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# ECE-374-B: Lecture 15 - Graph search

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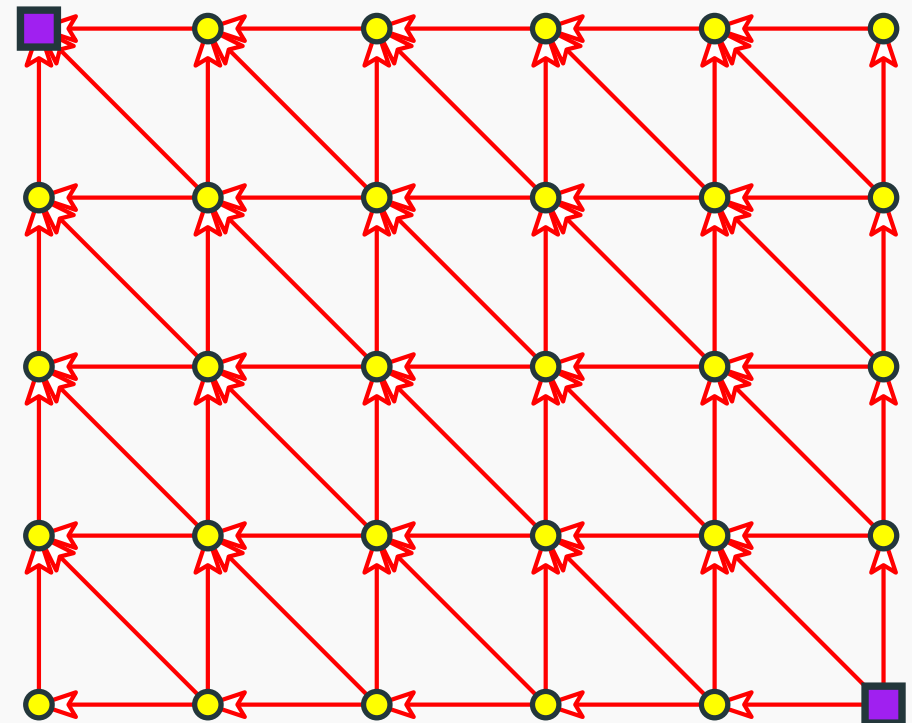
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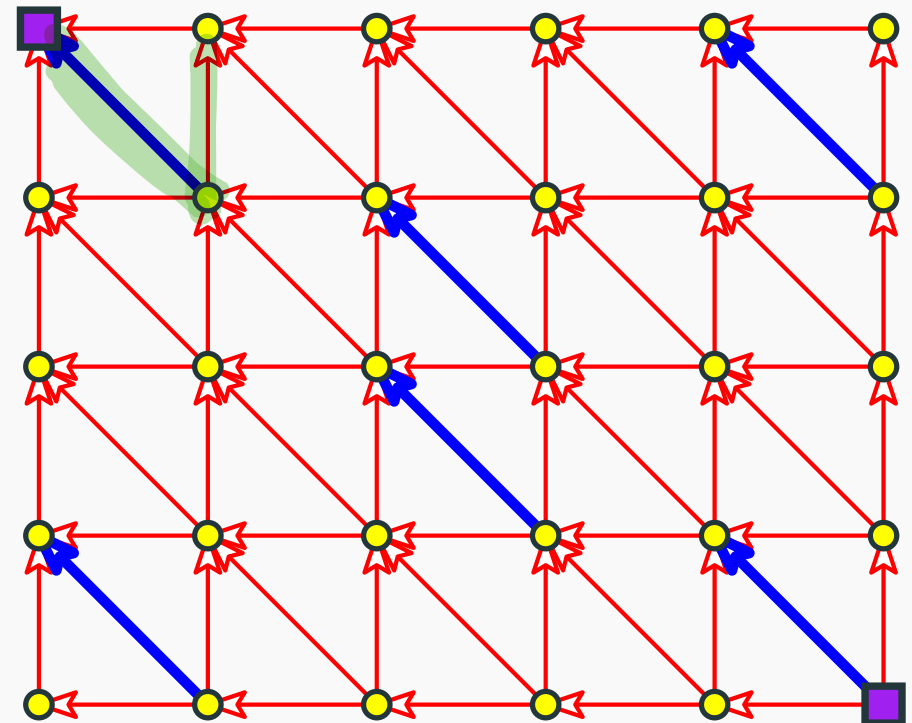


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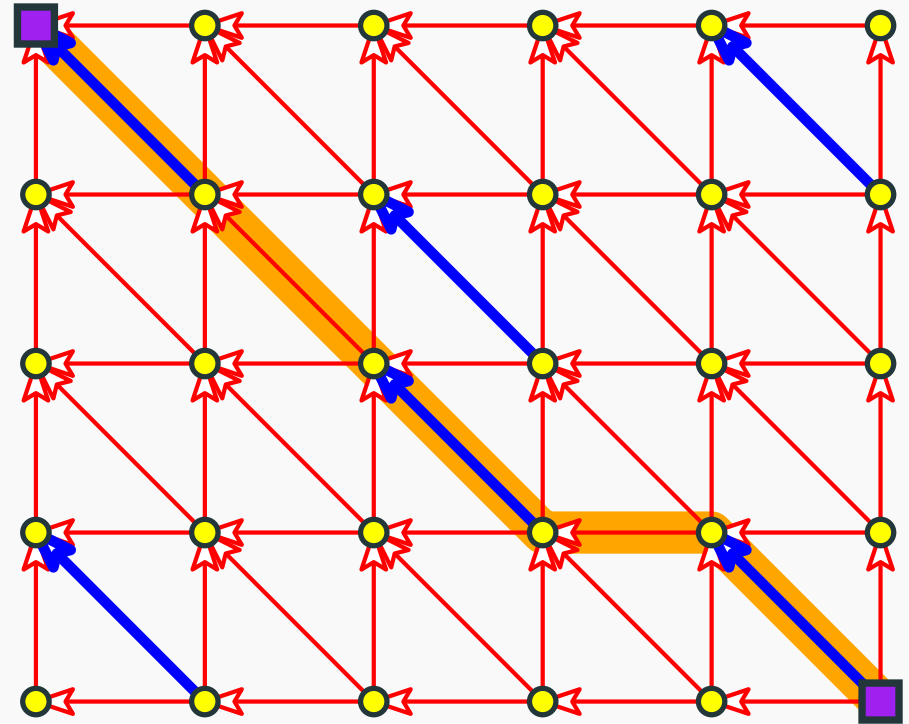


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We can solve the problem by turning it into a graph!

# Graph Basics

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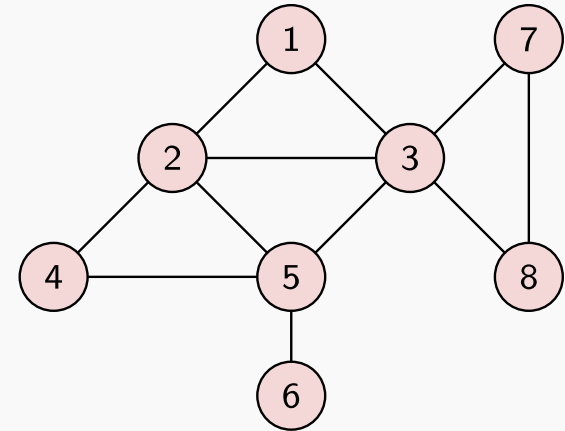
# Why Graphs?

- Graphs help model networks which are ubiquitous: transportation networks (rail, roads, airways), social networks (interpersonal relationships), information networks (web page links), and many problems that don't even look like graph problems.
- Fundamental objects in Computer Science, Optimization, Combinatorics
- Many important and useful optimization problems are graph problems
- Graph theory: elegant, fun and deep mathematics

# Graph

An undirected (simple) graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a 2-tuple:

- $V$  is a set of vertices (also referred to as nodes/points)
- $E$  is a set of edges where each edge  $e \in E$  is a set of the form  $\{u, v\}$  with  $u, v \in V$  and  $u \neq v$ .



## Example

In figure,  $G = (V, E)$  where  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  and  $E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 5\}, \{3, 7\}, \{3, 8\}, \{4, 5\}, \{5, 6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$ .

# Example: Modeling Problems as Search

## State Space Search

Many search problems can be modeled as search on a graph.

The trick is figuring out what the vertices and edges are.

## Missionaries and Cannibals

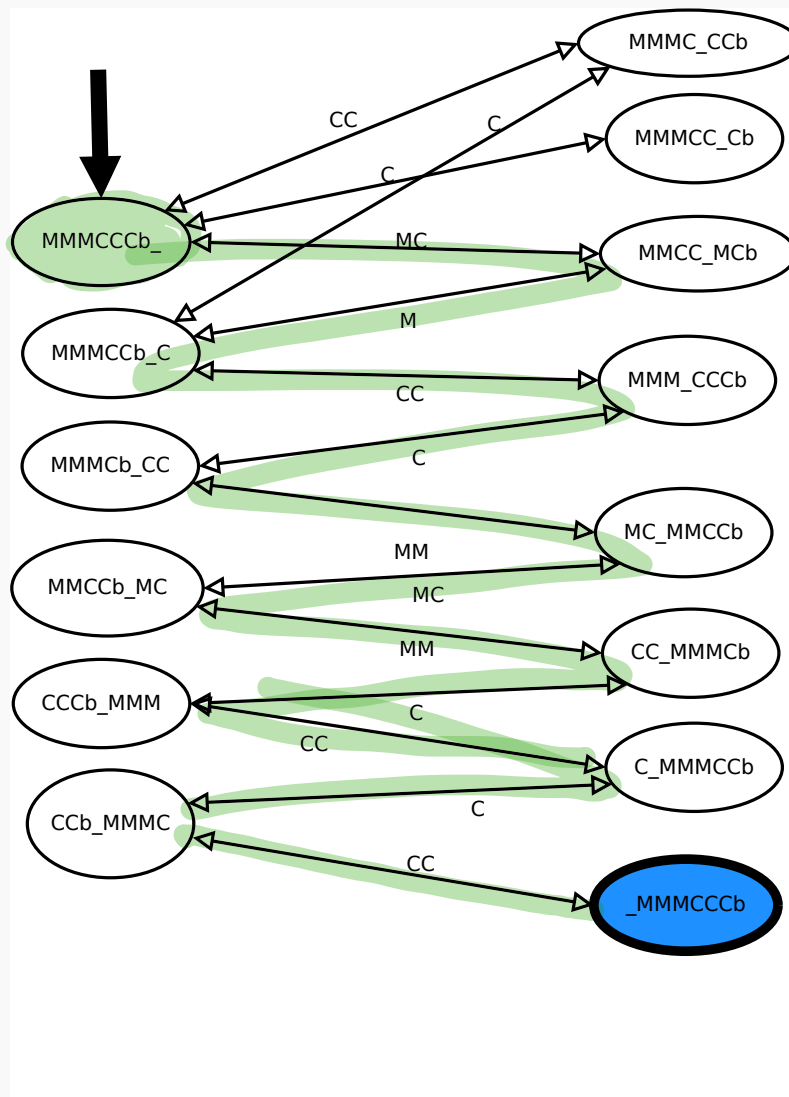
- Three missionaries, three cannibals, one boat, one river
- Boat carries two people, must have at least one person
- Must all get across
- At no time can cannibals outnumber missionaries

How is this a graph search problem?

