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Today

- A few comments on Fortran
- F2Py with fortran modules
- Timing Fortran code
- Networks

Notes on Fortran

- Do not attempt to guess Fortran syntax! – look it up instead
- Do not develop Fortran code in Python using f2py – get a Fortran-only code working first
- Test code (compile and run) after adding a few (4-5) lines of code. Don't write 100 lines and then test!
- Lecture 7: code structure, variable types, loops, if-then, subroutines
- Lecture 8: allocatable arrays, functions modules
- Lecture 9: Lapack, f2py

Notes on Fortran

Debugging code

- **If the compiler is giving you a series of errors, look at the topmost error message. It will include a line number**

- **If the code runs but crashes with a segmentation fault: probably a problem with array indices (e.g. trying to access the 12th element of a** dimension(11) **array**

- **If you can't tell where the code is crashing, add print statements, e.g.** print *, 1 **--some code–** print *, 2
  When the code is run, if the 1 prints to screen but not the 2, you know where the problem is.

- **If the code runs, but gives the wrong answer, add print statements outputting values of variables, try a small problem size where you know what values the variables can take**

Notes on Fortran

- Modules consist of:
  1. Module variables
  2. Module sub-programs

- Module variables are "available" throughout the module
  - They *do not* need to be declared
  - They *do not* need to be provided as input/output in the sub-program header

- Module variables and module sub-programs are also "available" in any program or sub-program that *uses* the module

- A module by itself doesn't do anything
  - There should be a "main" program which uses it
  - You can compile a module by itself: gfortran -c module.f90
  - But to generate an executable, you need a ***program***:
    gfortran -o program.exe module.f90 program.f90

  When re-compiling, first remove the previous .mod file

Notes on Fortran

- **Compiling code that uses lapack routines:**

```
$ gfortran –c program.f90
$ gfortran –o program.exe program.o –llapack
```

or

```
$ gfortran –o program.exe program.f90 –llapack
```

Similarly, with f2py:

```
$ f2py –llapack –c program.f90 –m module_name
```

F2Py and fortran modules

- F2Py will recognize subroutines and functions in modules
- What about variables?
  - Try f2py with circle module from last week (*f2pymodule_circle.f90)*

```
$ f2py -c f2pymodule_circle.f90 -m cmod
```

```
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In [11]: cmod.<tab>
cmod.circle  cmod.so
```

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F2Py and fortran modules

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```
In [12]: cmod.circle?
Docstring:
'd'-scalar
initialize_pi()

Wrapper for ``initialize_pi``.

circumference = circumference(radius)

Wrapper for ``circumference``.

Parameters
----------
radius : input float

Returns
-------
circumference : float
area = area(radius)
```

And similar info for “area”

F2Py and fortran modules

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In [23]: cmod.circle.<tab>
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cmod.circle.initialize_pi   cmod.circle.pi
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```
!module for computing circumference, area, and "mass" of circle
module circle
    implicit none
    real(kind=8) :: pi
    real(kind=8), allocatable, dimension(:) :: weights,mass
    save

       ...
       ...
```

```
subroutine compute_mass(radius,mass)
    !compute mass = weights*area
    implicit none
    real(kind=8), intent(in) :: radius
    real(kind=8), intent(out) :: mass(:)

    mass = weights*area(radius)
end subroutine compute_mass
```

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4. **Compute mass:**

```
In [18]: cmoda.circle.compute_mass(2.0)

In [19]: cmoda.circle.mass
Out[19]: array([  0. , 12.56637061, 25.13274123, 37.69911184,
50.26548246])
```

Finite difference methods

- **Finite difference methods are a standard approach for numerical differentiation.**
- **They form the basis for a wide variety of methods used to solve partial differential equations**
- **See online supplementary class notes: *Notes on numerical differentiation with finite difference methods***

Unix *time* command

Can use *time* to obtain timing info for any unix command:

```
$ time ./midpoint.exe
 N=      512000
 sum=   3.1415926535901515
 error=   3.5837999234900053E-013

real   0m0.015s
user   0m0.010s
sys 0m0.003s
```

- real **is approximately the wall-clock time**
- user **is time spent executing the program**
- sys **is time spent on system tasks required by program**

