

# GB13604 - Maths for Computer Science

## Lecture 5 – Graphs Part II

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# Exercise Discussion, Weeks 3 and 4

# Week 4 and 5 summary

## Graphs

### Lecture I: Chapter 9

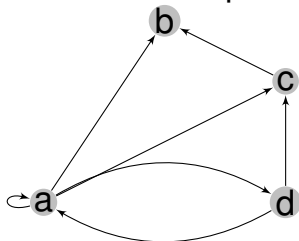
- Walks and Paths
- Scheduling and Partial Orders
- Equivalence Relations

### Lecture II: Chapter 11

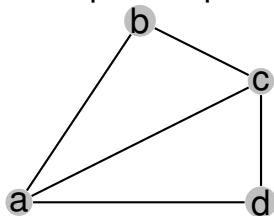
- Isomorphism
- Coloring and Connectivity
- Spanning Trees
- Matching

# Simple Graphs and Directed Graphs

Directed Graph:



Simple Graph:



- No double edges allowed;
- No self-loop allowed;

# Simple Graphs: Formal definitions

A Simple Graph  $G$  consists of:

- A non-empty set  $V$  of vertices;
- A set  $E$  of edges so that:
  - Each edge has **two endpoints** in  $V$

(not an **start** and an **end**)

- The order of the vertices do not matter

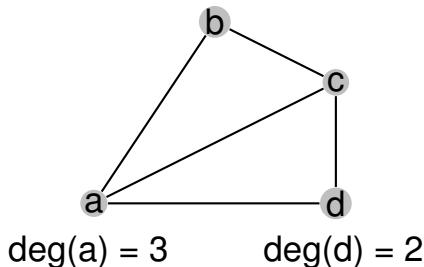
$$e_1 = \{v_1, v_2\} = \{v_2, v_1\}$$

- Two vertices with an edge between them are **adjacent**
- An edge that connects two vertices is **incident** to them.

( $e_1$  is **incident** to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ )

## The Degree of a Vertex

The **degree** of a vertex is the **number of incident edges**.



**Quiz:** Is there a graph with degrees:

- 2, 2, 1?
- 3, 2, 2, 1?

# Degree Properties

## The Handshaking Lemma:

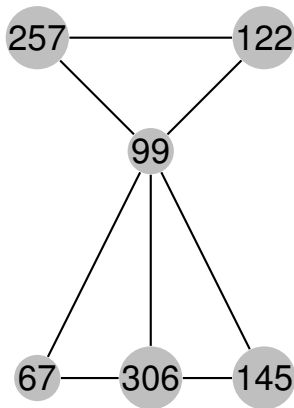
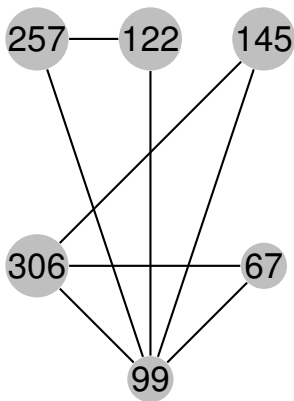
The sum of degrees must be 2x the number of edges

$$2|E| = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \quad (1)$$

**Proof:** Each edge contribute 2 to LHS of (1)

So “ $2 + 2 + 1 = \text{odd}$ ” is impossible!

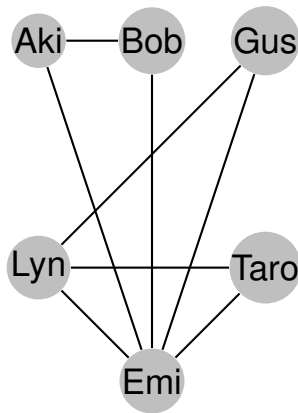
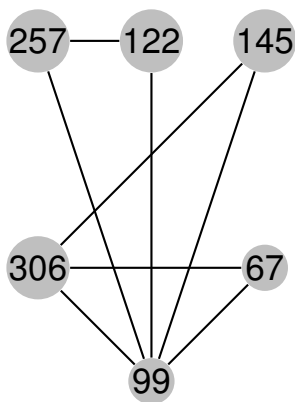
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Same Graph, Different Layouts



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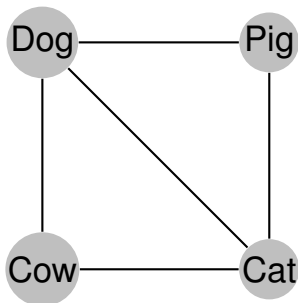
Same Graph, Different Labels

