CS3000: Algorithms & Data
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Lecture 15:

- Depth First Search
- Topological Sorting
- Shortest Paths

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Depth-First Search (DFS)

Exploring a Graph

- **Problem:** Is there a path from s to t?
- **Idea:** Explore all nodes reachable from s.

- Two different search techniques:
  - **Breadth-First Search:** explore nearby nodes before moving on to farther away nodes
  - **Depth-First Search:** follow a path until you get stuck, then go back

Depth-First Search

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explored[u] = 0 ∀u

DFS(u):
  explored[u] = 1

  for ((u,v) in E):
    if (explored[v]=0):
      parent[v] = u
      DFS(v)
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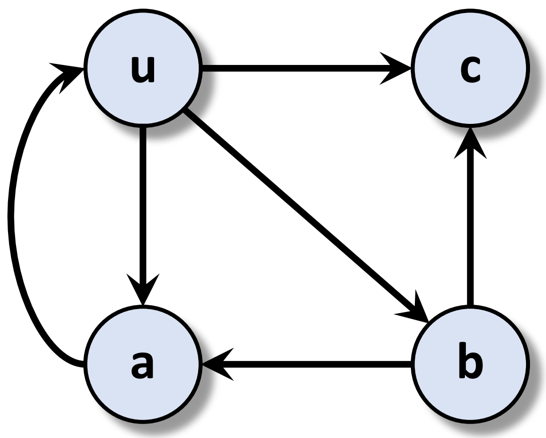

Activity: Draw the BFS and DFS Trees (starting at s)

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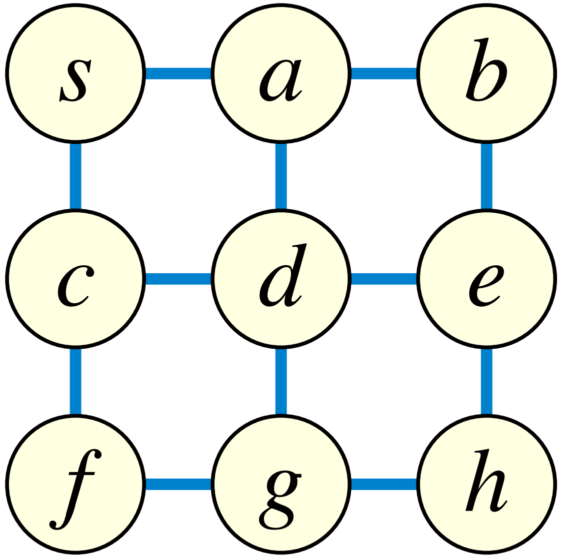
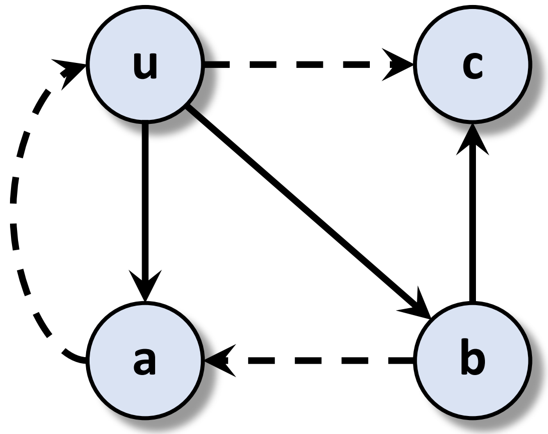


Depth-First Search

- **Fact:** The parent-child edges form a (directed) tree
- **Each edge has a type:**
  - **Tree edges:** $(u, a), (u, c), (c, b)$
    - These are the edges that explore new nodes
  - **Forward edges:** (u, b)
    - Ancestor to descendant
  - **Backward edges:** (a, u)
    - Descendant to ancestor
  - **Cross edges:** (c, a)
    - No ancestral relation



Pre-Ordering

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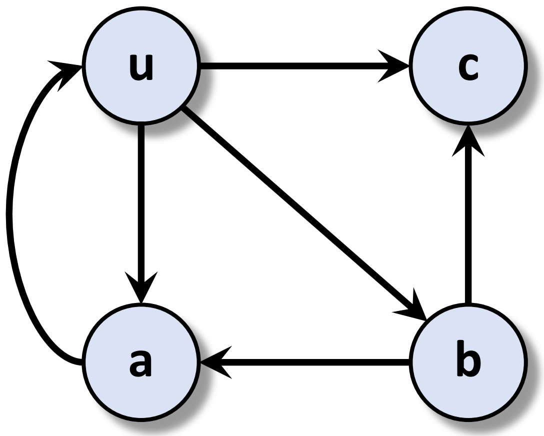

