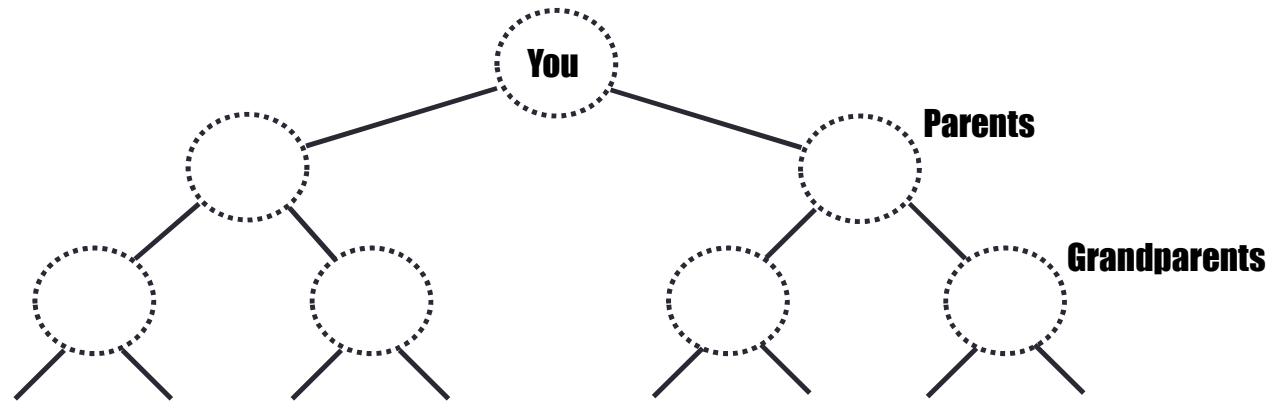


CSE 100: GRAPH

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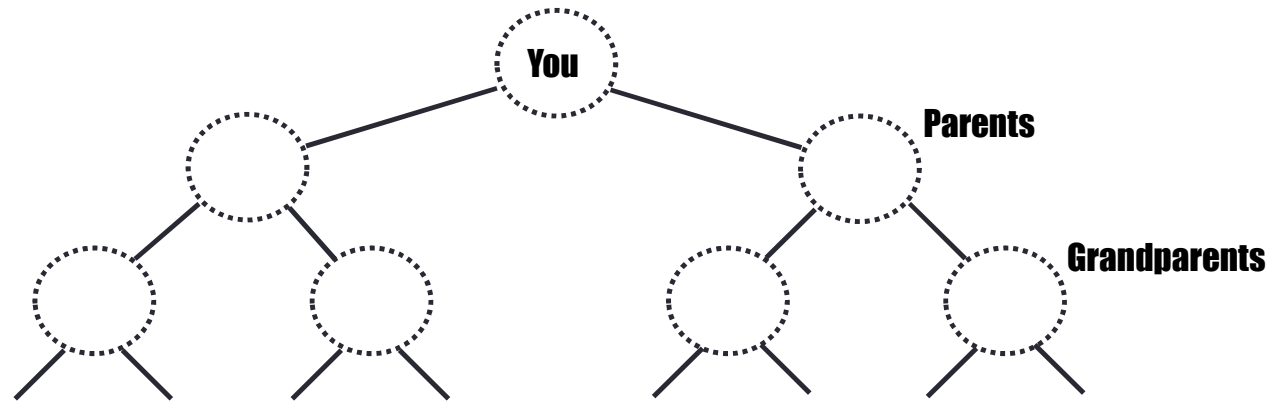
- PA3
 - Checkpoint deadline 11:59pm on Thursday, November 29 (No slip days)
 - Final submission deadline 11:59pm on Thursday, December 6 (slip days allowed)
- No class on Friday
 - Happy Thanksgiving!!

From Trees to Graphs



Is this a tree, or...?

From Trees to Graphs

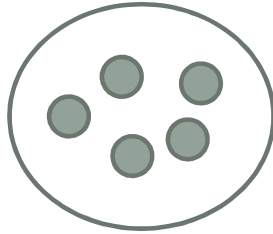


Is this a tree, or...?

1 generation = 30 years → 100 generations over the last 3000 years

$2^{100} = 1.267 \times 10^{30}$ (How many people are on earth?)

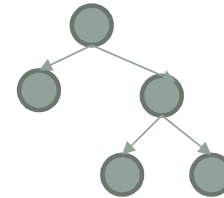
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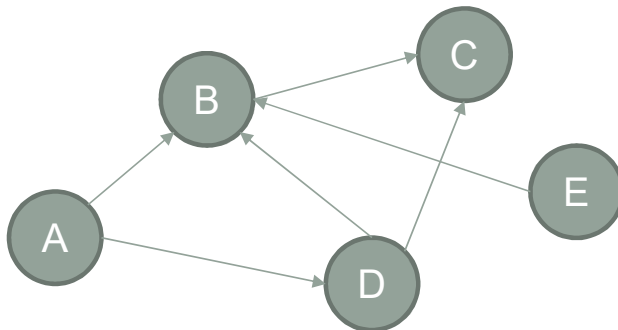
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Sequential, linear structures
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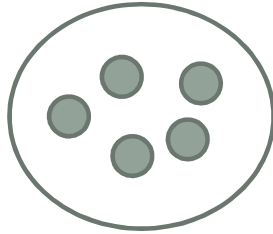


Graphs

Which of the following is NOT true about graphs?

- A. They consist of both vertices and edges
- B. They have an inherent order**
- C. Edges may be weighed or unweighted
- D. Edges may be directed or undirected
- E. They may contain cycles

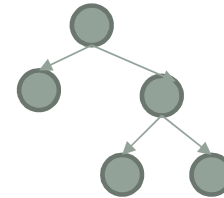
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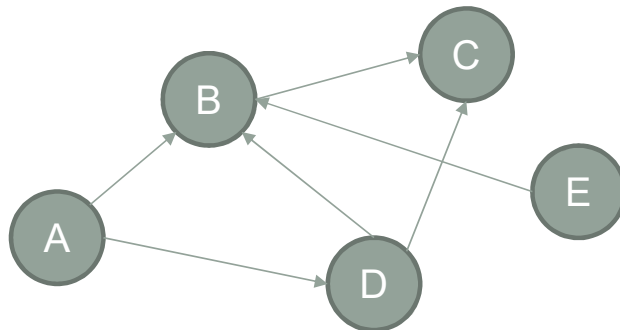
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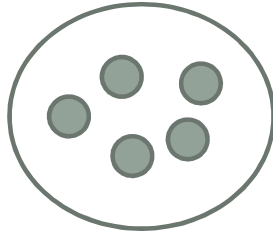


Graphs

Which of the following is ALWAYS a graph:

- A. A list
- B. A tree
- C. Both
- D. Neither

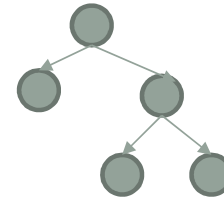
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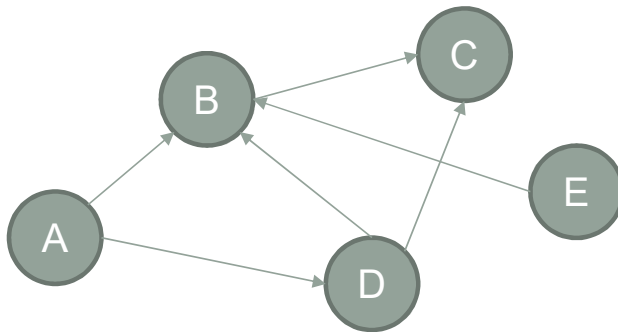
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Graphs

Consist of:

- A collection of elements (“nodes” or “vertices”)
- A set of connections (“edges” or “links” or “arcs”) between pairs of nodes.
 - Edges may be directed or undirected
 - Edges may have weight associated with them

Graphs are not hierarchical or sequential, no requirements for a “root” or “parent/child” relationships between nodes

Note that trees are special cases of graphs; lists are special cases of trees.

