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DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

Directed acyclic graphs (DAGs)

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Tasks with constraints

* For a foreign trip you need to
  * Get a passport
  * Buy a ticket
  * Get a visa
  * Buy travel insurance
  * Buy foreign exchange
  * Buy gifts for your hosts

Tasks with constraints

- There are constraints
  - Without a passport, you cannot buy a ticket or travel insurance
  - You need a ticket and insurance for the visa
  - You need the visa for foreign exchange
  - You don't want to invest in gifts unless the trip is confirmed

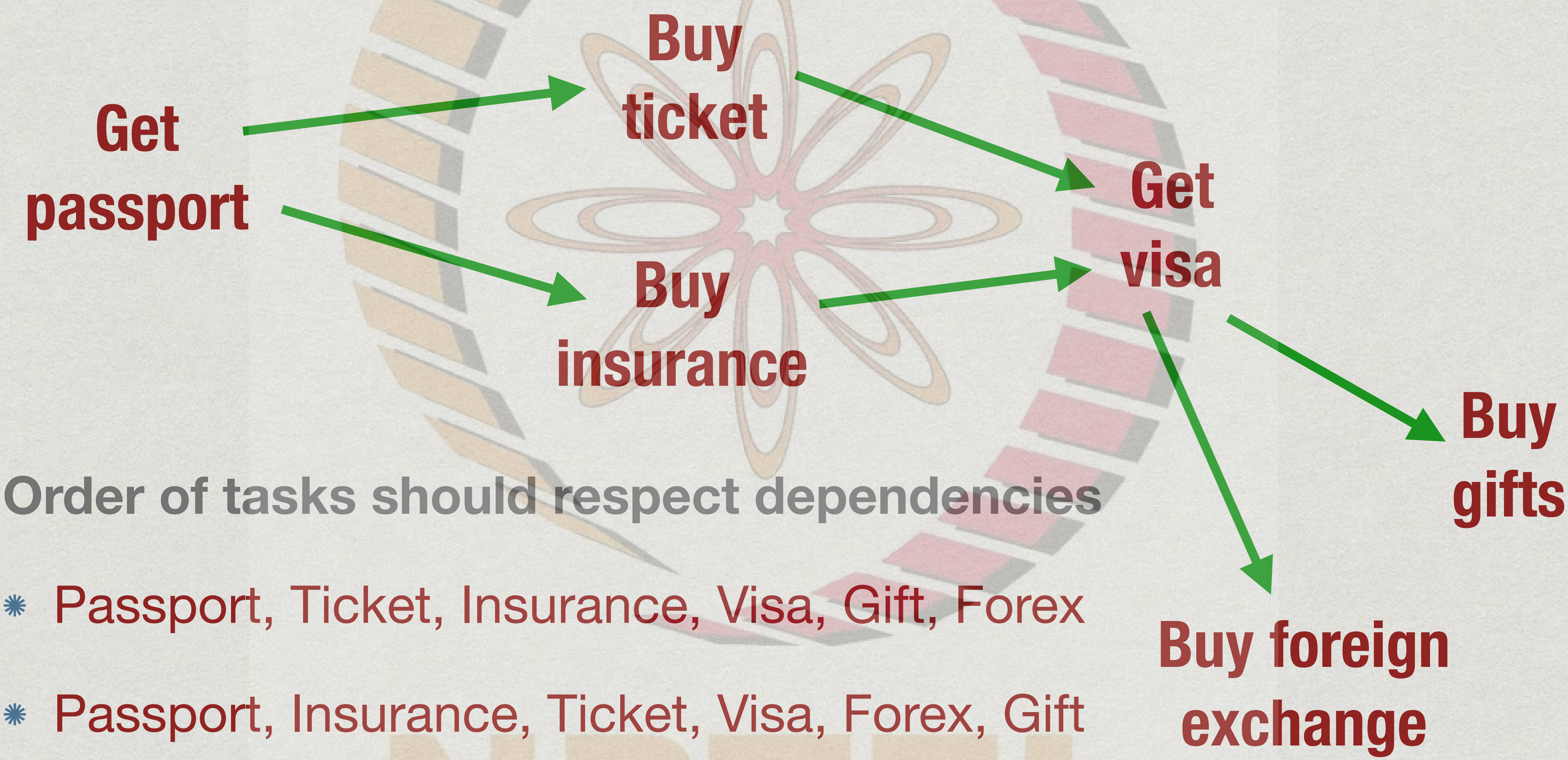
Goal

* Find a sequence in which to complete the tasks, respecting the constraints

Model using graphs

- Vertices are tasks
- Edge from Task1 to Task2 if Task1 must come before Task2
  - Getting a passport must precede buying a ticket
  - Getting a visa must precede buying foreign exchange