**Isomorphic Graphs**

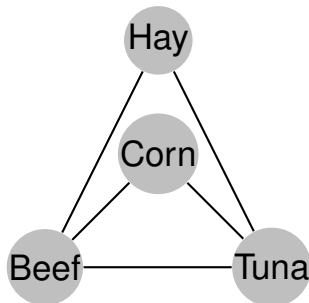
# Isomorphic Graphs

- To determine **isomorphism**, all that matters is connections;
- Graphs with the same connections are **isomorphic**
- Two graphs are isomorphic if there is a **Edge Preserving Matching** of their vertices.  
...In other words, a **bijection** between the vertices.

# Are these Graphs Isomorphic?



$f(\text{dog}) = \text{Beef};$   
 $f(\text{cat}) = \text{Tuna};$



$f(\text{cow}) = \text{Hay}$   
 $f(\text{pig}) = \text{Corn}$

Is this a Bijection? Are the Edges preserved?

# Formal Definition of Graph Isomorphism

$G_1$  **isomorphic** to  $G_2$  means that  $\exists$  Edge Preserving Vertex Matching:

$$\exists f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2, (u, v) \in E_1 \iff (f(u), f(v)) \in E_2 \quad (2)$$

Two graphs are **non**isomorphic if:

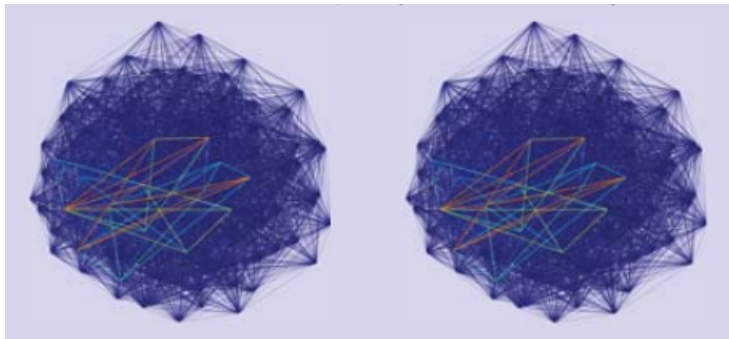
- Not the same number of vertices;
- Not the same number of edges;
- Not the same degree distribution;
- Differences in Paths, Distances, etc...

# Finding Isomorphism

- Small Graphs: Check properties by hand;
- Large Graphs: Search for a **matching**  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  that **Preserve Isomorphic Properties**:
  - Check vertices with **same Degree**. (Degree 4 must match with degree 4)
  - Check **degrees of adjacent** vertices. (Degree 4 adjacent to degree 3 must be matched with degree 4 adjacent with degree 3)

## Finding Isomorphism

Even then, finding an isomorphism is a very expensive problem. In theory, we cannot **guarantee** that any algorithm to detect isomorphism is better than checking each bijection.



# Graph Coloring

# Planes and Gates

Graph Coloring is closely related to Scheduling Problems

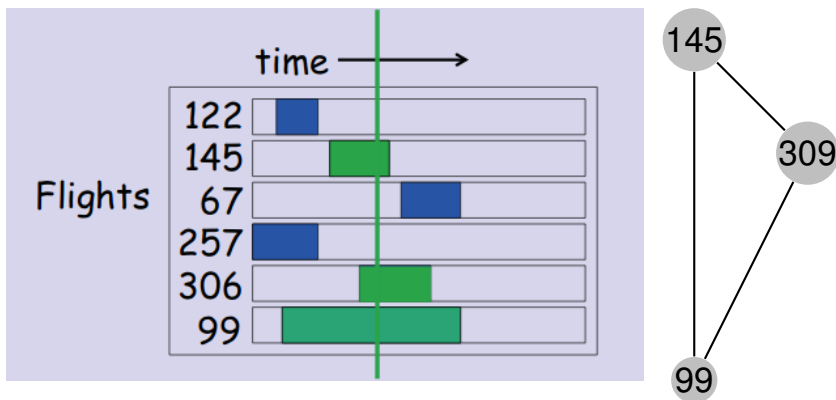
## Example:

- Every flight requires a gate for embark/disembark
- Sometimes flight times overlap.
- How many gates do we need?



