Graph Definitions

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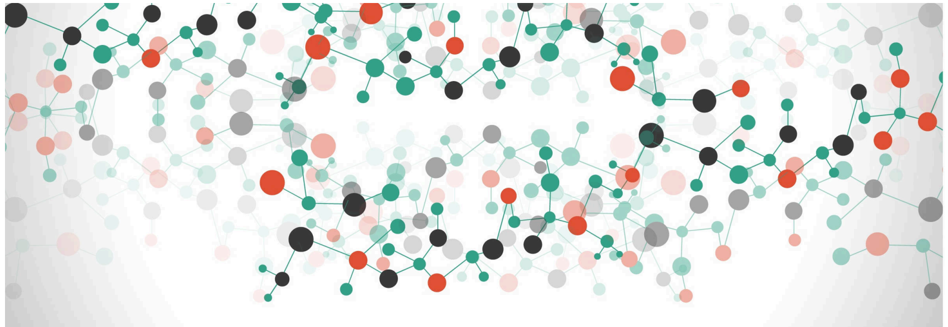
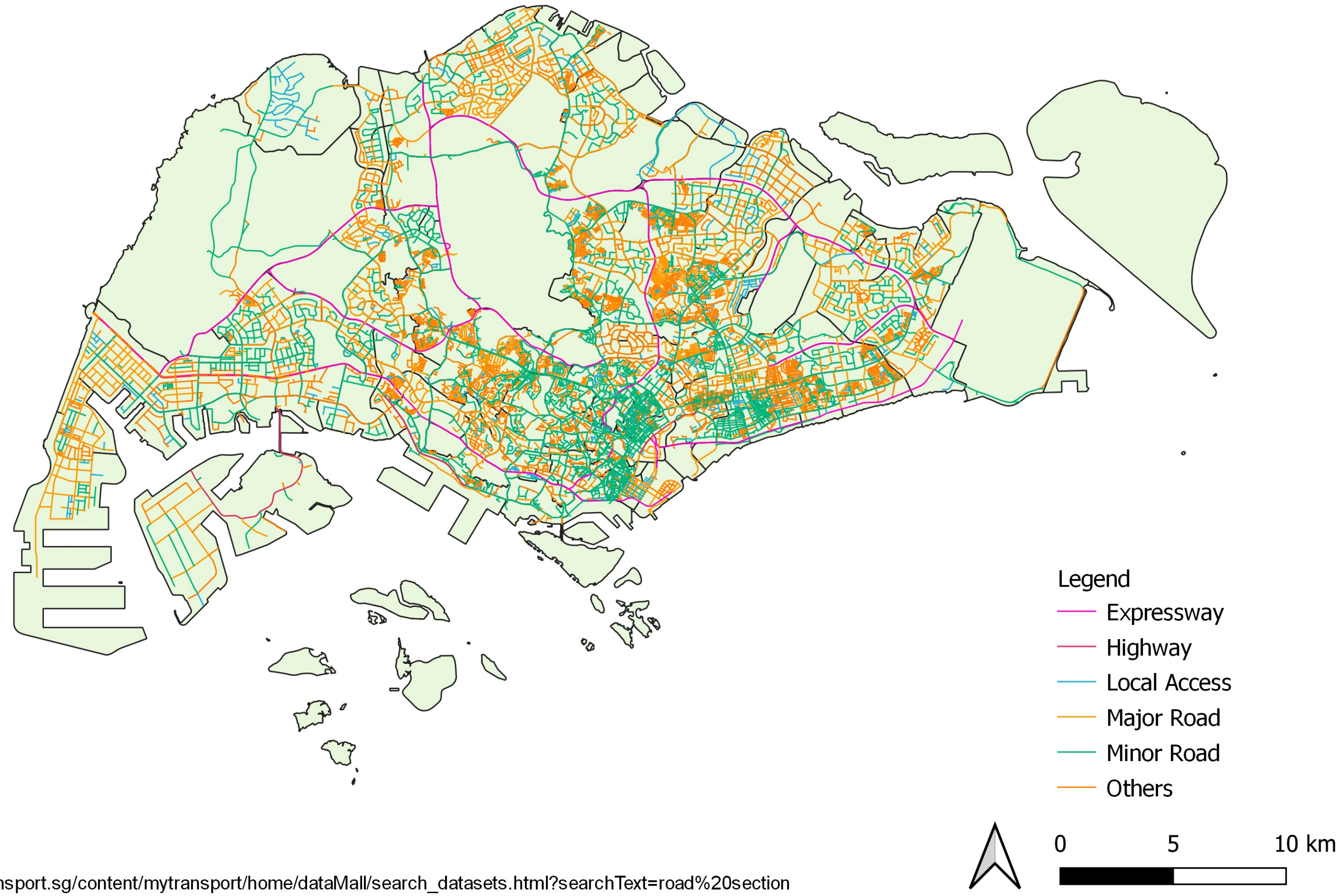
OUTLINE

- Graphs and Di-Graphs
- Preliminaries
- Basic operations



Graphs are Everywhere …

Hierarchy Of Road Network System Of Singapore



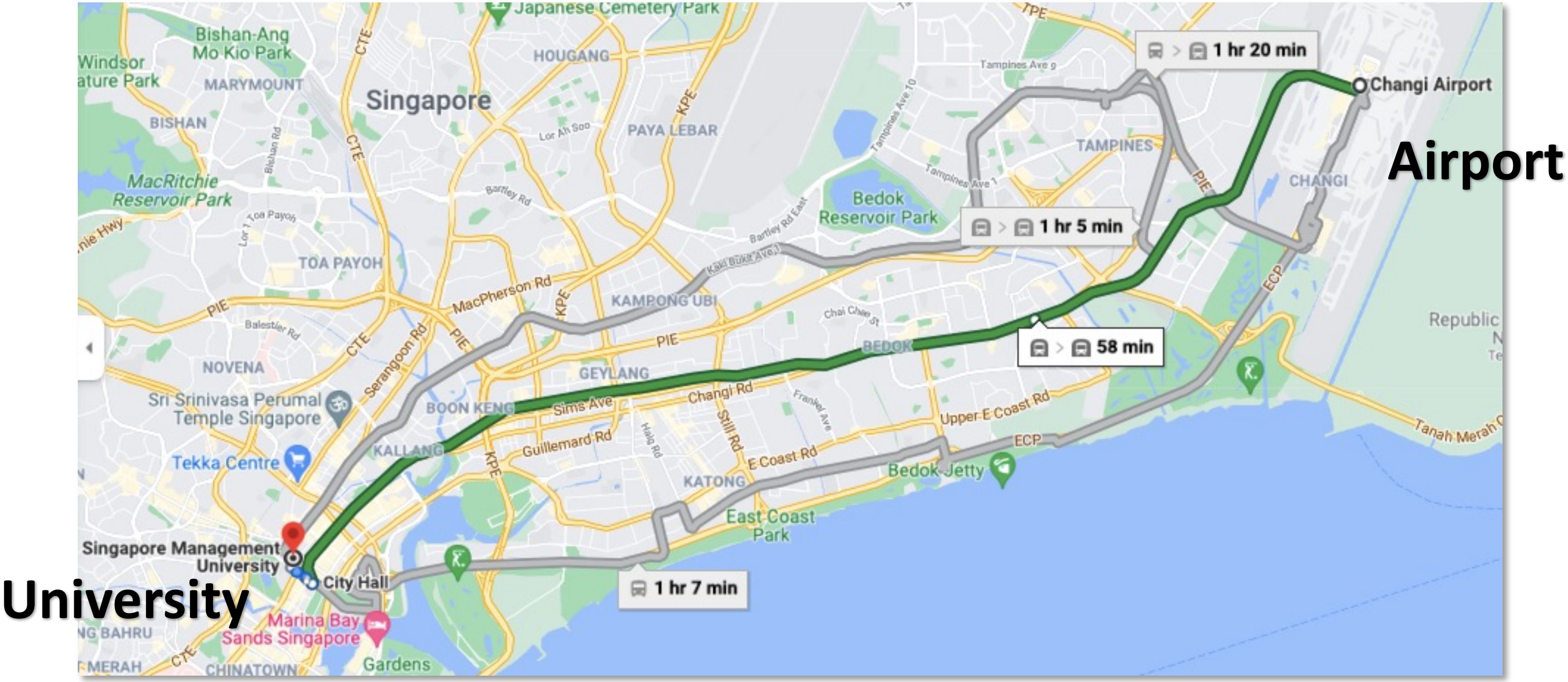
Source:
https://www.mytransport.sg/content/mytransport/home/dataMall/search_datasets.html?searchText=road%20section

