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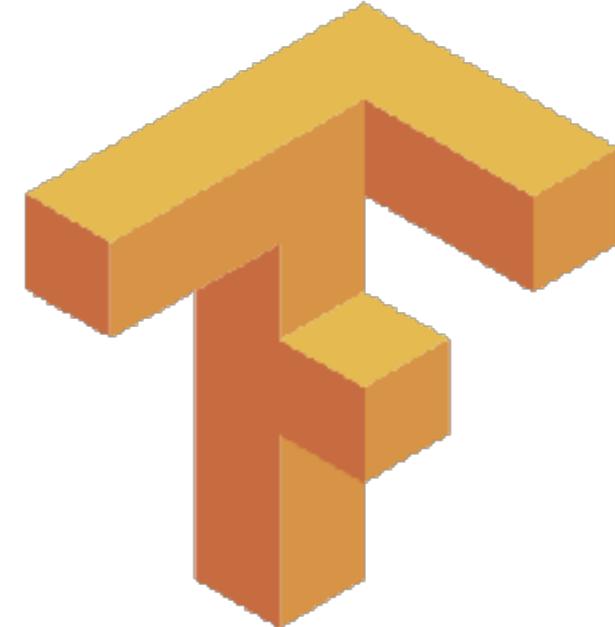
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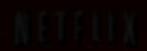
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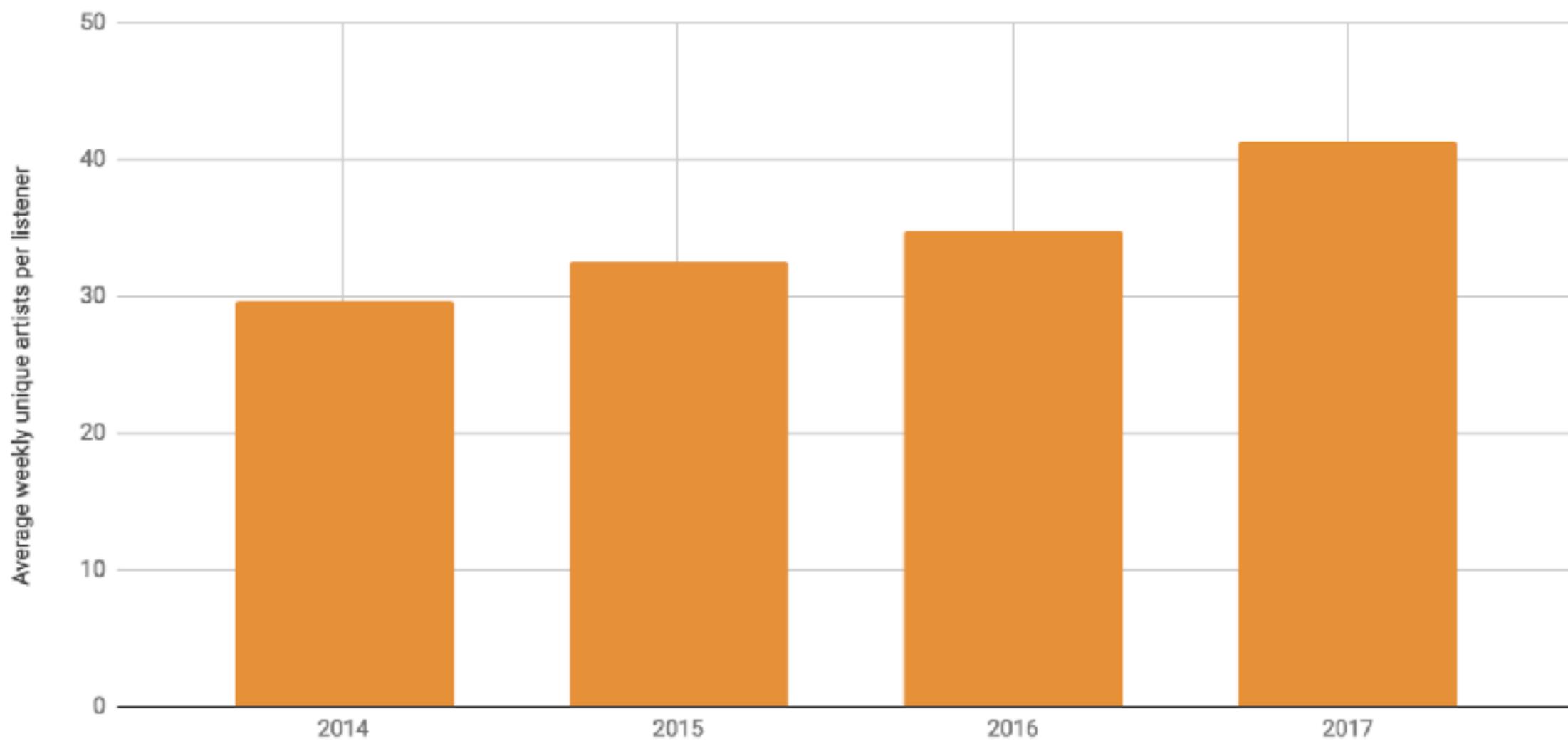
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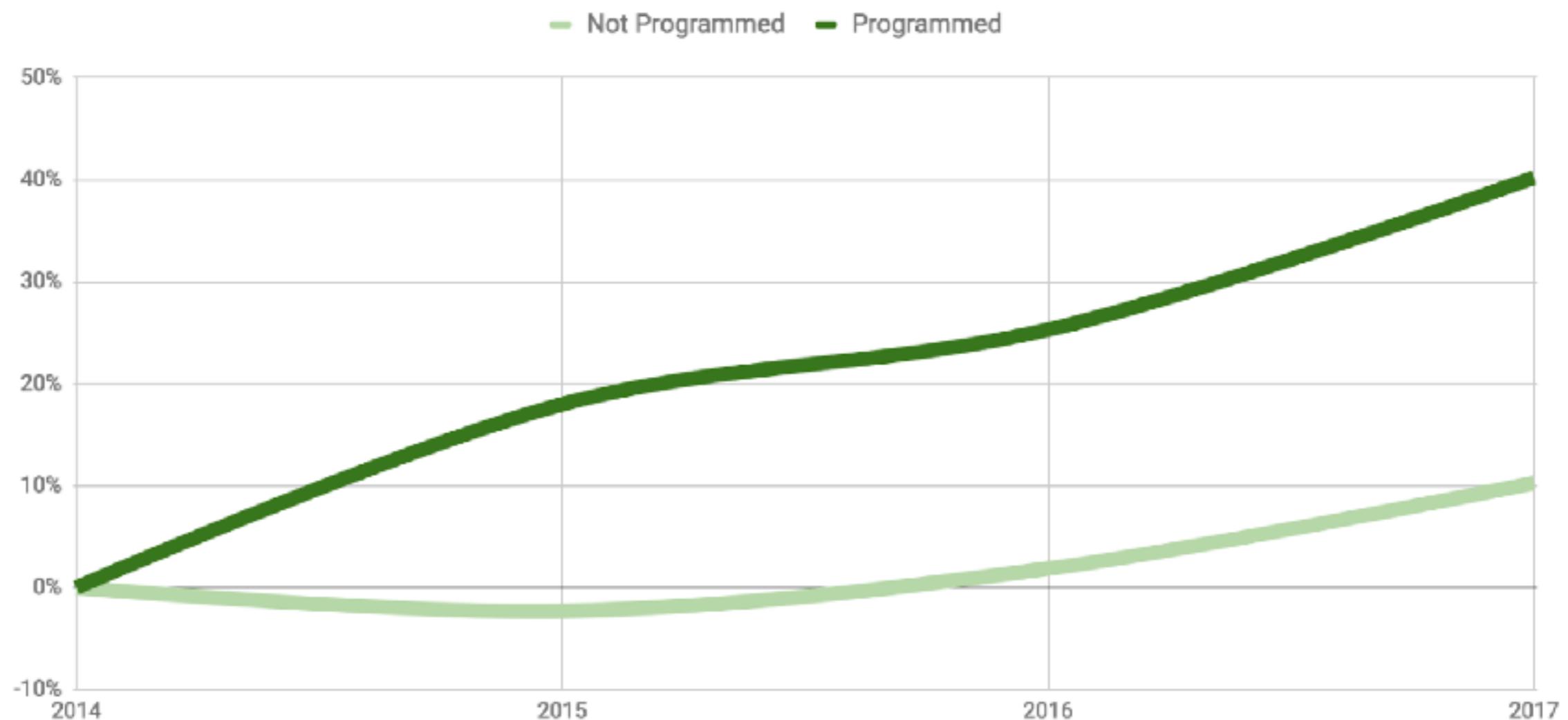
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views, listens...

