



Algorithmics and Complexity

Cours 1/7 : Graph Traversal

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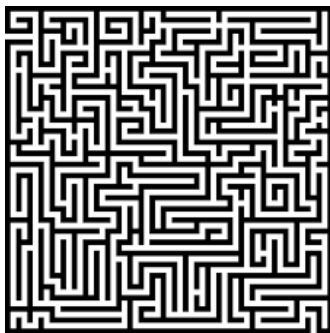


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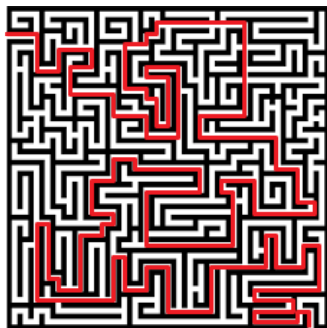


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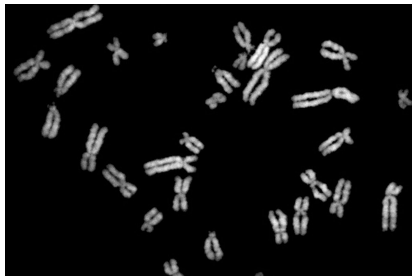


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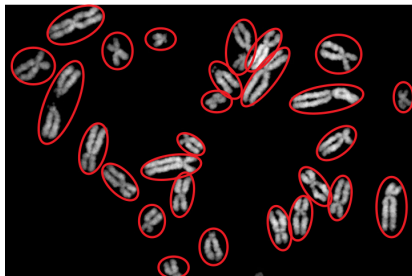
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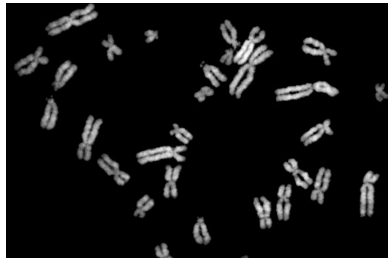
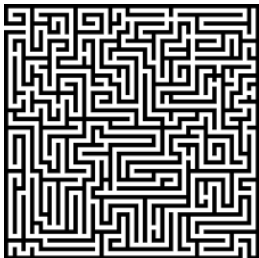


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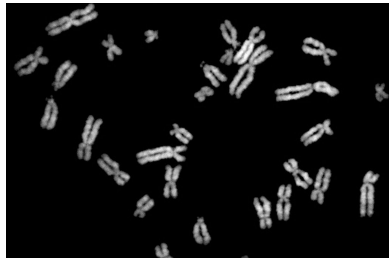
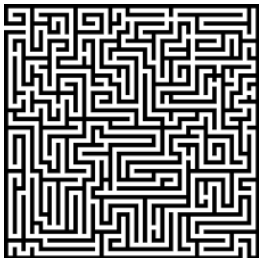
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→ Graphs, graph traversal and connectivity!



Graph

Data Structures

What you saw in your previous studies :

- ✓ Variables (often connected to representation types)
- ✓ Arrays (one dimensions or more)
- ✓ Lists, stacks, queues
- ✗ Objects
- ✗ Dictionnaires

Graph

Graphs are another type of data structure

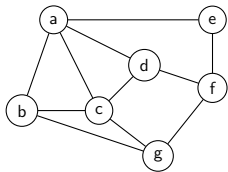
- Maybe the most frequently used in algorithmics !



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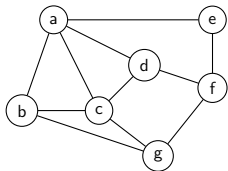




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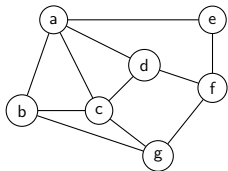
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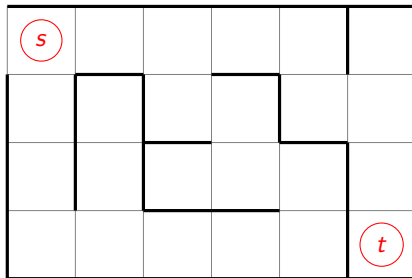
Notation

Graph $G = (V, E)$

where V is the set of vertices and E the set of edges.



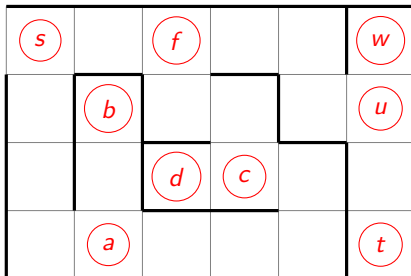
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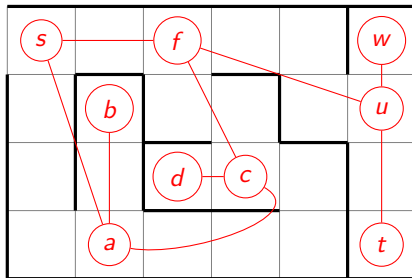
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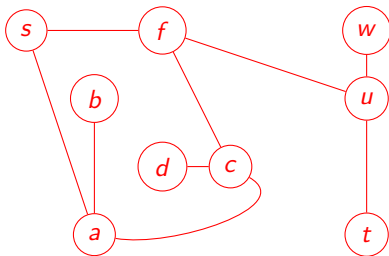


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- A **chain** from x to y is a finite series of consecutive edges connecting x to y .
- A graph is **connected** when there exists a chain between any pair of vertices.



Model of the maze problem

With the same data,

(in our case, a graph $G = (V, E)$ and two vertices s and t)

we can build **different types of problems**!

- Decision problem
- Construction problem
- Optimization problem



Model of the maze problem – Decision

Existence of a chain

- Inputs : Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, a starting vertex $s \in V$ and a target vertex $t \in V$
- Question : Is there a chain from s to t ?

Decision problem

- ✓ The answer to the above question is either yes or no.



Model of the maze problem – Construction

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Construction problem

- ✓ The answer is a **solution** to the problem.
 - Compute a data structure that satisfies the constraints of the problem.
- Such a structure might not exist !
 - The answer to the corresponding decision problem is **no**



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In this lecture, we will focus on **decision** problems.
(existence of a chain)



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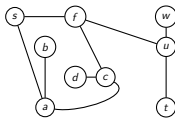
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Example

- A graph $G = (V, E)$ and two vertices s and $t \in V$.



