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- If we collapse each SCC to a single vertex we get a directed graph with no cycles
 a directed acyclic graph or DAG
- Many problems on directed graphs can be solved as follows:
 - Compute SCC's and resulting DAG
 - Do one computation on each SCC
 - Do another computation on the overall DAG



Better method

- Can compute all the SCC's while doing a single DFS! O(n+m) time
- We won't do the full algorithm but will give some ideas

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Definition

The **root** of an SCC is the first vertex in it visited by DFS.

Equivalently, the root is the vertex in the SCC with the smallest number in DFS ordering.

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Subgoal

- All members of an SCC are descendants of its root.
- Can we identify some root?
- How about the root of the first SCC completely explored by DFS?
- Key idea: no exit from first SCC (first SCC is leftmost "leaf" in collapsed DAG)







Minimum Spanning Trees (Forests)

- Given an undirected graph G=(V,E) with each edge e having a weight w(e)
- Find a subgraph T of G of minimum total weight s.t. every pair of vertices connected in G are also connected in T
 If G is connected then T is a tree otherwise it is a forest

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