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diverse items

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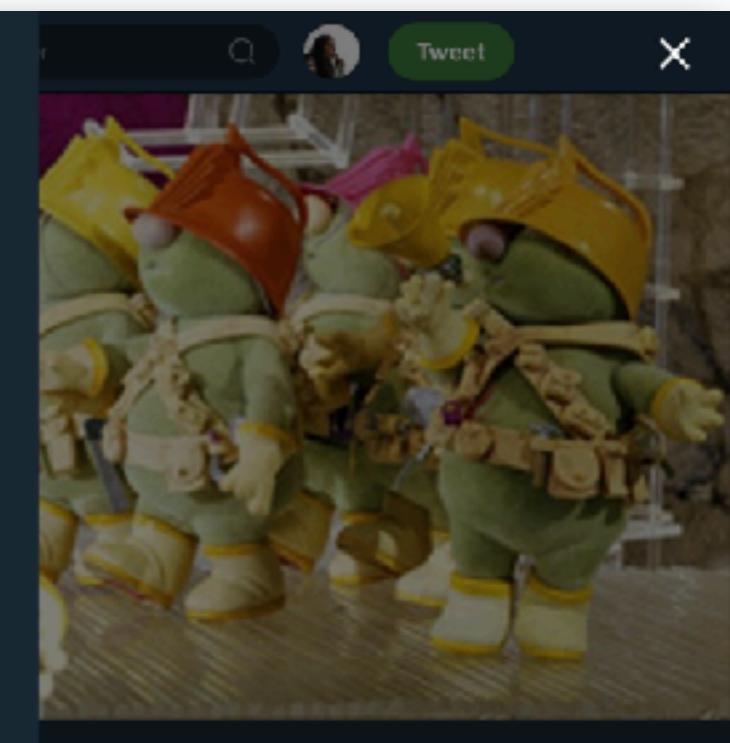
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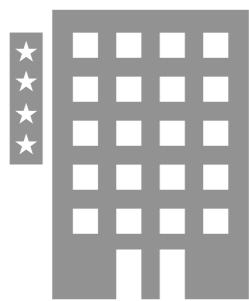
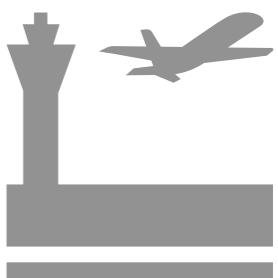
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**#4 increase user
fidelity**

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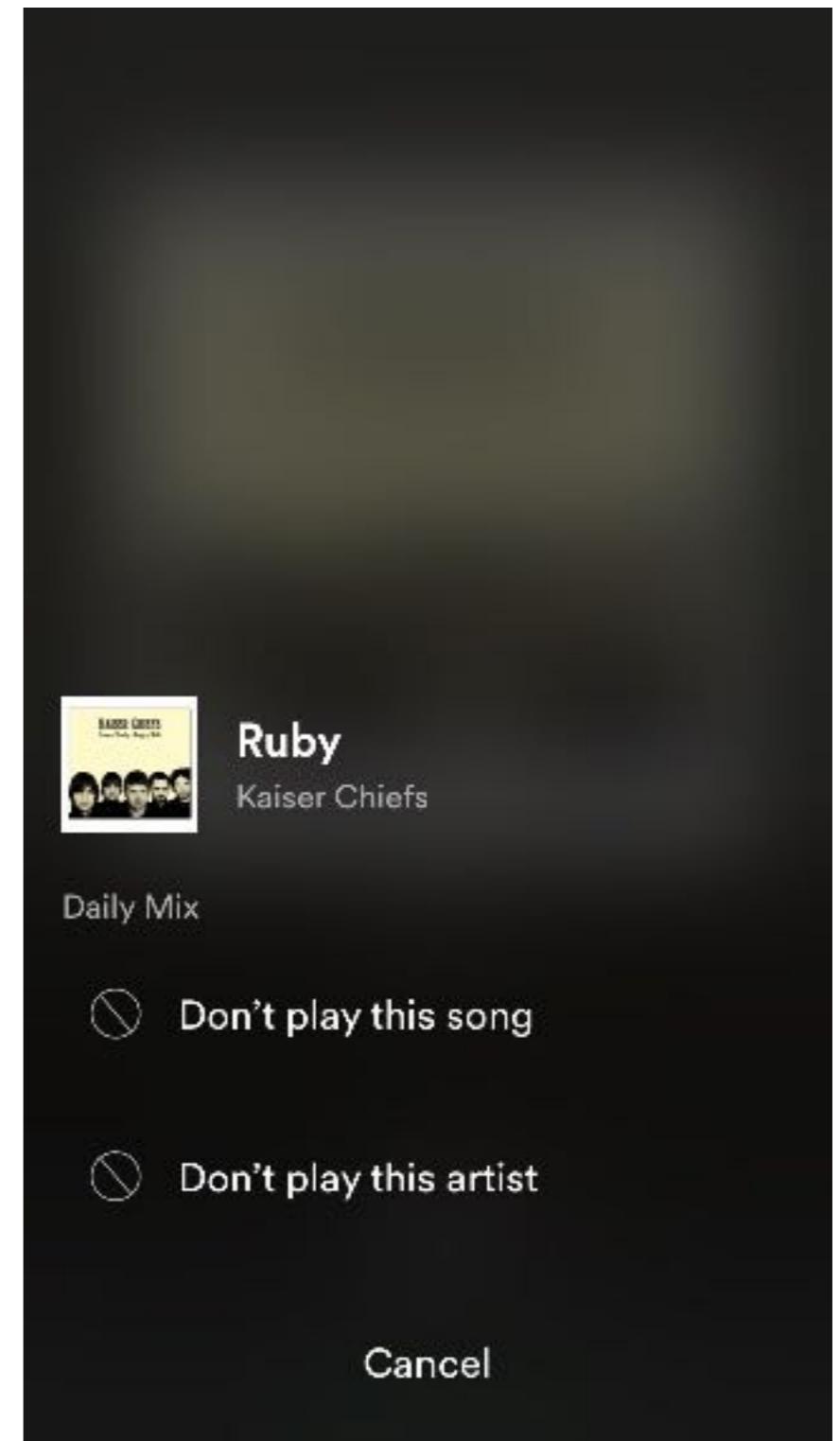


