



深度优先的一些应用

Some application of DFS

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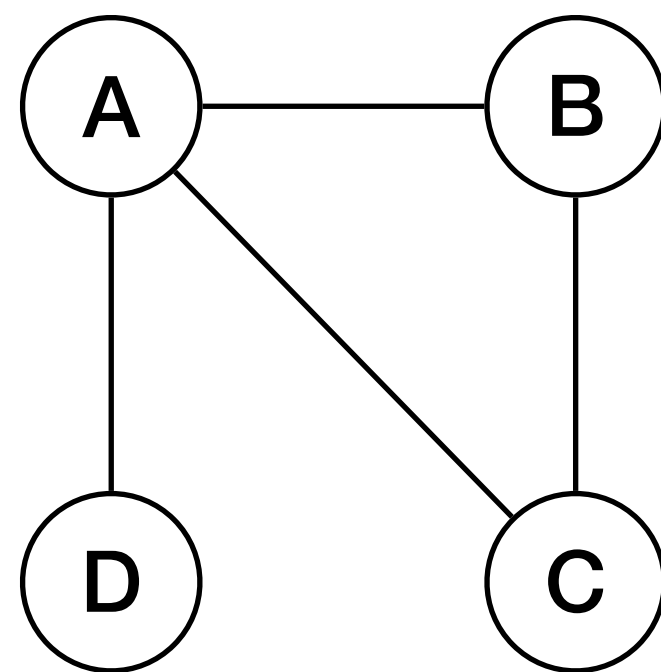
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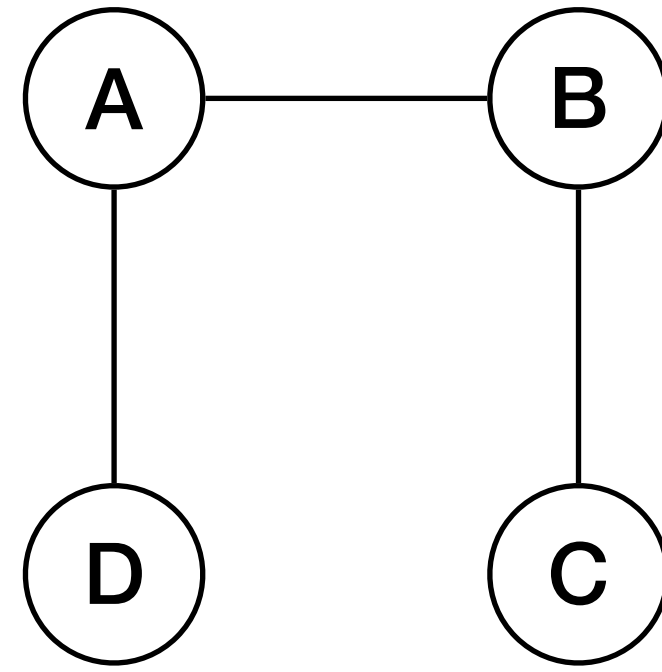


Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAG)

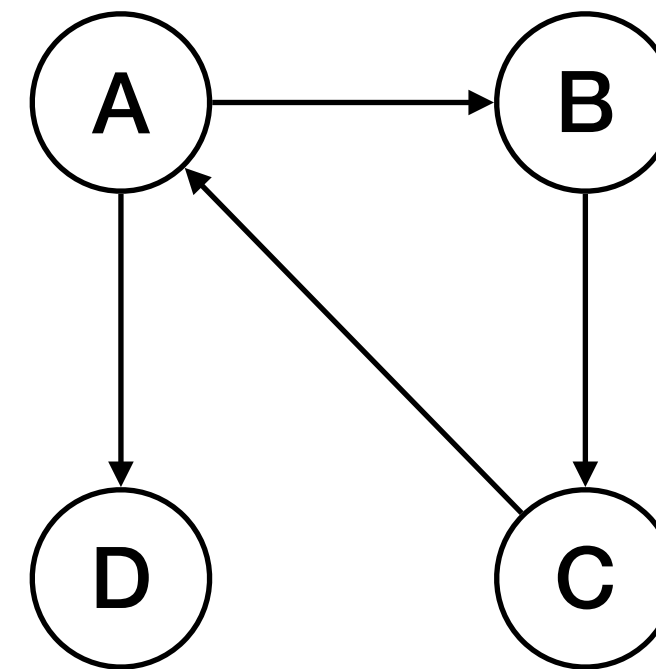
- A graph without cycles is called **acyclic**.
- A **directed** graph **without cycles** is a directed acyclic graph (DAG).



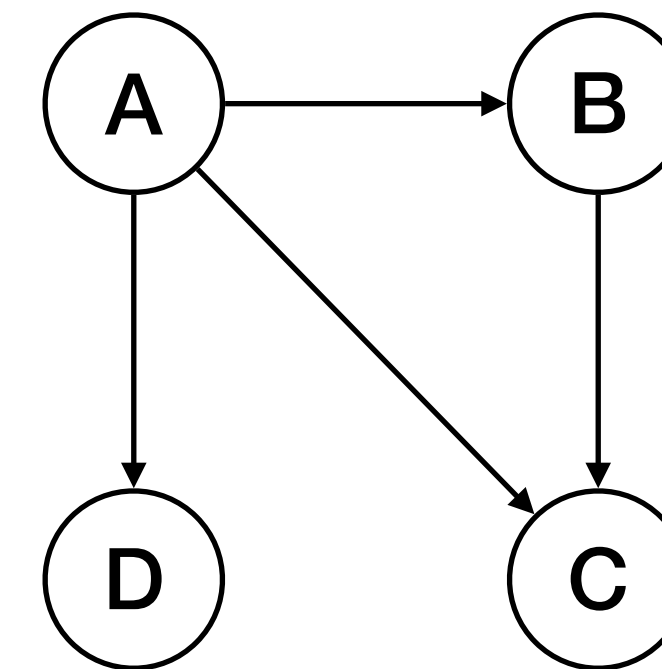
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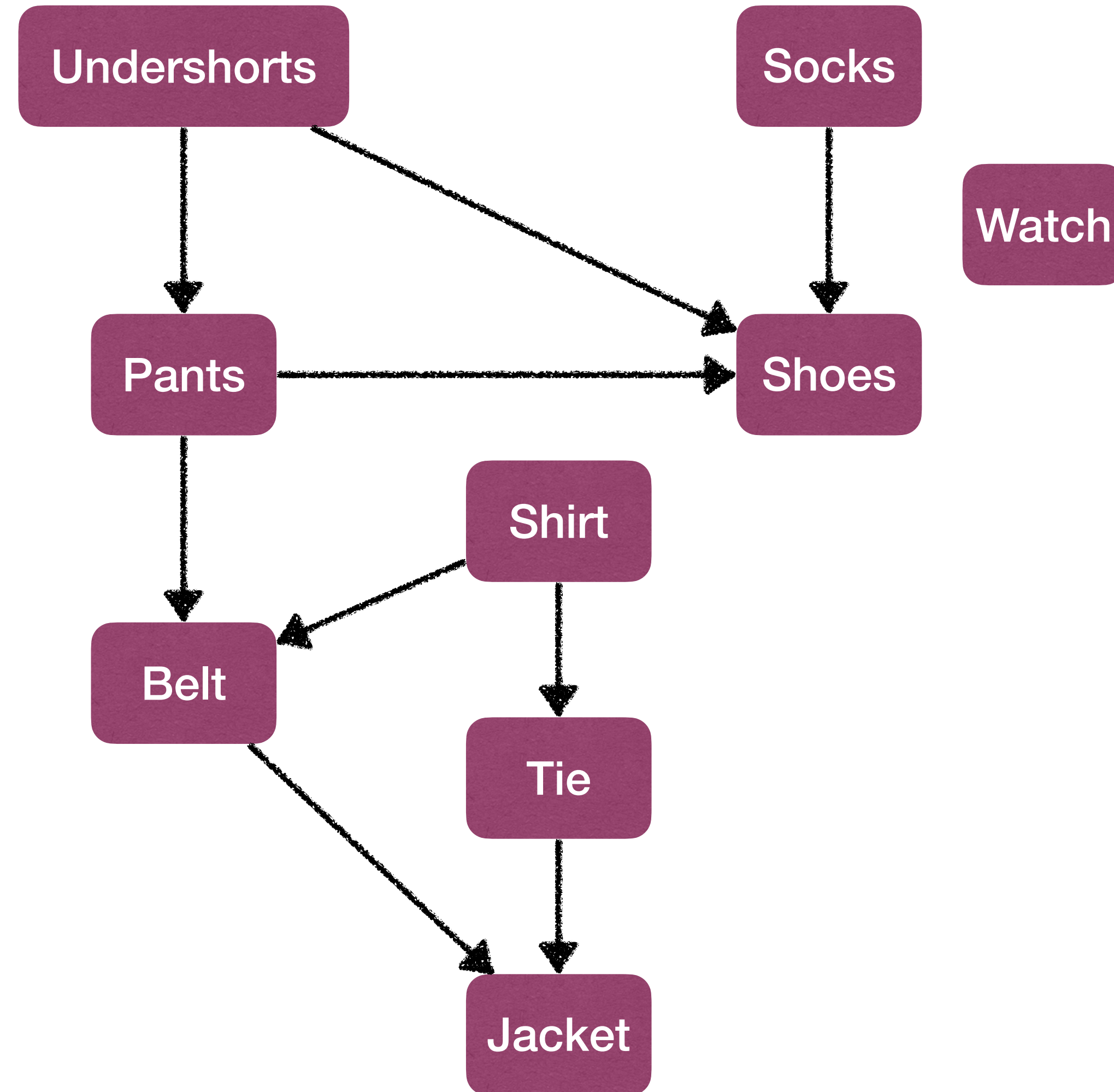


DAG



Application of DAG

- DAGs are good for modeling relations such as: causalities, hierarchies, and temporal dependencies.
- For example:
 - ▶ Consider how you get dressed in the morning.
 - Must wear certain garments before others (e.g., socks before shoes).
 - Other items may be put on in any order (e.g., socks and pants).
 - ▶ This process can be modeled by a DAG!

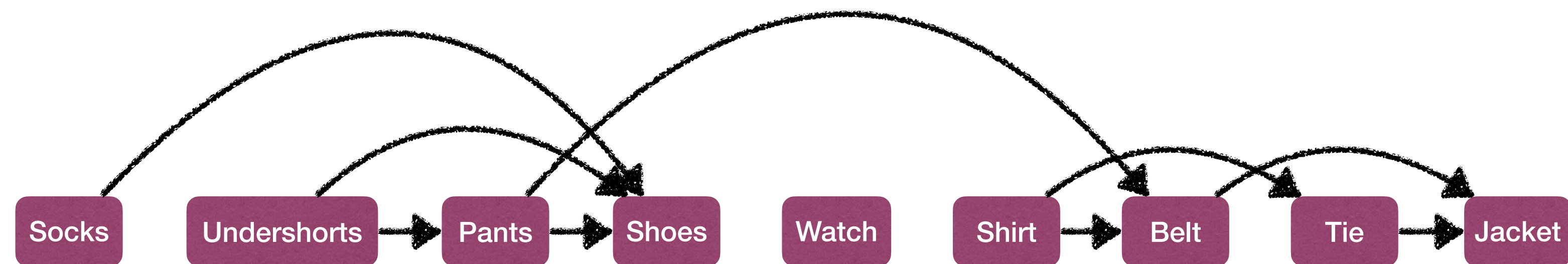
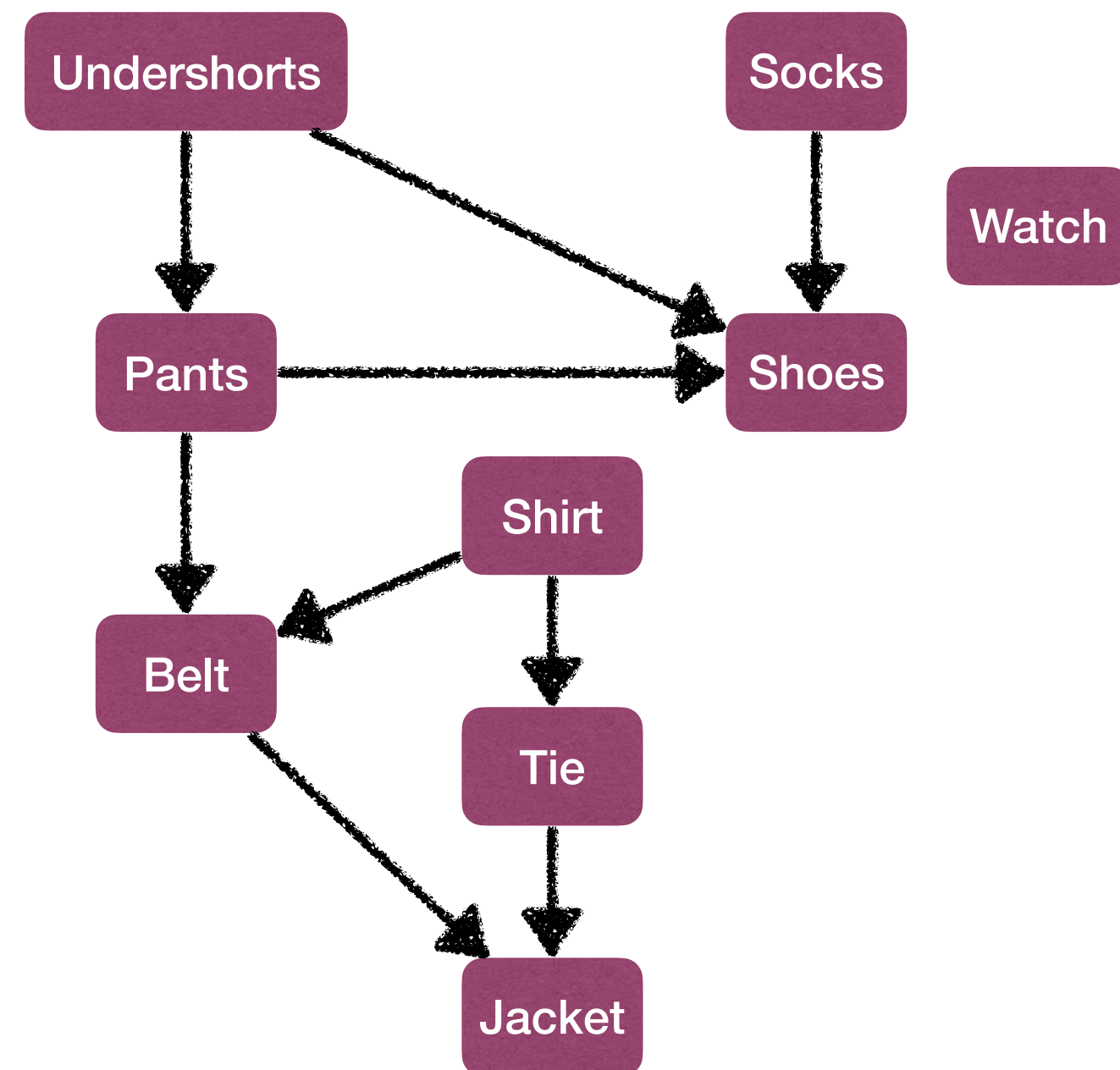


What is a valid order to perform all the task?