Our example as a graph



Order of tasks should respect dependencies

- Passport, Ticket, Insurance, Visa, Gift, Forex
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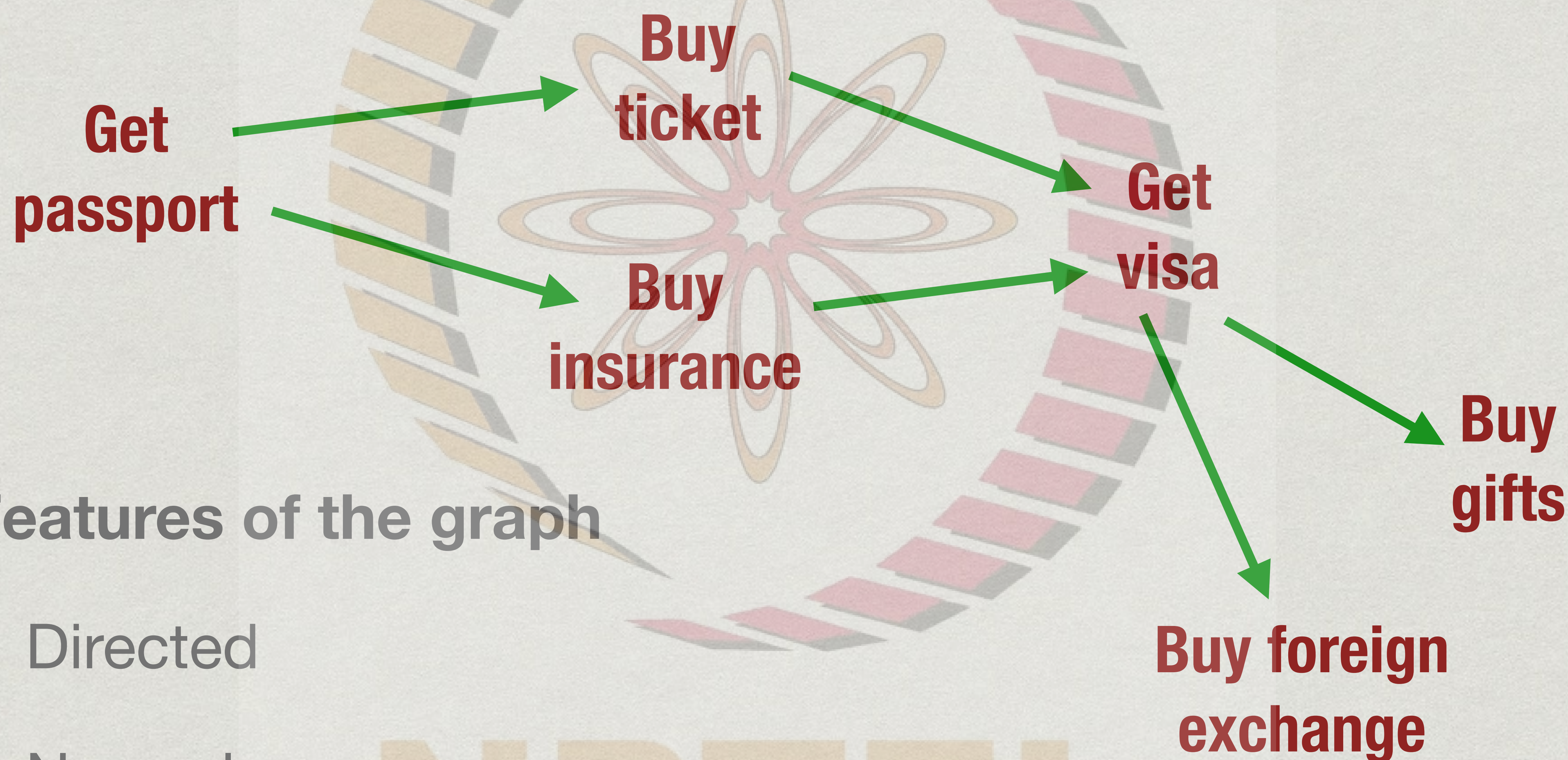
Our example as a graph



Features of the graph

- Directed
- No cycles
  - Cyclic dependencies are unsatisfiable

Directed Acyclic Graphs

- G = (V,E), a directed graph
- No cycles
  - No directed path from any v in V back to itself
- Such graphs are also called DAGs

Topological ordering

- Given a DAG $G = (V,E)$, $V = \{1,2,\ldots,n\}$
- Enumerate the vertices as $\{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_n\}$ so that
  - For any edge (j,k) in E,

    j appears before k in the enumeration
- Also known as **topological sorting**

Topological ordering

- **Observation**
  - A directed graph with cycles cannot be topologically ordered
  - Path from j to k and from k to j means
    - j must come before k
    - k must come before j
    - Impossible!

