

# Graphs

It's all about relationships

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# What's a graph?

- A graph is a collection of connected element pairs
- As with a tree, a graph is an aggregate of nodes
- Elements/nodes are email addresses, map locations, documents, tasks to perform, URLs on the web, customers, computers on a network, friends, observations, sensors, states in markov chain, ...
- Terms: *nodes* or *vertices* connected with *edges*, which can have labels; e.g., recall the Trie graph with labeled edges
- *Directed* graphs have arrows as edges but *undirected* use lines
- For  $n$  nodes, num edges is  $\geq 0$  and  $\leq \binom{n}{2} = n(n-1)/2$

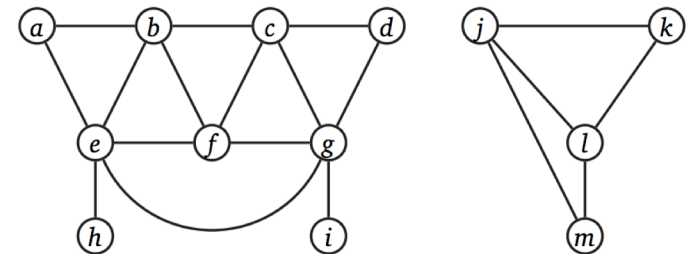
# Common questions

- Is  $q$  reachable from  $p$ ?
- How many edges are on paths between  $p$  and  $q$ ?
- Is graph connected? (reach any  $p$  from any  $q$ )
- Is graph cyclic? ( $p$  reaches  $p$  traversing at least one edge)
- Which nodes are within  $k$  edges of node  $p$ ? (neighborhood)
- What is shortest path (num edges) from  $p$  to  $q$ ?
- What is shortest path using edge weights? [beyond scope of 689]
- Traveling salesman problem [beyond scope of 689]

# Adjacency matrix implementations

- Adjacency matrix,  $n \times n$  matrix of  $\{0,1\}$  if unlabeled or  $\{\text{labels}\}$  if edges are labeled; undirected matrices are symmetric
- Wastes space for sparse edges; use sparse matrix
- Fast to access arbitrary node's edges

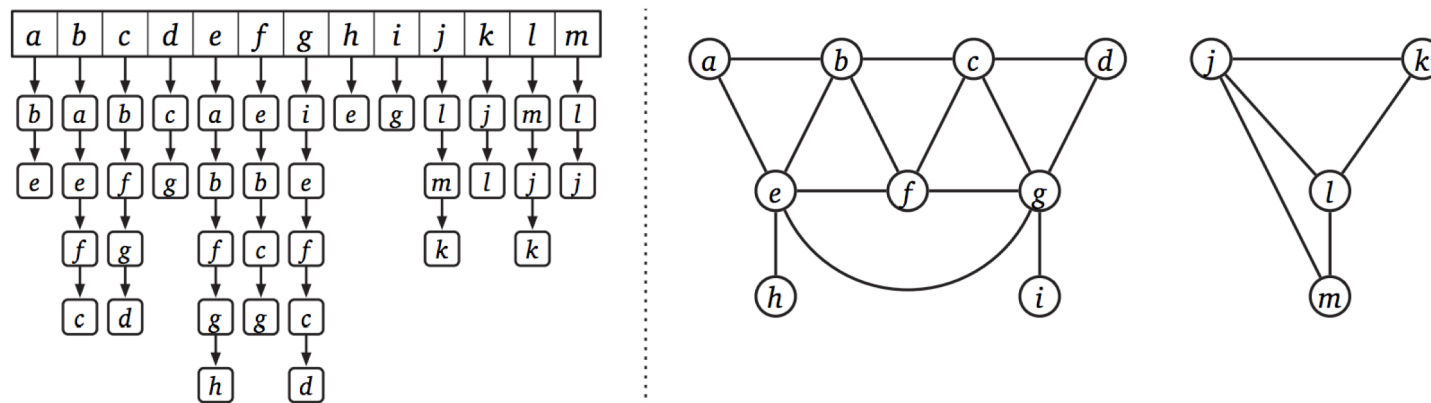
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<i>m</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0