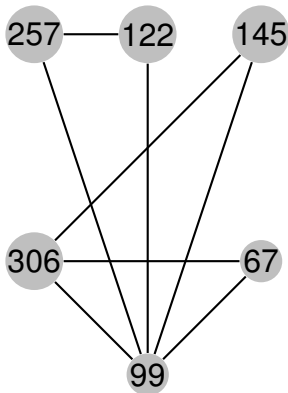


# Gate Usage Graph



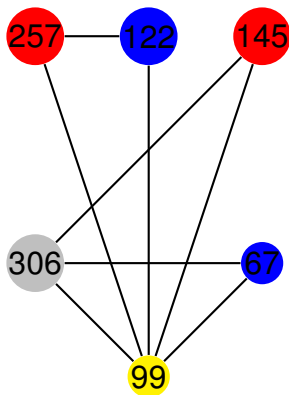
We define a **Gate Usage Graph** where two flights are neighbors if **they are on the ground at the same time**.

# Full Conflict Graph and the Coloring Problem



- **Color** vertices so that adjacent vertices don't have the same color.
- If **Edges** = conflict, then **min # colors** = min # of gates.

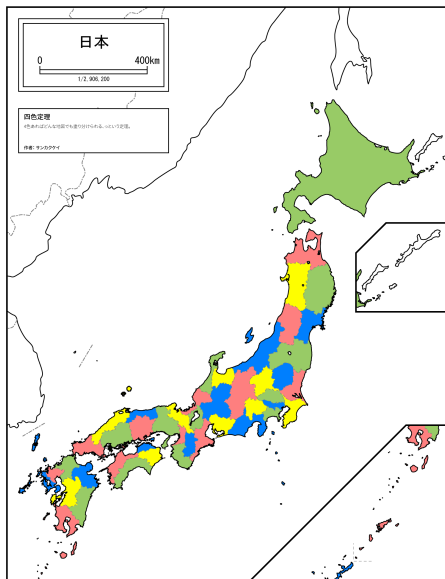
# Full Conflict Graph and the Coloring Problem



- We select colors for each vertex so that no adjacent vertex has the same color.
- Each color = One new Gate
- Final gate assignment:
  - Blue Gate: Flight 122 and 67
  - Red Gate: Flight 145 and 257
  - Yellow Gate: Flight 99
  - Gray Gate: Flight 306
- Can you find a better coloring using only **3 gates**?

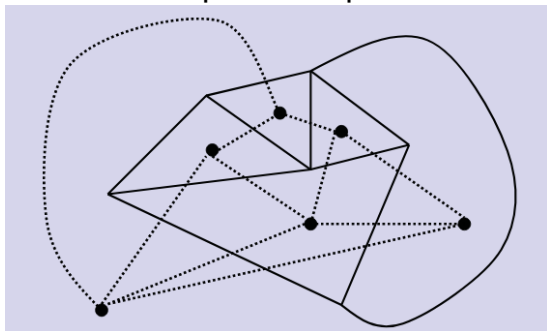
# Conflict Allocation Problems

- Allocate classrooms for courses, when courses can be **at the same time**.
- Allocate cages for animals, when some animals **can not** be at the same cage.
- Different Frequencies for radio stations, when the radio stations **interfere with each other**
- Map Coloring!



# Vertex Coloring and Face Coloring

## Maps to Graphs



**Theorem:** Maps can always be colored with 4 colors

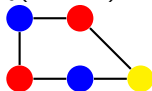
- 1970: “Proof” with computers (checks 1000’s of maps)
- 1990: Better Mathematical Proof. (still need program)

# Chromatic Number

The Chromatic Number  $\chi(G)$  is the **minimum** number of colors necessary to color  $G$ .

## Examples:

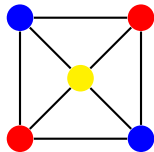
- Cycle Graphs:  $\chi(C_{\text{even}}) = 2$ ,  $\chi(C_{\text{odd}}) = 3$



- Complete Graph with  $n$  vertices:  $\chi(K_n) = n$



- Wheel Graph:  $\chi(W_{\text{odd}}) = 4$ ,  $\chi(W_{\text{even}}) = 3$

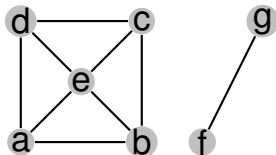


# Bounding Chromatic Numbers

- All degrees  $\leq k \implies \chi(G) \leq k + 1$   
(Proof by Greedy coloring algorithm).
- Is the graph 2-colorable?  
(**easy** to check: e.g.: BFS)
- Is the graph 3-colorable?  
(**hard** to check)
- Is  $\chi(G) = k$ ?  
(in theory, not harder than 3 color, harder in practice).

