



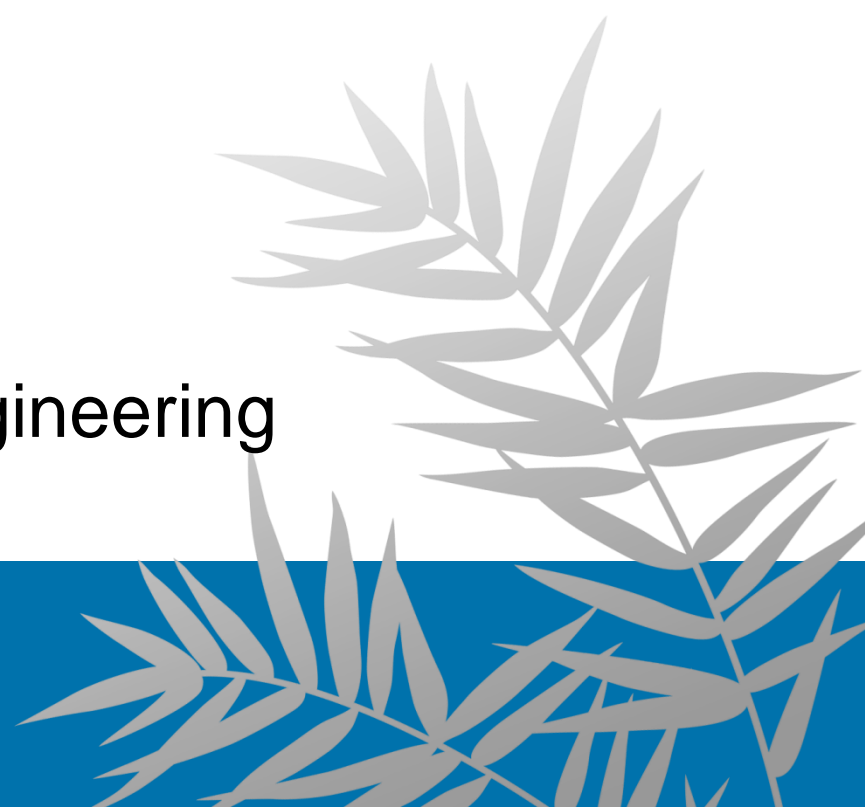
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# CHAPTER 3

# GRAPHS

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# Outline

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- Content:
  - Basic definitions and applications
  - Graph connectivity and graph traversal
  - Implementation
  - Testing bipartiteness: an application of BFS
  - Connectivity in directed graphs
  - Directed acyclic graphs and topological ordering
- Reading:
  - Chapter 3

# Keys to Success: CAR Theorem

## ● Chang's CAR Theorem



**C**riticality



**A**bstraction



**R**estriction

## ● Recap stable matching

- Extract the essence
  - Identify the clean core
  - Remove extraneous detail
- Represent in an abstract form
  - First think at high-level
    - Devise the algorithm
  - Then go down to low-level
    - Complete implementation
- Simplify unimportant things
  - List the limitations
  - Show how to extend

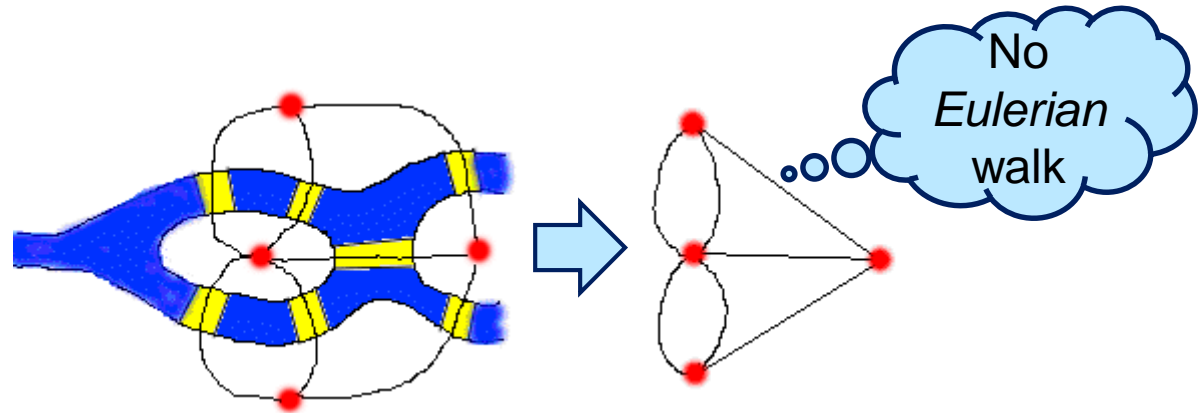
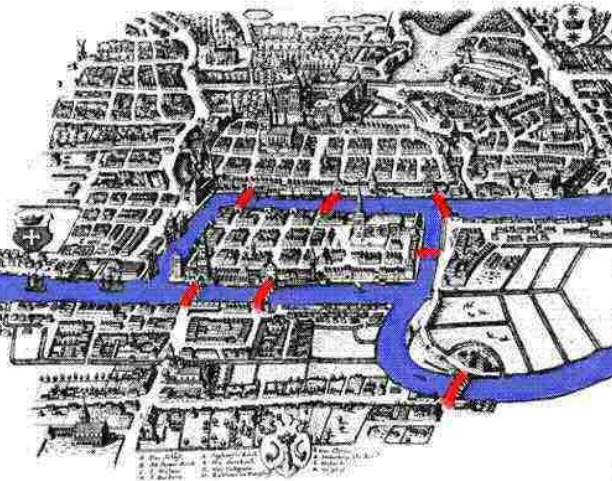
# Basics

*Definitions and applications*



# Salute to Euler!

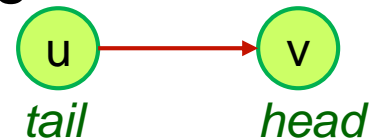
- Our focus in this course is on problems with a **discrete** flavor.
- One of the most fundamental and expressive of combinatorial structures is the **graph**.
  - Invented by L. Euler based on his proof on the Königsberg bridge problem (the seven bridge problem) in 1736.
    - Is it possible to walk across all the bridges exactly once and return to the starting land area?



L. Euler, *Solutioproblematis ad geometriam situs pertinentis*, *Commentarii Academiae Scientiarum Imperialis Petropolitanae*, Vol. 8, pp. 128—140, 1736 (published 1741).

# Graph

- A graph encodes pairwise **relationships** among **objects**.
- A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  consists of
  - A collection  $V$  of **nodes** (a.k.a. **vertices**)
  - A collection  $E$  of **edges**
    - Each edge joins two nodes
    - $e = \{u, v\} \in E$  for some  $u, v \in V$
- In an **undirected** graph: **symmetric** relationships
  - Edges are **undirected**, i.e.,  $\{u, v\} == \{v, u\}$ 
    - e.g.,  $u$  and  $v$  are family.
- In a **directed** graph: **asymmetric** relationships
  - Edges are **directed**, i.e.,  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$ 
    - e.g.,  $u$  knows  $v$  (celebrity), while  $v$  doesn't know  $u$ .
- $v$  is one of  $u$ 's **neighbor** if there is an edge  $(u, v)$ 
  - **Adjacency**





# Examples of Graphs (1/6)

- It's useful to **digest** the meaning of the nodes and the meaning of the edges in the following examples.
  - It's not important to remember them.
- Transportation networks:

中華航空國際航線圖



China Airlines international route map  
(node: city; edge: non-stop flight)

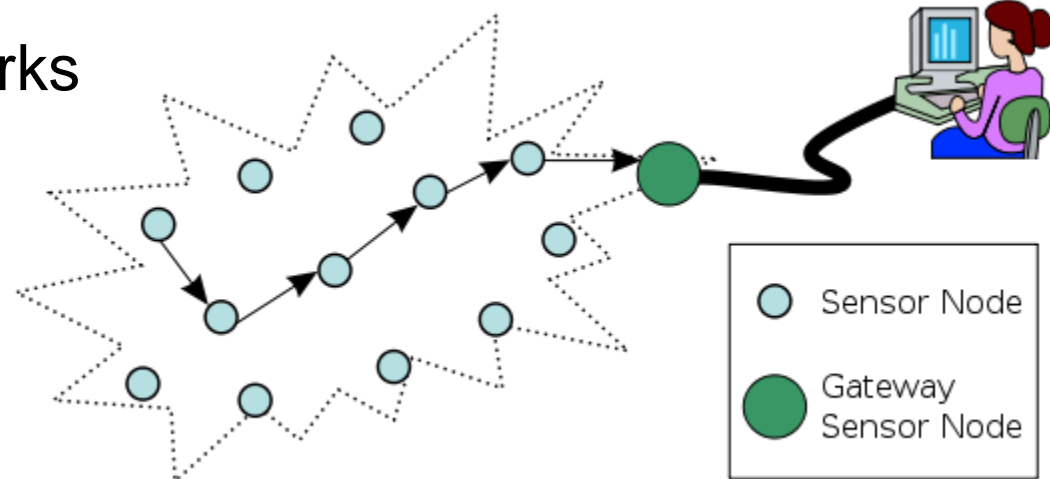
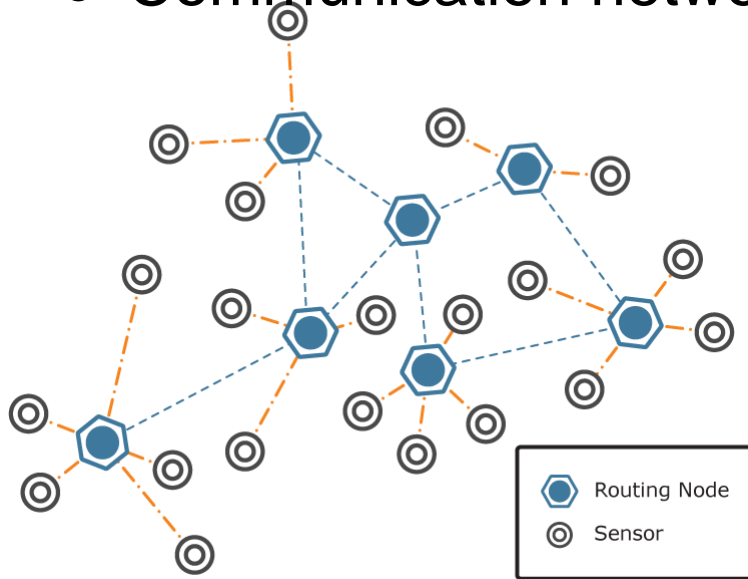


London underground map  
(node: station; edge: adjacent stations)

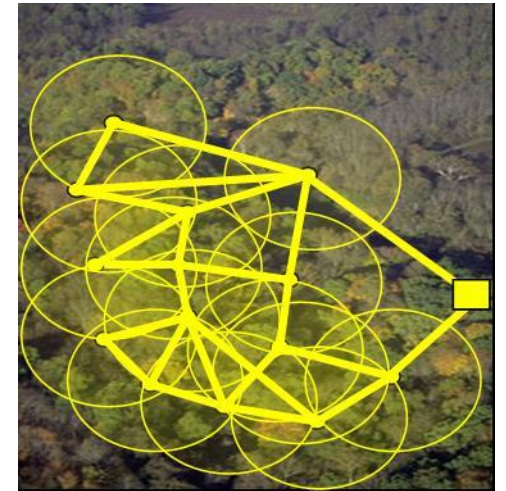
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# Examples of Graphs (2/6)

- Communication networks

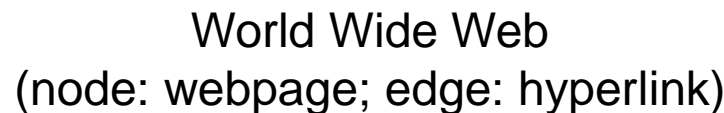


Wireless sensor network  
(node: sensor; edge: signal broadcasting)



