



Simple proofs for simple programs

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Plan

- Why3
- demo with merge sort
- and dfs for graphs
- conclusions

Goal

*Write elegant proofs
for elegant programs*

- + training in program proofs
checked by computers
- + useful to teach algorithms

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Why3

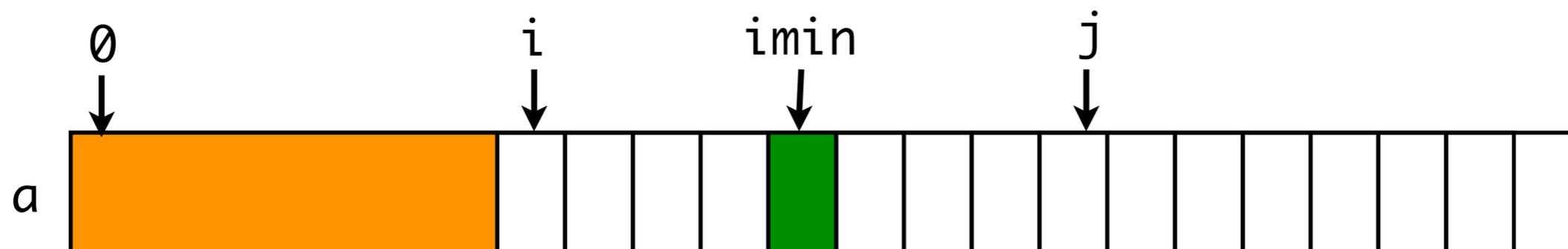
Why3

- 3rd release of system Why `http://why3.lri.fr`
LRI (orsay) + Inria + Cnrs [**Filliâtre, Paskevich, Marché...**]
- small Pascal-like imperative programming language
[with ML syntax  !!]
- invariants + assertions in Hoare logic
[+ recursive functions, inductive datatypes, inductive predicates]
- interfaces with modern automatic provers
[**alt-ergo**, cvc3, cvc4, eprover, gappa, simplify, spass, yices, **z3**, ...]
- interfaces with interactive proof assistants
[**coq**, pvs, isabelle]

MLW programming language

```
let swap (a: array int) (i: int) (j: int) =  
  let v = a[i] in  
  a[i] <- a[j];  
  a[j] <- v
```

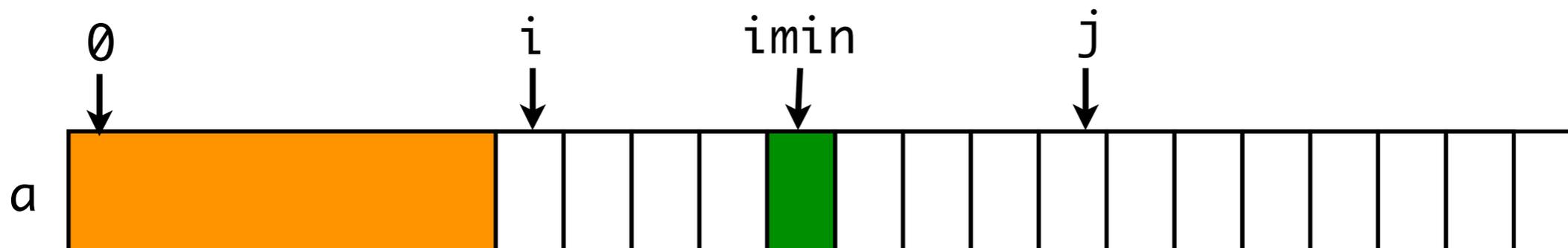
```
let selection_sort (a: array int) =  
  for i = 0 to length a - 1 do  
    let imin = ref i in  
    for j = i + 1 to length a - 1 do  
      if a[j] < a[!imin] then imin := j  
    done;  
    swap a !imin i  
  done
```



Hoare logic

```
let swap (a: array int) (i: int) (j: int) =  
  let v = a[i] in  
  a[i] <- a[j];  
  a[j] <- v
```

```
let selection_sort (a: array int) =  
  for i = 0 to length a - 1 do  
    let imin = ref i in  
    for j = i + 1 to length a - 1 do  
      invariant { i <= !imin < j }  
      invariant { forall k: int. i <= k < j -> a[!imin] <= a[k] }  
      if a[j] < a[!imin] then imin := j  
    done;  
    swap a !min i  
  done
```



Why3 theories

- theories about arrays

```
let swap (a: array int) (i: int) (j: int) =  
  requires { 0 <= i < length a /\ 0 <= j < length a }  
  ensures { exchange (old a) a i j }  
| let v = a[i] in  
  a[i] <- a[j];  
  a[j] <- v
```

(see the why3 libraries)

<http://why3.lri.fr>

Full program

```
let selection_sort (a: array int) =  
  ensures { sorted a  $\wedge$  permut (old a) a }
```

```
'L:
```

```
  for i = 0 to length a - 1 do
```

```
    invariant { sorted_sub a 0 i  $\wedge$  permut (at a 'L) a }
```

```
    invariant { forall k1 k2: int. 0  $\leq$  k1 < i  $\leq$  k2 < length a  $\rightarrow$  a[k1]  $\leq$  a[k2] }
```

```
    let imin = ref i in
```

```
    for j = i + 1 to length a - 1 do
```

```
      invariant { i  $\leq$  !imin < j }
```

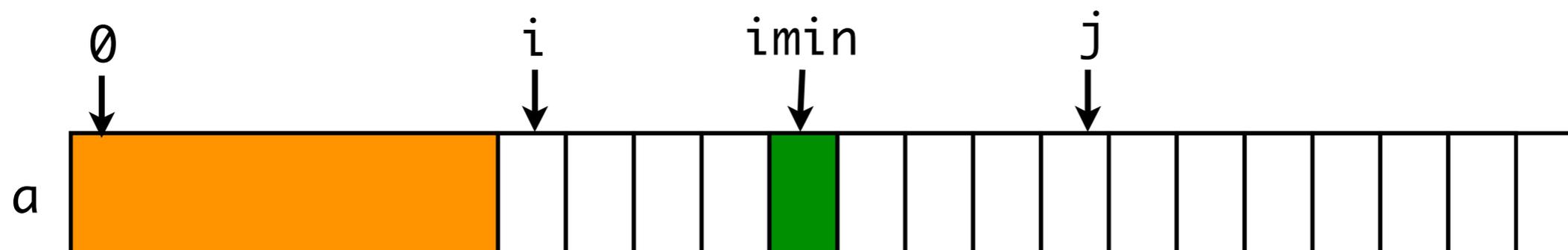
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      invariant { forall k: int. i  $\leq$  k < j  $\rightarrow$  a[!imin]  $\leq$  a[k] }
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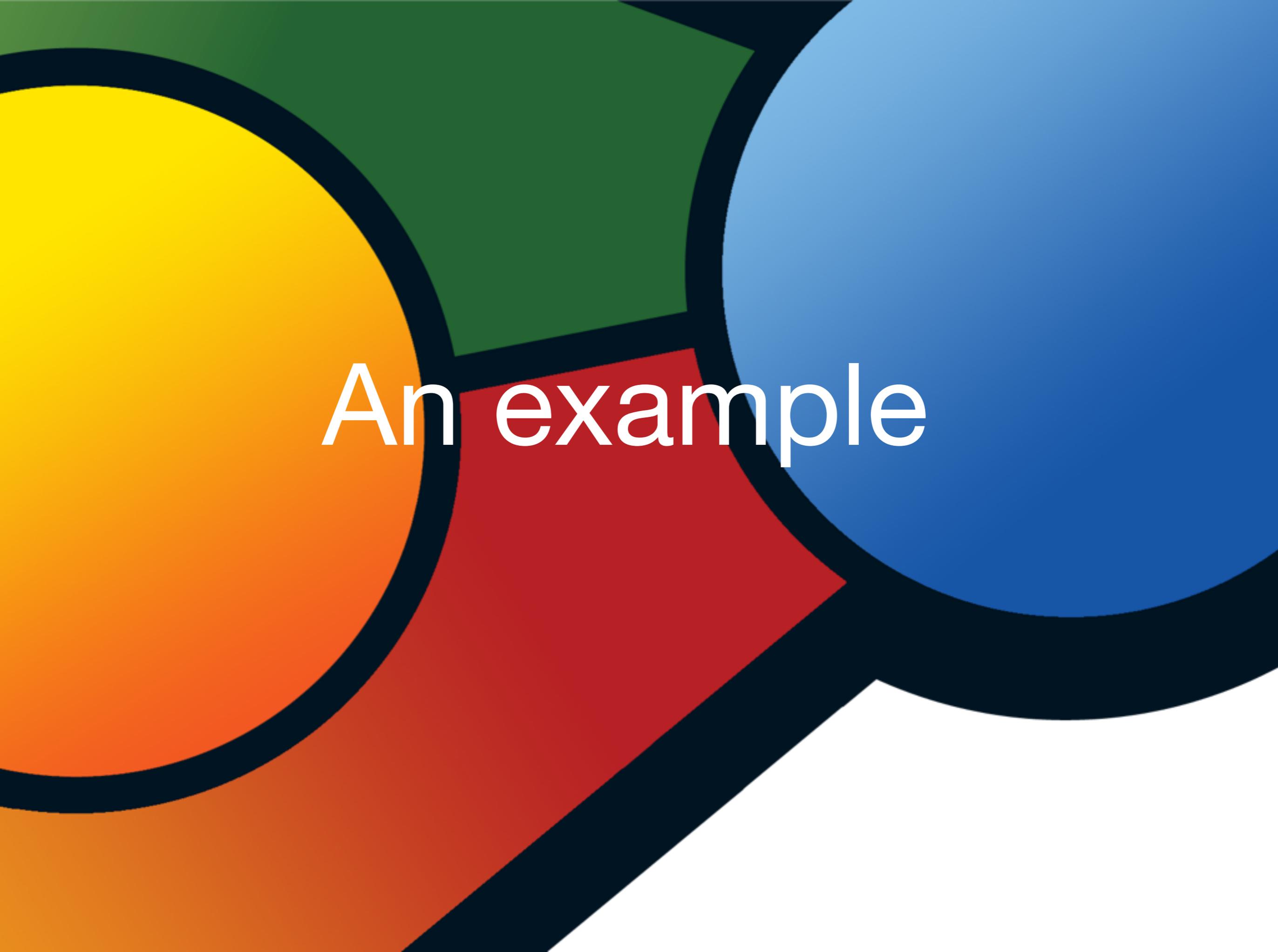
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      if a[j] < a[!imin] then imin := j
```

