Data Structures and Algorithms

(CS210A)

Semester I – **2014-15**

Lecture 25

- **Depth First Search (DFS) Traversal**
- **DFS Tree**
- **Novel application: computing biconnected components of a graph**

DFS traversal of *G*

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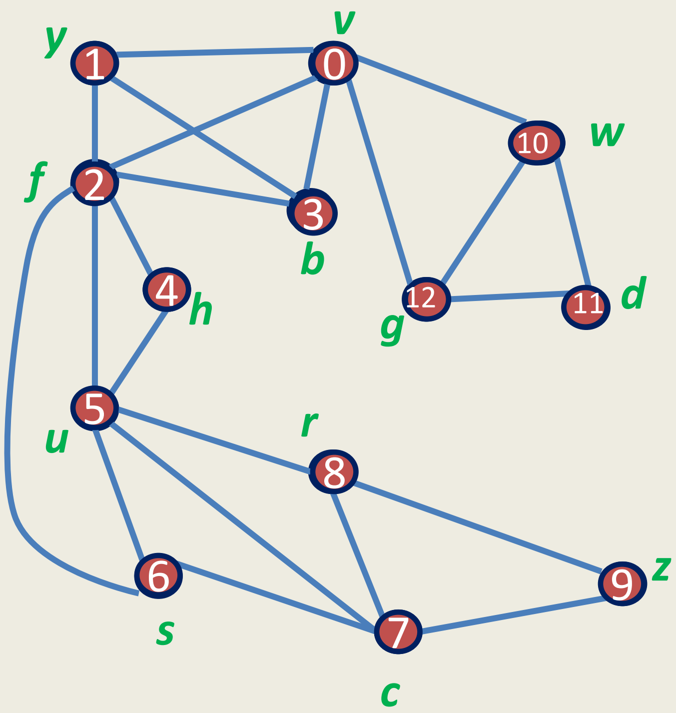
DFS(v)
{  Visited(v) ← true;  DFN[v] ← dfn ++;
   For each neighbor w of v
   {       if (Visited(w)  = false)
           {   DFS(w) ;
                 ……..;
           }
           ……..;
   }
}
```

```
DFS-traversal(G)
{  dfn ← 0;
   For each vertex vϵ V  {      Visited(v)← false                 }
   For each vertex v ϵ V {      If (Visited(v ) = false)   DFS(v)  }
}
```

DFN number

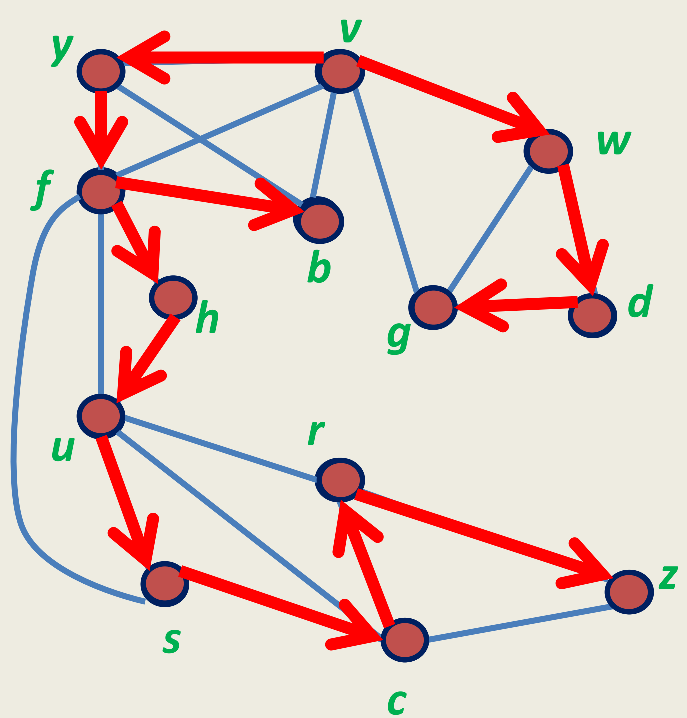


DFN[***x***] :

The number at which ***x*** gets visited during DFS traversal.

DFS tree

DFS(v) computes a tree rooted at v



A **DFS** tree rooted at ***v***

Question: Is a **DFS** tree unique ?