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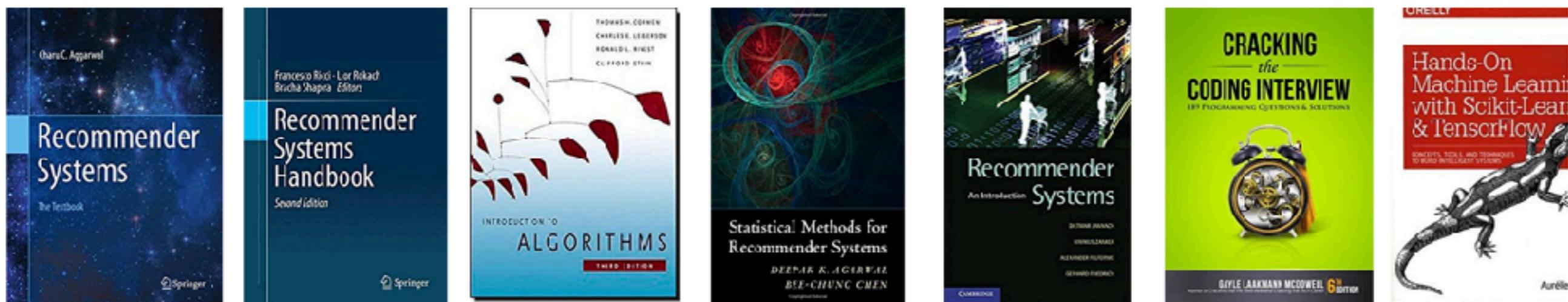
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**#1 content-based
filtering**

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#2 collaborative-based filtering

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other methods

- Demographic-based filtering;
- Knowledge-based filtering;
- Community-based filtering;
- Hybrid recommender systems;