```
    done;
```

```
    swap a !imin i ;
```

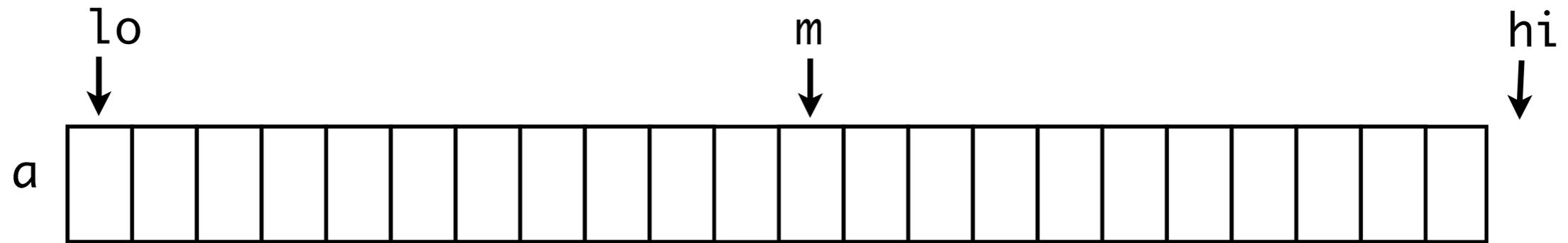
```
  done
```



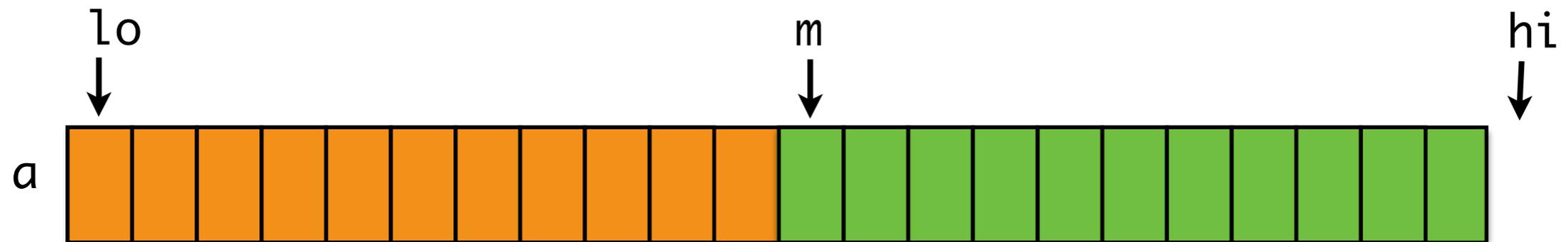
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An example

Mergesort (1/3)



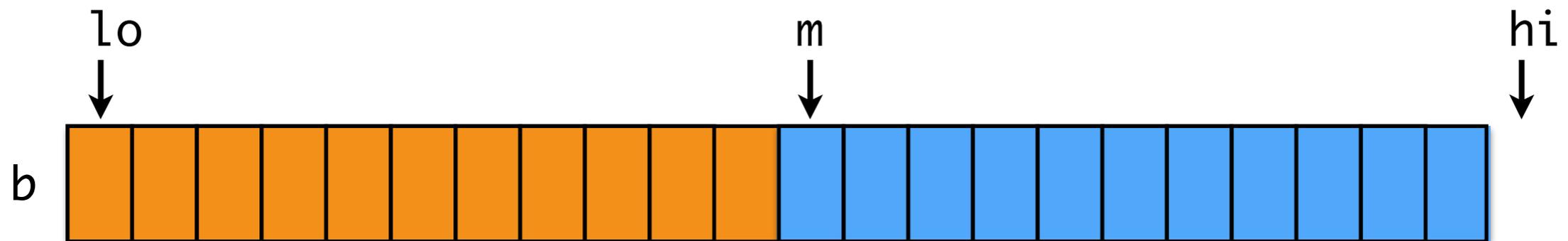
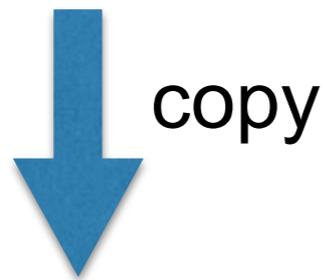
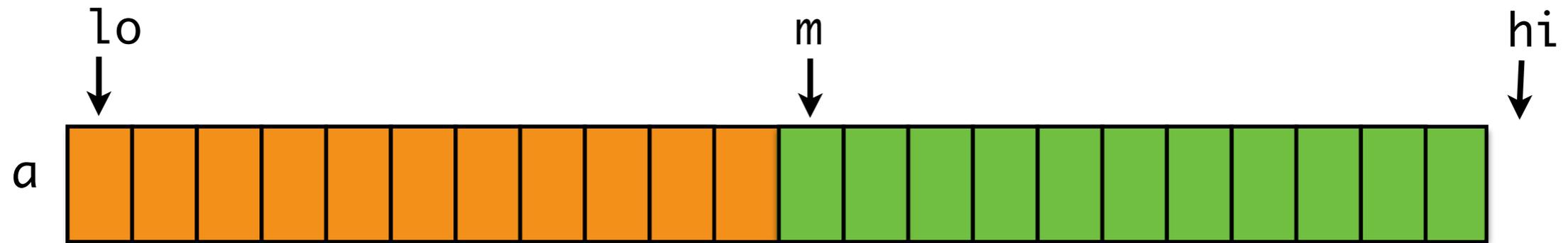
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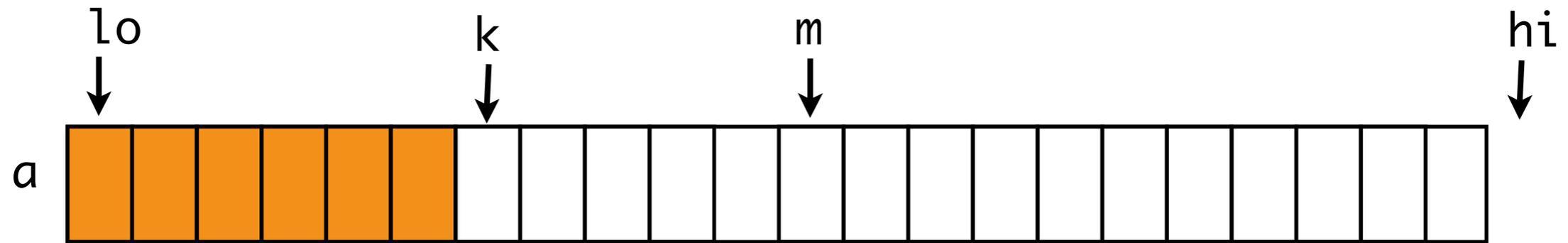
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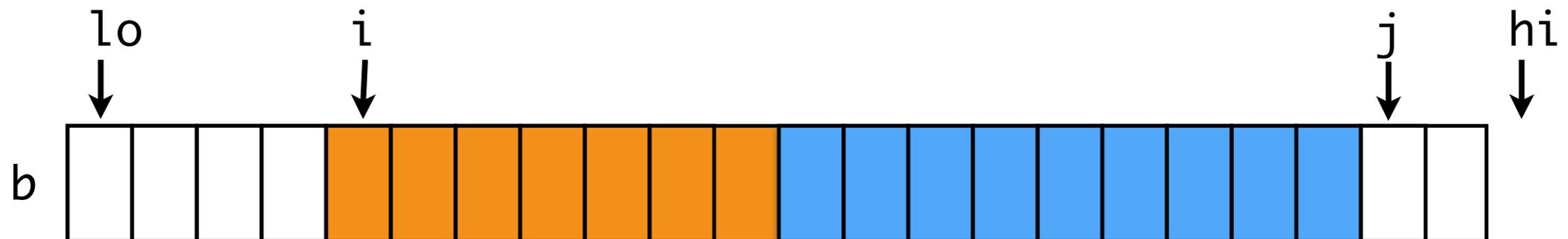
Mergesort (2/3)



Mergesort (3/3)



↑ merge



Full program (1/2)

