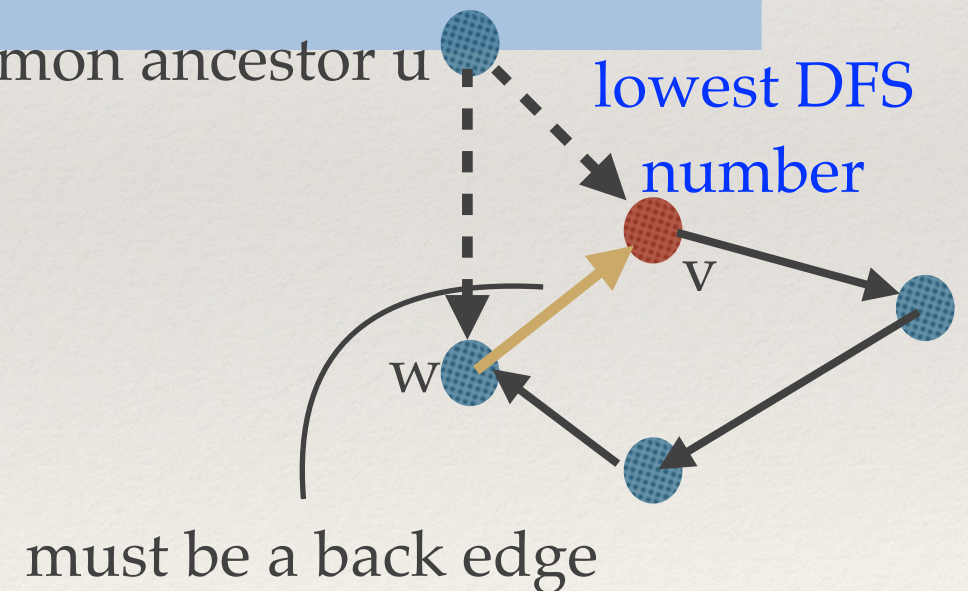


“only if” direction is more interesting.

1. Goes from high to low: cannot be tree or forward edge
2. If v is an ancestor of w , (w,v) is a back edge
3. Otherwise, v and w are in different subtree of u , the only way to reach w from v is through u or an ancestor of u (cannot go from low to high).
4. But v can reach w following the cycle (contradiction)

lowest common ancestor u

lowest DFS number



That's the end of the DFS part

Breadth-First Search

Algorithm Breadth_First_Search(G, v);
begin

mark v ;

put v in a queue;

while the queue is not empty **do**

remove vertex w from the queue;

perform **preWORK** on w ;

E.g. BFS numbers

for all edges (w, x) with x unmarked **do**

mark x ;

add (w, x) to the *BFS* tree T ;

put x in the queue

end

Breadth-First Search (cont.)

Lemma

If an edge (u,w) belongs to a BFS tree such that u is a parent of w , then u has the minimal BFS number among vertices with edges leading to w

Lemma

For each vertex w , the path from the root to w in T is a shortest path from the root to w in G

Lemma

If (v,w) is an edge in E that does not belong to T , then it connects two vertices whose **level** number differ by at most one.

Topological Sorting (cont.)

small to large

Problem

Given a directed **acyclic** graph $G=(V,E)$ with n vertices, label the vertices from 1 to n such that, if v is labeled k , then all vertices that can be reached from v by a directed path are labeled with labels $>k$.

Induction Hypothesis

We know how to label all directed acyclic graphs with $<n$ vertices according to the condition above

Can we solve the problem?

There must be a node without incoming transition, i.e., indegree =0

Topological Sorting (cont.)

Can we do it from vertices with zero out degree?

Algorithm Topological_Sorting(G);

 initialize $v.indegree$ for all vertices; /* by DFS */

$G_label := 0$;

for $i := 1$ to n **do**

if $v_i.indegree = 0$ **then** put v_i in *Queue*;

repeat

 remove vertex v from *Queue*;

$G_label := G_label + 1$;

$v.label := G_label$;

for all edges (v, w) **do**

$w.indegree := w.indegree - 1$;

if $w.indegree = 0$ **then** put w in *Queue*

until *Queue* is empty

Single-Source Shortest Paths

Problem

Given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$ and a vertex v , find shortest from v to all other vertices of G .

Let's begin with a simpler case where G is **acyclic**.

Induction Hypothesis

Given a topological ordering, we know how to find the lengths of the shortest paths from v to the first $n-1$ vertices.

Hint: the largest vertex according the topological order does not have outgoing edge.

