

4. Section 7.5 uses recursion and the run-time stack to implement a DFS traversal. The DFSGraph uses a time attribute to note when a vertex is first encountered (discovery attribute) in the depth-first search and when a vertex is backtracked through (finish attribute). Consider the graph for making pancakes where vertices are steps and edges represent the partial order among the steps.

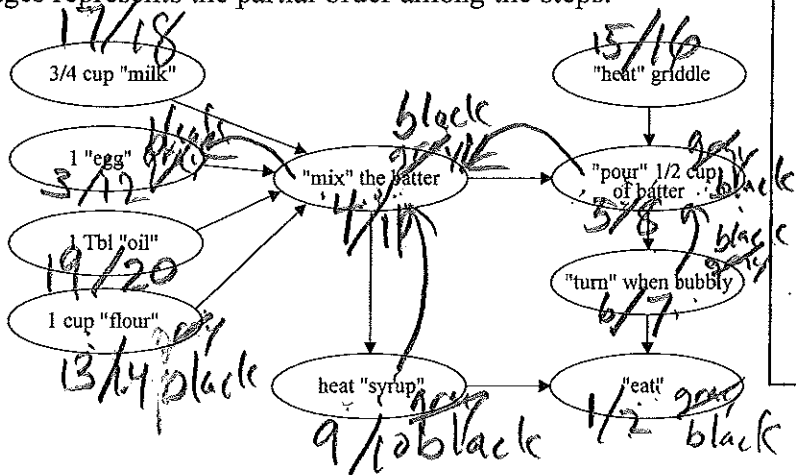
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from graph import Graph
class DFSGraph(Graph):

    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.time = 1

    def dfs(self):
        for aVertex in self:
            aVertex.setColor('white')
            aVertex.setPred(-1)
            for aVertex in self:
                if aVertex.getColor() == 'white':
                    self.dfsvisit(aVertex)

    def dfsvisit(self, startVertex):
        startVertex.setColor('gray')
        self.time += 1
        startVertex.setDiscovery(self.time)
        for nextVertex in startVertex.getConnections():
            if nextVertex.getColor() == 'white':
                nextVertex.setPred(startVertex)
                self.dfsvisit(nextVertex)
        startVertex.setColor('black')
        self.time += 1
        startVertex.setFinish(self.time)
    
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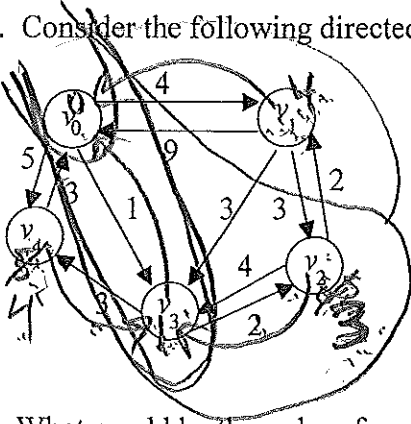
a) Assume (why is this a bad assumption???) that the for-loops always iterate through the vertexes alphabetically (e.g., "eat", "egg", "flour", ...) by their id. Write on the above graph the discovery and finish attributes assigned to each vertex by executing the dfs method.

(see above)

b) A topological sort algorithm can use the dfs discovery and finish attributes to determine a proper order to avoid putting the "cart before the horse." For example, we don't want to "pour 1/2 cup of batter" before we "mix the batter", and we don't want to "mix the batter" until all the ingredients have been added. Outline the steps to perform a topological sort.

- ① Load the graph information into a DFSGraph.
- ② Involve its dfs method to set the discovery and finish times
- ③ Extract the topological sort by printing the vertex ids in descending order of finish times.

5. Consider the following directed graph (diagraph).



Dijkstra's Algorithm is a *greedy algorithm* that finds the shortest path from some vertex, say  $v_0$ , to all other vertices. A *greedy algorithm*, unlike divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming algorithms, DOES NOT divide a problem into smaller subproblems. Instead a greedy algorithm builds a solution by making a sequence of choices that look best ("locally" optimal) at the moment without regard for past or future choices (no backtracking to fix bad choices). Dijkstra's algorithm builds a subgraph by repeatedly selecting the next closest vertex to  $v_0$  that is not already in the subgraph. Initially, only vertex  $v_0$  is in the subgraph with a distance of 0 from itself.

a) What would be the order of vertices added to the subgraph during Dijkstra's algorithm?

$v_0, v_3, v_2, v_1, v_4$   
or  
( $v_4, v_1$ )

b) What greedy criteria did you use to select the next vertex to add to the subgraph?

Vertex not in the subgraph with shortest distance to  $v_0$  using only vertices in the subgraph.

c) What data structure could be used to efficiently determine that selection?

Since we want the minimum distance, use a priority queue "min. heap" of vertices not in the subgraph with their distance as the priority.

d) How might this data structure need to be modified?