



# Big Data Infrastructure

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Week 5: Analyzing Graphs (1/2)

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# Structure of the Course

Analyzing Text

Analyzing Graphs

Analyzing  
Relational Data

Data Mining

“Core” framework features  
and algorithm design

# What's a graph?

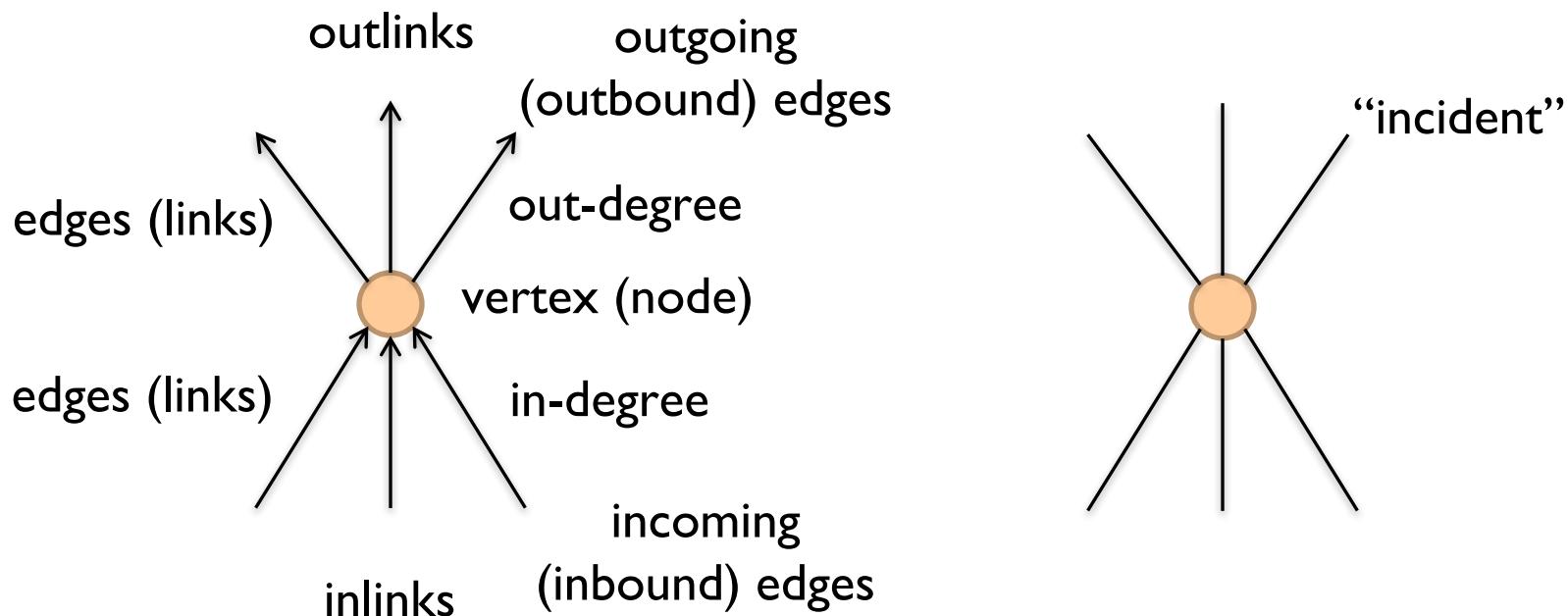
$$G = (V, E), \text{ where}$$

$V$  represents the set of vertices (nodes)

$E$  represents the set of edges (links)

Edges may be directed or undirected

Both vertices and edges may contain additional information



# Examples of Graphs

Hyperlink structure of the web

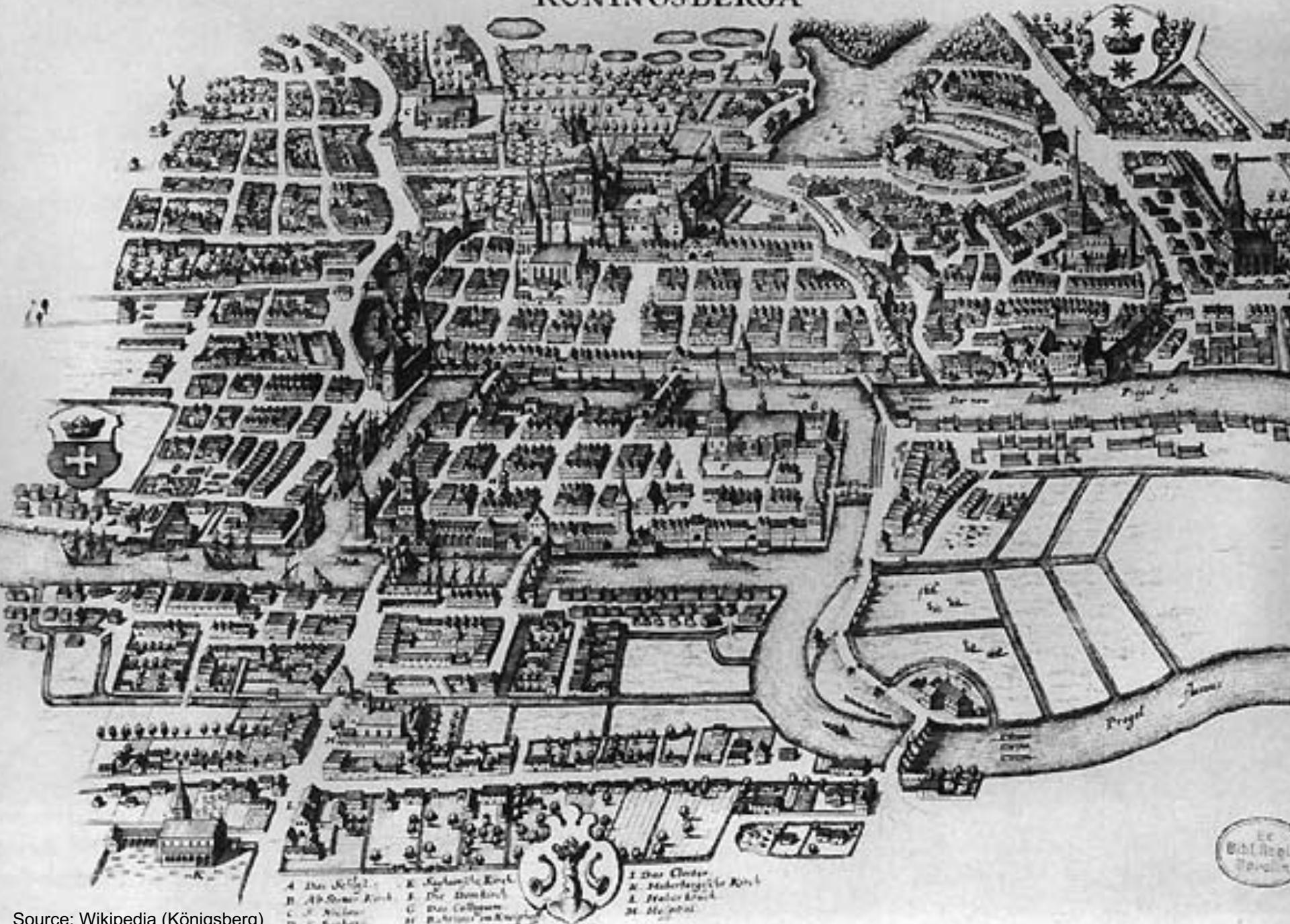
Physical structure of computers on the Internet

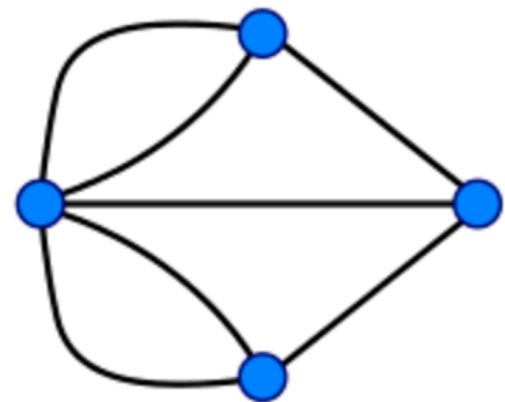
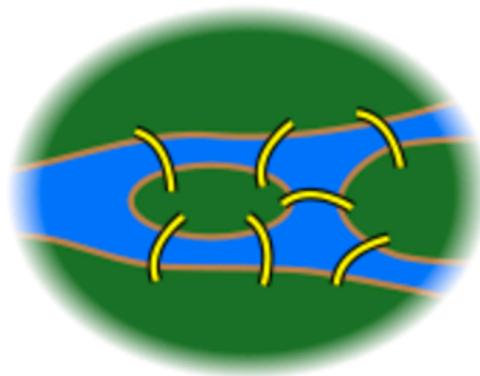
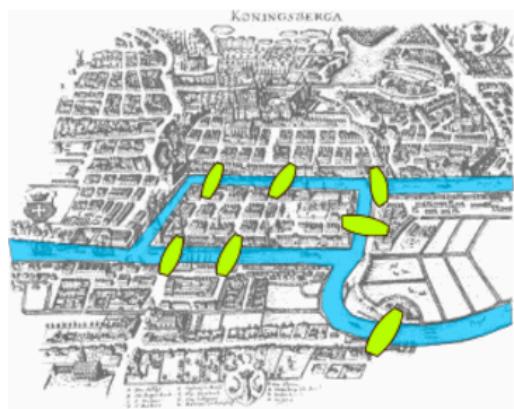
Interstate highway system

Social networks

We're mostly interested in sparse graphs!

