

# LU Factorization

**Geometric Algorithms**  
**Lecture 12**

# Practice Problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Determine the inverse of the above matrix in every way that we've discussed*

# Answer

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{7 - 6} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{e}_1$$

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~~$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$~~

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$$\vec{x} = A^{-1} \vec{b}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 & -20 \\ -9 & +10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Objectives

- » Motivate **matrix factorization** in general, and the LU factorization in specific
- » Recall elementary row operations and connect them to matrices
- » Look at the **LU factorization**, how to find it, and how to use it

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So far, we've been given two factors and asked to find their product

**Factorization is the harder direction**

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$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_1 \quad , \quad A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_{k-1} \quad , \quad A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_k$$

**In other words:** we want to solve several matrix equations over the same matrix



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**Question.** For a matrix  $A$ , solve (for  $X$ ) in the equation

$$AX = B$$

where  $X$  and  $B$  are matrices of appropriate dimension

**This is (essentially) the same question**

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**What if  $A^{-1}$  is not invertible?**

**Even if it is, can we do it faster?**

# LU Factorization at a High Level

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**Note.** This applies to non-square matrices

# What are "L" and "U"?

L stands for "lower" as in *lower triangular*

U stands for "upper" as in *upper triangular*

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**The idea.**  $L$  "implements" the row operations of the forward phase (in reverse)

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**Example:** Scale row 2 by 5

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Restricted to one column, we see this is the above linear transformation

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Let's build the matrix which implements it:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 20 & 25 & 30 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Another Example: Scaling + Replacement

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ (a_{31} - 2a_{11}) & (a_{32} - 2a_{12}) & (a_{33} - 2a_{13}) \end{bmatrix}$$

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Elementary row operations are  
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# General Swap Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we want to swap  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ , then we need the identity matrix, but with  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  swapped.

# Elementary Matrices

**Definition.** An **elementary matrix** is a matrix obtained by applying a single row operation to the identity matrix  $I$

**Example.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**So we can implement any sequence of row operations as a product of elementary matrices**

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**Question.** Find the matrix implementing a sequence of row operations  $op_1, op_2, \dots$

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# Question

*Find the matrix implementing the following sequence of elementary row operations on a  $3 \times n$  matrix.*

$$R_2 \leftarrow 3R_2$$

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*Then multiply it with the all-ones  $3 \times 3$  matrix.*

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check:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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This also means the product of elementary matrices is invertible

$$(E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4)^{-1} = E_4^{-1} E_3^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_1^{-1}$$

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# Reminder: LU Factorization at a High Level

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# Gaussian Elimination and Elementary Matrices

$$A \sim A_1 \sim A_2 \sim \dots \sim \boxed{A_k}$$

*echelon form*

Consider a sequence of elementary row operations from  $A$  to an echelon form

Each step can be represent as a **product with an elementary matrix**

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# The "L" Part

$$E = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1$$

This a product of elementary matrices

So  $L = E^{-1} = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} \dots E_{k-1}^{-1} E_k^{-1}$  **!! the order reverses !!**

We won't prove this, but it's worth thinking about: **why is this lower triangular?**

And can we build this in a more efficient way?

demo

# How To: LU Factorization by hand

**Question.** Find a LU Factorization for the matrix  $A$  (assuming no swaps)

**Solution.**

- » Start with  $L$  as the identity matrix
- » Find  $U$  by the forward part of GE
- » For each operation  $R_i \leftarrow R_i + kR_j$ , set  $L_{ij}$  to  $-k$

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$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3i^2}{4i^2} \neq 1$$

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the dominant term of a polynomial is the monomial with the highest degree

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + 100000x^2}{3x^3} = 1$$

$3x^3$  dominates the function even though the coefficient for  $x^2$  is so large

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Verify:

$$(L U) \vec{x} = \vec{b} \quad L (U \vec{x}) = \vec{b} \quad A \vec{d} = \vec{b}$$
$$L \vec{y} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{y} = \vec{c} \quad U \vec{x} = \vec{c} \quad \mathbf{x} = \vec{d} \quad L U \vec{d} = \vec{b}$$
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**Why is this better than just solving  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ ?**

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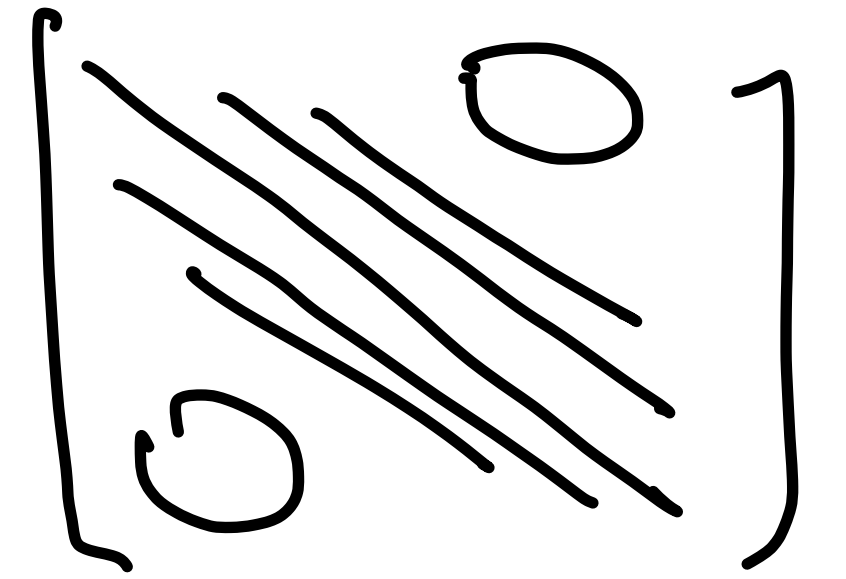
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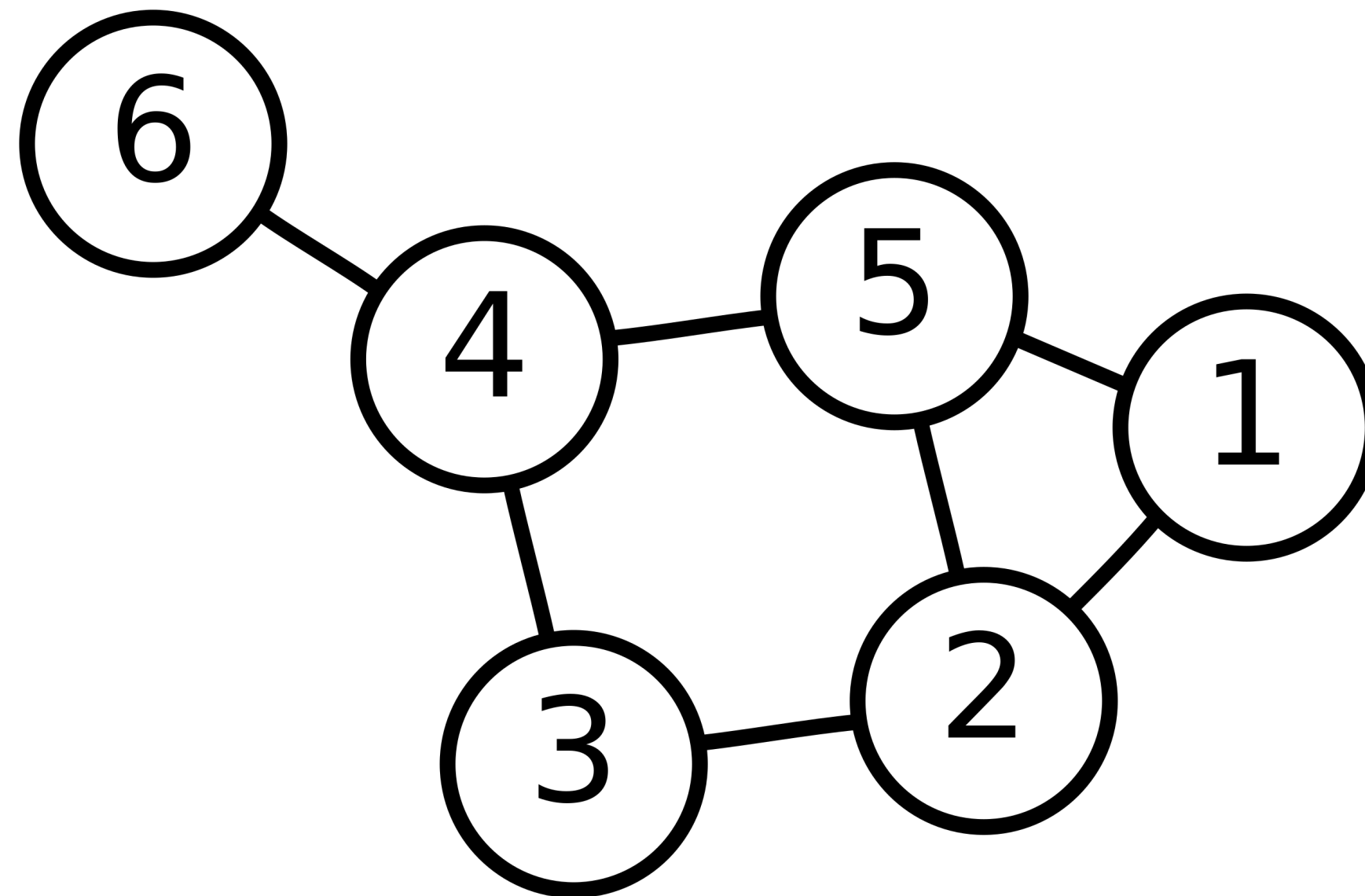
Sparse matrices are faster to compute with and better with respect to storage.