```
let rec mergesort1 (a b: array int) (lo hi: int) =
  requires {Array.length a = Array.length b ∧
           0 <= lo <= (Array.length a) ∧ 0 <= hi <= (Array.length a) }
  ensures { sorted_sub a lo hi ∧ modified_inside (old a) a lo hi }
  if lo + 1 < hi then
    let m = div (lo+hi) 2 in
      assert{ lo < m < hi};
      mergesort1 a b lo m;
'L2: mergesort1 a b m hi;
      assert { array_eq_sub (at a 'L2) a lo m};
      for i = lo to m-1 do
        invariant { array_eq_sub b a lo i}
        b[i] <- a[i]
      done;
      assert{ array_eq_sub a b lo m};
      assert{ sorted_sub b lo m};
      for j = m to hi-1 do
        invariant { array_eq_sub_rev_offset b a m j (hi - j)}
        invariant { array_eq_sub a b lo m}
        b[j] <- a[m + hi - 1 - j]
      done;
      assert{ array_eq_sub a b lo m};
      assert{ sorted_sub b lo m};
      assert{ array_eq_sub_rev_offset b a m hi 0};
      assert{ dsorted_sub b m hi};|
```

Full program (2/2)

```
'L4: let i = ref lo in
  let j = ref hi in
  for k = lo to hi-1 do
    invariant{ lo <= !i < hi /\ lo <= !j <= hi}
    invariant{ k = !i + hi - !j}
    invariant{ sorted_sub a lo k }
    invariant{ forall k1 k2: int. lo <= k1 < k -> !i <= k2 < !j -> a[k1] <= b[k2] }
    invariant{ bitonic b !i !j }
    invariant{ modified_inside a (at a 'L4) lo hi }
    assert { !i < !j };
    if b[!i] < b[!j - 1] then
      begin a[k] <- b[!i]; i := !i + 1 end
    else
      begin j := !j - 1; a[k] <- b[!j] end
    end
  done
```

```
let mergesort (a: array int) =
  ensures { sorted a }
let n = Array.length a in
let b = Array.make n 0 in
mergesort1 a b 0 n
```

Full program (logic 1/2)

```
module MergeSort
```

```
  use import int.Int
```

```
  use import int.EuclideanDivision
```

```
  use import int.Div2
```

```
  use import ref.Ref
```

```
  use import array.Array
```

```
  use import array.ArraySorted
```

```
  use import array.ArrayPermut
```

```
  use import array.ArrayEq
```

```
  use map.Map as M
```

```
  clone map.MapSorted as N with type elt = int, predicate le = (<=)
```

```
  predicate map_eq_sub_rev_offset (a1 a2: M.map int int) (l u: int) (offset: int) =  
    forall i: int. l <= i < u -> M.get a1 i = M.get a2 (offset + l + u - 1 - i)
```

```
  predicate array_eq_sub_rev_offset (a1 a2: array int) (l u: int) (offset: int) =  
    map_eq_sub_rev_offset a1.elts a2.elts l u offset
```

```
  predicate map_dsorted_sub (a: M.map int int) (l u: int) =  
    forall i1 i2 : int. l <= i1 <= i2 < u -> M.get a i2 <= M.get a i1
```

```
  predicate dsorted_sub (a: array int) (l u: int) =  
    map_dsorted_sub a.elts l u
```

Full program (logic 2/2)

```
predicate map_bitonic_sub (a: M.map int int) (l u: int) = l < u ->  
  exists i: int. l <= i <= u /\ N.sorted_sub a l i /\ map_dsorted_sub a i u
```

```
predicate bitonic (a: array int) (l u: int) =  
  map_bitonic_sub a.elts l u
```

```
lemma map_bitonic_incr : forall a: M.map int int, l u: int.  
  map_bitonic_sub a l u -> map_bitonic_sub a (l+1) u
```

```
lemma map_bitonic_decr : forall a: M.map int int, l u: int.  
  map_bitonic_sub a l u -> map_bitonic_sub a l (u-1)
```

```
predicate modified_inside (a1 a2: array int) (l u: int) =  
  (Array.length a1 = Array.length a2) /\  
  array_eq_sub a1 a2 0 l /\ array_eq_sub a1 a2 u (Array.length a1)
```

Coq files

```
Lemma sorted_sub_weakening: forall (a:(map.Map.map Z Z)) (l:Z) (u:Z) (l':Z)(u':Z),  
  (l <= l')%Z -> (u' <= u)%Z -> sorted_sub2 a l u -> sorted_sub2 a l' u'.
```

Proof.

```
move=> a l u l' u' Hl_le_l' Hu'_le_u Hlu_sorted.
```

```
unfold sorted_sub2 => i1 i2 [Hl'_le_i1 Hi1_le_i2_lt_u'].
```

```
apply Hlu_sorted.
```

by omega.

Qed.

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unfold map_dsorted_sub => i1 i2 [Hl'_le_i1 Hi1_le_i2_lt_u].
```

```
apply Hlu_dsorted.
```

by omega.

Qed.

```
Lemma sorted_sub_diag: forall (a:(map.Map.map Z Z)) (l:Z),  
  sorted_sub2 a l l.
```

Proof.

```
move=> a l.
```

```
unfold sorted_sub2 => i1 i2 [Hl_le_i1 Hi1_le_i2_lt_l].
```

```
have Hl_lt_l: (l < l)%Z.
```

- by omega.

```
by apply Zlt_irrefl in Hl_lt_l.
```

Qed.