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# Some Graph Problems

Finding shortest paths

Routing Internet traffic and UPS trucks

Finding minimum spanning trees

Telco laying down fiber

Finding Max Flow

Airline scheduling

Identify “special” nodes and communities

Halting the spread of avian flu

Bipartite matching

match.com

Web ranking

PageRank

# What makes graphs hard?

Irregular structure

Fun with data structures!

Irregular data access patterns

Fun with architectures!

Iterations

Fun with optimizations!

# Graphs and MapReduce (and Spark)

A large class of graph algorithms involve:

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Key questions:

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How do you traverse a graph in MapReduce (and Spark)?

# Representing Graphs

Adjacency matrices

Adjacency lists

Edge lists

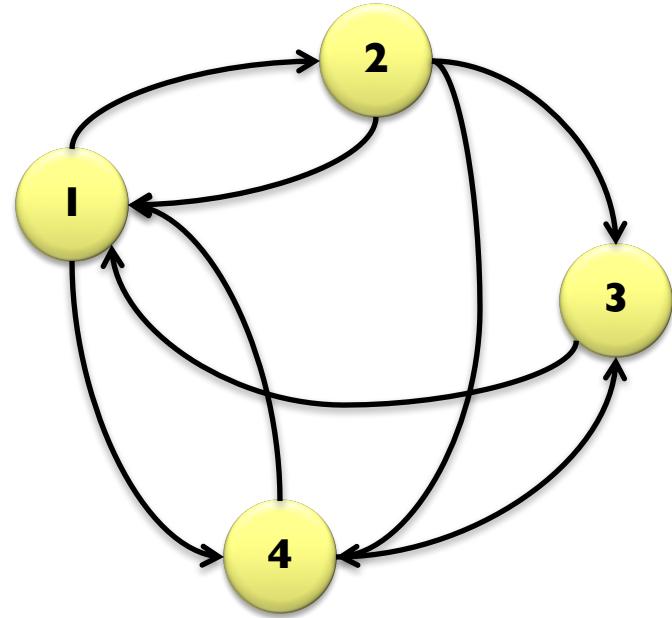
# Adjacency Matrices

Represent a graph as an  $n \times n$  square matrix  $M$

$$n = |\mathcal{V}|$$

$M_{ij} = 1$  iff an edge from vertex  $i$  to  $j$

	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	1
3	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	1	0



# Adjacency Matrices: Critique

## Advantages

Amenable to mathematical manipulation  
Intuitive iteration over rows and columns

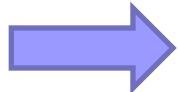
## Disadvantages

Lots of wasted space (for sparse matrices)  
Easy to write, hard to compute

# Adjacency Lists

Take adjacency matrix... and throw away all the zeros

	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	1
3	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	1	0



- 1: 2, 4
- 2: 1, 3, 4
- 3: 1
- 4: 1, 3

Wait, where have we  
seen this before?

# Adjacency Lists: Critique

## Advantages

Much more compact representation (compress!)  
Easy to compute over outlinks

## Disadvantages

Difficult to compute over inlinks

# Edge Lists

Explicitly enumerate all edges

	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	1
3	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	1	0



- (1, 2)
- (1, 4)
- (2, 1)
- (2, 3)
- (2, 4)
- (3, 1)
- (4, 1)
- (4, 3)

# Edge Lists: Critique

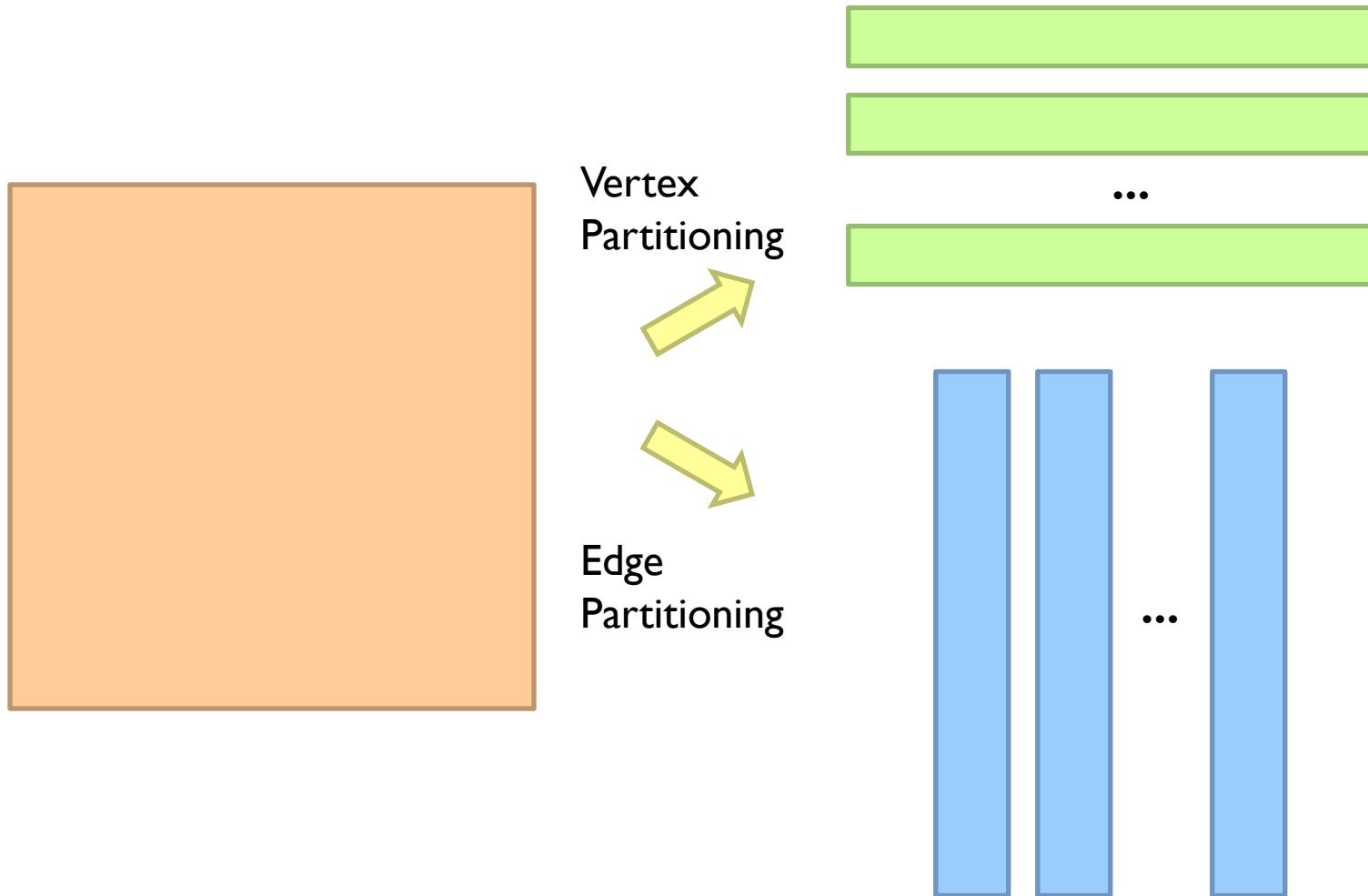
## Advantages

Easily support edge insertions

## Disadvantages

Wastes spaces

# Graph Partitioning



(A lot more detail later...)

