

# CPSC 365 / ECON 365: **Algorithms**

## Lecture 2: Review on Asymptotics and Graphs

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# Last time

- Logistics, overview
- Review: Logic, proofs

## Today:

- Review: Asymptotics
- Review: Graphs
- Stable Matching Problem

# Plan

Review: Asymptotics

Review: Graphs

Stable Matching Problem

# Asymptotic Notation

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Equivalently,  $\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$  is bounded above by a constant over  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- We say  $f = \Omega(g)$  if  $g = \mathcal{O}(f)$ .

- We say  $f = \Theta(g)$  if  $f = O(g)$  and  $f = \Omega(g)$ .

Analogy

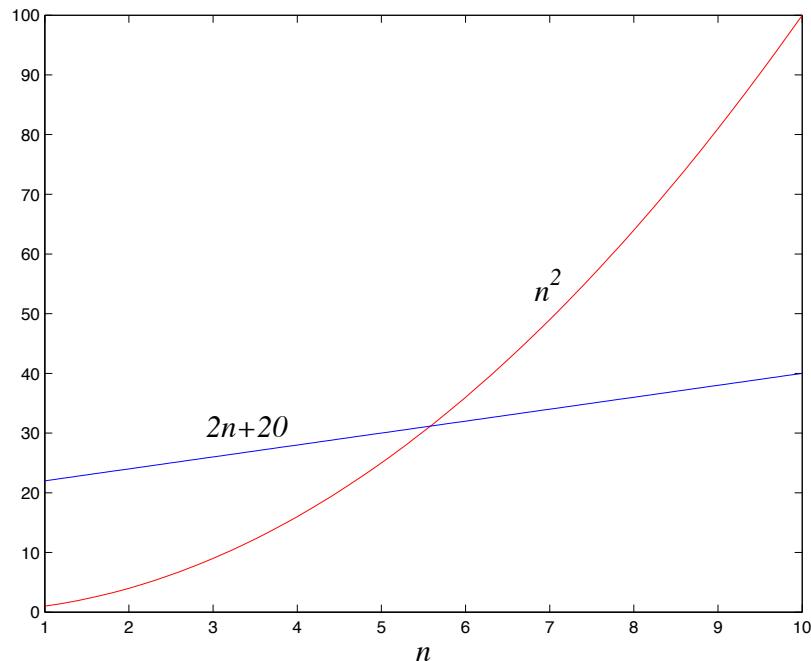
$$\begin{array}{c|c} f = O(g) & f \lesssim g \\ f = \Omega(g) & f \gtrsim g \\ f = \Theta(g) & f \approx g \end{array}$$

$$f = \mathcal{O}(g) \wedge g = \mathcal{O}(f) \Leftrightarrow$$

# Quiz 1

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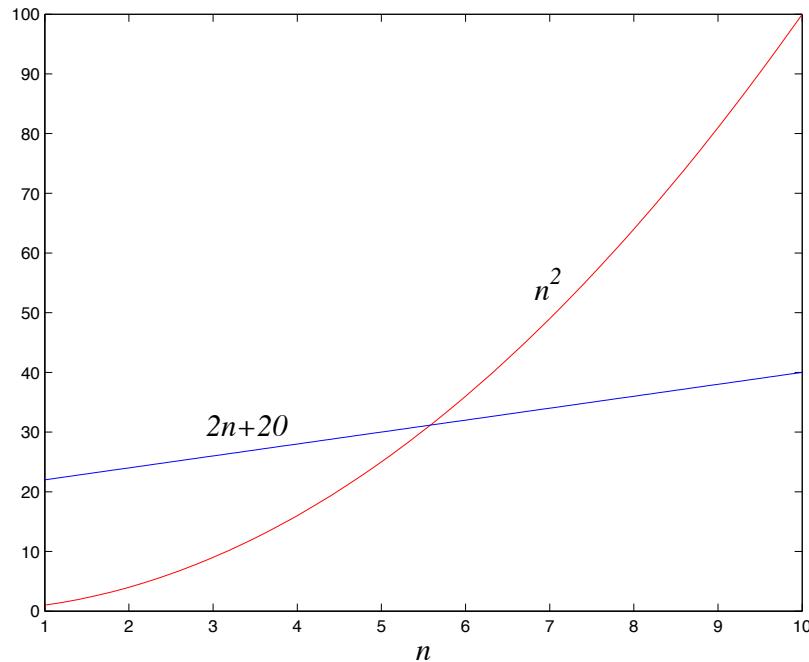
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Answer: (a)  $2n + 20$  is better (for large  $n$ )

# Examples

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 $f = \Theta(g)$  because  $f(n) \leq 2g(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  
and  $f(n) \geq g(n)$  for all  $n \geq 5$ .

# Addition

Carry: 1      1      1      1      1  
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        1      0      0      0      1      1      (35)  
      

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- What is running time of this algorithm to add two  $n$ -bit numbers?

$$\Theta(n)$$

## Quiz 2: Multiplication

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# Arithmetic Algorithms: Multiplication

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- $\Theta(n^2)$  to multiply two  $n$ -bit numbers with this algorithm
- Can we do better? Yes! See Lecture 12

# Orders of Growth

- **Polynomial:**  $n, n^2, n^3, n^k$  ( $k > 0$ )

If input doubles, output is multiplied by a constant:

$$(2n)^k = 2^k \cdot n^k$$

- **Exponential:**  $2^n, 3^n, e^n, b^n$  ( $b > 0$ )

If input doubles, output is squared:

$$b^{2n} = (b^n)^2$$

- **Logarithm:**  $\log_2 n, \log n, \log_b n$  ( $b > 0$ )

If input doubles, output is added by a constant:

$$\log(2n) = \log n + \log 2$$

# Exponential

Euler's number:

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = 2.71828\dots$$

For all  $b > 0$ ,  $m, n > 0$ :

- $b^{m+n} = b^m \cdot b^n$
- $(b^m)^n = b^{mn}$
- $b^n = e^{n \log b}$

# Logarithm

Logarithm is inverse function of exponential

$$\log_b n = x \Leftrightarrow b^x = n$$

- $b > 0$  is *base*
- By default,  $\log = \log_e$ . Will often use  $\log_2$ .
- For any  $a, b > 0$ :  $\log_b n = \frac{\log_a n}{\log_a b}$ . So  $\log_b n = O(\log n)$ .
- $\log(mn) = \log m + \log n$

# Asymptotic Notation: Rules

Rules to help simplify calculations.

- Multiplicative constants can be omitted:  $365n^2$  becomes  $n^2$
- $n^a$  dominates  $n^b$  if  $a > b$ : for example,  $n^2$  dominates  $n$   $n = \mathcal{O}(n^2)$   
 $n^2 = \Omega(n)$
- Any exponential dominates any polynomial:  $2^n$  dominates  $n^{10}$
- Polynomial dominates logarithm:  $n^{0.1}$  dominates  $(\log n)^{10}$

**Exercise:** Prove the above.

# Basic Recursion

Let  $f(n)$  be a function of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Verify that:

1. If  $f(n) = f(n - 1) + 1$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(n)$
2. If  $f(n) = f(n - 1) + n$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
3. If  $f(n) = 2f(n - 1) + 1$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(2^n)$
4. If  $f(n) = f(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(\log n)$

# Basic Counting

Let  $S$  be a set with  $n$  elements.

- Factorial:  $n! = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$   
This is the number of permutations of the elements of  $S$
- $2^n$  = the number of subsets (of any size) of  $S$
- $n^2$  = the number of ordered pairs of elements of  $S$  =  $\{(i,j) : i,j \in S\}$
- $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  = the number of unordered pairs of distinct elements of  $S$  =  $\{\{i,j\} : i,j \in S, i \neq j\}$
- $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  = the number of times to halve  $n$  to reach 1

# Quiz: Sorting

How long does it take to sort a list of  $n$  elements?