graphs

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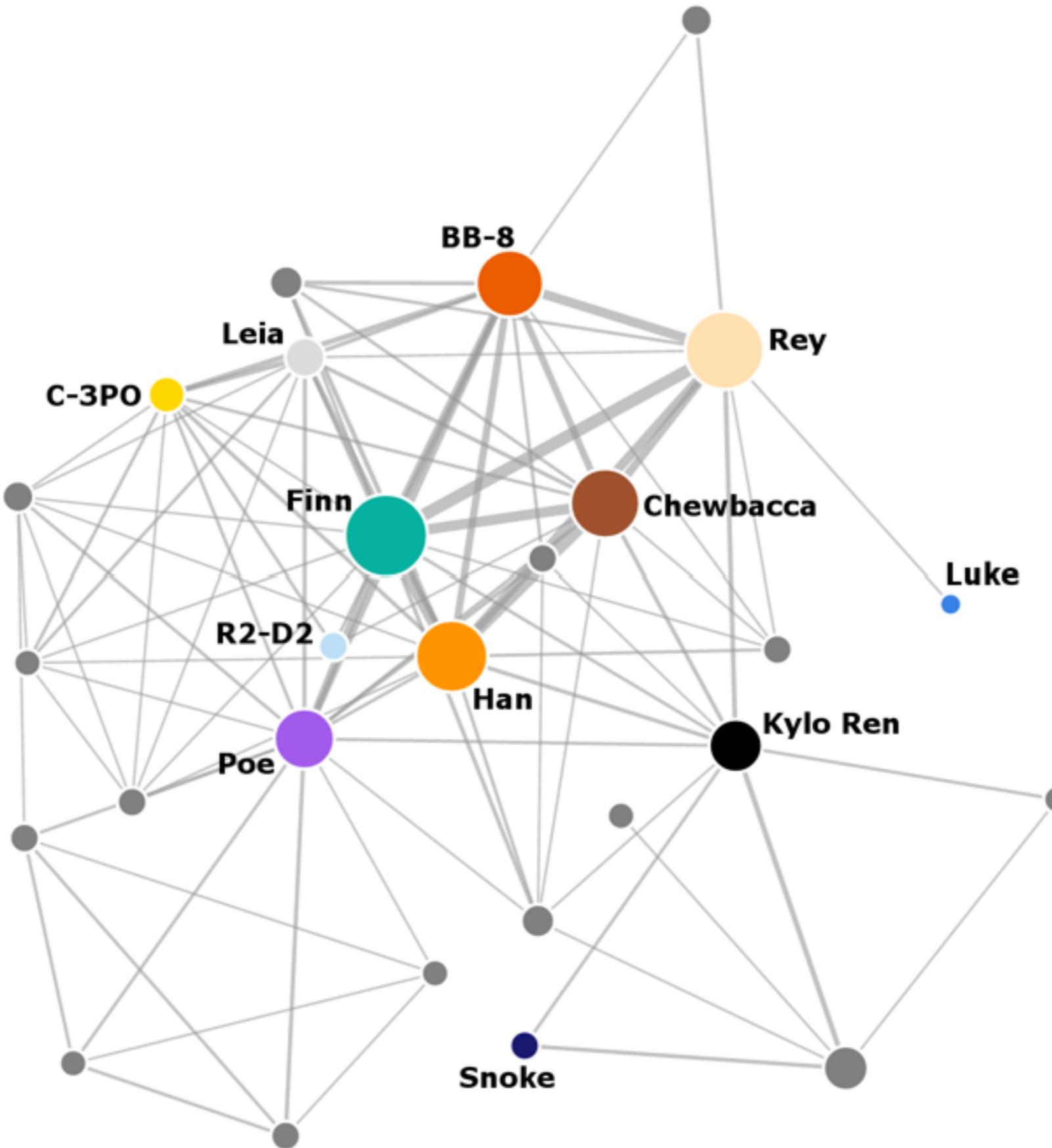
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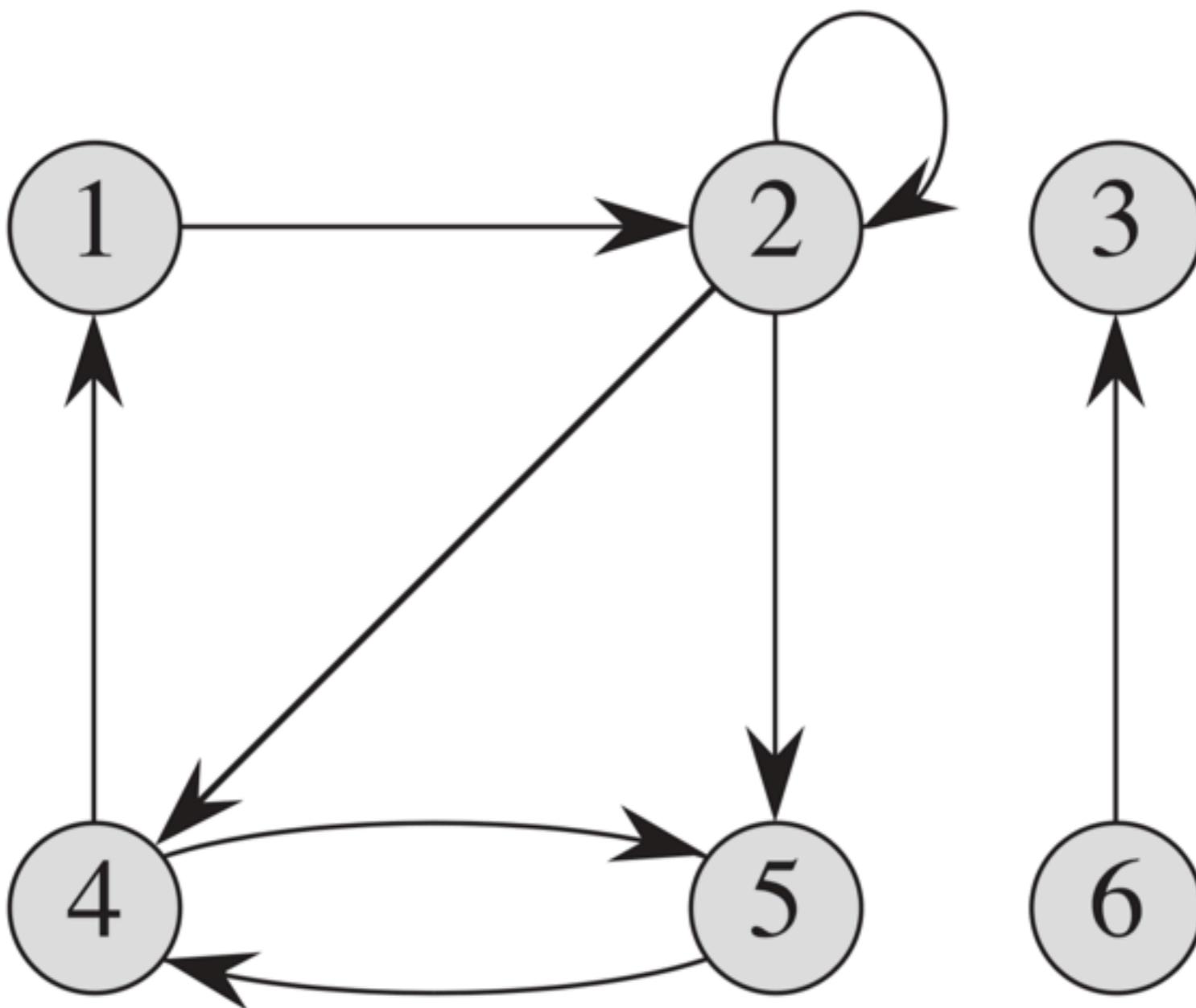
vertices (or nodes)

- Items on a network;
- Rey, Chewbacca, Han Solo, BB-8...