Vertex	Pre-Order

- Maintain a counter `clock`, initially set `clock = 1`
- `pre-visit(u):`

  `set preorder[u]=clock, clock=clock+1`

Post-Ordering

- Order the vertices by when they were **last** visited by DFS

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  post-visit(u)
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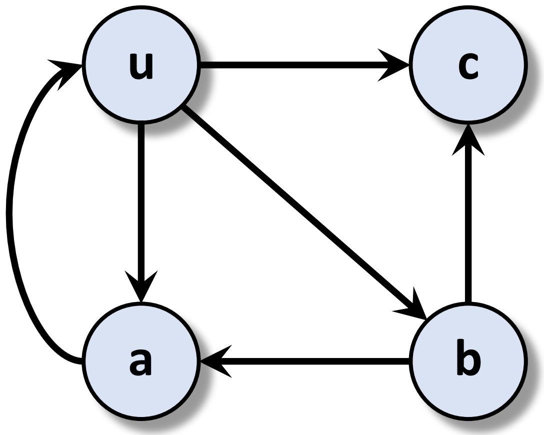

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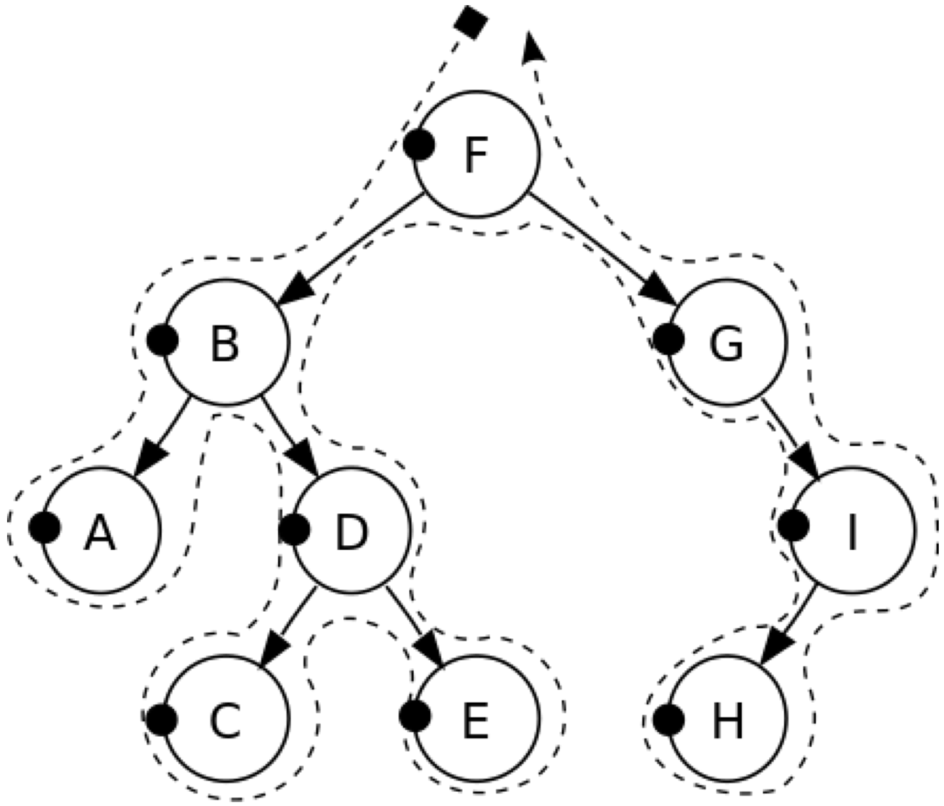
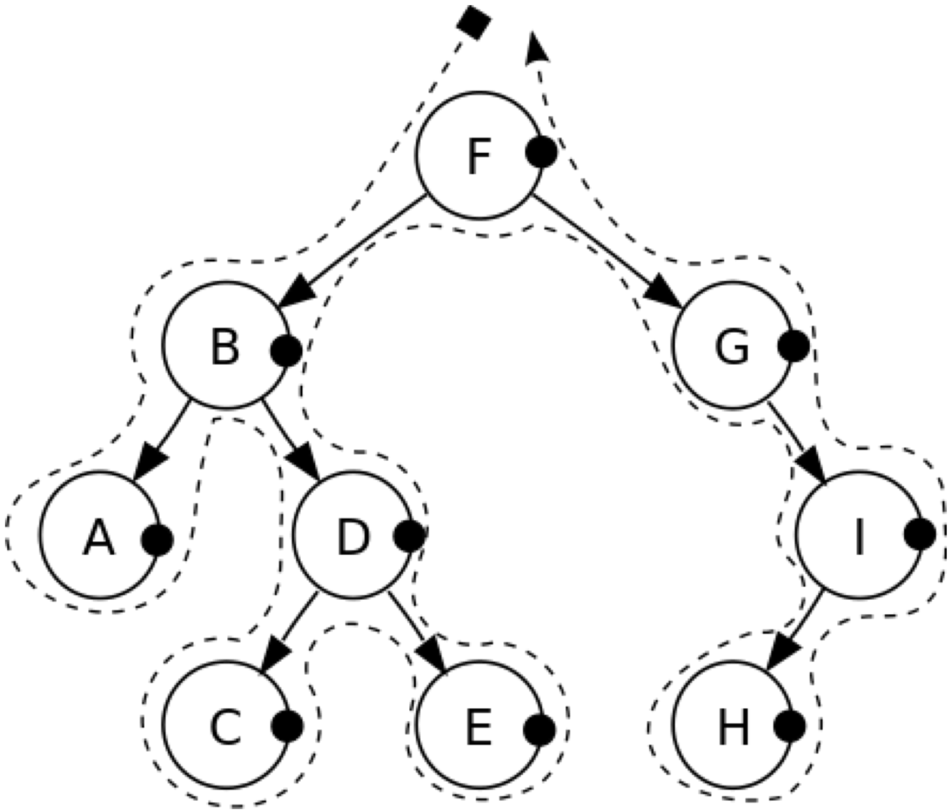
Preorder versus postorder



