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# Basic Depth-First-Search

## DFS

Input:  $G = (V, E)$  (directed graph)  
 $v \in V$  (start vertex)

Alg: DFS(G)

1)  $\forall u \in V$   $\text{color}(u) \leftarrow \text{white}$  ;  $\text{time} \leftarrow 0$

2)  $\forall u \in V$  if  $\text{color}(u) \equiv \text{white}$  then DFS-visit(u)

what order?

DFS-visit(u)

1)  $\text{color}(u) \leftarrow \text{gray}$  ;  $\text{push-time}(u) \leftarrow \text{time}++$

- 2)  $\forall v \in \text{Adj}(u)$

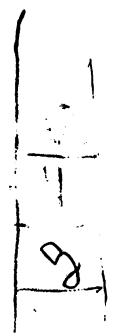
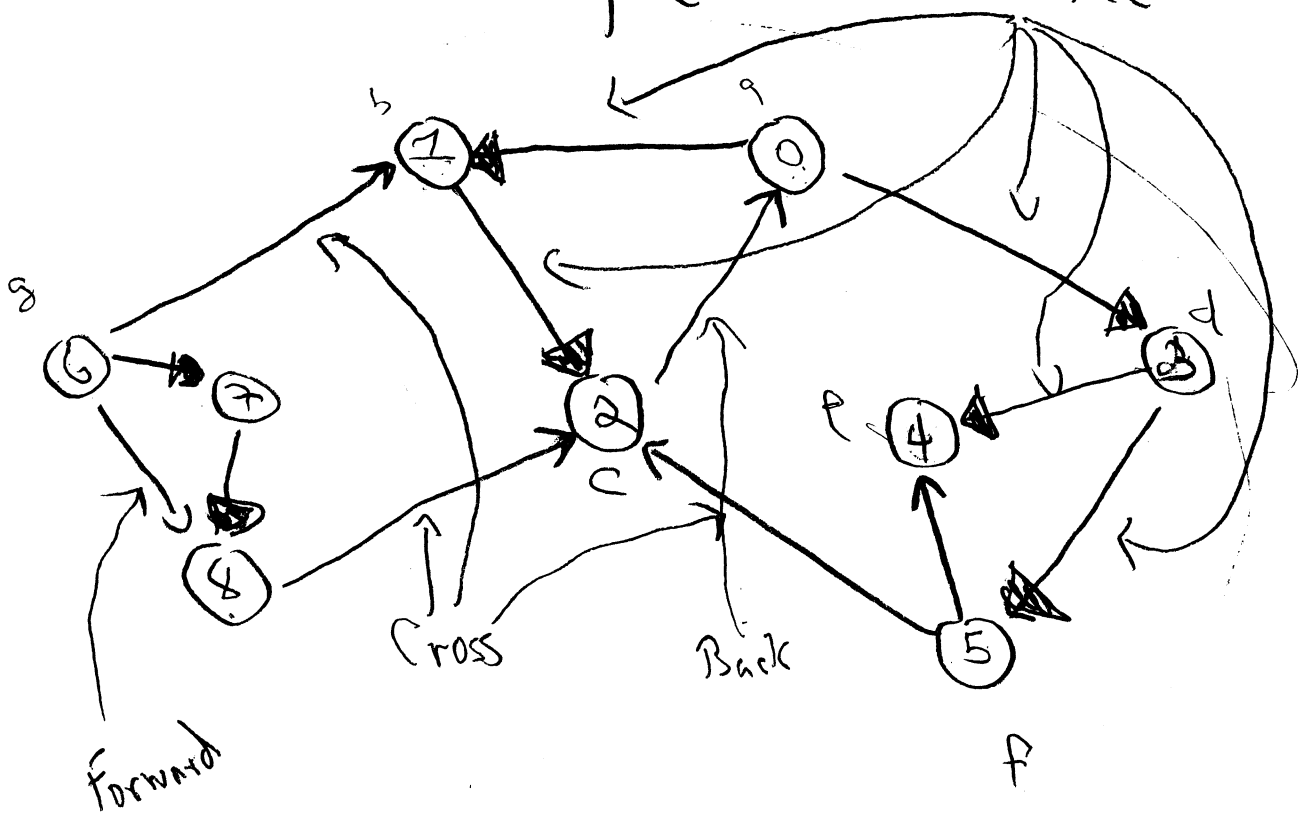
if  $\text{color}(v) \equiv \text{white}$  then DFS-visit(v)