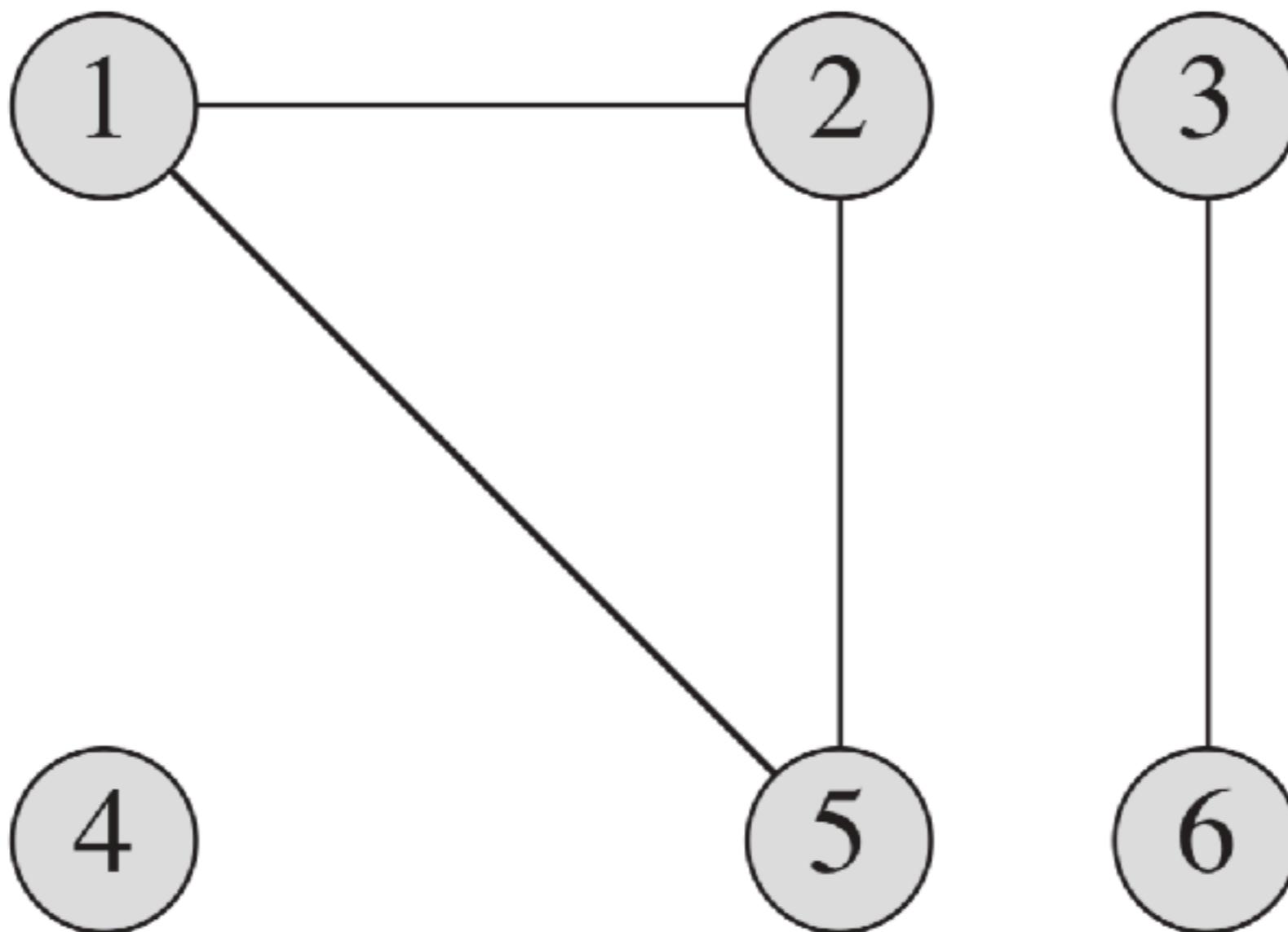
edges

- Relation between items on a network;
- Rey talks to Chewbacca, Rey talks to Finn,
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directed graph

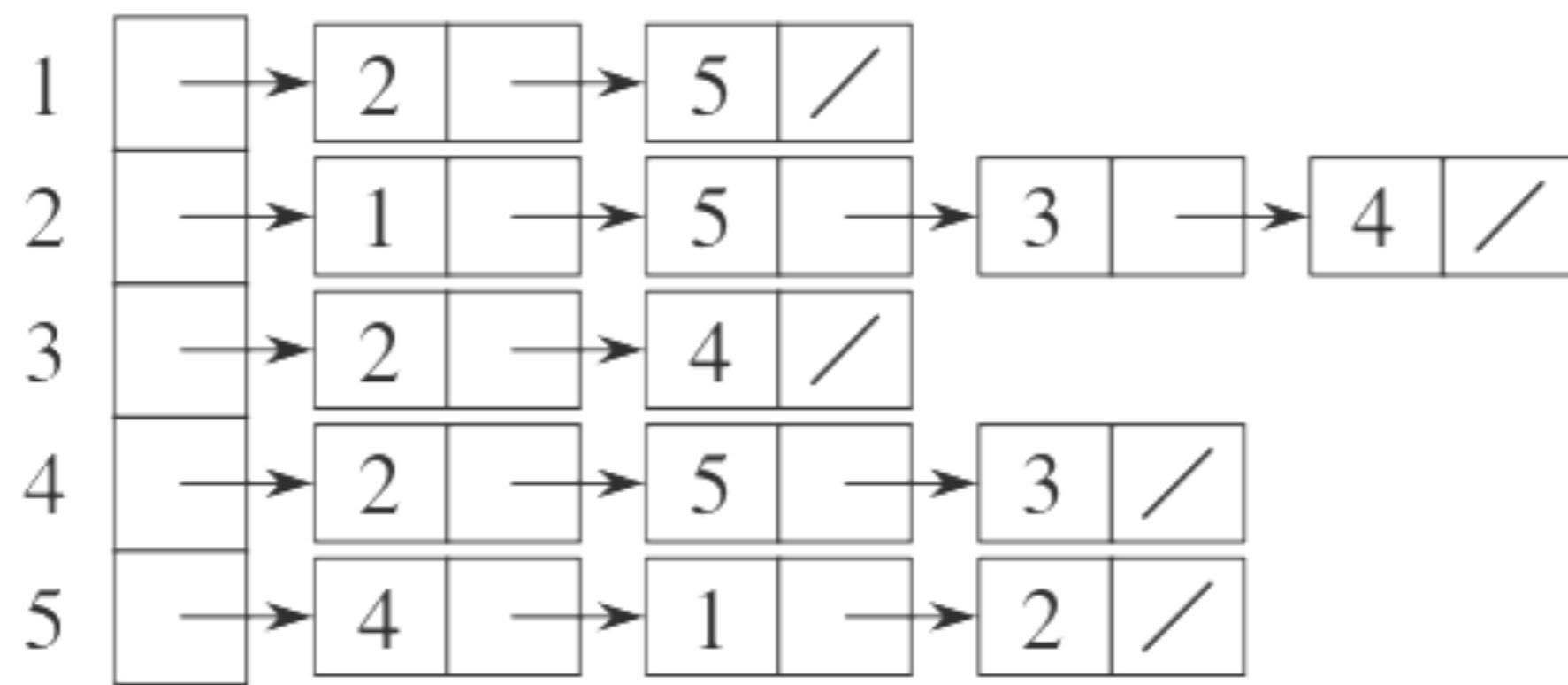


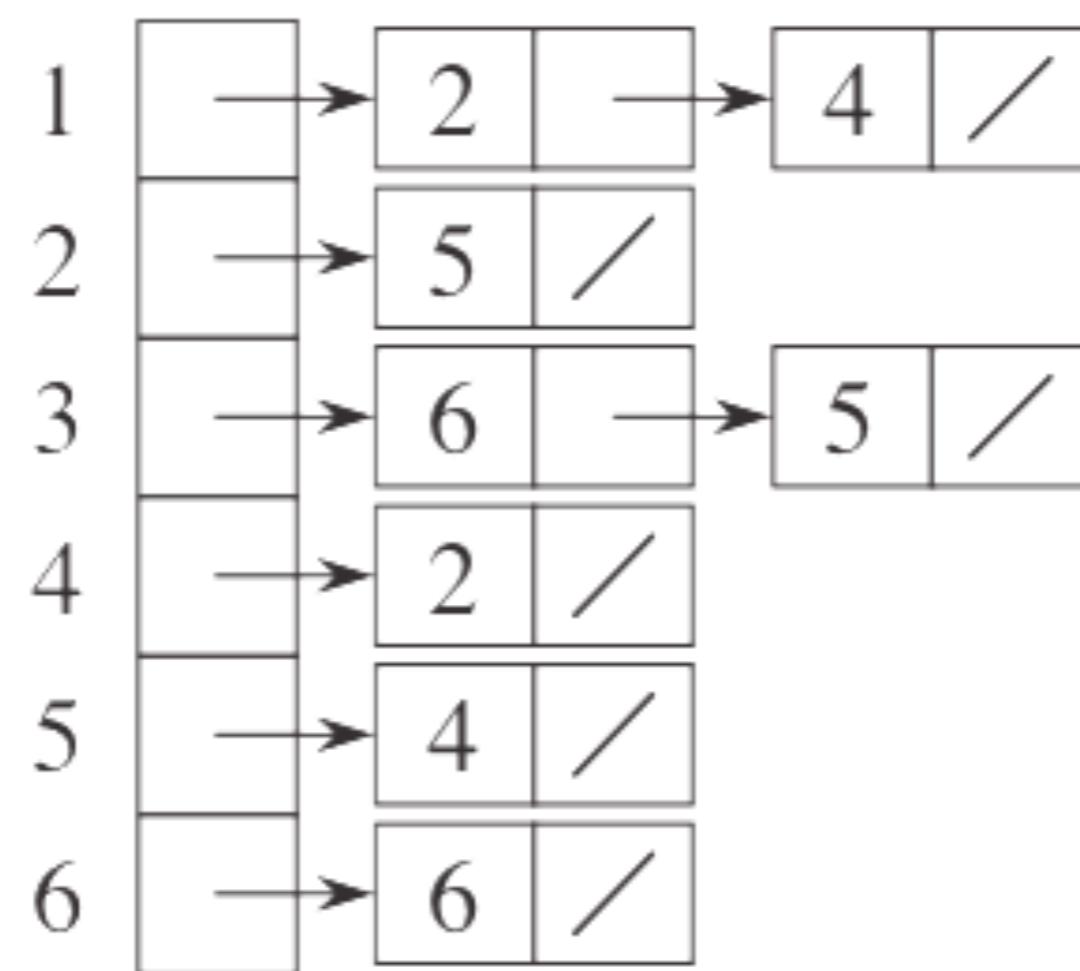
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adjacency lists





