

Module 01: Königsberg Bridge Puzzle

Advanced Topics in Network
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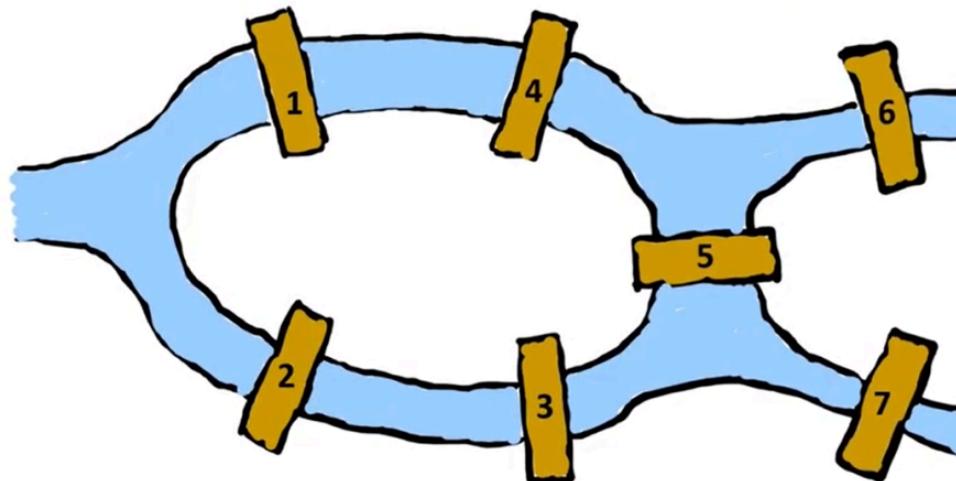
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Quiz

1. Explain in your own words what are the conditions for a graph to have an Euler path, and why?
2. What is the minimum number of bridges required to make the Königsberg bridge puzzle have an Euler circuit? Explain your reasoning.