# **Algebraic Graph Theory**

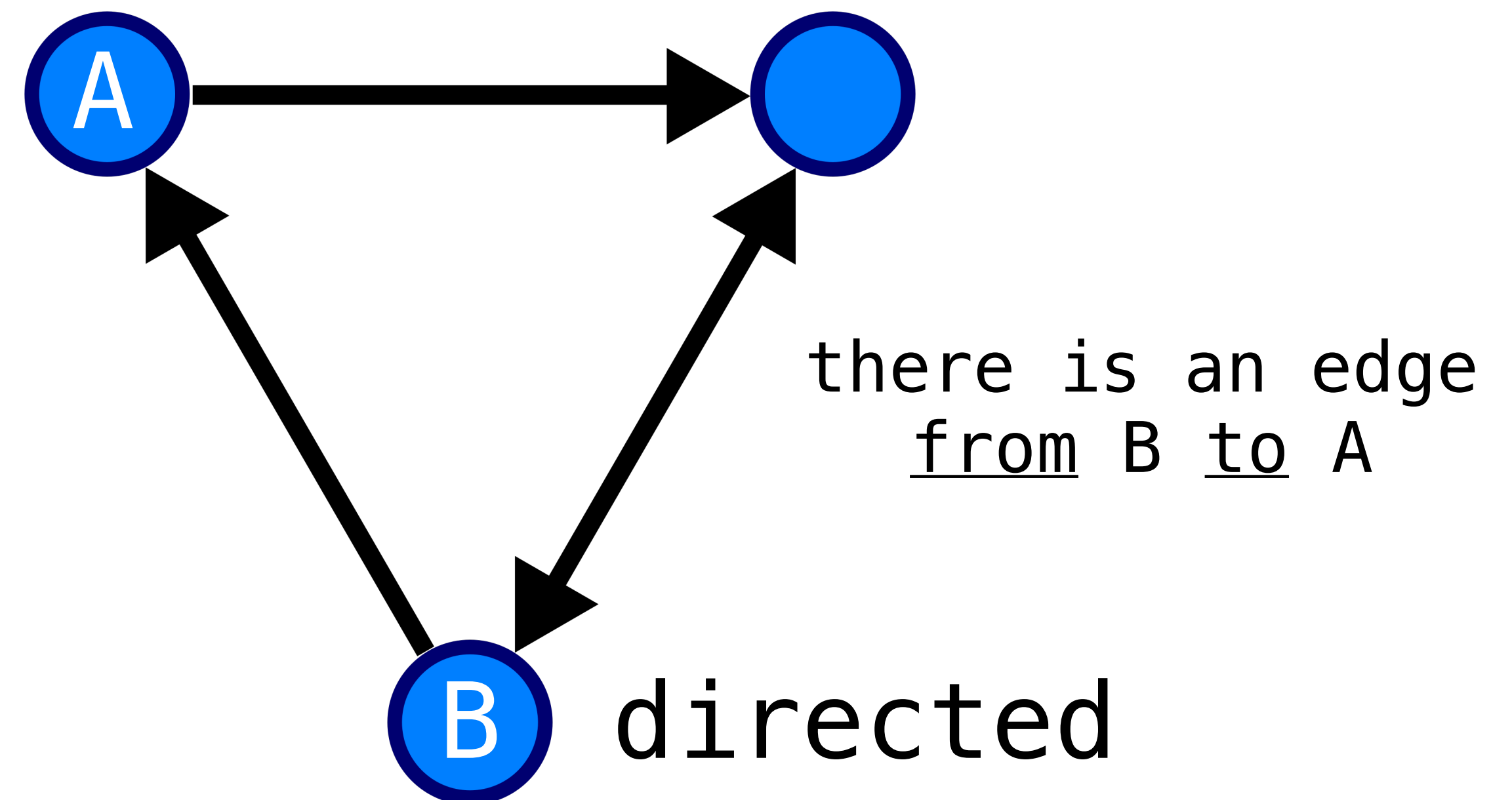
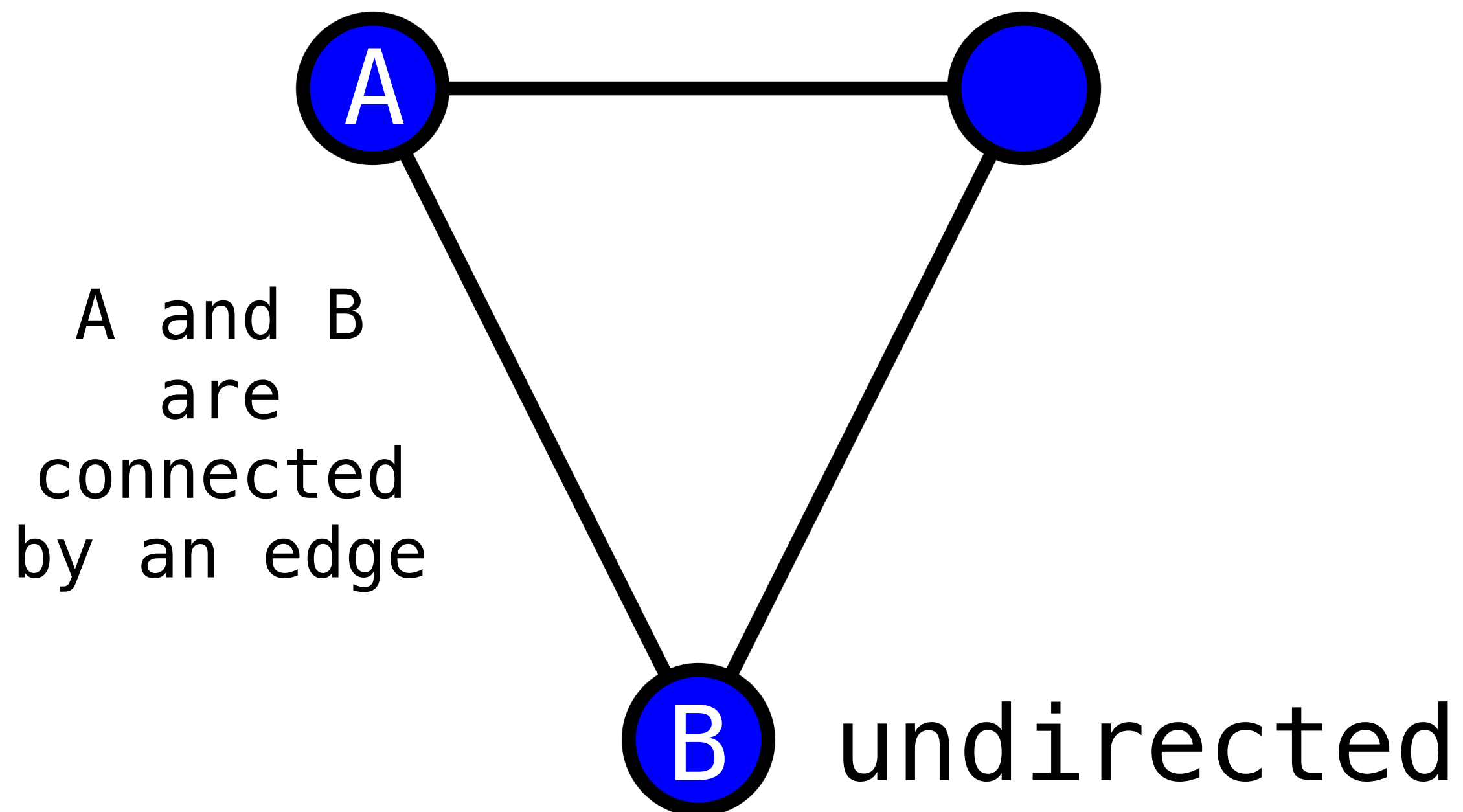
# Graphs

**Definition (Informal).** A graph is a collection of nodes with edges between them.



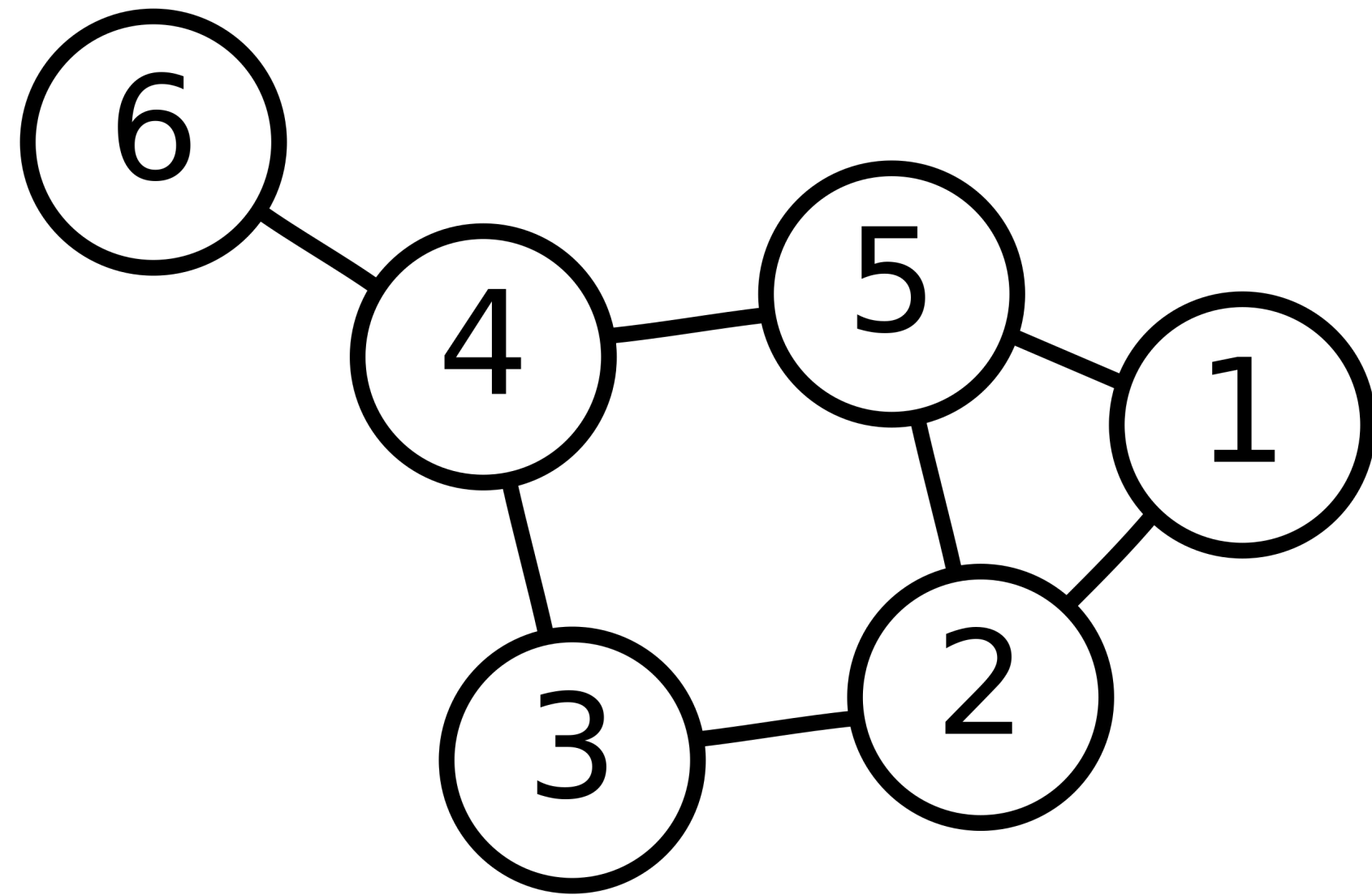
# Directed vs. Undirected Graphs

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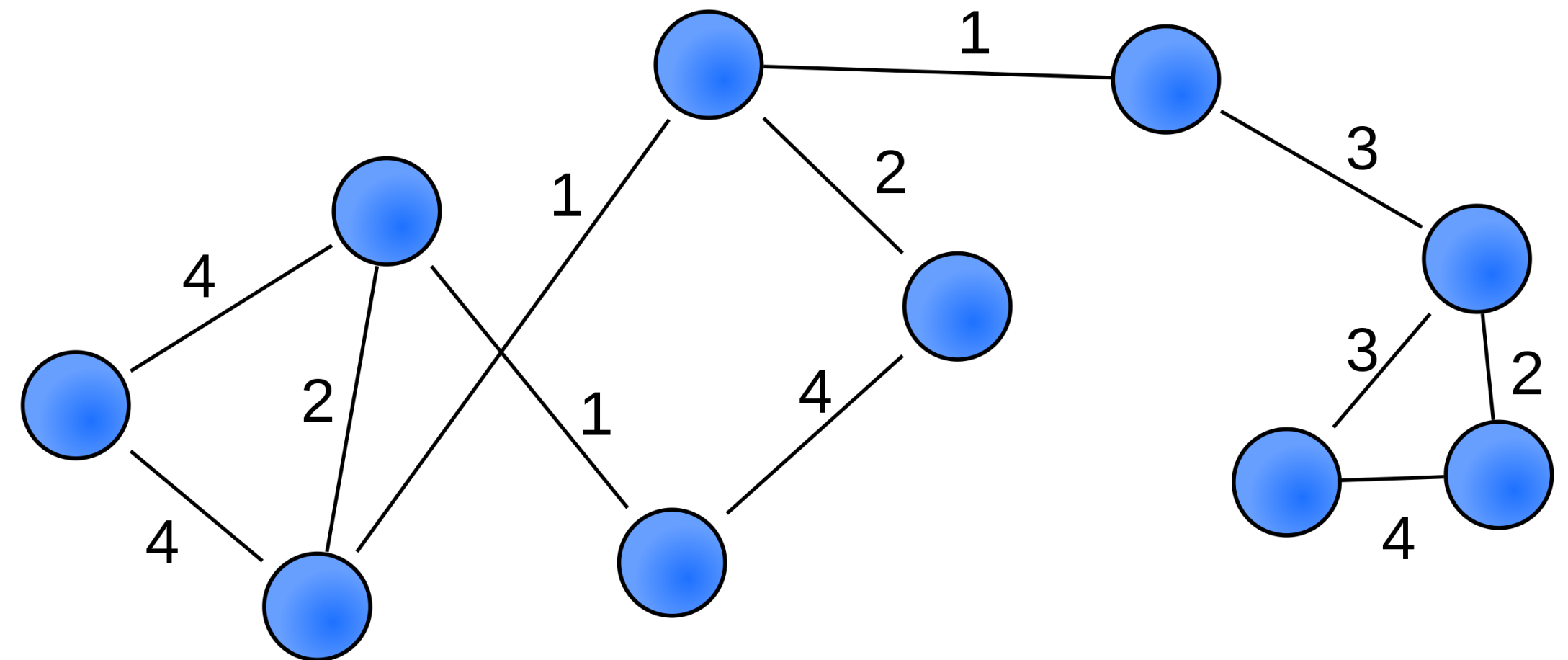