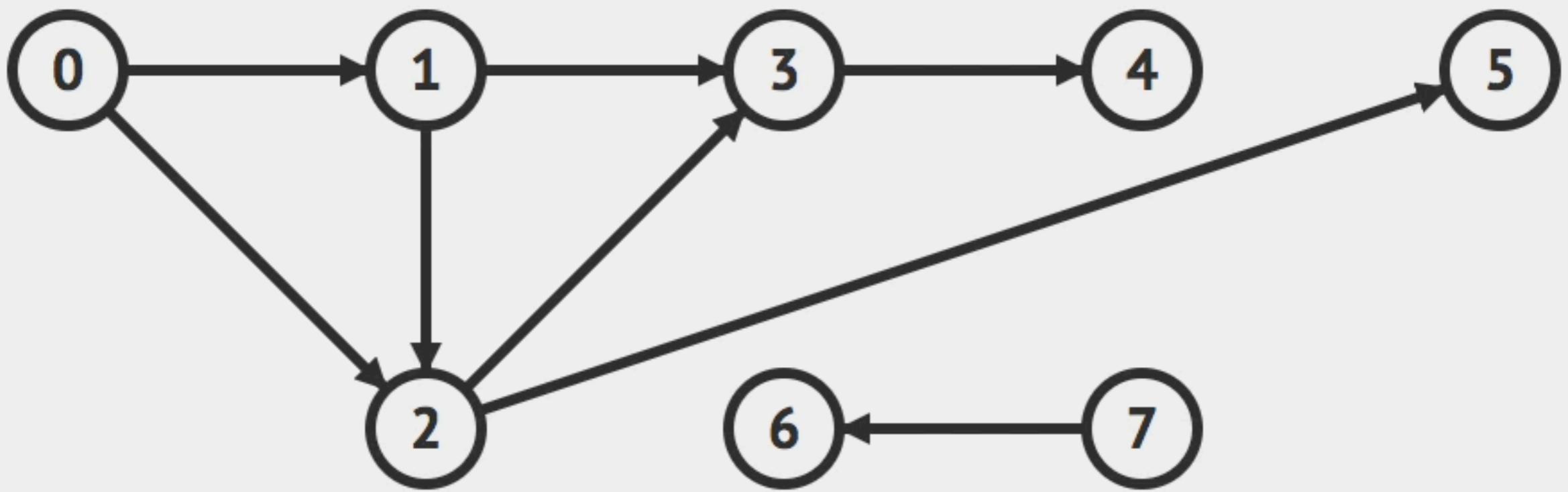
adjacency matrix

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4	0	1	1	0	1
5	1	1	0	1	0

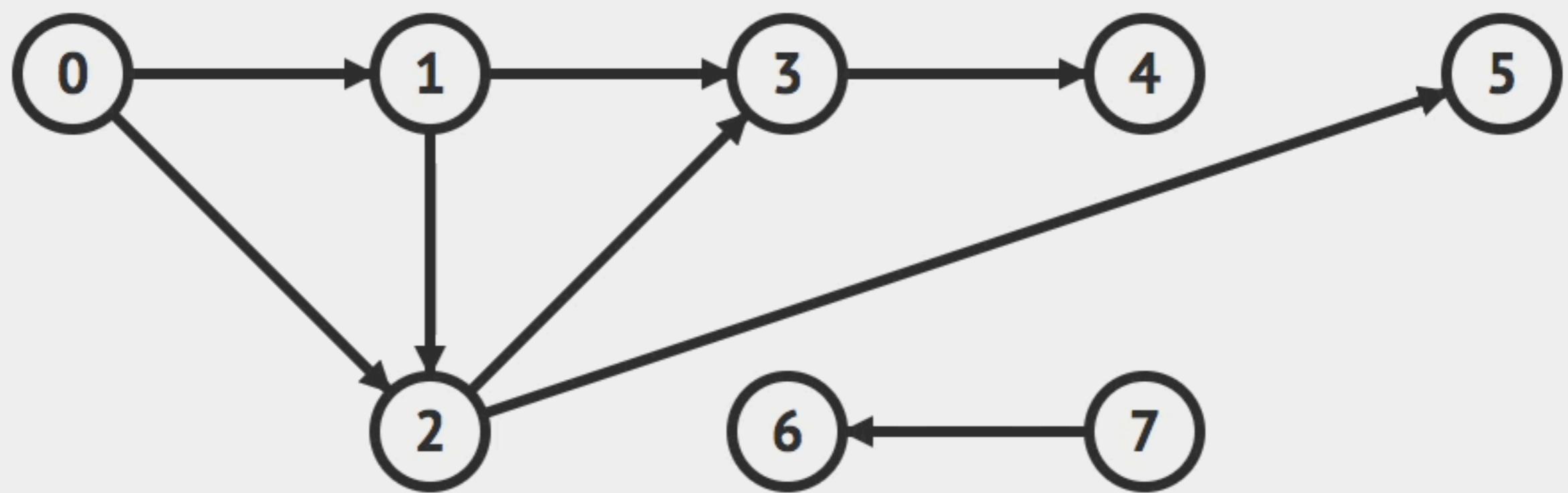
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searching Graphs