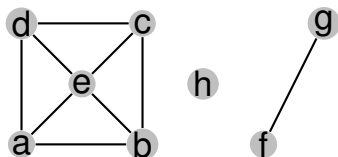
# Connectivity Definition

- Two vertices are **connected** **iff** there is a **path** between the two.
- Every vertex is connected to itself.
- A whole **graph** is **connected** if every vertex is connected to each other.





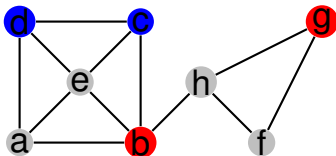
# Connected Components



- Every Graph is composed of connected subgraphs called **connected components**
- **connected component** of  $v ::= \{w \mid w \text{ connected to } v\}$ .
- **connected component** of  $v = E^*(v)$  (walk relation of  $v$ )
- A graph is **connected** **iff** it has exactly 1 connected component.

# Edge connectivity

- vertices  $v, w$  are **k-edge** connected if they remain connected whenever **fewer than  $k$  edges are deleted**.

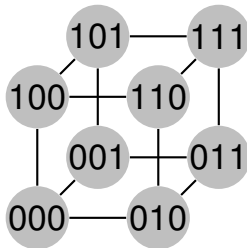
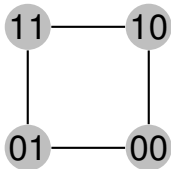


- blue vertices** are 3-edge connected, **red vertices** are 1-edge connected;
- A **Graph** is k-edge connected if all pairs of vertices are **at least** k-edge connected.

# Edge Connectivity

- **Edge Connectivity** represents the degree of **fault tolerance** in a graph.
- **Example:** In a communication network, how many channels can fail before communication is disrupted?
- Related Concept: **k-vertex connectivity**
  - k-vertex connected graph  $\implies$  k-edge connected;
  - **BUT!** k-edge connected  $\not\implies$  k-vertex connected.
- The **complete graph**  $K_n$  is n-1 connected.

# Connectivity and Hypercubes



- Consider the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $H_n$
- $V(H_n) ::= \{0, 1\}^n$
- $E(H_n) ::= \{(u, v) \text{ iff } u \text{ and } v \text{ differ in 1 bit}\}$
- $H_n$  is  $n$  vertex connected. ( $H_n$  has  $n^2$  vertices)

# Trees

# Tree Definitions

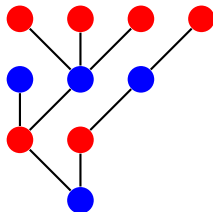
- **Trees** are connected Graphs with **no cycles**.
- Has 1-edge connectivity, 1-vertex connectivity.
- Chromatic Number = 2
- Trees come up all the time:
  - Family Trees;
  - Search Trees;
  - Game Trees;
  - Parse Trees;
  - Spanning Trees;
  - Rooted Trees;
  - Ordered Trees;
  - Binary Trees;
  - etc...

## A few more definitions

- **Cut Edge:** An edge is a cut edge if removing it makes two edges disconnected.
- **Lemma:** An edge is not a cut edge if it is on a cycle.
- A tree is a **connected graph** where **every edge is a cut edge**
- This implies that a tree is a connected graph which is **Edge Minimal**
  - A tree has the minimum number of edges necessary to connect a set of vertices.

# Tree Coloring

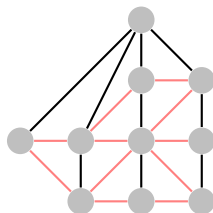
- A tree is a graph with a **unique path** between every pair of vertices.
- As a consequence,  $\chi(\text{tree}) = 2$
- **Constructive Demonstration**
- Pick any node in the tree to be the **root**, color it “blue”.
- Color nodes “odd” length from the root as “red”
- Color nodes “even” length from the root as “blue”
- This is the algorithm for 2-coloring on general graphs





# Spanning Trees

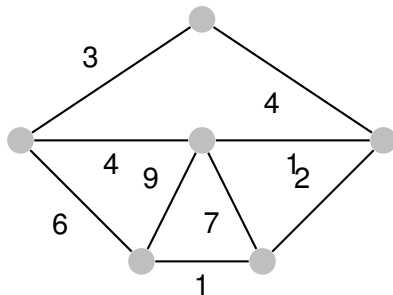
- A **Spanning Subgraph** of  $G$  is a subgraph of  $G$  that has all vertices of  $G$  (and some of the edges).
- A **Spanning Tree** of  $G$  is a spanning graph of  $G$  that is also a tree.



