

# Incremental 2-Edge-Connectivity In Directed Graphs

Loukas Georgiadis

University of Ioannina  
Greece

Giuseppe F. Italiano

University of Rome  
Tor Vergata  
Italy

Nikos Parotsidis

University of Rome  
Tor Vergata  
Italy

# Outline

---

- Definitions
  - 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
  - 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
  - Problem definition
  - Known algorithm and our result
- High-level idea
- Basic ingredients
  - Dominators
  - Auxiliary components
- Tools
- Conclusion

# Outline

---

## ➤ Definitions

- 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
- 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
- Problem definition
- Known algorithm and our result

## ➤ High-level idea

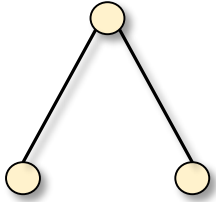
## ➤ Basic ingredients

- Dominators
- Auxiliary components

## ➤ Tools

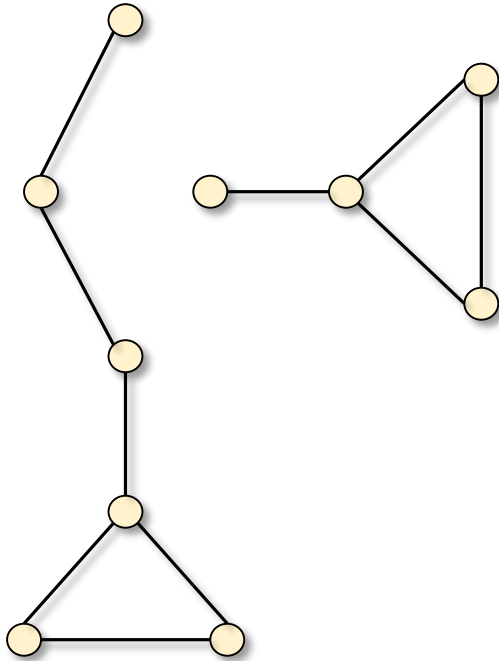
## ➤ Conclusion

# Undirected: Connected components

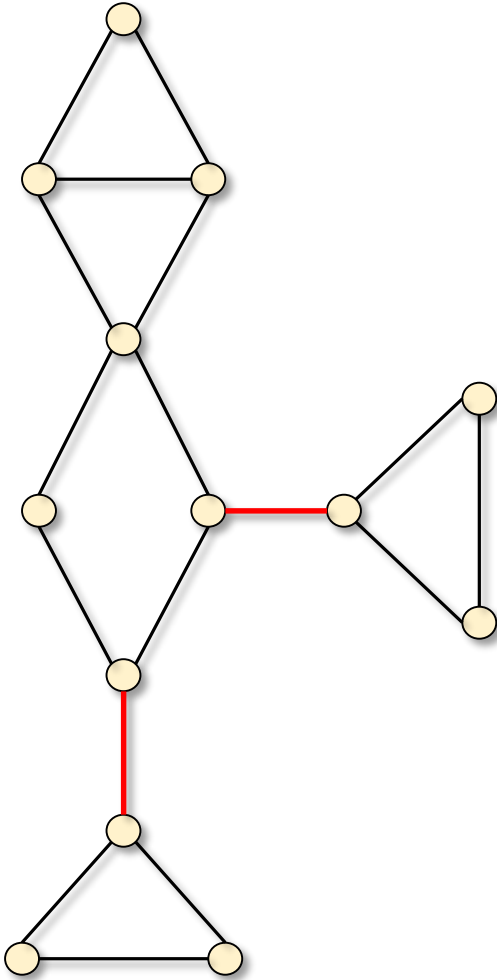


Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **undirected** graph.

- $G$  is **connected** if there is a **path between any two vertices**.
- The **connected components** of  $G$  are its **maximal** connected subgraphs.



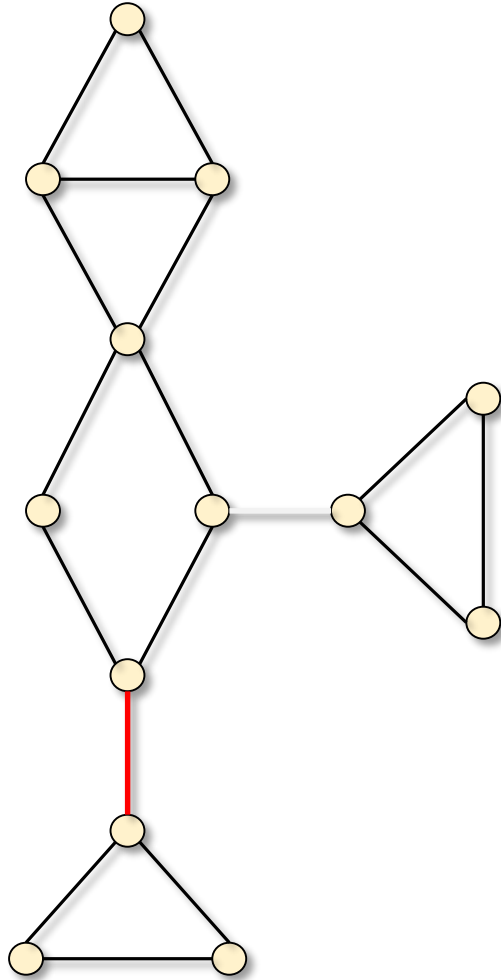
# Undirected: Connected components



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **connected undirected** graph.

- An edge is a **bridge**, if its removal increases the **number of connected components**.

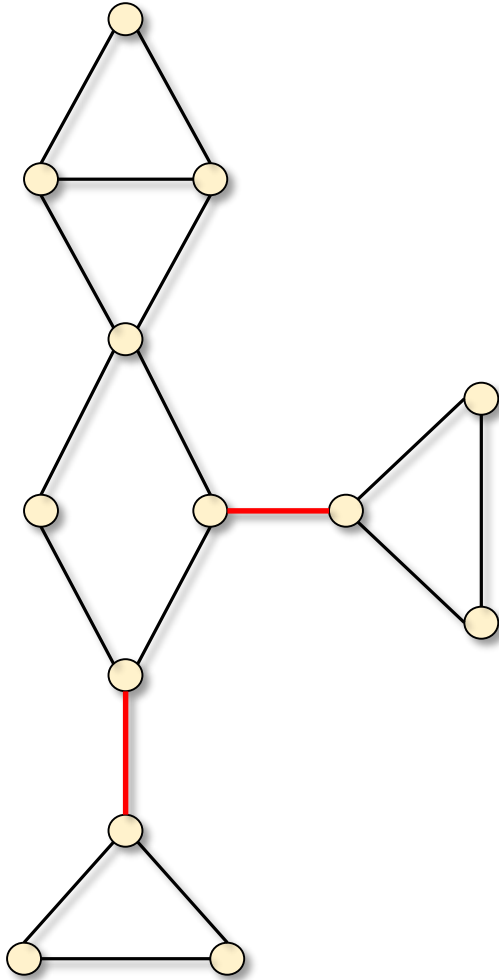
# Undirected: Connected components



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **connected undirected** graph.

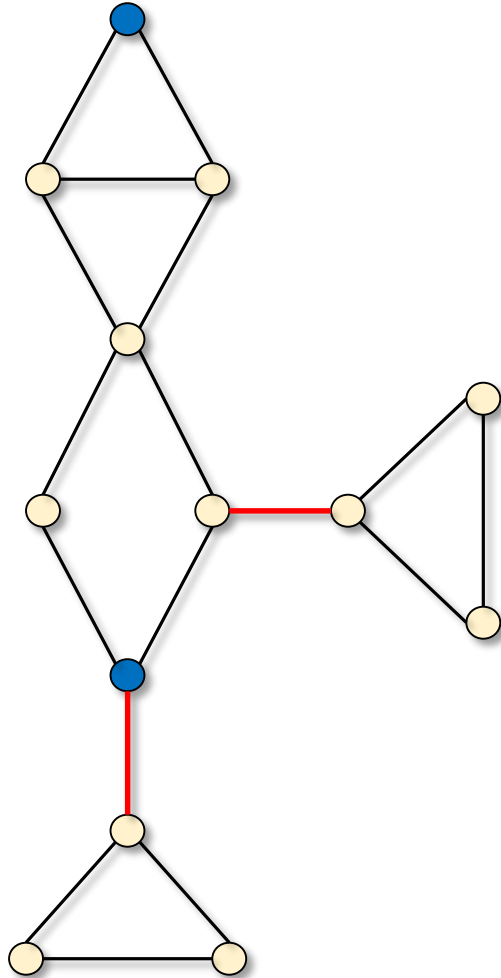
- An edge is a **bridge**, if its removal increases the **number of connected components**.

# Undirected: Connected components



By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.

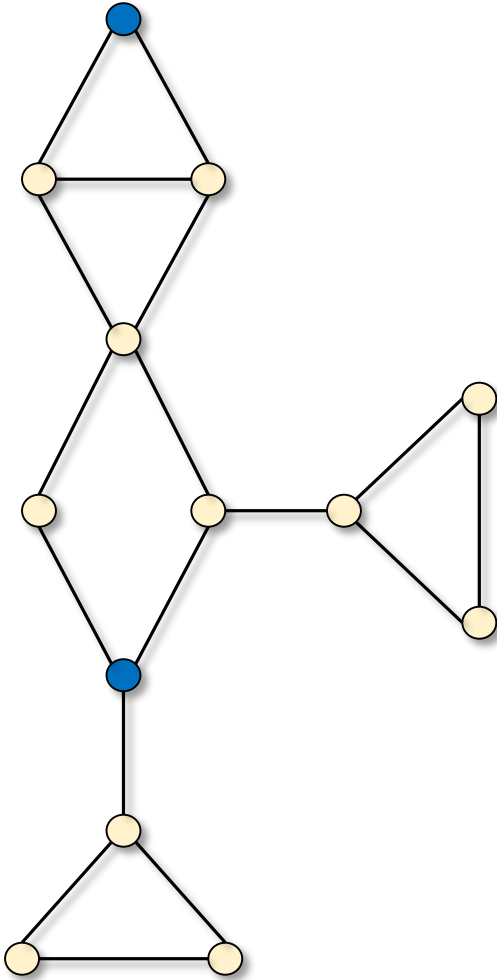
# Undirected: Connected components



By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.



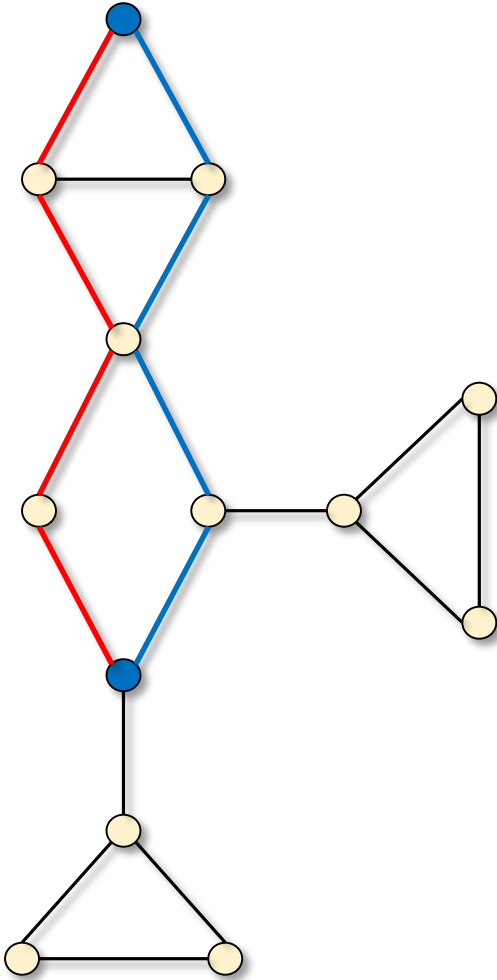
# Undirected: Connected components



By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.

Two vertices are **2-edge-connected** if there are **two edge-disjoint** paths between them.

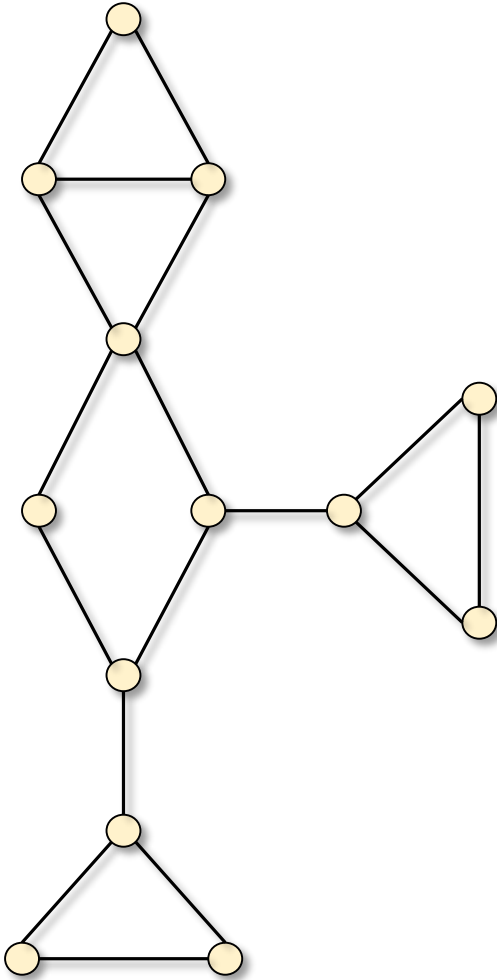
# Undirected: Connected components



By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.

Two vertices are **2-edge-connected** if there are **two edge-disjoint** paths between them.

# Undirected: Connected components

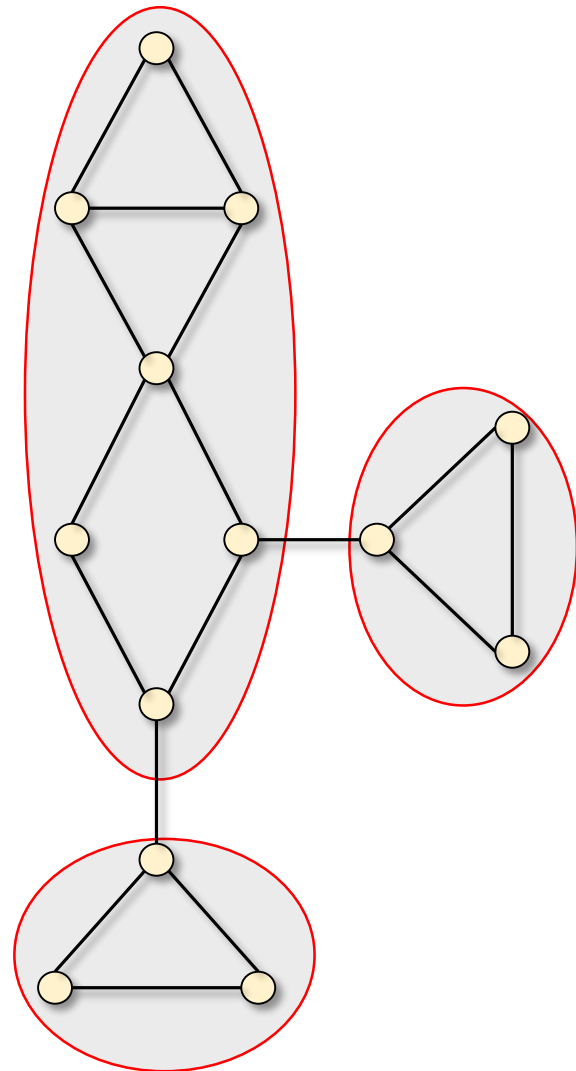


By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.