What are the vertices?

What are the edges?


# Cannibals and Missionaries: Is the language empty?



Problems goes back to 800 CE  
Versions with brothers and sisters.  
Jealous Husbands.  
Lions and buffalo  
All bad names to a simple problem...

\*Omitted states where cannibals outnumber missionaries

# Problems on DFAs and NFAs sometimes are just problems on graphs

- $M$ : DFA/NFA is  $L(M)$  empty? 
- $M$ : DFA is  $L(M) = \Sigma^*$ ?
- $M$ : DFA, and a string  $w$ . Does  $M$  accept  $w$ ?
- $N$ : NFA, and a string  $w$ . Does  $N$  accept  $w$ ?

# Graph notation and representation

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# Notation and Convention

## Notation

An edge in an undirected graph is an unordered pair of nodes and hence it is a set. Conventionally we use  $uv$  for  $\{u, v\}$  when it is clear from the context that the graph is undirected.

- $u$  and  $v$  are the end points of an edge  $\{u, v\}$
- Multi-graphs allow
  - loops which are edges with the same node appearing as both end points
  - multi-edges: different edges between same pairs of nodes
- In this class we will assume that a graph is a simple graph unless explicitly stated otherwise.

# Graph Representation I

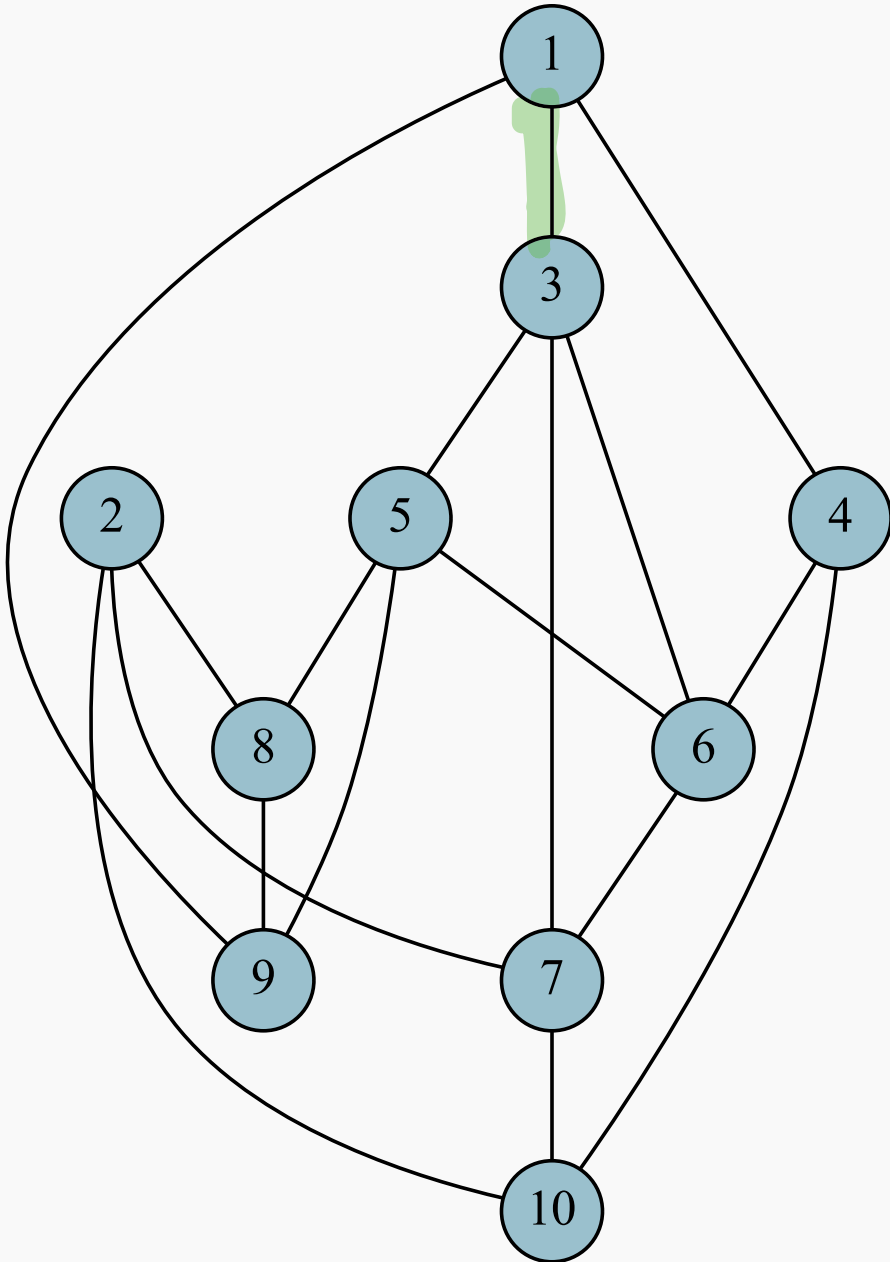
## Adjacency Matrix

Represent  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges using a  $n \times n$  adjacency matrix  $A$  where

- $A[i, j] = A[j, i] = 1$  if  $\{i, j\} \in E$  and  $A[i, j] = A[j, i] = 0$  if  $\{i, j\} \notin E$ .
- Advantage: can check if  $\{i, j\} \in E$  in  $O(1)$  time
- Disadvantage: needs  $\Omega(n^2)$  space even when  $m \ll n^2$



# Graph adjacency matrix example [10 vertices]



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
5	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
6	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
7	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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10	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

# Graph Representation II

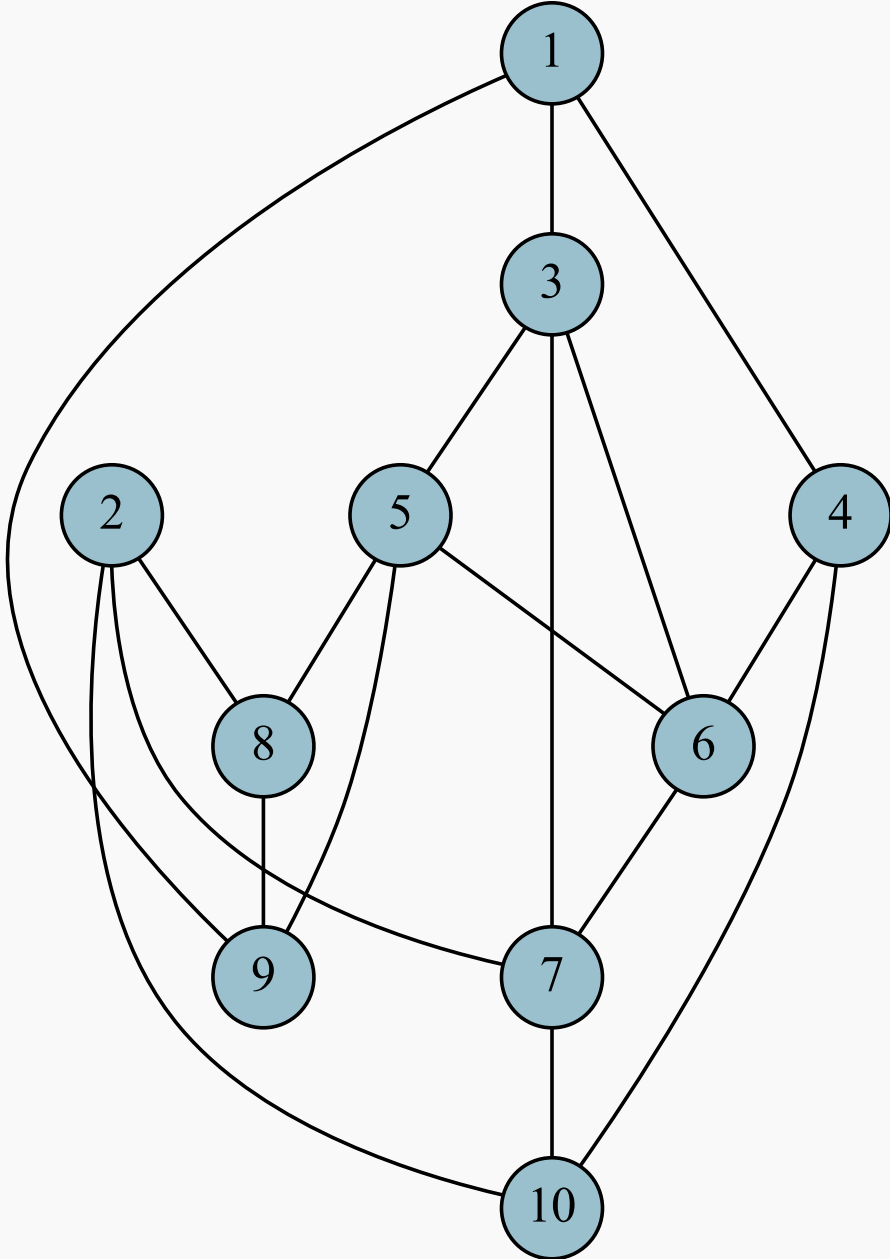
## Adjacency Lists

Represent  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges using adjacency lists:

- For each  $u \in V$ ,  $\text{Adj}(u) = \{v \mid \{u, v\} \in E\}$ , that is neighbors of  $u$ . Sometimes  $\text{Adj}(u)$  is the list of edges incident to  $u$ .
- Advantage: space is  $O(m + n)$
- Disadvantage: cannot “easily” determine in  $O(1)$  time whether  $\{i, j\} \in E$ 
  - By sorting each list, one can achieve  $O(\log n)$  time
  - By hashing “appropriately”, one can achieve  $O(1)$  time

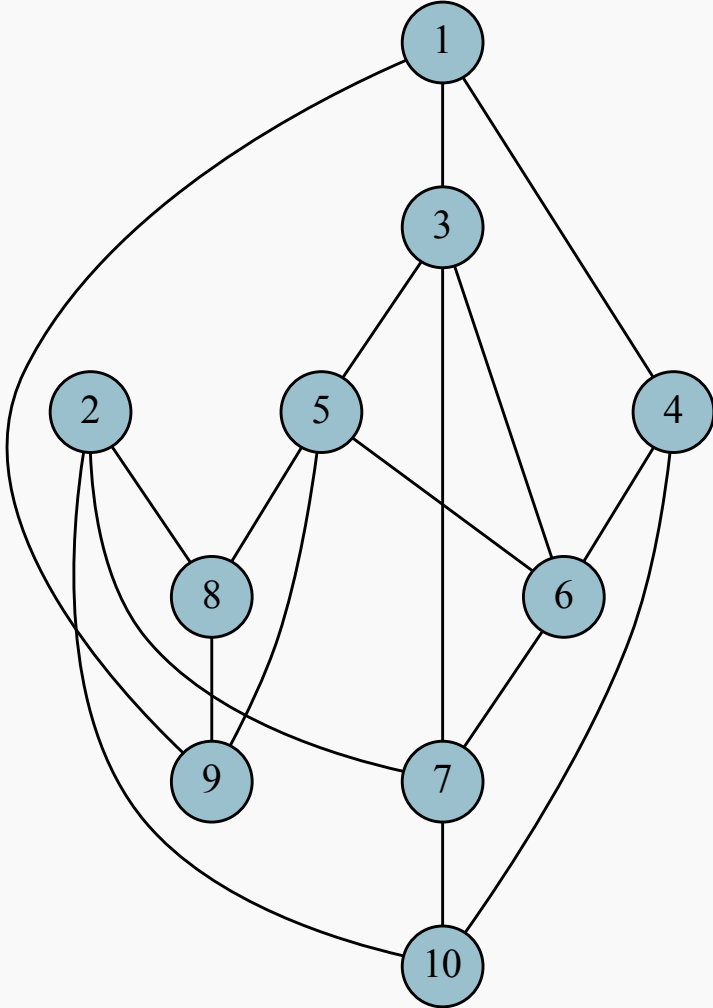
**Note:** In this class we will assume that by default, graphs are represented using plain vanilla (unsorted) adjacency lists.

