

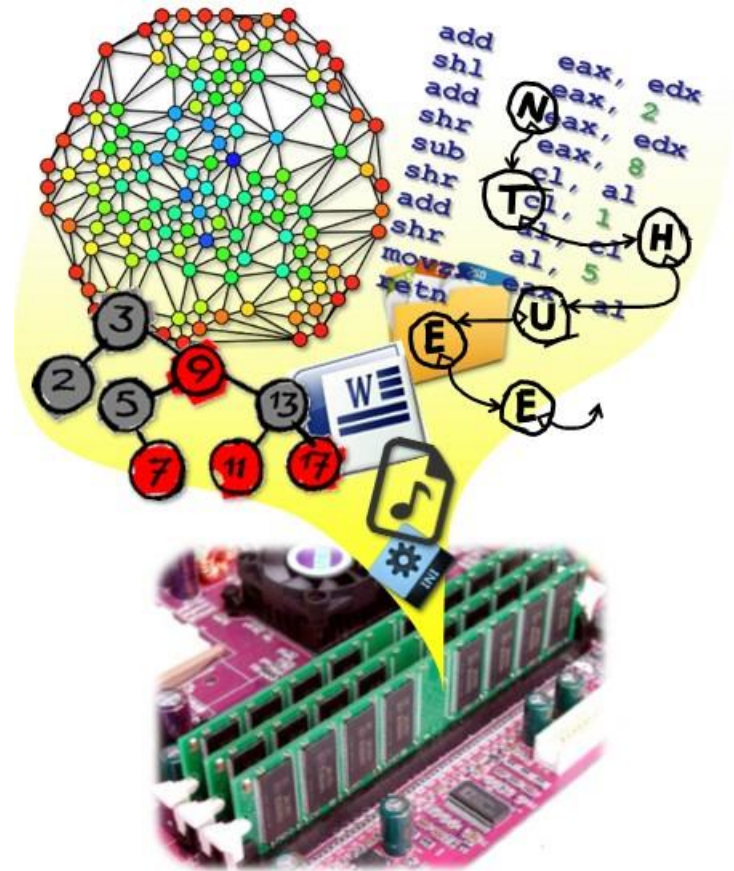
# Data Structures

## CH6 Graphs

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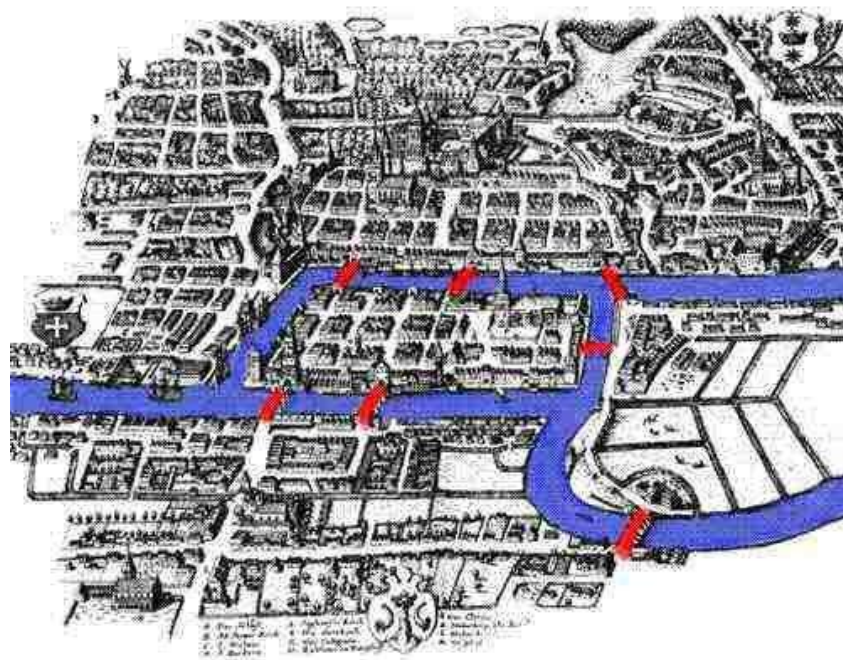
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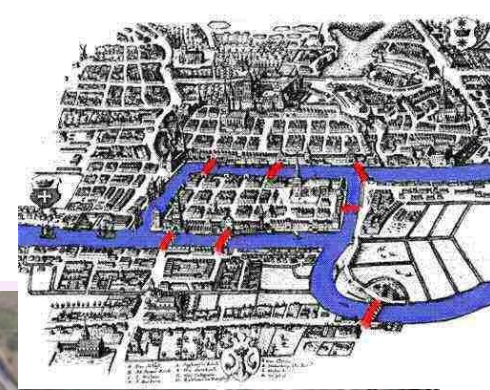
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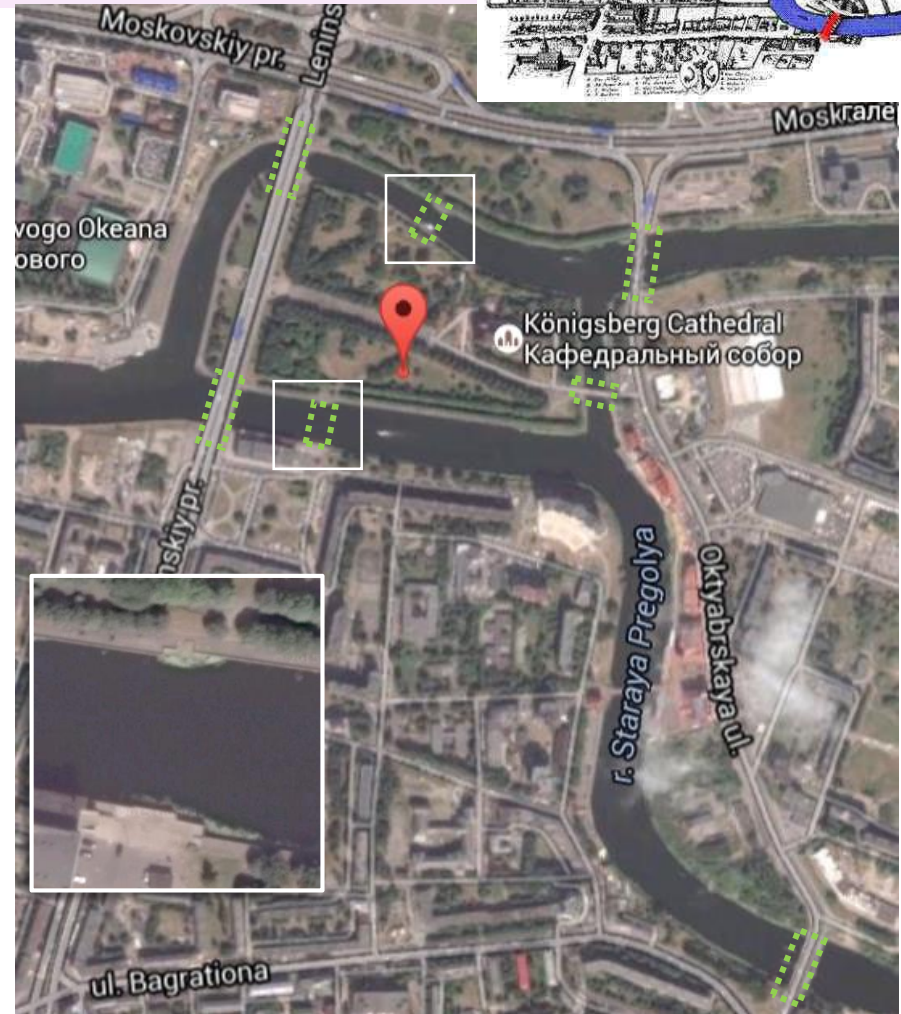
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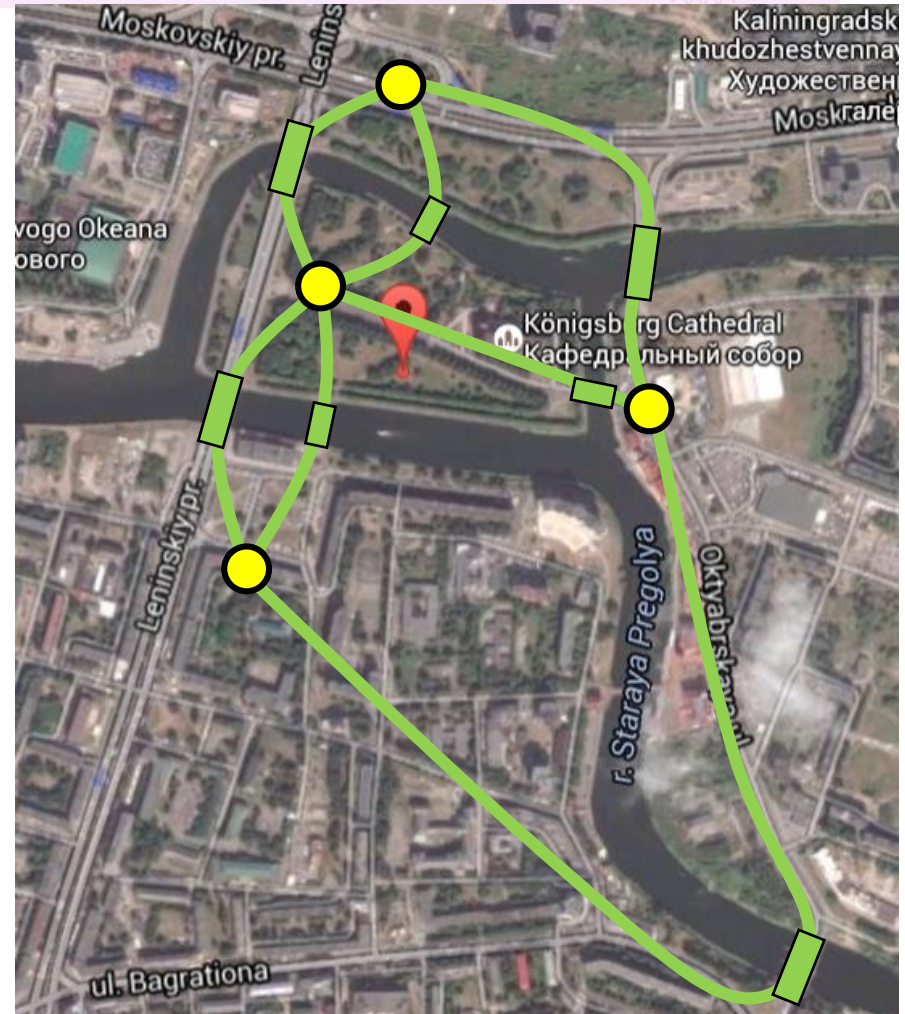


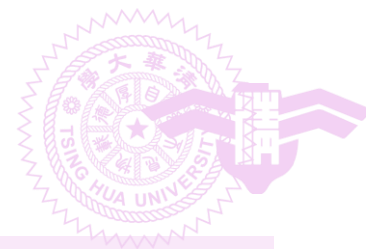




# Konigsberg Bridge Problem

- Euler solved the problem by representing the land areas as **vertices** and the bridges as **edges** (1736)
  - First recorded evidence of the use of graphs
- Since then, graphs have been used in a wide variety of applications
  - Analysis of circuits, genetics, social networks...



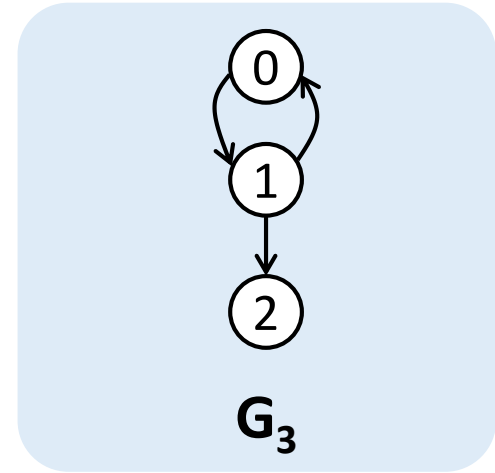
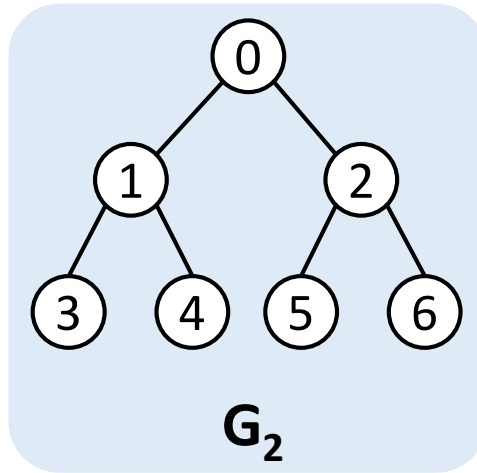
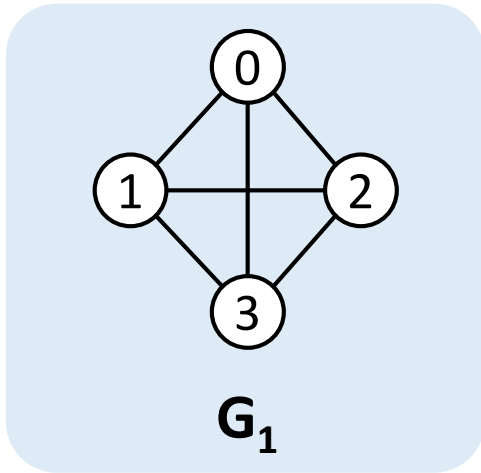


# Graphs

- Definition : A graph,  $G$ , consists of two sets,  $V$  and  $E$ 
  - $G = (V, E)$
- $V$  is a finite, nonempty set of **vertices**
- $E$  is a set of pairs of vertices, called **edges**
  - **Undirected** graphs (無向圖)
    - Pair of vertices representing any edge is unordered
    - $(u, v)$  and  $(v, u)$  represent the same edge
  - **Directed** graphs (**digraphs**) (有向圖)
    - Each edge is represented by a directed pair  $\langle u, v \rangle$
    - $u$  is the tail and  $v$  the head of the edge



# Graphs



$$V(G_1) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

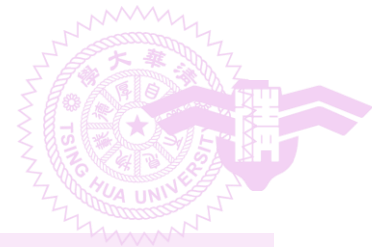
$$E(G_1) = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$$

$$V(G_2) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$E(G_2) = \{(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6)\}$$

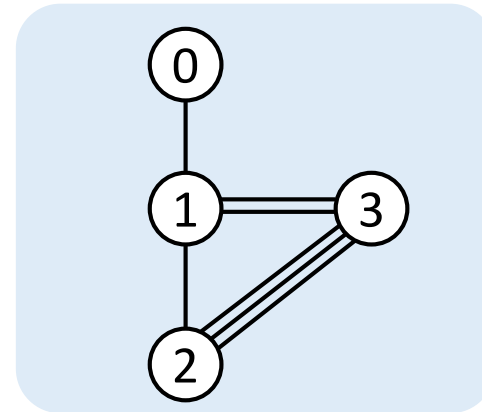
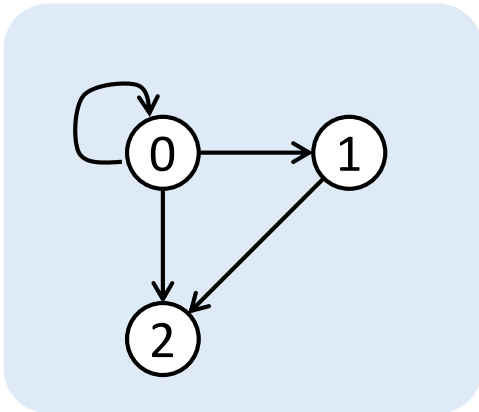
$$V(G_3) = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$E(G_3) = \{\langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 1, 2 \rangle\}$$



# Simple Graphs (Strict Graphs)

- This book only considers **simple graphs** (strict graphs)
- The followings are not allowed in simple graphs
  - Self edges / **self loops**
    - $(v, v)$
    - $\langle v, v \rangle$
  - Multiple occurrences of the same edge



- Therefore, the max number of edges of an  $n$ -vertex simple graph
  - $n(n-1)/2$  for an undirected graph
  - $n(n-1)$  for an directed graph





# Terminologies

- **Complete graphs** (also called as **cliques** (團))
  - A graph having the max possible number of edges
    - $n(n-1)/2$  for an undirected graph
    - $n(n-1)$  for an directed graph
- **Adjacency and incidence**
  - $u$  and  $v$  are **adjacent** if  $(u, v) \in G$
  - $(u, v)$  is **incident on** (關聯)  $u$  and also  $v$
- A **subgraph** of  $G$  is a graph  $G'$  such that
  - $V(G') \subseteq V(G)$
  - $E(G') \subseteq E(G)$



# Terminologies

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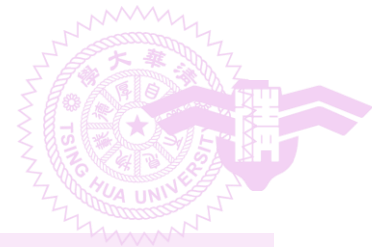
- A **path** from  $u$  to  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is
  - a sequence of vertices:  $u, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, v$ 
    - $(u, i_1), (i_1, i_2), \dots, (i_k, v) \in E(G)$ ,  $G$  is undirected
    - $\langle u, i_1 \rangle, \langle i_1, i_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle i_k, v \rangle \in E(G)$ ,  $G$  is directed
- A **simple path** is
  - a path in which all vertices except possibly the first and last are distinct
- A **cycle** is
  - a simple path in which the first and last are the same



# Connectivity

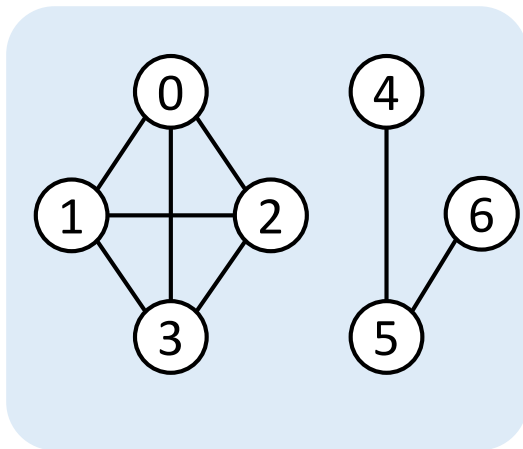
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- In an undirected graph, vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **connected** iff there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$
- An undirected graph is **connected** iff every pair of distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(G)$  is connected
  - A tree is a connected acyclic graph

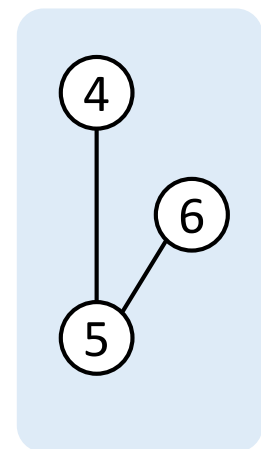
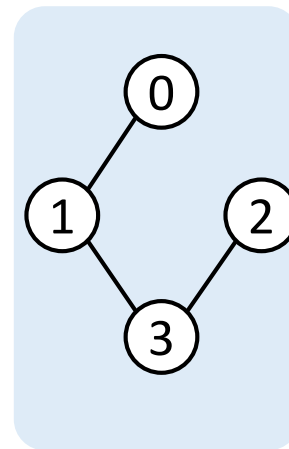
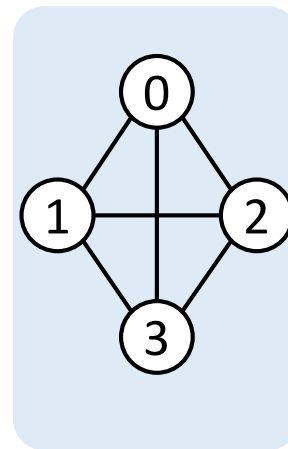


# Connected Components

- A **connected component** (or **component** for short),  $H$ , of an undirected graph is
  - the maximal connected subgraph
  - By maximal, we mean that  $G$  contains no other subgraph that is both connected and properly contains  $H$



$G_1$

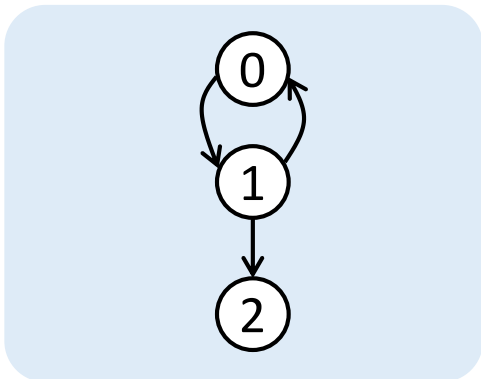


Some connected components of  $G_1$

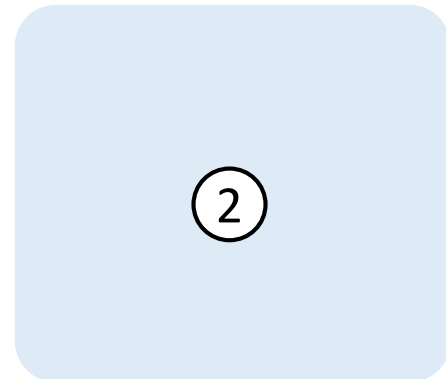
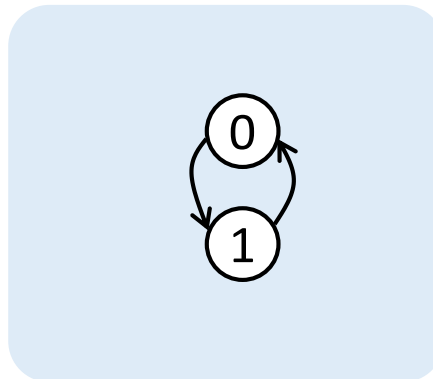


# Strongly Connected Graphs

- A **digraph**  $G$  is said to be **strongly connected** iff for every pair of distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(G)$  there is a directed path from  $u$  to  $v$  and also from  $v$  to  $u$
- A **strongly connected component** is a maximal subgraph that is strongly connected



$G_3$



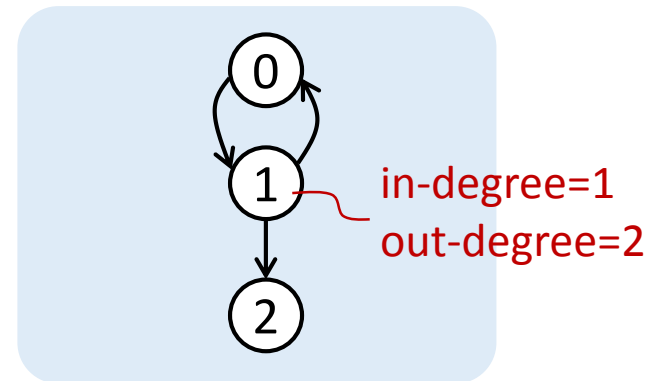
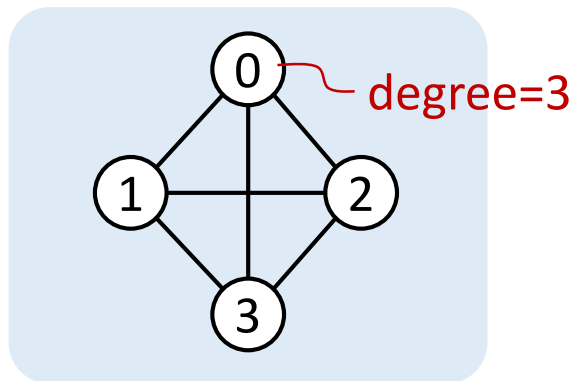
Strongly connected components of  $G_3$





# Degree

- The **degree** of a vertex is the number of edges incident to that vertex
- For digraph
  - The **out-degree** of a vertex  $v$  is the number of edges for which  $v$  is the tail
  - The **in-degree** of a vertex  $v$  is the number of edges for which  $v$  is the head





# Graph ADT

```
class Graph
{
public:
    virtual ~Graph() {} // virtual destructor
    bool IsEmpty() const           {return n == 0};
    int NumberOfVertices() const   {return n};
    int NumberOfEdges() const      {return e};

    virtual int Degree(int u) const           = 0;
    virtual bool ExistsEdge(int u, int v) const = 0;
    virtual void InsertVertex(int v)          = 0;
    virtual void InsertEdge(int u, int v)     = 0;
    virtual void DeleteVertex(int v)          = 0;
    virtual void DeleteEdge(int u, int v)     = 0;

private:
    int n; // number of vertices
    int e; // number of edges
};
```



# Inheritance vs. Template

- Key question: do **types** affect the **behaviors** of a class **according to your expectation**?
- Inheritance: types may affect behaviors
  - **Rectangle** and **Circle** can calculate their areas but have different calculating mechanisms
  - According to this expectation, we design a base class, Shape, with a virtual GetArea() method and let specific shape classes to inherit
- Template: types do not affect behaviors
  - Stack exhibits a **last-in-first-out** behavior
    - Both **Stack of Rectangle** and **Stack of Circle** do so
  - According to this expectation, we design a template stack instead of a base stack and different inherited classes