Two vertices are **2-edge-connected** if there are **two edge-disjoint** paths between them.

The **2-edge-connected blocks** of  $G$  are its maximal subsets  $B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge-connected**  $\forall u, v \in B$

# Undirected: Connected components



By Menger's theorem, two vertices are **2-edge-connected** iff the removal of any **bridge** leaves them in the same **connected component**.

Two vertices are **2-edge-connected** if there are **two edge-disjoint** paths between them

The **2-edge-connected blocks** of  $G$  are its maximal subsets  $B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge-connected**  $\forall u, v \in B$

➤  $O(m + n)$  time algorithm [Tarjan 1972]

# Outline

---

## ➤ Definitions

- 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
- **2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs**
- Problem definition
- Known algorithm and our result

## ➤ High-level idea

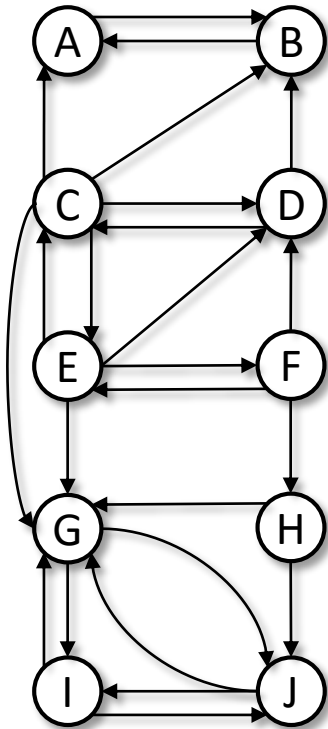
## ➤ Basic ingredients

- Dominators
- Auxiliary components

## ➤ Tools

## ➤ Conclusion

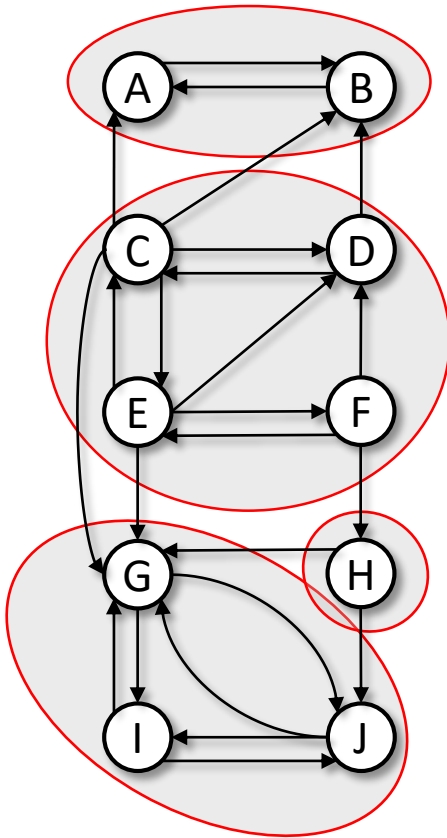
# Directed: Strongly connected components



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **directed** graph.

- $G$  is **strongly connected** if there is a directed path from **each vertex to every other vertex**.
- The **strongly connected components** of  $G$  are its **maximal** strongly connected subgraphs.

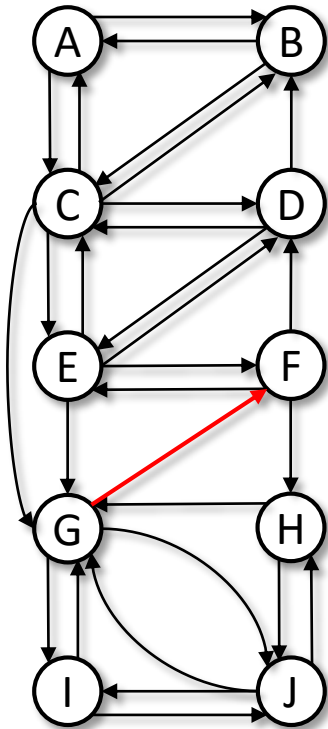
# Directed: Strongly connected components



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **directed** graph.

- $G$  is **strongly connected** if there is a directed path from **each vertex to every other vertex**.
- The **strongly connected components** of  $G$  are its **maximal** strongly connected **subgraphs**.

# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity

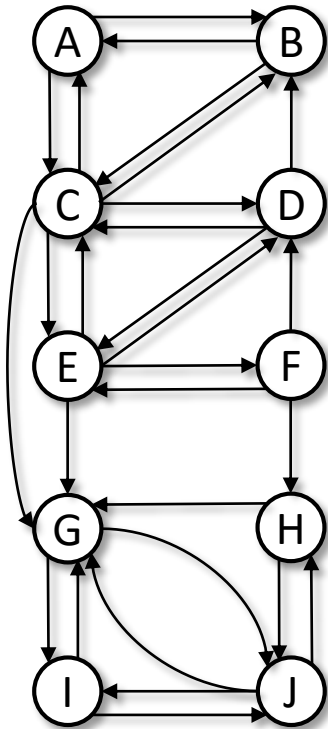


Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **strongly connected directed** graph.

- An edge  $e \in E$  is a **strong bridge** if its removal **increases the strongly connected components** of  $G$ .



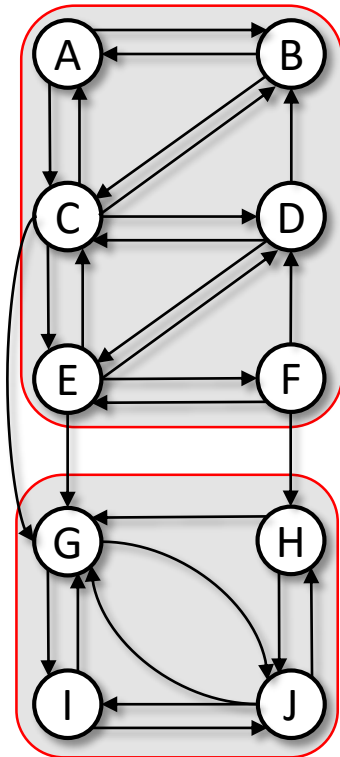
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **strongly connected directed** graph.

- An edge  $e \in E$  is a **strong bridge** if its removal **increases the strongly connected components** of  $G$ .

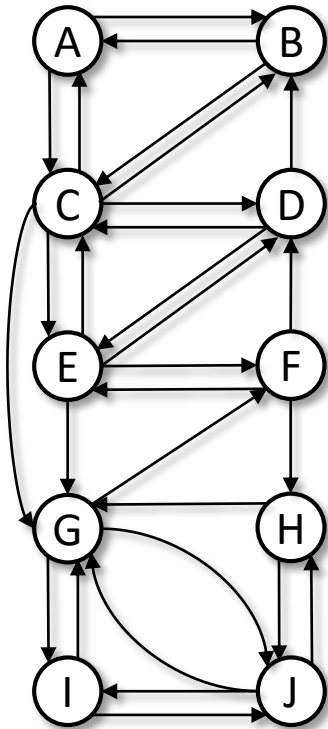
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a **strongly connected directed** graph.

- An edge  $e \in E$  is a **strong bridge** if its removal **increases the strongly connected components** of  $G$ .

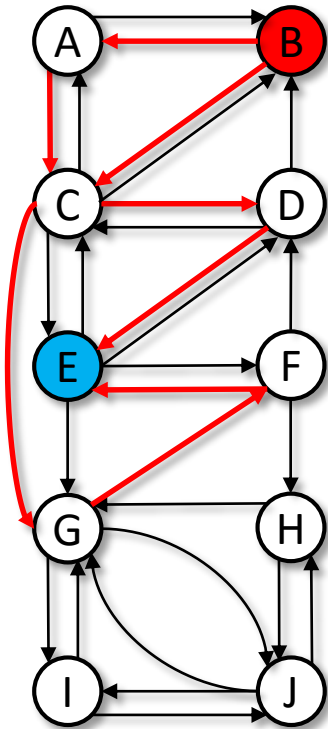
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

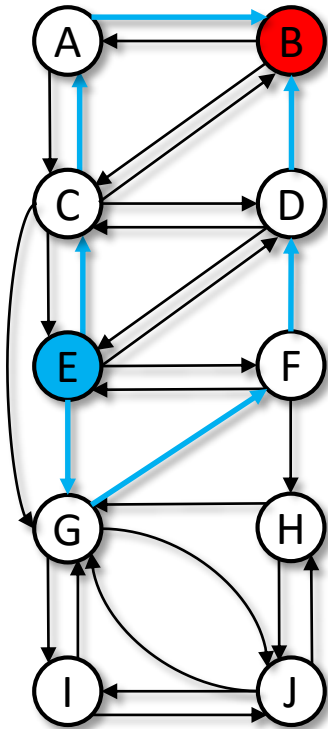
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

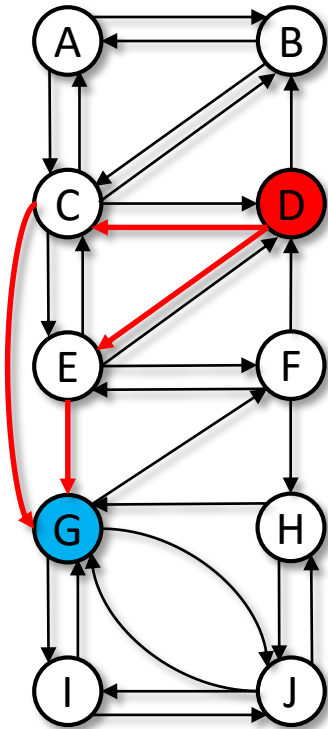
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

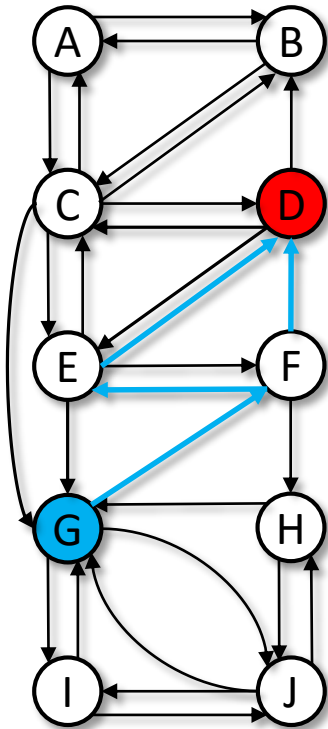
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

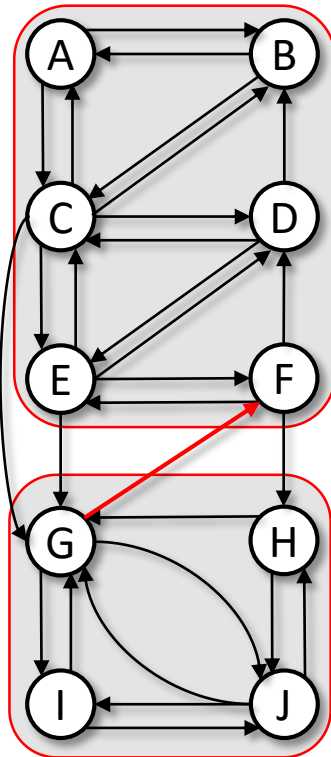
# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



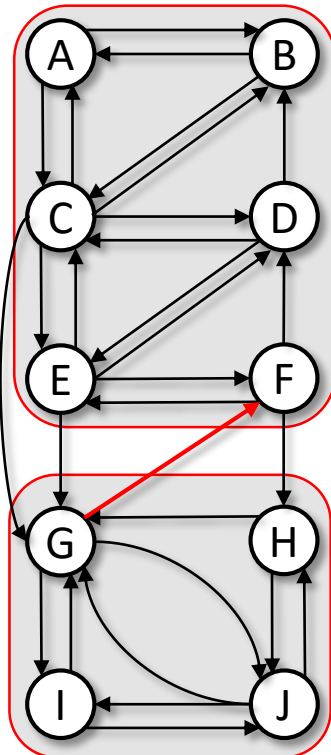
By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

A **2-edge-connected block** of  $G$  is a **maximal** subset  $B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** for all  $u, v \in B$ .



# Directed: 2-edge-connectivity



By Menger's Theorem, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if and only if the **removal of any strong bridge** leaves them in same strongly connected component.

Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** if there are two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and two **edge-disjoint** paths from  $v$  to  $u$ .

A **2-edge-connected block** of  $G$  is a **maximal** subset  $B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $u$  and  $v$  are **2-edge connected** for all  $u, v \in B$ .