Graph contains nodes with edges connecting those them.

Example: Road Network
Nodes: Intersections
Edges: Road

Graphs are Everywhere …

- Application: finding shortest travel route on road networks



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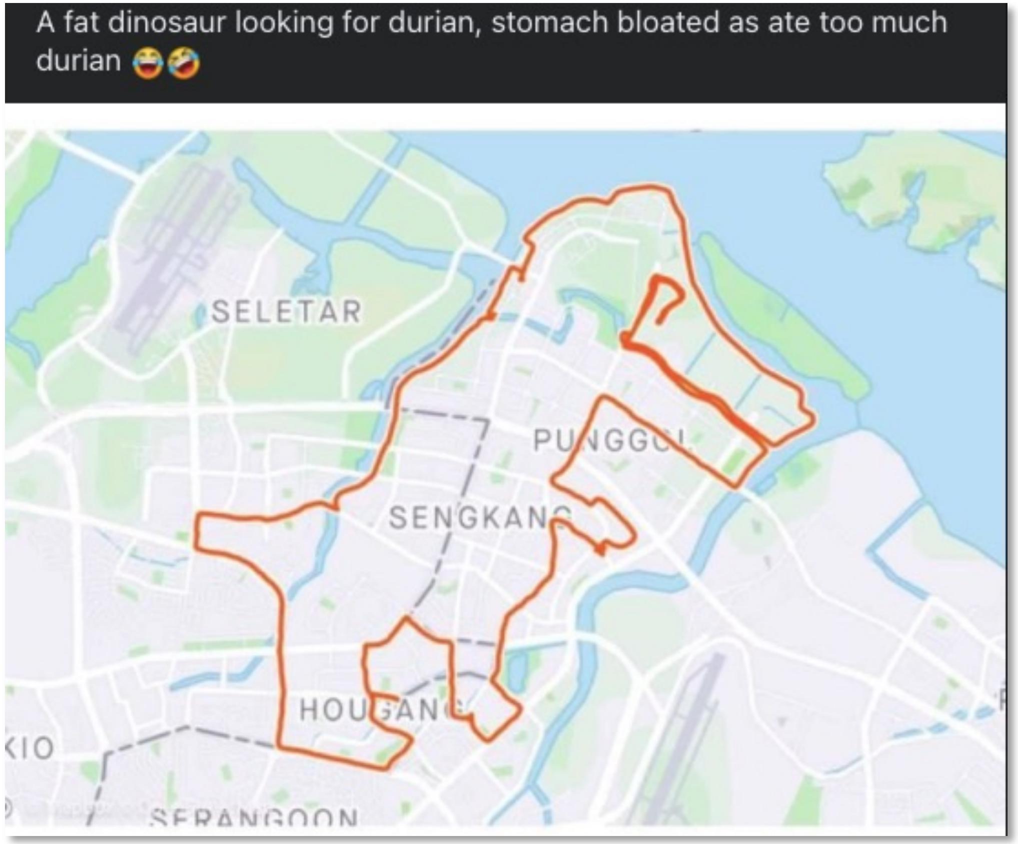
- Application: cycling route recommendation



Graphs are Everywhere …

- Social networks: community detection, advertisement

Monthly Active Users (MAU)

