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DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

Representing graphs

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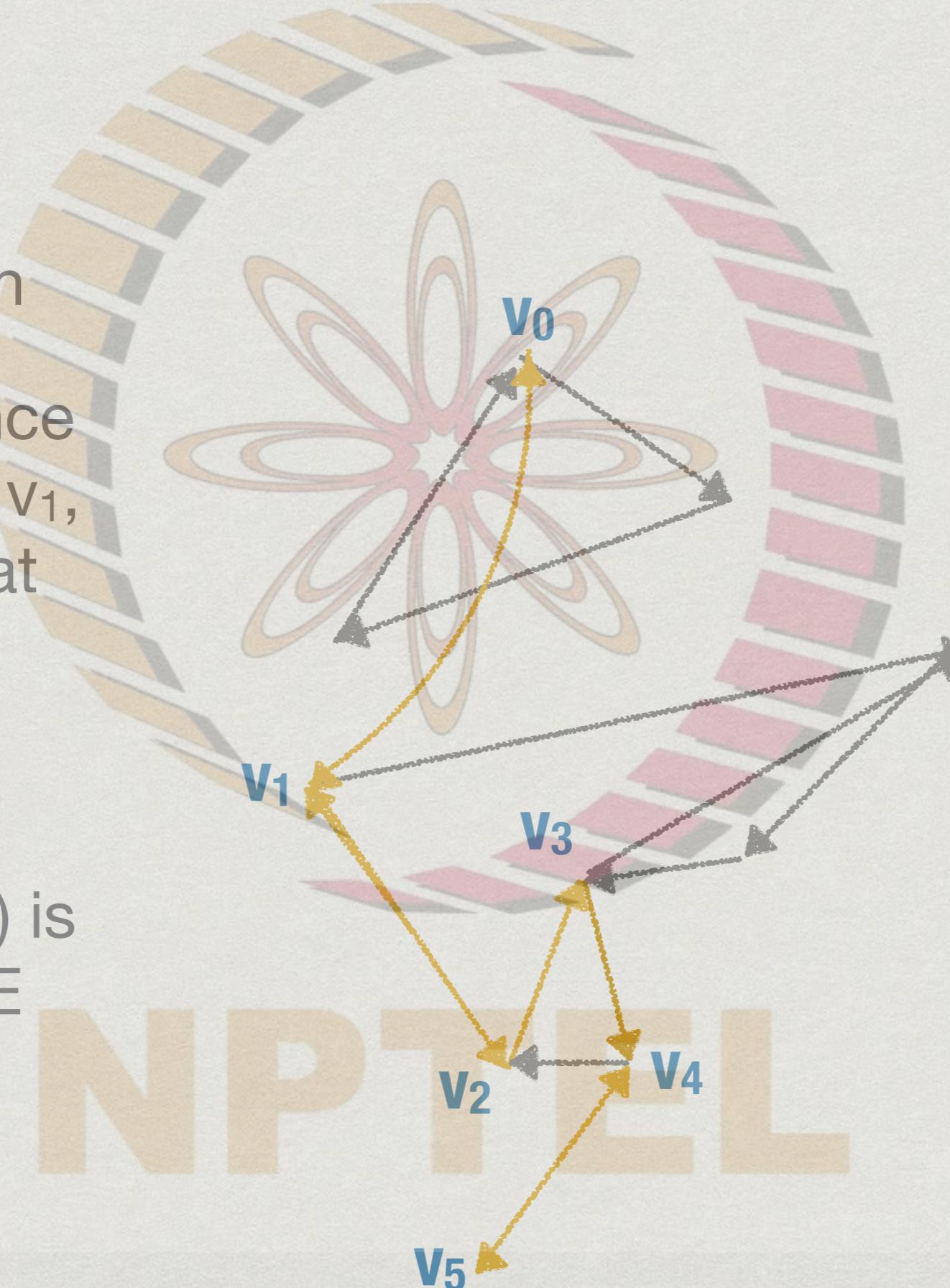
Graphs, formally

$$G = (V, E)$$

- * Set of vertices V
- * Set of edges E
- * E is a subset of pairs (v, v') : $E \subseteq V \times V$
- * Undirected graph: (v, v') and (v', v) are the same edge
- * Directed graph:
 - * (v, v') is an edge from v to v'
 - * Does not guarantee that (v', v) is also an edge