- $O(m + n)$  time algorithm  
[Georgiadis, Italiano, Laura, P. 2015]

# Outline

---

## ➤ Definitions

- 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
- 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
- **Problem definition**
- Known algorithm and our result

## ➤ High-level idea

## ➤ Basic ingredients

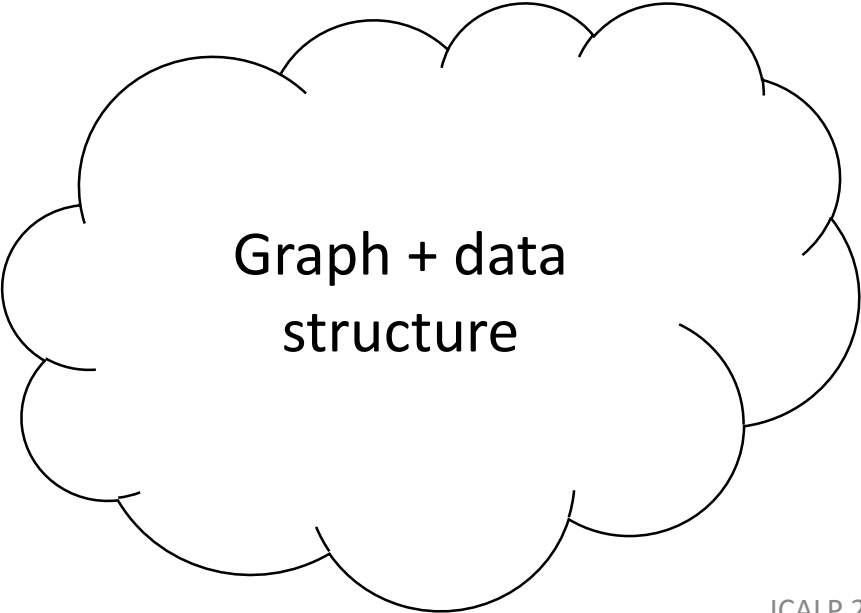
- Dominators
- Auxiliary components

## ➤ Tools

## ➤ Conclusion

# Problem definition

---



Graph + data  
structure

# Problem definition

---

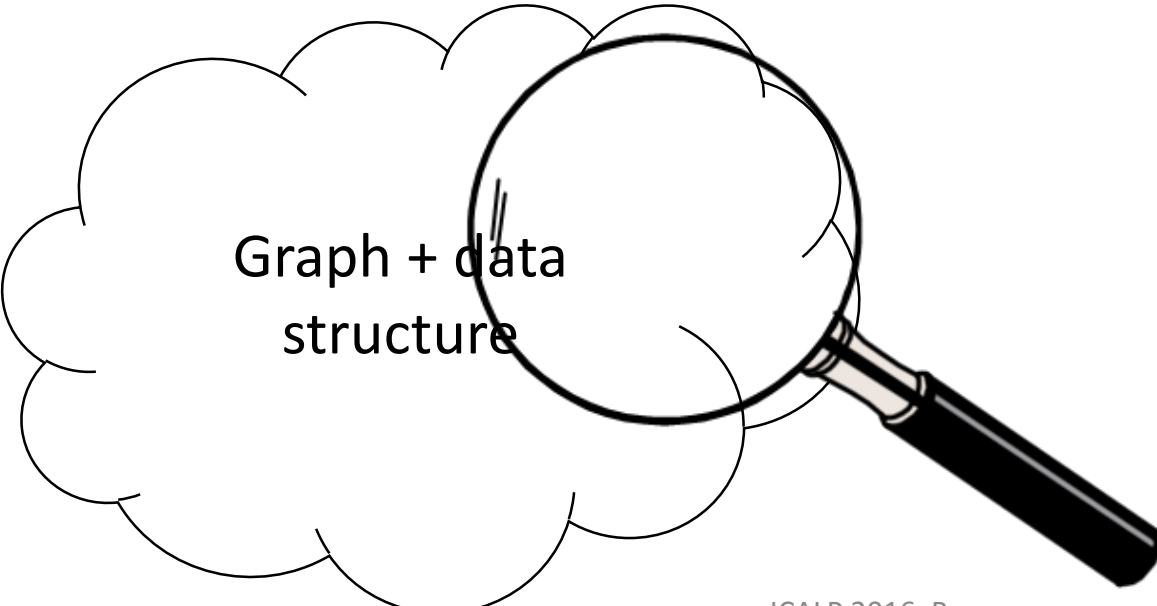
Are  $u$  and  $v$  2-edge-connected

Graph + data structure

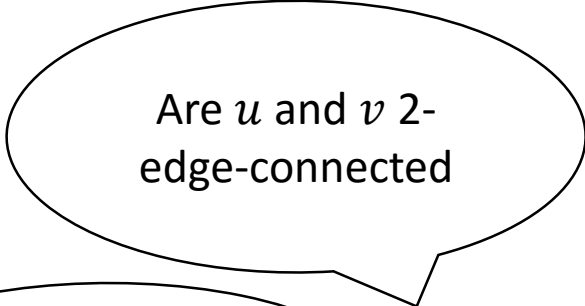


# Problem definition

---



Graph + data  
structure



Are  $u$  and  $v$  2-  
edge-connected



Yes/No



# Problem definition

---

What are the 2-  
edge-connected  
blocks in  $G$

Graph + data  
structure



# Problem definition

Graph + data  
structure

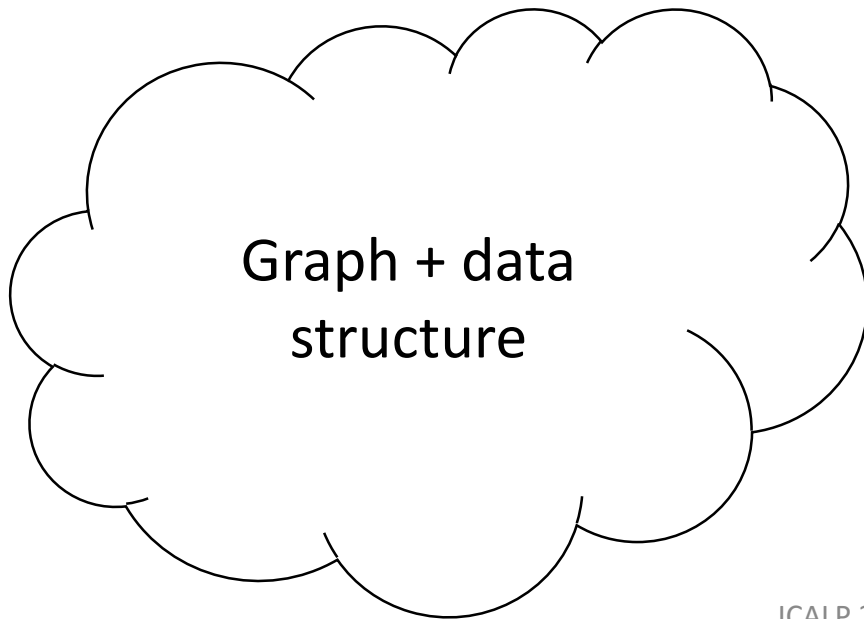
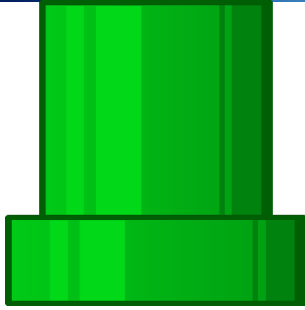
What are the 2-  
edge-connected  
blocks in  $G$

$\{a, b, d\}, \{c, e\}, \{f\}$



# Problem definition

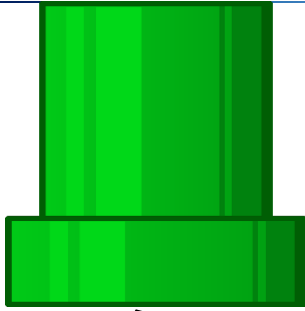
---





# Problem definition

---

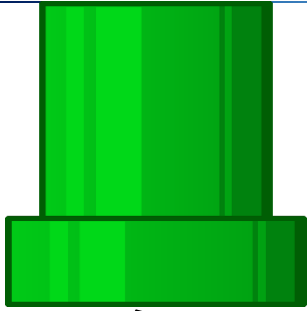


Insert (x,y)

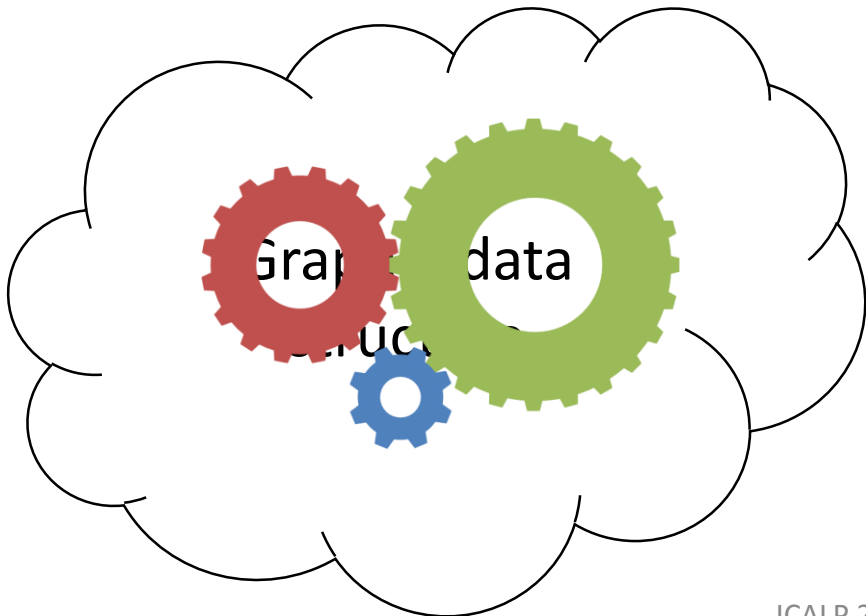
Graph + data  
structure

# Problem definition

---

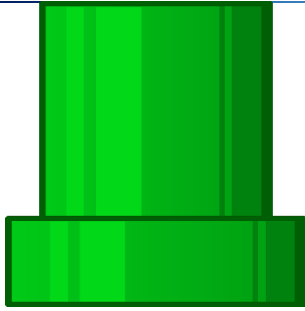


Insert (x,y)



# Problem definition

---

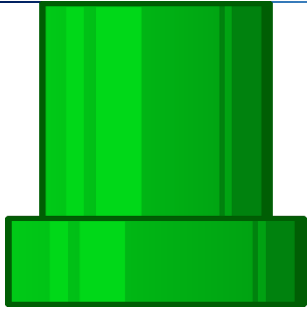


Are  $u$  and  $v$  2-edge-connected

Graph + data structure

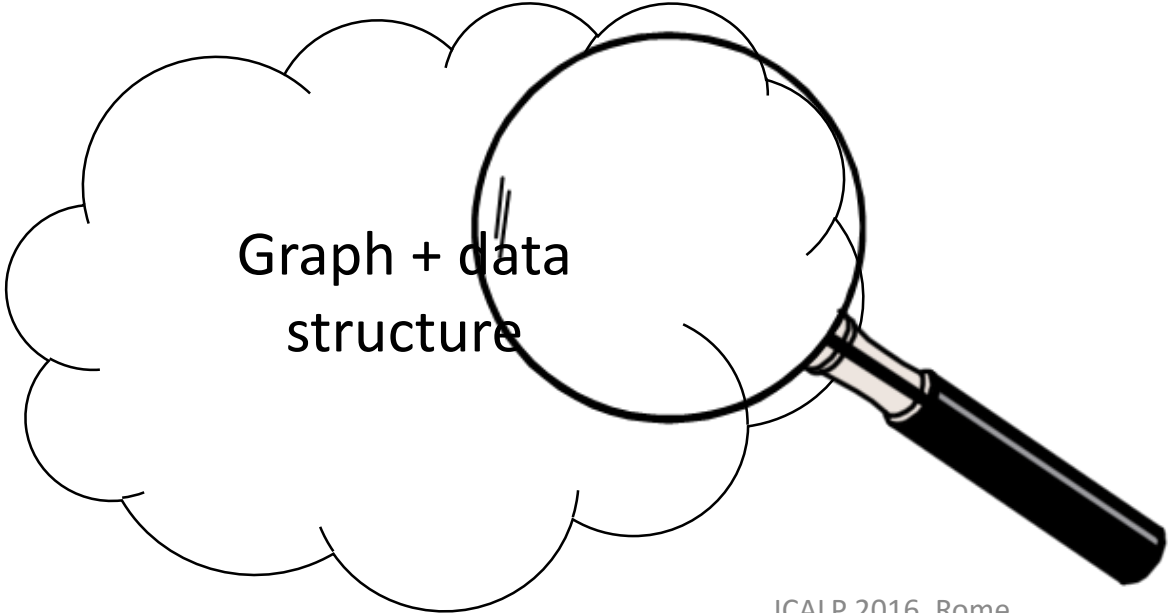


# Problem definition



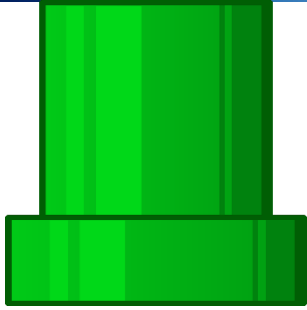
Are  $u$  and  $v$  2-edge-connected

Yes/No

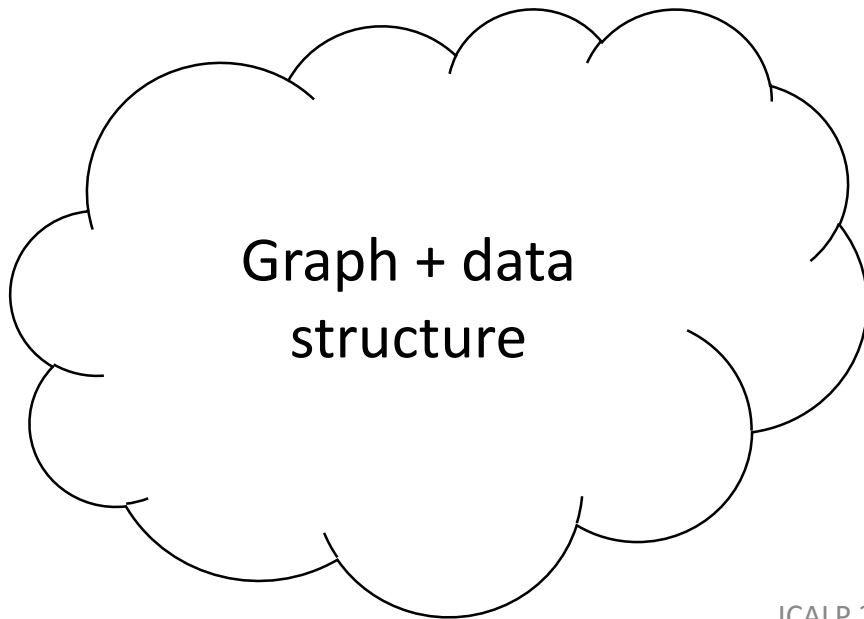


# Problem definition

---



Goal:  
**Update time** faster than recomputing  
**Fast query time**



# Dynamic graph algorithms

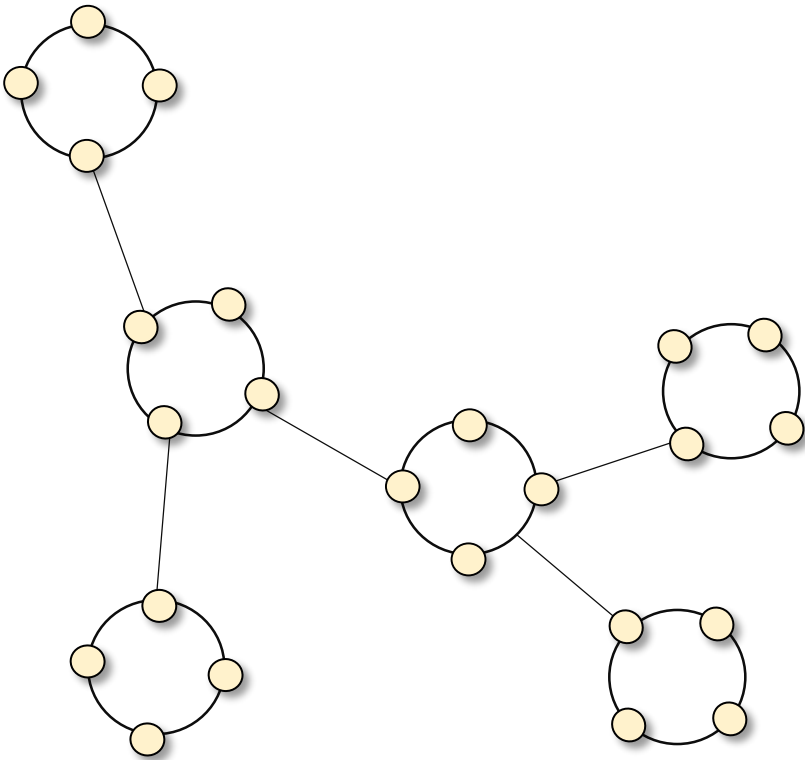
---

Problem	Undirected graphs	Directed graphs
Connectivity/ Transitive closure	Yes	Yes
Connected components/ Strongly connected components	Yes	Yes
APSP	Yes	Yes
DFS tree	Yes	(only on DAGs)
MST	Yes	?
2-edge-connectivity	Yes	?
2-vertex-connectivity	Yes	?

# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity Undirected VS Directed

---

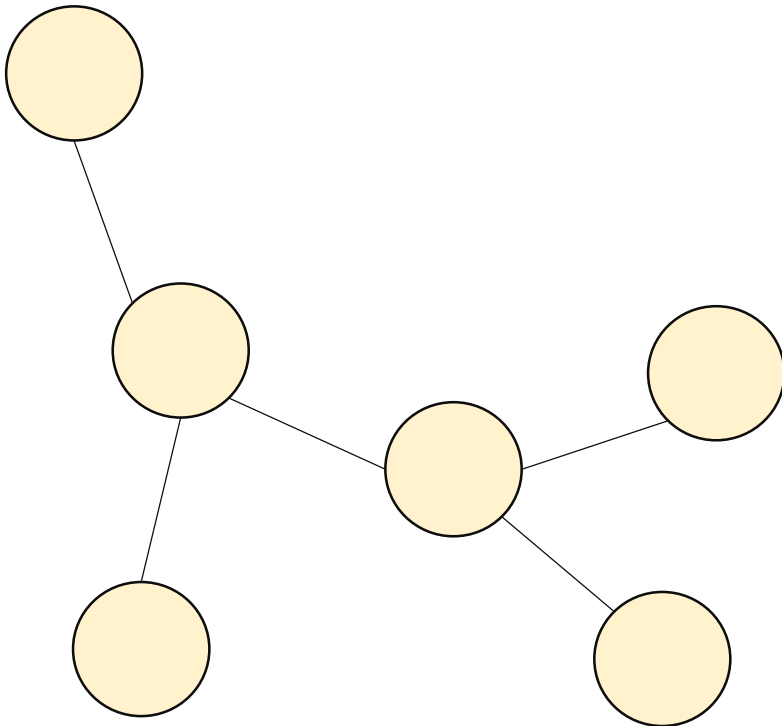
Block tree structure



# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity Undirected VS Directed

---

Block tree structure

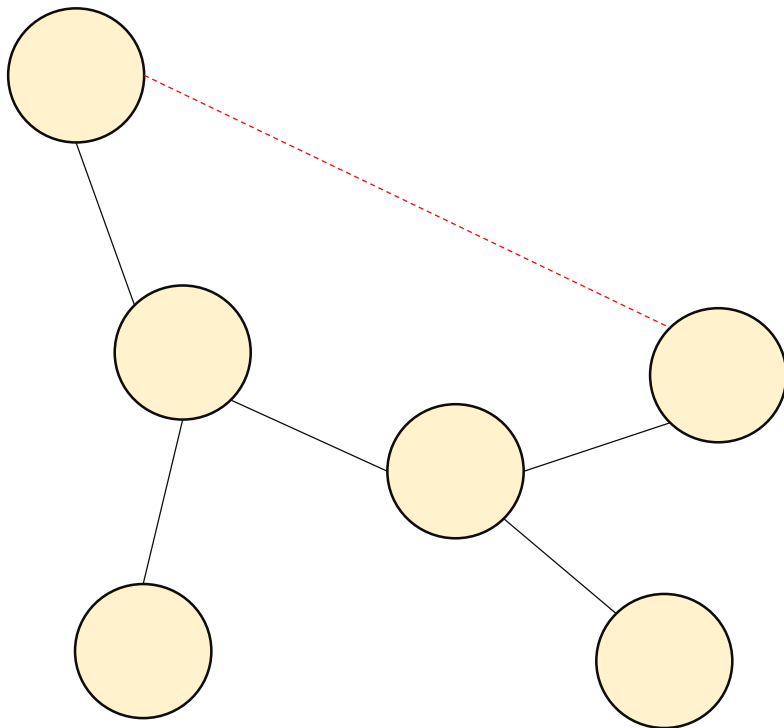




# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity Undirected VS Directed

---

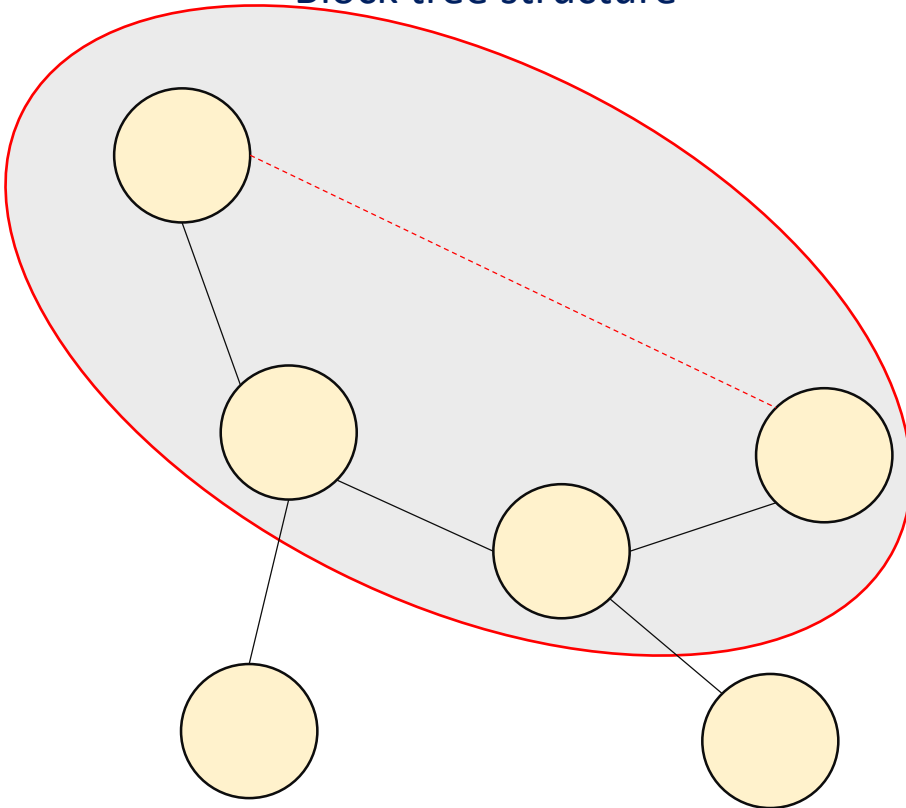
Block tree structure



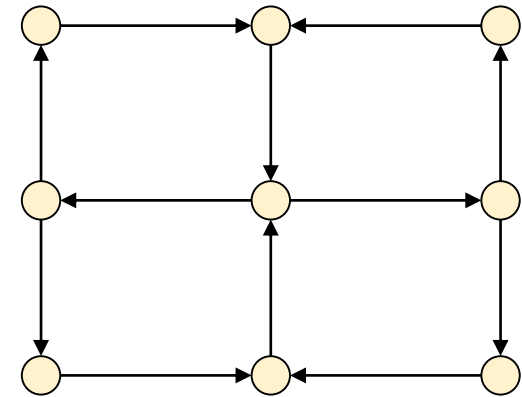
# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity

## Undirected VS Directed

Block tree structure



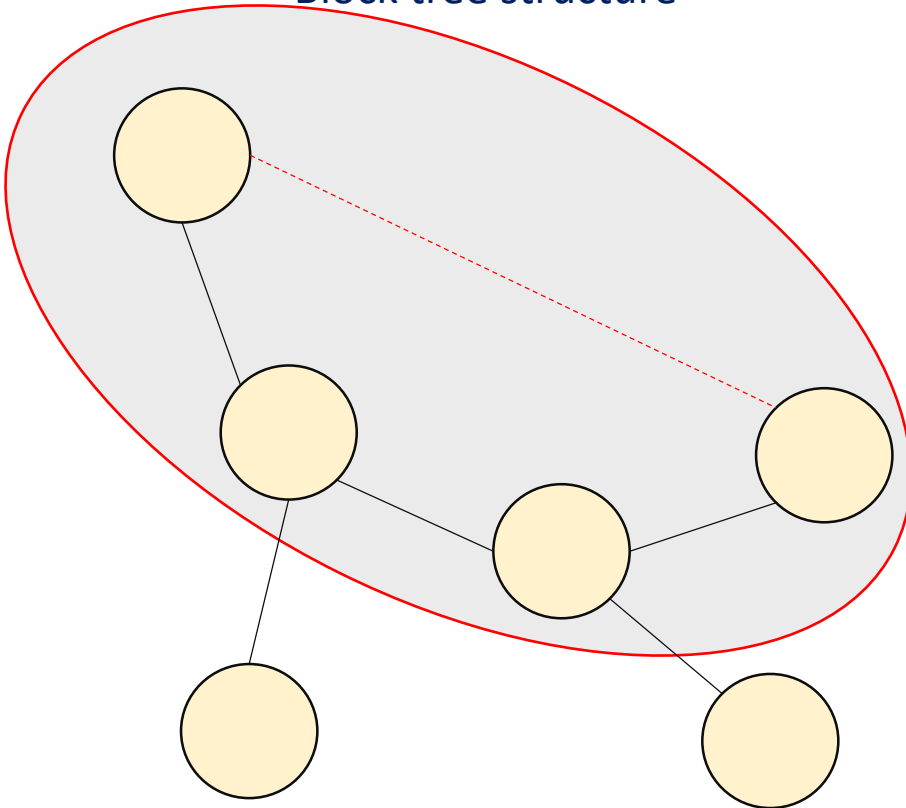
No tree structure is possible



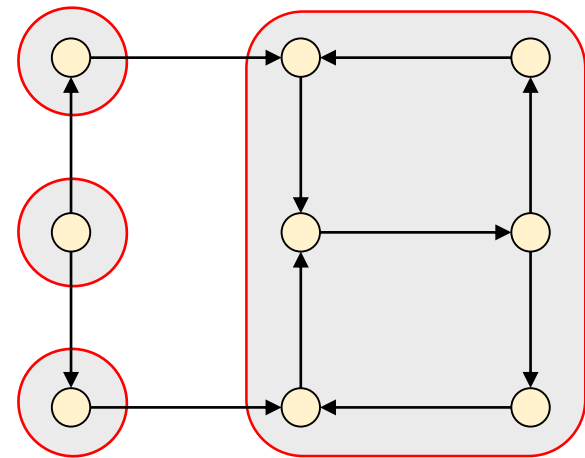
# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity

## Undirected VS Directed

Block tree structure



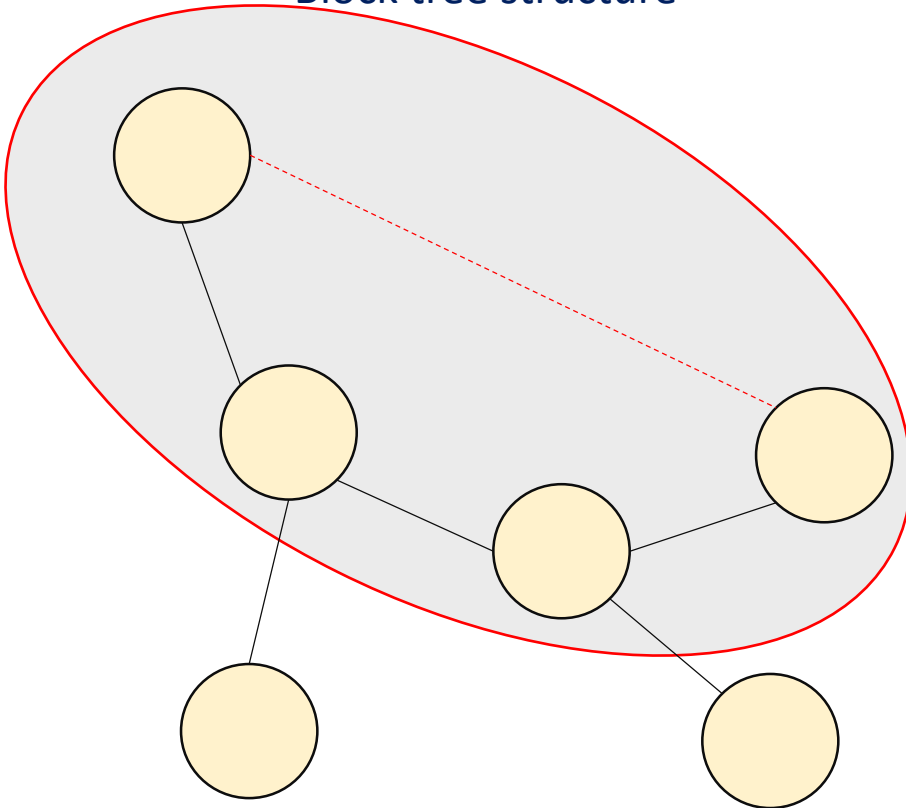
No tree structure is possible



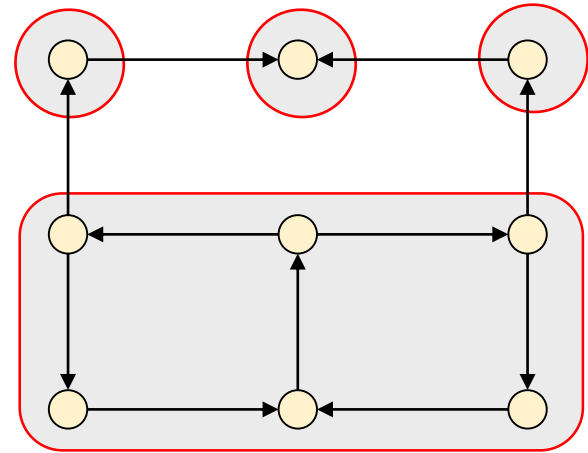
# Incremental 2-edge-connectivity

## Undirected VS Directed

Block tree structure



No tree structure is possible



# Outline

---

## ➤ Definitions

- 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
- 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
- Problems definition
- **Known algorithm and our result**

## ➤ High-level idea

## ➤ Basic ingredients

- Dominators
- Auxiliary components

## ➤ Tools

## ➤ Conclusion

# Simple-minded solutions

---

	Update time	Query time
Never update	$O(1)$ per insertion	$O(m + n)$
Always update	$O(m + n)$ per insertion	$O(1)$

# Our algorithm

---

	Update time	Query time
Never update	$O(1)$ per insertion	$O(m + n)$
Always update	$O(m + n)$ per insertion	$O(1)$
Our algorithm	$O(mn)$ total time	$O(1)$

# Outline

---

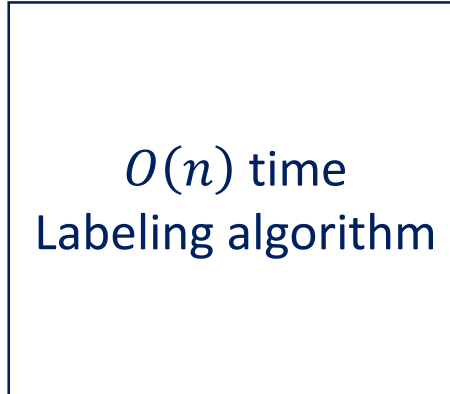
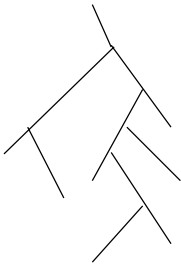
- Definitions
  - 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
  - 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
  - Problems definition
  - Known algorithm and our result
- High-level idea
- Basic ingredients
  - Dominators
  - Auxiliary components
- Tools
- Conclusion



