Connected Components & Biconnected Components

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```c
void connected(void) { // dfs(0) or bfs(0)
/* determine the connected components of a graph */
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        if (!visited[i]) {
            dfs(i);
            printf("\n");
        }
    }
}
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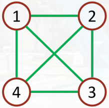
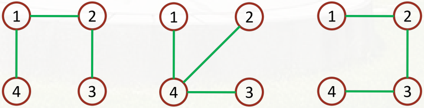
  - Tree edges: the set of edges used or traversed during the search.
  - Nontree edges: the set of remaining edges.

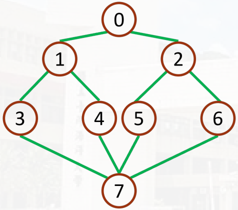
G_1

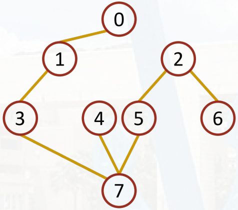


Three spanning trees of G_1.



DFS Spanning Trees & BFS Spanning Trees





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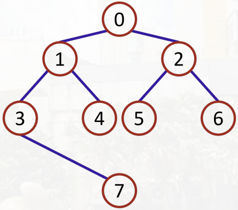

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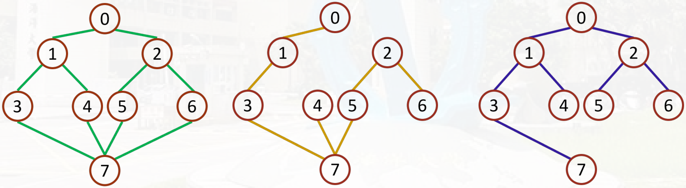
Properties of (DFS or BFS) Spanning Trees

Property I

Suppose we add a nontree edge, (v, w), into any spanning tree, T. The result is a cycle that consists of the edge (v, w) and all the edges on the path from w to v in T.



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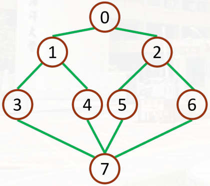
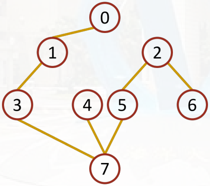
A spanning tree is a minimal subgraph, G', of G such that $V(G') = V(G)$ and G' is connected.

- A spanning tree has $n - 1$ edges.





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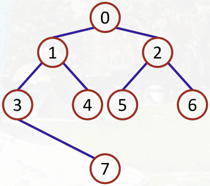

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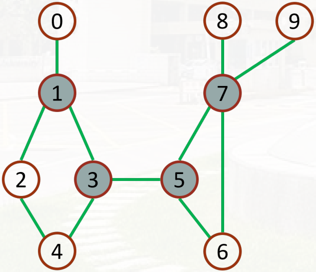

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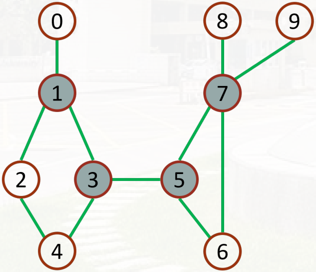

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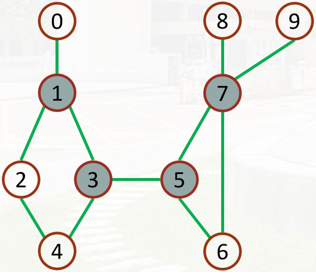

- Four articulation points: 1, 3, 5, 7 。

Biconnected Graph

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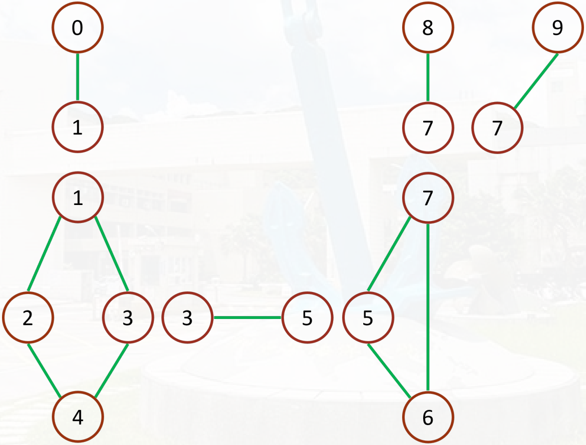
A biconnected graph is a connected graph that has NO articulation points.

Biconnected Component

A biconnected component of a connected graph G is a maximal biconnected subgraph H of G.

- H is "maximal": no other subgraph that is both biconnected and properly contains H.

Biconnected Components (Example)



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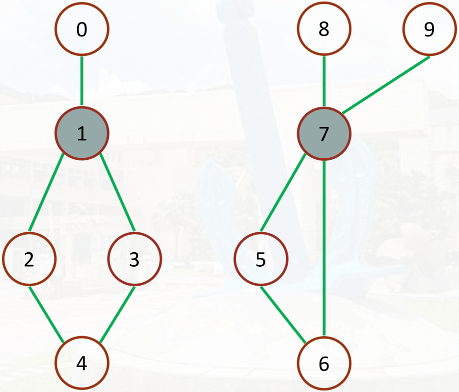
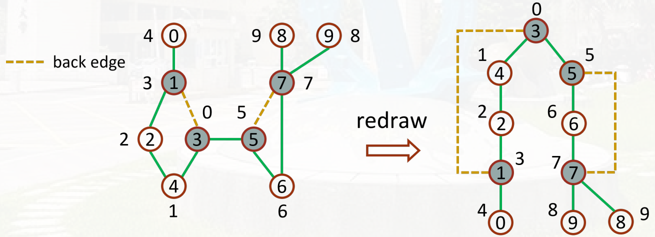


Finding articulation points (1/3)

We can find biconnected components of a graph G using any depth-first spanning of G.

Back edges

- Tree edges: DFS
- Nontree edges: we call them back edges



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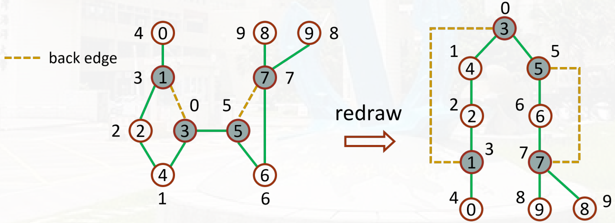

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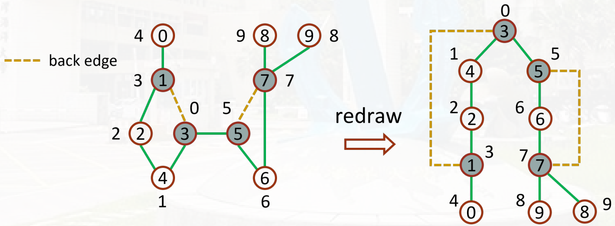

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- v_5 is an articulation point, but v_6 is NOT.

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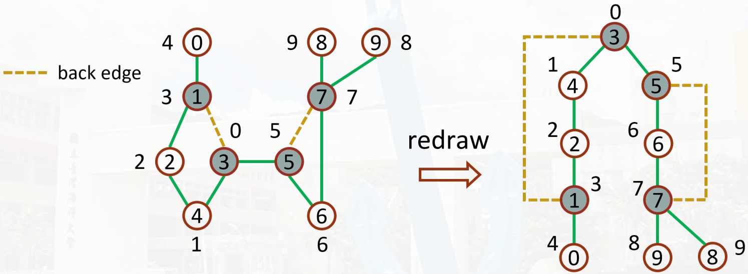
- If u is an ancestor of v in the depth first spanning tree, then $\text{dfn}(u) < \text{dfn}(v)$.

low(v)

The $\text{low}(u)$ value of vertex u is the lowest depth first number that we can reach from u using a path of descendants followed by at most 1 back edge:

$$\text{low}(u) = \min \begin{cases} \text{dfn}(u), \\ \min\{\text{low}(w) \mid w \text{ is a child of } u\}, \\ \min\{\text{dfn}(w) \mid (u, w) \text{ is a back edge}\} \end{cases}$$