3)  $\text{color}(u) \leftarrow \text{black}$  ;  $\text{pop-time}(u) \leftarrow \text{time}++$

note:  $\text{dfs}(u) \equiv \text{push-time}(u)$

# An Example

Tree



Tree  
BackEdge  
Forward  
Cross

# Testing Edge Types

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Consider time that edge  $(u, v)$  is first used.

Tree  $(e)$  iff  $\text{color}(v) = \text{white}$

Back Edge  $(e)$  iff  $\text{color}(v) = \text{gray}$

$\text{color}(v) = \text{black}$  iff Cross  $(e)$  or Forward  $(e)$

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| $\text{color}(v) = \text{black}$ & $\text{dfs}(u) < \text{dfs}(v)$ | forward |
| " " " > " "                                                        | Cross   |

## Pop Times

Thm The intervals  $[push(u), pop(u)]$  are well nested i.e.

$$push(u) < push(v) < pop(v) < pop(u)$$

$$\text{or } push(u) < pop(u) < push(v) < pop(v)$$

| $(u,v)$<br>type edge | pop               |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Tree                 | $pop(v) < pop(u)$ |
| back                 | $pop(v) > pop(u)$ |
| Cross & Forward      | $pop(v) < pop(u)$ |

Thm If  $G$  is a DAG &  $(u,v) \in E$  then  
 $pop(v) < pop(u)$

DAG  $\equiv$  Directed Acyclic Graph

Thm The following are  $\equiv$

a)  $G$  has a cycle

b) Every DFS generates a back edge.

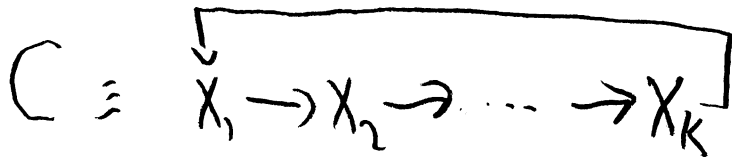
c) Some DFS generates a back edge

pf b)  $\Rightarrow$  c)  $\Rightarrow$  a) Easy

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b)

