

## Graph Traversal

- Learn the basic structure of a graph
- Walk from a fixed starting vertex v to find all vertices reachable from $v$
- Three states of vertices
- undiscovered
- discovered
- fully-explored








Properties of DFS(v)

- Like BFS(v):
- DFS(v) visits $\mathbf{x}$ if and only if there is a path in $G$ from v to x
- Edges into undiscovered vertices define a tree - "depth first spanning tree" of G
- Unlike the BFS tree:
- the DFS spanning tree isn't minimum depth
- its levels don't reflect min distance from the root
- non-tree edges never join vertices on the same or adjacent levels
- BUT...



## Ap plication: Aticulation Points



- Non-tree edges eliminate articulation points
- Root node is articulation point $\Leftrightarrow$ it has more than one child
- Leaf nodes are never articulation points
- Other nodes $\mathbf{u}$ are articulation points $\Leftrightarrow$
- no non-tree edges going from the sub-tree rooted at a child of $u$ to above $u$ in the tree


## At ticulation Points from DFS

- For each vertex v compute
- Small(v)
- the smallest number of a node pointed at by any descendant of $\mathbf{v}$ in the DFS tree (including v itself)
- Can compute Small(v) for every v during DFS at minimal extra cost
- Non-tree, non-root node $\mathbf{u}$ is an articulation point $\Leftrightarrow$ for some child $v$ of $u$
- Small(v) = DFSnumber(u)
- Easy to check during DFS