# Graph adjacency list example [10 vertices]



vertex	adjacency list
1	3, 4, 9
2	7, 8, 10
3	1, 5, 6, 7
4	1, 6, 10
5	3, 6, 8, 9
6	3, 4, 5, 7
7	2, 3, 6, 10
8	2, 5, 9
9	1, 5, 8
10	2, 4, 7

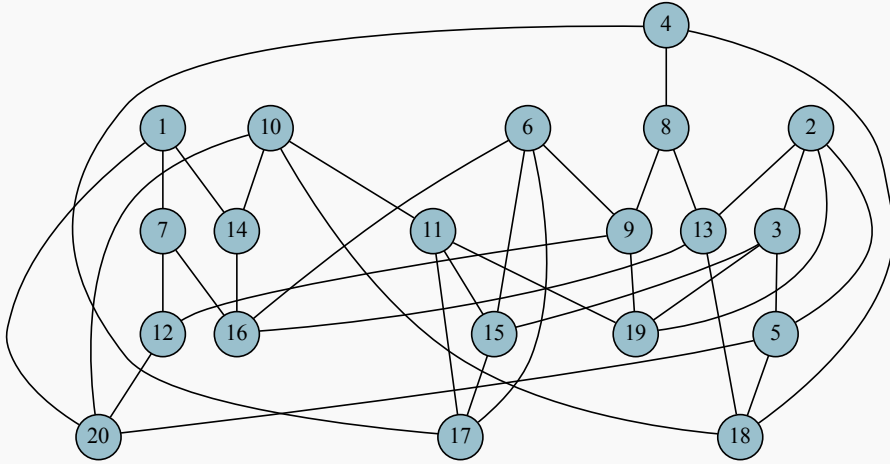
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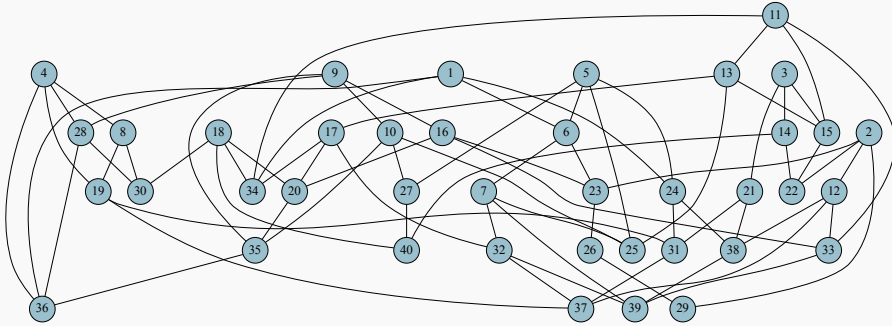
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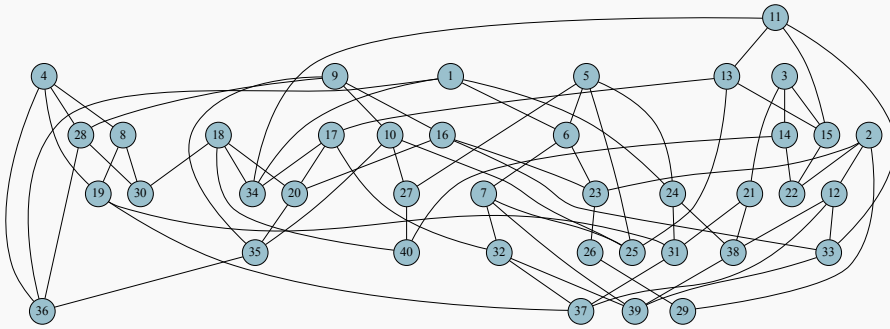
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# Graph adjacency matrix example [40 vertices]



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# Graph adjacency list example [40 vertices]



vertex	adjacency list
1	6, 24, 34, 36
2	12, 22, 23, 29
3	14, 15, 21
4	8, 19, 28, 36
5	6, 24, 25, 27
6	1, 5, 7, 23
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8	4, 19, 30
9	10, 16, 28, 35
10	9, 25, 27, 35
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12	2, 33, 37, 38
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16	9, 20, 23, 33
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# A Concrete Representation

- Assume vertices are numbered arbitrarily as  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
- Edges are numbered arbitrarily as  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .
- Edges stored in an array/list of size  $m$ .  $E[j]$  is  $j^{\text{th}}$  edge with info on end points which are integers in range 1 to  $n$ .
- Array  $Adj$  of size  $n$  for adjacency lists.  $Adj[i]$  points to adjacency list of vertex  $i$ .  $Adj[i]$  is a list of edge indices in range 1 to  $m$ .



# A Concrete Representation

Array of edges E



information including end point indices

Array of adjacency lists



List of edges (indices) that are incident to  $v_i$



# A Concrete Representation: Advantages

- Edges are explicitly represented/numbered.  
Scanning/processing all edges easy to do.
- Representation easily supports multigraphs including self-loops.
- Explicit numbering of vertices and edges allows use of arrays:  $O(1)$ -time operations are easy to understand.
- Can also implement via pointer based lists for certain dynamic graph settings.

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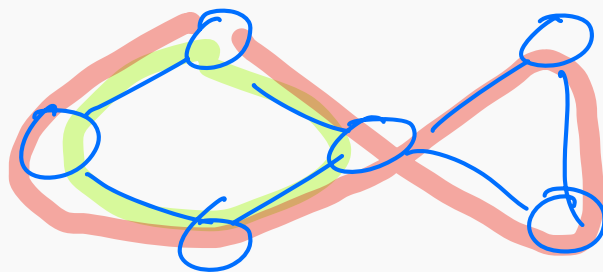
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*simple graphs only*

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- A vertex  $u$  is connected to  $v$  if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$ .
- The connected component of  $u$ ,  $\text{con}(u)$ , is the set of all vertices connected to  $u$ . Is  $u \in \text{con}(u)$ ?





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Can be accomplished in  $O(m + n)$  time using **BFS** or **DFS**.  
**BFS** and **DFS** are refinements of a basic search procedure which is good to understand on its own.

Computing connected components  
in undirected graphs using basic  
graph search

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# Basic Graph Search in Undirected Graphs

Given  $G = (V, E)$  and vertex  $u \in V$ . Let  $n = |V|$ .

```
Explore( $G, u$ ):
```

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  Visited[1 ..  $n$ ]  $\leftarrow$  FALSE
```

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  // ToExplore, S: Lists
```

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  Add  $u$  to ToExplore and to S
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  Visited[ $u$ ]  $\leftarrow$  TRUE
```

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  while (ToExplore is non-empty) do
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    for each edge  $xy$  in Adj( $x$ ) do
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```
        Visited[ $y$ ]  $\leftarrow$  TRUE
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```
        Add  $y$  to ToExplore
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        Add  $y$  to S
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  Output S
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$n = \#$  of vertices  
 $m = |E|$

vertices that need to be explored

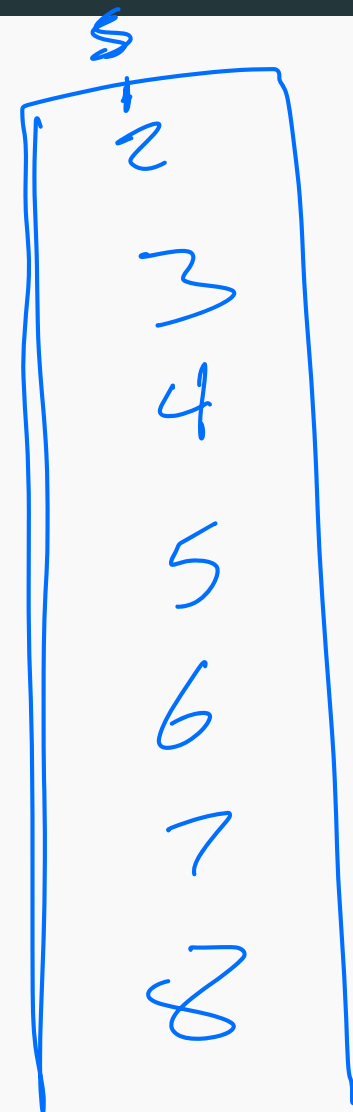
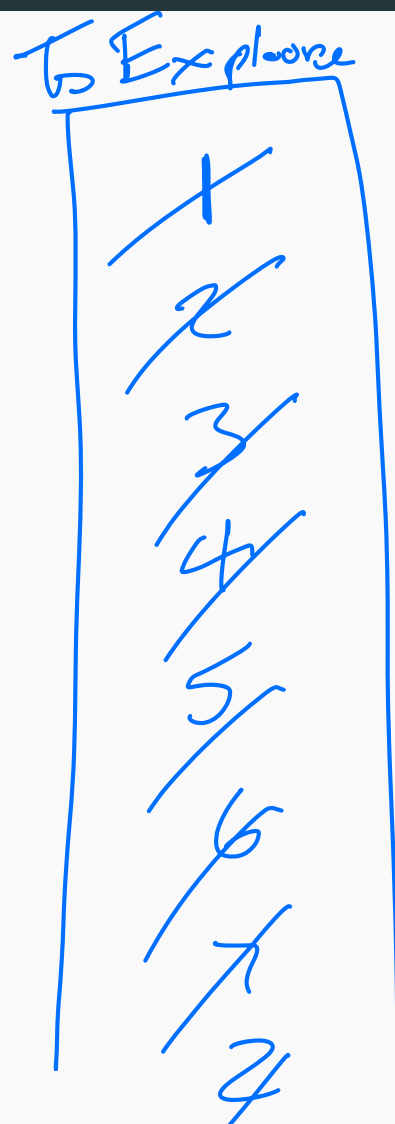
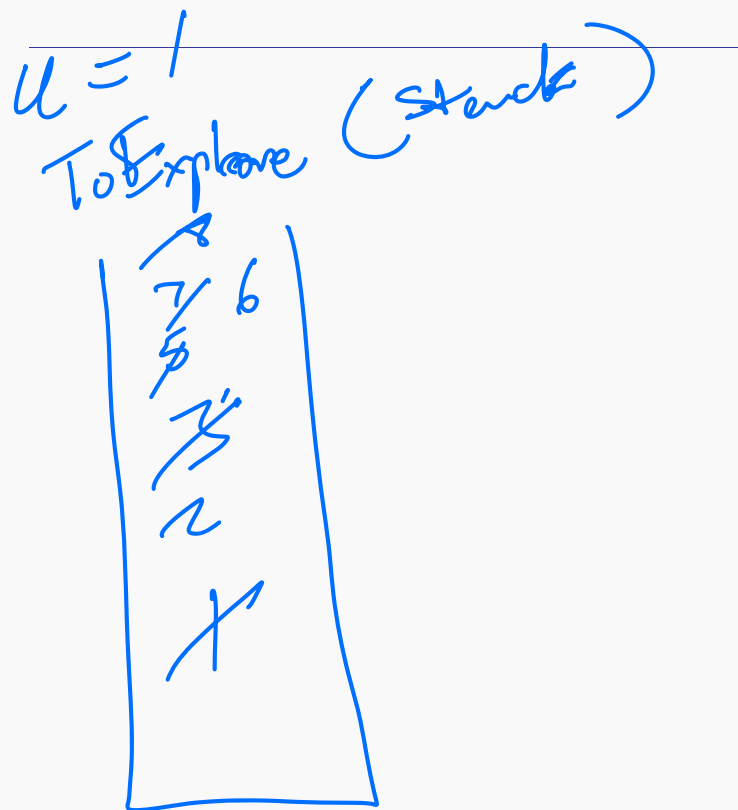
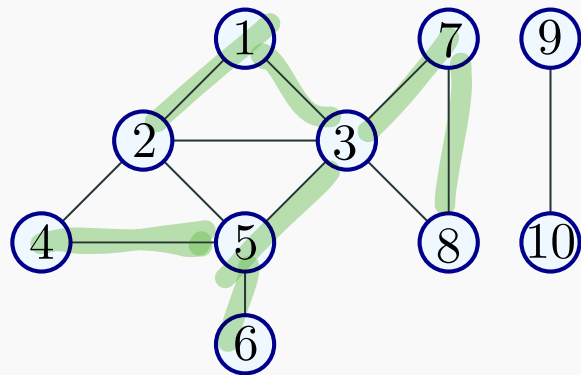
vertex connected to  $u$

Running Time:  $O(n + m)$

$O(m)$

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# Example



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**BFS** and **DFS** are special case of BasicSearch.

- Breadth First Search (**BFS**): use queue data structure to implementing the list *ToExplore*
- Depth First Search (**DFS**): use stack data structure to implement the list *ToExplore*

# Search Tree

One can create a natural search tree  $T$  rooted at  $u$  during search.