# Non-Virtual vs Virtual Functions

- Non-virtual
  - **Static-binding** (at compile time) according to the type of a object pointer or reference
- Virtual
  - **Dynamic-binding** (resolved at run time) according to hidden information in each object
  - Polymorphism: derived classes exhibit their specific behavior even if they are referred to using the base class pointer/reference

```
int main()
{
    Rectangle r;
    Circle c;
    cout << AreaRatio(r, c);
    cout << AreaRatio(c, r);
}

float AreaRatio(Shape& s1, Shape& s2)
{
    return s1.GetArea() / s2.GetArea();
}
```

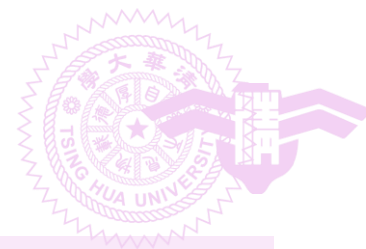


# Pure Virtual Functions

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- Sometimes we want **derived classes NOT to inherit the implementation of a virtual function by default**
  - Implementation of GetArea()
    - Maybe impractical to have one method to calculate the area of both Rectangle and Circle
    - Maybe error-prone if someone inherits from Shape another specific shape, say Star, without redefining Star's GetArea





# Graph Representations

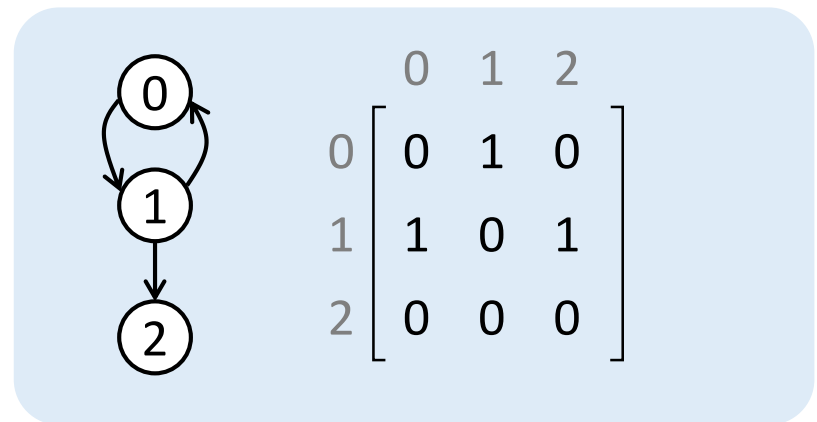
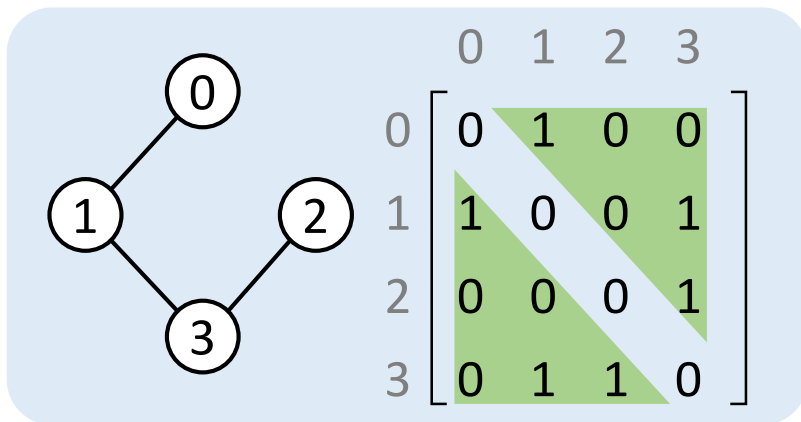
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- Three categories of most commonly used representations
  - Adjacency **matrices**
  - Adjacency **lists**
  - Adjacency **multi-lists**
- The choice of a particular representation depends upon the **application** one has **in mind** and the **functions** one **expects** to perform on the graph



# Adjacency Matrices

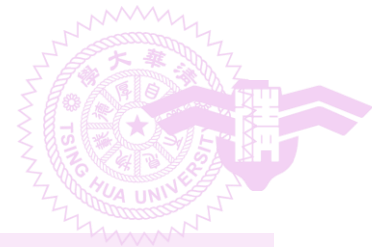
- The adjacency matrix of an  $n$ -vertex graph,  $G$ , is a 2D  $n \times n$  array, say array  $A$ 
  - $A[u][v] = 1$  iff  $(u, v)$  (or  $\langle u, v \rangle$ ) is in  $E(G)$
  - $A[u][v] = 0$  otherwise
- Adjacency matrices of **undirected** graphs are always **symmetric**
  - This allows optimization that halves the space requirement
- Adjacency matrices **are wasteful of space for sparse graphs** (i.e., graphs with only few edges)





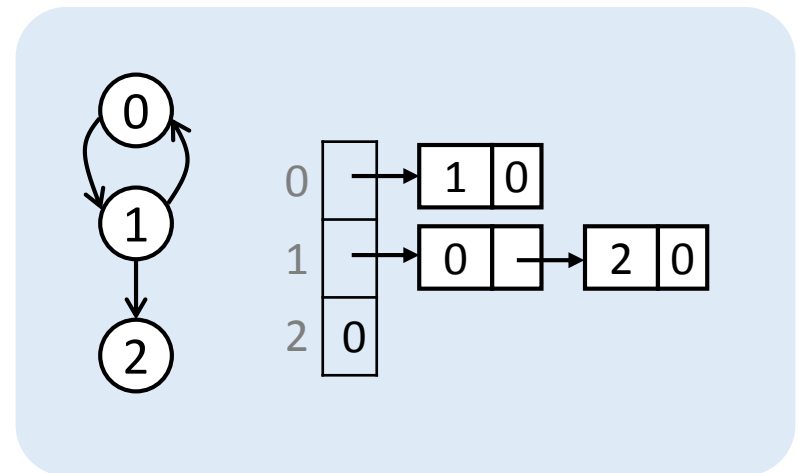
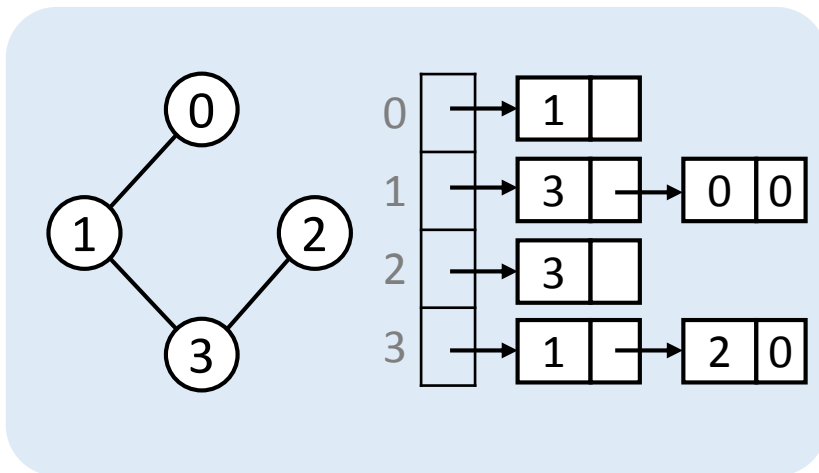
# Adjacency Matrix Operations

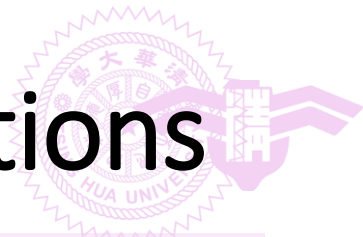
Degree (int u)	Return $\sum a[u][i]$ ;	$O(n)$
Out-degree(int u)	Return $\sum a[u][i]$ ;	$O(n)$
In-degree(int u)	Return $\sum a[i][u]$ ;	$O(n)$
ExistsEdge(int u, int v)	Return $a[u][v]$ ;	$O(1)$
InsertEdge(int u, int v)	Set $a[u][v] = 1$ ;	$O(1)$
DeleteEdge(int u, int v)	Set $a[u][v] = 0$ ;	$O(1)$
IsConnectedGraph()		$O(n^2)$



# (Linked) Adjacency Lists

- The adjacency list of an  $n$ -vertex,  $e$ -edge graph,  $G$ 
  - Contains an  $n$ -element array,  $n$  chains, and  $2e$  chain nodes
    - Nodes in chain  $i$  represent the vertices adjacent from vertex  $i$
    - Nodes in each chain are not required to be ordered
- (Recall the equivalence class problem)





# (Linked) Adjacency List Operations

Degree (int u)	Count the # of nodes in chain u;	$O(e)$
Out-degree(int u)	Count the # of nodes in chain u;	$O(e)$
In-degree(int u)	Count the # of u's in all the chains;	$O(n+e)$
ExistsEdge(int u, int v)	Look for v in chain u;	$O(e)$
InsertEdge(int u, int v)	• Check the existence of v in chain u (and u in v);	$O(e)$
	• Push v onto chain u (and u onto v);	$O(1)$
DeleteEdge(int u, int v)	• Find v in chain u (and u in v);	$O(e)$
	• Remove v from chain u (and u from v);	$O(1)$
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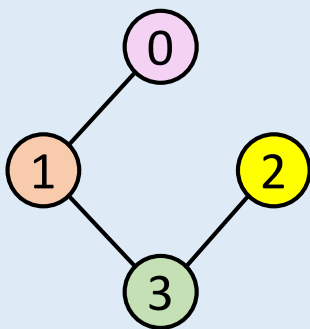
Facebook would need to scan its billions of users to calculate how many people **follows your page** if Facebook uses the simple Adjacency List representation





# Sequential Adjacency Lists

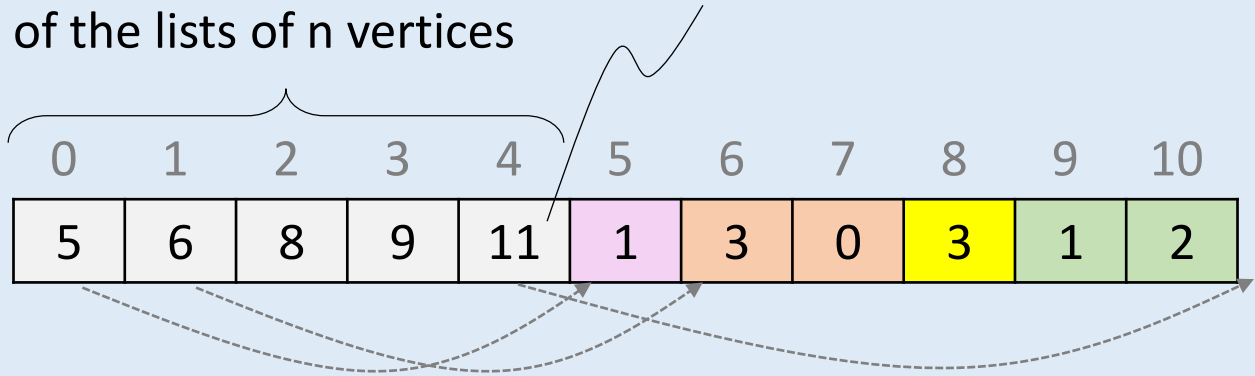
- Sequential adjacency list of an  $n$ -vertex,  $e$ -edge graph,  $G$ 
  - Contains an  $(n+2e+1)$ -element array
  - $n+1$  for indexing the list of each vertex
  - $2e$  for adjacency information

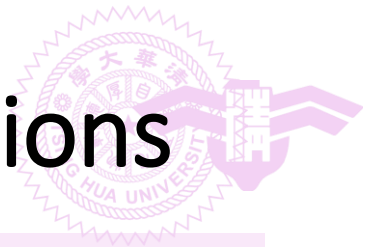


starting/ending indices  
of the lists of  $n$  vertices

set to  $(n+2e+1)$

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5	6	8	9	11	1	3	0	3	1	2





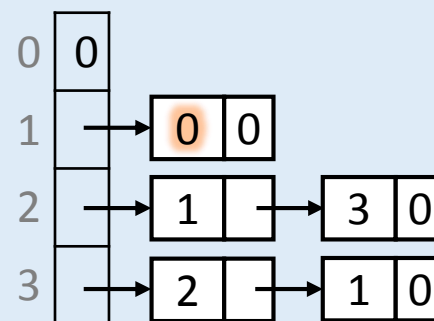
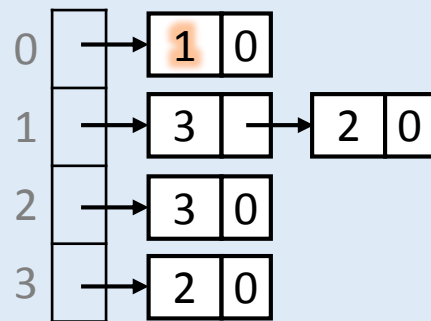
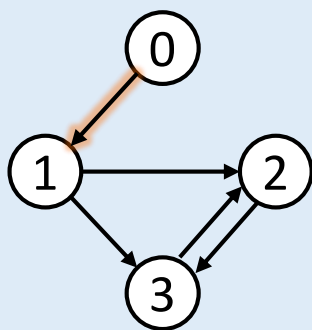
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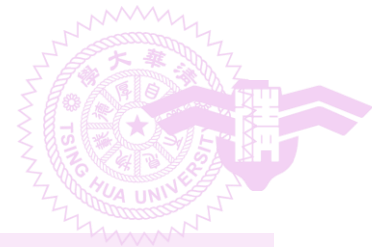
Degree (int u)	Return the index difference between u and u+1	$O(1)$
Out-degree(int u)	Return the index difference between u and u+1	$O(1)$
In-degree(int u)	Count the # of u's in the entire graph;	$O(n+e)$
ExistsEdge(int u, int v)	Look for v in list u;	$O(e)$
InsertEdge(int u, int v)	Make space and insert the edge	$O(n+e)$
DeleteEdge(int u, int v)	Delete the edge and compact the array	$O(n+e)$
IsConnectedGraph()		$O(n+e)$



# Inverse Adjacency Lists

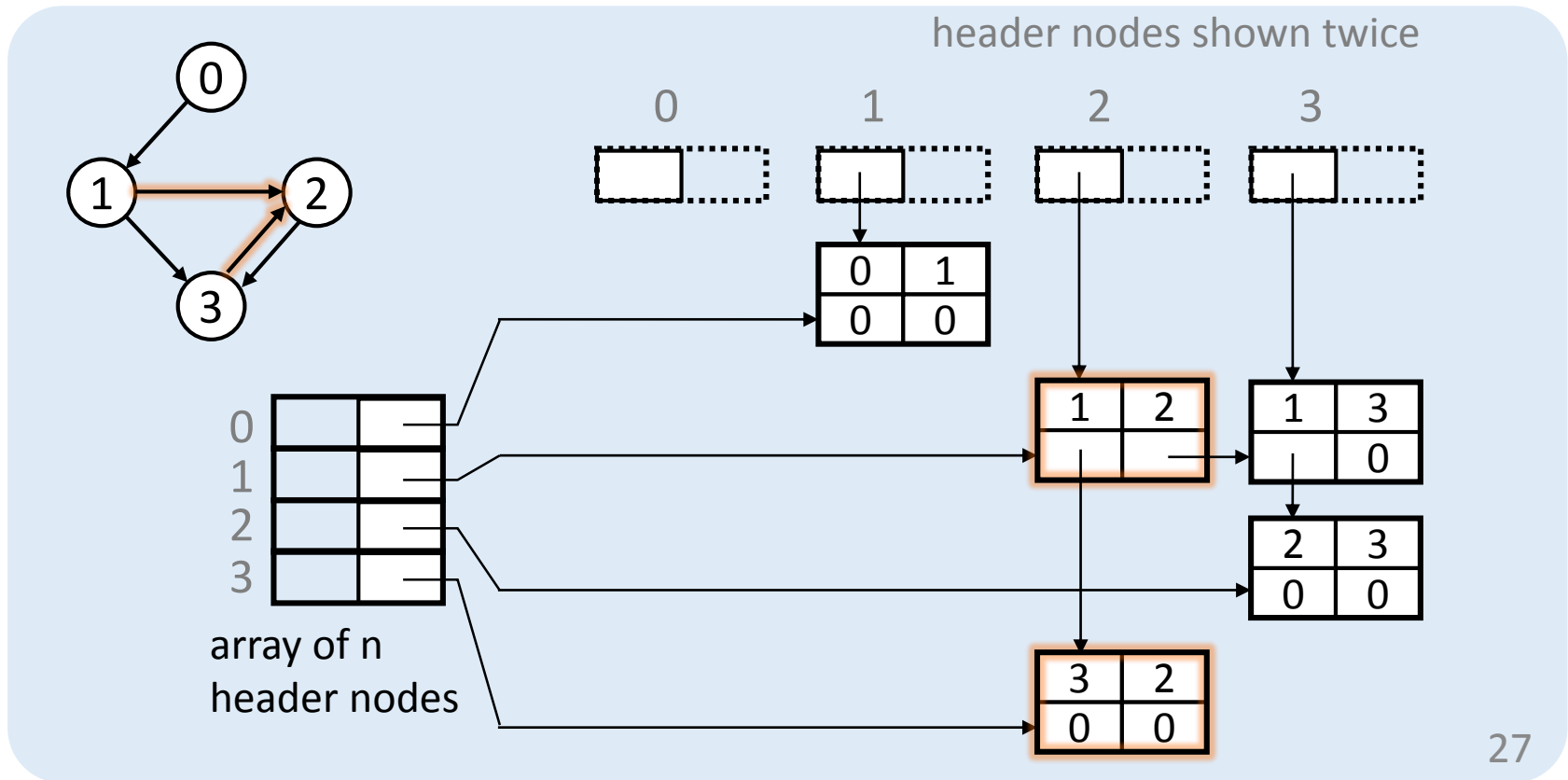
- Ease repeatedly accessing all vertices **adjacent to** and **from** another vertex in a **digraph**
  - E.g., **in-degree** and **out-degree**
  - Keep an additional **inverse adjacency list**
    - List  $i$  stores edges of the form  $\langle x, i \rangle$
- An alternative is to use **orthogonal adjacency lists**





# Orthogonal Adjacency List

- Use an  $n \times n$  **orthogonal (正交) list** to store the adjacency information
  - Terms correspond to edges,  $(u, v)$  or  $\langle u, v \rangle$
- (Recall p.218 **sparse matrices**)





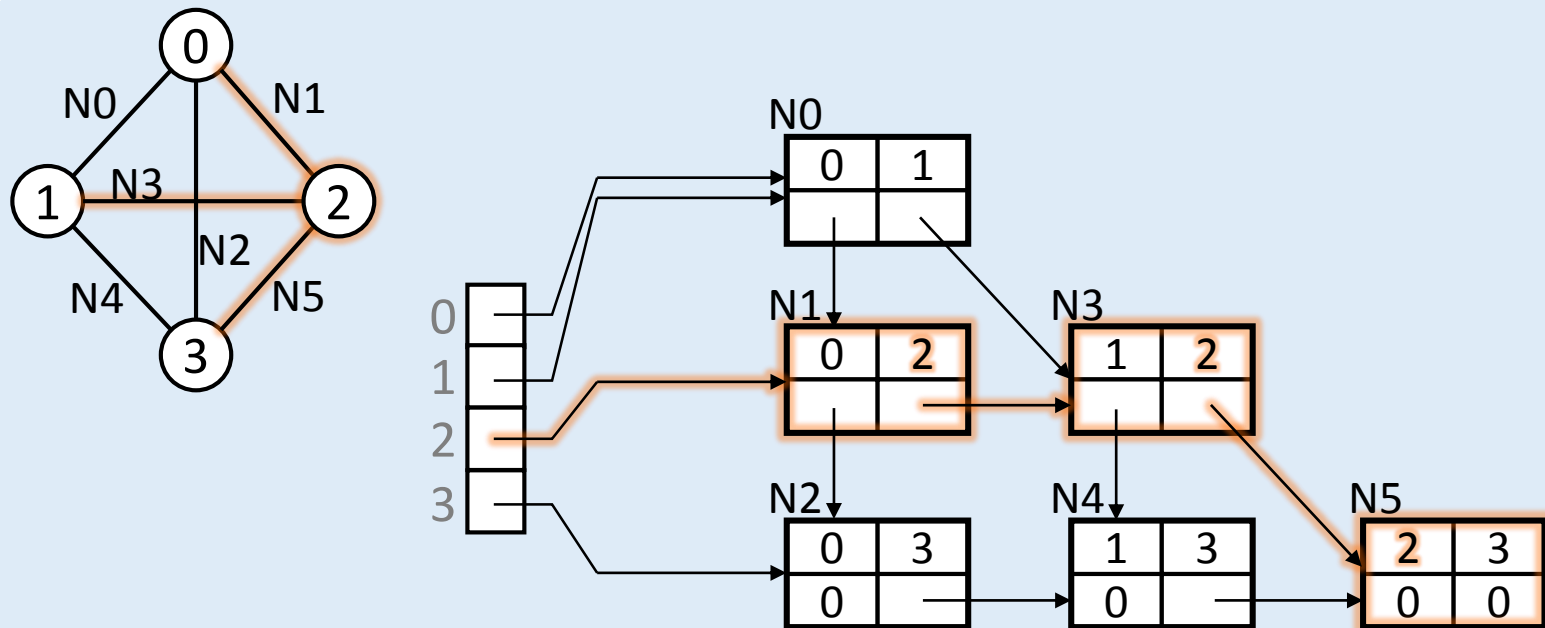
# Orthogonal Adjacency List Operations

Out-degree(int u)	Count the # of nodes in chain u	O(e)
In-degree(int u)	Count the # of nodes in chain u	O(e)
ExistsEdge(int u, int v)	Look for v in chain u ;	O(e)
InsertEdge(int u, int v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the existence of v in chain u (and u in v);</li><li>• <b>Insert (instead of push or append) v</b> into chain u (and u into v);</li></ul>	O(e) <b>O(e)</b>
DeleteEdge(int u, int v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Locate v in chain u (and u in v);</li><li>• Remove v from chain u (and u from v);</li></ul>	O(e) O(1)
IsConnectedGraph()		O(n+e)



# Adjacency Multi-Lists

- Multi-lists
  - One node can be shared among multiple lists
- Adjacency multi-lists
  - An edge is represented by a node
  - Support accessing all edges incident on a vertex in undirected graphs





# Discussion: Adjacency Matrices vs Adjacency Lists

Operation	Which performs better
Determining if $(u, v)$ is an edge in $G$	
Degree of vertex $u$	
Determining if there is a path from $u$ to $v$	
Adding an edge to $G$	
Space to store a dense graph	
Space to store a sparse graph	
Konigsberg Bridge Problem	

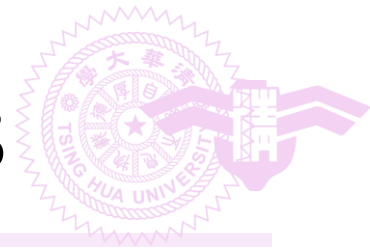


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- 6.4 Shortest paths and transitive closure
- 6.5 Activity networks





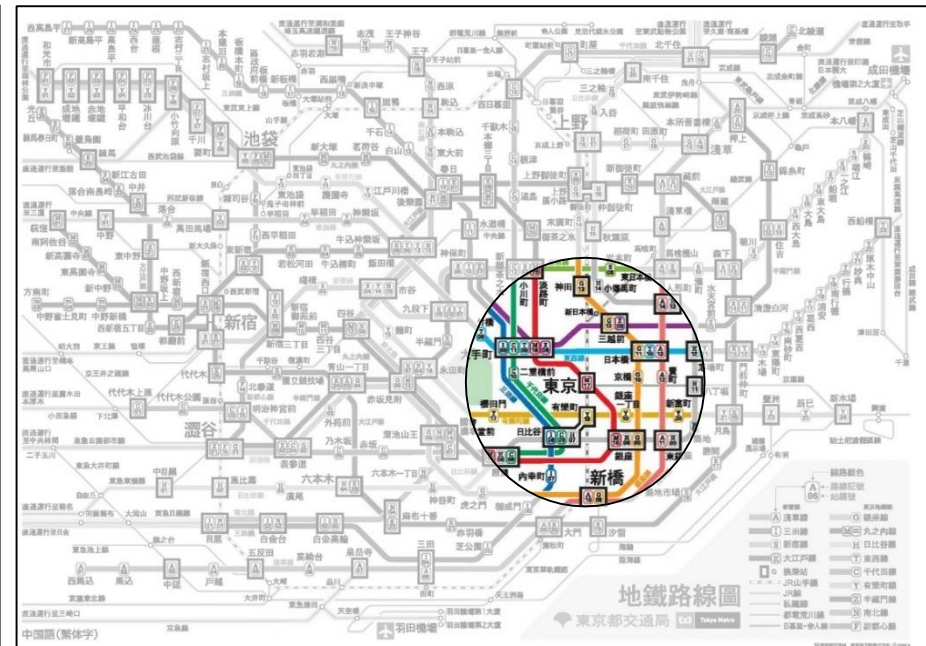
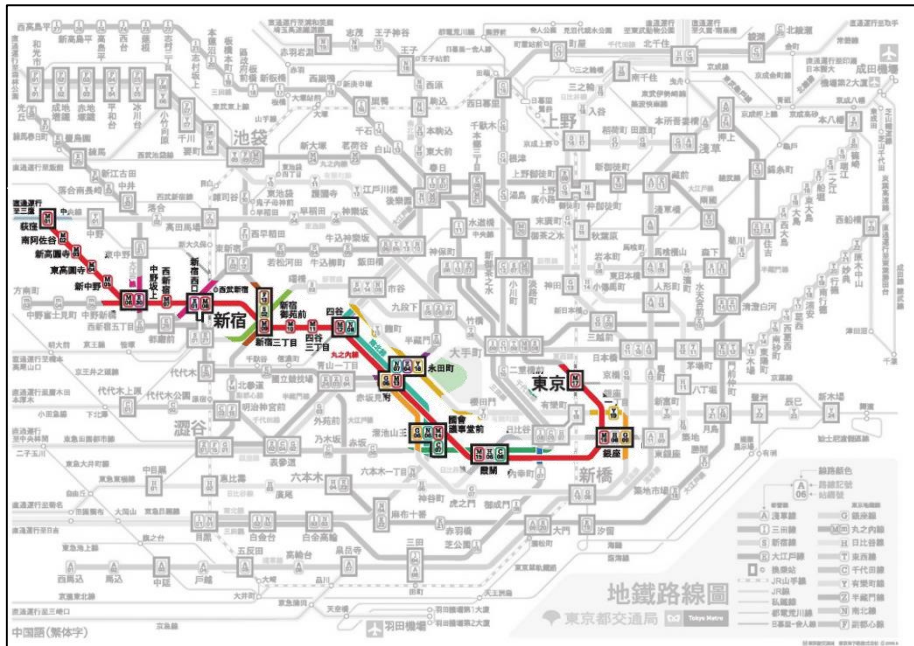
# Elementary Graph Operations

