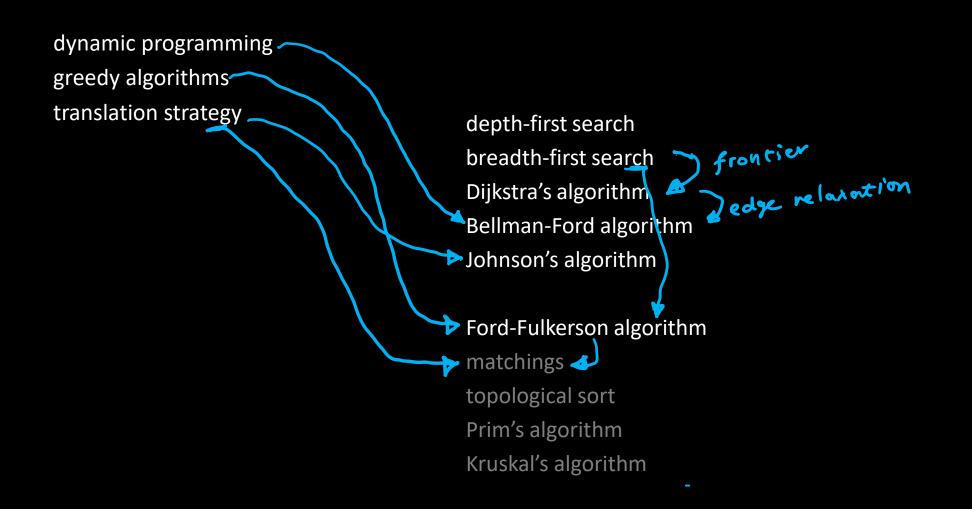
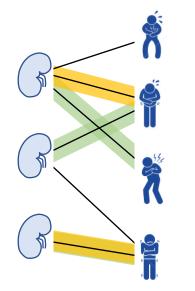
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SECTION 6.4 Matchings

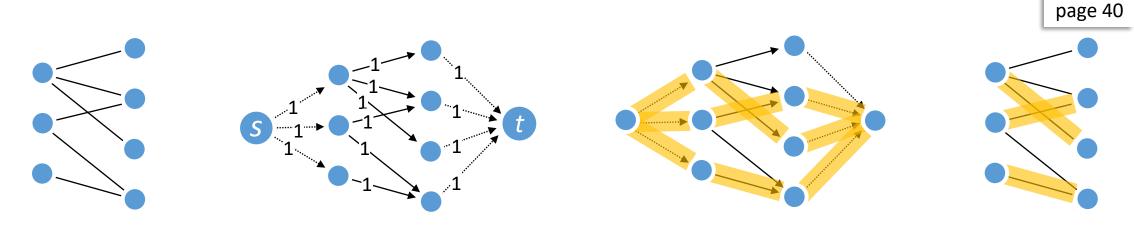


## DEFINITIONS

- A bipartite graph is an undirected graph in which the vertices are split into two sets, and all edges go between these sets
- A matching in a bipartite graph is a selection of edges, such that no vertex is connected to more than one of the edges
- The size of a matching is the number of edges it includes
- A maximum matching is one with the largest possible size

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Given a bipartite graph, find a maximum matching



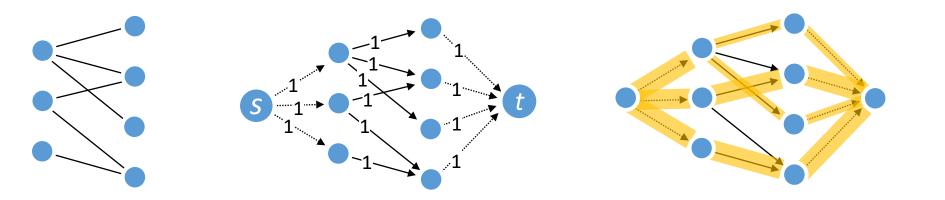
0. Given a bipartite graph ...

- 1. Build a helper graph:
- add source *s* and sink *t*
- add edges from s and to t

2. Solve max-flow on the helper graph, to find a maximum flow  $f^*$ 

3. Interpret the flow  $f^*$  as a matching

What's the bug in my thinking?



wtf?! This isn't the sort of flow 1 expected!

