# 4.1 Undirected Graphs



- ▶ graph API
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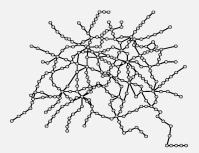
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# Undirected graphs

Graph. Set of vertices connected pairwise by edges.

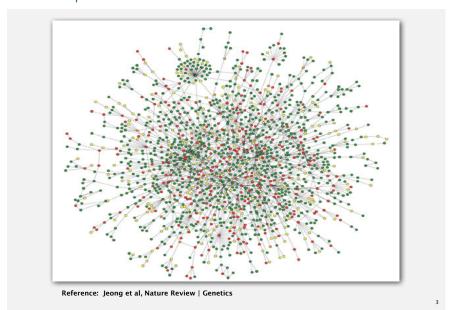
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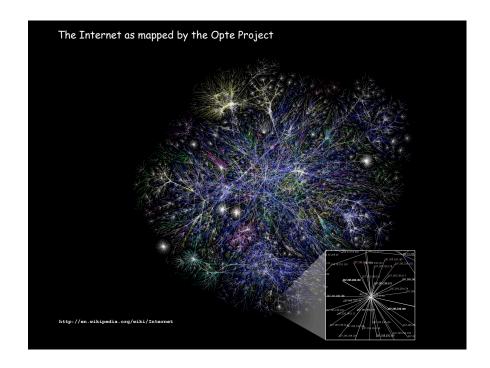
- Interesting and broadly useful abstraction.
- Challenging branch of computer science and discrete math.
- Hundreds of graph algorithms known.
- Thousands of practical applications.



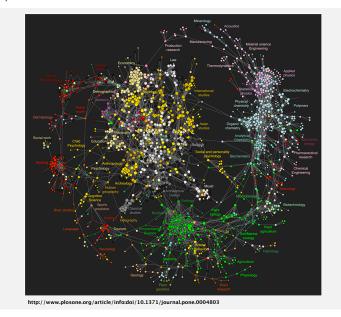


# Protein-protein interaction network

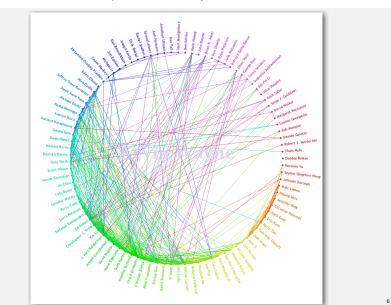




# Map of science clickstreams



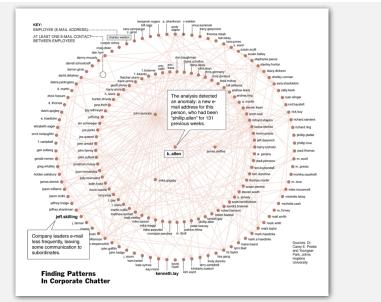
# Kevin's facebook friends (Princeton network)



# 10 million Facebook friends

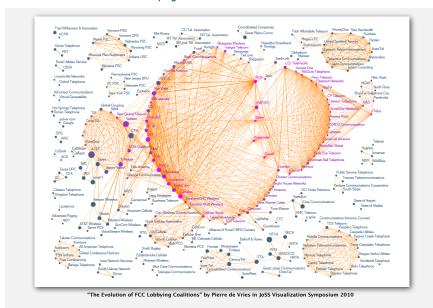


# One week of Enron emails



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#### The evolution of FCC lobbying coalitions



# **Graph applications**

graph	vertex	edge
communication	telephone, computer	fiber optic cable
circuit	gate, register, processor	wire
mechanical	joint	rod, beam, spring
financial	stock, currency	transactions
transportation	street intersection, airport	highway, airway route
internet	class C network	connection
game	board position	legal move
social relationship	person, actor	friendship, movie cast
neural network	neuron	synapse
protein network	protein	protein-protein interaction
chemical compound	molecule	bond

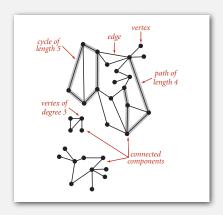
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# Graph terminology

 ${\color{red}\textbf{Path}}. \ \ {\color{gray}\textbf{Sequence of vertices connected by edges}}.$ 

Cycle. Path whose first and last vertices are the same.

Two vertices are connected if there is a path between them.



# Some graph-processing problems

Path. Is there a path between s and t?

Shortest path. What is the shortest path between s and t?

Cycle. Is there a cycle in the graph?

Euler tour. Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once?

Hamilton tour. Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once?