Example of Computing dfn and low values



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vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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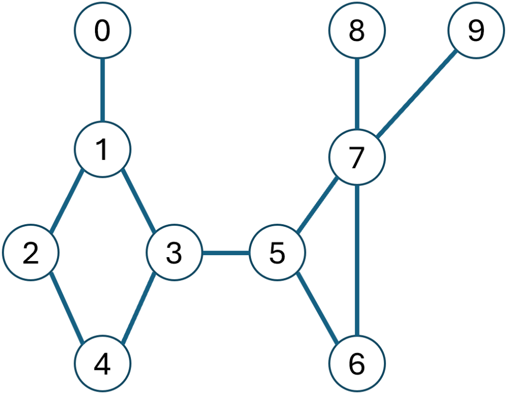
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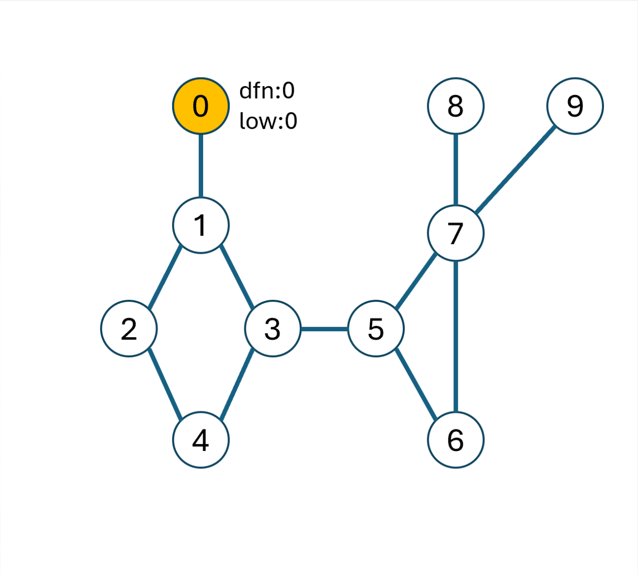
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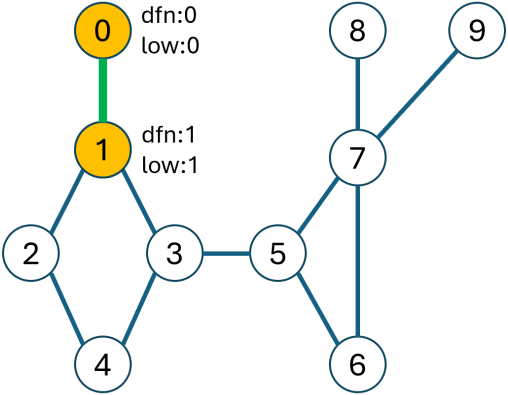
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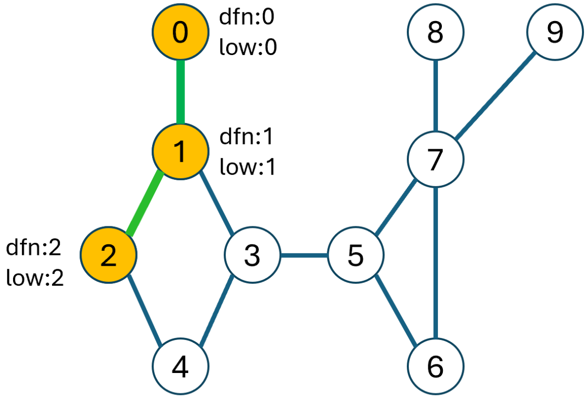
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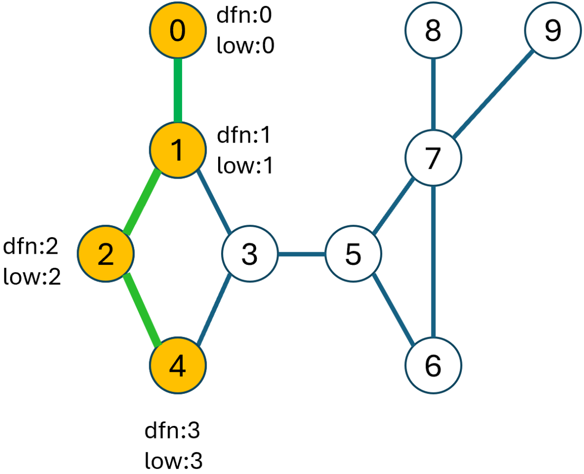
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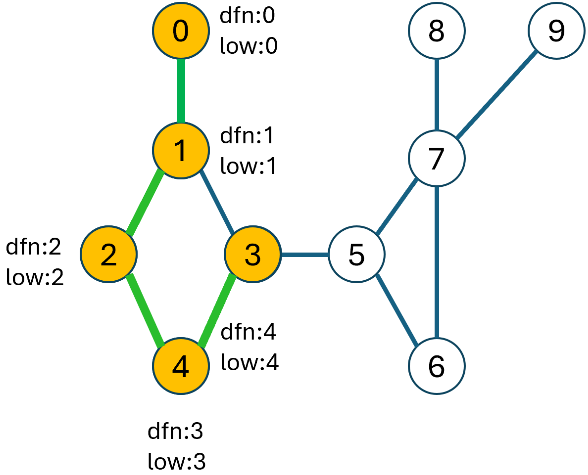
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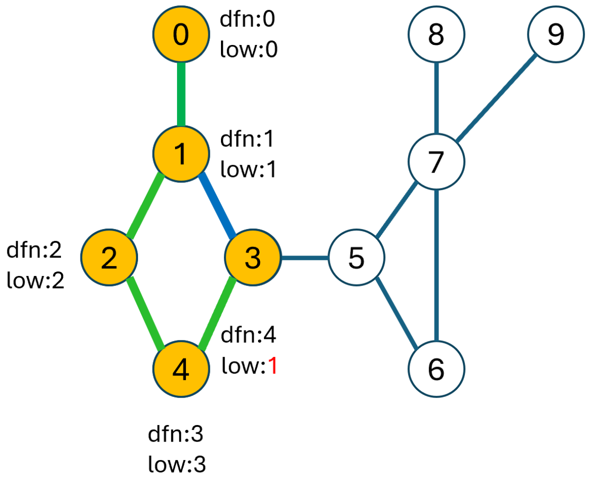
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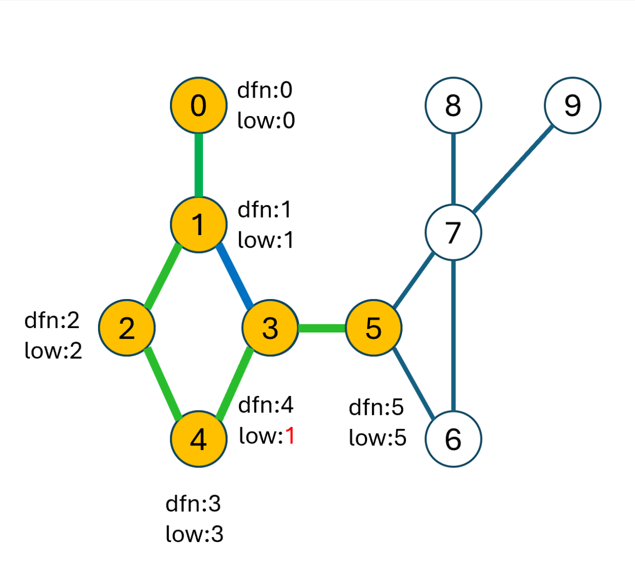
