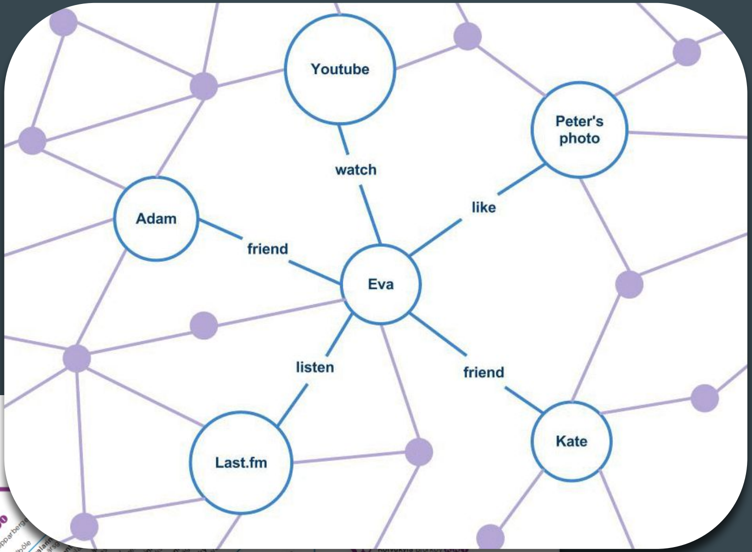
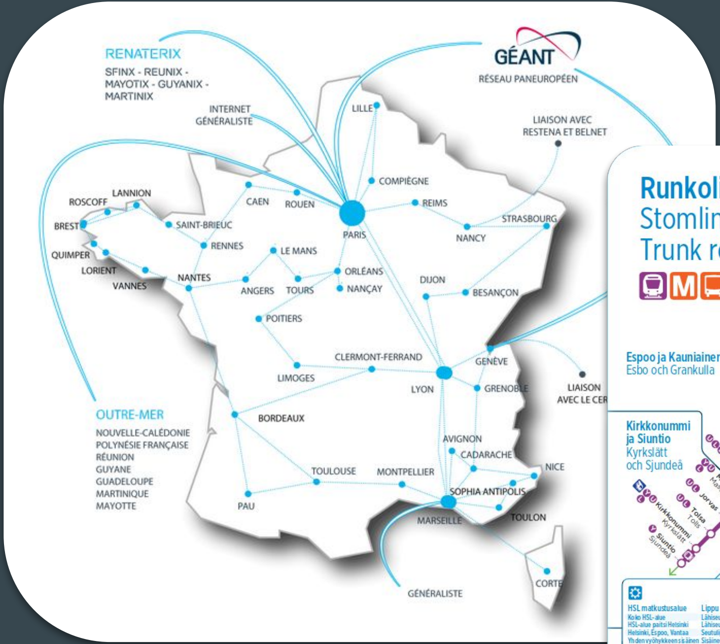
Graph Theory 1