```
Explore( $G, u$ ):  
  array Visited[1.. $n$ ]  
  Initialize: Visited[ $i$ ]  $\leftarrow$  FALSE for  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
  List: ToExplore,  $S$   
  Add  $u$  to ToExplore and to  $S$ , Visited[ $u$ ]  $\leftarrow$  TRUE  
  Make tree  $T$  with root as  $u$   
  while (ToExplore is non-empty) do  
    Remove node  $x$  from ToExplore  
    for each edge  $(x, y)$  in Adj( $x$ ) do  
      if (Visited[ $y$ ] = FALSE)  
        Visited[ $y$ ]  $\leftarrow$  TRUE  
        Add  $y$  to ToExplore  
        Add  $y$  to  $S$   
        Add  $y$  to  $T$  with  $x$  as its parent  
  Output  $S$ 
```



# Finding all connected components

Modify Basic Search to find all connected components of a given graph  $G$  in  $O(m + n)$  time.

while ( $\exists x \in V$  visited where  $V[x] = \text{False}$ )  
    Add  $x$  to To Explore



# Directed Graphs and Directed Connectivity

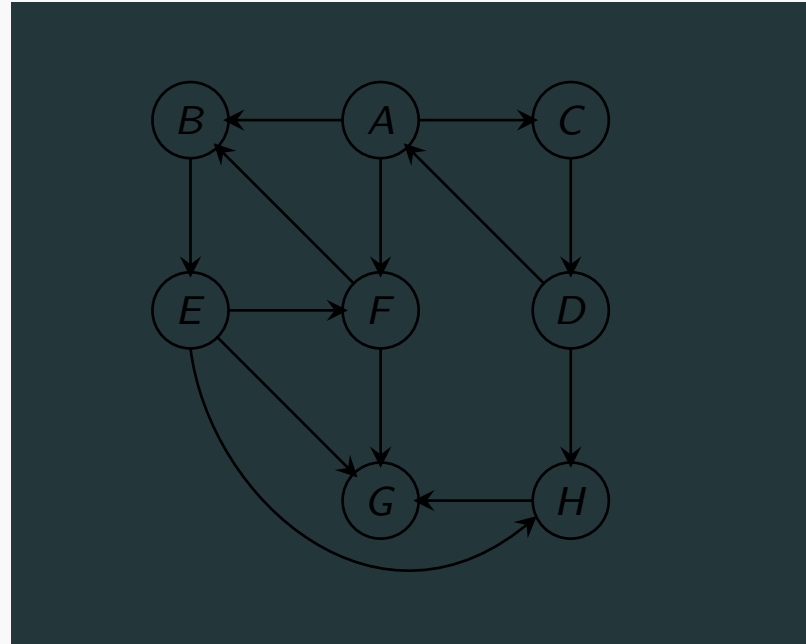
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# Directed Graphs

## Definition

A directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of

- set of vertices/nodes  $V$  and
- a set of edges/arcs  
 $E \subseteq V \times V$ .



An edge is an ordered pair of vertices.  $(u, v)$  different from  $(v, u)$ .

# Examples of Directed Graphs

In many situations relationship between vertices is asymmetric:

- Road networks with one-way streets.
- Web-link graph: vertices are web-pages and there is an edge from page  $p$  to page  $p'$  if  $p$  has a link to  $p'$ . Web graphs used by Google with PageRank algorithm to rank pages.