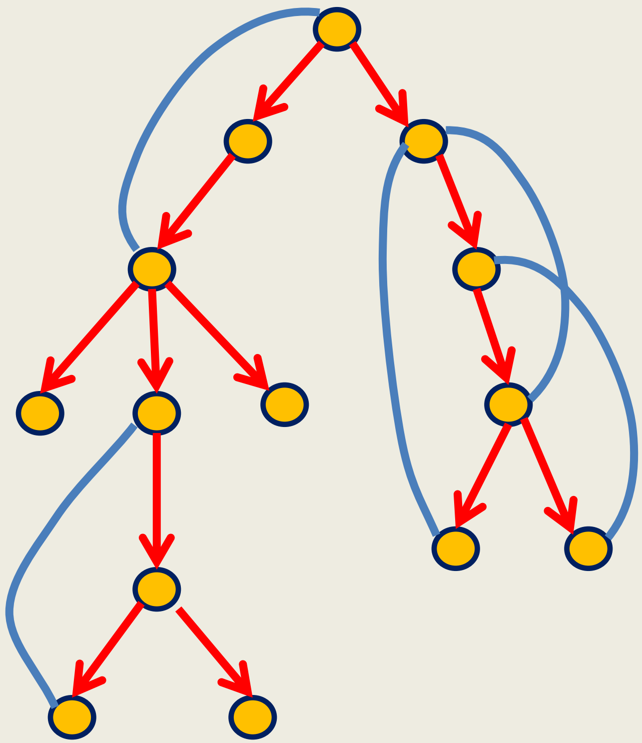
Answer: No.

Question:

Can any rooted tree be obtained through DFS ?

Answer: No.

How will an edge appear in DFS traversal ?



- as a **tree-edge**.

If the edge is a **non-tree** edge :

- Edge between **ancestor** and **descendant** in **DFS** tree.

Question: Is there any other possibility ?

Answer: **No**.

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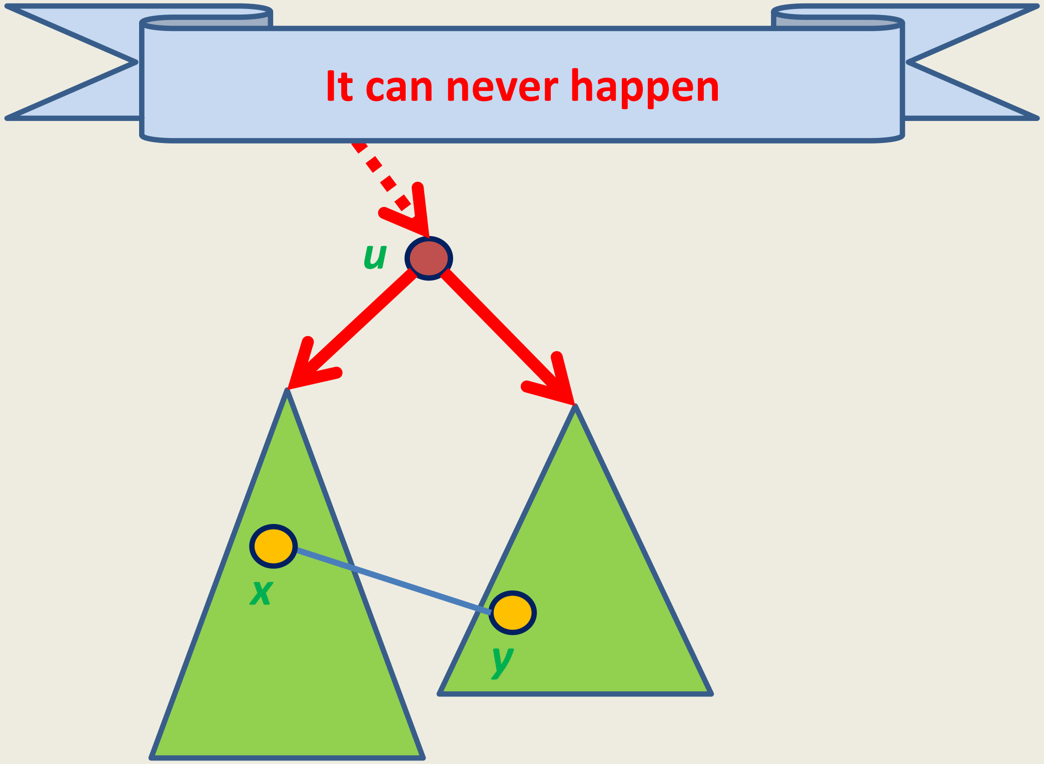