Suppose  $C$  is a cycle in  $G$ , DFS

Assume that  $x_1$  is first vertex searched



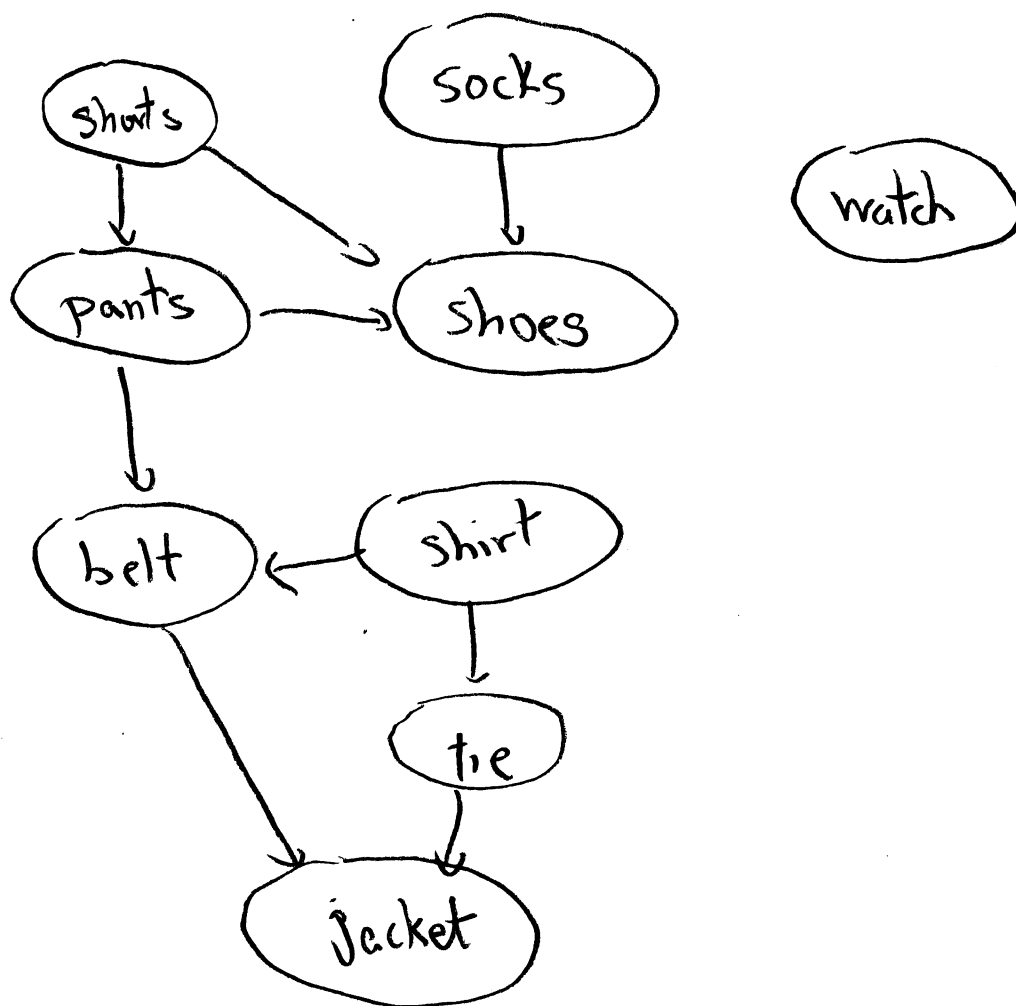
Claim  $(x_k, x_1)$  is a back edge

$$\text{push}(x_1) < \text{push}(x_k) < \text{pop}(x_k) < \text{pop}(x_1)$$

# Topological Sort

Def If  $G=(V,E)$  is a DAG then an ordering  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a topological sort if

$$(V_i, V_j) \in E \Rightarrow i < j$$



Thm  $T_n$  A DAG  
reverse pop times is a topological Sort.

$$\text{if } a \rightarrow b \Rightarrow \text{pop}(a) > \text{pop}(b)$$

Thm Top-Sort is  $O(n+m)$  time

# Biconnected Components

$G$  is undirected

$G$  is connected if  $\forall v, w \in V \exists \text{ path from } v \text{ to } w$ .

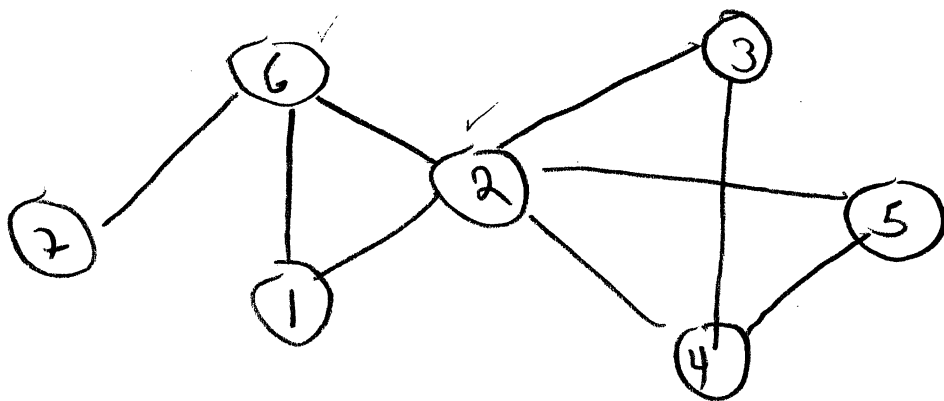
$v$  is an articulation point if  $\exists$  distinct  $x, y$  s.t.

all paths from  $x$  to  $y$  visit  $v$ .