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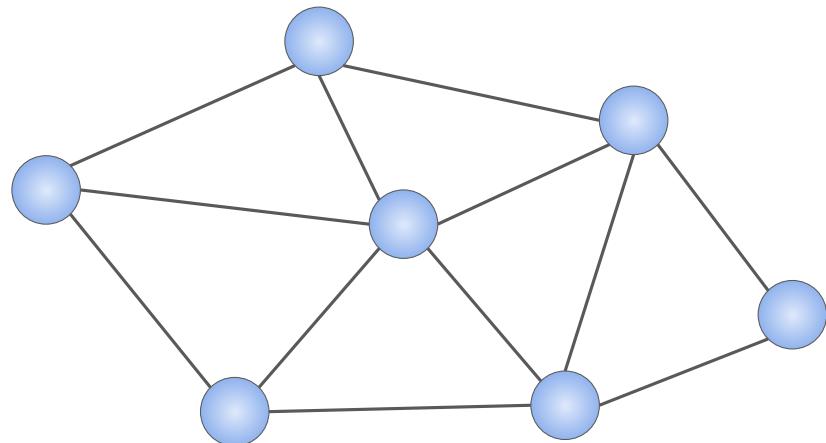
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# Graph

A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  is composed of:

- A collection of vertices  $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$
- A collection of edges  $E \subseteq V \times V$  between some vertices

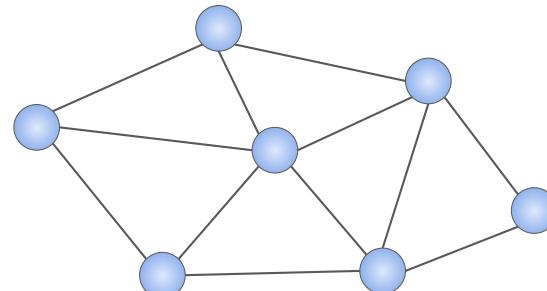


# Graphs

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph.

By default (unless indicated otherwise), we assume:

- Edges are *undirected*: If  $(i, j) \in E$ , then  $(j, i) \in E$ .  
Also write  $\{i, j\} \in E$ .
- No self-loops:  $(i, i) \notin E$ .
- Edges are *unweighted*: All  $(i, j) \in E$  have weight 1.

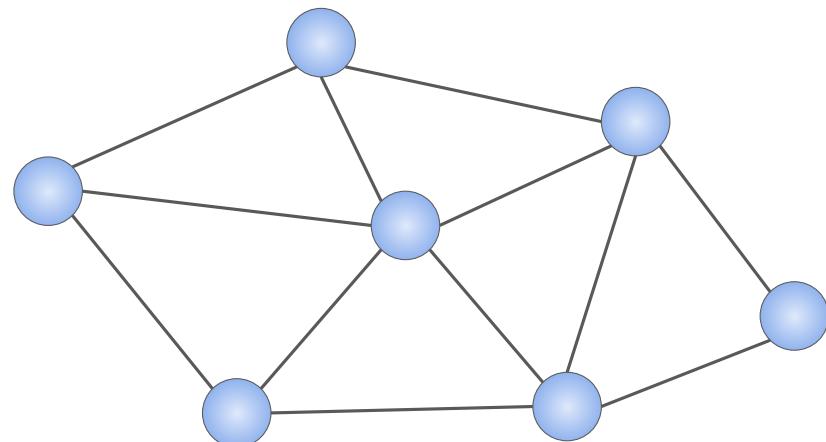


# Graph

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices

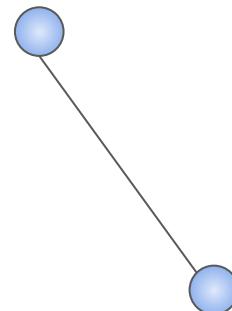
Maximum number of edges is

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n!}{(n-2)!2!} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

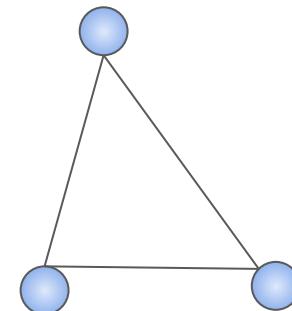


# Complete Graph

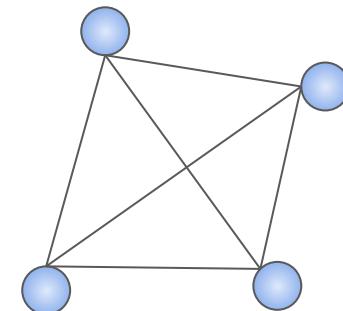
Let  $K_n$  denote the **complete graph** on  $n$  vertices



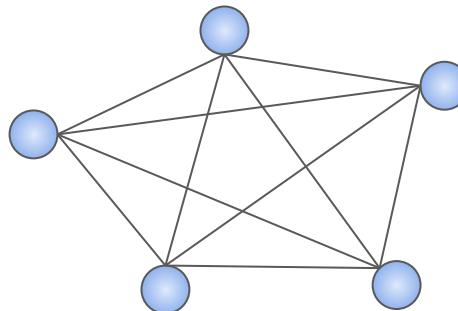
$K_2$



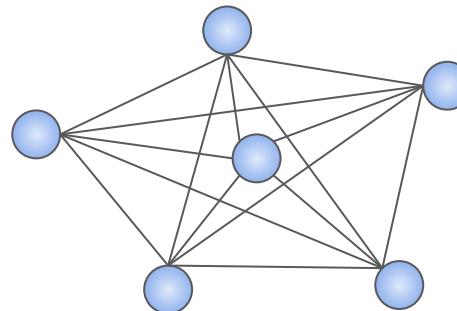
$K_3$



$K_4$



$K_5$



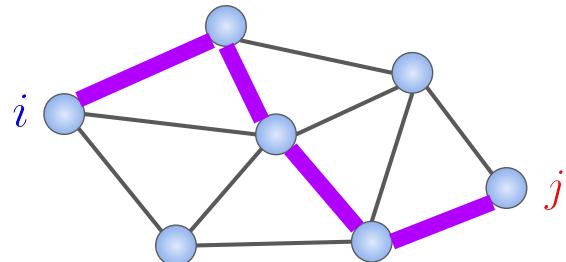
$K_6$

# Connected Graph

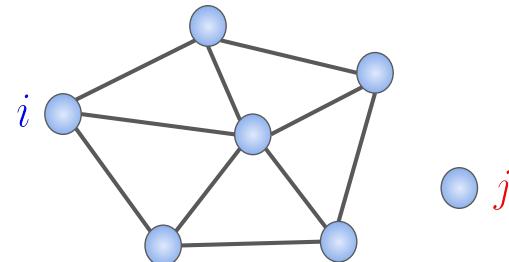
A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is **connected** if any two nodes  $i, j \in V$  are connected via a sequence of connecting edges:

$$(i_0, i_1), (i_1, i_2), \dots, (i_{n-1}, i_n) \in E$$

with  $i_0 = i$  and  $i_n = j$



connected



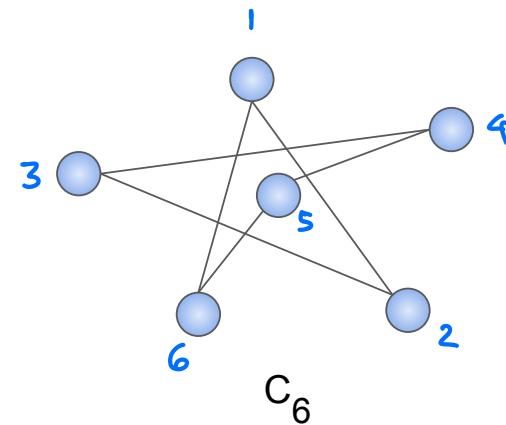
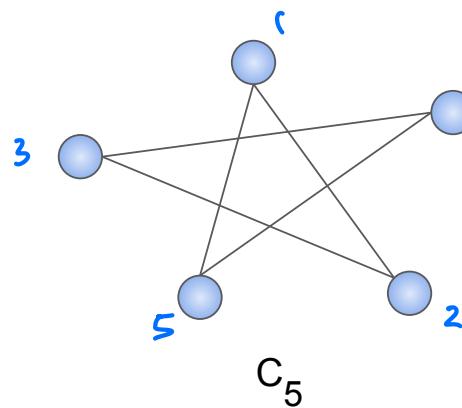
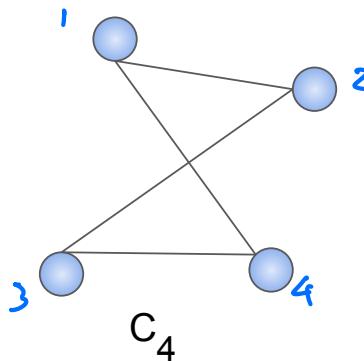
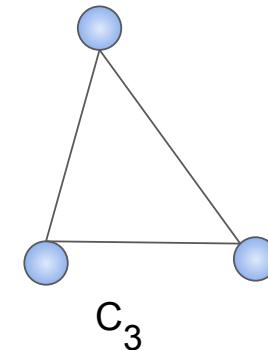
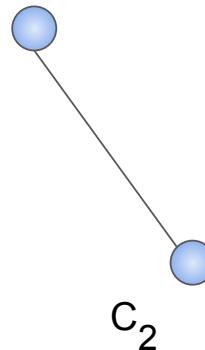
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# Cycle Graph

$$C_n = (V, E), \quad V = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

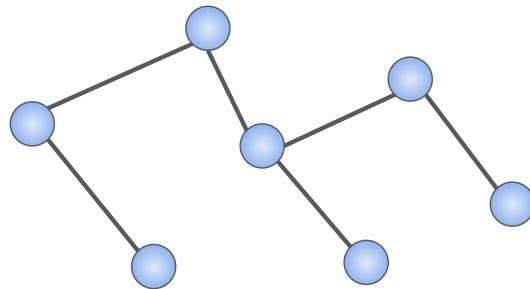
$$E = \{ \{i, i+1\} : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{\{1, n\}\}$$