Topological Sort

- A **topological sort** of a DAG G is a **linear ordering of its vertices** such that if G contains an edge (u, v) then u appears before v in the ordering.
- $E(G)$ defines a **partial order** over $V(G)$, a **topological sort** gives a **total order** over $V(G)$ satisfying $E(G)$



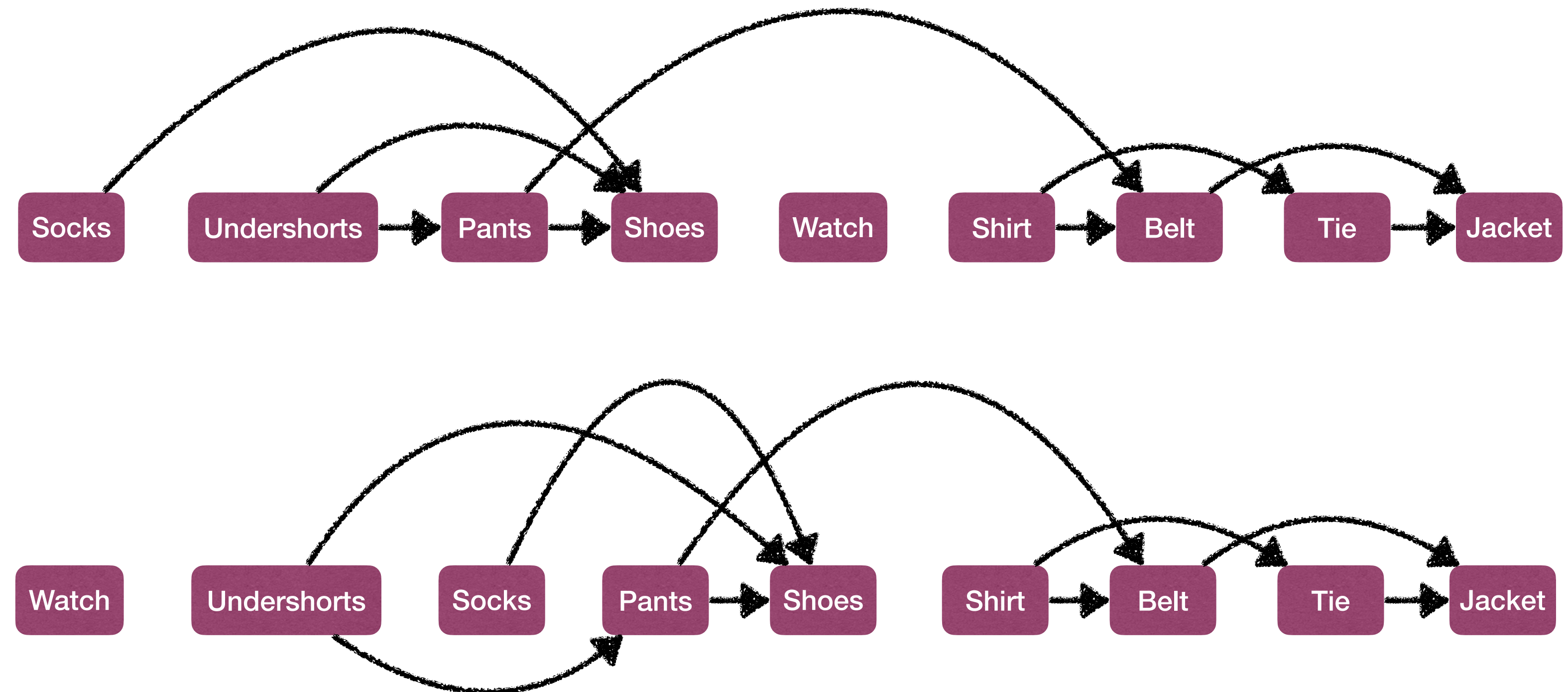
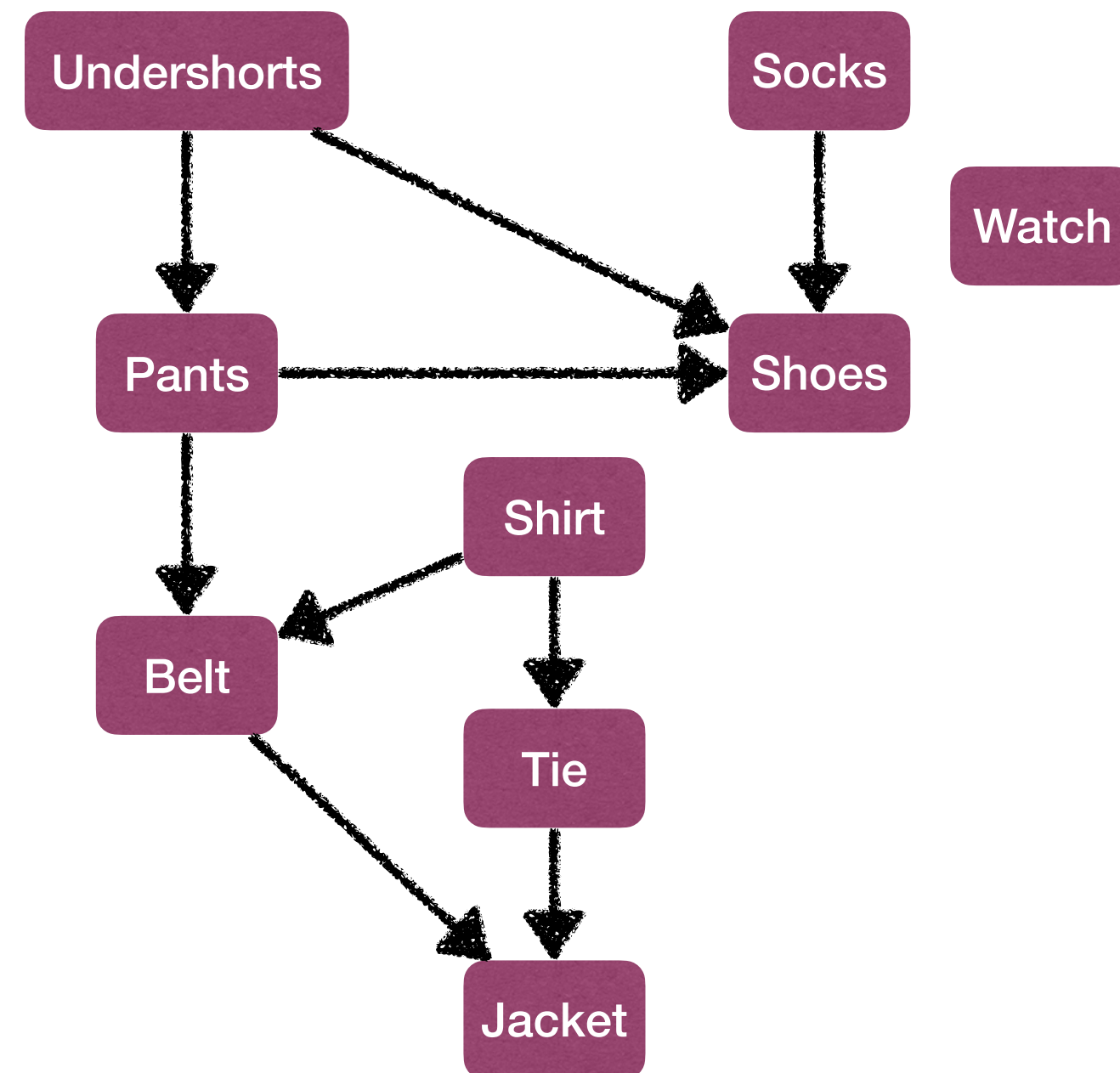
A topological ordering arranges the vertices along a horizontal line so that all edges go “from left to right”.



Topological Sort

- **Topological sort** is **impossible** if the graph contains a **cycle**.
- A given graph may have multiple different valid topological ordering.

How to generate a topological ordering?





Topological Sort

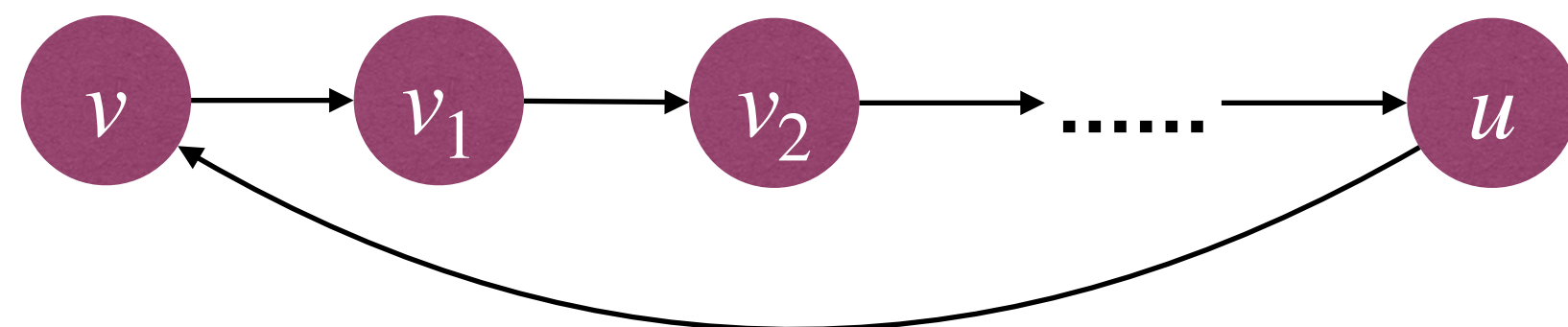
- A **topological sort** of a DAG G is a **linear ordering of its vertices** such that if G contains an edge (u, v) then u appears before v in the ordering.
- **Question:** Does **every** DAG has a topological ordering?
- **Question:** How to tell if a directed graph is acyclic?
 - And if acyclic, how to do topological sort?



Topological Sort

Lemma 1 Directed graph G is acyclic iff a DFS of G yields no **back** edges

- Proof of $[\implies]$ (Directed graph G is acyclic \implies a DFS of G yields no **back** edges)
 - For the sake of contradiction, assume DFS yields back edge (u, v) .
 - So v is ancestor of u in DFS forest, meaning there's a path from v to u in G .
 - But together with edge (u, v) this creates a cycle. Contradiction!

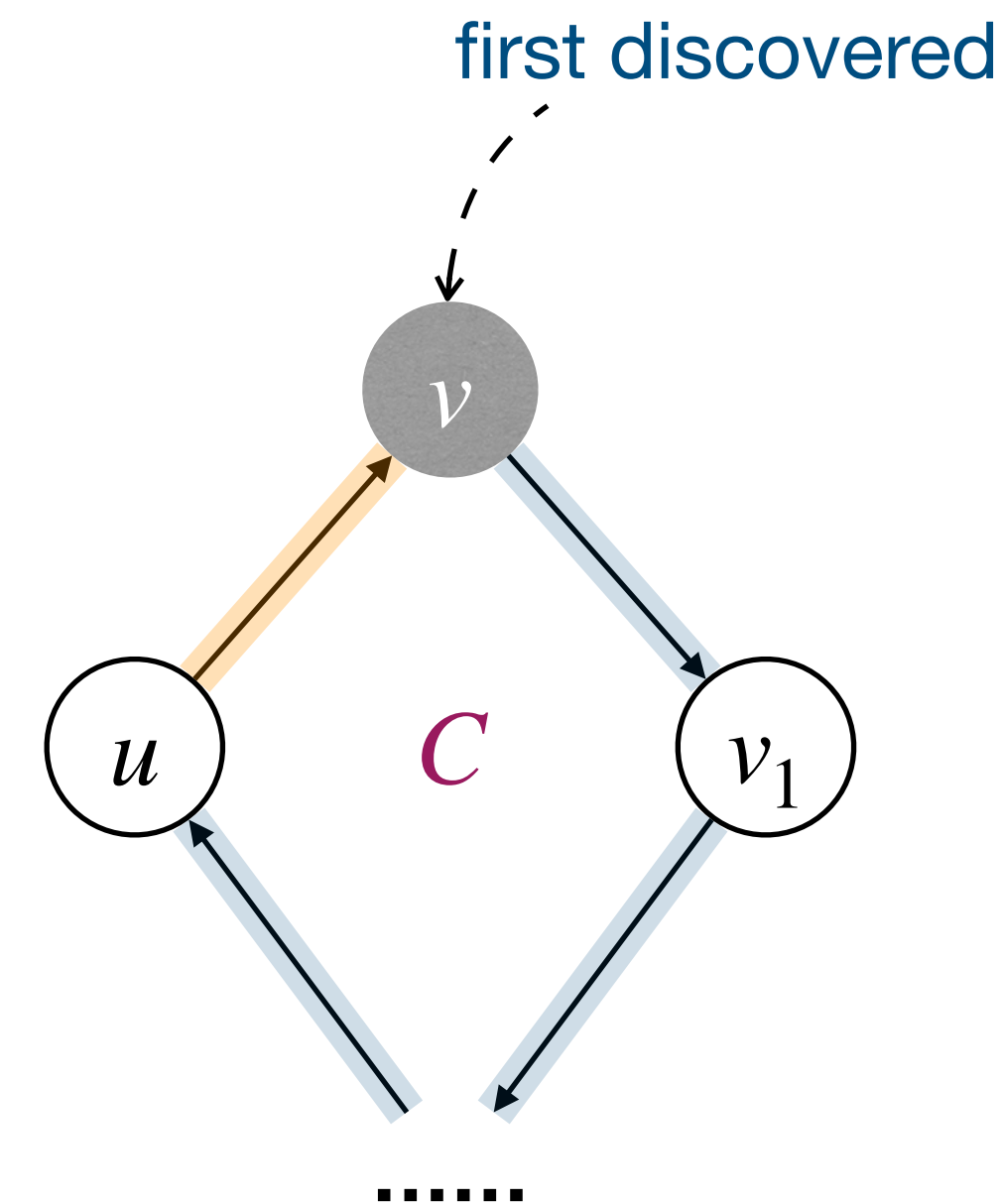




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 - ▶ For the sake of contradiction, assume G contains a cycle C .
 - ▶ Let v be the first node to be discovered in C .
 - ▶ By the **White-path** theorem, u is a descendant of v in DFS forest.
 - ▶ But then when processing u , (u, v) becomes a back edge!

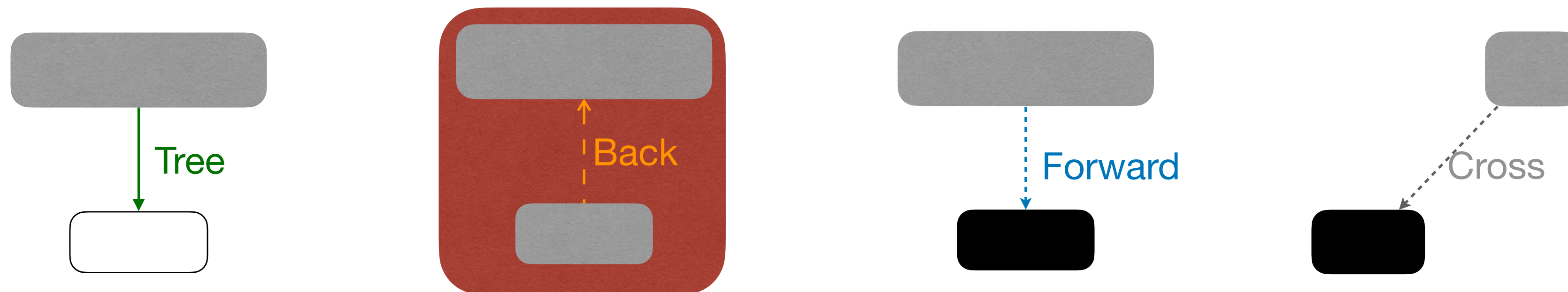




Topological Sort

Lemma 2 If we do a DFS in DAG G , then $u.f > v.f$ for every edge (u,v) in G

- Proof:
 - ▶ When exploring (u, v) , v cannot be GRAY. (Otherwise we have a back edge.)
 - ▶ If v is WHITE, then v becomes a descendant of u , and $u.f > v.f$
 - ▶ If v is BLACK, then trivially $u.f > v.f$





Topological Sort

- A **topological sort** of a DAG G is a **linear ordering of its vertices** such that if G contains an edge (u, v) then u appears before v in the ordering.

- **Q:** Does every DAG has a topological ordering?

- **Q:** How to tell if a directed graph is acyclic? If acyclic, how to do topological sort?

