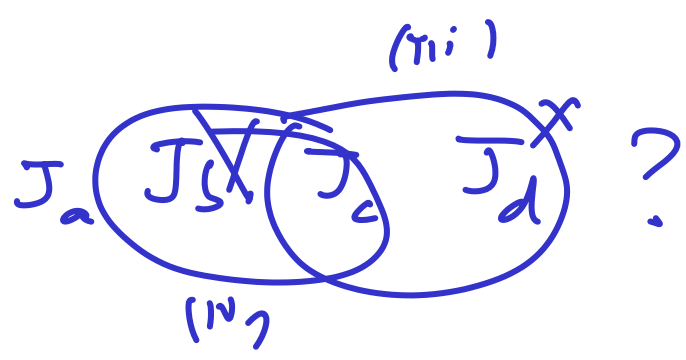


Given a set  $J_a, J_b, J_c, J_d$   
and some precedence constraints

- (i)  $J_a < J_b$  : Job a must be done prior to Job b
- (ii)  $J_a < J_d$
- (iii)  $J_d < J_c$
- (iv)  $J_c < J_b$



Can all jobs be scheduled?

$J_a, J_d, J_c, J_b$  ✓

- (i)  $J_a < J_b$  (ii)  $J_b < J_d$  (iii)  $J_c < J_b$
- (iv)  $J_d < J_a$

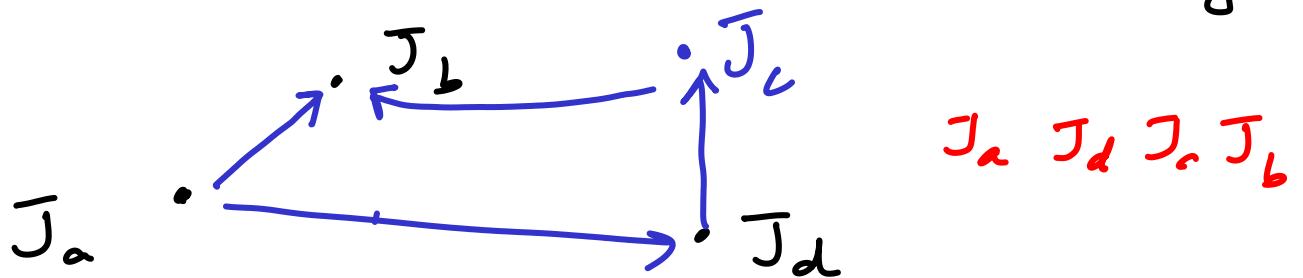
Not feasible since  $(J_a < J_b < J_d)$   
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There is cyclic precedence

Observation : There is no feasible schedule if - there is a cyclic precedence between some subset of jobs.

If there is no cyclic precedence can we schedule?

Let us model it using a graph

$V$ : set of Jobs  $E$ :  $(x, y)$   
s.t.  $x < y$



• Do a DFS,  $\rightarrow$  always reveals if there is a cycle

If there is no cycle in a directed graph  $\Rightarrow$  Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

Observation: (i) There has to be a  
(source vertex) vertex with indegree 0

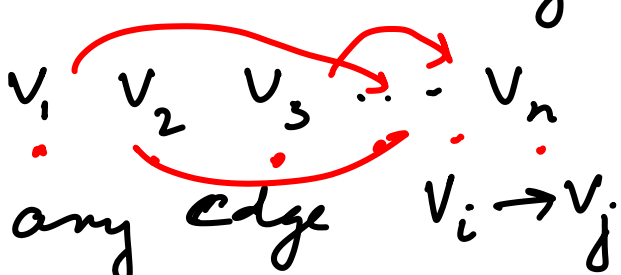
(ii) There must be a vertex with  
outdegree 0  
(sink vertex)

A feasible schedule can be constructed  
by find a source, deleting it, and  
repeating this in the remaining graph.  
 $O(|V|^2)$