Graphs

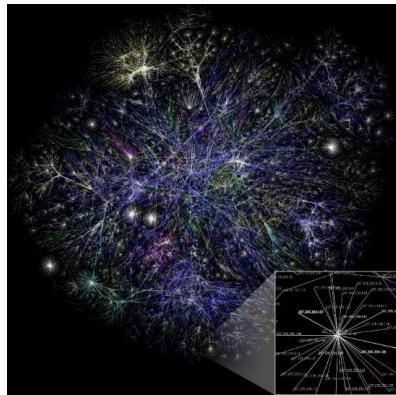
Basic objects : vertices, nodes

Relationships between them : edges, arcs, links

Graphs

Basic objects : websites

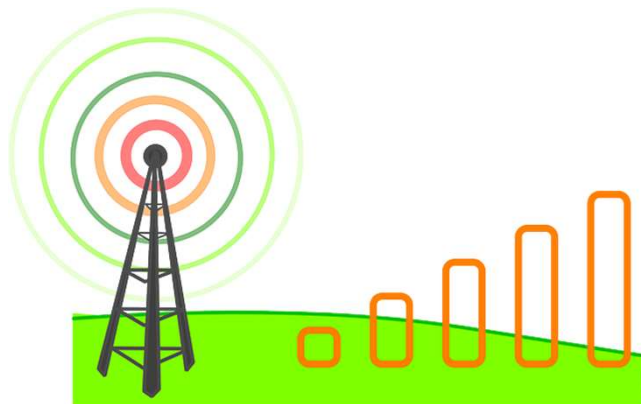
Relationships between them : hyperlinks



Graphs

Basic objects : cell phone towers

Relationships between them : coverage area overlaps



Graphs

Basic objects : game units

Relationships between them : paths on map



Graphs

Basic objects : people

Relationships between them : friends



Graphs

Basic objects : cities

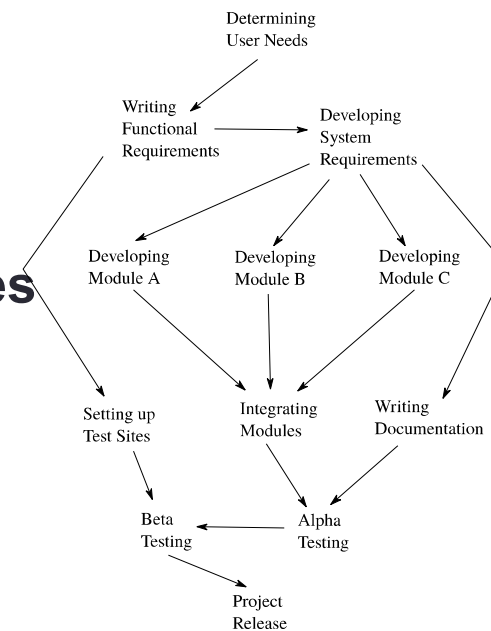
Relationships between them : nonstop flights OR roads



Graphs

Basic objects : tasks

Relationships between them :
dependencies



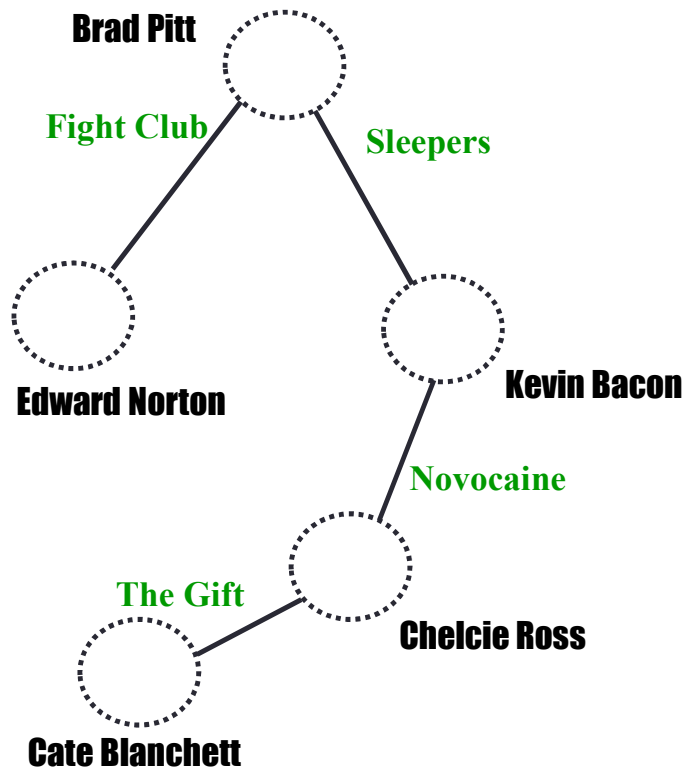
Why Graphs?

But don't just take my word for it...

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/advanced-data-structures/lecture/3ovpb/in-the-real-world-graphs-at-google>

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Another (Important?) Application of Graphs



The “Oracle of Bacon” at oracleofbacon.org/

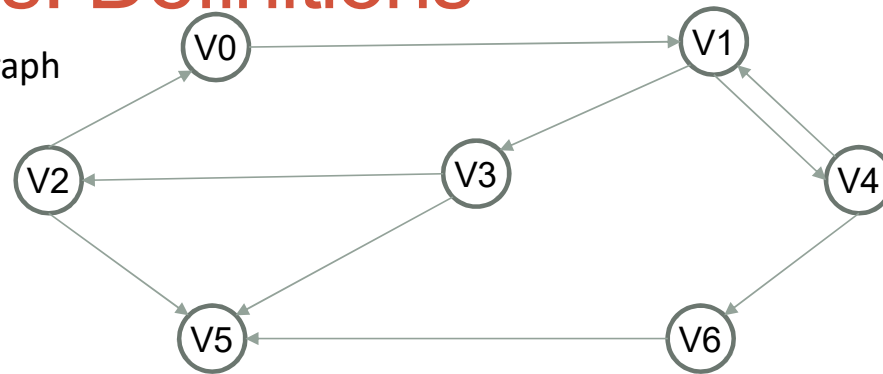
Bill Clinton



Undirected graphs model relationships in which all connections are two-way.

Graphs: Definitions

A directed graph

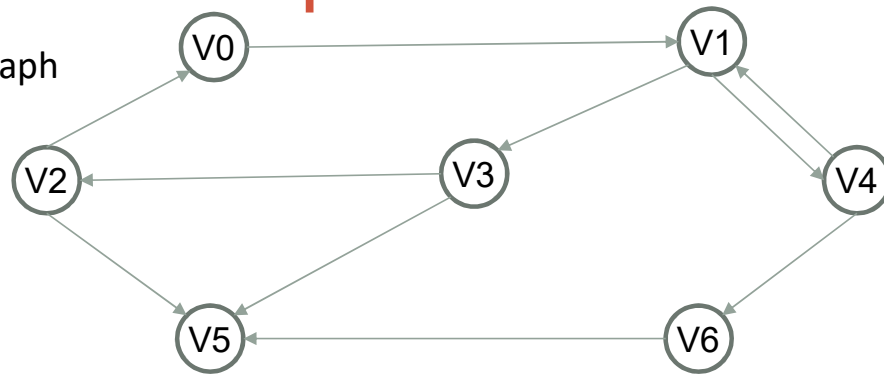


A graph $G = (V, E)$ consists of a set of vertices V and a set of edges E

- Each edge in E is a pair (v, w) such that v and w are in V .
- If G is an *undirected* graph, (v, w) in E means vertices v and w are connected by an edge in G . This (v, w) is an unordered pair
- If G is a *directed* graph, (v, w) in E means there is an edge going from vertex v to vertex w in G . This (v, w) is an ordered pair; there may or may not also be an edge (w, v) in E
- In a *weighted* graph, each edge also has a “weight” or “cost” c , and an edge in E is a triple (v, w, c)
- When talking about the size of a problem involving a graph, the number of vertices $|V|$ and the number of edges $|E|$ will be relevant

Graphs: Example

A directed graph



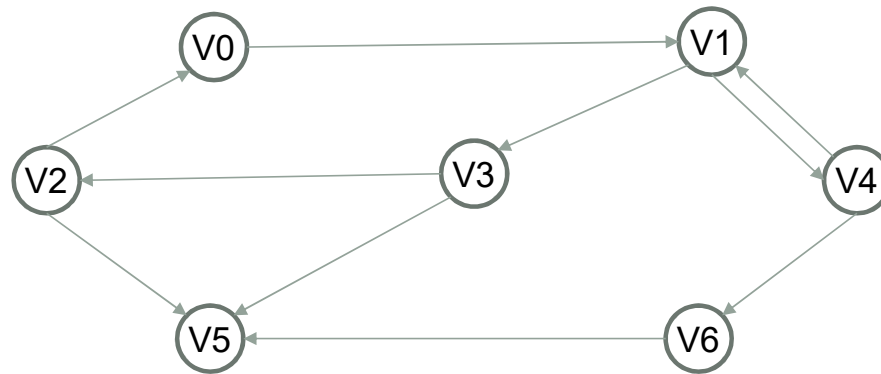
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$|V| =$

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$|E|$

Representing Graphs: Adjacency Matrix

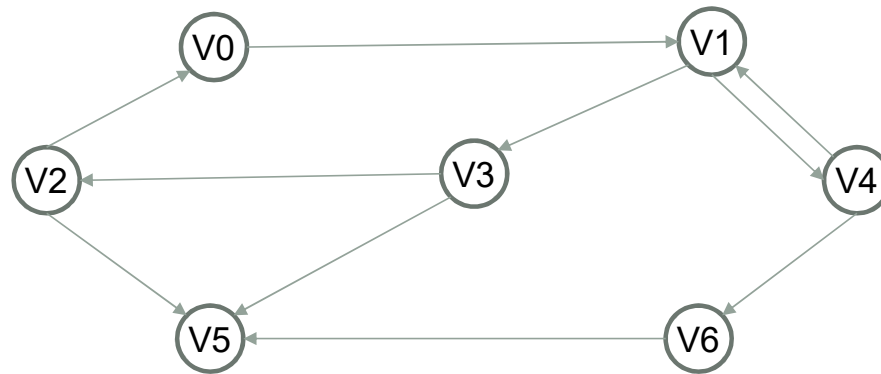


	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

A 2D array where each entry $[i][j]$ encodes connectivity information between i and j

- For an unweighted graph, the entry is 1 if there is an edge from i to j , 0 otherwise
- For a weighted graph, the entry is the weight of the edge from i to j , or “infinity” if there is no edge
- Note an undirected graph’s adjacency matrix will be symmetrical

Representing Graphs: Adjacency Matrix



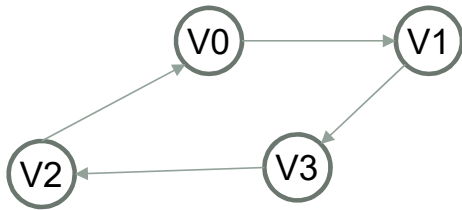
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1				1	1		
2	1					1	
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How big is an adjacency matrix in terms of the number of nodes and edges (BigO, tightest bound)?