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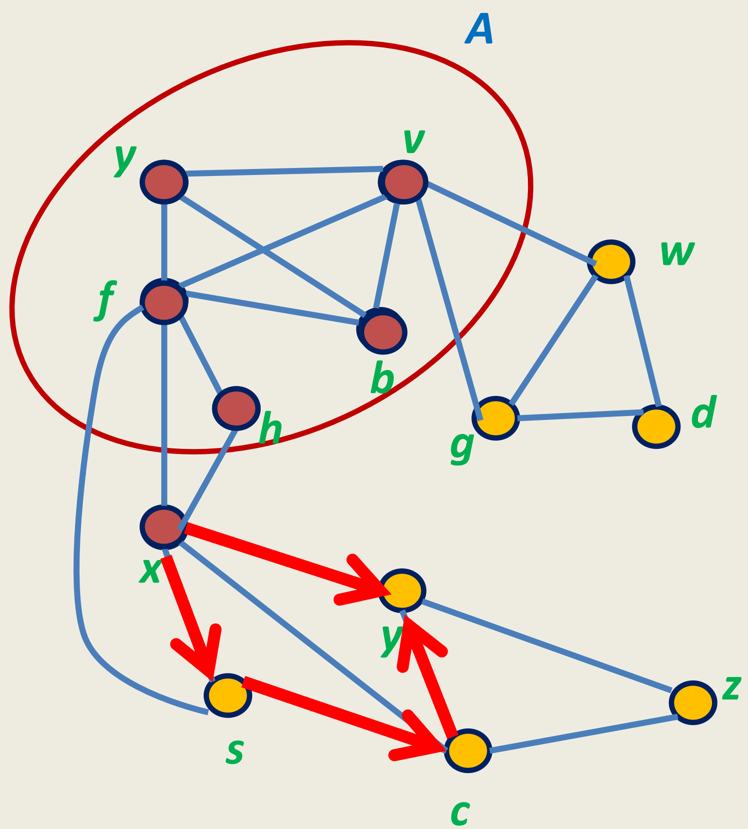
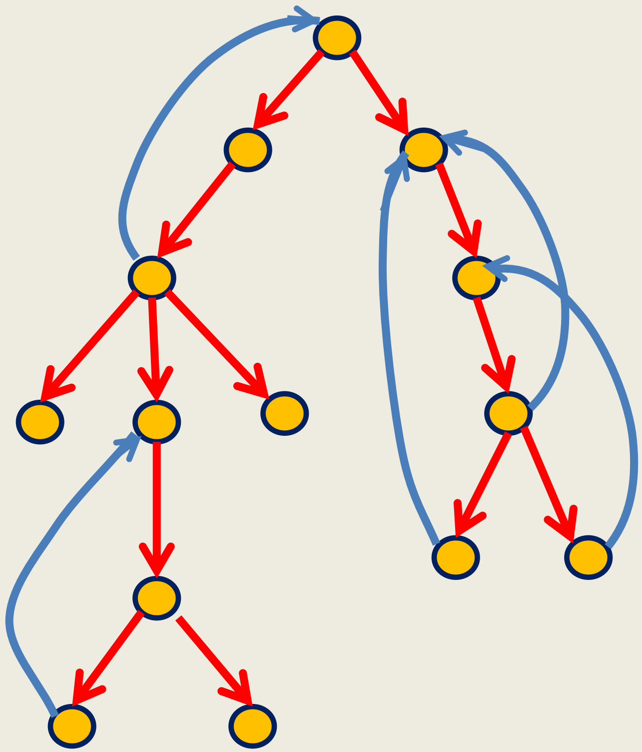


Always remember

the following picture for DFS traversal



non-tree edge ➔ **back** edge

This is called **DFS representation of the graph**.

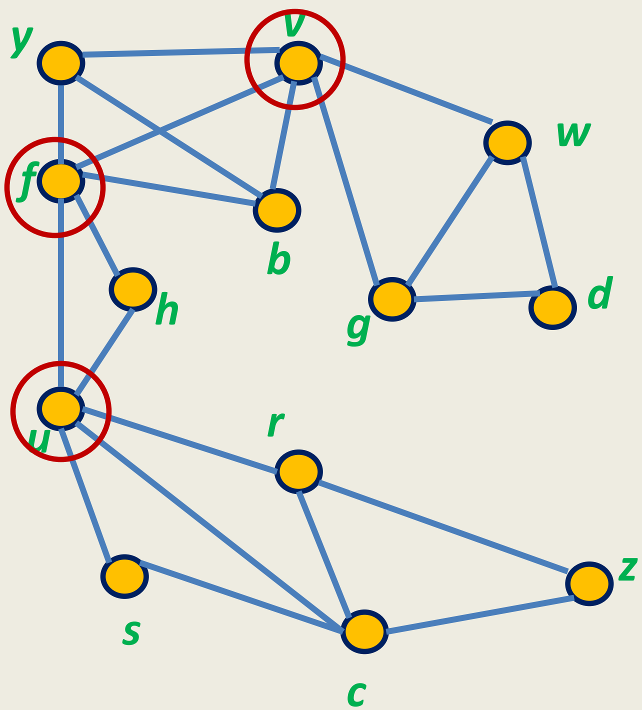
It plays a key role in the design of every efficient algorithm.