- Size of the instance = $|V| + |E|$



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- This algorithm might not **terminate**.
→ One cannot always predict whether an algorithm terminates or not



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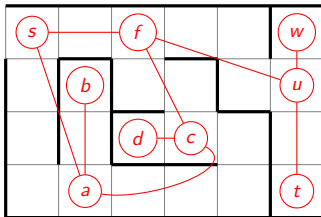
```
def exists_chain(V,E,s,t): ... (to be continued)
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We assume that there exists a function `neighbours(x,E)` that returns the list of neighbouring vertices



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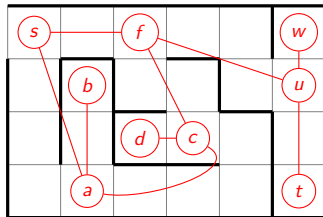
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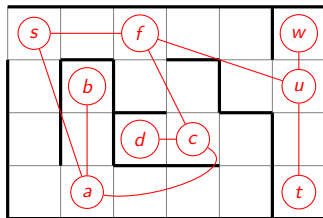


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Beware of cycles !

- We must store the visited vertices to avoid a loop.
(unlike the previous algorithm...)



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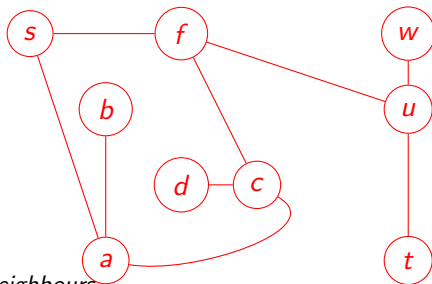


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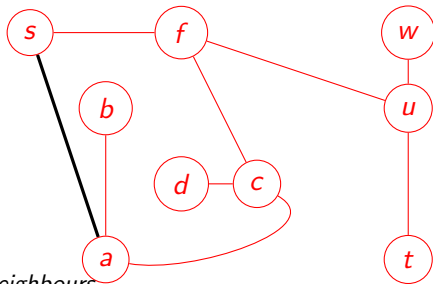


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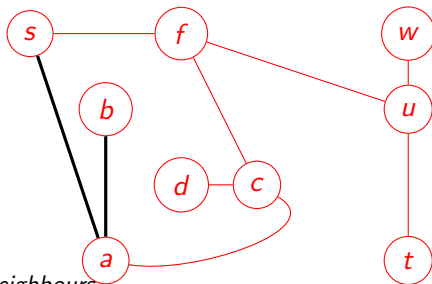


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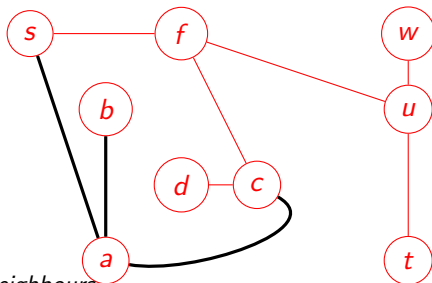


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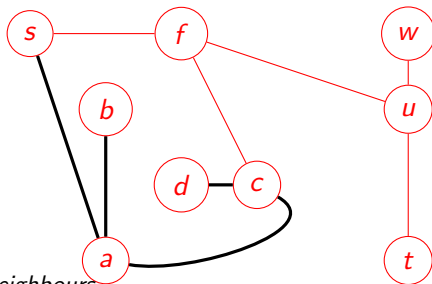


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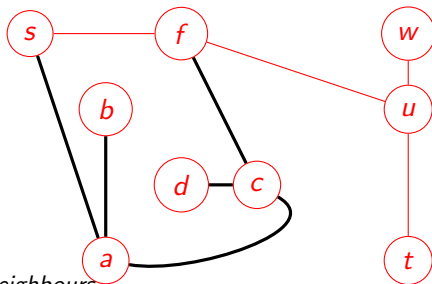


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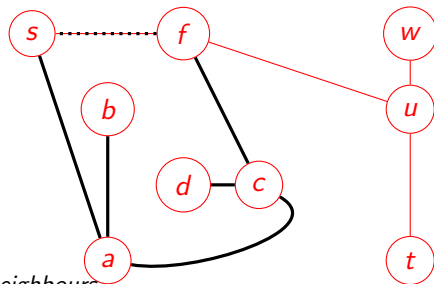


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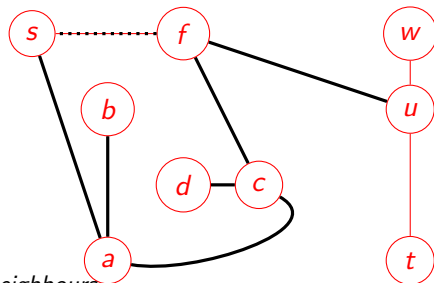


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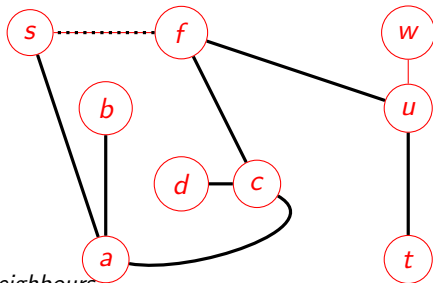
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 - `Recursive` function



Reminder : Python dictionaries

Set of (key,value) data structure

```
dico = { key:value, ... }
```

- The data structure associates a **value** to a name (the **key**),
using : `dico[key]=value`
- Keys are often character strings
- Values are accessed using : `dico[key]`
- We can iterate over the keys :

```
for k in dico: ...
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- We can test if a key exists :

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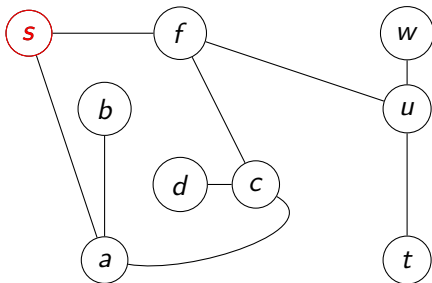
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- The list of nodes V is not used in `DFS_rec`
- This algorithm does not return the path, only True or False depending on whether it reaches t or not.