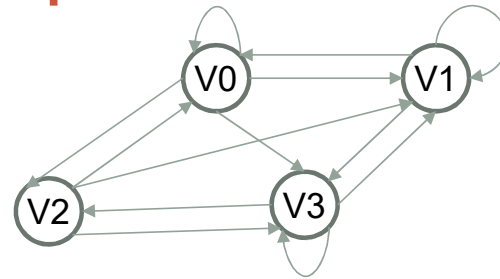
- A. $|V|$
- B. $|V| + |E|$
- C. $|V|^2$
- D. $|E|^2$
- E. Other

When is that OK? When is it a problem?

Sparse vs. Dense Graphs



	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0



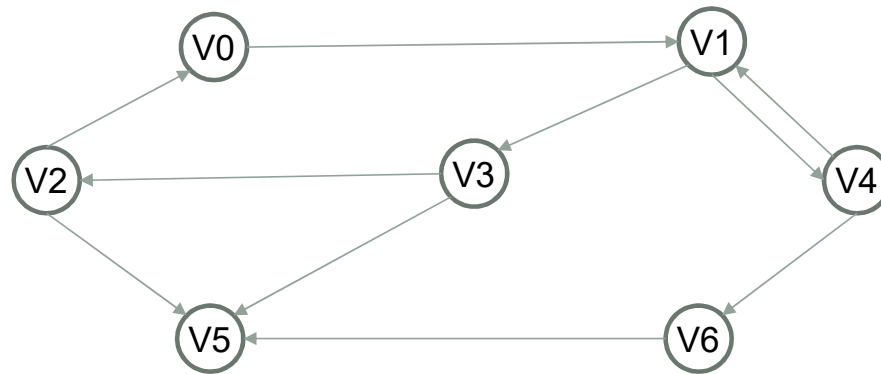
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3	0	1	1	1

A dense graph is one where $|E|$ is “close to” $|V|^2$.

A sparse graph is one where $|E|$ is “closer to” $|V|$.

Adjacency matrices are space inefficient for sparse graphs

Representing Graphs: Adjacency Lists



V0:

V1:

V2:

V3:

V4:

V5:

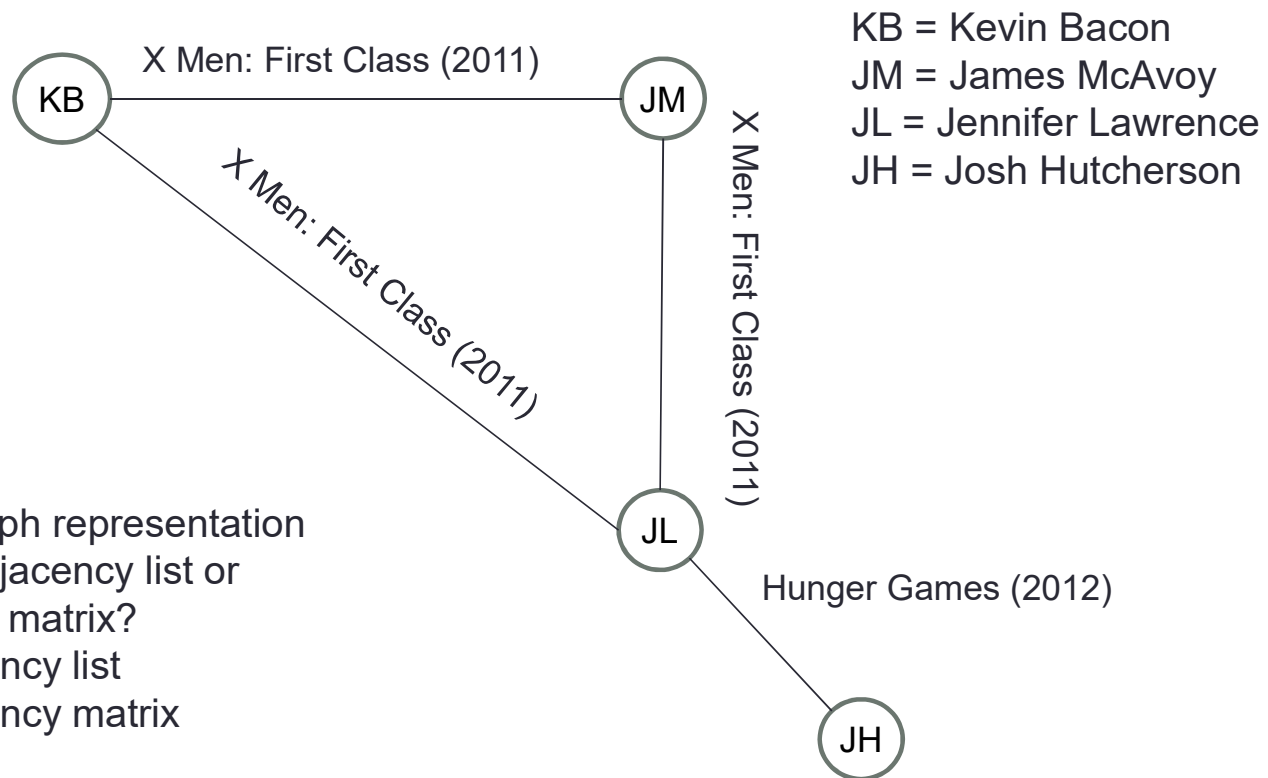
V6:

Each vertex has a list with the vertices adjacent to it.
In a weighted graph this list will include weights.

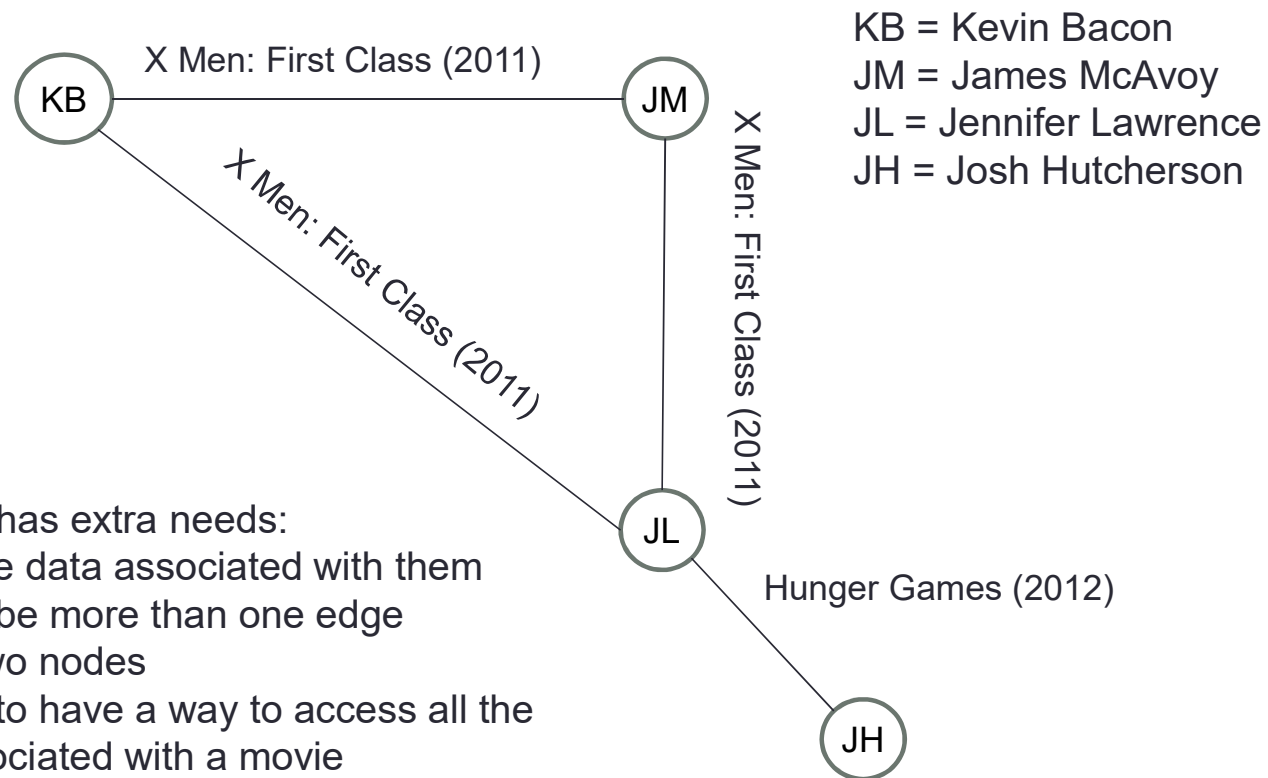
How much storage does this representation need?
(BigO, tightest bound)