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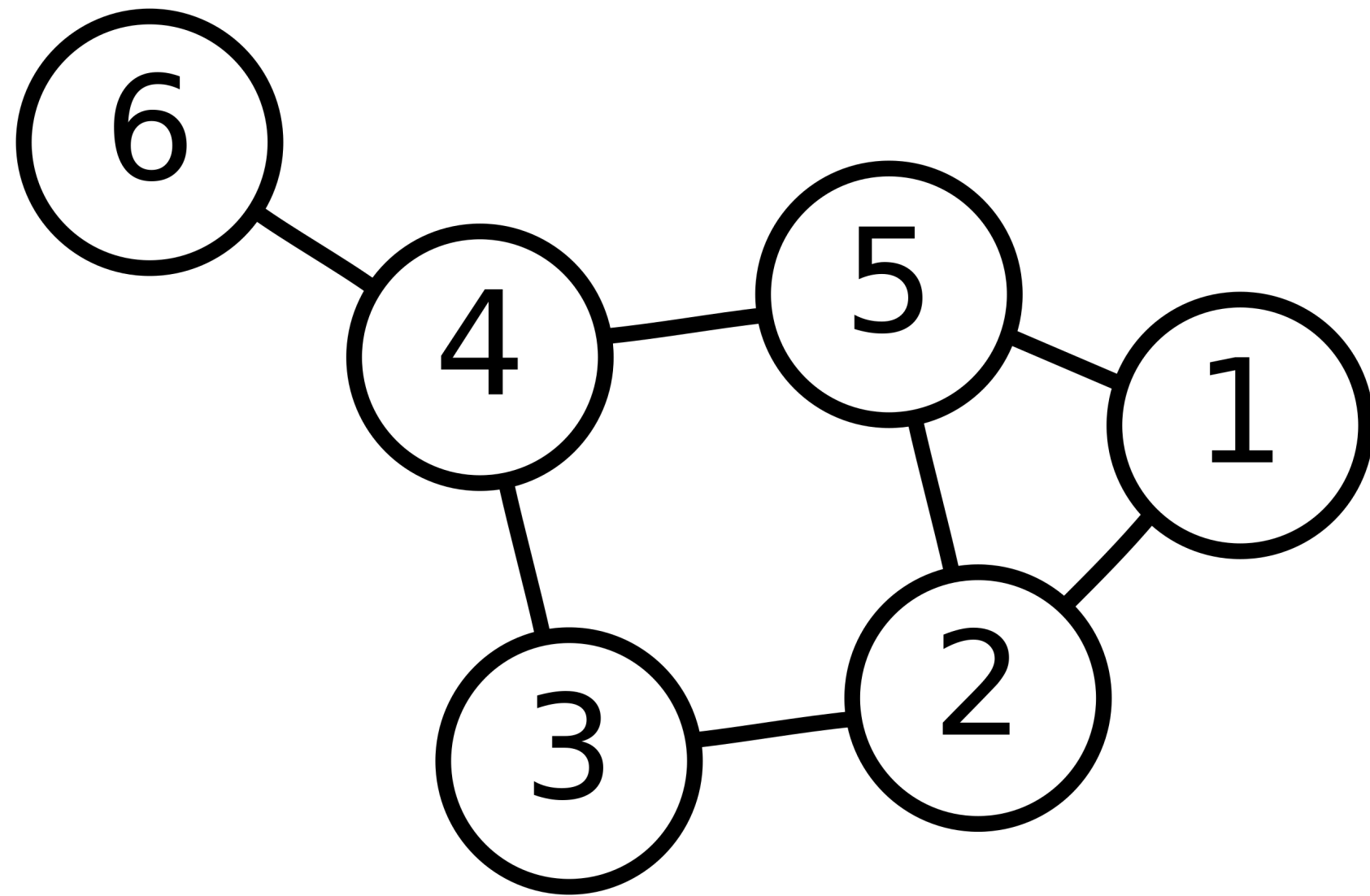
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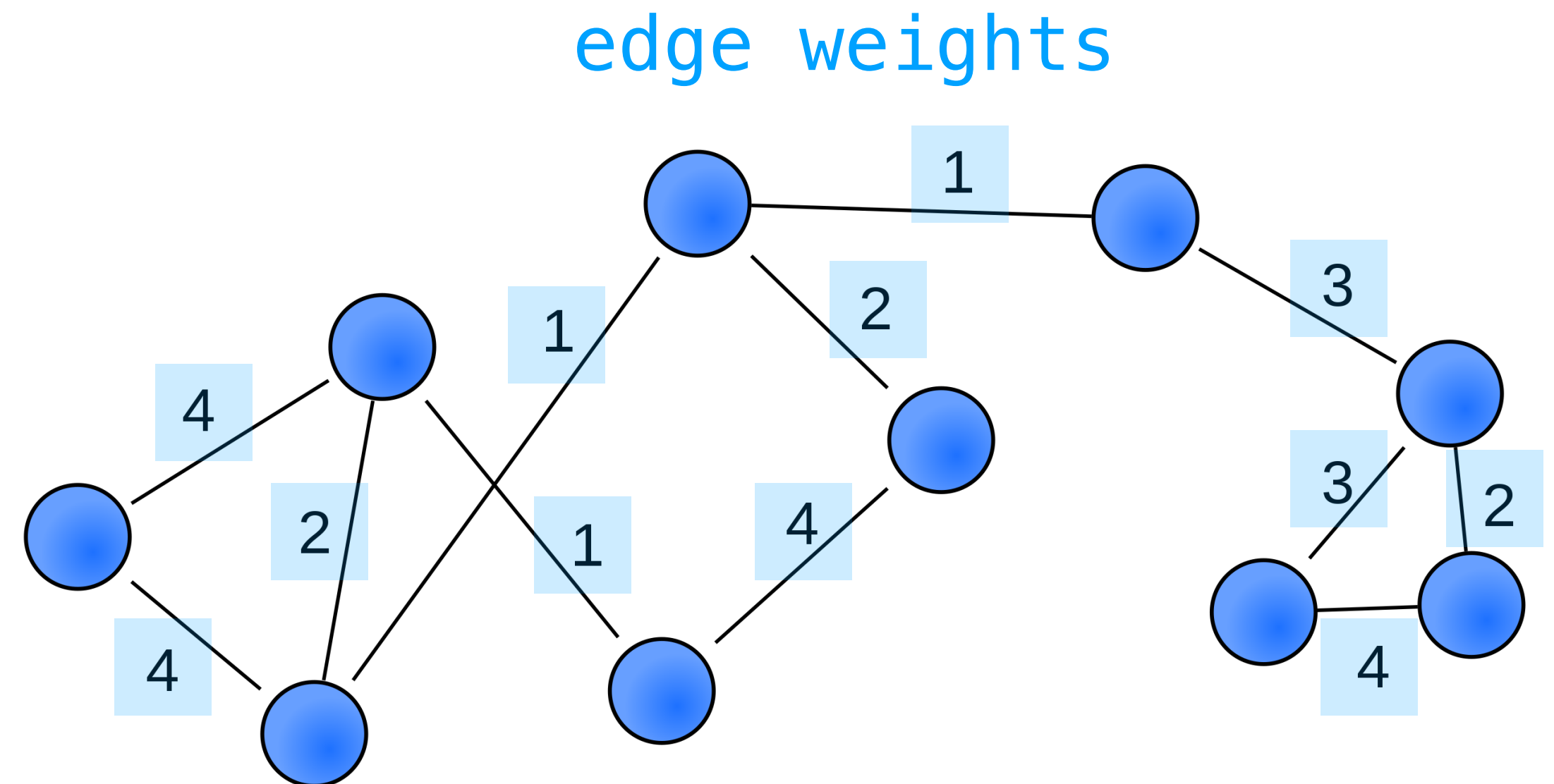
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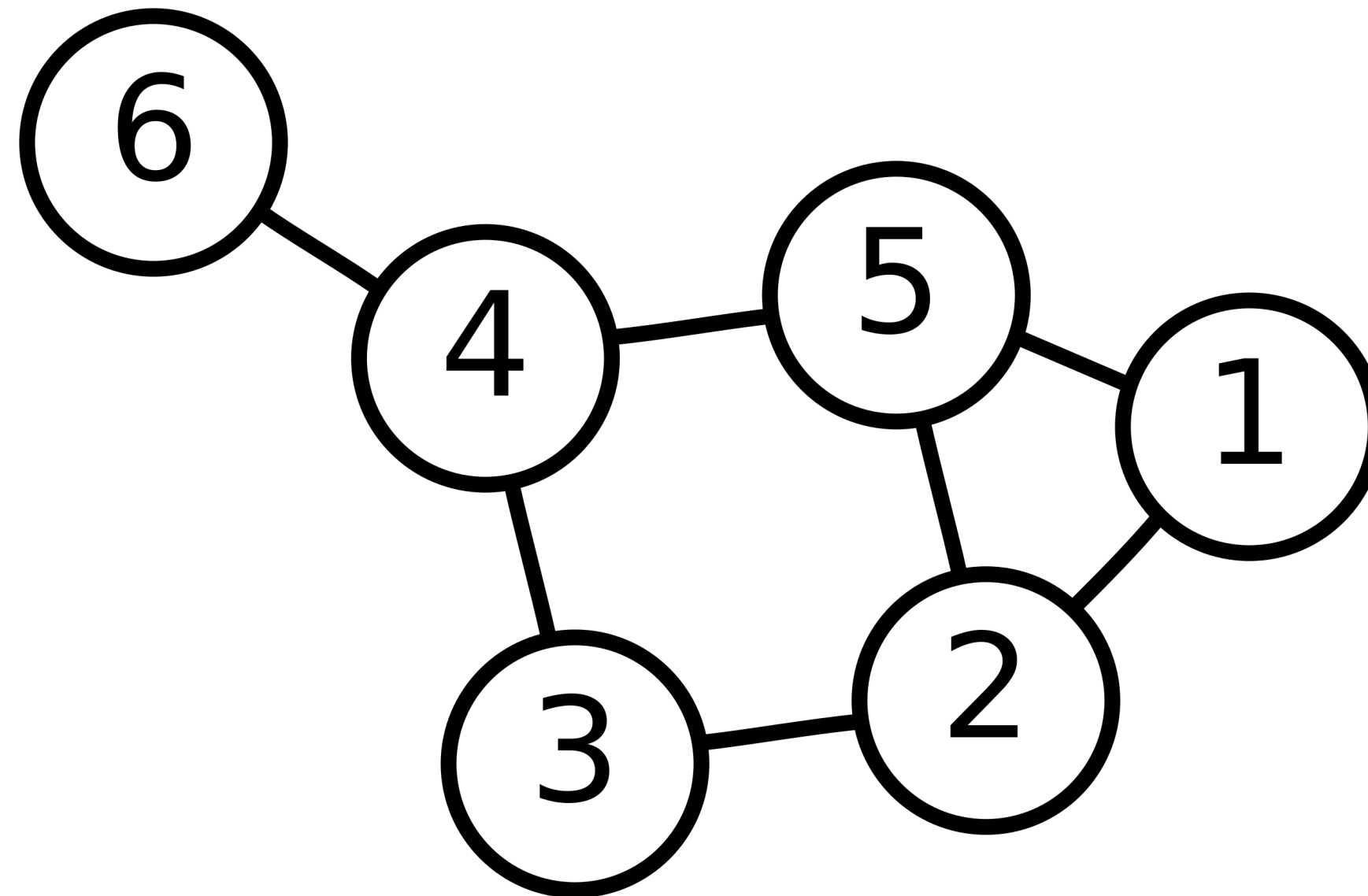
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# Simple Graphs

A graph is **simple** if it is undirected, has no self loops, and no multi-edges.



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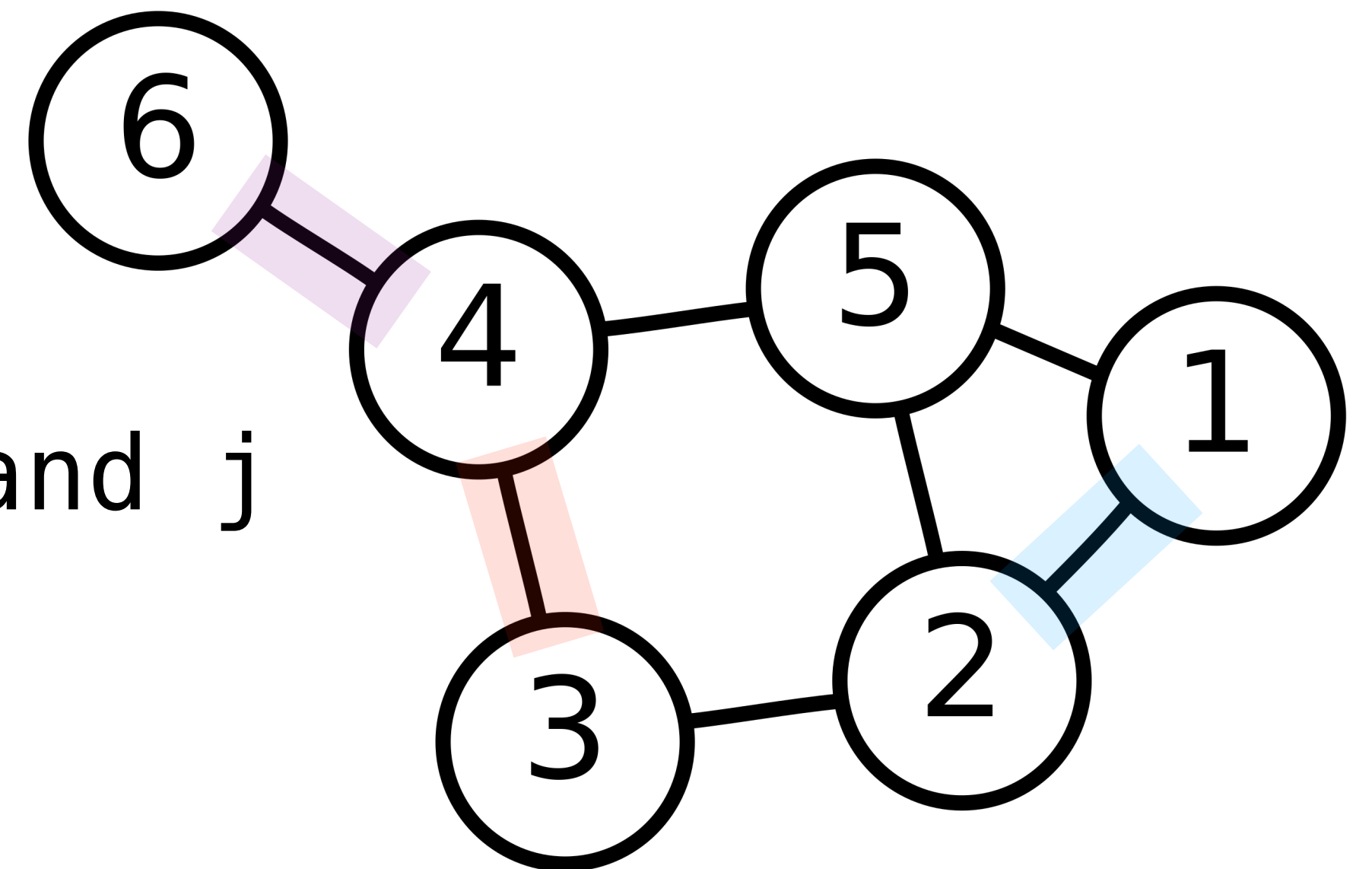
# Adjacency Matrices