# High-level idea

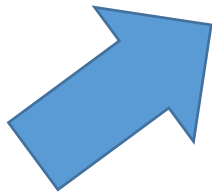
---

Dominator tree



2-edge-  
connected  
blocks

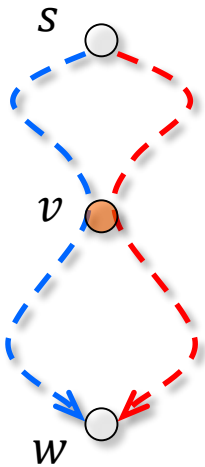
Auxiliary components



# Dominators

Flow graph  $G(s) = (V, A, s)$  : all vertices are reachable from **start vertex**  $s$

$v$  **dominates**  $w$  if **all paths** from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

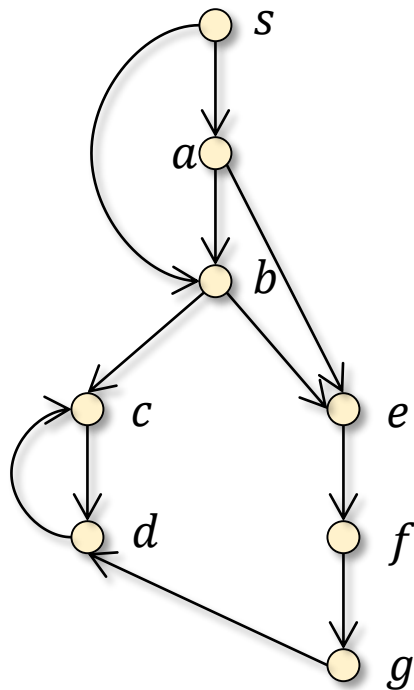


$dom(w)$  = set of vertices that **dominate**  $w$

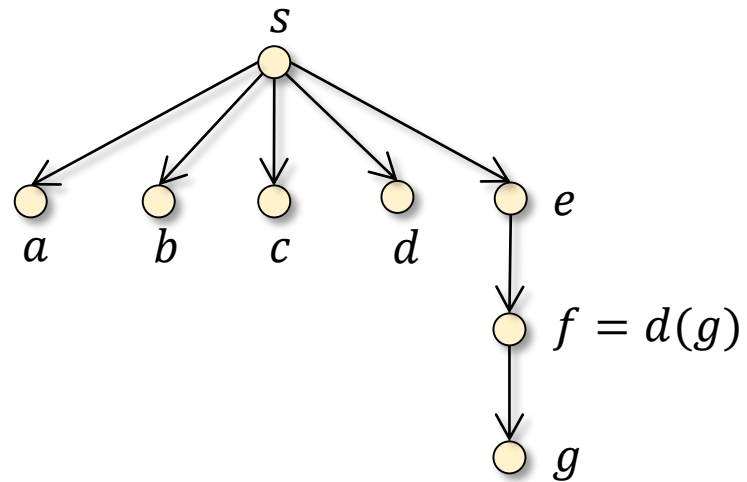
# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

$G(s)$

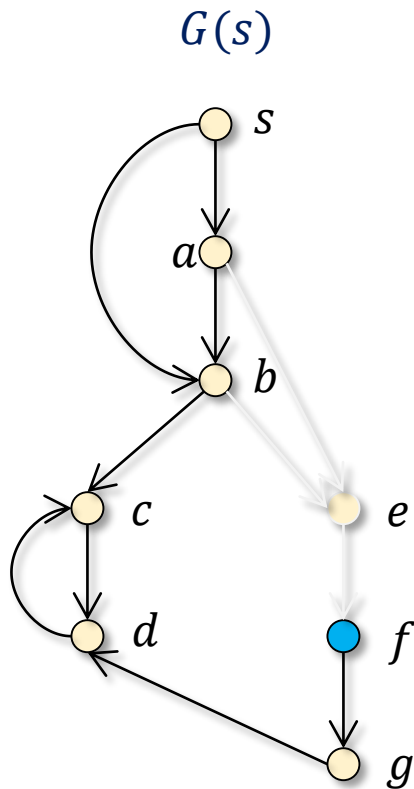


$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$

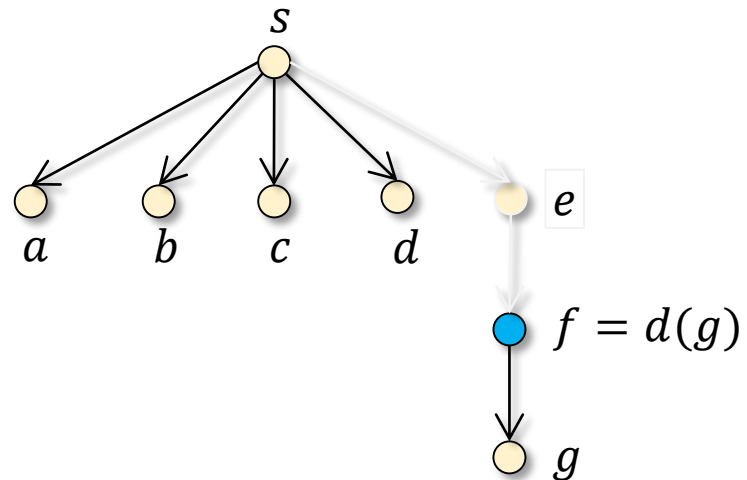


# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

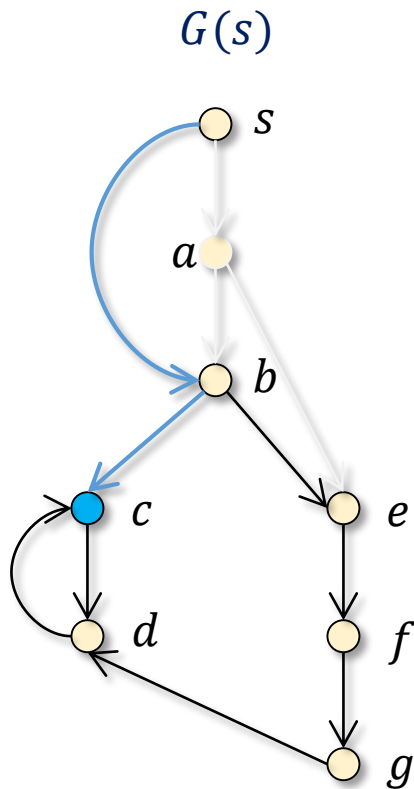


$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$

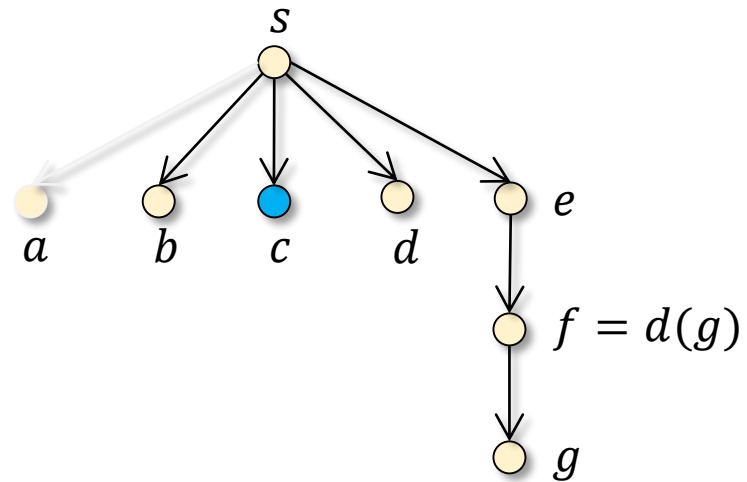


# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

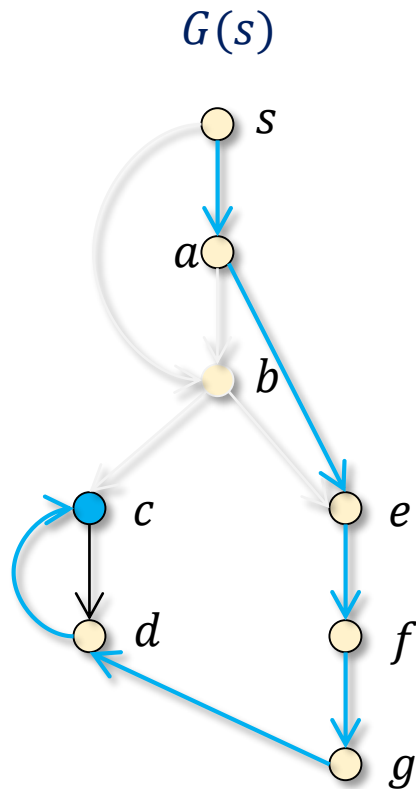


$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$

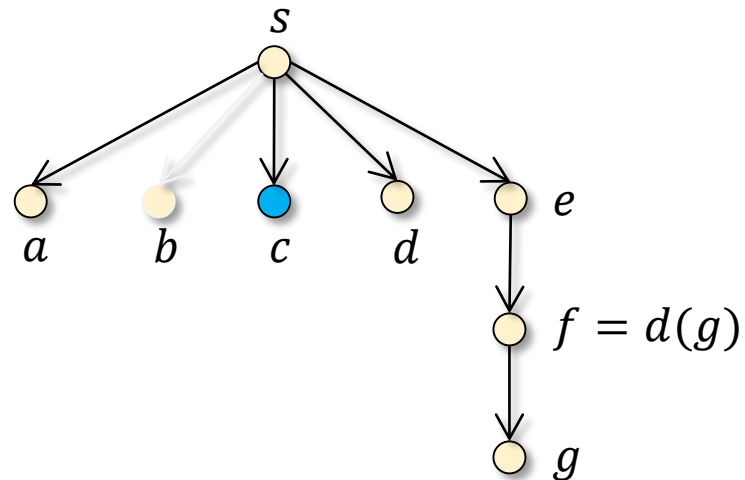


# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

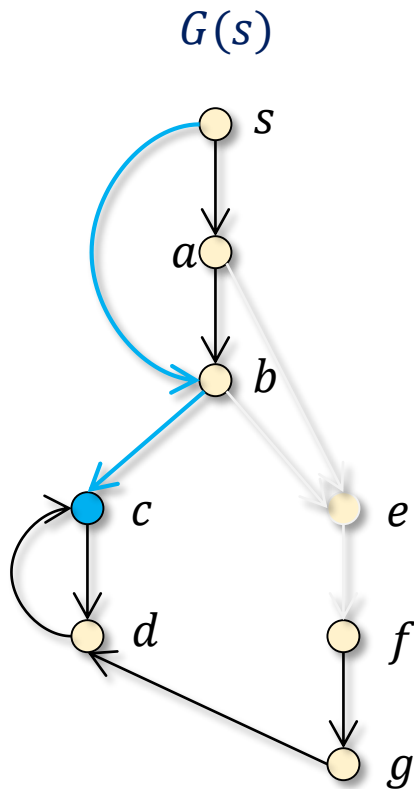


$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$

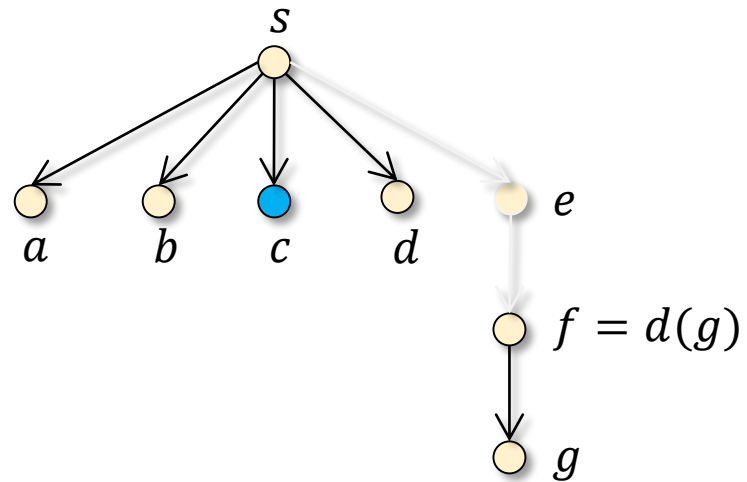


# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$



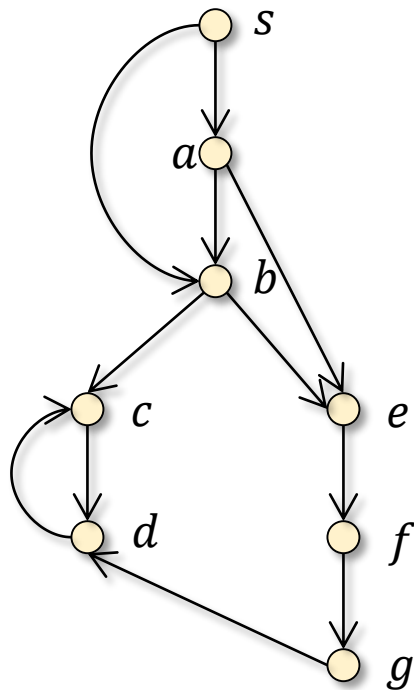
$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$



