Design and Analysis of Algorithms

CSE 5311

Lecture 19 Topological Sort

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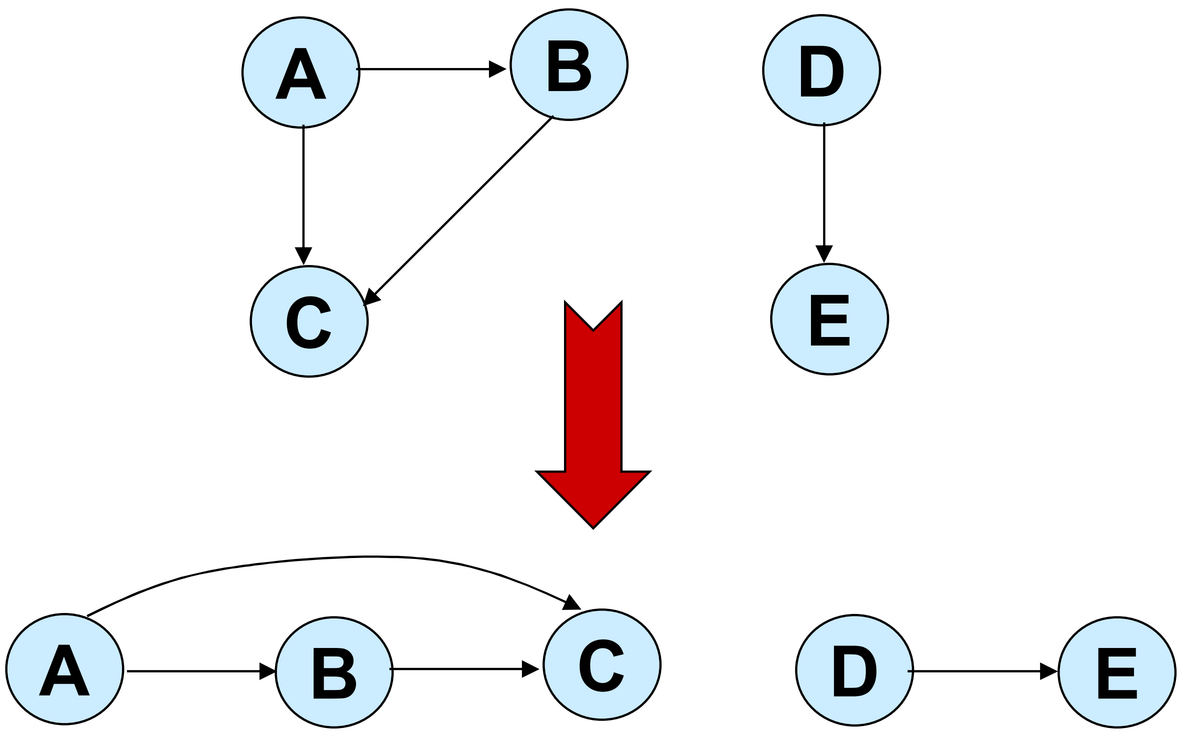
Topological Sort

Want to "sort" a directed acyclic graph (DAG).



Think of original DAG as a **partial order**.

Want a **total order** that extends this partial order.

Topological Sort

- Performed on a DAG.
- Linear ordering of the vertices of G such that if $(u, v) \in E$, then u appears somewhere before v.

Topological-Sort (G)

1. call DFS(G) to compute finishing times $f[v]$ for all $v \in V$
2. as each vertex is finished, insert it onto the front of a linked list
3. **return** the linked list of vertices

Time: $\Theta(V + E)$.

Example: On board.

Example

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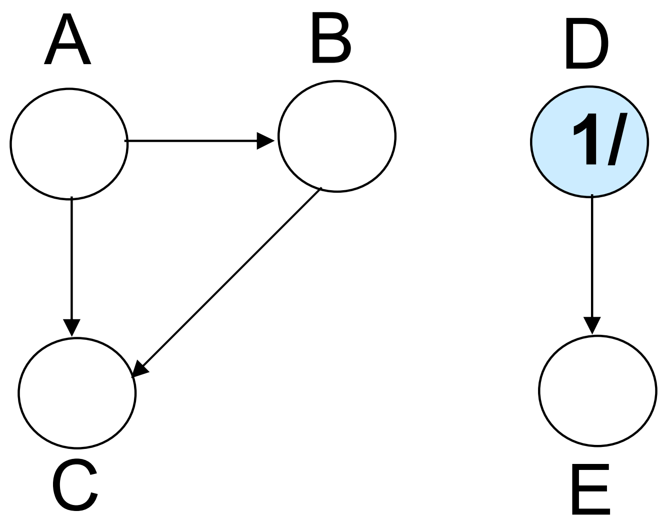

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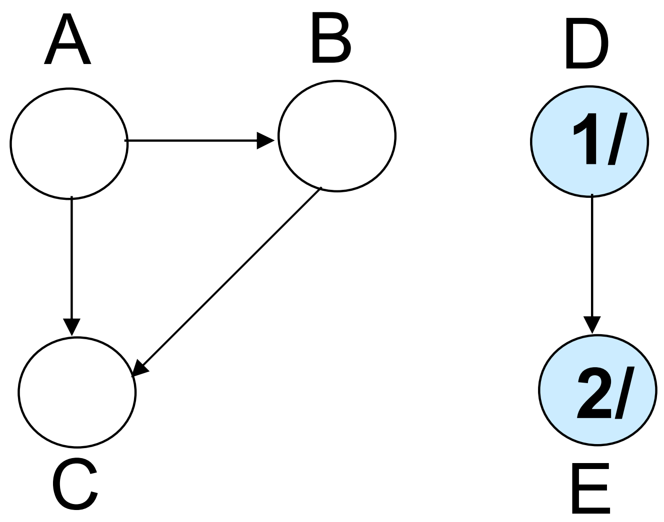

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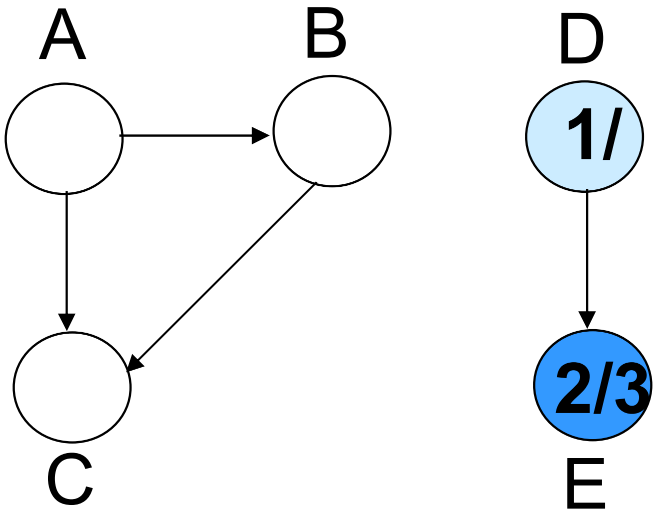