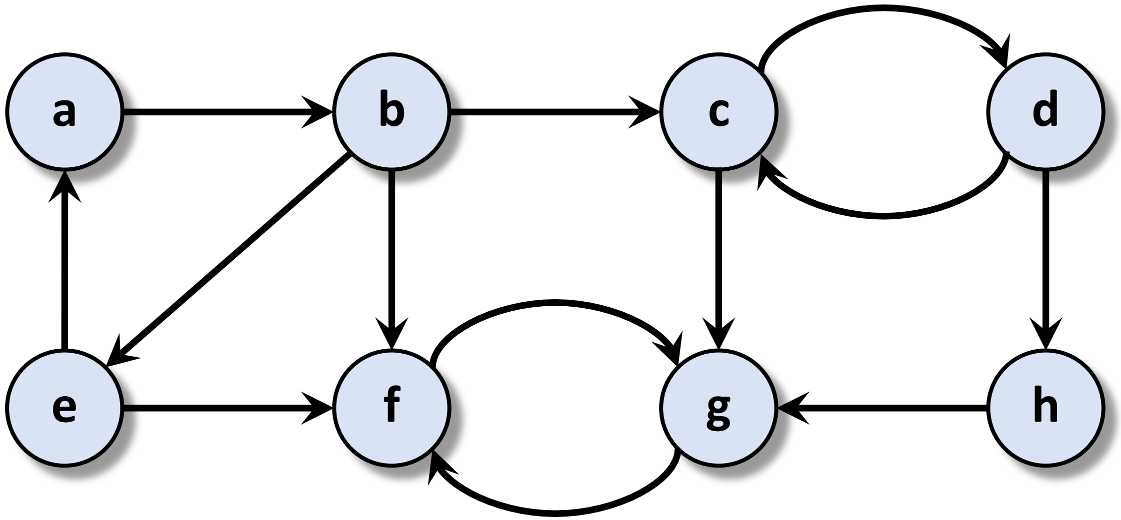
Pre-order: F, B, A, D, C, E, G, I, H.



Post-order: A, C, E, D, B, H, I, G, F.