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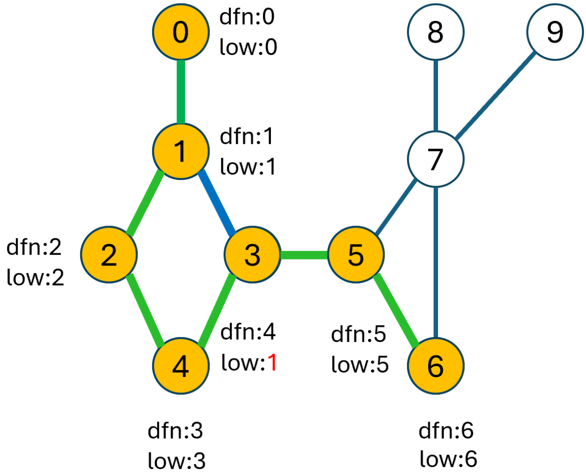
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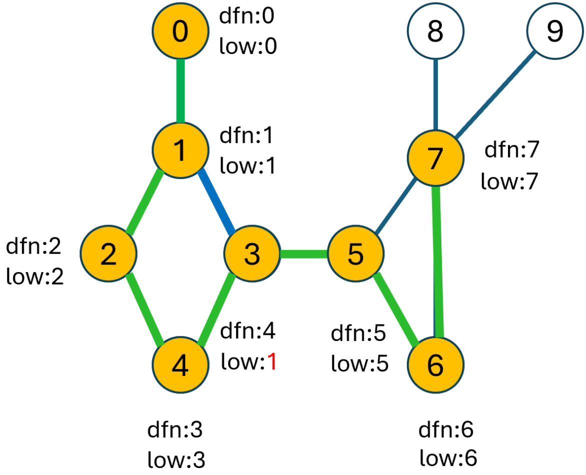
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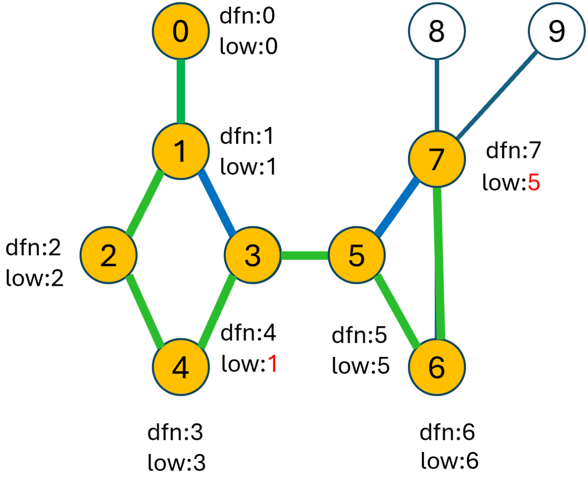
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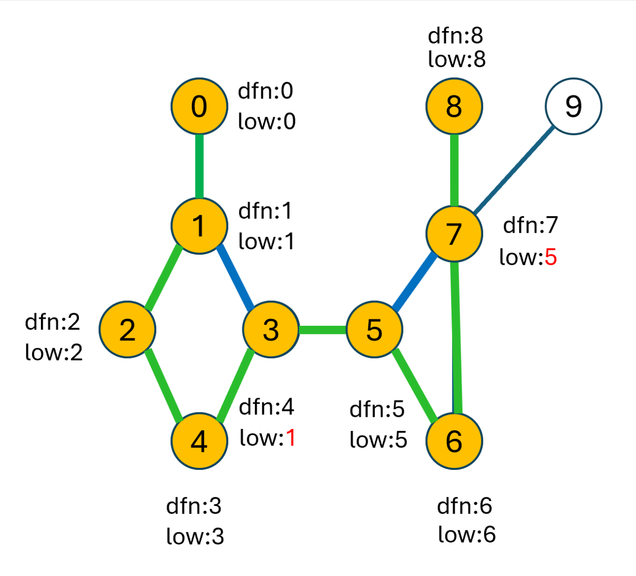
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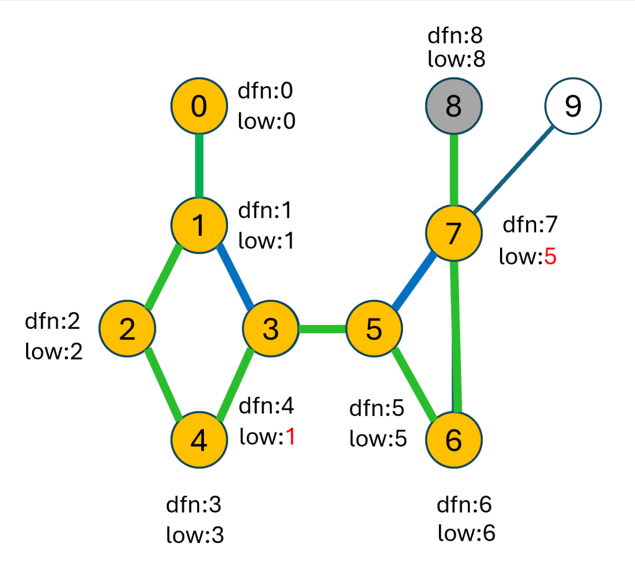
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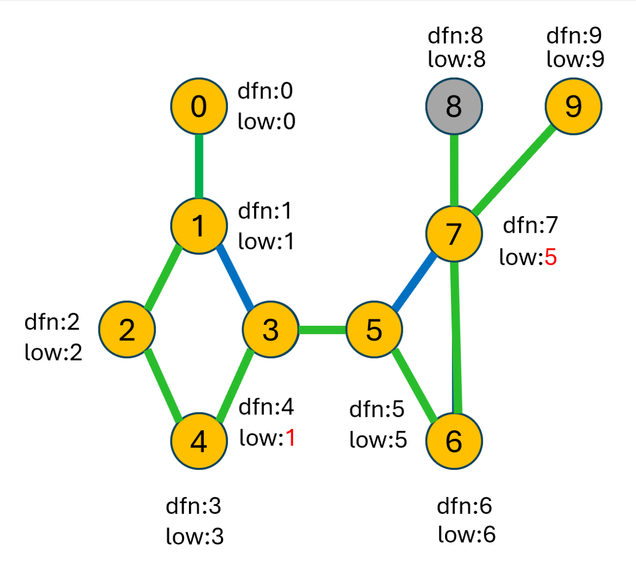
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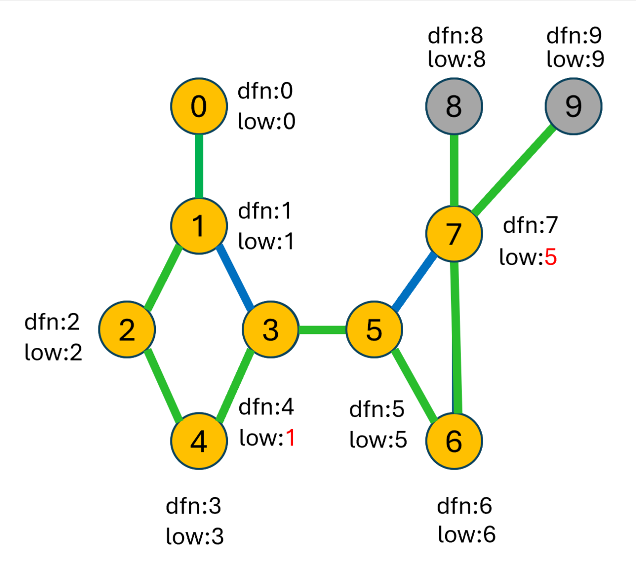
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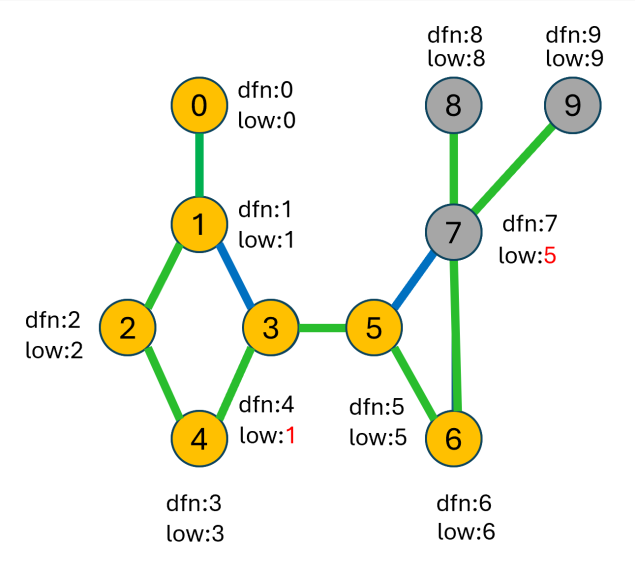
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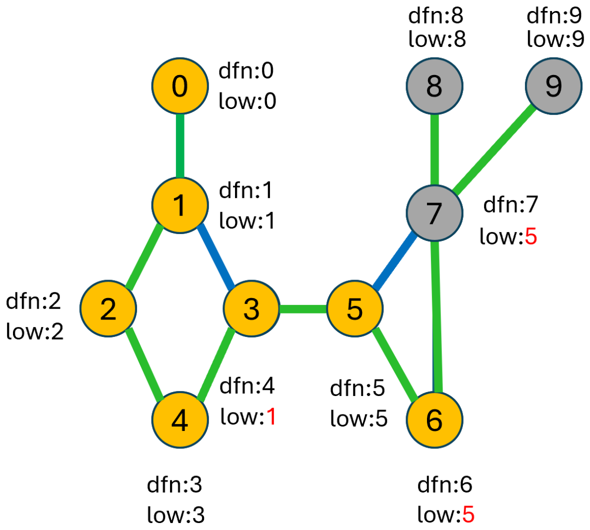