A novel application of DFS traversal

Determining if a graph **G** is **biconnected**

Definition: A connected graph is said to be **biconnected**
if there does not exit any vertex whose removal disconnects the graph.

Motivation: To design **robust** networks (immune to any single node failure).



Is this graph **biconnected ?**

No.

A trivial algorithms for checking **bi-connectedness** of a graph

- For each vertex v, determine if $G \setminus \{v\}$ is connected

  (One may use either **BFS** or **DFS** traversal here)

Time complexity of the trivial algorithm : $O(mn)$

An **O**$(\boldsymbol{m} + \boldsymbol{n})$ time algorithm

A <u>single</u> **DFS** traversal

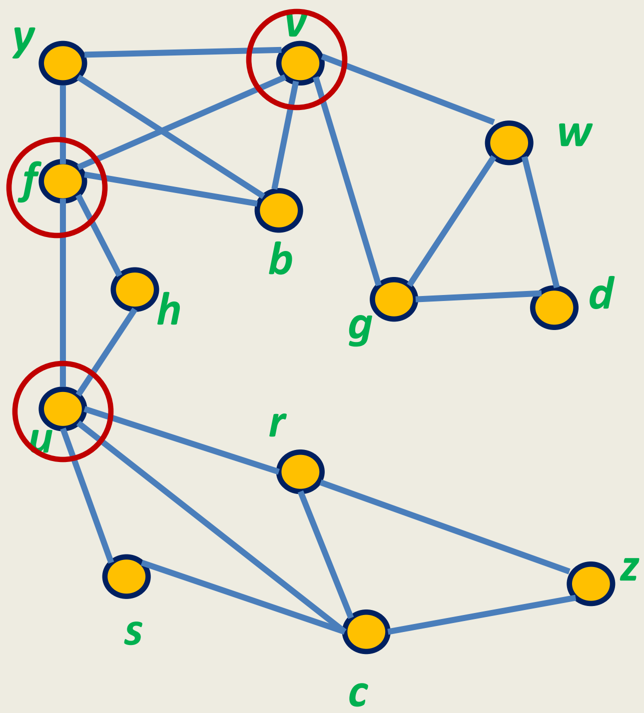
An O($m + n$) time algorithm

- A formal **characterization** of the problem.

  (**articulation points**)

- Exploring **relationship** between articulation point & DFS tree.

- Using the relation **cleverly** to design an efficient algorithm.



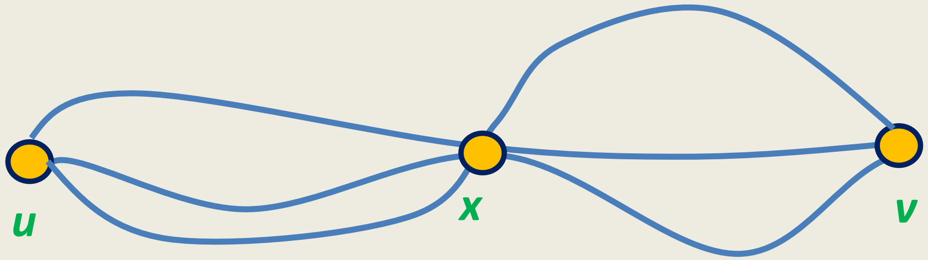
This graph is NOT biconnected

The removal of any of {*v*,*f*,*u*} can destroy connectivity.

v,*f*,*u* are called the **articulation points** of *G*.

A formal definition of articulaton point

Definition: A vertex ***x*** is said to be **articulation point** if there exist two distinct vertices ***u*** and ***v*** such that every path between ***u*** and ***v*** passes through ***x***.



Observation: A graph is biconnected if none of its vertices is an articulation point.

