

Machine Learning for Graph Coloring

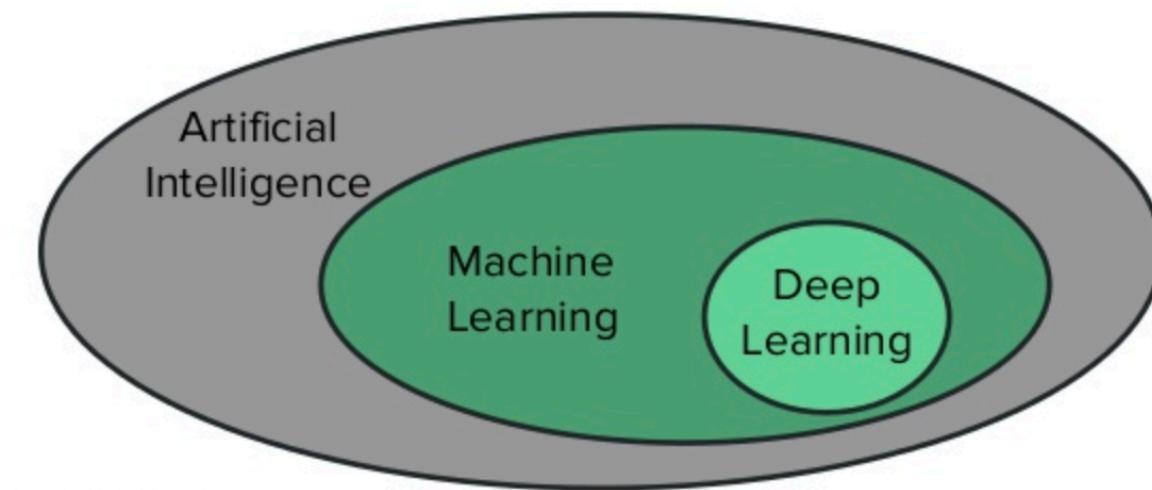
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Machine Learning

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- ✓ Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML) & Deep Learning (DL)
- ✓ AI ~ anything related to making computers do stuff that are traditionally done by humans; sorting, gaming, etc.
- ✓ ML ~ algorithms that learn models from data; neural nets, SVMs, etc.
- ✓ DL ~ application of multi-layer neural nets to learning tasks.

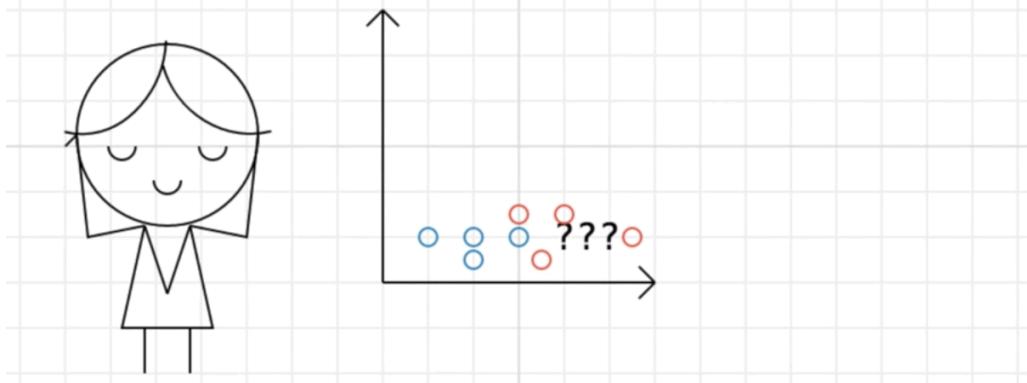


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- ✓ How do we decide the best class?
- ✓ Experience the past (training) and decide accordingly (query).

color	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	???
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width	1.5	1	1.5	1	.5	.5	1	1	1



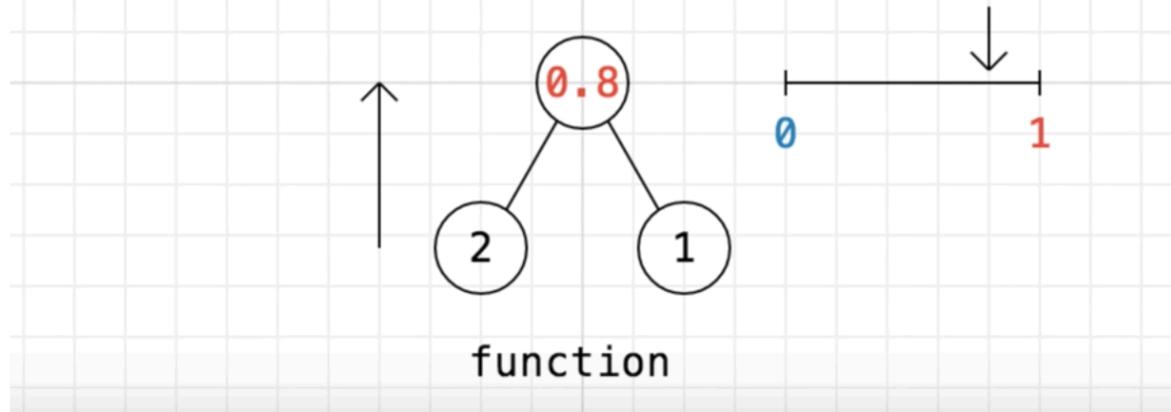
- ✓ Plot your experience.
- ✓ Mystery flower above (???) lands closer to reds, so decision: red.