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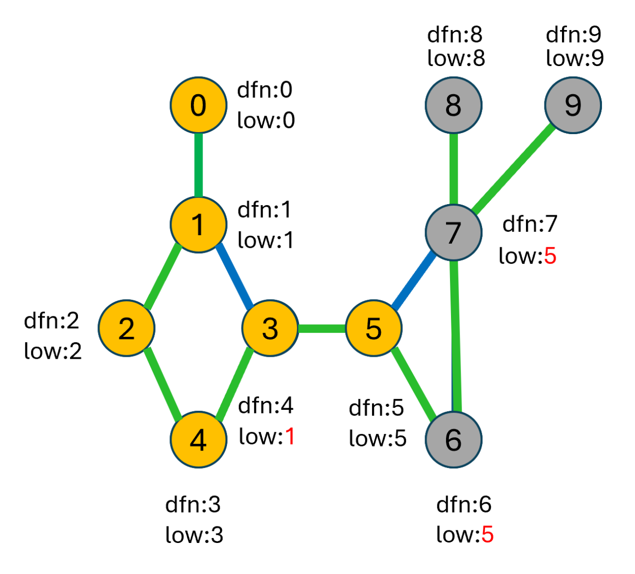
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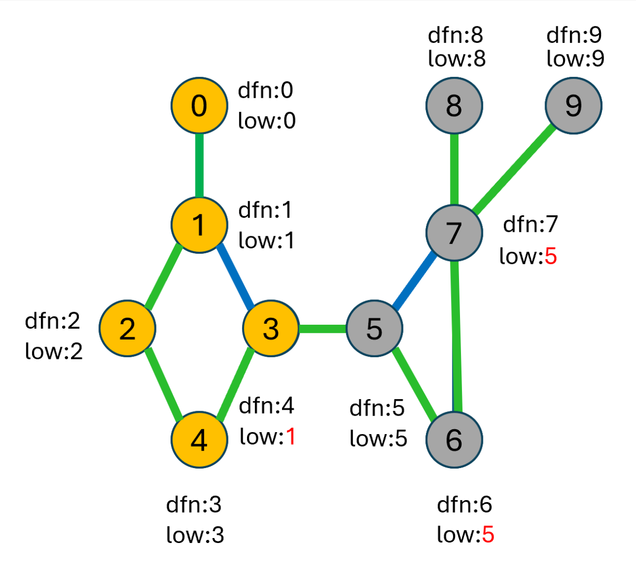
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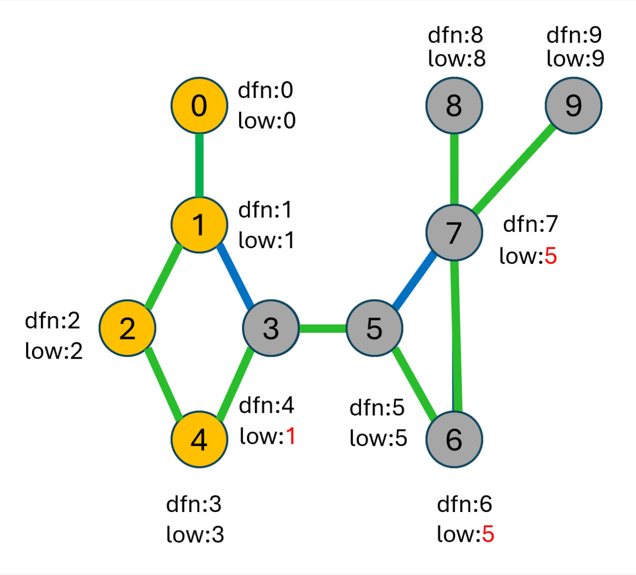
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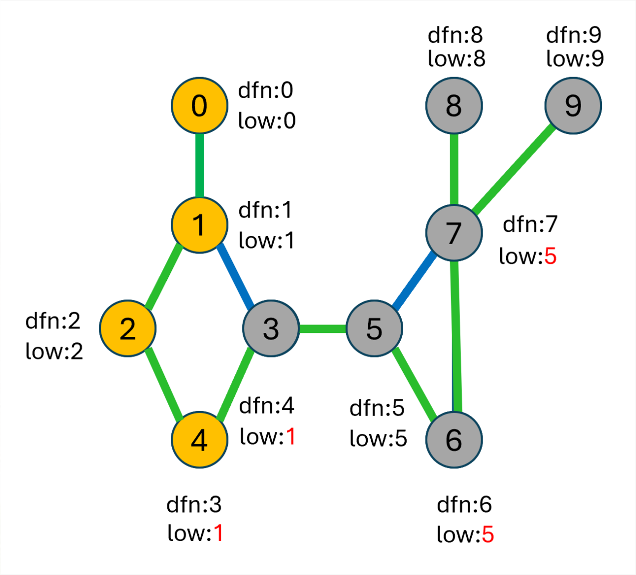
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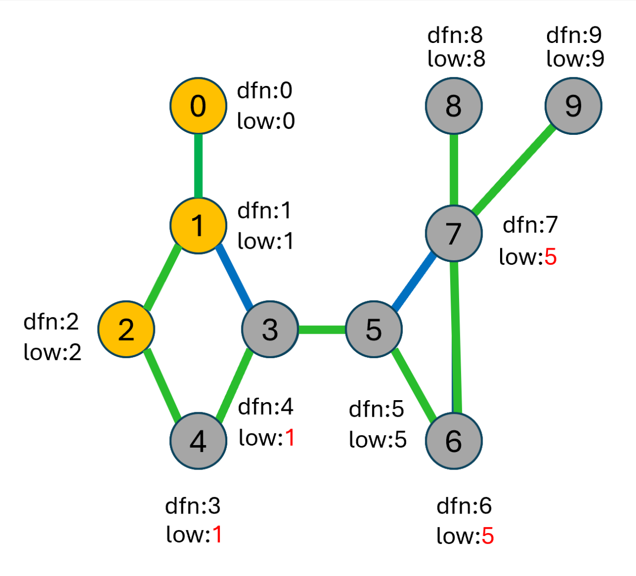
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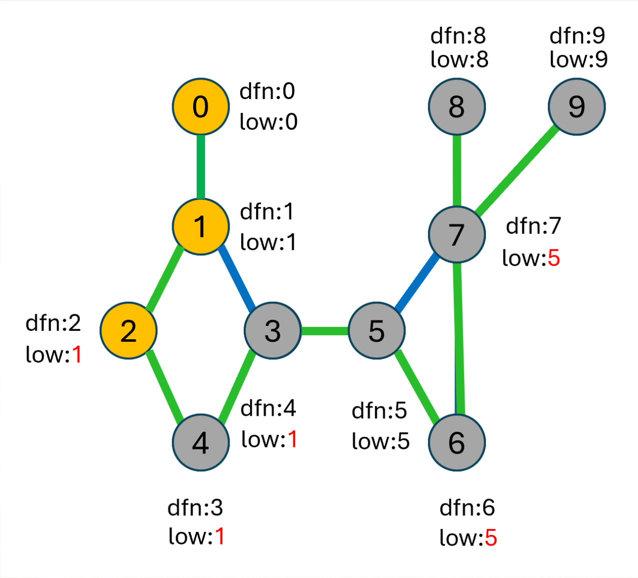
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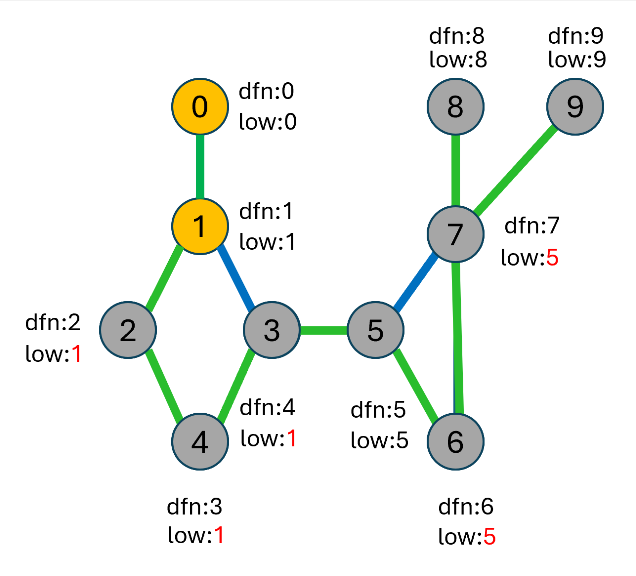
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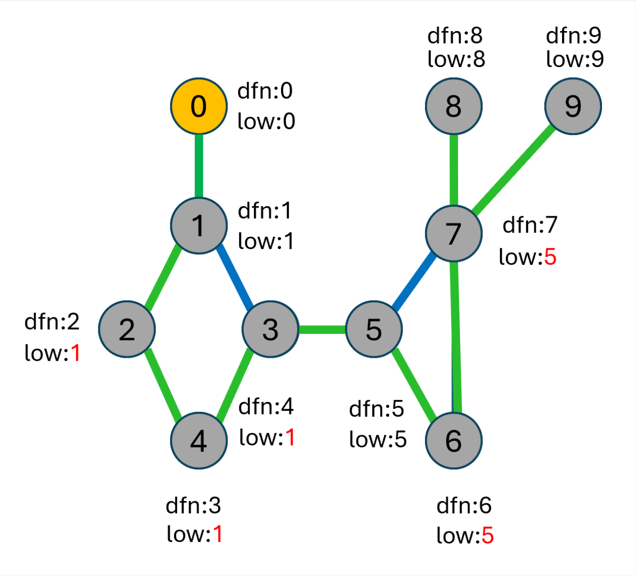
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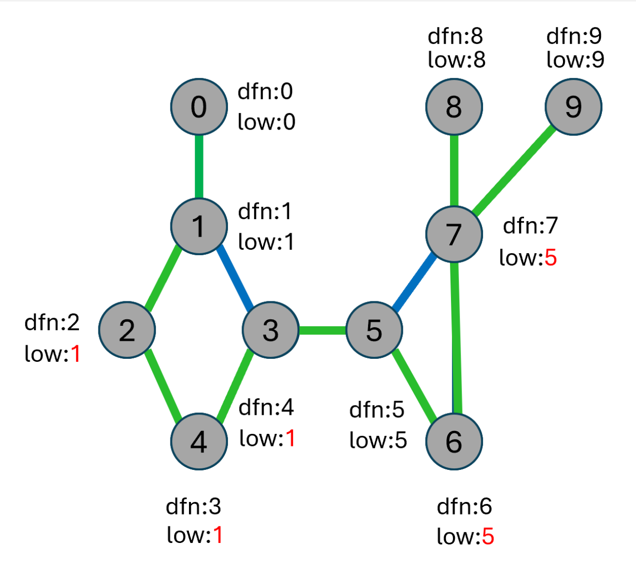
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The codes for computing dfn and low