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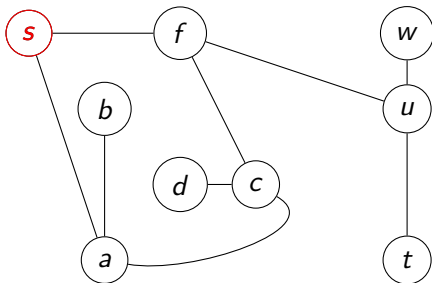
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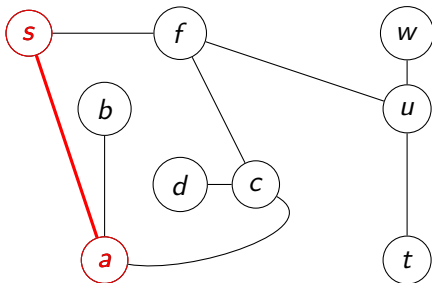
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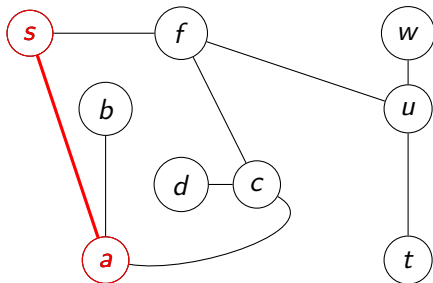
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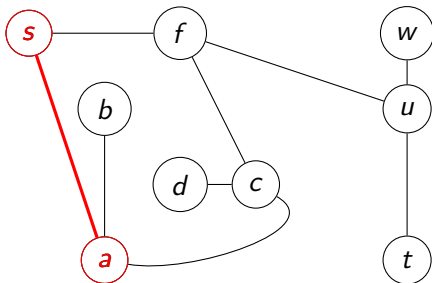
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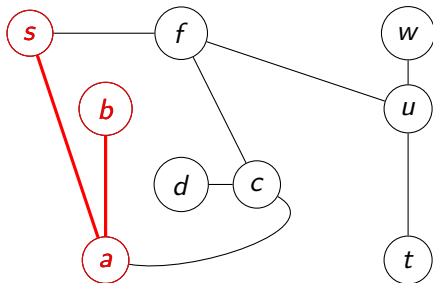
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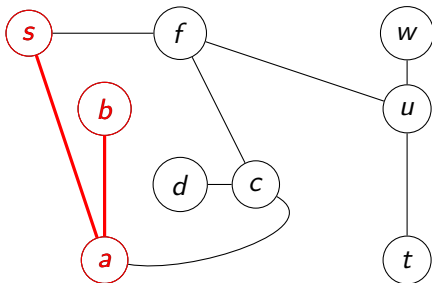
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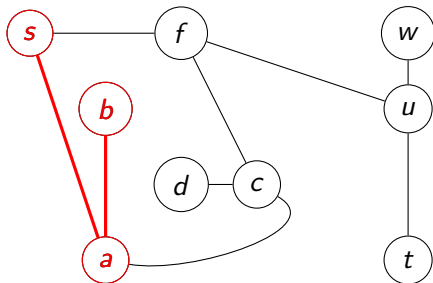
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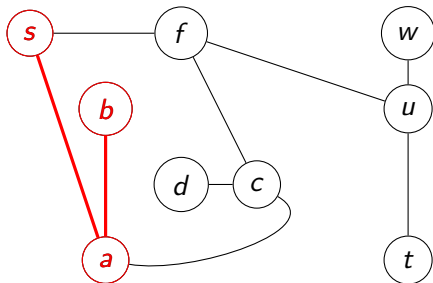
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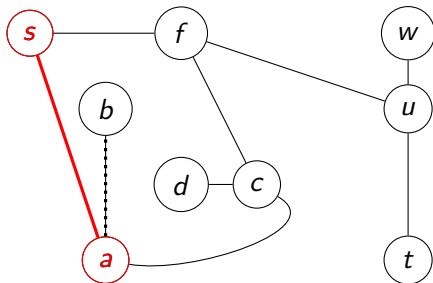
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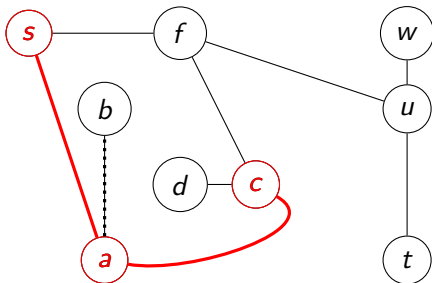
`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')`

`↔ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')`



Implementation : demo

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a : *True*
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f :
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w :

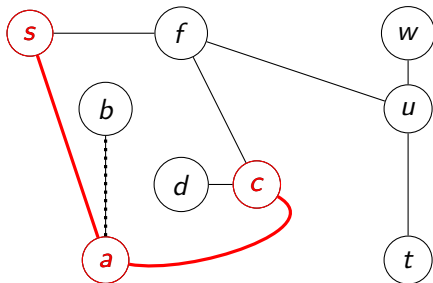
`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')`

\hookrightarrow `DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')`



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a : True

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d :

f :

s : True

t :

u :

w :

`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')`

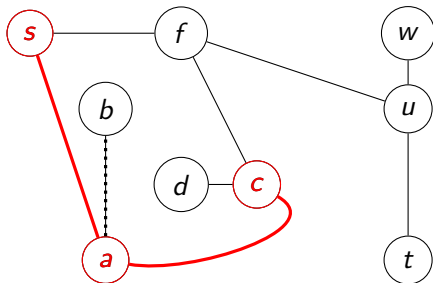
`↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')`

`↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')`



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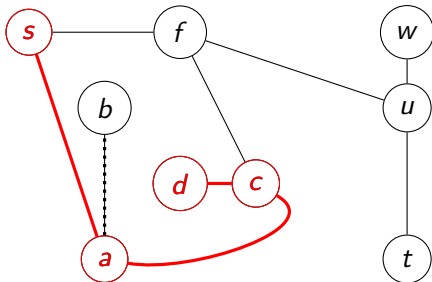
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DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')  
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```



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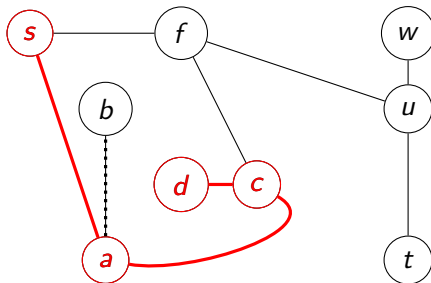
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```