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)

```
Algorithm Acyclic_Shortest_Paths( $G, v, n$ );  
{Initially,  $w.SP = \infty$ , for every node  $w$ .}  
{A topological sort has been performed on  $G, \dots$ }  
begin  
  let  $z$  be the vertex labeled  $n$ ;  
  if  $z \neq v$  then  
     $Acyclic\_Shortest\_Paths(G - z, v, n - 1)$ ;  
    for all  $w$  such that  $(w, z) \in E$  do  
      if  $w.SP + length(w, z) < z.SP$  then  
         $z.SP := w.SP + length(w, z)$   
  else  $v.SP := 0$   
end
```

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)

- ❖ In the acyclic case, if z is a vertex with label k , then
 - ❖ there are no paths from z to vertices with labels $< k$
 - ❖ there are no paths from vertices to z with label $> k$
- ❖ How about the general case?
- ❖ Can we define an order with similar property?
 - ❖ How about the distance to v ?

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)

- ❖ How to find the vertex x with shortest path to v ?



- ❖ How to find the vertex y with 2nd shortest path to v ?
 - ❖ **other paths from v :** $\text{length}(v,y)$
 - ❖ **paths via x :** $\text{length}(v,x) + \text{length}(x,y)$

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)

Induction Hypothesis

Given a graph and a vertex v , we know the k vertices that are closest to v and the lengths of the shortest paths to them.

Idea: find a new vertex w with minimal $\min_{u \in V_k} (u.SP + \text{length}(u, w))$

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)

Idea: remember the current minimal and only update the neighbors of the newly added vertex

Algorithm Single_Source_Shortest_Paths(G, v);

// Dijkstra's algorithm

begin

for all vertices w **do**

$w.mark := false$;

$w.SP := \infty$;

$v.SP := 0$;

while there exists an unmarked vertex **do**

 let w be an unmarked vertex s.t. $w.SP$ is minimal;

$w.mark := true$;

for all edges (w, z) such that z is unmarked **do**

if $w.SP + length(w, z) < z.SP$ **then**

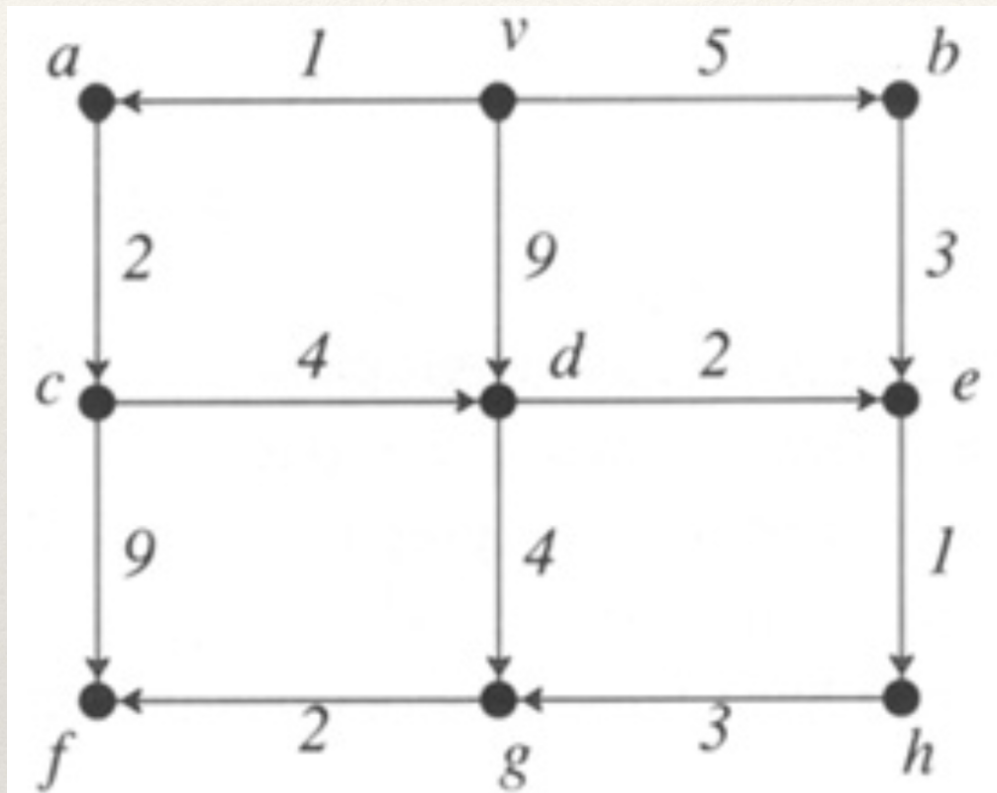
$z.SP := w.SP + length(w, z)$

end

How to design data structure
for this algorithm?

Time complexity: $O((|E| + |V|) \log |V|)$ (using a min heap).

Single-Source Shortest Paths (cont.)