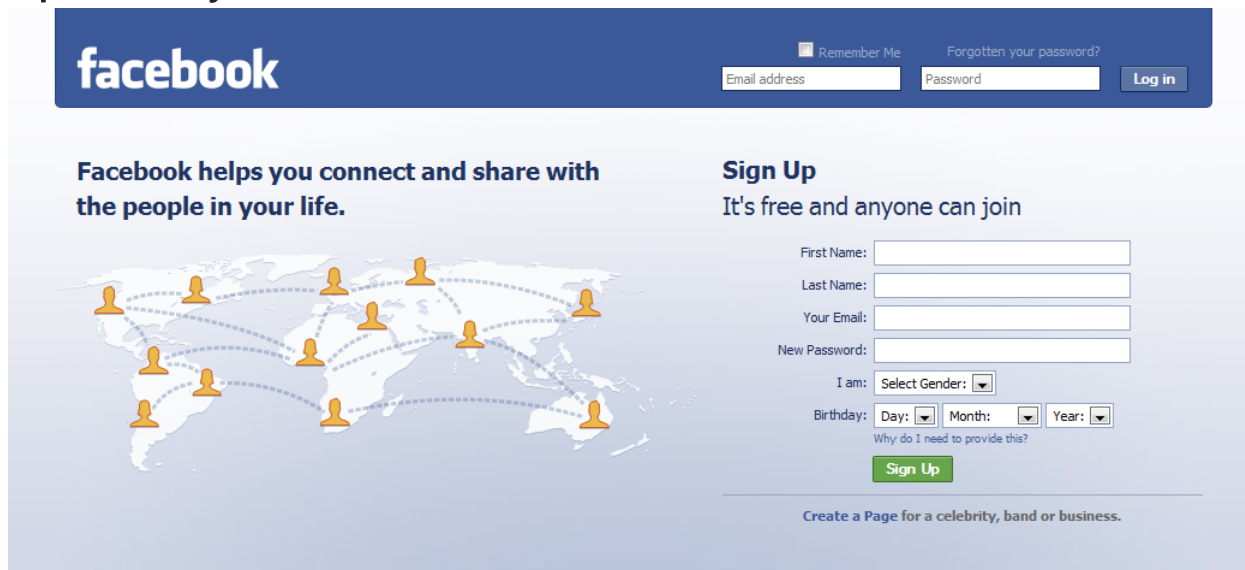


- Information networks



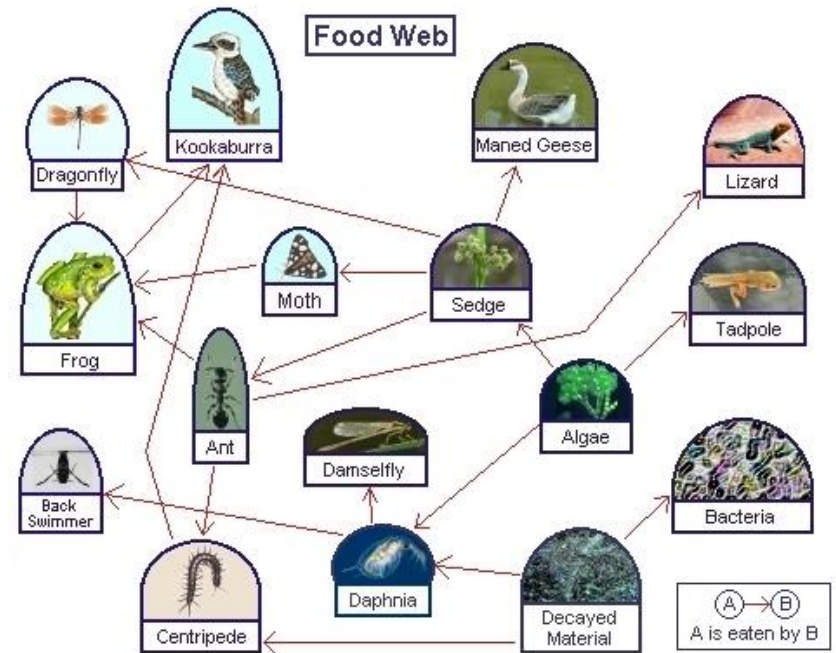
# Examples of Graphs (4/6)

- Social networks
- Six degrees of separation
  - All living things and everything else in the world are six or fewer steps away from each other



Facebook  
(node: people; edge: friendship)

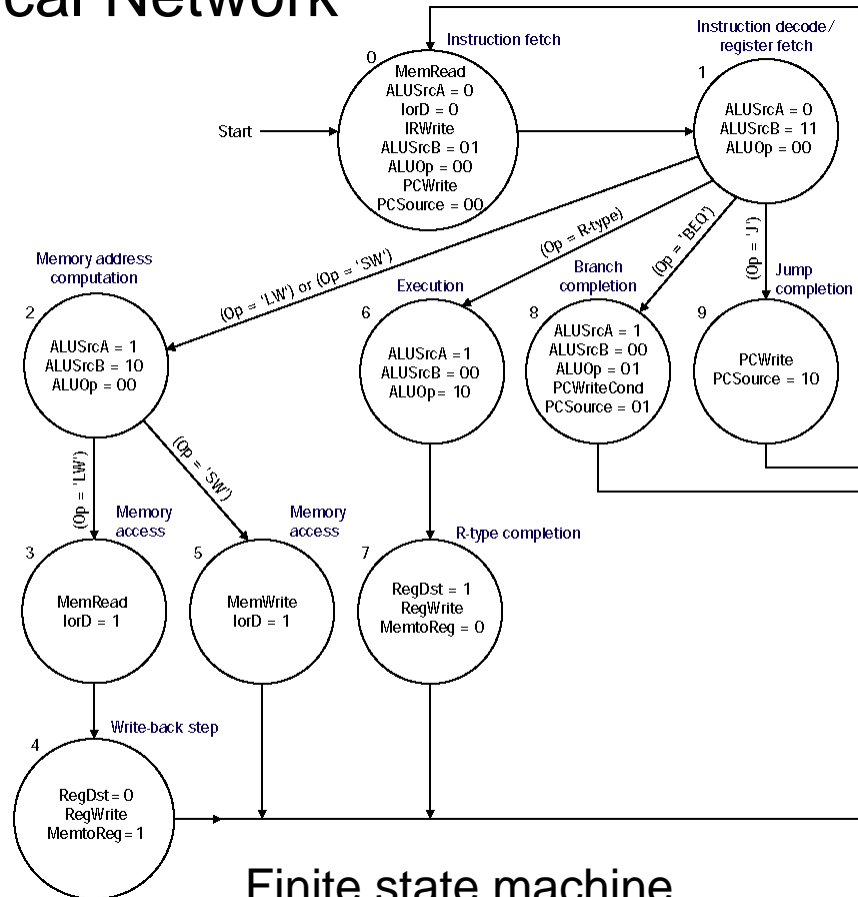
- Dependency networks



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# Examples of Graphs (6/6)

- Technological Network



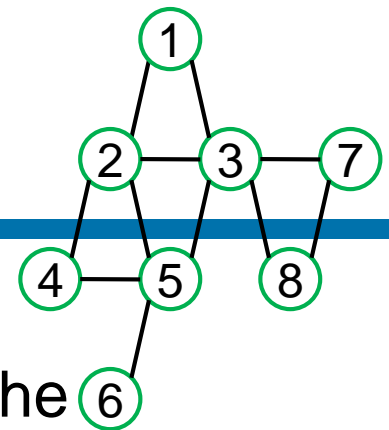
Finite state machine  
(node: state; edge: state transition)

# Paths and Connectivity (1/2)

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- One of the fundamental operations in a graph is that of traversing a sequence of nodes connected by edges.
  - Browse Web pages by following hyperlinks
  - Join a 10-day tour from Taipei to Europe on a sequence of flights
  - Pass gossip by word of mouth (by message of mobile phone) from you to someone far away

# Paths and Connectivity (2/2)



- A **path** in an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  is
- a sequence  $P$  of nodes  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k$  with the property that each consecutive pair  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  is joined by an edge in  $E$ .
- A path is **simple** if all nodes are **distinct**.
- A **cycle** is a path  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1}, v_k$  in which  $v_1 = v_k$ ,  $k > 2$ , and the first  $k-1$  nodes are all **distinct**.
- An undirected graph is **connected** if, for every pair of nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , there is a **path** from  $u$  to  $v$ .
- The **distance** between nodes  $u$  and  $v$  is the **minimum** number of edges in a  $u$ - $v$  path. ( $\infty$  for disconnected)
- Note: These definitions carry over naturally to directed graphs with respect to the **directionality** of edges.

Path  $P = 1, 2, 4, 5, 3, 7, 8$

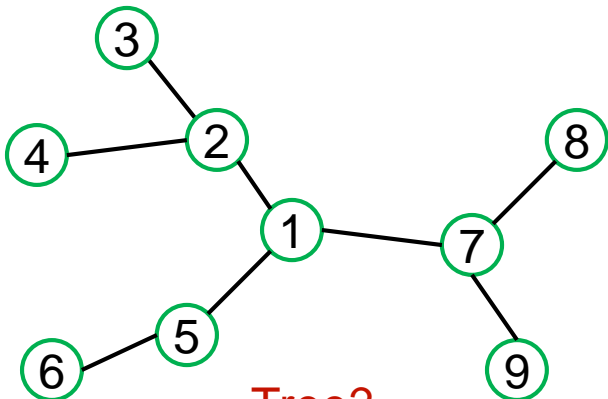
Cycle  $C = 1, 2, 4, 5, 3, 1$



# Trees

- An undirected graph is a **tree** if it is **connected** and does **not** contain a **cycle**.
  - Trees are the simplest kind of connected graph: deleting any edge will disconnect it.
- Thm: Let  $G$  be an undirected graph on  $n$  nodes. Any two of the following statements imply the third.
  - $G$  is connected.
  - $G$  does not contain a cycle.
  - $G$  has  $n-1$  edges.

$G$  is a tree if it satisfies any two of the three statements

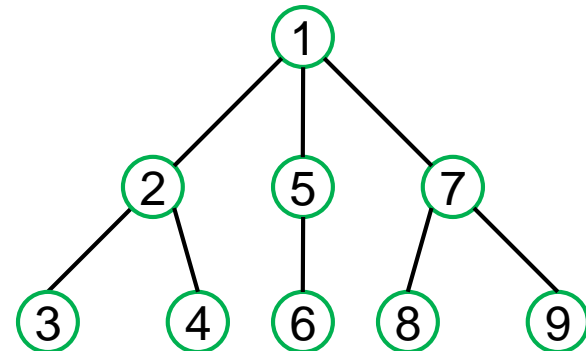


Tree?