Coq files

```
(**| Why3 goal *)
```

```
Theorem map_bitonic_incr : forall (a:(map.Map.map Z Z)) (l:Z) (u:Z),  
  (map_bitonic_sub a l u) -> (map_bitonic_sub a (l + 1%Z)%Z u).
```

```
Proof.
```

```
move=> a l u Hlu_bitonic.
```

```
unfold map_bitonic_sub => Hl1_lt_u.
```

```
unfold map_bitonic_sub in Hlu_bitonic.
```

```
have Hl_lt_u: (l < u)%Z.
```

```
- by omega.
```

```
apply Hlu_bitonic in Hl_lt_u.
```

```
move: Hl_lt_u=> [j [Hl_le_j_le_u [Hlj_sorted Hju_dsorted]]].
```

```
move: Hl_le_j_le_u => [Hl_le_j Hj_le_u].
```

```
apply (Z.le_lt_or_eq l j) in Hl_le_j.
```

```
case: Hl_le_j => [Hl_lt_j | Hl_eq_j].
```

```
- exists j.
```

```
  split.
```

```
  + by omega.
```

```
  + split.
```

```
    - apply (sorted_sub_weakening a l j).
```

```
      + by apply (Z.le_succ_diag_r).
```

```
      + reflexivity.
```

```
      + exact Hlj_sorted.
```

```
    - exact Hju_dsorted.
```

```
- exists (l+1)%Z.
```

```
  split.
```

```
  + by omega.
```

```
  + split.
```

```
    - by apply sorted_sub_diag.
```

```
    - apply (dsorted_sub_weakening a l u).
```

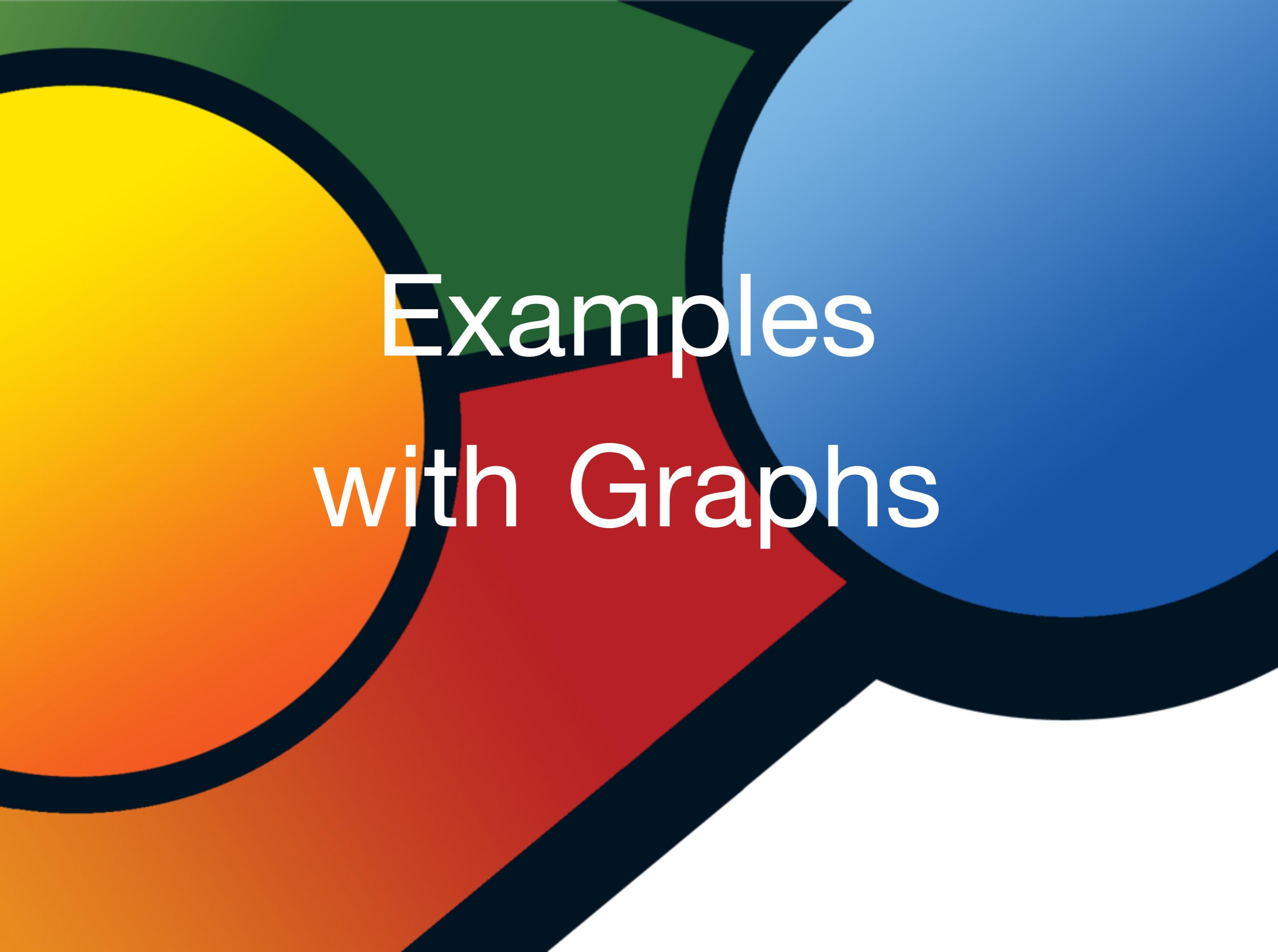
```
      + by omega.
```

```
      + by omega.
```

```
      + rewrite Hl_eq_j.
```

```
        exact Hju_dsorted.
```