- A. $|V|$
- B. $|E|$
- C. $|V| + |E|$
- D. $|V|^2$
- E. $|E|^2$

Movie graphs: Matrix vs Lists



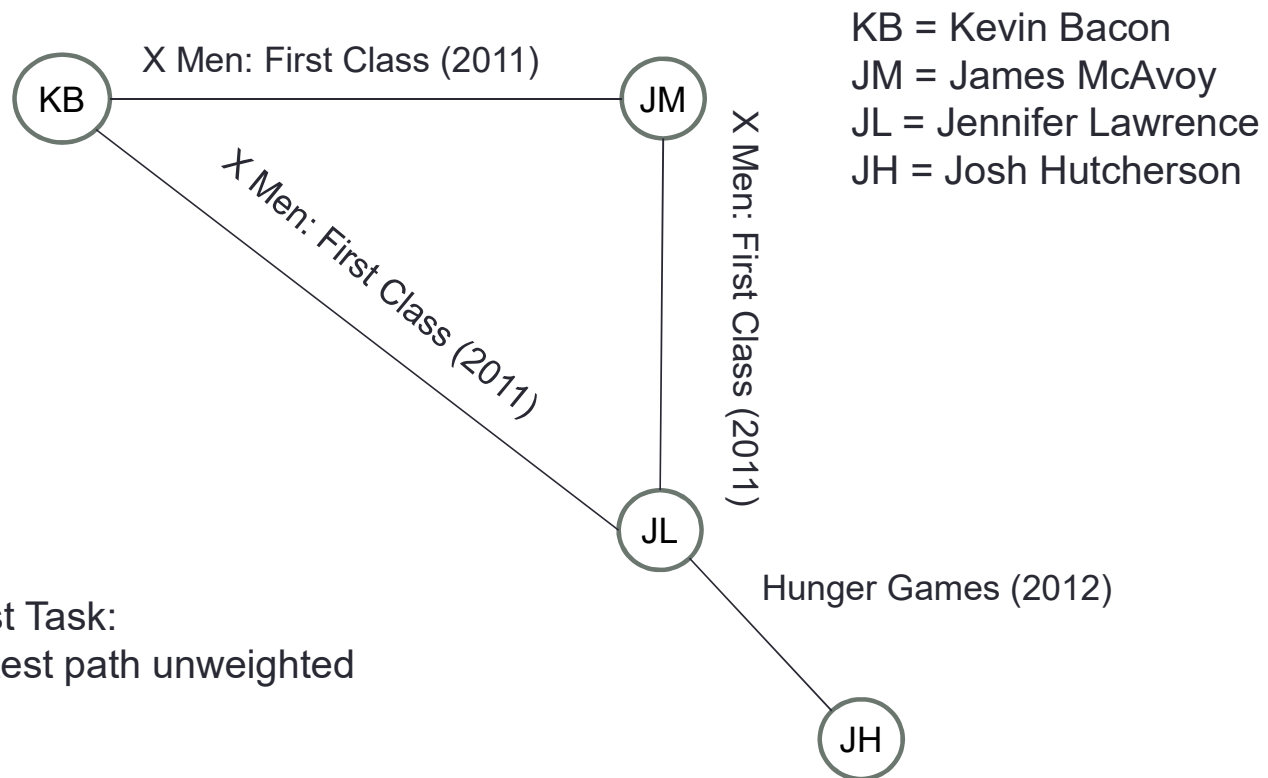
Movie graphs: Representation hints



This problem has extra needs:

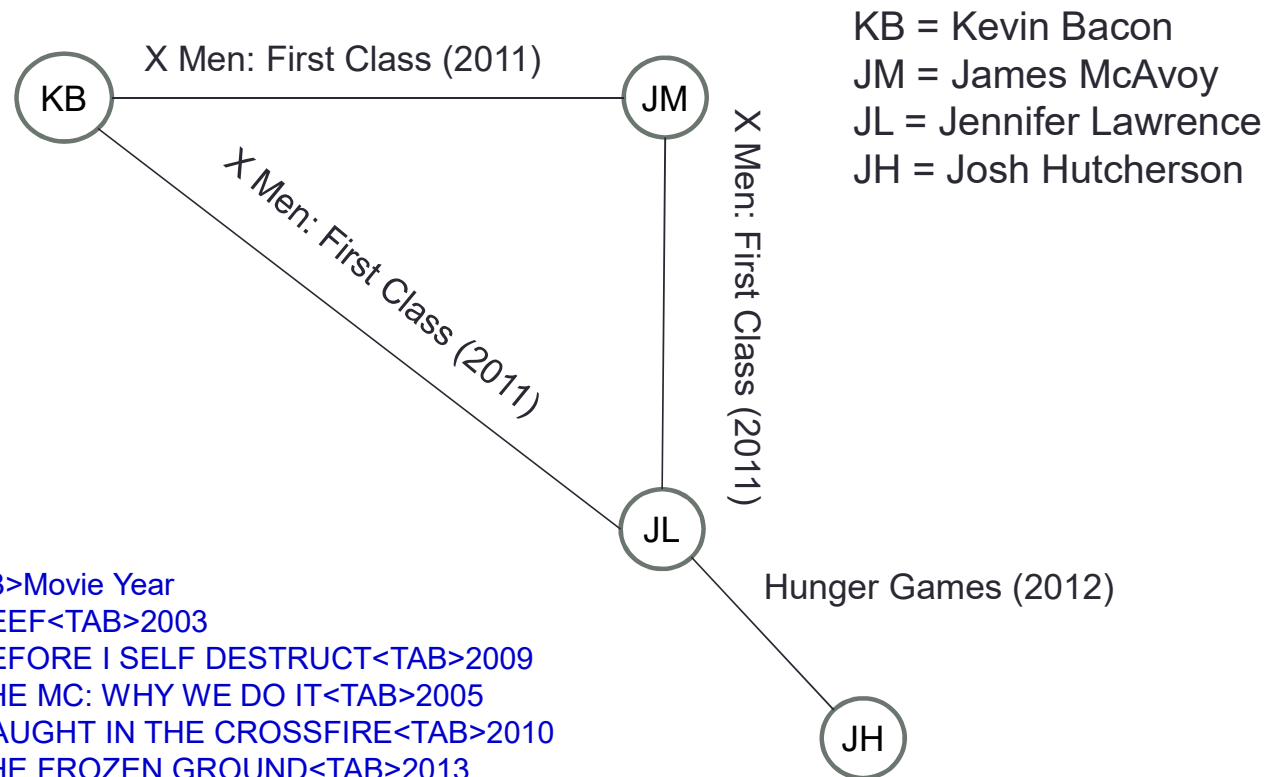
- Edges have data associated with them
- There can be more than one edge between two nodes
- It is useful to have a way to access all the actors associated with a movie
- You will need to adapt the data structures we look at in class to meet your needs for PA3

Movie graphs: Representation hints



- PA3's First Task:
 - Shortest path unweighted

Movie graphs: Representation hints



Actor/Actress<TAB>Movie Year
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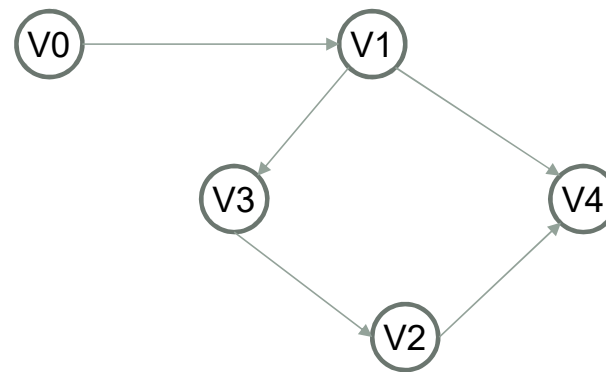
- Take time to come up with at least two ways to store this structure.