Let  $C_n$  denote the **cycle graph** on  $n$  vertices

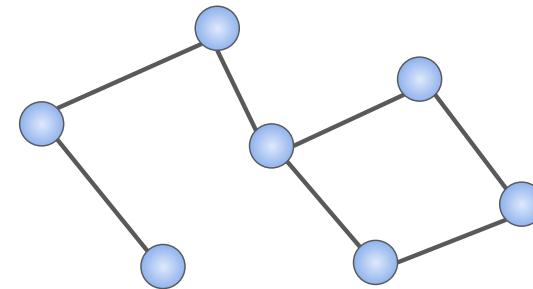


# Tree

A **tree**  $G = (V, E)$  is a **connected** graph with **no cycles**



tree



not a tree

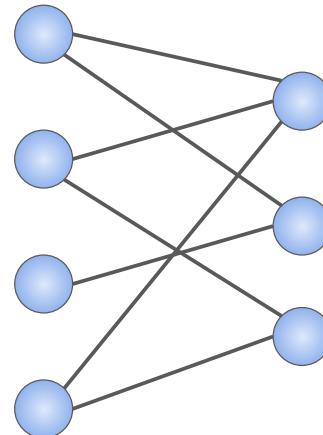
- Also known as **spanning tree**
- A tree on  $n$  vertices has  $n - 1$  edges (PS1)
- What if  $G$  has no cycles, but is not connected? **Forest**

# Bipartite Graph

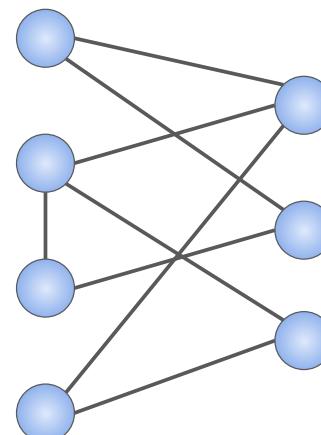
A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is **bipartite** if the vertices can be partitioned into disjoint subsets:

$$V = A \cup B$$

such that all edges connect between  $A$  and  $B$   
(no edges within  $A$ , no edges within  $B$ )



bipartite



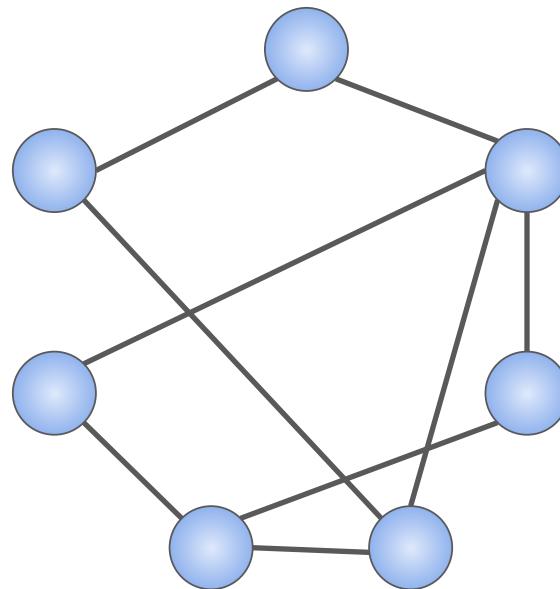
not bipartite

- $G$  is bipartite if and only if it has no cycles of odd length (PS1)

# Quiz: Bipartite

Is the following graph bipartite?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

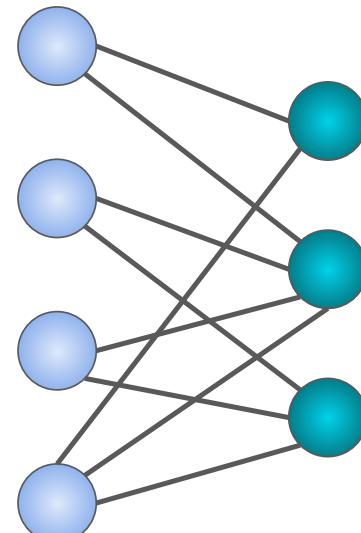
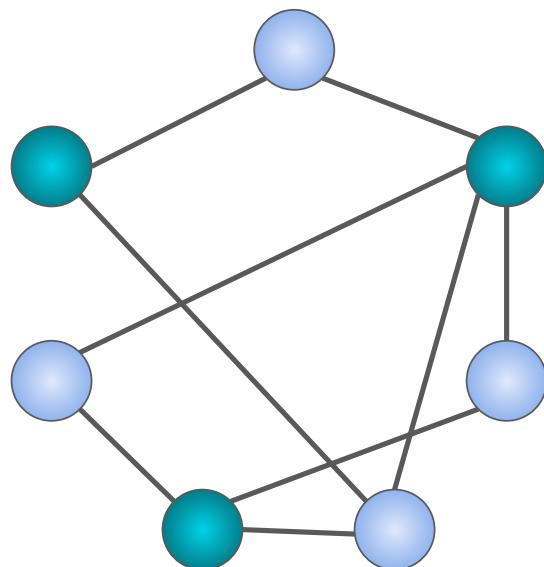


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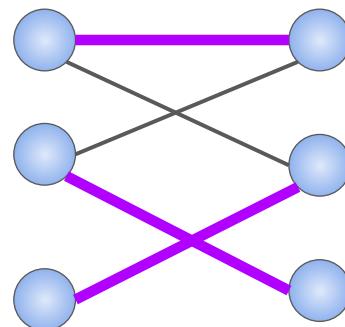
Answer: (a) Yes



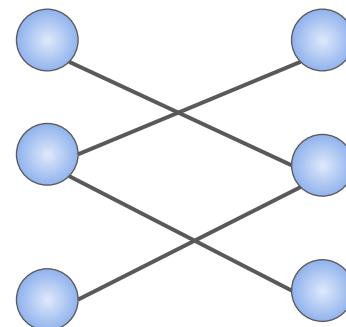
# Matching in Bipartite Graph

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a bipartite graph on  $2n$  vertices, with  $n$  vertices on each side:  $V = A \cup B$  with  $|A| = |B| = n$

A **perfect matching** on  $G$  is a choice of  $n$  edges from  $E$ , such that no two edges in the matching share a common vertex (each vertex in  $V$  is included in exactly one edge in the matching)



perfect matching

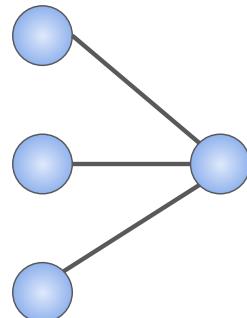


no perfect matching

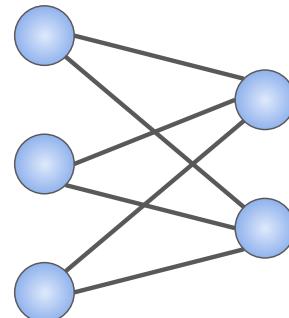
- When does a **perfect matching** exist? **Hall's Marriage Theorem**

# Complete Bipartite Graph

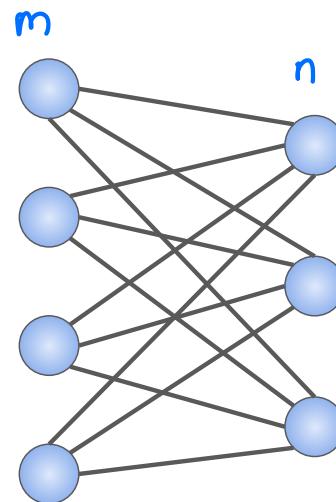
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$K_{3,1}$