Time complexity: $O(e)$.

```
void dfn_low(int u, int v) {
/* compute dfn and low while performing a dfs
search beginning at vertex u, v is the parent
of u (if any) */
    node_pointer ptr;
    int w;
    dfn[u] = low[u] = num++;
    for (ptr = graph[u]; ptr; ptr = ptr->link) {
        w = ptr ->vertex;
        if (dfn[w] < 0) {
        /*w is an unvisited vertex */
            dfn_low(w, u);
            low[u] = MIN2(low[u], low[w]);
        } else if (w != v)
            low[u] = MIN2(low[u], dfn[w]);
    }
}
```

```
short int dfn [MAX_VERTICES];
short int low[MAX_VERTICES];
int num = 0;

void init(void) {
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        visited[i] = FALSE;
        dfn[i] = low[i] = -1;
    }
    num = 0;
}
```

bootstrapping by

`dfn_low(x, -1)`

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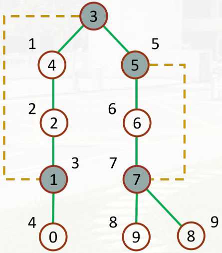

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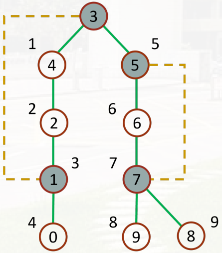

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- articulation points: 1, 3, 5, 7.

Algorithm for Finding Biconnected Components

If we have $\mathrm{low}[w] \geq \mathrm{dfn}(v)$ when $\texttt{dfn\_low}(u, w)$ returns.

Code for Biconnected Components ($O(n+e)$ time)

```
void bicon(int u, int v) { /* dfn[] = -1, num = 0, s is an empty stack initially*/
    nodePointer ptr;
    int w, x , y;
    dfn[u] = low[u] = num++;
    for (ptr = graph[u]; ptr; ptr = ptr->link) {
        w = ptr->vertex;
        if (v != w && dfn[w] < dfn[u]) {
            push(u,w); /* add edge (u,w) into stack s */
            if (dfn[w] < 0) { /* w is not visited yet */
                bicon(w, u);
                low[u] = MIN2(low[u],low[w]);
                if (low[w] >= dfn[u]) {
                    printf("New biconnected component:");
                    do { /* pop an edge from stack s */
                        pop(&x, &y);
                        printf("<%d,%d>",x, y);
                    } while (!((x == u) && (y == w)));
                    printf("\n");
                }
            } else if (w != v)
                low[u] = MIN2(low[u],dfn[w]);
        }
    }
}
```

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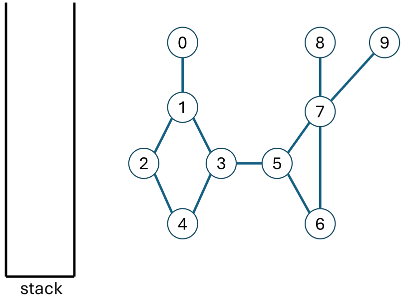

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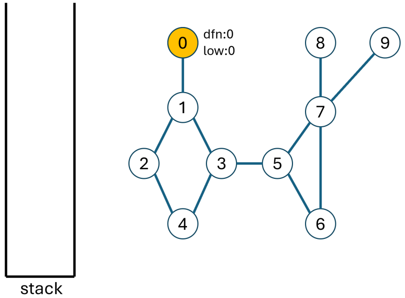

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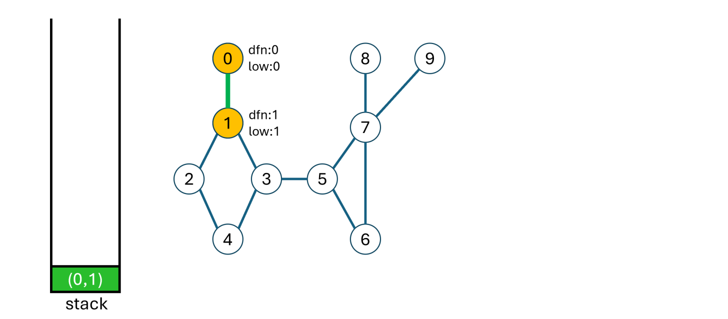