Twitter

300 millions

Facebook

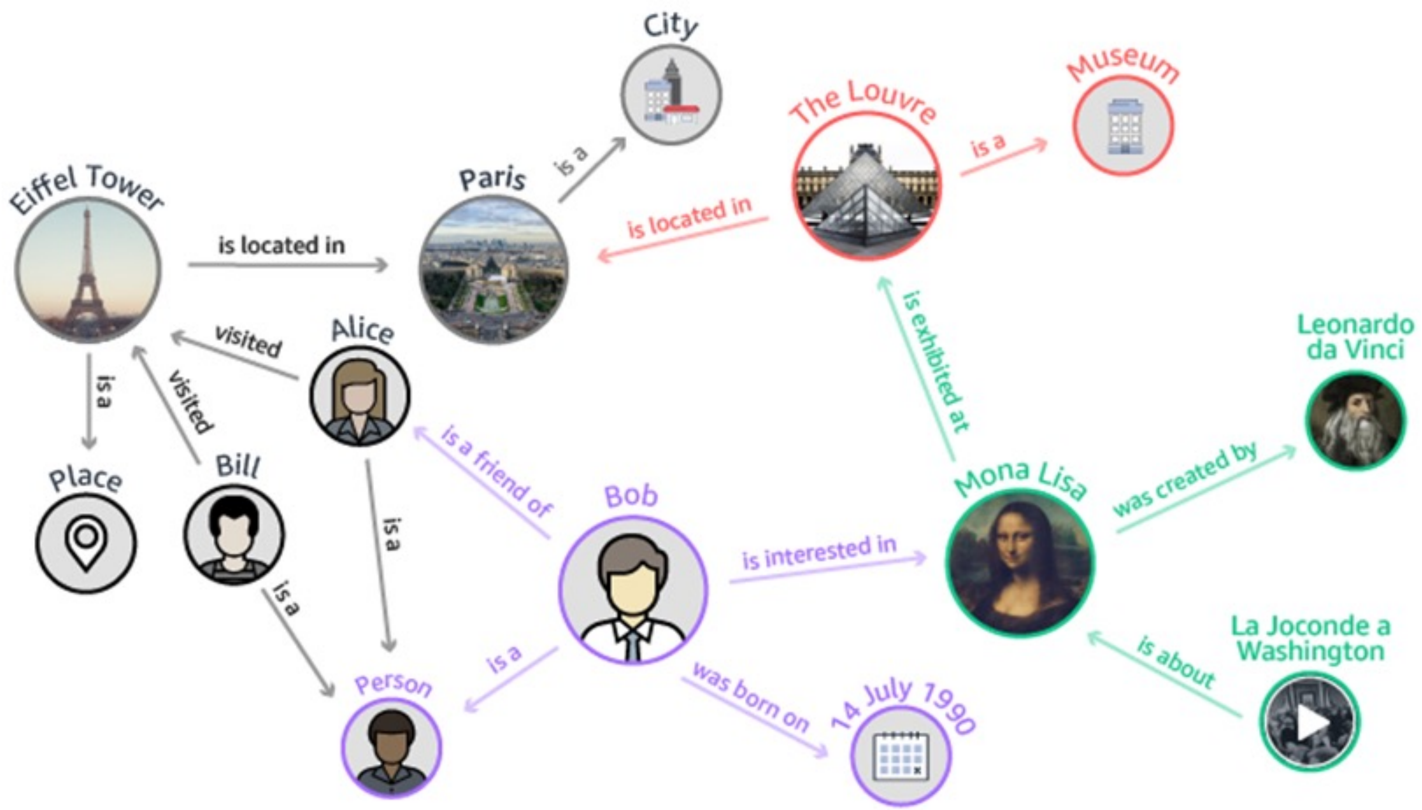
2.6 billions

Tiktok

800 millions

Graphs are Everywhere ...

- Knowledge graphs: commonsense reasoning, question answering



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10M nodes

120M facts

DBPedia

4.58M nodes

3B facts

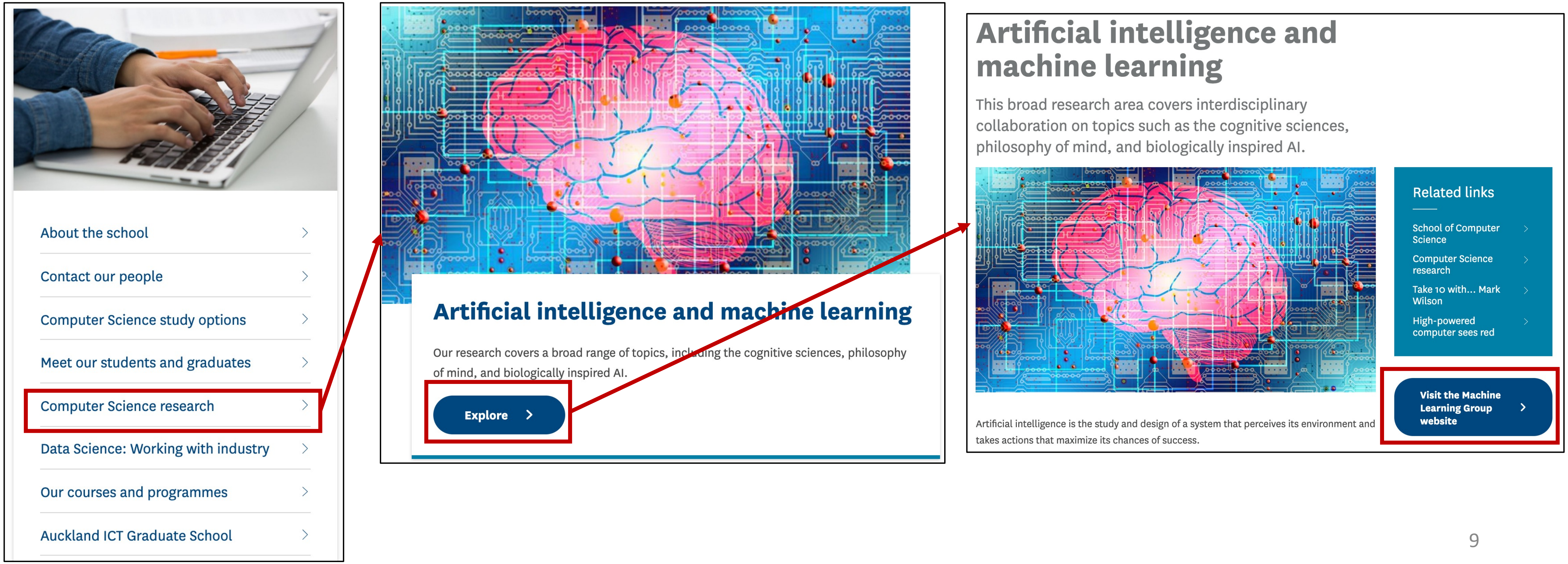
ConceptNet

300K nodes

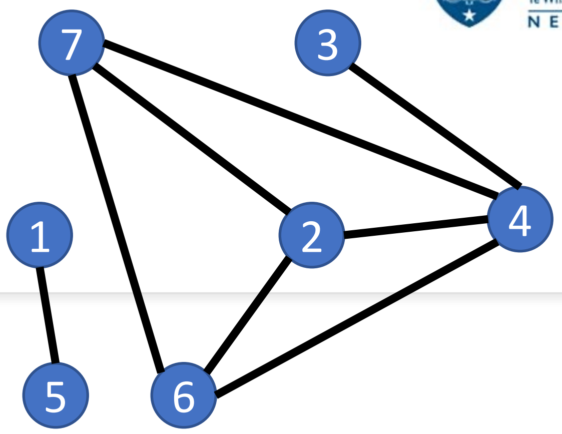
1.6M facts

Graphs are Everywhere …

- Web as a graph (4.2 billion webpages) – information retrieval
- Nodes: Webpages, Edges: Hyperlinks

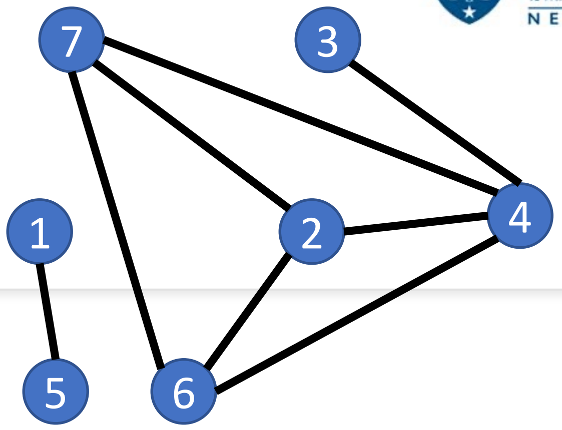


Graphs



- A graph G consists of two sets V and E.
- V is the set of vertices (also called nodes). A vertex (not "vertice"!) is often graphically displayed as a point or junction point (like the seven little circles here).
- E is the set of edges. Each edge connects two vertices u and v in V. Edges have no direction – they equally go from u to v and from v to u. We denote an edge as (u, v) with the understanding that $(u, v) = (v, u)$. The graph here contains eight edges (the black lines).

Graphs (Contd.)