- One graph can have multiple spanning trees.
- Every connected graph has a spanning tree.

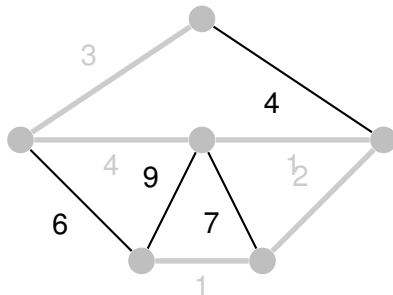
# Weighted Spanning Trees

The Spanning Tree problem becomes more interesting when we consider **weighted edges**.



What is the **minimal cost** structure that allows me to connect everything?

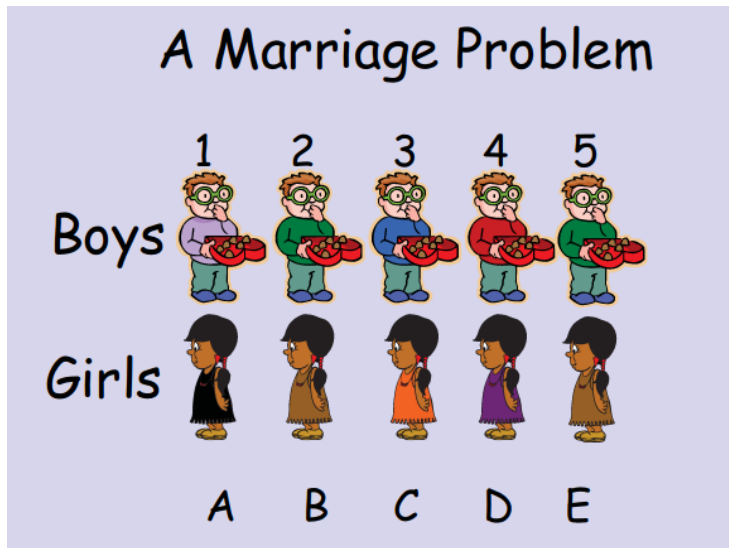
# Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithm



- 1 Start with one arbitrary vertex and add it to the MST.
- 2 From all edges connected with the MST, select one with minimum weight;
- 3 Add the edge, and vertex, to the MST;
- 4 Return to (2)

# Stable Matching Problem

# The Stable Marriage Problem



Each boy and girl has a preference list

# Preferences

Boys



1 : CBEAD

2 : ABECD

3 : DCBAE

4 : ACDBE

5 : ABDEC

Girls



A : 35214

B : 52143

C : 43512

D : 12345

E : 23415

# “Boy-greedy” Algorithm

Let's marry each boy to their favorite girl:

Preferences

1: ~~C~~BEAD


2: ABEC~~D~~

3: D~~C~~BAE

4: A~~C~~DBE

5: ABDE~~C~~

Marry Boy 1 with Girl C  
(his 1<sup>st</sup> choice)







1 C

The illustration shows a boy with glasses and a purple shirt holding a red box of chocolates, standing next to a three-tiered wedding cake. To the right of the cake is a girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange dress. Below the boy is the number '1' and below the girl is the letter 'C'.

# “Boy-greedy” Algorithm

Let's marry each boy to their favorite girl:

Preferences

 ~~2~~ : ~~A~~BED  
 3 : DBA~~E~~  
 4 : ADBE  
 5 : A~~B~~DE

Next:

Marry **Boy 2** with **Girl A**  
(his remaining 1<sup>st</sup> choice)



2



A



# “Boy-greedy” Algorithm

Final pairing:

## Final “boy greedy” marriages



1 C



2 A



3 D



4 B



5 E

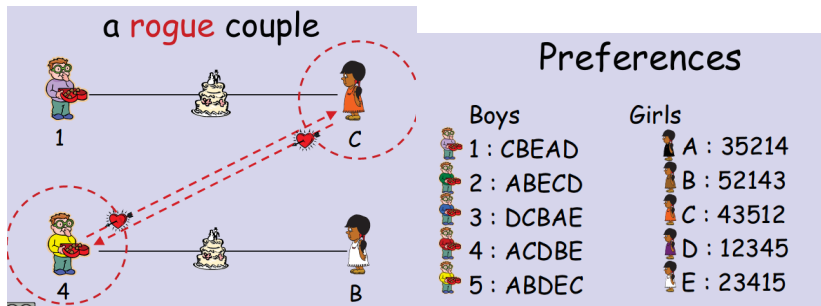
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Trouble!