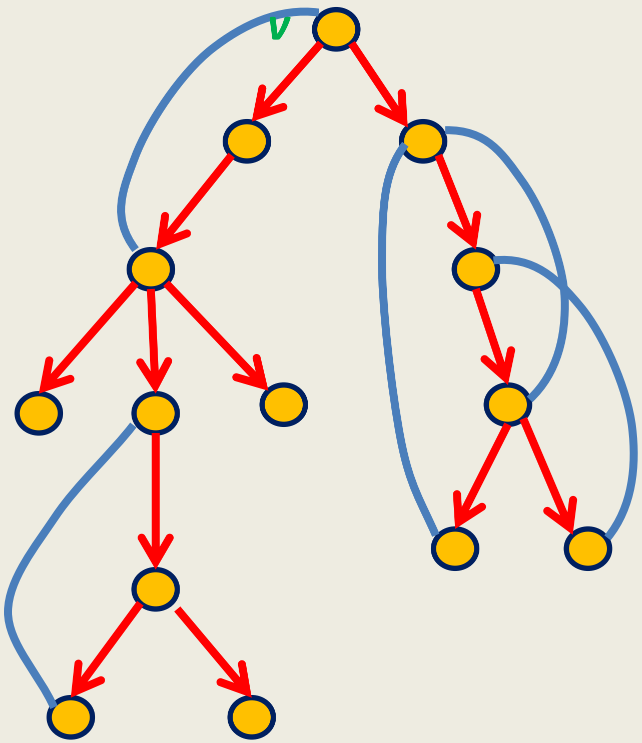
AIM:

Design an **algorithm** to compute all **articulation points** in a given graph.

Articulation points and DFS traversal

Don't Focus on the graph. Instead,
focus on the **DFS tree representation** of the graph.

Some observations



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Answer: Never

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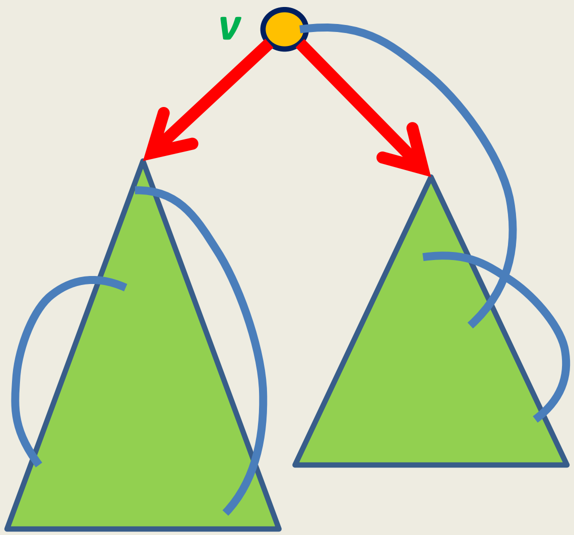

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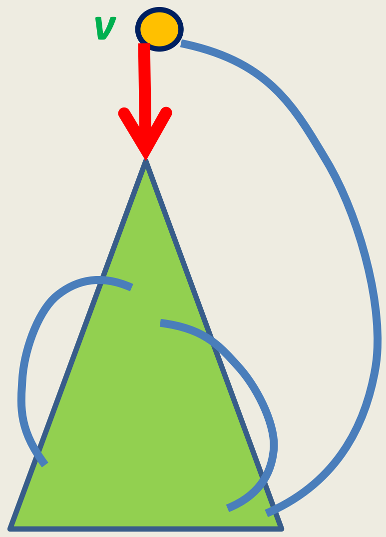

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Answer: Iff it has **<u>two or more</u>** children.