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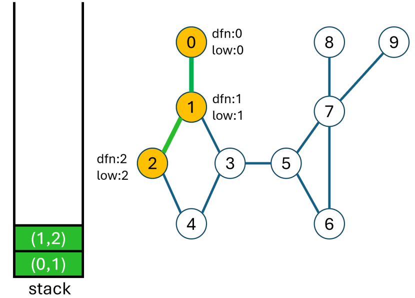

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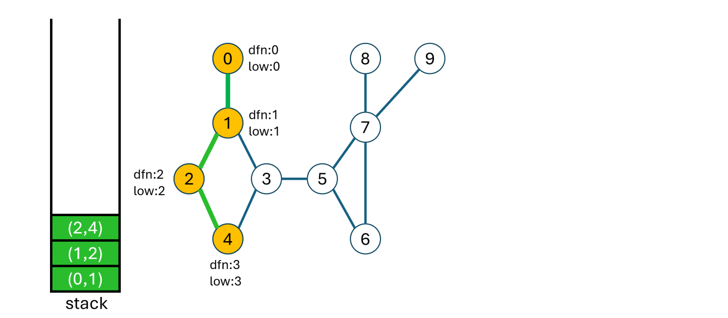

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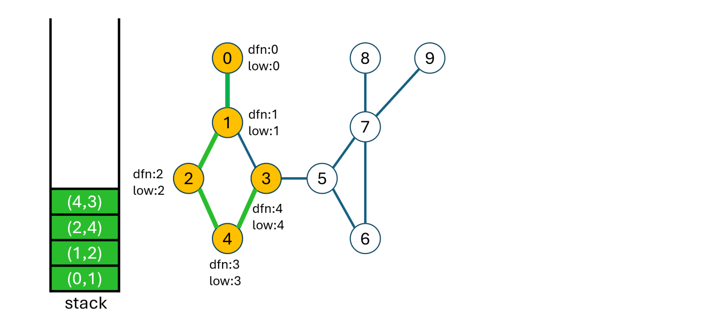

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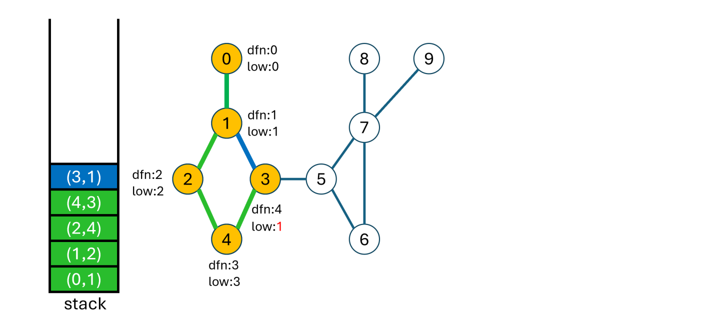

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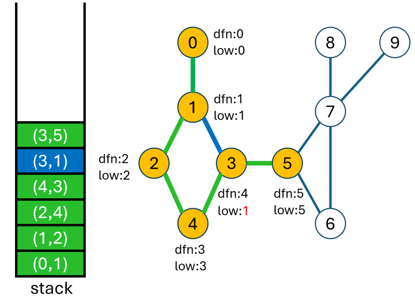

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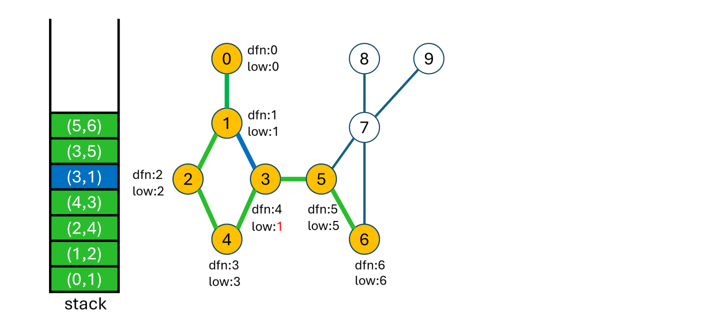

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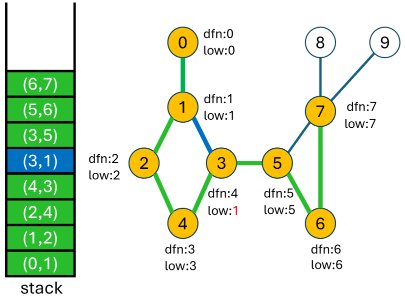

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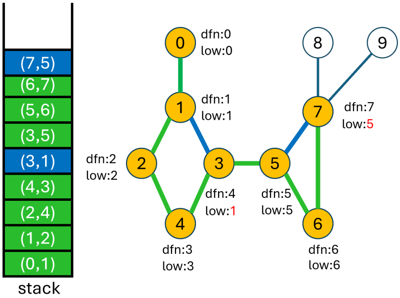

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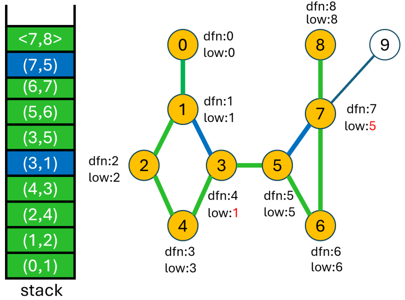

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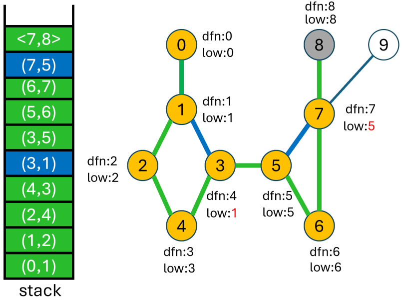

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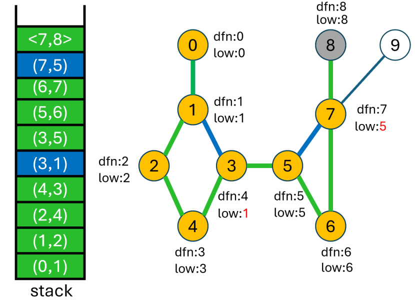

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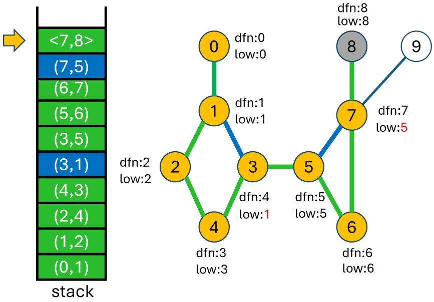

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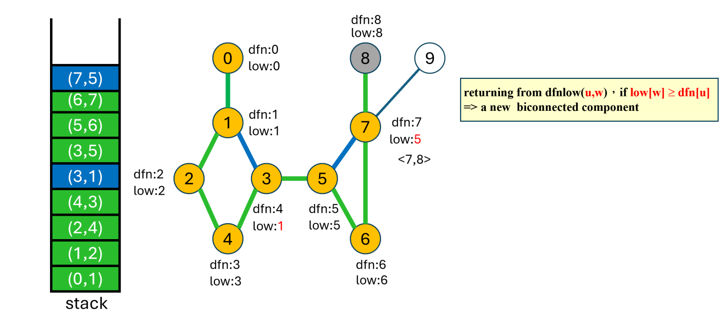

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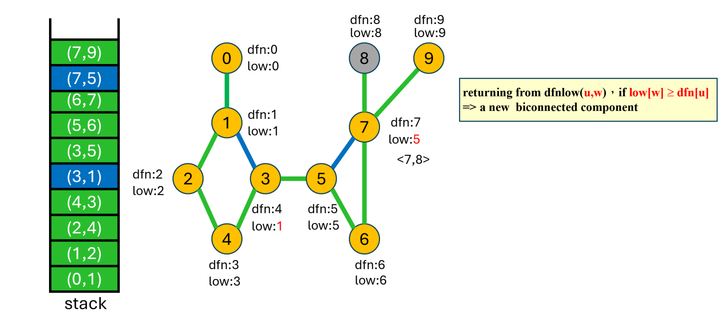