Grab 1 and let the rest hang downward

Graphs

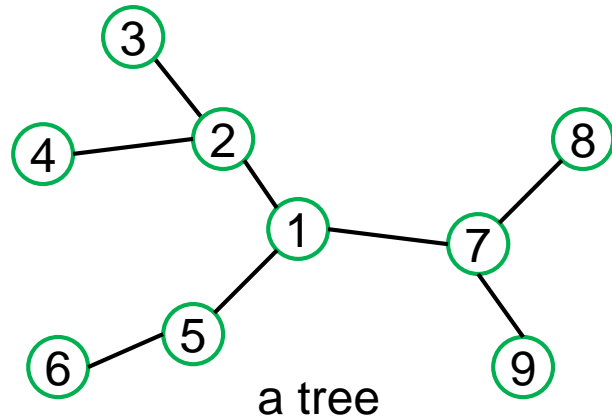


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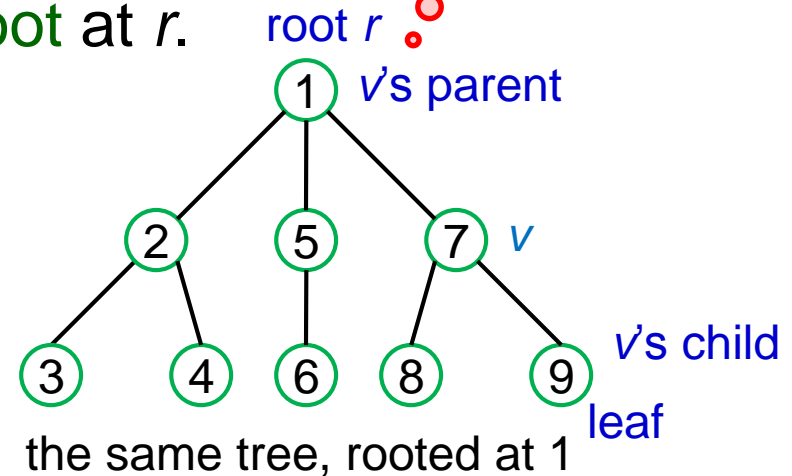
# Rooted Trees

Directed edges:  
asymmetric  
relationship

- A **rooted tree** is a tree with its **root** at  $r$ .



Grab 1 and let  
the rest hang  
downward



- Rooted trees encode the notion of a **hierarchy**.
  - e.g., sitemap of a Web site
    - The tree-like structure facilitates navigation (root: entry page)



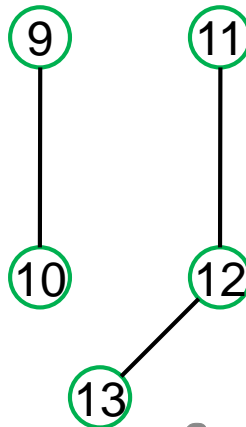
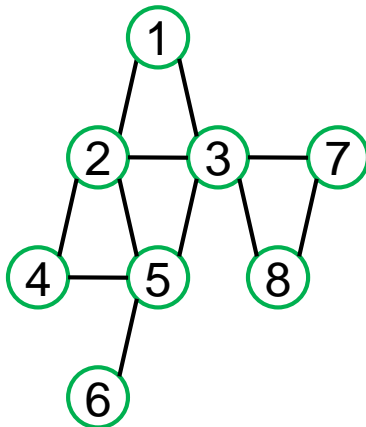
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# Graph Connectivity and Graph Traversal

*BFS*

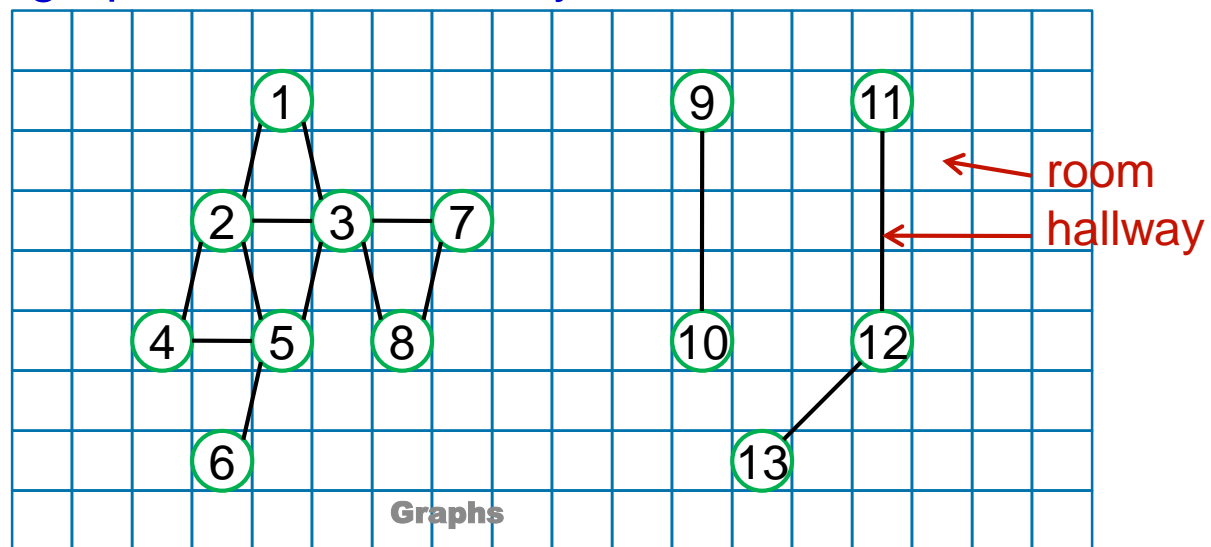
*DFS*



**Graphs**

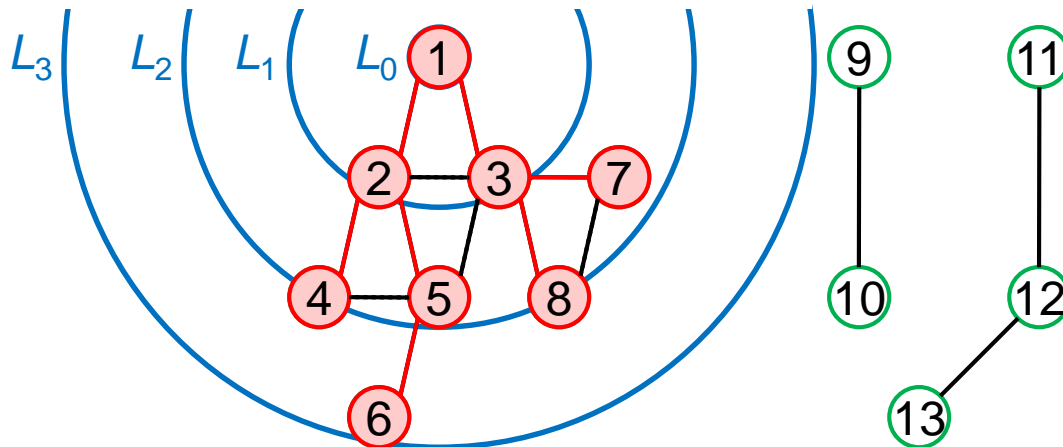
# Node-to-Node Connectivity

- Q: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and two particular nodes  $s$  and  $t$ , is there a path from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G$ ?
  - The  $s$ - $t$  connectivity problem
  - The maze-solving problem
- A:
  - For small graphs, easy! (visual inspection)
    - 1-6 connectivity? 7-13 connectivity?
  - What if large graphs? How efficiently can we do?



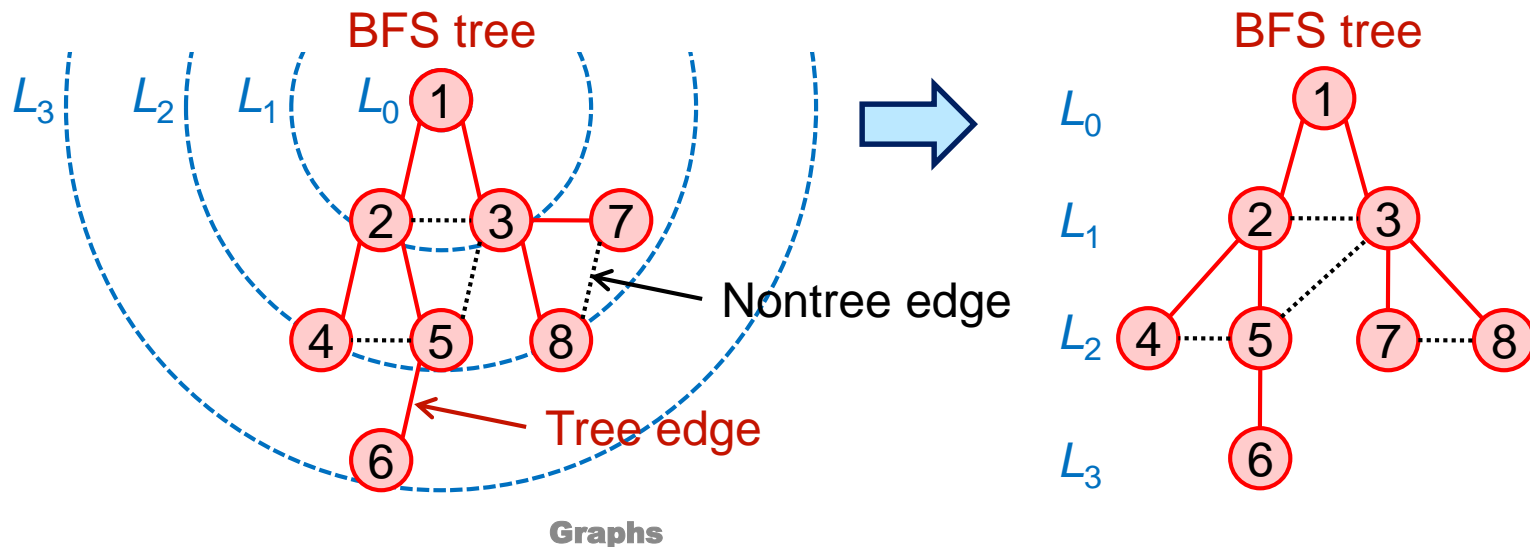
# Breadth-First-Search (BFS)

- Breadth-first search (BFS): propagate the waves
  - Start at  $s$  and flood the graph with an expanding wave that grows to visit all nodes that it can reach.
  - Layer  $L_i$ :  $i$  is the time that a node is reached.
    - Layer  $L_0 = \{s\}$ ; layer  $L_1 =$  all neighbors of  $L_0$ . ← Adjacent nodes
    - Layer  $L_{j+1} =$  all nodes that do not belong to an earlier layer and that are neighbors of  $L_j$ .
    - $i =$  distance between  $s$  to the nodes that belong to layer  $L_i$ .



# BFS Tree

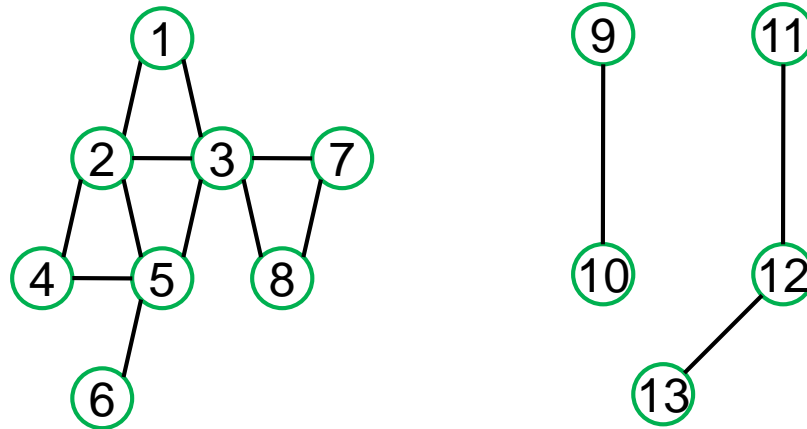
- Let  $T$  be a BFS tree, let  $x$  and  $y$  be nodes in  $T$  belonging to layers  $L_i$  and  $L_j$  respectively, and let  $(x, y)$  be an edge of  $G$ . Then  $i$  and  $j$  differ by at most 1.
- Pf:
  - Without loss of generality, suppose  $j - i > 1$ .
  - By definition,  $x \in L_i$ ,  $x$ 's neighbors belongs to  $L_{i+1}$  or earlier.
  - Since  $(x, y)$  is an edge of  $G$ ,  $y$  is  $x$ 's neighbor,  $y \in L_j$  and  $j \leq i+1$ .
  - $\rightarrow \leftarrow$





# Connected Component

- A **connected component** containing  $s$  is the set of nodes that are **reachable** from  $s$ .
  - Connected component containing node 1 is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .
  - There are three connected components.
    - The other two are  $\{9, 10\}$  and  $\{11, 12, 13\}$ .

