



## Graph Theory and Graph Databases

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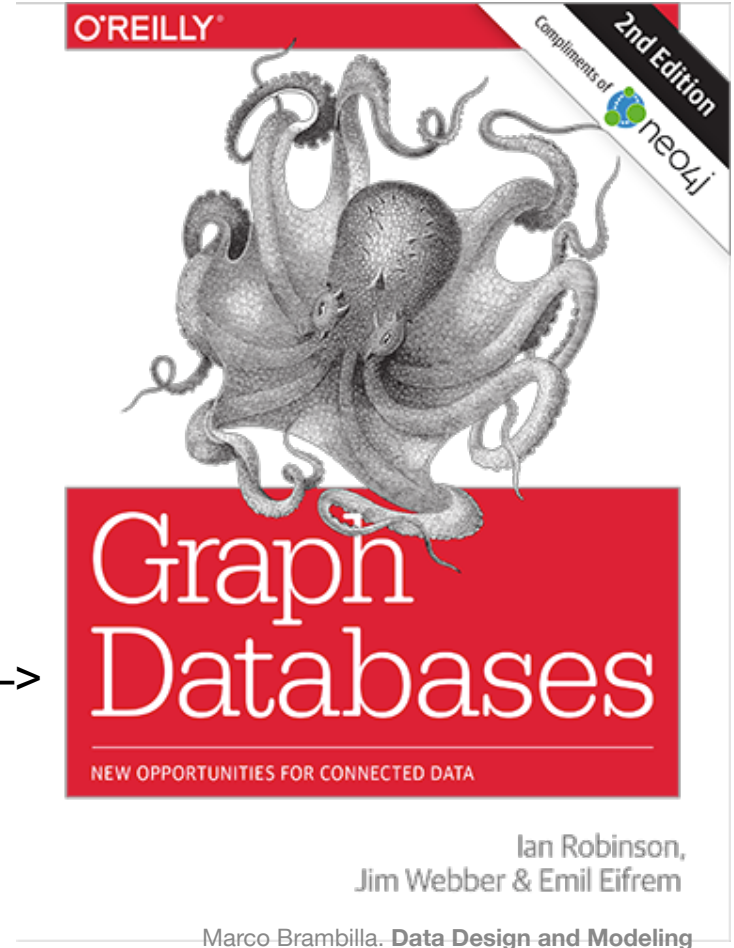
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# Agenda

Graph Theory

Graph Databases

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## 1. Graph Theory

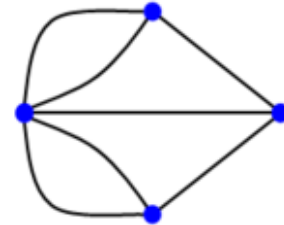
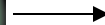
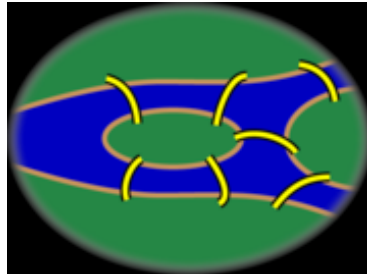
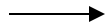
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# Graph Theory - History

Leonhard Euler's paper on  
“*Seven Bridges of Königsberg*” ,  
published in 1736.



and Modeling

# Famous problems

## “The traveling salesman problem”

A traveling salesman is to visit a number of cities; how to plan the trip so every city is visited once and just once and the whole trip is as short as possible ?

In 1852 Francis Guthrie posed the “four color problem” which asks if it is possible to color, using only four colors, any map of countries in such a way as to prevent two bordering countries from having the same color.

**SOLVED ONLY 120 YEARS LATER!**

# Other Examples

Cost of wiring electronic components

Shortest route between two cities.

Shortest distance between all pairs of cities in a road atlas.