Machine Learning using Neural Networks (NNs)

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- ✓ Neural nets can do this classification for us w/o any plotting or such.

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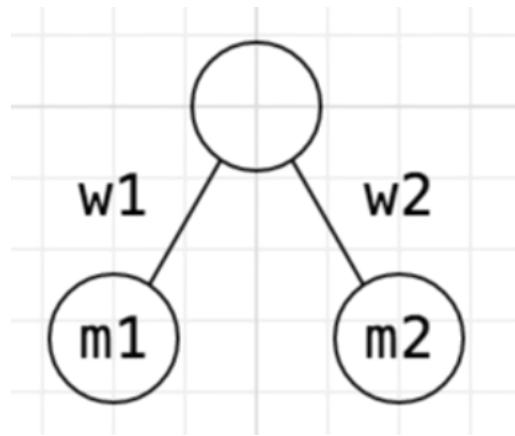


- ✓ Feed the input (width, length) to our net (bottom) and get an output as their **weighted** combination (top). If closer to 1, net tells us it is red.
- ✓ Currently net is wrong ('cos 2 & 1 from a blue flower). Adjust **weights**.

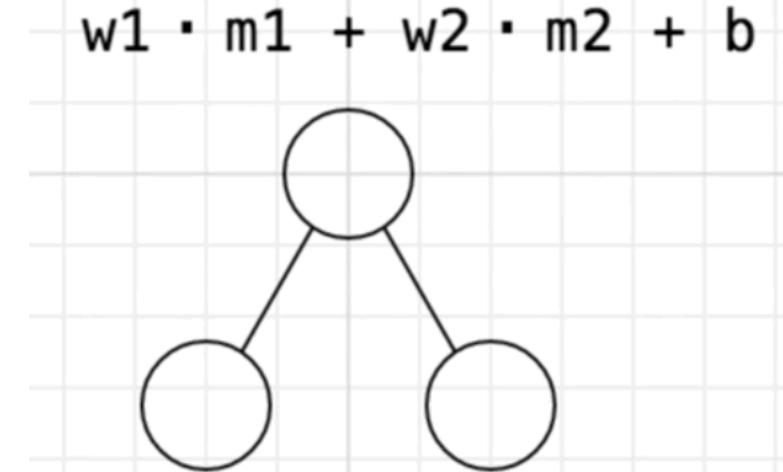
Weights of the NN

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- ✓ Output is a weighted (w_1 and w_2) combination of the input.



$$w_1 \cdot m_1 + w_2 \cdot m_2 + b$$



- ✓ Adjust these weights and the bias term (b) to make your net behave the way you want.
- ✓ We want: respect the input-output pairs we provide (train with):
 - ✓ $2 \& 1 \rightarrow$ Blue (so output ≤ 0.5), $5.5 \& 1 \rightarrow$ Red (so output > 0.5), etc.

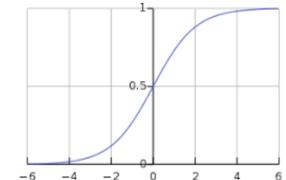
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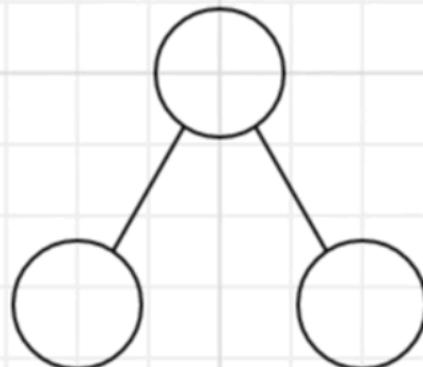
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- ✓ Squash the values to be in [0,1]:

$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



$$\text{sigmoid}(w_1 \cdot m_1 + w_2 \cdot m_2 + b)$$

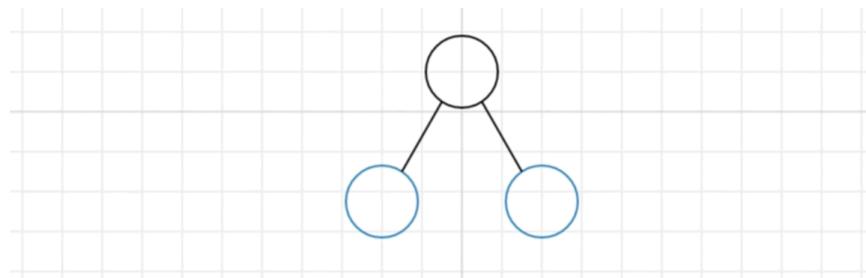


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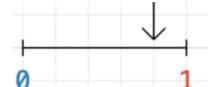
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$$\text{NN}(2, 1) = \text{sigmoid}(w_1 \cdot 2 + w_2 \cdot 1 + b)$$