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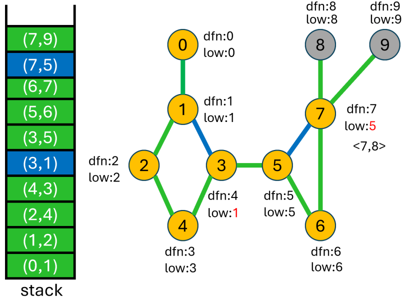

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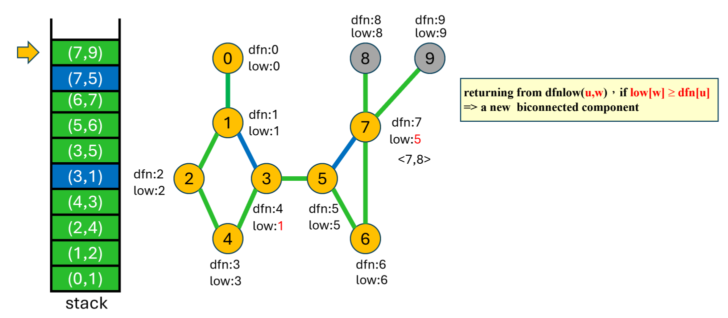

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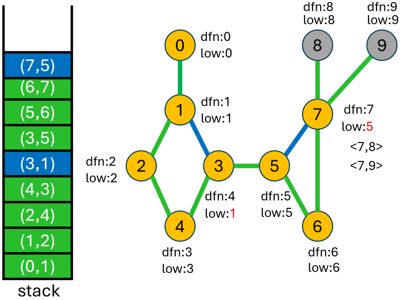

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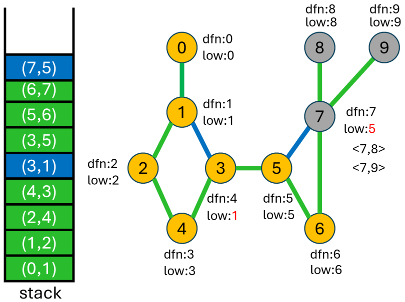

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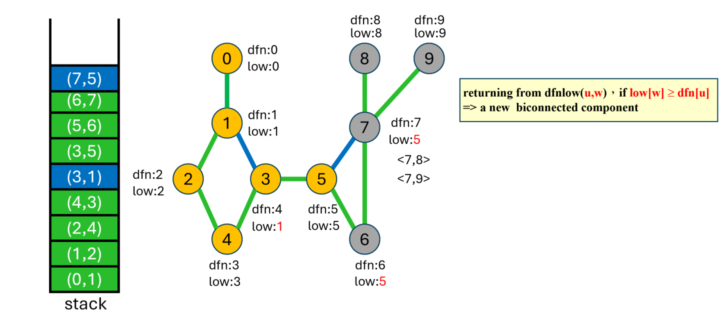

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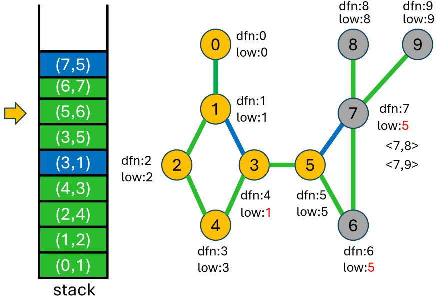

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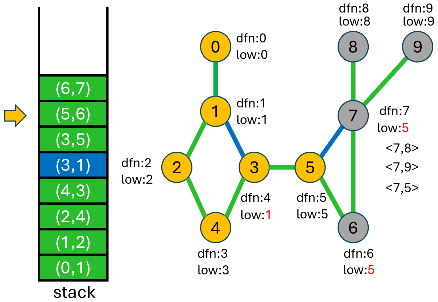

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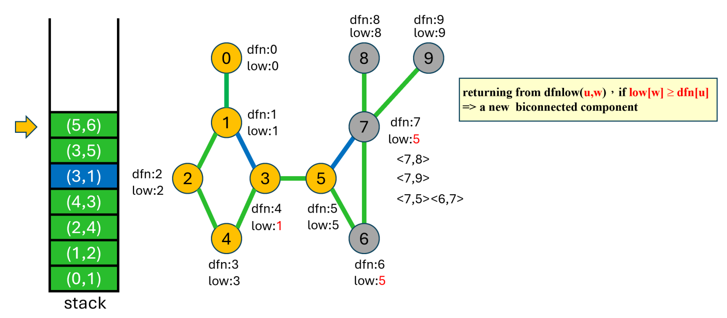

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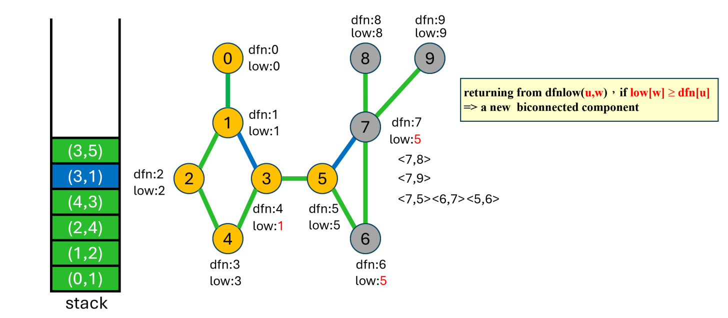

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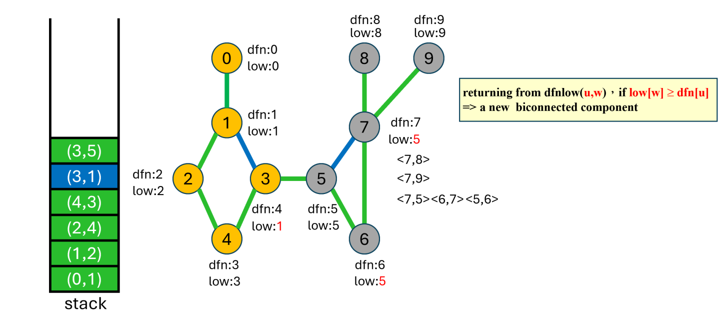

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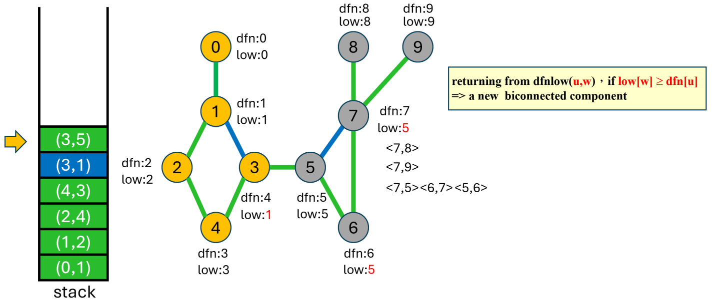

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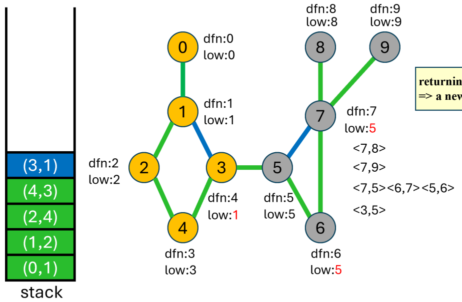

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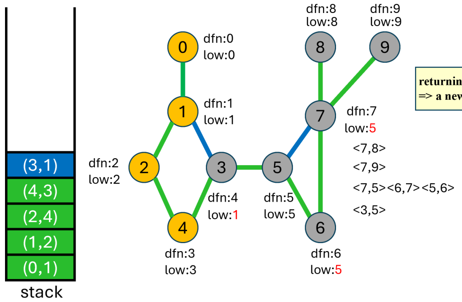

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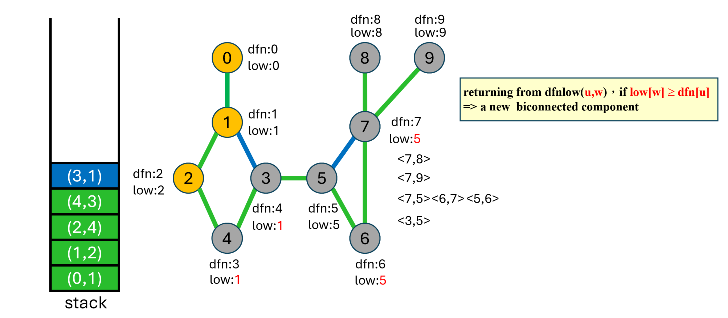