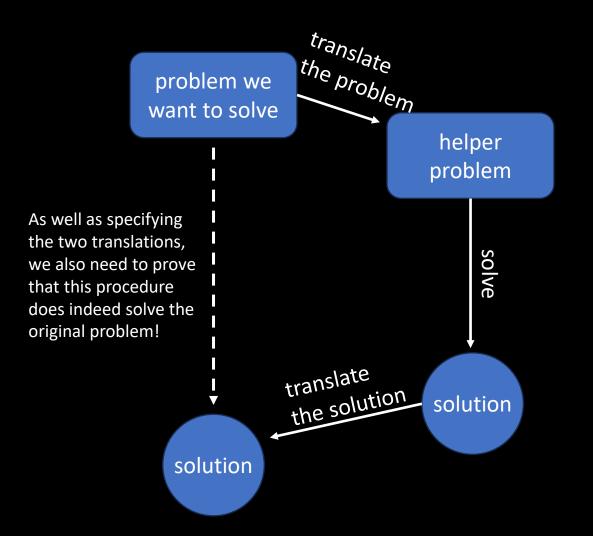
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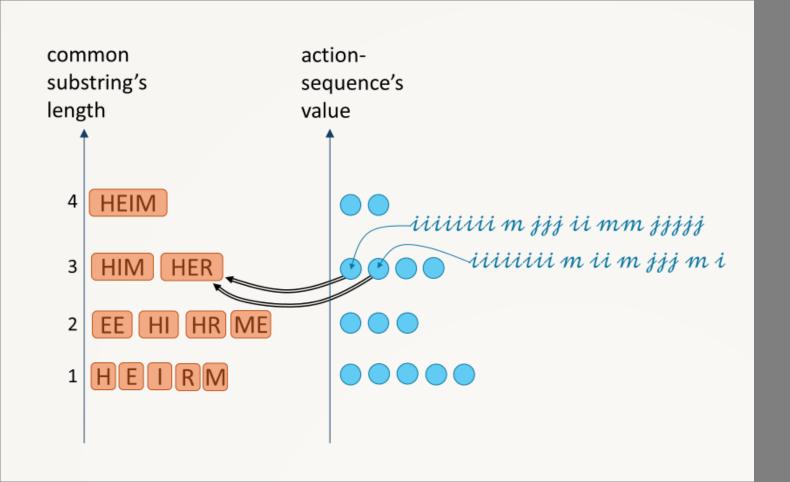
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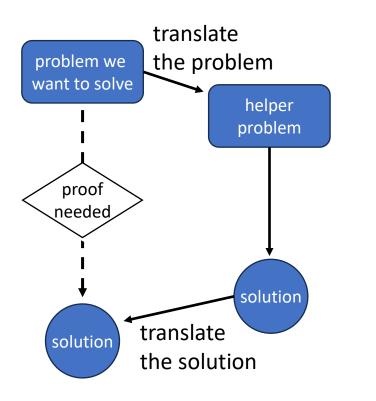
# The "Translation" strategy

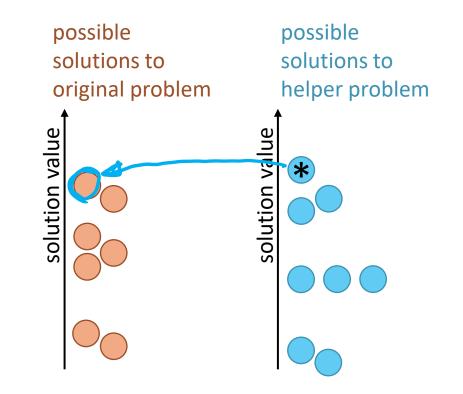


We used the translation strategy for finding the longest common substring using dynamic programming.



There's a common pattern when applying the translation strategy to optimization problems.





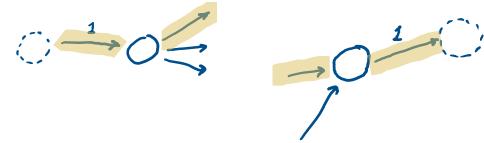
The typical way we prove correctness is ...