Activity

- Compute the **post-order** of this graph
  - DFS from $\boldsymbol{a}$, search in alphabetical order



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Activity

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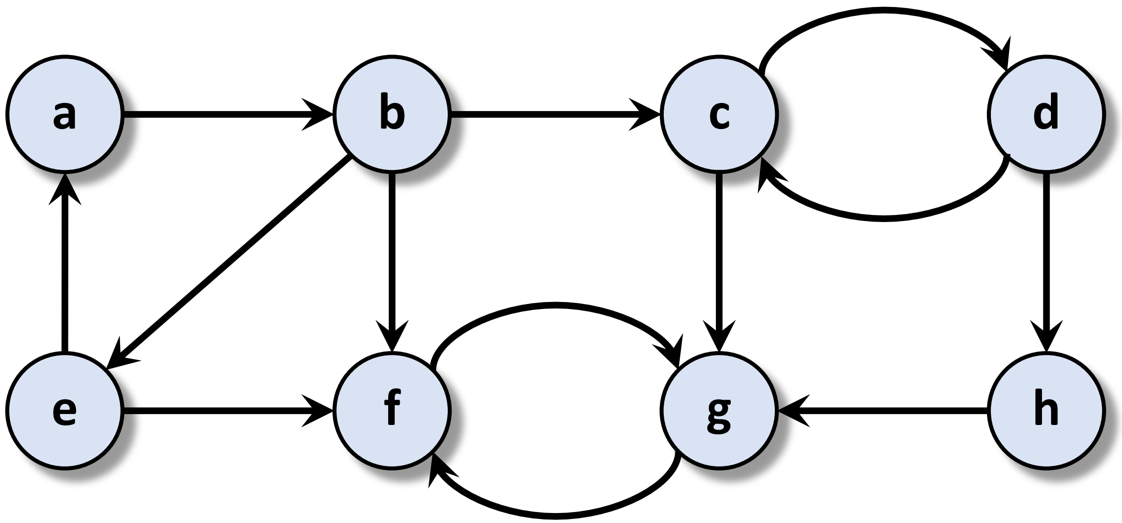


Vertex	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
Post-Order	8	7	5	4	6	1	2	3

