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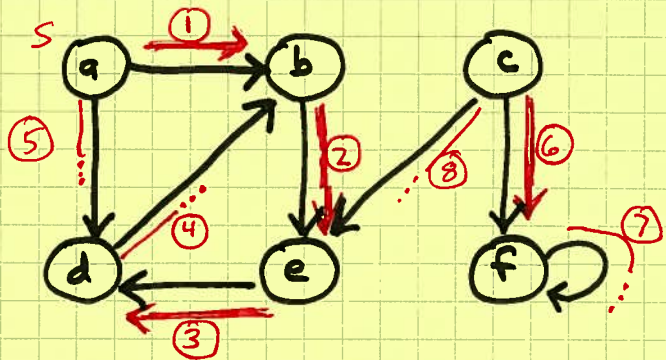
Reading: CLRS 22.3-22.4

- Outline:
- DFS-review
 - Acyclic directed graphs (DAG's)
 - Topological sort
 - Parallel processing/critical paths
 - Other searches: time-memory tradeoffs
- Simulated annealing

DFS - review:

```
R = set()
for u in V:
    if u not in R:
        R.add(u)
        visit(u)

def visit(u):
    for v in Adj[u]:
        if v not in R:
            R.add(v)
            visit(v)
```



DFS classifies edges: Tree edges (u to child) ①, ②, ③, ⑥

Non-tree edges:

- Back (u to ancestor) ④
- Forward (u to descendant) ⑤
- Cross (other: to another subtree) ⑧
- self-loop ⑦

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Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph.

G is acyclic if it contains no cycles. (\approx DAG,
for "directed acyclic graph").

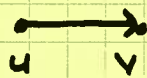
Thm: G is acyclic \iff DFS of G produces no back edges (or self-loops)

Pf: \implies : if there is a back edge: $u \rightarrow$ ancestor of u , a cycle is created
if self-loop: cycle exists

\impliedby : say a vertex "finishes" when its visit call terminates

Lemma: in DFS, all edges (u, v) that are not back edges (or self-loop)

have property: v finishes before u



- tree edge (visit(u) calls visit(v))
- forward edge (visit(v) already done)
- cross edge (")



\therefore there are no cycles, since following a path must yield ~~de~~ earlier and earlier finishing times...



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Proposition: We can tell in $O(V+E)$ time whether a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is acyclic.

Proof: Run DFS, see if any back edges are produced.

To follow book: use colors:

• all vertices initially white

def visit(u):

color[u] ← gray // start visiting u

for v in Adj[u]:


if v not in R:

R.add(v)

visit(v)

color[u] ← black // finished!

if color[v] = gray: back edge found! G is cyclic!

gray vertices are "in progress", represent current "breadcrumb" path 

Application: "Topological Sort"

Given: an acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$

Produce: A list of its vertices

$v_1 \quad v_2 \quad \text{---} \quad v_n$

such that all edges go left-to-right.

(Not same as sorting numbers...)

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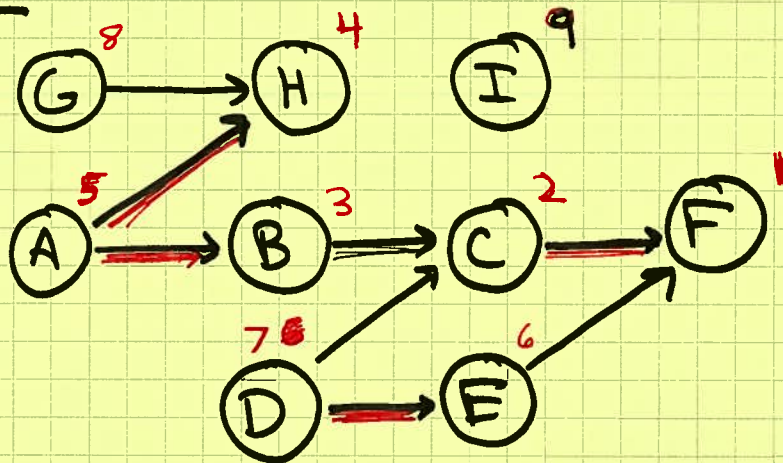
For example:

V = set of things to do (tasks)

edge (u, v) means "have to do before you can do v "