# Storing Undirected Graphs

## Standard Tricks

I. Store both edges

Make sure your algorithm de-dups

2. Store one edge, e.g.,  $(x, y)$  st.  $x < y$

Make sure your algorithm handles the asymmetry

# Basic Graph Manipulations

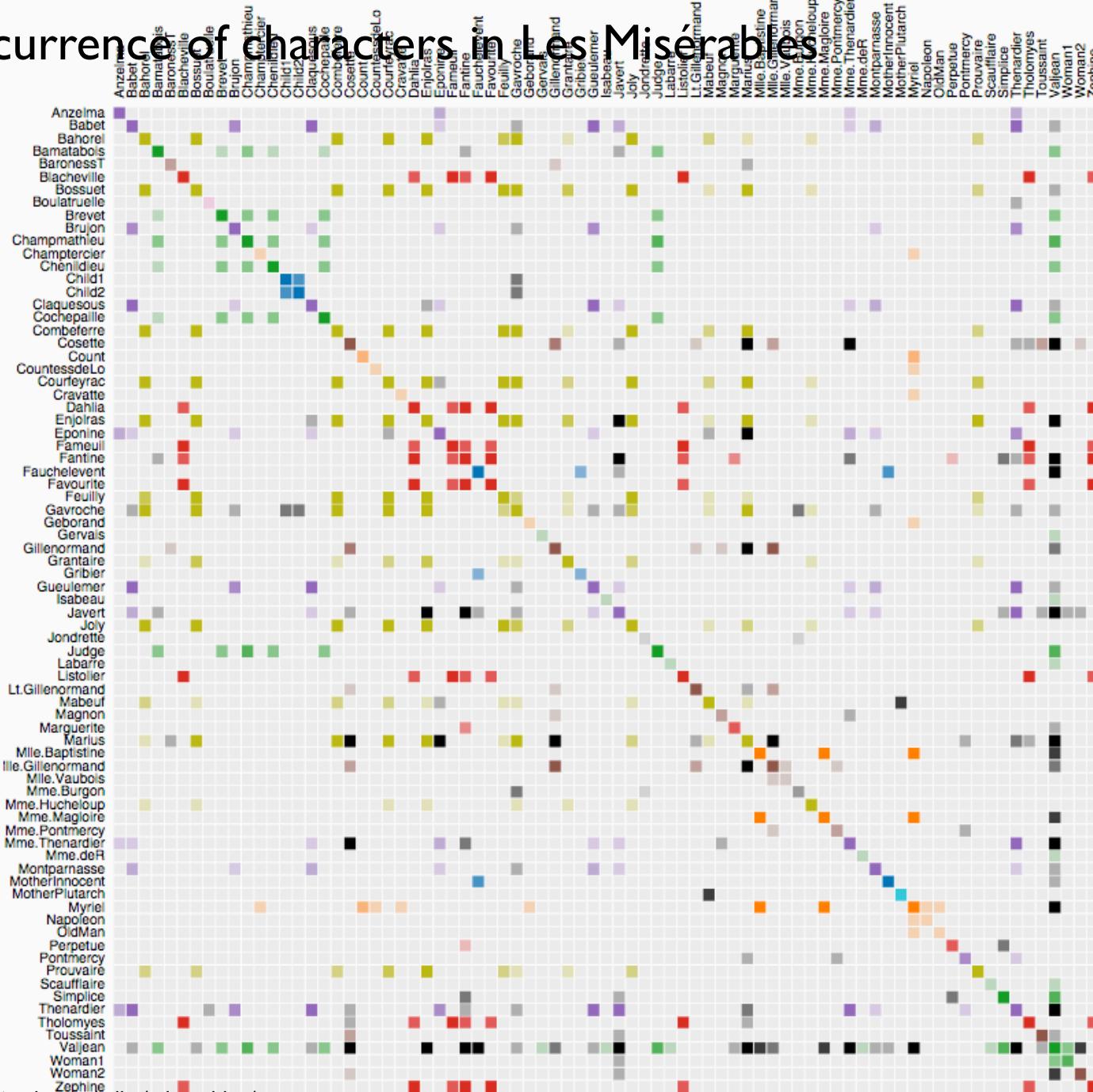
Invert the graph  
`flatMap and regroup`

Adjacency lists to edge lists  
`flatMap adjacency lists to emit tuples`

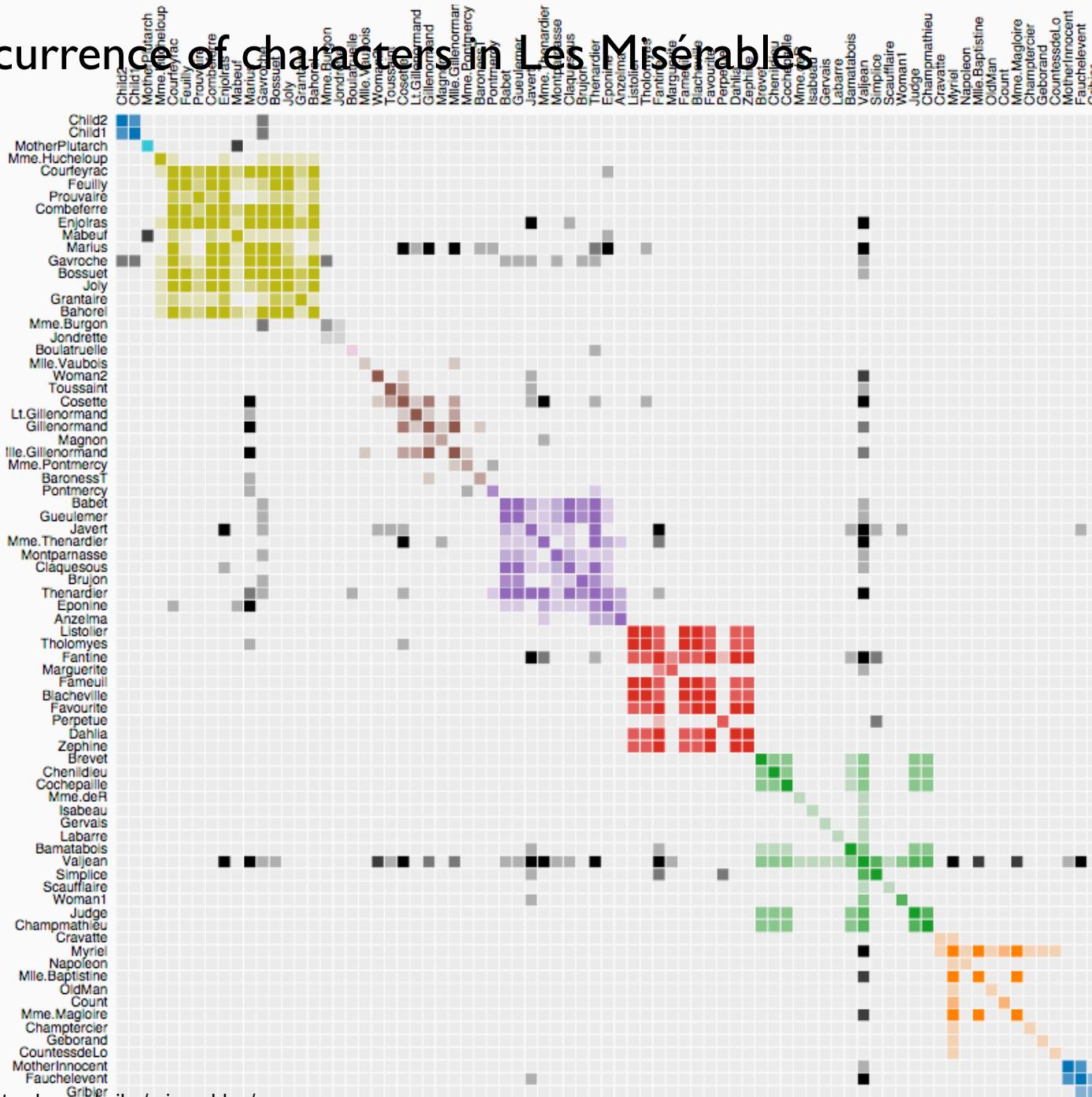
Edge lists to adjacency lists  
`groupBy`

Framework does all the heavy lifting!