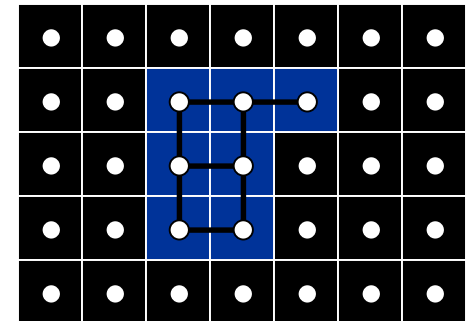


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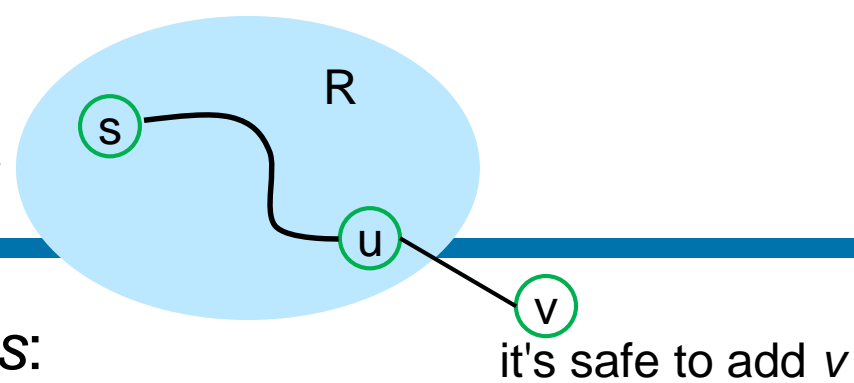
- Q: Given lime green pixel in an image, how to change color of entire blob of neighboring lime pixels to blue?
- A: Model the image as a **graph**.
  - Node: pixel.
  - Edge: two neighboring lime pixels.
  - Blob: **connected component** of lime pixels.



recolor lime green blob to blue



# Connected Component



- Find all nodes reachable from  $s$ :

Connected-Component( $s$ )

//  $R$  will consist of nodes to which  $s$  has a path

1. initialize  $R = \{s\}$
2. **while** (there is an edge  $(u, v)$  where  $u \in R$  and  $v \notin R$ ) **do**
3.      $R = R + \{v\}$

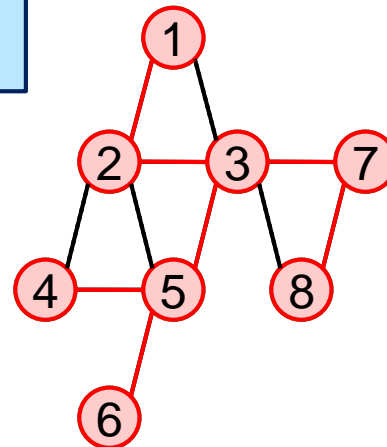
- **Correctness:** Upon termination,  $R$  is the connected component containing  $s$ .
- Pf:
  - Q: How about any node  $v \in R$ ?
  - Q: How about a node  $w \notin R$ ?
- Q: How to recover the actual path from  $s$  to any node  $t \in R$ ?
- Q: How to explore a new edge in line 2?
  - BFS: explore in order of **distance** from  $s$ .
  - Any method else?

# Depth-First Search (DFS)


- Depth-first search (DFS): Go as deeply as possible or retreat
  - Start from  $s$  and try the first edge leading out, and so on, until reach a dead end. Backtrack and repeat.
    - A mouse in a maze without the map.
  - Another method for finding connected component

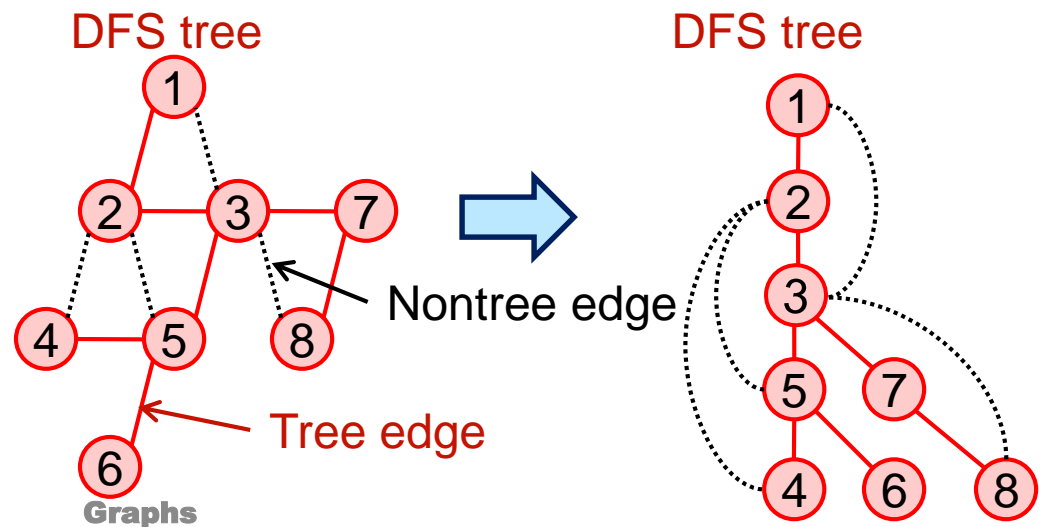
DFS( $u$ )

1. mark  $u$  as **explored** and add  $u$  to  $R$
2. **foreach** edge  $(u, v)$  incident to  $u$  **do**
3.     **if** ( $v$  is not marked as explored) **then**
4.         recursively invoke DFS( $v$ )



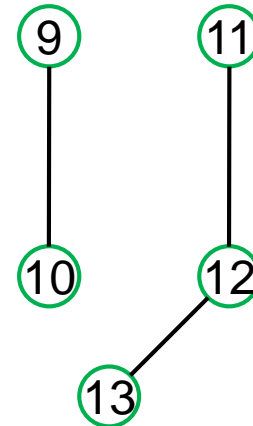
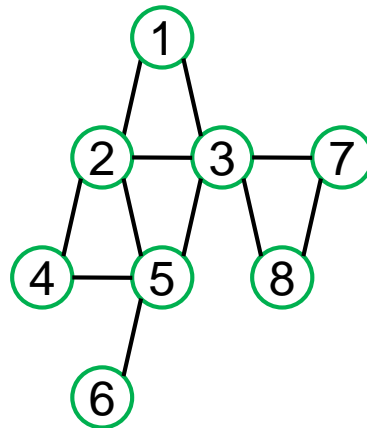
# DFS Tree

- Let  $T$  be a DFS tree,  $x$  and  $y$  nodes in  $T$ , and  $(x, y)$  a nontree edge. Then one of  $x$  or  $y$  is an **ancestor** of the other.  

- Pf:
  - WLOG, suppose  $x$  is reached first by DFS.
  - When  $(x, y)$  is examined during  $\text{DFS}(x)$ , it is not added to  $T$  because  $y$  is marked explored.
  - Since  $y$  is not marked as explored when  $\text{DFS}(x)$  was first invoked, it is a node that was discovered between the invocation and end of the recursive call  $\text{DFS}(x)$ .
  - $y$  is a descendant of  $x$ .



# Summary: BFS and DFS

- **Similarity**: BFS/DFS builds the connected component containing  $s$ .
- **Difference**: BFS tree is flat/short; DFS tree is narrow/deep.
  - What are the nontree edges in BFS/DFS?
- Q: How to produce **all** connected components of a graph?
- A:

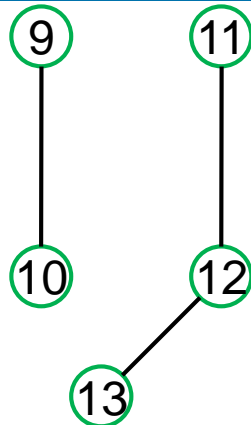
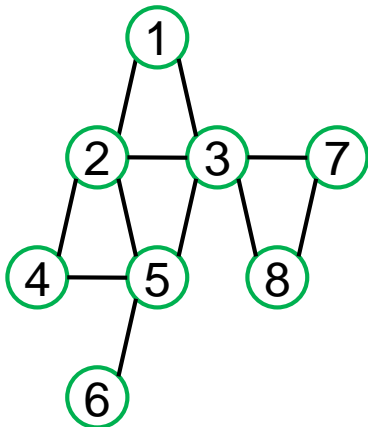




# Implementation

*Lists / arrays*

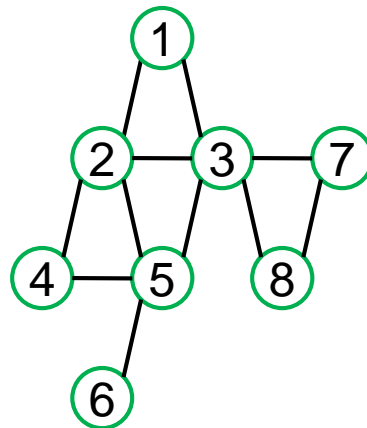
*Queues / stacks*



**Graphs**

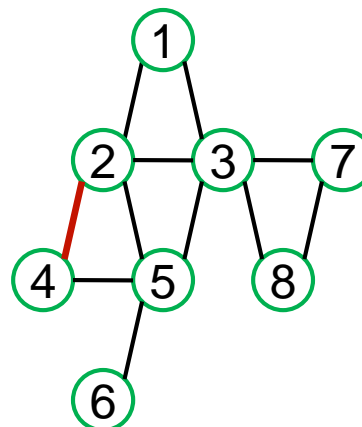
# Representing Graphs

- A graph  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - $|V|$  = the number of nodes =  $n$
  - $|E|$  = the number of edges =  $m$ 
    - ↖ cardinality (size) of a set
- Dense or sparse?
  - For a connected graph,  $n - 1 \leq m \leq \binom{n}{2} \leq n^2$
- Linear time =  $O(m+n)$ 
  - Why? It takes  $O(m+n)$  to read the input



# Adjacency Matrix

- Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  nodes,  $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
- The **adjacency matrix** of  $G$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  where
  - $A[u, v] = 1$  if  $(u, v) \in E$ ;
  - $A[u, v] = 0$ , otherwise.
- Time:
  - $\Theta(1)$  time for checking if  $(u, v) \in E$ .
  - $\Theta(n)$  time for finding out all neighbors of some  $u \in V$ .
    - Visit many 0's
- Space:  $\Theta(n^2)$ 
  - What if sparse graphs?