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Theorem Decreasing order of finish times of DFS on DAG gives a topological ordering

Corollary Every DAG has a topological ordering



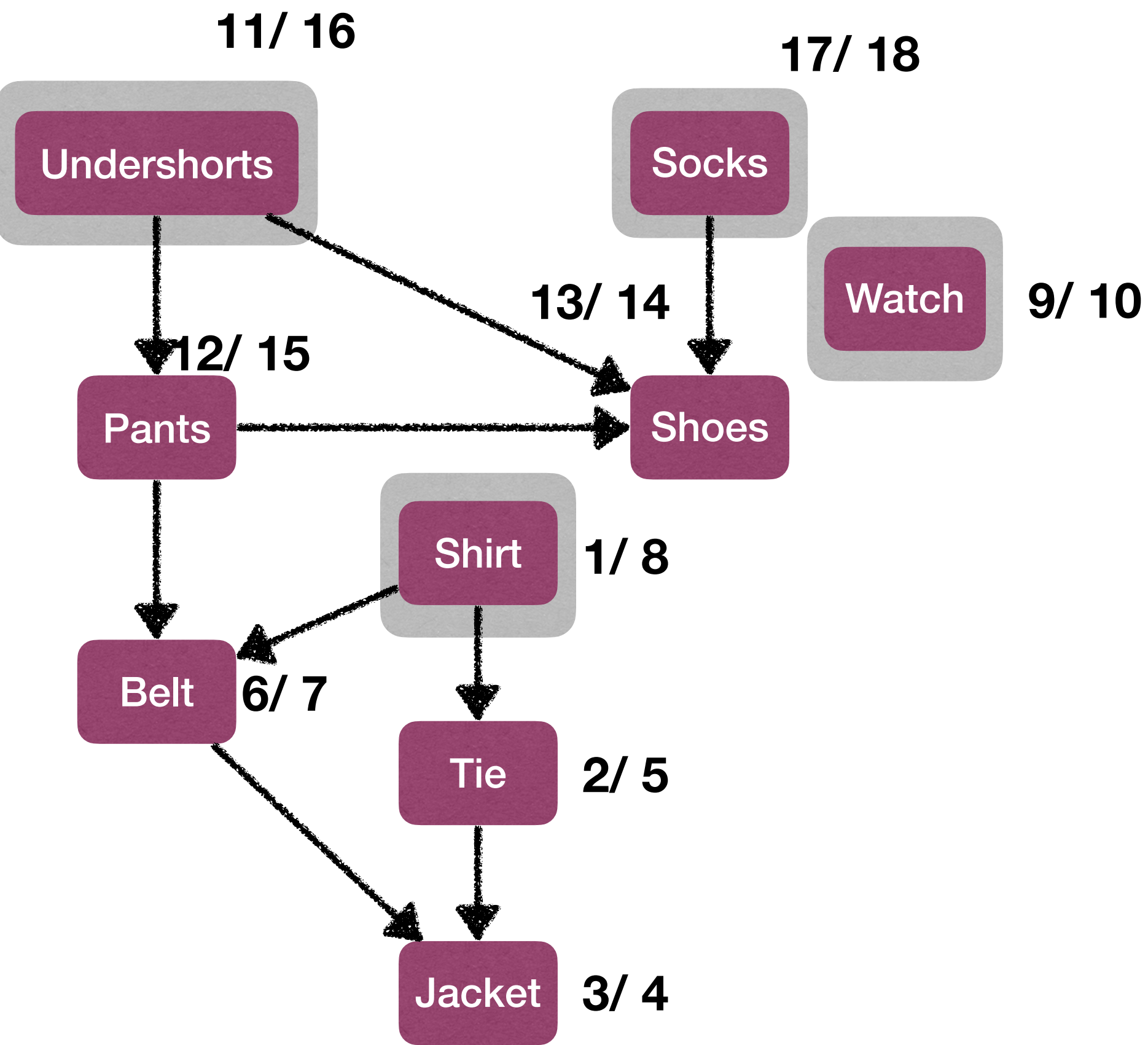
Topological Sort

- Topological Sort of G :
 - (a) Do DFS on G , compute finish times for each node along the way.
 - (b) When a node finishes, insert it to the head of a list.
 - (c) If no back edge is found, then the list eventually gives a Topological Ordering.

Time complexity is $O(n + m)$



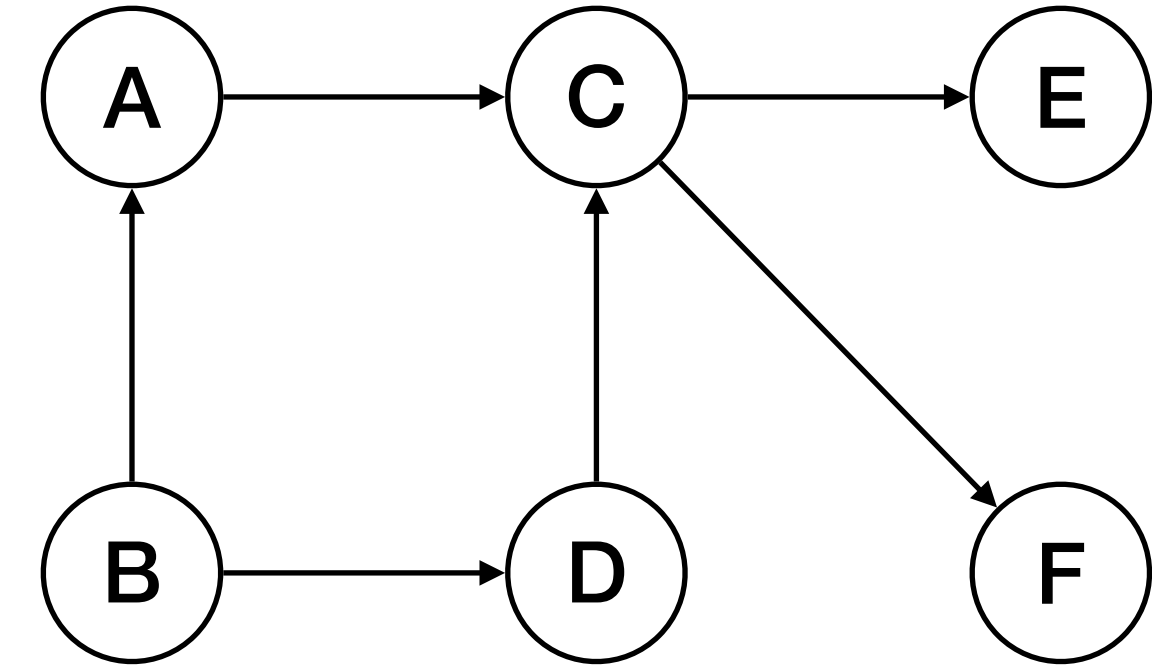
Topological Sort





Source and Sink in DAG

- A **source node** is a node with no incoming edges;
- A **sink node** is a node with no outgoing edges.
 - ▶ Example: B is source; both E and F are sink.



- **Claim:** Each DAG has at least one source and one sink.

WHY?

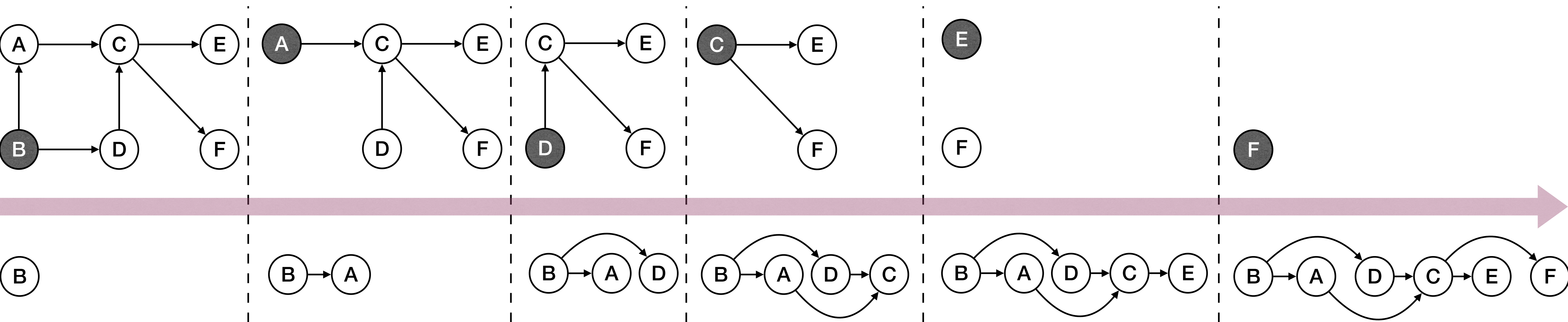
- **Observations:** In DFS of a DAG, node with max finish time must be a source
 - ▶ Node with max finish time appears first in topological sort, it cannot have incoming edges.
- **Observations:** In DFS of a DAG, node with min finish time must be a sink.
 - ▶ Node with min finish time appears last in topological sort, it cannot have outgoing edges.



Alternative Algorithm for Topological Sort

- (1) Find a source node s in the (remaining) graph, output it.
- (2) Delete s and all its outgoing edges from the graph.
- (3) Repeat until the graph is empty.

Formal proof of correctness?
How efficient can you implement it?



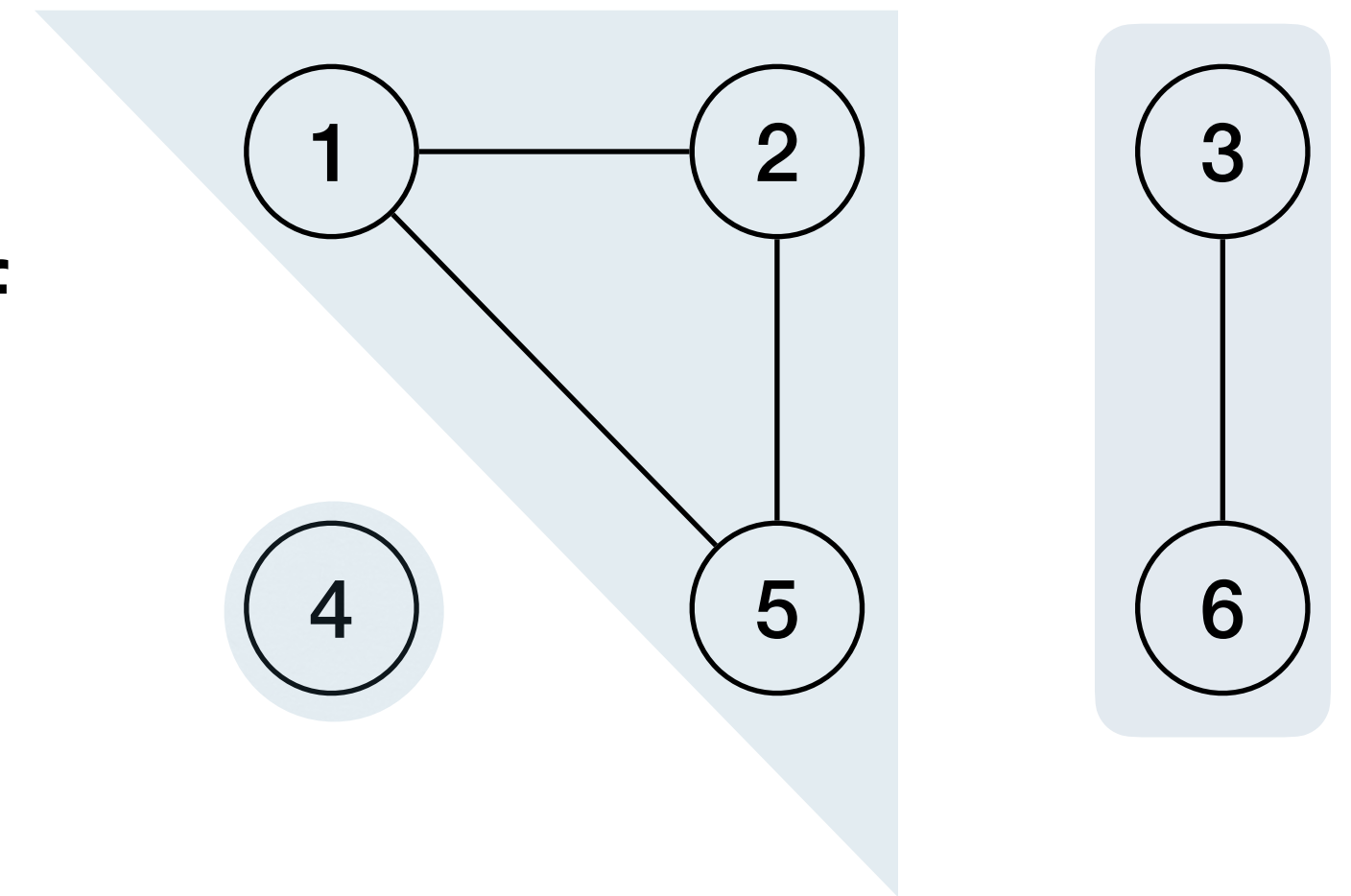


(Strongly) Connected Components



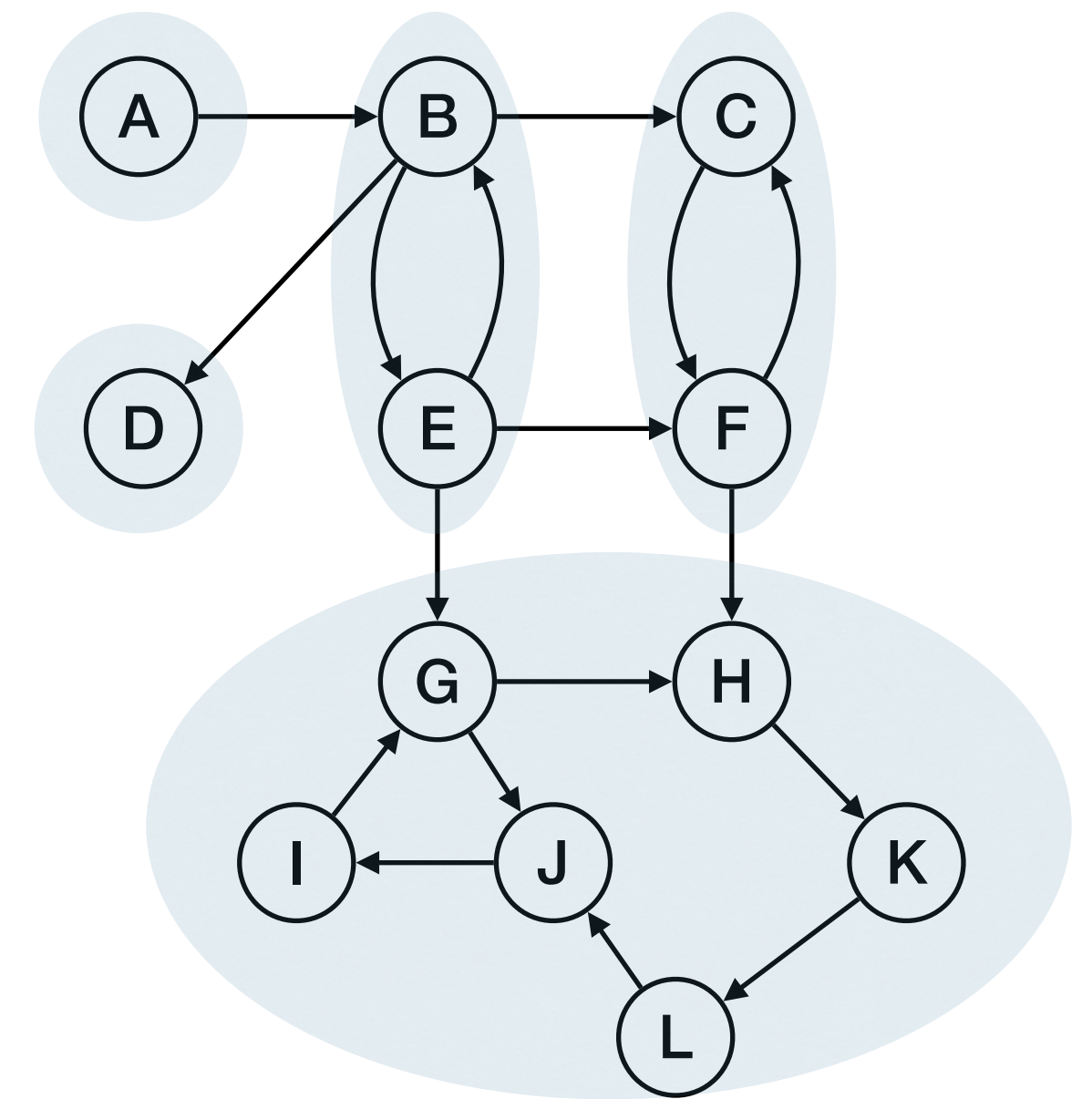
(Strongly) Connected Components

- For an **undirected** graph G , a **Connected Component (CC)** is a **maximal** set $C \subseteq V(G)$, such that for any pair of nodes u and v in C , there is a path from u to v .



- ▶ E.g.: $\{4\}$, $\{1, 2, 5\}$, $\{3, 6\}$

- For a **directed** graph G , a **Strongly Connected Component (SCC)** is a **maximal** set $C \subseteq V(G)$, such that for any pair of nodes u and v in C , there is a **directed** path from u to v , and **vice versa**.