Let  $G$  be an simple graph with its nodes labeled by numbers 1 through  $n$ .

We can create the **adjacency matrix**  $A$  for  $G$  as follows.

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{there is an edge between } i \text{ and } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & & A_{12} & & A_{34} & & A_{46} \\ A_{21} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



# Symmetric Matrices

**Definition.** A  $n \times n$  matrix is **symmetric** if

$$A^T = A$$

**Example.**

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Once we have an adjacency matrix,  
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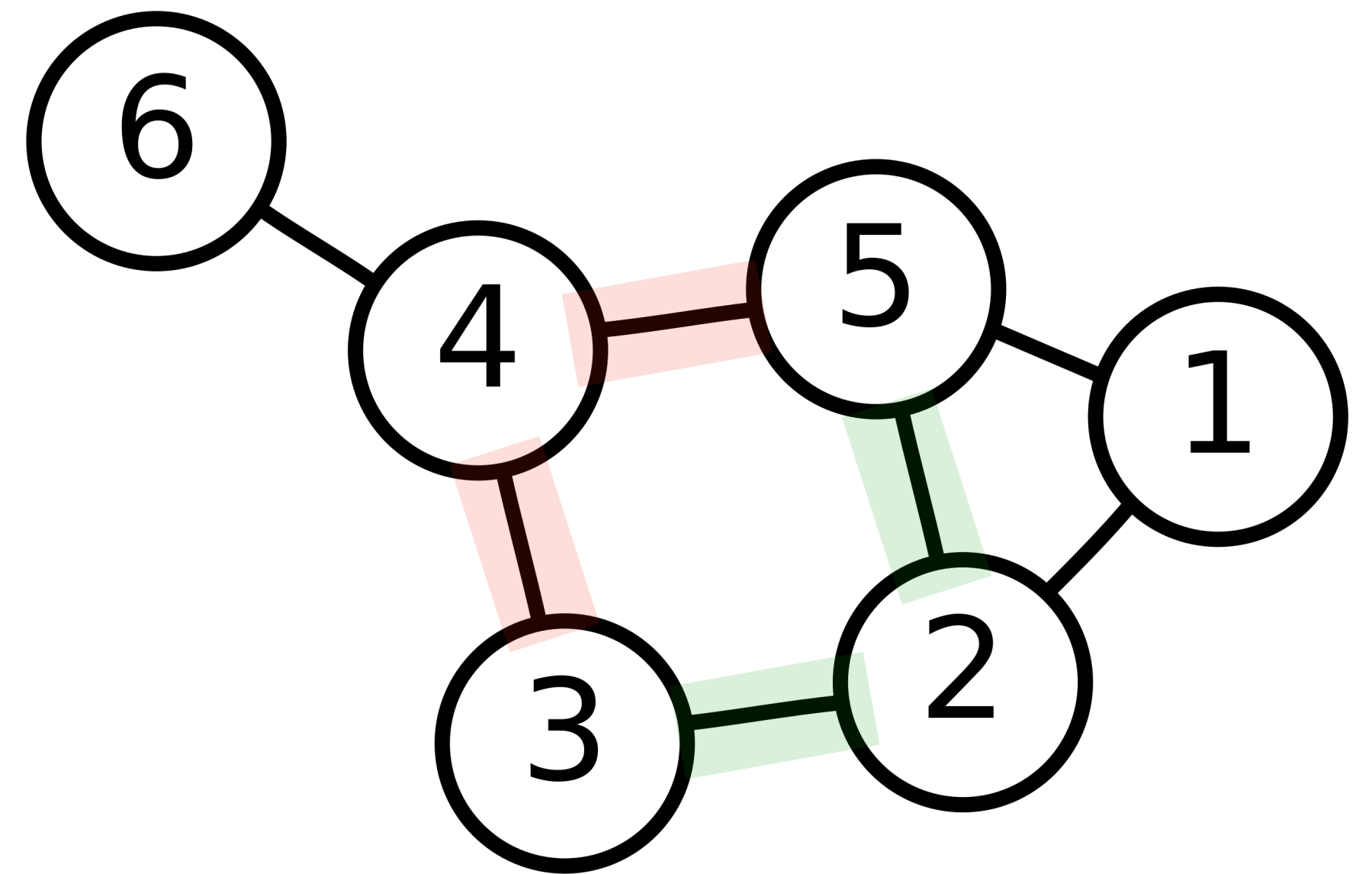
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*Given an adjacency matrix  $A$ , can we interpret anything meaningful from  $A^2$ ?*