- Dependency graphs in variety of applications: link from  $x$  to  $y$  if  $y$  depends on  $x$ . Make files for compiling programs.
- Program Analysis: functions/procedures are vertices and there is an edge from  $x$  to  $y$  if  $x$  calls  $y$ .

# Directed Graph Representation

Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges:

$u \rightarrow v$

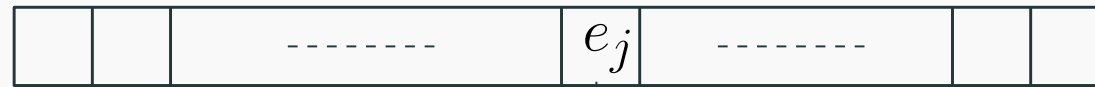
- Adjacency Matrix:  $n \times n$  asymmetric matrix  $A$ .  $A[u, v] = 1$  if  $(u, v) \in E$  and  $A[u, v] = 0$  if  $(u, v) \notin E$ .  $A[u, v]$  is not same as  $A[v, u]$ .
- Adjacency Lists: for each node  $u$ ,  $Out(u)$  (also referred to as  $Adj(u)$ ) and  $In(u)$  store out-going edges and in-coming edges from  $u$ .

Default representation is adjacency lists.  $Out(u)$

# A Concrete Representation for Directed Graphs

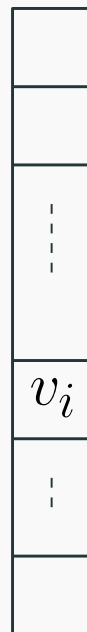
Concrete representation discussed previously for undirected graphs easily extends to directed graphs.

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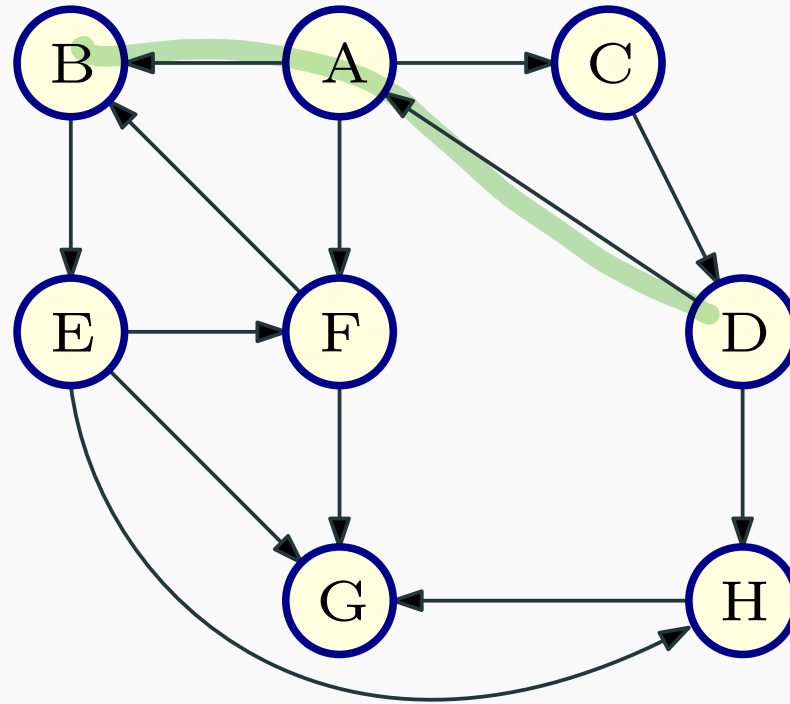
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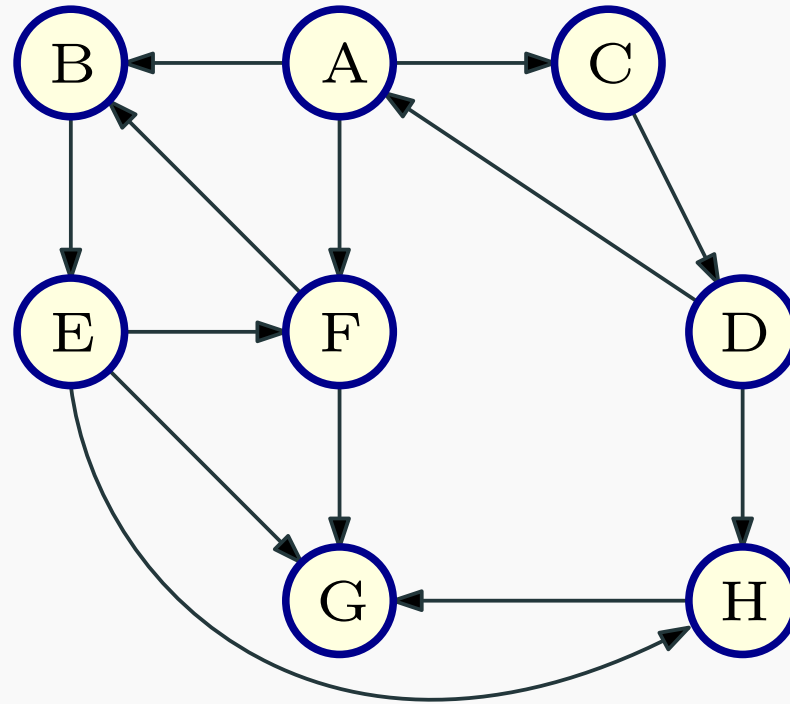
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Questions:

- Is there a notion of connected components?
- How do we understand connectivity in directed graphs?

# Strong connected components

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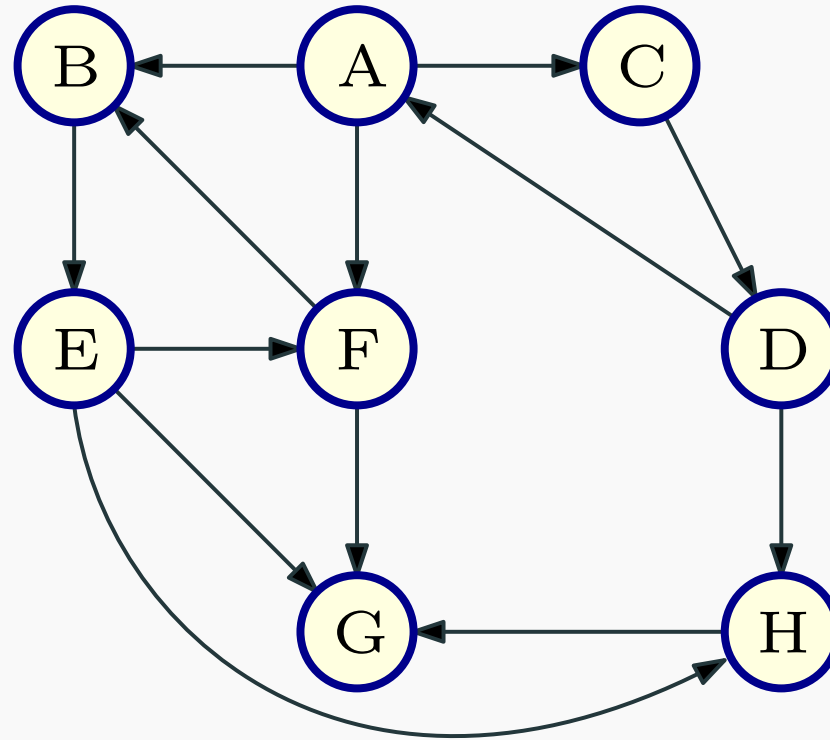