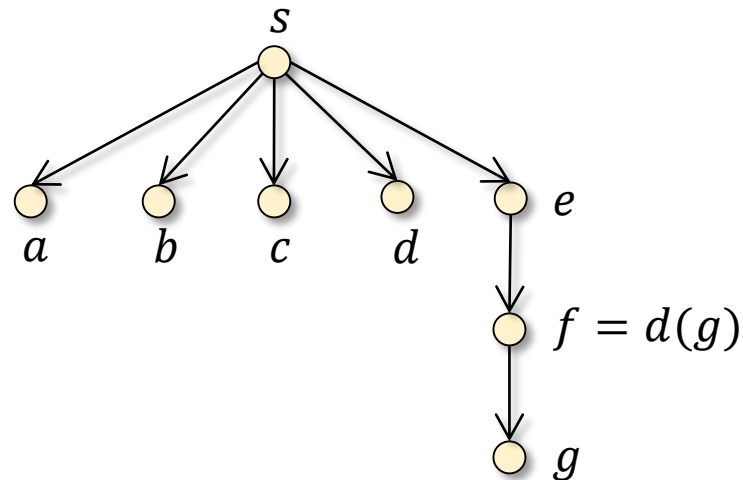
# Dominators

$v$  dominates  $w$  if all paths from  $s$  to  $w$  contain  $v$

$G(s)$



$D(s)$  = dominator tree of  $G(s)$



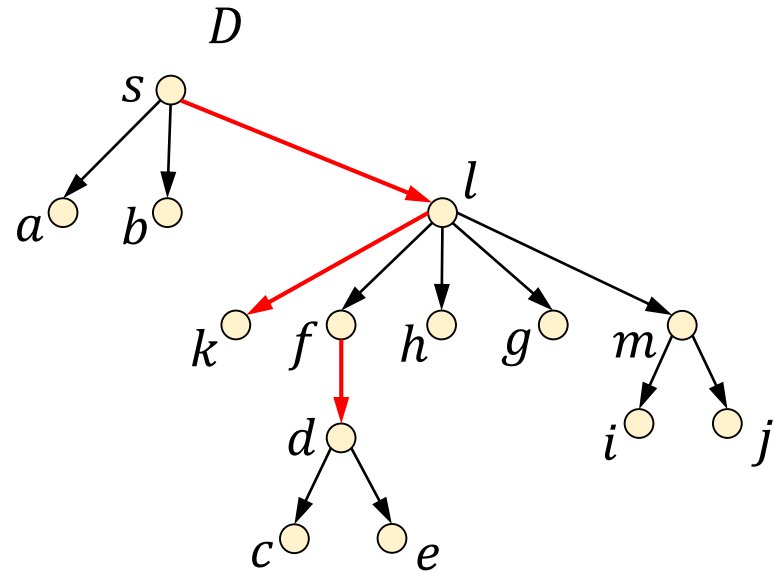
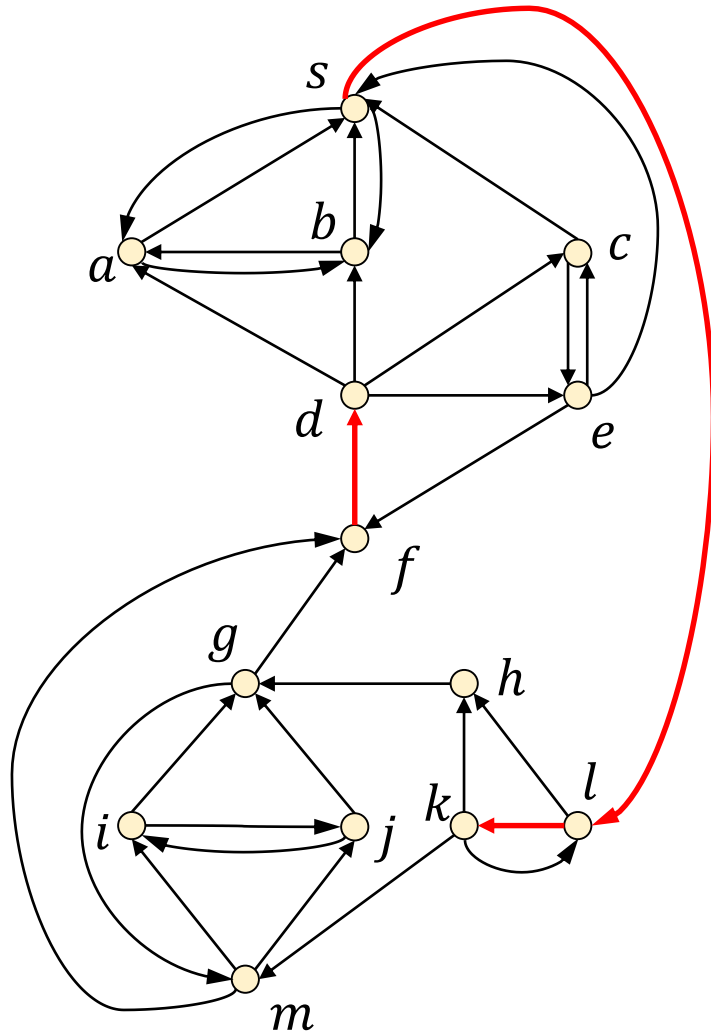
$O(ma(m, n))$ -time algorithm: [Lengauer and Tarjan '79]

$O(m + n)$ -time algorithms:

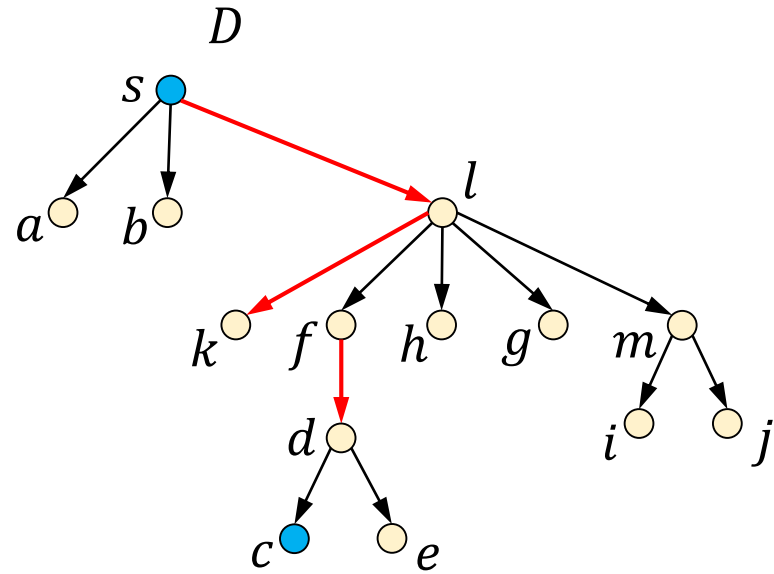
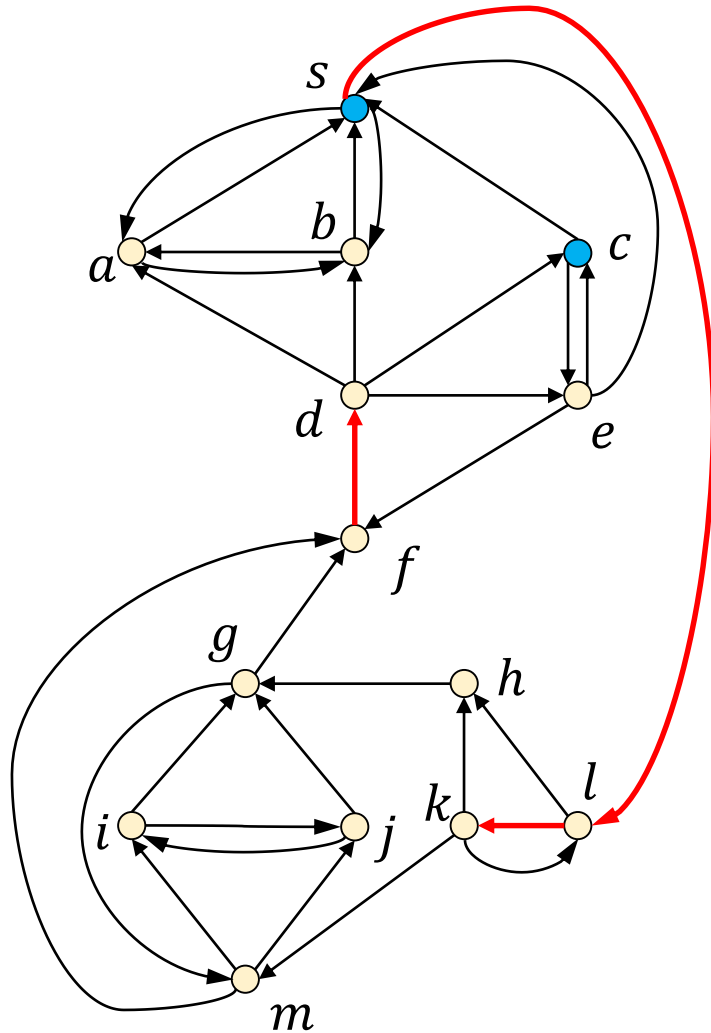
[Alstrup, Harel, Lauridsen, and Thorup '97]



# Exploiting dominator tree

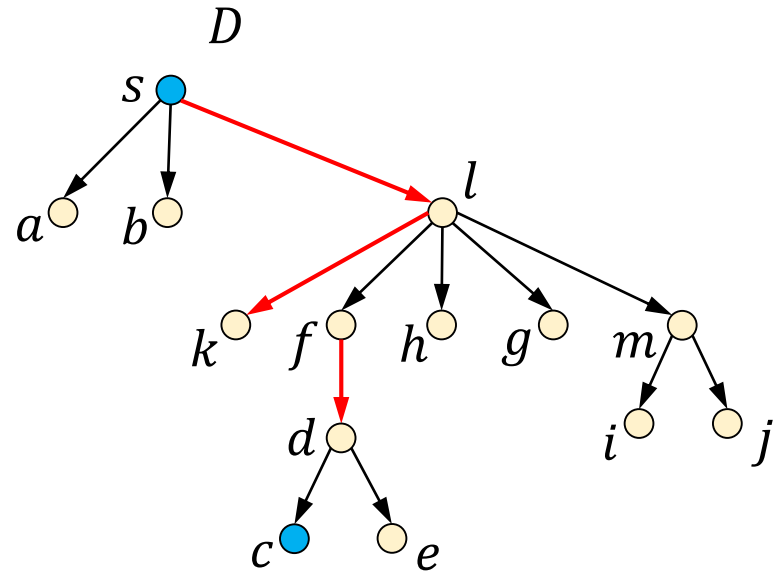
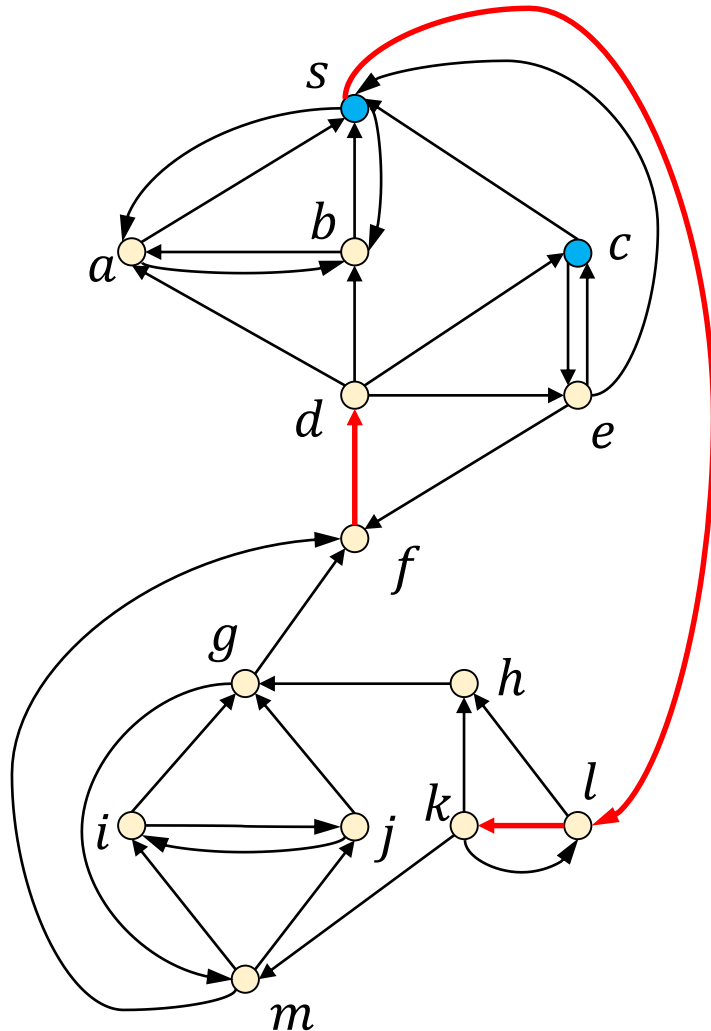


# Exploiting dominator tree



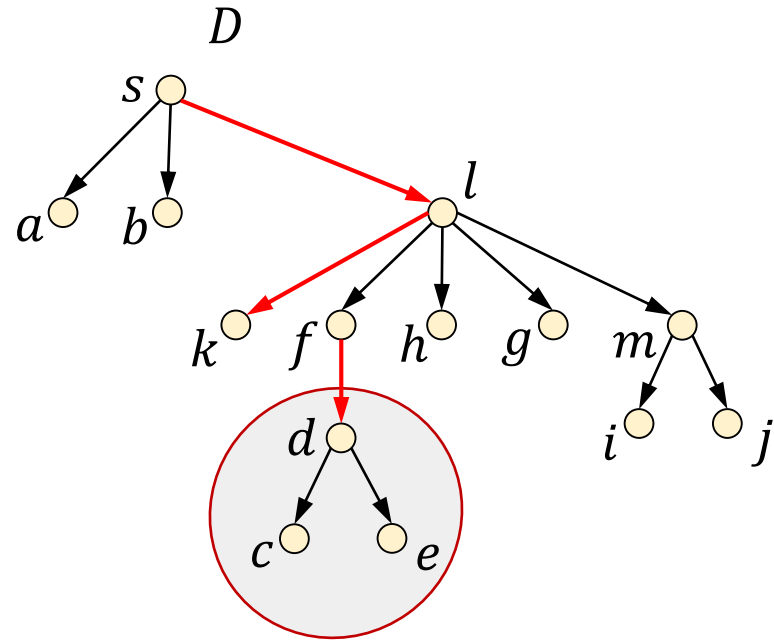
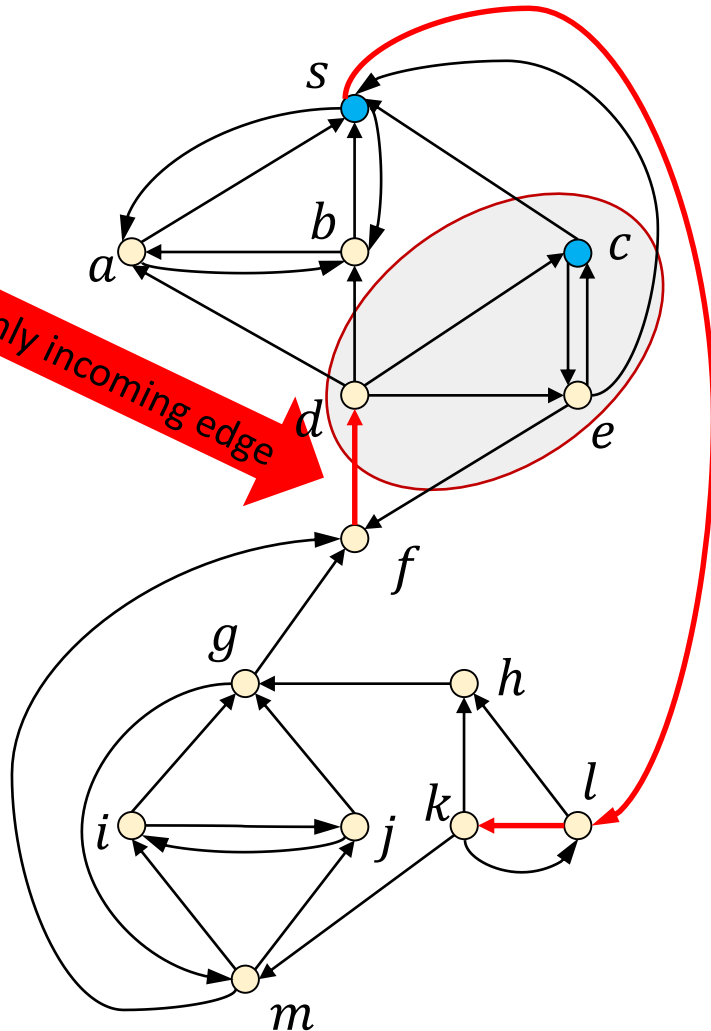
- All paths from  $s$  to  $c$  contain  $l, f, d$