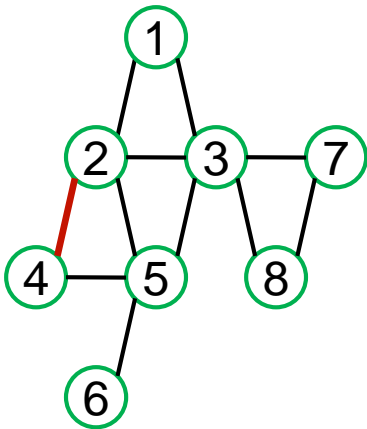
Graphs

symmetric

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

# Adjacency List

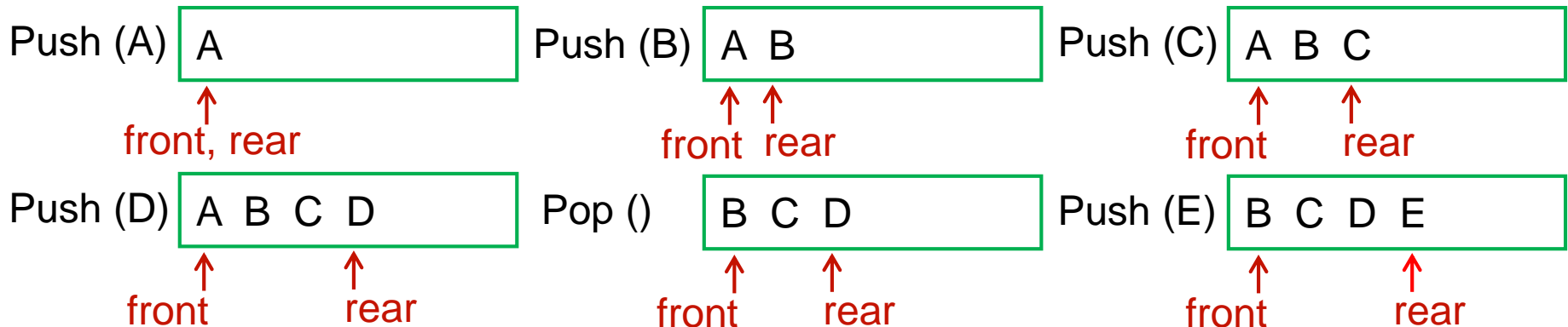
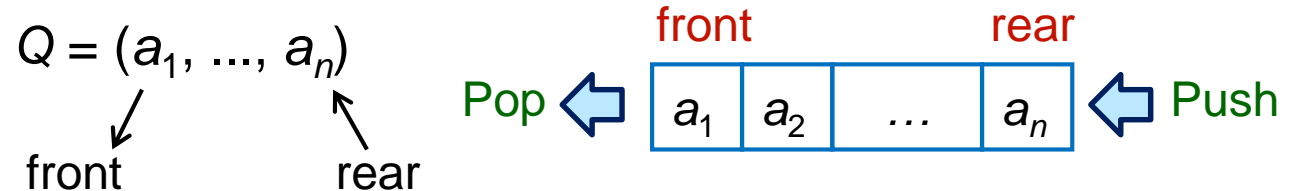
- The **adjacency list** of  $G$  is an array  $Adj[]$  of  $n$  lists, one for each node represents its **neighbors**
  - $Adj[u] =$  a linked list of  $\{v \mid (u, v) \in E\}$ .
- Time:  $\swarrow$  degree of  $u$ : number of neighbors
  - $\Theta(\deg(u))$  time for checking one edge or all neighbors of a node.
- Space:  $O(n+m)$



# What is a Queue?

Two open ended container

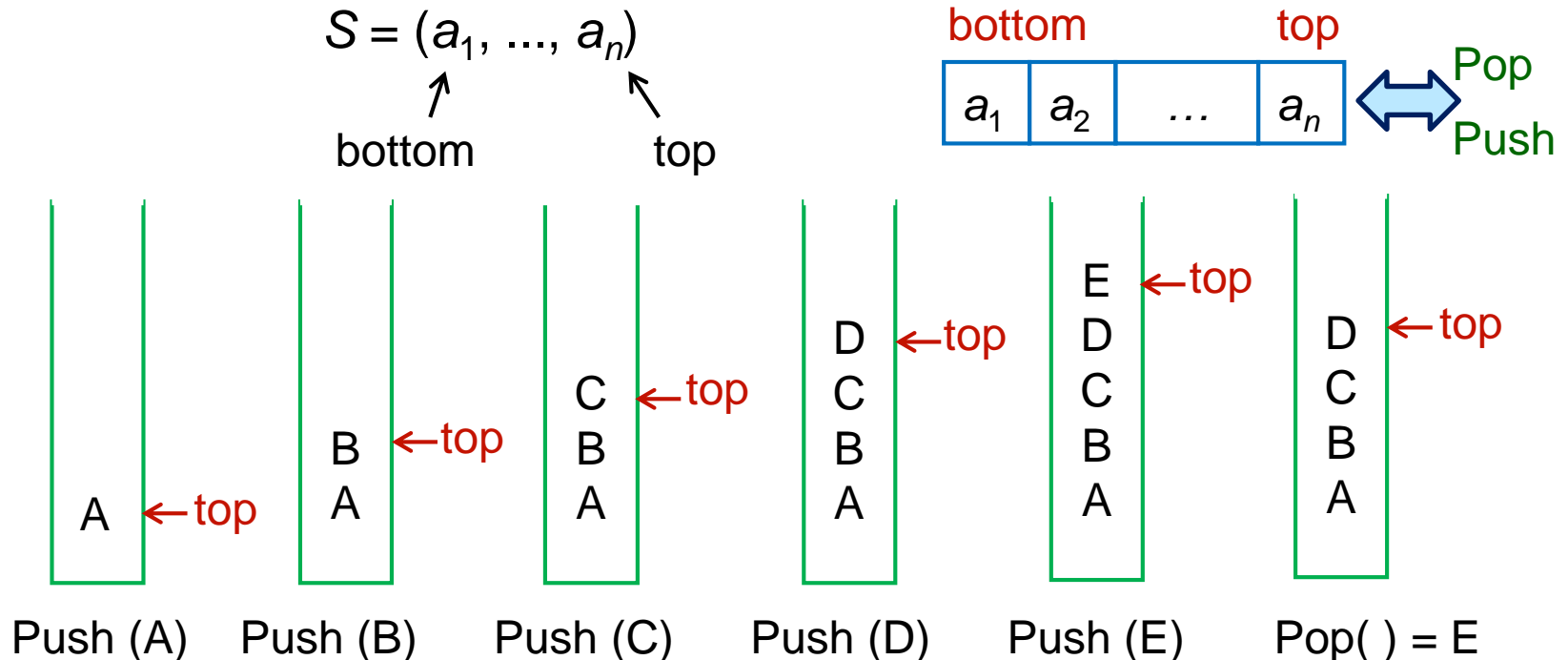
- A **queue** is a set of elements from which we extract elements in **first-in, first-out (FIFO)** order.
  - We select elements in the same order in which they were added.



# What is a Stack?

One open ended  
and one close  
ended container

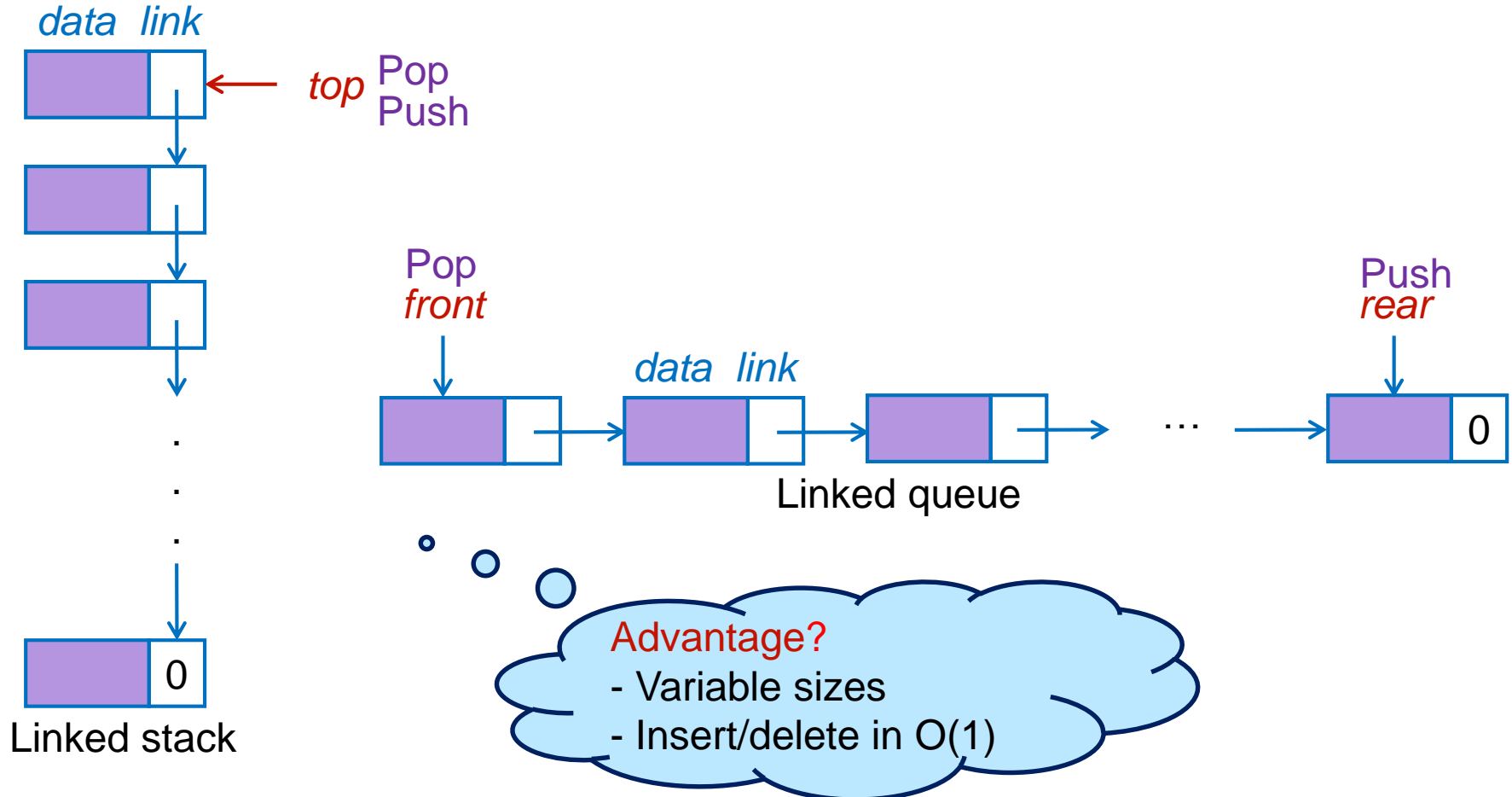
- A **stack** is a set of elements from which we extract elements in **last-in, first-out (LIFO)** order.
  - Each time we select an element, we choose the one that was added most recently.





# Linked Stacks and Queues

- Implement queues and stacks by linked lists



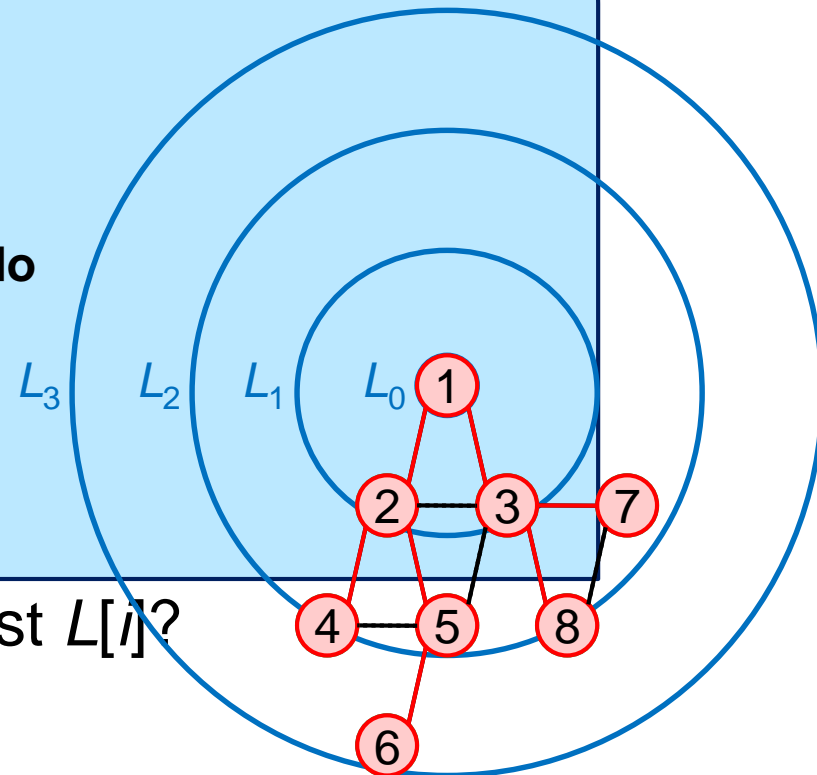
# Implementing BFS

Q: Running time?  
 $O(n^2)$  or  $O(n+m)$   
Why?