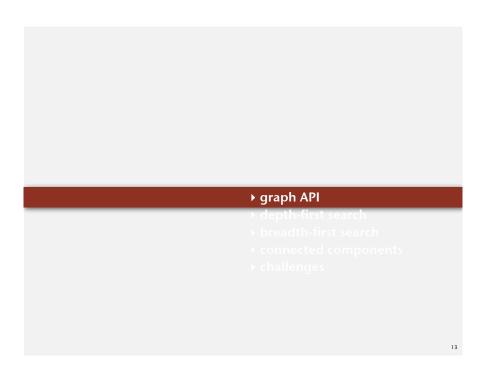
 ${\it Connectivity.}\ \ {\it Is there a way to connect all of the vertices?}$ 

MST. What is the best way to connect all of the vertices?

Biconnectivity. Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?

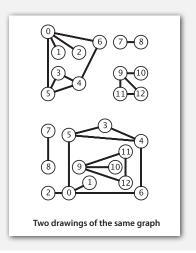
Planarity. Can you draw the graph in the plane with no crossing edges? Graph isomorphism. Do two adjacency lists represent the same graph?

Challenge. Which of these problems are easy? difficult? intractable?



#### Graph representation

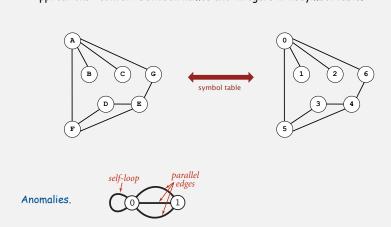
Graph drawing. Provides intuition about the structure of the graph. Caveat. Intuition can be misleading.



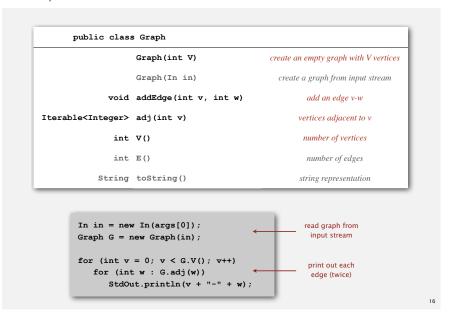
#### Graph representation

#### Vertex representation.

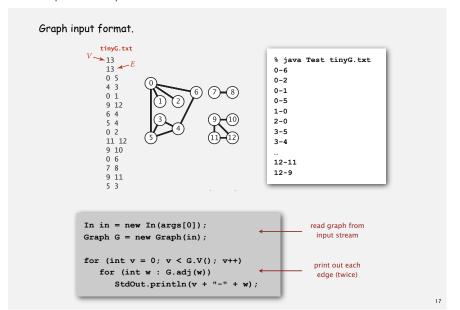
- $\bullet$  This lecture: use integers between 0 and v-1.
- Applications: convert between names and integers with symbol table.



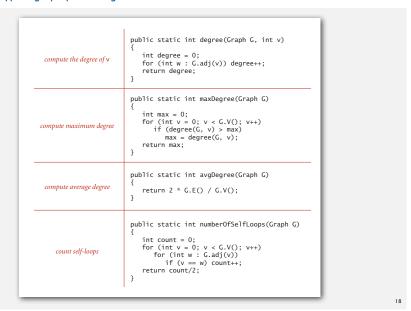
# Graph API



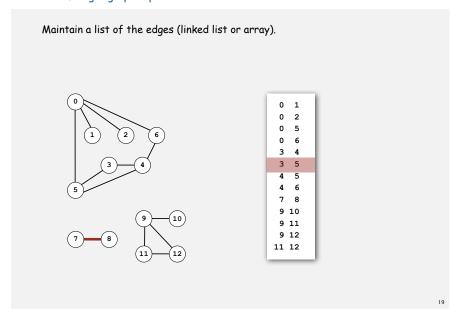
#### Graph API: sample client



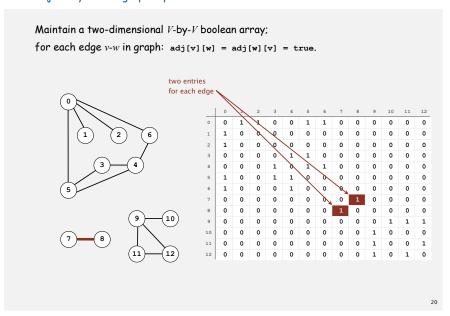
#### Typical graph-processing code



#### Set-of-edges graph representation

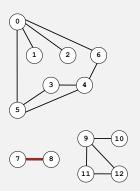


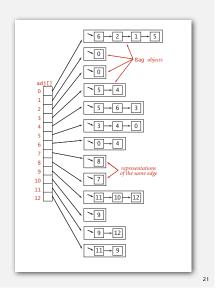
#### Adjacency-matrix graph representation



# Adjacency-list graph representation

# Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists. (use Bag abstraction)





# Adjacency-list graph representation: Java implementation



#### **Graph** representations

In practice. Use adjacency-lists representation.