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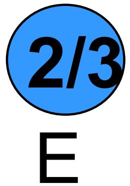

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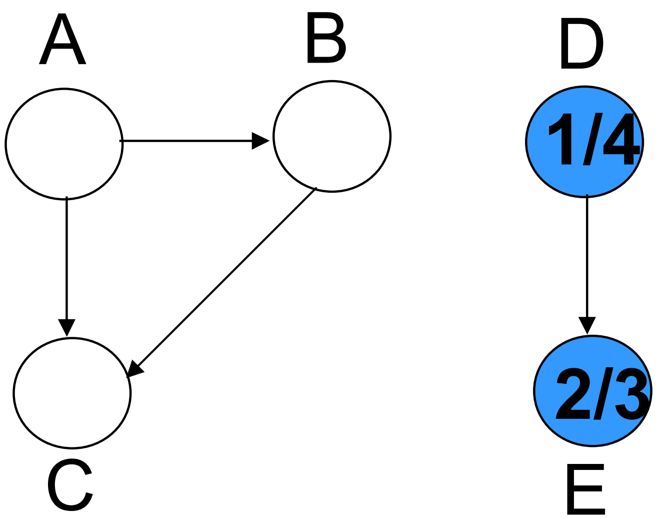

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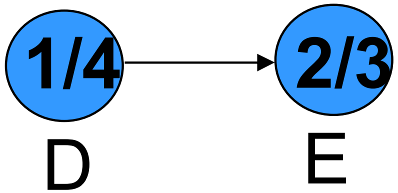

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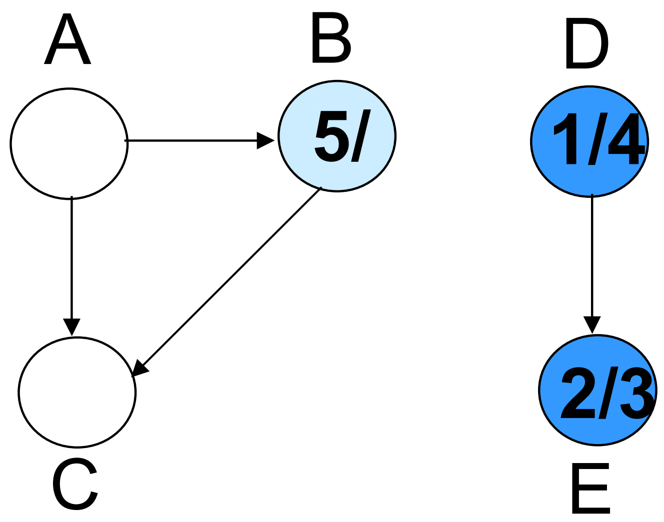

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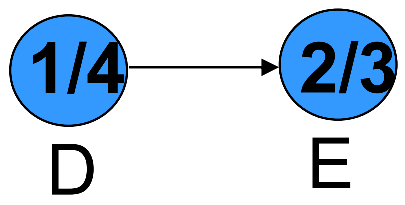

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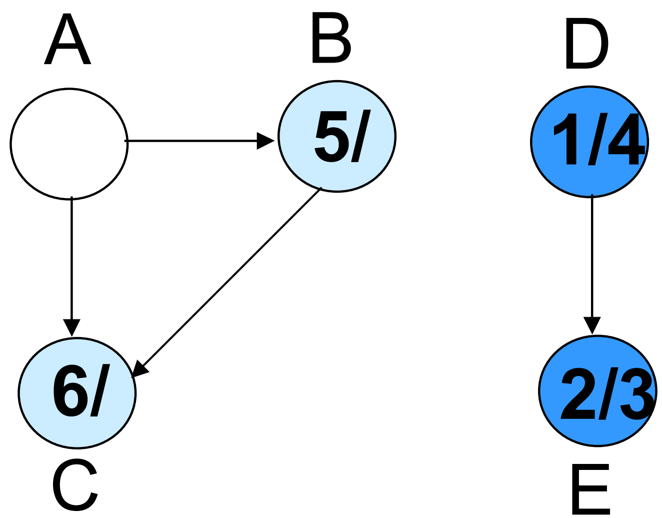

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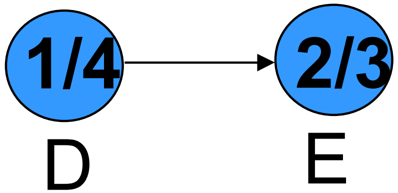

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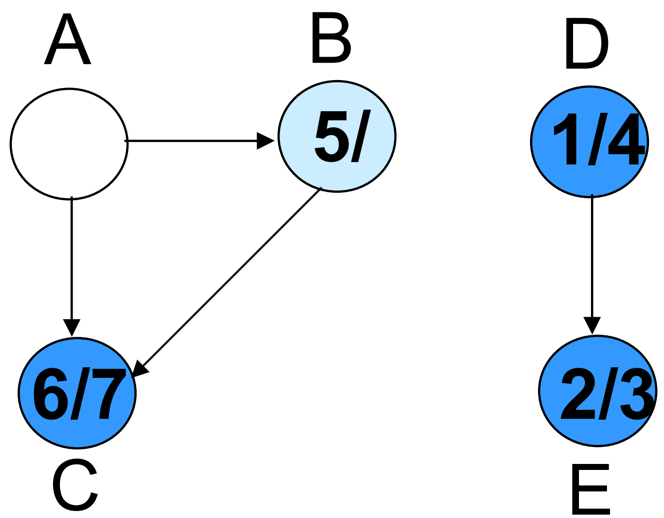

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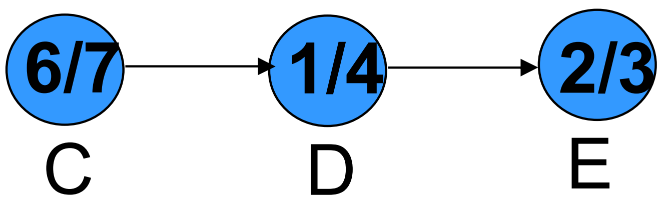