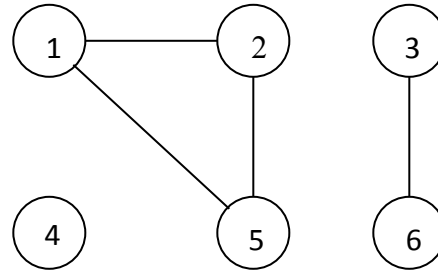
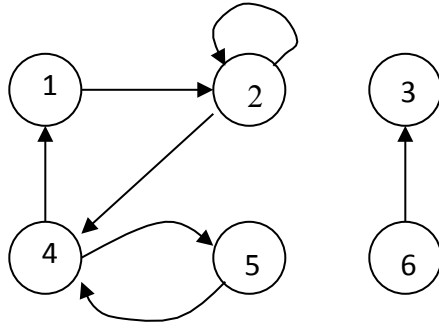
Matching / Resource Allocation

Task scheduling

Visibility / Coverage

# What is a Graph?

Informally a *graph* is a set of nodes joined by a set of lines or arrows.



# Definition: Graph

G is an ordered triple  $G:=(V, E, f)$

V is a set of nodes, points, or vertices.

E is a set, whose elements are known as edges or lines.

f is a function

maps each element of E  
to an unordered pair of vertices in V.



# Definitions

## Vertex

Basic Element

Drawn as a *node* or a *dot*.

**Vertex set** of  $G$  is usually denoted by  $V(G)$ , or  $V$

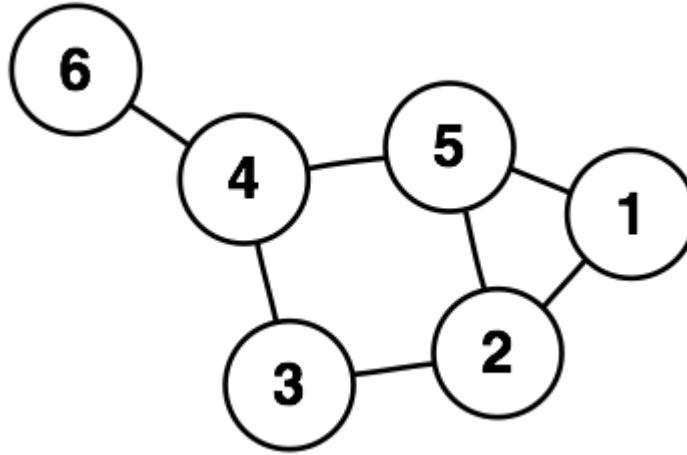
## Edge

A set of two elements

Drawn as a line connecting two vertices, called end vertices, or endpoints.

The edge set of  $G$  is usually denoted by  $E(G)$ , or  $E$ .

# Example



$V := \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$E := \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 5\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\}, \{4, 6\}\}$

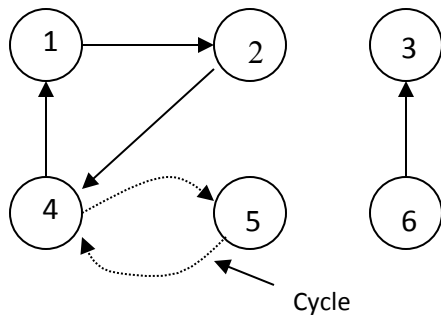
# Simple Graphs

*Simple graphs* are graphs without multiple edges or self-loops.

# Path

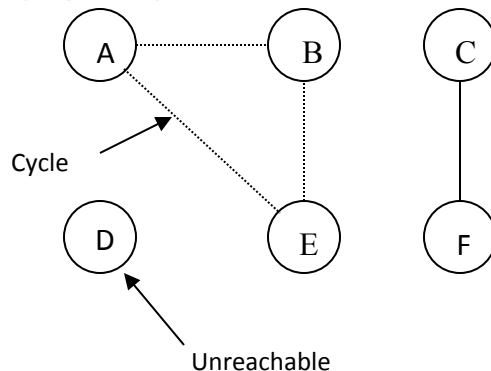
A *path* is a sequence of vertices such that there is an edge from each vertex to its successor.

A path is ***simple*** if each vertex is distinct.



**Simple path from 1 to 5**  
**= [ 1, 2, 4, 5 ]**

Our text's alternates the vertices and edges.