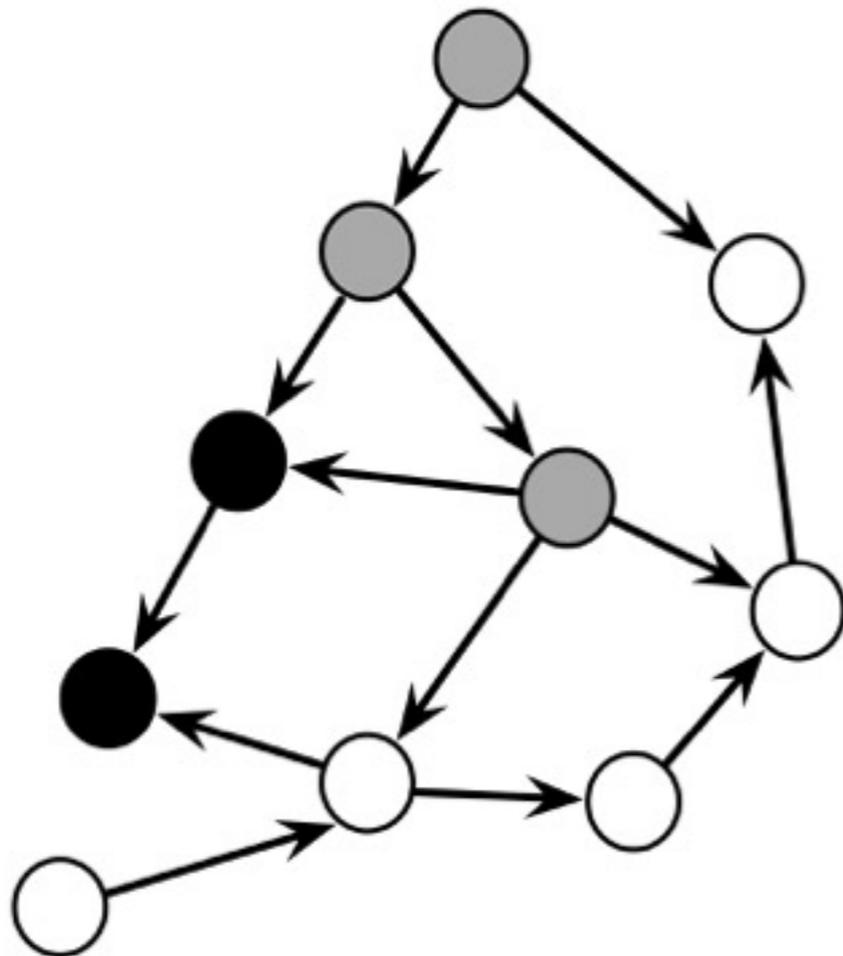
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Qed.
```



Examples with Graphs

Depth-first search in graphs (1/4)

- reachability [the ‘white path theorem’]
- non white-to-black edges in undirected graphs

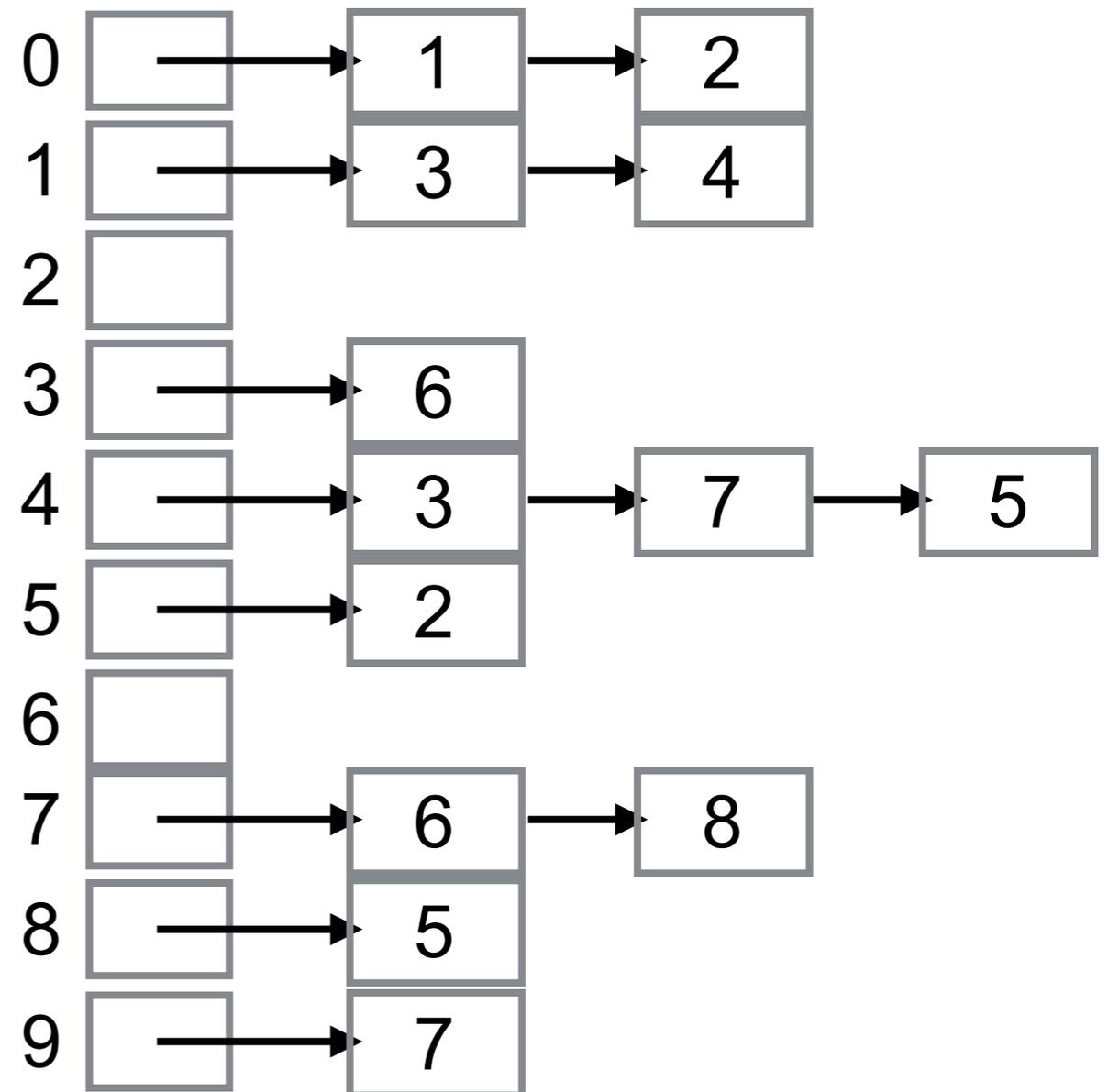
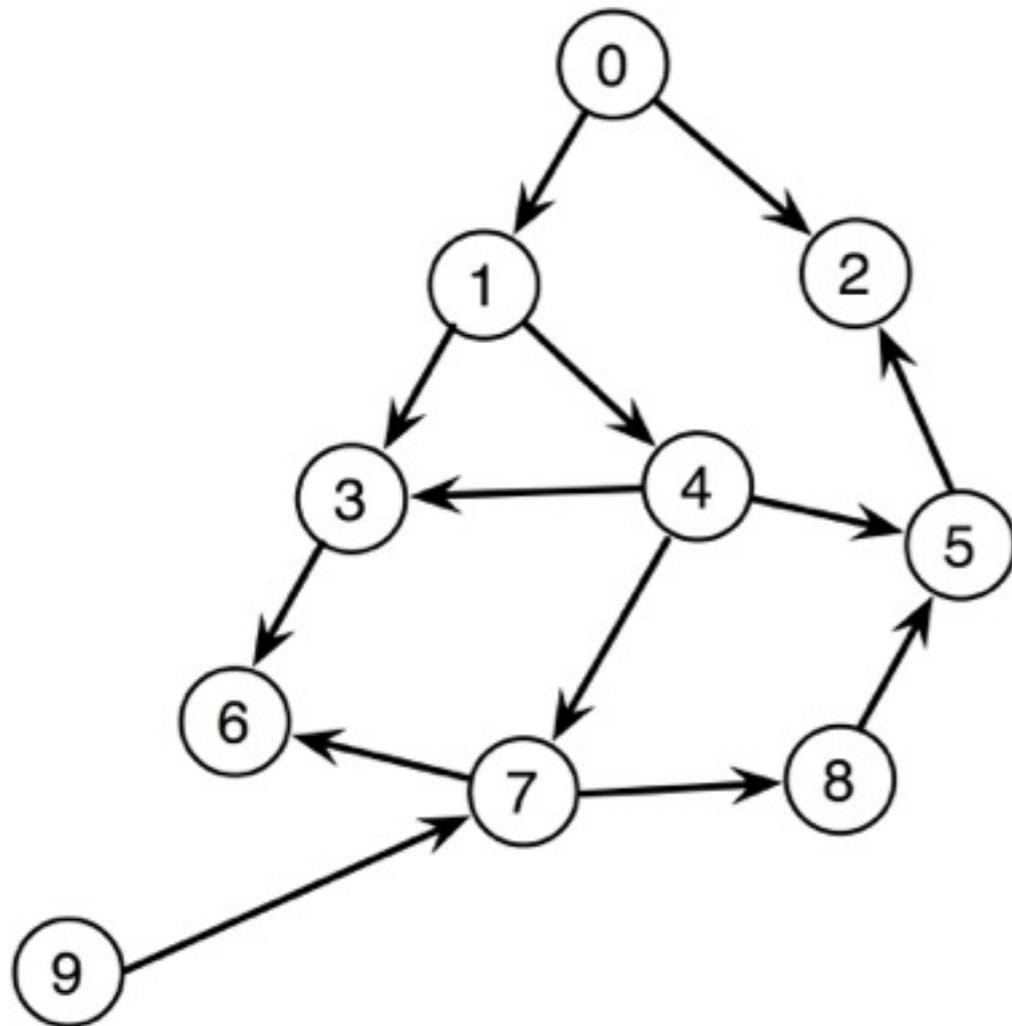


- acyclicity test
- articulation points
- strongly connected components

Kosaraju, Tarjan

Depth-first search in graphs (2/4)

- representation as array of lists of successors

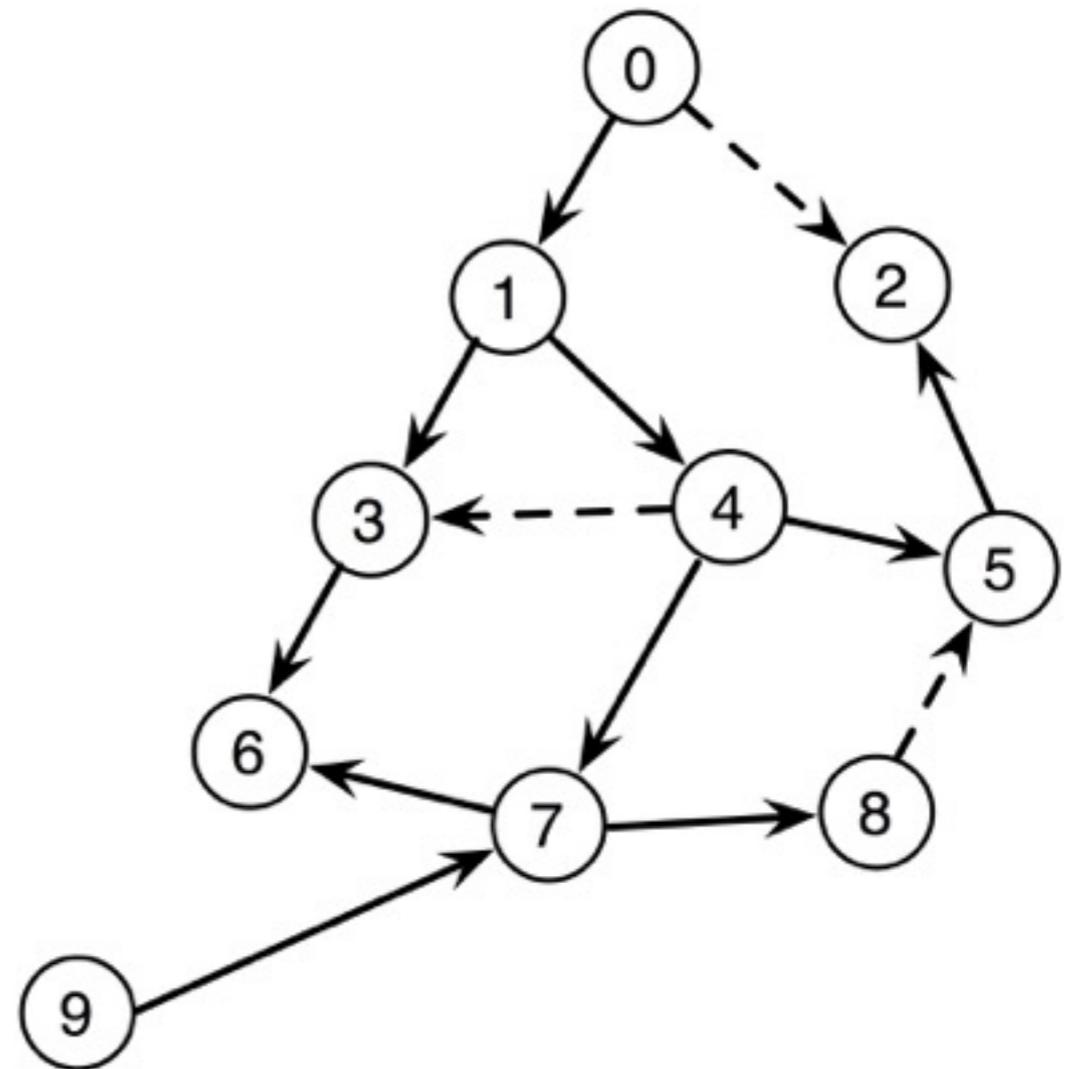


Depth-first search in graphs (3/4)

- spanning trees = call graph of DFS