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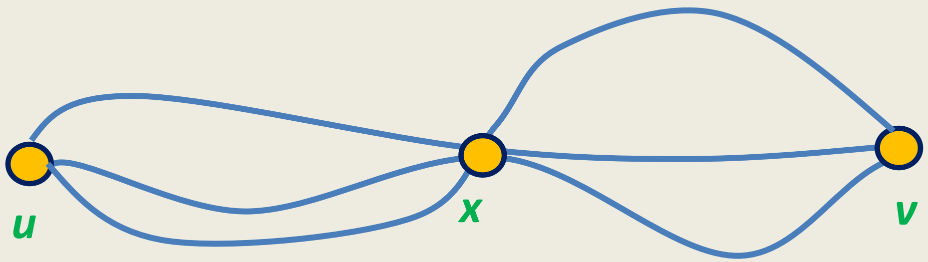
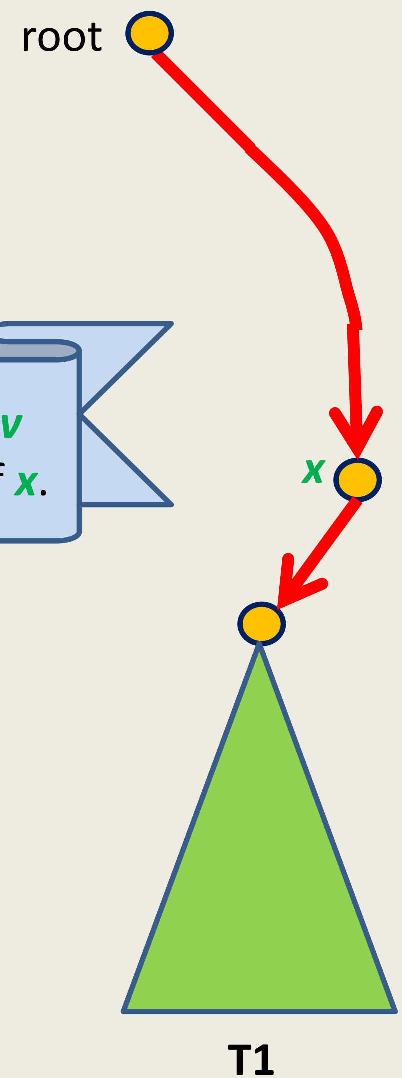


AIM:

To find **necessary** and **sufficient conditions** for an **internal node** to be **articulation point**.

How will ***x*** look like
in **DFS tree** ?

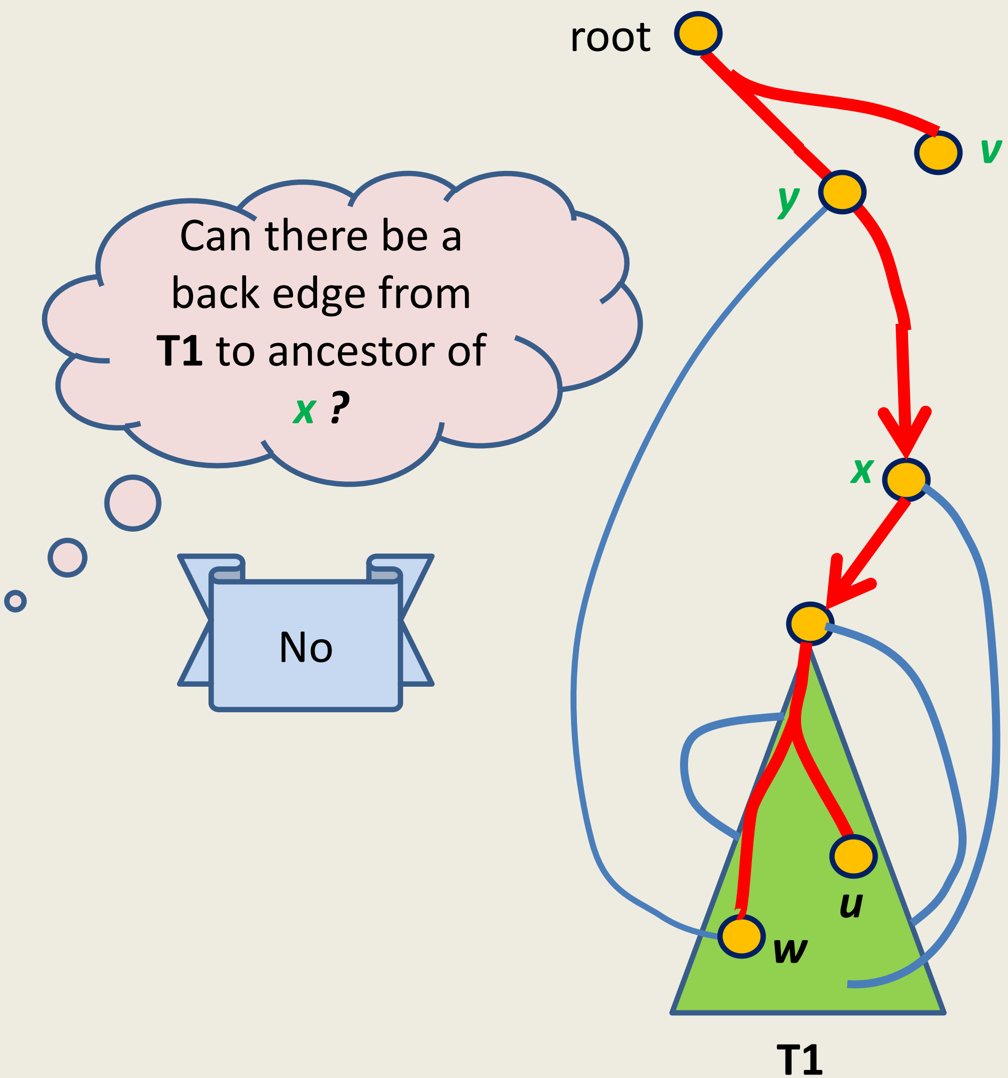
conditions for an **internal node** to be **articulation point**.