Topological ordering

- **Claim**
  - Every directed acyclic graph can be topologically ordered
- **Strategy**
  - First list vertices with no incoming edges
  - Then list vertices whose incoming neighbours are already listed
  - …

Topological ordering

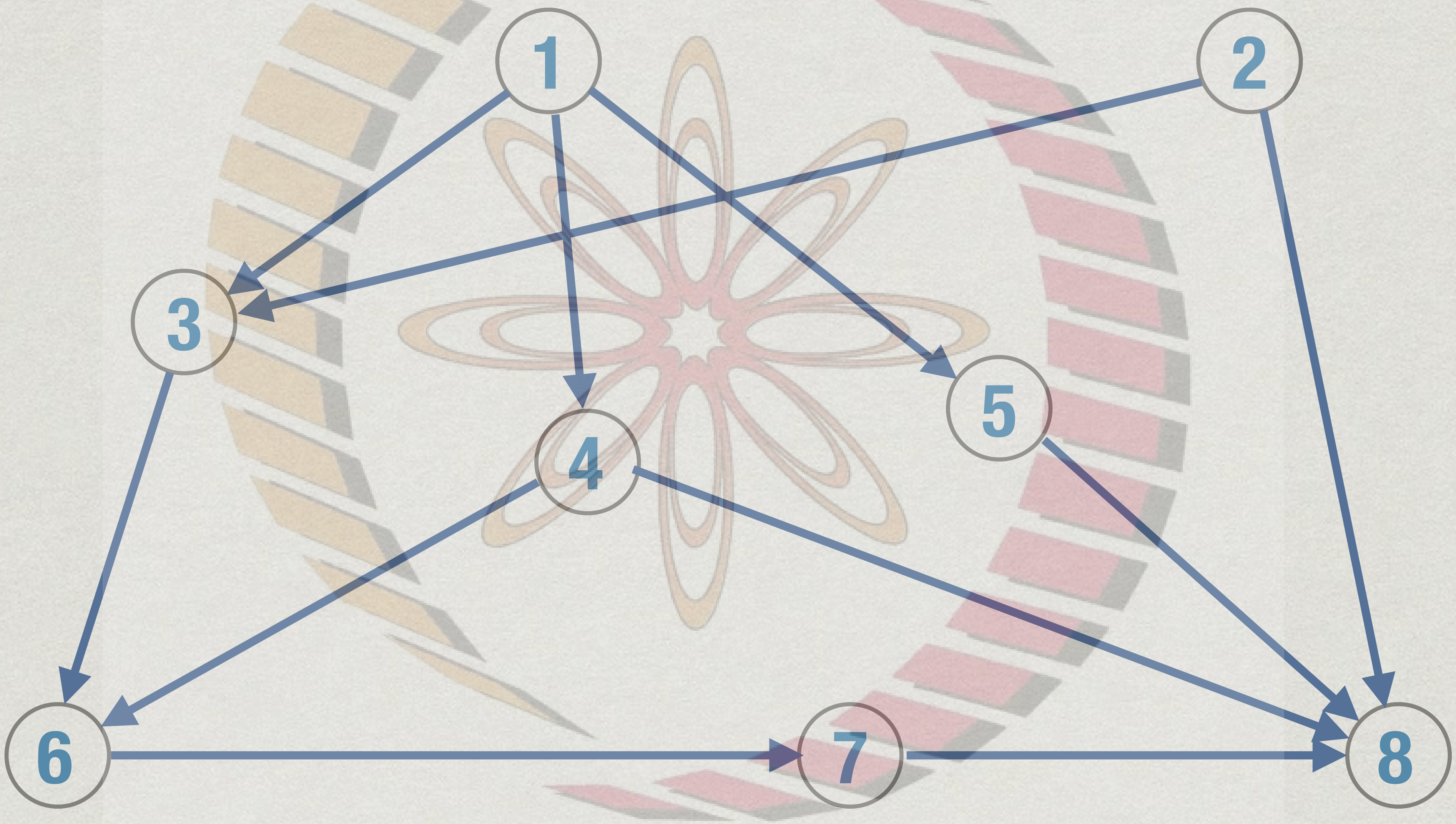
* indegree(v) : number of edges into v
* outdegree(v): number of edges out of v

Topological ordering

- indegree(v) : number of edges into v
- outdegree(v): number of edges out of v
- Every dag has at least one vertex with indegree 0
  - Start with any v such that indegree(v) > 0
  - Walk backwards to a predecessor so long as indegree > 0
  - If no vertex has indegree 0, within n steps we will complete a cycle!