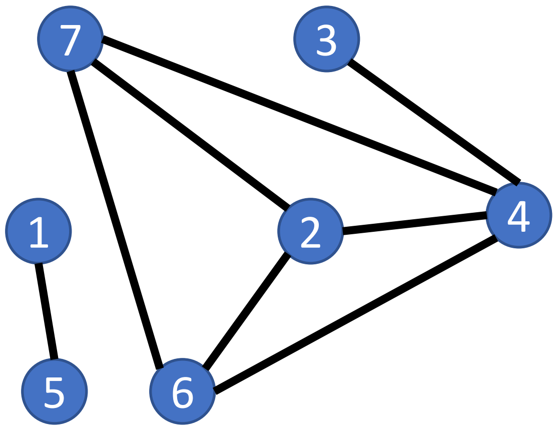
- If two vertices u and v are connected by an edge, they are said to be adjacent. We also say that u is a neighbour of v.

- It is not uncommon to number the vertices or otherwise label them uniquely. This is then called a labelled graph.

Graphs (Contd.)

- We also write $G(V, E)$ for the graph itself, or $E(G)$ for the edges, or $V(G)$ for the vertices.

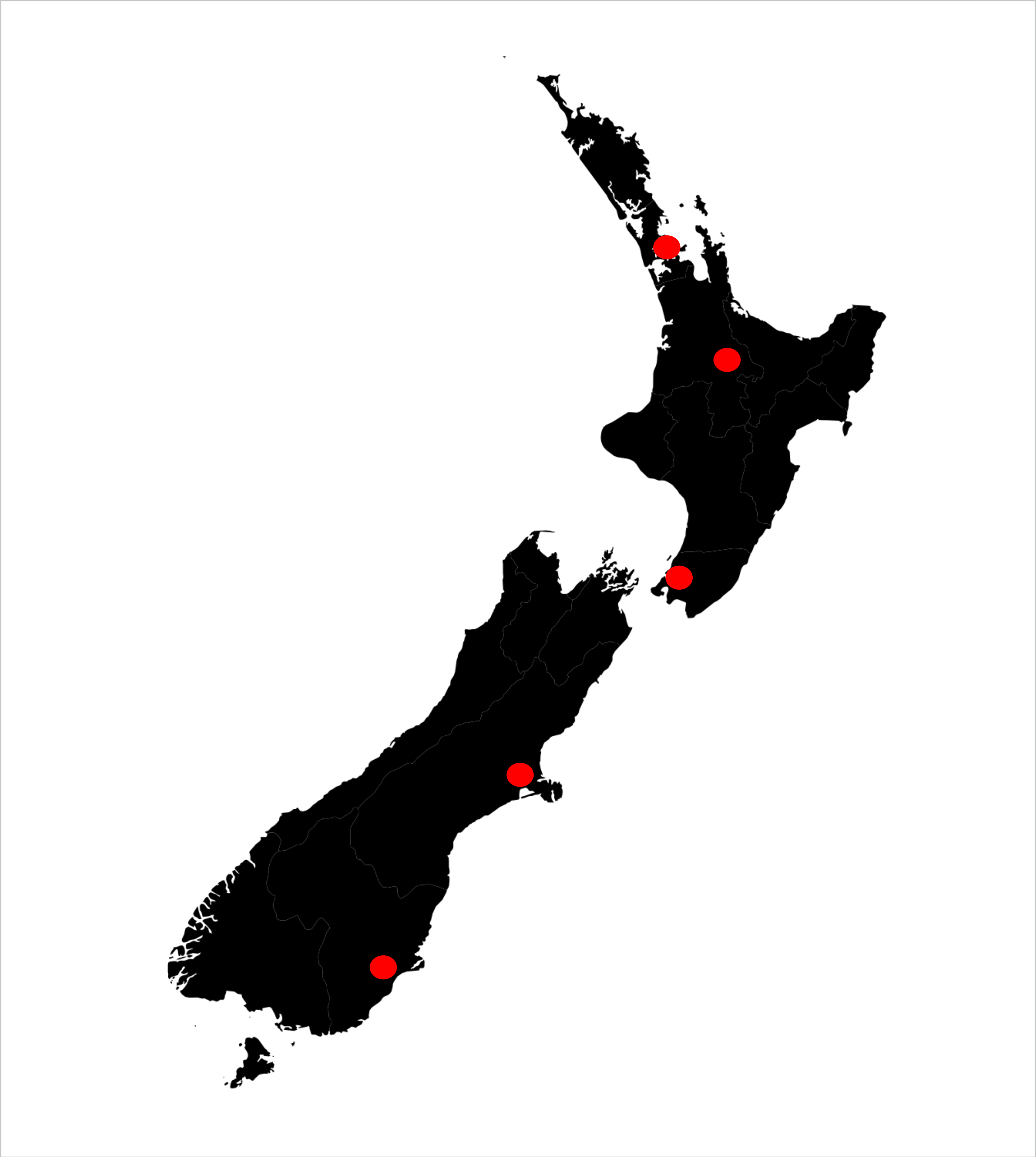
- Note
  - not every vertex of a graph needs to have an edge attached;
  - not every pair of vertices needs to be connected by an edge, and it's perfectly fine to have a graph with many vertices but no edges at all!



This is one graph, and it is a disconnected graph.

Example: Graph

- Road network does not connect North island cities with South island cities. We have a disconnected graph.

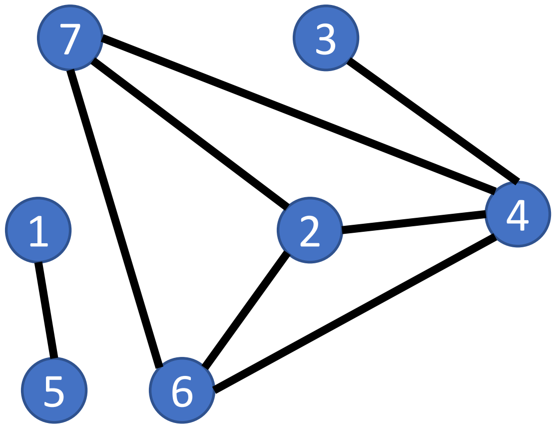


Graph: Order and Size

- The **order** of a graph G is the number of its vertices: $|V(G)|$

- The **size** of a graph G is the number of its edges: $|E(G)|$

- Remember that $|X|$ denotes the number of elements of a set X.



In this example:

$|V(G)| = ?$

$|E(G)| = ?$

How many edges can a graph have?

- **Observation 1**: At most one edge per pair of different vertices.
- **Observation 2**: There are | $V(G)$ | (| $V(G)$ | -1) possible such vertex pairs (u, v), but there can be only one such edge for (u, v) and (v, u).
- So we need to divide this number by two:
- 0 ≤ | $E(G)$ | ≤ | $V(G)$ | (| $V(G)$ | -1)/2.