	<i>v</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>
<i>a</i>	0	1	5	∞	9	∞	∞	∞	∞
<i>c</i>	0	(1)	5	3	9	∞	∞	∞	∞
<i>b</i>	0	(1)	5	(3)	7	∞	12	∞	∞
<i>d</i>	0	(1)	(5)	(3)	7	8	12	∞	∞
<i>e</i>	0	(1)	(5)	(3)	(7)	8	12	11	∞
<i>h</i>	0	(1)	(5)	(3)	(7)	(8)	12	11	9
<i>g</i>	0	(1)	(5)	(3)	(7)	(8)	12	11	(9)
<i>f</i>	0	(1)	(5)	(3)	(7)	(8)	12	(11)	(9)

Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree

Problem

Given an undirected connected weighted graph $G=(V,E)$, find a spanning tree T of G of minimum total cost.

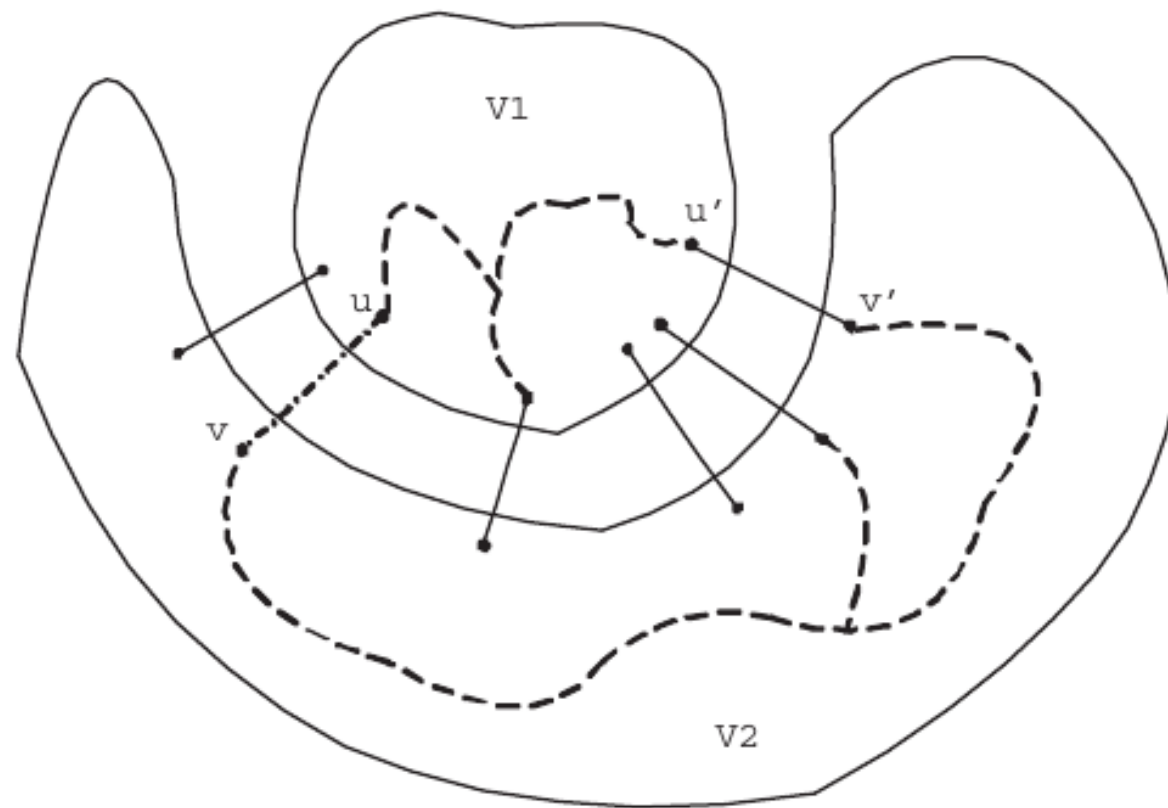
Theorem

Let V_1 and V_2 be a partition of V and $E(V_1,V_2)$ be the set of edges connecting nodes in V_1 to nodes in V_2 . The edge with the minimum weight in $E(V_1,V_2)$ must be in the minimum-cost spanning tree of G .

Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree (cont.)

Theorem

Let V_1 and V_2 be a partition of V and $E(V_1, V_2)$ be the set of edges connecting nodes in V_1 to nodes in V_2 . The edge with the minimum weight in $E(V_1, V_2)$ must be in the minimum-cost spanning tree of G .



Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree (cont.)

Algorithm Single_Source_Shortest_Paths(G, v);

// Dijkstra's algorithm

begin

for all vertices w **do**

$w.mark := false$;

$w.SP := \infty$;

$v.SP := 0$;

while there exists an unmarked vertex **do**

 let w be an unmarked vertex s.t. $w.SP$ is minimal;

$w.mark := true$;

for all edges (w, z) such that z is unmarked **do**

if $w.SP + length(w, z) < z.SP$ **then**

$z.SP := w.SP + length(w, z)$

end

if $length(w, z) < z.Cost$ **then**

$z.Cost := length(w, z)$

Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree (cont.)