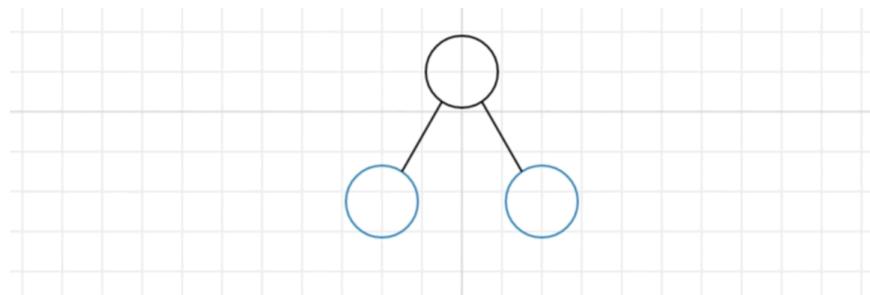
- ✓ $w_1 = .5, w_2 = .2, b = .3 \rightarrow \text{NN}(2,1) = \text{sigmoid}(1.5) = .8$ 
- ✓ NN thinks it is red; we'd have preferred output to be closer to 0 😞.
- ✓ Solution: adjust weights & biases (via Backpropagation method).
 - ✓ Cost function: $(\text{prediction} - \text{target})^2 = (.8 - 0)^2$
 - ✓ Since prediction depends on weights & biases variables, take partial derivative w.r.t. those (gradient descent) and get the adjustment that minimizes the cost.

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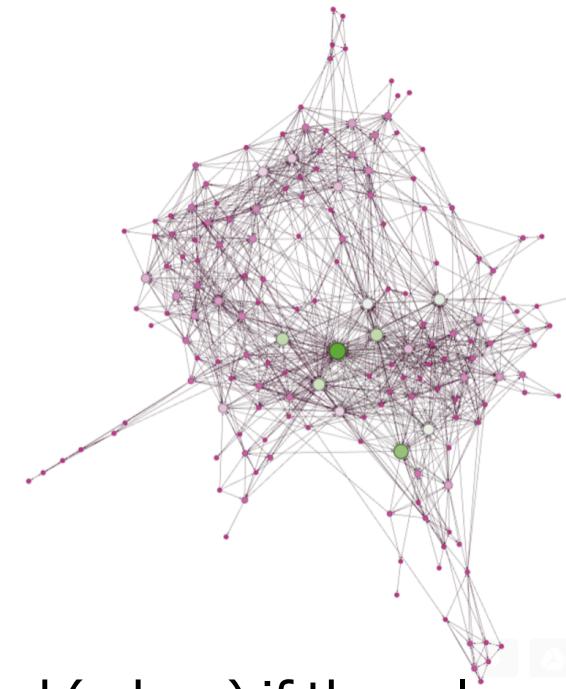
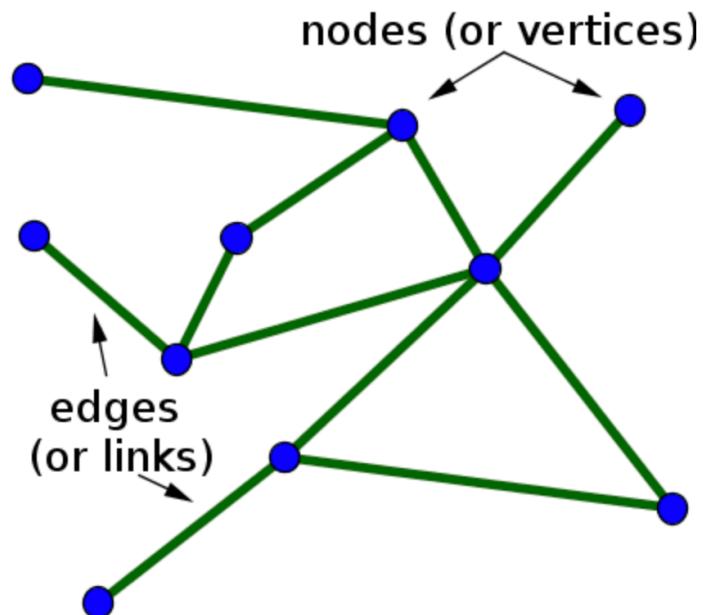


- ✓ Once all weights & biases are adjusted based on the observed data, we essentially constructed our model (NN).
- ✓ Feed the parameters of the new flower to this constructed model in order to classify it instantly (and hopefully accurately).

Graph

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- ✓ Graph: set of vertices and edges that model many problems in CS.

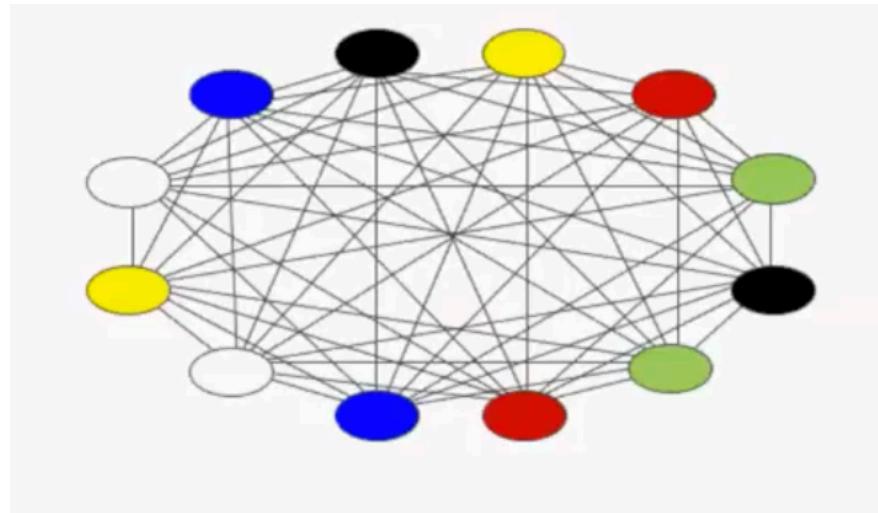


- ✓ Footballers (vertices) are connected (edges) if they played at the same team anytime in their careers.
- ✓ People are connected if they are friends, e.g., Facebook network.