Sparse and Dense Graphs

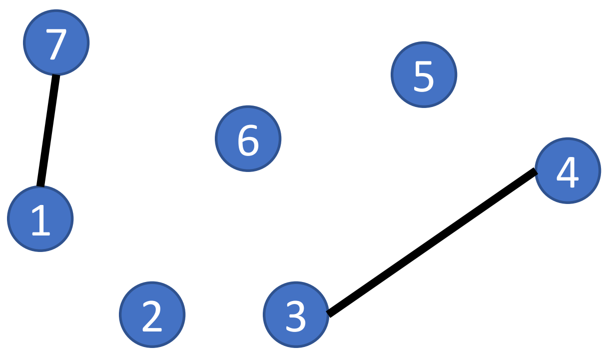
- If $|E(G)|$ approaches the high end of the scale $0 \leq |E(G)| \leq |V(G)|(|V(G)| - 1)/2$, we say that the graph is **dense**

- If $|E(G)|$ approaches the low end of the scale $0 \leq |E(G)| \leq |V(G)|(|V(G)| - 1)/2$, we say that the graph is **sparse**

- Knowing whether a graph that we are dealing with is dense or sparse makes a difference in how it is best stored when **space efficiency** is important.

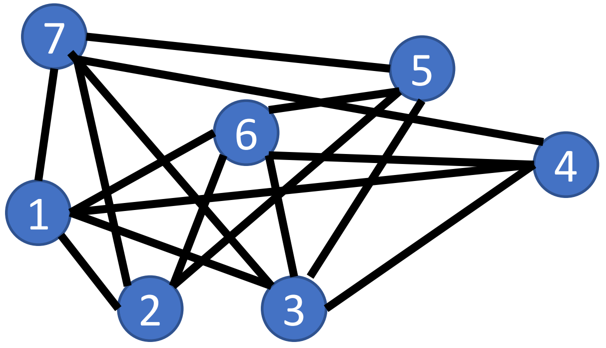
- There is no defined boundary between when we would call a graph sparse or dense – but the criterion of storage could help us decide if we wanted such a boundary.

Example: Sparse and Dense Graphs



A **sparse** graph
(2 out of 21 possible edges)

Generally more efficient to store edges by recording between which vertices they occur



A **dense** graph
(16 out of 21 possible edges)

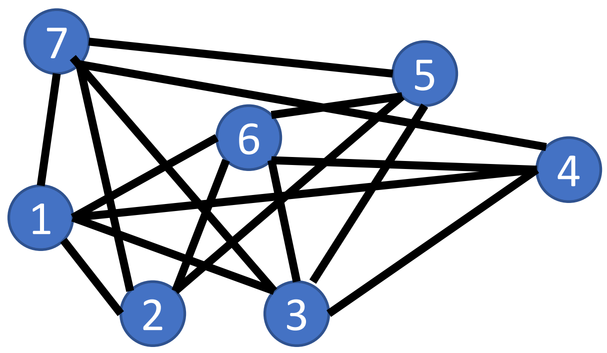
Generally more efficient to store edges by listing vertex pairs and recording between which pairs there are edges

Degree of a Node in a Graph

- The **degree** of a vertex v is the number of edges that terminate in this vertex

- **Observation 1**: The number of edges is the sum of the degrees of all vertices divide by 2

- **Observation 2**: In sparse graphs, the nodes tend to have a lower degree than in dense graphs.



Node 1: degree 5
Node 2: degree 4
Node 3: degree 5
Node 4: degree 4
Node 5: degree 4
Node 6: degree 5
Node 7: degree 5

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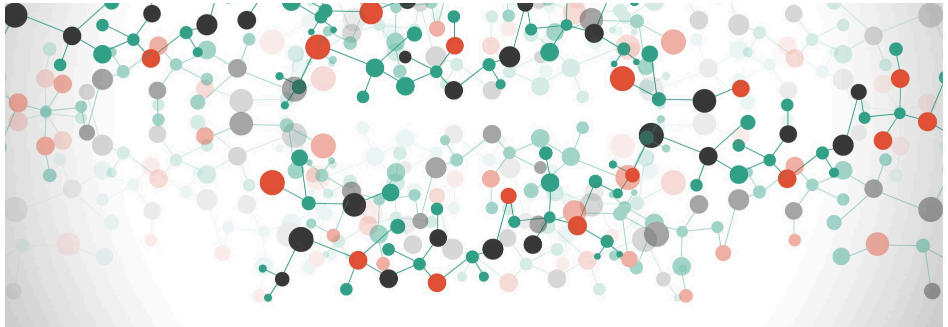
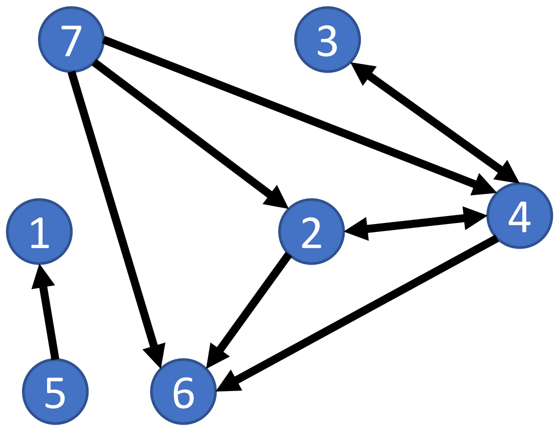


Directed Graphs

- The set E of edges is replaced by a set E of arcs.
- An arc has a direction. An edge runs between two vertices u and v, an arc runs from a vertex u to a vertex v
- Draws the arcs curved allows it to have them between two vertices in both directions. We use double-headed arrows here to indicate that two vertices are connected by arcs in both directions
- This also requires us to extend and amend our previous definitions and terminology (next slide).

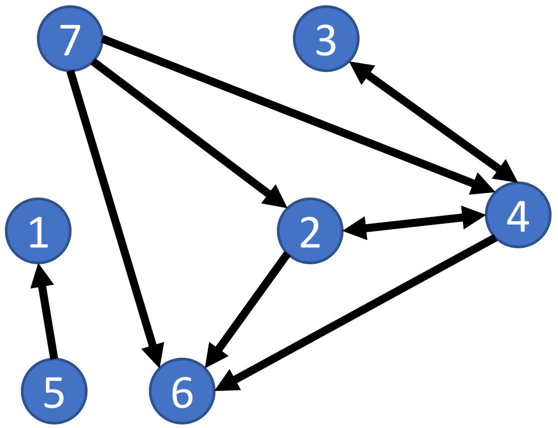


Neighborhood

- There are **two types of neighbours**
  - A neighbour v of u is an out-neighbour of u if there is an arc from u to v.
  - A neighbour v of u is an in-neighbour of u if there is an arc from v to u.

- There are **two types of degrees**
  - The out-degree (number of out-neighbours) and
  - The in-degree (number of in-neighbours).

- Obviously, now $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$.
- Size of a digraph = number of arcs



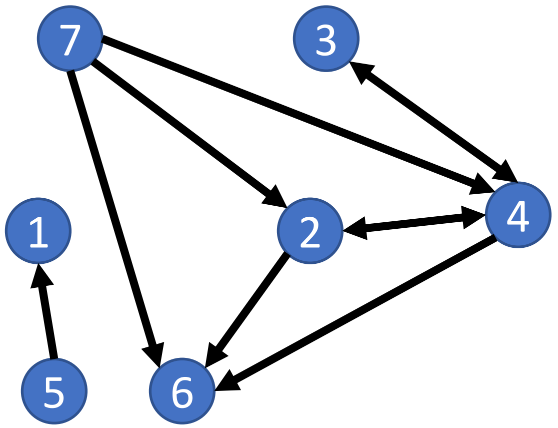
- 1 is an out-neighbour of 5
- 2 is an in-neighbour of 6
- 2 is an in-neighbour and out-neighbour of 4 (and vice versa)
- 7 has in-degree 0 and out-degree 3
- 4 has in-degree 3 and out-degree 3
- Size is 10

Sources and Sinks

- A vertex with in-degree 0 is called a source (all arcs "flow out" from the vertex).