**Preferences**

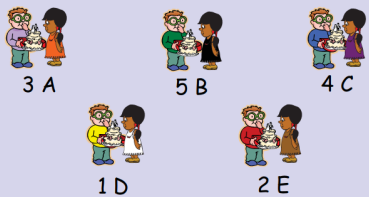
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# Trouble with the boy Greedy algorithm!



**QUIZ:** Find a better pairing!

# One stable matching (Girl Greedy)



3 A

5 B

4 C

1 D

2 E

all girls get 1st choice

## Preferences

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# Why is the Stable Marriage Problem Important?

- School Admissions in the US
- Matching between Hospitals and Doctors
- Akamai Server/Request Matching
- Etc...

# The "Mating Ritual" Algorithm

Let us describe an algorithm to **always** find a stable matching:

**Start State:** No boy is proposing to any girl;

- 1 If all girls have  $\leq 1$  proposers (and it is not the first iteration), they marry and the algorithm stops.
- 2 Any girl that has  $> 1$  proposers, they reject all except the favorite boy.
- 3 If any boy is not proposing to anyone, they propose to their favorite girl.
- 4 Return to (1).

# Example Execution

## Preferences

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 5 : ABDEC

Girls








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- **iter 1:** No rejections.  
 Proposals:
  - A: 2, 4, 5
  - B:
  - C: 1
  - D: 3
  - E:
- **iter 2:** A rejects 2 and 4.  
 Proposals:
  - A: 5
  - B: 2
  - C: 1, 4
  - D: 3
  - E:

# Example Execution

## Preferences

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- **iter 3:** C rejects 1. Proposals:
  - A: 5
  - B: 1, 2
  - C: 4
  - D: 3
  - E:
- **iter 4:** B rejects 1. Proposals:
  - A: 5
  - B: 2
  - C: 4
  - D: 3
  - E: 1



# Proof of Correctness

- The algorithm stops;
- The algorithm is correct when it stops;

## Proof of Correctness: The algorithm stops

Every day, the **total number** of girls in the boy's lists is reduced.

- The number of girls in the boy's list is reduced **when someone is rejected**.
- If **no one is rejected** then the algorithm stops.
- **Therefore**, every iteration the list of girls reduces by at least one.

Because the total number of girls is **strictly decreasing**, the algorithm **must stop**.

## Proof of Correctness: No rogue couples

- **Lemma 1:** The rank of a girl's favorite is **weakly increasing**  
Every iteration, the girl rejects a favorite **iff** she finds a **better one**.
- **Lemma 2:** The rank of a boy's favorite is **weakly decreasing**  
Every iteration, the boy stays with current favorite, or is rejected and goes to the next lower one.

## Proof of Correctness: No rogue couples

**Invariant:** If  $G_i$  is not on  $B_j$  list, she has a better current favorite.

- At the moment that  $G_i$  rejected  $B_j$ , she had a better favorite (definition of rejection rule)
- A girl's favorite never get worse (lemma 1)

## Proof of Correctness: No rogue couples

**Lemma:** When a Boy  $B_i$  marries, he cannot form a rogue couple.

### Proof by Cases:

- **Case 1:**  $B_i$  tries to form a rogue couple with someone not on his list. However, by **Invariant**, any girl not on his list has a better favorite, and no rogue couple is possible.
- **Case 2:**  $B_i$  tries to form a rogue couple with someone on his list. However, by **Lemma 2**,  $B_i$  always propose to the best girl in his list, and no rogue couple is possible.

**Therefore**, no rogue couple is possible.

# Main Points for Today's Class

- Coloring Problems, and Chromatic Number;
- Trees, and Minimum Spanning Tree;
- Matching, and the Stable Marriage Problem;

## Extra Topics

Check the class materials for “Hall’s Graphs”, for more information on matching.