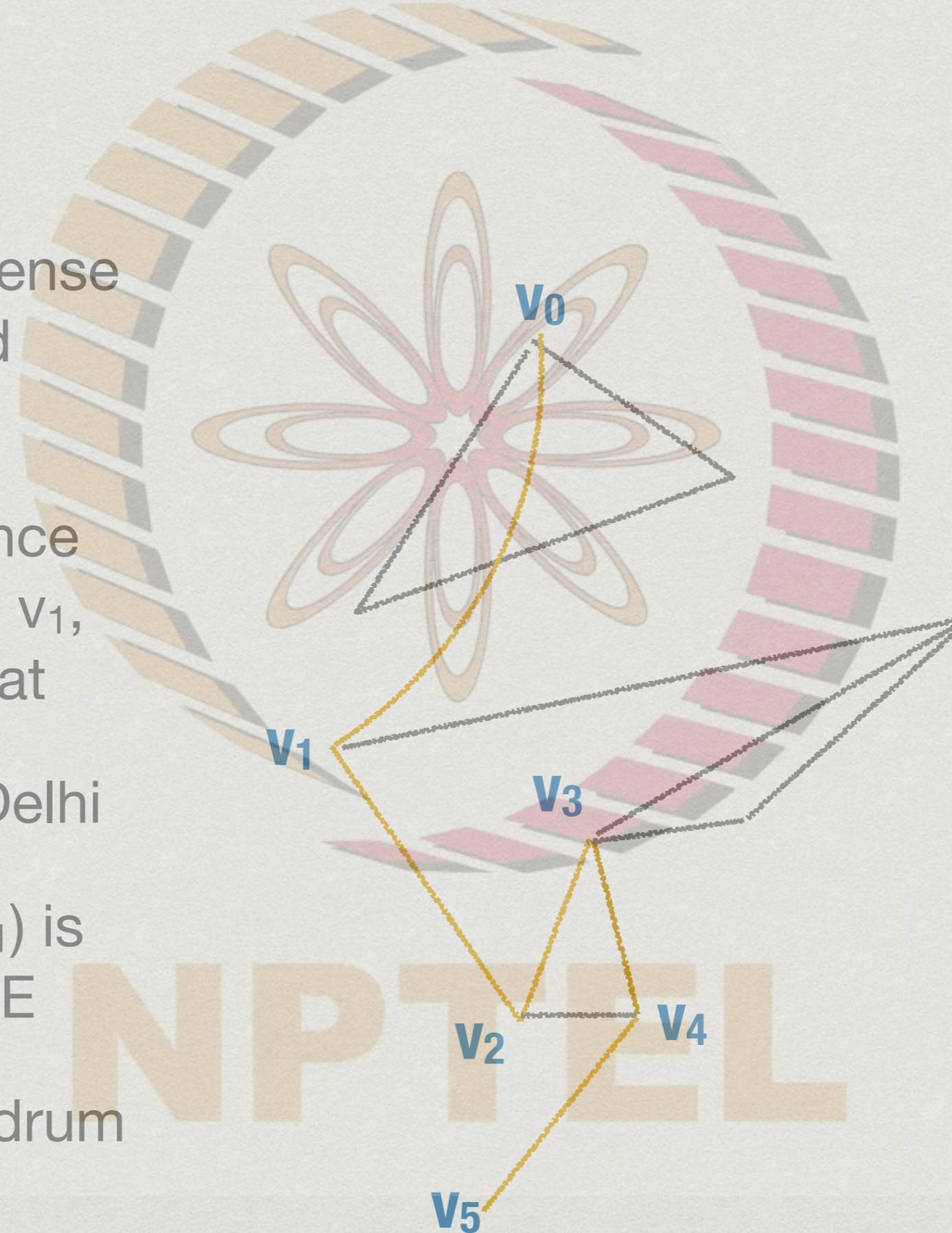
Finding a route

- * Directed graph
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- * Also makes sense for undirected graphs
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Working with graphs