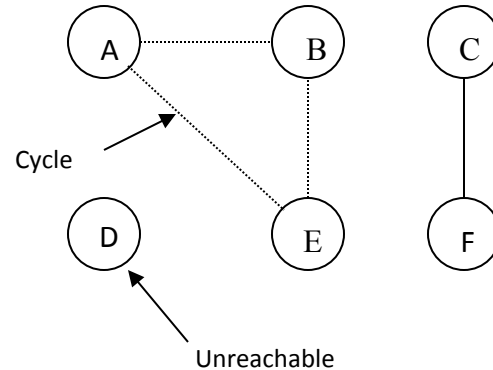
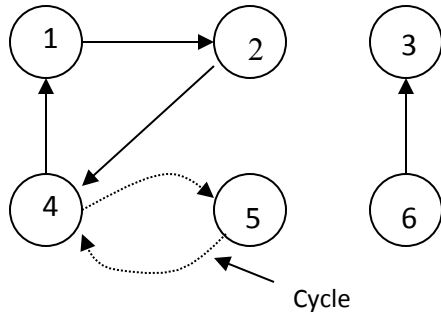


**If there is path  $p$  from  $u$  to  $v$  then  
we say  $v$  is **reachable** from  $u$  via  $p$ .**

# Cycle

A path from a vertex to itself is called a ***cycle***.

A graph is called ***cyclic*** if it contains a cycle;  
otherwise it is called ***acyclic***



# Connectivity

A graph is ***connected*** if

you can get from any node to any other by following a sequence of edges OR

any two nodes are connected by a path.

A directed graph is ***strongly connected*** if there is a directed path from any node to any other node.

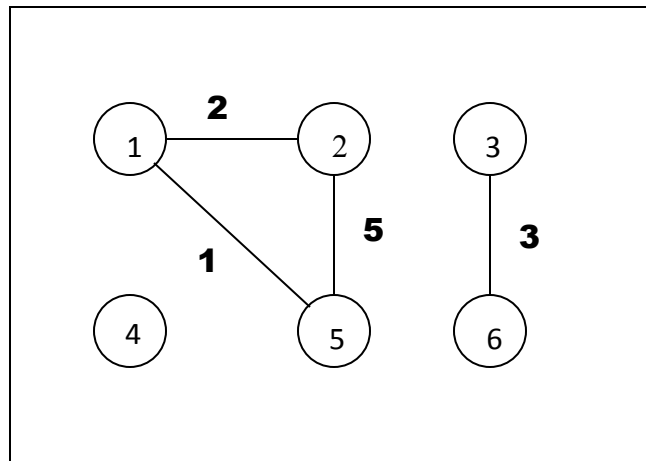
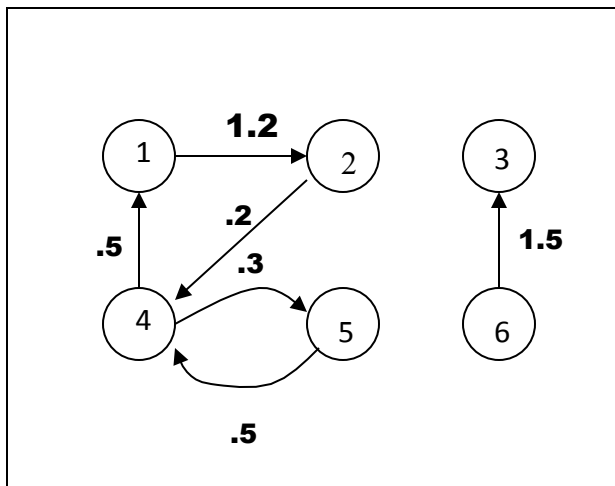
# Sparse/Dense

A graph is ***sparse*** if  $|E| \approx |V|$

A graph is ***dense*** if  $|E| \approx |V|^2$ .

# A *weighted graph*

is a graph for which each edge has an associated **weight**, usually given by a **weight function**  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .

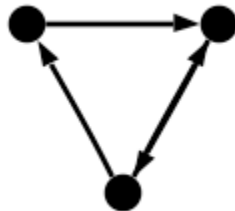




# Directed Graph (digraph)

Edges have directions

An edge is an *ordered* pair of nodes

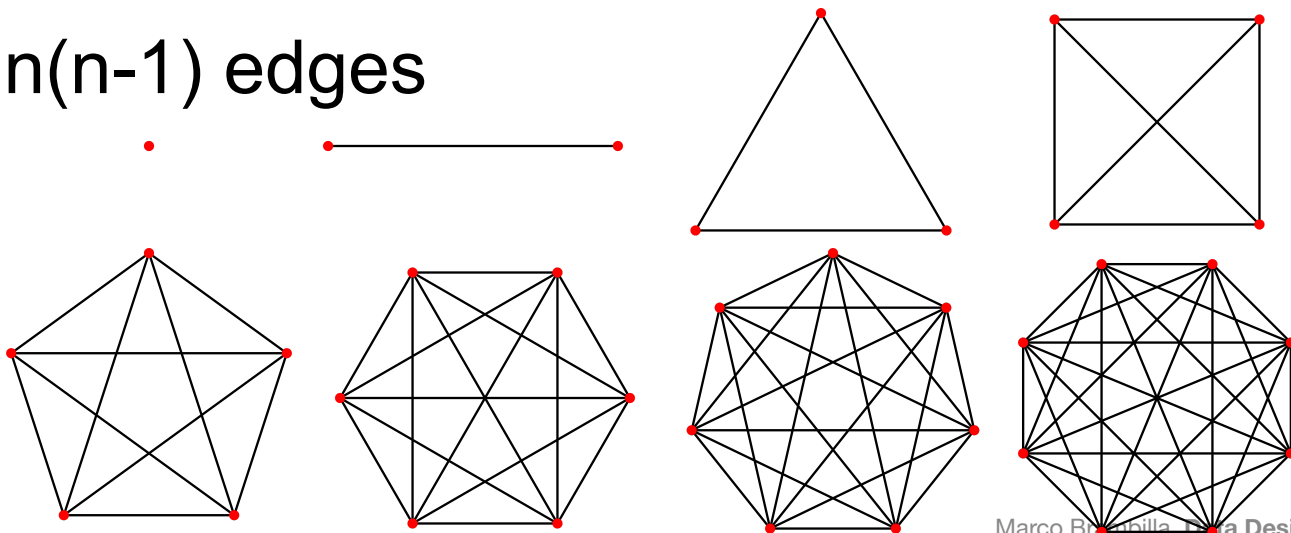


# Complete Graph

Denoted  $K_n$

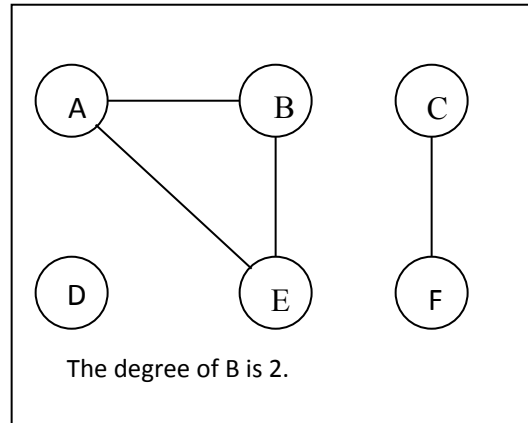
Every pair of vertices are adjacent

Has  $n(n-1)$  edges



# Degree

Number of edges incident on a node

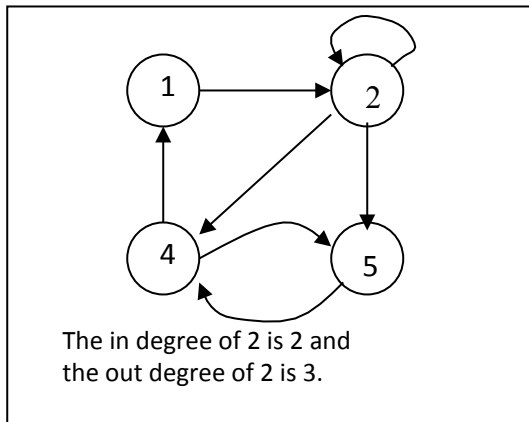


# Degree (Directed Graphs)

In degree: Number of edges entering

Out degree: Number of edges leaving

Degree = indegree + outdegree



# Subgraph

Vertex and edge sets are subsets of those of  $G$   
a *supergraph* of a graph  $G$  is a graph that contains  $G$  as a subgraph.

# Representation (Matrix)

## Incidence Matrix

$E \times V$

[edge, vertex] contains the edge's data

## Adjacency Matrix

$V \times V$

Boolean values (adjacent or not)

Or Edge Weights

# Representation (List)

## Edge List

pairs (ordered if directed) of vertices

Optionally weight and other data

## Adjacency List

# Graph Algorithms

## Shortest Path

- Single Source

- All pairs (Ex. Floyd Warshall)

## Network Flow

## Matching

- Bipartite

- Weighted

## Topological Ordering

## Strongly Connected



# Graph Algorithms

Biconnected Component / Articulation Point

Bridge

Graph Coloring

Euler Tour

Hamiltonian Tour

Clique

Isomorphism

Edge Cover

Vertex Cover

Visibility



## 2. Graph Databases

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# Motivation

Relational Databases

(incredibly!)

are not good in managing relationships!

# Graph Databases

Database that uses graph structures with **nodes, edges and properties to store data**

Provides **index-free adjacency**

- Every node is a pointer to its adjacent element

Edges hold most of the important information and connect

- nodes to other nodes

- nodes to properties

# Advantage of Graph Databases

When there are relationships that you want to analyze, Graph databases become a very nice fit because of the data structure

Graph databases are very fast for associative data sets

- Like social networks

Map more directly to object oriented applications

- Object classification and Parent->Child relationships

# Relational Database Representation

Sailor(sid:integer, sname:char(10), rating: integer, age:real)

Boat(bid:integer, bname:char(10), color:char(10))

Reserve(sid:integer, bid:integer, day:date)

Sailor

<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age
22	dustin	7	45.0
31	lubber	8	55.5
58	rusty	10	35.0