CLAIM1. The optimal helper solution *does* translate into a possible solution to the original problem

CLAIM2. This translation is optimal for the original problem

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Ford-Fulkerson will produce an integer flow, since all capacities are integer. Indeed, the flow on each edge must be either 0 or 1:



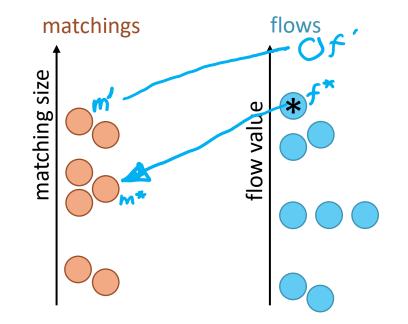
Thus, the capacity constraints tell us that, when we translate  $f^*$  into an edge selection, it meets the definition of "matching".

CLAIM2. This translation is optimal for the original problem

Suppose not, i.e. suppose the max flow  $f^*$  translates to a matching  $m^*$ , but there exists a larger-size matching m'.

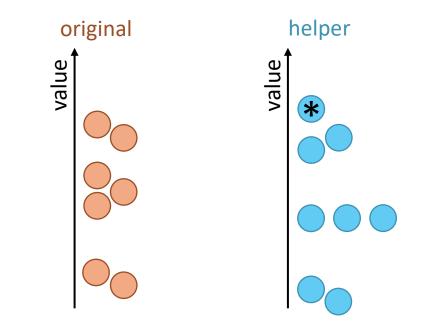
Note that when we translate matching ↔ flow in the obvious way, value(flow) = size(matching)

Since  $size(m') > size(m^*)$ , there is a flow f' whose value is strictly greater than the value of  $f^*$ . But this contradicts optimality of  $f^*$ .