Movie graphs: Representation

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Depth First Search for Graph Traversal

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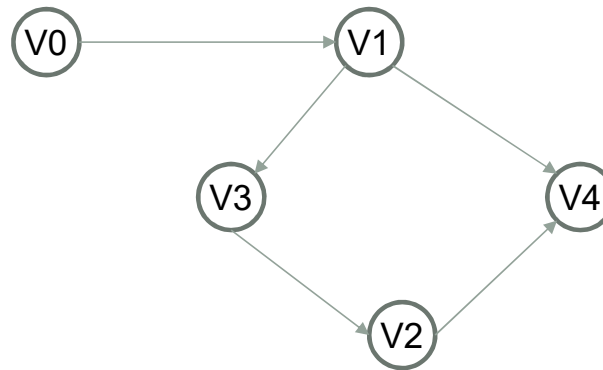


Assuming DFS chooses the lower number node to explore first, in what order does DFS visit the nodes in this graph (start at V0)?

- A. V0, V1, V2, V3, V4
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Depth First Search for Graph Traversal

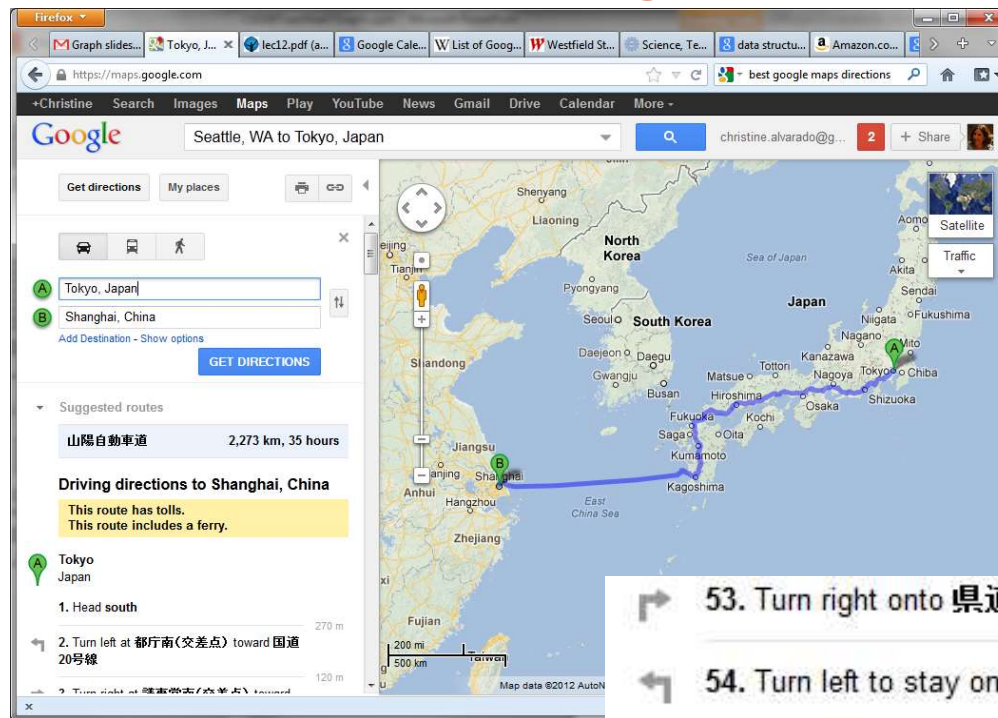
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Does DFS always find the shortest path between nodes the first time it encounters a node in its search?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Shortest Path Algorithms



Finding the shortest route from one city to another is a natural application of graph algorithms!

(Of course there are many other examples)

- ➔ 53. Turn right onto 県道350号線 1.9 km
- ➔ 54. Turn left to stay on 県道350号線 3.4 km
- 55. Jet ski across the Pacific Ocean 782 km
- 56. Continue straight onto 塘后支路 400 m
- 57. Continue onto 水产路

Shortest Path Algorithms

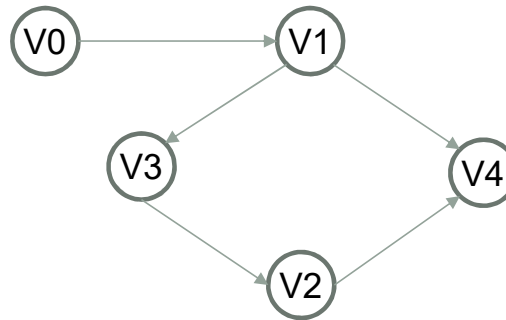
- We'll look at shortest path algorithms in unweighted and weighted graphs
- These algorithms find the shortest path from a “source” (or start) vertex to every other vertex in the graph (it's no slower than finding a path to just one destination)
- You will implement some of these algorithms in your PA3

Unweighted Shortest Path

- Input: an unweighted directed graph $G = (V, E)$ and a source vertex s in V
- Output: for each vertex v in V , a representation of the shortest path in G that starts in s and ends at v
- This is really just a search problem. We'll look at three algorithms:
 - Depth First Search – inefficient to produce the shortest path
 - Breadth First Search
 - Best-First Search (for weighted graphs)

Breadth First Search

- Explore all the nodes reachable from a given node before moving on to the next node to explore

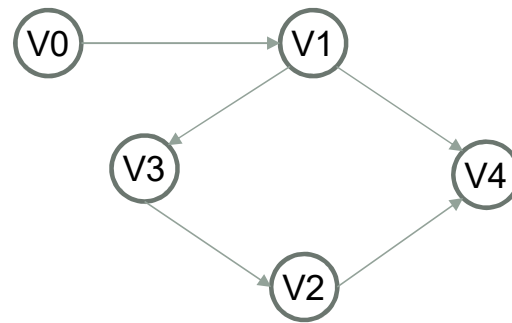


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BFS Traverse: Idea

- Input: an unweighted directed graph $G = (V, E)$ and a source vertex s in V
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Start at s . It has distance 0 from itself.

Consider nodes adjacent to s . They have distance 1. Mark them as visited.

Then consider nodes that have not yet been visited

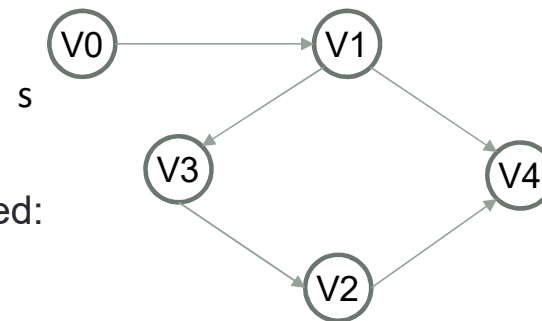
adjacent to those at distance 1. They have distance 2. Mark them as visited.

Etc. etc. until all nodes are visited.

BFS Traverse: Sketch of Algorithm

The basic idea is a breadth-first search of the graph, starting at source vertex s

- Initially, give all vertices in the graph a distance of INFINITY
- Start at s ; give s distance = 0
- Enqueue s into a queue
- While the queue is not empty:
 - Dequeue the vertex v from the head of the queue
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Queue:

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Questions:

- What data do you need to keep track of for each node?
- How can you tell if a vertex has been visited yet?
- This algorithm finds the length of the shortest path from s to all nodes. How can you also find the path itself?

BFS Traverse: Details

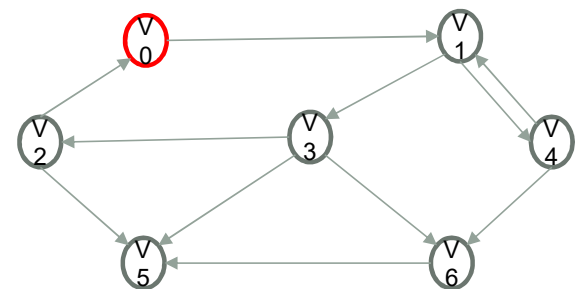
source

V0: dist=	prev=	adj: V1
V1: dist=	prev=	adj: V3, V4
V2: dist=	prev=	adj: V0, V5
V3: dist=	prev=	adj: V2, V5, V6
V4: dist=	prev=	adj: V1, V6
V5: dist=	prev=	adj:
V6: dist=	prev=	adj: V5

The queue (give source vertex dist=0 and prev=-1 and enqueue to start):

HEAD

TAIL



Representing the graph with structs

```
#include <iostream>
#include <limits>
#include <vector>
#include <queue>

using namespace std;

struct Vertex {
    vector<int> adj; // The adjacency list
    int dist;       // The distance from the source
    int index;      // The index of this vertex
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};

vector<Vertex*> createGraph() {
...
}
```

Unweighted Shortest Path: C++ code

```
/** Traverse the graph using BFS */  
void BFSTraverse( vector<Vertex*> theGraph, int from )  
{  
    // assume code to initialize each Vertex's dist to INFINITY  
    queue<Vertex*> toExplore;  
    Vertex* start = theGraph[from];  
    // finish the code...
```

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    start->dist = 0;
    toExplore.push(start);
    while ( !toExplore.empty() ) {

        Vertex* next = toExplore.front();
        toExplore.pop();
        vector<int>::iterator it = next->adj.begin();
        for ( ; it != next->adj.end(); ++it ) {
            Vertex* neighbor = theGraph[*it];
            if (next->dist+1 < neighbor->dist) {
                neighbor->dist = next->dist + 1;
                neighbor->prev = next->index;
                toExplore.push(neighbor);
            }
        }
    }
}
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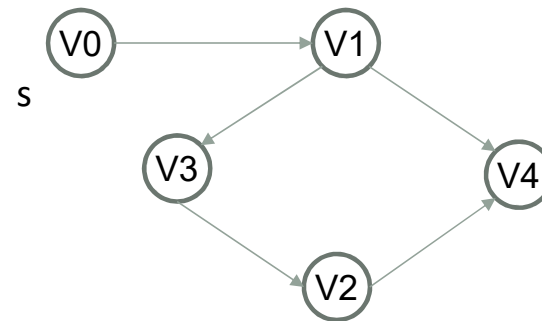

Unweighted Shortest Path: Running Time

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 - Dequeue the vertex v from the head of the queue
 - For each of v 's adjacent nodes that has not yet been visited:
 - Mark its distance as 1 + the distance to v
 - Enqueue it in the queue

What is the tightest worst-case time complexity (in terms of $|V|$ and $|E|$) of this algorithm?