At least one of ***u*** and ***v*** must be descendant of ***x***.

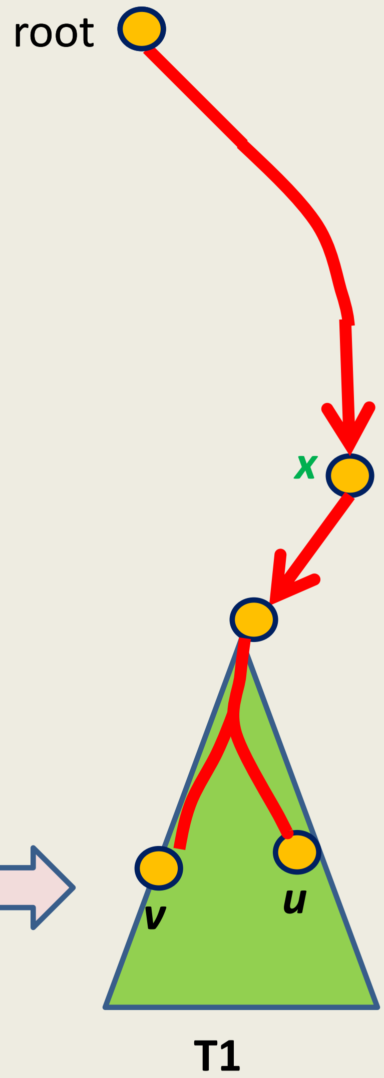
Where will ***u*** and ***v*** be relative to ***x*** ?

Case 1: Exactly one of u and v is a descendant of x in DFS tree



u—*w*—*y*—*v* :
a *u*-*v* path not passing through *x*

Case 2: both u and v are descendants of x in DFS tree



Can ***u*** and ***v*** belong to **T1** simultaneously?

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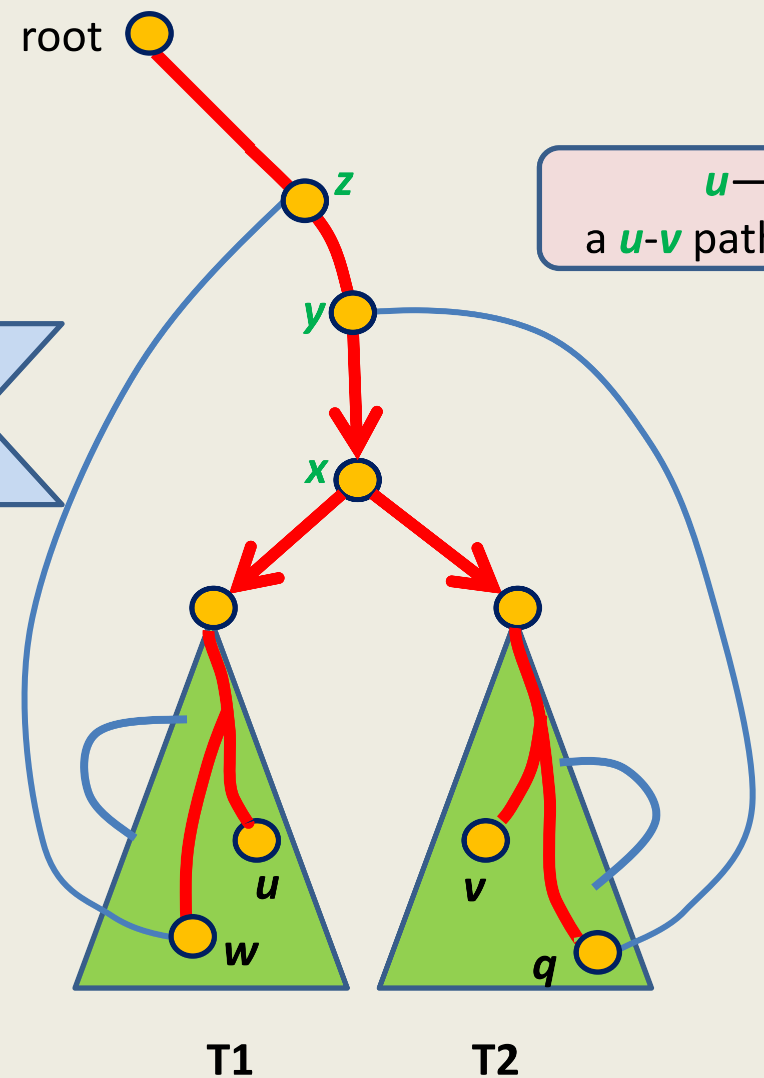
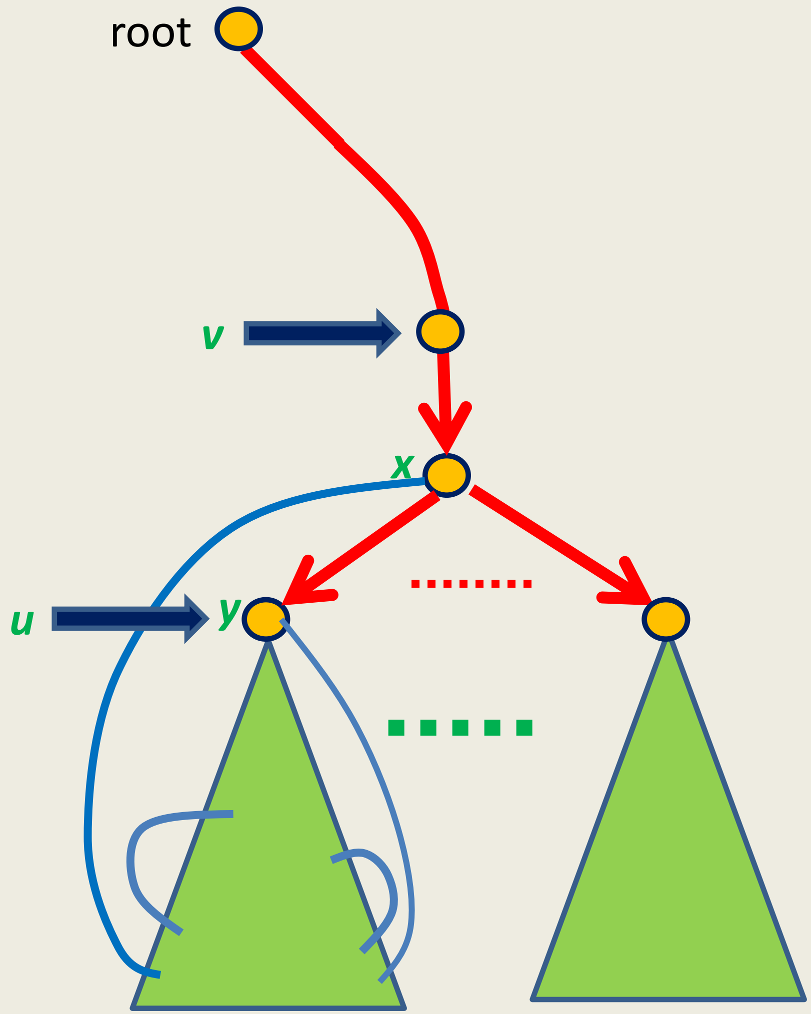


At least one of **T1** and **T2** have no back edge to ancestor of ***x***

u—w—z—y—q—v :
a ***u-v*** path not passing through ***x***

Necessary condition for x to be articulation point



Necessary condition:

x has **at least** one child ***y*** s.t. there is **no** back edge from **subtree**(**y**) to **ancestor** of ***x***.

Question: Is this condition sufficient also?

Answer: yes.

Articulation points and DFS

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

Perform **DFS** traversal from any graph and get a DFS tree ***T***.

- No leaf of ***T*** is an **articulation point**.
- root of ***T*** is an **articulation point** if and only if it has more than one child.
- For any internal node … ??

Theorem1 : An internal node ***x*** is **articulation point** **if and only if** it has a child ***y*** such that there is **no** back edge from **subtree**(***y***) to any ancestor of ***x***.

Efficient algorithm for Articulation points

Use Theorem 1

Exploit recursive nature of DFS

Ponder over it during
Mid-semester break ☺