- Adjacency list is ideal for implementing BFS

BFS( $s$ ) //  $T$  will be BFS tree rooted at  $s$ ; layer counter  $i$ ; layer list  $L[i]$

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1. Discovered[ $s$ ] = true; Discovered[ $v$ ] = false for other  $v$ 
2.  $i = 0$ ;  $L[0] = \{s\}$ ;  $T = \{\}$ ;
3. while ( $L[i]$  is not empty) do
4.    $L[i+1] = \{\}$ ;
5.   for each (node  $u \in L[i]$ ) do
6.     for each (edge  $(u, v)$  incident to  $u$ ) do
7.       if (Discovered[ $v$ ] = false) then
8.         Discovered[ $v$ ] = true
9.          $T = T + \{(u, v)\}$ 
10.         $L[i+1] = L[i+1] + \{v\}$ 
11.   $i++$ 
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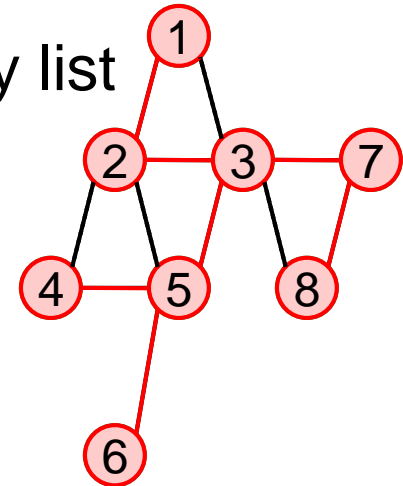
- Q: How to manage each layer list  $L[i]$ ?
- A: A queue/stack is fine
  - Nodes in  $L[i]$  can be in any order
  - Or, we can merge all layer lists into a single list  $L$  as a queue

# Implementing DFS

- We implement DFS based on adjacency list
- Recursive procedure

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1. mark  $u$  as **explored** and add  $u$  to  $R$
2. **foreach** edge  $(u, v)$  incident to  $u$  **do**
3.     **if** ( $v$  is not marked as explored) **then**
4.         recursively invoke DFS( $v$ )



- Alternative implementation of DFS

DFS( $s$ )

//  $S$ : a **stack** of nodes whose neighbors haven't been entirely explored

1.  $S = \{s\}$
2. **while** ( $S$  is not empty) **do**
3.     remove a node  $u$  from  $S$
4.     **if** ( $\text{Explored}[u] = \text{false}$ ) **then**
5.          $\text{Explored}[u] = \text{true}$
6.         **for each** (edge  $(u, v)$  incident to  $u$ ) **do**
7.              $S = S + \{v\}$

Q: Running time?  
 $O(n^2)$  or  $O(n+m)$   
Why?

# Summary: Implementation

- Graph:

Adjacency matrix vs. <b>Adjacency list</b>	Winner
Faster to find an edge?	Matrix
Faster to find degree?	List
Faster to traverse the graph?	List
Storage for sparse graph?	List
Storage for dense graph?	Matrix
Edge insertion or deletion?	Matrix
Better for most applications?	List

- Graph traversal

- BFS: **queue** (or stack)
- DFS: **stack**
- **$O(n+m)$**  time

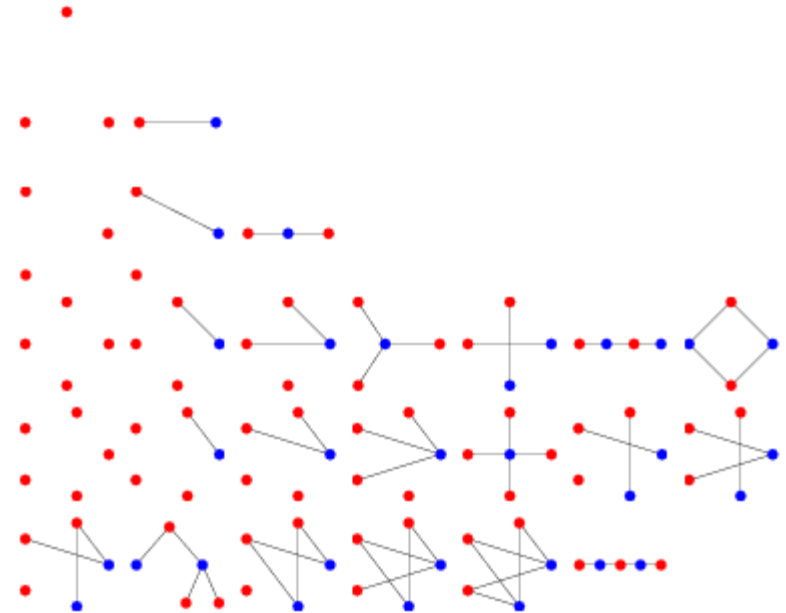
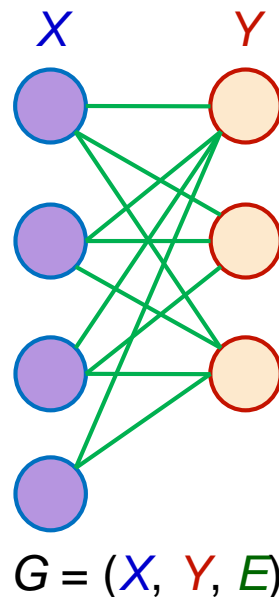
# Testing Bipartiteness

*Application of BFS*



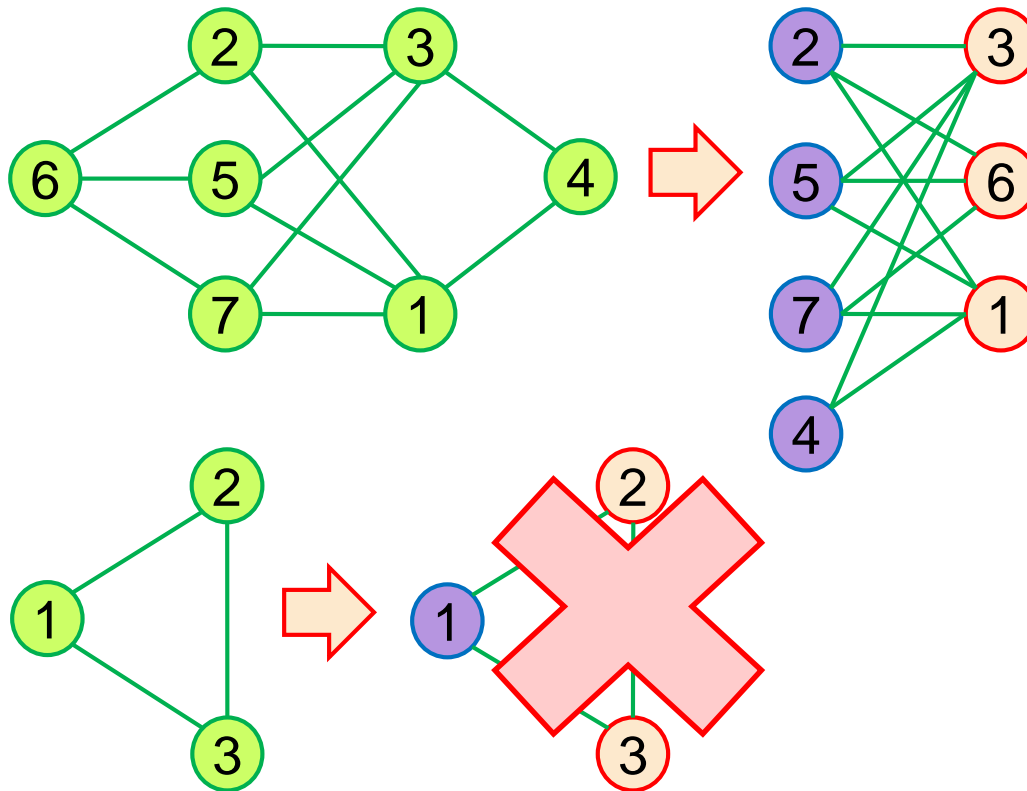
# Bipartite Graphs

- A **bipartite graph** (bigraph) is a graph whose nodes can be partitioned into sets  $X$  and  $Y$  in such a way that every edge has one end in  $X$  and the other end in  $Y$ .
  - $X$  and  $Y$  are two **disjoint sets**.
  - No two nodes within the same set are adjacent.



# Is a Graph Bipartite?

- Q: Given a graph  $G$ , is it bipartite?
- A: Color the nodes with **blue** and **red** (two-coloring)



- If a graph  $G$  is bipartite, then it cannot contain an odd cycle.

- Color the nodes with blue and red

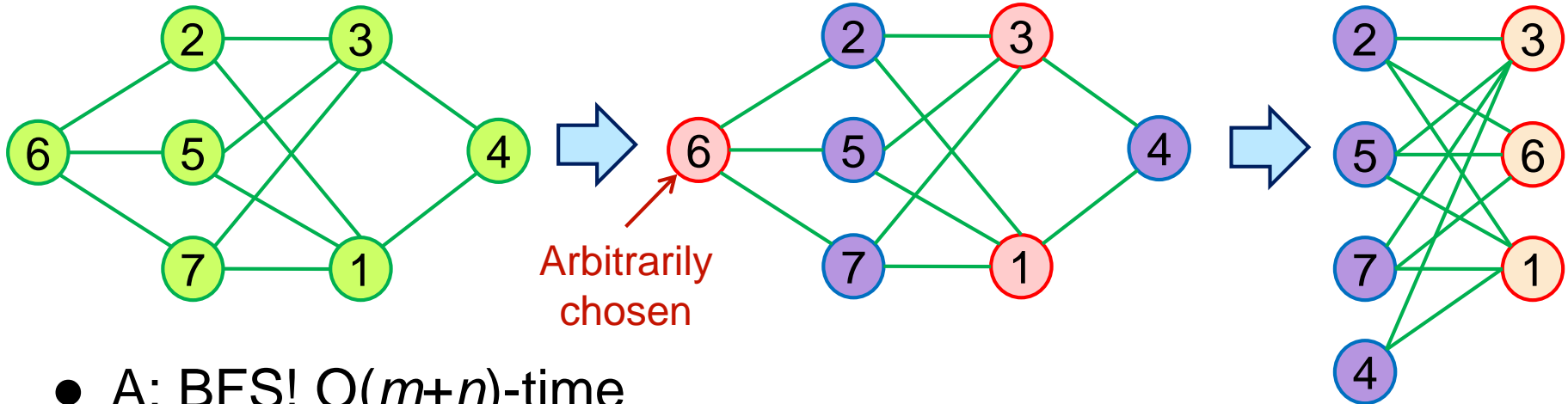


- ## Graphs



# Implementation: Testing Bipartiteness

- Q: How to implement this procedure?



- A: BFS!  $O(m+n)$ -time

- We perform BFS from any  $s$ , coloring  $s$  red, all of layer  $L_1$  blue, ...