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Equivalence classes of  $C$ : strong connected components of  $G$ .  
They partition the vertices of  $G$ .

$\text{SCC}(u)$ : strongly connected component containing  $u$ .

# Strongly Connected Components: Example

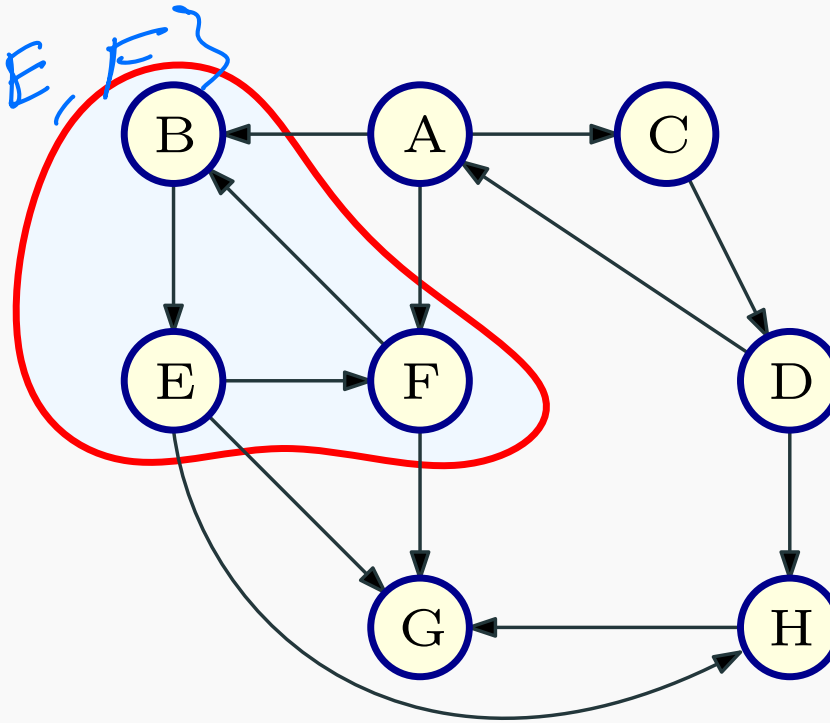


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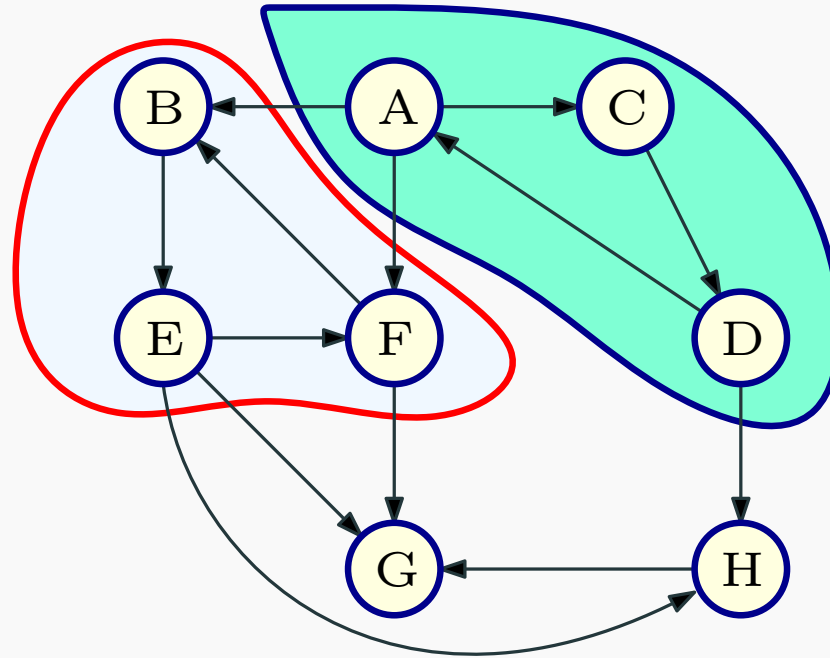
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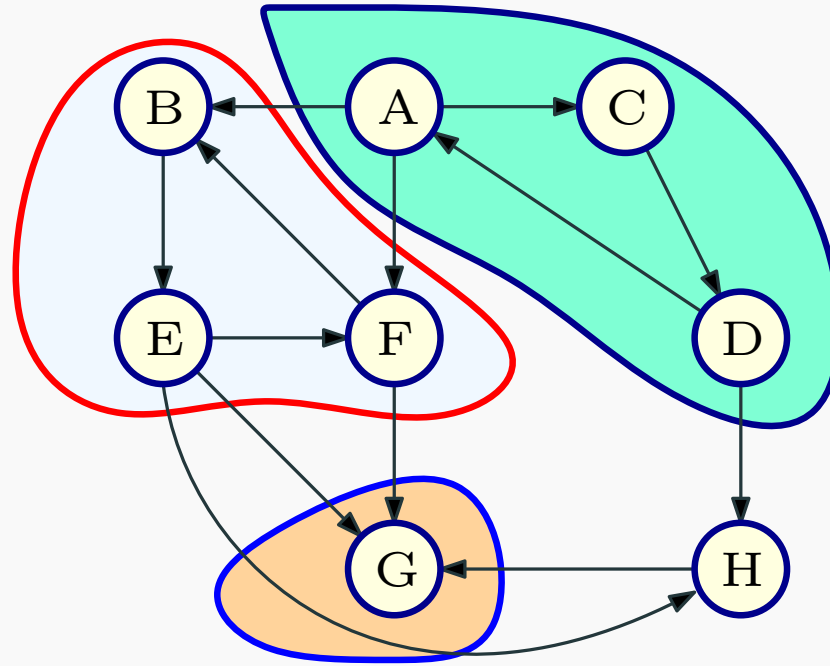
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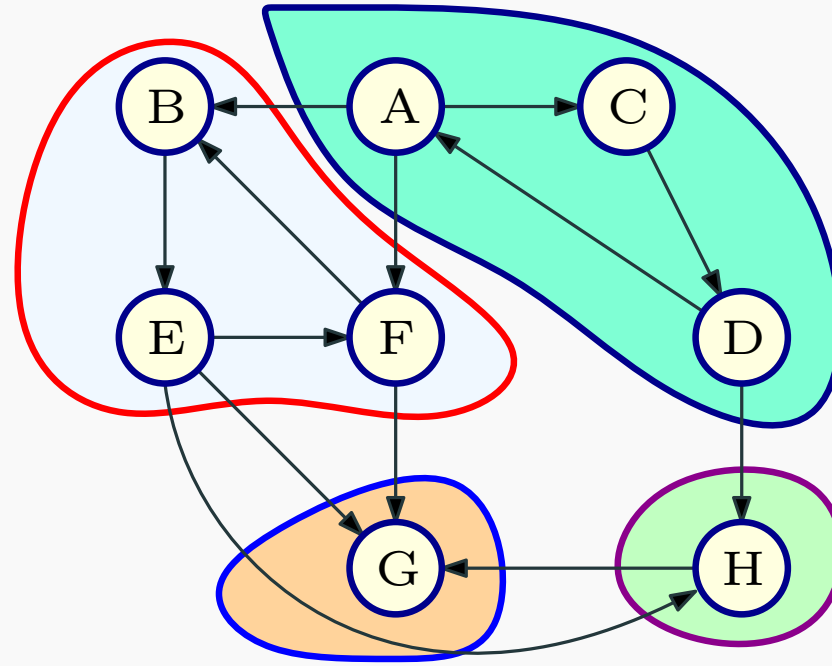
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# Directed Graph Connectivity Problems

- Given  $G$  and nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , can  $u$  reach  $v$ ?
- Given  $G$  and  $u$ , compute  $\text{rch}(u)$ .
- Given  $G$  and  $u$ , compute all  $v$  that can reach  $u$ , that is all  $v$  such that  $u \in \text{rch}(v)$ .
- Find the strongly connected component containing node  $u$ , that is  $\text{SCC}(u)$ .
- Is  $G$  strongly connected (a single strong component)?
- Compute all strongly connected components of  $G$ .

# Graph exploration in directed graphs

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# Basic Graph Search in Directed Graphs

Given  $G = (V, E)$  a directed graph and vertex  $u \in V$ . Let  $n = |V|$ .

**Explore**( $G, u$ ):

array *Visited*[1.. $n$ ]

Initialize: Set *Visited*[ $i$ ]  $\leftarrow$  **FALSE** for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