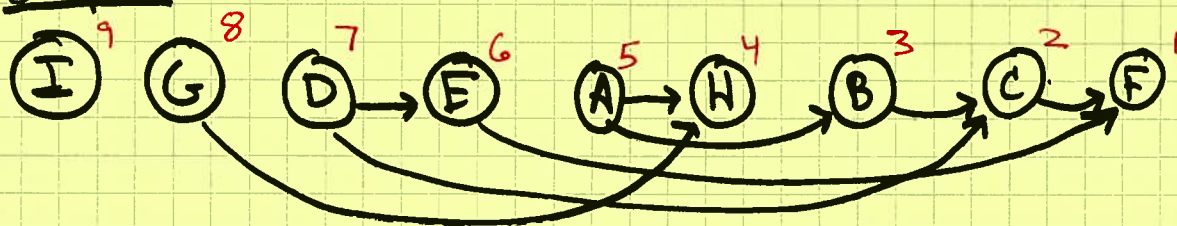
topological sort \Rightarrow feasible order for doing tasks

Example:



is finishing order

output:



(many other feasible orders exist)

Parallel processing

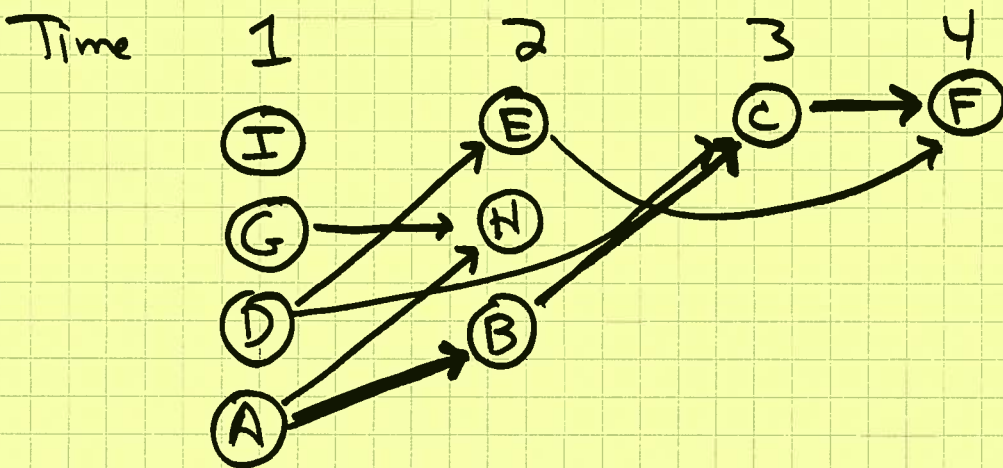
Suppose now we can do many tasks at once (as long as pre-req tasks already done).

How can we find out how long it takes to do all tasks?

(Previous example: 4 time steps
critical path is $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow F$)

Idea:

- Produce topological sort
- take elements 1 at a time, put each in earliest time slot possible



(Many other solutions exist.)

(Exercise: modify DFS to produce this more directly...)

Other kinds of graph searches:

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① time-memory tradeoffs for one-way fn inversion



given $f(x)$, how to find x ?

- Preprocess graph, store a useful table of info (indep of $x, f(x)$)
- then, given $f(x)$, find x quickly
- But - not enough memory to store all $(x, f(x))$ pairs...? (cleverness req'd)

② neighborhood search for optimum (simulated annealing)

graph G of states, undirected

"energy" $E(v)$ at vertex v

want to find very low-energy vertex (optimum or near-optimum)

do walk on graph:

pick neighbor of current vertex

if downhill (less energy): go there

else: go up with probability depending on ΔE
and on T (current temperature)

decrease temperature every so often

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Pseudocode for simulated annealing:

$T = T_0$ initial temperature

$s = s_0$ start state (initial vertex)

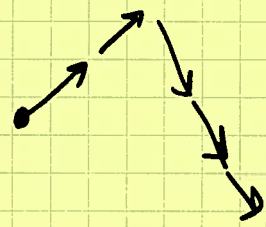
while True:

$s' =$ random neighbor of s
 $\Delta E = E(s') - E(s)$
if $\Delta E < 0$: $s = s'$
else with probability $\exp(-\Delta E/T)$: $s = s'$

every so often: $T = T * 0.99$ (cool down)

As $T \rightarrow 0$, uphill moves become less & less frequent

T helps particle "get over hills"



Many variations on these ideas...