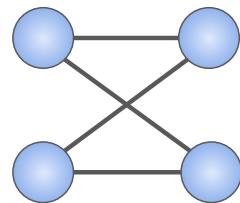
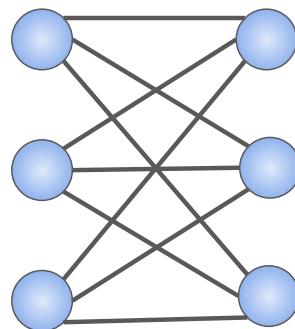
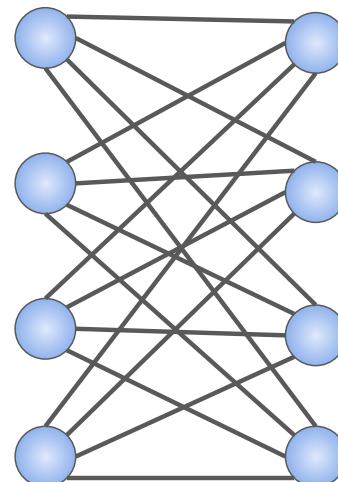
$K_{3,2}$



$K_{4,3}$

# Matching in Complete Bipartite Graph

Let  $K_{n,n}$  denote the **complete bipartite graph** on  $2n$  vertices  
Then a perfect matching exists. In fact, many of them.

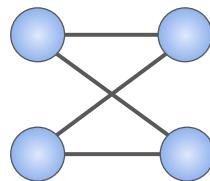
 $K_{2,2}$  $K_{3,3}$  $K_{4,4}$

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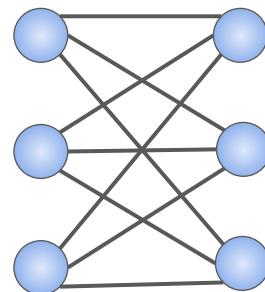
How many perfect matchings are there in  $K_{n,n}$ ?

- (a)  $n^n$
- (b)  $2^n$

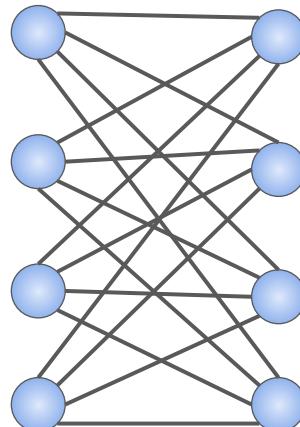
- (c)  $n!$
- (d)  $n^2$



$K_{2,2}$



$K_{3,3}$



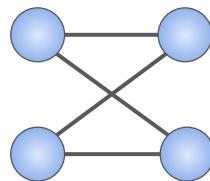
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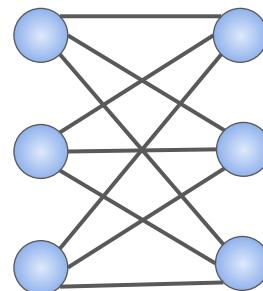
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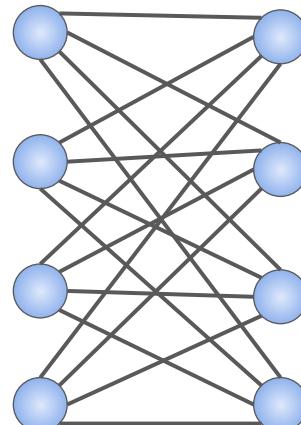
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$K_{2,2}$



$K_{3,3}$



$K_{4,4}$

Answer: (c)  $n!$

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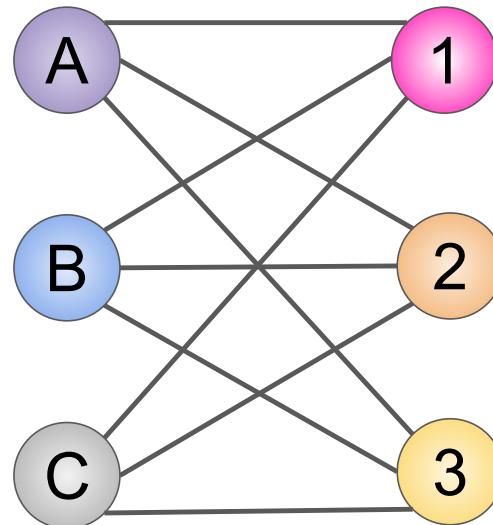
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# Matching with Preferences

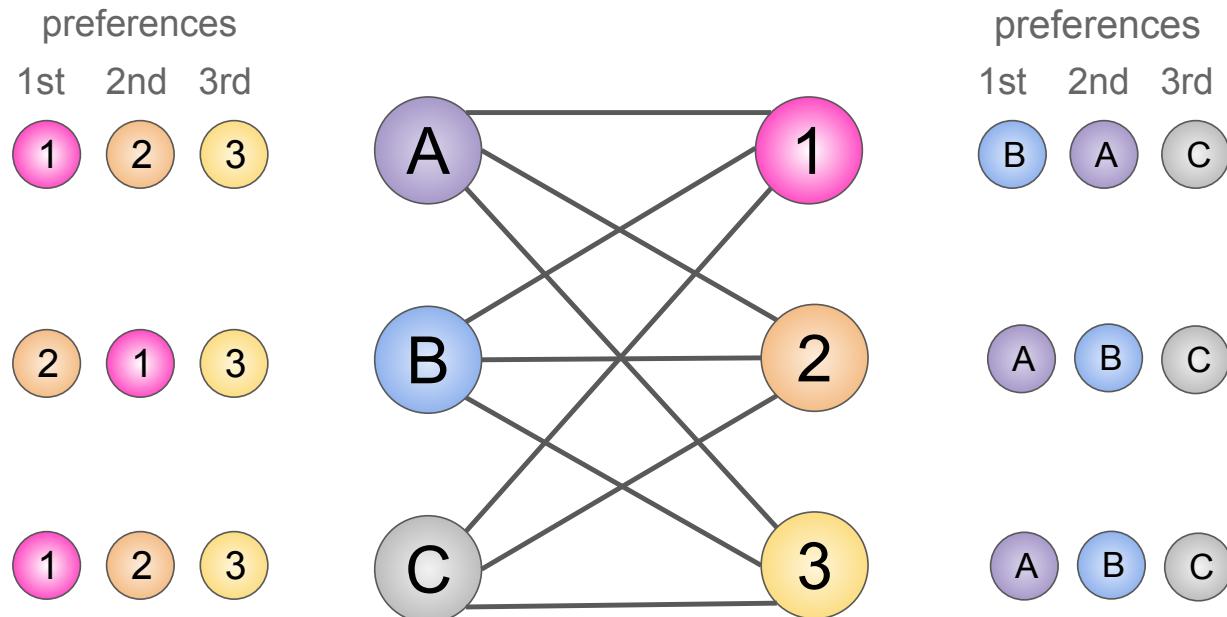
Suppose we have two groups of  $n$  nodes each, connected via  $K_{n,n}$



We want to find a perfect matching between them

# Matching with Preferences

Suppose each node has a **preference** over the  $n$  nodes in the other group (who they'd like to be matched with)



**Question:** Can we find a matching that makes “everyone happy”?

# Motivation and history

- College admissions: How to allocate admissions to yield a certain number of accepted students?
  - Gale and Shapley, “College Admissions and the Stability of Marriage”, *American Mathematical Monthly*, **69** (1962),  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2312726>
  - Described an algorithm in terms of marriage proposals between  $n$  men and  $n$  women
  - For simplicity and to maintain consistency with textbook, we also use men and women in describing the algorithm
  - Paper also considered single-group variant, but technically different
- Used since 1952 for National Resident Matching Program to match hospitals and medical residents