Fortran timing functions

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 call system_clock(clock_t1)
 call cpu_time(cpu_t1)
    !loop over intervals computing each interval's contribution to
integral
... Midpoint quadrature ...
 call cpu_time(cpu_t2)
 print *, 'elapsed cpu time (seconds) =',cpu_t2-cpu_t1

 call system_clock(clock_t2,clock_rate)
 print *, 'elapsed wall time (seconds)= ',
                              dble(clock_t2-clock_t1)/dble(clock_rate)
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 elapsed wall time (seconds)=    9.12799966E-03
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- **Can place timing commands throughout code to find bottlenecks**

Fortran timing functions

- Also, often have *a theoretical estimate* of how cost scales with problem size
- A method may require O(N) (or $O(N\ln_2 N)$ or $O(N^2)$) operations
- But does your implementation of the algorithm match theory?
- How do compiler optimizations affect performance?
- Carefully timing code while varying the problem size can help answer these questions

Networks

Examples of significant networks include:

- **Social networks**
- **World-wide web**
- **Internet**
- **Air transportation network**
- **Cellular network**

The science of networks is an important, rapidly growing field

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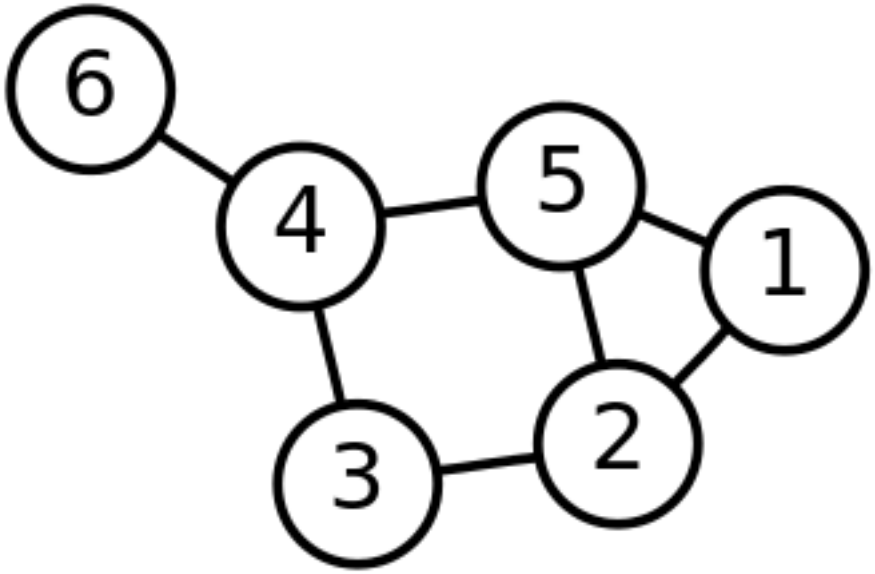

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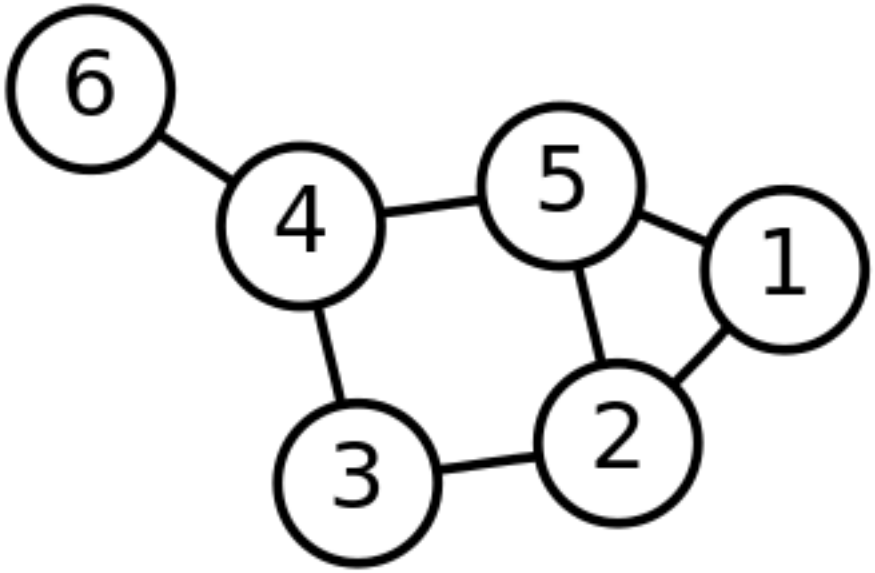