- ▶ E.g.: $\{A\}$, $\{D\}$, $\{B, E\}$, $\{C, F\}$, $\{G, H, I, J, K, L\}$



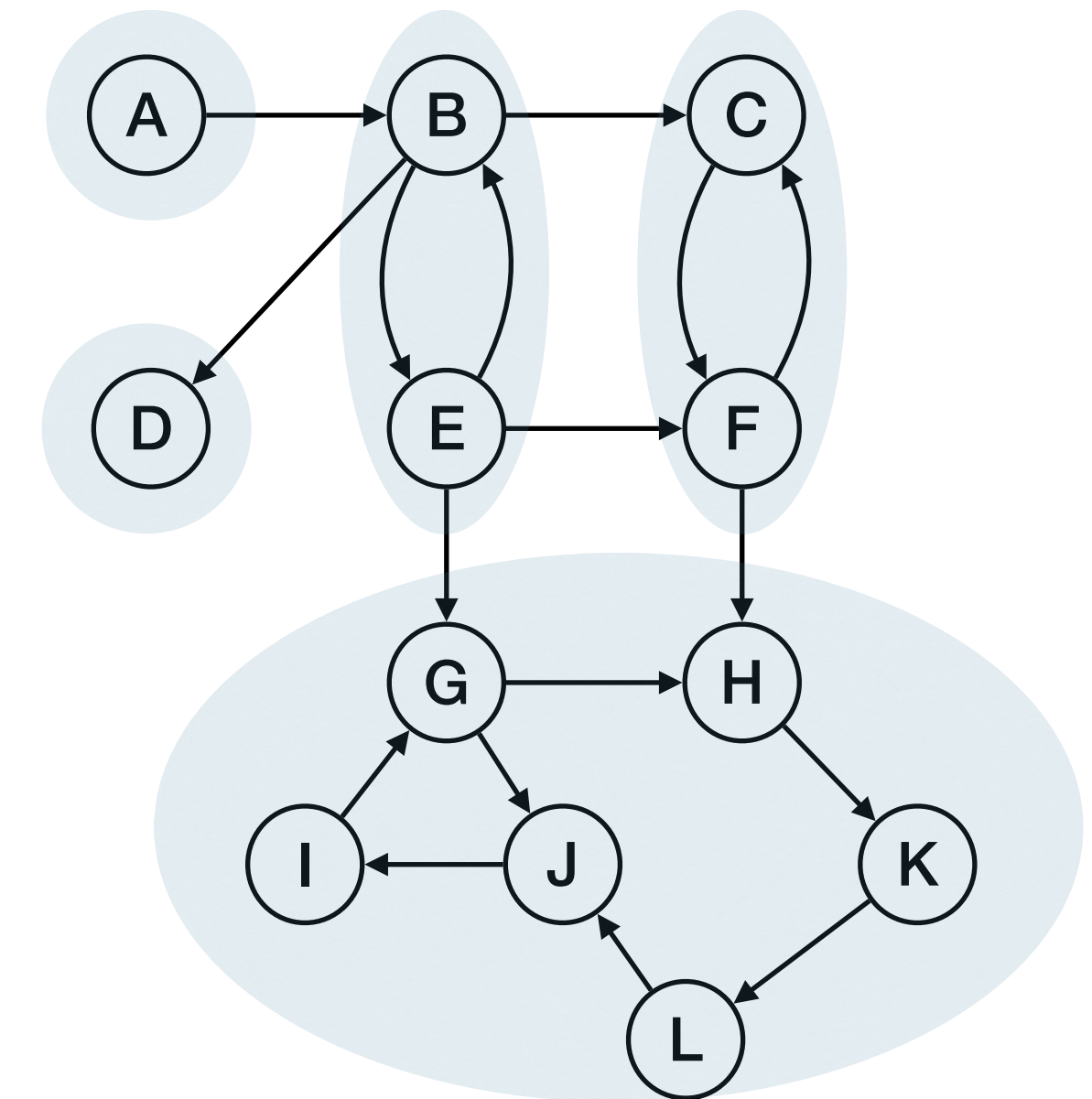
Computing CC and SCC

- Given an undirected graph, how to compute its connected components (CC) ?
 - ▶ Easy, just do DFS (or BFS) on the entire graph.
 - $\text{DFS}(u)$ (or $\text{BFS}(u)$), reaches exactly nodes in the CC containing u .
- Given a directed graph, how to compute its strongly connected components (SCC) ?
 - ▶ Err, can be done efficiently, but not so obvious...



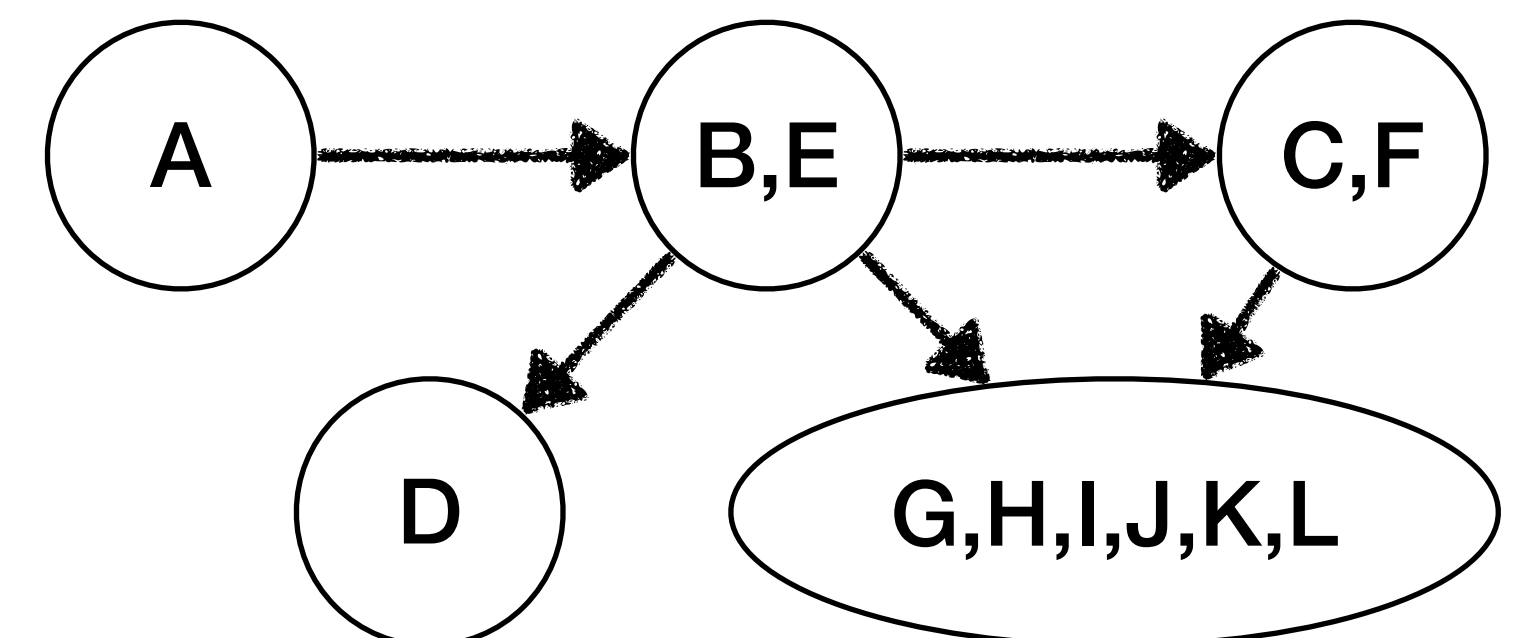
Component Graph

- Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, assume it has k SCC $\{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$, then the **component graph** is $G^C = (V^C, E^C)$.
 - The vertex set V^C is $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$, each representing one SCC.
 - There is an edge $(v_i, v_j) \in E^C$ if there exists $(u, v) \in E$, where $u \in C_i$ and $v \in C_j$.



Claim: A component graph is a DAG!

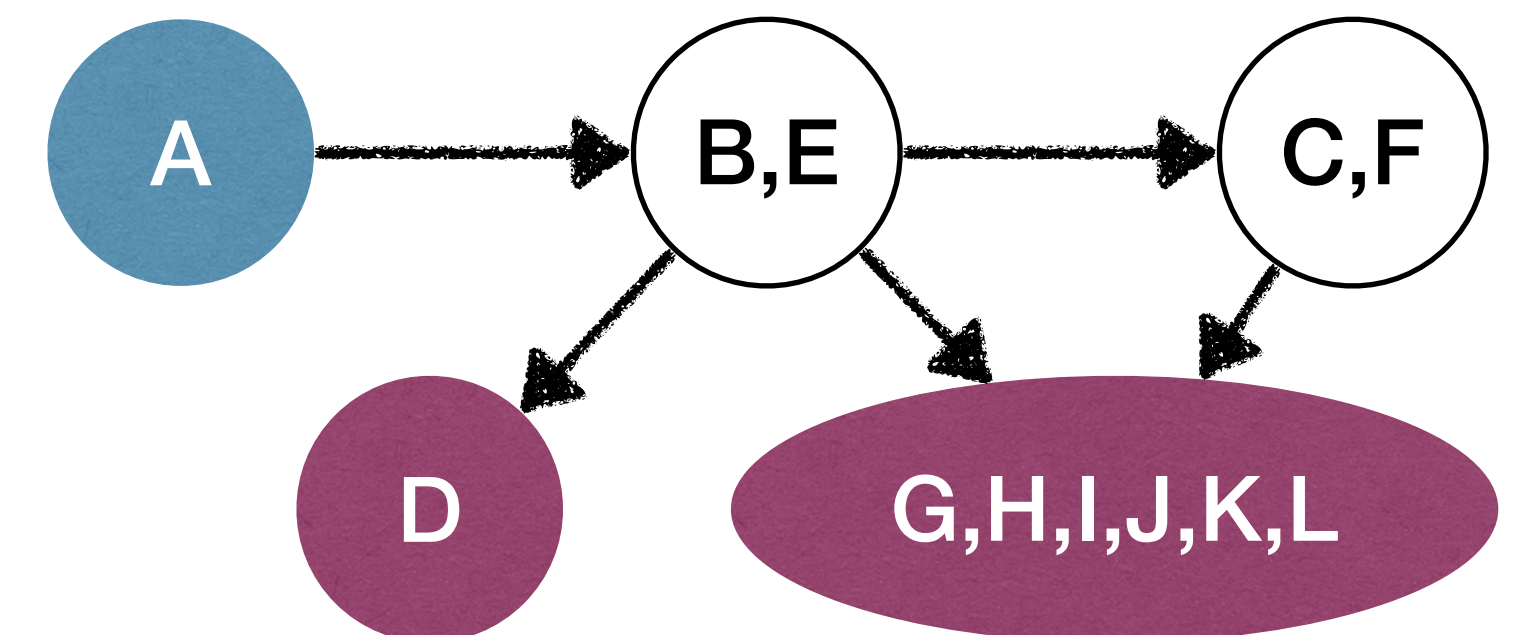
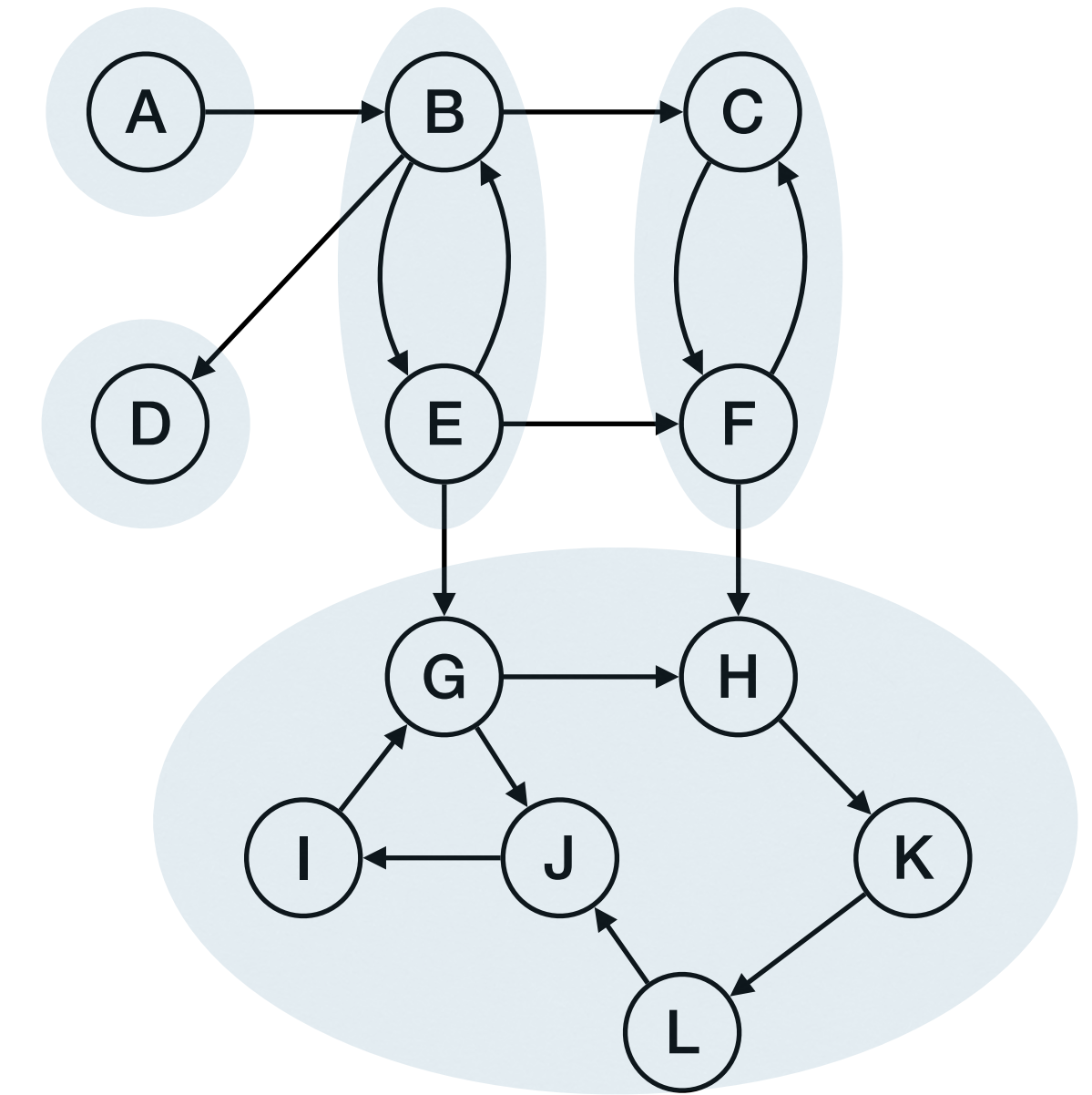
- Proof:** Otherwise, the components in the circle becomes a bigger SCC, contradiction!