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- Depth-first search (DFS)
- Breadth-first search (BFS)
- Connected components
- Spanning trees
- Biconnected components

# Concept of Search

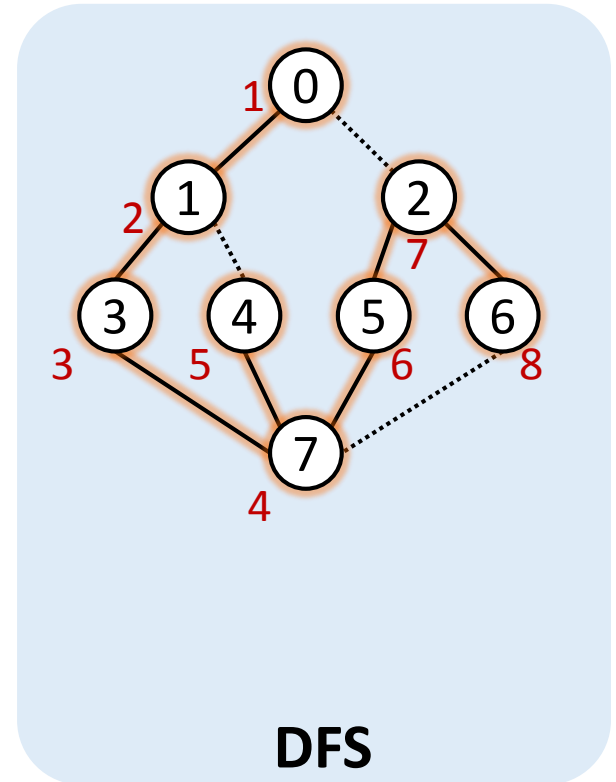
- Suppose we want to systematically traverse a city with a subway map in hand
  - Depth-first style
    - Following a subway path and visiting the places one after one
  - Breadth-first style
    - Visiting all places within a certain traveling distance

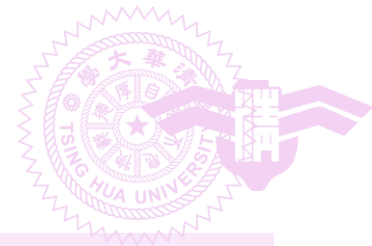




# Depth-First Search (DFS)

- Begin by visiting the **start vertex**  $v$
- Next an unvisited vertex  $w$  adjacent to  $v$  is selected
- A depth-first search from  $w$  is initiated
  - Recursion
- Backtrack if no unvisited vertices are reachable

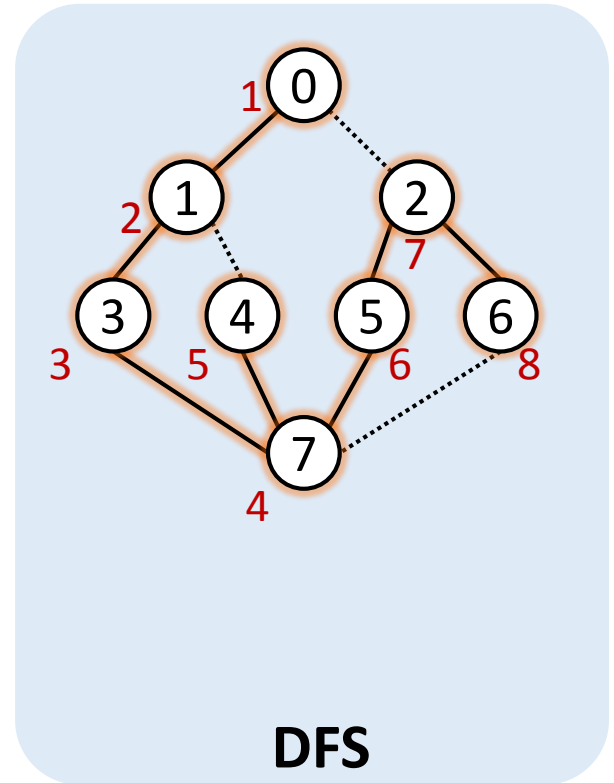




# Depth-First Search (DFS)

```
virtual void Graph::DFS() // Driver
{
    visited = new bool[n];
    fill (visited, visited + n, false);
    DFS(0); // start search at vertex 0
    delete [] visited;
}
```

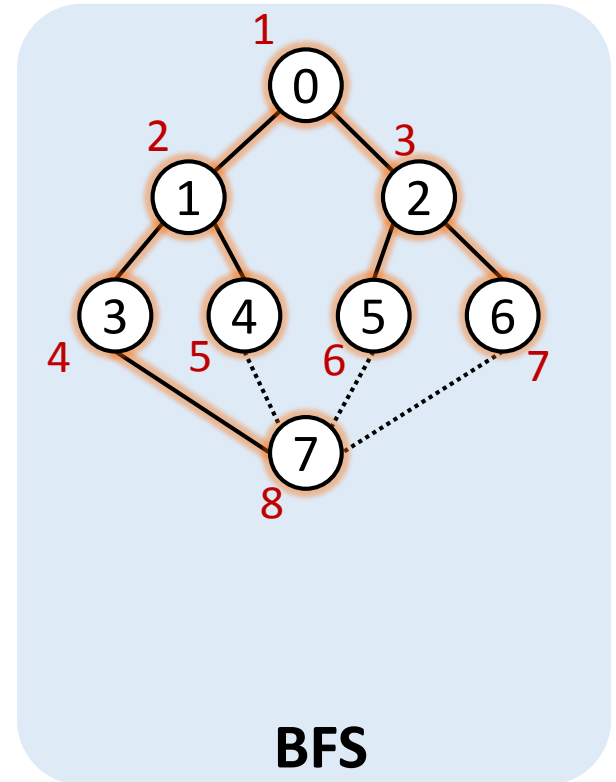
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virtual void Graph::DFS(const int v)
{
    visited[v] = true;
    for (each vertex w adjacent to v)
        if (!visited[w])
            DFS(w);
}
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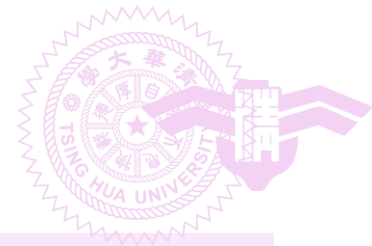




# Breadth-First Search

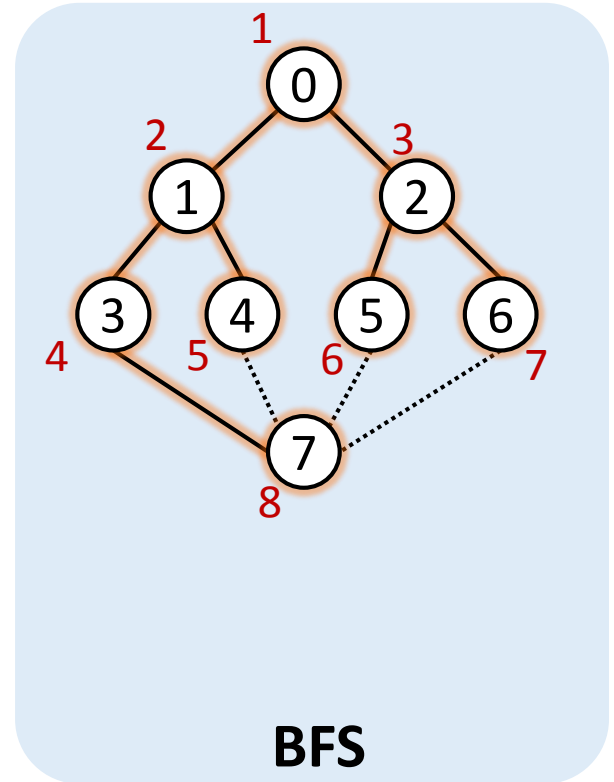
- Begin by visiting the **start vertex**  $v$
- All unvisited vertices adjacent to  $v$  are visited
- Unvisited vertices adjacent to these newly visited vertices are then visited, and so on

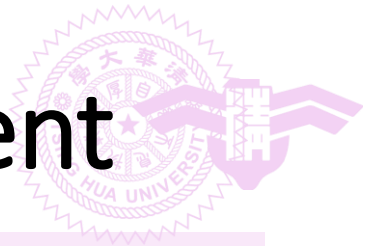




# Breadth-First Search

```
virtual void Graph::BFS(int v)
{
    visited = new bool [n];
    fill (visited, visited + n, false);
    visited[v] = true;
    Queue<int> q;
    q.Push (v);
    while (!q.IsEmpty ()) {
        v = q.Front ();
        q.Pop ();
        for (all vertices w adjacent to v)
            if (!visited [w]) {
                q.Push (w);
                visited[w] = true;
            }
    }
    delete [] visited;
}
```





# Concept of Connect Component

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- Determine whether a graph is **connected**
  - Call DFS or BFS and then determine if there is any unvisited vertex
- Find connected components in a graph
  - Make repeated calls to either DFS( $v$ ) or BFS( $v$ )
    - where  $v$  is a vertex that has not yet been visited



# Connect Components

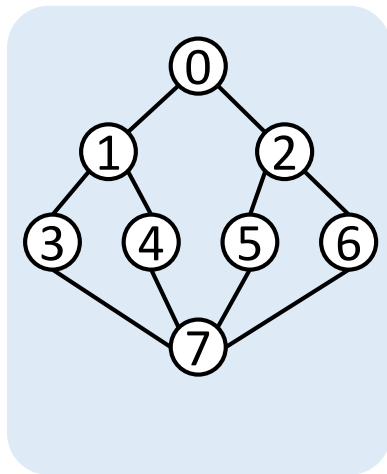
```
virtual void Graph::Components()
{
    visited = new bool [n];
    fill (visited, visited + n, false);
    for (i = 0 ; i < n ; i++){
        if (!visited[i]) {
            DFS(i); // find the component containing i
            OutputNewComponent ();
        }
    }
    delete [] visited;
}
```



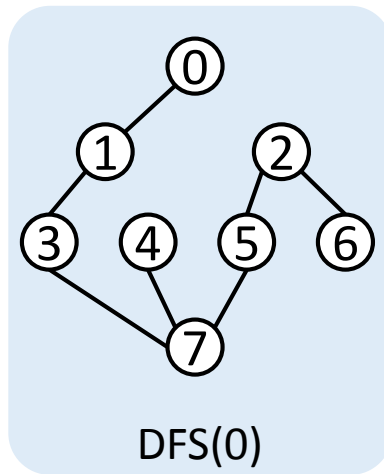


# Concept of Spanning Tree

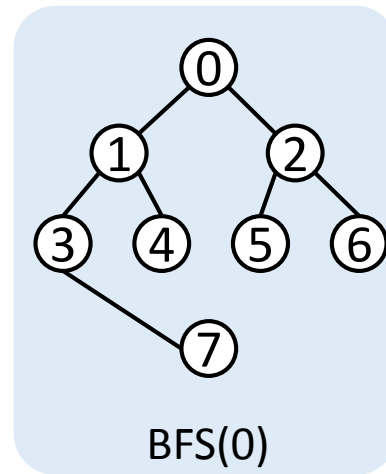
- Any tree consisting solely of edges in  $G$  and including all vertices in  $G$  is called a **spanning tree**
  - Tree is a **connected** graph **without loops**
  - Graph has multiple spanning trees
  - **Traversing** a graph can produce a spanning tree
    - **Depth-first spanning trees** or **breadth-first spanning trees**



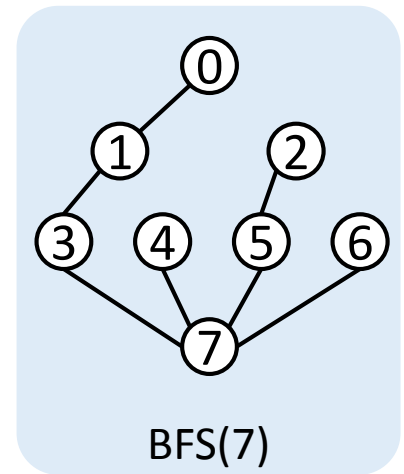
$G$



DFS(0)

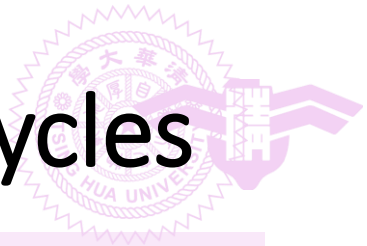


BFS(0)



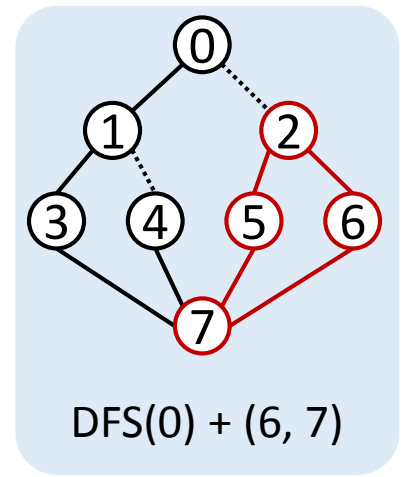
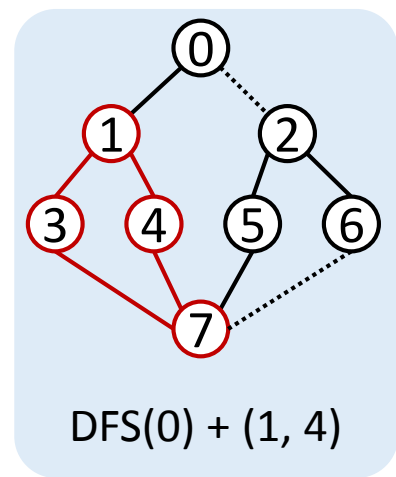
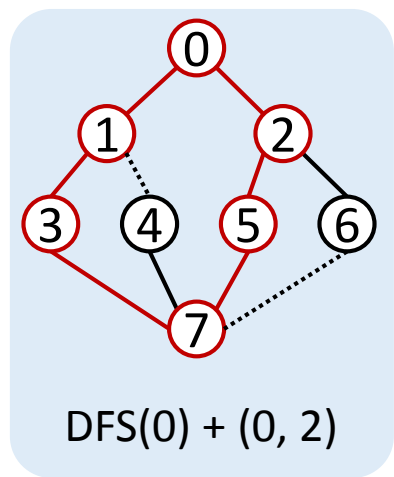
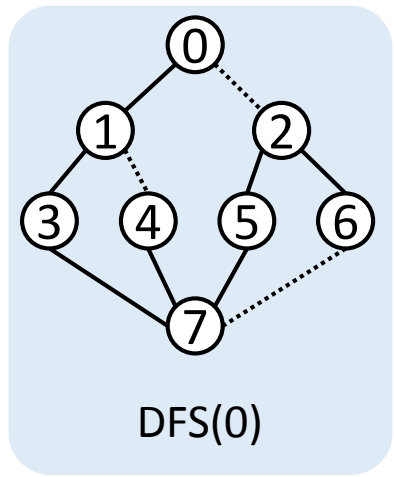
BFS(7)

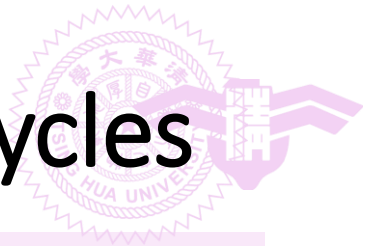
Some spanning trees of  $G$



# Spanning Tree $\rightarrow$ Independent Cycles

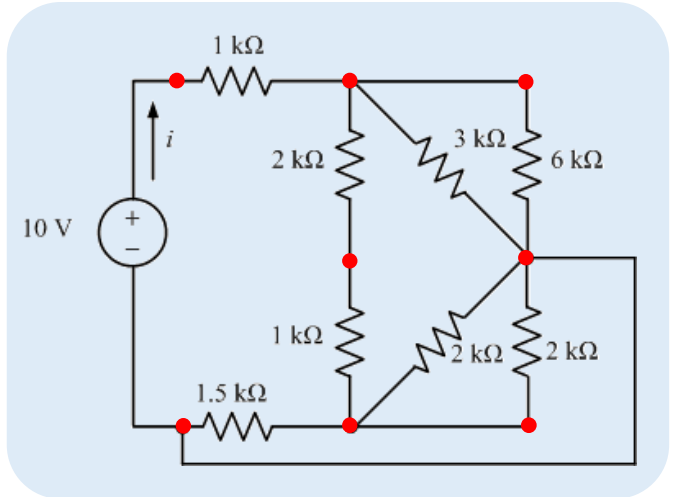
- Introducing a nontree edge  $(v, w)$  into a spanning tree produces a cycle
- These cycles are independent
  - Each introduced nontree edge is not contained in any other cycle
  - We cannot obtain any of these cycles by taking a linear combination of the remaining cycles
  - $(\# \text{ of independent cycles}) = (\# \text{ edges}) - (\# \text{ vertices} - 1)$



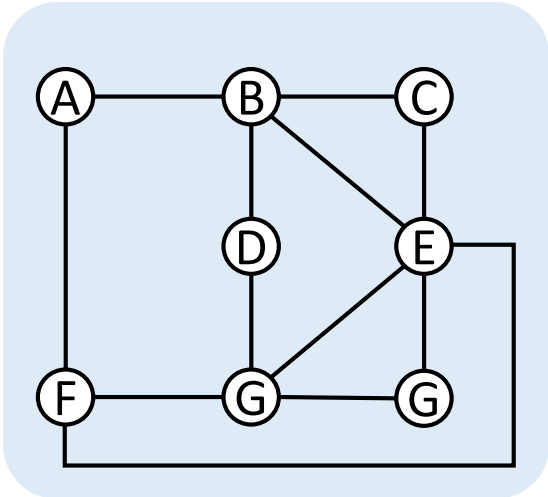


# Spanning Tree $\rightarrow$ Independent Cycles

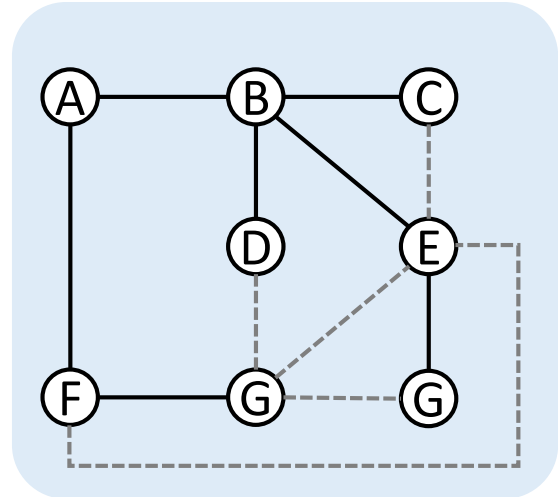
- Producing independent Kirchhoff's voltage equations of an electrical circuit network



Circuit



Graph



BFS(A)

- Equations:
- $V_{BC} + V_{CE} + V_{EB} = 0$
  - $V_{AB} + V_{BD} + V_{DG} + V_{GF} + V_{FA} = 0$
  - ...



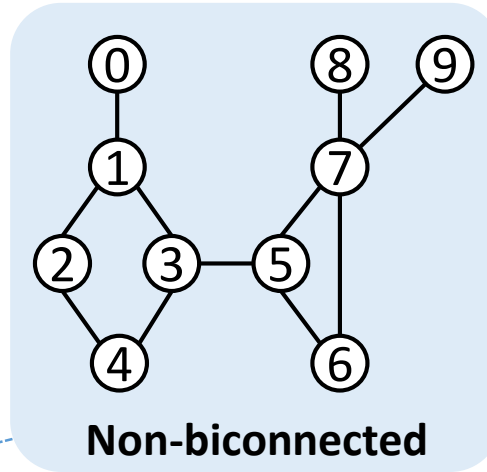
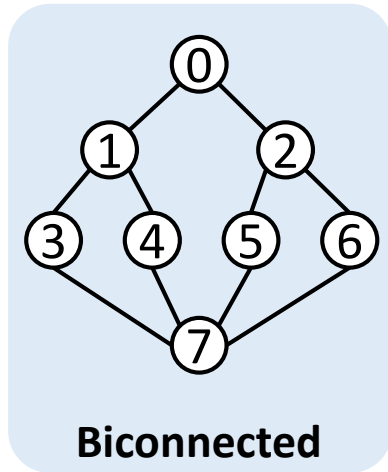
# Biconnected Components

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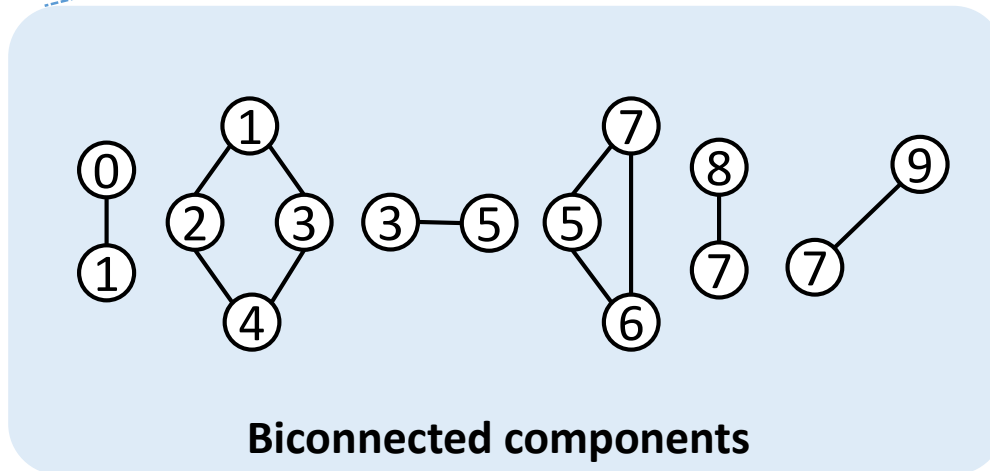
- A vertex  $v$  of undirected, connected graph  $G$  is an **articulation (關節) point** iff
  - Deleting  $v$  and all edges incident to  $v$  makes  $G$  disconnected
- A **biconnected graph** is a connected graph with **no articulation points**
  - No single point of failure
  - A desired property for, say, a communication network
- A **biconnected component** is a **maximal biconnected subgraph**




# Biconnected Components



Vertices 1, 3, 5, 7 are articulation points

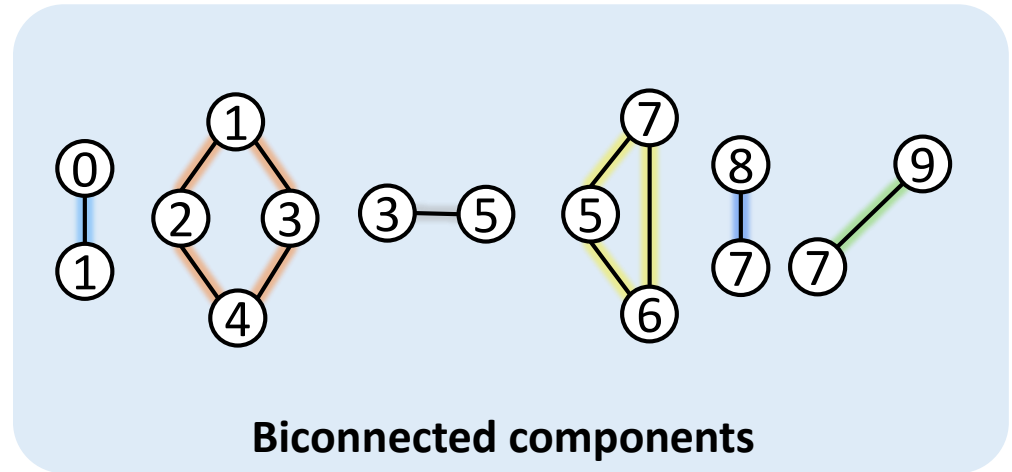
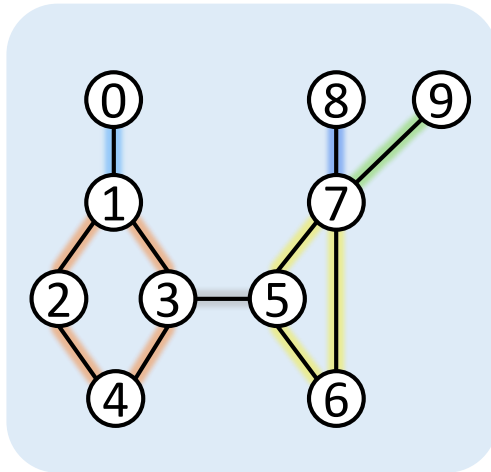


