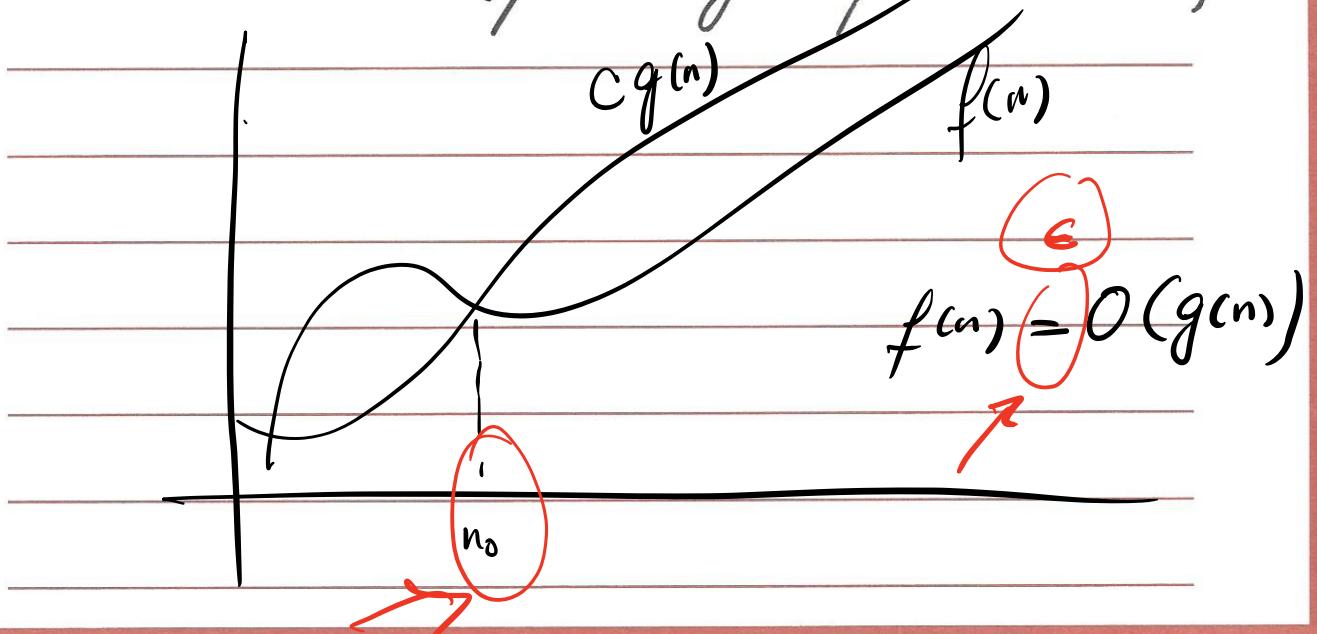


# Review of the Asymptotic Notations

Formally,  $O(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \text{there exist positive constants } C \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq f(n) \leq Cg(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$

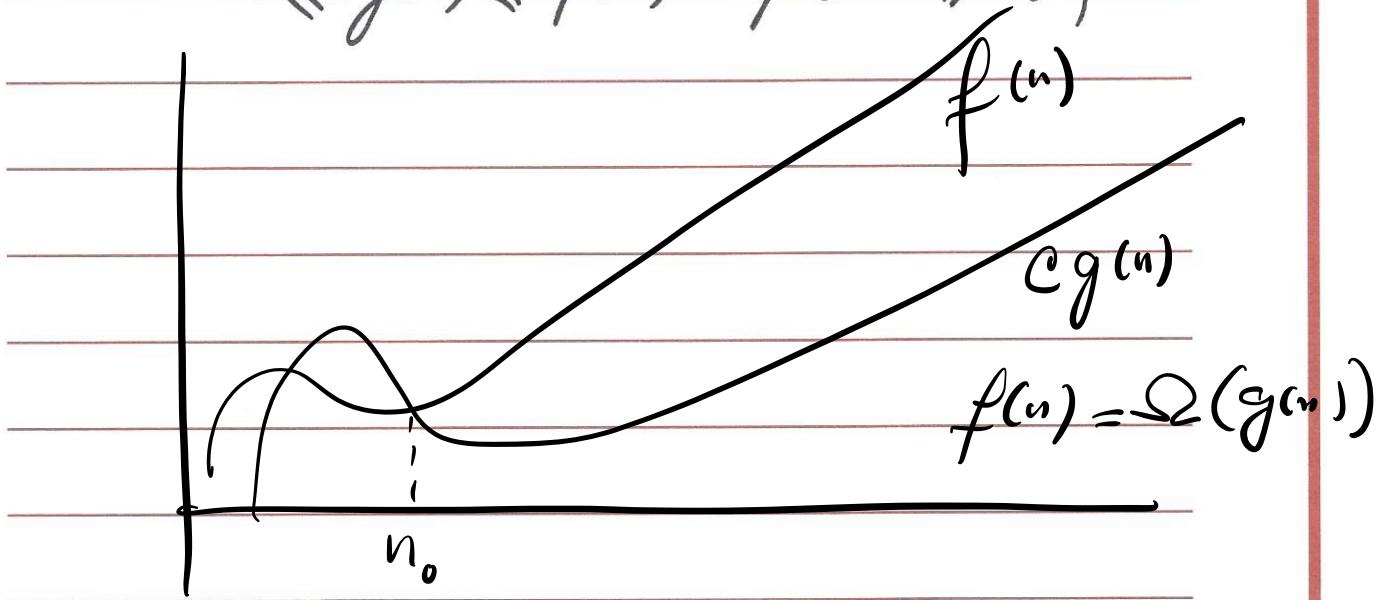


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F Any Cubic " "