# Nobel Prize

## The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2012



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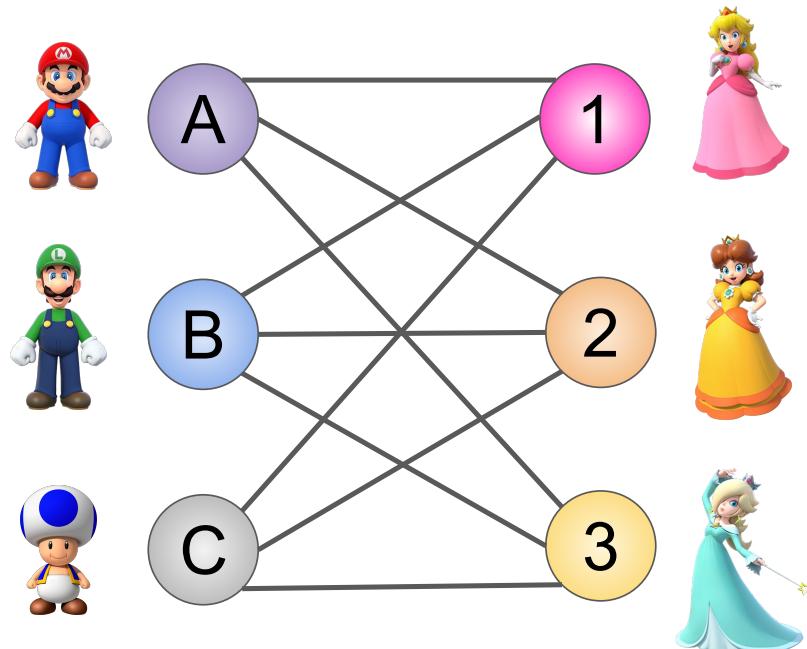
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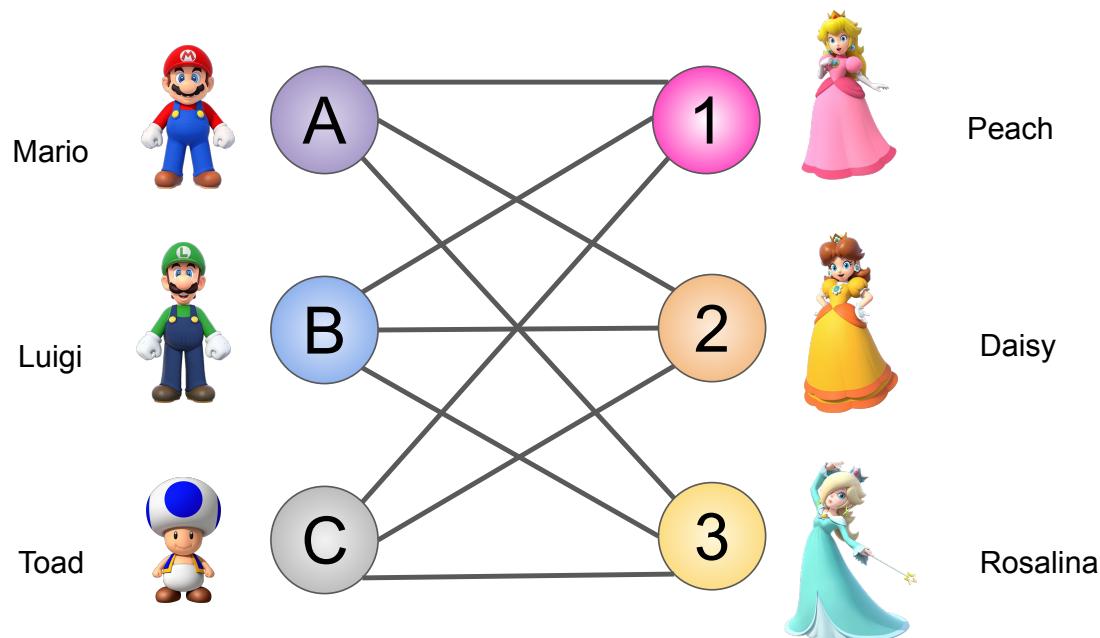
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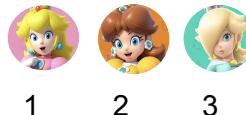


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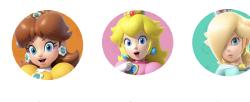
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C



1



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Q: Can we find the **best** matching that makes everyone happy?

# Matching with Preferences

What makes a **good** matching? Many possible answers:

- Maximize number of first-ranked choices
- Minimize number of last-ranked choices
- Minimize sum of rank of choices (max average happiness)
- We will use: **Stability**