Def  $G$  is biconnected if  $\nexists$  an articulation point

a graph consisting of a single edge is called a trivial biconnected graph.

Def A biconnected component is a maximal subgraph which is biconnected

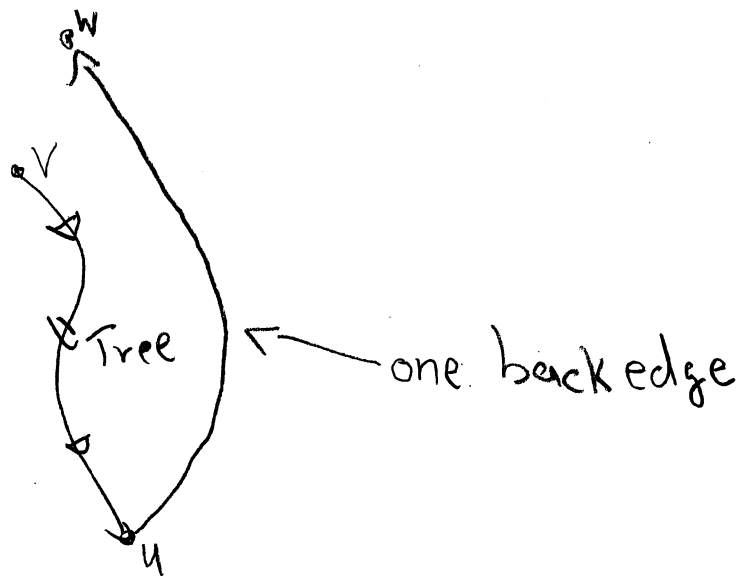


## Using DFS For Biconnectivity

Thm In undirected case all edges are tree or back edges

Def

$$\text{low}(v) = \min \left\{ \text{dfs}(w) \mid \exists u \text{ u descendant of } v \wedge u \rightarrow w \text{ back edge} \right\} \cup \{ \text{dfs}(v) \}$$



## The Articulation Points after DFS

1) Leaves are not Arts

2) The root is an Art iff  $\# \text{children} \geq 2$

3)  $u$  is not leaf & not a root then

$u$  is an Art iff  $\exists \text{ child } v \text{ st } \text{low}(v) \geq \text{dfs}(u)$

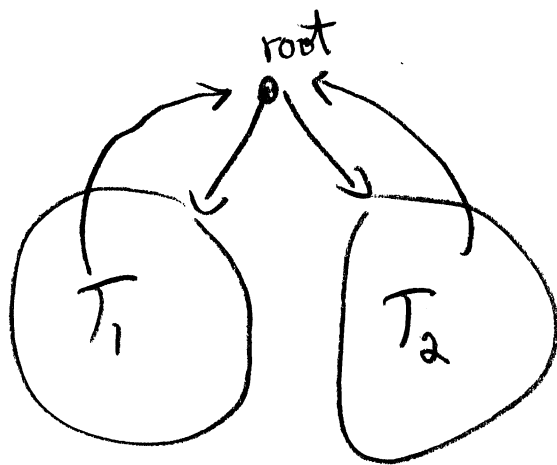
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Pf

1) If  $v$  is a leaf then  $T - \{v\}$  is connected

2) If root has 1 child then  $T - \{\text{root}\}$  is connected.  
 $\geq 2$  children

Any path from one child to other uses root



pf

3) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) suppose paths from  $x$  to  $y$  use  $u$

3a)  $x, y \in \text{Subtree}(u)$  <sup>suppose</sup>  $\wedge$   $\text{low}(x), \text{low}(y) < \text{dfs}(u)$

then  $\exists$  path from  $x$  to  $y$  not using  $u$ . contra!