- A vertex with out-degree 0 is called a sink (all arcs "flow into" the vertex).

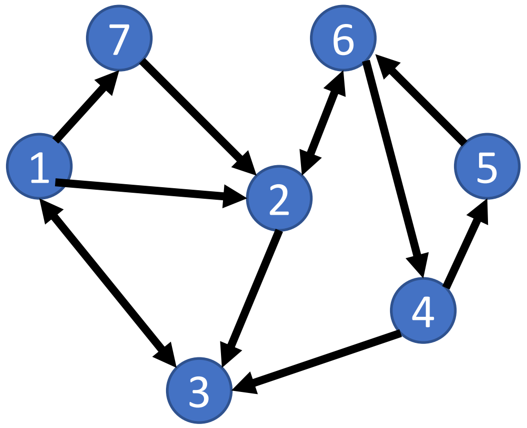
- Question: Is it possible to have a node that is both a source as well as sink?



- 1 and 6 are sinks
- 5 and 7 are sources
- The other nodes are neither sinks nor sources

Walk, Path, Cycle

- A walk is a sequence of vertices $v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_n$, such that (v_i, v_{i+1}) is an arc in E for $0 \leq i < n$
- A walk **CAN** pass by the same vertex twice, i.e., $v_i = v_j$ is possible even for i $\neq j$
- The length of the walk is n. This is the number of arcs involved.



"4 5 6 4 3 1 2 3 1 7 2" is a walk

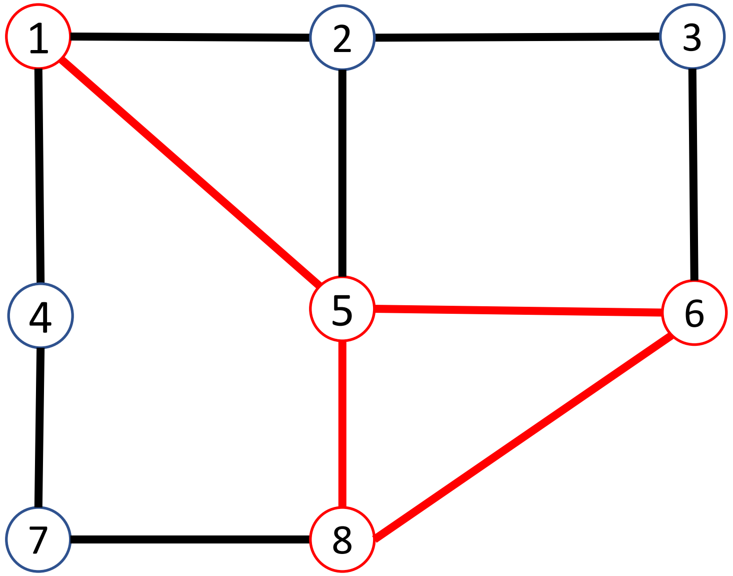
Walk, Path, Cycle (Contd.)

- A path is a walk in which **NO** vertex is repeated

- A cycle is a walk of length 3 or more on a graph or any walk on a digraph where $v_0 = v_n$,
  - A walk that ends in the same vertex that it started in.
  - No vertex is repeated other than the vertex at the start and end.

Exercise: This is NOT a Cycle

(1,5,6,8,5,1)



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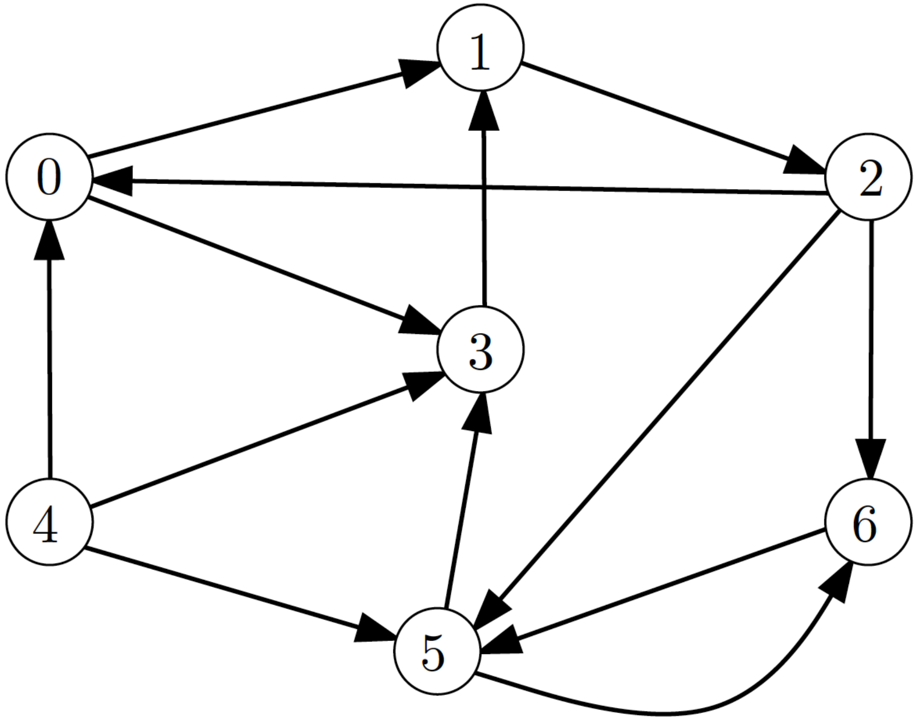

Sequence	Walk	Path?	Cycle?
0 2 3	no	no	no
3 1 2	yes	yes	no
1 2 6 5 3 1	yes	no	yes
4 5 6 5	yes	no	no
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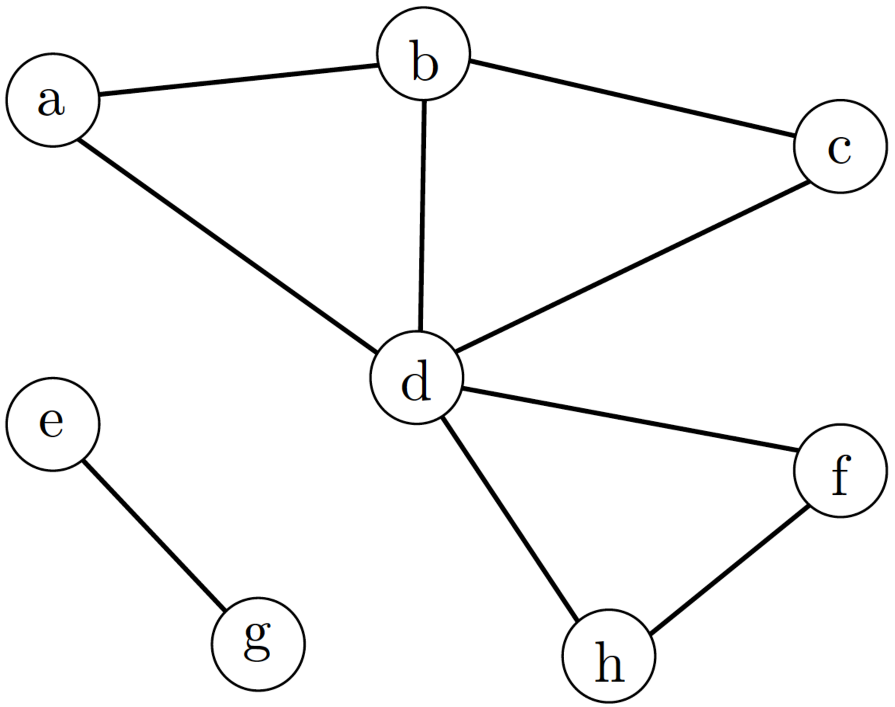