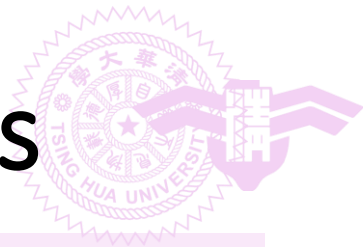
 This is not a biconnected component because it is not **maximal**



# Biconnected Components

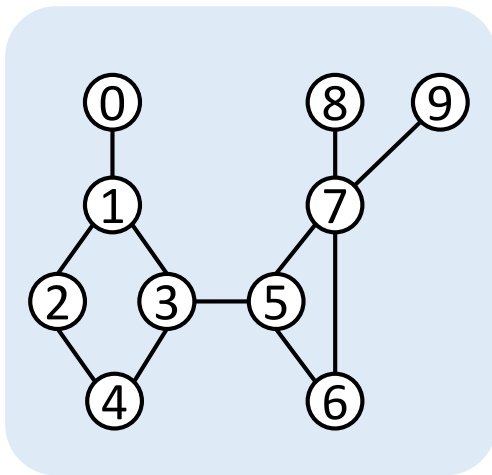
- A biconnected graph has just one biconnected component: the whole graph
- Two biconnected components of the same graph can have **at most one common vertex**
  - Therefore, no edges can be in two or more biconnected components
- Biconnected components of  $G$  partition the edges of  $G$



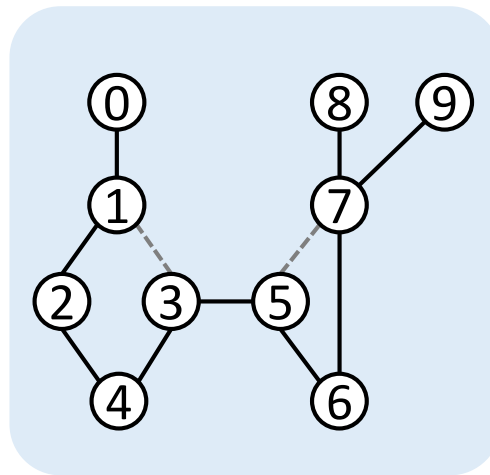


# Find Biconnected Components

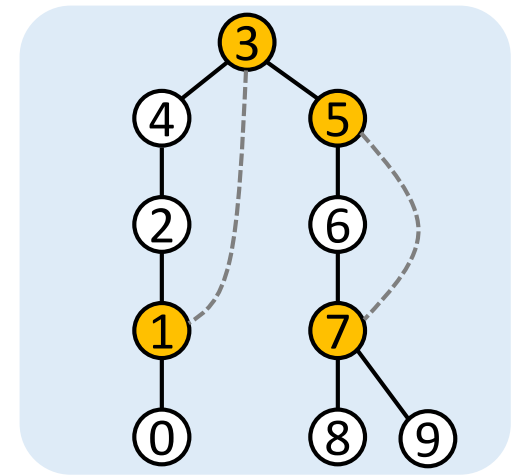
- Depth-first spanning tree can be used to find articulation points, which indicate biconnected components



Graph



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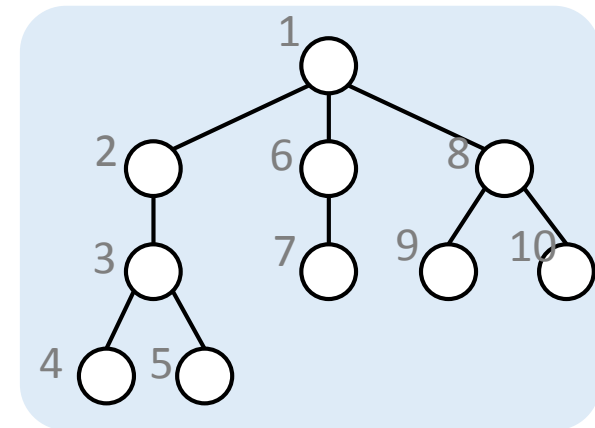
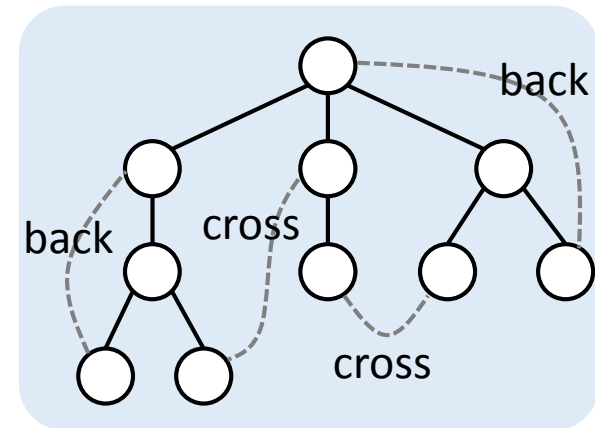


DFS(3) spanning tree  
(shaded vertices are articulation points)  
(We can pick any vertex as the root and find the same articulation points)



# Depth-First Spanning Trees of Graphs

- Nontree edges
  - **Back edge**
    - A nontree edge  $(u, v)$  in which either  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$  or  $v$  an ancestor of  $u$
  - **Cross edge**
    - A nontree edge that is not a back edge
- From the definition of DFS, a graph has **no cross edges** with respect to its depth-first spanning trees
- **Depth-first number, dfn,**
  - The sequence in which the vertices are visited during the DFS

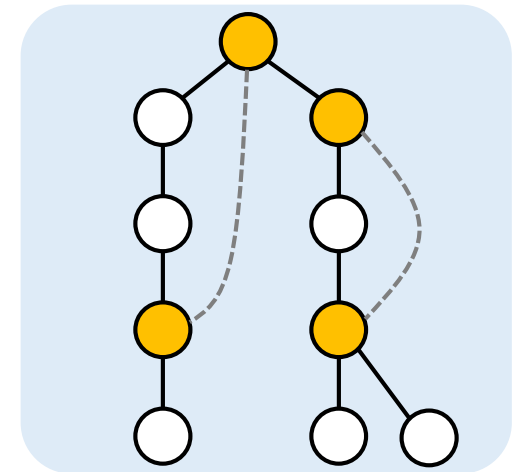






# Identifying Articulation Points

- Analyzing any **depth-first spanning tree** of the graph
  - Leaf
    - Cannot be an articulation point
  - Root
    - Is an articulation point iff it has  $\geq 2$  children
    - since there are no cross edges among the root's subtrees
  - Other (non-root ,non-leaf) vertex,  $u$ 
    - Is an articulation point iff  $u$ 's ancestors lacks a non-tree edge to any of  $u$ 's subtrees
    - Without the non-tree edge,  $u$  separates the ancestors from the subtrees



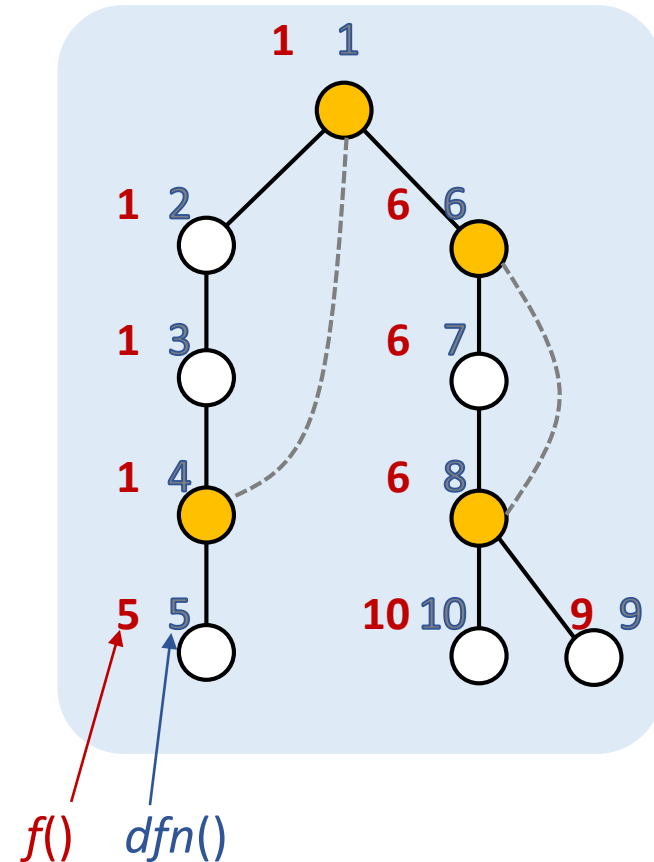
# Algorithm

- Technique

- Find the **lowest** reachable ancestor through descendants and one back edge
- Define  $f(w)$  for a vertex  $w$  as the minimum of the following values
  - $dfn(w)$
  - $dfn(x \mid (w,x) \text{ is a nontree edge})$
  - $f(w\text{'s children})$

- $f(w)$

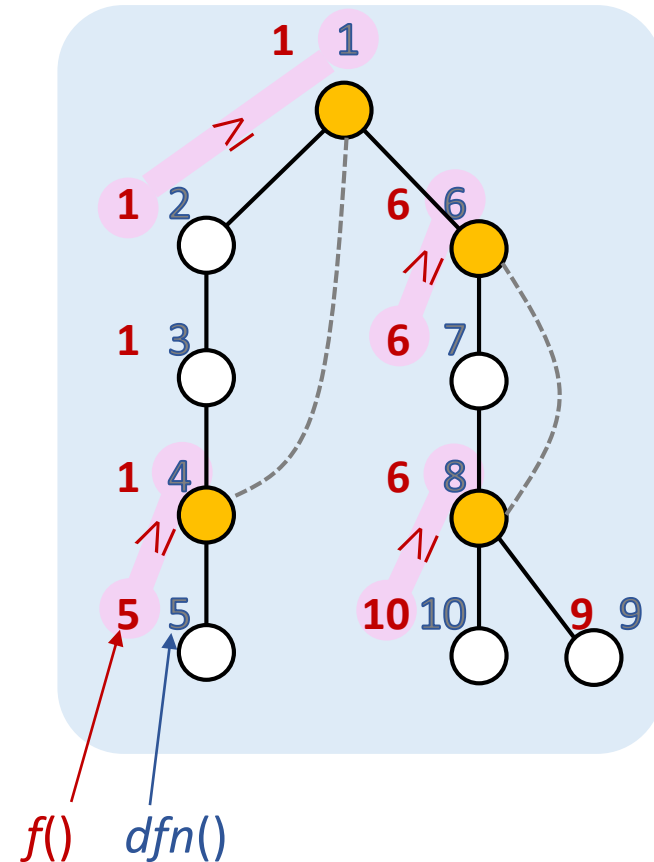
- 由 root 出發到  $w$ ，替代路徑出發點的深度
- 若  $f(w) = dfn(w)$  代表無替代路徑





# Algorithm

- $u$  has any child  $w$  such that  $f(w) \geq dfn(u)$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  由 root 出發到達  $w$  必經過  $u$ ，沒有替代的 non-tree edge
  - $\rightarrow u$  is an **articulation point**
- In the textbook,  $f()$  is called as ***low()***



# Computing dfn, low, and Outputting Biconnected Components

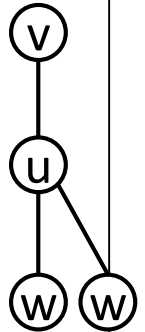


```
virtual void Graph::Biconnected()
{
    num = 1;           // num is an int data member of Graph
    dfn = new int[n]; // dfn is declared as int* in Graph
    low = new int[n]; // low is declared as int* in Graph
    fill(dfn, dfn + n, 0);
    fill(low, low + n, 0);
    rBiconnected(0, -1);
    delete [] dfn;
    delete [] low;
}
```

# Computing dfn, low, and Outputting Biconnected Components



```
void Graph::rBiconnected (const int u, const int v)
{
    dfn[u] = low[u] = num++;
    for (each vertex w adjacent from u){ // (u, w)
        if ((v != w) && (dfn[w] < dfn[u]))
            add (u, w) into stack s;
        if (dfn[w] == 0) { // w is an unvisited vertex, a child
            rBiconnected(w, u);
            low[u] = min(low[u], low[w]);
            if (low[w] >= dfn[u]) { // u is an articulation point
                cout << "New Biconnected Component:" << endl;
                do {
                    delete an edge from the stack s;
                    let this edge be (x, y);
                    cout << x << "," << y << endl;
                } while ( (x, y) and (u, w) are not the same edge)
            }
        }
        else if (w != v)
            low[u] = min(low[u], dfn[w]); // back edge
    }
}
```





# Outline

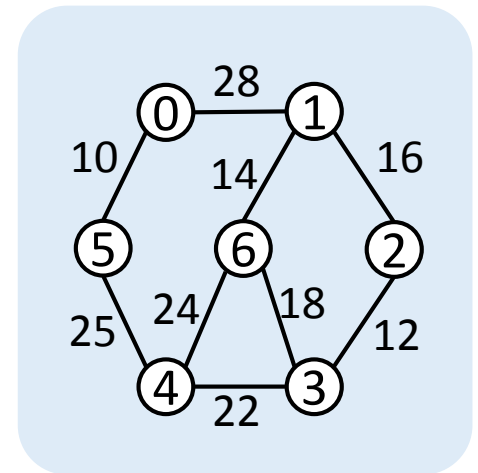
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# Minimum-Cost Spanning Trees (MSTs)

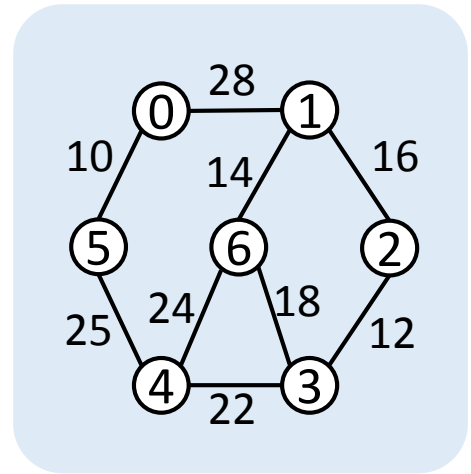
- An graph can have many spanning trees
- For a weighted, connected, and undirected graph
  - We define the **cost** of a spanning tree is the sum of the weights of the edges in the spanning tree
- We may want to **minimize the cost**
  - Possible applications: road construction, circuit layout, internet routing



# Minimum-Cost Spanning Trees



- Three **greedy** methods
  - Kruskal's
  - Prim's
  - Sollin's
- In a greedy method, we construct an optimal solution in stages
  - At each stage, we make the best decision possible at the time
    - (e.g., the least-cost edge is chosen for building a minimum-cost spanning tree)
  - We do not change this decision later
- Greedy strategy can lead to MST construction







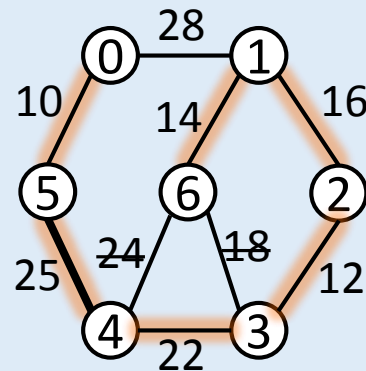
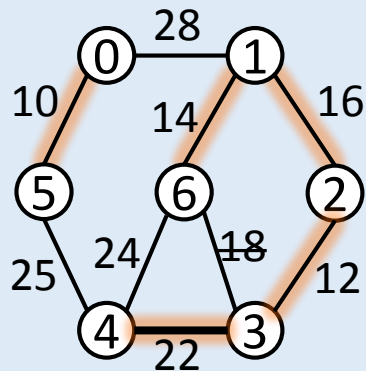
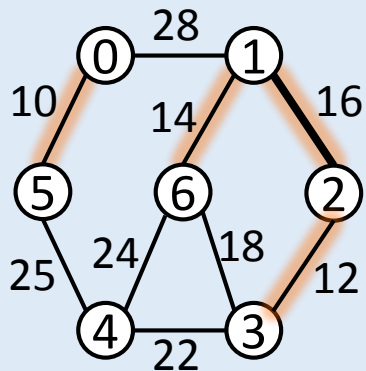
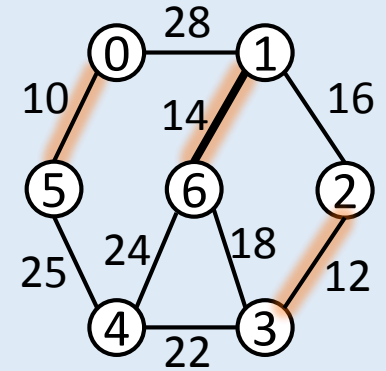
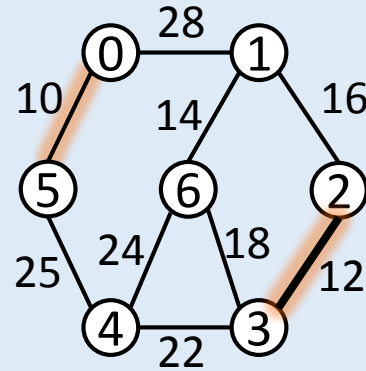
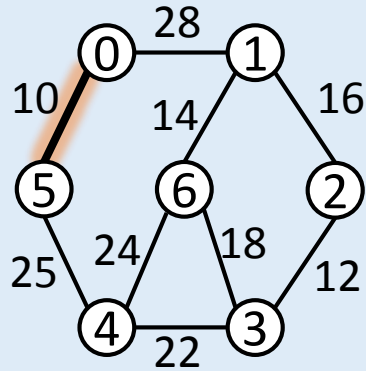
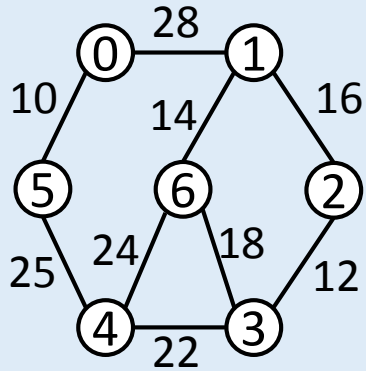
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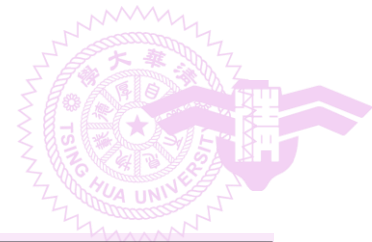
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- Create an empty graph,  $T$
- Sort edges according to weights
- Add edges to  $T$  one at a time
  - The **least-cost** edge that **does not form a cycle** with  $T$ 's edges
- Exactly  $n-1$  edges are added, where  $n$  is the number of vertices



# Kruskal's Example





# Kruskal's Algorithm

```
T =  $\emptyset$ ;  
while ( ( T contains less than n-1 edges) &&  
        (E is not empty) ) {  
    choose an edge (v, w) from E of lowest cost;  
    delete (v, w) from E;  
    if ( v and w belong to diff. sets){ // no loop  
        add (v, w) to T;  
        merge v's and w's sets;  
    }else{  
        discard (v, w);  
    }  
}  
if ( T contains fewer than n-1 edges)  
    cout << "no spanning tree" << endl;
```



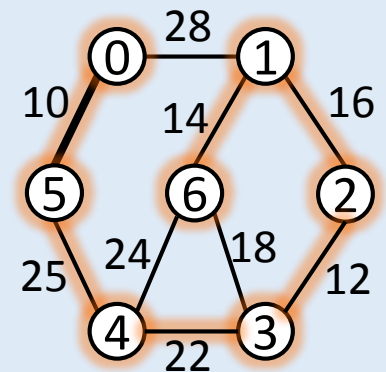
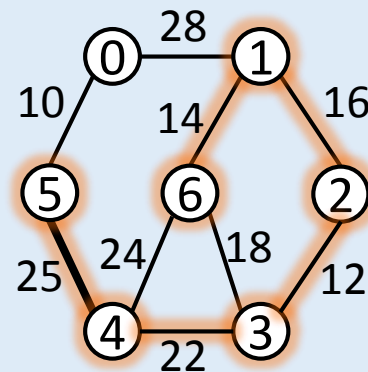
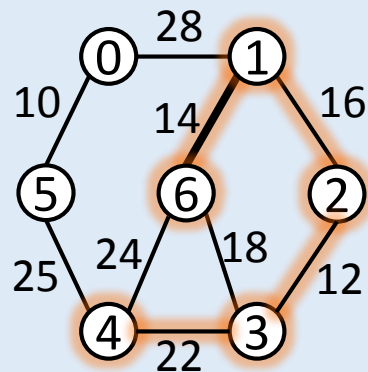
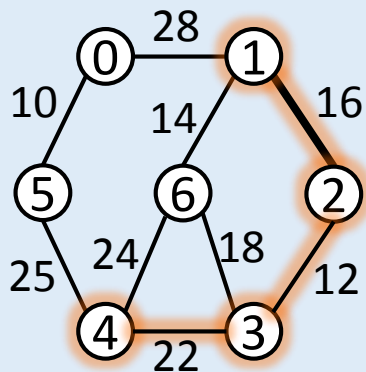
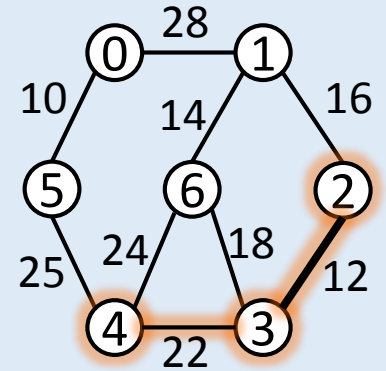
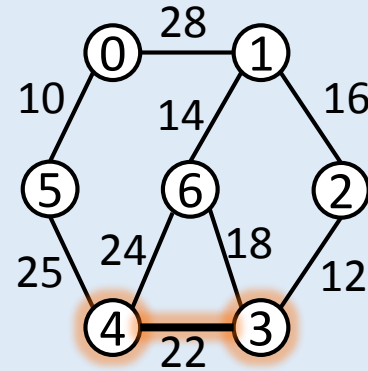
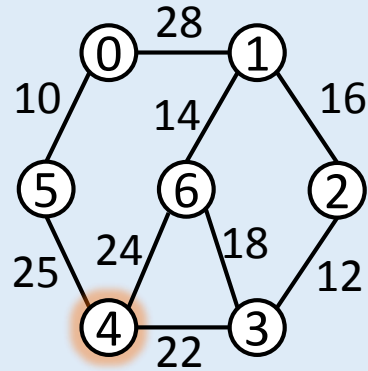
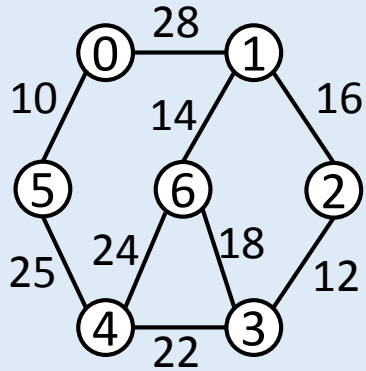
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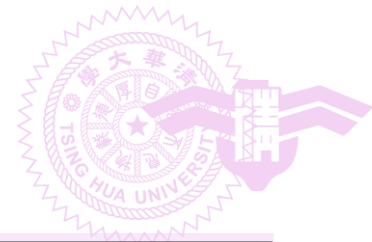
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- Begin with an empty tree,  $T$
- Sort edges according to weights
- Add to  $T$  any **vertex** of the graph
- Add **vertices** to  $T$  one at a time
  - The vertex is adjacent to a vertex in  $T$
  - The vertex corresponds to the **least-cost** edge