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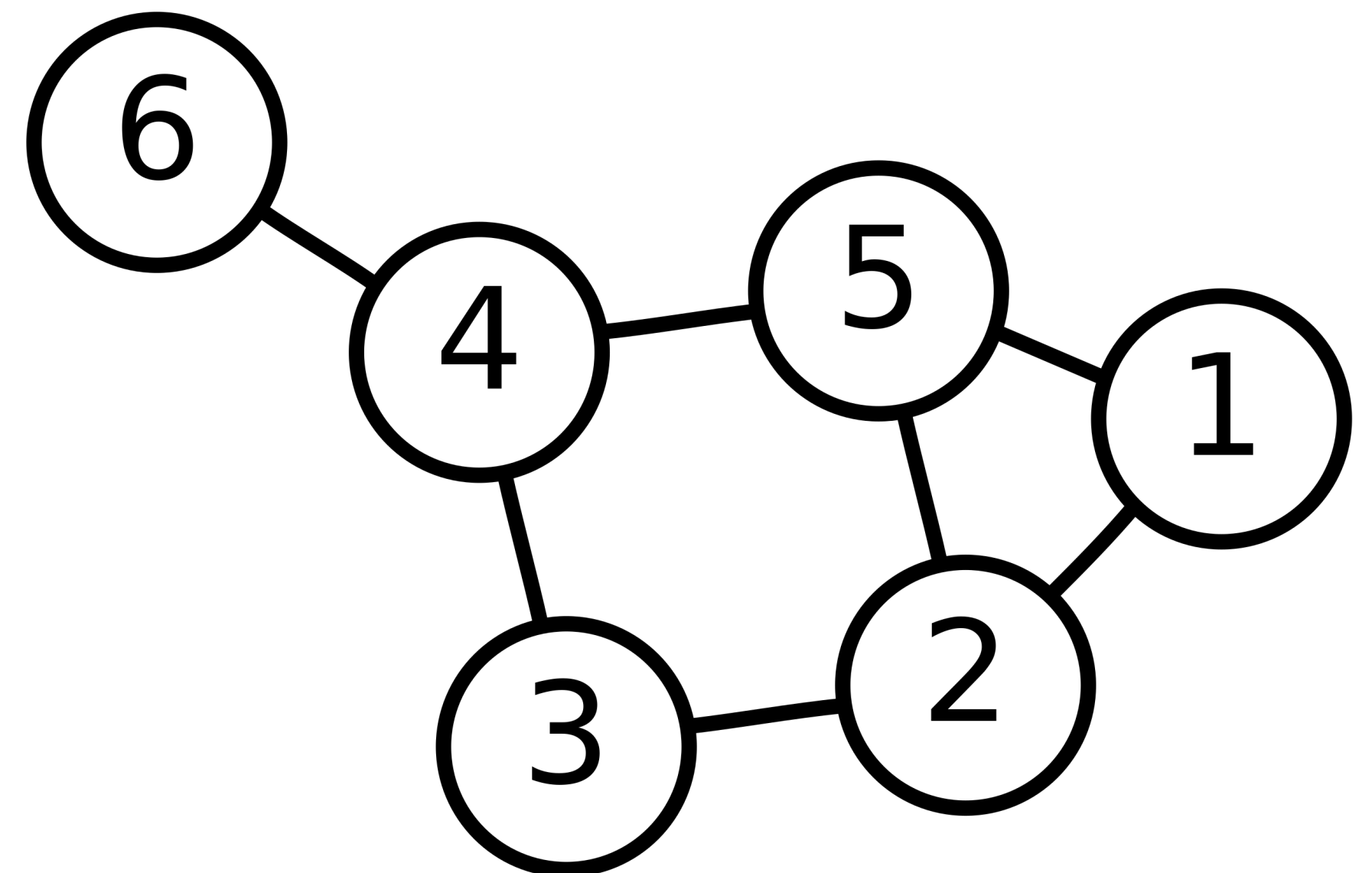
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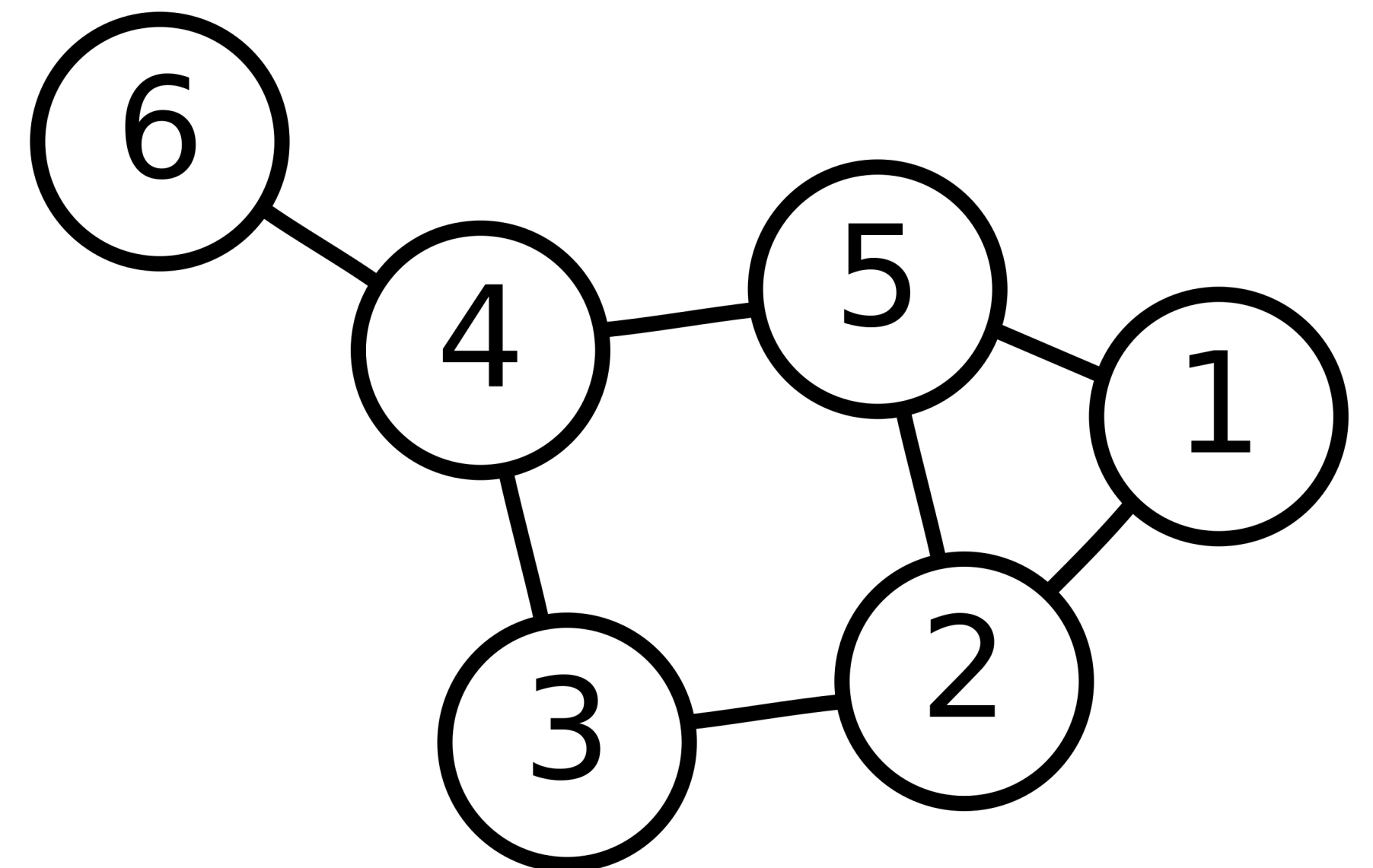
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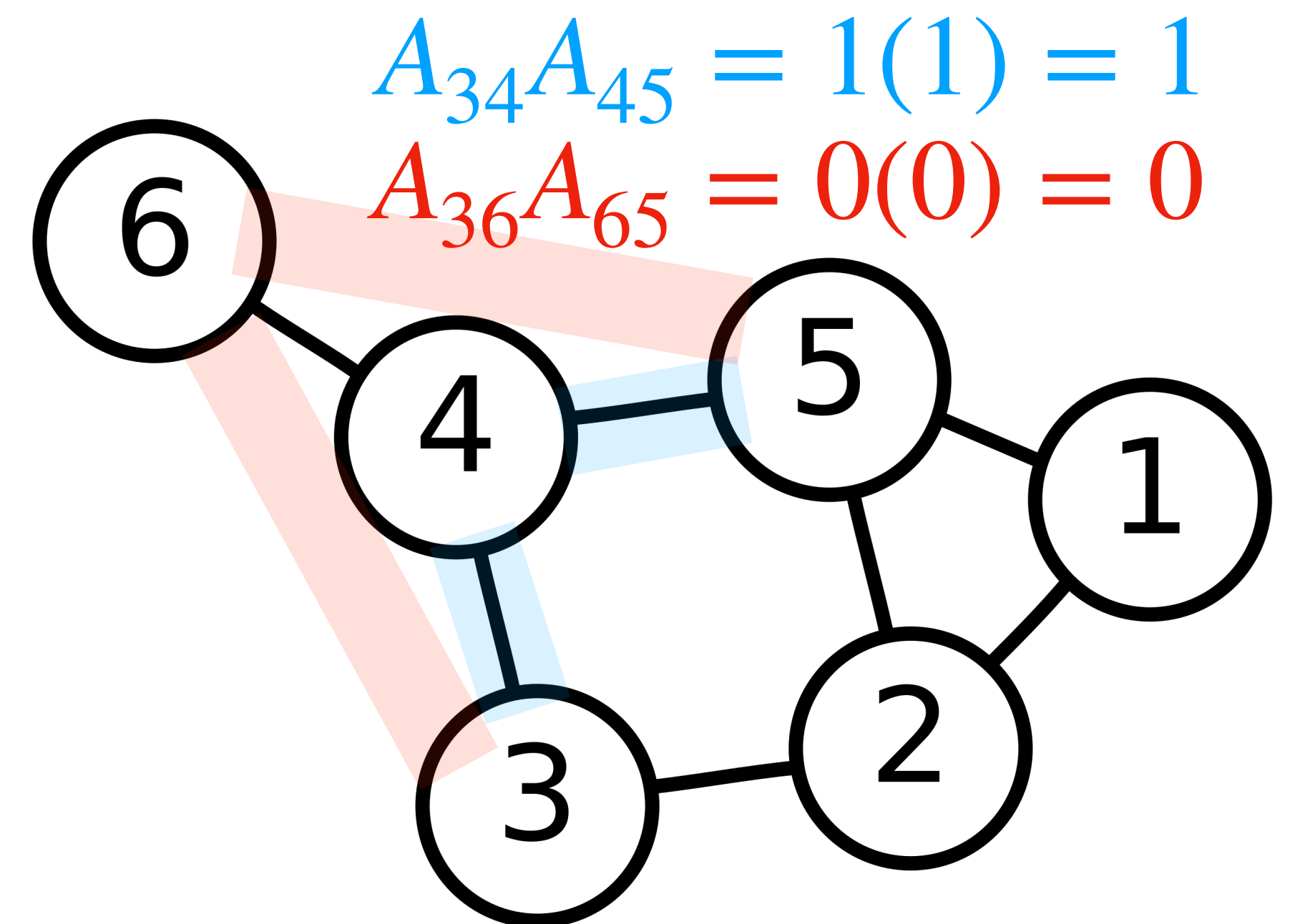
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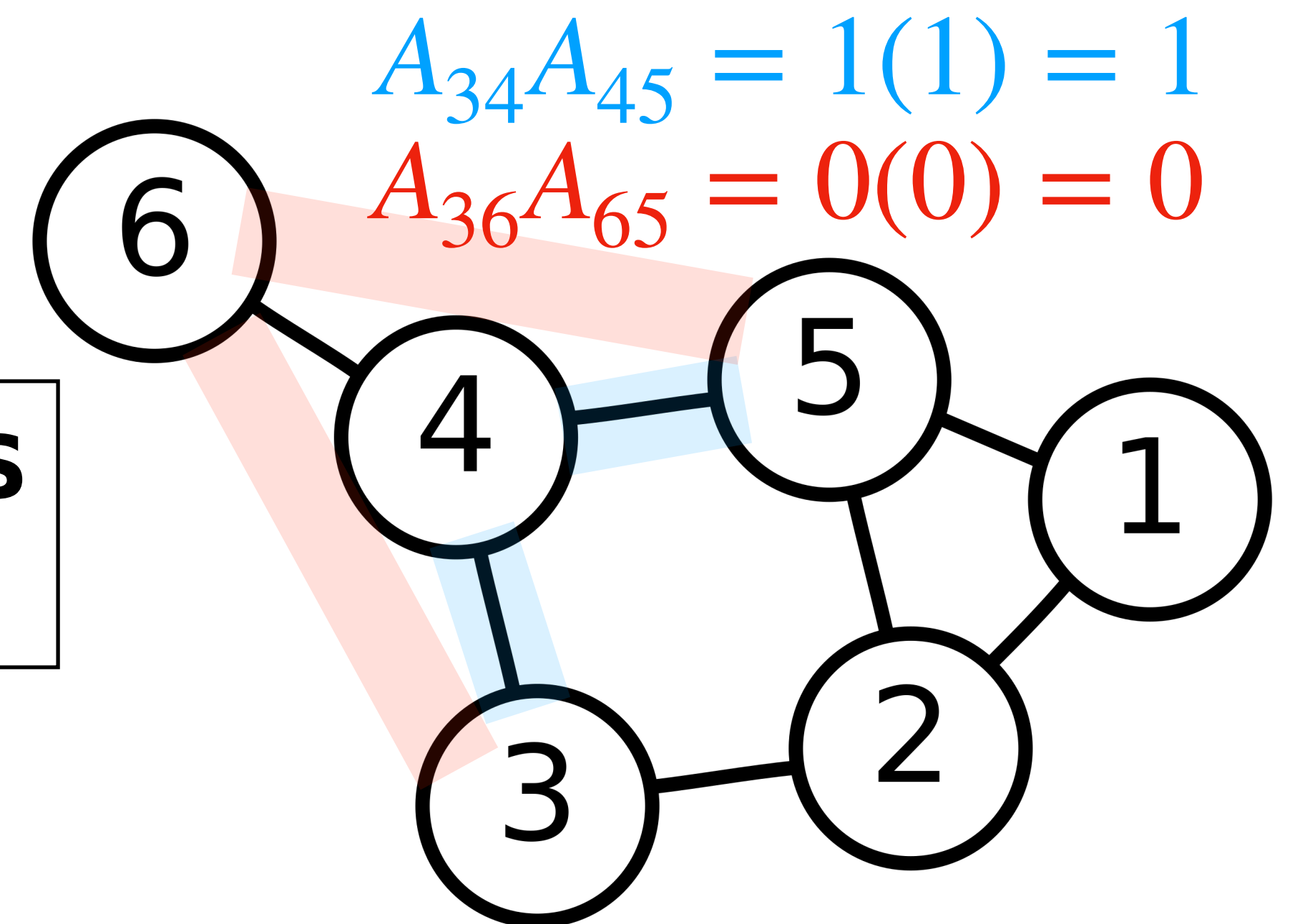


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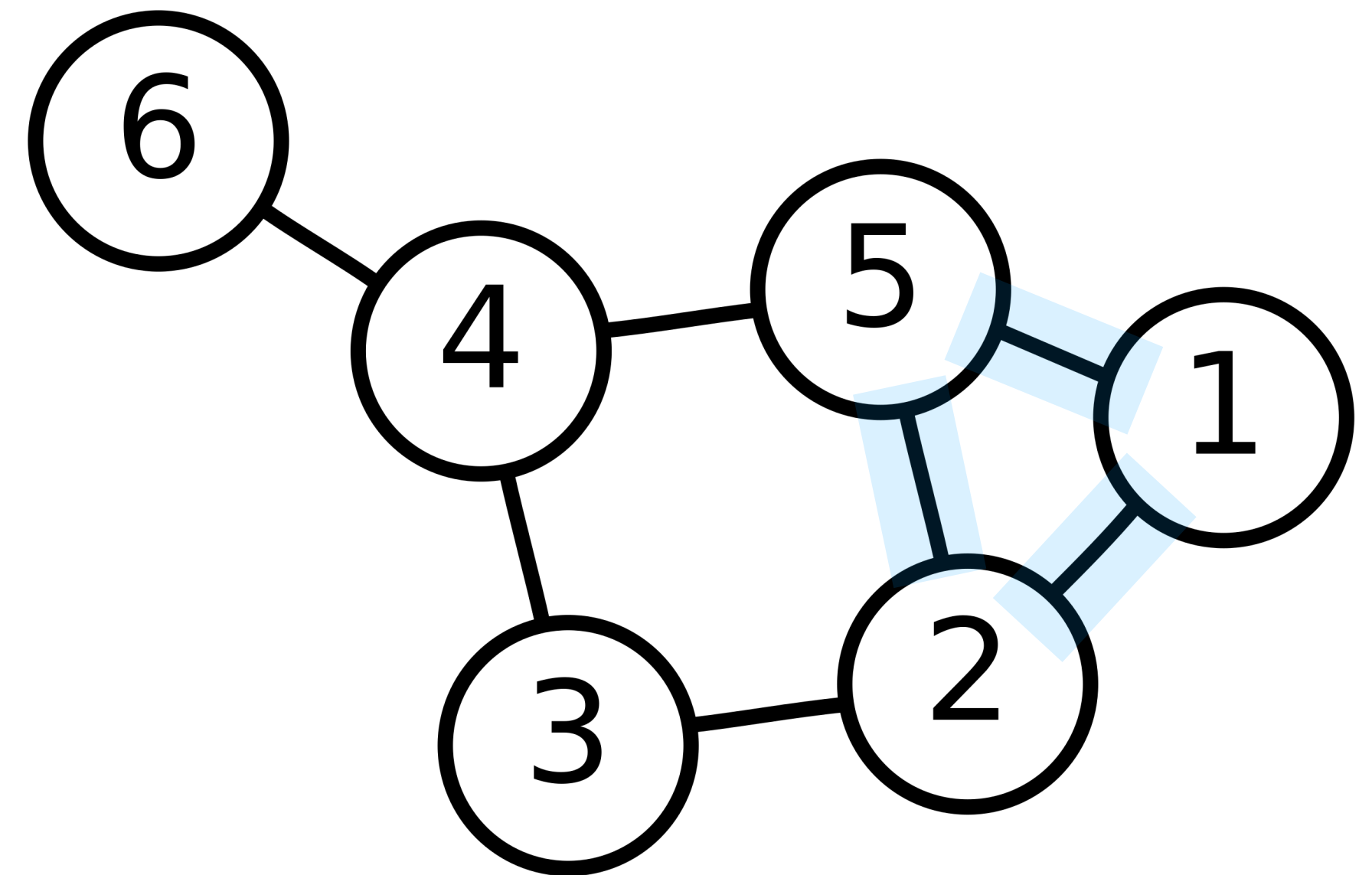
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# Application: Triangle Counting

A **triangle** in an undirected graph is a set of three distinct nodes with edges between every pair of nodes.