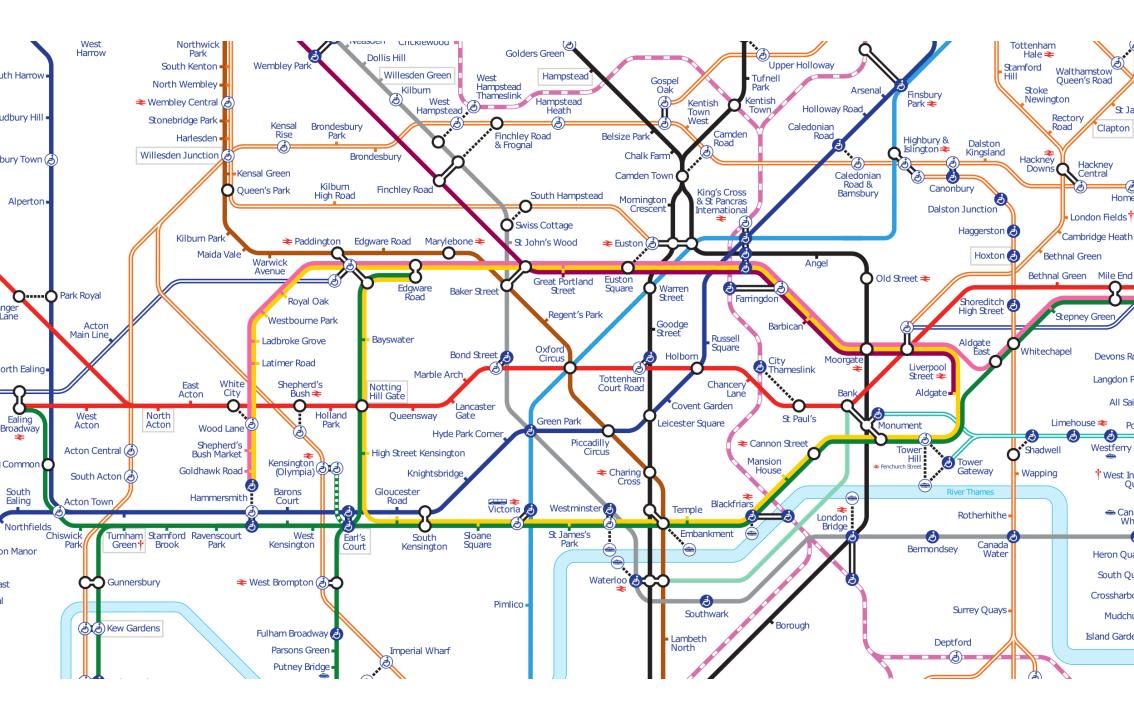
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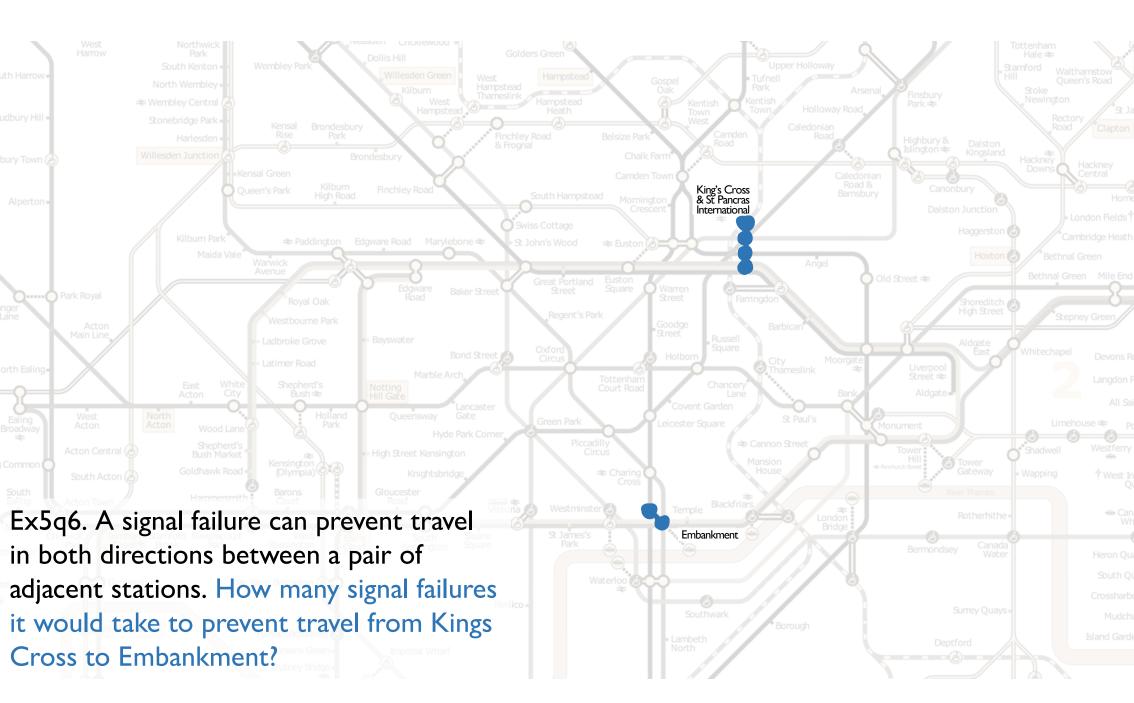
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For every problem where you propose using a "Translation" strategy, you have to

- invent the two translations (original problem → helper problem, helper solution → original solution)
- prove that your translations satisfy these two claims





# SECTION 6.7 Topological sort

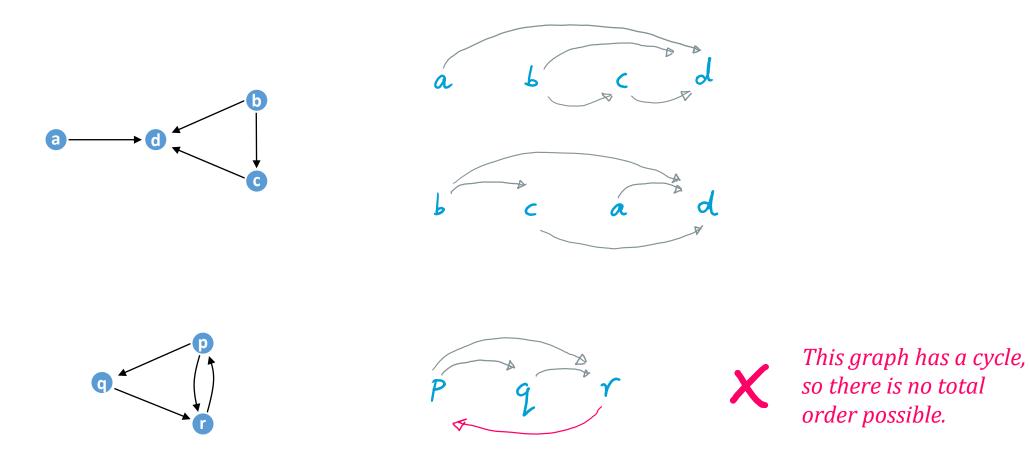
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### DEFINITION

Given a directed graph, a **total ordering** is an ordering of the vertices such that if there is an edge  $v \rightarrow u$  in the graph, then v < u in the ordering.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

Find a total ordering, if one exists.