Implementation : demo

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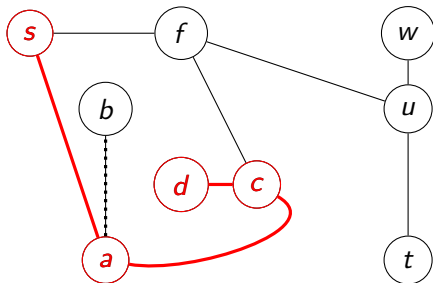
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b : True
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```
DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')
↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')
  ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')
    ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'d','t')
```



Implementation : demo

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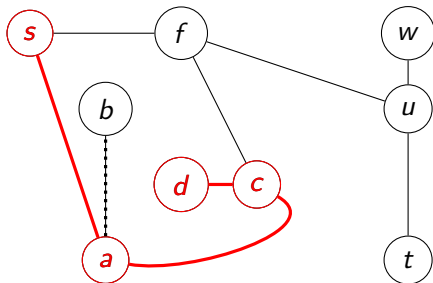
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```



Implementation : demo

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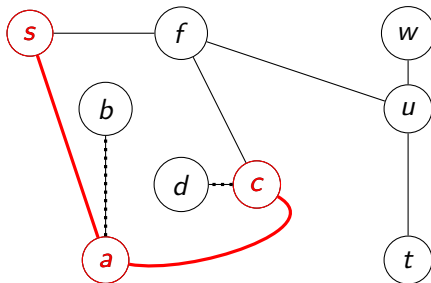
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b : *True*
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d : *True*
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w :

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↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')  
  ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')  
    ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'d','t') : False
```



Implementation : demo

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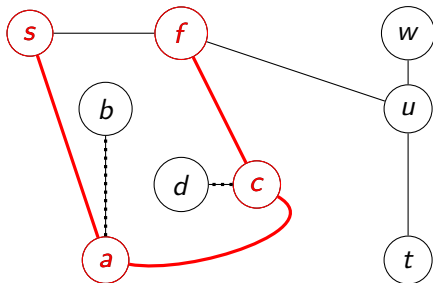
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```



Implementation : demo

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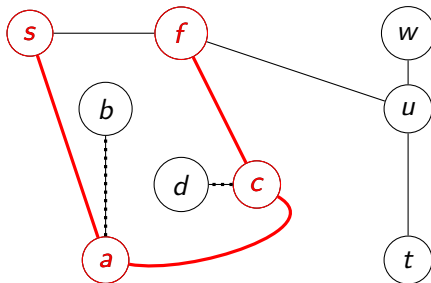
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```




Implementation : demo

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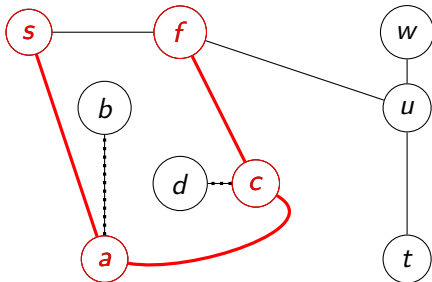
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Implementation : demo

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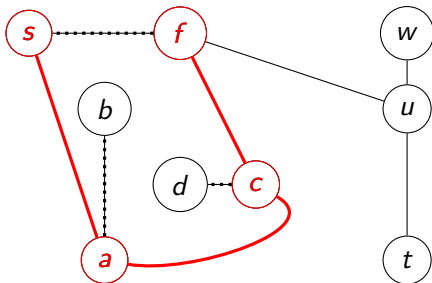
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```



Implementation : demo

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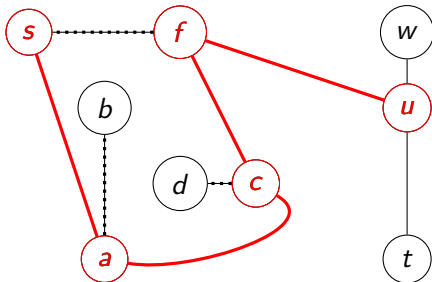
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DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')
↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')
  ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')
    ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'f','t')
```



Implementation : demo

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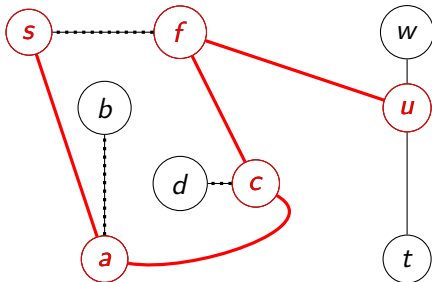
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```



Implementation : demo

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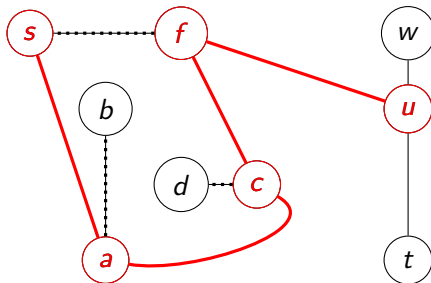
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```



Implementation : demo

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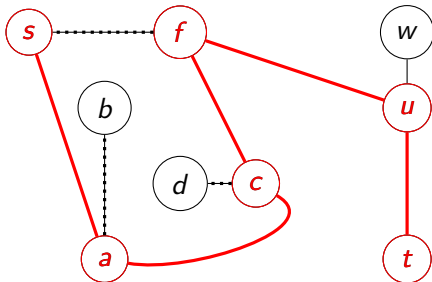
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```



Implementation : demo

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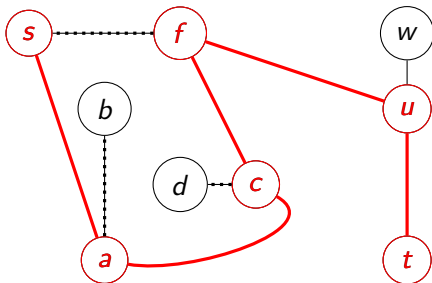
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b : True
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DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')
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  ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')
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      ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'u','t')
```



Implementation : demo

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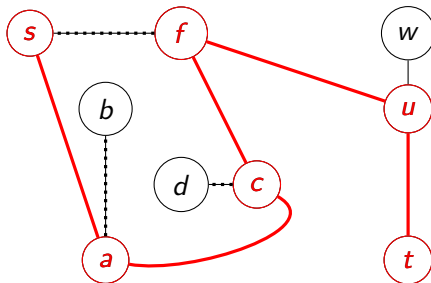
a : *True*
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s : *True*
t :
u : *True*
w :

```
DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')  
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  ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')  
    ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'f','t')  
      ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'u','t')  
        ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'t','t')
```