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- ✓ Assignment of colors to vertices s.t. neighbor verts've different colors.

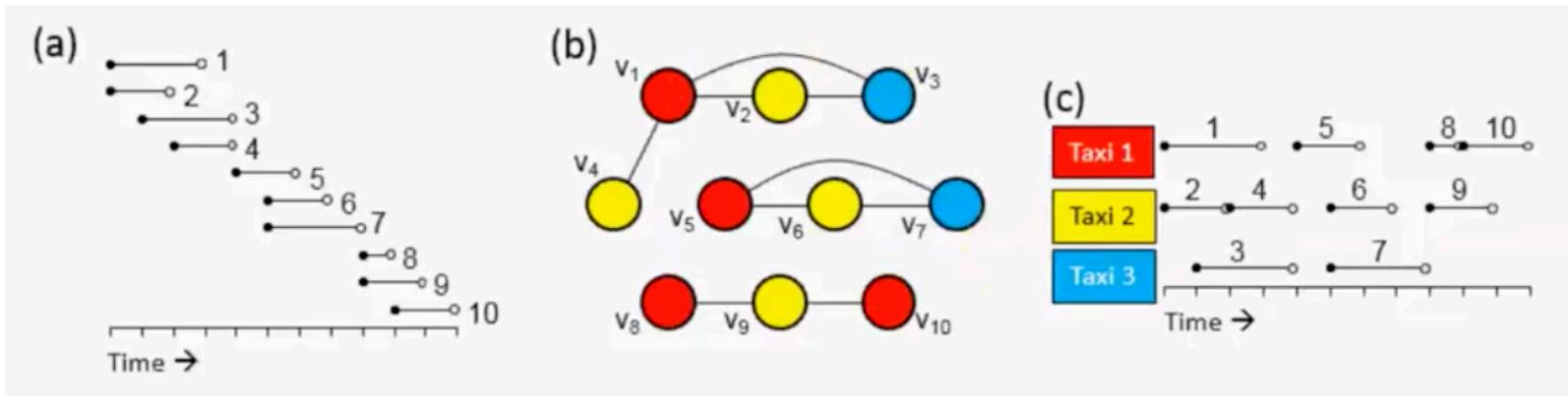


- ✓ Use as few colors as possible (chromatic number).
- ✓ Why do we care?

Graph Coloring for Scheduling

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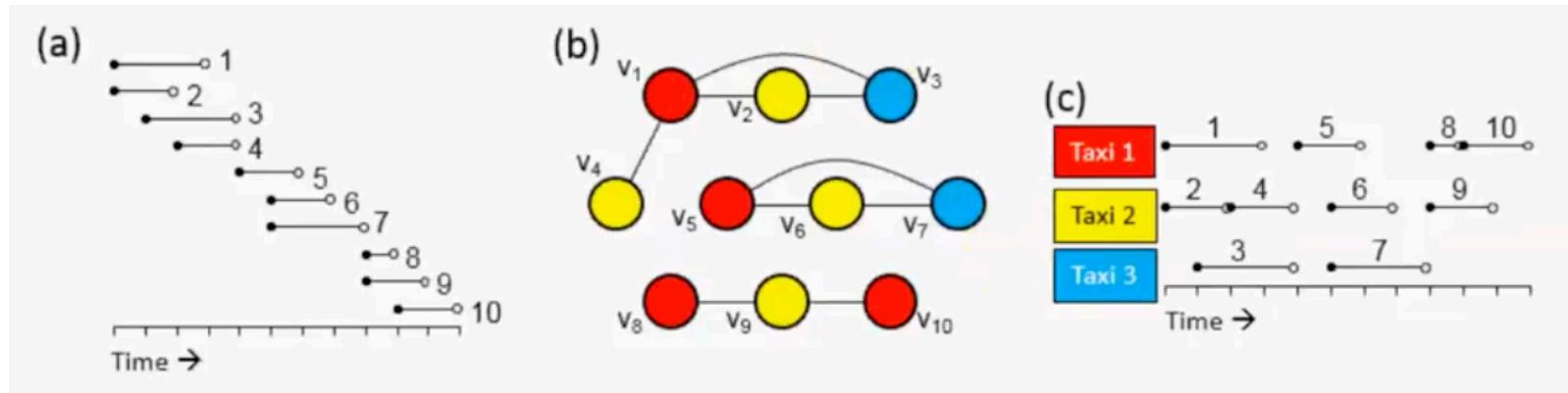
- ✓ Series of taxi journeys with a start time (filled) and an end time (empty).
- ✓ A taxi cannot be used on another journey until it returns.
- ✓ 10 taxis obviously suffice to serve these requests but expensive 😞.
- ✓ Can do with just 3 😊.
- ✓ Graph: journey (vertex), overlapping in time (edge).