Sequence	Walk	Path?	Cycle?
$a\ b\ c$	yes	yes	no
$e\ g\ e$	yes	no	no
$d\ b\ c\ d$	yes	no	yes
$d\ a\ d\ f$	yes	no	no
$a\ b\ d\ f\ h$	yes	yes	no

Subgraphs and Subdigraphs

- A sub(di)graph $G' = (V', E')$ of a (di)graph $G = (V, E)$ is a (di)graph for which $V' \subseteq V$ and $E' \subseteq E$.

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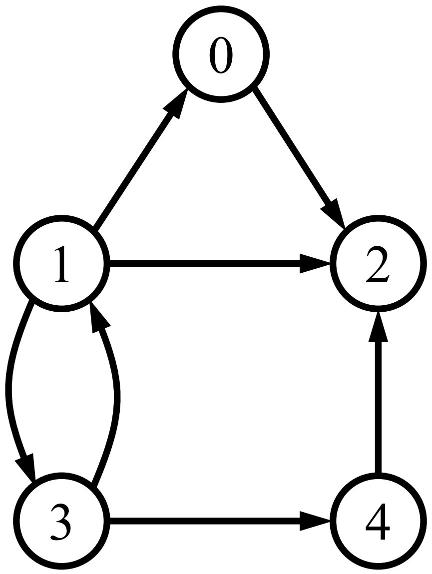

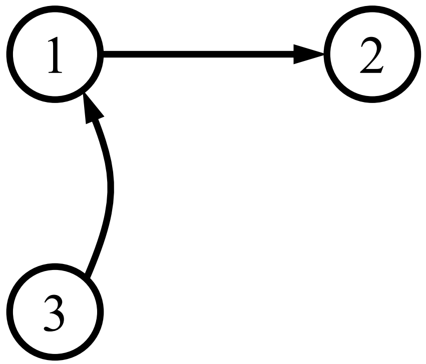

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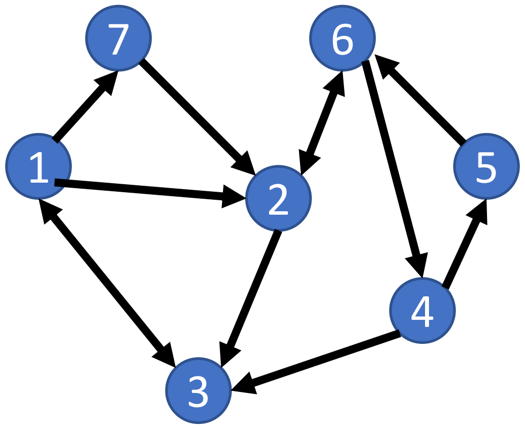

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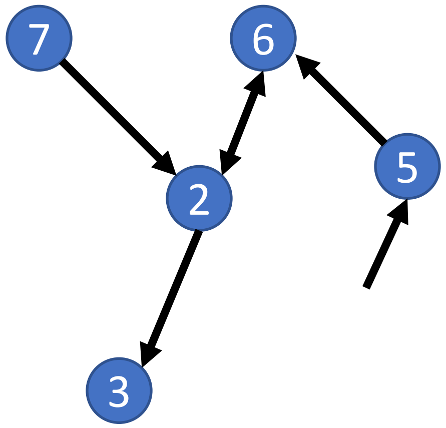

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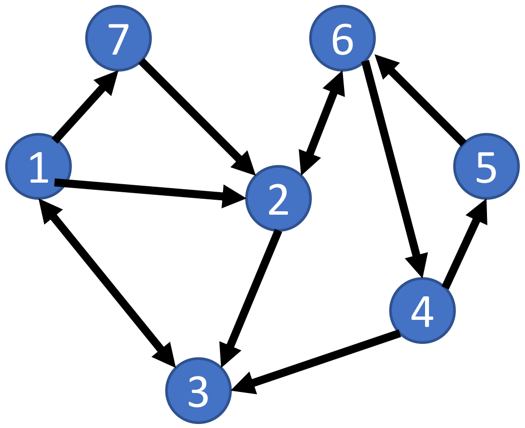

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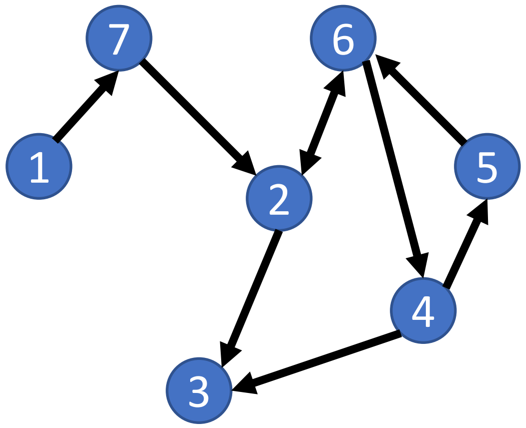

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Induced Sub(di)graphs

- A subdigraph induced by a subset V' of V is the digraph $G' = (V', E')$ where $E' = \{(u, v) \in E | u \in V' \text{and } v \in V'\}$.

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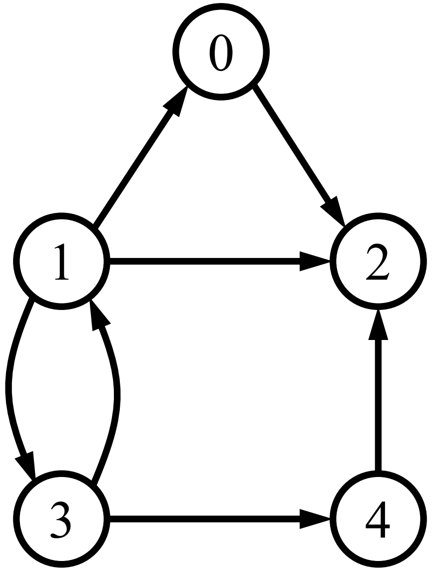