**Figure 5.11.** An adjacency matrix for our example graph.

# Adjacency list implementations

- List of edge lists for nodes
- Fast arbitrary node access for numbered nodes, space efficient

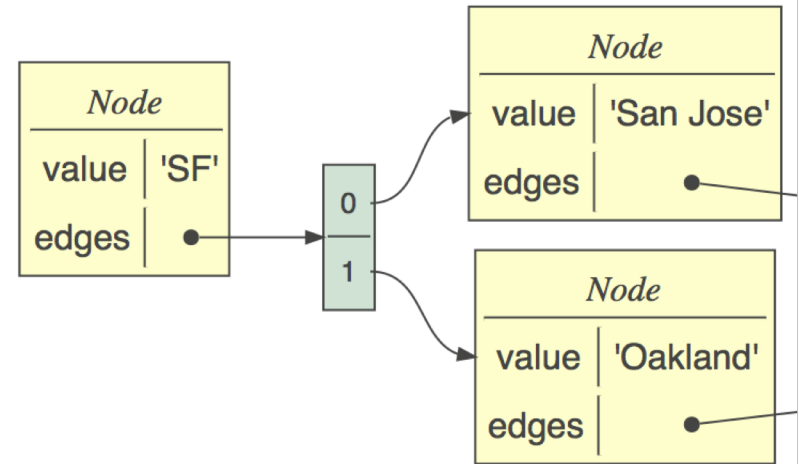


**Figure 5.9.** An adjacency list for our example graph.

# Connected nodes implementation

- Most common implementation due to nice mapping to objects
- Each node has info about node and edge list
- Use list or dictionary index if you need to access nodes directly

```
class Node:  
    def __init__(self, value):  
        self.value = value  
        self.edges = []  
    def add(self, target:Node):  
        self.edges.append(target)
```

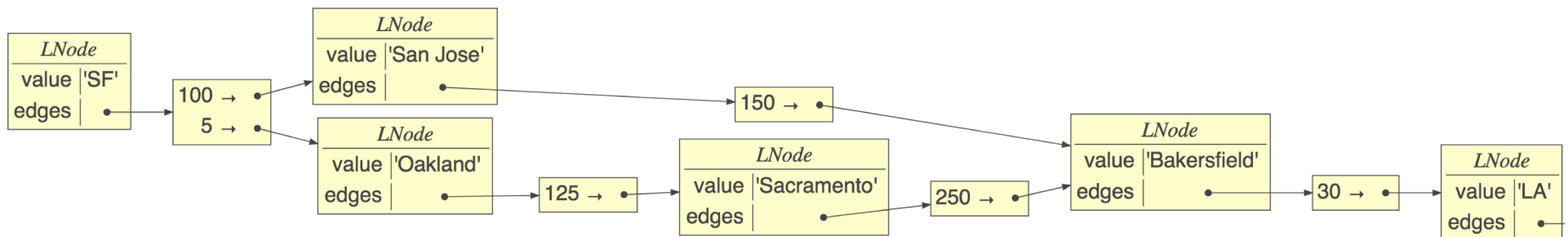


# Implementation with labels

```
class LNode:
    def __init__(self, value):
        self.value = value
        self.edges = {}
    def add(self, label, target):
        self.edges[label] = target
```

Edge->node dictionary, not list

```
sf.add(100,sj)
sj.add(150,baker)
...
```



# Depth-first search (review)

```
RECURSIVEDFS( $v$ ):  
  if  $v$  is unmarked  
    mark  $v$   
    for each edge  $vw$   
      RECURSIVEDFS( $w$ )
```

- The fundamental algorithm for answering graph questions
- Visits all reachable nodes from  $p$ , avoiding cycles

```
def walk_graph(p:Node, visited=set()):  
    if p in visited: return  
    visited.add(p)  
    for q in p.edges:  
        walk_graph(q, visited)
```