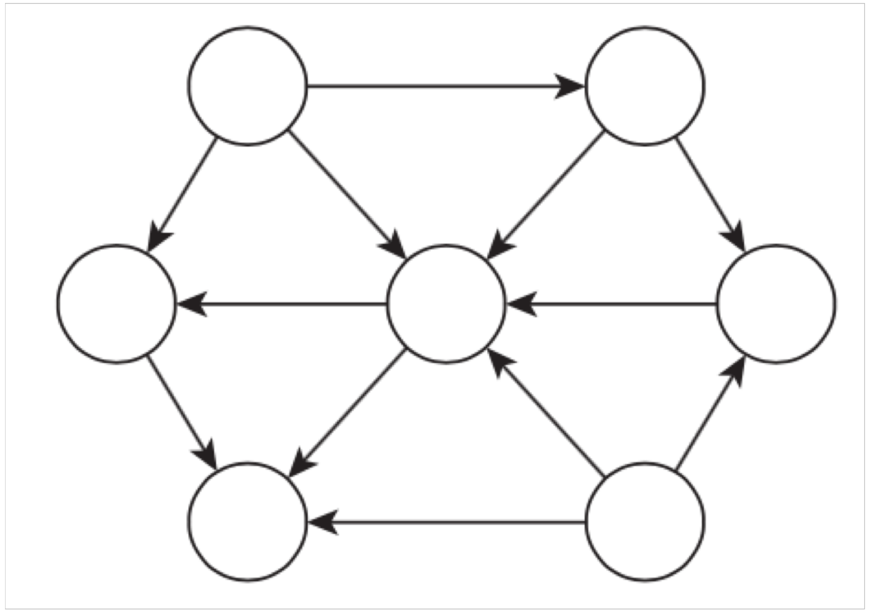
Observation about postordering

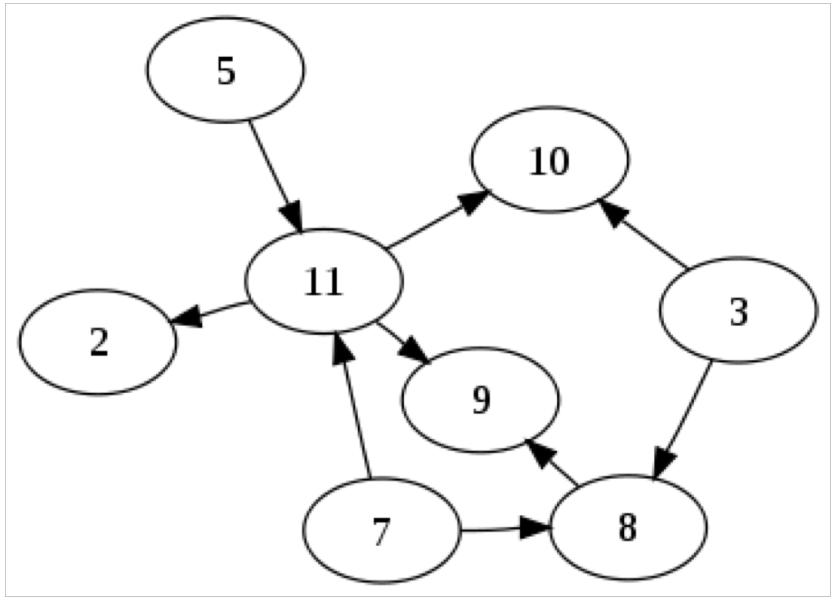
- **Observation:** if postorder[u] < postorder[v] then (u,v) is a backward edge
  - DFS(u) can’t finish until its children are finished
    - If (u,v) is a tree edge, then postorder[u] > postorder[v]
    - If (u,v) is a forward edge, then postorder[u] > postorder[v]
  - If postorder[u] < postorder[v], then DFS(u) finishes before DFS(v), thus DFS(v) is not called by DFS(u)
  - When we ran DFS(u), we must have had explored[v]=1
    - Thus, DFS(v) started before DFS(u)
  - DFS(v) started before DFS(u) but finished after
    - Can only happen for a backward edge

Fast Topological Ordering

Topological Ordering (TO)

- **DAG:** A directed graph with no directed cycles.
- Are these DAGs?





Topological Ordering (TO)

- **DAG:** A directed graph with no directed cycles
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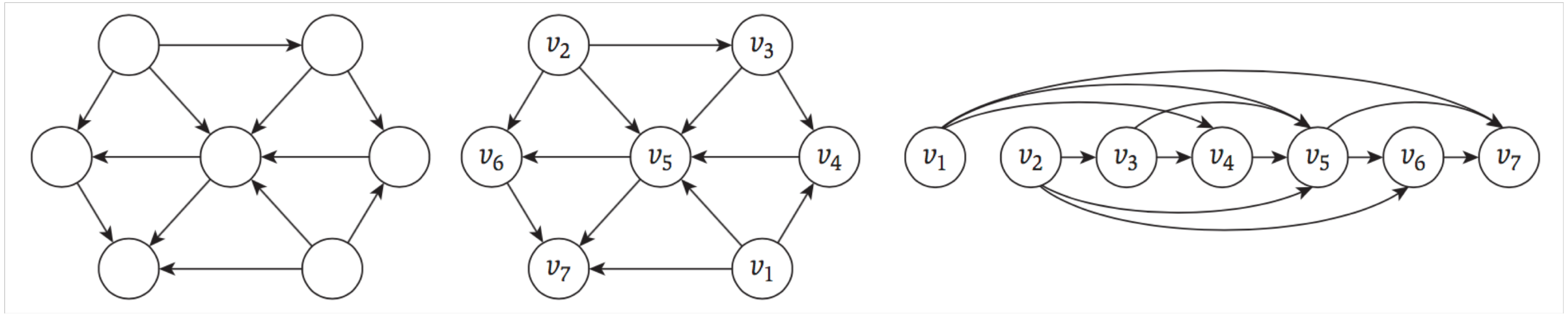
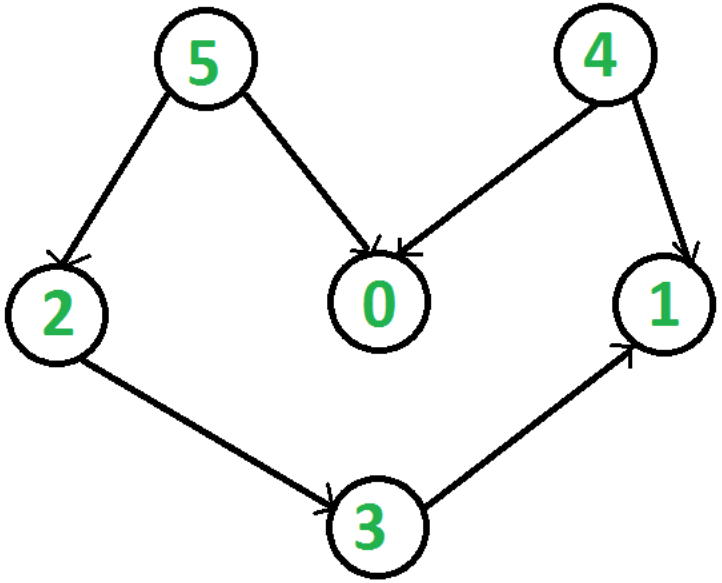
  - Label nodes $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ so that $(v_i, v_j) \in E \implies j > i$