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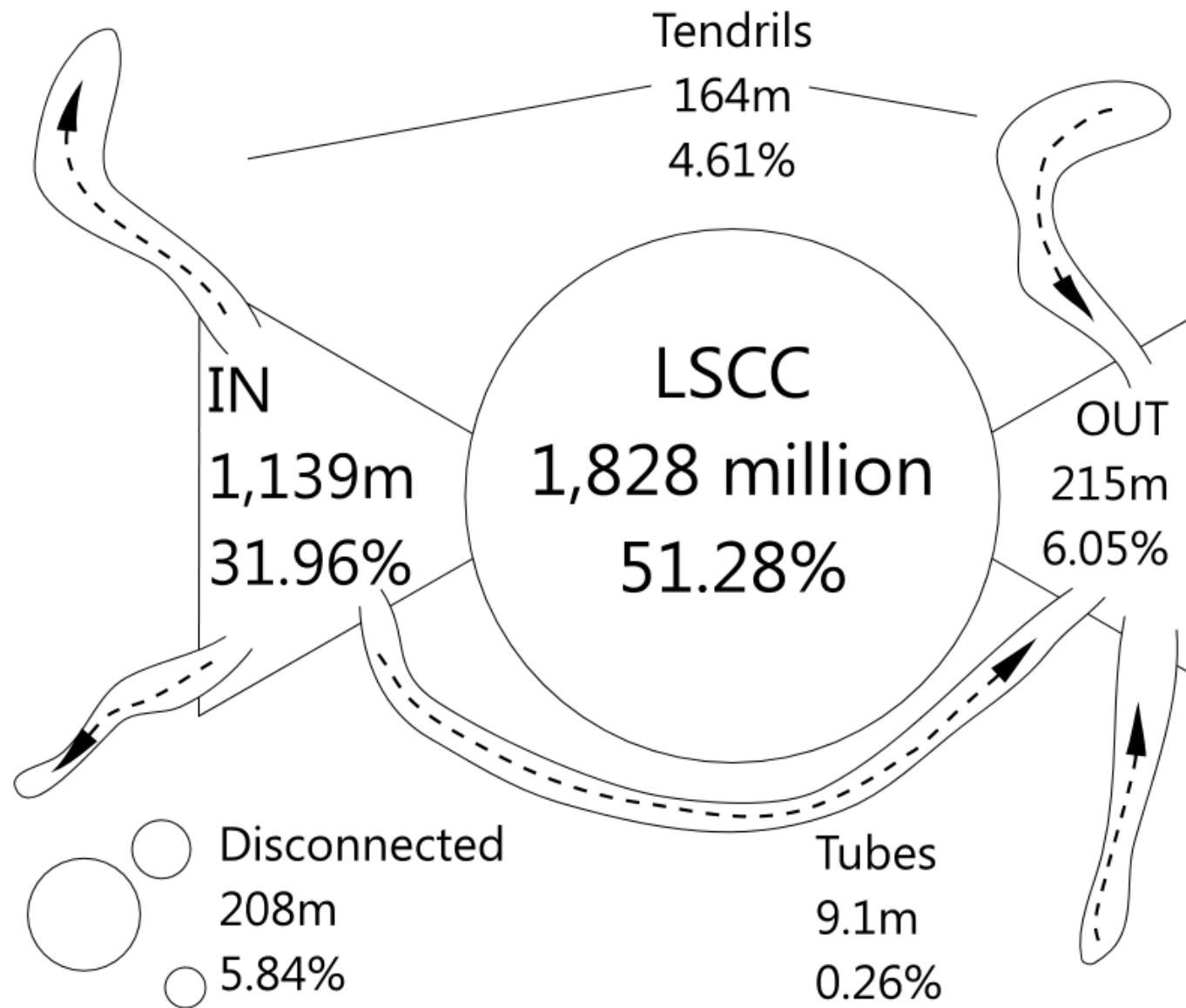
How are visualizations like this generated?  
Limitations?

# What does the web look like?

Analysis of a large webgraph from the common crawl: 3.5 billion pages, 129 billion links

Meusel et al. Graph Structure in the Web — Revisited. WWW 2014.

# Broder's Bowtie (2000) – revisited



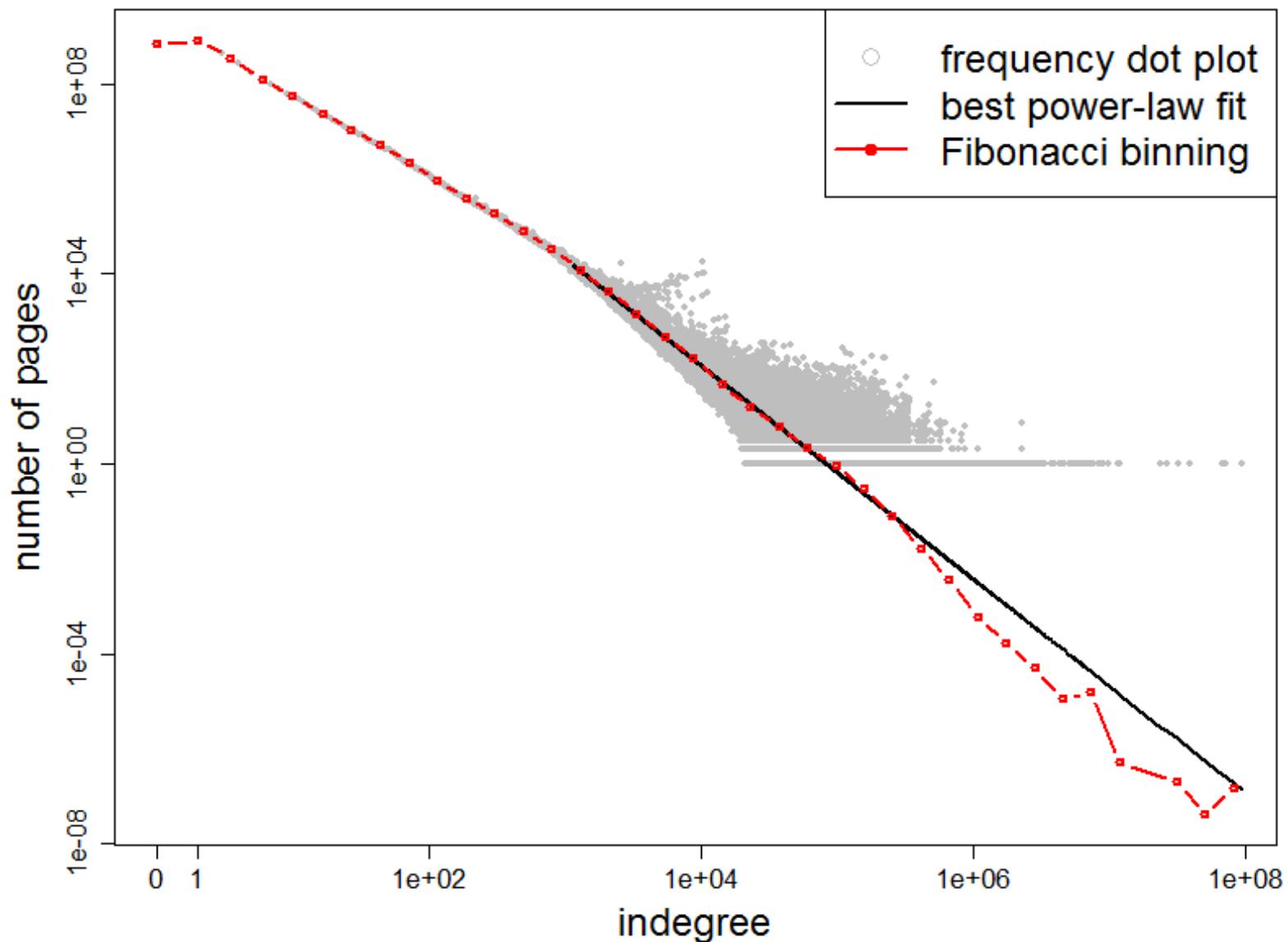
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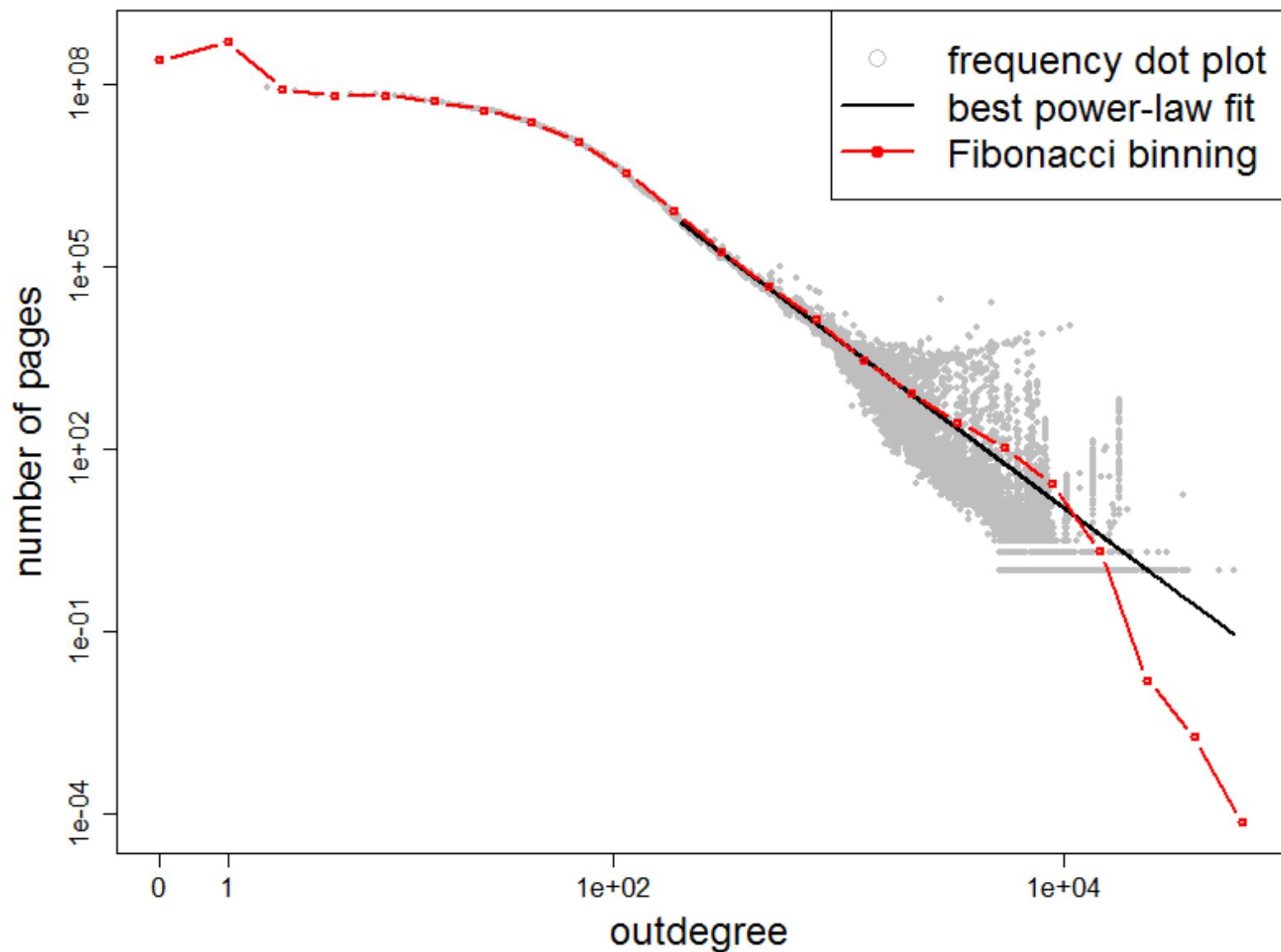
Very roughly, a scale-free network

