

Then G has a topo order $\Leftrightarrow G$ is a DAG

Lemma 1 G has topo order $\Rightarrow G$ is a DAG

Proof by contradiction Suppose G has topo order v_i

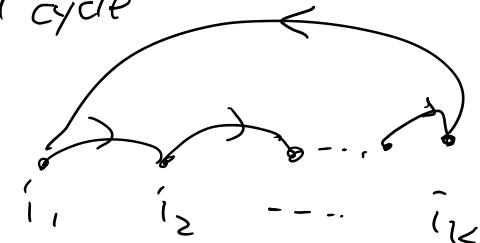
Suppose G is not a DAG, there is a directed cycle

Let i_1 is the lowest index in the cycle.

Cycle \Rightarrow There is edge (v_{i_k}, v_{i_1})

Since i_1 is lowest, $i_k > i_1$

this contradicts to the fact v is a topo order.



Lemma 2a If G is a DAG, it has ~~a~~ a source node

(source node = node with no incoming edge)



Proof by contradiction

Algo:

Start at any node v



while there is an incoming edge (u, v) from v

$v \leftarrow u$

Output v

(used DAG)

Tension:

No node is repeated in the loop because no directed cycle.

Hence, it takes $O(n)$ time.

Conclusion: v is source because of the loop condition.

Correctness: v is source because of the loop condition.

Lemma 2b. G is a DAG \Rightarrow it has topo order

Algo:

Let L is empty list

while $G \neq \emptyset$

 find a source v in G

 Put v in the end of L

 Delete v from G

Output L .

Time: $O(n^2) = \underbrace{O(n)}_{\text{iter}} \times \underbrace{O(n)}_{\text{cost to find source}}$

Improve this $O(m+n)$.

Correctness: We can find a source v in G by Lemma 2a. and by G is DAG.

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the order algo find.

For any edge (v_i, v_j)

we $i < j$ because the algo do job v_j

only if all incoming edge to v_j is removed/done.

Proof of theorem follows from Lem 1 and Lem 2b.