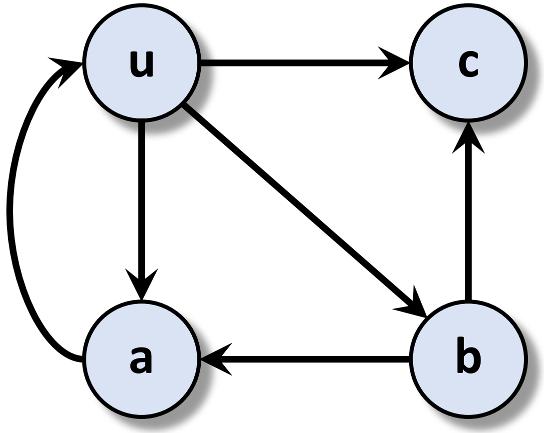


Activity

- Come up with two different topologically orderings of the following graph



Algorithm for Topological Ordering



- **Claim:** ordering nodes by decreasing postorder gives a topological ordering
- **Proof:**
  - A DAG has no backward edges
  - Suppose this is **not** a topological ordering
    - That means there exists an edge (u,v) such that postorder[u] < postorder[v]
    - We showed that any such (u,v) is a backward edge
    - But there are no backward edges, contradiction!

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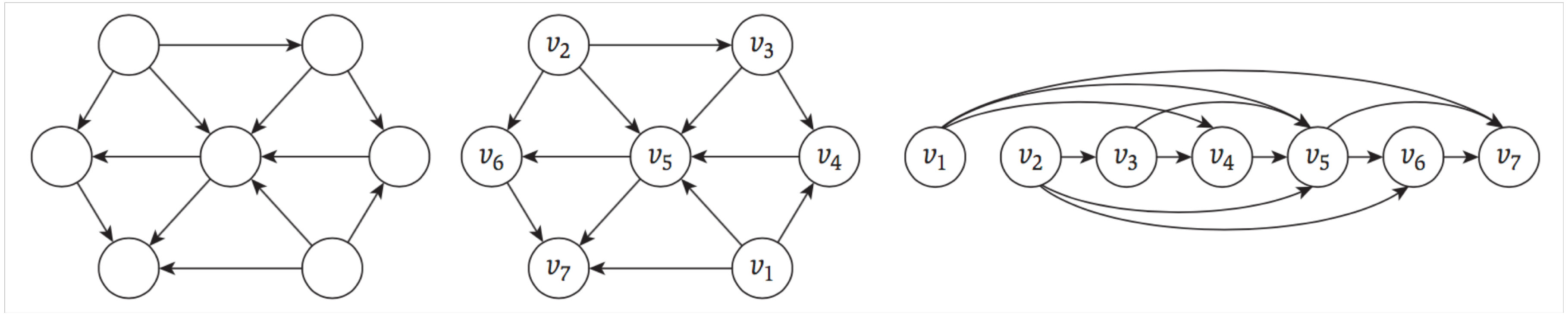