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dynamic programming greedy algorithms — translation strategy

## heap

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depth-first search breadth-first search Dijkstra's algorithm Bellman-Ford algorithm Johnson's algorithm

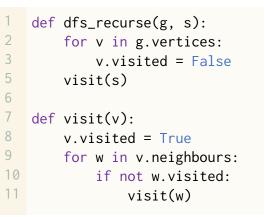
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Ford-Fulkerson algorithm matchings

Prim's algorithm Kruskal's algorithm

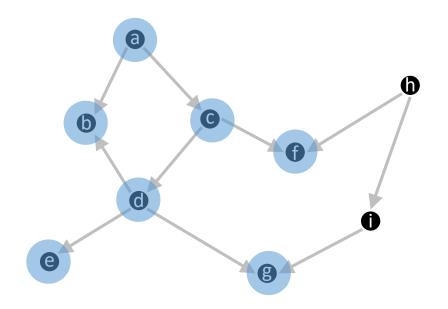
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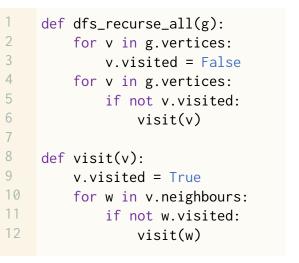
These are interesting ideas, worth pursuing. We'll pursue one of them: depth-first search.



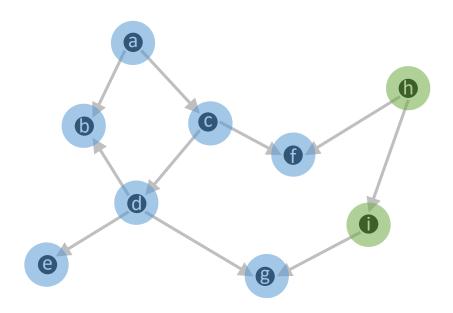
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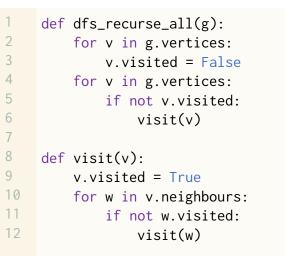
This might not even visit all vertices, so it might not produce a total order.





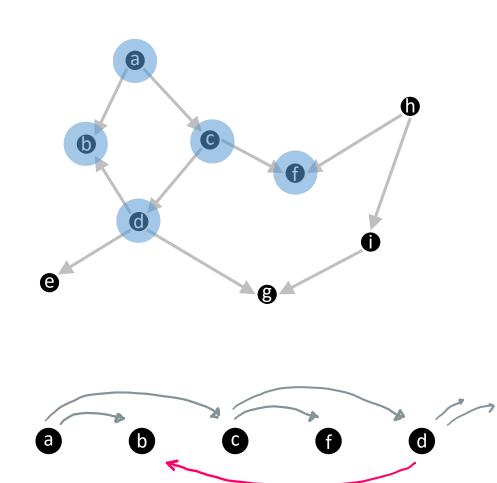
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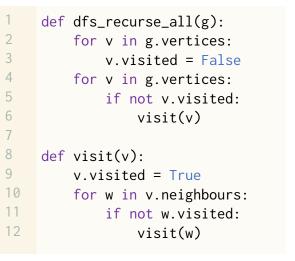