# Prim's Example





# Prim's Algorithm

```
if (G has at least one vertex)
    cout << "no spanning tree" << endl;

TV = {0}; // start with vertex 0 and no edges
for (T =  $\emptyset$ ; T contains less than n-1 edges; add (u, v) to T)
{
    Let (u, v) be a least-cost edge with u in TV && v not in TV;
    if (there is no such edge)
        break;
    add v to TV;
}

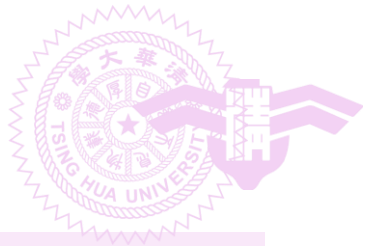
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    cout << "no spanning tree" << endl;
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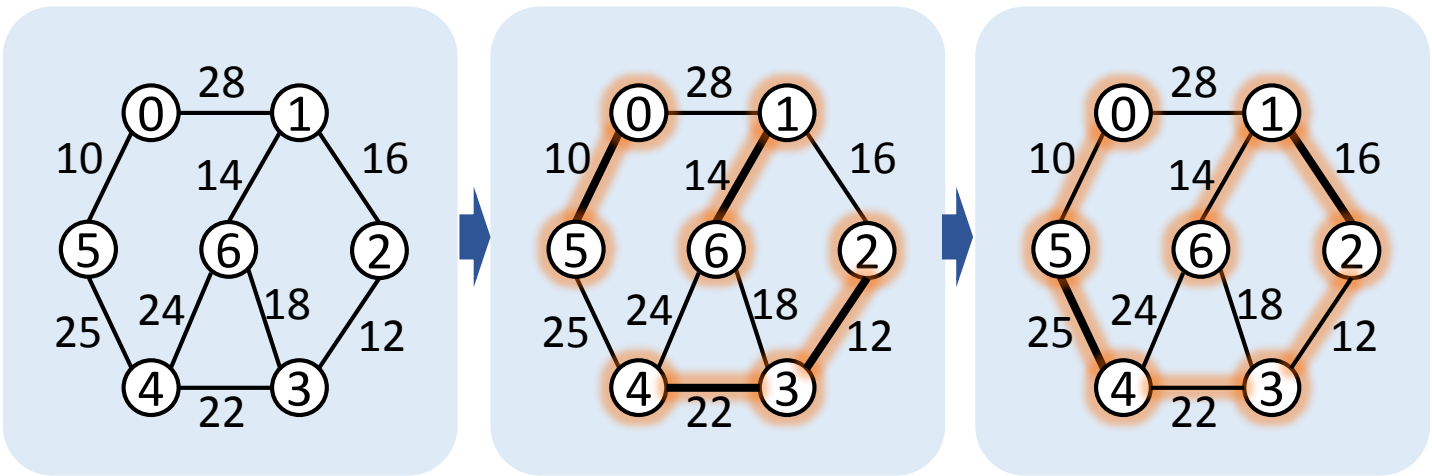
# Sollin's Algorithm

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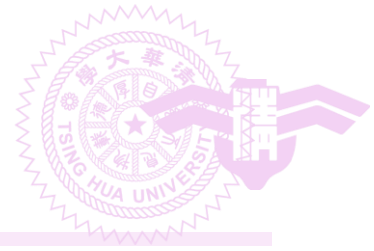
- Create  $n$  subgraphs, each subgraph having a single vertex
- Sort edges according to weights
- Add edges to each subgraph one at a time
  - The **least-cost** edge that **does not form a cycle** with each subgraph 's edges
  - Duplicate edges are discarded
- A total of exactly  $n-1$  edges are added, where  $n$  is the number of vertices



# Sollin's Example







# Outline

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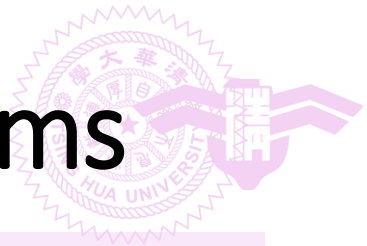
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# Shortest Path Problem

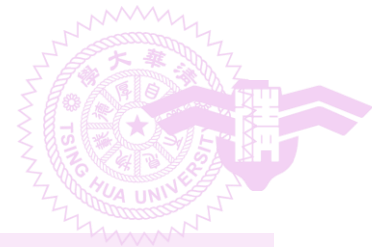
- Let's consider a GPS device using **graph** data structures to represent the highway structures of a state
  - **Vertices** representing **cities**
  - **Edges** representing **sections of highway**
  - **Edge weights** representing **lengths** of the highway sections
- Important questions
  - Is there a path from A to B
  - What is the **shortest path** from A to B





# Various Flavors of Path Problems

- Edge costs
    - **Non-negative** costs (e.g., traveling distance, spent time)
    - General costs (e.g., spent/obtained fuels)
  - Number of sources and destinations
    - Single source single destination
    - Single source all destinations
    - All sources single destination
    - All pairs
  - Textbook covers
    - Single source all destinations
    - All pairs
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Single source all destinations} \\ \text{All pairs} \end{array} \right\} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Non-negative costs} \\ \text{General costs} \end{array} \right.$



# Comparisons

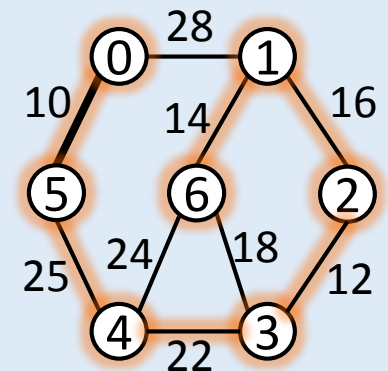
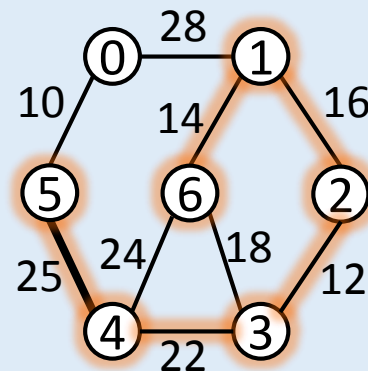
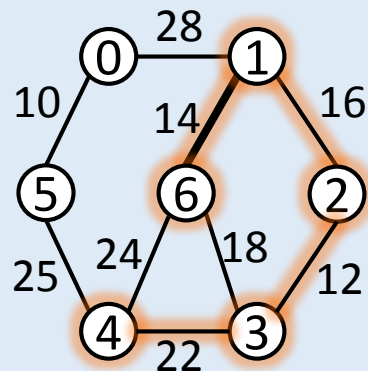
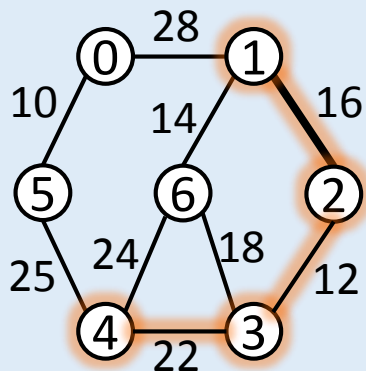
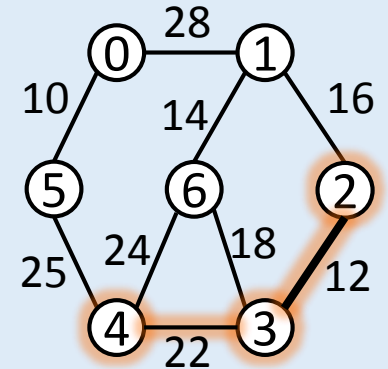
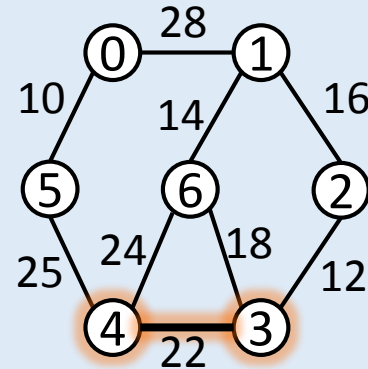
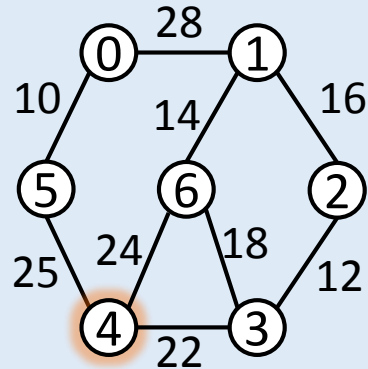
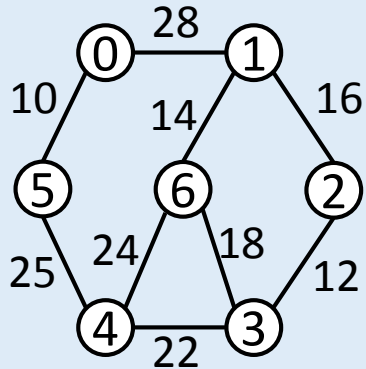
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- Prim's (for MST)
  - Dijkstra's (for shortest paths)
- } Strategy: greedy

- Bellman-Ford (for shortest paths)
  - All pairs (for shortest paths)
- } Strategy: table

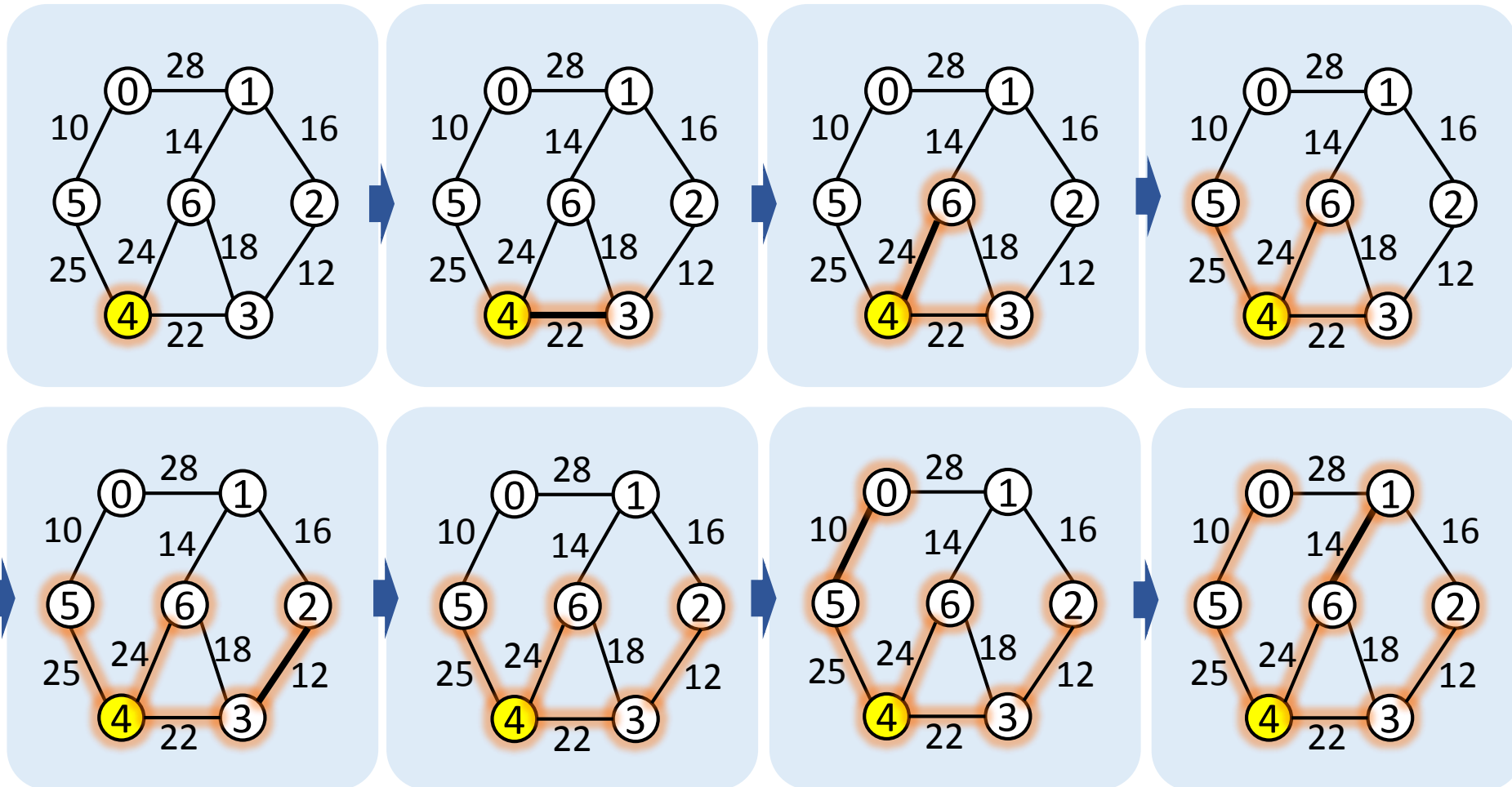


# Prim's Example





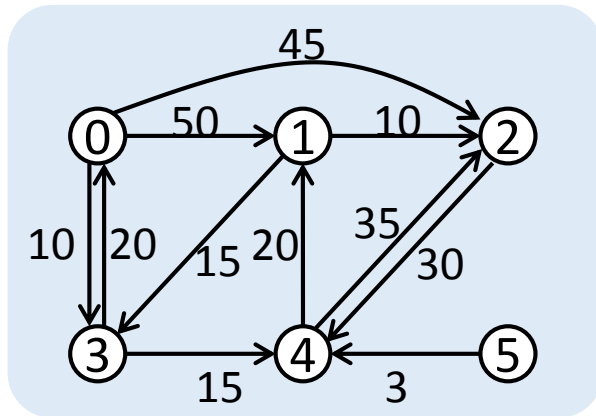
# Dijkstra's Example





# Single Source, All Destinations, and Nonnegative Costs

- Input
  - A directed graph  $G = (V, E)$
  - $\text{Length}(i, j)$  for the edges of  $G$
  - A source vertex  $v$
- Output
  - Determine a shortest path from  $v$  to each of the remaining vertices of  $G$  **in non-decreasing length order**



Graph



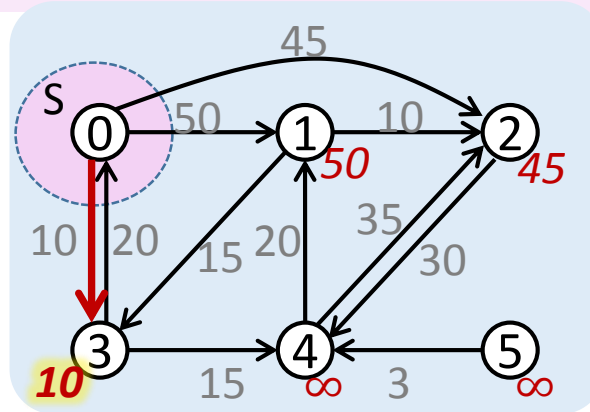
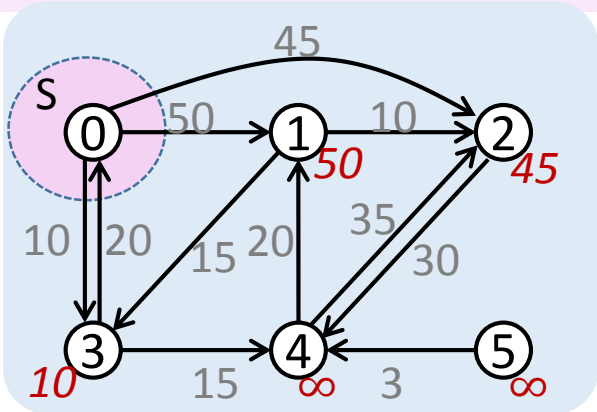
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0, 3, 4	25
0, 3, 4, 1	45
0, 2	45

All-destinations shortest path from 0

Non-decreasing

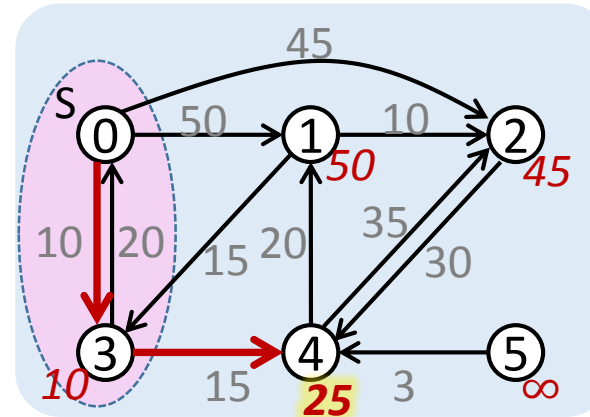
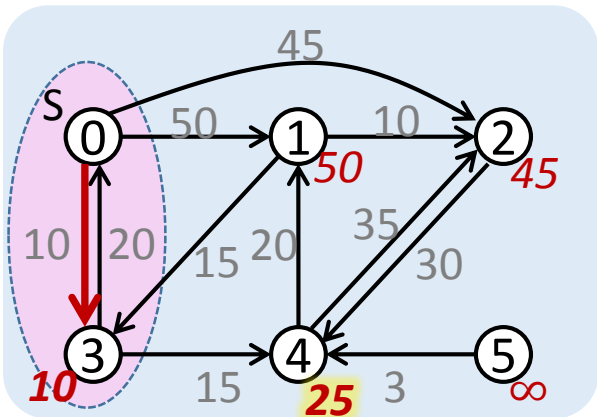


# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example



Path	Length
0, 3	10

Vertex 3 has the least-cost dist , i.e., 10.  
So, output the 0-3 path.

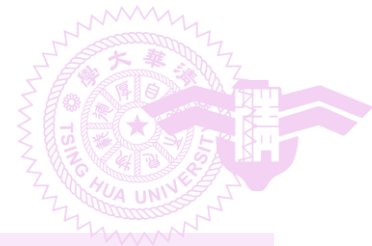


Path	Length
0, 3	10
0, 3, 4	25

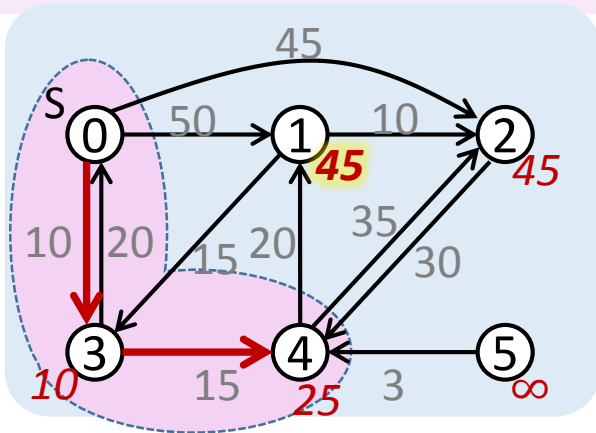
Include 3 in to S and update vertices adjacent from 3.

Vertex 4 has least-cost dist , i.e., 25.  
Output the 0-4 path.

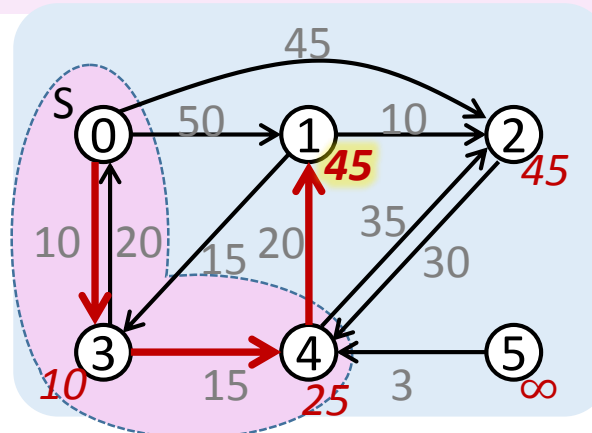




# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example

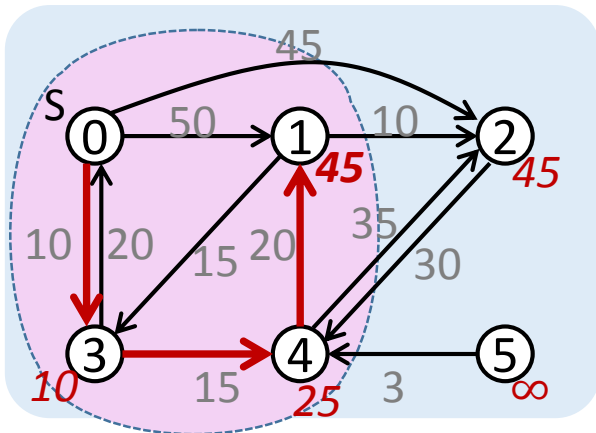


Include 4 in to S and update vertices adjacent from 4.

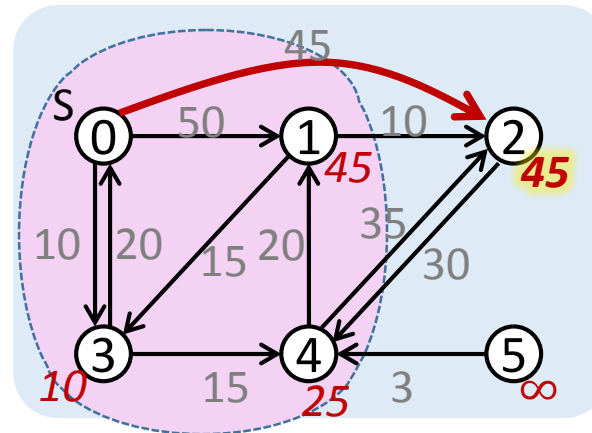


Both vertices 1 and 2 have the least-cost dist. Output one of them, e.g., 1.

Path	Length
0, 3	10
0, 3, 4	25
0, 3, 4, 1	45



Include 1 in to S and update vertices adjacent from 1.

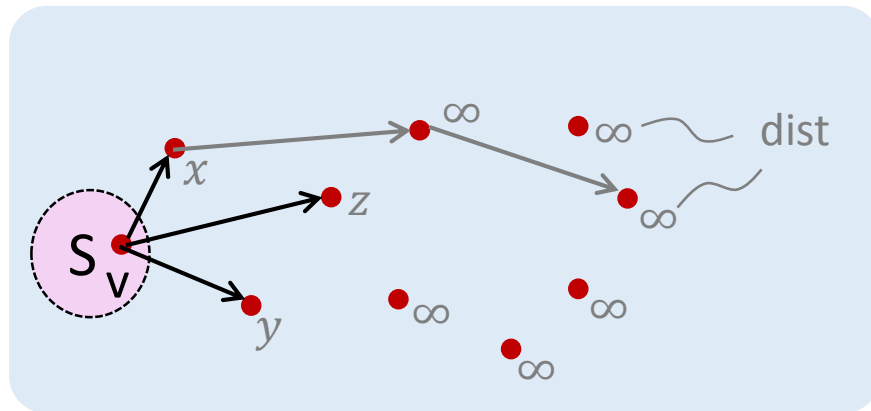


Include 1 in to S and update vertices adjacent from 1.

Path	Length
0, 3	10
0, 3, 4	25
0, 3, 4, 1	45
0, 2	45



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

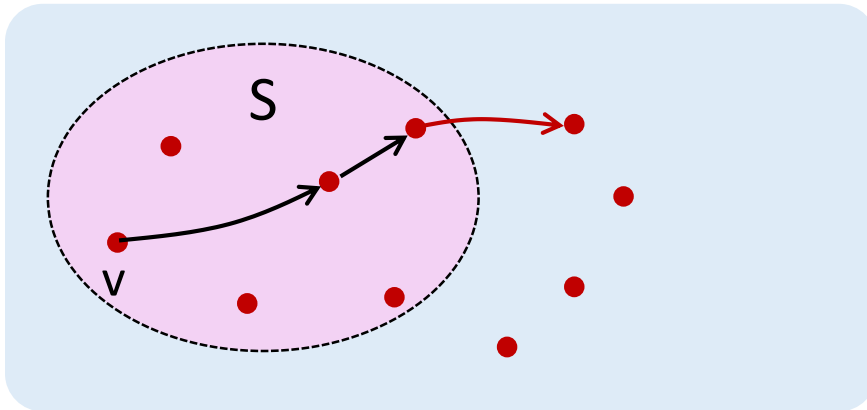


## Edsger W. Dijkstra

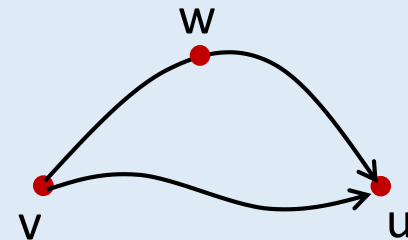
- Dutch computer scientist
- Turing award recipient
- "Dijkstra" pronounces similar to /dye-k-stla/

- **S**: A set of vertices to which the shortest paths have already been found
  - $S = \{v\}$  in the beginning
- **dist[u]**: Shortest distance from  $v$ , through vertices in  $S$ , to a vertex  $u$  not in  $S$ 
  - $\langle v, u \rangle$  exists  $\rightarrow$   $\text{dist}[u] = \text{edge weight}$
  - $\langle v, u \rangle$  doesn't exist  $\rightarrow \text{dist}[u] = \infty$
  - $\text{dist}[v]$  is considered as 0

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

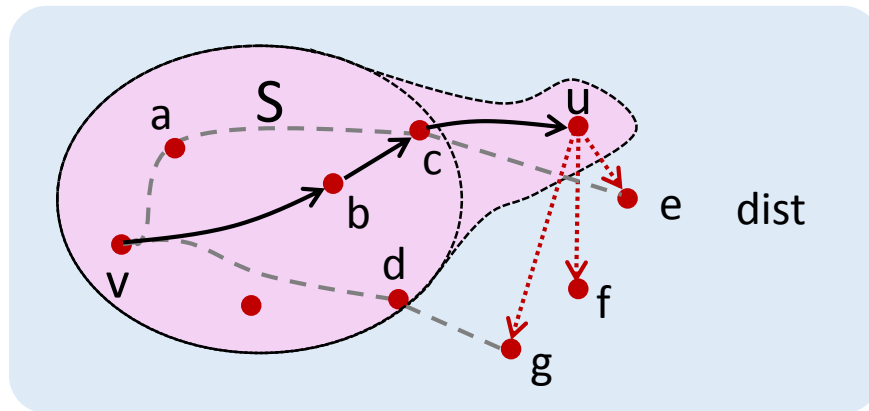


- When  $S$  contains  $n \geq 1$  vertices