**breadth-first
search**



depth-first search



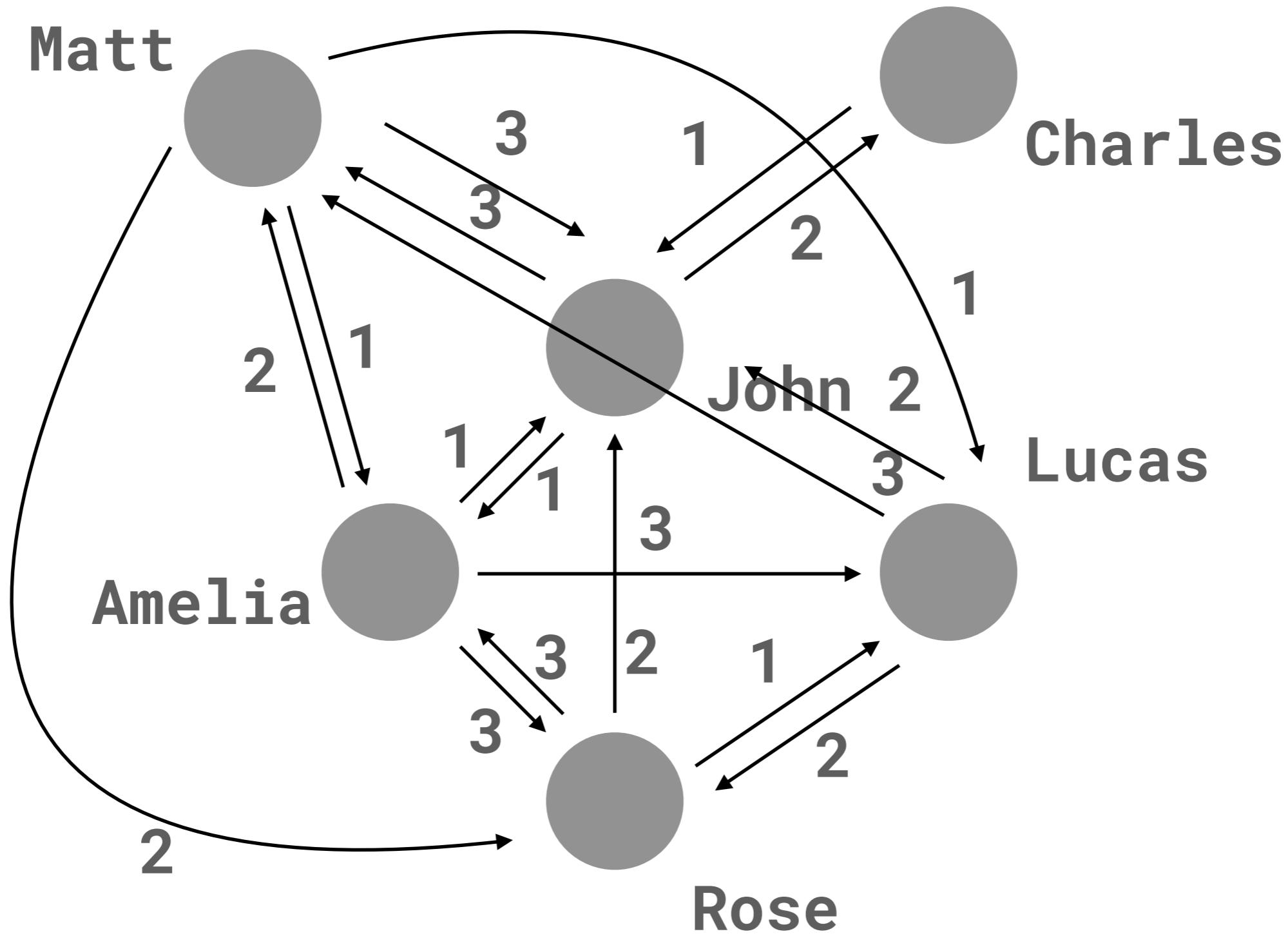
let's build a
graph

```
const Graph = function () {
  this.vertices = {};
};

Graph.prototype.add = function (name, edges) {
  edges = edges || null;
  this.vertices[name] = edges;
};
```

```
const G = new Graph();
G.add('Amelia', { John: 1, Rose: 3, Lucas: 3, Matt: 2 })
G.add('John', { Rose: 1, Matt: 3, Charles: 2 })
G.add('Rose', { Amelia: 3, Lucas: 1, John: 2 })
G.add('Lucas', { Matt: 3, John: 2, Rose: 2 })
G.add('Matt', { Amelia: 1, John: 3, Rose: 2, Lucas: 1 })
G.add('Charles', { John: 1 })

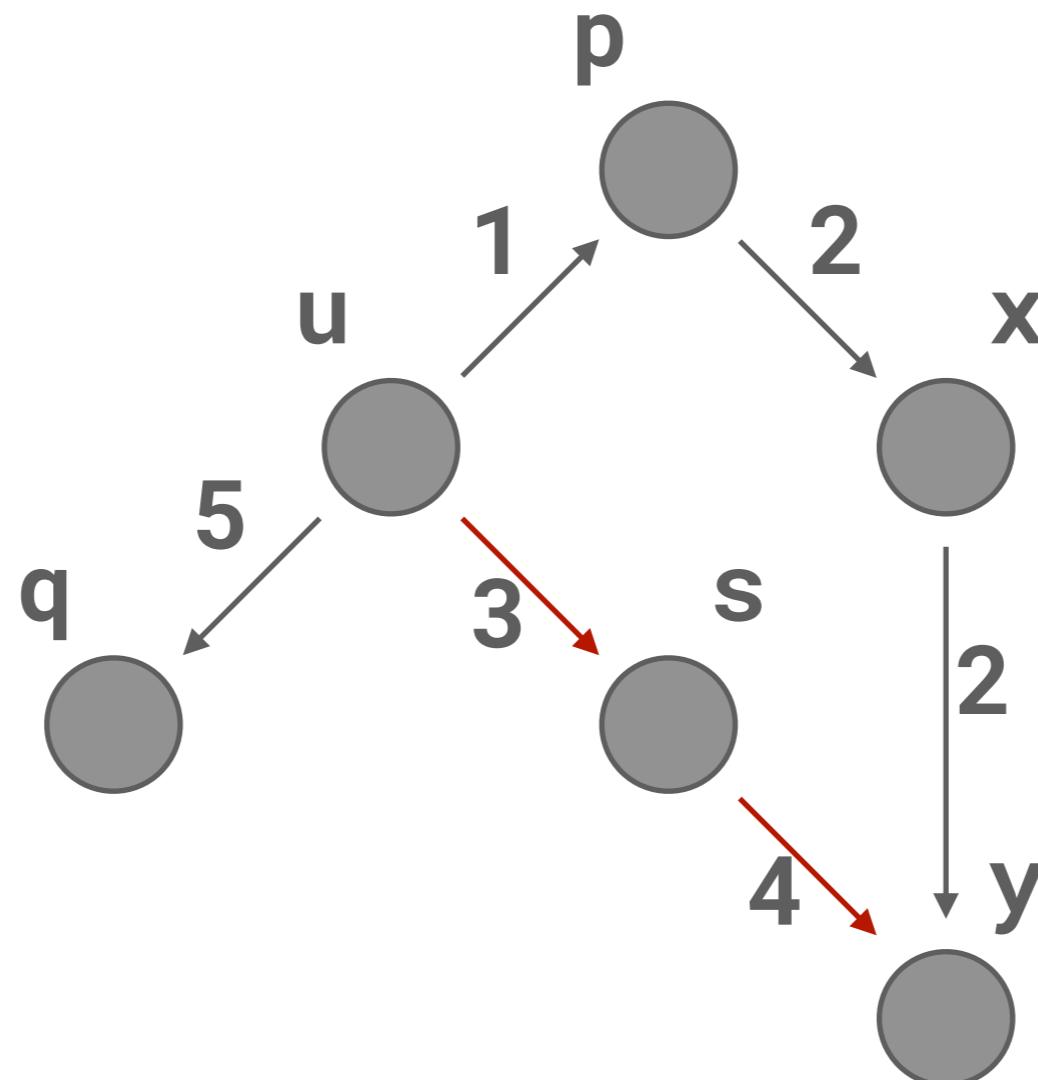
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//   vertices:
//   {
//     Amelia: { John: 1, Rose: 3, Lucas: 3, Matt: 2 },
//     John: { Rose: 1, Matt: 3, Charles: 2 },
//     Rose: { Amelia: 3, Lucas: 1, John: 2 },
//     Lucas: { Matt: 3, John: 2, Rose: 2 },
//     Matt: { Amelia: 1, John: 3, Rose: 2, Lucas: 1 },
//     Charles: { John: 1 }
//   }
// }
```