Computing SCC

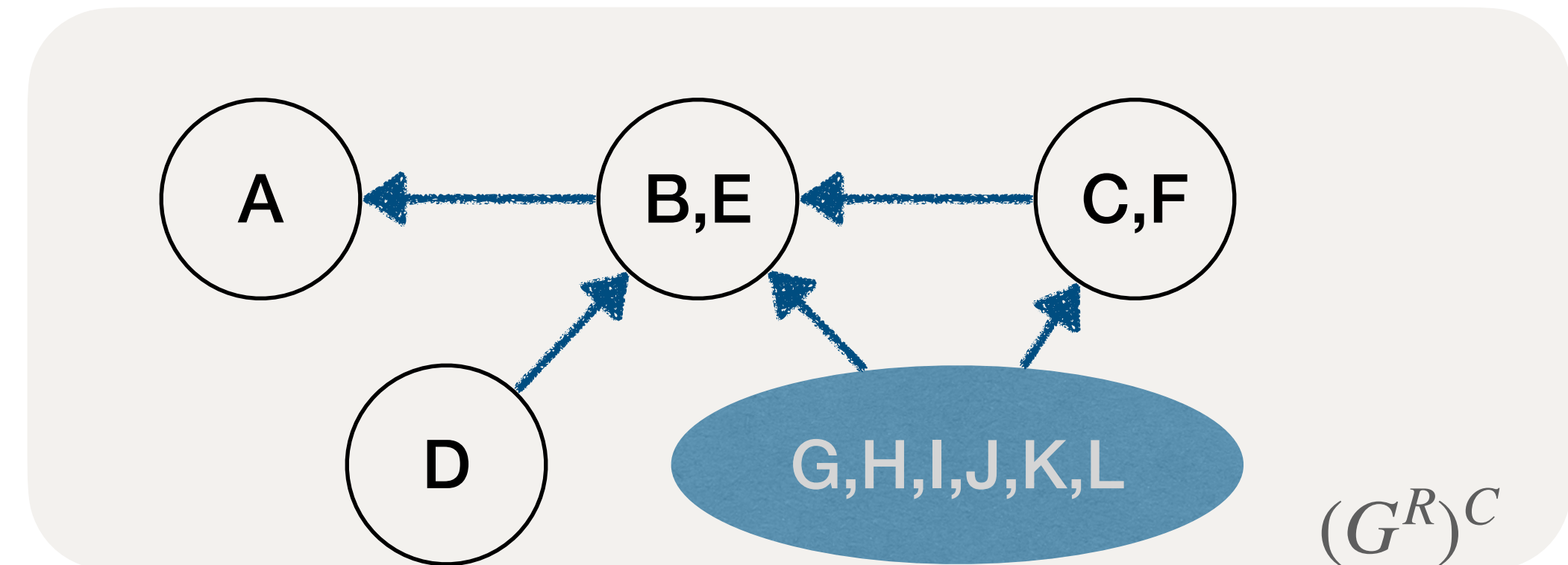
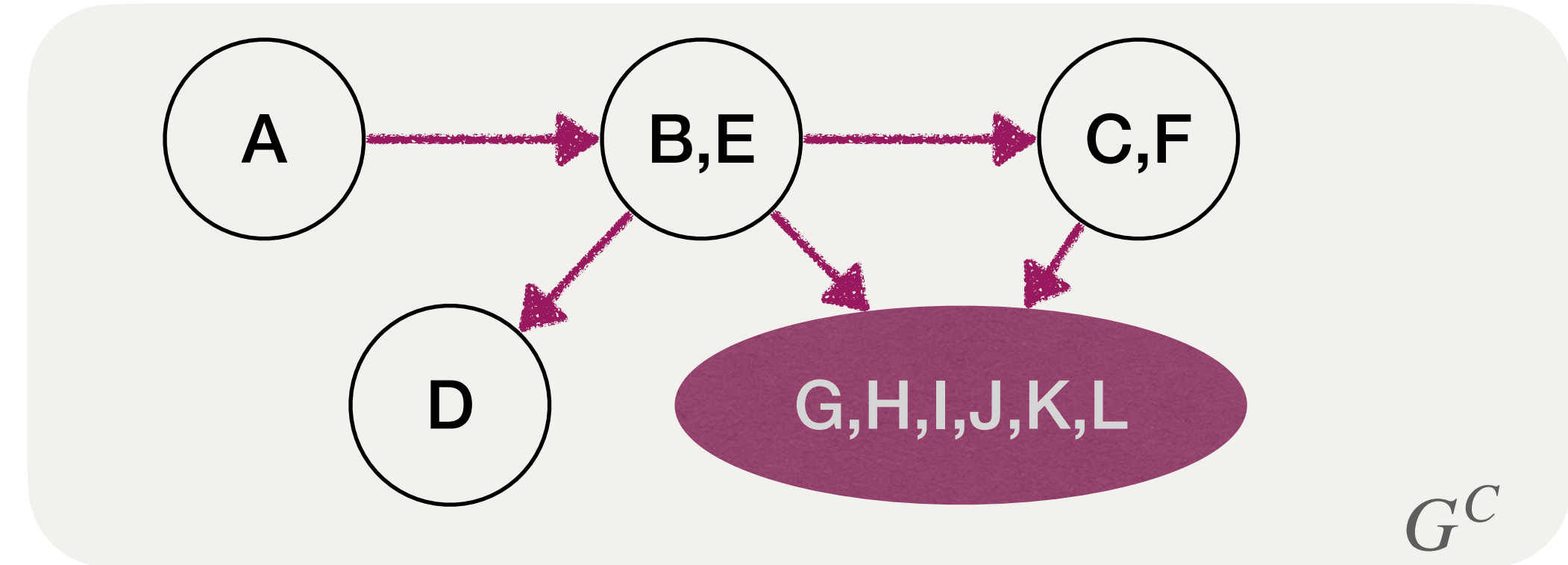
- A component graph is a DAG.
- Each DAG has at least one **source** and one **sink**.
- If we do one DFS starting from a node in a sink SCC, then we explore exactly nodes in that SCC and stop!
 - ▶ Due to the white-path theorem.
- A good start, but two problems exist:
 - ▶ **(1)** How to identify a node that is in a sink SCC?
 - ▶ **(2)** What to do when the first SCC is done?





Computing SCC

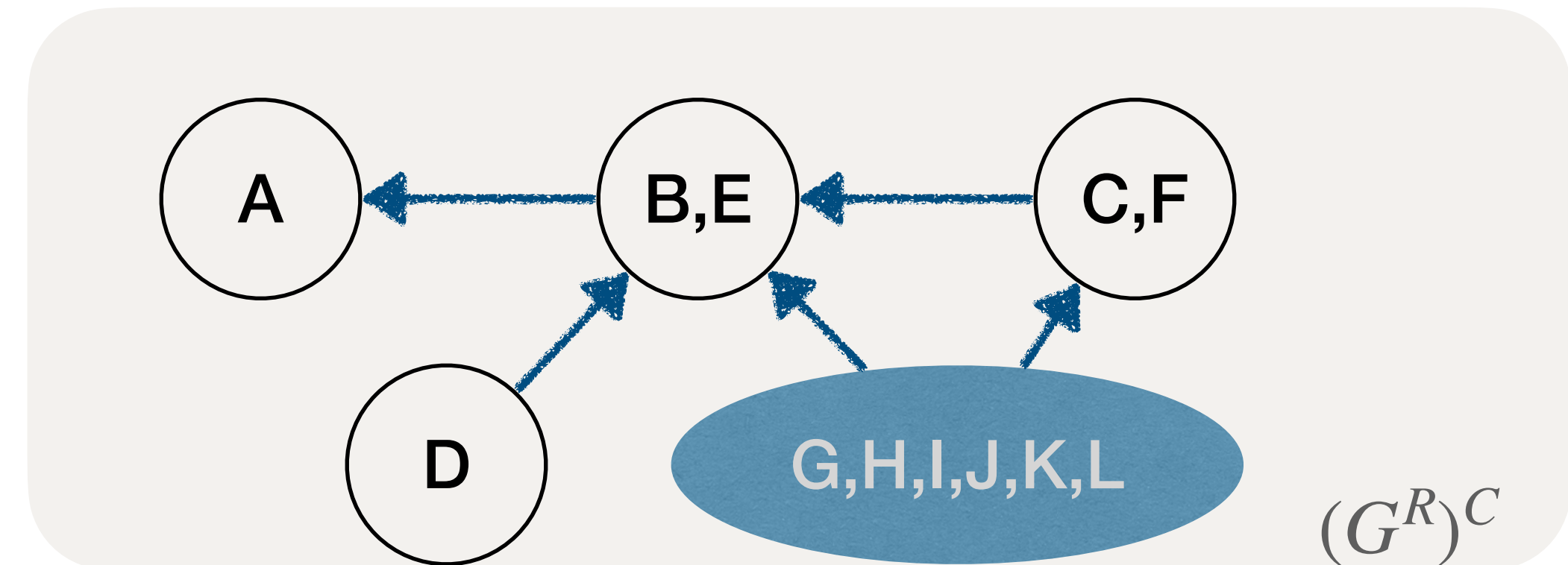
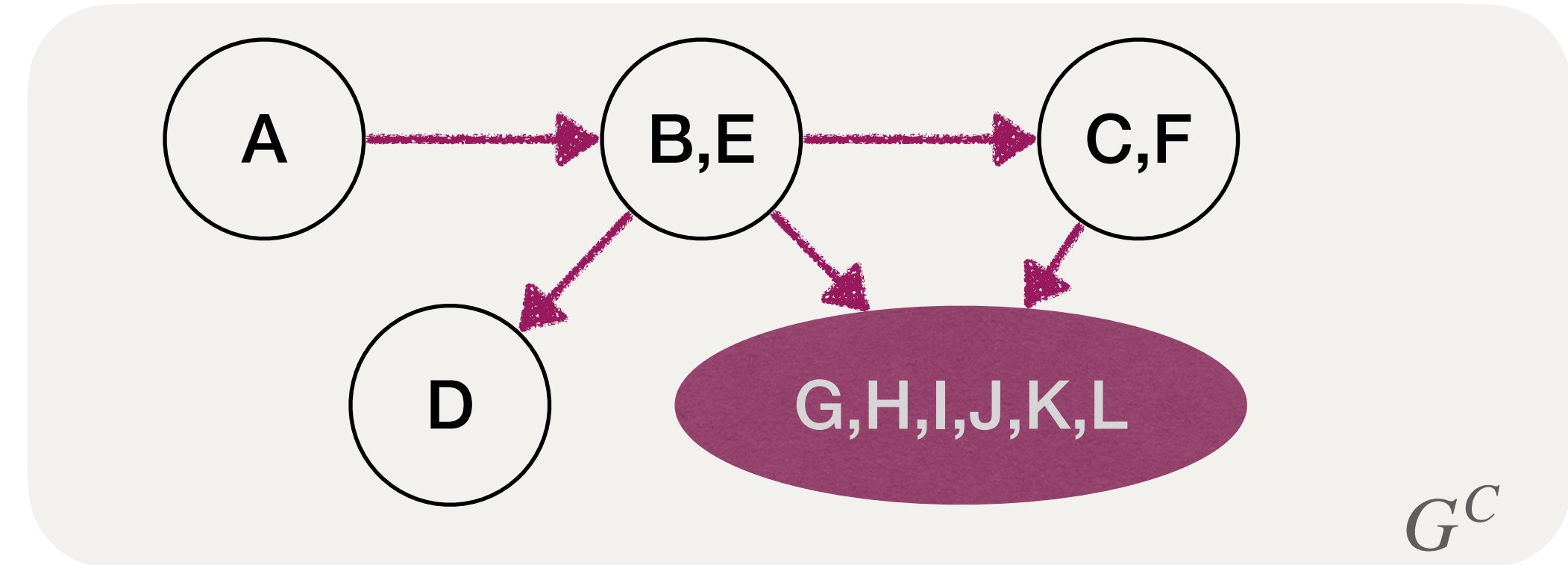
- **(1)** How to identify a node that is in a sink SCC?
- **(2)** What to do when the first SCC is done?
- Don't do it directly: find a node in a source SCC!
- Reverse the direction of each edge in G gets G^R .
- G and G^R have the same set of SCCs.
- G^C and $(G^R)^C$ have same vertex set, but the direction of each edge is reversed.
- A source SCC in $(G^R)^C$ is a sink SCC in G^C .





Computing SCC

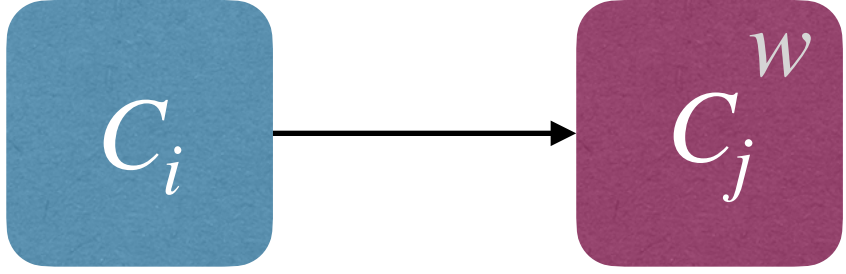
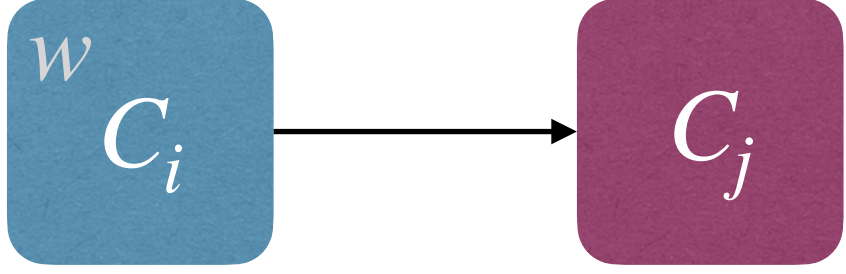
- **(1)** How to identify a node that is in a sink SCC?
- **(2)** What to do when the first SCC is done?
- Compute G^R in $O(n + m)$ time, then find a node is a source SCC in G^R !
- But how to find such a node?
 - ▶ Do DFS in G^R , the node with maximum finish time is guaranteed to be in source SCC.





Computing SCC

Lemma For any edge $(u, v) \in E(G^R)$, if $u \in C_i$ and $v \in C_j$, then $\max_{u \in C_i} \{u.f\} > \max_{v \in C_j} \{v.f\}$

- Proof:
 - ▶ Consider nodes in C_i and C_j , let w be the first node visited by DFS.
 - ▶ If $w \in C_j$, then all nodes in C_j will be visited before any node in C_i is visited.
 
 - ▶ In this case, the lemma clearly is true.
 - ▶ If $w \in C_i$, at the time that DFS visits w , for any node in C_i and C_j , there is a white-path from w to that node.
 
 - ▶ In this case, due to the white-path theorem, the lemma again holds.



Computing SCC

- (1) How to identify a node that is in a sink SCC?
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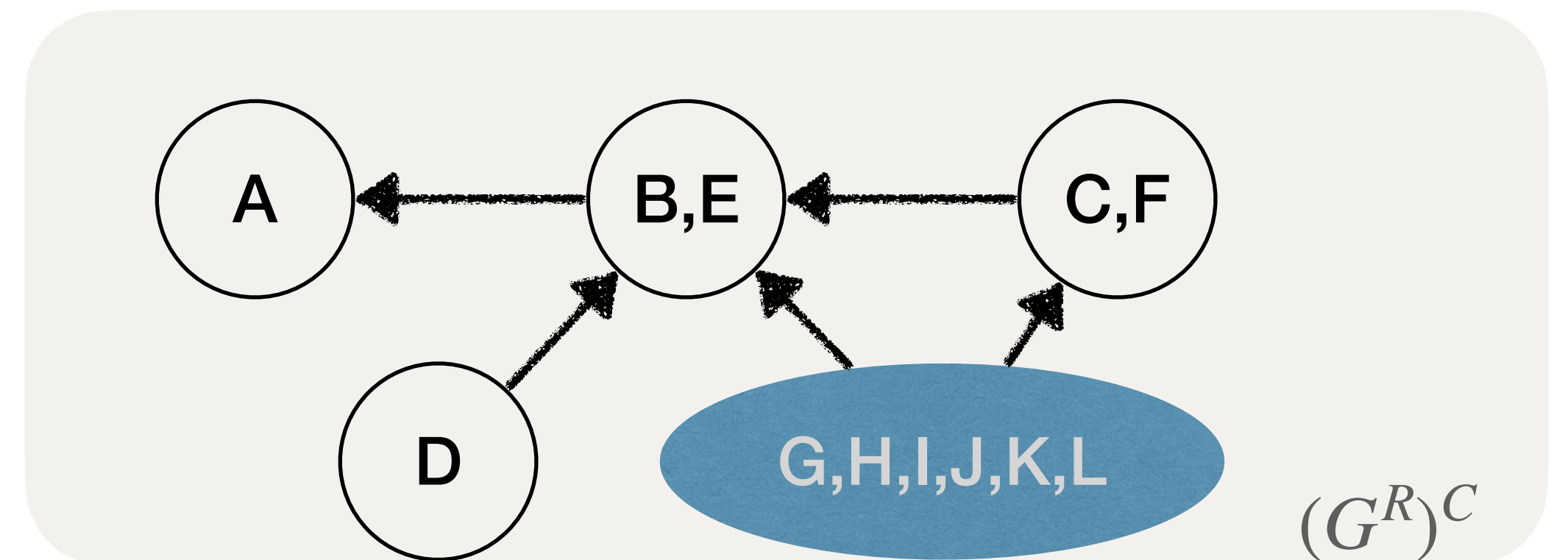
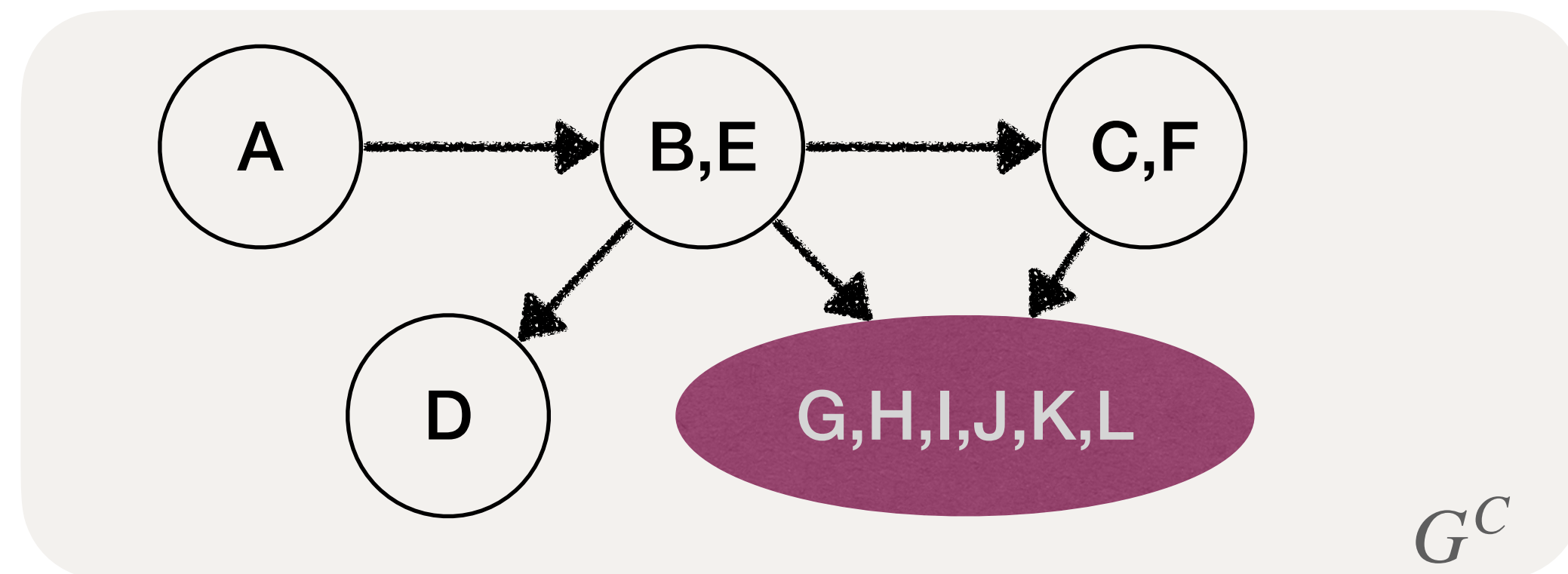
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- Compute G^R in $O(n + m)$ time, do DFS in G^R and find the node with max finish time.
 - ▶ This node is in a source SCC of G^R



Computing SCC

- (1) How to identify a node that is in a sink SCC?
- (2) What to do when the first SCC is done?
- For remaining nodes in G , the node with max finish time (in DFS of G^R) is again in a sink SCC, for whatever remains of G .