- A next shortest path must contain only vertices in  $S$  plus the destination
  - There may be multiple equal-length shortest path. At least one of them is so



- Let  $u$  be the destination of a next shortest path
- Assume said path contains an intermediate vertex  $w$  not in  $S$ 
  - The length of the  $v$ - $w$  path is no greater than the  $v$ - $u$  path
  - $u$  should not be the destination of a next shortest path ( $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ )

# Dijkstra's Algorithm



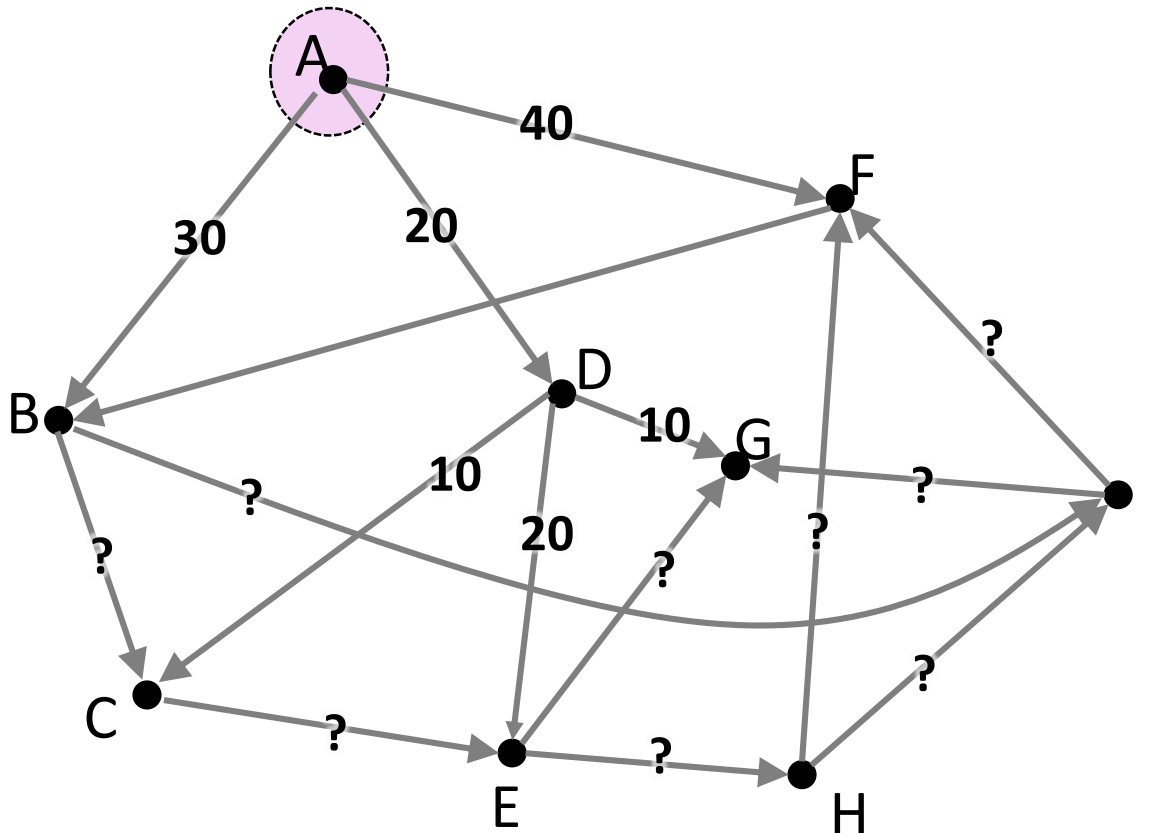
**dist[u]**: Shortest distance from  $v$ , through vertices in  $S$ , to a vertex  $u$  not in  $S$

- Greedy: among vertices not in  $S$ , find a vertex  $u$  with the lowest  $\text{dist}[]$ 
  - $u$  becomes a new member of  $S$
- Keep  $\text{dist}[]$  updated
  - $u$  may lower  $\text{dist}[]$  of vertices that are not in  $S$  and adjacent from  $u$
- The algorithm stops when  $S$  contains all  $n$  vertices



# Quick Questions

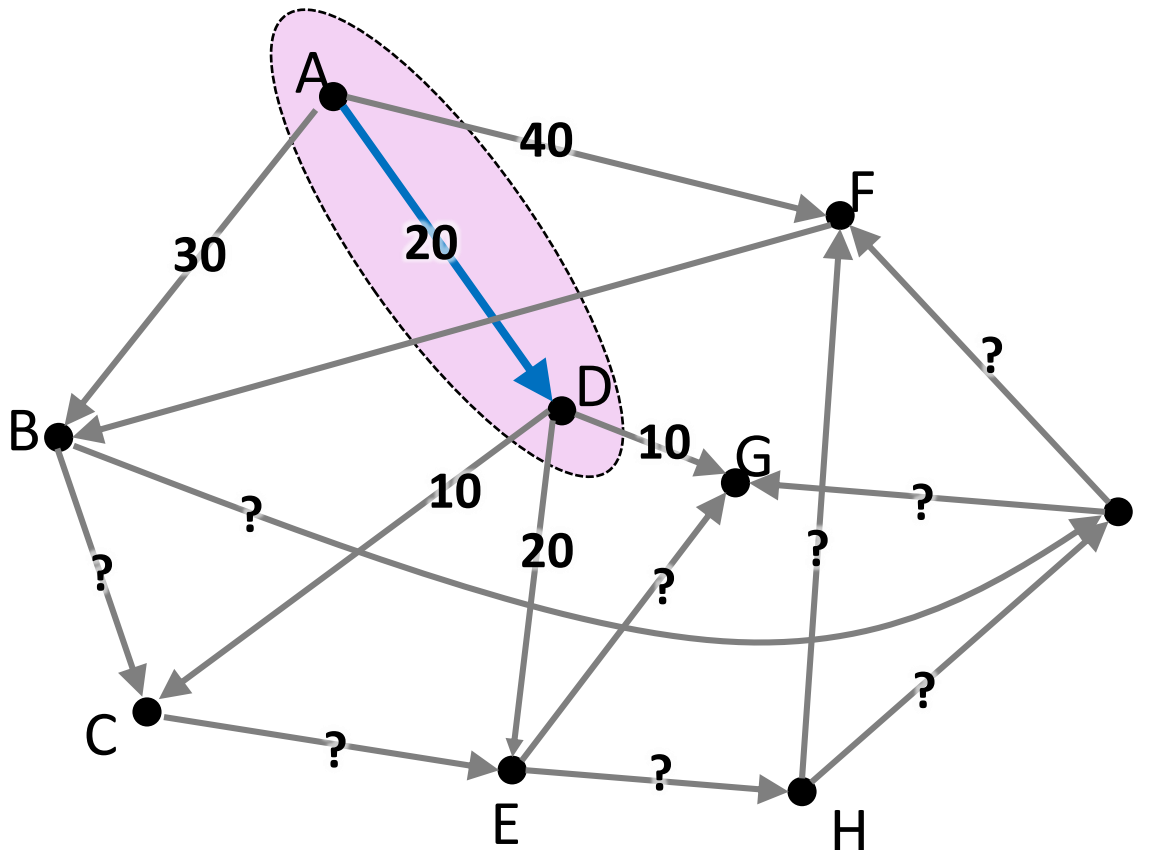
- Given a graph with non-negative weights, we want to find shortest paths starting from A.





# Quick Questions

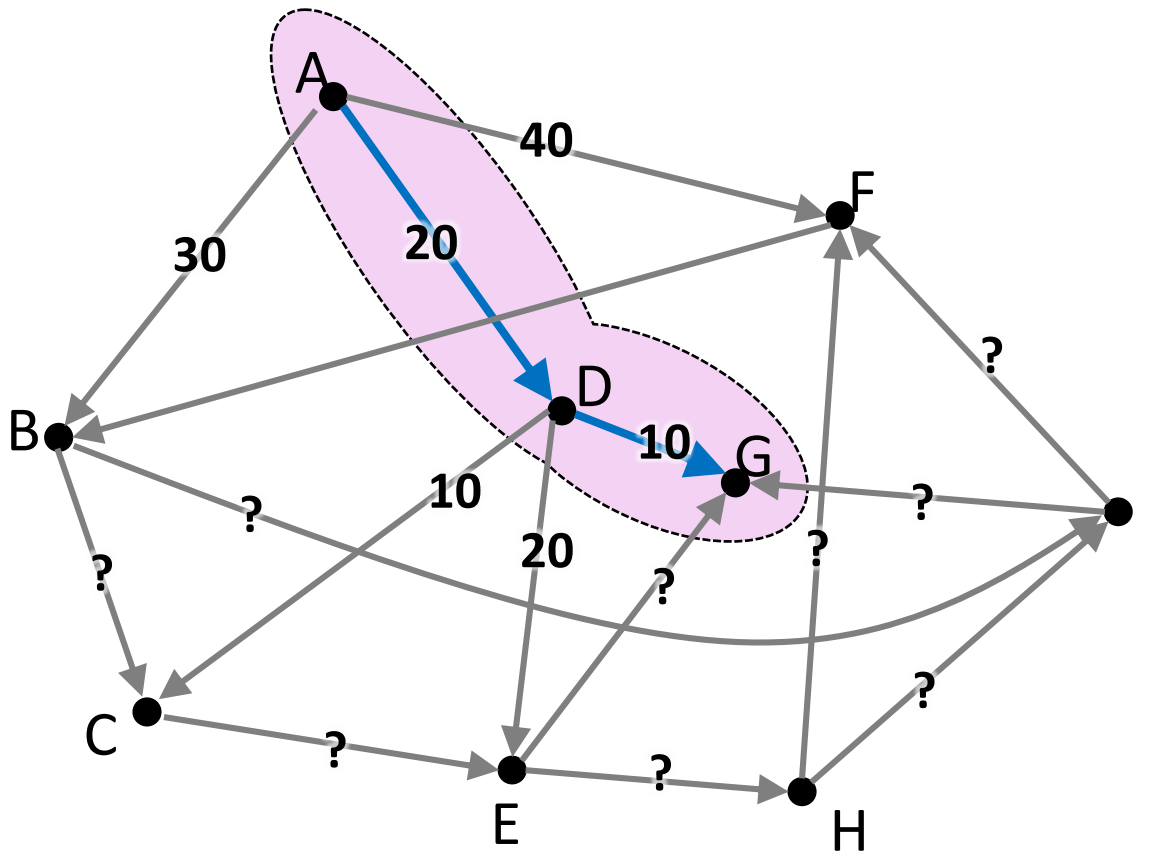
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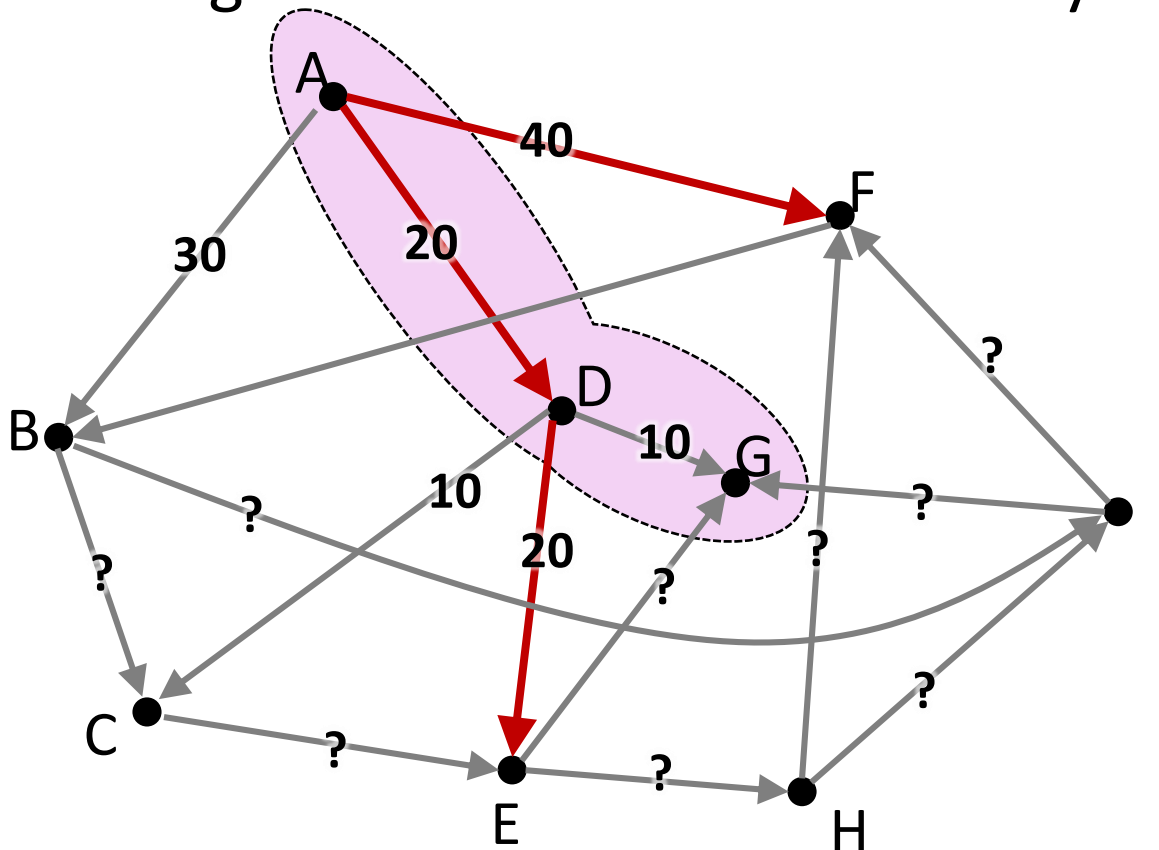
- A-D-G must be a shortest path. Why can we be so sure?





# Quick Questions

- Whether A-F, A-D-E are shortest paths depends on the edges with unknown cost. Why?

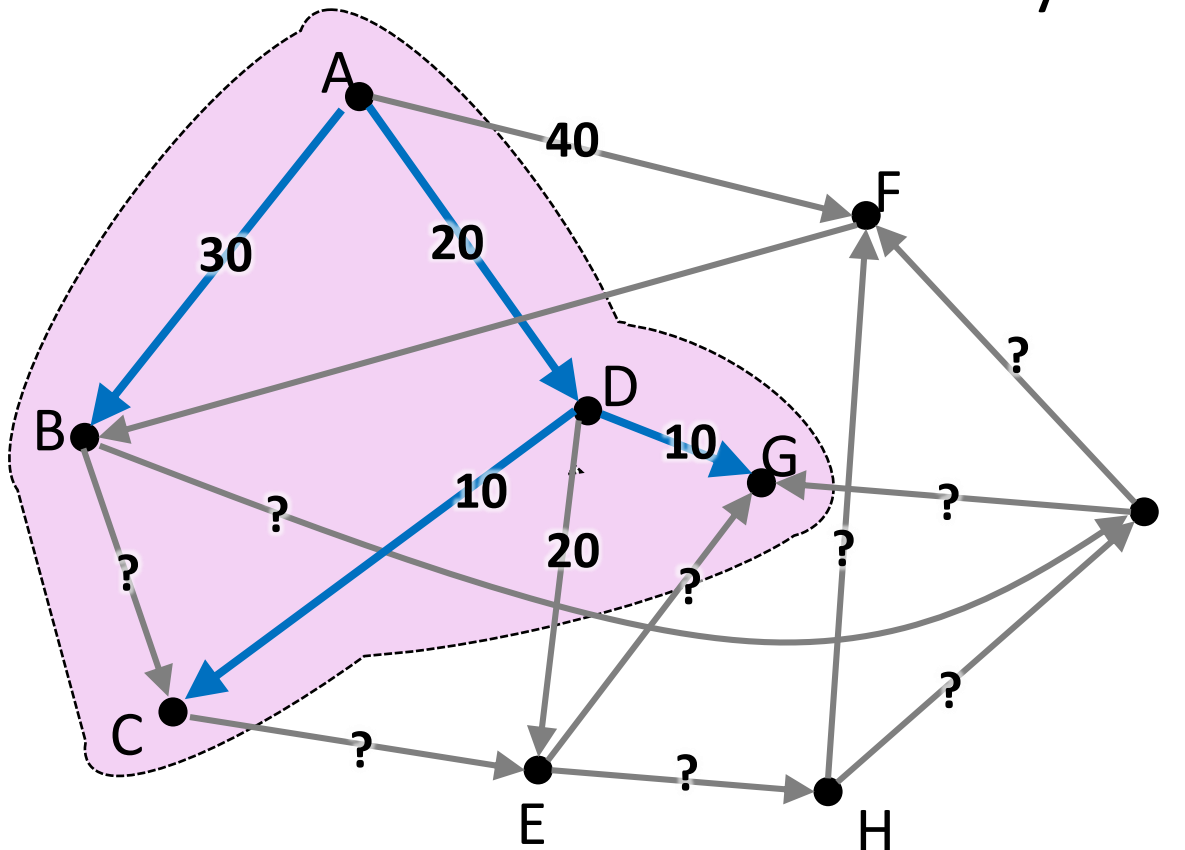






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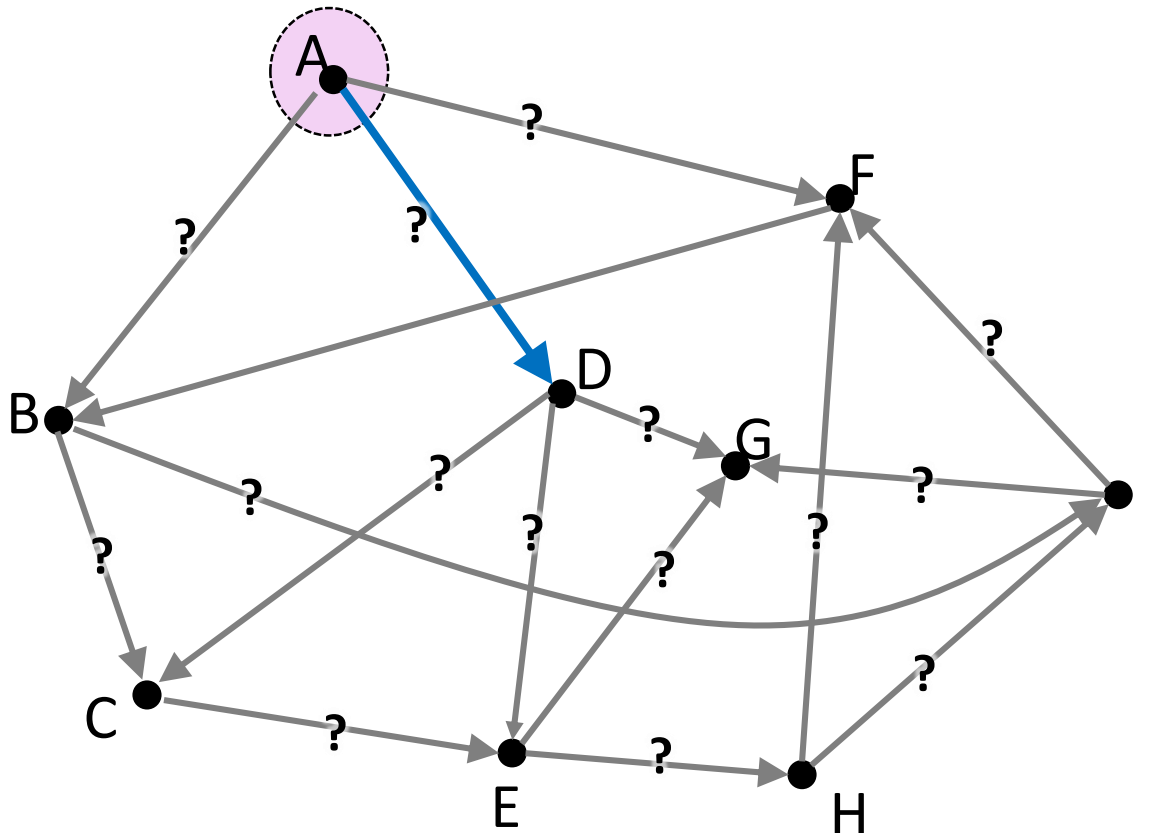
- Shortest paths from A to B, C, D, G are known, but that to others are unknown. Why?





# Quick Questions

- If the following table lists all the shortest paths from A, A-D edge cost must be 20. Why?



Destination	Cost
B	30
C	30
D	20
E	35
F	40
G	30
H	50
I	50



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

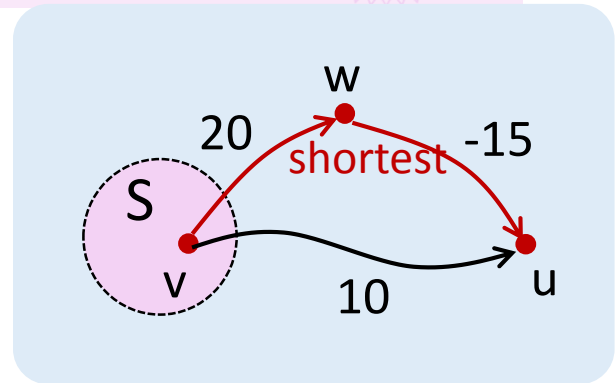
```
void MatrixWDigraph::ShortestPath(const int n, const int v)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++) { // initialization
        s[i] = false;           // the set, S
        dist[i] = length[v][i]; // dist[]
    }
    s[v] = true;
    dist[v] = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < n-1 ; i++) { // n-1 shortest paths from v
        choose u that is not in S and has smallest dist[u];
        s[u] = true; // u becomes a member of S
        for (each <u, w> in the graph) // update dist[w]
            if (!s[w] && (dist[u] + length[u][w]) < dist[w])
                dist[w] = dist[u] + length[u][w];
    }
}
```

"choosing the smallest dist[u]" is typically in  $O(n)$ .  
So, the overall complexity is  $O(n^2)$

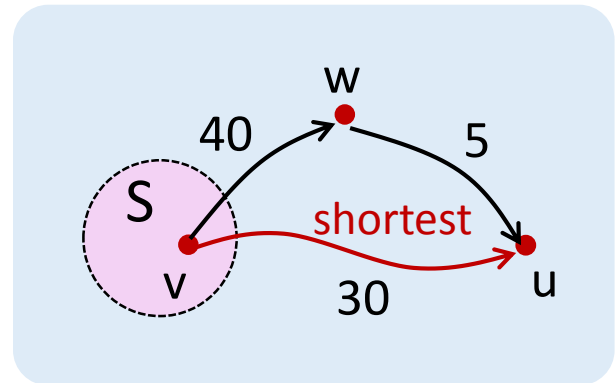


# Single Source, All Destinations, and General Costs

- All edge costs (positive, negative, zero) are permitted
  - A more general (also more difficult) problem
  - Dijkstra's greedy strategy does not work here
  
- Offsetting all edge costs does not help
  - Paths consist of different number of edges
  - Different offset amounts change the length order of paths



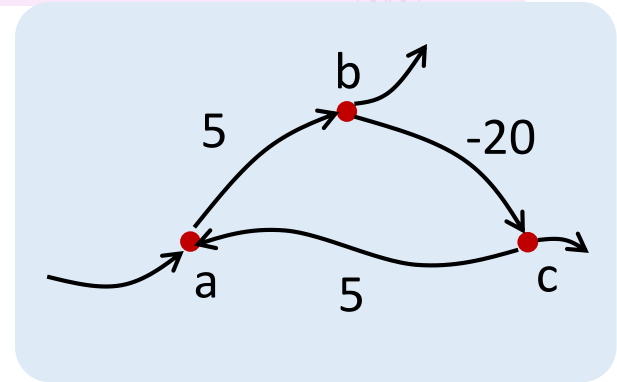
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# Single Source, All Destinations, and General Costs

- **Cycles with negative length** are not permitted
  - Otherwise, a cycle produces a path with  $-\infty$  cost
  - e.g., ... a-b-c - a-b-c- ...
- A shortest path **must exist** and has **at most  $n-1$  edges (i.e.,  $n$  vertices)**
  - Paths with more than  $n$  vertices must contain a cycle
    - Cycles do not lead to shorter paths
  - With at most  $n$  vertices, there are a finite number of possible paths
    - The shortest one must exist



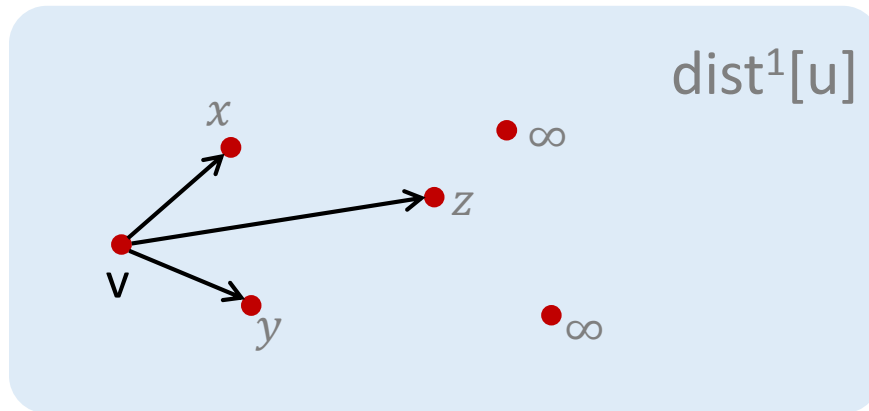


# Bellman-Ford Algorithm Concept

$dist^l[u]$	目標1	目標2	目標3	目標n-1
shortest path with #edge =1	這行可從edge cost直接得知			
shortest path with #edge $\leq 2$				↓
shortest path with #edge $\leq 3$				
...				
shortest path with #edge $\leq n-1$	這行是我們要的結果			
	#edge >n-1 的 path cost 並不會更低			



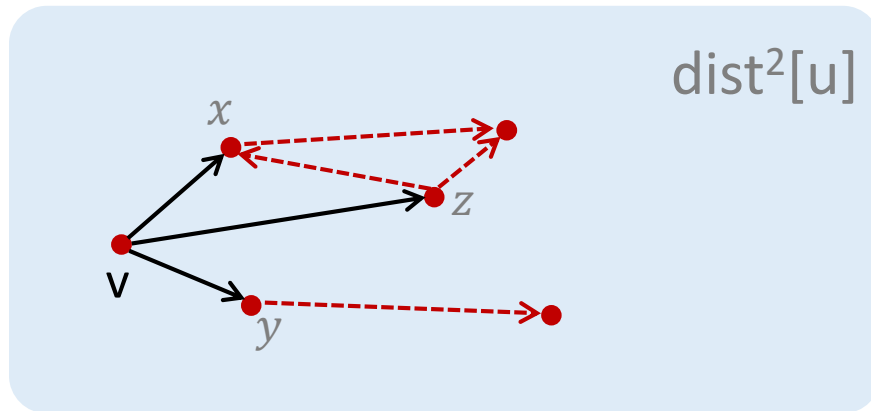
# Bellman-Ford Algorithm



- $\text{dist}^l[u]$ : Length of a shortest path from  $v$  to  $u$  with the number of edges  $\leq l$ 
  - $\text{dist}^1[u]$ 
    - = edge weight if  $\langle v, i \rangle$  exists
    - =  $\infty$  if  $\langle v, i \rangle$  doesn't exist
  - $\text{dist}^{n-1}[u]$  for all  $u$  is our needed results



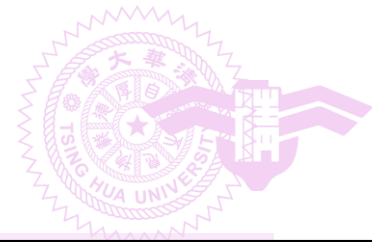
# Bellman-Ford Algorithm



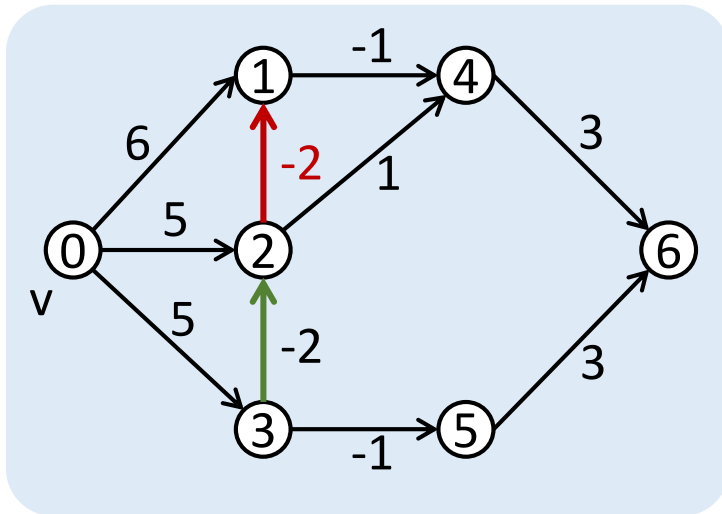
- $\text{dist}^2[x] = \min$  of
- $\text{dist}^1[x]$
  - $\text{dist}^1[z] + \text{cost}(z, x)$
  - $\text{dist}^1[y] + \text{cost}(y, x)$
  - $\text{dist}^1[\dots] + \text{cost}(\dots, x)$

- Calculate **dist**<sup>k</sup>[u] from **dist**<sup>k-1</sup>[u],  $k = 2 \sim (n-1)$ 
  - v-u shortest path with at most k edges,  $k > 1$ , **dist**<sup>k</sup>[u] is the minimum of
    - **dist**<sup>k-1</sup>[u]
    - (**dist**<sup>k-1</sup>[i] + length(<i, u>)) for all <i, u>



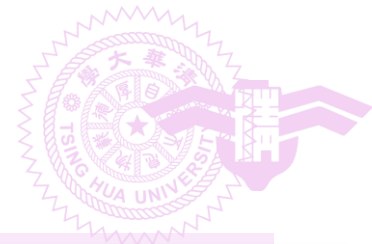


# Bellman-Ford Example



k	dist <sup>k</sup> [ ]						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	6	5	5	∞	∞	∞
2	0	3	3	5	5	4	∞
3	0	1	3	5	2	4	7
4	0	1	3	5	0	4	5
5	0	1	3	5	0	4	3
6	0	1	3	5	0	4	3

- Optimization
  - Updating **dist[]** in-place
    - Use only one array for **dist<sup>1</sup>[], dist<sup>2</sup>[]** ...

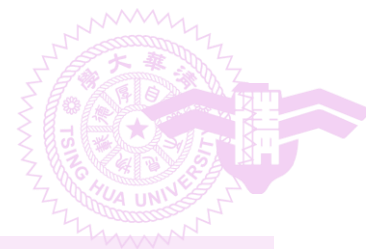


# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