- A. $O(|V|)$ B. $O(|E|)$ C. $O(|V| + |E|)$
D. $O(|V|^2)$ E. Other



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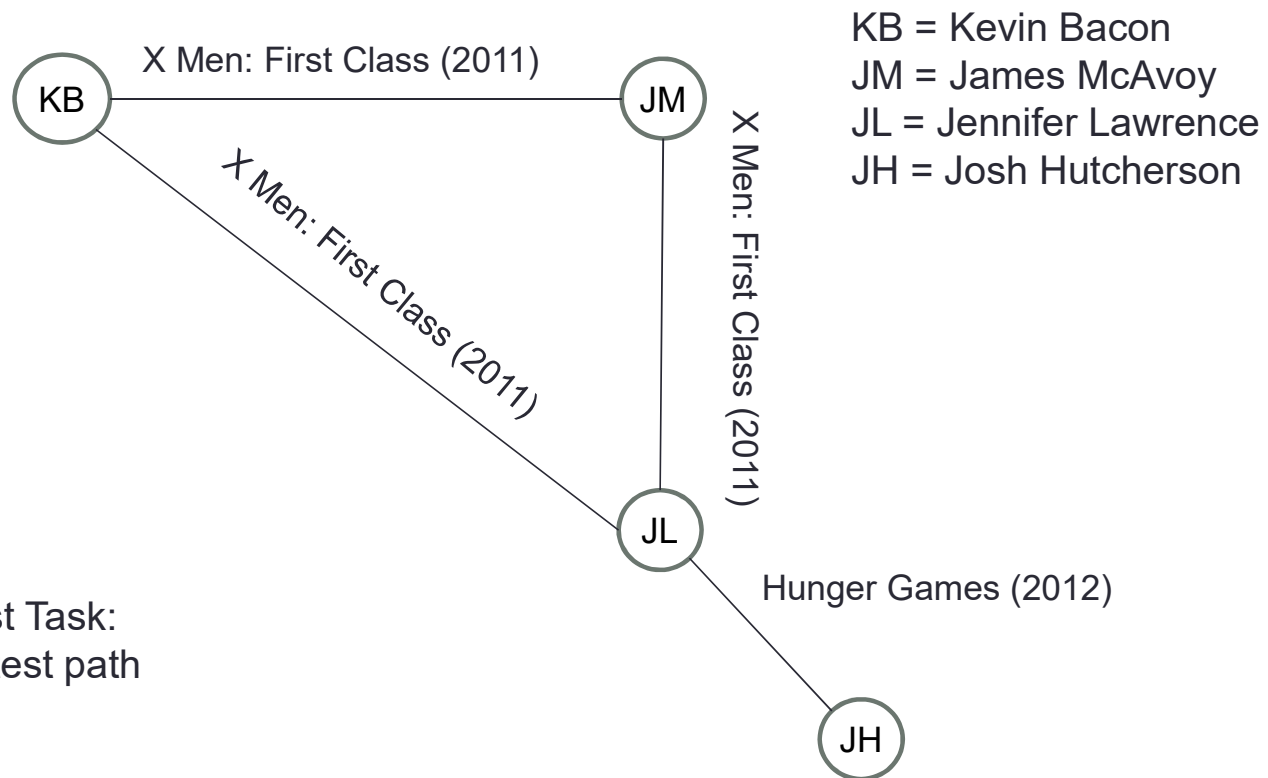
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Your representation for PA3 will have some similarities and probably some differences.

Movie graphs: Representation hints



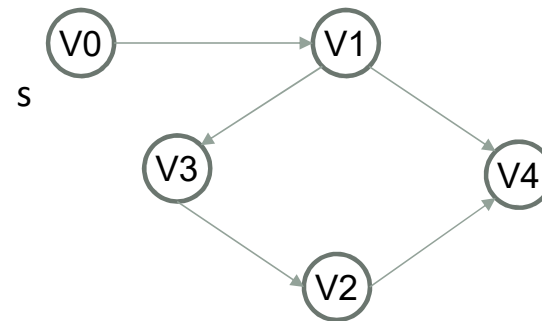
- PA3's First Task:
 - Shortest path

What is this algorithm??

The basic idea is a breadth-first search of the graph, starting at source vertex s

- Initially, give all vertices in the graph a distance of INFINITY
- Start at s ; give s distance = 0
- ~~Enqueue~~ Push s into a ~~queue~~ stack
- While the ~~queue~~ stack is not empty:
 - ~~Dequeue~~ pop the vertex v from the ~~head of the queue~~ top of the stack
 - For each of v 's adjacent nodes that has not yet been visited:
 - Mark its distance as 1 + the distance to v
 - ~~Enqueue~~ Push it on the ~~queue~~ stack

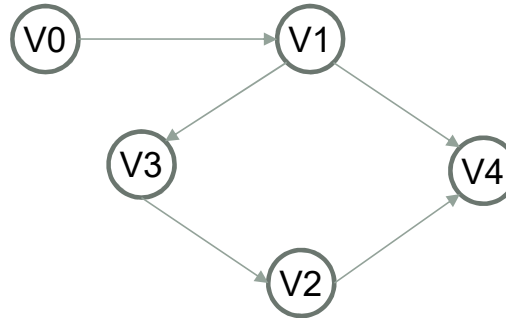
Stack:



A. BFS B. DFS shortest path C. DFS not shortest path D. Dijkstra's algorithm

Breadth First Search

- Explore all the nodes reachable from a given node before moving on to the next node to explore

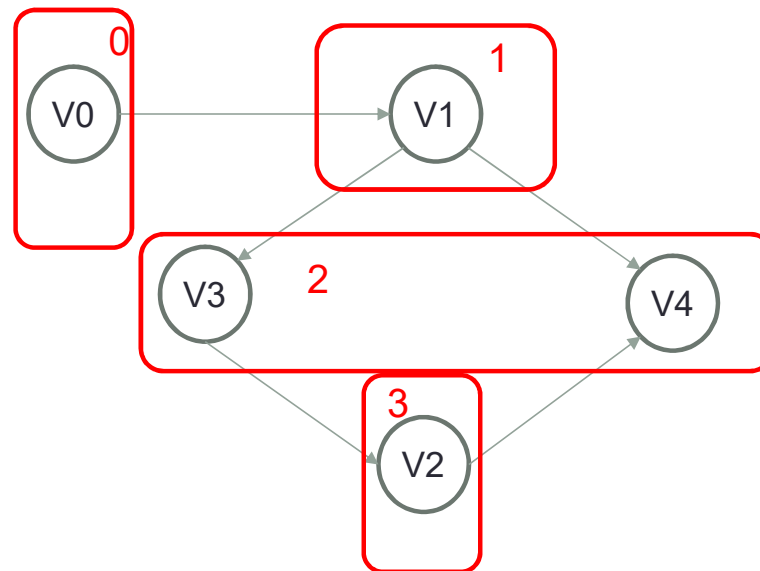


Does BFS always find the shortest path from the source to any node?