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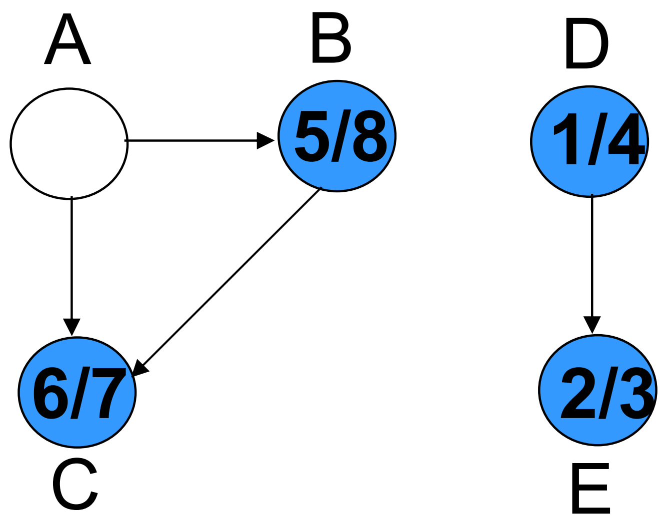

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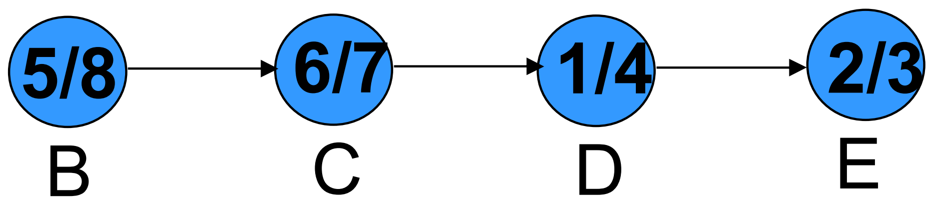

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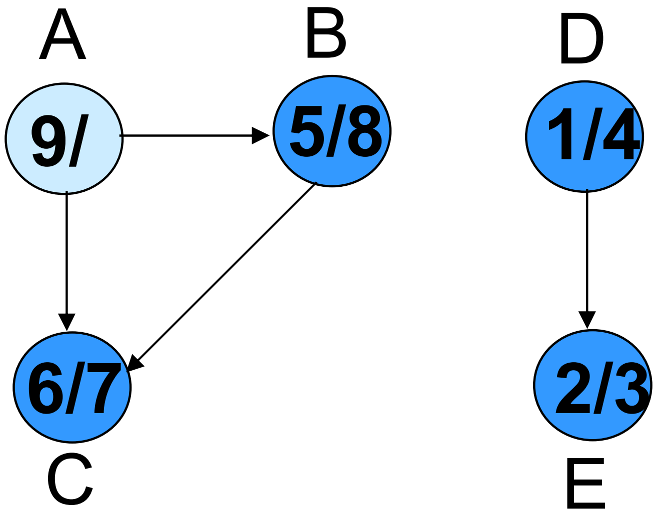

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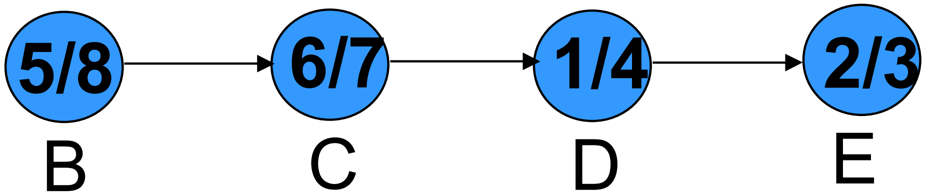

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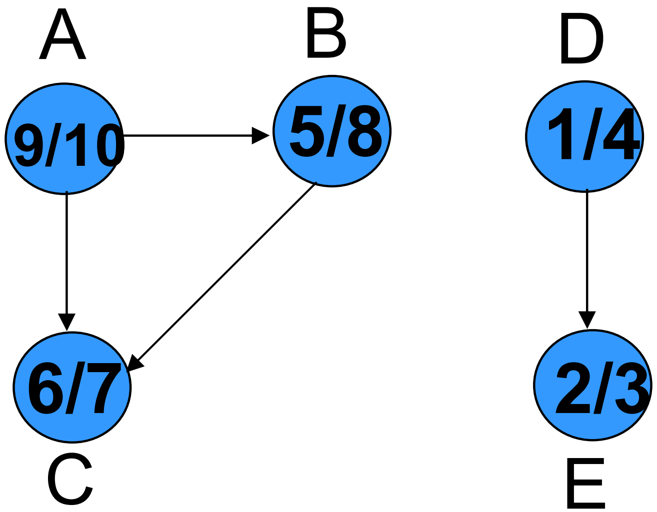

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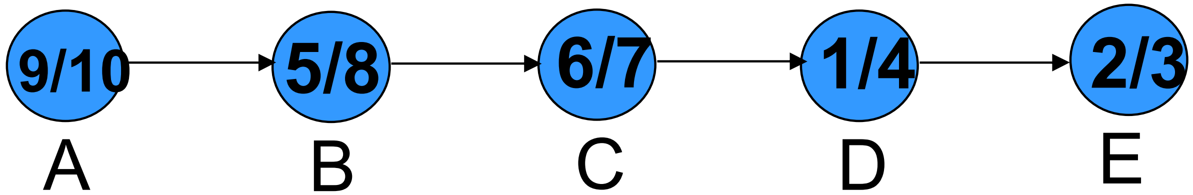
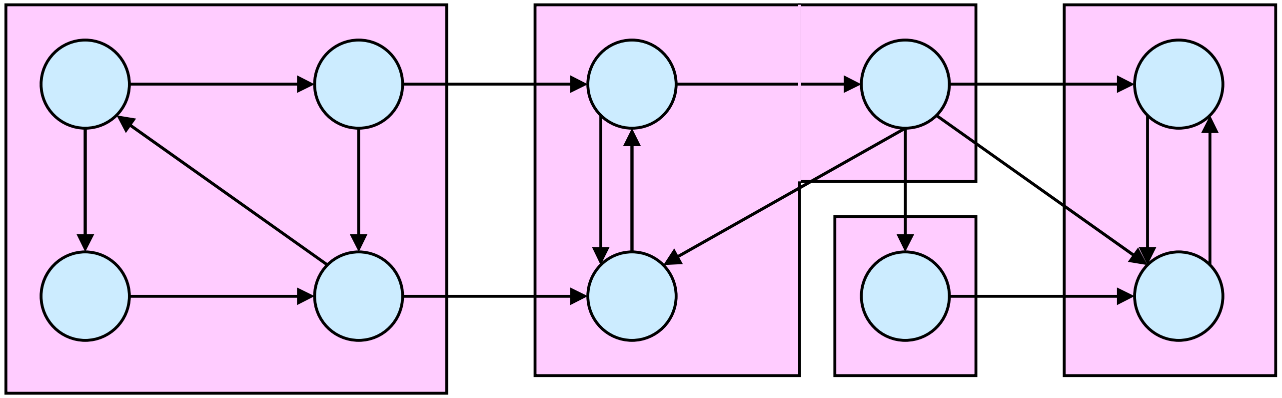