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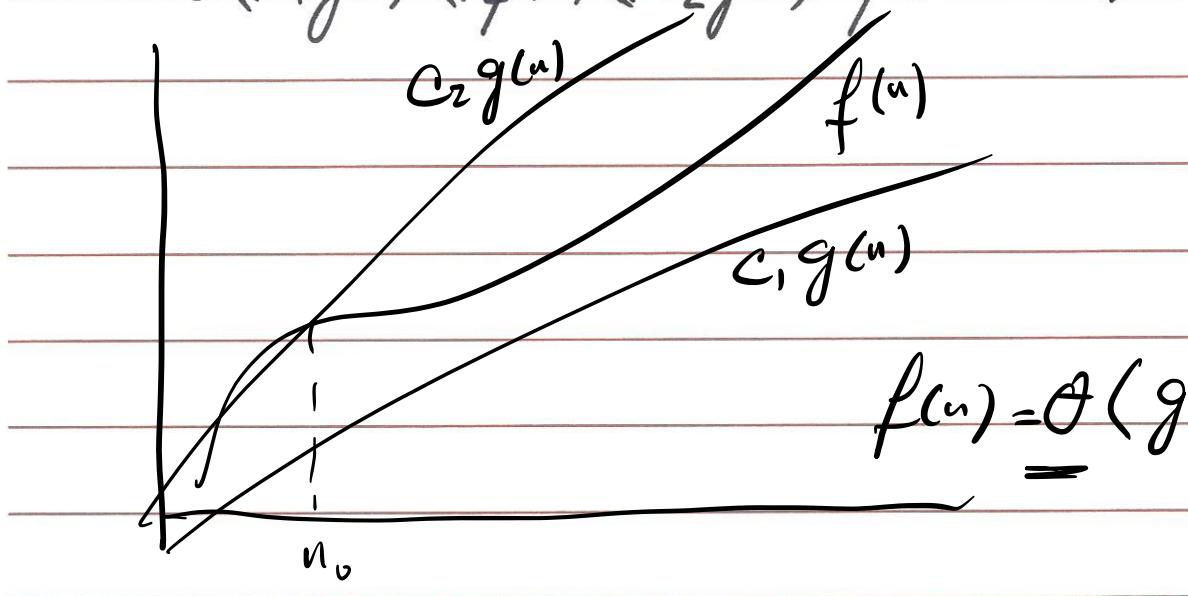
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$\Theta(g(n)) = \{ f(n) \mid \text{there exist positive constants } C_1, C_2, \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that}$

$$0 \leq C_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq C_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}$$



$$\underline{f(n) = \Theta(g(n))}$$

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	Worst Case	Best Case
Linear Search	$O(n)$ , $\Omega(n)$ , $\Theta(n)$	$O(1)$ , $\Omega(1)$ , $\Theta(1)$
Binary Search	$\Omega(\lg n)$ , $\Omega(\lg n)$ , $\Theta(\lg n)$	$O(1)$ , $\Omega(1)$ , $\Theta(1)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n^2)$ , $\Omega(n^2)$ , $\Theta(n^2)$	$O(n)$ , $\Omega(n)$ , $\Theta(n)$
Merge Sort	$O(n \lg n)$ , $\Omega(n \lg n)$ , $\Theta(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$ , $\Omega(n \lg n)$ , $\Theta(n \lg n)$
,		
,		
,		

Worst Case Performance:

Algorithm A:  $\Theta(4^n n^3 \lg n)$

Algorithm B:  $\Theta(3^n n^8 (\lg n)^2)$

Exponential Component

fastest growing

Polynomial

Logarithmic

Slowest growing

$$[A]^T [B] = [C]$$

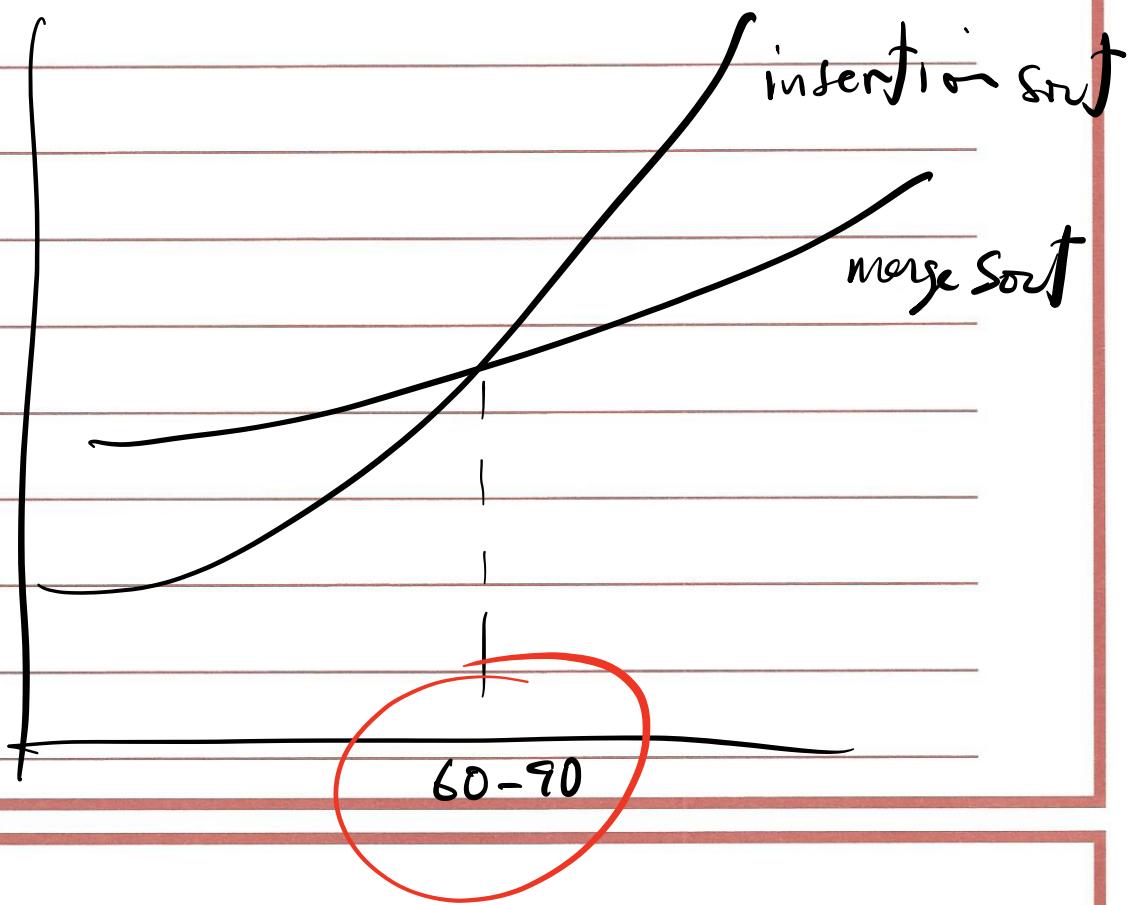
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$$\Theta(n)$$