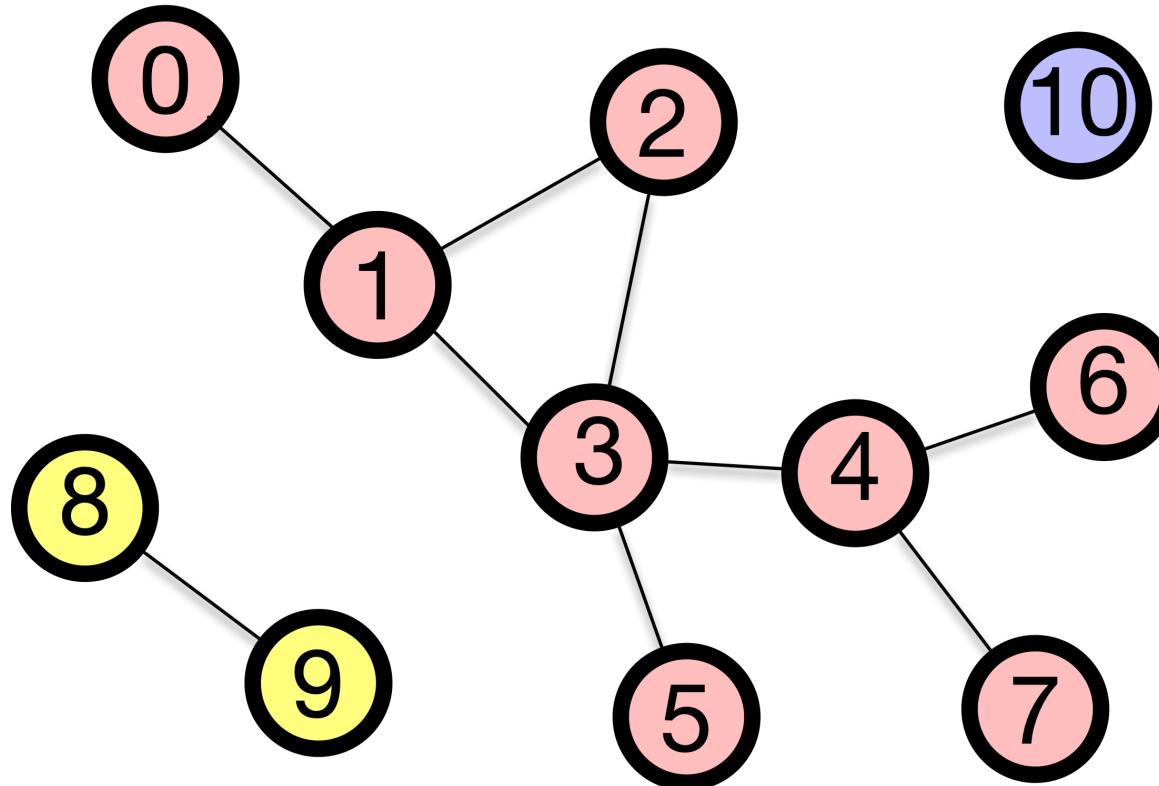


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Connected Component

Definition: A **connected component** is a maximal set of nodes where every node can reach every other node within that set.



Question: Is a single node a connected component?

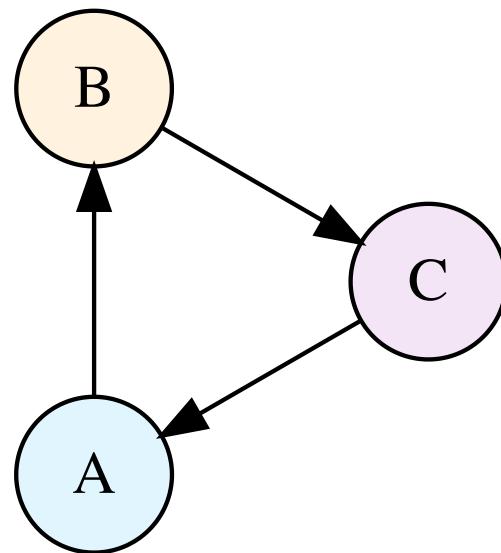
In large real-world networks, what would you expect 🤔?

- Many tiny components of 2-3 nodes?
- One huge component containing most nodes?
- All components roughly equal size?
- Many networks contain **a giant component** that contains a significant fraction of all nodes in the network
- **Definition:** **A giant component** is a connected component where almost every node in the network is reachable from any other node in the component.

Context: What if edges have direction? (Think Twitter follows, webpage links)

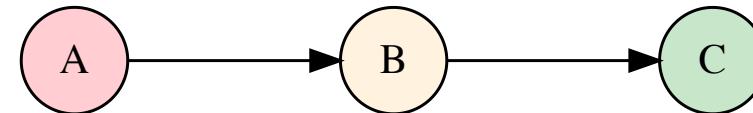
Strongly connected 💪

Every node can reach every other node following edge directions



Weakly connected 🤝

Connected if we ignore edge directions



Question: Is every strongly connected component also weakly connected?

Coding Networks in Python



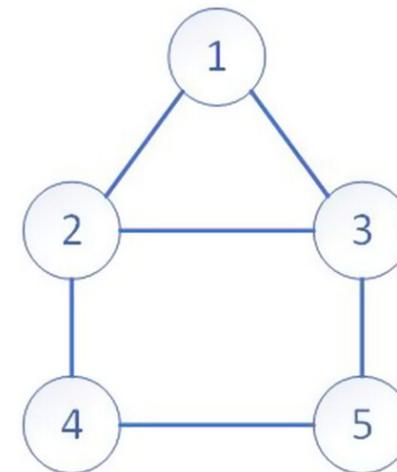
Given any network, how would you represent it in a computer?

Three ways to represent the same network:

1. **Edge Table** - List of connections

2. **Adjacency List** - Each node's neighbors

3. **Adjacency Matrix** - Grid of 1s and 0s *5 nodes, 6 edges*



Edge Table: The Direct Approach



Simply list every connection:

```
1 edges = [  
2     (0, 1), # Node 0 connects to Node 1  
3     (0, 2), # Node 0 connects to Node 2  
4     (1, 2), # Node 1 connects to Node 2  
5     (1, 3), # Node 1 connects to Node 3  
6     (2, 4), # Node 2 connects to Node 4  
7     (3, 4)  # Node 3 connects to Node 4  
8 ]
```