Correctness Proof

- Just need to show if $(u, v) \in E$, then $f[v] < f[u]$.
- When we explore (u, v), what are the colors of u and v?
  - u is gray.
  - Is v gray, too?
    - *No*, because then v would be ancestor of u.
    - $\Rightarrow$ (u, v) is a back edge.
    - $\Rightarrow$ contradiction of Lemma 22.11 (DAG has no back edges).
  - Is v white?
    - Then becomes descendant of u.
    - By parenthesis theorem, $d[u] < d[v] < \underline{f[v] < f[u]}$.
  - Is v black?
    - Then v is already finished.
    - Since we're exploring (u, v), we have not yet finished u.
    - Therefore, $f[v] < f[u]$.

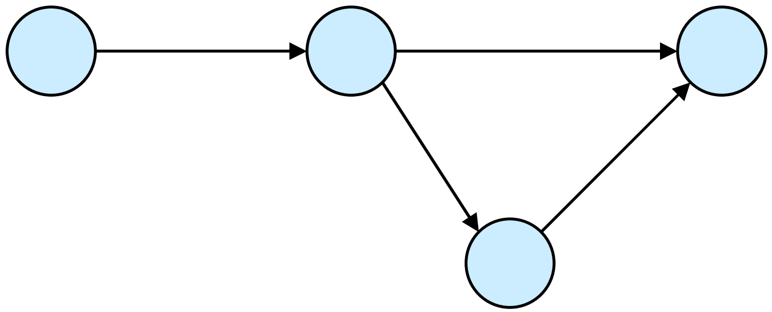
Strongly Connected Components

- G is strongly connected if every pair (u, v) of vertices in G is reachable from one another.
- A **strongly connected component** (***SCC***) of G is a maximal set of vertices $C \subseteq V$ such that for all $u, v \in C$, both $u \rightsquigarrow v$ and $v \rightsquigarrow u$ exist.



Component Graph

- $G^{\text{SCC}} = (V^{\text{SCC}}, E^{\text{SCC}})$.
- V^{SCC} has one vertex for each SCC in G.
- E^{SCC} has an edge if there's an edge between the corresponding SCC's in G.
- G^{SCC} for the example considered:



G^{SCC} is a DAG

Lemma 22.13

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G, let $u, v \in C$, $u', v' \in C'$, and suppose there is a path $u \rightsquigarrow u'$ in G. Then there cannot also be a path $v' \rightsquigarrow v$ in G.

Proof:

- Suppose there is a path $v' \rightsquigarrow v$ in G.
- Then there are paths $u \rightsquigarrow u' \rightsquigarrow v'$ and $v' \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow u$ in G.
- Therefore, u and v' are reachable from each other, so they are not in separate SCC's.

Transpose of a Directed Graph

- G^{T} = **transpose** of directed G.
  - $G^{\mathrm{T}} = (V, E^{\mathrm{T}}), E^{\mathrm{T}} = \{(u, v) : (v, u) \in E\}$.
  - G^{T} is G with all edges reversed.
- Can create G^{T} in $\Theta(V + E)$ time if using adjacency lists.
- G and G^{T} have the *same* SCC's. (u and v are reachable from each other in G if and only if reachable from each other in G^{T}.)

Algorithm to determine SCCs

SCC(G)

1. call DFS(G) to compute finishing times $f[u]$ for all u
2. compute G^T
3. call DFS(G^T), but in the main loop, consider vertices in order of decreasing $f[u]$ (as computed in first DFS)
4. output the vertices in each tree of the depth-first forest formed in second DFS as a separate SCC

Time: $\Theta(V + E)$.

Example: On board.

Example

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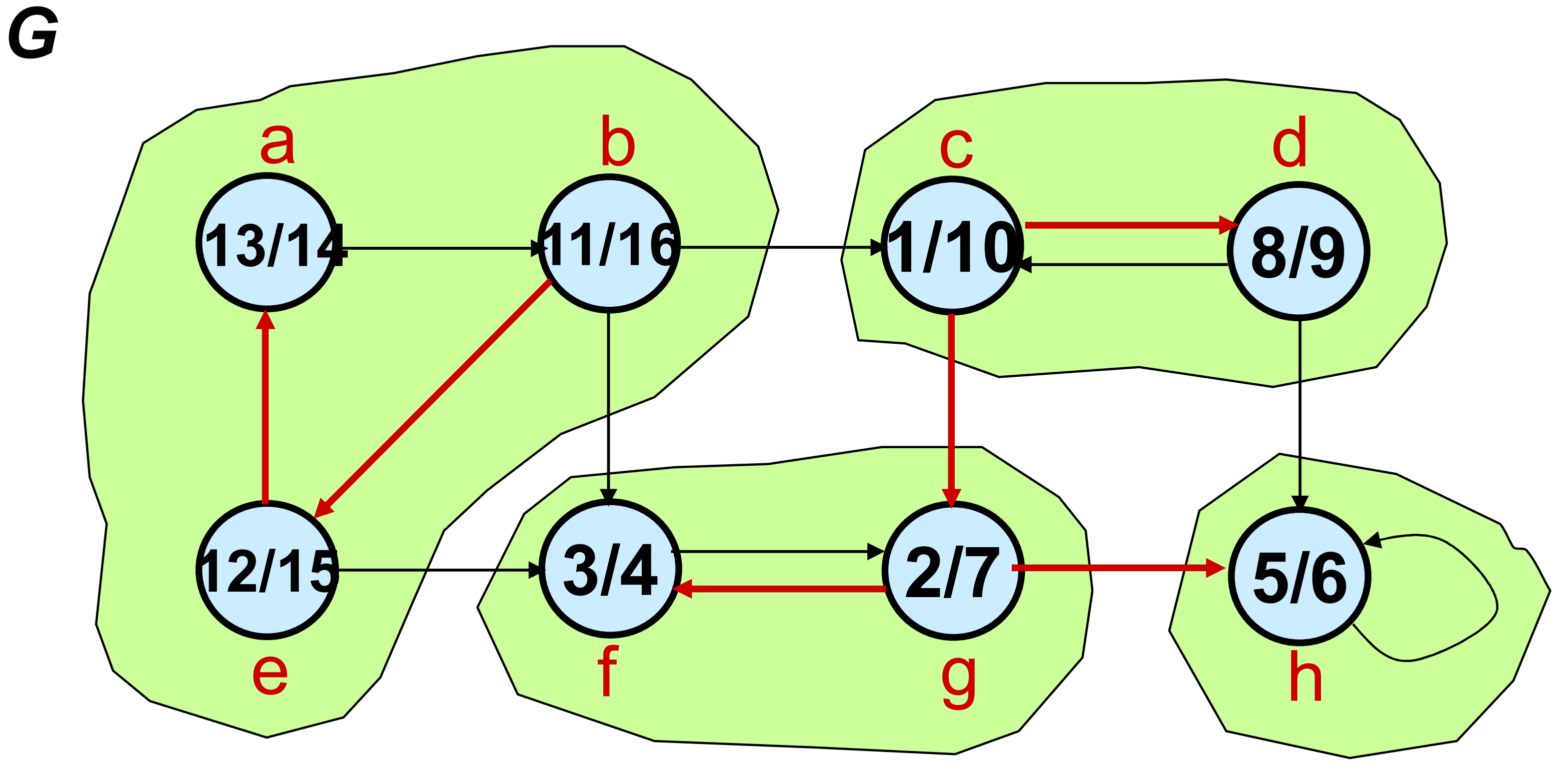