Triangles in a social network represent mutual friends and tight cohesion (among other things)



# Application: Triangle Counting (Naive)

```
FUNCTION tri_count_naive(A):
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    count = 0
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    for i from 1 to n:
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        for j from i + 1 to n:
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            for k from j + 1 to n:
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                if  $A_{ij} = 1$  and  $A_{jk} = 1$  and  $A_{ki} = 1$ : # an edge between each pair
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                    count += 1:
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RETURN count
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# Application: Triangle Counting

**Theorem.** For an adjacency matrix  $A$ , the number of triangle containing the edge  $(i,j)$  is

$$(A^2)_{ij} * A_{ij}$$

Verify:



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**FUNCTION** tri\_count( $A$ ):

    compute  $A^2$

    count  $\leftarrow$  sum of  $(A^2)_{ij} * A_{ij}$  for all distinct  $i$  and  $j$

**RETURN** count / 6      # why divided by 6?

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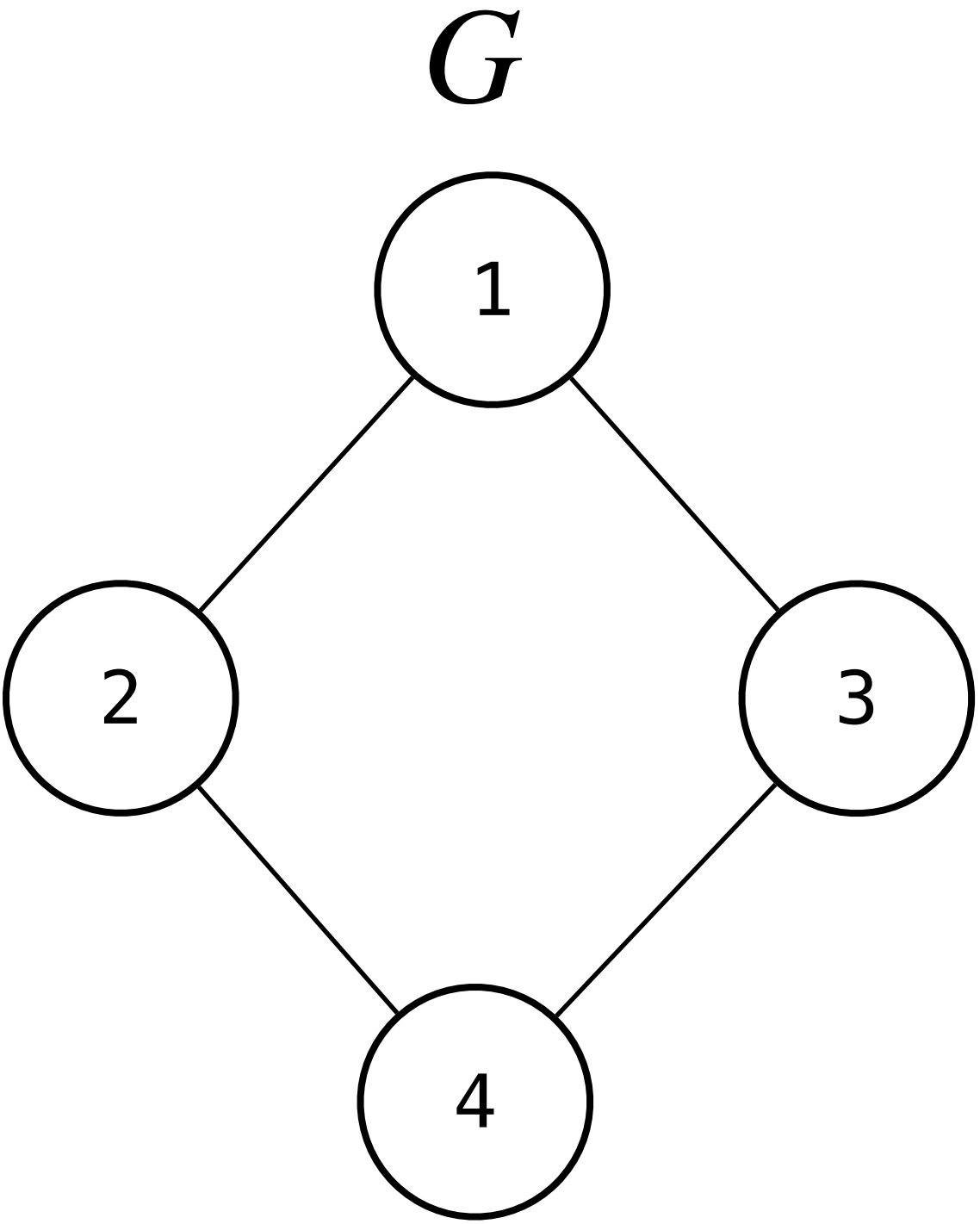
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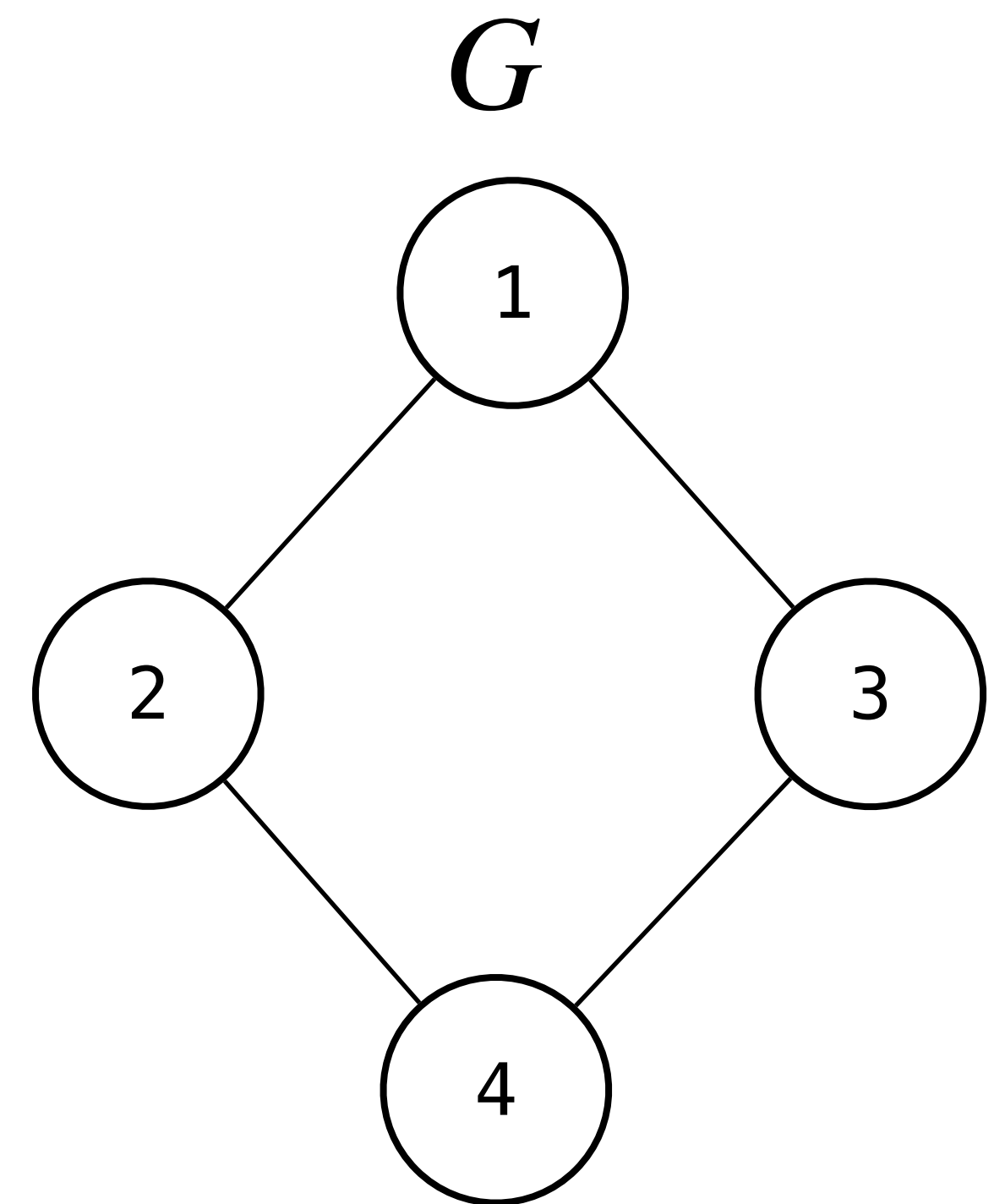
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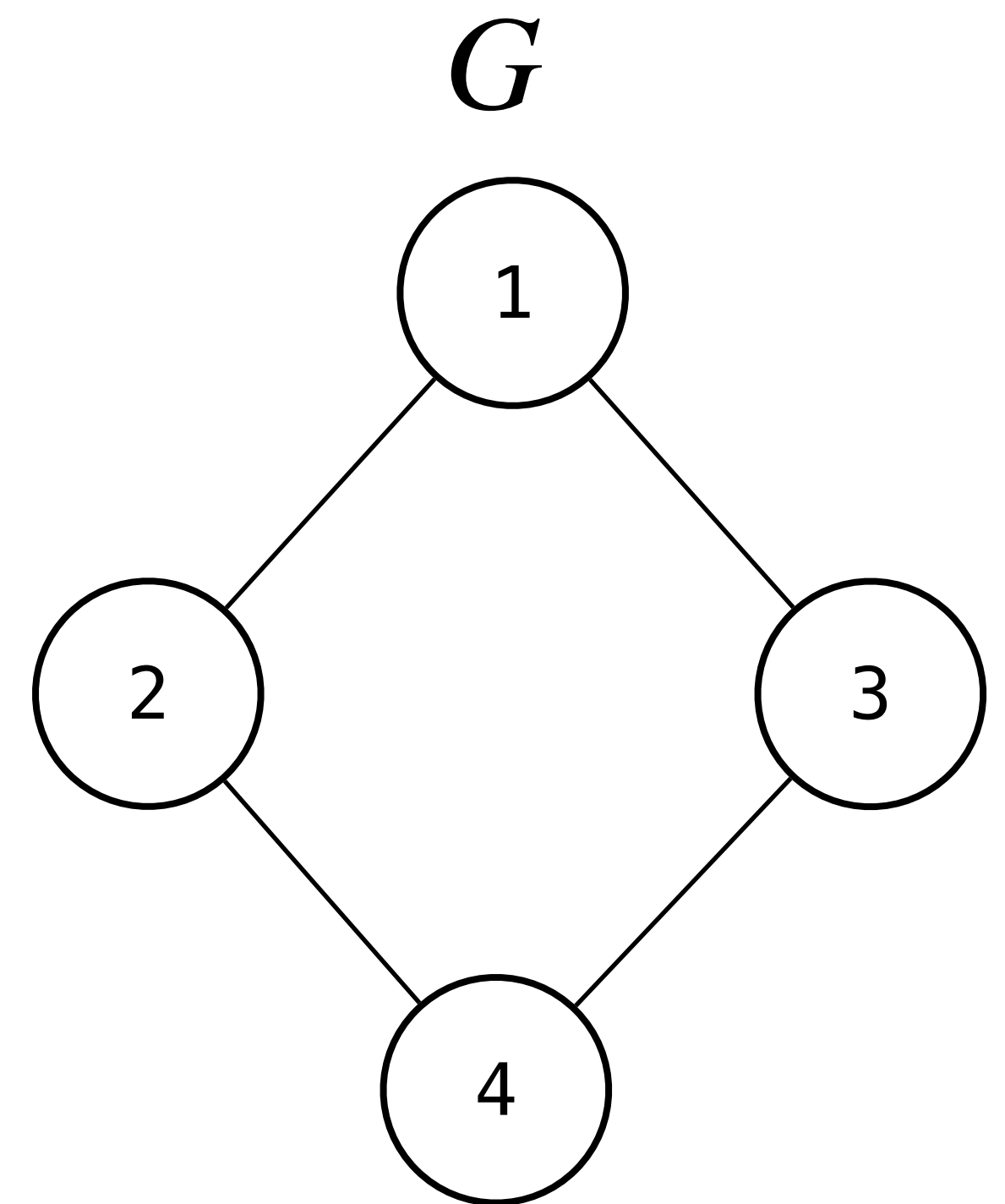
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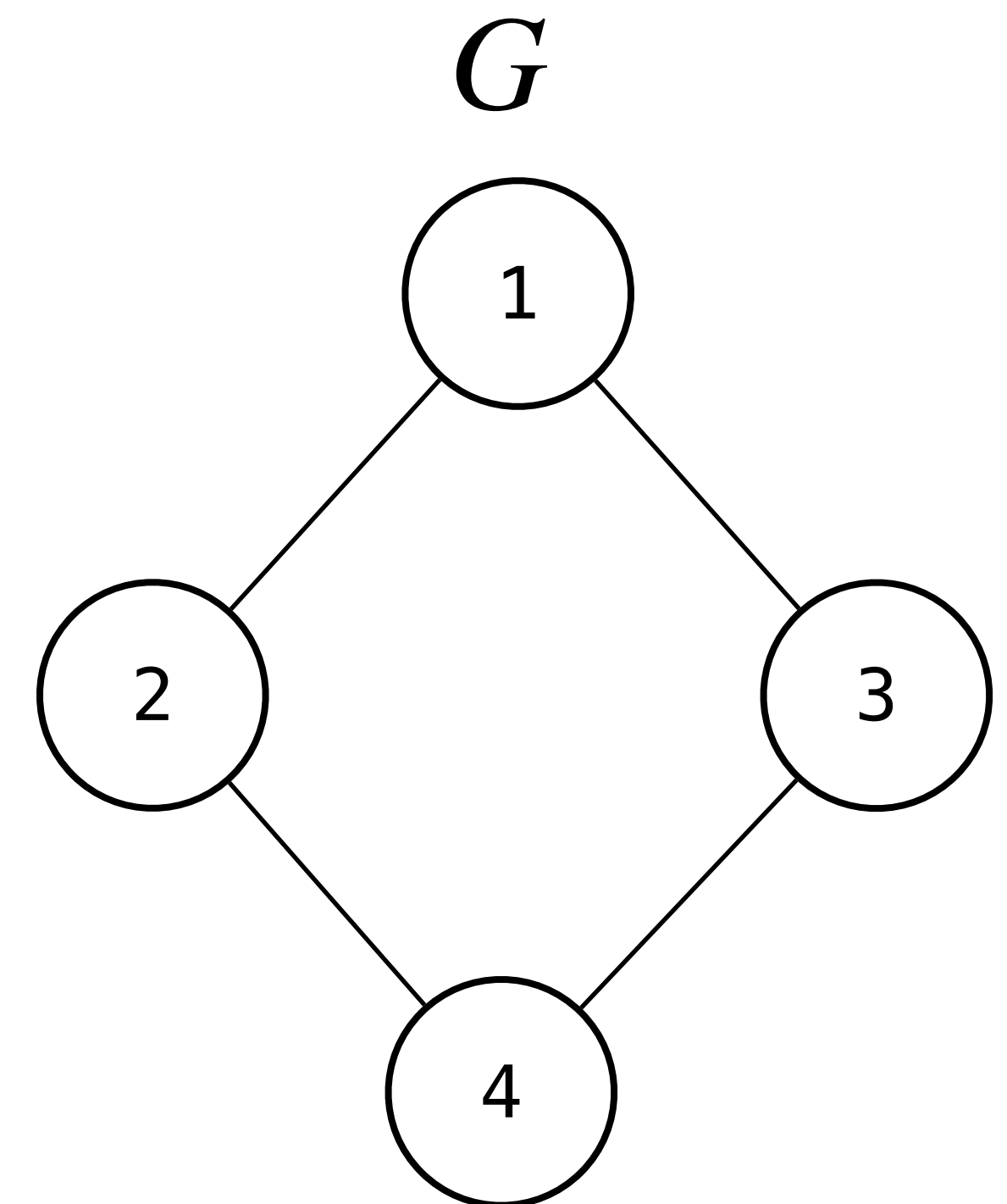


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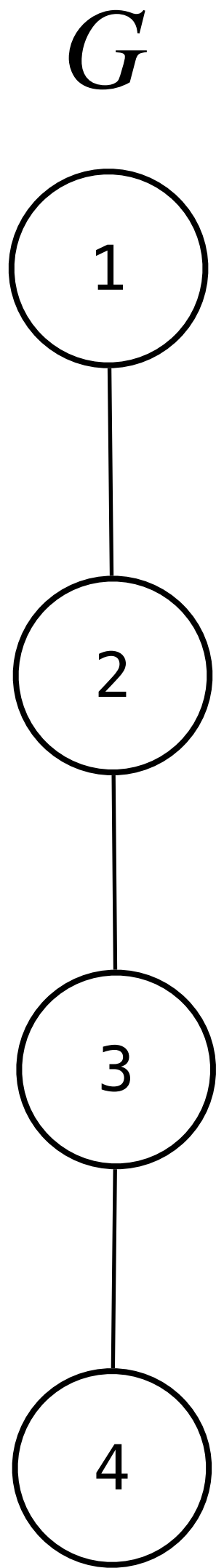
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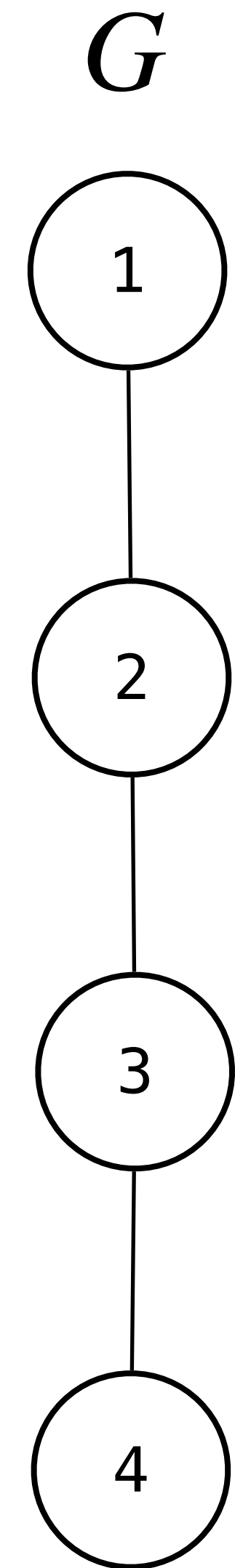


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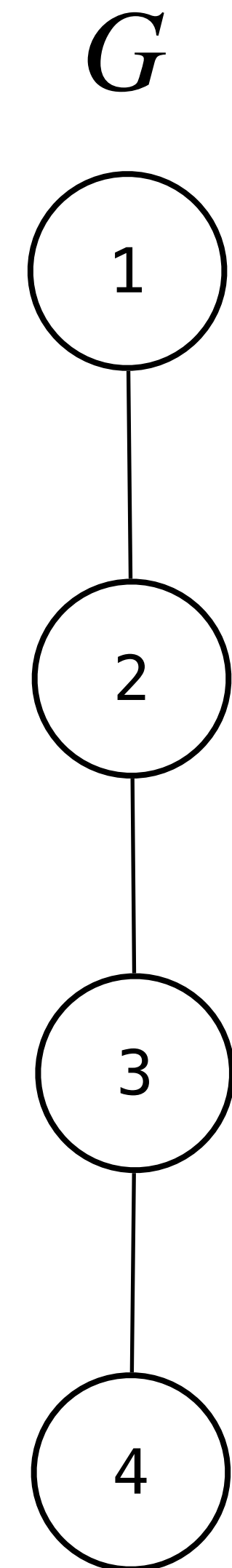
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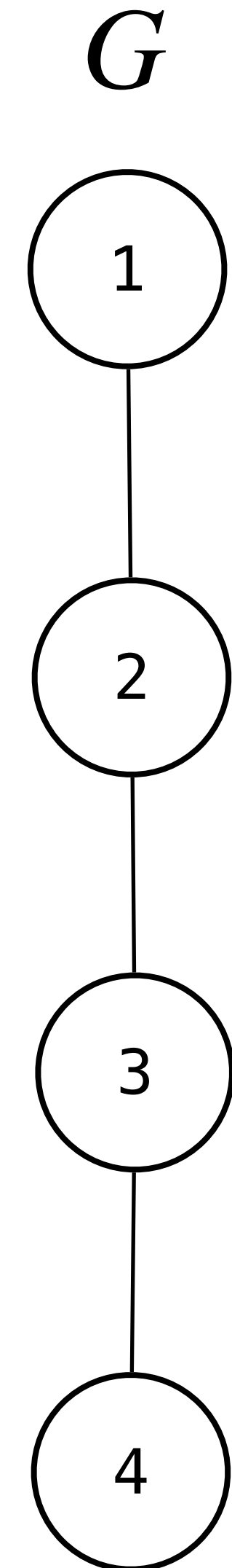


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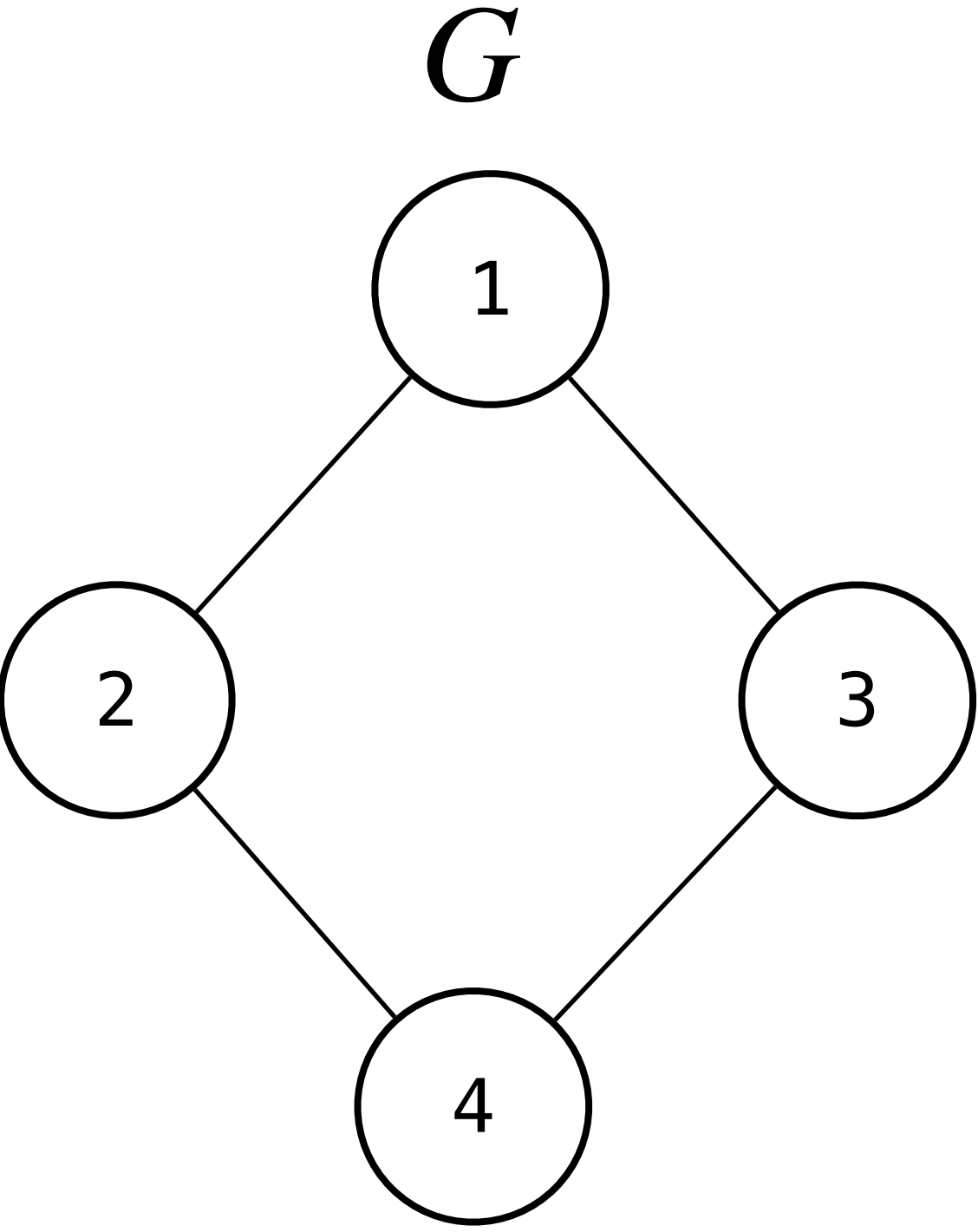