searching the graph
for recommendations

**shortest-path
problem**

shortest path from u to y



Numerische Mathematik 1, 269–271 (1959)

A Note on Two Problems in Connexion with Graphs

By

E. W. DIJKSTRA

We consider n points (nodes), some or all pairs of which are connected by a branch; the length of each branch is given. We restrict ourselves to the case where at least one path exists between any two nodes. We now consider two problems.

Problem 1. Construct the tree of minimum total length between the n nodes. (A tree is a graph with one and only one path between every two nodes.)

In the course of the construction that we present here, the branches are subdivided into three sets:

I. the branches definitely assigned to the tree under construction (they will form a subtree);

II. the branches from which the next branch to be added to set I, will be selected;

III. the remaining branches (rejected or not yet considered).

The nodes are subdivided into two sets:

A. the nodes connected by the branches of set I,

B. the remaining nodes (one and only one branch of set II will lead to each of these nodes).

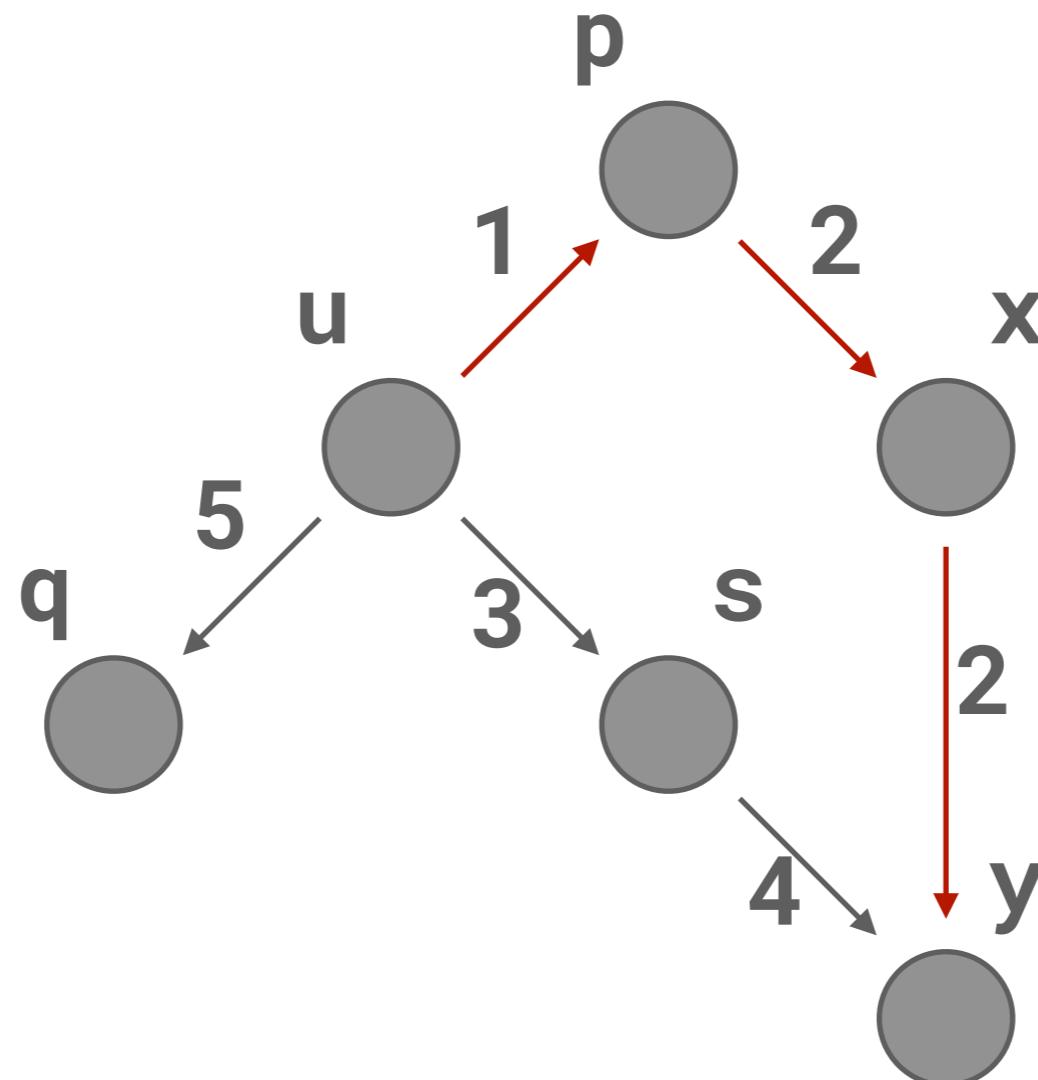
We start the construction by choosing an arbitrary node as the only member of set A, and by placing all branches that end in this node in set II. To start with, set I is empty. From then onwards we perform the following two steps repeatedly.

Step 1. The shortest branch of set II is removed from this set and added to set I. As a result one node is transferred from set B to set A.

Step 2. Consider the branches leading from the node, that has just been trans-



shortest path from u to z



is this approach
scalable?

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Pixie

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