Topological ordering

- Pick a vertex with indegree 0
    - No dependencies
    - Enumerate it and delete it from the graph
- What remains is again a DAG!
- Repeat the step above
    - Stop when the resulting DAG is empty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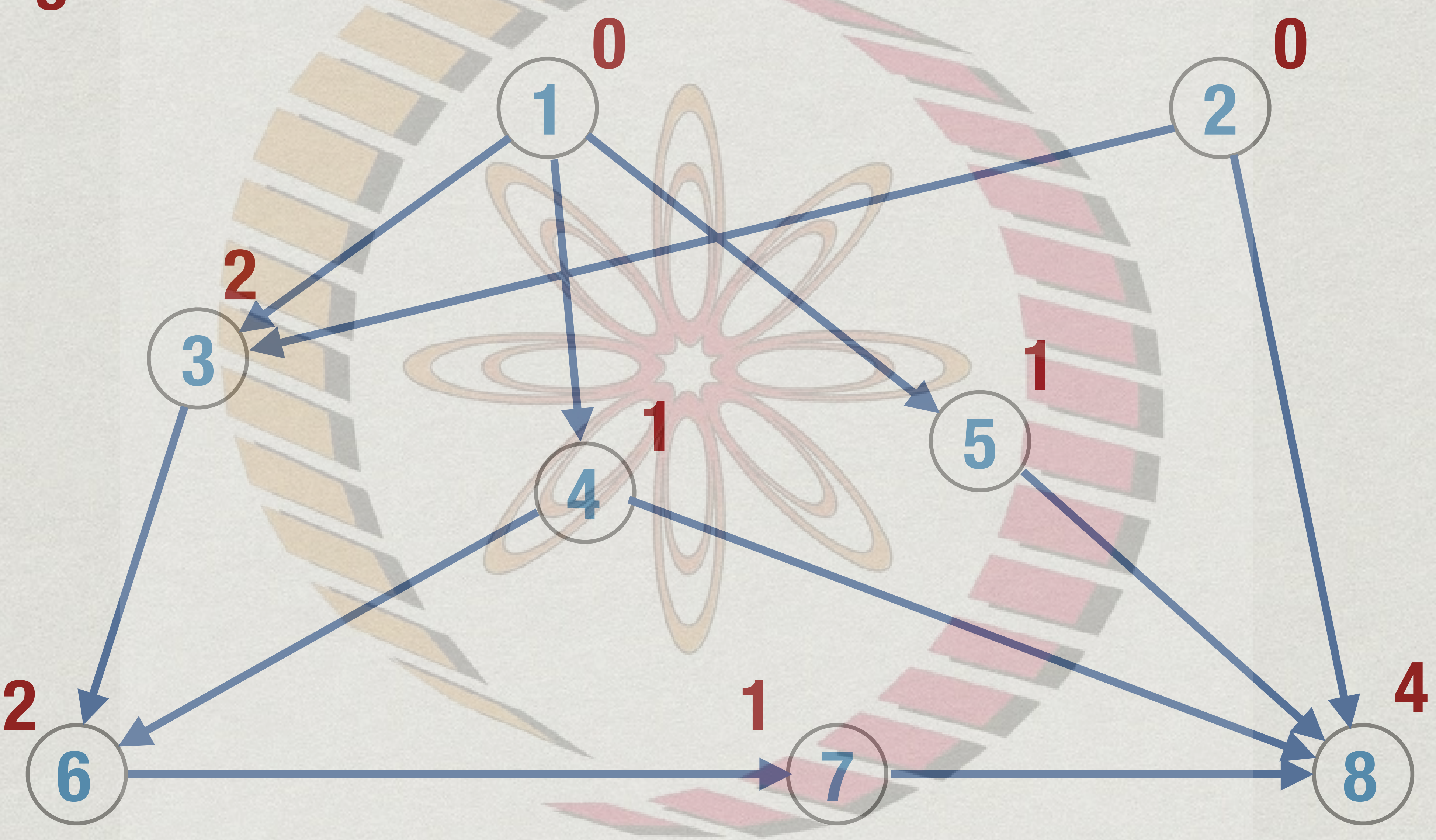
Indegree