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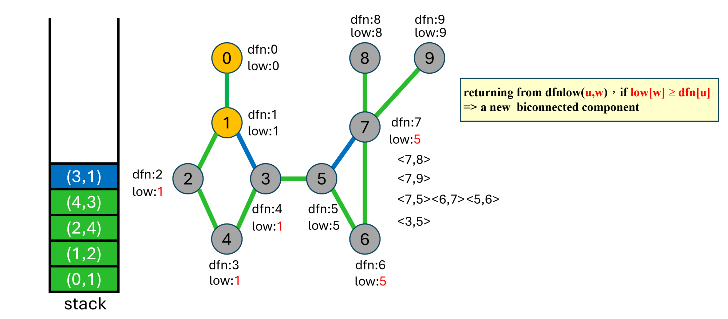

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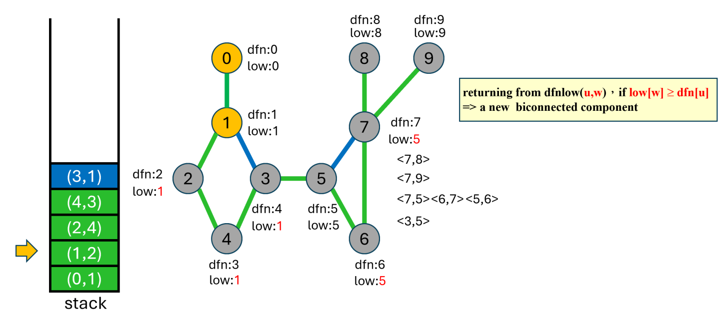

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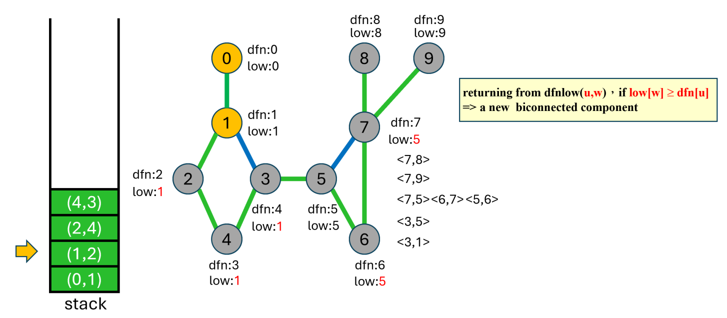

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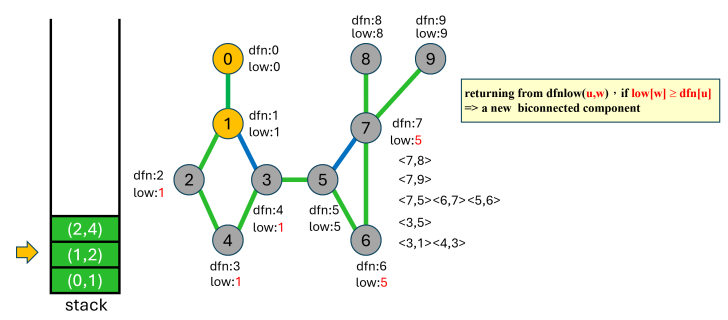

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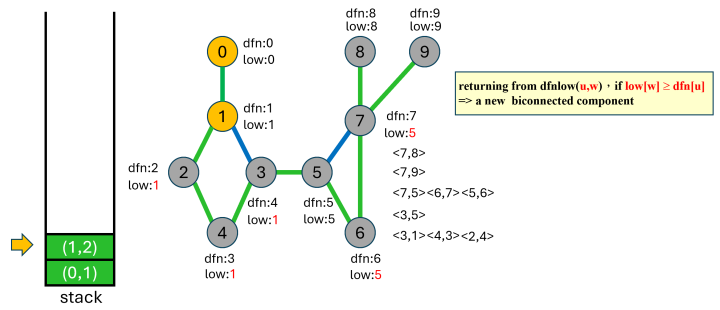

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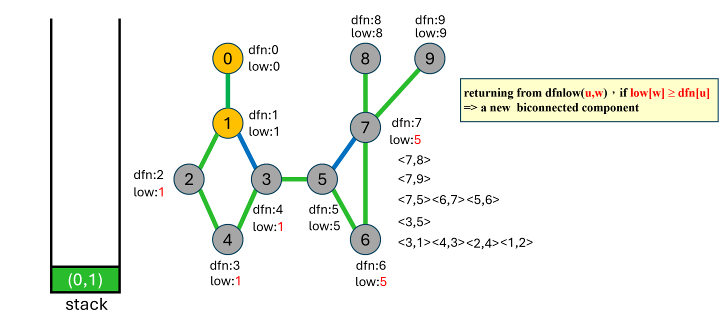

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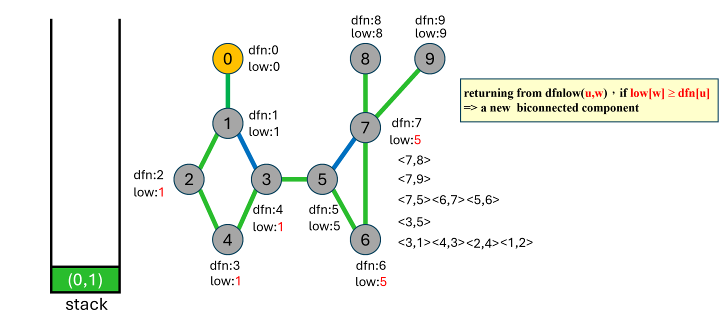

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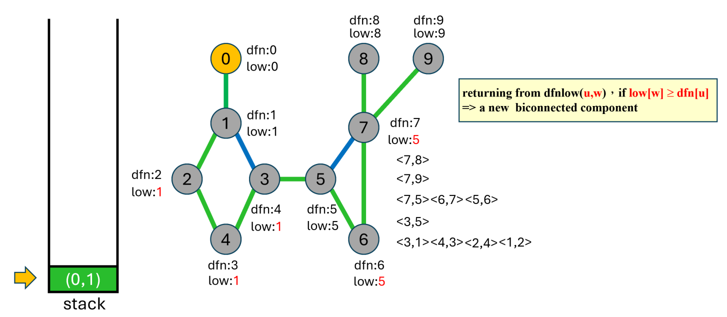

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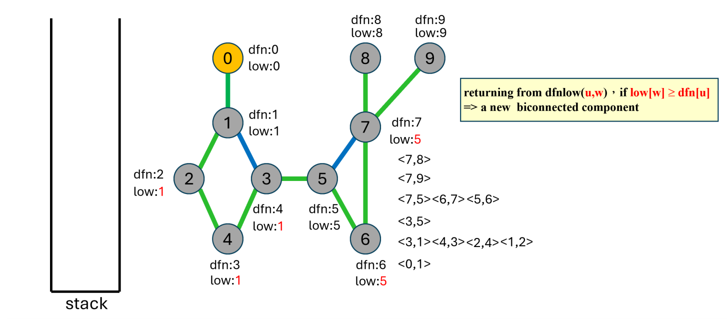

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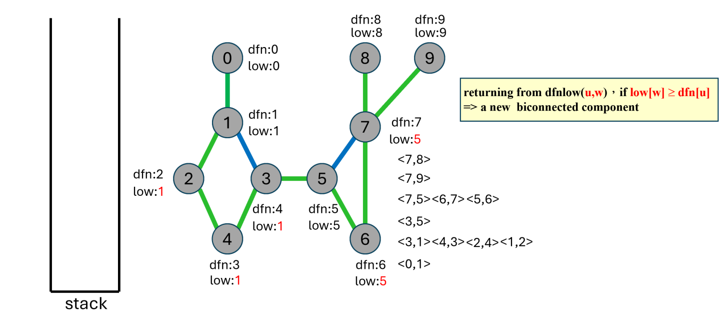

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