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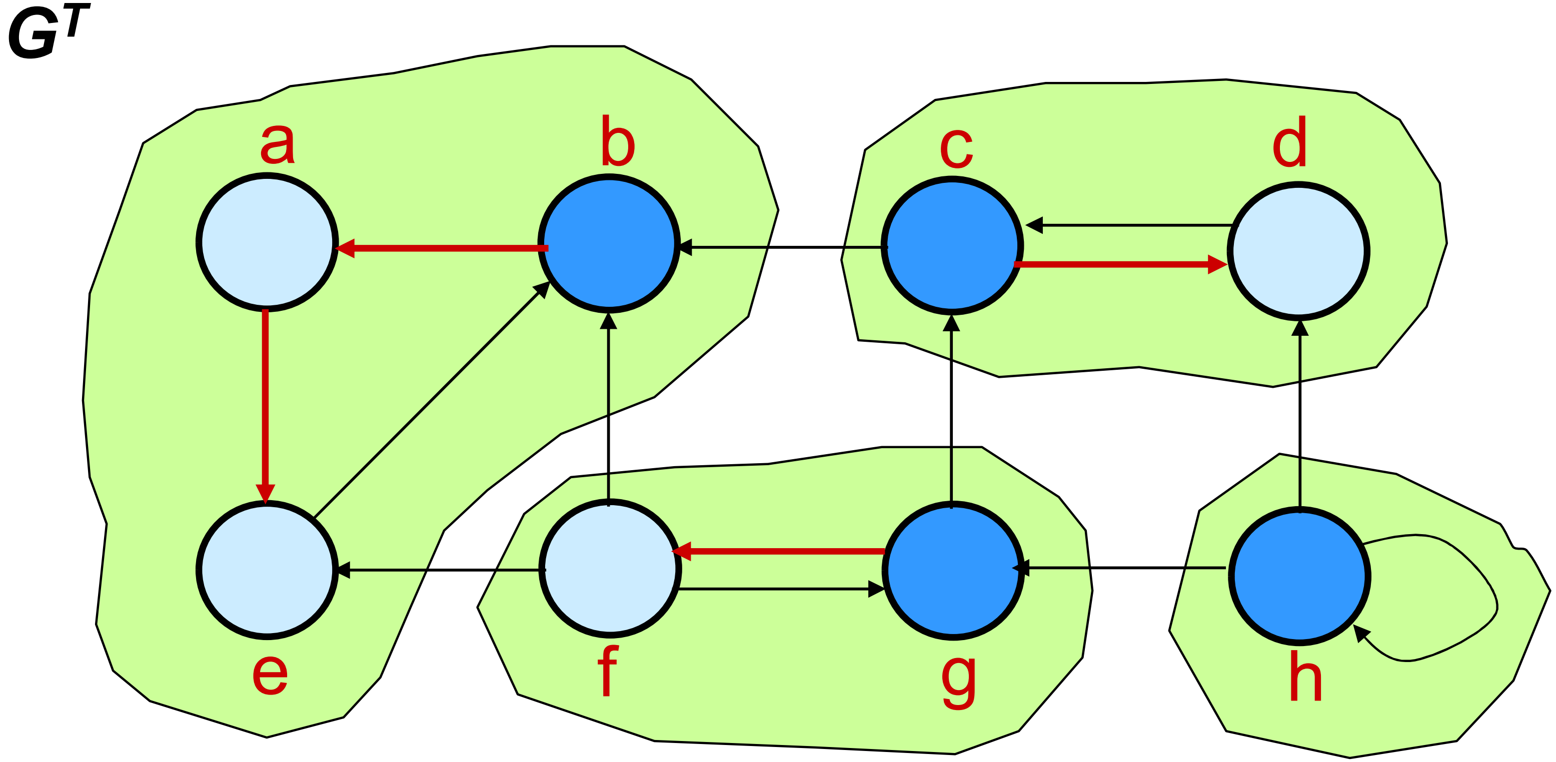