$$15 \cdot 10^n$$

$$\underline{\Theta(n^2)}$$

$$2n^2$$



Can create a hybrid of merge sort  
+ insertion sort.

$$O(n \lg n)$$

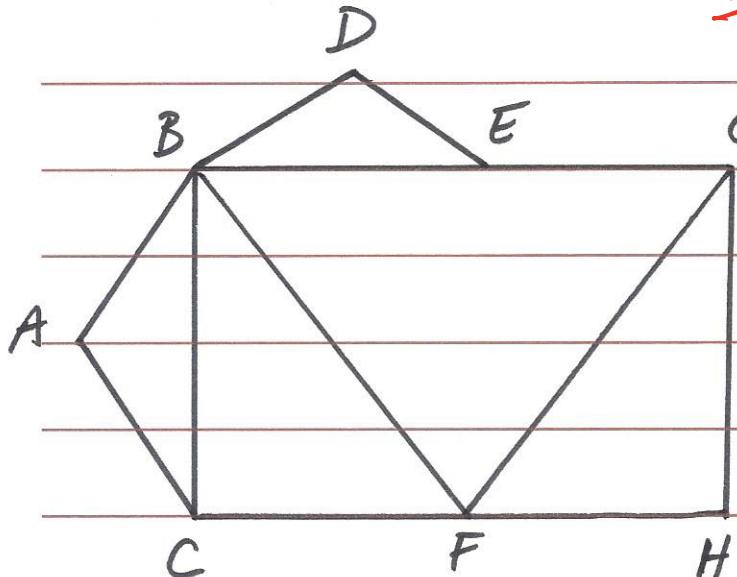
## Review of BFS & DFS

Q: What are we searching for ?

- Find out if there is a path from A to B.

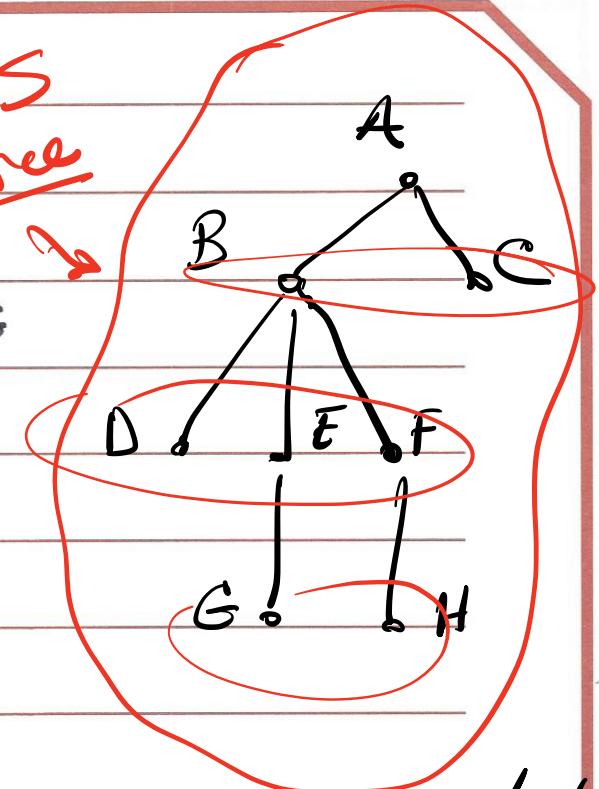
- Find all nodes that can be reached from A.