Graph Coloring for Scheduling

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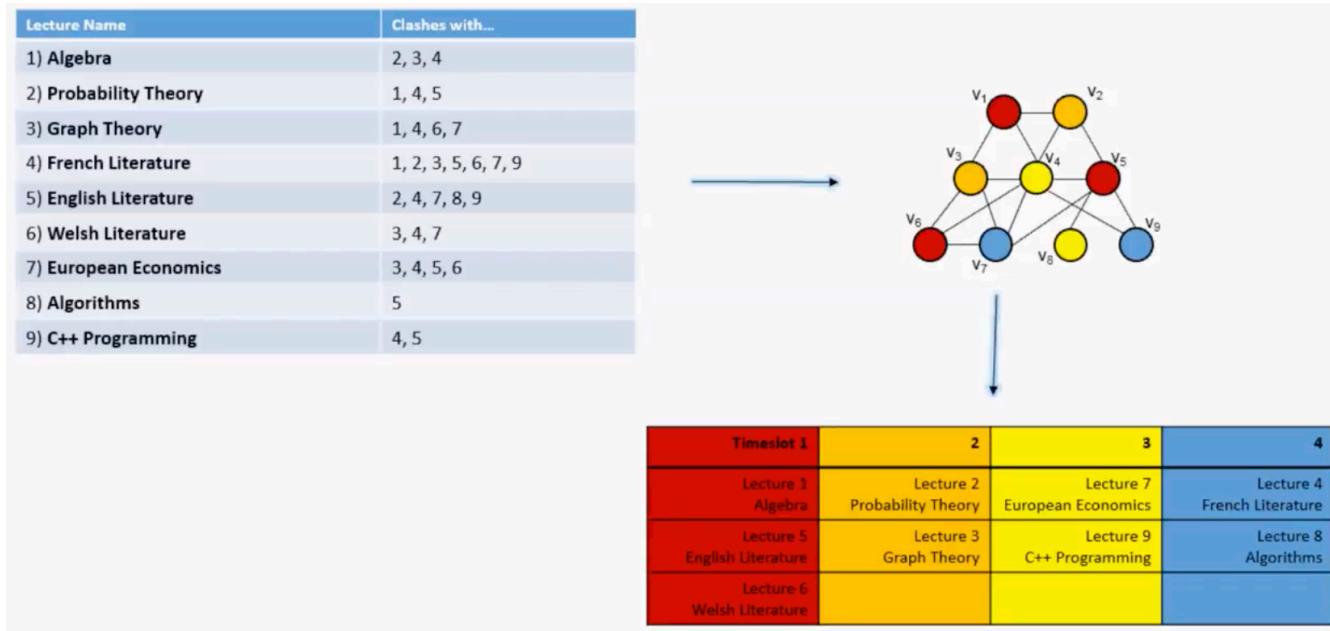
- ✓ Series of flights with a start time (filled) and an end time (empty).
- ✓ A gate cannot be used while occupied by a plane.
- ✓ 10 gates obviously suffice to serve these requests but expensive 😞.
- ✓ Can do with just 3 😊. Min # of gates for these flights is 3.
- ✓ Graph: flight (vertex), overlapping in time (edge).



Graph Coloring for Scheduling

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- ✓ Schedule exams for courses.
- ✓ Two courses clash if some student taking them both.
- ✓ 9 timeslots obviously suffice to serve these requests but expensive 😞.
- ✓ Can do with just 4 ☺.
- ✓ Graph: course (vertex), clashing (edge).



Graph Coloring for Scheduling

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- ✓ Separate cages in a zoo.
- ✓ Two species may not get along together.
- ✓ Graph: animals (vertex), hating (edge). Min # of cages.



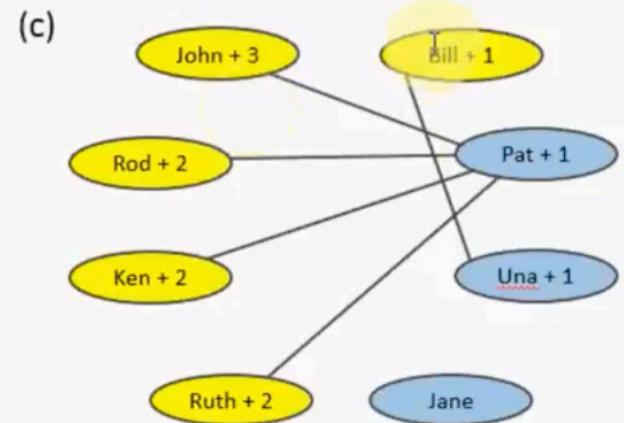
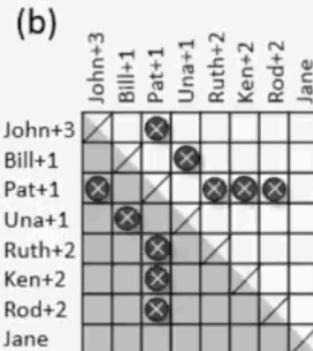
Graph Coloring for Scheduling

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- ✓ Design seating plans for weddings.
- ✓ Some people do not want to seat together (drama).
- ✓ 9 tables obviously suffice to serve these requests but expensive 😞.
- ✓ Can do with just 2 😊.
- ✓ Graph: party (vertex), hating each other (edge).