# Exploiting dominator tree



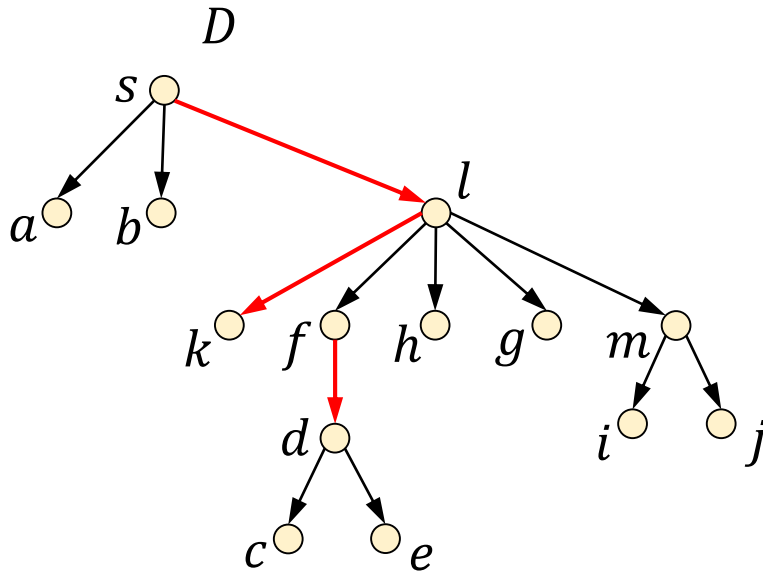
- All paths from  $s$  to  $c$  contain  $l, f, d$
- All paths from  $s$  to  $c$  contain the strong bridges  $(s, l), (f, d)$

# Exploiting dominator tree



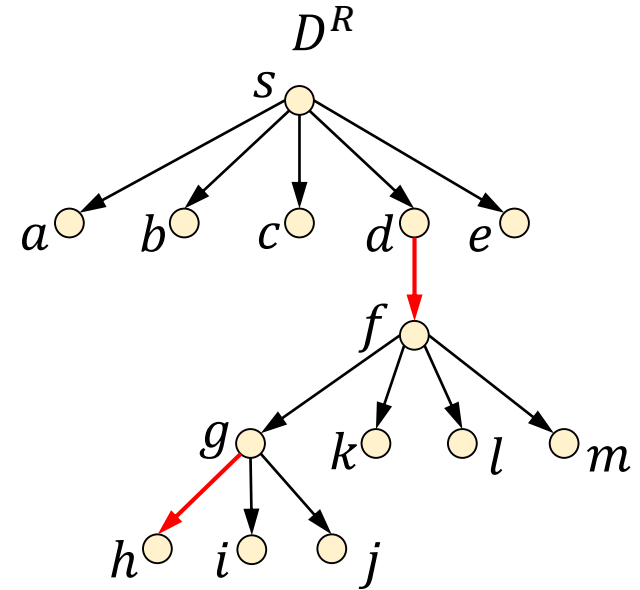
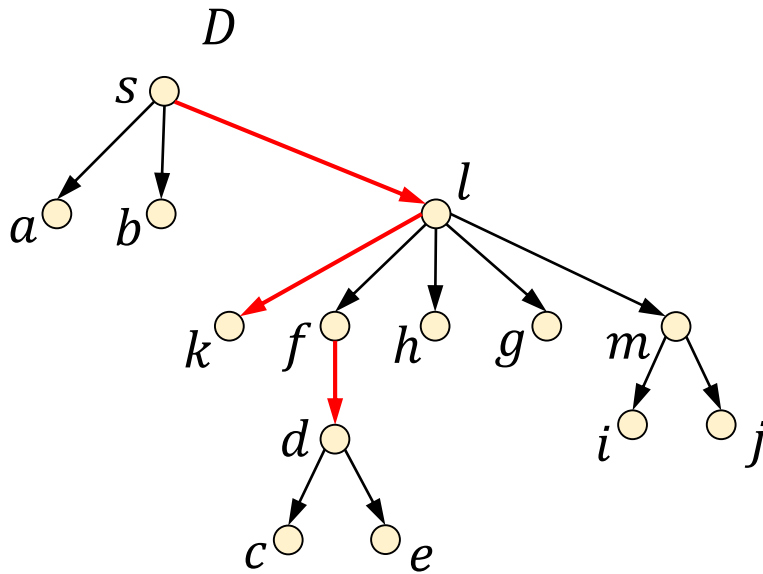
- All paths from  $s$  to  $c$  contain  $l, f, d$
- All paths from  $s$  to  $c$  contain the strong bridges  $(s, l), (f, d)$
- A strong bridge is the only incoming edge to the vertices of its subtree

# Exploiting dominator tree



The **dominator tree** of the graph provides only **partial information**.

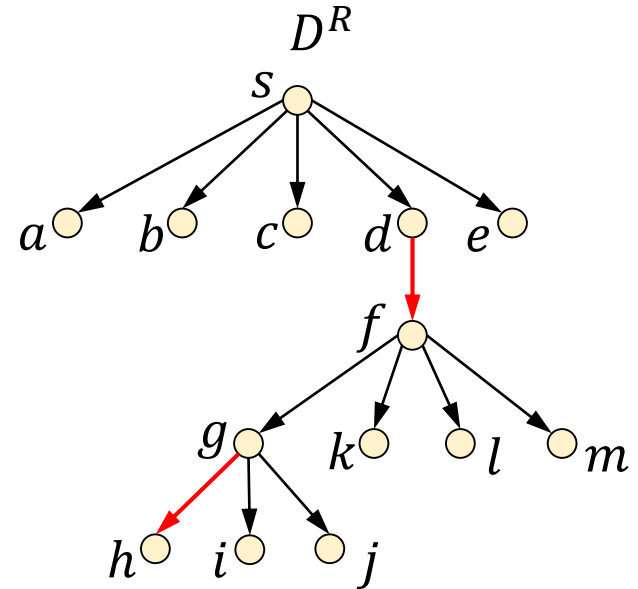
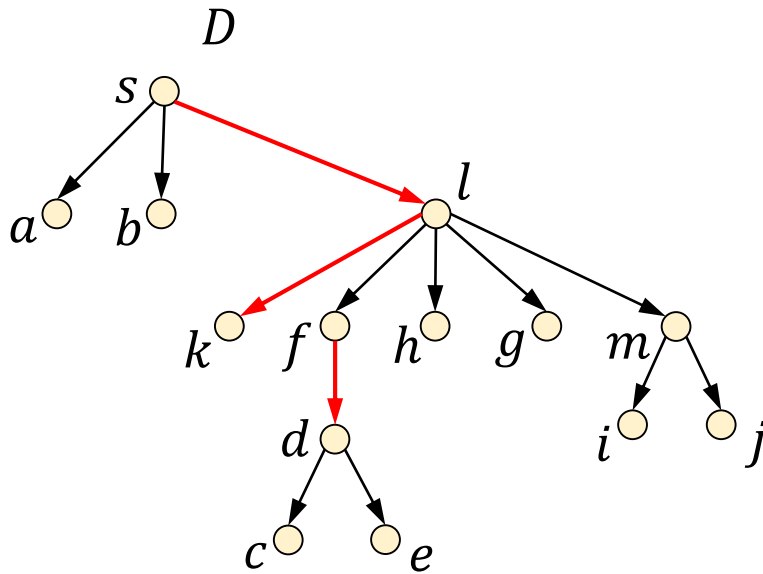
# Exploiting dominator tree



The **dominator tree** of the graph provides only **partial information**.

The **dominator tree of the reverse graph** provides **other partial information**.

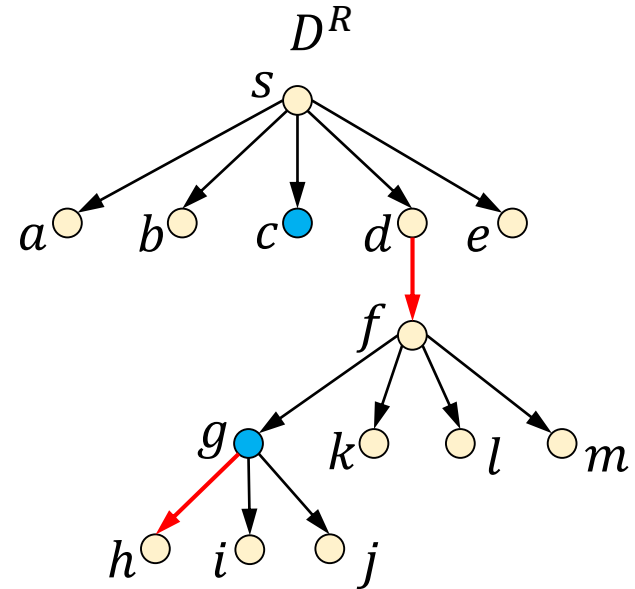
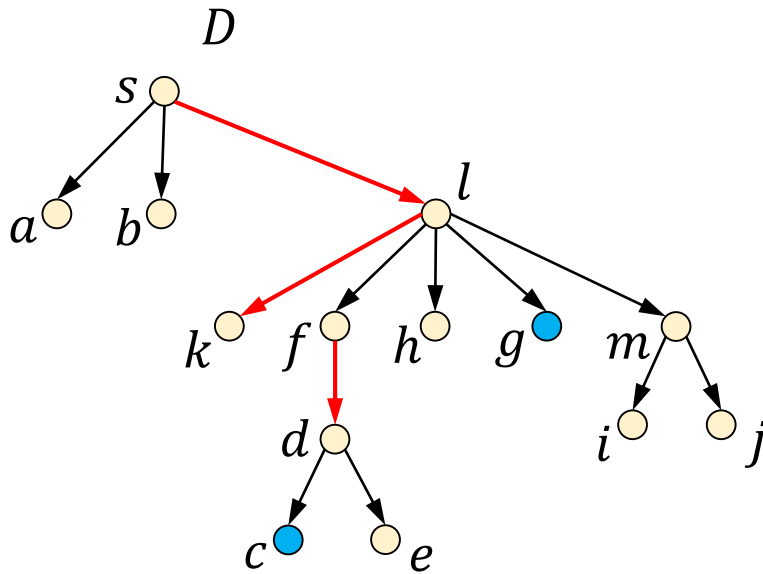
# Exploiting dominator tree



**Lemma [Georgiadis, Italiano, P.]:** Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are 2-edge-connected iff

- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D$  is **common** and they are **not separated** in  $G \setminus e$
- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D^R$  is **common** and they are **not separated** in  $G \setminus e$

# Exploiting dominator tree



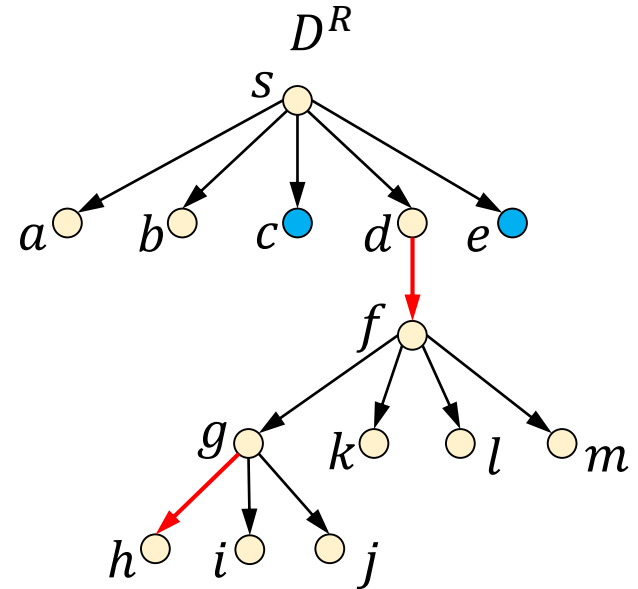
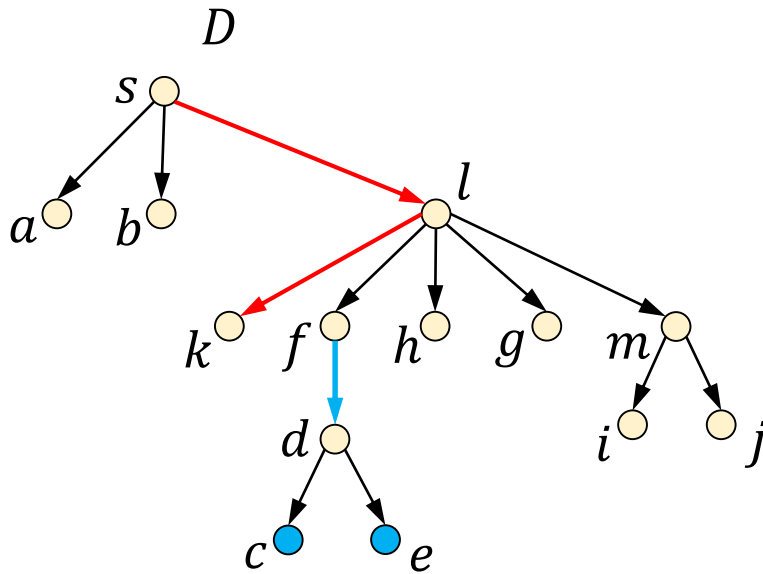
$c$  and  $g$  are not 2-edge-connected since they have distinct nearest bridges

**Lemma [Georgiadis, Italiano, P.]:** Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are 2-edge-connected iff

- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D$  is common and they are not separated in  $G \setminus e$
- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D^R$  is common and they are not separated in  $G \setminus e$