- Algorithms based on iterating over vertices adjacent to v.
- Real-world graphs tend to be "sparse."

huge number of vertices, small average vertex degree

representation	space	add edge	edge between v and w?	iterate over vertices adjacent to v?
list of edges	E	1	E	E
adjacency matrix	V <sup>2</sup>	1 *	1	V
adjacency lists	E + V	1	degree(v)	degree(v)

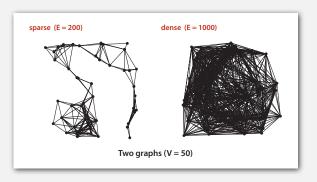
<sup>\*</sup> disallows parallel edges

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# → depth-first search

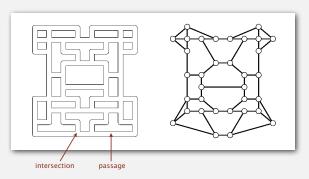
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# Maze exploration

# Maze graphs.

- Vertex = intersection.
- Edge = passage.



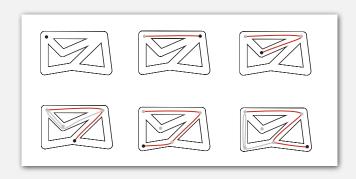
Goal. Explore every intersection in the maze.

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# Trémaux maze exploration

#### Algorithm.

- Unroll a ball of string behind you.
- Mark each visited intersection and each visited passage.
- Retrace steps when no unvisited options.



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First use? Theseus entered labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur; Ariadne held ball of string.

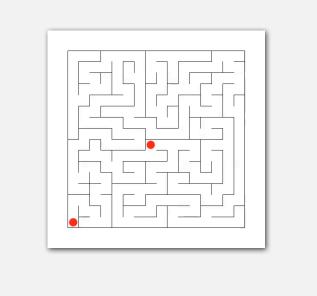




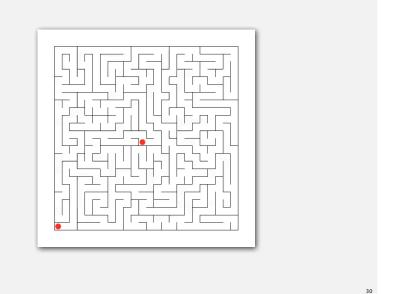
Claude Shannon (with Theseus mouse)

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# Depth-first search

Goal. Systematically search through a graph.

Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

DFS (to visit a vertex v)

Mark v as visited.

Recursively visit all unmarked

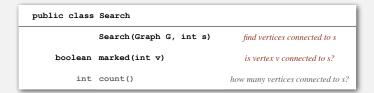
vertices w adjacent to v.

# Typical applications. [ahead]

- Find all vertices connected to a given source vertex.
- Find a path between two vertices.

# Design pattern for graph processing

Design pattern. Decouple graph data type from graph processing.



#### Typical client program.

- Create a Graph.
- Pass the Graph to a graph-processing routine, e.g., Search.
- Query the graph-processing routine for information.

```
Search search = new Search(G, s);
for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)
if (search.marked(v))
StdOut.println(v);

print all vertices
connected to s
```

#### Depth-first search (warmup)

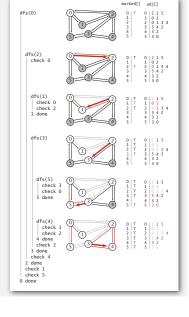
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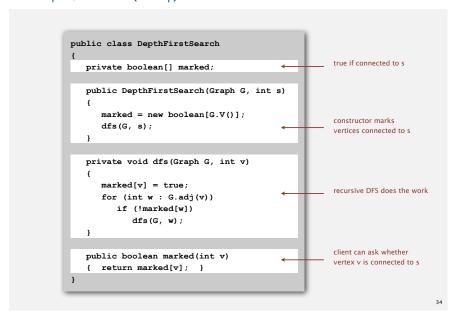
- Use recursion (ball of string).
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- Return (retrace steps) when no unvisited options.

#### Data structure.

• boolean[] marked to mark visited vertices.



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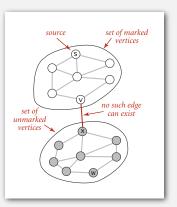


#### Depth-first search properties

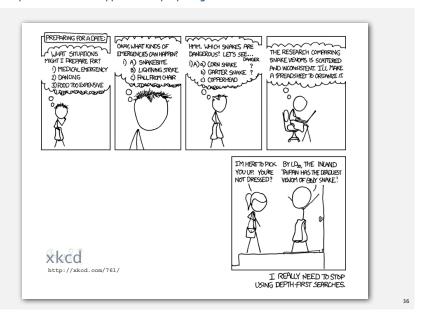
Proposition. DFS marks all vertices connected to s in time proportional to the sum of their degrees.