$O(n,m) = n + m$ , for  $n$  nodes,  $m$  edges;  $m$  can be  $n^2$



# Is there a cycle from p to p?

- If we run into starting node in visited set, return True

```
def iscyclic(p:Node) -> bool:
    return iscyclic_(p,p,set())

def iscyclic_(start:Node, p:Node, visited) -> bool:
    if p in visited:
        if p is start: return True # we find start?
        return False # can't loop forever so stop
    visited.add(p)
    for q in p.edges:
        c = iscyclic_(start, q, visited)
        if c: return True # we can stop
    return False
```



# Find set of nodes p can reach

- Need two sets, one for avoiding cycles, another for reached nodes

```
def reachable(p:Node) -> set:
    reaches = set();
    reachable_(p, reaches, set())
    return reaches

def reachable_(p:Node, reaches:set, visited:set):
    if p in visited: return
    visited.add(p)
    for q in p.edges:
        reaches.add(q)
        reachable_(q, reaches, visited)
```

# Find set of nodes p can reach, track depth

- Track node->depth map, not just set of nodes

```
def reachable(p:Node) -> dict:
    reaches = dict()
    reachable_(p, reaches, set(), depth=0)
    return reaches

def reachable_(p:Node, reaches:dict, visited:set, depth:int):
    if p in visited: return
    visited.add(p)
    reaches[p] = depth
    for q in p.edges:
        reachable_(q, reaches, visited, depth+1)
```

# Find neighborhood within k edges

- Track dict node->depth, stop when we reach depth

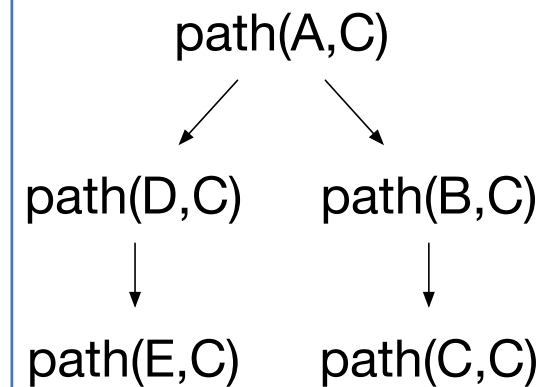
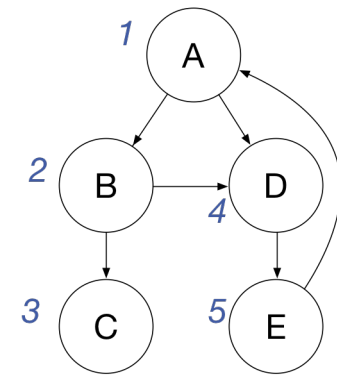
```
def neighbors(p:Node, k:int) -> dict:
    reaches = dict()
    neighbors_(p, k, reaches, set(), depth=0)
    return reaches

def neighbors_(p:Node, k:int, reaches:dict, visited:set, depth:int):
    if p in visited or depth>k: return
    visited.add(p)
    reaches[p] = depth
    for q in p.edges:
        neighbors_(q, k, reaches, visited, depth+1)
```

# Find path from p to q

```
def path(p:Node, q:Node) -> list:
    return path_(p, q, [p], set())

def path_(p:Node, q:Node, path:list, visited:set):
    if p is q: return path
    if p in visited: return None
    visited.add(p)
    for t in p.edges:
        pa = path_(t, q, path+[t], visited)
        if pa is not None: return pa
    return None
```