# Exploiting dominator tree

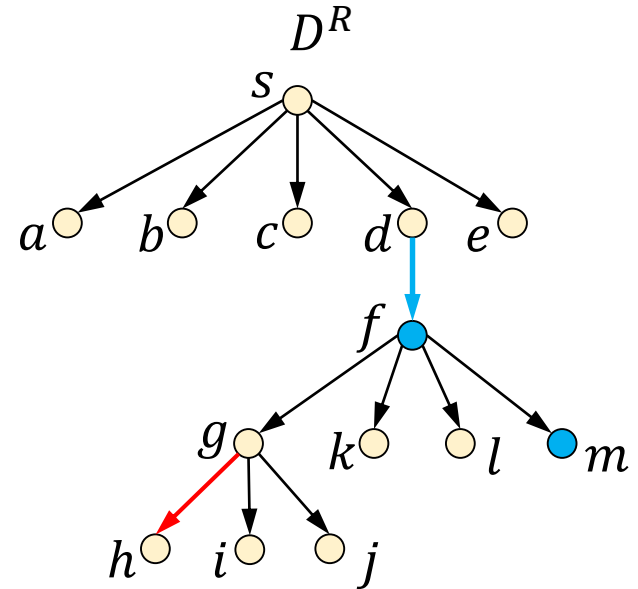
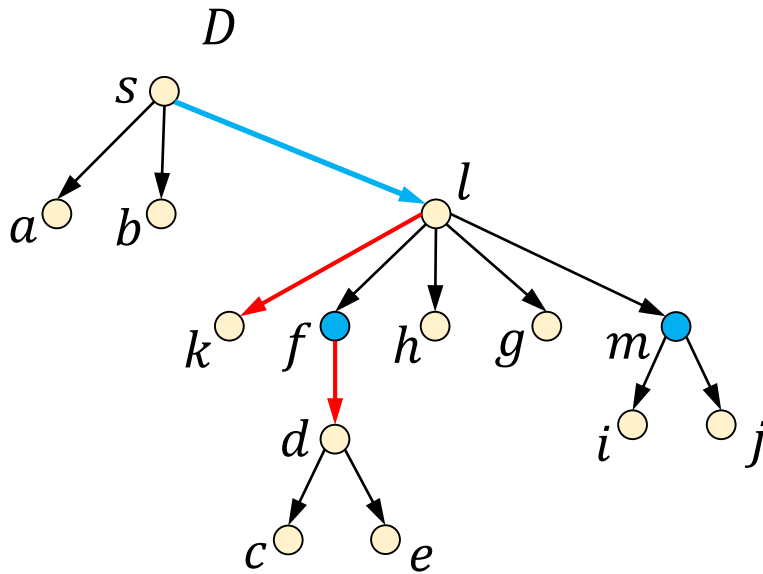


$c$  and  $e$  are 2-edge-connected **iff** they are strongly connected in  $G \setminus (f, d)$

**Lemma [Georgiadis, Italiano, P.]:** Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are 2-edge-connected **iff**

- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D$  is **common** and they are **not separated** in  $G \setminus e$
- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D^R$  is **common** and they are **not separated** in  $G \setminus e$

# Exploiting dominator tree



$f$  and  $m$  are 2-edge-connected iff they are strongly connected in  $G \setminus (s, l)$  and in  $G \setminus (f, d)$

**Lemma [Georgiadis, Italiano, P.]:** Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are 2-edge-connected iff

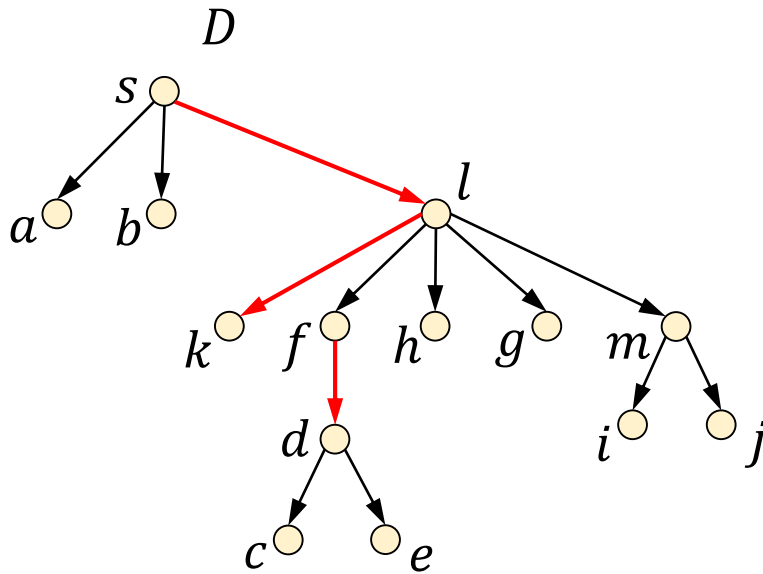
- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D$  is common and they are not separated in  $G \setminus e$
- Their nearest bridge  $e$  in  $D^R$  is common and they are not separated in  $G \setminus e$

# Outline

---

- Definitions
  - 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
  - 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
  - Problems definition
  - Known algorithm and our result
- High-level idea
- Basic ingredients
  - Dominators
  - **Auxiliary components**
- Tools
- Conclusion

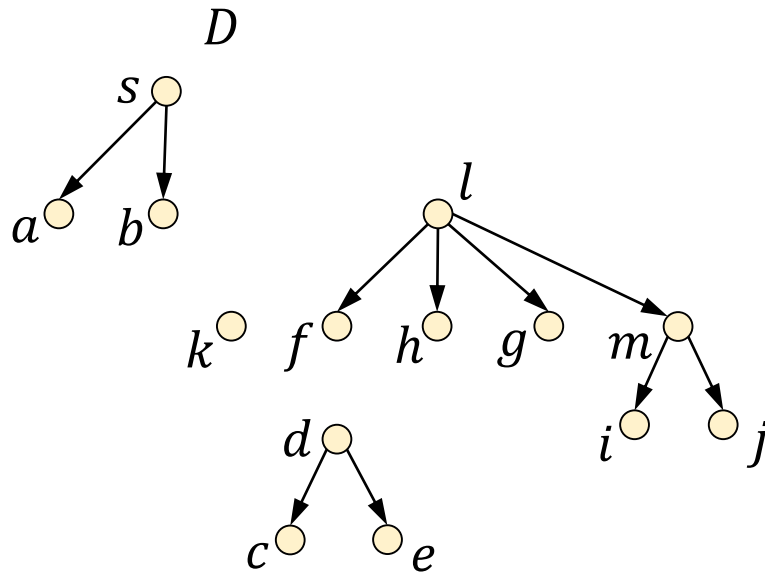
# Auxiliary components



**Bridge decomposition:** The forest obtained by removing the strong bridges from the dominator tree

**Lemma:** two vertices are 2-edge-connected **only if they are in the same tree** of the bridge decomposition

# Auxiliary components



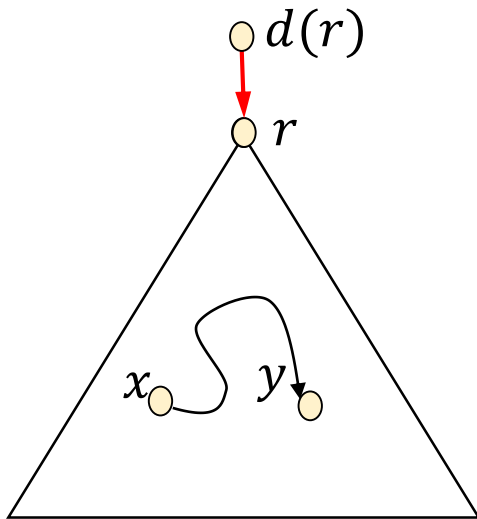
**Bridge decomposition:** The forest obtained by removing the strong bridges from the dominator tree

**Lemma:** two vertices are 2-edge-connected **only if they are in the same tree** of the bridge decomposition

# Auxiliary components

---

**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between vertices in the same tree of the bridge decomposition with an auxiliary graph.



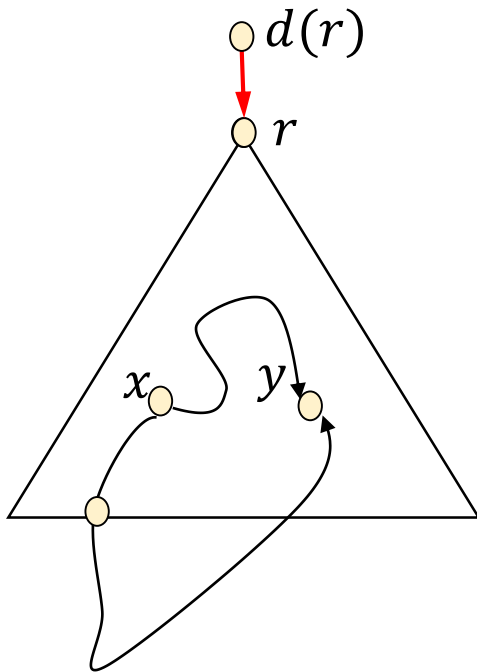
**Construction:**

- Keep the paths using only vertices of the tree
- For every path using vertices outside the tree, replace the subpath outside with a shortcut edge

# Auxiliary components

---

**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between **vertices in the same tree** of the bridge decomposition with an **auxiliary graph**.



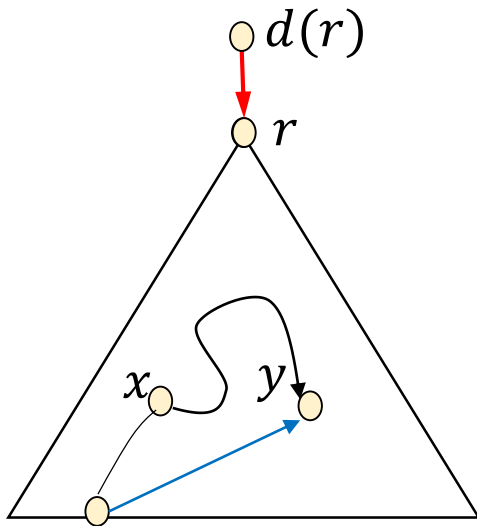
**Construction:**

- **Keep the paths** using **only vertices of the tree**
- **For every path** using **vertices outside the tree**, replace the subpath outside with a **shortcut edge**

# Auxiliary components

---

**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between **vertices in the same tree** of the bridge decomposition with an **auxiliary graph**.

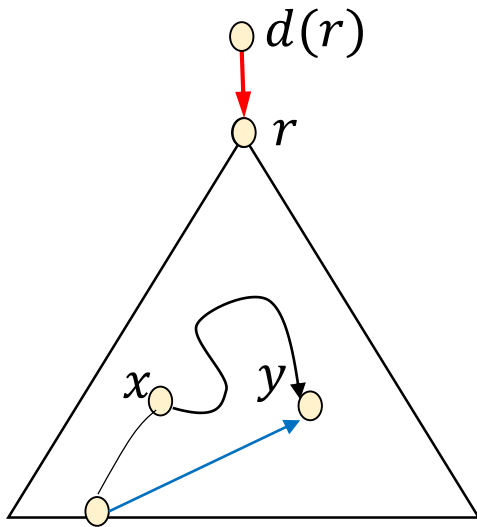


**Construction:**

- **Keep the paths** using **only vertices of the tree**
- **For every path** using **vertices outside the tree**, replace the subpath outside with a **shortcut edge**



# Auxiliary components



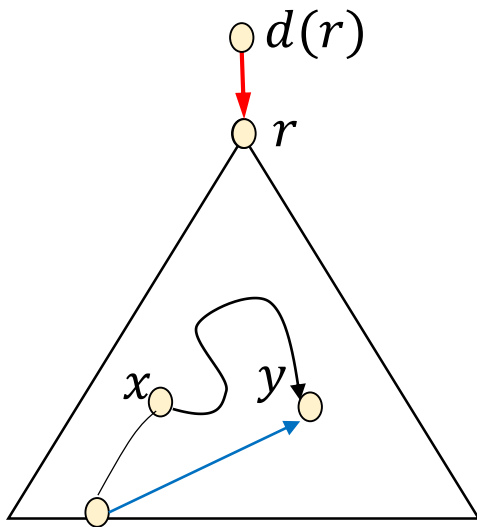
**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between vertices in the same tree of the bridge decomposition with an auxiliary graph.

**Construction:**

- Keep the paths using only vertices of the tree
- For every path using vertices outside the tree, replace the subpath outside with a shortcut edge

**Lemma:** Two vertices in the same tree (rooted at  $r$ ) are disconnected by  $(d(r), r)$  iff they are not strongly connected in the auxiliary graph of their tree (in the same auxiliary component).

# Auxiliary components



**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between vertices in the same tree of the bridge decomposition with an auxiliary graph.

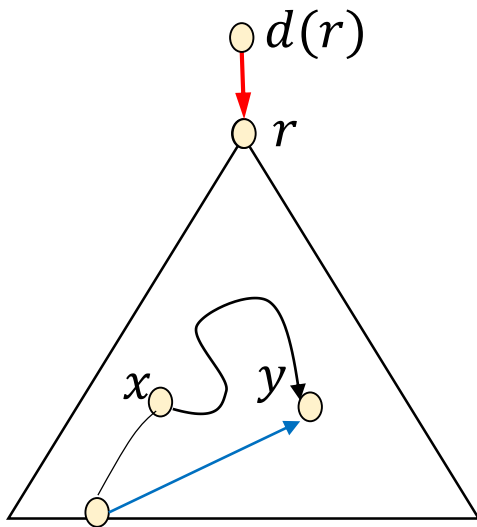
**Construction:**

- Keep the paths using only vertices of the tree
- For every path using vertices outside the tree, replace the subpath outside with a shortcut edge

**Lemma:** Two vertices in the same tree (rooted at  $r$ ) are disconnected by  $(d(r), r)$  iff they are not strongly connected in the auxiliary graph of their tree (in the same auxiliary component).

**Algorithm:** Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are 2-edge-connected iff they are in the same auxiliary component in  $G$  and  $G^R$ .

# Auxiliary components



**Idea:** Encode all the paths that do not use the incoming strong bridge between vertices in the same tree of the bridge decomposition with an auxiliary graph.

**Construction:**

- Keep the paths using only vertices of the tree
- For every path using vertices outside the tree, replace the subpath outside with a shortcut edge

**Lemma:** Two vertices in the same tree (rooted at  $r$ ) are disconnected by  $(d(r), r)$  iff they are not strongly connected in the auxiliary graph of their tree (in the same auxiliary component).

**GOAL:** Incrementally maintain the bridge decomposition and the auxiliary components.

# Outline

---

- Definitions
  - 2-edge-connectivity in undirected graphs
  - 2-edge-connectivity in directed graphs
  - Problems definition
  - Known algorithm and our result
- High-level idea
- Basic ingredients
  - Dominators
  - Auxiliary components
- **Tools**
- Conclusion

# Tools

---

## ➤ Incremental dominator tree

- **2012** – Georgiadis, Italiano, Laura, Santaroni
  - $O(m \min\{n, k\} + kn)$

## ➤ Incremental SCCs in each auxiliary graph

- **2009 & 2016** – Bender, Fineman, Gilbert, Tarjan:
  - $O(m \min\{\sqrt{m}, n^{2/3}\})$

# Combining things...

---

- **Many instances** of the Incremental SCCs algorithm
- **Vertices can move** across auxiliary graphs
- Auxiliary graphs **can merge**
- ...

# Concluding remarks

---

## Results:

- Incremental  $O(mn)$  algorithm for maintaining the pairwise **2-edge-connectivity** in directed graphs.
- Answer queries in  $O(1)$  time, whether two vertices are 2-edge-connected. If the two vertices are not 2-edge-connected, we return an edge that separates them.

## Open problems:

- Can we maintain incrementally the 2-vertex-connected blocks?
- Decremental? Fully dynamic?

# Concluding remarks

---

## Results:

- Incremental  $O(mn)$  algorithm for maintaining the pairwise **2-edge-connectivity** in directed graphs.
- Answer queries in  $O(1)$  time, whether two vertices are 2-edge-connected. If the two vertices are not 2-edge-connected, we return an edge that separates them.

## Open problems:

- Can we maintain incrementally the 2-vertex-connected blocks?
- Decremental? Fully dynamic?

Thank you!