

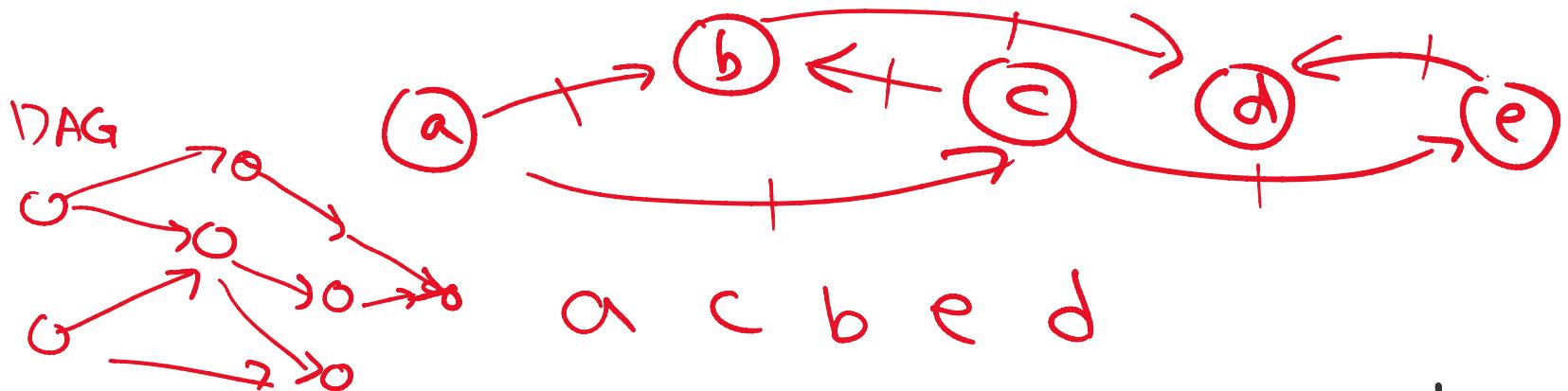
# Applications of DFS

## Topological Sort

Given dir graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,

find a vertex ordering s.t.

$\forall (u, v) \in E \Rightarrow u \text{ appears before } v$



Rmk: if  $G$  has cycle, no sol'n exists  
So assume  $G$  is acyclic (DAG)

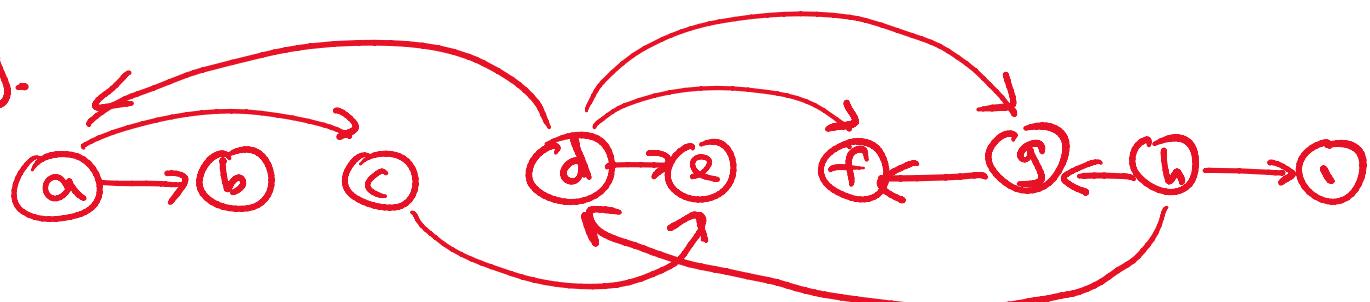
first idea - find a source vertex  $u$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{in-deg}(u)=0}$   
 output  $u$   
 remove  $u$  & repeat