Fraction of  $k$  nodes having  $k$  connections:

$$P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}$$

(i.e., distribution follows a power law)





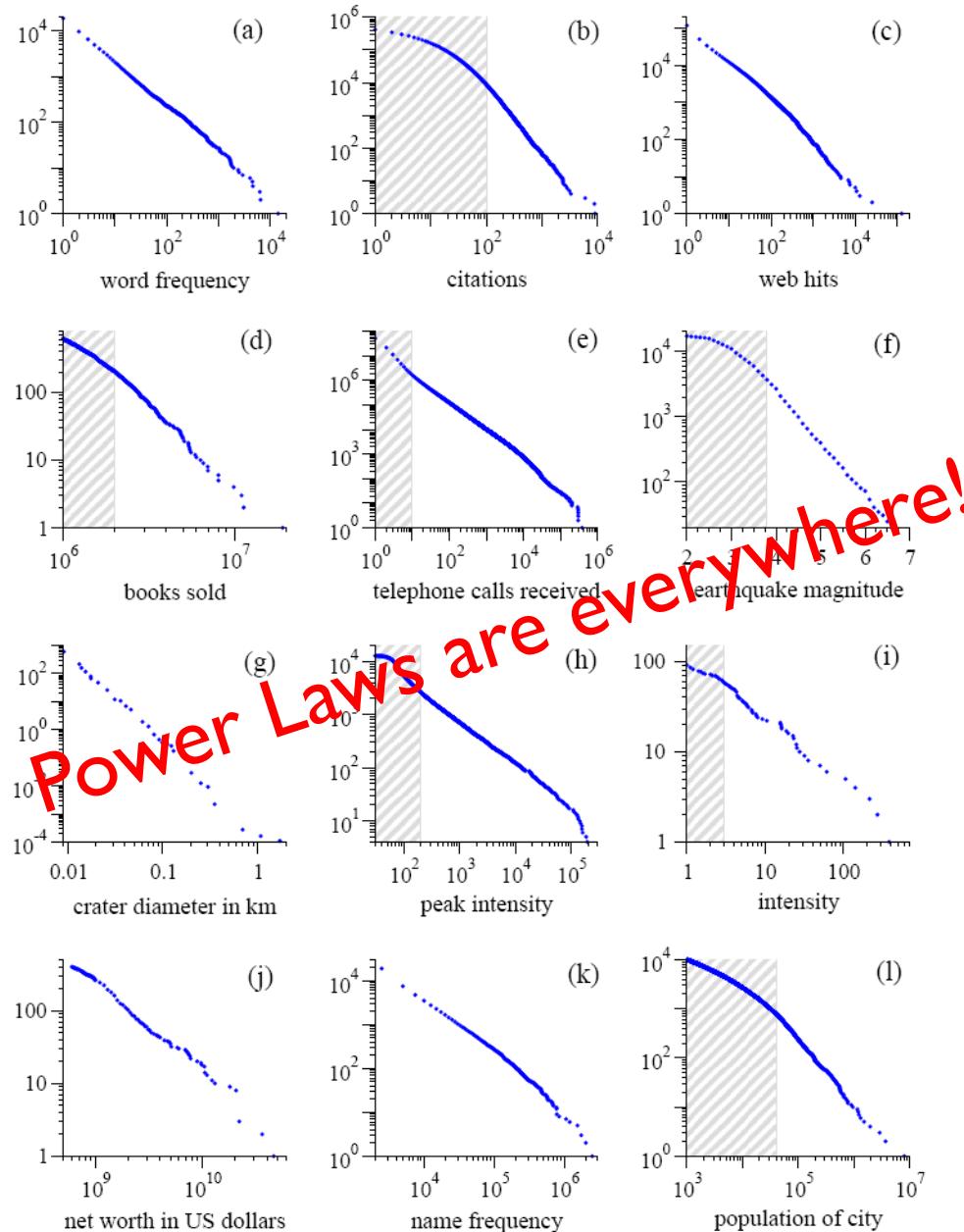


Figure from: Newman, M. E. J. (2005) "Power laws, Pareto distributions and Zipf's law." *Contemporary Physics* 46:323–351.

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Other Examples:

Internet domain routers

Co-author network

Citation network

Movie-Actor network

Why?

(In this installment of “learn fancy terms for simple ideas”)

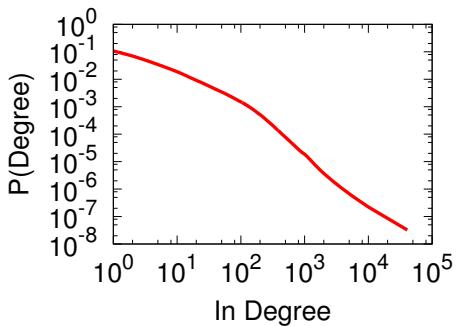
## Preferential Attachment

Also:

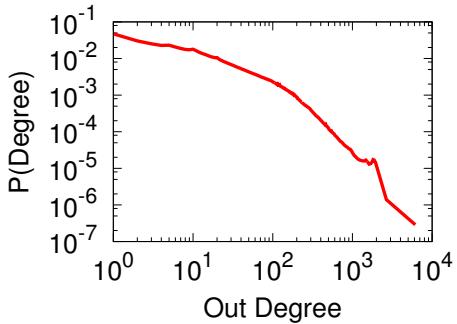
## Matthew Effect

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath.

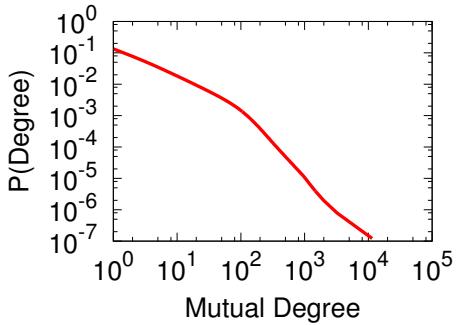
— Matthew 25:29, King James Version.



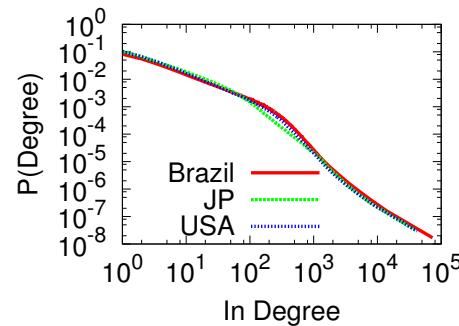
(a) In degree (All)



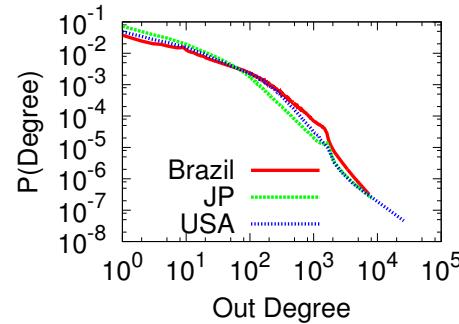
(b) Out degree (All)



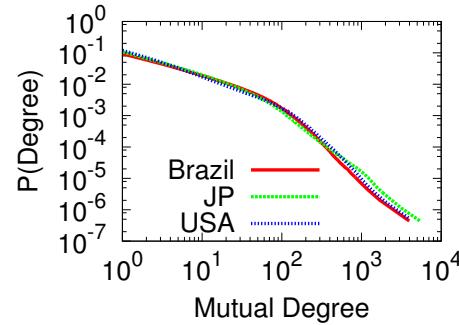
(c) Mutual degree (All)



(d) In degree (country)



(e) Out degree (country)



(f) Mutual degree (country)

What about Facebook?

BTW, how do we compute these graphs?



Count.

**BTW, how do we extract the webgraph?  
The webgraph... is big?!**

A few tricks:

Integerize vertices (monotone minimal perfect hashing)

Sort URLs

Integer compression

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58 GB!