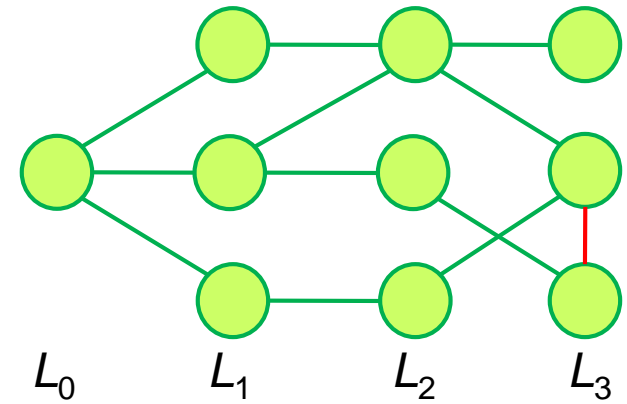
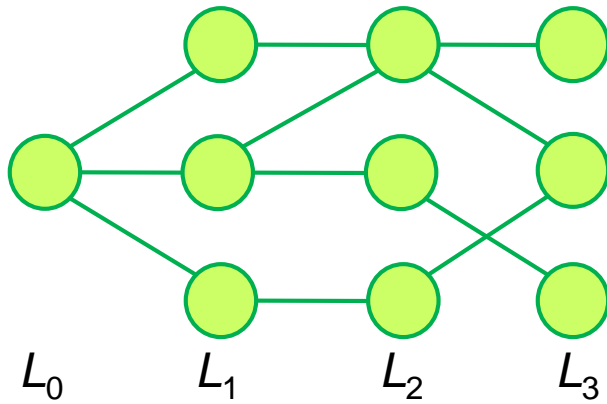
- Even/odd-numbered layers red/blue

- Insert the following statements after line 10 of BFS( $s$ ) (p. 34)