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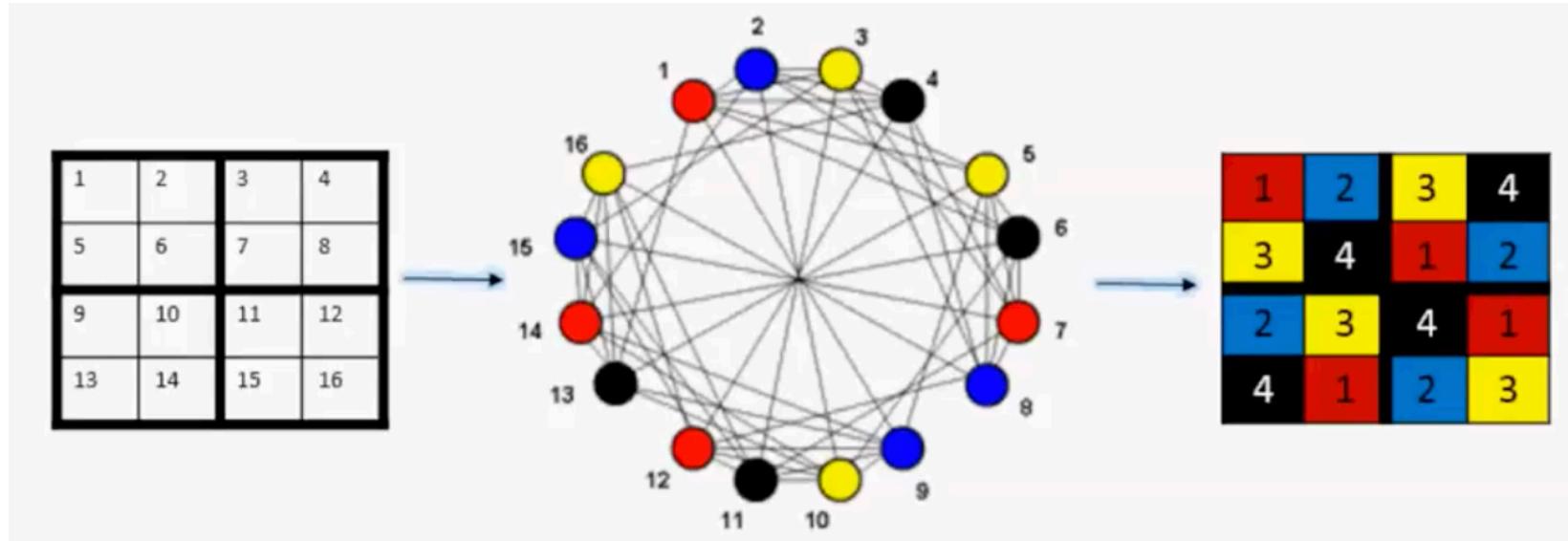
Top table?	Guest name	Companion 1	Companion 2	Companion 3
1	Cath	Michael	Kurt	Rosie
2	John	Sarah	Jack	Jill
3	Bill	June		
4	Pat	Susan		
5	Una	Tom		
6	Ruth	Kevin	Gareth	
7	Ken	Frank	Bobby	
8	Rod	Dereck	Freddy	
9	Jane			



Graph Coloring for Sudoku

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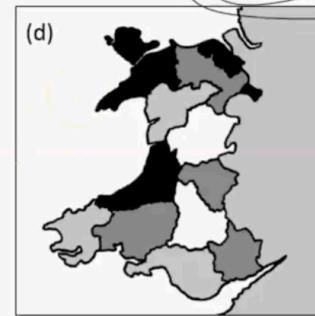
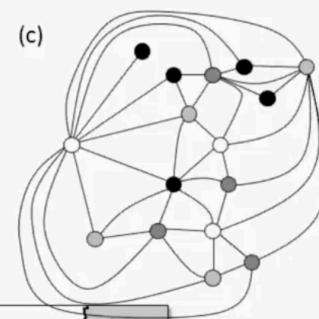
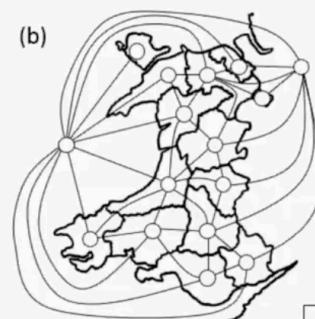
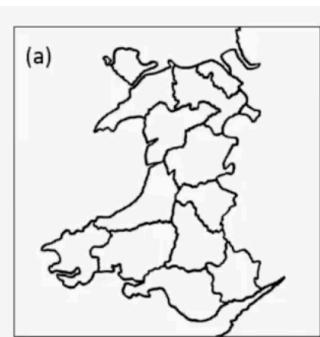
- ✓ Solve Sudoku puzzles.
- ✓ Fill in the blank cells s.t. each row, col, and 2x2 box has 1-4 just once.
- ✓ Graph: cell (vertex), same row, col, or box (edge).
- ✓ 4-coloring of this graph corresponds to a Sudoku solution.
- ✓ Some cells filled already (clues) = some vertices already colored for u.