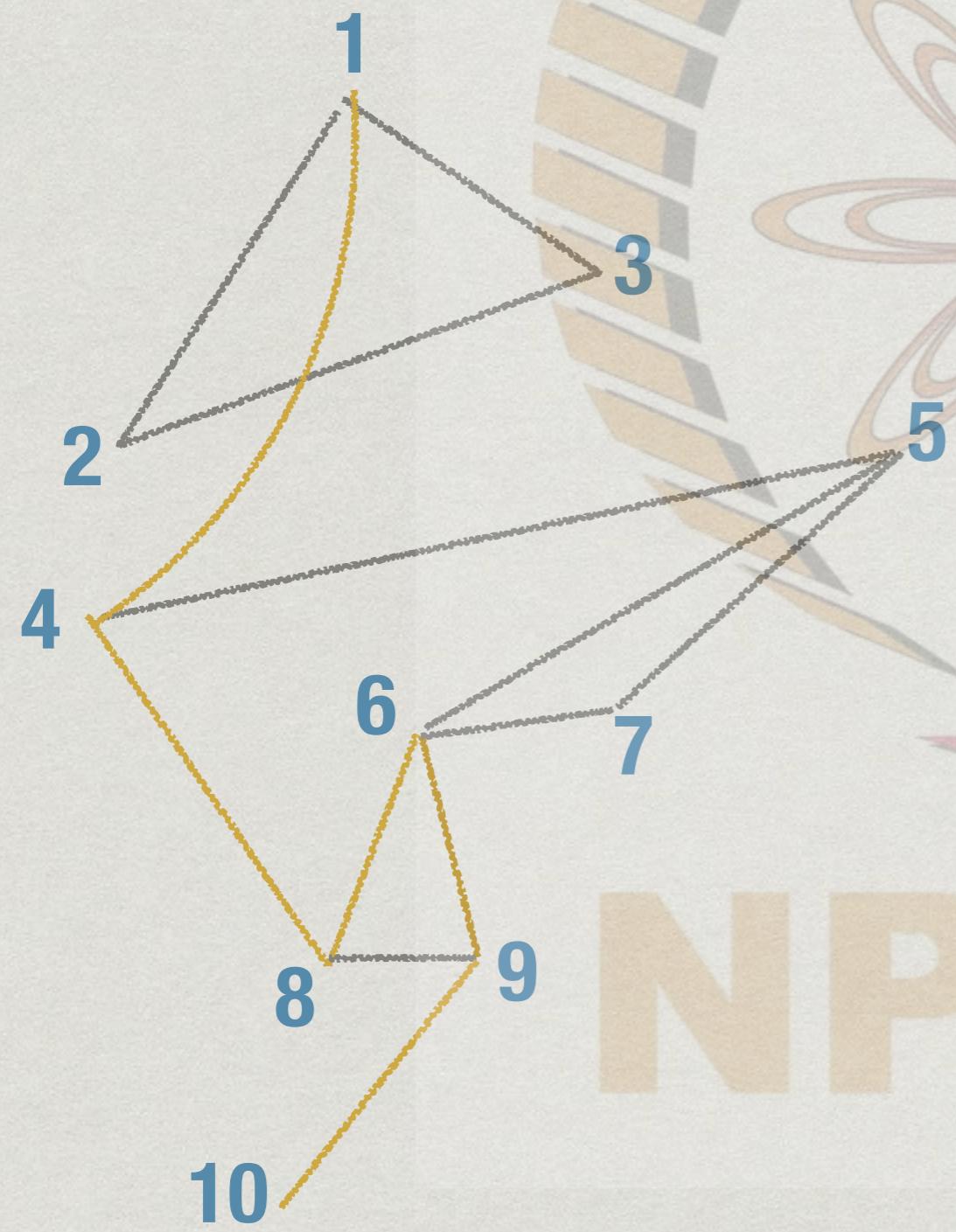
- * We are given $G = (V, E)$, **undirected**
- * Is there a path from source v_s to target v_t ?
- * Look at the picture and see if v_s and v_t are connected
- * How do we get an algorithm to “look at the picture”?

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Representing graphs

- * Let V have n vertices
 - * We can assume vertices are named $1, 2, \dots, n$
- * Each edge is now a pair (i, j) , where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$
- * Let $A(i, j) = 1$ if (i, j) is an edge and 0 otherwise
- * A is an $n \times n$ matrix describing the graph
 - * **Adjacency matrix**