- *How would you count the degree of node 1 from this list?*
- *How would you find the neighbors of node 1?*

Adjacency List: Neighborhood Map



Each node knows its neighbors:

```
1 neighbors = {  
2     0: [1, 2],      # Node 0 connects to nodes 1,2  
3     1: [0, 2, 3],  # Node 1 connects to nodes 0,2,3  
4     2: [0, 1, 4],  # Node 2 connects to nodes 0,1,4  
5     3: [1, 4],    # Node 3 connects to nodes 1,4  
6     4: [2, 3]     # Node 4 connects to nodes 2,3  
7 }
```

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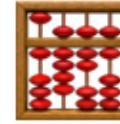
Adjacency Matrix: The Math Way

Grid where entry $(i, j) = 1$ if connected:

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 matrix = np.array([
4     [0, 1, 1, 0, 0],  # Node 0: connects to 1,2
5     [1, 0, 1, 1, 0],  # Node 1: connects to 0,2,3
6     [1, 1, 0, 0, 1],  # Node 2: connects to 0,1,4
7     [0, 1, 0, 0, 1],  # Node 3: connects to 1,4
8     [0, 0, 1, 1, 0]   # Node 4: connects to 2,3
9 ])
```

- *How would you count the degree of node 1 from this matrix?*
- *How would you find the neighbors of node 1?*

Implementing Euler's Theorem



```
1 def has_euler_path(adjacency_matrix):  
2     # Calculate degrees  
3     degrees = adjacency_matrix.sum(axis=1)  
4  
5     # Count odd degrees  
6     odd_count = sum(1 for d in degrees if d % 2 == 1)  
7  
8     # Euler's condition  
9     return odd_count == 0 or odd_count == 2
```

Do you agree with this?

The Missing Piece: Connectivity

Revisit

An Euler path exists if and only if:

1. **The graph is connected** ← We forgot this!
2. **Exactly 0 or 2 nodes have odd degree**

Module 01 Review



- **Euler's legacy** (1736)
 - Abstraction over physical details
 - Focus on relationships → Birth of graph theory
- **Euler's theorem**
 - Euler path exists if and only if the graph is connected and exactly 0 or 2 nodes have odd degree
- **Key concepts:**
 - Path, walk, trail, circuit, cycle
 - Connected component, giant component, degree
- **Computational Representation**
 - Edge table, adjacency list, adjacency matrix

- **Walk**
 - Any sequence of connected nodes
- **Trail**
 - Walk without repeated edges
- **Path**
 - Walk without repeated nodes
- **Circuit/Cycle:**
 - Closed versions that return to start
- Is a path always a trail ?
 - Yes. Path does not repeat edges.

- **Connected**
 - A network where there is a path between every pair of nodes
- **Connected component**
 - A maximal set of nodes where every node can reach every other node within that set
- **Giant component**
 - A connected component where almost every node in the network is reachable from any other node in the component
- **Strongly connected**
 - A network where every node can reach every other node following edge directions
- **Weakly connected**

- **Euler path**
 - A path that visits each edge exactly once
- **Euler circuit**
 - An Euler path that starts and ends at the same node
- **What is the condition for the existence of an Euler circuit?**
 - Graph is connected and all nodes have even degree.

Representation of Networks

Edge Table

```
1 edges = [  
2     (0, 1),  
3     (1, 2),  
4     (2, 3)  
5 ]
```

Adjacency List

```
1 neighbors = {  
2     0: [1],  
3     1: [0, 2],  
4     2: [1, 3]  
5 }
```

Adjacency Matrix