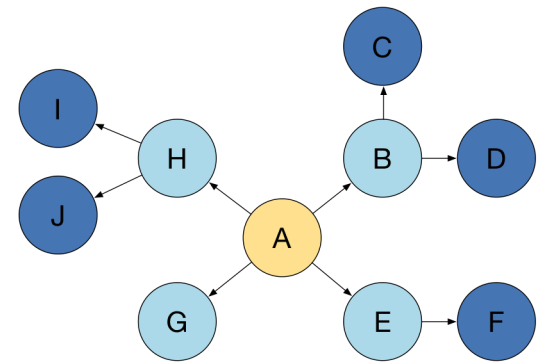
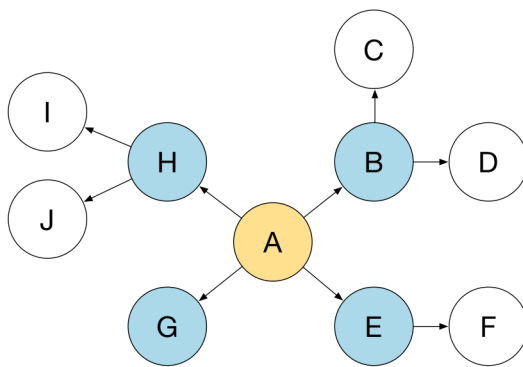
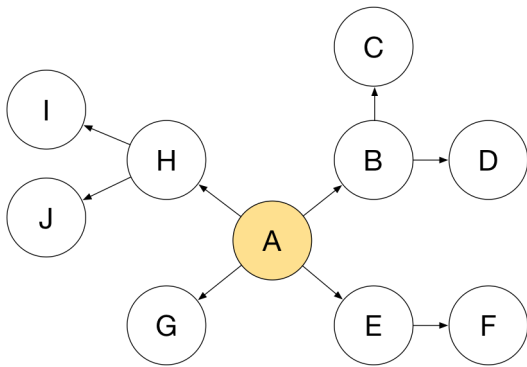


*recursion tree*

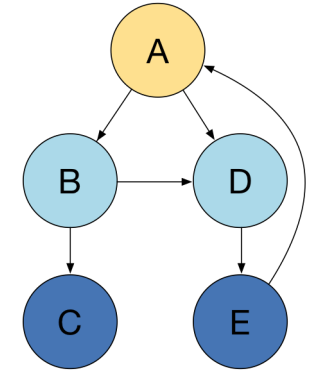
Must track path not set of nodes

# Breadth-first search vs DFS

- Visit all children then grandchildren...



# BFS implementation



- Maintains work list of nodes and visited set

- **BFS**      **DFS**

Visit A      Visit A

Visit B      Visit B

Visit D      Visit C

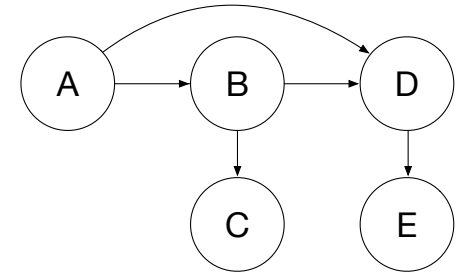
Visit C      Visit D

Visit E      Visit E

- Add to work list end, pull from front (queue)

```
def BFS(root:LNode):  
    visited = {root}  
    worklist = [root]  
    while len(worklist)>0:  
        p = worklist.pop(0)  
        print(f"Visit {p}")  
        for q in p.edges:  
            if q not in visited:  
                worklist.append(q)  
                visited.add(q)
```

# Find **shortest** path from p to q?



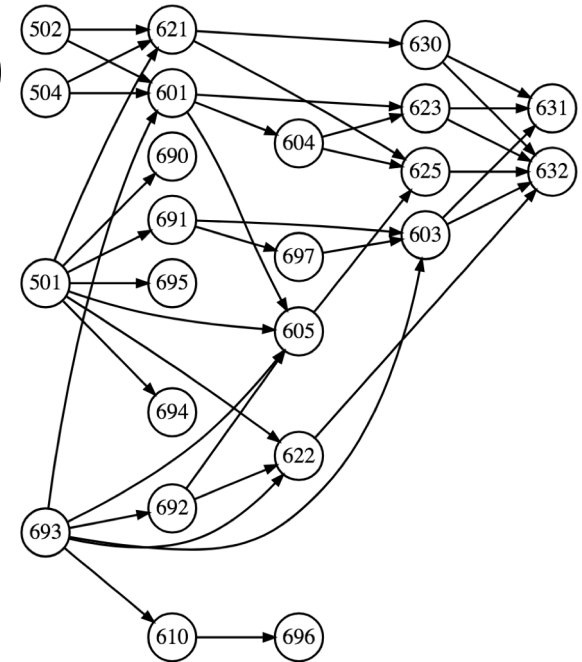
- BFS where work list is a list of paths not list of nodes
- Tail of path is where we left off work on it
- By searching all children before going deeper, we automatically find paths with shortest lengths

```
def shortest(root:Node, target:Node):  
    visited = {root}  
    worklist = [[root]]  
    while len(worklist)>0:  
        path = worklist.pop(0)  
        p = path[-1] # tail of path  
        if p is target: return path  
        for q in p.edges:  
            if q not in visited:  
                worklist.append(path+[q])  
                visited.add(q)
```