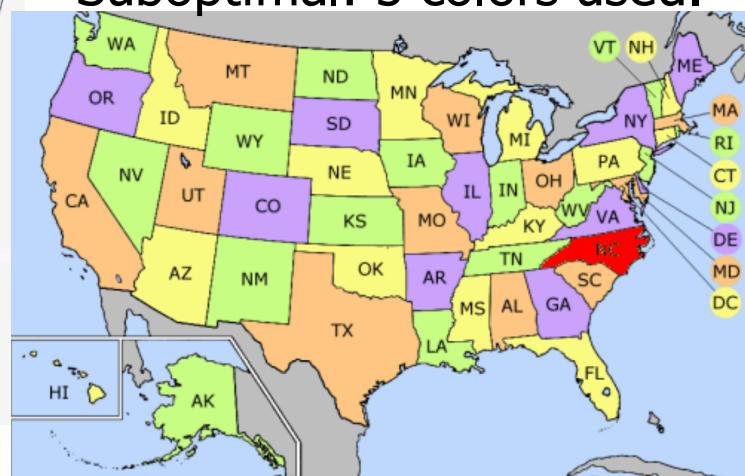
Graph Coloring for Maps

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- ✓ Color maps to separate neighboring regions robustly.
- ✓ Theorem: 4 colors suffice for all possible maps.
- ✓ Graph: region (vertex), neighboring (edge).



Suboptimal: 5 colors used.

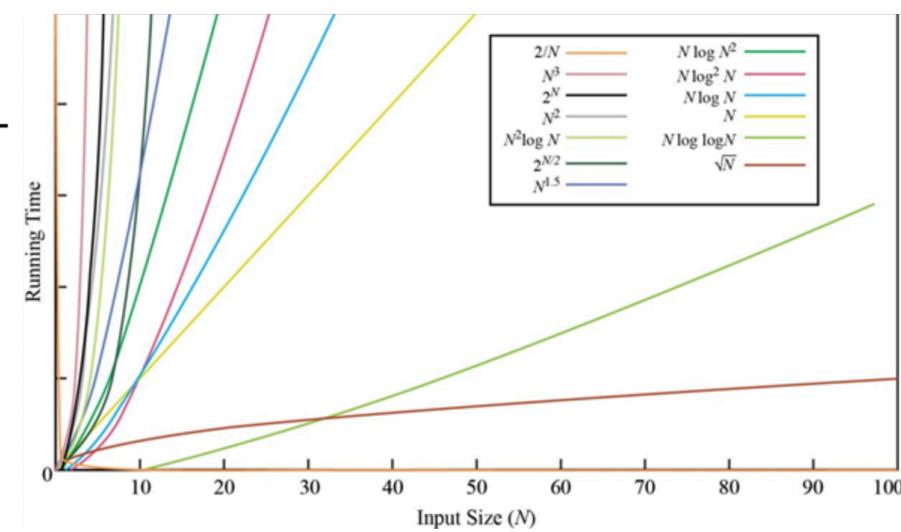


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- ✓ So how to solve this problem?
- ✓ Exact solution: Check each of the k^n assignments of k colors to n vertices for legality. Repeat for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.
- ✓ Too slow 'cos this is a brute-force exponential solution.
 - ✓ Growth-rates of functions.

Function	n					
	10	100	1,000	10,000	100,000	1,000,000
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\log_2 n$	3	6	9	13	16	19
n	10	10^2	10^3	10^4	10^5	10^6
$n * \log_2 n$	30	664	9,965	10^5	10^6	10^7
n^2	10^2	10^4	10^6	10^8	10^{10}	10^{12}
n^3	10^3	10^6	10^9	10^{12}	10^{15}	10^{18}
2^n	10^3	10^{30}	10^{301}	$10^{3,010}$	$10^{30,103}$	$10^{301,030}$



O(n^2) algorithm	$2n^2$ instructions	10^9 inst/second	2000 secs.
O($n \lg n$) algorithm	$100 n \lg n$ instructions	10^7 inst/second	60 secs.

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- ✓ So how to solve this problem?
- ✓ Approximate solution: Based on heuristics. No optimality guarantees.
- ✓ This is where machine learning comes in.
 - ✓ Some heuristics good for some graphs.
 - ✓ Train a neural network: input graph G1, output Heuristic2.
input graph G7, output Heuristic1.
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input graph G166, output Heuristic 2.
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 - ✓ Given a query graph, decide the best heuristic for it and apply it.

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- ✓ So how to solve this problem?
- ✓ Previously, we used flower features (width, length) to flower color (red, blue) mappings to train our NN. Then, decided the color of a new query point using this NN.
- ✓ Now, use graph features* to preferred heuristic (H1, H2) maps to train the NN and decide the better heuristic for a new query graph.

* 13 features measured on graphs:

1: **no. of nodes:** n

2: **no. of edges:** m

3,4: **ratio:** $\frac{n}{m}, \frac{m}{n}$

5: **density:** $\frac{2 \cdot m}{n \cdot (n-1)}$

6-13: **nodes degree statistics:** min, max, mean, median, $Q_{0.25}$, $Q_{0.75}$, variation coefficient, entropy

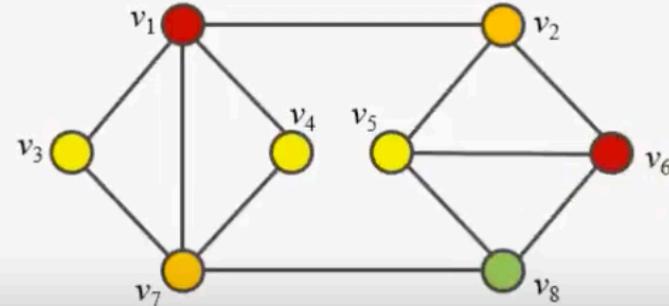
** Heuristic preference: run both heuristics on each training graph and pick the one using fewer colors (or taking less time).