- A. Yes for unweighted graphs
- B. Yes for all graphs
- C. No

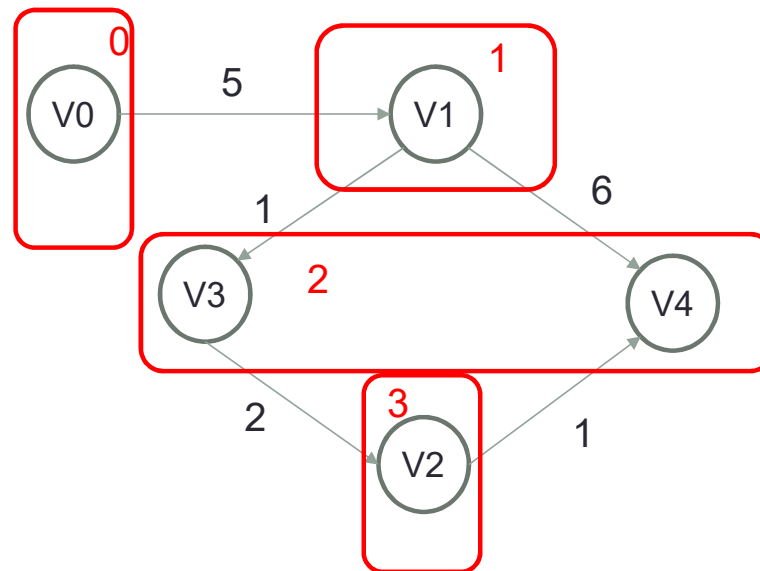
Why Did BFS Work for Shortest Path?

- Vertices are explored in order of their distance away from the source. So we are guaranteed that the first time we see a vertex we have found the shortest path to it.
- The queue (FIFO) assures that we will explore from all nodes in one level before moving on to the next.



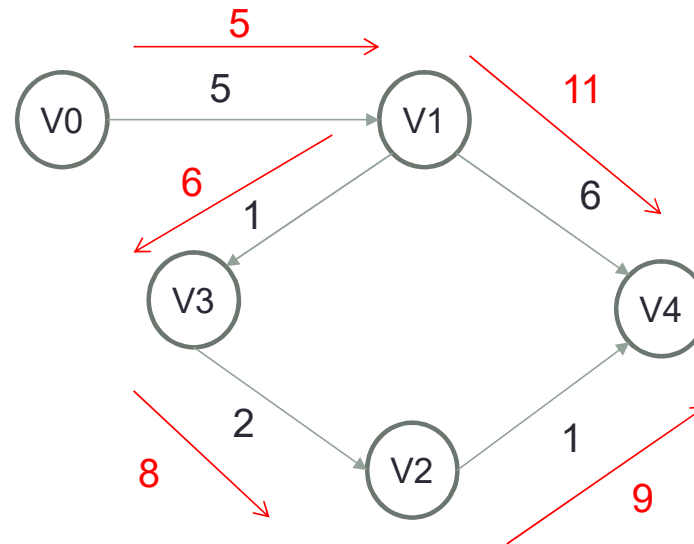
BFS on weighted graphs?

- Run BFS on this weighted graph. What are the weights of the paths that you find to each vertex from v0? Are these the shortest paths?



BFS on weighted graphs?

- In a weighted graph, the number of edges no longer corresponds to the length of the path. We need to decouple path length from edges, and explore paths in increasing *path length* (rather than increasing number of edges).
- In addition, the first time we encounter a vertex may, we may not have found the shortest path to it, so we need to delay committing to that path.



Dijkstra's Algorithm: Data Structures

- Maintain a sequence (e.g. an array) of vertex objects, indexed by vertex number
 - Vertex objects contain these 3 fields (and others):
 - “dist”: the cost of the best (least-cost) path discovered so far from the start vertex to this vertex
 - “prev”: the vertex number (index) of the previous node on that best path
 - “done”: a boolean indicating whether the “dist” and “prev” fields contain the final best values for this vertex, or not
- Maintain a priority queue
 - The priority queue will contain (*pointer-to-vertex*, *path cost*) pairs
 - *Path cost* is priority, in the sense that low cost means high priority
 - Note: multiple pairs with the same “*pointer-to-vertex*” part can exist in the priority queue at the same time. These will usually differ in the “*path cost*” part

Dijkstra's Algorithm

Nodes have:
prev
dist
done

Dijkstra(S):

Initialize: Priority queue (PQ), dist fields to infinity,
prev fields to -1, done fields to false

Set S's dist to 0

Enqueue {S, 0} onto the PQ

while PQ is not empty:

dequeue node v from front of queue

if (v is not done)

set v.done to true

for each of v's neighbors, w:

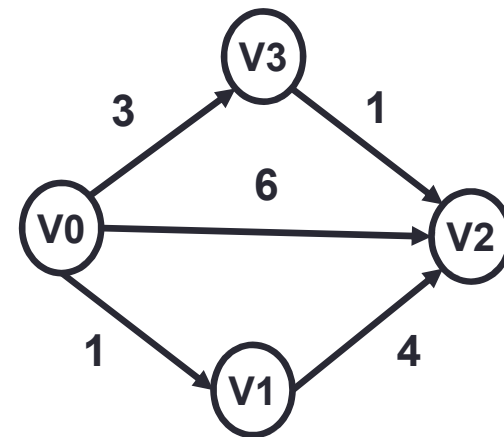
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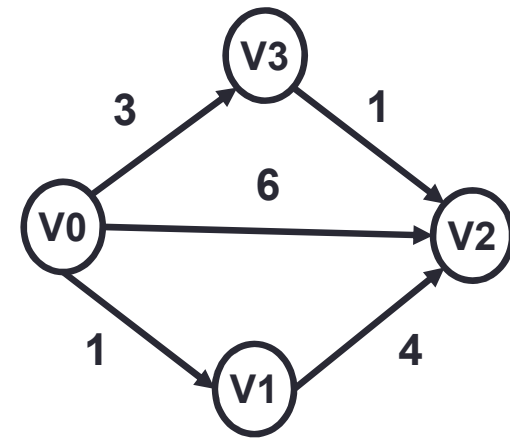
The array of vertices, which include dist, prev, and done fields (initialize dist to 'INF' and done to 'f'):

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V0: dist=          prev=          done=
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V1: dist=          prev=          done=
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V2: dist=          prev=          done=
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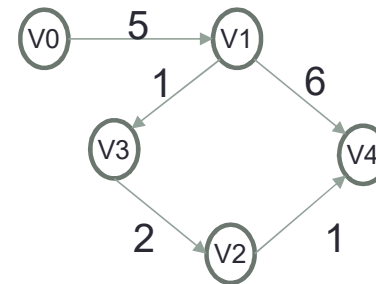
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When a node comes out of the priority queue, how do you know you've found the shortest path to the node?



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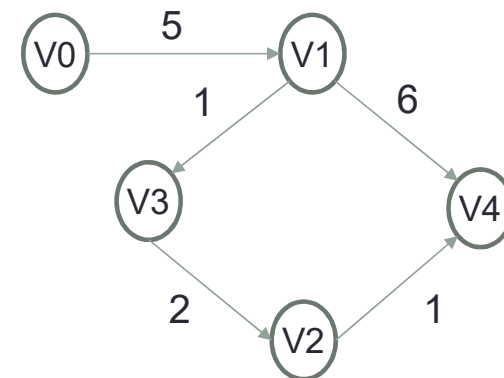
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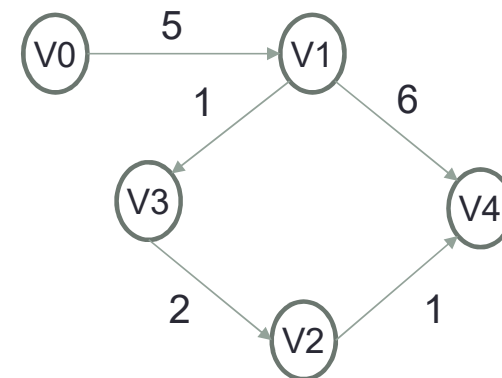
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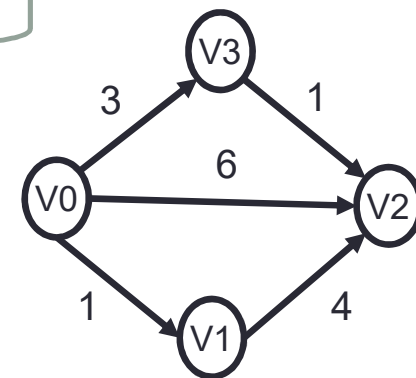
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$O(?)$

Pairs of (node, cost) go into the priority queue. Can a node go into the priority queue more than once?

- A. Yes
- B. No



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The total number of pairs that go into the priority queue is approximately which of the following (in the worst case):

- A. $|V|$ (the number of nodes in the graph)
- B. $|E|$ (the number of edges in the graph)
- C. $|V| + |E|$
- D. $|V| * |E|$

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So the while loop is making $O(|E|)$ insertions into a priority queue with size at most $O(|E|)$.

What is the total running time for the while loop?

- A. $O(|E|)$
- B. $O(|E| \log |E|)$
- C. $O(|E| * |E|)$
- D. Other

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**Because $|E| \leq |V|^2$ and
 $\log(|V|^2)$ is just $O(\log(|V|))$ we
could tighten to:
 $O(|E| \log |V| + |V|)$**

Overall:

$$O(|E| \log |E| + |V|)$$

Unweighted Shortest Path: Running Time

BFS(S):

Initialize queue, set dist to INFINITY and prev to null for all nodes

Add S to queue and set S.dist to 0

while queue is not empty:

 dequeue node curr from head of queue

 set n.visited = true

 for each of curr's neighbors, n:

 if n.dist > curr.dist+1:

 set n.dist to curr.dist+1

 set n's prev to curr

 enqueue n to the queue

// When we get here then we're done exploring from S

What is the time complexity (in terms of $|V|$ and $|E|$) of this algorithm?