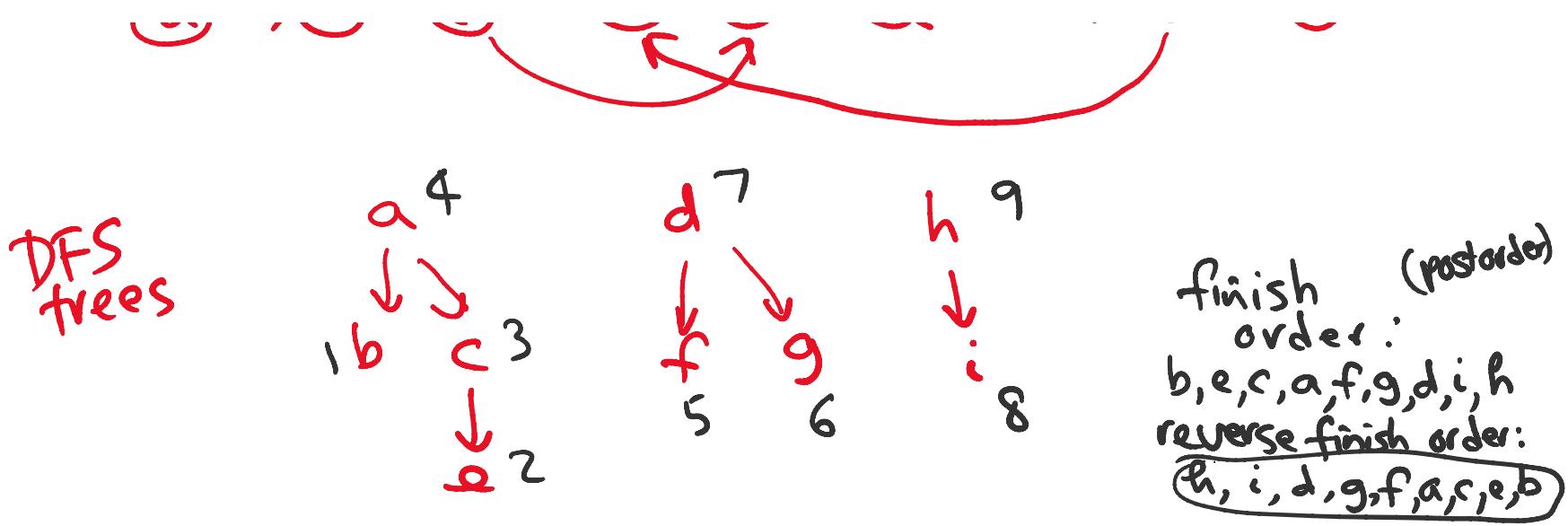
how to find a source?

run DFS ALL( $G$ )

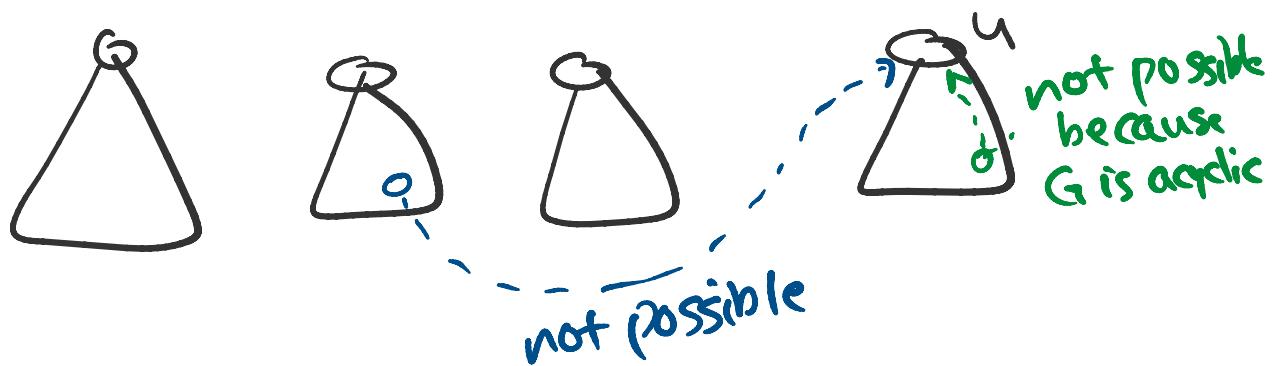
Pick  $u = \text{last vertex finished}$

e.g.





Correctness Pf (Sketch): By contradiction.