Implementation : demo

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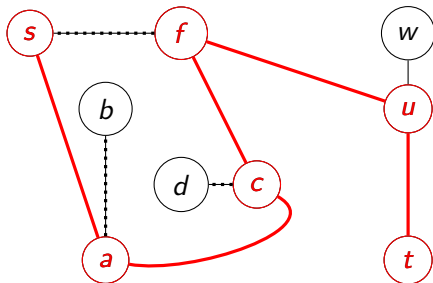
a : True
b : True
c : True
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f : True
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t : True
u : True
w :

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DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')
↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t')
  ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')
    ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'f','t')
      ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'u','t')
        ↳ DFS_rec(V,E,'t','t')
```



Implementation : demo

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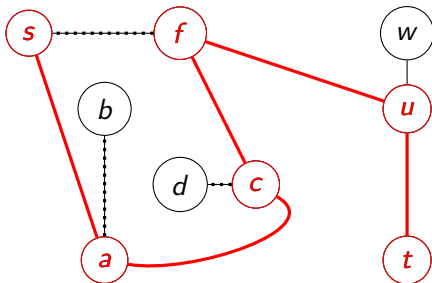
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b : *True*
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w :

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DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')  
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  ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'c','t')  
    ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'f','t')  
      ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'u','t')  
        ↪ DFS_rec(V,E,'t','t') : True
```



Implementation : demo

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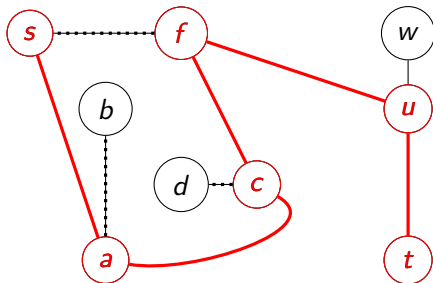
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```



Implementation : demo

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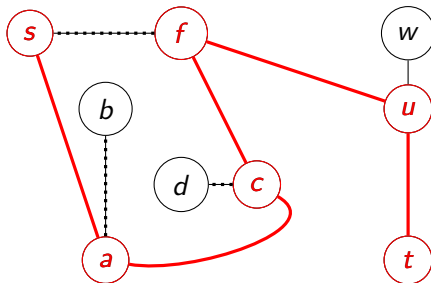
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Implementation : demo

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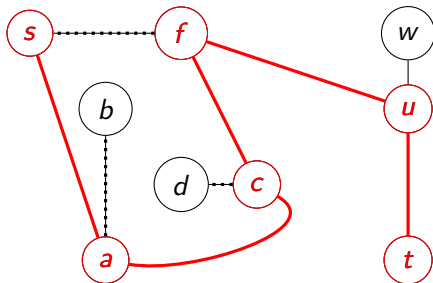
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```



Implementation : demo

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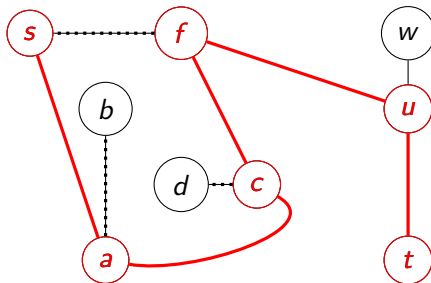
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`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t')`

`↔ DFS_rec(V,E,'a','t') : True`



Implementation : demo



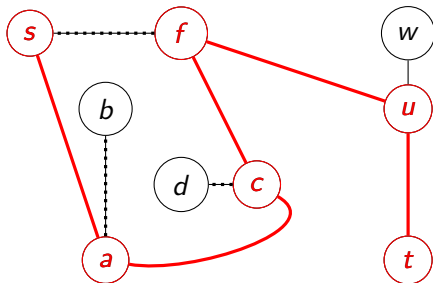
visited

a : True
b : True
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w :

`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t') : True`



Implementation : demo



visited

a : True
b : True
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s : True
t : True
u : True
w :

`DFS_rec(V,E,'s','t') : True`

Remark

All vertices marked to **True** in `visited` are accessible from `s`.
We will come back to that property later on...



Remove the recursion ?



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Reminder : stack

- Data structure.
- Sequence of elements in which one adds and retrieves elements always on the same end.
- Objects pop out of the stack in reverse order (Last In First Out).



Stack in Python

In Python

Methods `append` and `pop` on a `list`

In the *Algorithmics and Complexity* course

We use two ad-hoc functions that “hide” the implementation :

```
def add_end(x, l):  
    l.append(x)  
  
def pop_end(l):  
    return l.pop()
```

In computer science

Push and pop methods on stack



Depth-First Search : iterative implementation

```
def DFS_iter(V,E,s,t):
    lnext = [s]                # the stack
    reached = { s: True }     # avoid adding multiple times

    while len(lnext)>0:
        n = pop_end(lnext)

        if n==t:
            return True

        for v in neighbours(n,E):
            if not v in reached:
                reached[v] = True
                add_end(v,lnext)    # recursion -> add to stack

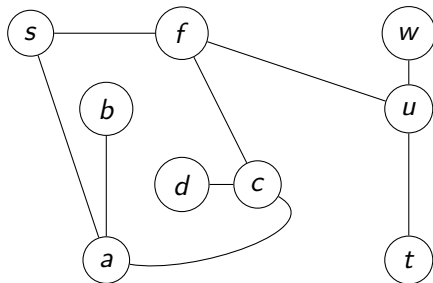
    return False
```

Remark : Does not return the founded path → see first tutorial



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a :
b :
c :
d :
f :
s : *True*
t :
u :
w :

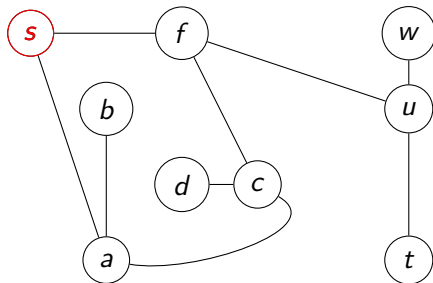
lnext = ['s']

n =



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a :
b :
c :
d :
f :
s : *True*
t :
u :
w :