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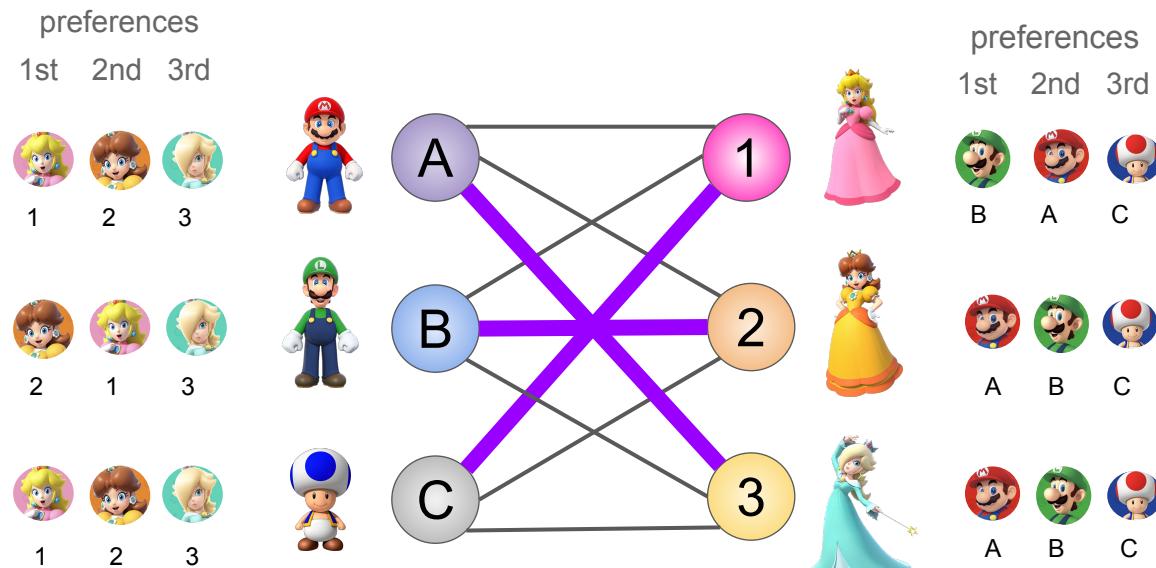
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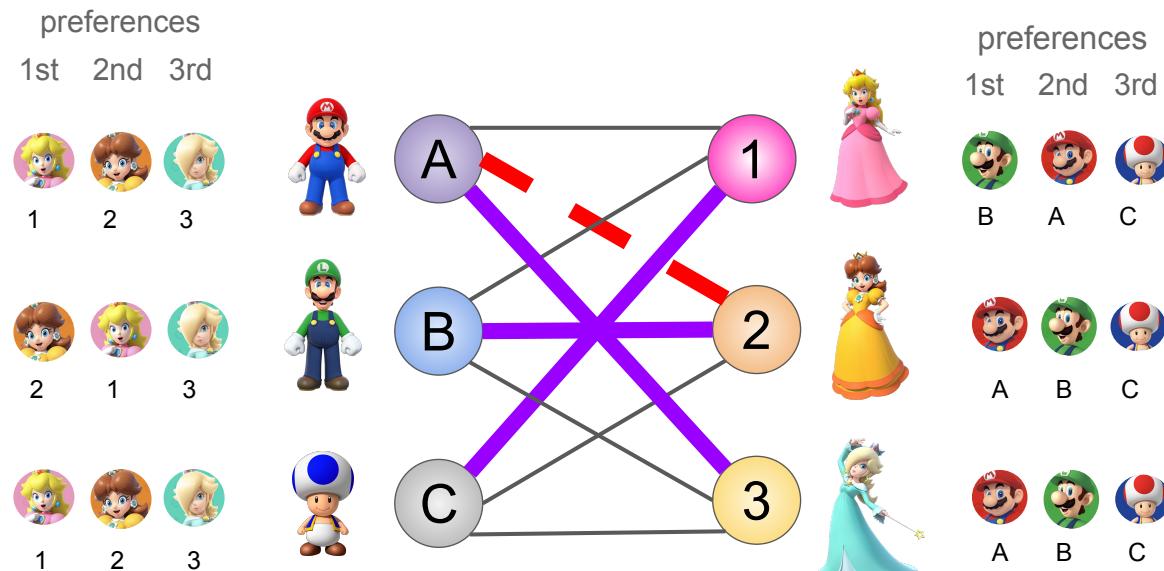
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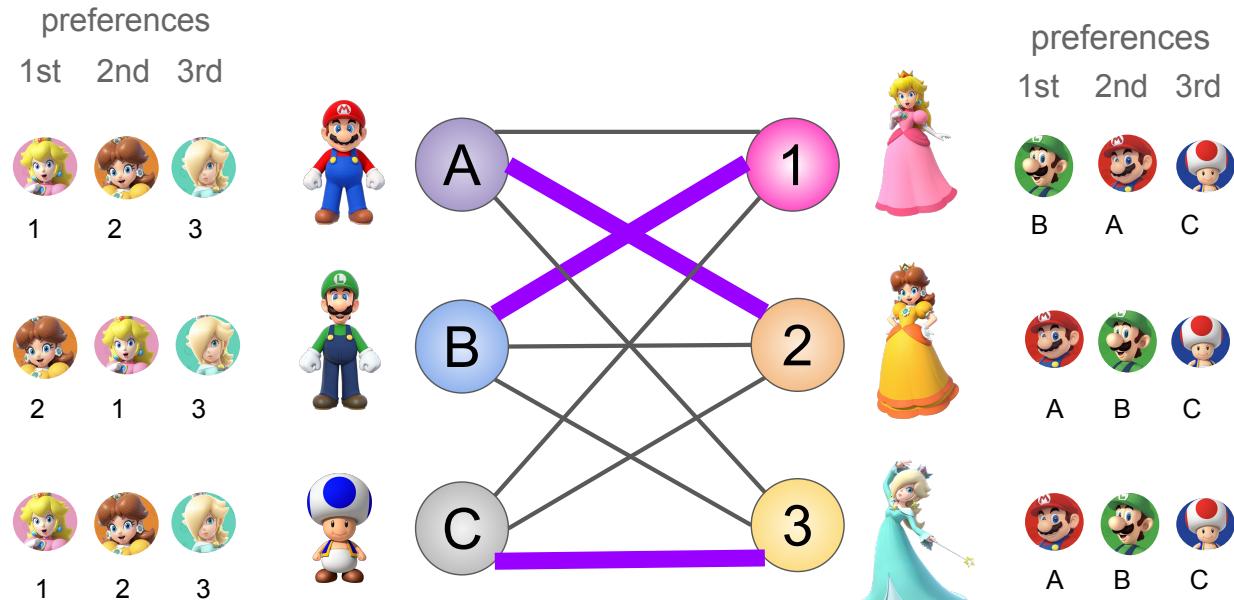
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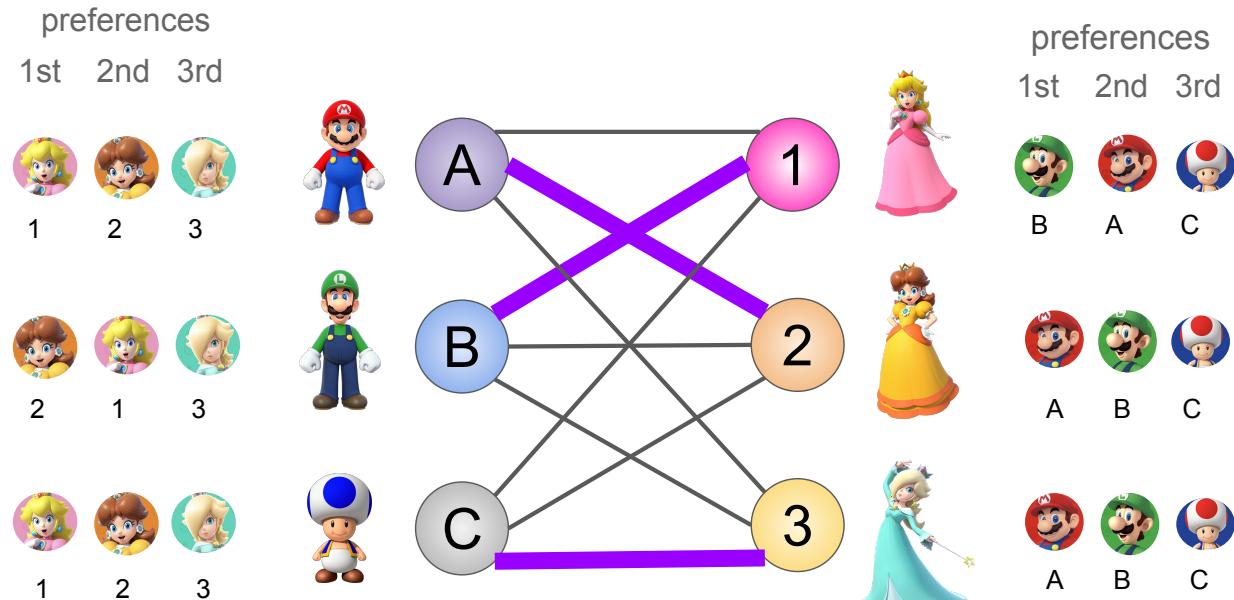
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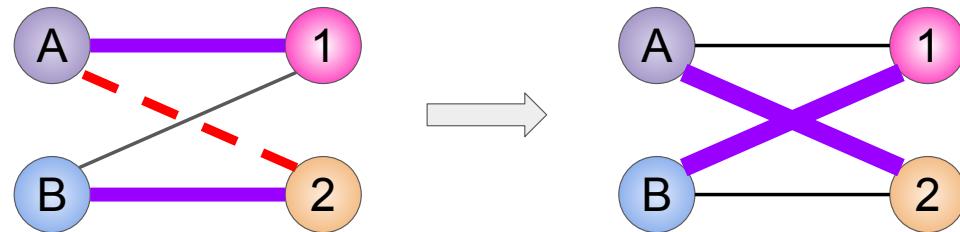


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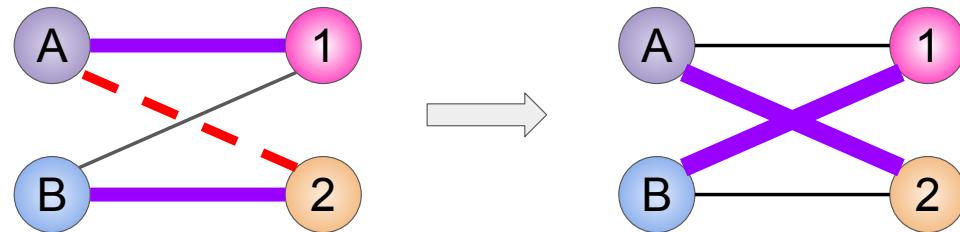
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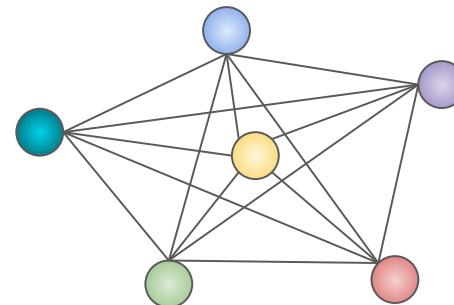
**Quiz:** Is this reasoning correct?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

# Stable Roommates Problem

The single-group version of the Stable Matching Problem.

- We have  $2n$  people, want to pair them into  $n$  roommates.  
Each person can be paired with anyone else.
- Each person has a preference over all other  $2n - 1$  people.



**Question:** Is there always a stable matching?

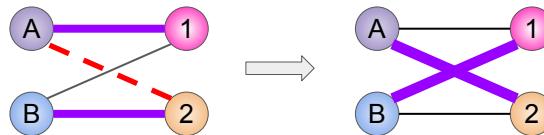


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**Question:** Is there always a stable matching of roommates?

Not obvious. But:

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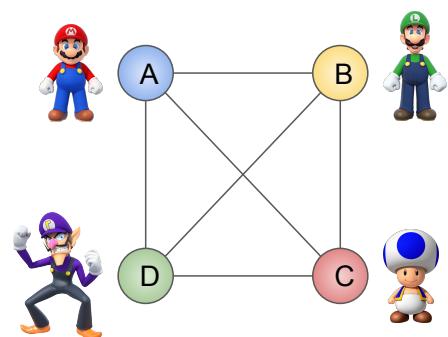


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But a stable matching of roommates may **not** exist!

Counterexample: (where \* can be anything)



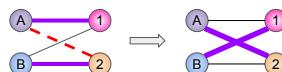
	Preference			
A	B	C	D	
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D	*	*	*	

**Exercise:** Verify that there is no stable matching.

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We showed stable matching of roommates may *not* exist.  
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We conclude that: Our approach (of matching up rogue couples) does *not* work to produce a stable matching.