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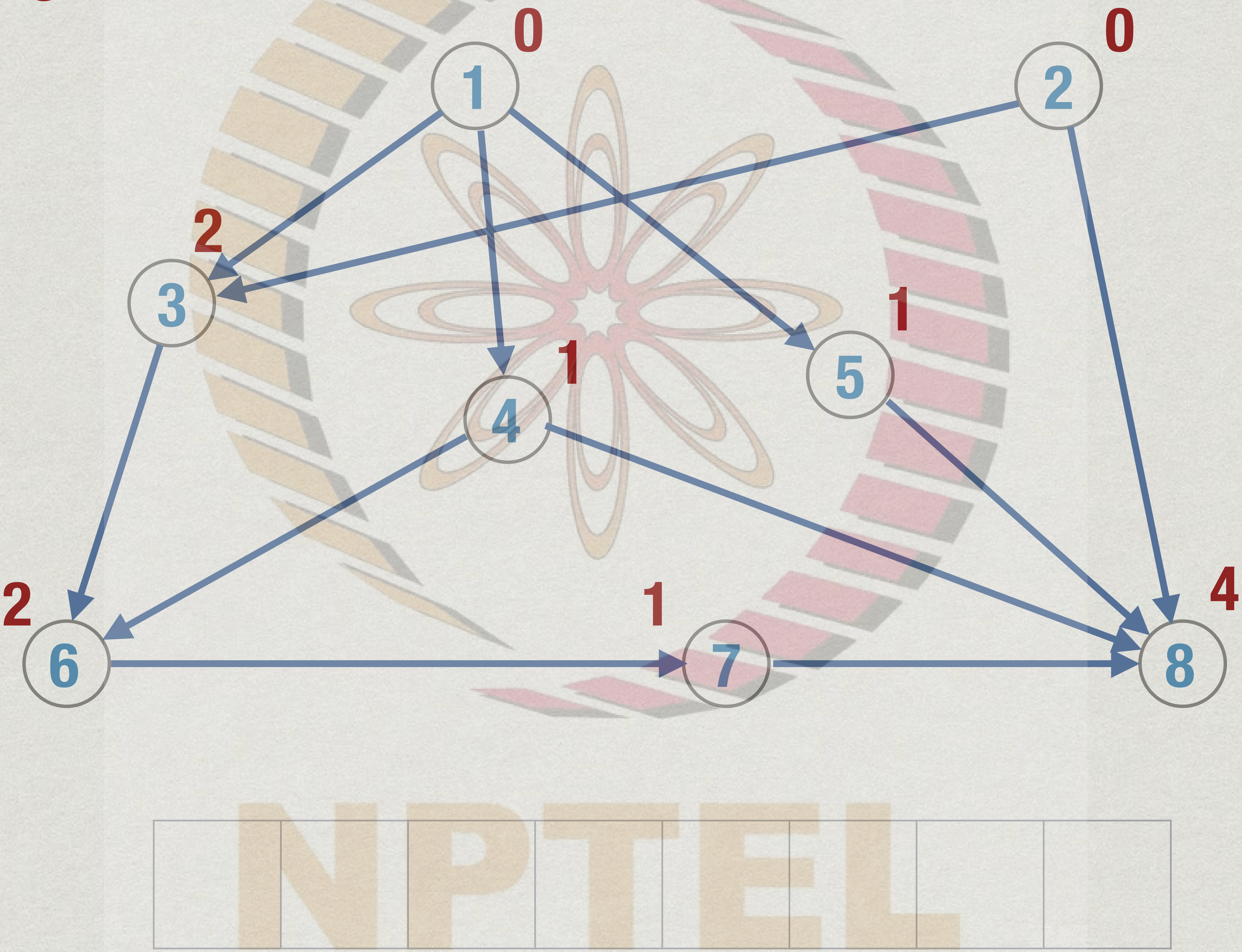