```
void MatrixWDigraph::BellmanFord(const int v)
{ // n is the number of vertices
  // in-place update for dist[] is used
  for (int i = 0; i < n ; i++)
    dist[i] = length[v][i]; // dist1[] initialization

  for (int k = 2; i <= n-1 ; k++) // dist2 ~ dist(n-1)
    for (each u, u != v)
      for (each <i, u> in the graph)
        if (dist[u] > dist[i] + length[i][u])
          dist[u] = dist[i] + length[i][u];
}
```

- "for(each u)" and "for (each <i, u>)" together is  $O(n^2)$  for an adjacency matrix and is  $O(e)$  for an adjacency list.
- The overall complexity is  $O(n^3)$  for an adjacency matrix and is  $O(ne)$  for an adjacency list.



# All Pairs and General Costs

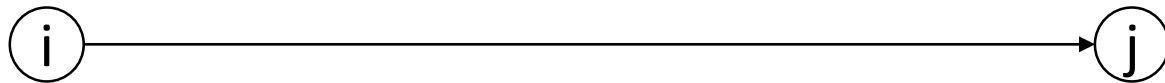
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- Viable approaches
  - Perform  $n$  Bellman-Ford algorithms
    - $O(n^4)$  if an adjacency matrix is used
    - $O(n^2e)$  if an adjacency list is used
- There is an  $O(n^3)$  all pair shortest path algorithm
  - Suitable for a dense graph with  $e$  being several folds of  $n$

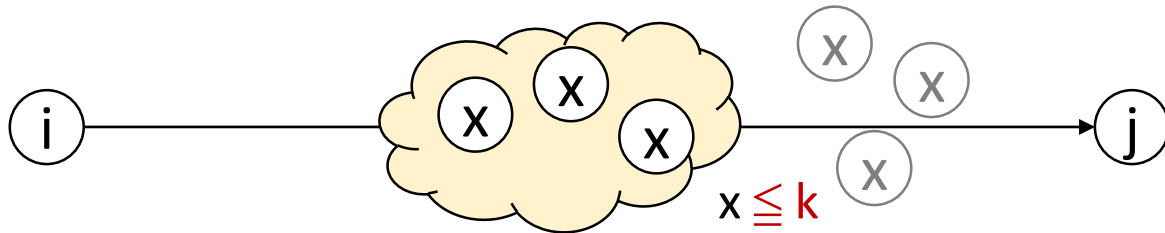


# All-Pair Shortest Path Algorithm Concept

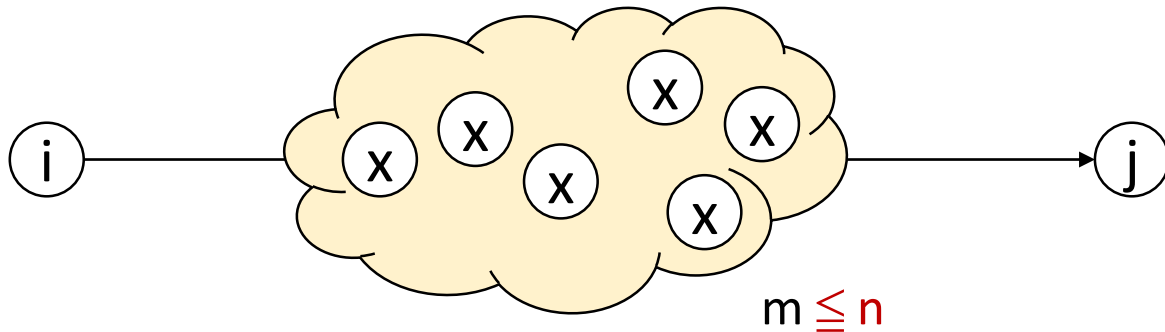
- For each (i, j) pair
  - Shortest path **without an** intermediate vertex

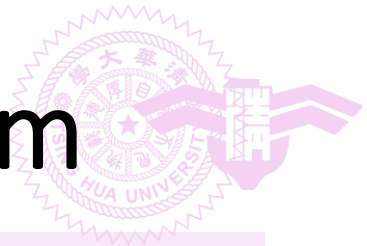


- Shortest path **with some restricted** intermediate vertices



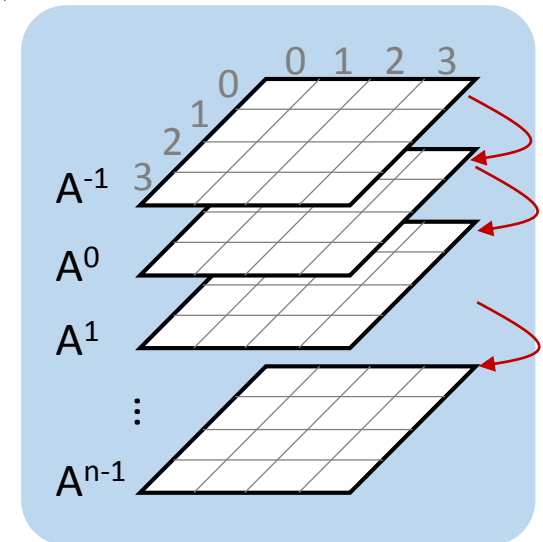
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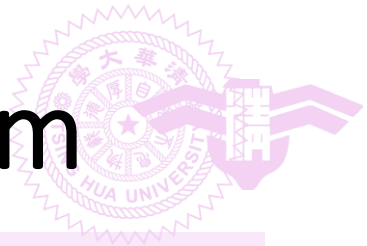




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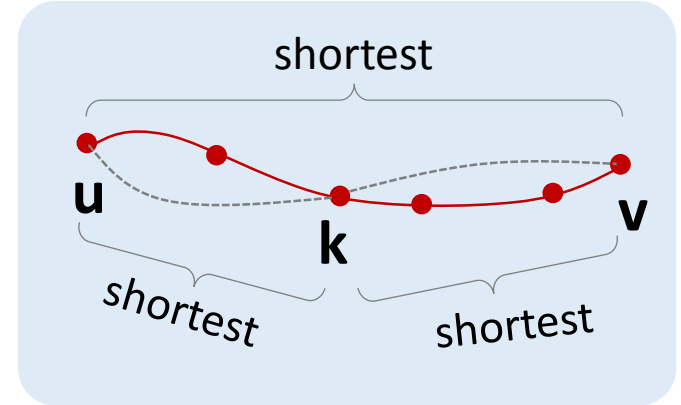
- Define  $A^k[i][j]$ 
  - length of the shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  going through no intermediate vertex of index greater than  $k$
  - $A^{-1}[i][j]$  is just the length of the edge  $\langle i, j \rangle$
  - $A^{n-1}[i][j]$  is our needed results
- Calculate  $A^k[i][j]$  based on  $A^{k-1}[i][j]$ 
  - $A^k[i][j]$  is the minimum of the following
    - $A^{k-1}[i][j]$
    - $A^{k-1}[i][k] + A^{k-1}[k][j]$





# All-Pair Shortest Path Algorithm

- Given
  - ShortestPathCost( $u, k$ )
  - ShortestPathCost( $k, v$ )
- If  $k$  is on a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ 
  - ShortestPathCost( $u, v$ )  
= ShortestPathCost( $u, k$ ) + ShortestPathCost( $k, v$ )
  - Proof: If there were another path,  $(u, k, v)'$ , with an even lower cost
    - Either Cost( $(u, k)'$ ) is  $<$  ShortestPath( $u, k$ ) or Cost( $(k, v)'$ ) is  $<$  ShortestPath( $k, v$ ), a contradiction

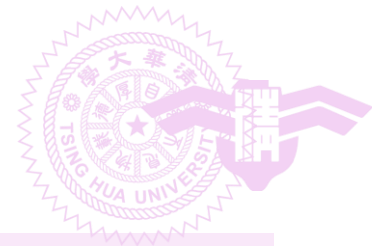




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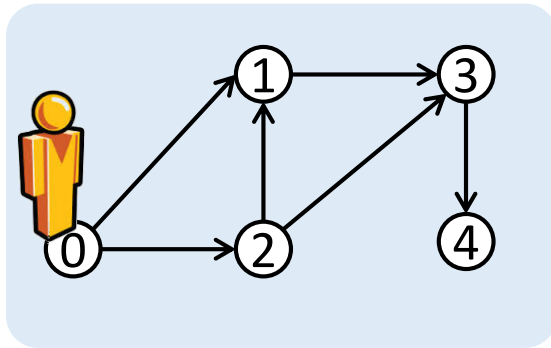
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void MatrixWDigraph::AllLengths(const int n)
{
    for (int i = 0; i<n; i++)
        for (int j = 0; j<n; j++)
            a[i][j]= length[i][j];

    for (int k= 0; k<n; k++)
        for (int i= 0; i<n; i++)
            for (int j= 0; j<n; j++)
                if(a[i][j] > (a[i][k] + a[k][j]))
                    a[i][j] = a[i][k] + a[k][j];
}
```



# Concept of Transitive Closure

- Transition matrix, **T**
  - State change after a step


$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & & 1 & \\ & & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- Closure, **C**
  - The steady state after many steps
    - $(\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{C}$ 
      - (Here we use AND for scalar multiplication and OR for scalar addition in the above example)

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$





# Transitive Closure of a Graph

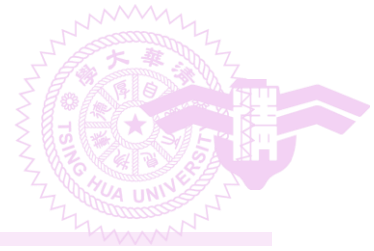
- Given a graph with **unweighted** edges
  - **Transitive closure** matrix,  $A^+$ 
    - $A^+[i][j] = 1$  if there is a path of **positive length** from  $i$  to  $j$
    - $A^+[i][j] = 0$  otherwise
  - **Reflexive transitive closure** matrix,  $A^*$ 
    - $A^*[i][j] = 1$  if there is a path of **non-negative length** from  $i$  to  $j$
    - $A^*[i][j] = 0$  otherwise
  - The only difference between two (given unweighted edges)
    - $A^+[i][i] = 0$
    - $A^*[i][i] = 1$ , as the name "**reflexive**" suggests
- Meanings of '+' and '\*'
  - '+' means "**one or more**" in regular expression
  - '\*' means "**zero or more**" in regular expression



# Transitive Closure Algorithm

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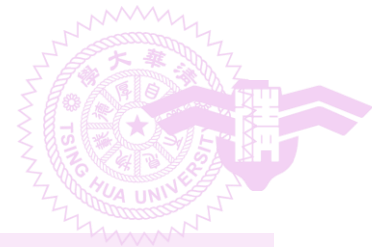
- For a **directed** graph (with unweighted edges)
  - Perform all-pair shortest path algorithms
    - $O(n^3)$  time complexity
  - Perform  $n$  independent Dijkstra algorithms
    - $O(n^2e)$  time complexity
- For an **undirected** graph (with unweighted edges)
  - Perform **connect component algorithm** using searches (e.g., DFS or BFS)
    - $O(n^2)$  time complexity



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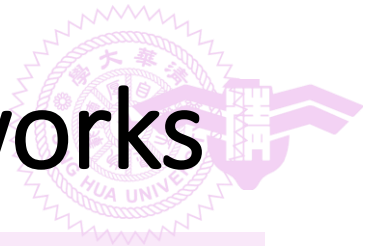
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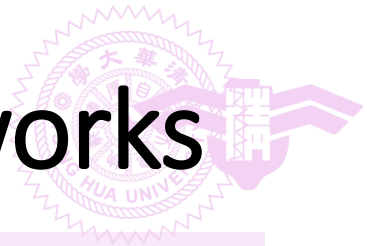
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# Activity-on-Vertex (AoV) Networks

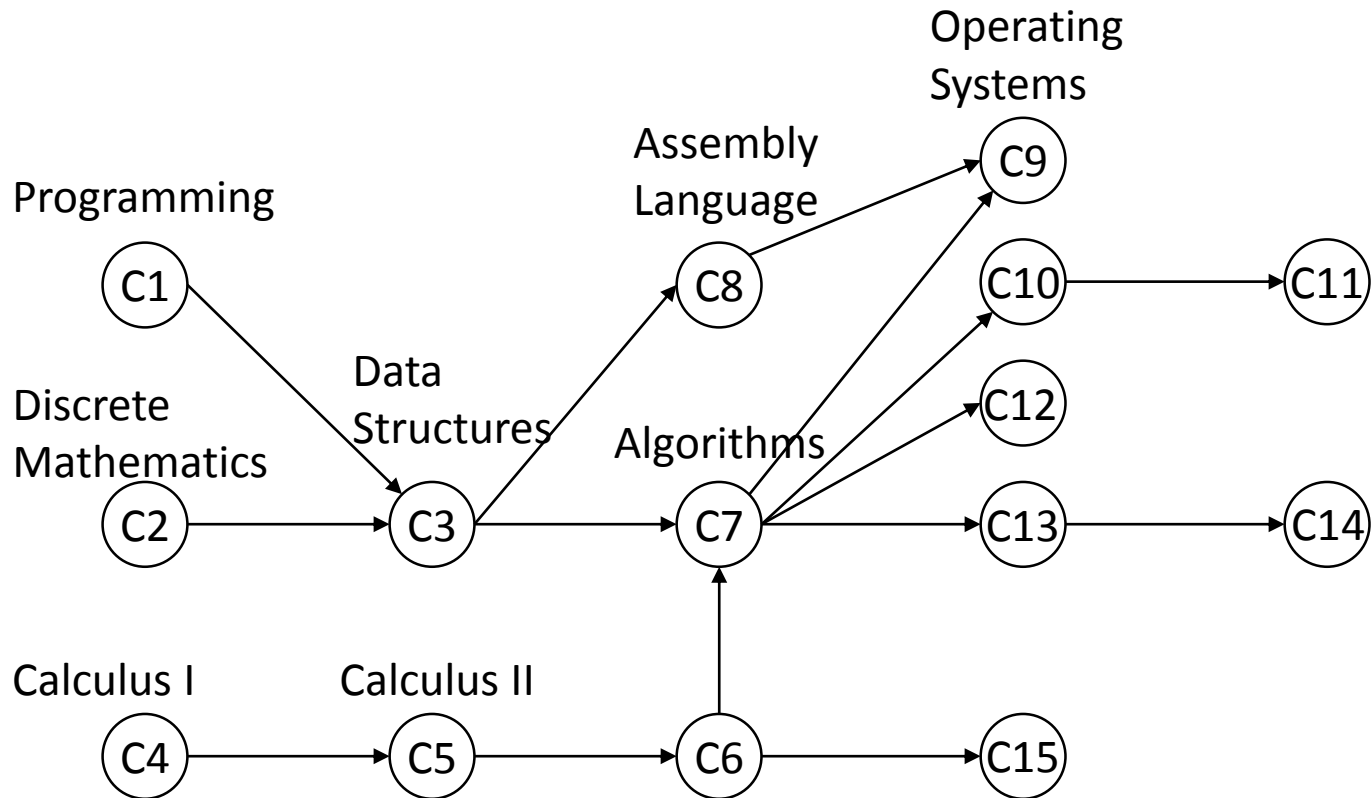
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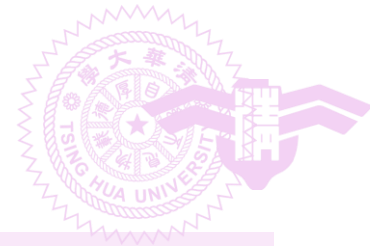


- Directed graphs
  - Vertices represent tasks (i.e., activities)
  - Edges represent precedence relations
  - Vertex  $i$  is a predecessor (successor) of vertex  $j$  *iff* there's a path from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $j$  to  $i$ )
  - Vertex  $i$  is an immediate predecessor (successor) of vertex  $j$  *iff* there's an edge from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $j$  to  $i$ )



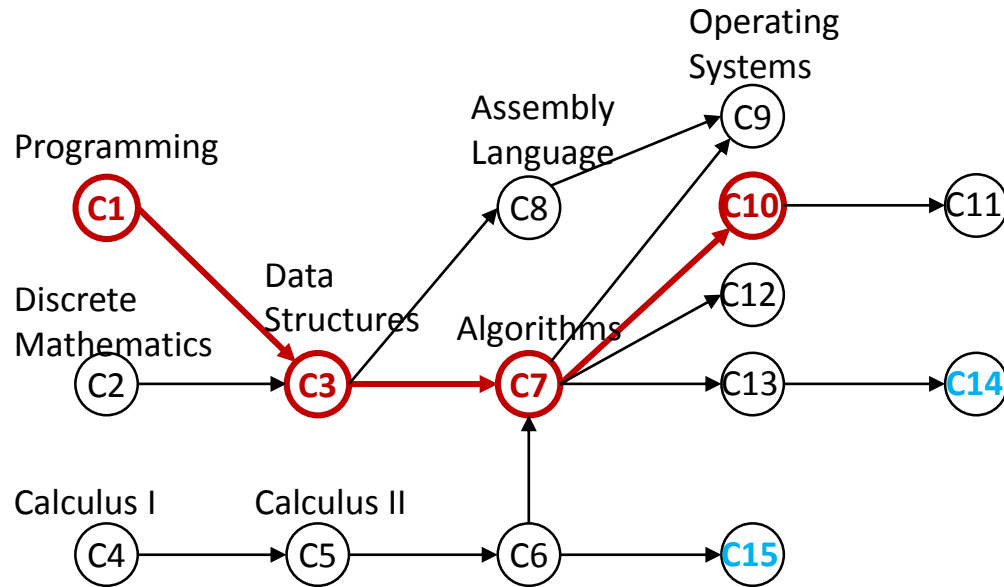
# Activity-on-Vertex (AoV) Networks





# Topological Order

- A linear order of the vertices of a graph such that
  - for any two vertices  $i$  and  $j$ , if  $i$  is a predecessor of  $j$  in the graph, then  $i$  precedes  $j$  in the linear ordering

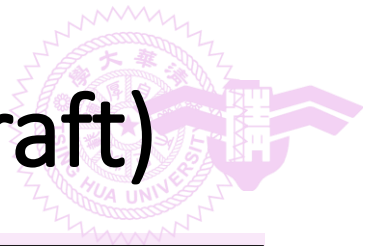


Note:

- Transitivity among  $>2$  vertices
- Topology order between two vertices does not always imply their precedence in the graph

- Two valid topological orderings (there are many of them)

- **C1**, C2, C4, C5, **C3**, C6, C8, **C7**, **C10**, C13, C12, **C14**, **C15**, C11, C9
- C4, C5, C2, **C1**, C6, **C3**, C8, **C15**, **C7**, C9, **C10**, C11, C12, C13, **C14**



# Topological Sorting Algorithm (Draft)

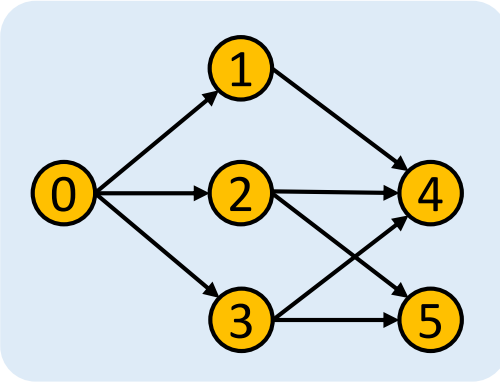
```
for (int i = 0; i<n; i++) {
    if (every vertex has a predecessor){
        // network has a cycle and thus is infeasible
        return;
    }
    if (vertex v has no predecessors) {
        cout << v;
        remove v and all edges leading out of v;
    }
}
```

- Graph representation considerations for the above algorithm
  - How can we remove all edges leading out of a vertex?
  - How can we determine whether a vertex has a predecessor?