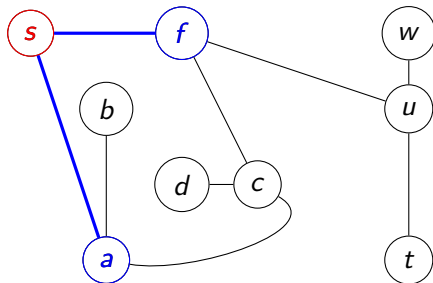
```
lnext = []
```

```
n = 's'
```



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b :

c :

d :

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

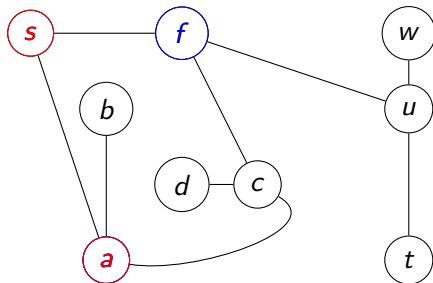
`lnext = ['f', 'a']`

`n = 's'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b :

c :

d :

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

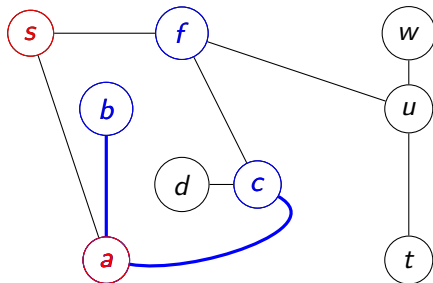
`lnext = ['f']`

`n = 'a'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d :

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

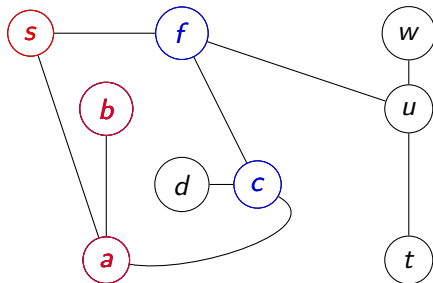
`lnext = ['f', 'c', 'b']`

`n = 'a'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True
b : True
c : True
d :
f : True
s : True
t :
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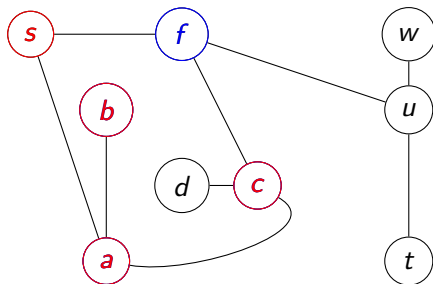
`lnext = ['f', 'c']`

`n = 'b'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d :

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

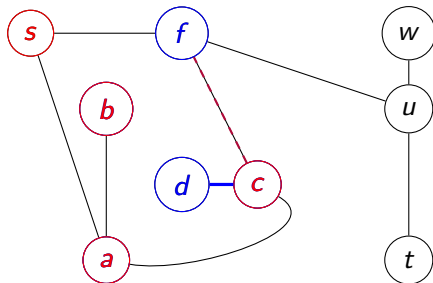
`lnext = ['f']`

`n = 'c'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d : True

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

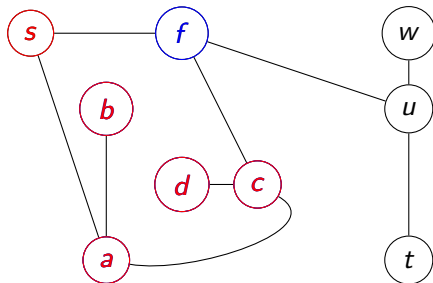
`lnext = ['f', 'd']`

`n = 'c'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d : True

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

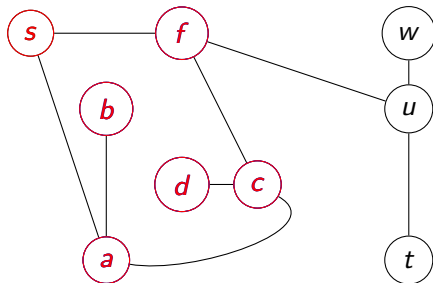
`lnext = ['f']`

`n = 'd'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d : True

f : True

s : True

t :

u :

w :

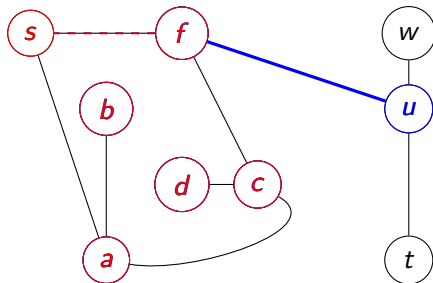
```
lnext = []
```

```
n = 'f'
```



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d : True

f : True

s : True

t :

u : True

w :

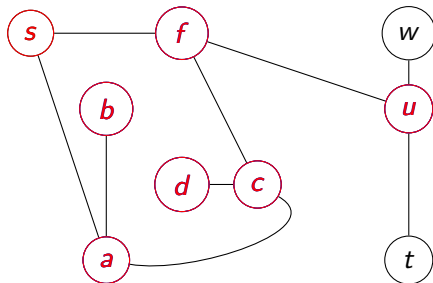
`lnext = ['u']`

`n = 'f'`



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

a : True

b : True

c : True

d : True

f : True

s : True

t :

u : True

w :

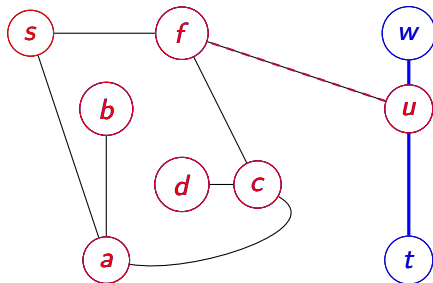
```
lnext = []
```

```
n = 'u'
```



Iterative implementation : demo

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reached

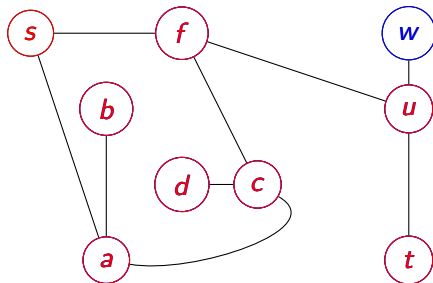
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f : *True*
s : *True*
t : *True*
u : *True*
w : *True*

lnext = ['w', 't']

n = 'u'



Iterative implementation : demo



reached

a : True
b : True
c : True
d : True
f : True
s : True
t : True
u : True
w : True

`lnext = ['w']`

`n = 't'`



Iterative implementation : remarks

Order on the neighbours

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Breadth-First Search

Principle

- Visit nodes **by order of proximity with the starting vertex**.
- Implementation using a **queue** instead of a **stack**.
- Difficult to implement in a recursive manner.