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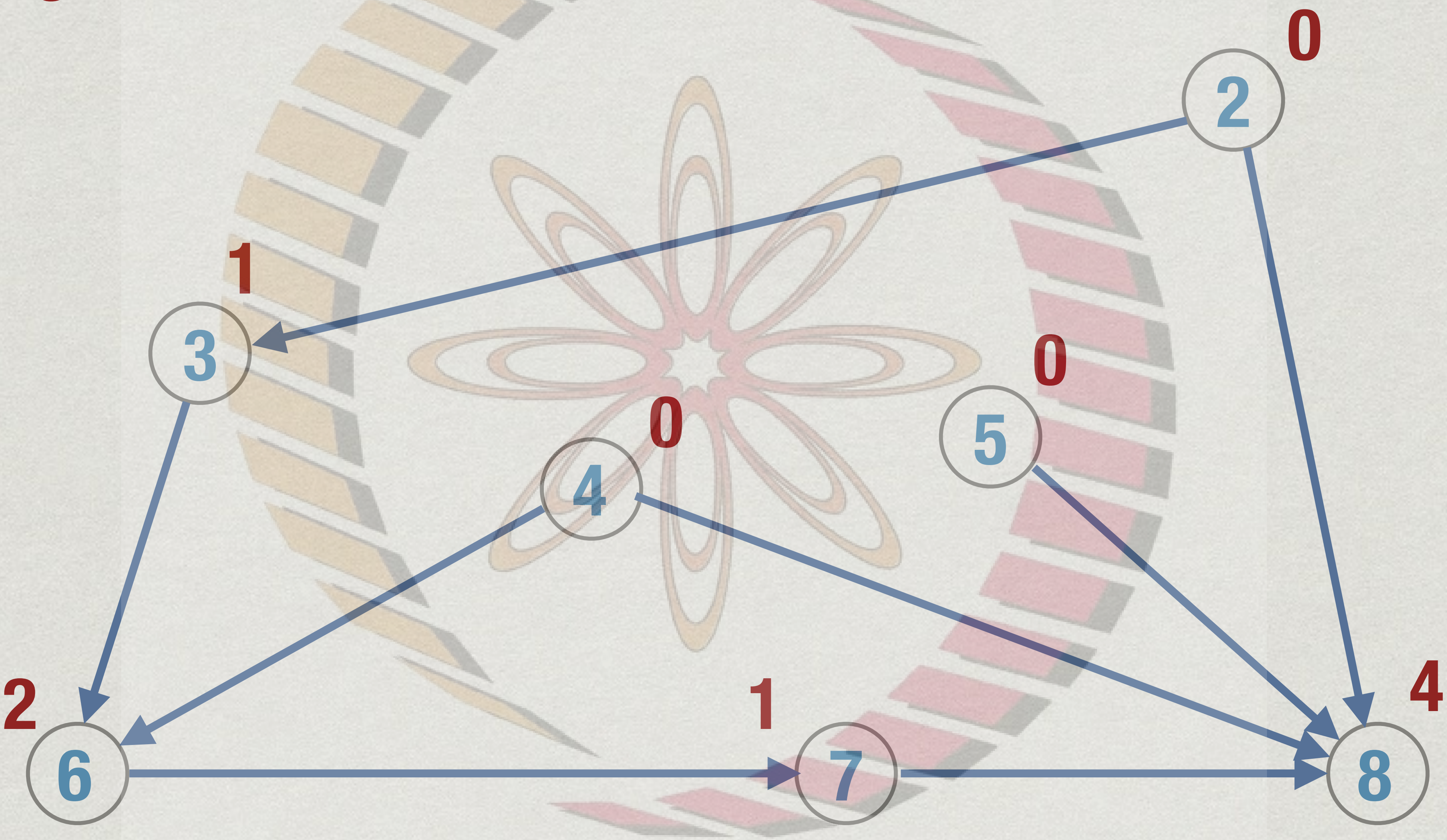

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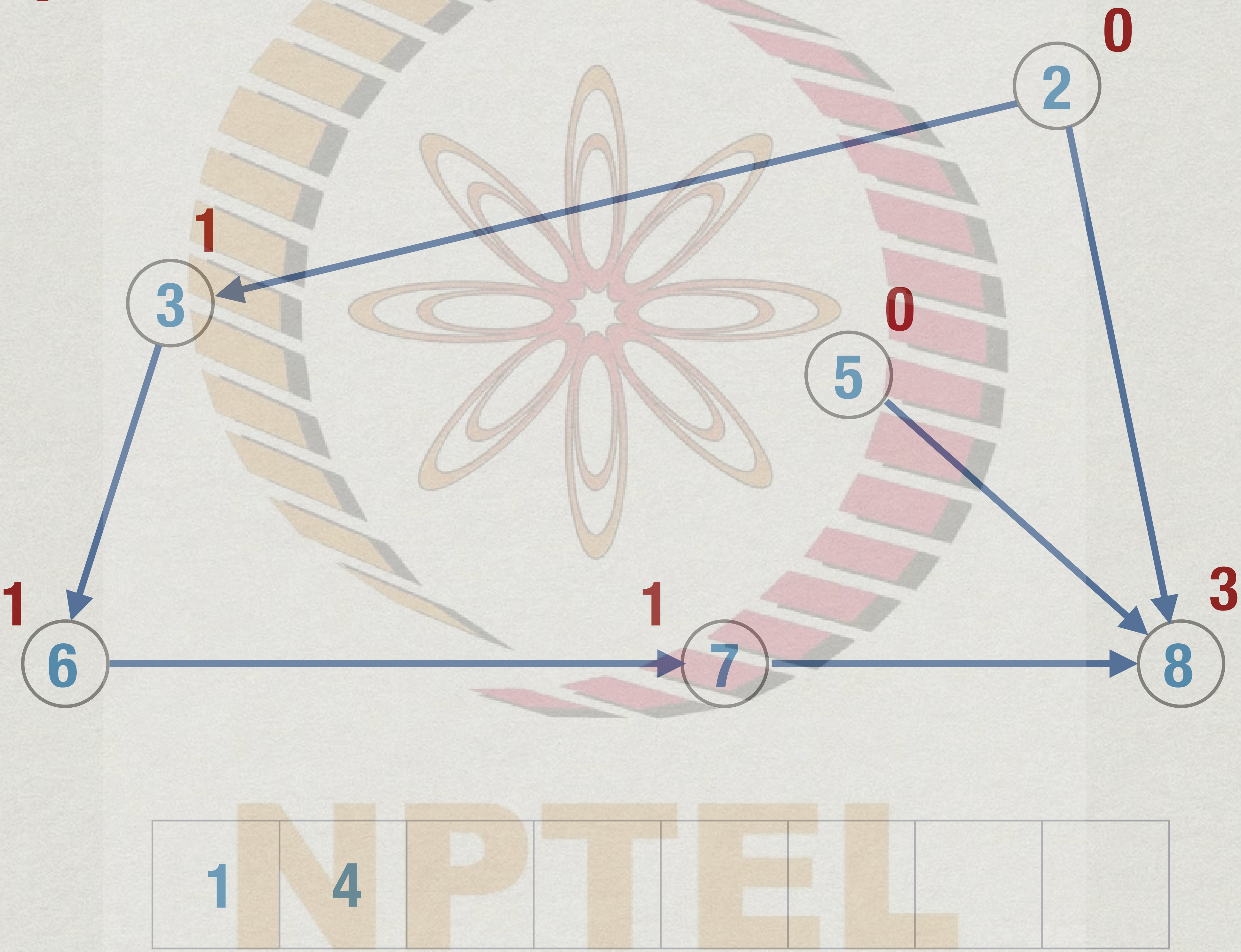