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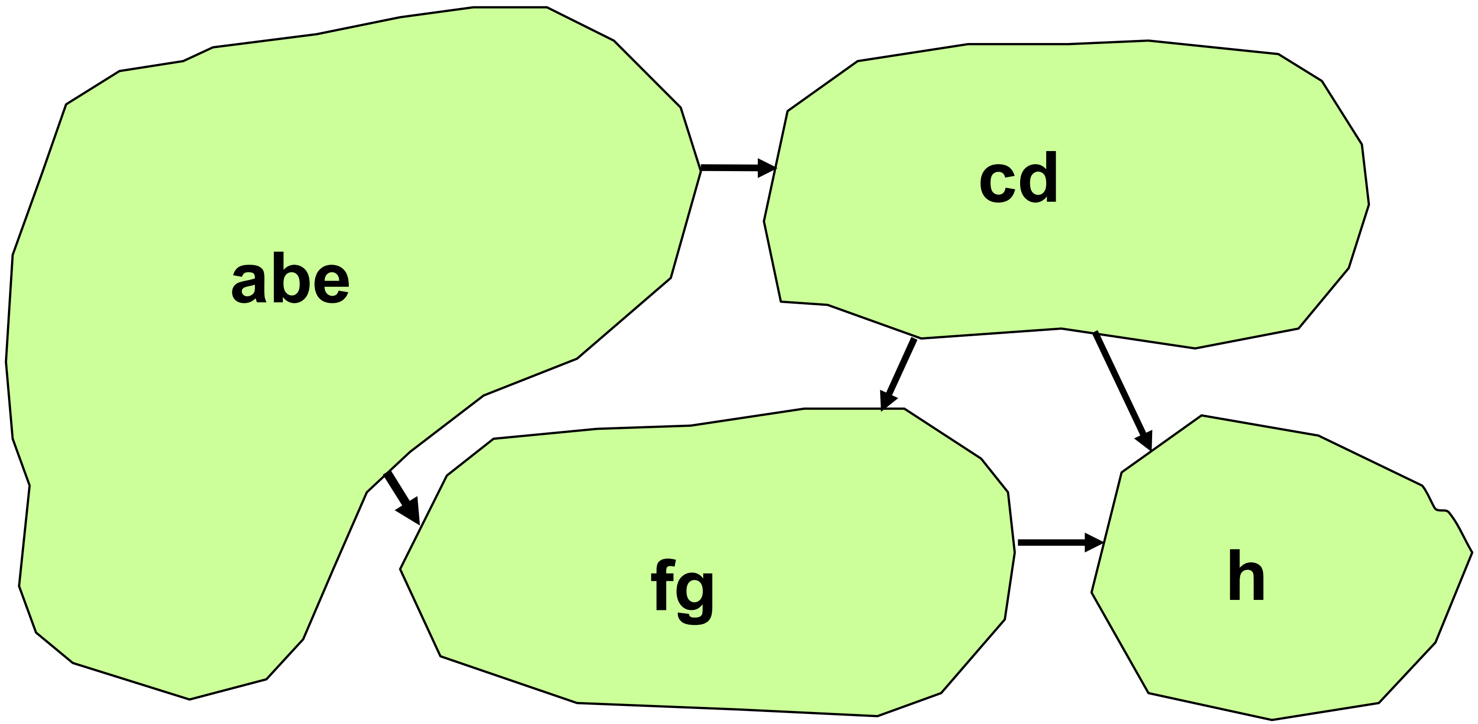

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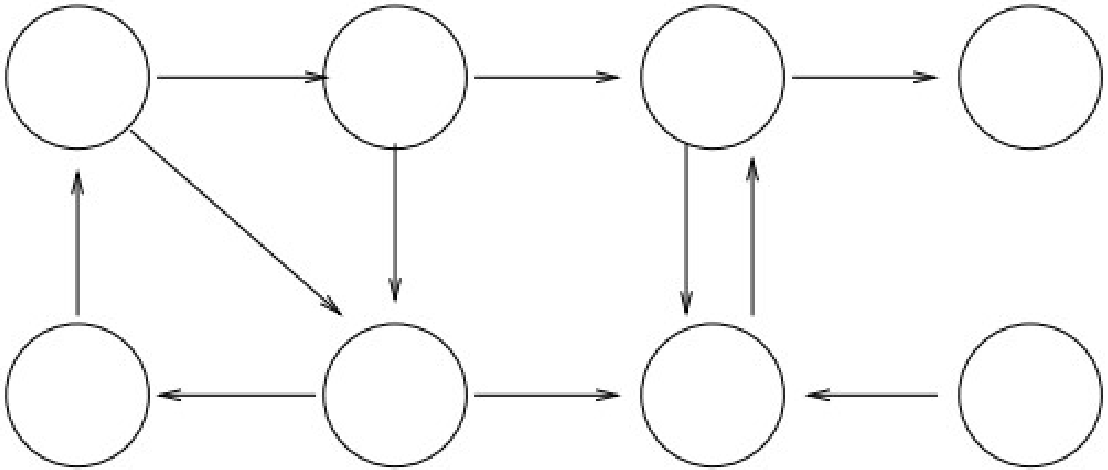
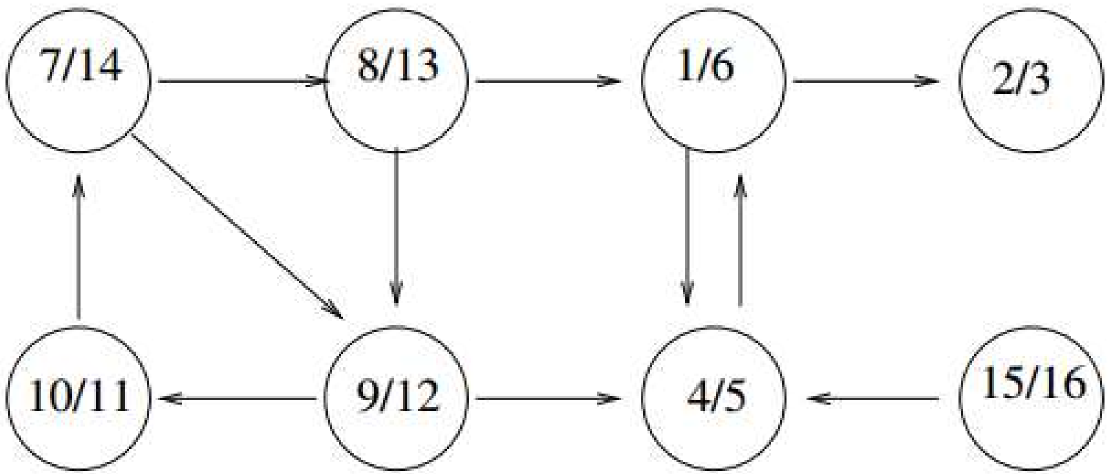
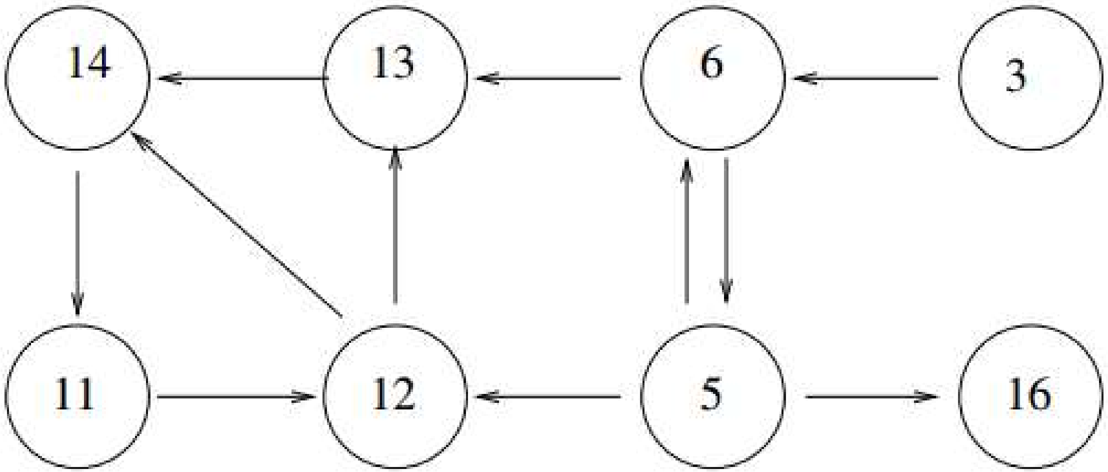