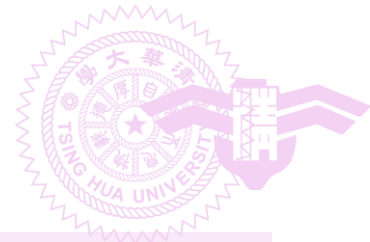
# Graph Representation Choice



**indegree[]**      **Adjacency list**

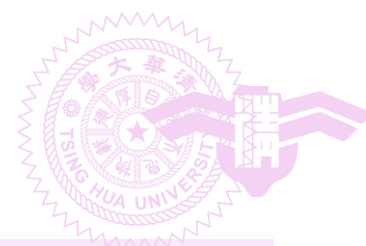
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# Topological Sorting Algorithm

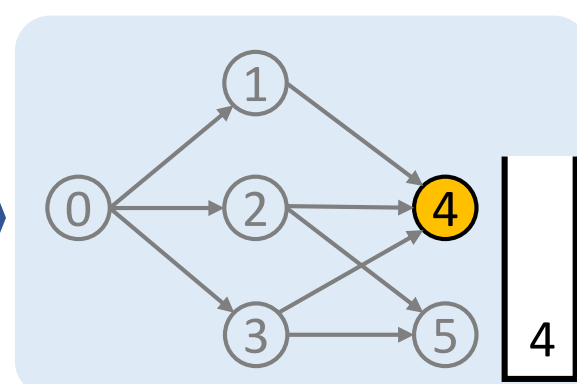
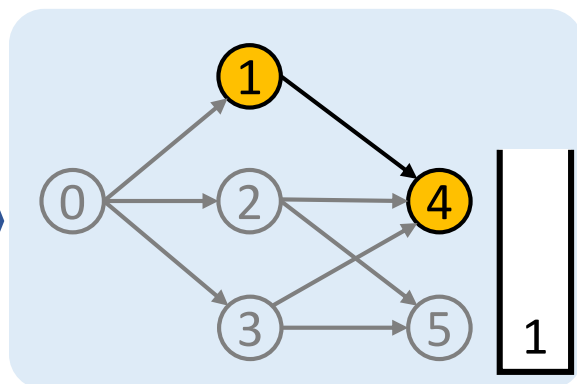
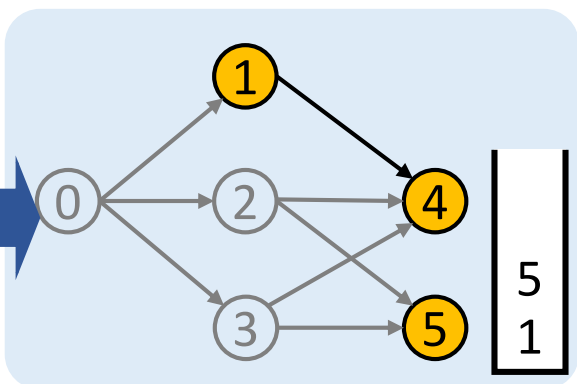
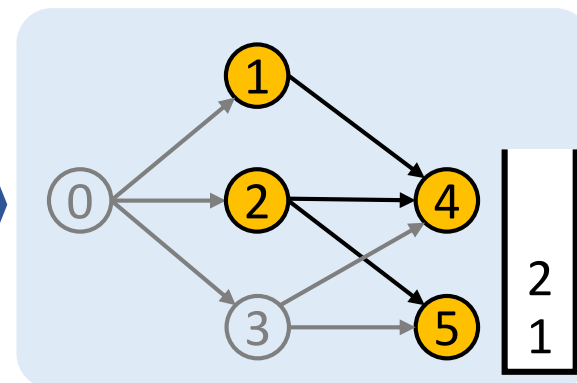
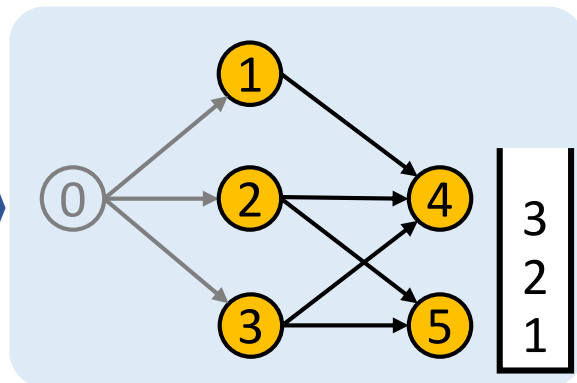
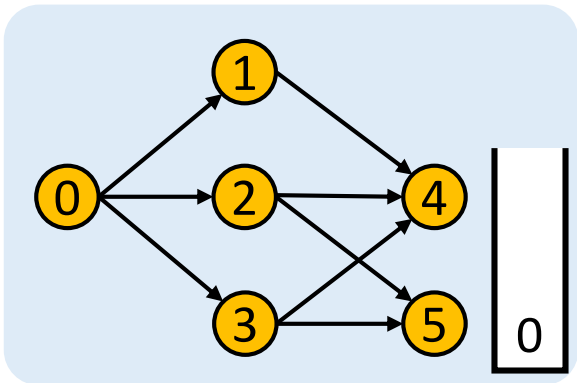


```
void LinkDigraph::TopologicalOrder()
{
    Stack s; // A stack holds 0-indegree vertices
             // Any container is good for this algorithm
    for (int i = 0; i<n; i++)
        if (indegree[i] == 0) s.push(i);

    for (i = 0; i< n; i++) {
        if (s.isEmpty() ) throw "Network has a cycle.";
        int j = s.top(); s.pop();
        cout << j <<endl;
        Chain<int>::ChainIterator ji = adjLists[j].begin();
        while (ji) {
            indegree[*ji]--;
            if (indegree[*ji] == 0) s.push(*ji);
            ji++;
        }
    }
}
```



# Topological Sorting Example



0 3 2

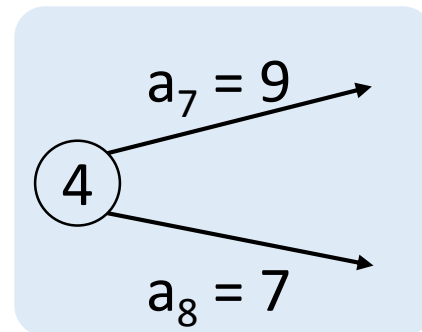
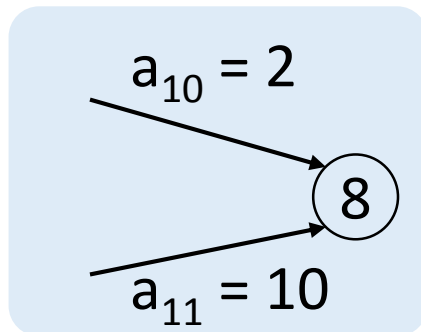
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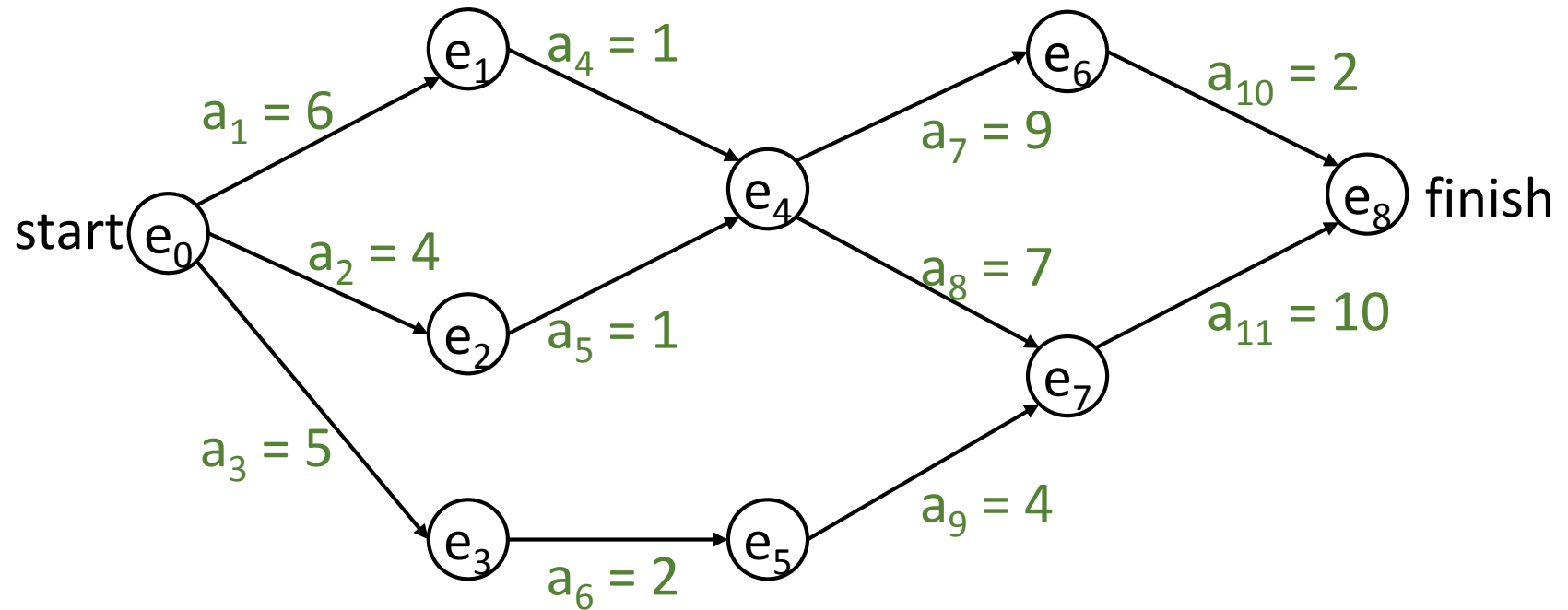
# Activity-on-Edge (AoE) Networks

- Directed graph
  - Edges represent tasks (activities) to be performed
  - Vertices represent events
  - Edge cost of each activity is the time needed to perform the activity
  - Event vertex signals the completion of all activities edges entering the vertex
  - Edges leaving a vertex cannot be started until the event at the vertex has





# Activity-on-Edge Network



- Events

- $e_0$ : start of the project
- $e_1$ : completion of activity  $a_1$
- $e_4$ : completion of activities  $a_4$  and  $a_5$
- ...
- $e_8$ : finish of the project

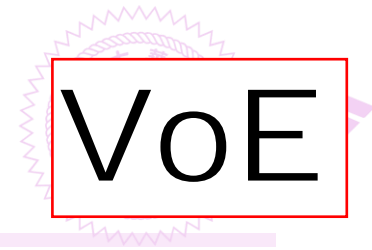


# Some Important Concepts

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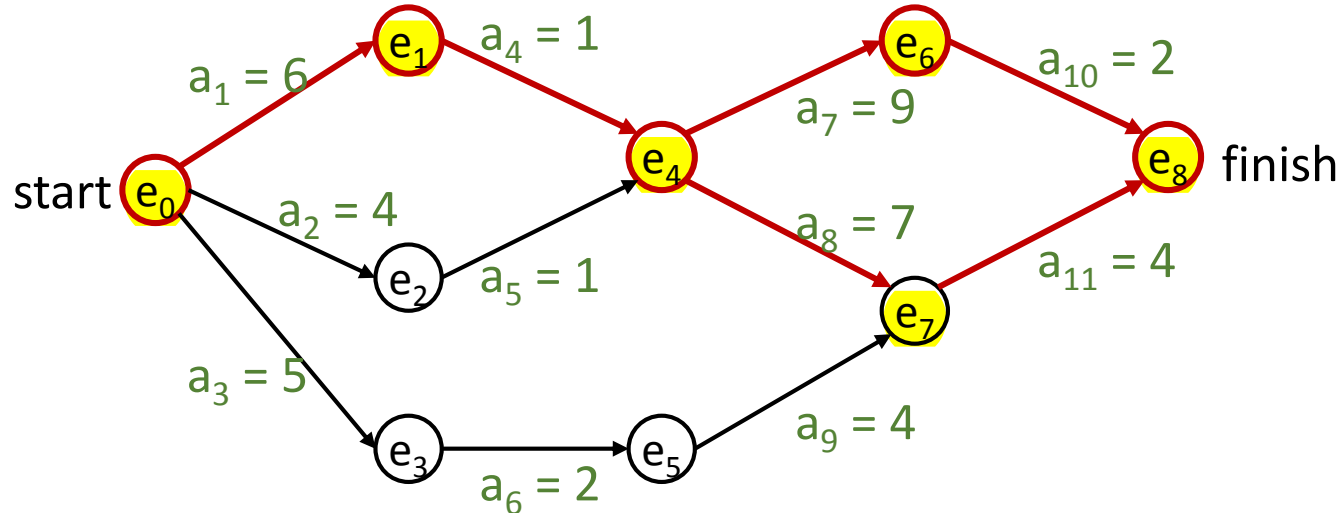
- **Critical path**
  - The longest path from the **start** vertex to the **finish** vertex
- **Earliest time**
  - The earliest time an activity (event) can start (occur)
- **Latest time**
  - The latest time an activity (event) must start (occur) so as not to delay the project
- **Critical activities**
  - All activities for which the earliest time equals the latest time

在critical path上，node的lastest time = earliest time



# Critical Path

- The **longest path** from the **start vertex** to the **finish** vertex

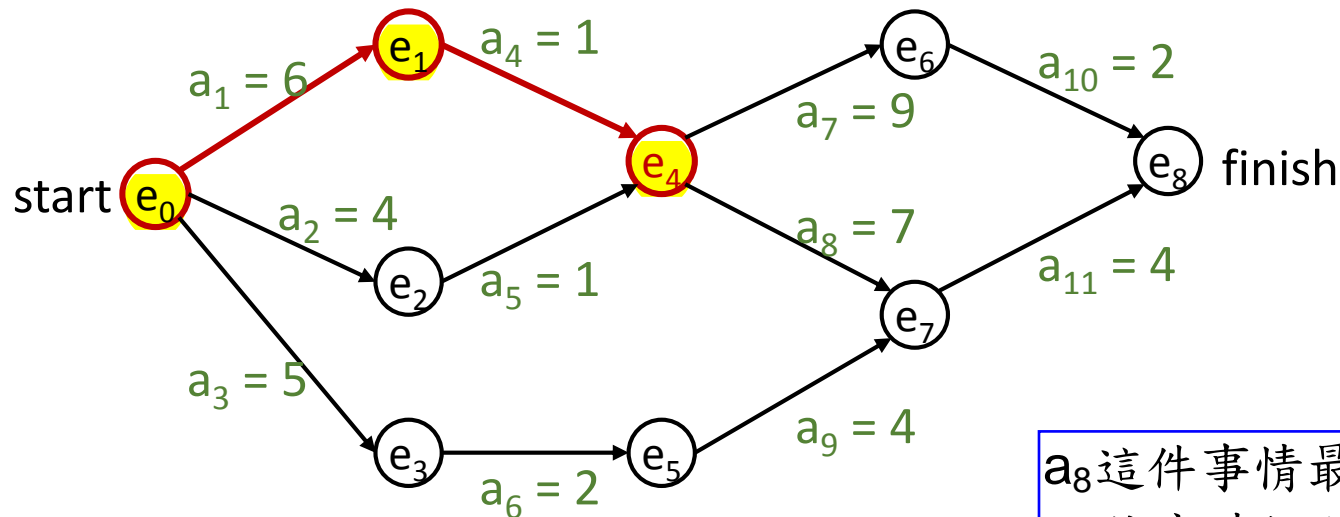


- The above network has two critical paths
- $\text{Length}(0, 1, 4, 6, 8) = 18$
- $\text{Length}(0, 1, 4, 7, 8) = 18$



# Earliest Event/Activity Time

- The length of the **longest path** from the start vertex to a vertex



$a_8$ 這件事情最早可以什麼時候開始做

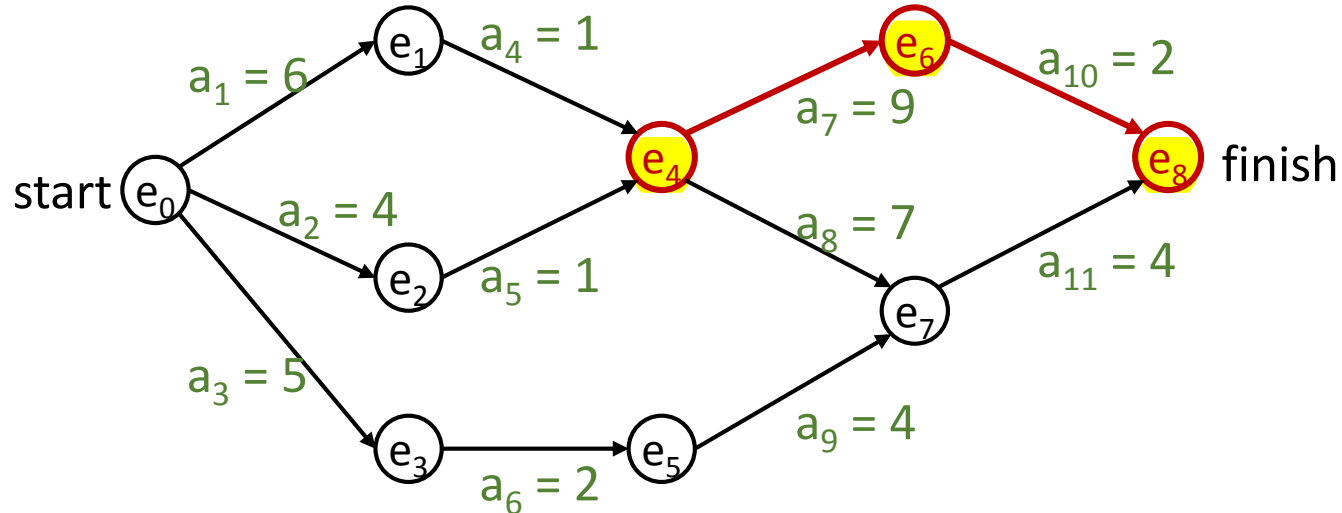
- Earliest event time( $e_4$ ) = 7 = 6 + 1
- Earliest activity time( $a_7$ ) = Earliest activity time( $a_8$ ) = 7
- Earliest event time(finish) = 18 = 6 + 1 + 11(9+2 or 7+4)





# Latest Event/Activity Time

- Earliest time of the finish vertex - the length of the longest path a vertex to the finish



- Earliest event time(finish) = 18
- longest path length( $e_4$ , finish) = 11
- latest event time( $e_4$ ) = 7



# Critical Activities

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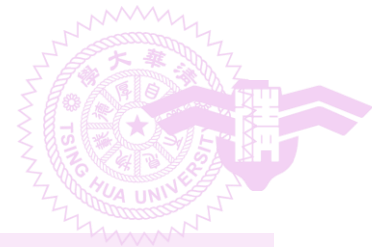
- The difference between **the earliest time** and the **latest time**, i.e., the slack (寬裕), is a measure of the **criticality** of an activity
  - The time by which an activity may be delayed or slowed without delaying the finish of the project
- Activities having no slack are called **critical activities**



# Critical Path Analysis

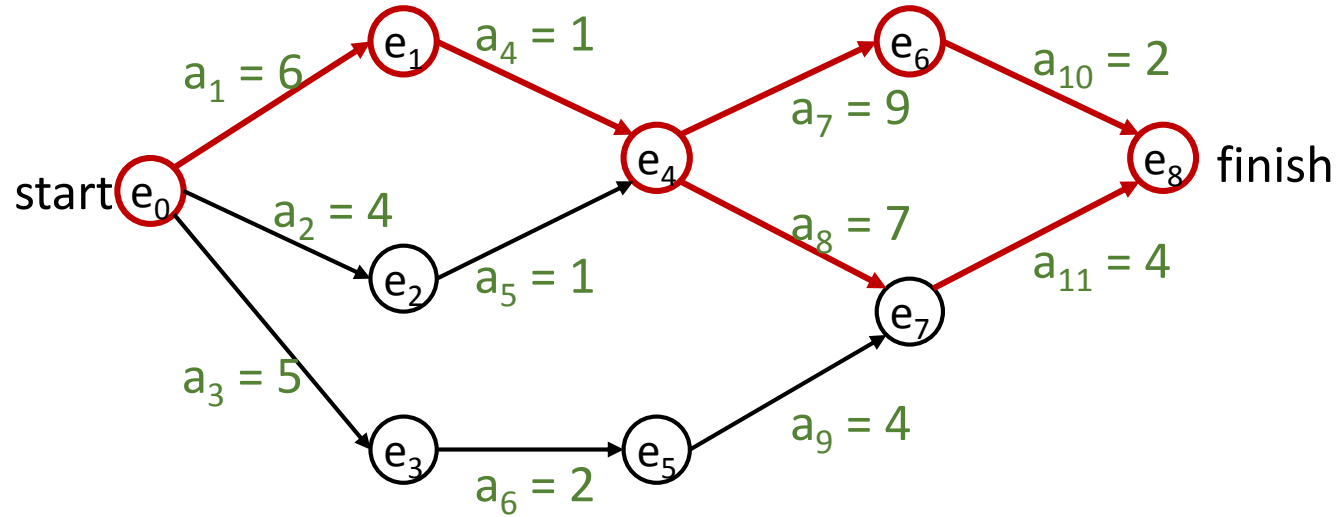
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- Purpose
  - Speed up things, e.g., a project or a circuit
- Steps
  - Compute **earliest time** and **latest time**
  - Identify **critical activities**
  - Find **paths** in the graph with **noncritical activities removed**
- Notes
  - Speeding up **noncritical activities** or **single critical activity not on all critical paths** will not reduce the overall duration
  - **Critical paths can change** after speeding up an activity

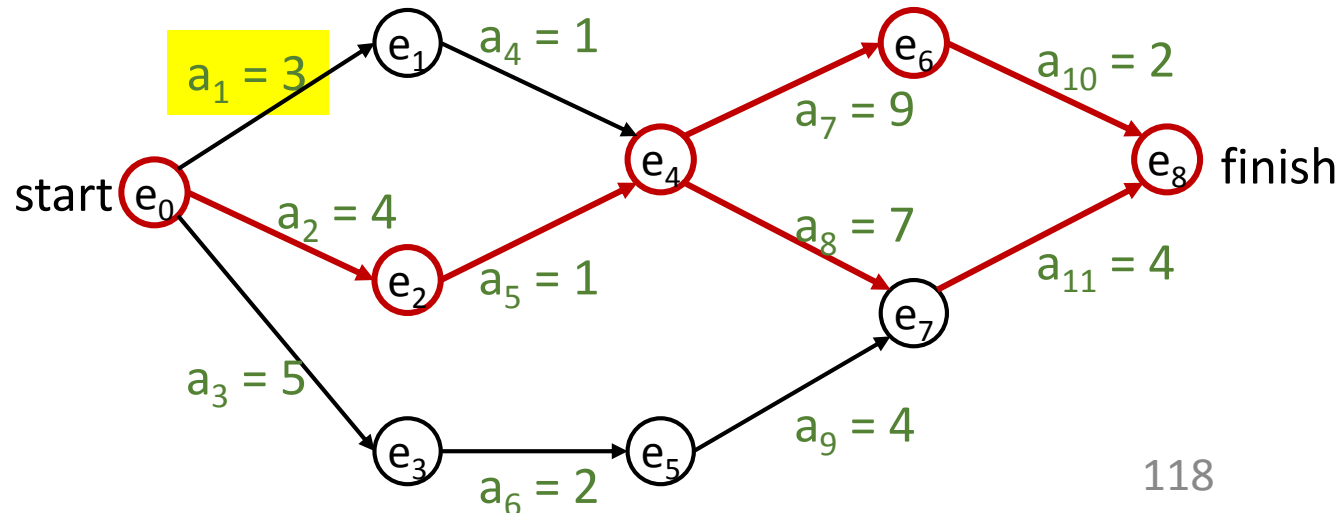


# Critical Path Analysis

- $a_7, a_8, a_9, a_{10}$  are critical. However, speeding up one of them cannot reduce overall duration

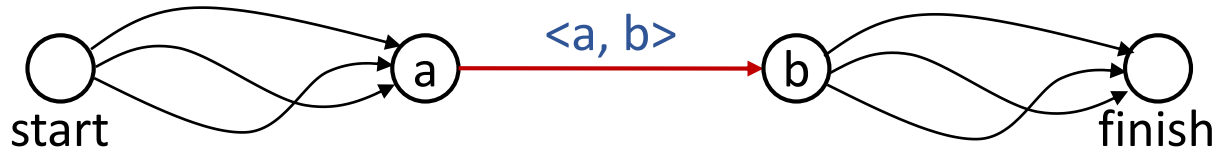


- After  $a_1$  is speeded up from 6 to 3 units, critical paths change

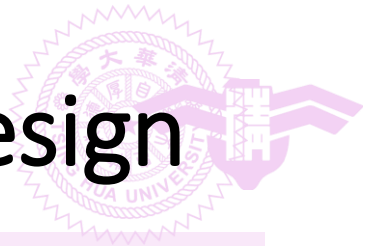




# Calculating Earliest and Latest Times



- Earliest activity time(<a, b>)
  - = Earliest event time(a)
  - = Longest path(start, a)
- Latest activity time(<a, b>)
  - = Latest event time(b) - Edge cost(<a, b>)
- Latest event time(b)
  - = Earliest event time(finish) - Longest path(b, finish)
- The above calculation can be performed in two passes based on **topological sorting**
  - Detailed in the textbook



# Critical Path Analysis in Circuit Design

- (Supplement materials)
- CAD (computer-aided design) algorithms
  - Identify critical paths in circuits
  - Push the limits for the paths to meet timing constraints
- The following circuit example is an adder
  - Add three bits and produce two resulting bits
  - Red parts are typical critical paths