BFS



BFS

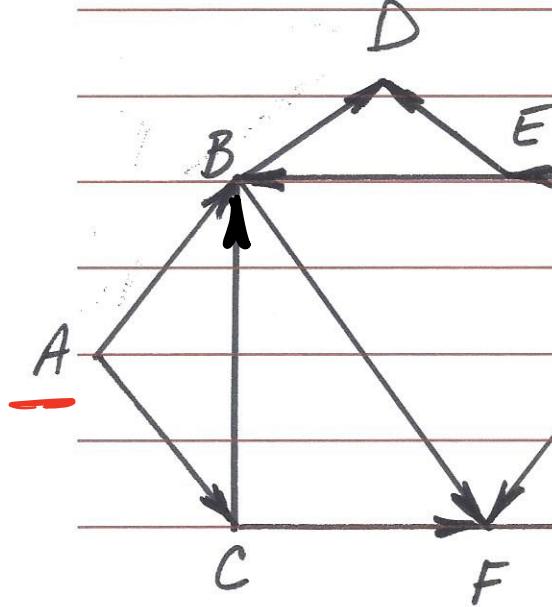
# Tree



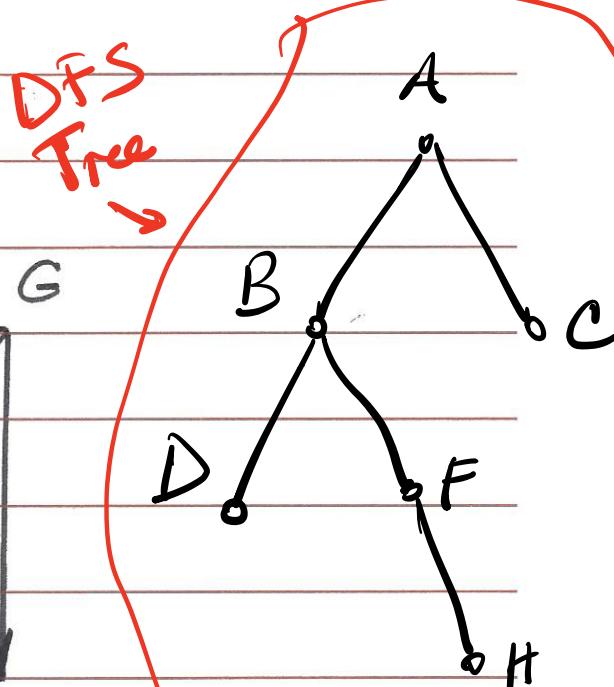
Worst Case Performance  $O(m+n)$