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10.       $L[i+1] = L[i+1] + \{v\}$ 
10a.     if  $((i+1)$  is even) then
10b.         Color[ $v$ ] = red
10c.     else
10d.         Color[ $v$ ] = blue
```

# Proof: Correctness (1/2)

- Let  $G$  be a connected graph and let  $L_0, L_1, \dots$  be the layers produced by BFS starting at node  $s$ . Then exactly one of the following holds.
  - No edge of  $G$  joins two nodes of the same layer, and  $G$  is bipartite.
  - An edge of  $G$  joins two nodes of the same layer, and  $G$  contains an odd-length cycle (and hence is not bipartite).
- Pf: Case 1 is trivial.

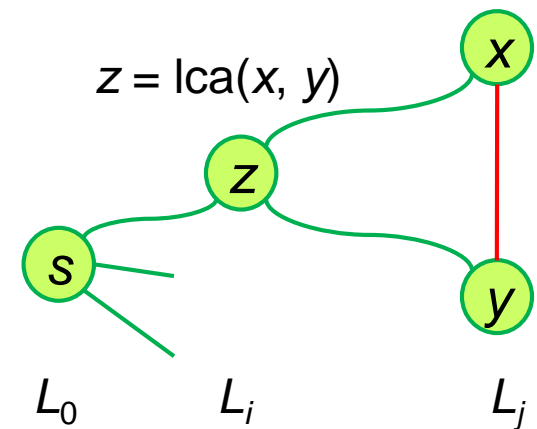


Let  $x \in L_i, y \in L_j$  and  $(x, y) \in E$ .  
Then  $i$  and  $j$  differ by at most 1.

# Proof: Correctness (2/2)

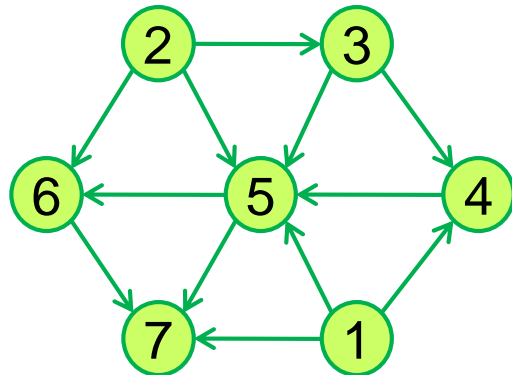
- Pf: (Case 2)

- Suppose  $(x, y)$  is an edge with  $x, y$  in same layer  $L_j$ .
- Let  $z = \text{lca}(x, y) =$  lowest common ancestor.
- Let  $L_i$  be the layer containing  $z$ .
- Consider the cycle that takes edge from  $x$  to  $y$ , then path from  $y$  to  $z$ , then path from  $z$  to  $x$ .
- Its length is  $1 + (j-i) + (j-i)$ , which is odd.  
 $(x, y) \quad y \rightarrow z \quad z \rightarrow x$



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# Connectivity in Directed Graphs

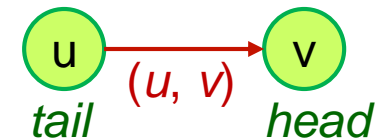


# Recap: Directed Graphs

- In a **directed** graph: **asymmetric** relationships

- Edges are **directed**, i.e.,  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$

- e.g.,  $u$  knows  $v$  (celebrity), while  $v$  doesn't know  $u$ .
- Directionality is crucial.



- Representation: Adjacency list

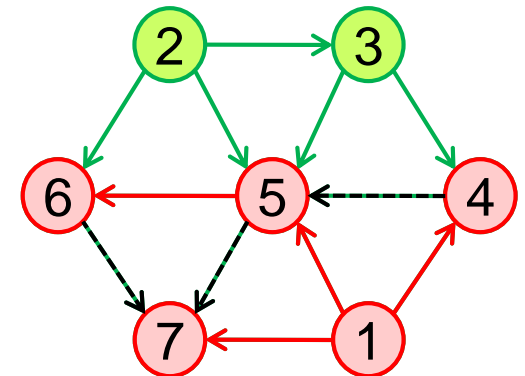
- Each node is associated with **two** lists, instead of one in an undirected graph.

- **To** which
- **From** which

- Graph search algorithms: BFS/DFS

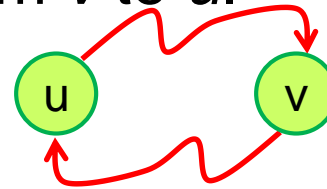
- Almost the same as undirected graphs

- Again, directionality is crucial.
- Q: What can we reach from node 1?
- A:



# Strong Connectivity

- Nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are **mutually reachable** if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  and also a path from  $v$  to  $u$ .

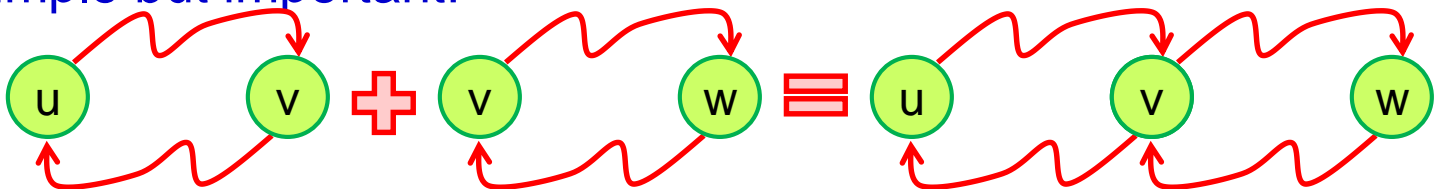


- A **directed** graph is **strongly connected** if every pair of nodes are **mutually reachable**.
  - Q: What kind of graph has no mutually reachable nodes?

- Lemma:** If  $u$  and  $v$  are mutually reachable, and  $v$  and  $w$  are mutually reachable, then  $u$  and  $w$  are mutually reachable.

– Simple but important!

- Pf:



# Testing Strong Connectivity

- Q: Can we determine if a graph is strongly connected in linear time?
- A: Yes. How? Why?

TestSC( $G$ )

1. pick any node  $s$  in  $G$

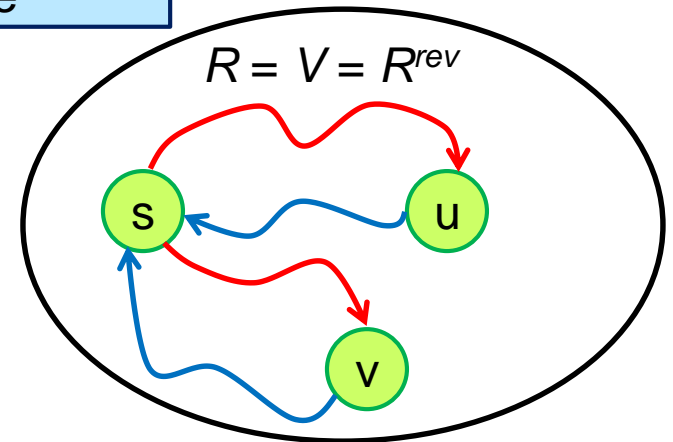
2.  $R = \text{BFS}(s, G)$

3.  $R^{\text{rev}} = \text{BFS}(s, G^{\text{rev}})$

4. **if** ( $R = V = R^{\text{rev}}$ ) **then return** true **else** false

$G^{\text{rev}}$ : reverse the direction of every edge in  $G$   
( $u, v$ ) in  $G^{\text{rev}}$  if ( $v, u$ ) in  $G$

- Time:  $O(m+n)$
- Q: Correctness?



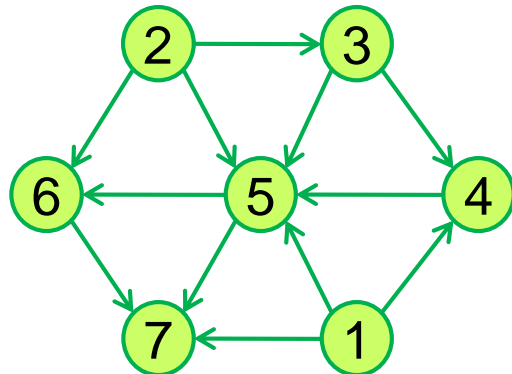
- Q: How to partition a directed graph into strong components?

# Strong Component

- The **strong component** containing  $s$  in a directed graph is the **maximal** set of all  $v$  s.t.  $s$  and  $v$  are mutually reachable.
  - a.k.a. strongly connected component
- Theorem: For any two nodes  $s$  and  $t$  in a directed graph, their strong components are either identical or disjoint.
  - Q: When are they identical? When are they disjoint?
- Pf:
  - Identical if  $s$  and  $t$  are mutually reachable
    - $s \leftrightarrow v, s \leftrightarrow t, v \leftrightarrow t$
  - Disjoint if  $s$  and  $t$  are not mutually reachable
    - Proof by contradiction

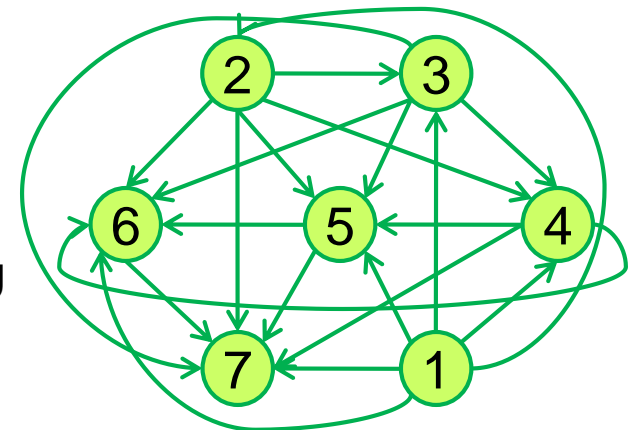


# DAGs and Topological Ordering

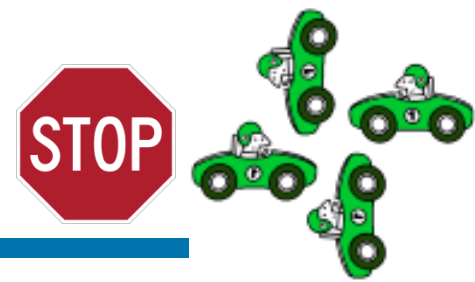


# Directed Acyclic Graphs

- Q: If an undirected graph has no cycles, then what's it?
- A: A tree (or forest).
  - At most  $n-1$  edges.
- A **directed acyclic graph (DAG)** is a directed graph without cycles.
  - A DAG may have a rich structure.
  - A DAG encodes **dependency or precedence constraints**
    - e.g., prerequisite of Algorithms:
      - Data structures
      - Discrete math
      - Programming C/C++
    - e.g., execution order of instructions in CPU
      - Pipeline structures



# Topological Ordering



- Q: 4 drivers come to the junction simultaneously, who goes first?

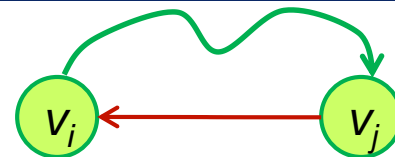
– **Deadlock! Dependencies form a cycle!**

The driver must come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Generally the driver who arrives and stops first continues first. If two or three drivers in different directions stop simultaneously at a junction controlled by stop signs, generally the drivers on the left must yield the right-of-way to the driver on the far right.

- Given a directed graph  $G$ , a **topological ordering** is an ordering of its nodes as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  so that for every edge  $(v_i, v_j)$ , we have  $i < j$ .
  - **Precedence constraints:** edge  $(v_i, v_j)$  means  $v_i$  must precede  $v_j$ .

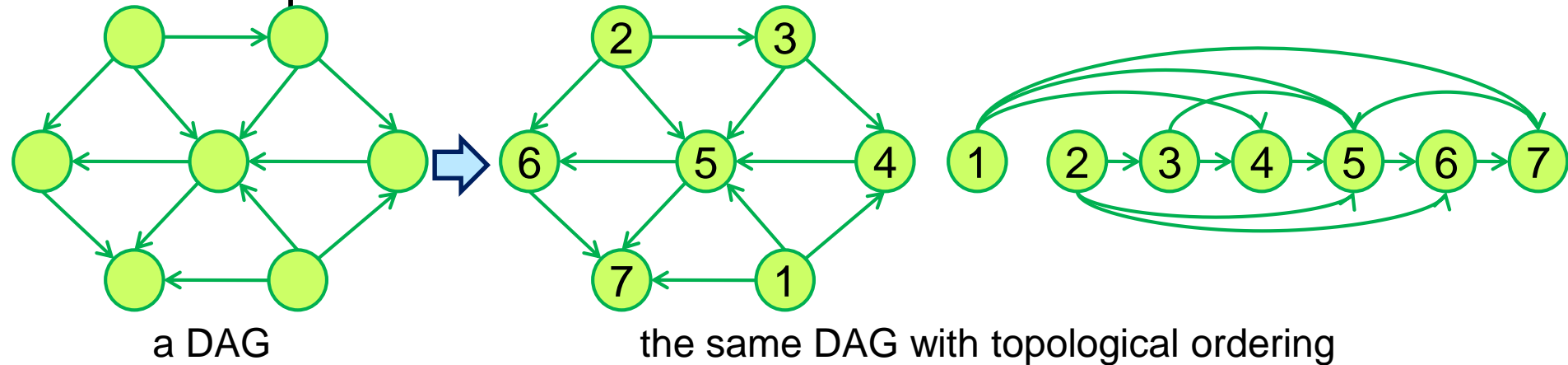
• **Lemma:** If  $G$  has a topological ordering, then  $G$  is a DAG.

- Pf: Proof by contradiction!
  - How? Consider a cycle,  $v_i, \dots, v_j, v_i$ .



# Example

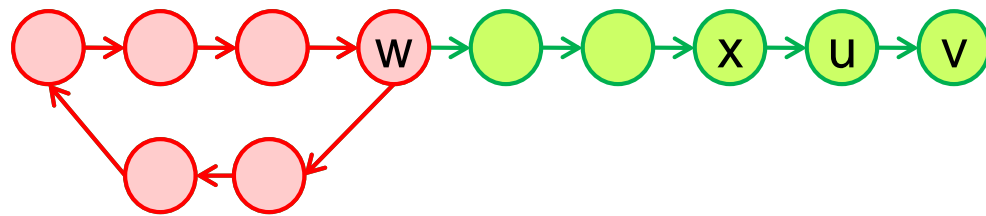
- Example:



● Lemma: If  $G$  has a topological ordering, then  $G$  is a DAG.

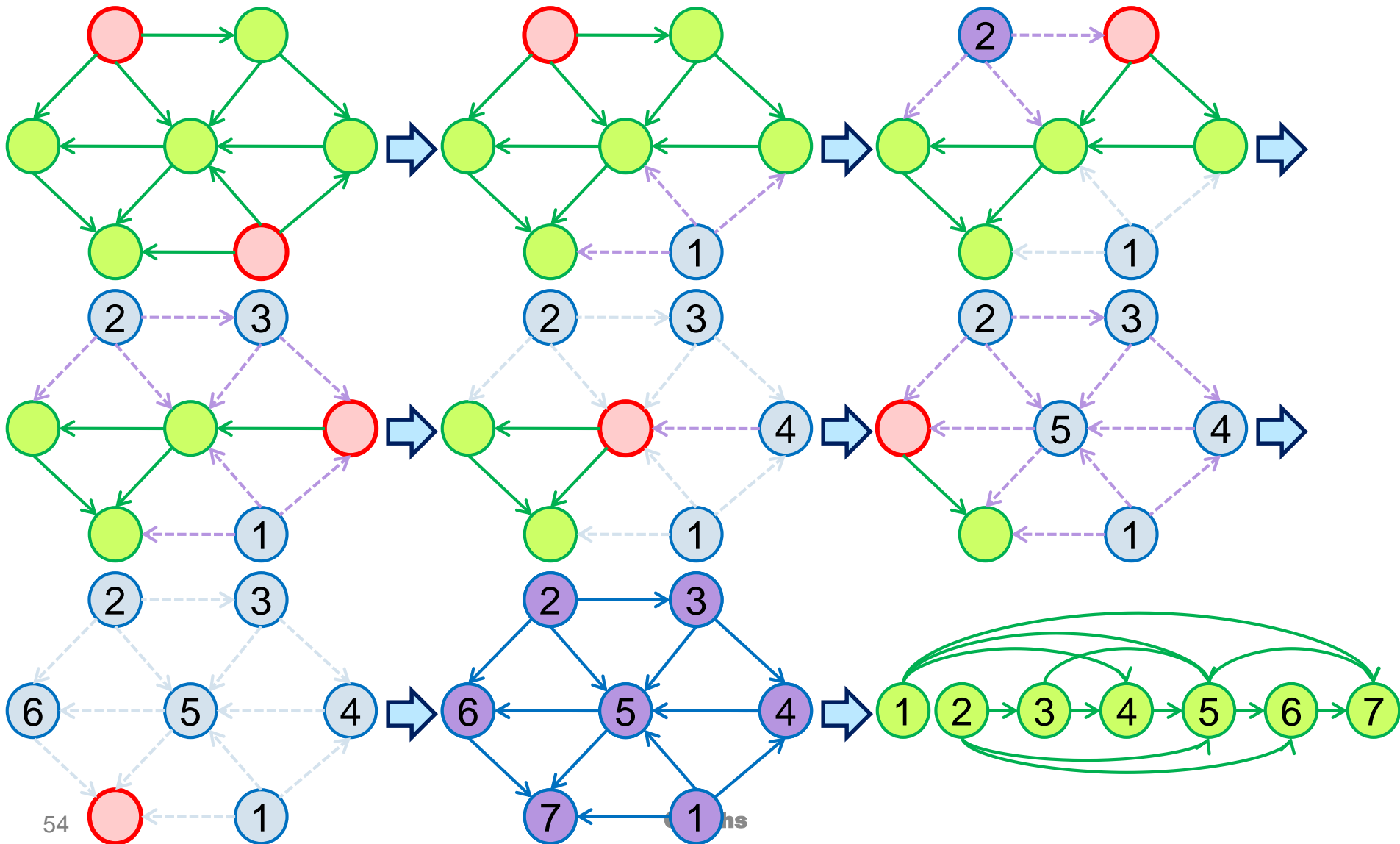
- Q: If  $G$  is a DAG, then does  $G$  have a topological ordering?
- Q: If so, how do we compute one?
- A: Key: find a way to get started!
  - Q: How?

# Where to Start?



- A: A node that depends on no one, i.e., unconstrained.
- Lemma: In every DAG  $G$ , there is a node with no incoming edges.
- Pf: Proof by contradiction!
  - Suppose that  $G$  is a DAG where every node has **at least one** incoming edge. Let's see how to find a cycle in  $G$ .
  - Pick any node  $v$ , and begin following edges backward from  $v$ : Since  $v$  has at least one incoming edge  $(u, v)$  we can walk backward to  $u$ .
  - Then, since  $u$  has at least one incoming edge  $(x, u)$ , we can walk backward to  $x$ ; and so on.
  - Repeat this process  **$n+1$**  times (the initial  $v$  counts one). We will visit some node  $w$  twice, since  $G$  has only  $n$  nodes.
  - Let  $C$  denote the sequence of nodes encountered between successive visits to  $w$ . Clearly,  $C$  is a cycle.  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

# Example: Topological Ordering



# Topological Ordering

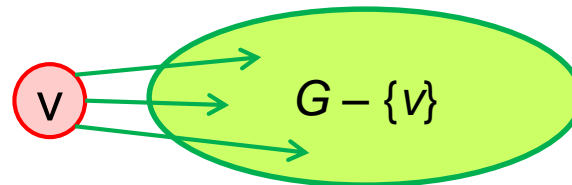
● Lemma: If  $G$  is a DAG, then  $G$  has a topological ordering.

● Pf: Proof by **induction**!

1. Base case: true if  $n = 1$ .

2. Inductive step:

- Induction hypothesis: true for DAGs with up to  $n$  nodes
- Given a DAG on  $n+1$  nodes, find a node  $v$  w/o incoming edges.



$$v + \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle = \langle v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$$

- $G - \{v\}$  is a DAG, since deleting  $v$  cannot create any cycles.
- $G - \{v\}$  has  $n$  nodes. By induction hypothesis,  $G - \{v\}$  has a topological ordering.
- Place  $v$  first in topological ordering. This is safe since all edges of  $v$  point forward.
- Then append nodes of  $G - \{v\}$  in topological order after  $v$ .

# A Linear-Time Algorithm

- In fact, the proof has already suggested an algorithm.

TopologicalOrder( $G$ )

1. find a node  $v$  without incoming edges
2. order  $v$
3.  $G = G - \{v\}$  // delete  $v$  from  $G$
4. **if** ( $G$  is not empty) **then** TopologicalOrder( $G$ )

- Time: From  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(m+n)$ 
  - $O(n^2)$ -time: Total  $n$  iterations; line 1 in  $O(n)$ -time. How?
  - $O(m+n)$ -time: How? Maintain the following information
    - $\text{indeg}(w)$  = # of incoming edges from undeleted nodes
    - $S$  = set of nodes without incoming edges from undeleted nodes
  - Initialization:  $O(m+n)$  via single scan through graph
  - Update: line 3 deletes  $v$ 
    - Remove  $v$  from  $S$
    - Decrement  $\text{indeg}(w)$  for all edges from  $v$  to  $w$ , and add  $w$  to  $S$  if  $\text{indeg}(w)$  hits 0; this is  $O(1)$  per edge