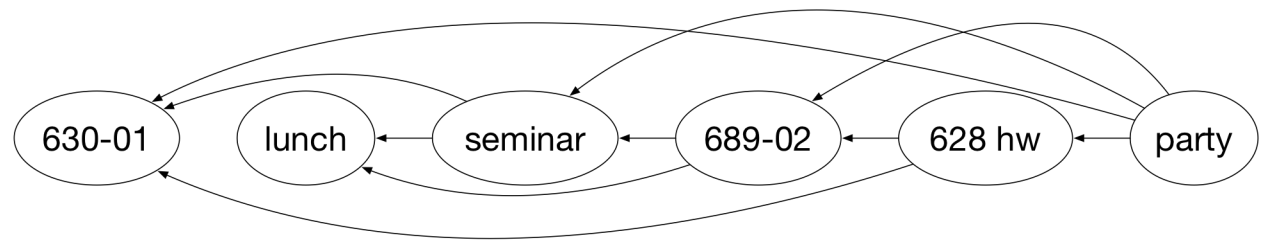
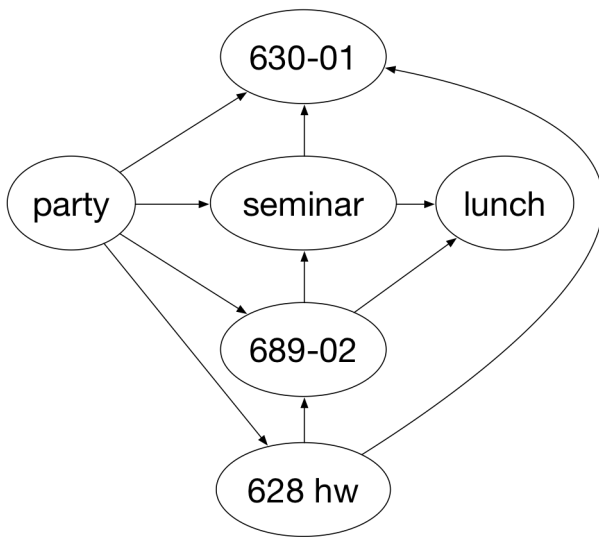


# Topological sort (acyclic graphs)

- **Problem:** Find linear ordering of nodes in directed acyclic graph such that all constraints,  $u \rightarrow v$ , are satisfied where  $u$  depends on  $v$  so  $v$  must come before  $u$
- Examples: task ordering or course prereq chain.
- Can also have  $u \rightarrow v$  mean  $u$  precedes  $v$ . E.g., 502 is prereq for 621 and 601...  
Find order we should take classes
- Sort is not usually unique