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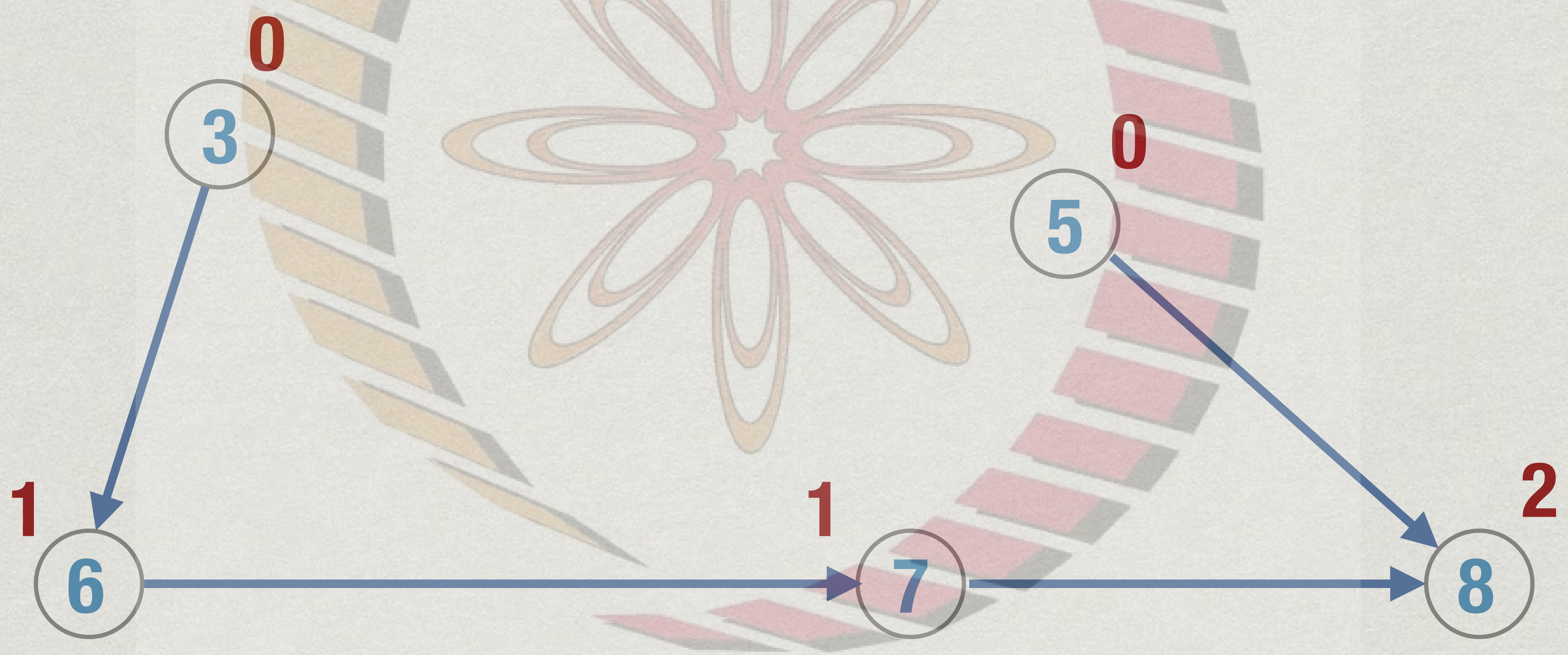