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Exploring graphs

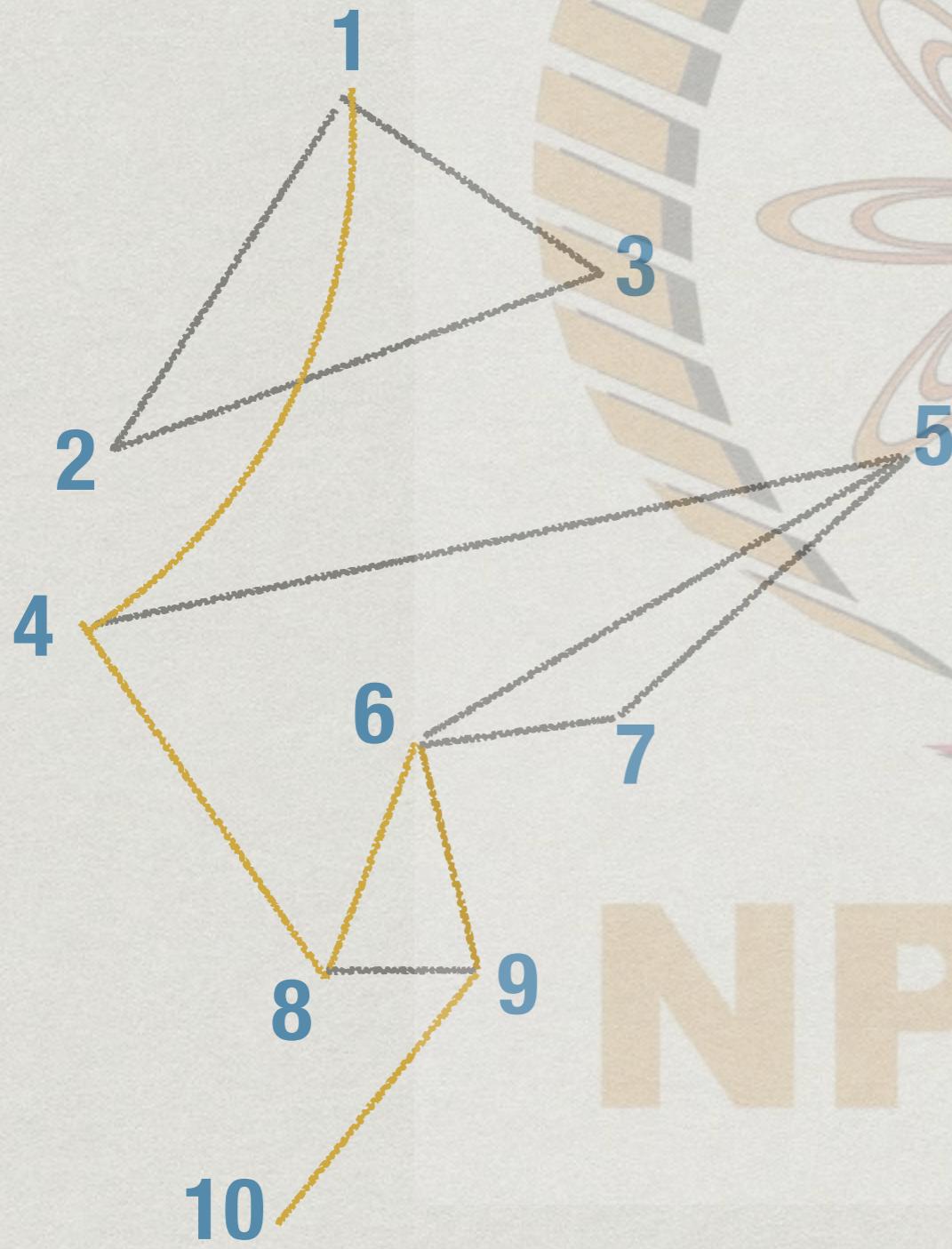
- * Need a systematic algorithm
 - * Mark vertices that have been visited
 - * Keep track of vertices whose neighbours have already been explored
 - * Avoid going round indefinitely in circles
- * Two fundamental strategies: breadth first and depth first

An alternative representation

- * Adjacency matrix has many 0's
 - * Size of the matrix is n^2 regardless of number of edges
 - * Maximum size of E is $n(n-1)/2$ if we disallow self loops
 - * Typically E is much smaller

Adjacency list

- * For each vertex, maintain a list of its neighbours



1	2,3,4
2	1,3
3	1,2
4	1,5,8
5	4,6,7
6	5,7,8,9
7	5,6
8	4,6,9
9	6,8,10
10	9

Comparing representations

- * Adjacency list typically requires less space
- * **Is j a neighbour of i ?**
 - * Just check if $A[i][j]$ is 1 in adjacency matrix
 - * Need to scan neighbours of i in adjacency list
- * **Which vertices are neighbours of i ?**
 - * Scan all n columns in adjacency matrix
 - * Takes time proportional to neighbours in adjacency list