List: *ToExplore*,  $S$

Add  $u$  to *ToExplore* and to  $S$ , *Visited*[ $u$ ]  $\leftarrow$  **TRUE**

Make tree  $T$  with root as  $u$

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**if** (*Visited*[ $y$ ] = **FALSE**)

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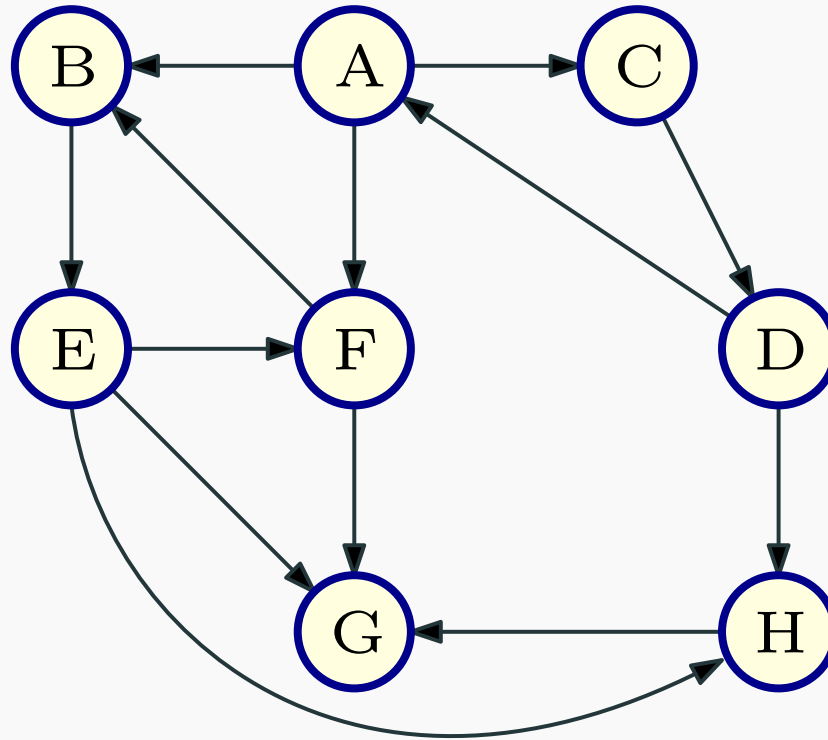
            Add  $y$  to *ToExplore*

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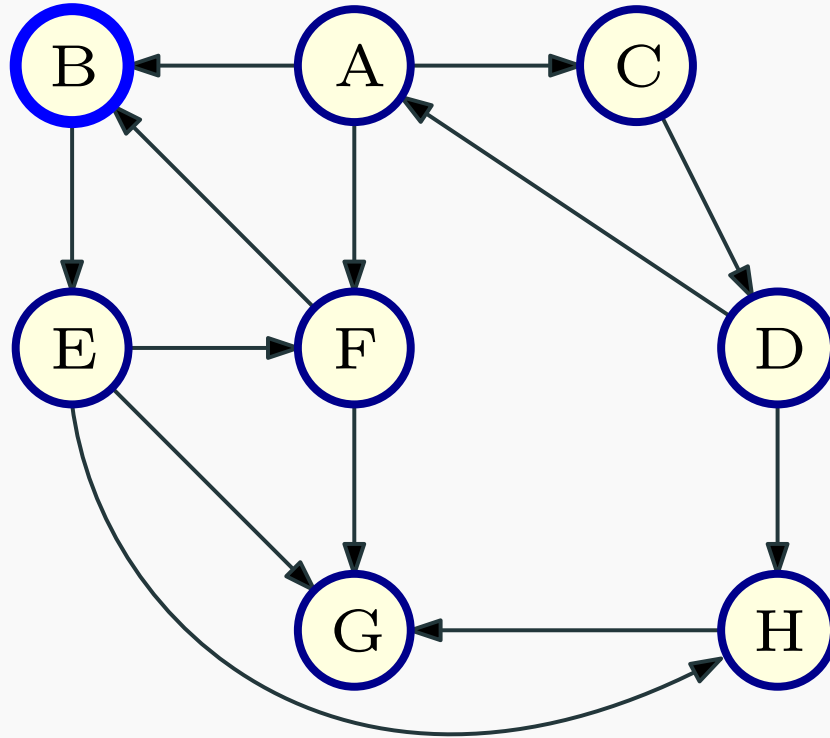
Output  $S$

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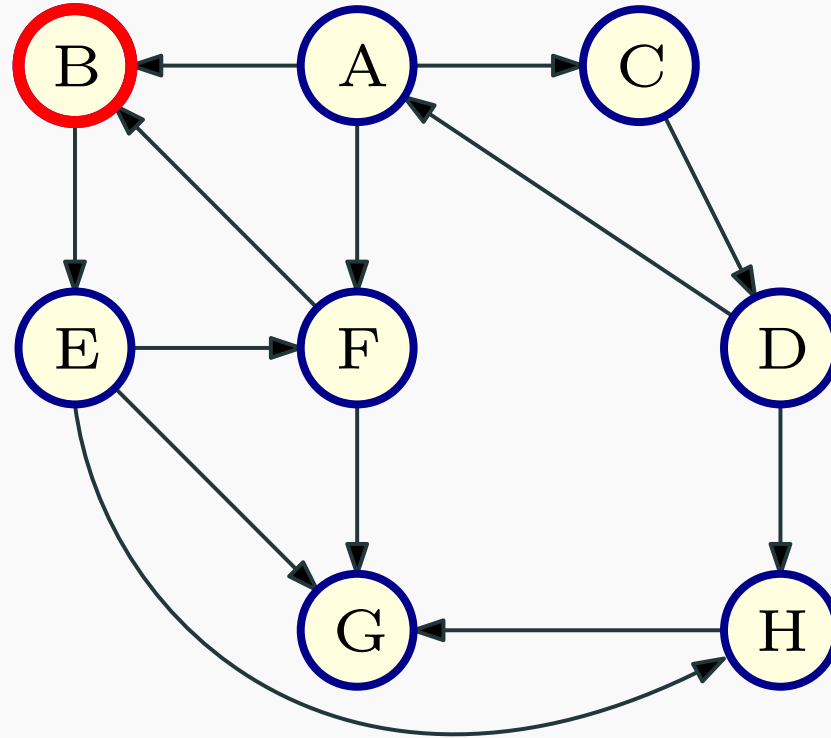


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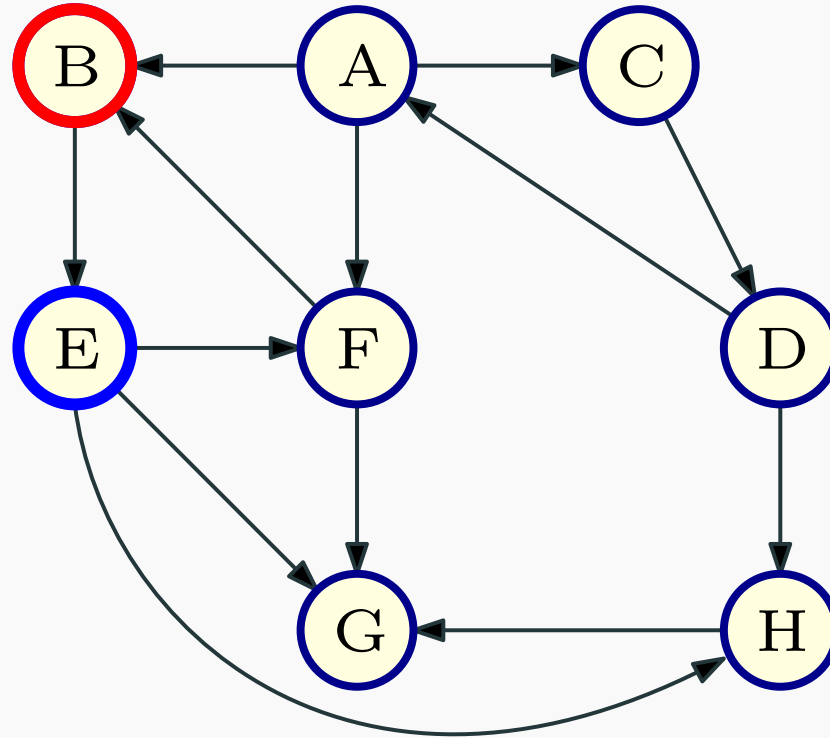
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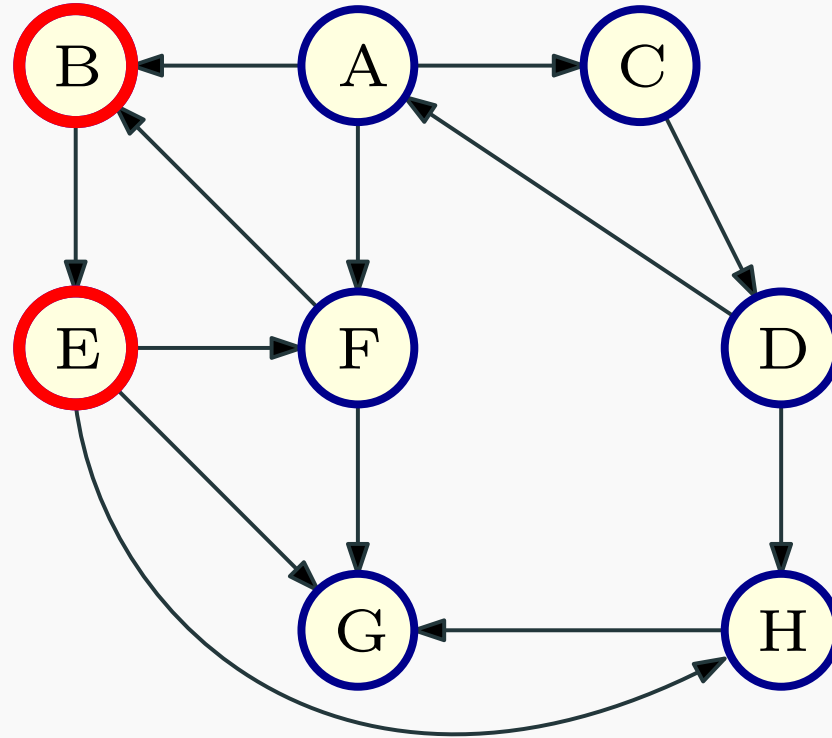
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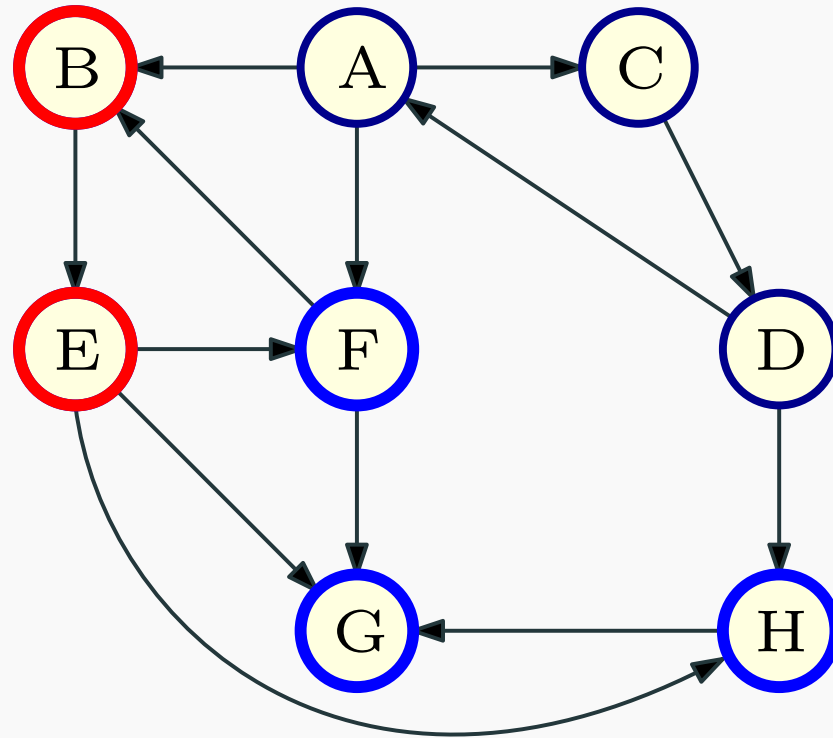
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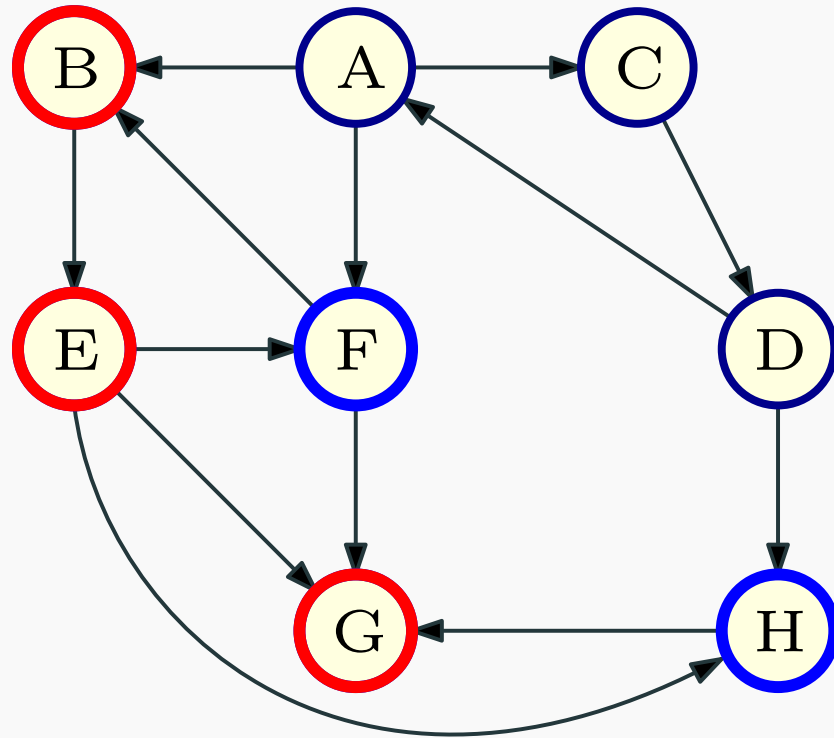
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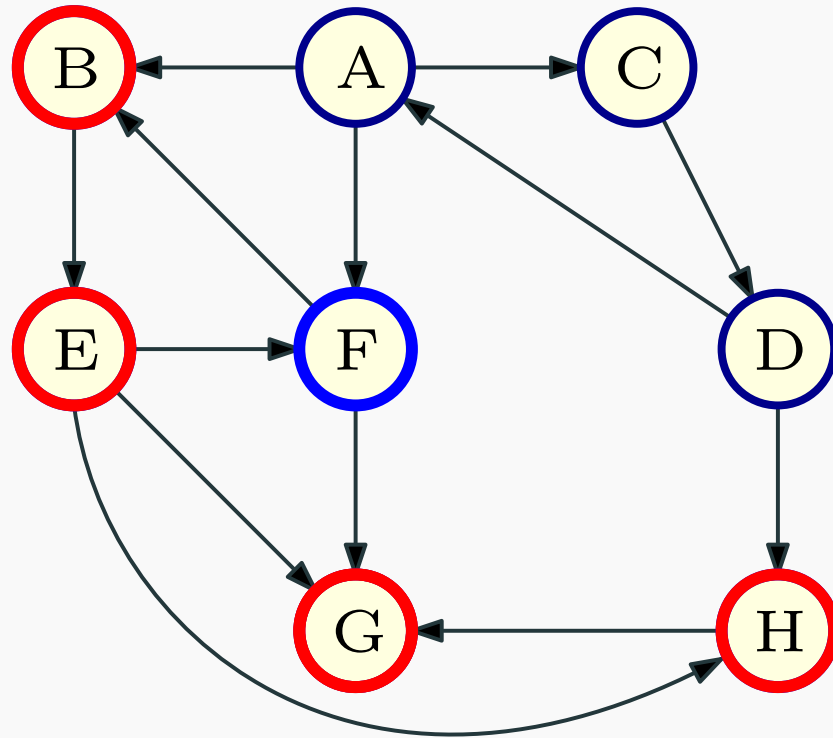


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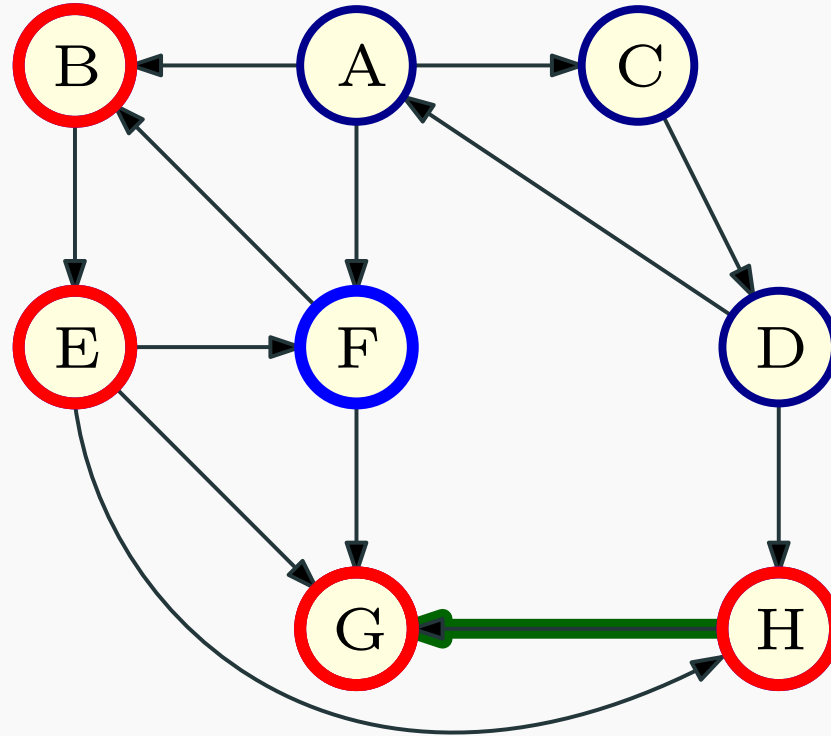




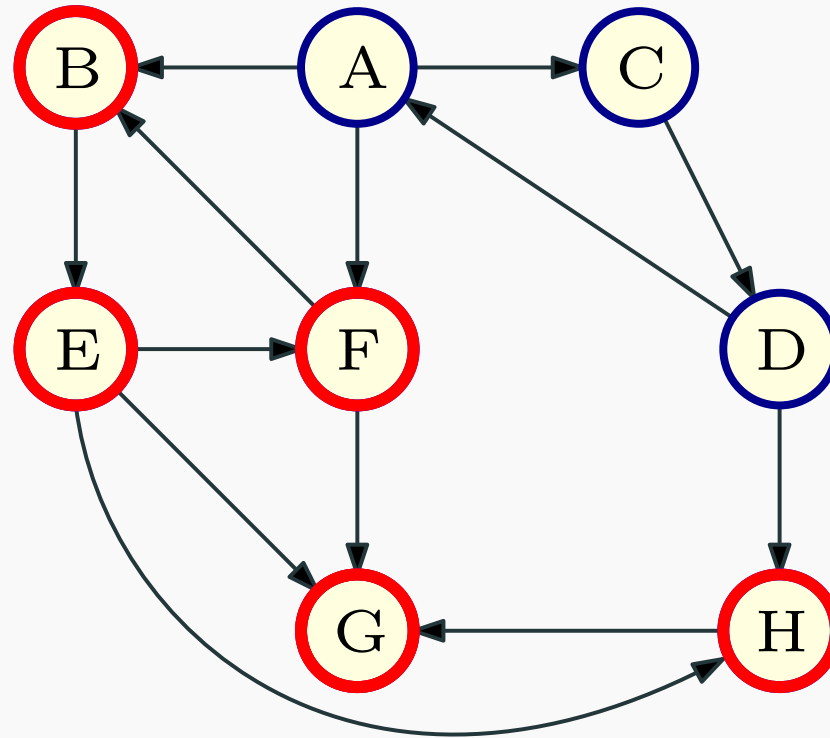
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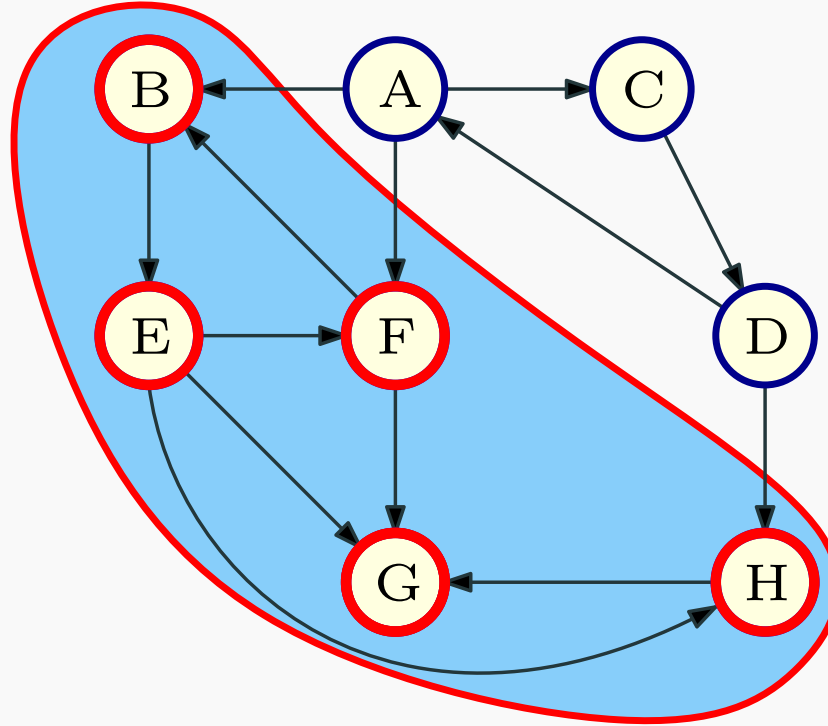


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$rch(B)$



# Properties of Basic Search

## Proposition

**Explore**( $G, u$ ) terminates with  $S = \mathbf{rch}(u)$ .

## Proof Sketch.

- Once  $Visited[i]$  is set to  $TRUE$  it never changes. Hence a node is added only once to  $ToExplore$ . Thus algorithm terminates in at most  $n$  iterations of while loop.