Definition of a queue

- Data structure.
- Sequence of elements in which one **adds elements in one end** and **retrieves them from the other**.
- Objects pop out of the queue in the same order as they entered (First In First Out).



Queues in Python

In Python

Methods `append` and `pop(0)` on a `list`

→ with a parameter to remove in the beginning instead of the end!

In Algorithmics and Complexity course

Two functions “hiding” the implementation :

```
def add_end(x,l):  
    l.append(x)  
  
def pop_begin(l):  
    return l.pop(0)
```

In computer science

Methods `enqueue` and `dequeue` on a `queue`



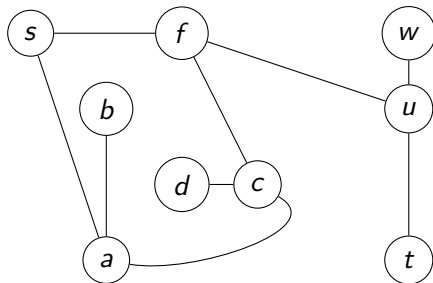
Breadth-First Search

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        n = pop_begin(lnext)  
        if n==t:  
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        for v in neighbours(n,E):  
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                add_end(v,lnext)  
    return False
```



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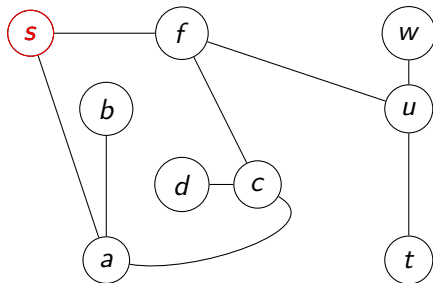
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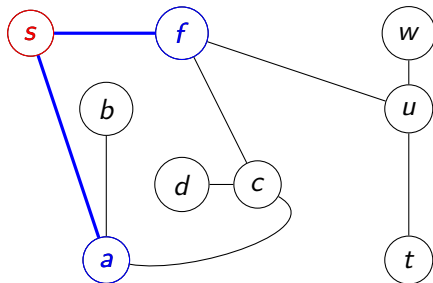
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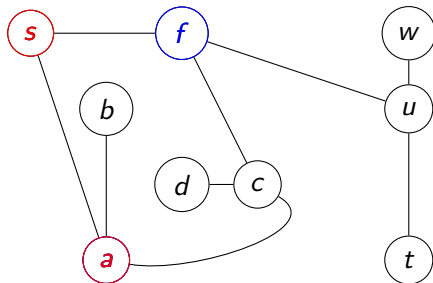
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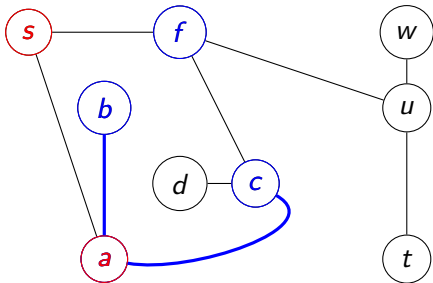
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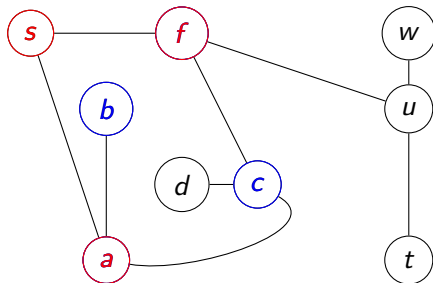
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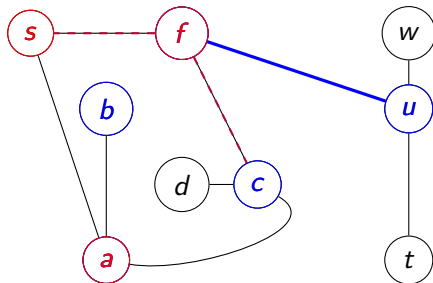
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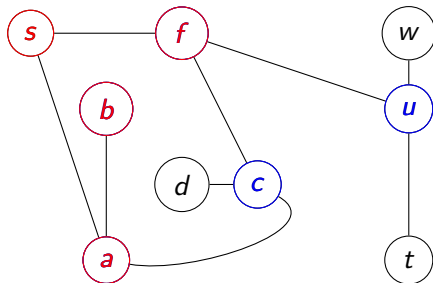
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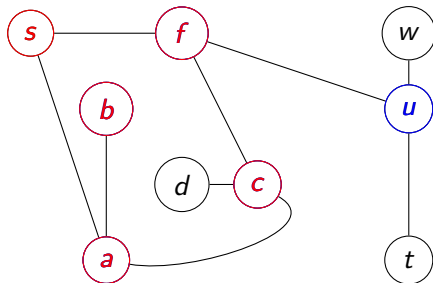
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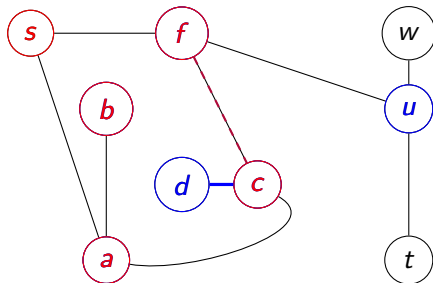
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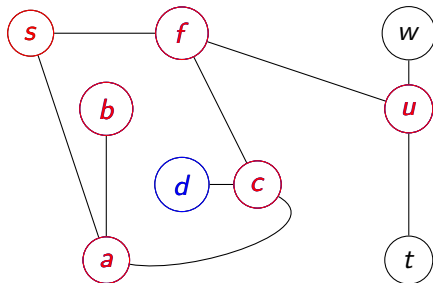
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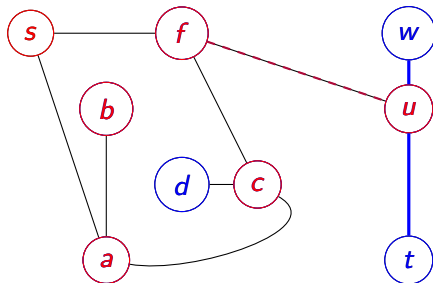
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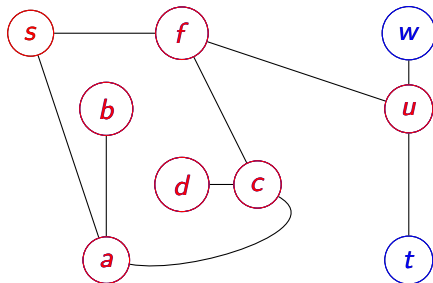
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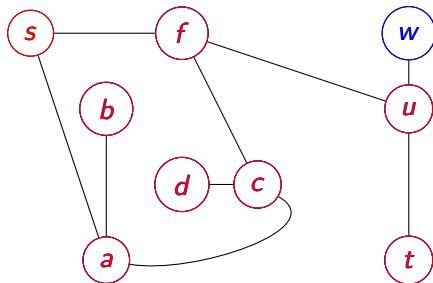
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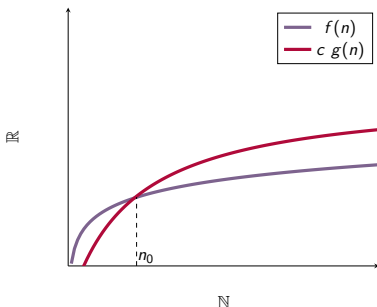
Asymptotical dominance

Definition : asymptotically dominated

A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is **asymptotically dominated** by another function $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if and only if :

- $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n > n_0. \quad f(n) \leq c g(n)$

We write : $f \in \mathcal{O}(g)$





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- ✓ List for successors
- ✓ Dictionary for visited vertices (reached)
- And for the graph (edges E) ?



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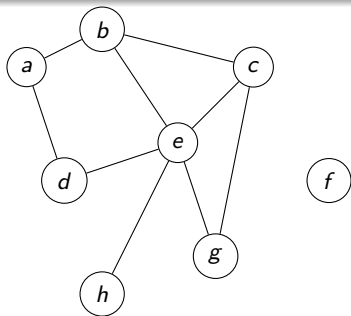
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| e | {b, c, d, g, h} |
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- Memory space in $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V|)$
- Browsing the set of neighbours of a vertex u in $\mathcal{O}(\text{deg}(u))$ ¹
Useful for BFS/DFS, Dijkstra (Lecture 2), Prim (Lecture 3)...
- Facilitate edge storage in the structure (existence by the value 1)
 $\{a:\{b:1,c:1\},\dots\}$
- Check existence of an edge (u, v) in $\mathcal{O}(1)$ ²
- Add an edge in $\mathcal{O}(1)$ ²
- Delete an edge in $\mathcal{O}(1)$ ²

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1. Degree of a node = number of adjacent edges
worst case : $\text{deg}(u) = |V| - 1$ when u is connected to all.
 2. See lab session for the dictionary



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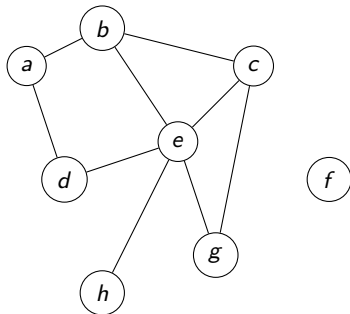


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You need to walk the whole line of the matrix. . .
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And this writes `tab[i][j]` in Python!
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A concrete example

BFS algorithm with two different implementations

→ only the **neighbours** function changes!

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```
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    return l  
  
def neighbours_list(i,g):  
    return g[i]
```