```
let rec dfs (g: graph) (x: int) (c: array color) =  
  c[x] <- GRAY;  
  let sons = ref (g[x]) in  
  FORALL y in sons do  
    if c[y] = WHITE then dfs g y c;  
  done;  
  c[x] <- BLACK
```

```
let dfs_main (g: graph) =  
  let n = length (g) in  
  let c = Array.make n WHITE in  
  for x = 0 to n - 1 do  
    if c[x] = WHITE then  
      dfs g x c  
  done
```

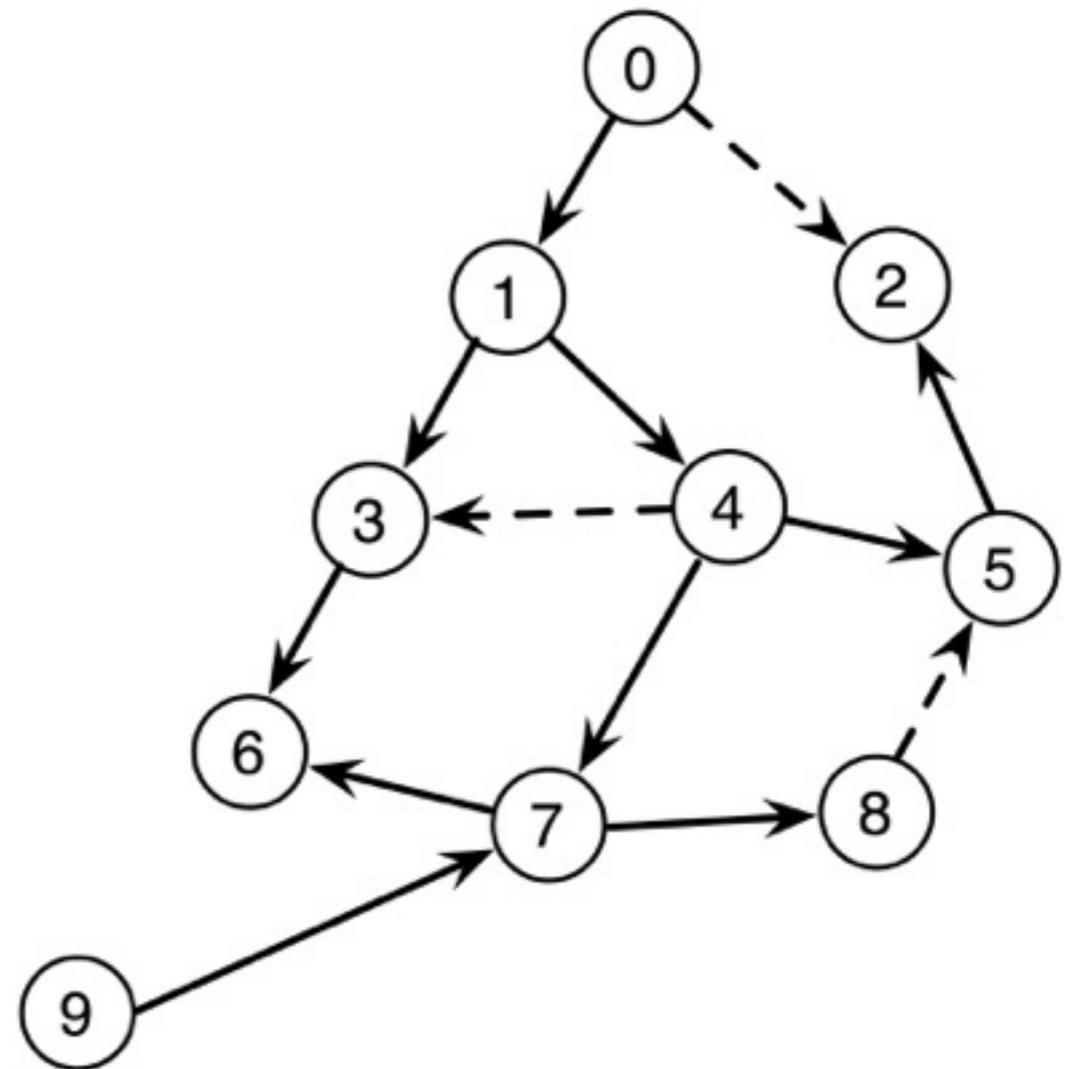


Depth-first search in graphs (4/4)

- spanning trees = call graph of DFS in mlw

```
let rec dfs (g: graph) (x: int) (c: array color) =  
  c[x] <- GRAY;  
  let sons = ref (g[x]) in  
  while !sons <> Nil do  
    match !sons with  
    | Nil -> ()  
    | Cons y sons' ->  
      if c[y] = WHITE then dfs g y c;  
      sons := sons'  
    end;  
  done;  
  c[x] <- BLACK
```

```
let dfs_main (g: graph) =  
  let n = length (g) in  
  let c = Array.make n WHITE in  
  for x = 0 to n - 1 do  
    if c[x] = WHITE then  
      dfs g x c  
  done
```



Undirected graph: no W₂B arc (1/3)

```
function order (g: graph) : int = length g
predicate vertex (g: graph) (x: int) = 0 <= x < order g
predicate out (g: graph) (x: int) = |
  forall y: int. vertex g x -> mem y g[x] -> vertex g y
predicate g_edge (g: graph) (x: int) =
  forall y : int. (vertex g x & mem y g[x]) <-> edge x y
predicate double (g: graph) (x: int) =
  forall y: int. vertex g x -> mem y g[x] -> mem x g[y]
predicate wf (g: graph) =
  forall x: int. vertex g x -> out g x & g_edge g x & double g x
```