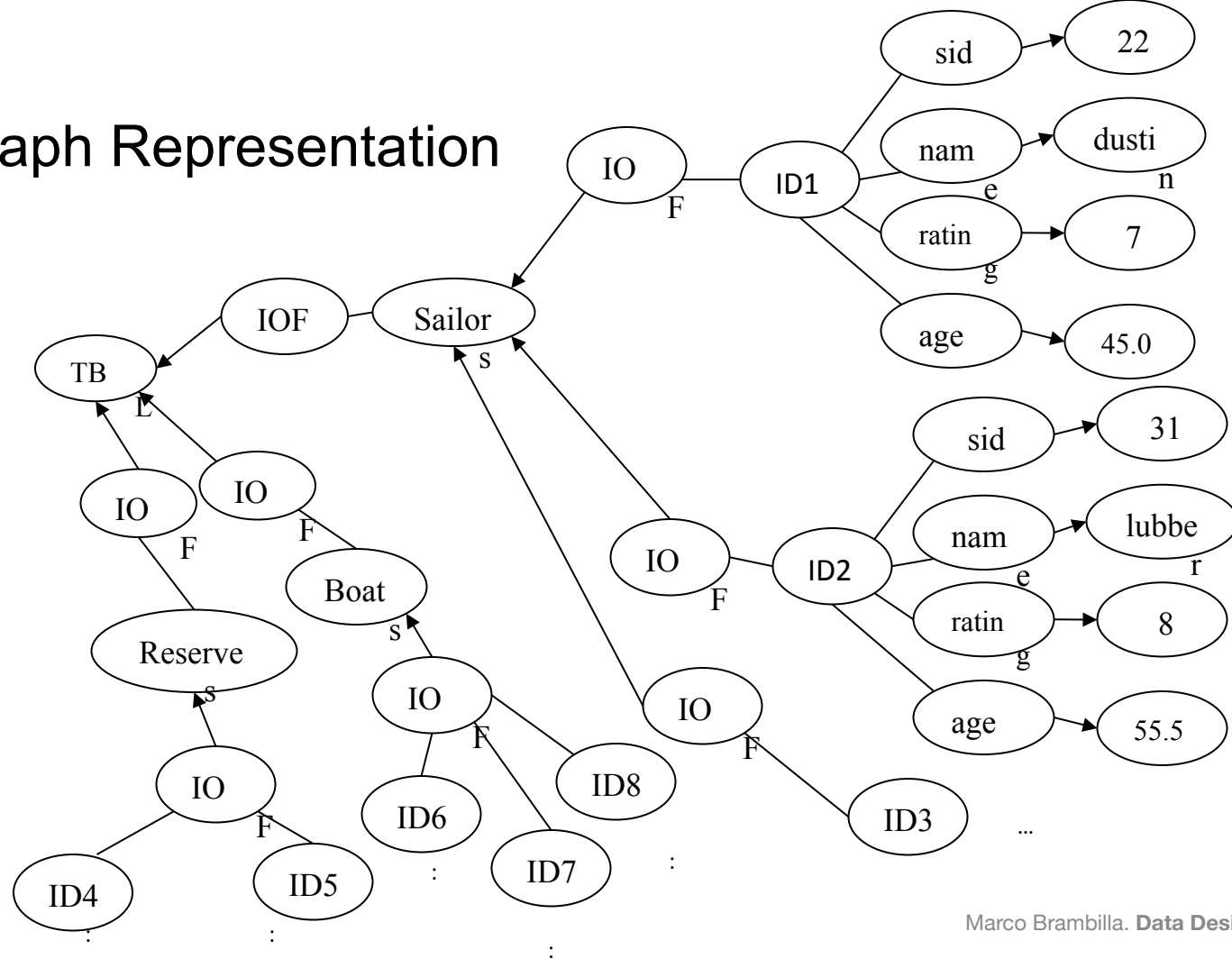
Reserve

<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
22	101	10/10/96
58	103	11/12/96