vertices and indexes are identical...

→ Compare the time of **BFS(mat,0,neighbours_mat)** and **BFS(list,0,neighbours_list)** on a reasonably large graph...



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- Question : Build connected subgraph of G that contains s .

Solution

We simply need to modify the depth-first search or breadth-first search algorithm so that it **does not stop when reaching a given vertex** but continues until the stack/queue is empty.



Connected subgraph with BFS

```
def BFS_connex(V,E,s):  
    lnext = [s]  
    reached = {s}  
    while len(lnext)>0:  
        n = pop_begin(lnext)  
        # we delete the test n==t  
        for m in neighbours(n,E):  
            if m not in reached:  
                reached.add(m)  
                lnext.append(m)  
    # we return the list of reachable nodes  
    return reached
```



Connected subgraph with BFS

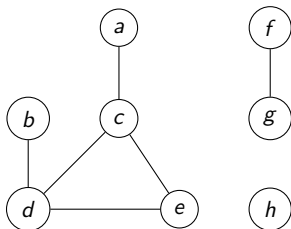
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Exercise

Modify the DFS and DFS_iter algorithms presented earlier to compute a connected subgraph.



Identify **all** connected subgraphs of a graph



Problem definition

- Input : Given a graph $G = (V, E)$
- Question : Build a data structure that associates each vertex in V with an integer such that **two different vertices** s and t are associated to the **same value** if and only if they are in the same **connected subgraph**.



Algorithm identifying subgraphs

```
def ident_CC(V,E):  
    res={v:-1 for v in V}  
    i=0  
    for v in res:  
        if res[v]==-1:  
            cc=BFS_connex(V,E,v)  
            for c in cc:  
                res[c]=i  
            i = i+1  
    return res
```



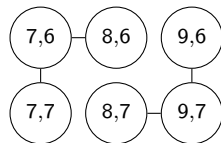
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The time complexity of this algorithm is also $\mathcal{O}(|V| + |E|)$

→ Each subgraph is visited only once

Counting chromosomes



Algorithm to identify chromosomes

- 1 Load the grey-scaled image.
- 2 Apply a threshold to obtain a black-and-white image.
- 3 Turn the image into a graph where each white pixel is a vertex. Edges connect vertices that correspond to two adjacent white pixels.
- 4 Use the subgraph identification algorithm



Plan

- 1 Graph-based problems
- 2 Depth-First Search
- 3 Breadth-First Search
- 4 Complexity
- 5 Connectivity
- 6 Conclusion**



To be remembered

- Definition of a graph, notation
- Decision, construction and optimization problems
- Instance of a problem
- Definition of an algorithm
- Breadth-First Search and Depth-First Search
 - General algorithm
 - Implementation with a queue or a stack
 - Properties
- Complexity
 - General complexity
 - Complexity with adjacency list
 - Complexity with adjacency matrix
- Application to a concrete problem