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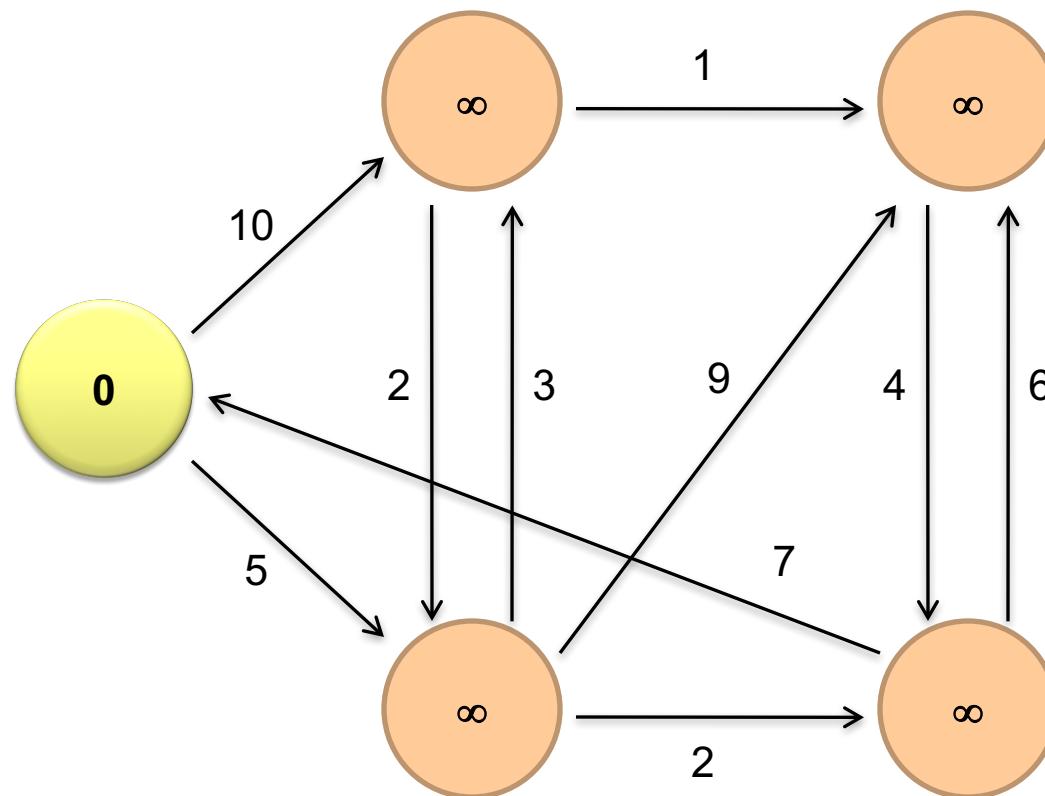
How do you traverse a graph in MapReduce (and Spark)?

# Single-Source Shortest Path

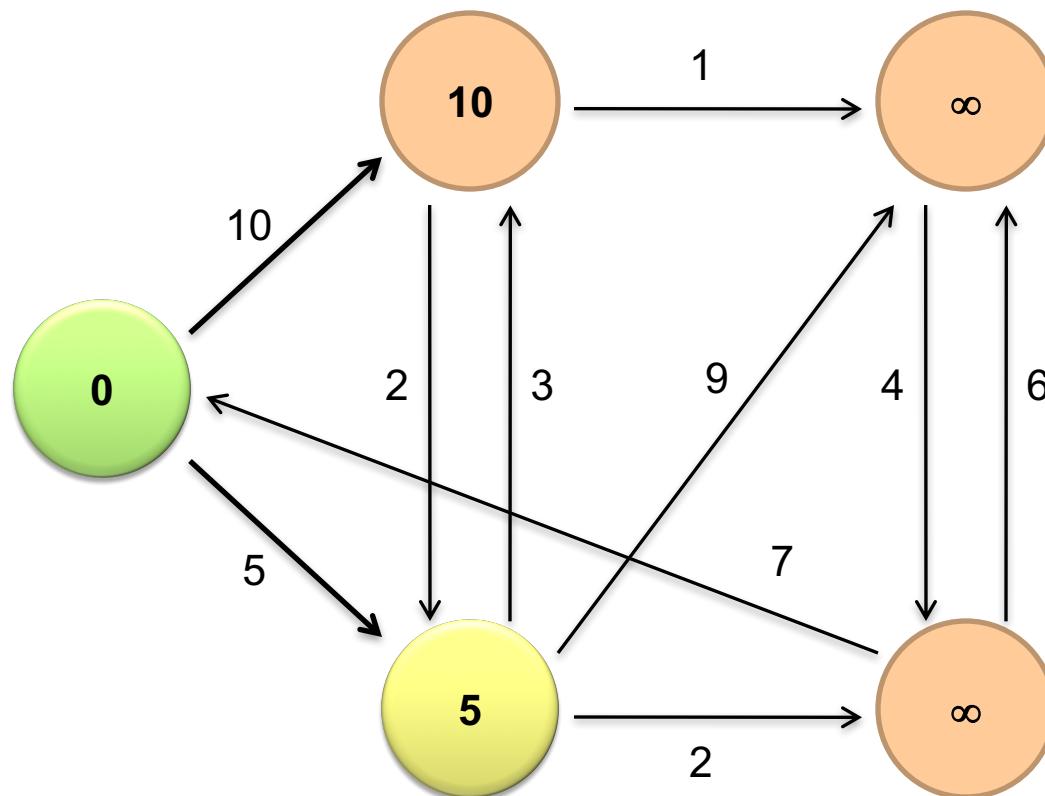
Problem: find shortest path from a source node to one or more target nodes  
Shortest might also mean lowest weight or cost

First, a refresher: Dijkstra's Algorithm...