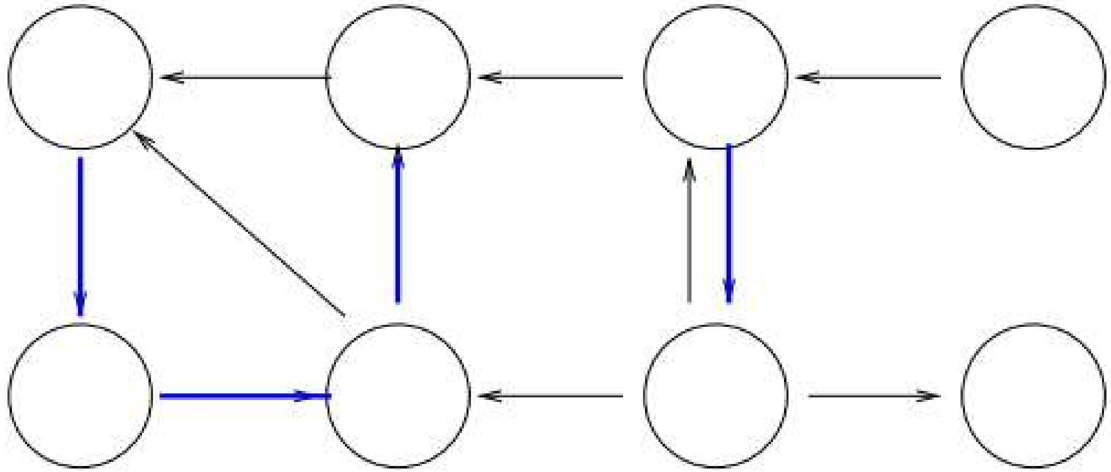
Example (2) DFS



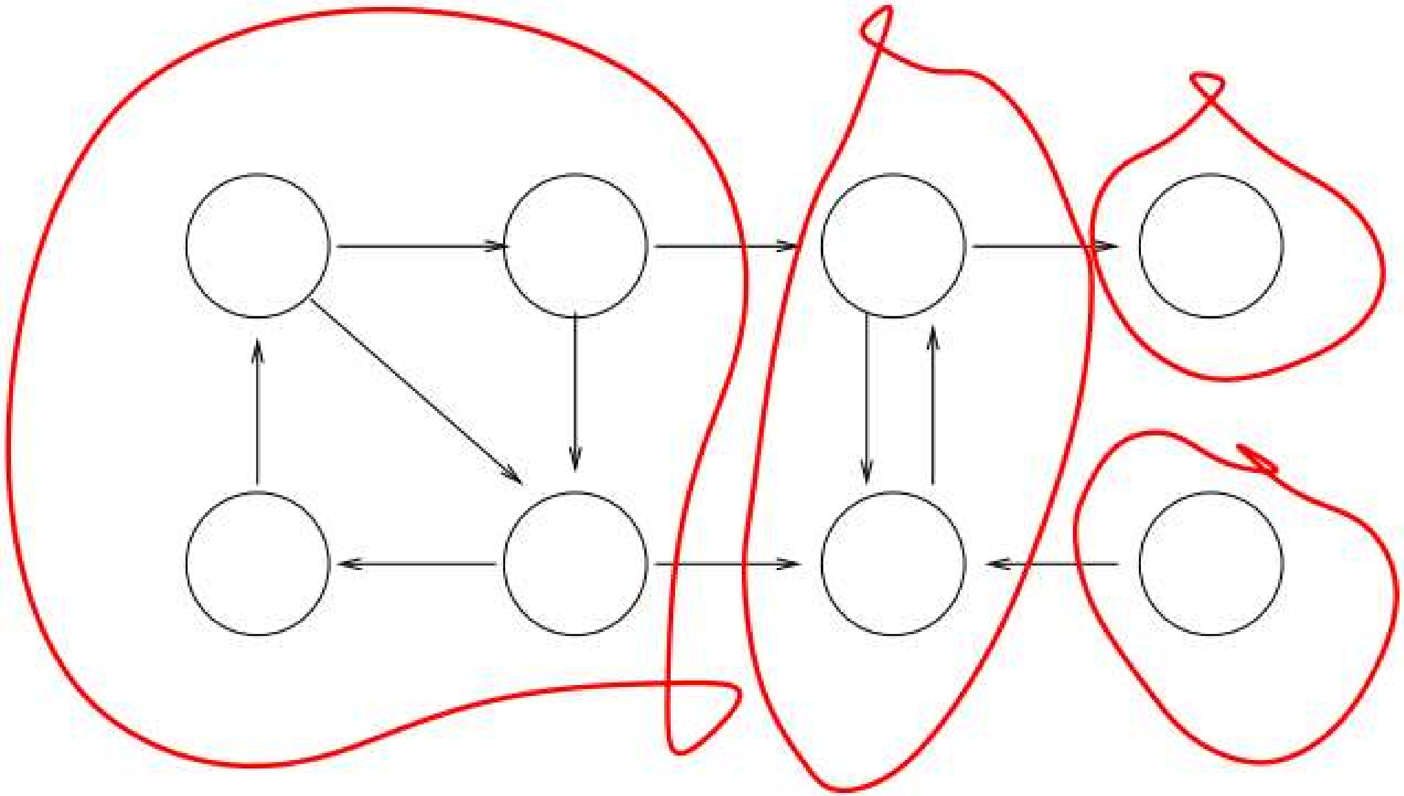
Example (2) G^T



Example (2) DFT in G^T



Example (2) SCC



How does it work?