Computing SCC

- Algorithm Description:
 - ▶ Compute G^R .
 - ▶ Run DFS on G^R and record finish times f .
 - ▶ Run DFS on G , but in `DFSALL`, process nodes in decreasing order of f .
 - ▶ Each DFS tree is a SCC of G .
- Time complexity is $O(n + m)$:
 - ▶ $O(n + m)$ time for computing G^R .
 - ▶ Two passes of DFS, each costing $O(n + m)$.

Can we be faster (even if just with smaller constant)?



*Tarjan's SCC Algorithm



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- if we start from a node in a sink SCC, then we explore exactly nodes in that SCC and stop!
 - But how to find such a node?
- Previous algorithm's approach:
 - A node in a source SCC in G^R must be in a sink SCC in G .
- Tarjan comes up with a method to identify a node in some sink SCC directly!



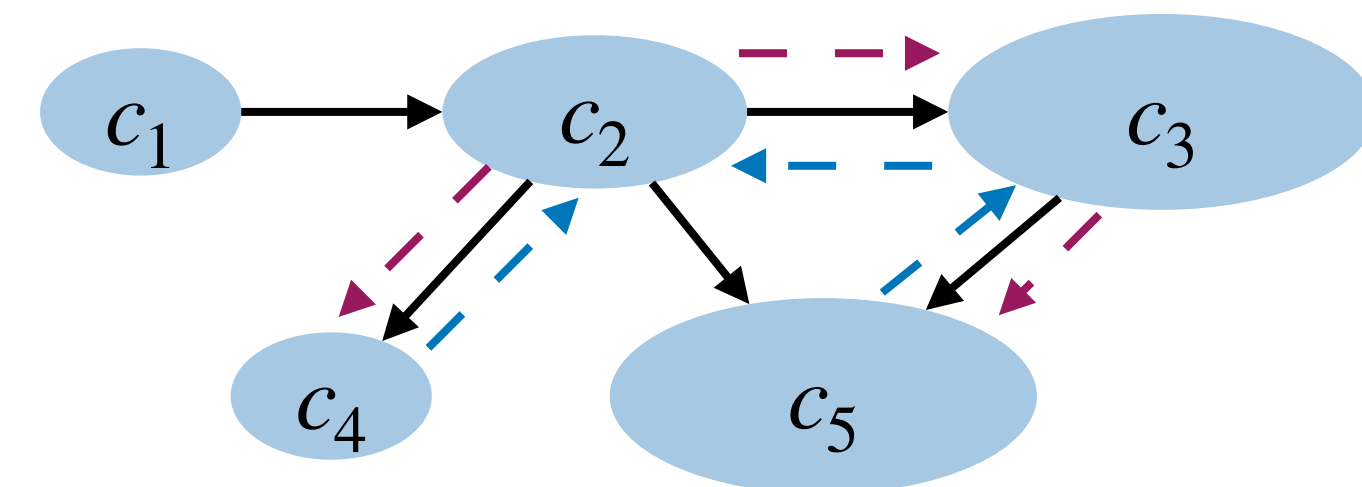
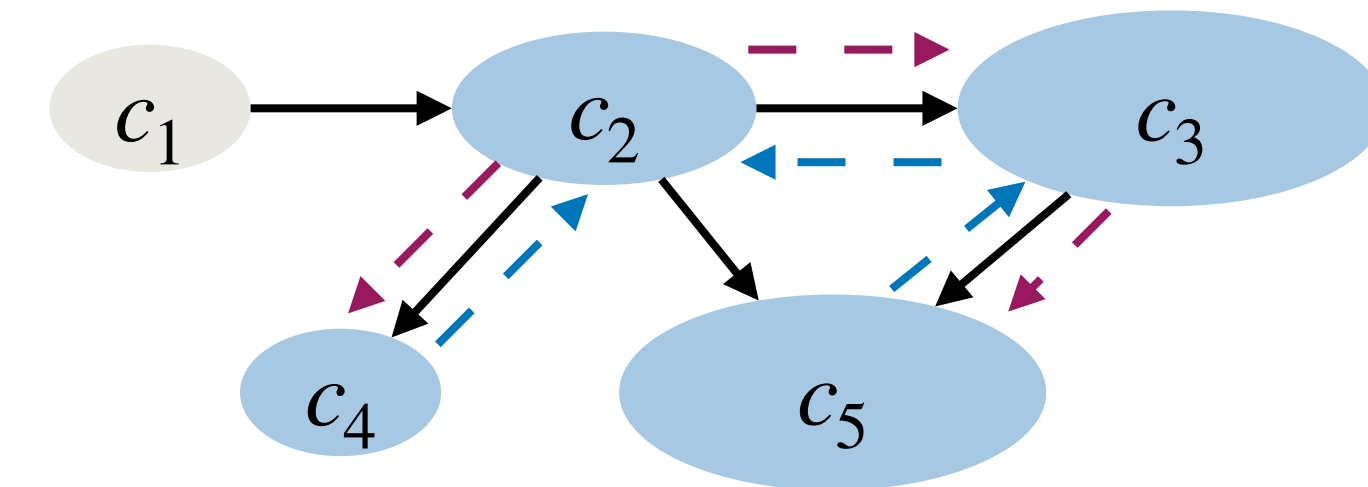
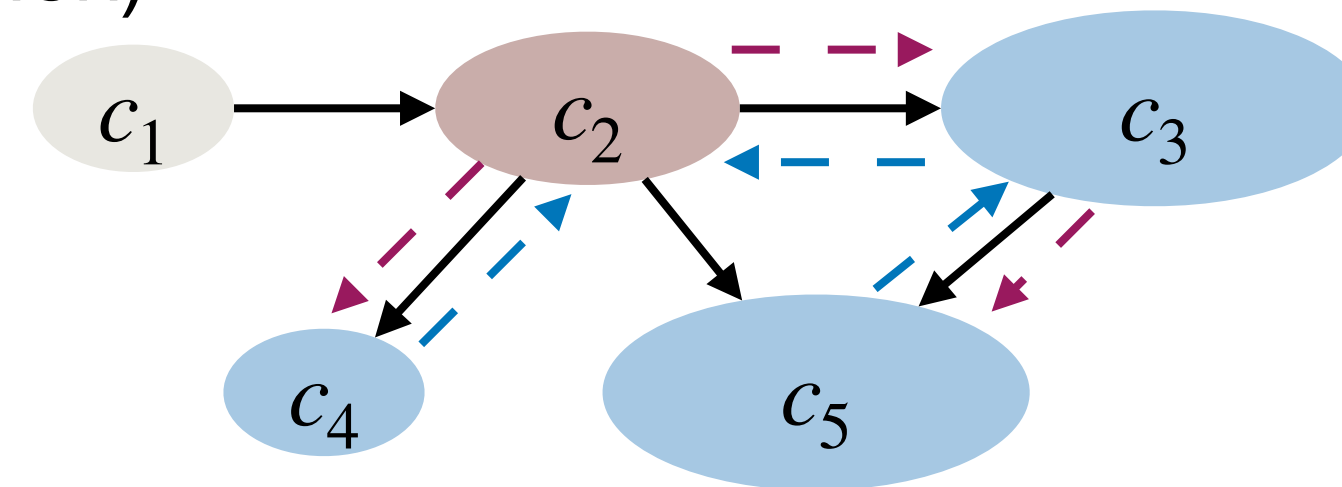
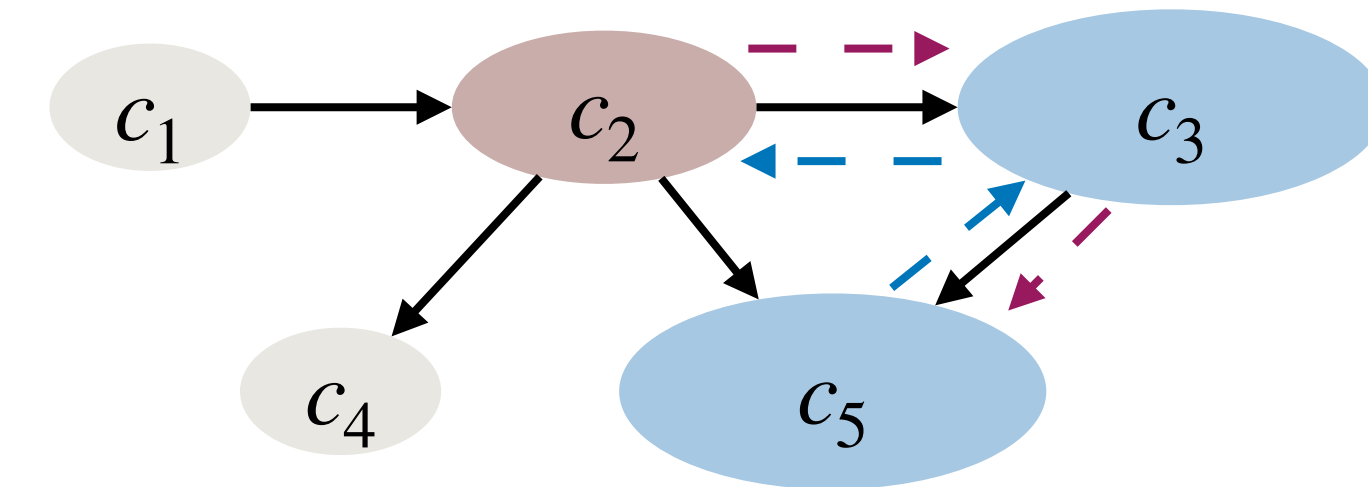
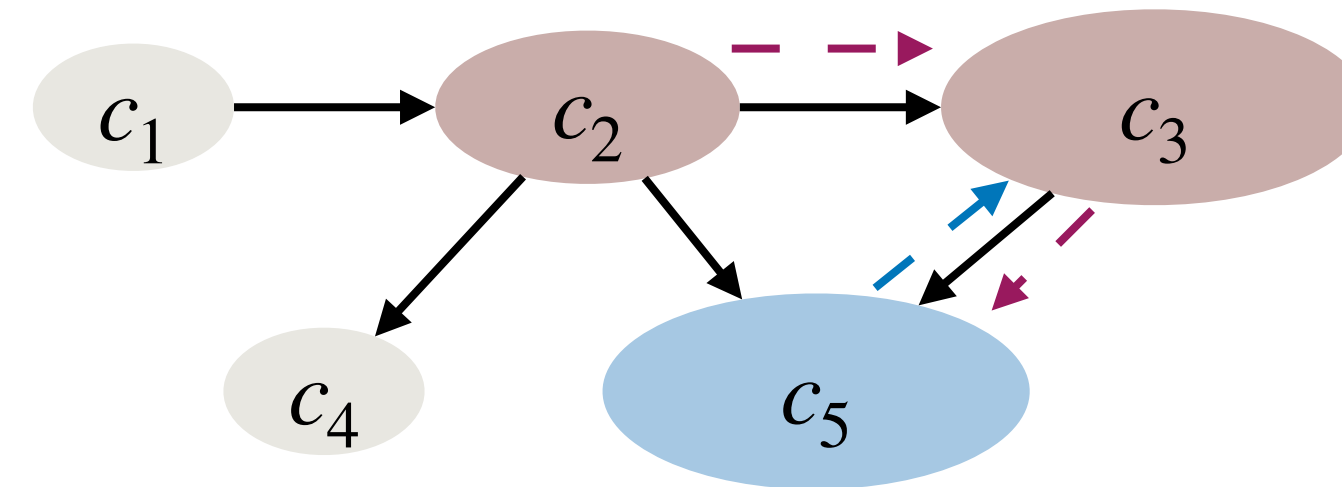
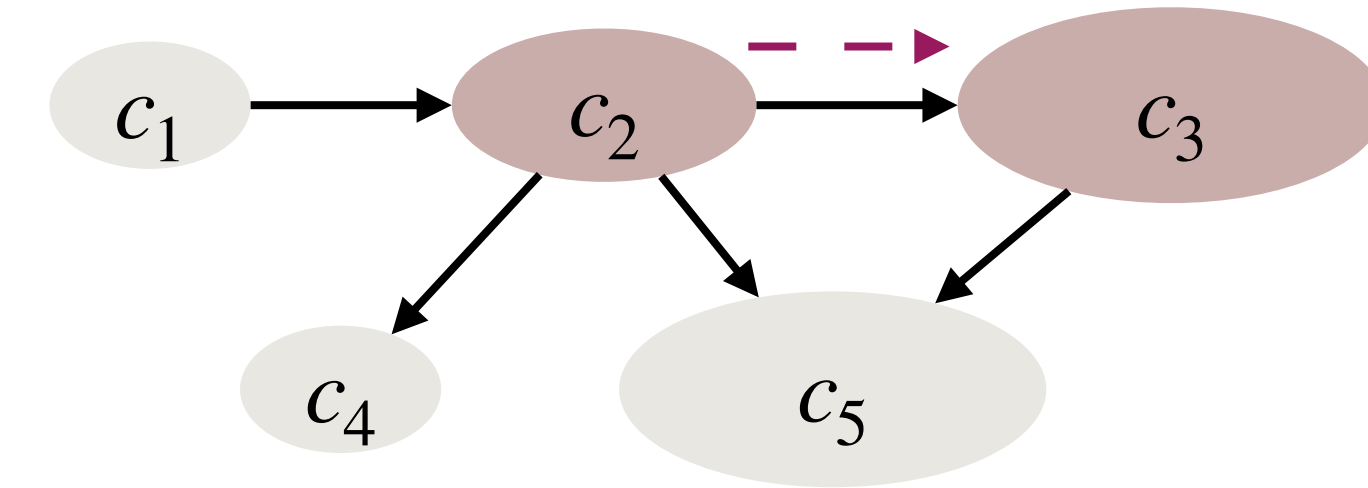
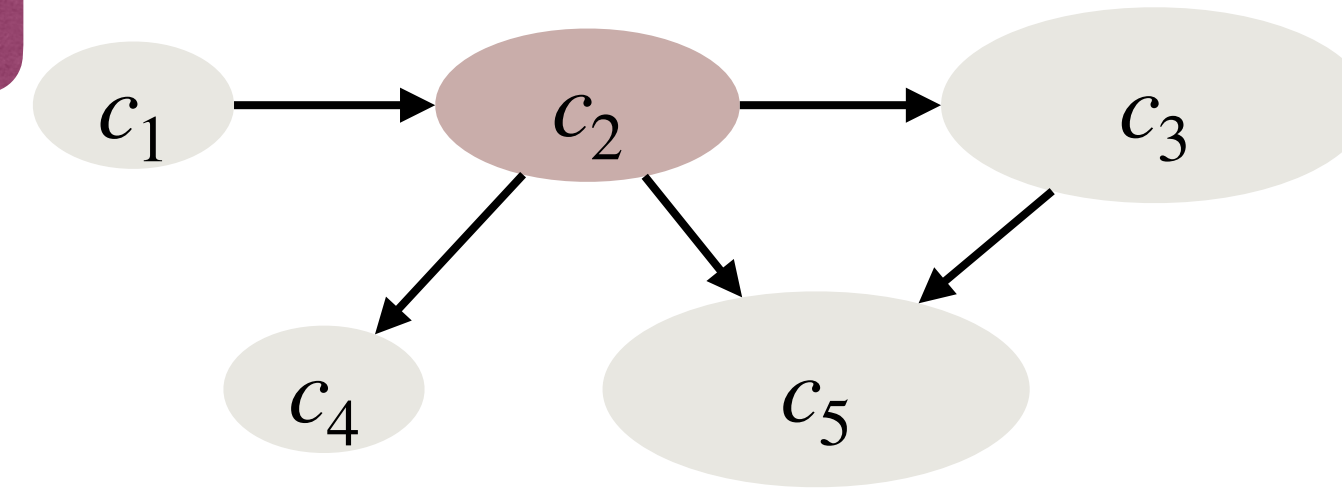
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Tarjan's SCC Algorithm