- By induction on iterations, can show  $v \in S \Rightarrow v \in \mathbf{rch}(u)$
- Since each node  $v \in S$  was in  $ToExplore$  and was explored, no edges in  $G$  leave  $S$ . Hence no node in  $V - S$  is in  $\mathbf{rch}(u)$ .  
Caveat: In directed graphs edges can enter  $S$ .
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# Algorithms via Basic Search

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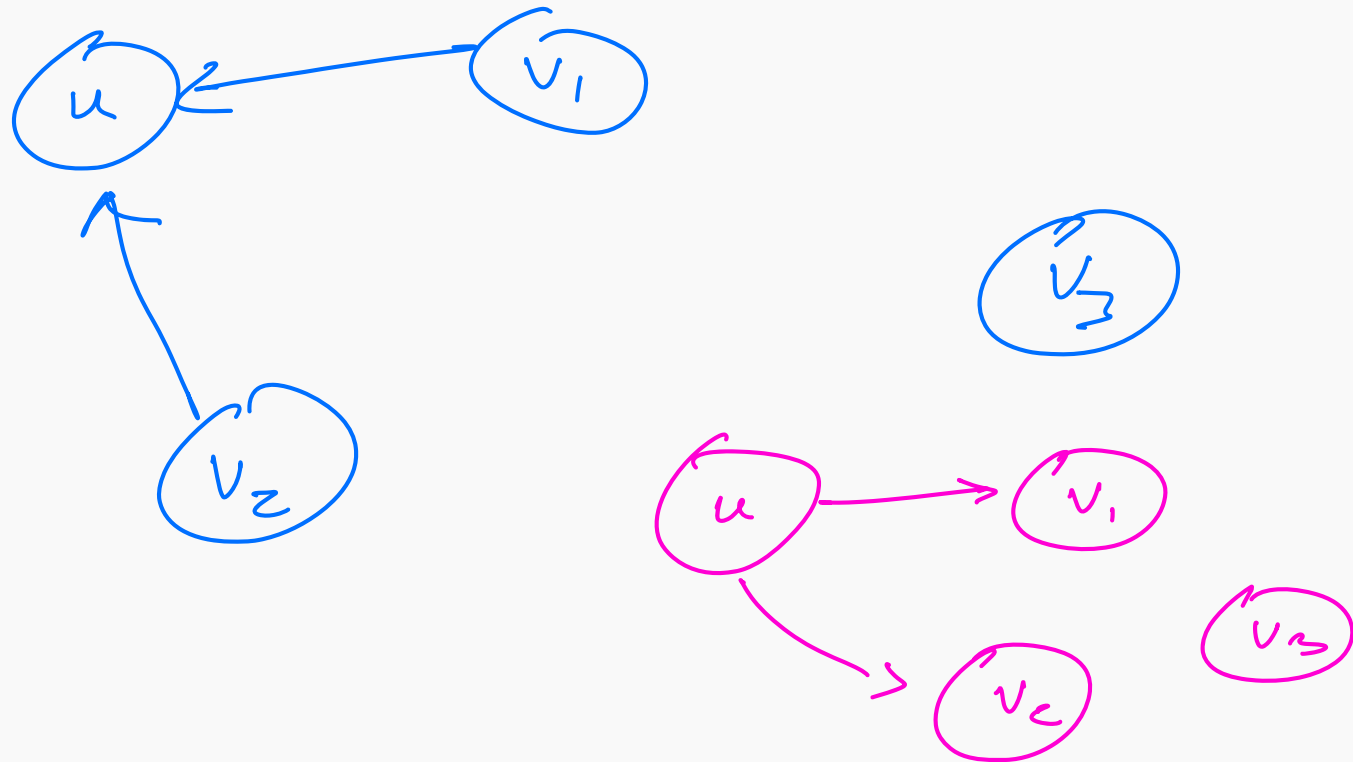
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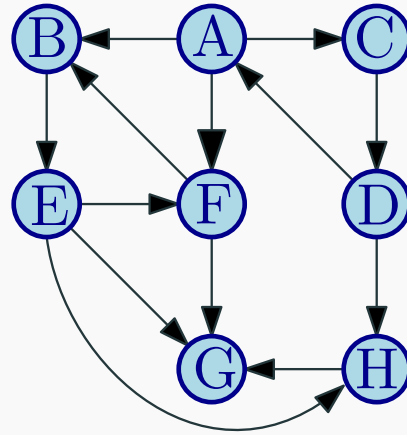
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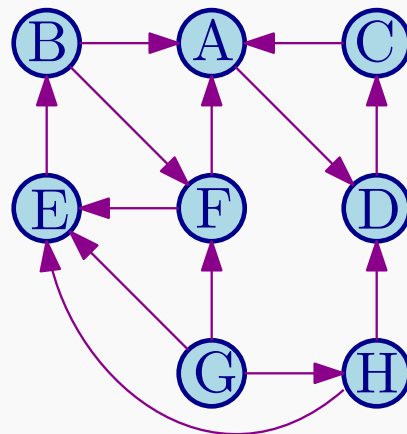
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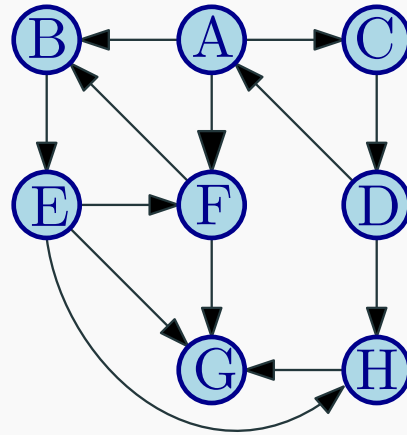
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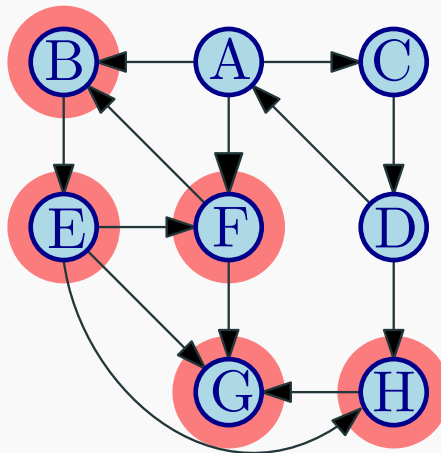
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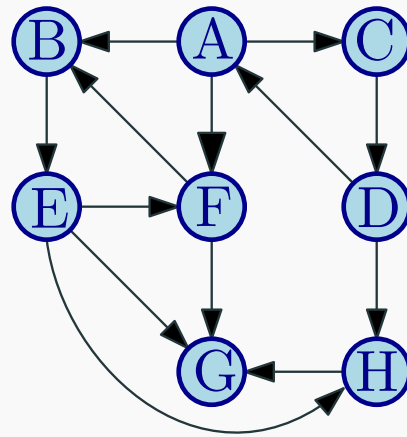
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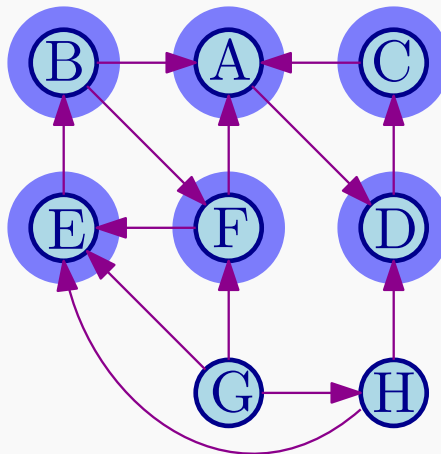
Reachable set of vertices from  $F$

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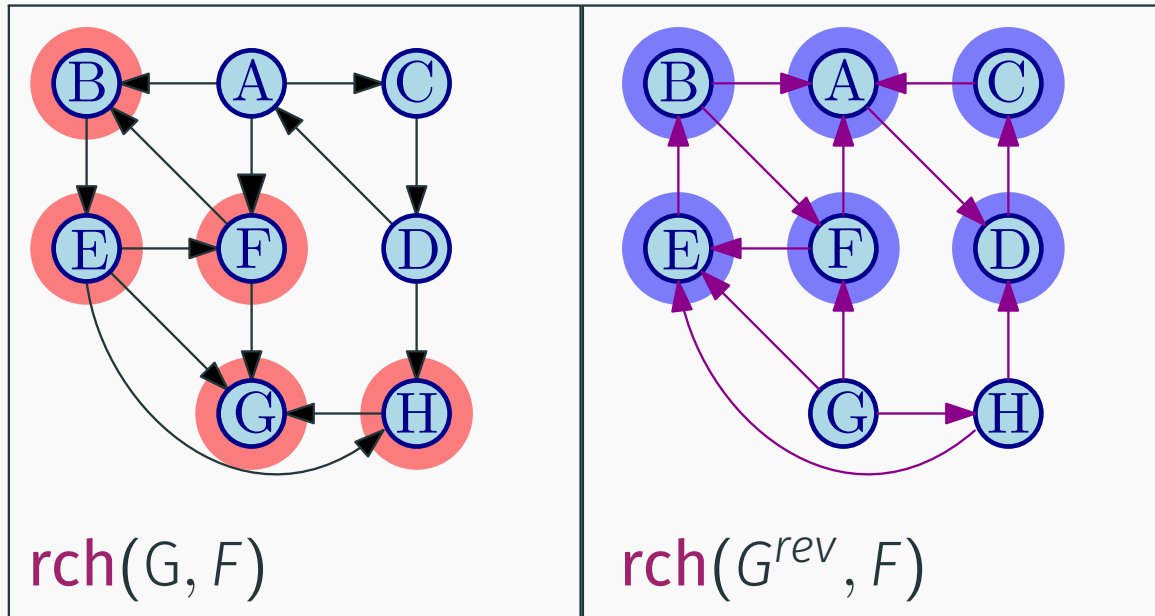
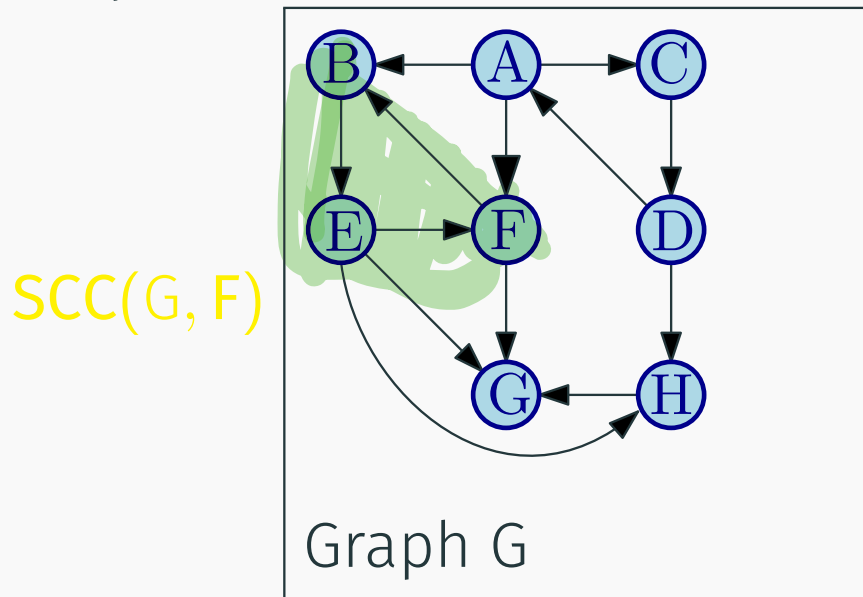


Graph  $G$



# SCC IV: ...

Graph  $G$  a vertex  $F$  and its strong connected component in  $G$ :



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Find out next time....

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