How to remove? do nothing! (no need to re-run DFS)

Final Alg'm:

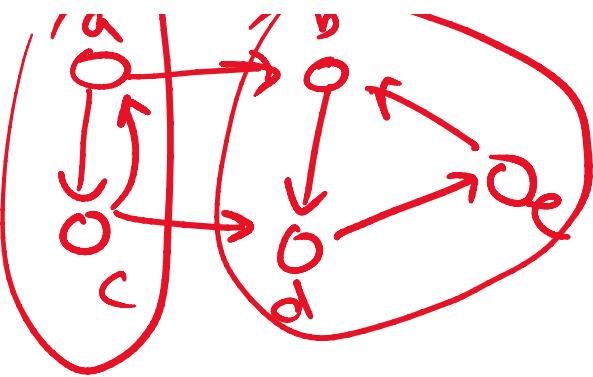
1. run DFSAll(G)
2. output vertices in reverse order of finish

$\Rightarrow \boxed{O(m+n)}$  time

Corollary  $\exists$  topological sort  
 $\iff$  G is a DAG.

## Strongly Connected Components





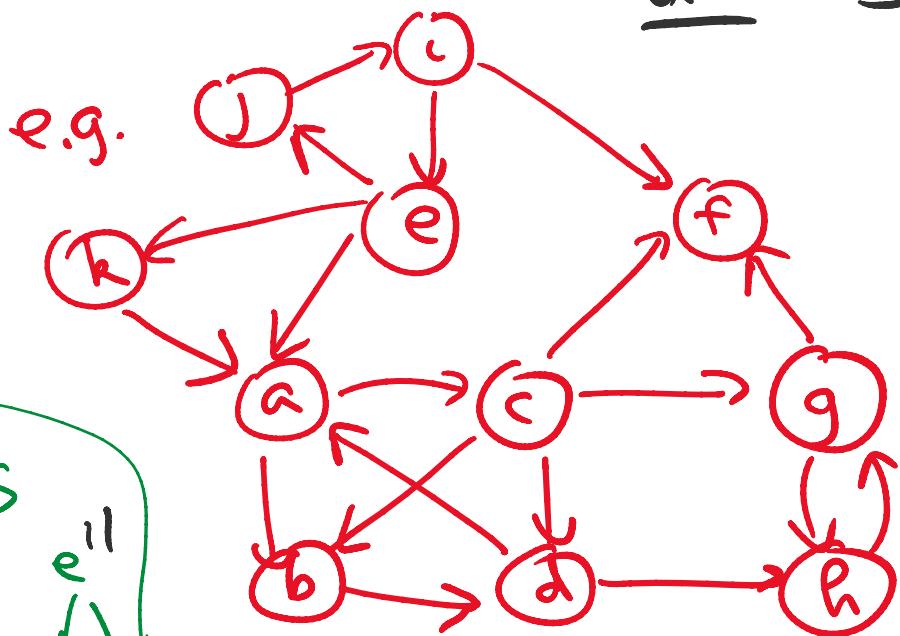
Given dir graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  
partition  $V$  into components s.t.

$u, v$  in same component

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$  path  $u \rightsquigarrow v$

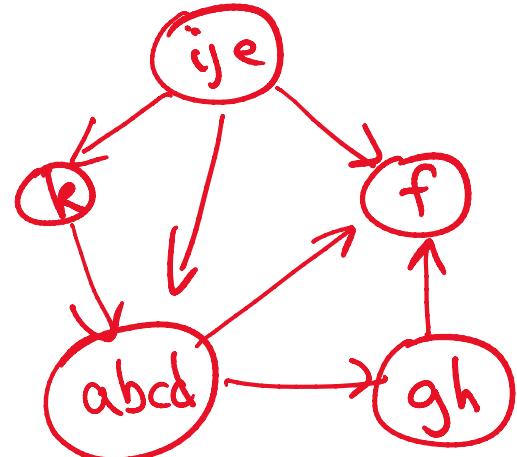
and  $\exists$  path  $v \rightsquigarrow u$

(equiv relation)



DFS

a 1  
↓  
b 5  
↓  
c 6  
↓  
d 4  
↓  
b 3  
↓  
g 2  
↓  
f 1



Meta-graph  
(must be a DAG)

$\{i,j,e\}, \{a,b,c,d\}, \{g,h\}, \{f\}, \{k\}$

(appl'n - control flow in programs, ...  
Simplifying dir graphs (into DAG))

### Naive approaches

- test reachability for every pair by  $O(n^2)$  BFS/DFS  $\Rightarrow O(n(m+n))$  time
- find cycles  
contract, repeat