Let's have a closer look at the order that DFS examines nodes

- ▶ First node in C_2 (root of C_2)
- ▶ Some nodes in C_2
- ▶ First node in C_3 (root of C_3)
- ▶ Some nodes in C_3
- ▶ First node in C_5 (root of C_5)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_5 (C_5 is a sink SCC)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_3 (C_3 becomes a sink SCC by then)
- ▶ Some nodes in C_2
- ▶ First node in C_4 (root of C_4)
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- ▶ All other nodes in C_2 (C_2 becomes a sink SCC by then)
- ▶ First node in C_1 (root of C_1)
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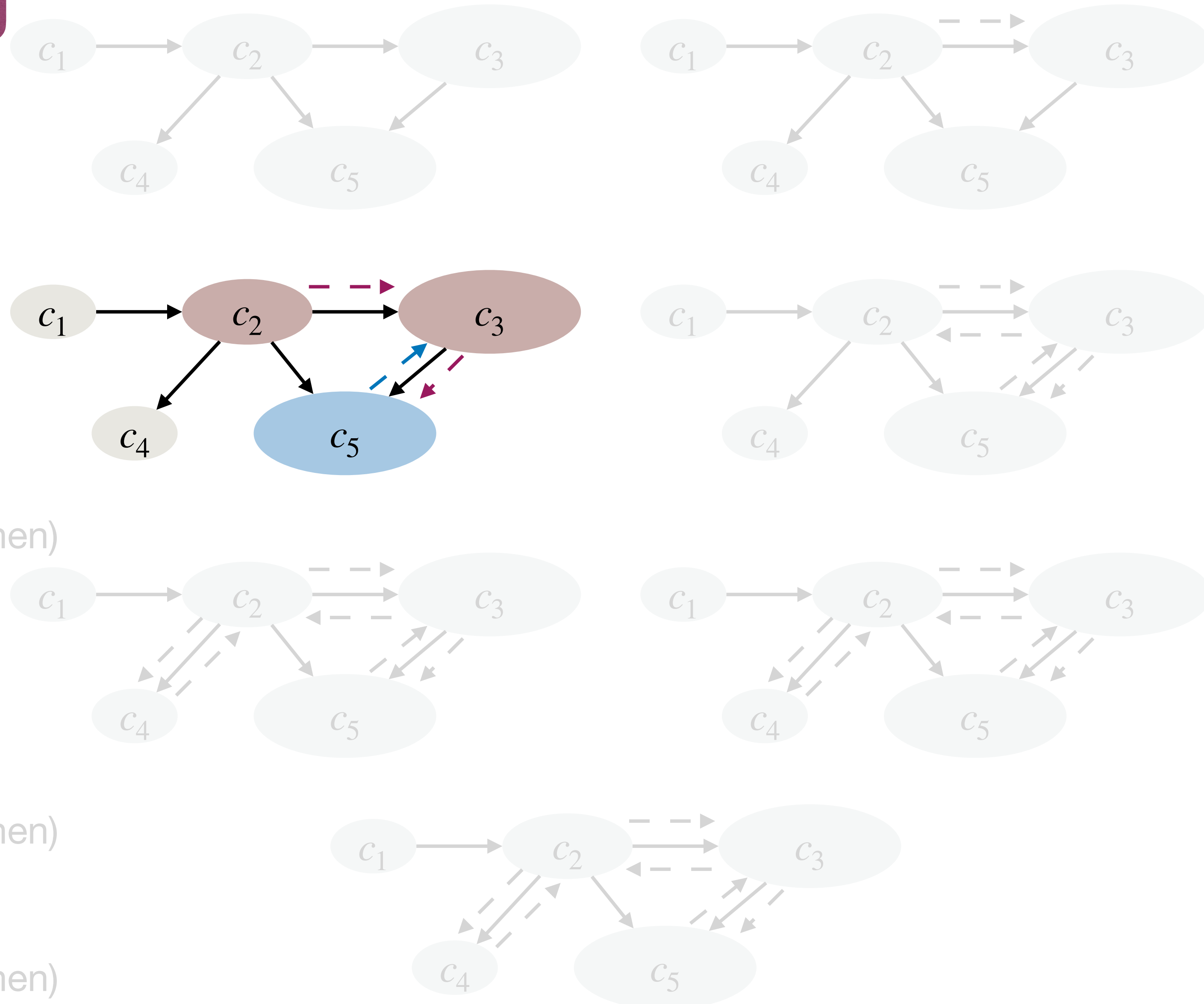
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- ▶ All other nodes in C_5 (C_5 is a sink SCC)

If we can identify root of C_5 , call it r_5 , then all nodes visited during DFS starting from r_5 are the nodes in C_5 .

If we push a node to a stack when it is discovered, when DFS returns from r_5 , all nodes above r_5 in the stack are in C_5 and can be popped!

- ▶ First node in C_1 (root of C_1)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_1 (C_1 becomes a sink SCC by then)



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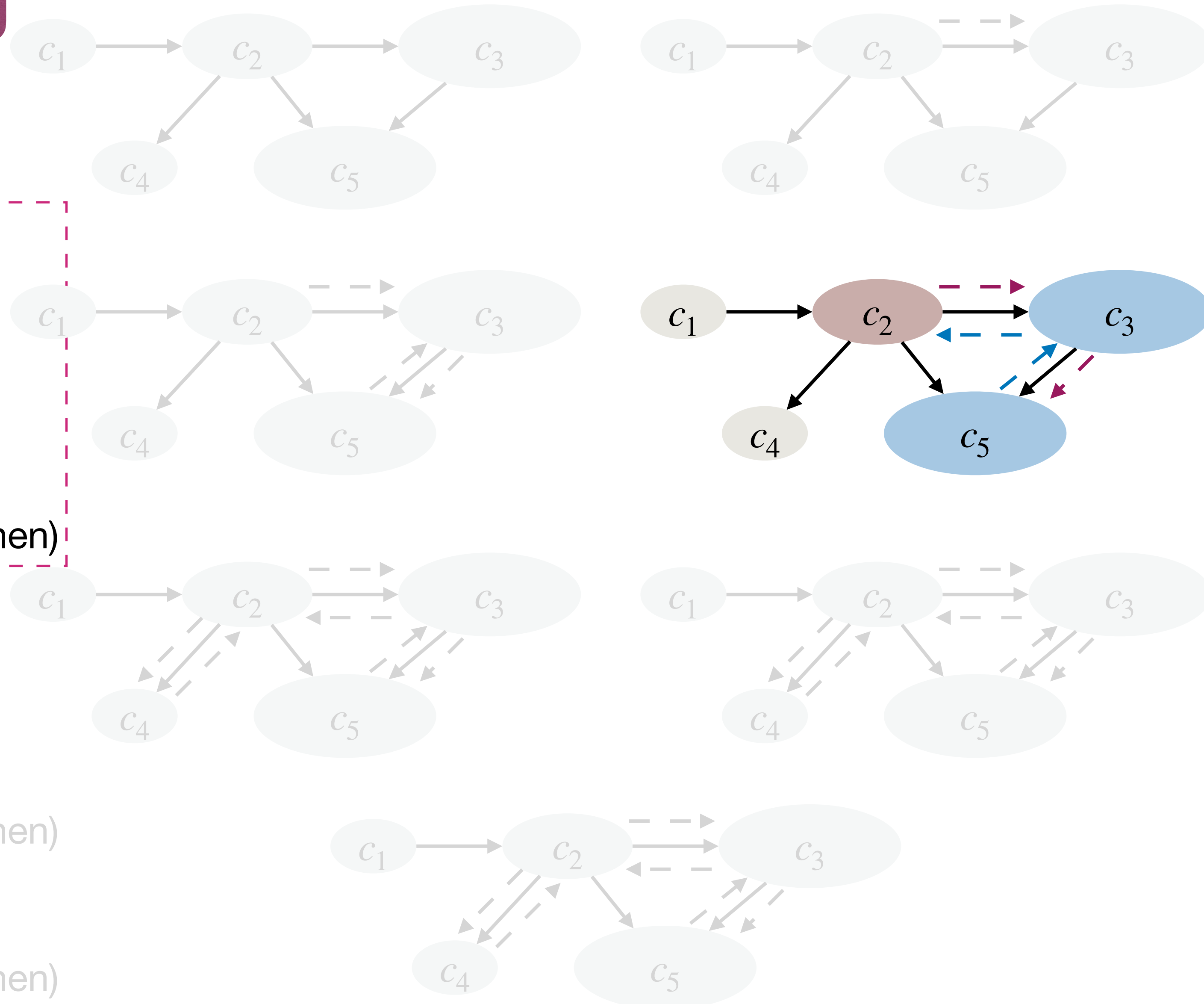
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Given that we know nodes in C_5 , if we can identify root of C_3 , call it r_3 , then all nodes not in C_5 visited during DFS starting from r_3 are the nodes in C_3 .

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▶ All other nodes in C_4 (C_4 is a sink SCC)

▶ All other nodes in C_1 (C_1 becomes a sink SCC by then)



Tarjan's SCC Algorithm

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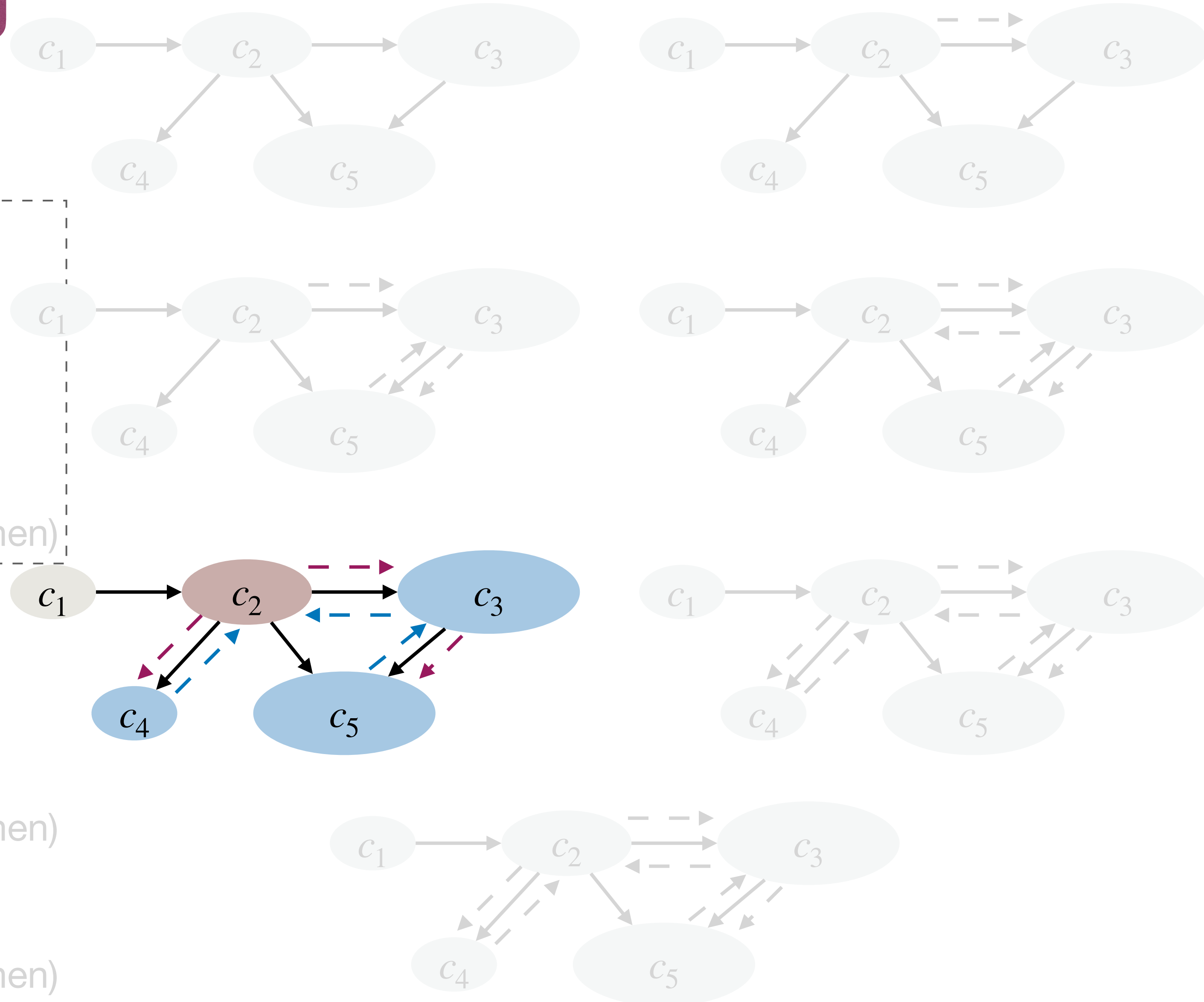
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- ▶ Some nodes in C_2
- ▶ First node in C_4 (root of C_4)
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- ▶ All other nodes in C_2 (C_2 becomes a sink SCC by then)
- ▶ First node in C_1 (root of C_1)
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Given that we know nodes in C_5 & C_4 & C_3 , if we can identify root of C_2 , call it r_2 , then all nodes not in C_5 & C_4 & C_3 visited during DFS starting from r_2 are the nodes in C_2 .

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- ▶ Some nodes in C_2

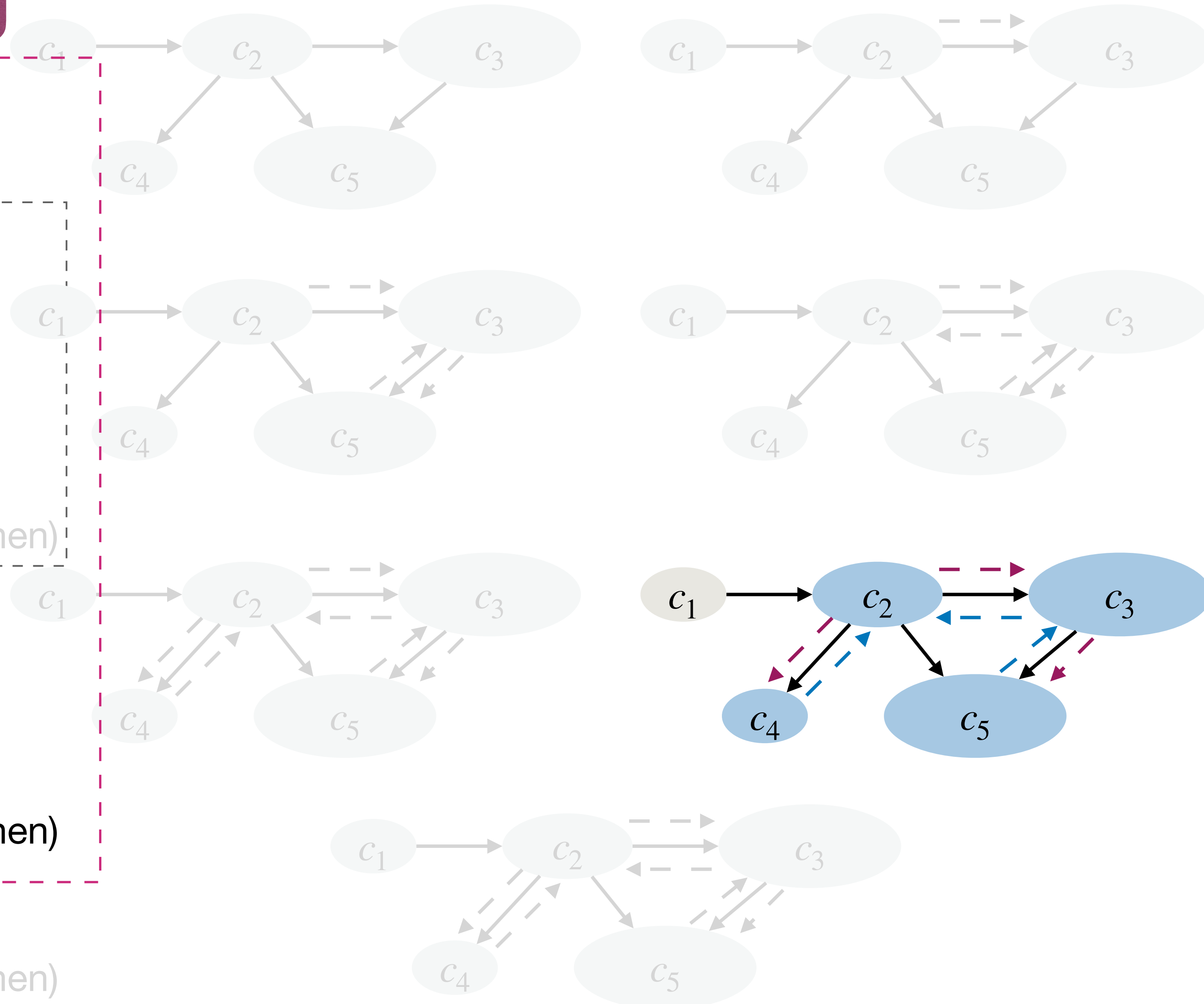
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▶ First node in C_5 (root of C_5)