Introduction to graphs

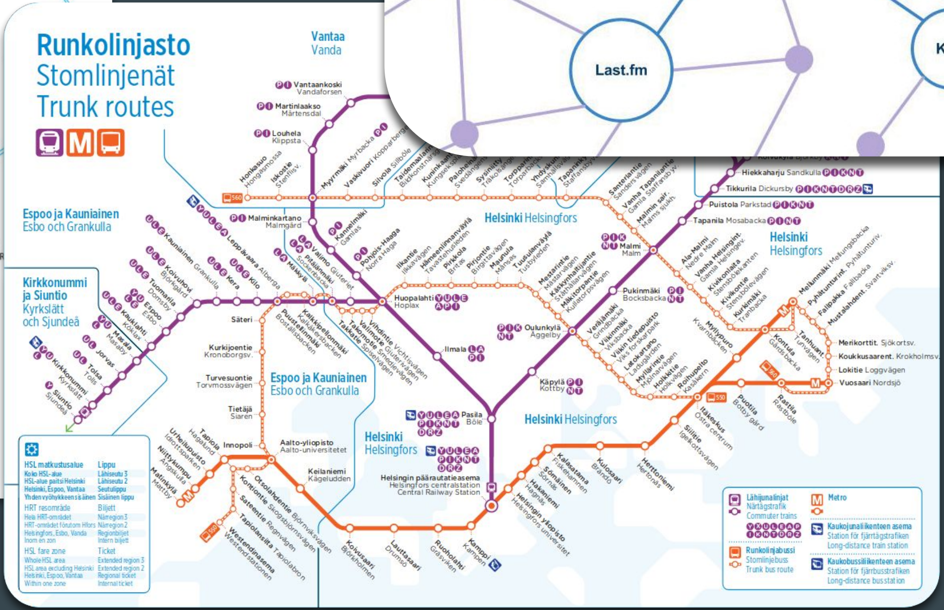
A world of graphs



Social interactions



Renater network



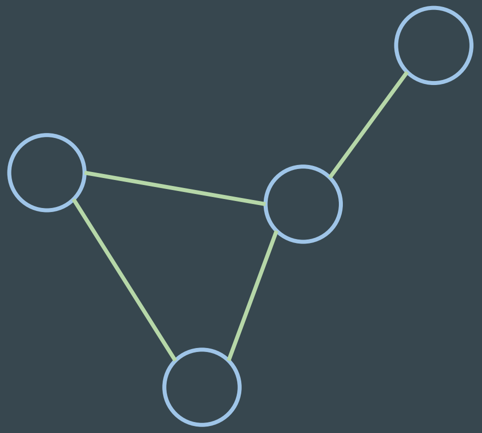
Helsinki trains map

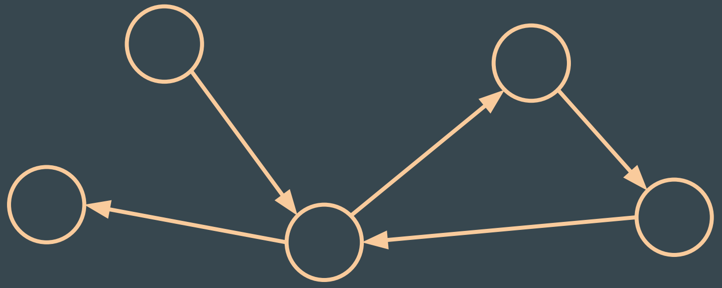
So what's a graph?

It's a tuple (V, E), where

- V is a **set of vertices**
- E is a **set of edges**

If the edges have an orientation, the graph is **directed**, otherwise it is **undirected**

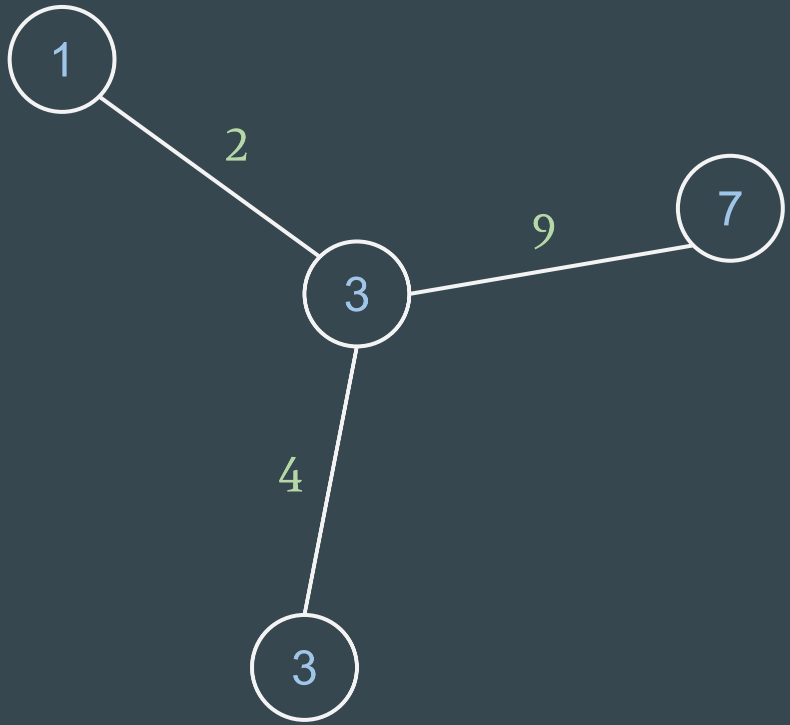




So what’s a graph?