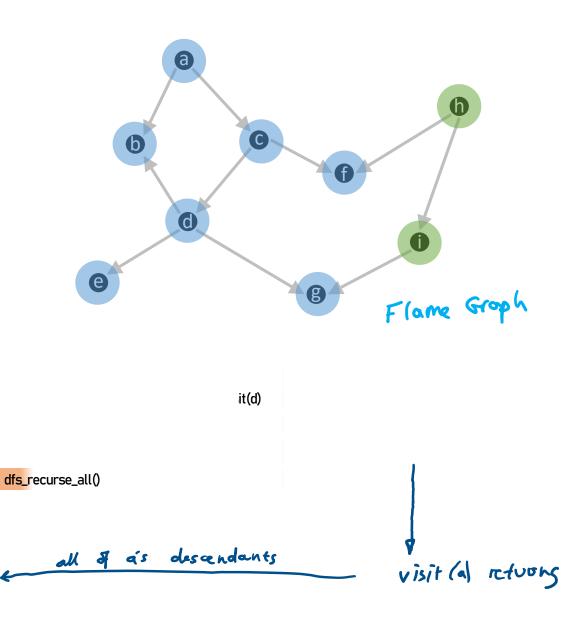
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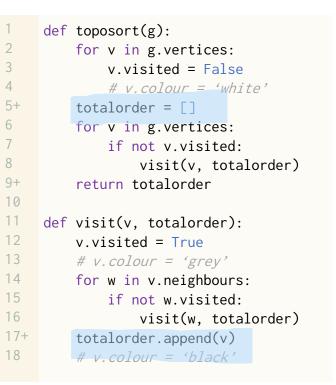
Some edges point backwards – not a total order.

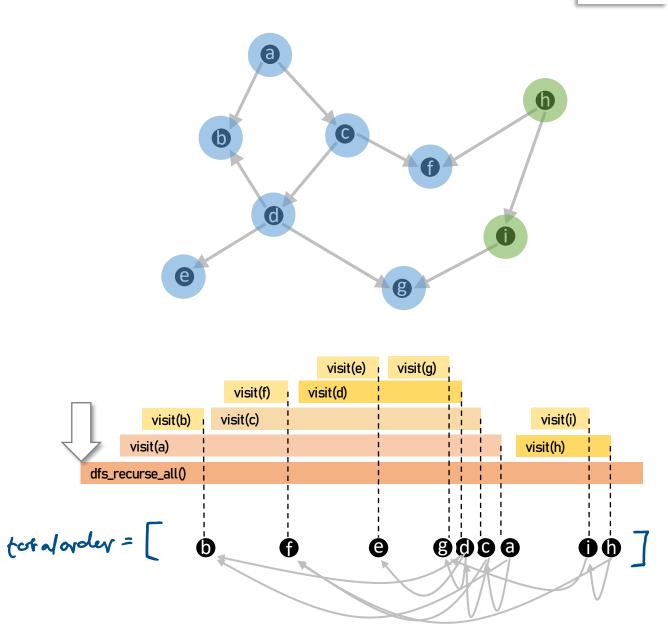




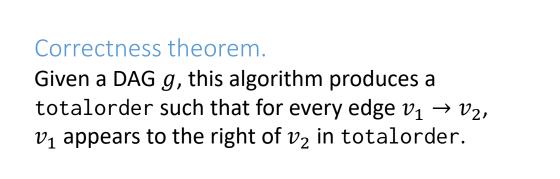
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1	<pre>def toposort(g):</pre>
2	for v in g.vertices:
3	v.visited = False
4	<i># v.colour = 'white'</i>
5+	totalorder = []
6	for v in g.vertices:
7	if not v.visited:
8	visit(v, totalorder
9+	return totalorder
10	
11	<pre>def visit(v, totalorder):</pre>
12	v.visited = True
13	# v.colour = 'grey'
14	for w in v.neighbours:
15	if not w.visited:
16	visit(w, totalorder
17+	<pre>totalorder.append(v)</pre>
18	# v.colour = 'black'



#### Performance analysis.

It has running time O(V + E), just like depth-first search.

DAG = directed acyclic graph.

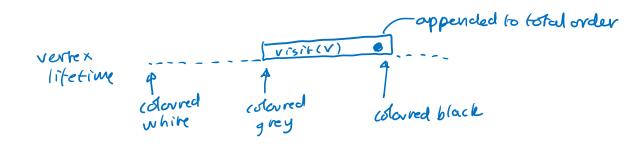
We've already seen that if there *are* cycles then it's impossible for there to be a total order.

The theorem tells us that the converse is also true: if there *aren't* any cycles then  $\exists$  a total order.