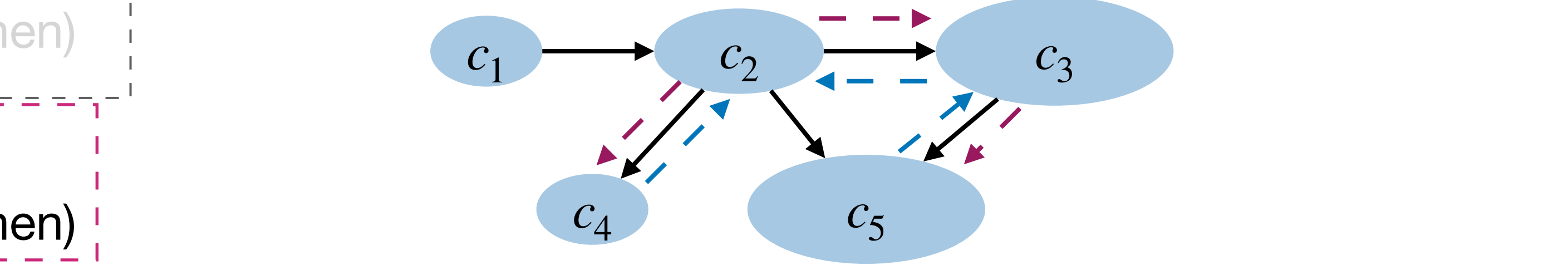
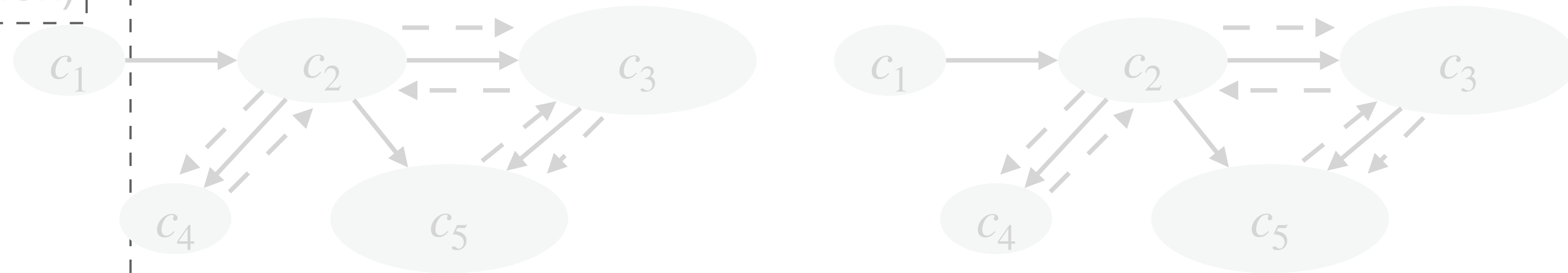
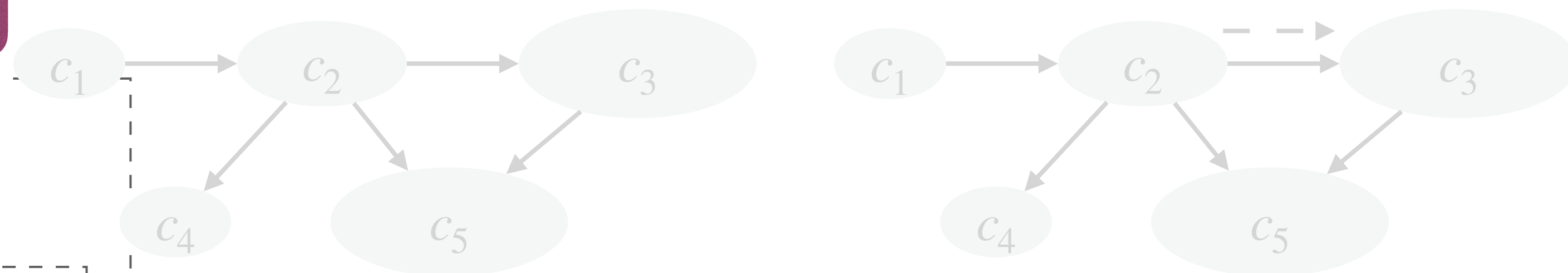
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If we push a node to a stack when it is discovered, when DFS returns from r_1 , all nodes above r_1 in the stack are in C_1 and can be popped!

▶ All other nodes in C_2 (C_2 becomes a sink SCC by then)

▶ First node in C_1 (root of C_1)

▶ All other nodes in C_1 (C_1 becomes a sink SCC by then)



stack bottom

stack top



Tarjan's SCC Algorithm

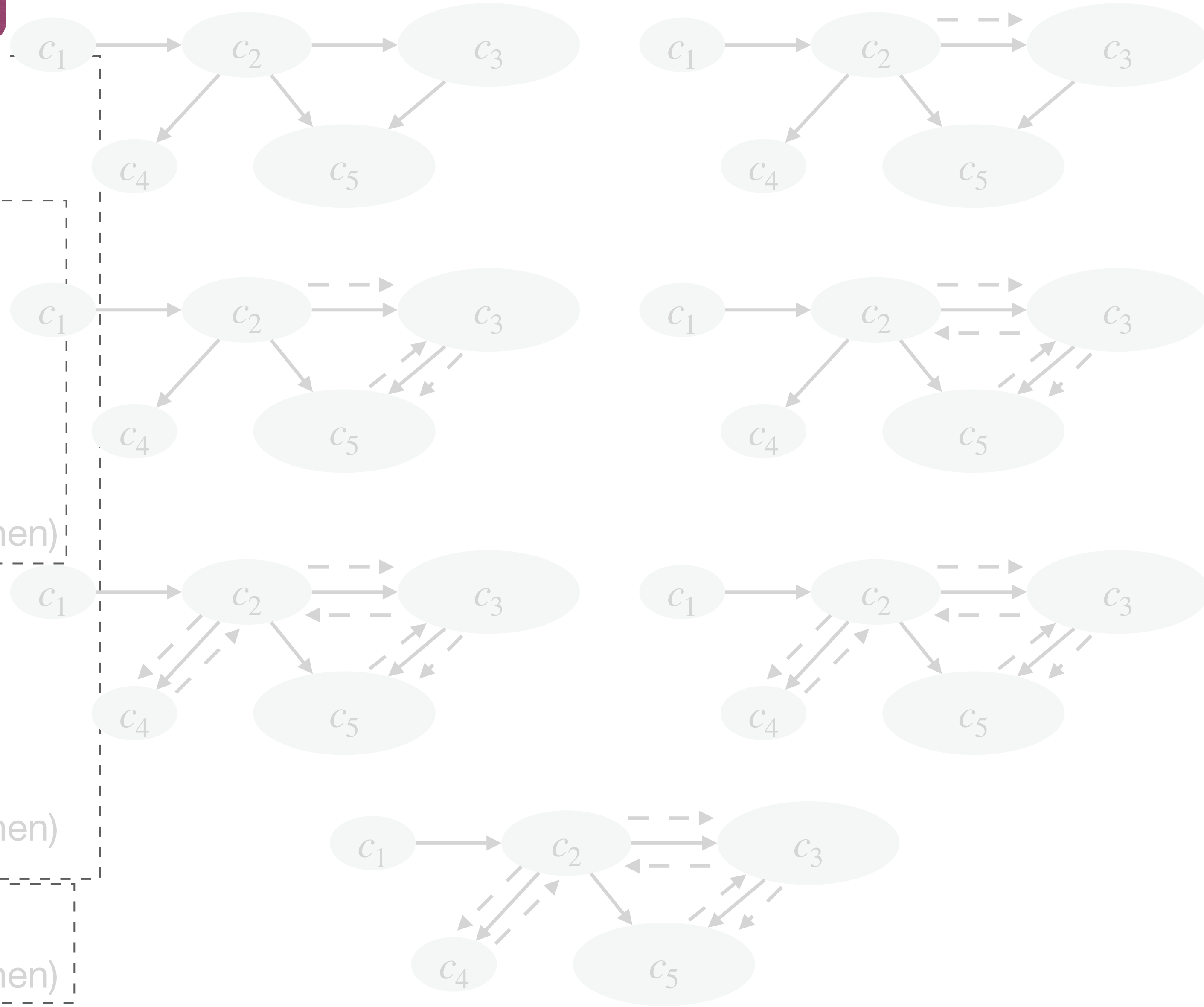
Let's have a closer look at the order that DFS examines nodes

- ▶ First node in C_2 (root of C_2)
- ▶ Some nodes in C_2
- ▶ First node in C_3 (root of C_3)

For each SCC C_i , let r_i be its root. If we push a node to a stack when it is discovered, when DFS returns from r_i , all nodes above r_i in the stack are in C_i and can be popped!

But how to identify each root r_i ?

- ▶ Some nodes in C_2
- ▶ First node in C_4 (root of C_4)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_4 (C_4 is a sink SCC)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_2 (C_2 becomes a sink SCC by then)
- ▶ First node in C_1 (root of C_1)
- ▶ All other nodes in C_1 (C_1 becomes a sink SCC by then)





Tarjan's method to identify root of SCC

- Fix some DFS process, for each vertex v , let C_v be the SCC that v is in. Then, $low(v)$ is the smallest discovery time among all nodes in C_v that are reachable from v via a path of tree edges followed by at most one non-tree edge.
- By definition, $low(v) \leq v.d$ as v is reachable from itself.

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- Proof of $[\implies]$ (easy direction)
 - ▶ If v is the root of C_v , then it is the first discovered node in C_v .
 - ▶ Hence v has the smallest discovery time among all nodes in C_v .
 - ▶ By the definition of $low(v)$, clearly $low(v) = v.d$.



Tarjan's method to identify root of SCC

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- Proof of $[\Leftarrow]$ (hard direction)
 - ▶ For the sake of contradiction assume $x \neq v$ is the root of C_v . (That is, x is the first discovered node in C_v .)
 - ▶ Let $x' \neq v$ be v 's parent in the DFS tree. Since C_v is a SCC, v can reach all nodes in C_v , including the ones on path $x \rightarrow x'$. Thus, when executing DFS from v , it will examine a path containing zero or more tree edges and then a back edge pointing to some node x'' in path $x \rightarrow x'$.
 - ▶ But this means $low(v) < v.d$ since $low(v) \leq x''.d < v.d$. Contradiction!



Tarjan's SCC Algorithm

- Now we have:
 - ▶ For each SCC C_i , let r_i be its root. If we push a node to a stack when it is discovered, when DFS returns from r_i , all nodes above r_i in the stack are in C_i .
 - ▶ Let $low(v)$ be the smallest discovery time among all nodes in C_i that are reachable from v via a path of tree edges followed by at most one non-tree edge.
 - ▶ Lemma: Node v is the root of a SCC iff $low(v) = v.d$



Tarjan's SCC Algorithm

Tarjan(G):

$time := 0$

Stack S

for each v **in** V

$v.root := NIL$

$v.visited := False$

for each v **in** V

if $!v.visited$

$TarjanDFS(v)$

TarjanDFS(v):

$v.visited := True, time := time + 1$

$v.d := time, v.low := v.d$

$S.push(v)$

for each $edge(v, w)$

if $!w.visited$ // tree edge

$TarjanDFS(w)$

$v.low := \mathbf{min}(v.low, w.low)$

else if $w.root = NIL$ // non tree edge in C_v

$v.low := \mathbf{min}(v.low, w.d)$

if $v.low = v.d$

repeat

$w := S.pop(), w.root := v$

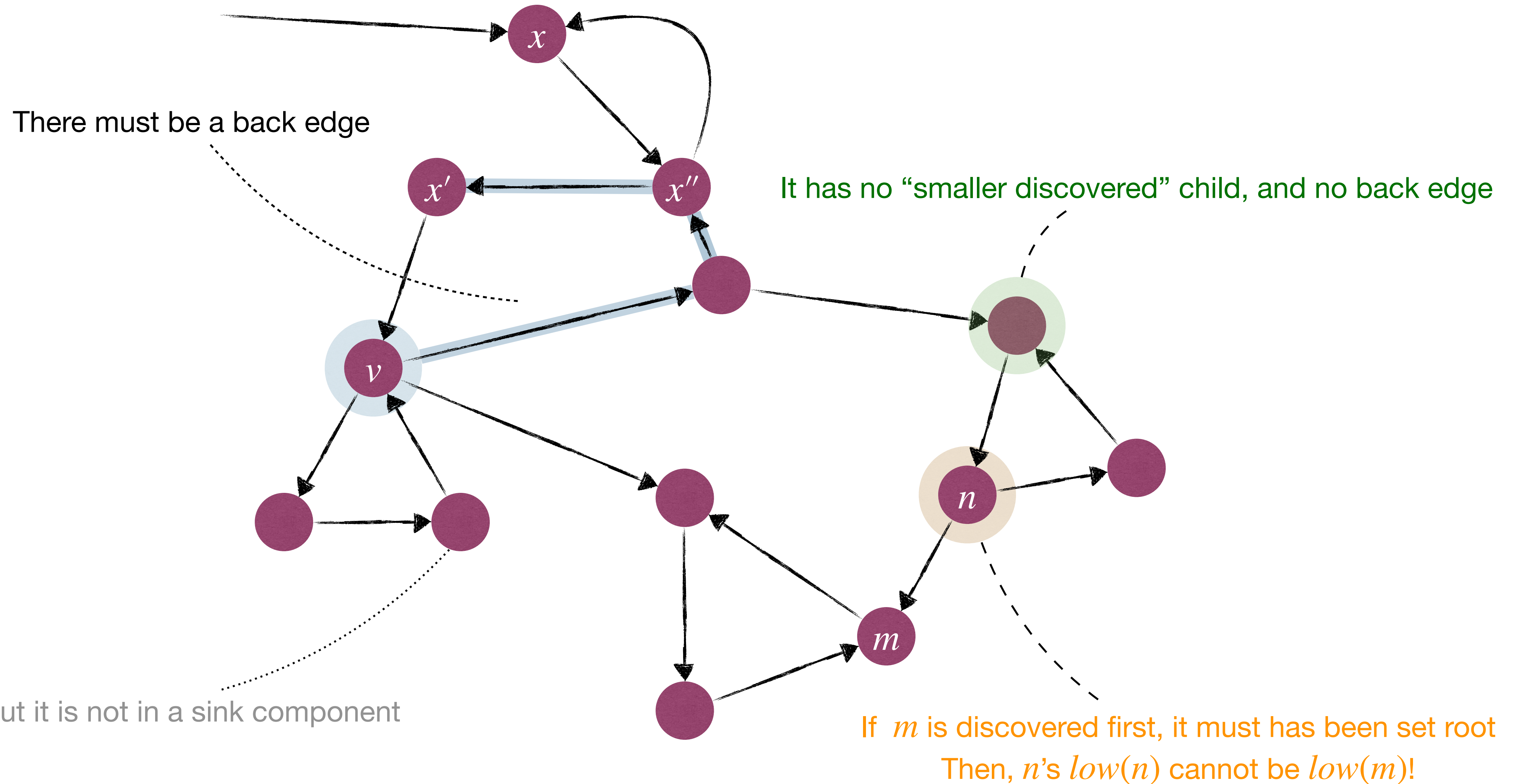
until $w = v$

Time complexity is $O(m + n)$

(One DFS pass, and push/pop once for each node)



Tarjan's method to identify root of SCC





Further reading

- [CLRS] Ch.22
- [Erickson] Ch.6