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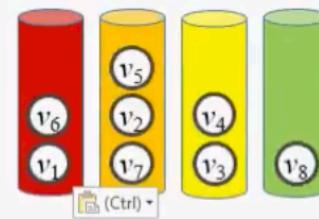
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- ✓ So how to solve this problem?
- ✓ Heuristic 1: order vertices arbitrarily v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . You have available colors c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n .
- ✓ For $i=1$ to n : Color v_i with the lowest legal color c_j //make it optimal by calling this loop $n!$ times for each possible ordering. ($O(n) \rightarrow O(n!)$).

Example ordering: $(v_1, v_7, v_3, v_4, v_2, v_6, v_5, v_8)$



- Colour #1
- Colour #2
- Colour #3
- Colour #4



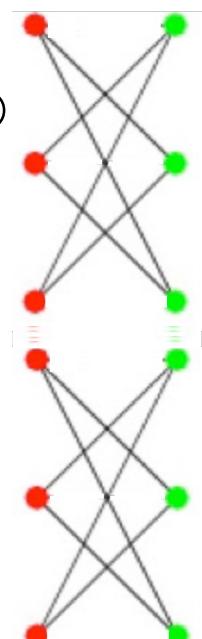
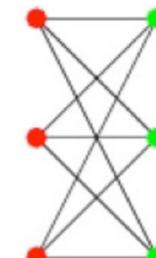
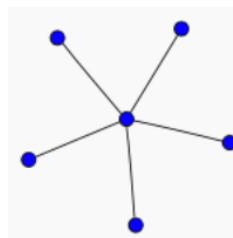
Solution with four colours achieved!!

(Though the minimum number of colours needed for this particular graph is actually three.)

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- ✓ Bad ordering: left-right-down-left-right-down-.. $\rightarrow n/2$ colors ☹
- ✓ Good ordering: left-down-left-down-..right-down-.. $\rightarrow 2$ colors ☺
- ✓ Always optimal regardless of ordering (2 colors):



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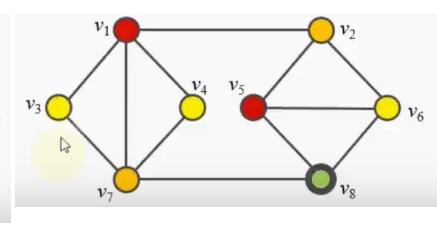
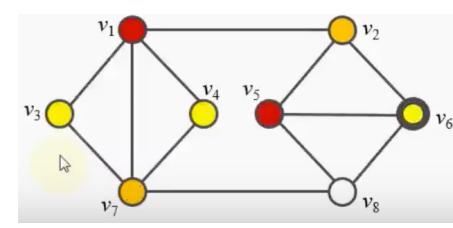
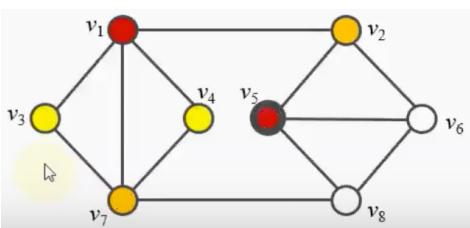
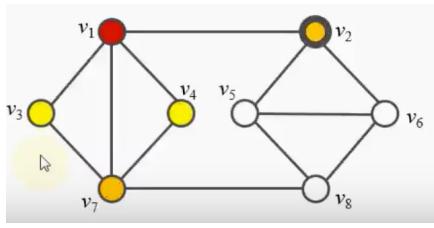
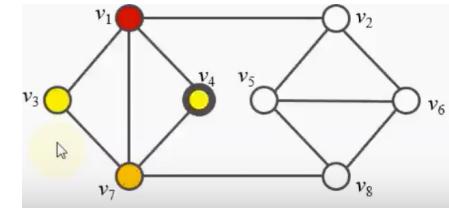
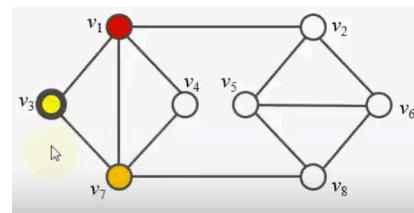
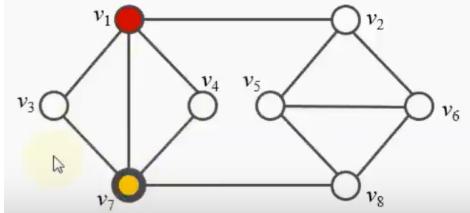
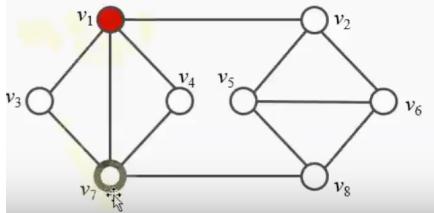
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- ✓ Upper bound on # of colors to be used: $d+1$, if max degree is d .
- ✓ Proof:
 - ✓ Basis: 1-vertex graph (max degree is $d=0$) requires $0+1=1$ color. Done.
 - ✓ Induction: Assume statement is True for all n -vertex graphs. Show also True for $n+1$ -vertex graphs. Here I show: $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}$.
 - ✓ **Red subgraph** has n vertices and max degree $\leq d$, so by induction it uses at most $d+1$ colors.
 - ✓ For v_{n+1} , even if all its neighbors (at most d neighbors) have different colors (worst-case), pick the $(d+1)^{\text{th}}$ color for v_{n+1} . Done.

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