- **Idea:**
  - By considering vertices in second DFS in decreasing order of finishing times from first DFS, we are visiting vertices of the component graph in topologically sorted order.
  - Because we are running DFS on G^T, we will not be visiting any v from a u, where v and u are in different components.
- **Notation:**
  - $d[u]$ and $f[u]$ always refer to *first* DFS.
  - Extend notation for d and f to sets of vertices $U \subseteq V$:
  - $d(U) = \min_{u \in U}\{d[u]\}$ (earliest discovery time)
  - $f(U) = \max_{u \in U}\{f[u]\}$ (latest finishing time)

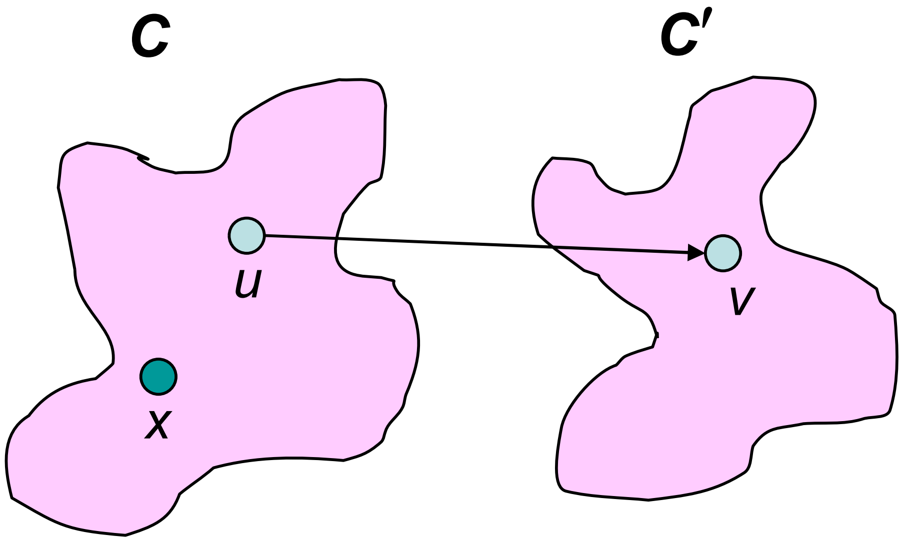
SCCs and DFS finishing times

Lemma 22.14

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in $G = (V, E)$. Suppose there is an edge $(u, v) \in E$ such that $u \in C$ and $v \in C'$. Then $f(C) > f(C')$.

Proof:

- Case 1: $d(C) < d(C')$
  - Let x be the first vertex discovered in C.
  - At time $d[x]$, all vertices in C and C' are white. Thus, there exist paths of white vertices from x to all vertices in C and C'.
  - By the white-path theorem, all vertices in C and C' are descendants of x in depth-first tree.
  - By the parenthesis theorem, $f[x] = f(C) > f(C')$.



SCCs and DFS finishing times

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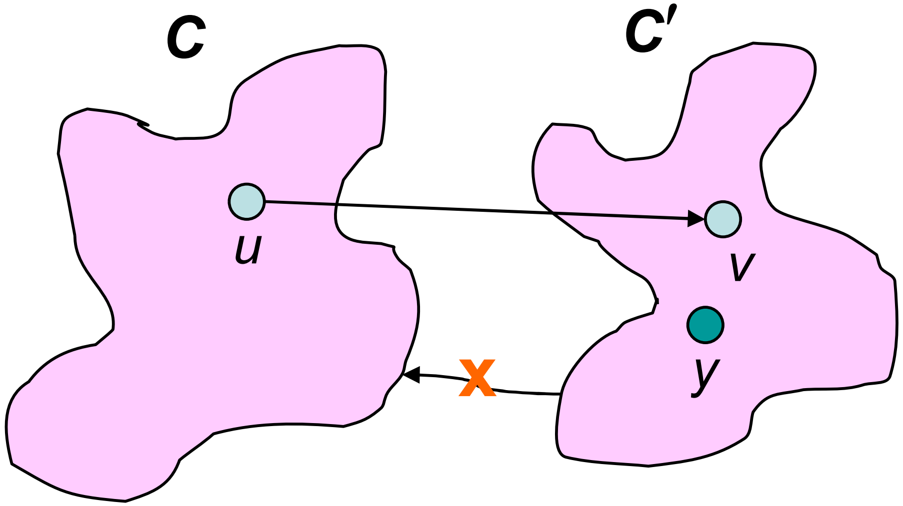
Proof:

- Case 2: $d(C) > d(C')$
  - Let y be the first vertex discovered in C'.
  - At time $d[y]$, all vertices in C' are white and there is a white path from y to each vertex in C' $\Rightarrow$ all vertices in C' become descendants of y. Again, $f[y] = f(C')$.
  - At time $d[y]$, all vertices in C are also white.
  - By earlier lemma, since there is an edge (u, v), we cannot have a path from C' to C.
  - So no vertex in C is reachable from y.
  - Therefore, at time $f[y]$, all vertices in C are still white.
  - Therefore, for all $w \in C$, $f[w] > f[y]$, which implies that $f(C) > f(C')$.



SCCs and DFS finishing times

Corollary 22.15

Let C and C' be distinct SCC's in $G = (V, E)$. Suppose there is an edge $(u, v) \in E^T$, where $u \in C$ and $v \in C'$. Then $f(C) < f(C')$.

Proof:

- $(u, v) \in E^T \Rightarrow (v, u) \in E$.
- Since SCC's of G and G^T are the same, $f(C') > f(C)$, by Lemma 22.14.

Correctness of SCC

- When we do the second DFS, on G^T, start with SCC C such that $f(C)$ is maximum.
  - The second DFS starts from some $x \in C$, and it visits all vertices in C.
  - Corollary 22.15 says that since $f(C) > f(C')$ for all $C \neq C'$, there are no edges from C to C' in G^T.
  - Therefore, DFS will visit *only* vertices in C.
  - Which means that the depth-first tree rooted at x contains *exactly* the vertices of C.

Correctness of SCC

- The next root chosen in the second DFS is in SCC C' such that $f(C')$ is maximum over all SCC's other than C.
  - DFS visits all vertices in C', but the only edges out of C' go to C, *which we've already visited*.
  - Therefore, the only tree edges will be to vertices in C'.
- We can continue the process.
- Each time we choose a root for the second DFS, it can reach only
  - vertices in its SCC—get tree edges to these,
  - vertices in SCC's *already visited* in second DFS—get *no* tree edges to these.