

Lemma: if p is not a simple path, then $\exists q \subseteq p$ s.t. q is a simple cycle.
 proof: seq of vertices in p is v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .
 let $i < j$ be a pair such that:
 1) $v_i = v_j$
 2) if $v_i \neq v_j$ for $i < j$, then $j < i < j$.
 [(i, j) is the "closed" pair of "repeating" vertices in p]
 now: v_i, \dots, v_j are distinct (why?)
 so $v_i \rightarrow v_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_j$ is a simple cycle. \square

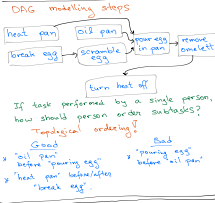
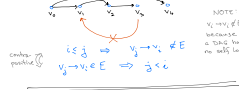
Lemma: Let G denote a DAG. \forall path p in G : $\text{length}(p) \leq n-1$.
 proof: every path p in G is simple. (otherwise, $\exists q \subseteq p$ which is a cycle, contradicting G is acyclic).
 Let $l \triangleq \text{length}(p)$.
 Let $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^l$ denote seq of vertices in p . By the pigeonhole principle, $\exists i < j \leq l$. \square

Lemma: \forall DAG $G \exists v$ sink.
 proof: assume for the sake of contradiction, that every $v \in V$ is not a sink. This implies that every path p can be extended by an edge:
 $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_n \rightarrow v_{n+1}$

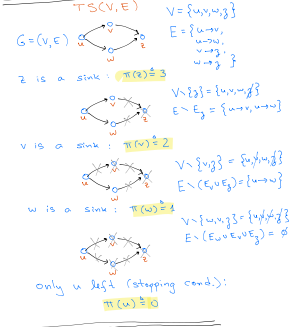
Hence, G contains a path of length $|V|$, this contradicts the prev. lemma. \square

Lemma: \forall DAG $G \exists v$ source.
 proof: could use a "path extension argument" as before (how?).
 Alternatively, define $\text{reverse}(G)$:
 $G = (V, E)$ & $\text{reverse}(G) = (V, \text{reverse}(E))$
 $x \rightarrow y \in E \iff y \rightarrow x \in \text{reverse}(E)$
 1) G DAG $\iff \text{reverse}(G)$ DAG
 2) v source $\iff v$ sink in $\text{reverse}(G)$
 By prev. lemma $\exists v$ sink in $\text{reverse}(G)$
 $\implies \exists v$ source in G . \square

TOPOLOGICAL ORDERING OF A DAG



Q: can 2 people prepare an omelette faster? what about 3 people? 4? 5? ... ("parallelism")



CORRECTNESS OF ALG $TS(V, E)$:
 * $G = (V, E)$ DAG $\implies \pi$ is top. ord.
 proof: inh. on $|V|$.
 base: $|V| = 1$. let $v \in V$, then $\pi(v) = 0$.
 step: as basis if $|V| > 1$.
 step: need to prove (a) for $|V| > 1$.
 all nodes sink v (always exists, why?).
 Now: ind. hyp: $TS(N \setminus \{v\}, E \setminus E_v)$
 side: $v: v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_n$ top. ord.
 also $\pi(v) = 0$
 $V = \{v, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
 $E = \{v_1 \rightarrow v_2, \dots, v_{n-1} \rightarrow v_n\}$
 $\pi(v) = 0$
 $\pi(v_1) = 1$
 $\pi(v_2) = 2$
 \dots
 $\pi(v_n) = n$
 π is top. ord.
 inductive step: $v \in E$
 if $v = v_1$, then $\pi(v) = 0$ (OK)
 if $v = v_i$, then v not sink (invariant)
 if $v = v_n$, then $\pi(v) = n$ (OK) v