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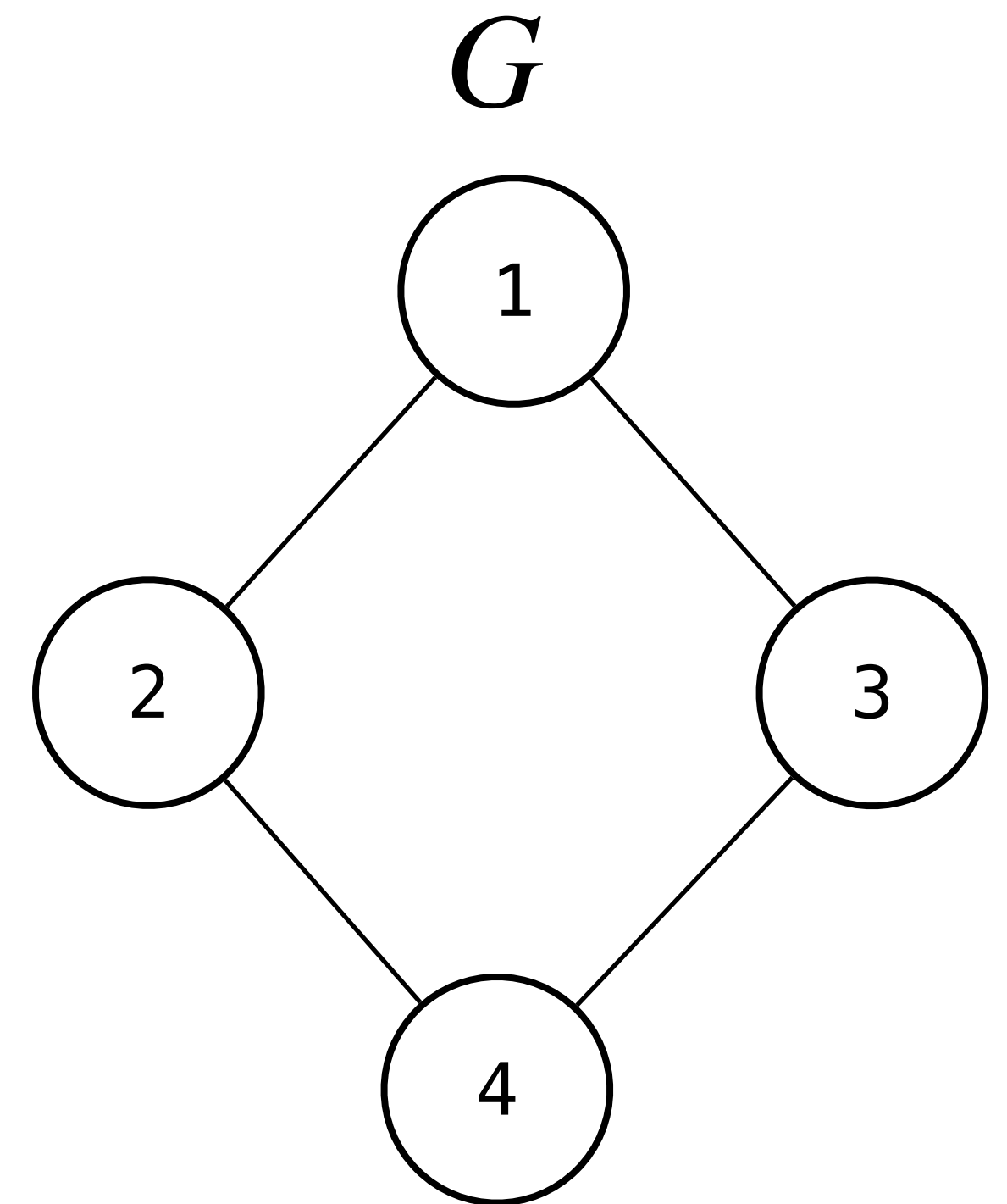
- $(A_G^k)_{ij}$  is the number of paths of length **exactly**  $k$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .
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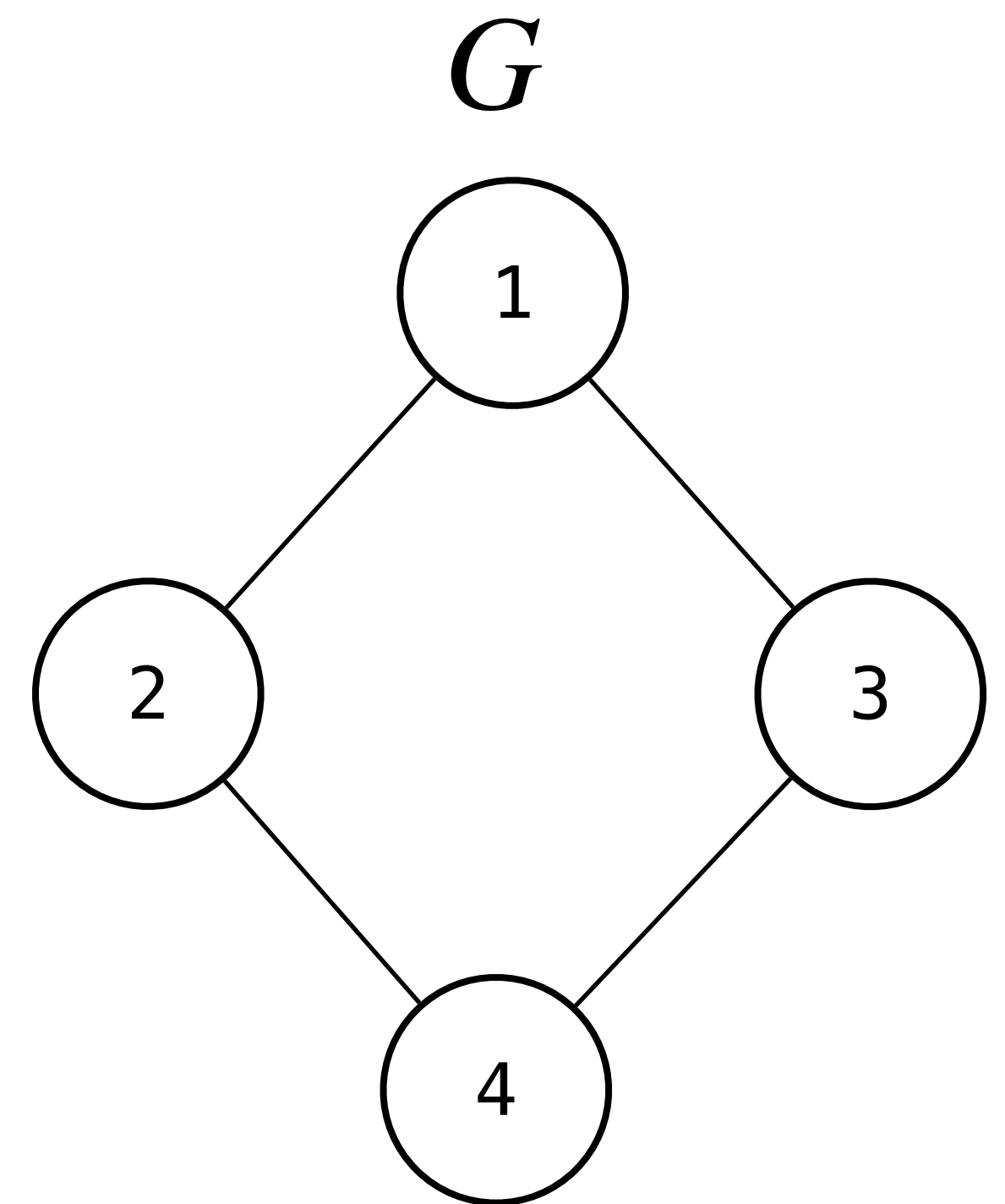




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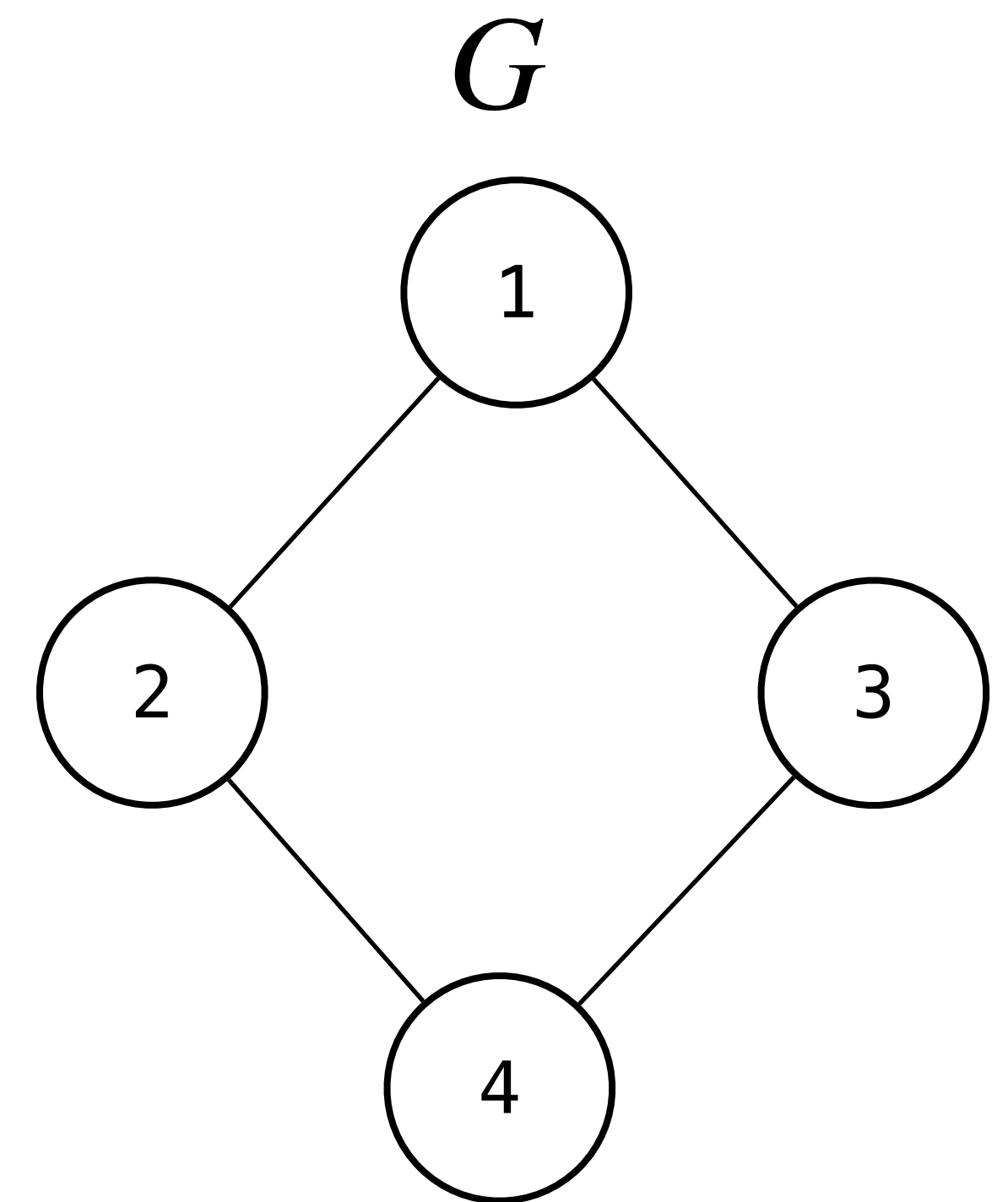


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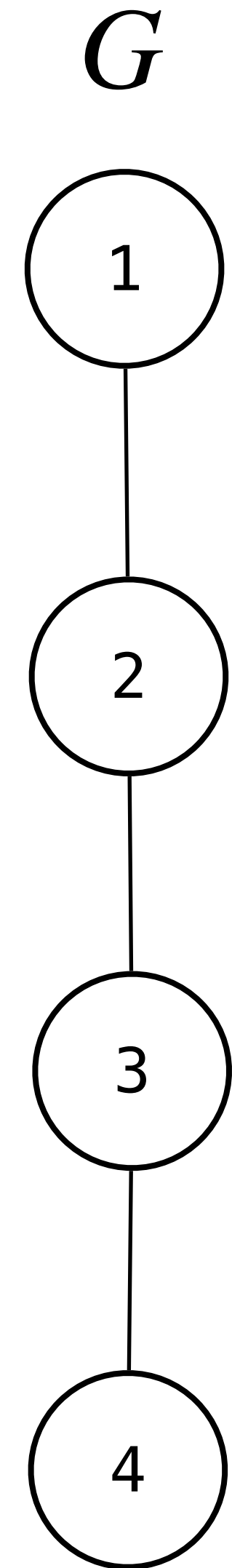
# How To: Reachability

**Question:** Given a simple graph  $G$  determine how many nodes  $v_i$  can reach in at least  $k$  steps.

**Answer:** Find  $(A_G + I)^k$  and count the number of nonzero elements in column  $i$ .

# Question

*Determine the  $(A_G + I)^2$  and  $(A_G + I)^3$  and interpret the results.*



# Summary

Matrix inverses allow us to easily solve many matrixes equations over the same  $A$

LU Factorizations allows us to do the same, but more generally more efficiently

Adjacency matrices are linear algebraic representations of graphs