$m$ : no. of edges  
 $n$ : no. of nodes

DFS

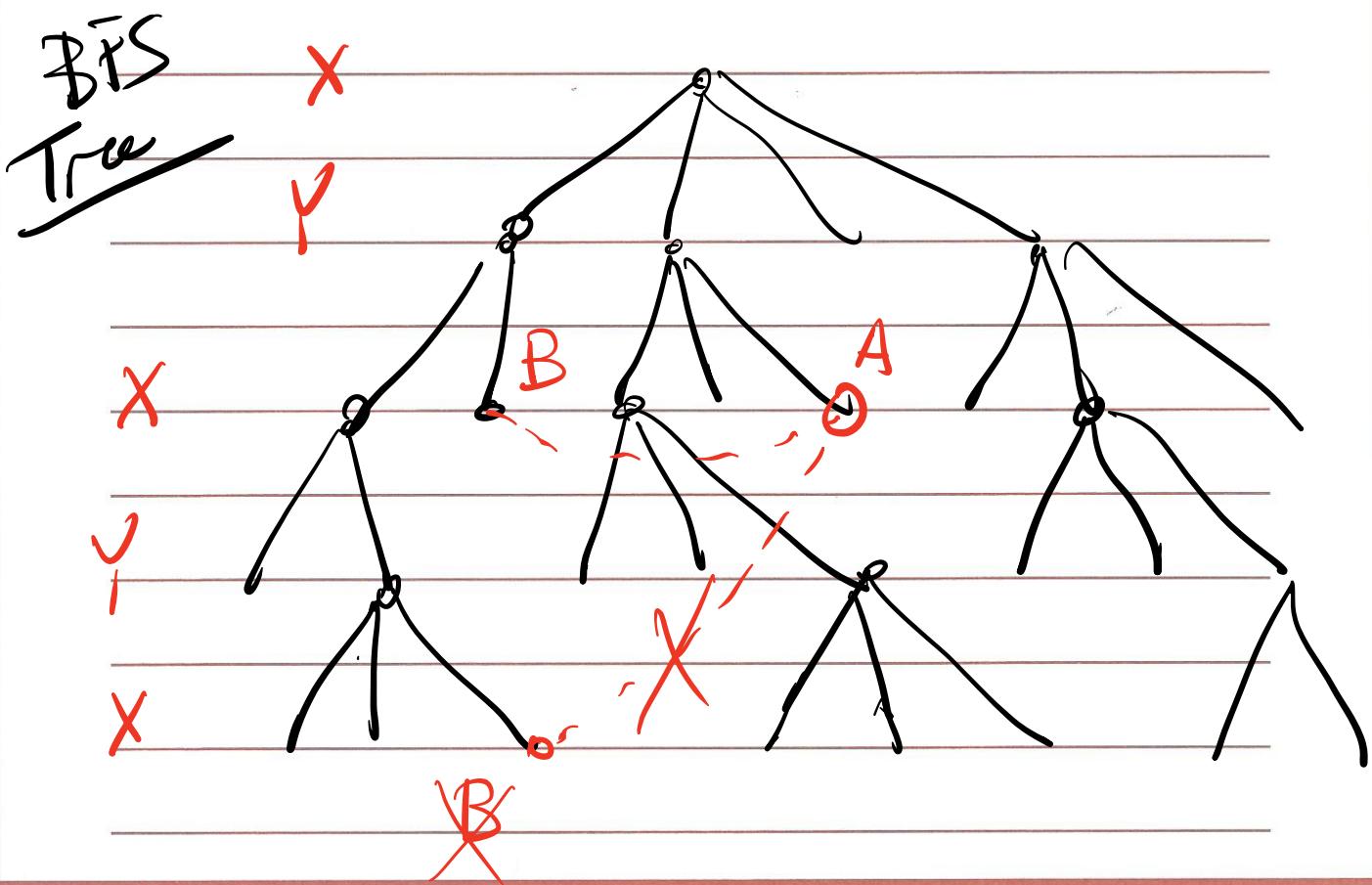
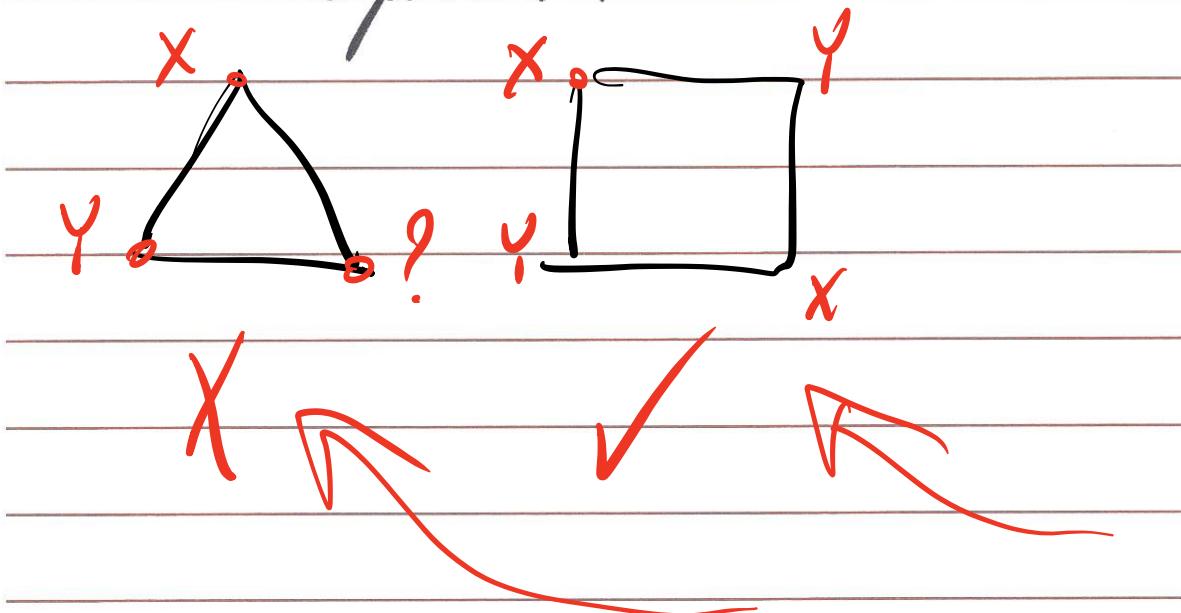