Algorithm MCST(G);

// Prim's algorithm

Time complexity: $O((|E| + |V|) \log |V|)$

begin

for all vertices w **do**

$w.mark := false$;

$w.Cost := \infty$;

$x.Cost := 0$;

while there exists an unmarked vertex **do**

 let w be an unmarked vertex s.t. $w.Cost$ is minimal;

$w.mark := true$;

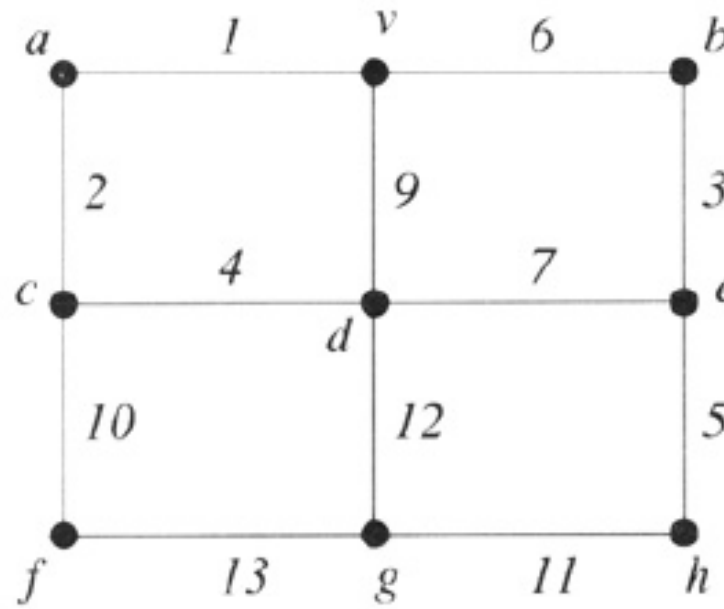
for all edges (w, z) such that z is unmarked **do**

if $length(w, z) < z.Cost$ **then**

$z.Cost := length(w, z)$

end

Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree (cont.)

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All Shortest Paths

Problem

Given a weighted graph $G=(V,E)$ (directed or undirected) with nonnegative weights, find the minimum-length paths between all pairs of vertices.

Induction Hypothesis

We know the lengths of the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices such that only k -paths are considered.

Definition

A path from u to w is called a k -path if, **except u and w** , the highest labeled vertex on the path is smaller than k .

All Shortest Paths (cont.)

Problem

Given a weighted graph $G=(V,E)$ (directed or undirected) with nonnegative weights, find the minimum-length paths between all pairs of vertices.

Induction Hypothesis

We know the lengths of the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices such that only k -paths are considered.

if $W[x, m] + W[m, y] < W[x, y]$ **then**
 $W[x, y] := W[x, m] + W[m, y]$

All Shortest Paths (cont.)

Algorithm All_Pairs_Shortest_Paths(W);

begin

 {initialization}

Floyd's Algorithm

Time Complexity = $O(|V|^3)$

for $i := 1$ to n **do**

for $j := 1$ to n **do**

if $(i, j) \in E$ **then** $W[i, j] := \text{length}(i, j)$

else $W[i, j] := \infty$;

for $i := 1$ to n **do** $W[i, i] := 0$;

for $m := 1$ to n **do** {the induction sequence}

for $x := 1$ to n **do**

for $y := 1$ to n **do**

if $W[x, m] + W[m, y] < W[x, y]$ **then**

$W[x, y] := W[x, m] + W[m, y]$

end

Transitive Closure

Problem

Given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$, find its transitive closure.

```
Algorithm Transitive_Closure( $A$ );  
begin  
  {initialization omitted}  
  for  $m := 1$  to  $n$  do  
    for  $x := 1$  to  $n$  do  
      for  $y := 1$  to  $n$  do  
        if  $A[x, m]$  and  $A[m, y]$  then  
           $A[x, y] := \text{true}$   
end
```

By a reduction to all shortest path. If there is an edge, we set its cost to 0. Otherwise we set the cost to 1.

Transitive Closure (cont.)

Problem

Given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$, find its transitive closure.

```
Algorithm Improved_Transitive_Closure( $A$ );  
begin  
    {initialization omitted}  
    for  $m := 1$  to  $n$  do  
        for  $x := 1$  to  $n$  do  
            if  $A[x, m]$  then  
                for  $y := 1$  to  $n$  do  
                    if  $A[m, y]$  then  
                         $A[x, y] := \text{true}$   
end
```