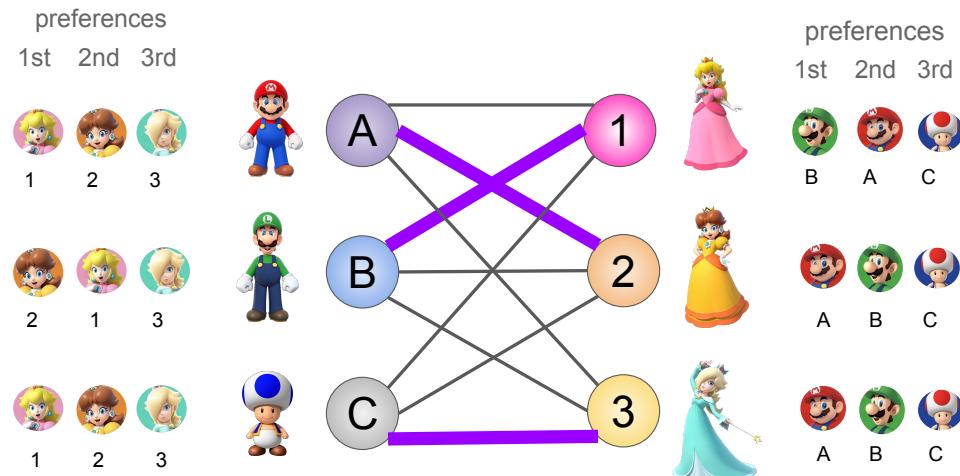
**Lesson:** Any proof that a stable matching always exists in the Stable Matching Problem (with two groups) *must* use the fact that there are two groups in a crucial way.

# Back to Stable Matching Problem

Suppose we have  $n$  men and  $n$  women with preferences.

**Theorem:** There always exists a stable matching.

*Proof:* We will describe an algorithm to construct a stable matching, and prove it is correct. □



# Stable Matching Algorithm

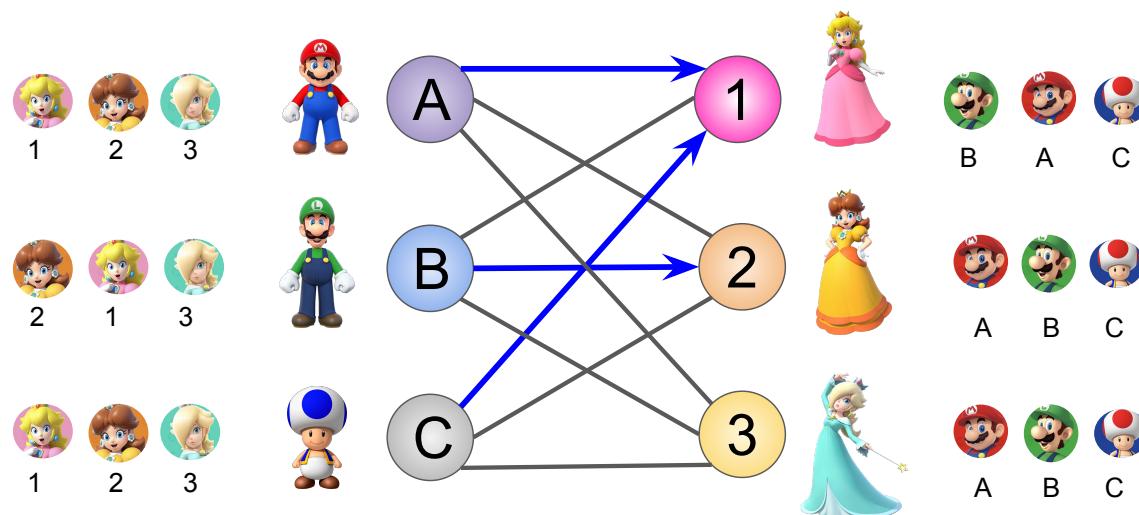
The algorithm proceeds in stages (days). In each day:

1. **Every Morning:** Each man proposes to the most preferred woman on his list who has not yet rejected him
2. **Every Afternoon:** Each woman collects all the proposals she received in the morning. She responds:
  - To the man she likes best: “Maybe, come back tomorrow.”  
(She now has him on a *string*)
  - To the others, she rejects: “No, never.”
3. **Every Evening:** Each rejected man crosses off the woman who rejected him from his list.

The above is repeated until each woman has a man on a *string*. On this day, each woman marries the man she has on a *string*.

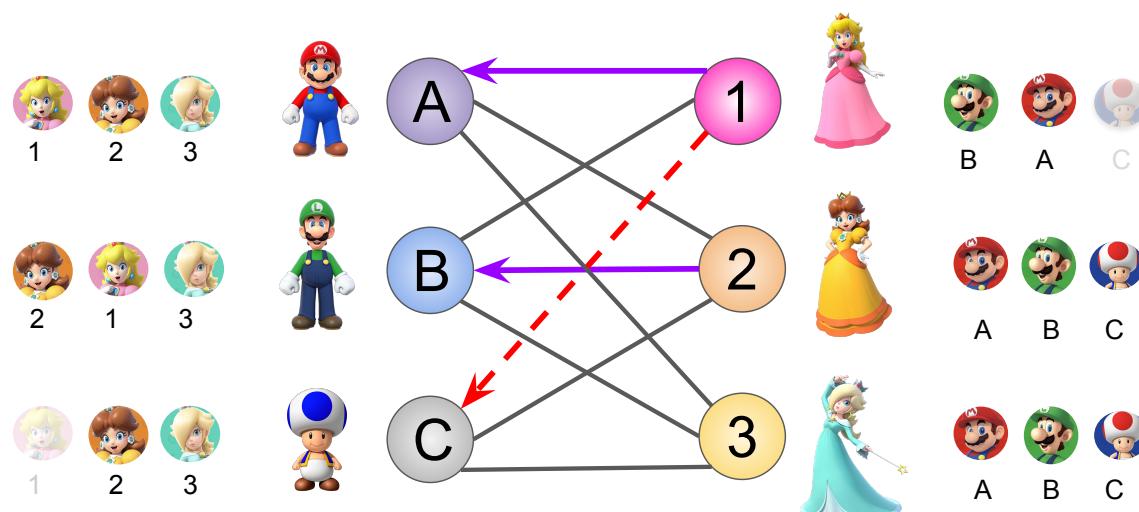
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	Day 1					
	am					
A	1					
B	2					
C	1					



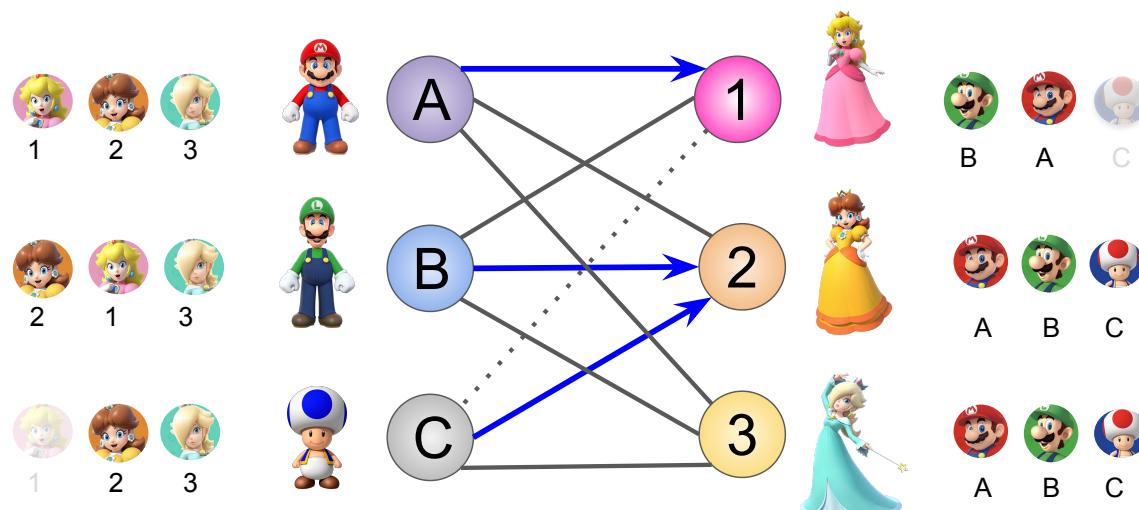
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	Day 1					
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B	2	2				
C	1	-				