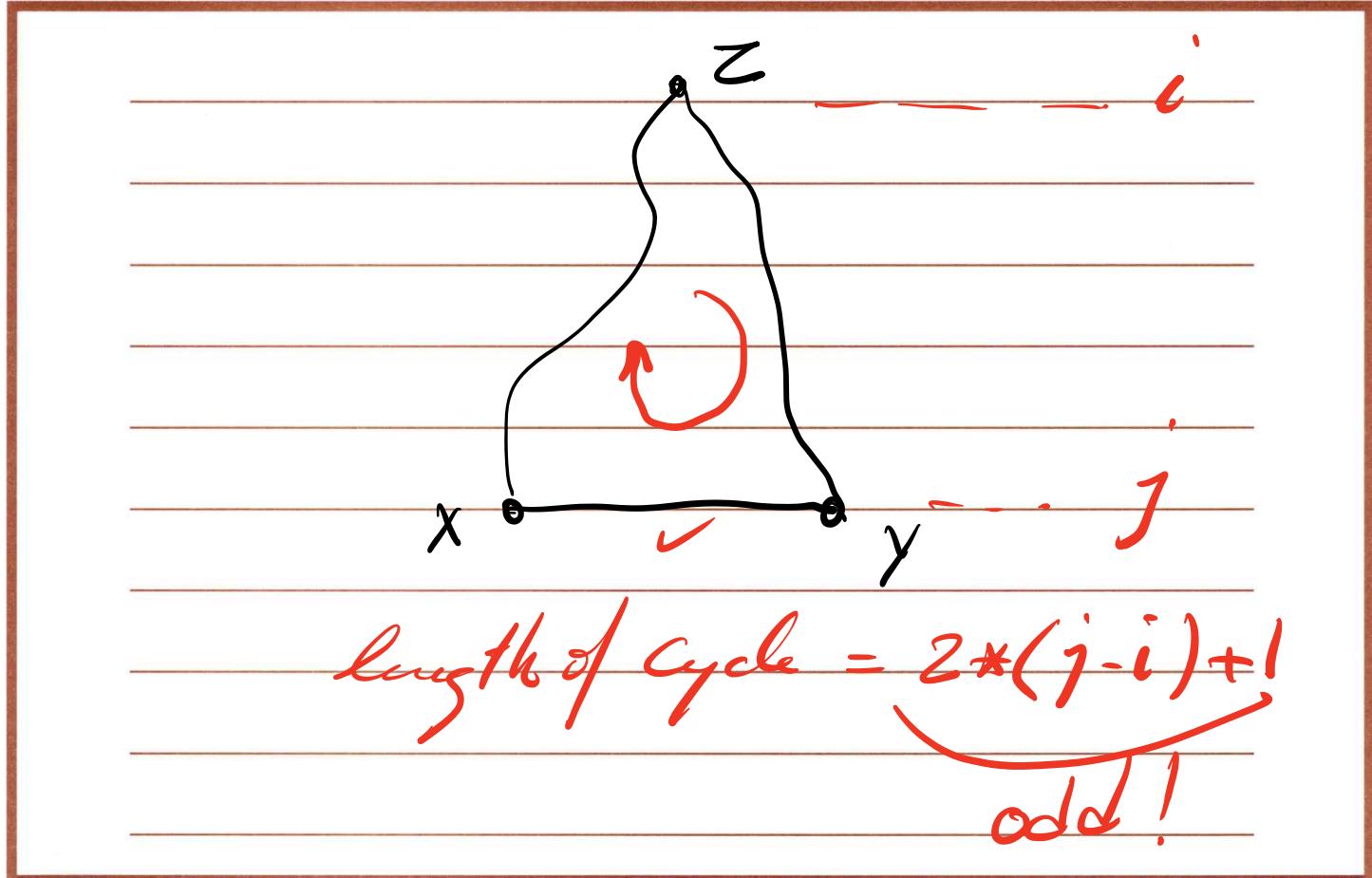
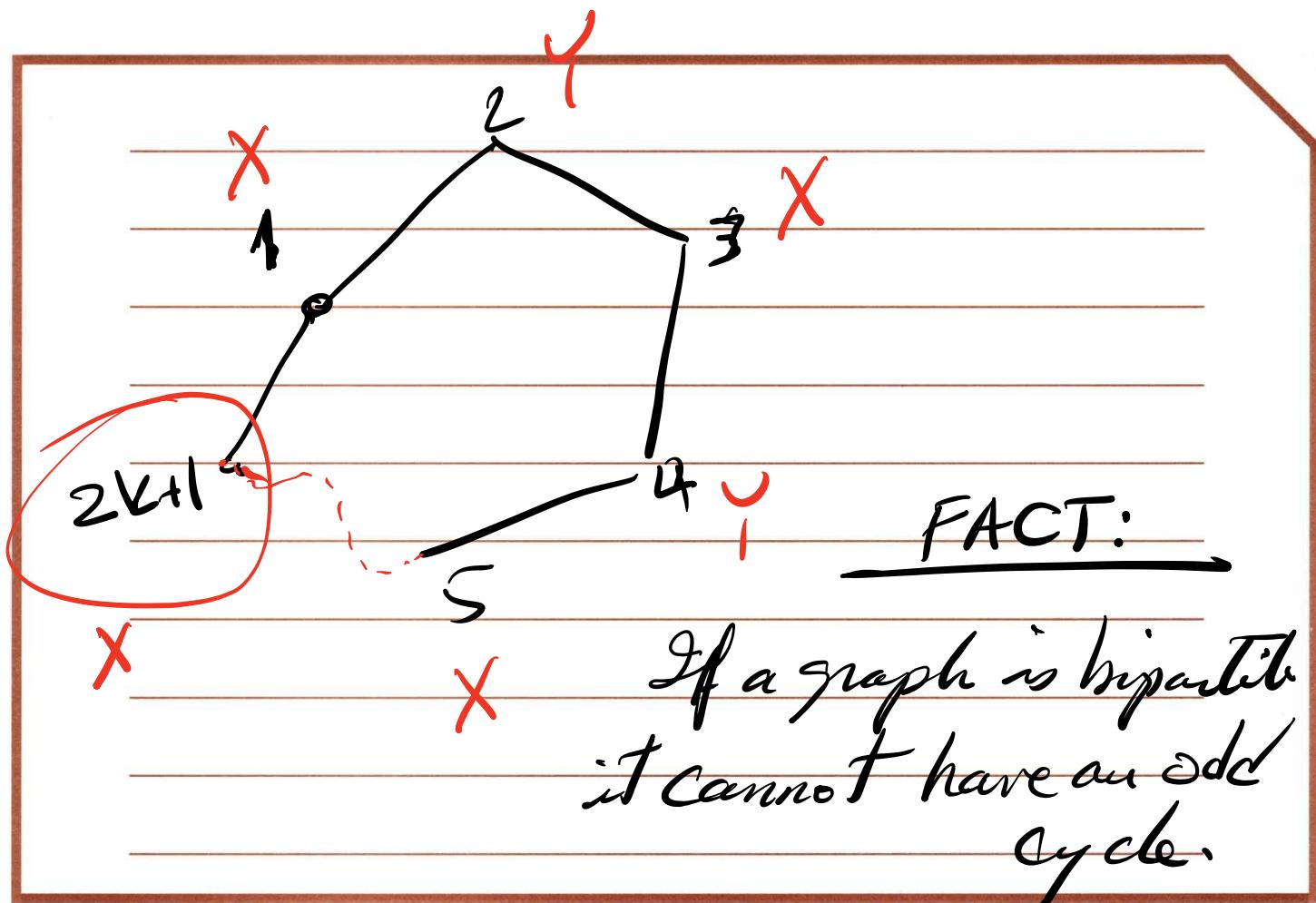
**DFS**  
**Tree**