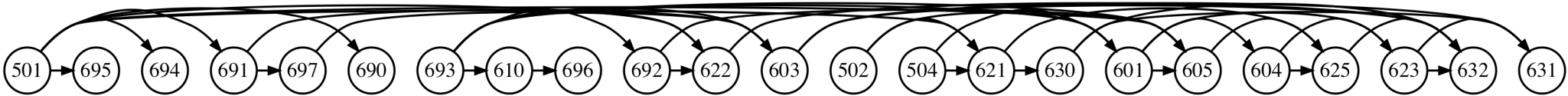
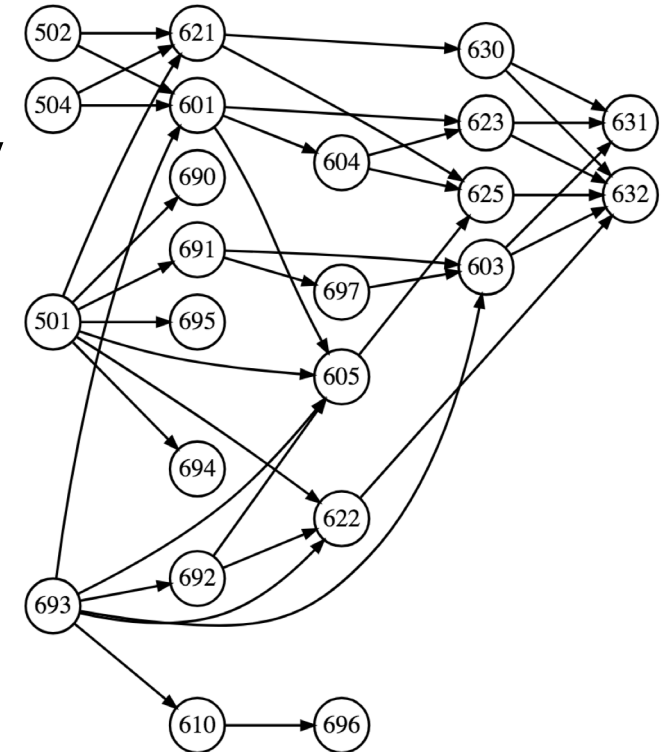
# Example topological sort



If  $u$  depends on  $v$ , any linear ordering where edges point to left is solution

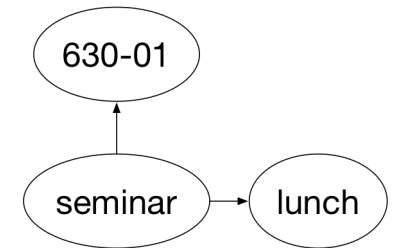
# Example where $u$ precedes $v$

- In this case, edges must point to the right

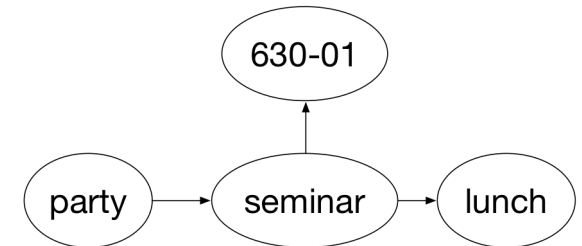


# How to approach the problem

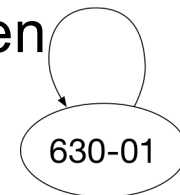
- What order should we do these tasks (u depends v)?  
Think in terms of traversal order



- What if we add party goal?



- BTW, cycles would cause trouble; are meaningless when dealing with dependencies; how can 630-01 be attended before itself?

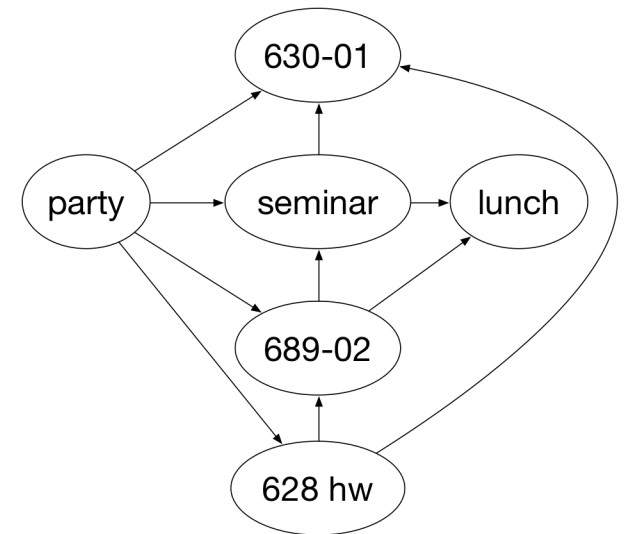


# DFS-based topo sort implementation

- Lots of very complex algorithms on the web
- Simplest solution: DFS-based topological sort
- A valid sort is just the post-order graph traversal if  $u$  depends  $v$ !
- If  $u$  precedes  $v$ , reverse the post-order traversal
- Well, we have to make sure to do DFS on all root nodes (nodes w/o incoming edges) but core is just DFS
- With one root, it's just postorder traversal via DFS