Some graphs contain more information such as:

- values on vertices
- values on edges



How to represent a graph?

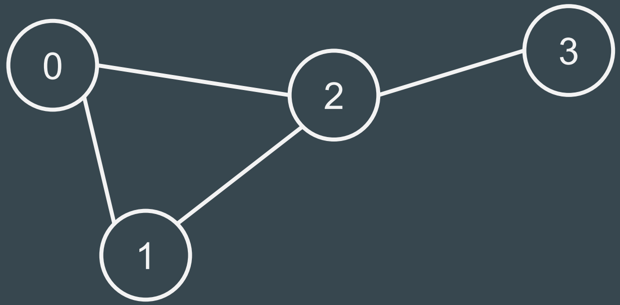
Let's label the vertices from 0 to n-1

We need to find a data structure for the edges...

What about a list of couples?

Check if i and j are neighbors	O(|E|)
Find all neighbors of i	O(|E|)

→ awfully long for such simple operations

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[(0,1), (0,2), (1,2),
(2,3)]
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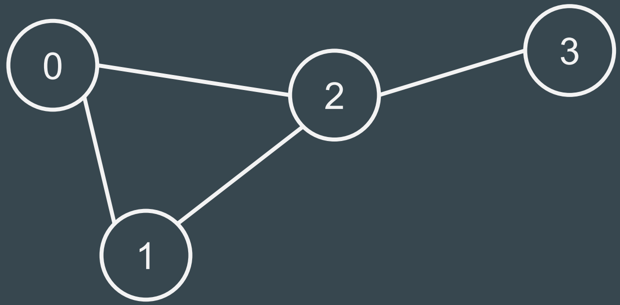
How to represent a graph?

Another idea is to store the relations as a matrix

→ boolean, or the value on the edge if the graph has some (and a dead value like None if there is no edge between two nodes)

Check if i and j are neighbors	O(1)
Find all neighbors of i	O(n)

→ but always takes $O(n^2)$ in memory (not suitable for big graphs)



0	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0

How to represent a graph?

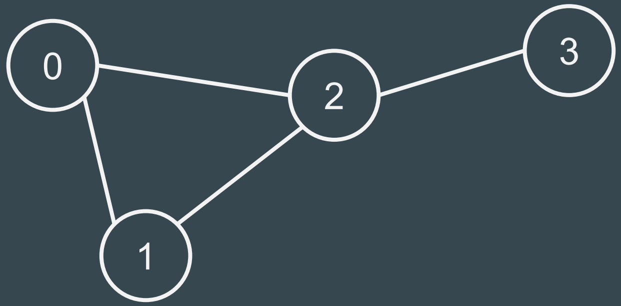
With adjacency lists

→ store all neighbors of each node

(there is a variant with sets, they take more memory but allow quicker adjacency check)

Check if i and j are neighbors	O(|E| / n) avg
Find all neighbors of i	O(|E| / n) avg