Worst Case Performance  $O(m+n)$

Q: How do you determine if a graph is bipartite?





Solution :

$O(m+n)$  Run BFS starting from any node, say  $s$ . Label each node Red or Blue depending on whether they appear at an odd or even level on the BFS tree.

$O(m)$  Then, go through all edges and examine the labels at the two ends of the edge. If all edges have a Red end and a Blue end, then the graph is bipartite.

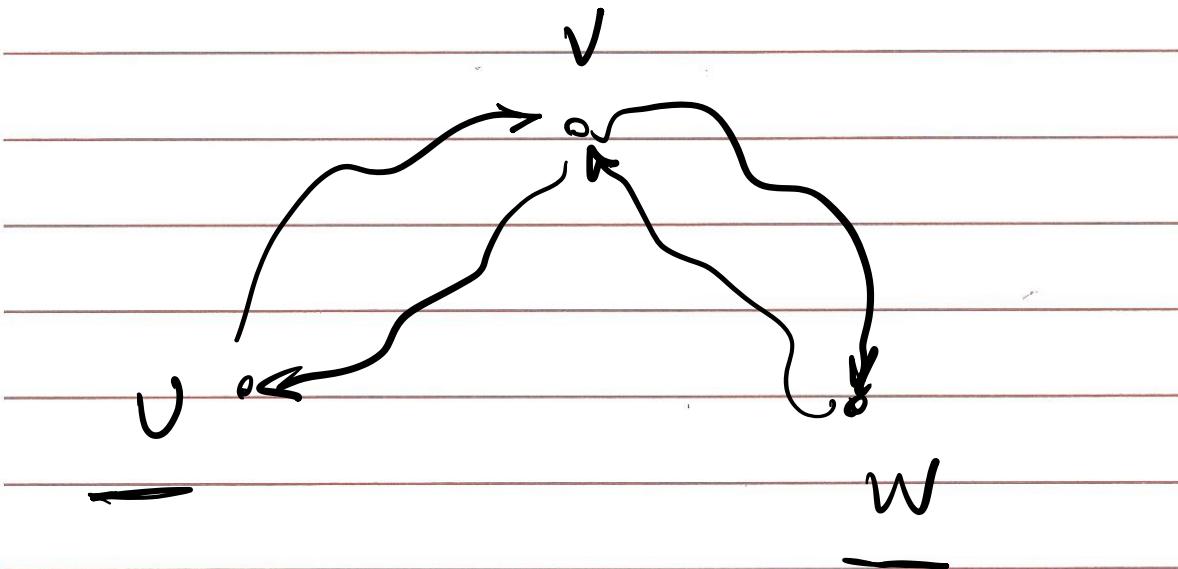
Otherwise, the graph is not bipartite.

overall complexity =  $O(m+n)$

Def. A directed graph is strongly connected if there is a path from any point to any other point in the graph.

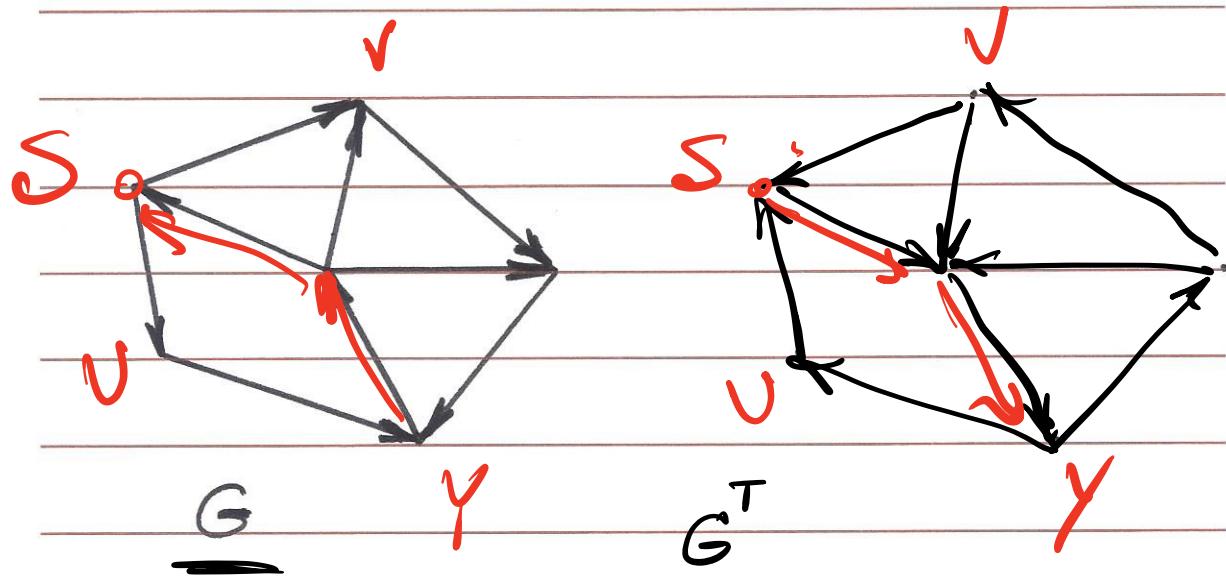
Q: How do you know if a given directed graph is strongly connected?

Brute force: Run BFS/DFS from each node. Takes  $O(n^2 + nm)$

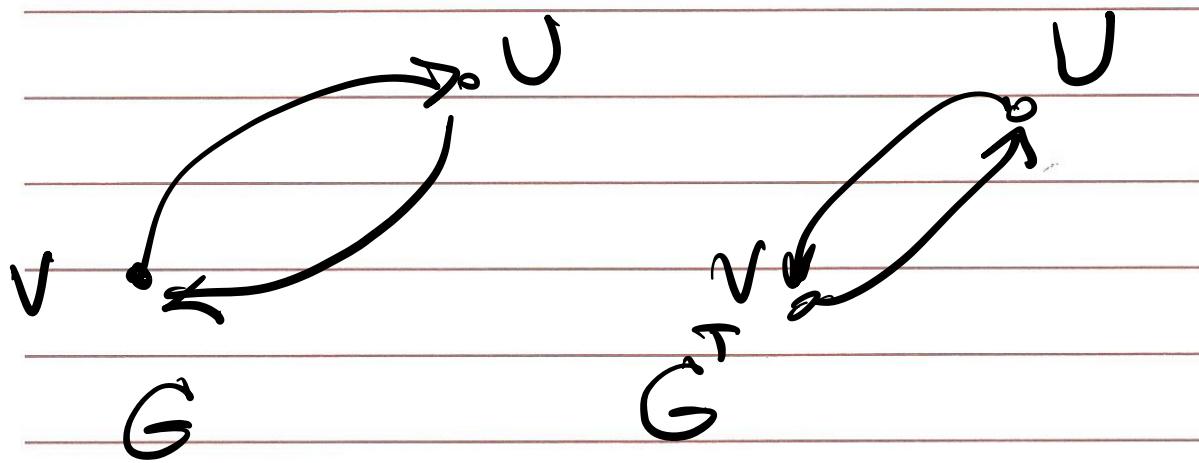


U & W are mutually reachable

Transpose of a directed graph



Mutually Reachable Nodes



Solution:

$\Theta(m+n)$  1. Use BFS or DFS to find all nodes reachable from  $s$  (an arbitrary node) in  $G$ . If some nodes are not reachable from  $s$ , stop. The graph is not strongly connected.