History: Purdom '68  
.. .. '71

$O(n^2)$   
 $n(m+n \log n)$

History:	Purdom '68 Munro '71 Tarjan '72	$O(n)$ $O(m+n \log n)$ $O(m+n)$ complicated
	Kosaraju '78 Sharir '81	$\} O(m+n)$ simpler

**first idea:** find a vertex  $u$  in some source component of meta-graph

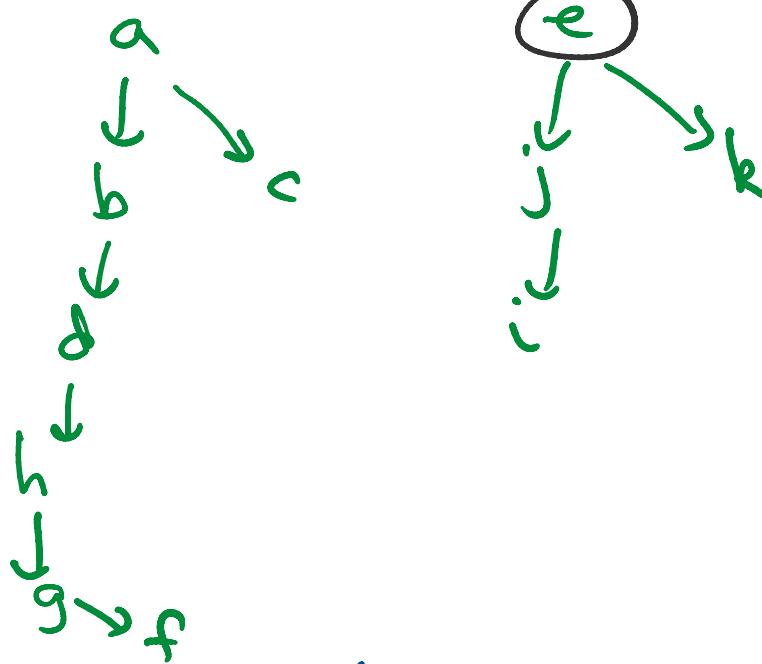
find u's component  
remove & repeat

how to find in a vertex in a source component?

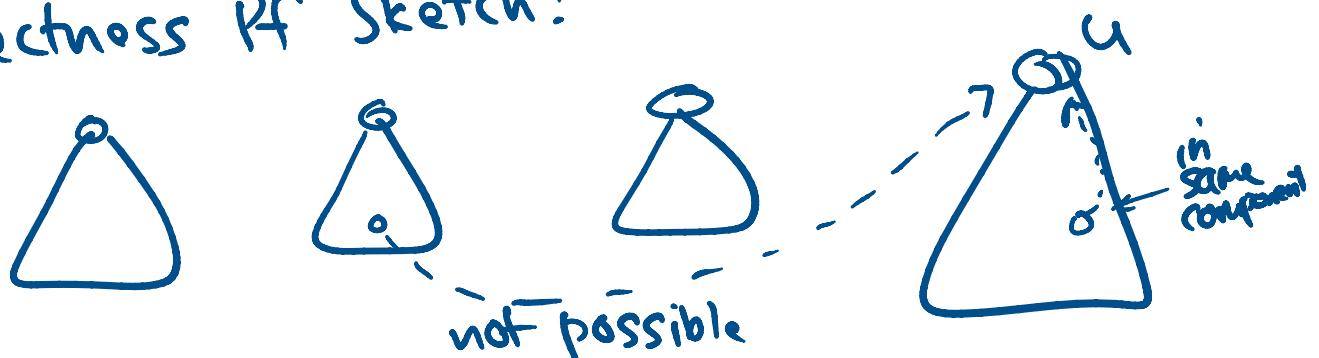
run DFSAll(G)

pick  $u = \text{last vertex finished}$

e.g. DFS trees



## Correctness Pf' Sketch:



how to find u's component?

all vertices  $v$  s.t.  $v \sim u$

by running DFS in reverse graph  $G^r$   
from  $u$

how to remove?

do nothing

(no need to re-run the 2 DFSSs)

Final Alg'm:

1. run DFSAll( $G$ ), label vertices by finish order

2. run DFSAll( $G^r$ ), preferring larger labels when picking roots

Simple!

$\Rightarrow$

$O(m+n)$  time