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Seattle

San Diego

**Driving
directions from
San Diego to
Seattle?**



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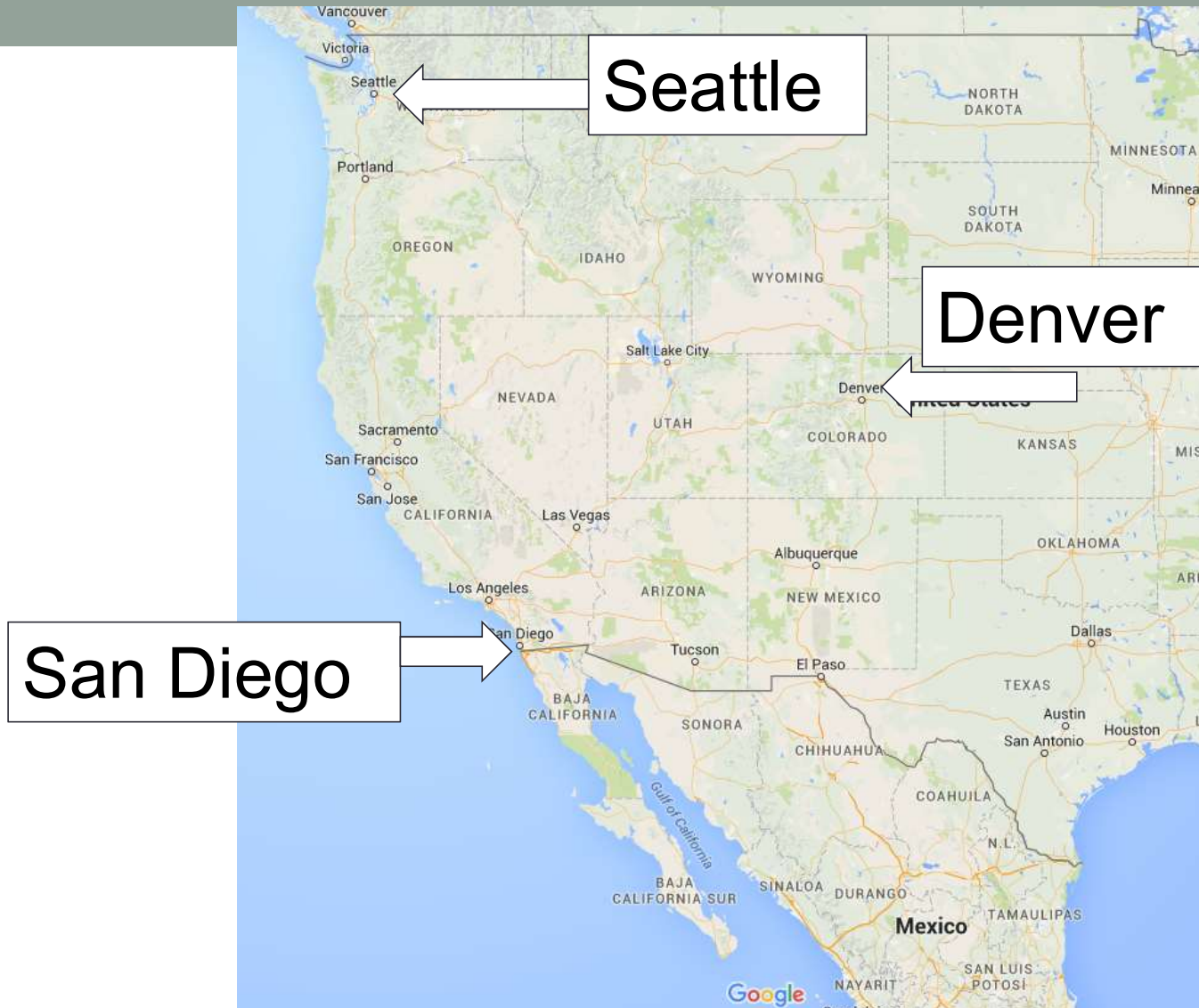
Denver

Dallas

San Diego

Mazatlán,
Mexico





**Would Dijkstra
have you
consider Denver
in finding the
path to Seattle?**

- A. Yes**
- B. No**
- C. Maybe**

Seattle

Denver

San Diego

**Why would
YOU have never
considered
Denver?**



Seattle

**Going East is
the wrong
direction!**

Denver

San Diego



Seattle

**We should
consider
distance from
target too!**

Denver

**Dijkstra only
considers
distance from
source**

San Diego



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Dijkstra can be seen as a special case where $h(n)=0$

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**Guaranteed to
find shortest
path IF estimate
is never an
overestimate**

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Seattle

1019
miles

**Underestimate:
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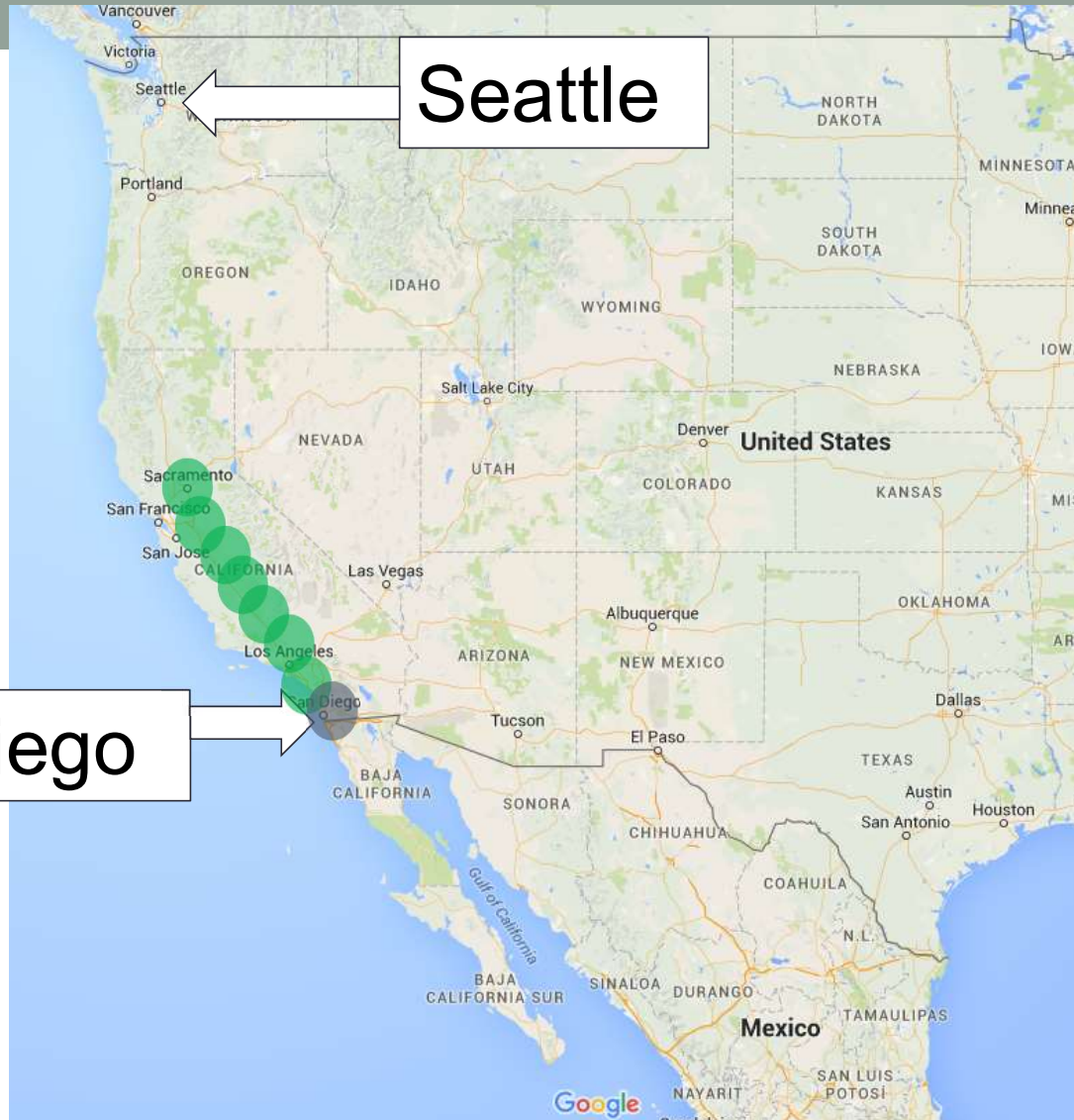
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$$f(n) = 504 + 625 = 1129$$

Las Vegas

$$f(n) = 331 + 871 = 1202$$

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**Just change the
priority function!**