Otherwise, continue with step 2.

$\Theta(m+n)$  2. Create  $G^T$  (Transpose of  $G$ )

$\Theta(m+n)$  3. Use BFS or DFS to find all nodes reachable from  $s$  in  $G^T$ . If some nodes are not reachable from  $s$ , then the graph is not strongly connected.

Otherwise, the graph is strongly connected.

Overall complexity =  $\Theta(m+n)$

## Discussion 2

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1. Arrange the following functions in increasing order of growth rate with  $g(n)$  following  $f(n)$  in your list if and only if  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

$\log n^n, n^2, n^{\log n}, n \log \log n, 2^{\log n}, \log^2 n, n^{1/2}$

2. Suppose that  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are two positive non-decreasing functions such that  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ . Is it true that  $2^{f(n)} = O(2^{g(n)})$ ?

3. Find an upper bound (Big O) on the worst case run time of the following code segment.

```
void bigOh1(int[] L, int n)
    while (n > 0)
        find_max(L, n); //finds the max in L[0...n-1]
        n = n/4;
```

Carefully examine to see if this is a tight upper bound (Big Θ)

4. Find a lower bound (Big Ω) on the best case run time of the following code segment.

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string bigOh2(int n)
    if(n == 0) return "a";
    string str = bigOh2(n-1);
    return str + str;
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5. What Mathematicians often keep track of a statistic called their Erdős Number, after the great 20th century mathematician. Paul Erdős himself has a number of zero. Anyone who wrote a mathematical paper with him has a number of one, anyone who wrote a paper with someone who wrote a paper with him has a number of two, and so forth and so on. Supposing that we have a database of all mathematical papers ever written along with their authors:

- Explain how to represent this data as a graph.
- Explain how we would compute the Erdős number for a particular researcher.
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Given a DAG, give a linear-time algorithm to determine if there is a simple path that visits all vertices.

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 $= n$

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$$f(n) = 2n \quad g(n) = n$$

$$f(n) = O(g(n))$$

$$\frac{2n}{z} = O(z^n)$$

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$$\text{Worst Case perf} = \underline{\underline{O(n \log n)}}$$

$$cn + \frac{1}{4}cn + \frac{1}{16}cn + \dots$$

Sum  $< 2n$

$$n + n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + n/16 + \dots$$

worst case:  $2n$

$$\text{tight bound} = \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$$

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Best case takes  $\Omega(n)$

not a tight bound

$$\frac{n}{0}$$
  
$$1$$
  
$$2$$
  
$$\vdots$$

output

a

aa

aaaa

n

aa...aa

$2^n$

tight bound in  $\Theta(2^n)$

function  
representing  
Best Case  
Performance

$O(2)$

$f(n)$

$\Omega(2^n)$

$\Omega(n)$

$\Omega(1)$

$$2 + \frac{1}{2}2 + \frac{1}{4}2 + \dots + 1$$

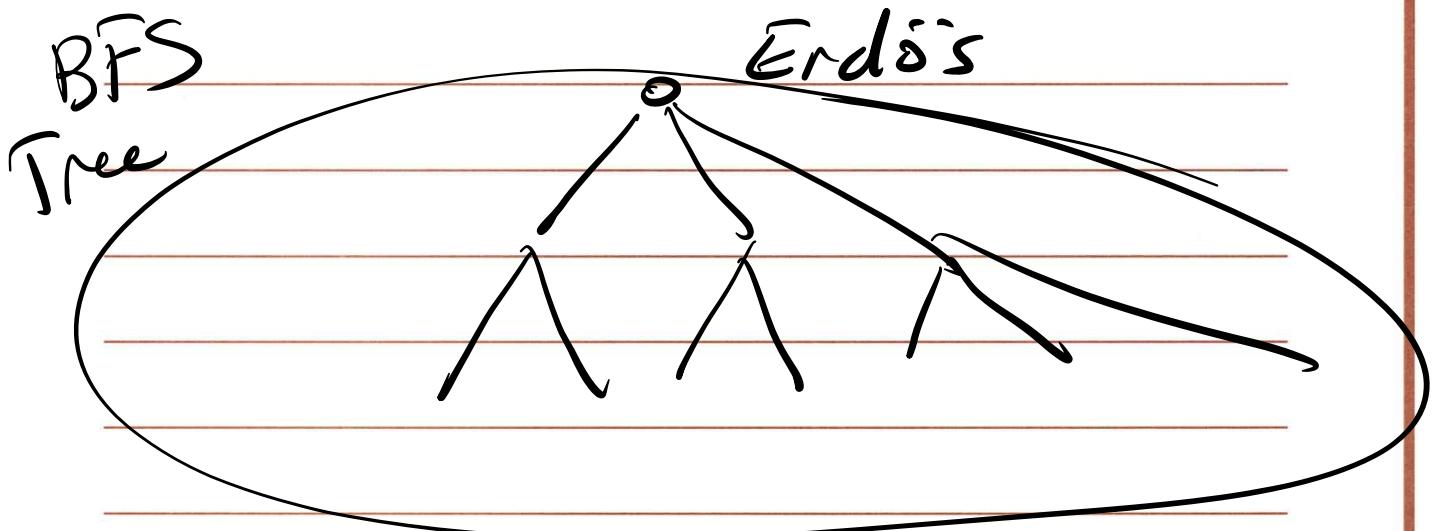
$$\sum = 2 \times 2 = \Theta(2^n)$$

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a - nodes represent mathematicians  
edge      ~      co-authorship

b - Run BFS to find the level  
at which the mathematician appears



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