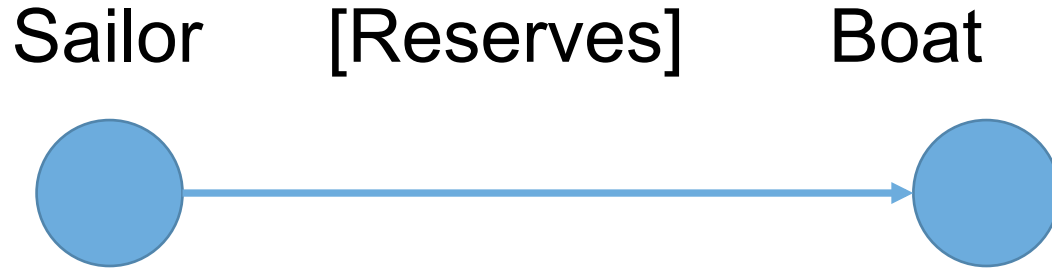
Boat

<u>bid</u>	bname	color
101	Interlake	red
102	Clipper	green
103	Marine	red

# Graph Representation



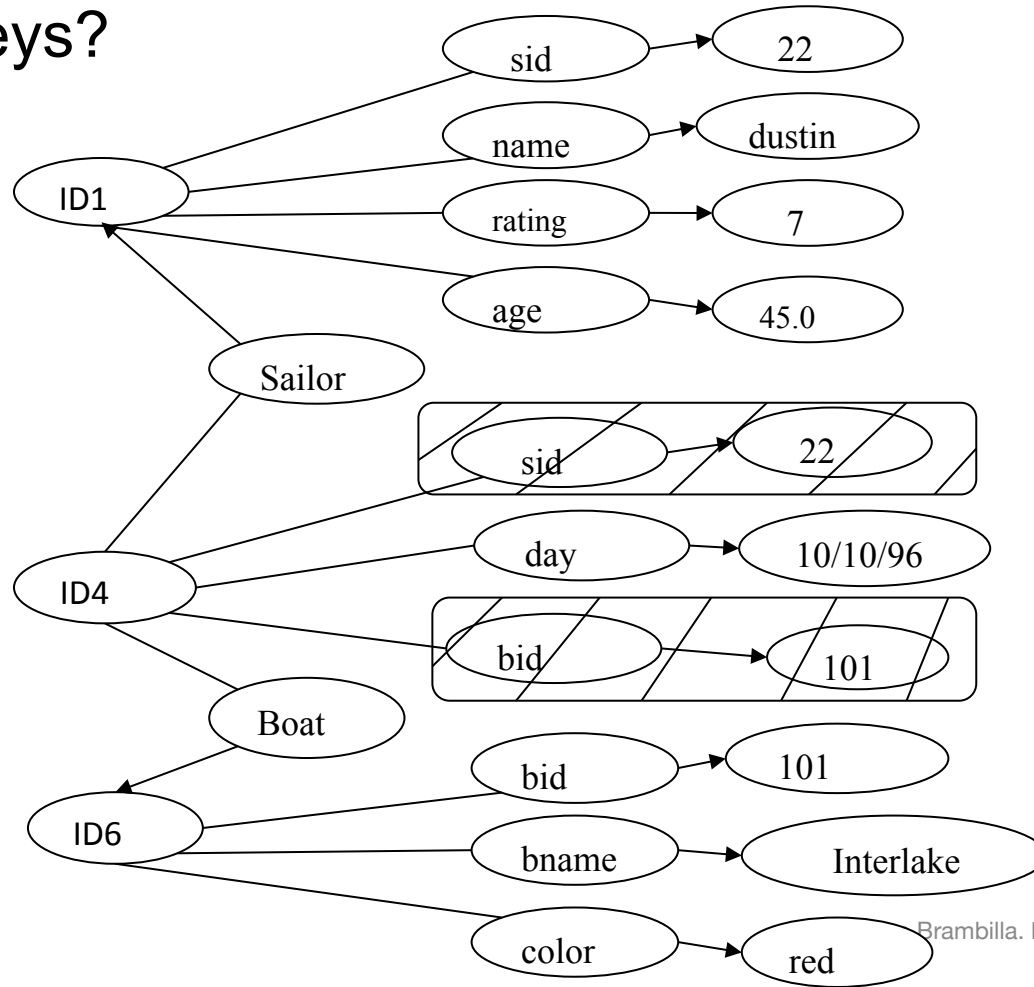