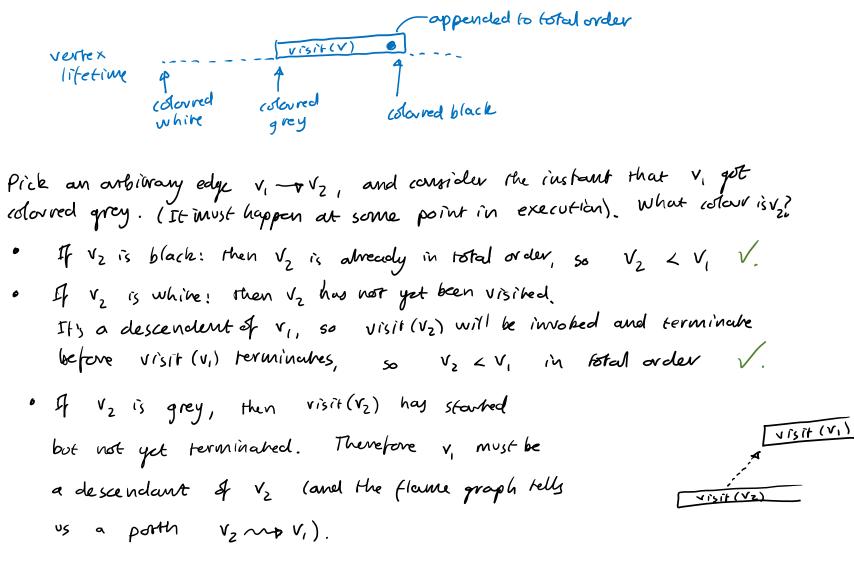
Correctness theorem. Given a DAG g, this algorithm returns a totalorder such that for every edge  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$ , totalorder has  $[\cdots v_2 \cdots v_1 \cdots]$ .

Proof First, the algorithm must terminate (because of how it uses the 'visited' flag.) (We have to prove termination first. If it doesn't terminate, it can't return anything.!)

Next, we prove the claim using the "breakpoint" strategy. We'll talk about "vertex colours", as set in the comments of the code. These colours are a way to express "what has happened in the past" in terms of "colours of the vertices right now". It's just to some us some circumlocution.



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But  $v_1 - v_2$  by assumption, hence there's a cycle, which contradicts air DAG assumption.

## An alternative approach to finding a total order

#### Preorders

**Definition 139** A preorder  $(P, \sqsubseteq)$  consists of a set P and a relation  $\sqsubseteq$  on P (*i.e.*  $\sqsubseteq \in \mathcal{P}(P \times P)$ ) satisfying the following two axioms.

► Reflexivity.

 $\forall x \in P. x \sqsubseteq x$ 

► Transitivity.

 $\forall x, y, z \in \mathsf{P}. \ (x \sqsubseteq y \land y \sqsubseteq z) \implies x \sqsubseteq z$ 

**Definition 140** A partial order, or poset<sup>a</sup>, is a preorder ( $P, \subseteq$ ) that further satisfies

► Antisymmetry.

 $\forall x, y \in P. (x \sqsubseteq y \land y \sqsubseteq x) \implies x = y$ 

<sup>a</sup>(standing for *partially ordered set*)

**Theorem 141** For  $R \subseteq A \times A$ , let

 $\mathfrak{F}_{R} \ = \ \left\{ \ Q \subseteq A \times A \ \mid \ R \subseteq Q \ \land \ Q \ \textit{is a preorder} \ \right\} \quad .$ 

Then, (i)  $R^{\circ*} \in \mathfrak{F}_R$  and (ii)  $R^{\circ*} \subseteq \bigcap \mathfrak{F}_R$ . Hence,  $R^{\circ*} = \bigcap \mathfrak{F}_R$ .

Let  $x \sqsubseteq y$  mean "y depends on x". This is a partial order (and the theorem explains why partial orders correspond to directed acyclic graphs).

- Might this lead to an efficient algorithm? If we have V vertices is items to be sarred, and E edges is relations,
  - sorting algorithms are O(V<sup>2</sup>) or O(Vlg V)
  - DFS-based toposort is O(V+E)
  - E = V2

so, on highly connected graphs, sorting algorithms might do better.

**IDEA.** Think through all our sorting algorithms, and see if they can be adapted to work with partial orders.