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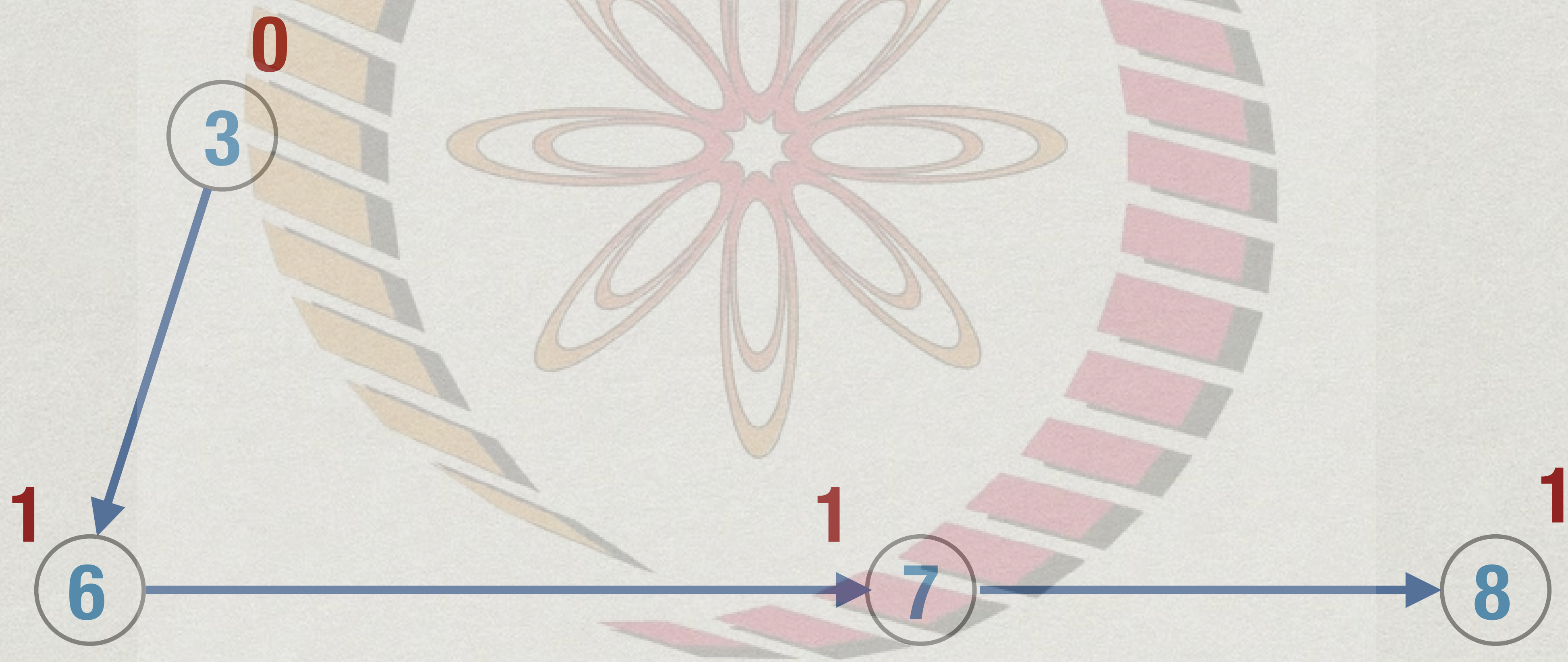
Indegree



1	4	2	5				

Indegree

1	4	2	5	3			

Indegree

1	4	2	5	3	6		

Indegree

0

8

1	4	2	5	3	6	7	

Indegree

1	4	2	5	3	6	7	8

Topological ordering

```
function TopologicalOrder(G)
  for i = 1 to n
    indegree[i] = 0
    for j = 1 to n
      indegree[i] = indegree[i] + A[j][i]

  for i = 1 to n
    choose j with indegree[j] = 0
      enumerate j
      indegree[j] = -1
      for k = 1 to n
        if A[j][k] == 1
          indegree[k] = indegree[k]-1
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Topological ordering

- Complexity is $O(n^2)$
  - Initializing indegree takes time $O(n^2)$
  - Loop n times to enumerate vertices
    - Inside loop, identifying next vertex is $O(n)$
    - Updating indegrees of neighbours is $O(n)$

Topological ordering

- Using adjacency list
  - Scan lists once to compute indegrees — O(m)
  - Put all indegree 0 vertices in a queue
  - Enumerate head of queue and decrement indegree of neighbours — degree(j), overall O(m)
    - If indegree(k) becomes 0, add to queue
- Overall O(n+m)

Topological ordering revisited

```
function TopologicalOrder(G) //Edges are in adjacency list
  for i = 1 to n { indegree[i] = 0 }

  for i = 1 to n
    for (i,j) in E //proportional to outdegree(i)
      indegree[j] = indegree[j] + 1

  for i = 1 to n
    if indegree[i] == 0 { add i to Queue }

  while Queue is not empty
    j = remove_head(Queue)
    for (j,k) in E //proportional to outdegree(j)
      indegree[k] = indegree[k] - 1
      if indegree[k] == 0 { add k to Queue }
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