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▶ In the sequel, the symbol G denotes an asymmetric graph (E, Γ)

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Definition



The arc u is an isthmus for G if the number of connected components of (E, T \ {u}) is greater than the one of G

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Property

- Let n = |E| and $m = |\overrightarrow{\Gamma}|$
- If G is connected, then $m \ge n-1$
- If G has no cycle, then $m \le n-1$

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Remark. In a tree, each arc is an isthmus

• The four following statements are equivalent:

- 1. G is a tree
- 2. G is connected and m = n 1
- 3. G has no cycle and m = n 1
- 4. for any pair of two distinct vertices x and y in E, there exists a unique elementary undirected path from x to y

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- ► An arborescence is a tree for which there is a root
- ► A vertex x of an arborescence is a leaf if it has no successor



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- ► If G is an arborescence, there exists a unique vertex in E that is a root of G
- ► An arborescence can be decomposed into levels







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- Let $P = \{p_1, \ldots, p_8\}$ be a set of 8 coins
 - 7 coins have the same weight
 - 1 is lighter than the others
- Let us consider a balance with two states $(<,\geq)$
- Problem. Find the lightest coin

Decision arborescence: example



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Decision arborescence

- Let P be a finite set (of possible solutions)
- ► A decision arborescence for P is a pair (G, f) such that
 - $G = (E, \Gamma)$ is an arborescence of root r
 - f is a map from E into $\mathcal{P}(P)$ that satisfies

•
$$f(r) = P$$

- $\forall x \in E \mid \Gamma(x) \neq \emptyset, f(x) = \cup \{f(y) \mid y \in \Gamma(x)\}$
- $\forall x \in E \mid \Gamma(x) \neq \emptyset, \ |f(x)| = 1$



 Same as 1 but the considered balance has 3 states (<,=,>) (instead of 2)

Exercise.

- ► Give a decision arborescence for this problem
- Give the number of necessary weighing to find the counterfeit coin?

Arithmetic expression evaluation



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- (E, Γ) is an ordered arborescence if the graph (E, Γ) induced by (E, Γ) is an arborescence

A search arborescence

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- A search arborescence on X is an ordered arborescence (X, Γ) such that
 - ► $\forall x \in X, 0 \leq |\Gamma(x)| \leq 2$
 - ∀x ∈ X | Γ̃(x) = (x₁, x₂), any element in the sub-arborescence rooted in x₁ is smaller than x and any element in the sub-arborescence rooted in x₂ is greater than x

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- Write an algorithm that tests if a given value ν belongs to a search arborescence (X, Γ)
- Write an algorithm that prints the value of an arborescence (X, Γ) in increasing order

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