```
1 matrix = np.array([  
2     [0, 1, 0],  
3     [1, 0, 1],  
4     [0, 1, 0]  
5 ])
```

Best for: Storage, I/O

Best for: Neighbor search

Best for: Math operations

My recommendation:

Use edge table for saving the network data. Use (sparse) adjacency matrices for analysis.

Coming up in Module 02:

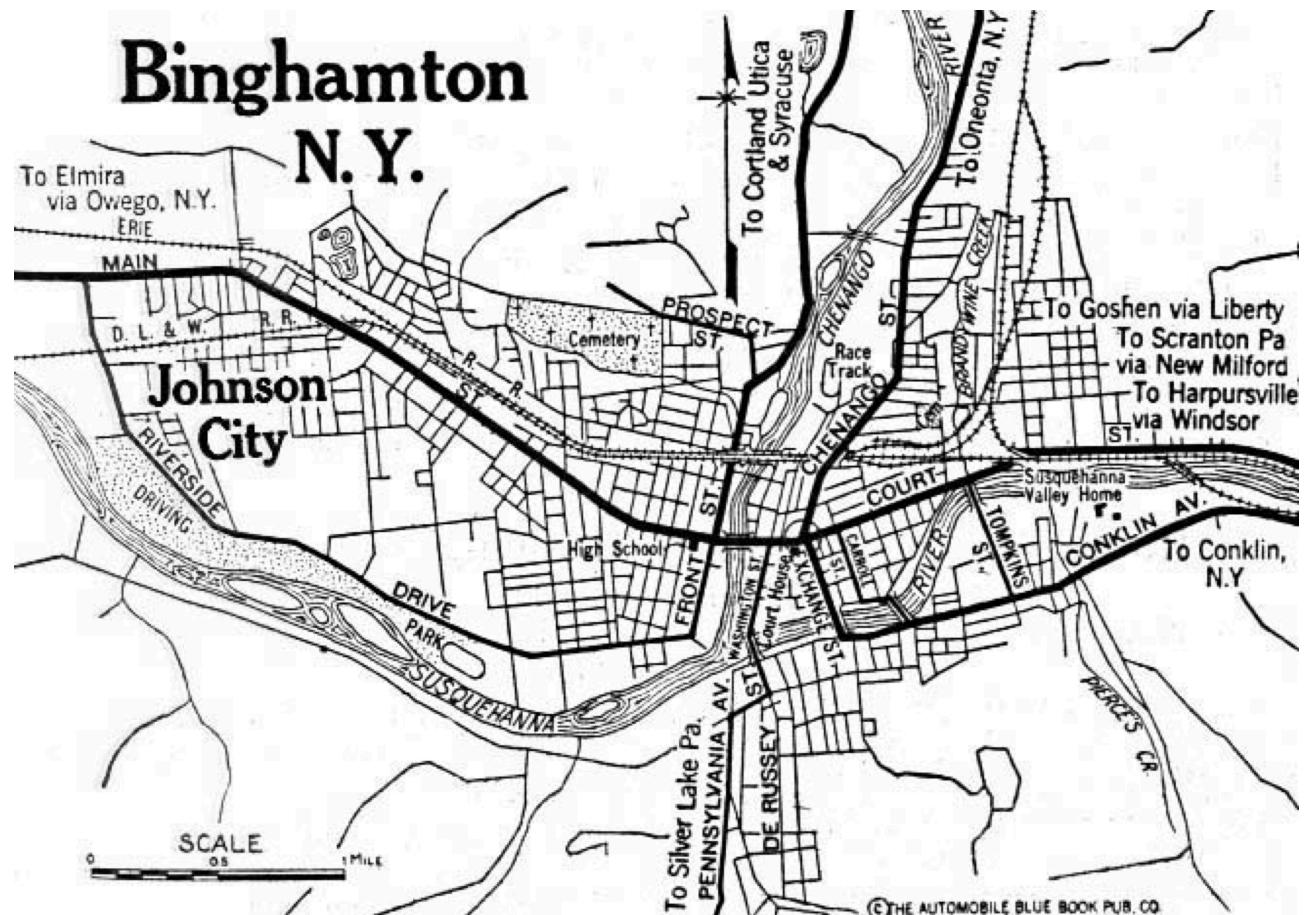
Small world networks



Almost all 8 billion people on the planet are your friends of friends of friends of friends of friends of friends.

Coding Exercise

- Represent the bridge network as either an edge table, an adjacency list, or an adjacency matrix in Python.
- Write a function that takes the network data and returns the existence of an Euler path.



Assignment set up

- <https://classroom.github.com/a/Sdey2VNh>.
- Preparations: Install [Docker Desktop](#) and [GitHub Desktop](#)
- [A simple workflow](#) using GitHub Web UI
- [A recommended workflow](#) using Docker and VS Code.