→ this representation is very often preferred as it is compact and efficient

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0: [1, 2],
1: [0, 2],
2: [0, 1, 3],
3: [2]
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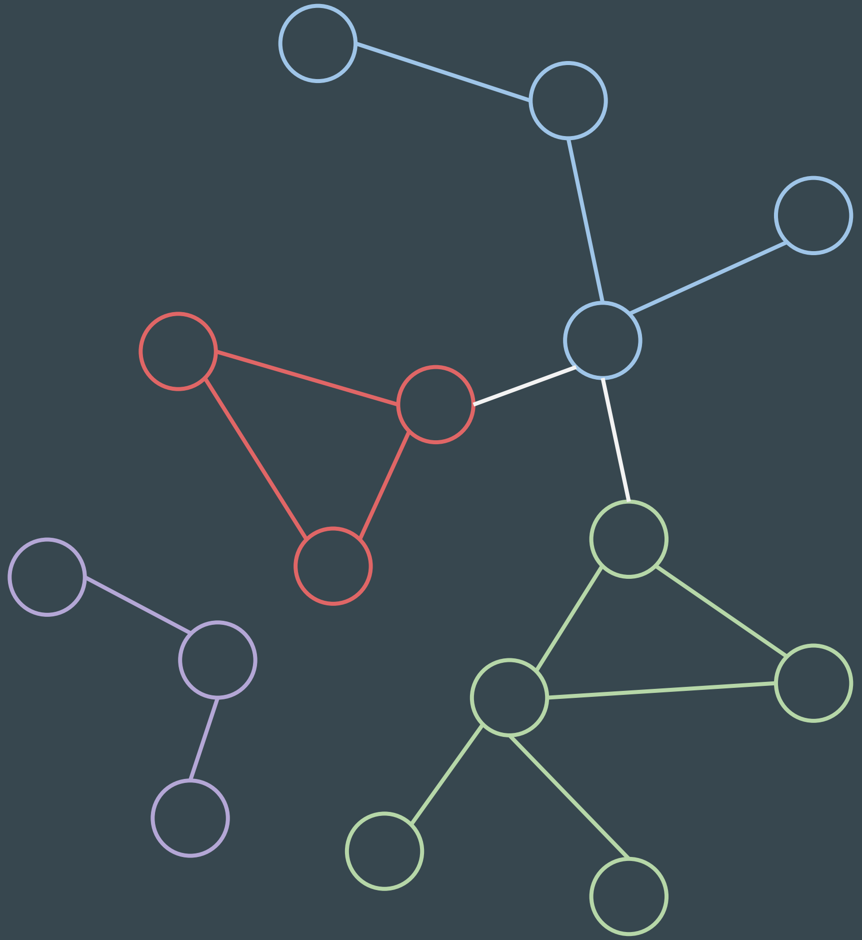
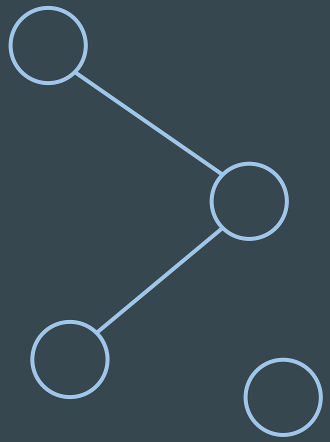
Just a few terms

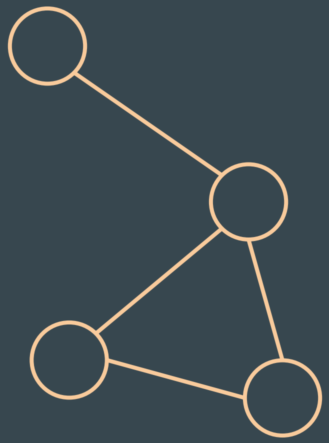
- a path is a sequence of 2-by-2 adjacent nodes and edges
- a simple path is a path that has no repeated vertices and edges
- a cycle is a path starting and ending at the same node
- a connected component is a subgraph in which there exists a path between any two nodes but not with any external node



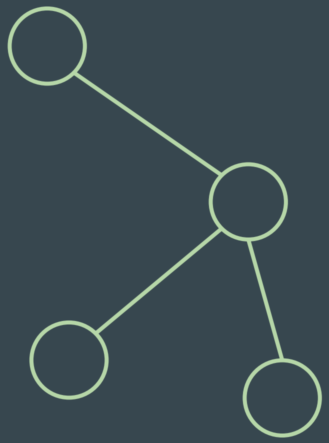
Special graphs



acyclic graph



connected graph



tree = connected + acyclic

Note on directed graphs

- their matrix isn’t symmetrical
- being acyclic doesn’t mean that the undirected counterpart is acyclic too
- there are two notions of connection for directed graphs:
    - weakly connected = the corresponding undirected graph is connected
    - strongly connected = there is a path in each direction for each pair of vertices

Some properties of trees...

- A tree has N-1 edges for N vertices
- A tree is a connected & acyclic graph
- Remove any edge from the tree and it disconnects the graph
- In the general case vertice can have any degree
  - Some trees are more specific : binary trees, k-trees

Conclusion

Let's have some exercises now, we'll continue this course later

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