# Example walk through

- DFS starting with party:  
party -> 628 -> 630  
back out then hit 689 then lunch  
back out and hit seminar
- Postorder traversal processes **after** visiting children:  
630, lunch, seminar, 689, 628, party
- Solution: 630-01, lunch, seminar, 689-02, 628 hw, party

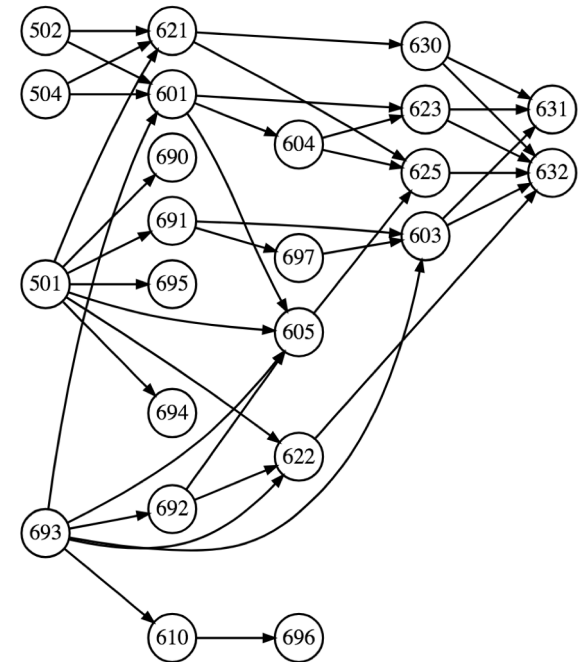


# DFS postorder traversal

```
def postorder(p:Node, sorted:set, visited:set):  
    if p in visited: return  
    visited.add(p)  
    for q in p.edges:  
        postorder(q, sorted, visited)  
    sorted.append(p)
```

# With multiple roots, hit them all

```
def toposort(nodes):  
    sorted = []  
    visited = set()  
    while len(visited) < len(nodes):  
        todo = [node for node in nodes.values()  
                if node not in visited]  
        if len(todo)>0:  
            postorder(todo[0], sorted, visited)  
    return sorted
```





# Summary

- Graphs are for showing relationships between elements
- DFS for finding a path or multiple paths or cycles
- BFS for find shortest (in edges) path or neighborhood
- DFS postorder great for topo sort
- Recursive alg's all use **visited** set to avoid cycles
- Non-recursive DFS: (use work list stack)
  - push targets in reverse order onto work list
  - pop last work list item for next node to process
- Non-recursive BFS: (use work list queue)
  - push targets in order onto work list
  - pull from first position

# Sample graph problems

# Exercise

- Given a directed graph, detect all direct or indirect cycles
- For  $p$  in nodes: report `iscyclic(p)`

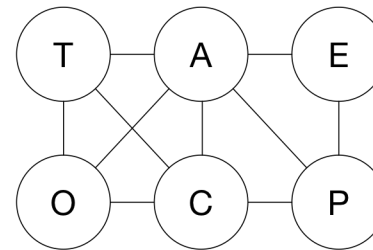
# Exercise

- Given 2 lists P,Q and function  $\text{conn}(p,q)=\text{true}$  if edge  $p \rightarrow q$  exists. P is origin (starting) nodes and Q destination nodes. Report 1 for  $P[i]$  reaches  $Q[i]$  directly or indirectly.
- Create graph using  $\text{conn}(p,q)$  for all nodes in P and Q
- For each  $P[i]$ , see if  $Q[i]$  is in  $\text{reaches}(P[i])$  set.

# Exercise: Boggle

- Given  $m \times n$  matrix of letters. Find all English words possible by taking one adjacent step to another letter, starting with any letter; one occurrence of each letter per word; you're given a dictionary (/usr/share/dict/words)

T	A	E
O	C	P



- For each node in graph, find all words
- For a specific starting node  $p$ , perform DFS; at each node, look up word consisting of all letters on path from  $p$