# Actual Graph Model



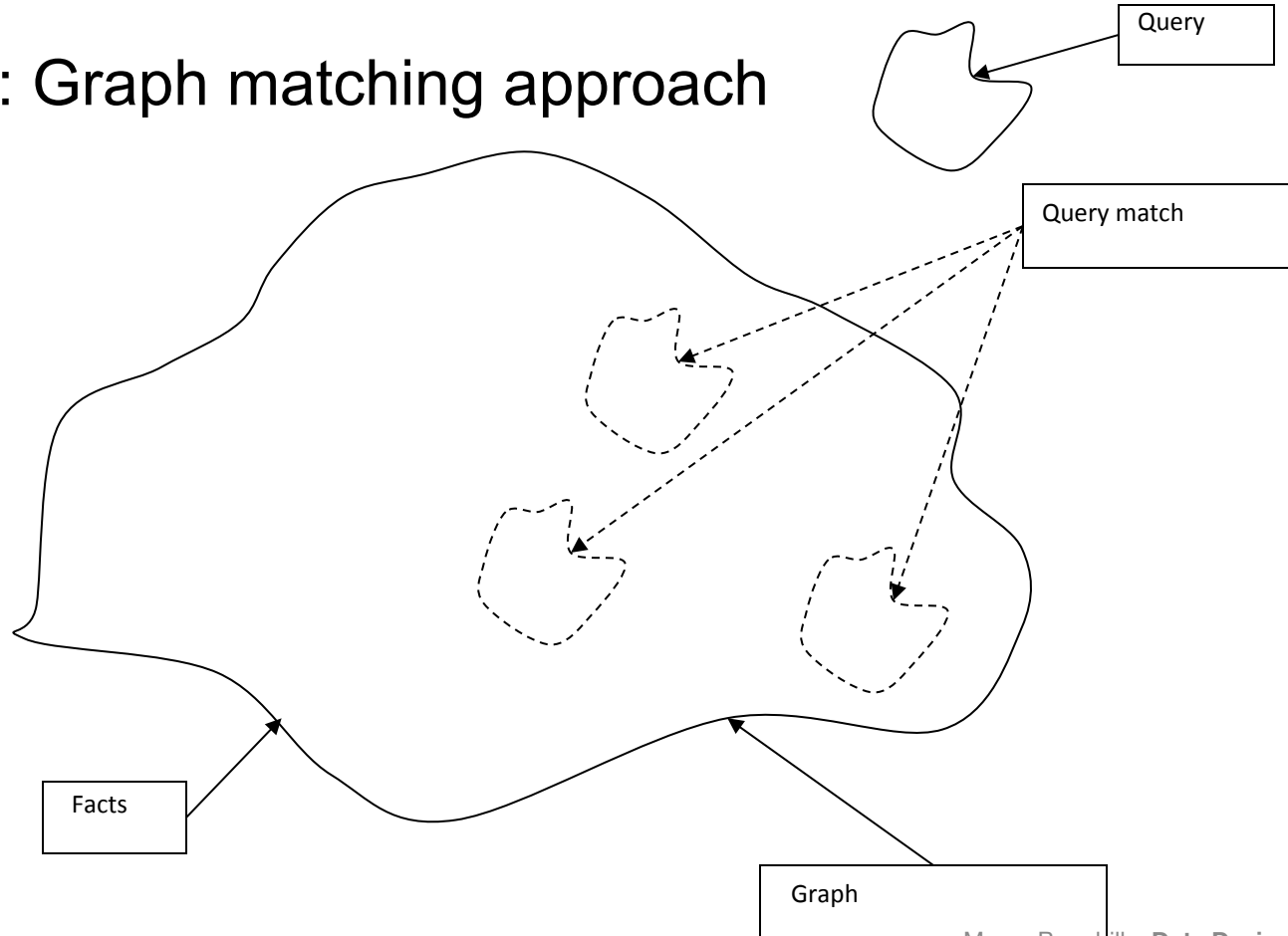
(:Sailor) –[:reserves]-> (:Boat)



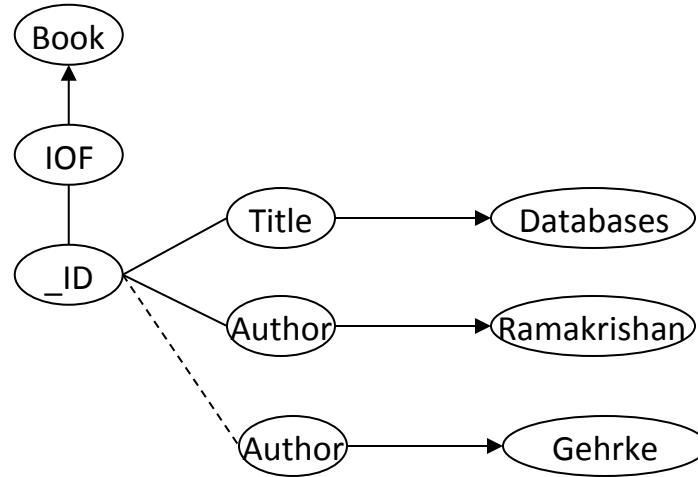
Foreign Keys?  
No thanks



# Query: Graph matching approach



# Easy to Extend



# Easy to Change