```
type color = WHITE | GRAY | BLACK
```

```
predicate noW2Bedge (g: graph) (c: array color) =
  forall x y: int. vertex g x -> vertex g y ->
    c[x] = WHITE -> c[y] = BLACK -> not mem y g[x]
```

```
predicate white_monotony (g: graph) (c1 c2: array color) =
  forall x: int. vertex g x -> c2[x] = WHITE -> c1[x] = WHITE
```

Undirected graph: no W₂B arc (2/3)

```
let rec dfs (g: graph) (x: int) (c: array color) =
  requires { wf g  $\wedge$  vertex g x  $\wedge$  length c = order g }
  requires { noW2Bedge g c }
  ensures { (old c)[x] = WHITE  $\rightarrow$  c[x]  $\diamond$  WHITE }
  ensures { white_monotony g (old c) c }
  ensures { noW2Bedge g c }
'L:
  c[x] <- GRAY;
  let sons = ref (g[x]) in
  while !sons  $\diamond$  Nil do
    invariant { white_monotony g (at c 'L) c }
    invariant { forall y: int. mem y !sons  $\rightarrow$  edge x y }
    invariant { forall y: int. edge x y  $\rightarrow$  c[y] = WHITE  $\rightarrow$  mem y !sons }
    invariant { noW2Bedge g c }
    match !sons with
    | Nil  $\rightarrow$  ()
    | Cons y sons'  $\rightarrow$ 
      if c[y] = WHITE then dfs g y c;
      sons := sons'
    end;
  done;
  c[x] <- BLACK
```

Undirected graph: no W₂B arc (3/3)

```
let dfs_main (g: graph) =  
  requires { wf g }  
  let n = length (g) in  
  let c = make n WHITE in  
  for x = 0 to n - 1 do  
    invariant { noW2Bedge g c }  
    if c[x] = WHITE then  
      dfs g x c  
  done
```

- why these invariants ?
- are they natural ?
- can be found automatically ?

White paths (1/2)

- if white path between x and y , then $\text{dfs}(x)$ flips y to black

```
let rec dfs (g: graph) (x: int) (c: array color) =  
  requires {wf g  $\wedge$  vertex g x  $\wedge$  Array.length c = order g}  
  requires {c[x] = WHITE}  
  ensures {white_monotony g (old c) c}  
  ensures {whitepath_flip_whitepath x g (old c) c} (*new*)  
  ensures {node_flip_whitepath x g (old c) c}  
  ensures {whitepath_node_flip x g (old c) c}
```

'L0:

```
  c[x] <- GRAY;  
  assert {forall y z: int, l: list int. mem y g[x] ->  
    whitepath y l z g c -> whitepath x (Cons x l) z g (at c 'L0)};
```

'L:

White paths (2/2)

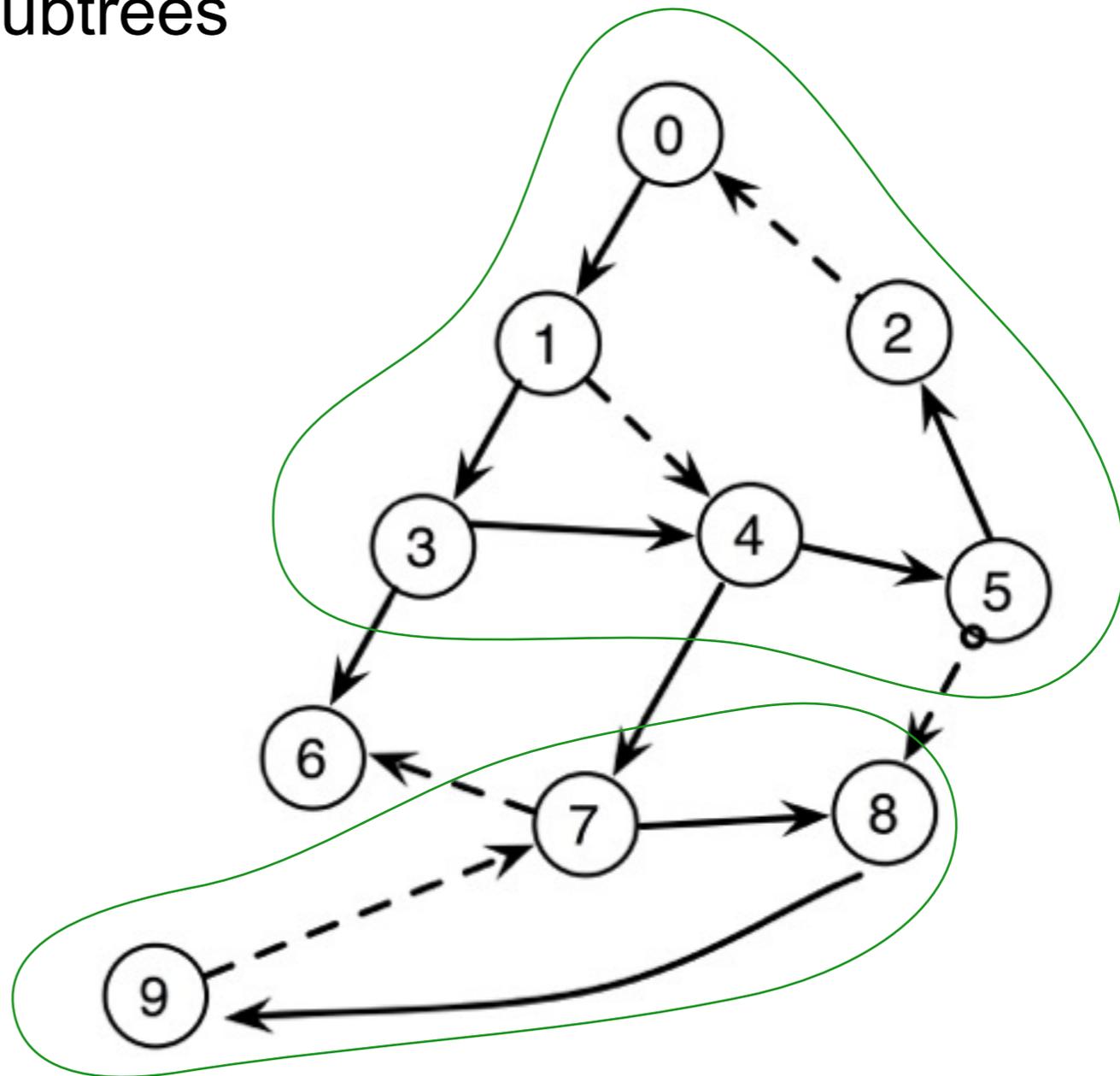
ghost variable

```
'L:  
  let sons = ref (g[x]) in  
  let ghost lv = ref Nil in  
    while ( !sons <> Nil) do  
      invariant {(reverse !lv) ++ !sons = g[x]}  
      invariant {white_monotony g (at c 'L) c}  
      invariant {whitepath_monotony g (at c 'L) c}  
      invariant {whitepath_flip_whitepath_in_list !lv g (at c 'L) c} (*new*)  
      invariant {node_flip_whitepath_in_list !lv g (at c 'L) c}  
      invariant {whitepath_in_list_node_flip !lv g (at c 'L) c}
```