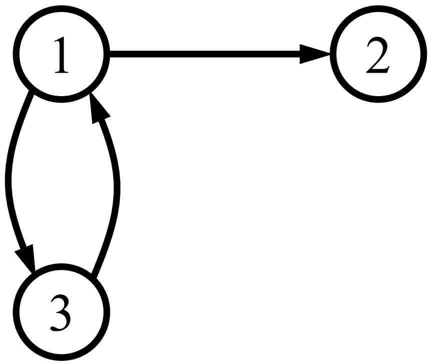

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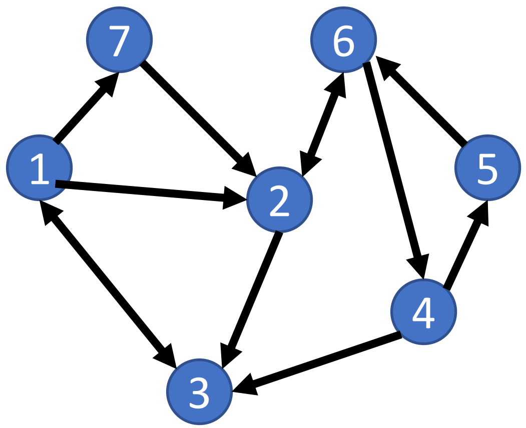
Example: An Induced Subdigraph



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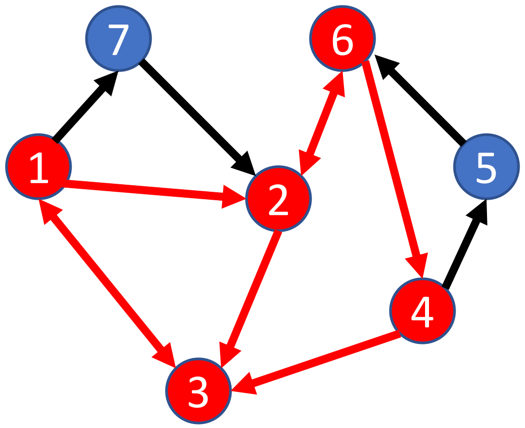

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E.g., $V' = \{1,2,3,4,6\}$

Spanning Sub(di)graphs

- A spanning subdigraph contains all nodes, that is, V'=V.

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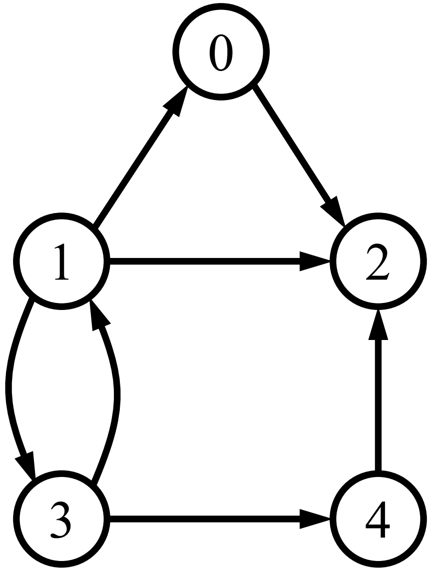

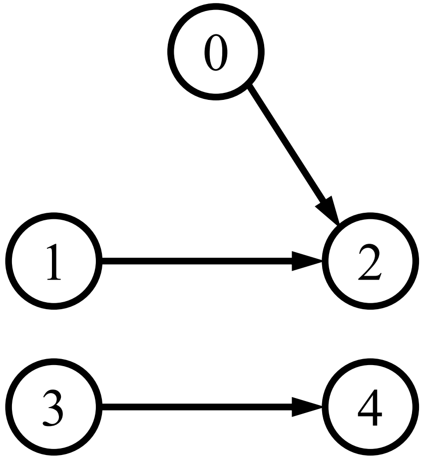

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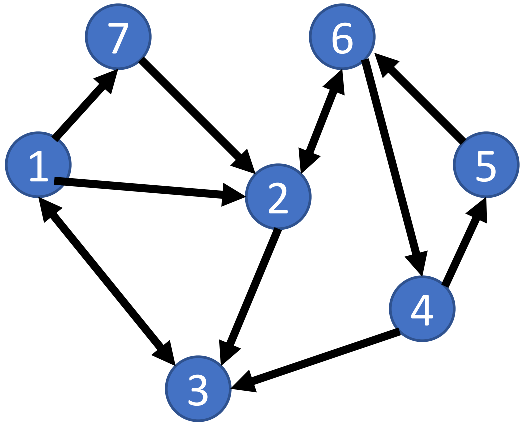
Reverse Digraph

- The reverse digraph of the digraph G=(V,E), is the digraph Gr=(V,E') where (u, v)∈E' if and only if (v, u)∈E.



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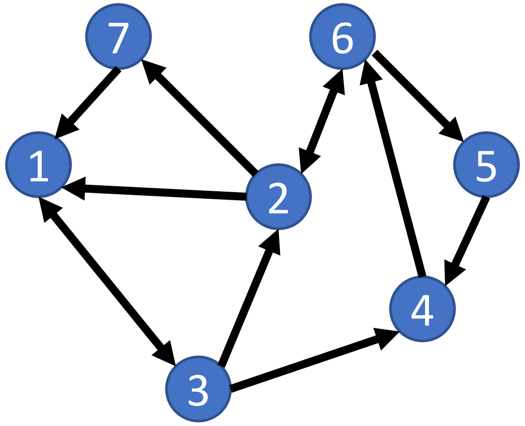

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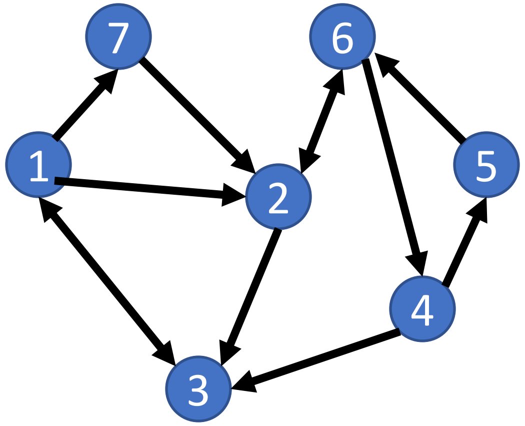
We simply reverse all the arrows

Underlying Graph of a Digraph

- The underlying graph of a digraph G=(V,E) is the graph G'=(V,E') where E'={{u, v} | (u, v)∈E}.



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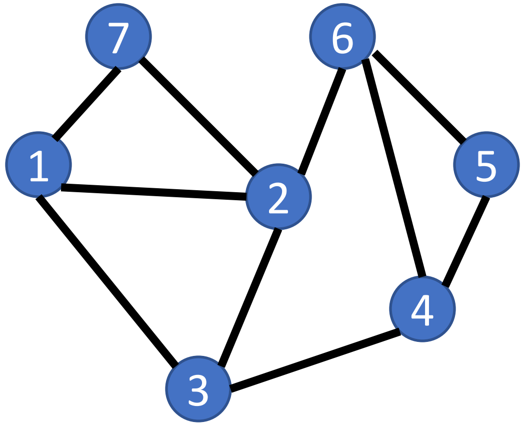

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SUMMARY

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- Preliminaries on terminology and properties (e.g., size, order, degree, walk, path, cycle)
- Basic operations
    - walking and sub-graphing