3b)  $x \notin \text{Subtree}(u)$  then

$\text{low}(y) \geq \text{dfs}(u)$

$x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y$

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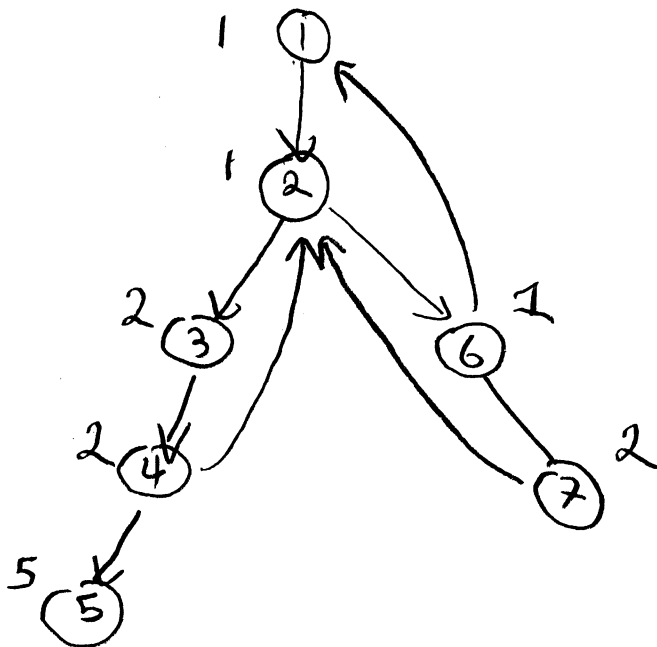
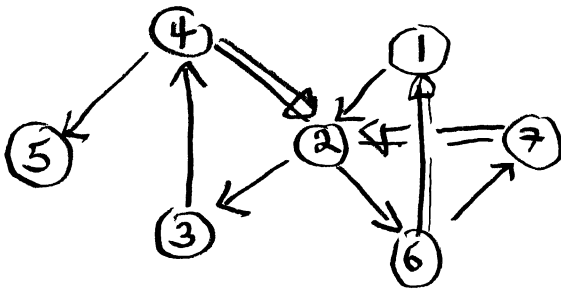
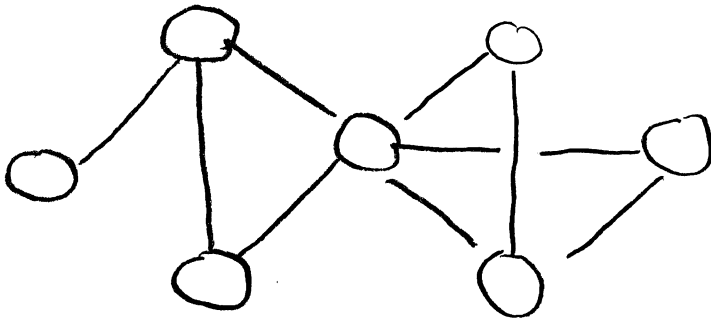
( $\Leftarrow$ )  $v = \text{child}(u)$   $\text{low}(v) \geq \text{dfs}(u)$

$u$  separates  $v$  from  $r$ .



All backedges in  $T_1$   
can reach at most  
 $u$

# Example



Arts (2), (4)

Computing  $\text{low}(u)$ 

1)  $\forall u \text{ low}(u) \leftarrow \text{dfs}(u)$

if  $(u, v)$  is back edge

$\text{low}(u) \leftarrow \min \{ \text{low}(u), \text{dfs}(v) \}$

if  $(u, v)$  tree edge

$\text{low}(u) \leftarrow \min \{ \text{low}(u), \text{low}(v) \}$