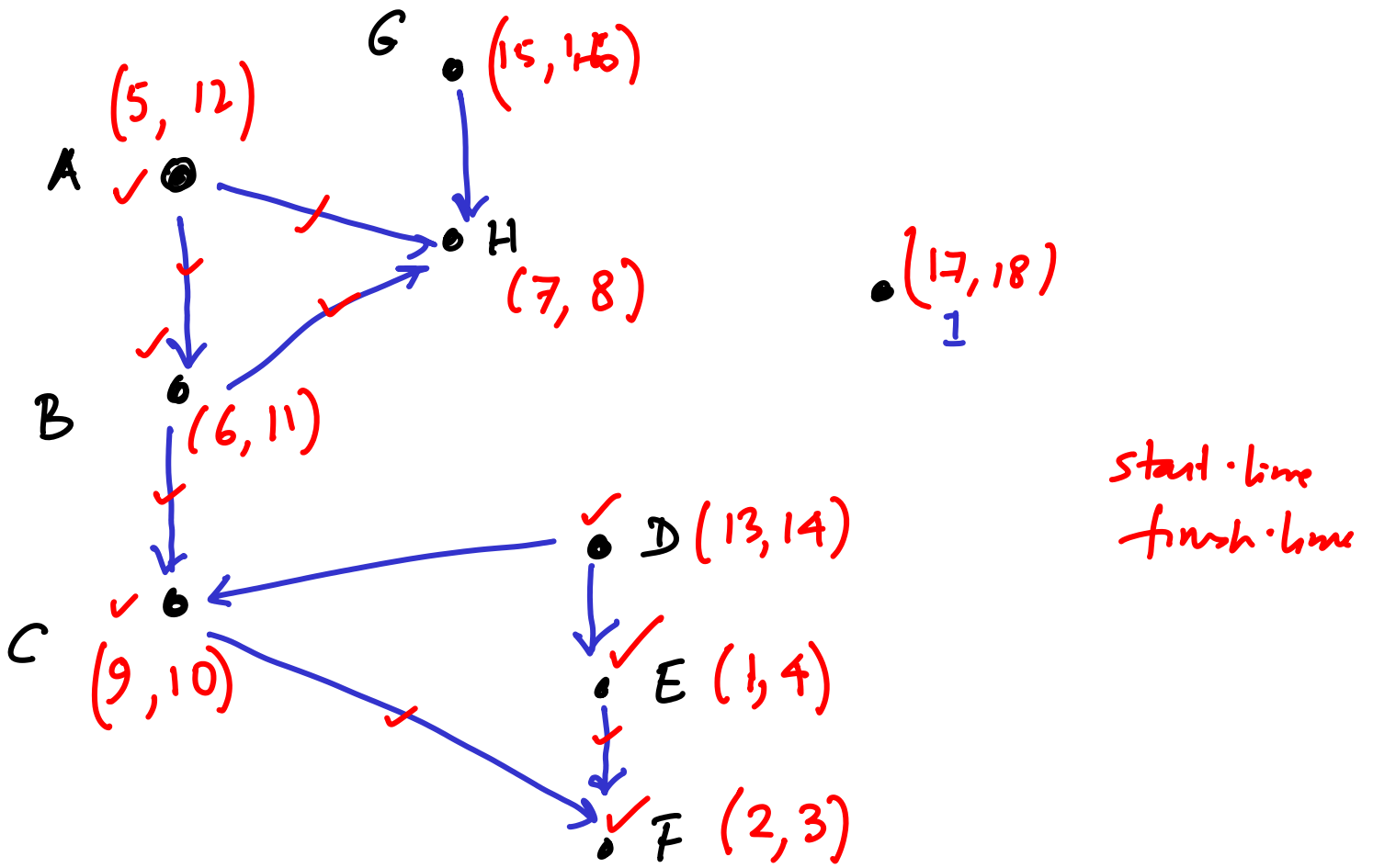
The precedence constraints define a  
"partial ordering"

Schedule is a total ordering  
consistent with the partial  
ordering

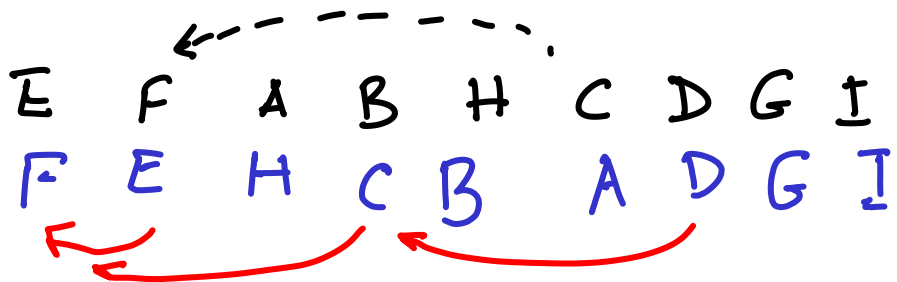
Topological sort: Is an ordering  
of the vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$   
such that for any edge  $v_i \rightarrow v_j$   
 $j > i$



By keeping track of indegrees of vertices, can we get a faster algorithm? Which kind of data structure will yield a  $O((V+E))$



Start-time  
Finish-time



Decreasing finish-time may work!

Observation : Consider a pair of vertices  $v_i (s_i, f_i)$  and  $v_j (s_j, f_j)$

Then if  $v_i \rightsquigarrow v_j$  - then  $f_i > f_j$

Case 1 :  $s_i < s_j$  - then it will visit  $v_j$  during the DFS of  $v_i$  and back up from  $v_j$  before  $v_i$

$\Rightarrow f_i > f_j$

Case 2 :  $s_j < s_i$  Since  $v_j \not\rightsquigarrow v_i$  (DAG)

$\underbrace{s_j < f_j}_{\text{true}} < \underbrace{s_i < f_i}_{\text{true}}$

For any directed graph