```
'L1:  
  match !sons with  
  | Nil -> ()  
  | Cons y sons' ->  
    if c[y] = WHITE then begin  
      dfs g y c;  
      sons := sons';  
      lv := Cons y !lv;  
    end  
  end  
done;  
c[x] <- BLACK;  
assert {node_flip_whitepath x g (at c 'L0) c} (*new*)
```

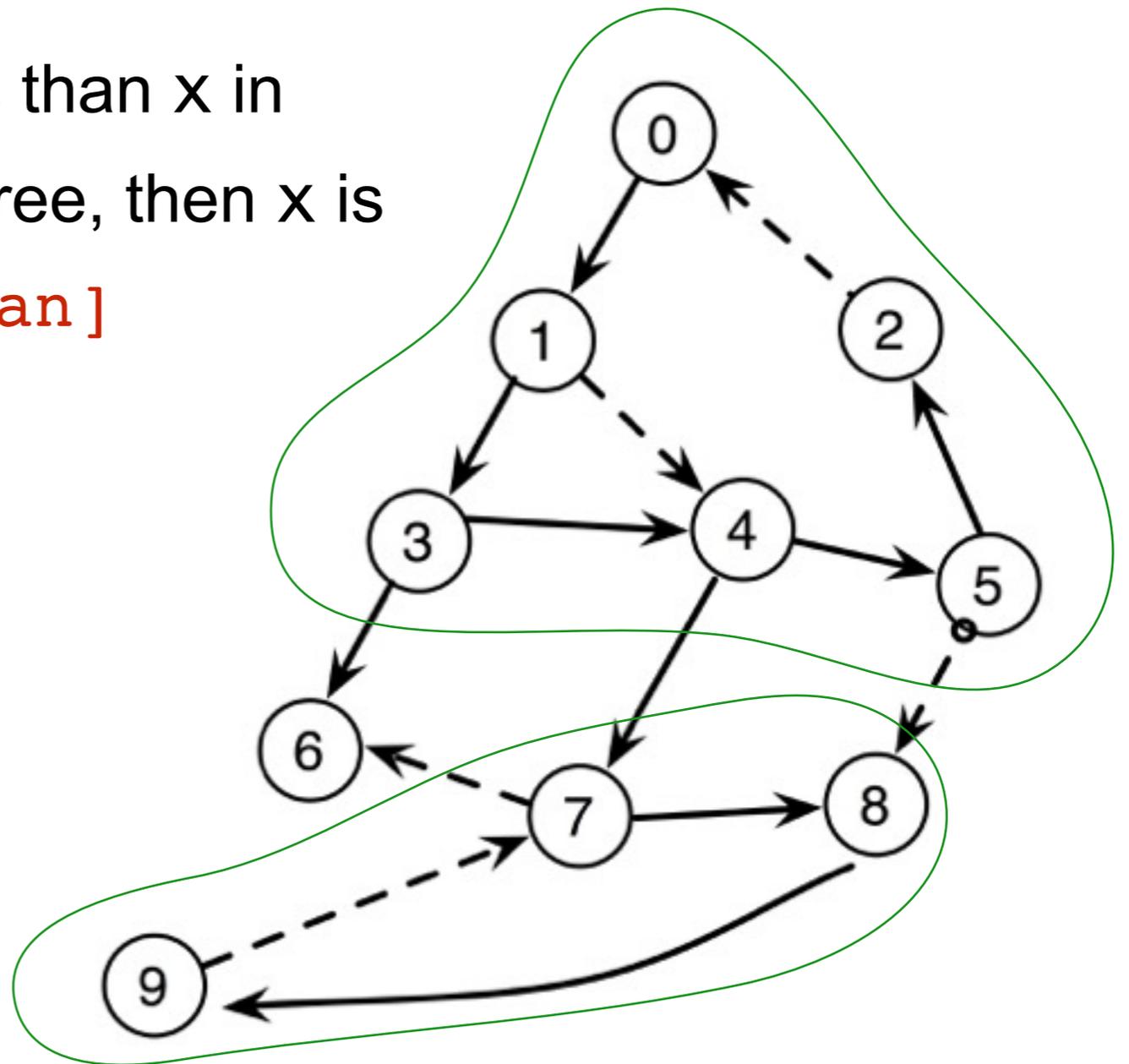
Strongly connected components (1/2)

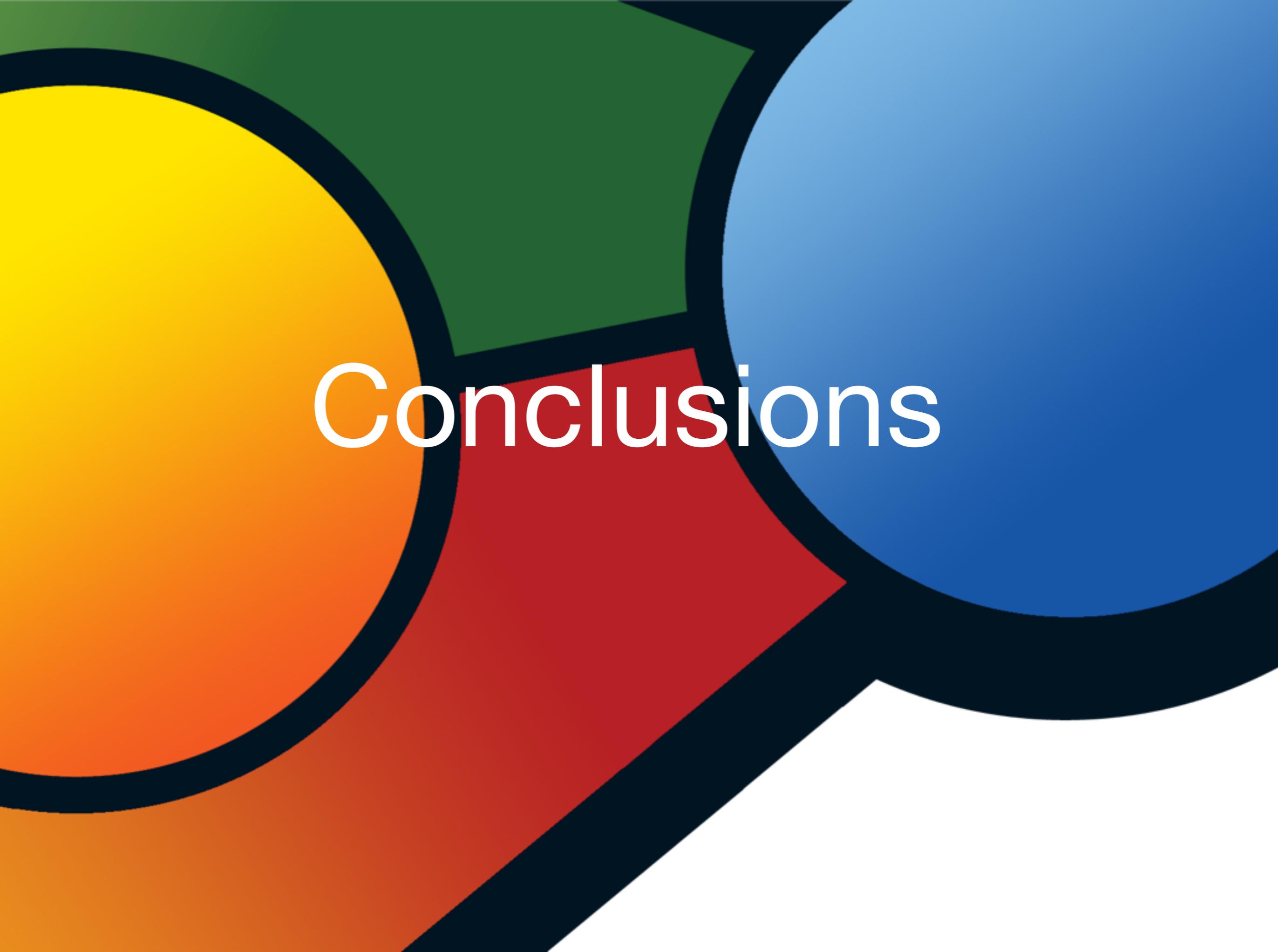
- in spanning trees, no left-to-right edge [Wengener, Pottier]
- SCC are prefixes of subtrees



Strongly connected components (2/2)

- if y connected to x by nodes less than x in post-order traversal of spanning tree, then x is connected to y [Kosaraju]
- if x cannot reach a node y less than x in pre-order traversal of spanning tree, then x is the root of its component [Tarjan]





Conclusions

Conclusion 1

- **Automatic** part of proof for **tedious** case analyzes
- **Interactive** proofs for the **conceptual** part of the algorithm

 the ideal world

- From interactive part, one can call the automatic part
 - possible extensions of Why3 theories
 - but typing problems (inside Coq)

Conclusion 2

- Hoare logic prevents to write awkward denotational semantics
- Nobody cares about termination ?! 
- Explore **simple** programs about algorithms before jumping to **large** programs.
- Why3 **memory model** is naive. It's a «back-end for other systems».
- Also experimenting on **graph** algorithms and prove all algorithms in **Sedgewick's** book.

Conclusion 3

- Why3 is **excellent** for mixing formal proofs and SMT's calls
- Still **rough** for beginners
- Concurrency ?
- Functional programs ?
- Hoare logic vs Type refinements (F* [MSR])
- **Frama-C** project at french CEA extends Why3 to C programs.