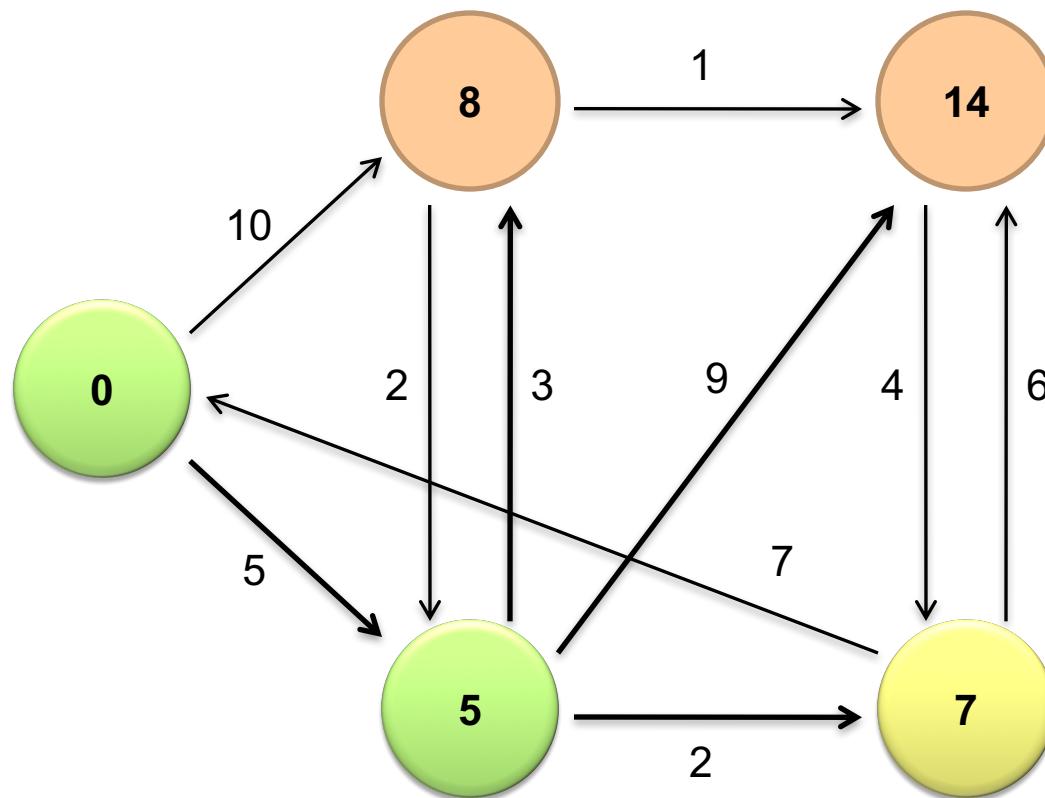
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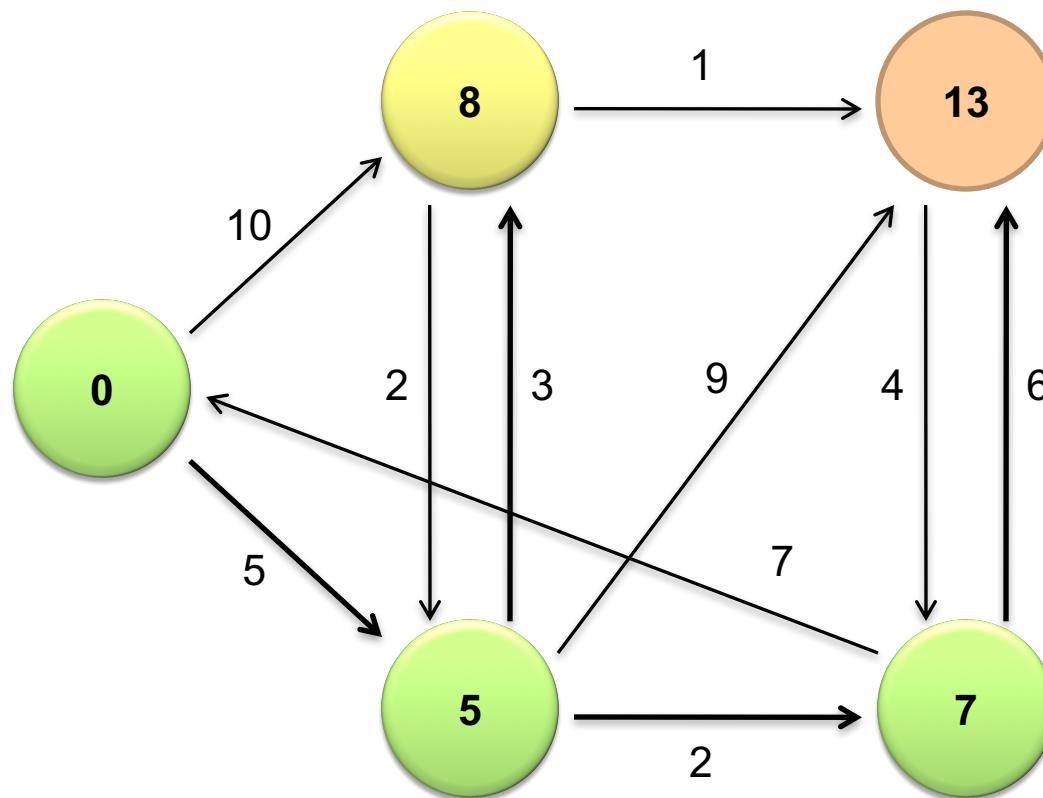
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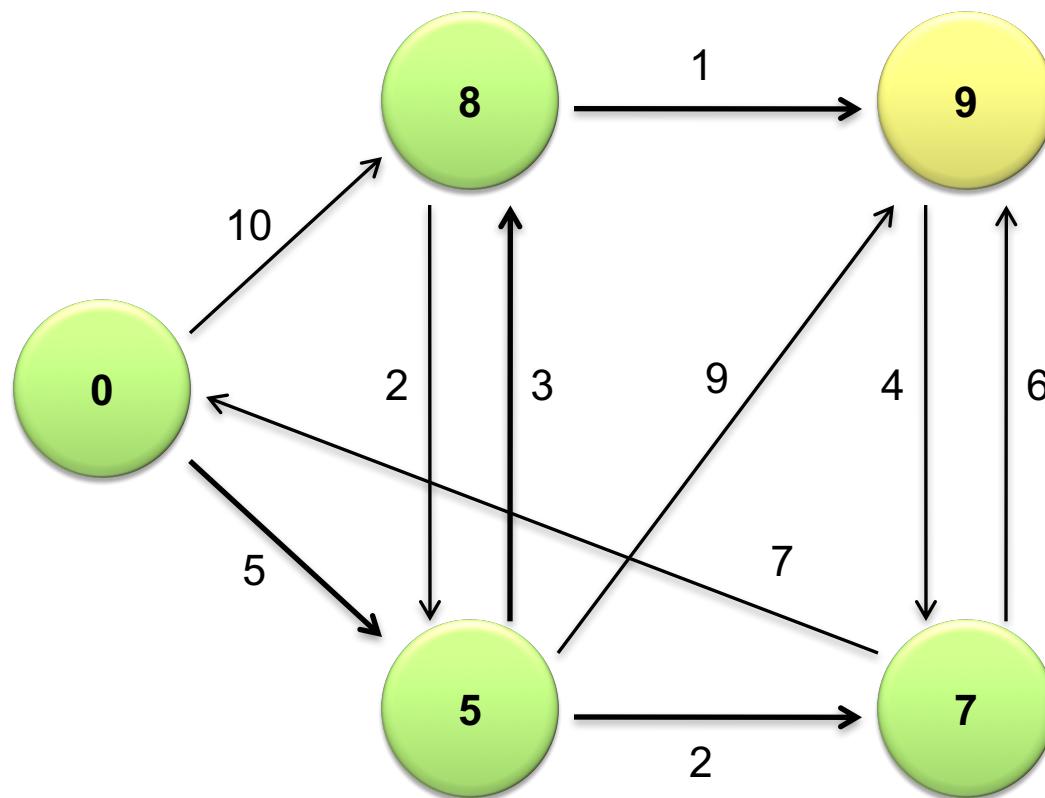
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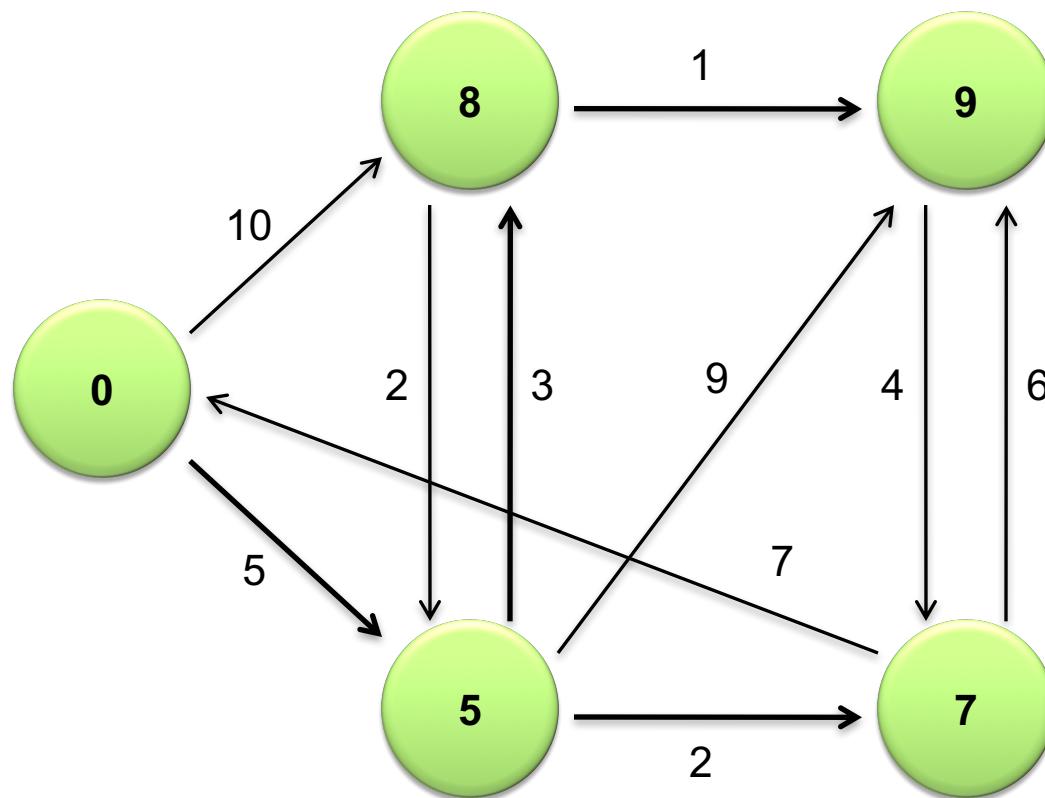
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Single processor machine: Dijkstra's Algorithm  
MapReduce: parallel breadth-first search (BFS)

# Finding the Shortest Path

Consider simple case of equal edge weights

Solution to the problem can be defined inductively:

Define:  $b$  is reachable from  $a$  if  $b$  is on adjacency list of  $a$

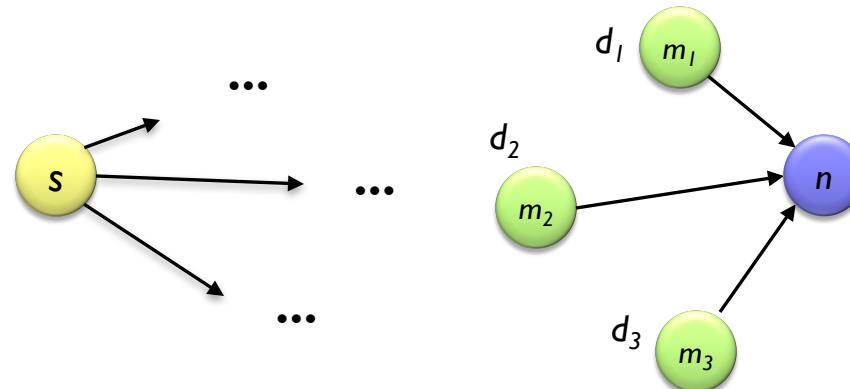
$$\text{DISTANCETo}(s) = 0$$

For all nodes  $p$  reachable from  $s$ ,

$$\text{DISTANCETo}(p) = 1$$

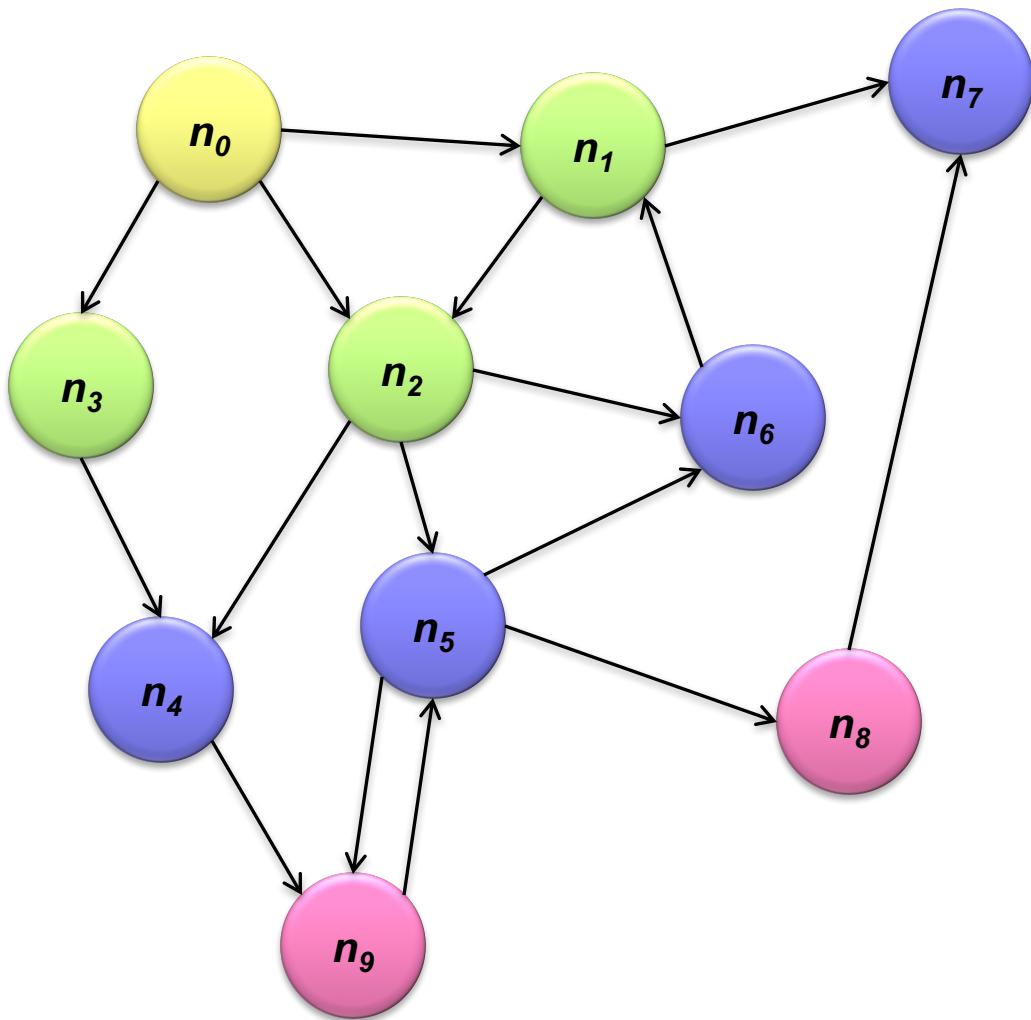
For all nodes  $n$  reachable from some other set of nodes  $M$ ,

$$\text{DISTANCETo}(n) = 1 + \min(\text{DISTANCETo}(m), m \in M)$$





# Visualizing Parallel BFS



# From Intuition to Algorithm

Data representation:

Key: node  $n$

Value:  $d$  (distance from start), adjacency list

Initialization: for all nodes except for start node,  $d = \infty$

Mapper:

$\forall m \in \text{adjacency list}: \text{emit } (m, d + 1)$

Remember to also emit distance to yourself

Sort/Shuffle:

Groups distances by reachable nodes

Reducer:

Selects minimum distance path for each reachable node

Additional bookkeeping needed to keep track of actual path

# Multiple Iterations Needed

Each MapReduce iteration advances the “frontier” by one hop  
Subsequent iterations include more reachable nodes as frontier expands  
Multiple iterations are needed to explore entire graph

Preserving graph structure:

Problem: Where did the adjacency list go?

Solution: mapper emits  $(n, \text{adjacency list})$  as well

Ugh! This is ugly!

# BFS Pseudo-Code

```
1: class MAPPER
2:   method MAP(nid  $n$ , node  $N$ )
3:      $d \leftarrow N.\text{DISTANCE}$ 
4:     EMIT(nid  $n$ ,  $N$ )                                ▷ Pass along graph structure
5:     for all nodeid  $m \in N.\text{ADJACENCYLIST}$  do
6:       EMIT(nid  $m$ ,  $d + 1$ )                         ▷ Emit distances to reachable nodes

1: class REDUCER
2:   method REDUCE(nid  $m$ , [ $d_1, d_2, \dots$ ])
3:      $d_{min} \leftarrow \infty$ 
4:      $M \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
5:     for all  $d \in \text{counts } [d_1, d_2, \dots]$  do
6:       if IsNODE( $d$ ) then
7:          $M \leftarrow d$                                 ▷ Recover graph structure
8:       else if  $d < d_{min}$  then
9:          $d_{min} \leftarrow d$                           ▷ Look for shorter distance
10:       $M.\text{DISTANCE} \leftarrow d_{min}$                 ▷ Update shortest distance
11:      EMIT(nid  $m$ , node  $M$ )
```

# Stopping Criterion

(equal edge weight)

How many iterations are needed in parallel BFS?

Convince yourself: when a node is first “discovered”,  
we’ve found the shortest path

What does it have to do with  
six degrees of separation?

Practicalities of MapReduce implementation...

# Comparison to Dijkstra

Dijkstra's algorithm is more efficient

At each step, only pursues edges from minimum-cost path inside frontier

MapReduce explores all paths in parallel

Lots of “waste”

Useful work is only done at the “frontier”

Why can't we do better using MapReduce?

# Single Source: Weighted Edges

Now add positive weights to the edges

Simple change: add weight  $w$  for each edge in adjacency list

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In mapper, emit  $(m, d + w_p)$  instead of  $(m, d + 1)$  for each node  $m$

That's it?

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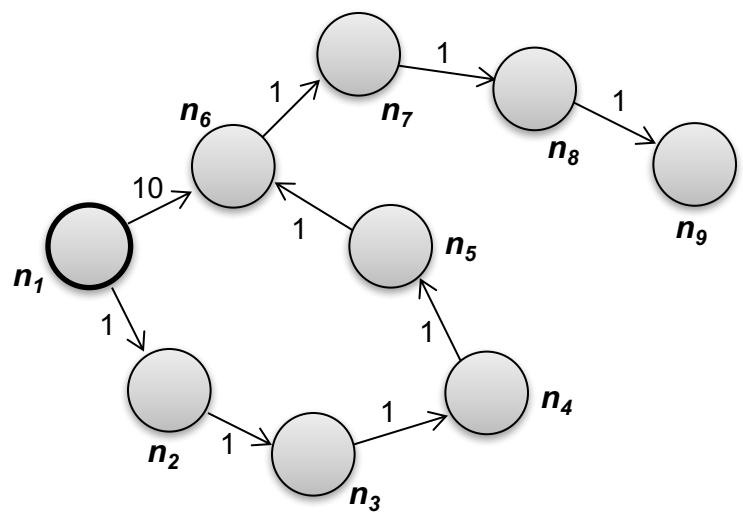
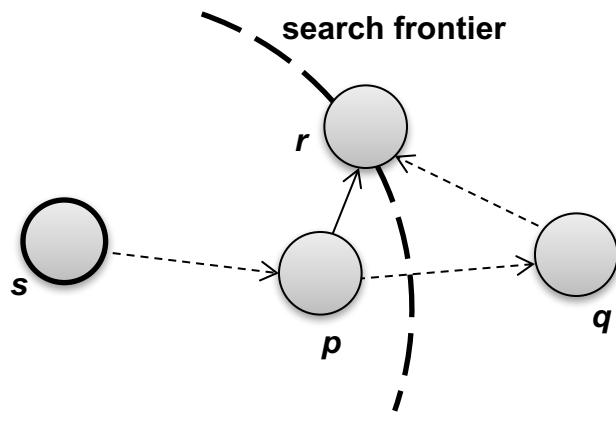
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Not true!

# Additional Complexities



# Stopping Criterion

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Practicalities of MapReduce implementation...

A photograph of a traditional Japanese rock garden. In the foreground, a gravel path is raked into fine, parallel lines. Several large, dark, irregular stones are scattered across the garden. A small, shallow pond is visible in the middle ground, surrounded by more stones and some low-lying green plants. In the background, there are more stones, some small trees, and the wooden buildings of a residence with tiled roofs.

# Questions?