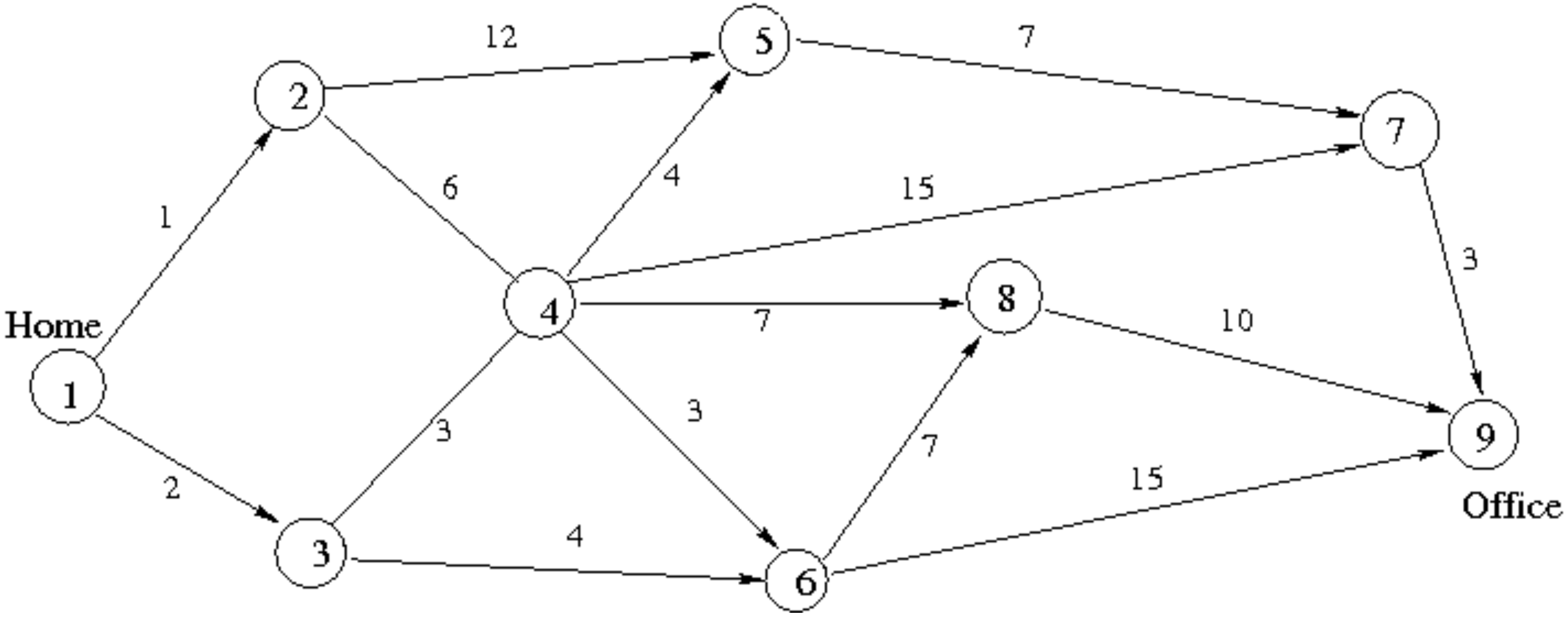
- Can compute a TO in $O(n+m)$ time using DFS
  - Reverse of post-order is a topological order

Activity

- Come up with a DAG with 3 nodes such that the preordering is not a topological ordering.

Shortest Paths

Activity: Find the shortest path



Weighted Graphs

- **Definition:** A weighted graph $G = (V, E, \{w(e)\})$
  - V is the set of vertices
  - $E \subseteq V \times V$ is the set of edges
  - $w_e \in \mathbb{R}$ are edge weights/lengths/capacities
  - Can be directed or undirected

- **Today:**
  - Directed graphs (one-way streets)
  - Strongly connected (there is always some path)
  - Non-negative edge lengths ($\ell(e) \geq 0$)

Shortest Paths

- The length of a path $P = v_1 - v_2 - \cdots - v_k$ is the sum of the edge lengths

- The distance $d(s, t)$ is the length of the shortest path from s to t
- **Shortest Path:** given nodes $s, t \in V$, find the shortest path from s to t
- **Single-Source Shortest Paths:** given a node $s \in V$, find the shortest paths from s to **every** $t \in V$

Structure of Shortest Paths

- If $(u, v) \in E$, then $d(s, v) \leq d(s, u) + \ell(u, v)$ for every node $s \in V$

- If $(u, v) \in E$, and $d(s, v) = d(s, u) + \ell(u, v)$ then there is a shortest $s \rightsquigarrow v$-path ending with (u, v)