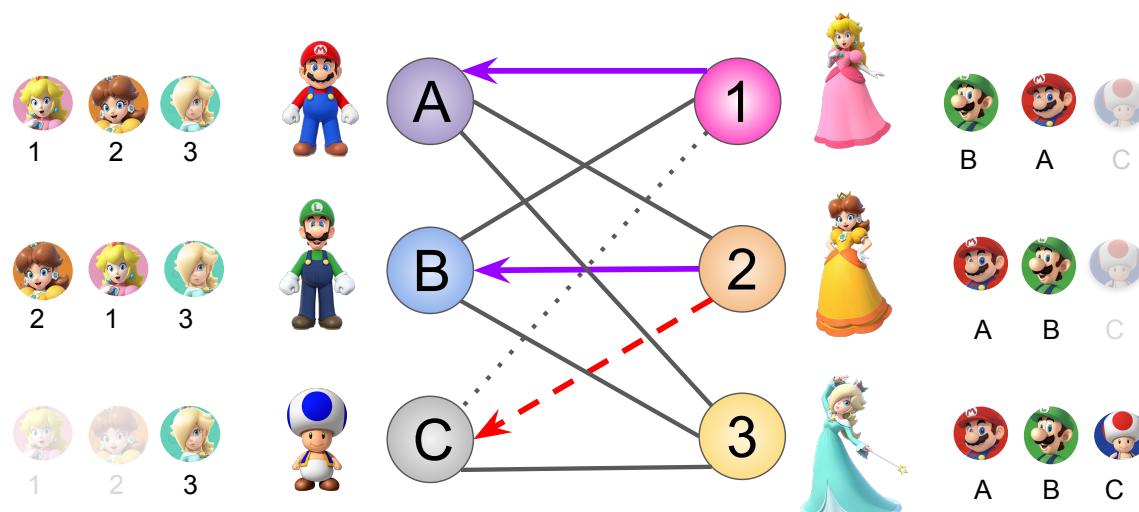
# Running the Algorithm: Day 2 Morning

	Day 1		Day 2			
	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
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B	2	2	2			
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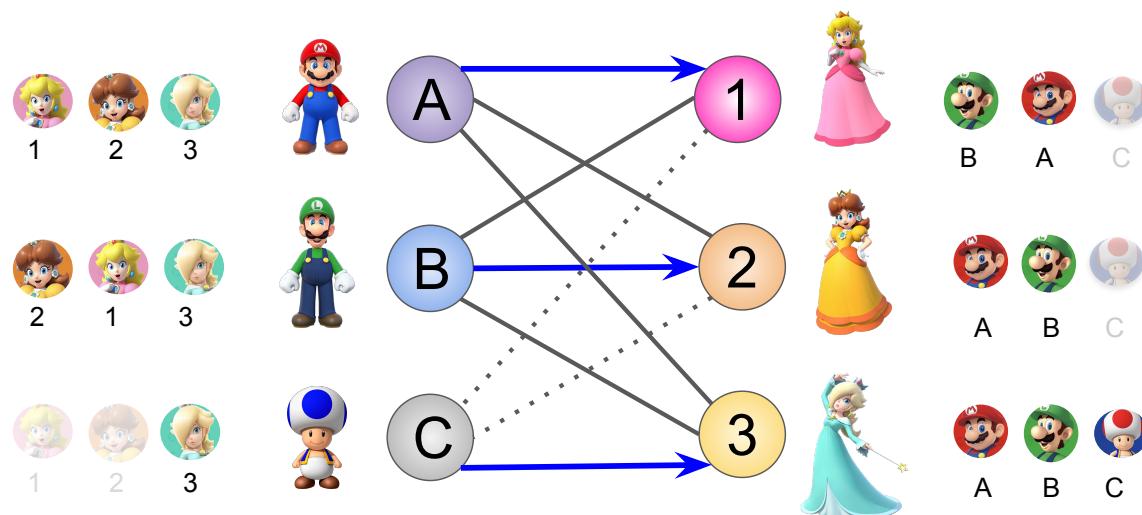
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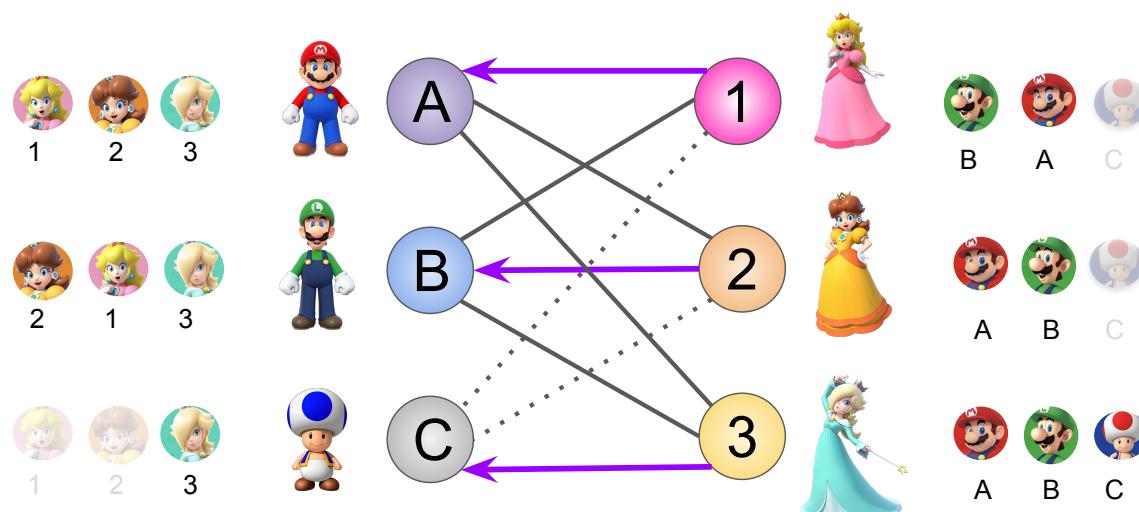
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	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
	am	pm	am	pm	am	
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C	1	-	2	-	3	



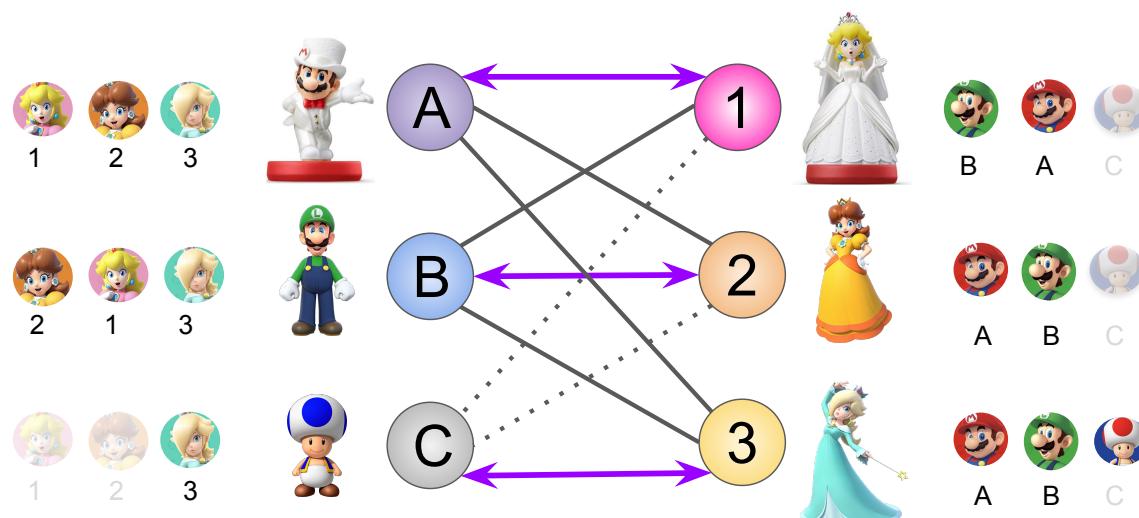
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A	1	1	1	1	1	1
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# Running the Algorithm: Success

	Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
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- Note: In fact, it uses at most  $n^2 - n + 1$  proposals (PS1).
- **Question:** Is the output a stable matching? Is it even a matching?

# Next Lecture

- Analysis of Stable Matching Problem
- Graph problems
- Reading: 3.2 – 2.6
- PS 1 due on Tuesday, Feb 1, at 2:30 pm

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