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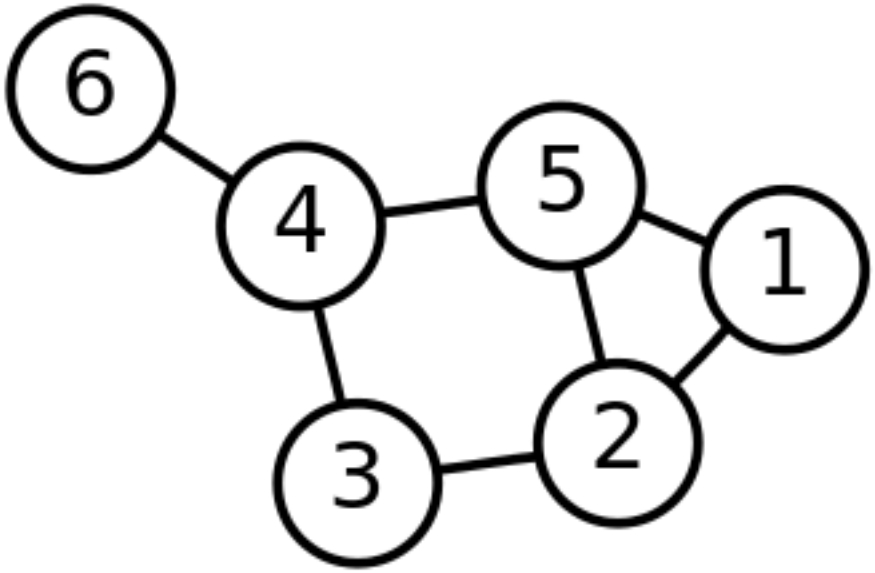

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Can also represent connected portions of graph with edge list:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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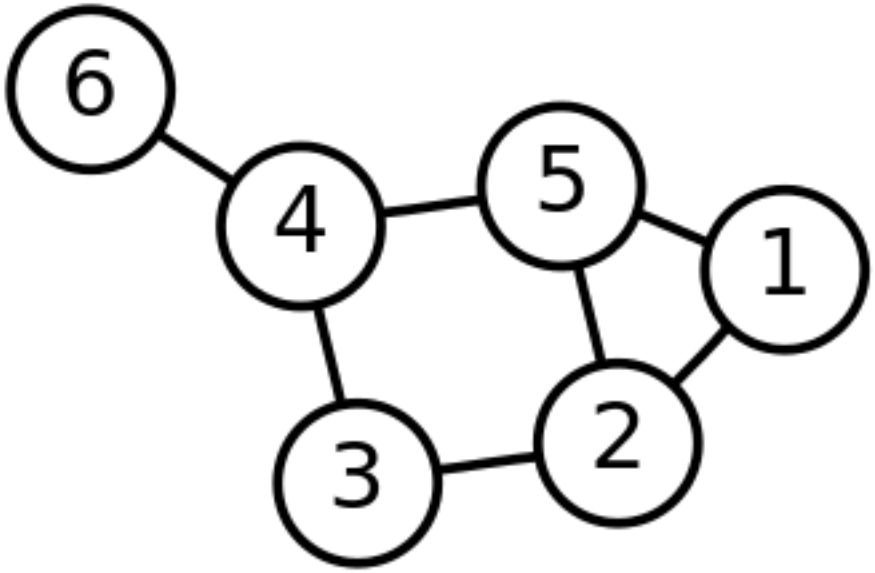

The *degree* of a node is the number of is the total number of links connected to it:
$q_1 = 2$, $q_5 = 3$, …

The *degree distribution*, P(q) is particularly important. P(q) is the fraction of nodes in the graph with degree = q

P(1) = 1/6, P(2) = 2/6, P(3) = 3/6

Homework 3: You will work with a simple model for growing networks.