#### Pf.

- · Correctness:
- if w marked, then w connected to s (why?)
- if w connected to s, then w marked
   (if w unmarked, then consider last edge
   on a path from s to w that goes from a
   marked vertex to an unmarked one)
- Running time: each vertex connected to s is visited once.



#### Depth-first search application: preparing for a date



# Depth-first search application: flood fill

Challenge. Flood fill (Photoshop magic wand).

Assumptions. Picture has millions to billions of pixels.





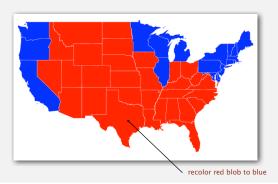
Q. How difficult?

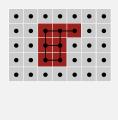
# Depth-first search application: flood fill

Change color of entire blob of neighboring red pixels to blue.

#### Build a grid graph.

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent red pixels.
- Blob: all pixels connected to given pixel.



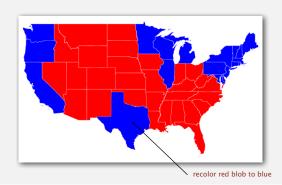


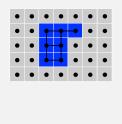
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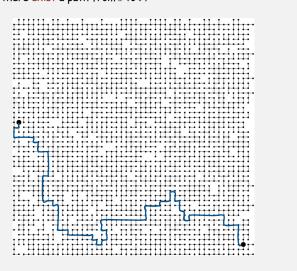
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# Paths in graphs

Goal. Does there exist a path from s to t?



#### Paths in graphs: union-find vs. DFS

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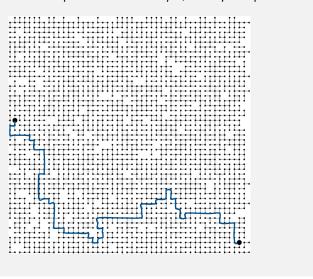
method	preprocessing time	query time	space
union-find	V + E log* V	log* V †	V
DFS	E + V	1	E + V

Union-find. Can intermix queries and edge insertions.

Depth-first search. Constant time per query.

#### Pathfinding in graphs

Goal. Does there exist a path from s to t? If yes, find any such path.



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public class Paths				
	Paths(Graph G, int s)	find paths in G from source s		
boolean	hasPathTo(int v)	is there a path from s to v?		
Iterable <integer></integer>	pathTo(int v)	path from s to v; null if no such path		

Union-find. Not much help.

Depth-first search. After linear-time preprocessing, can recover path itself in time proportional to its length.

#### Depth-first search (pathfinding)

Goal. Find paths to all vertices connected to a given source s.

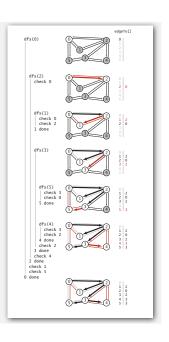
Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

#### Algorithm.

- Use recursion (ball of string).
- · Mark each visited vertex by keeping
- track of edge taken to visit it.
- Return (retrace steps) when no unvisited options.

#### Data structures.

- boolean[] marked to mark visited vertices.
- int[] edgeTo to keep tree of paths.
- (edgeTo[w] == v) means that edge v-w
   was taken to visit w the first time



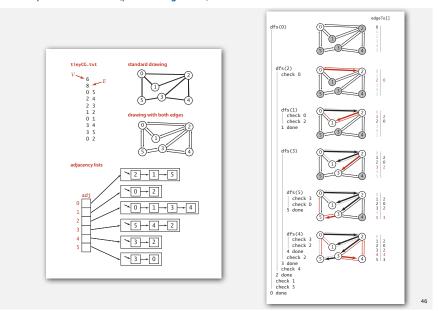
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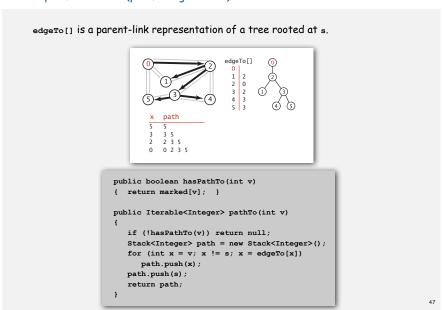
#### Depth-first search (pathfinding)



# Depth-first search (pathfinding trace)



# Depth-first search (pathfinding iterator)



#### Depth-first search summary

# Enables direct solution of simple graph problems.

- $\checkmark$  Does there exists a path between s and t?
- $\checkmark$  Find path between s and t.
  - Connected components (stay tuned).
  - Euler tour (see book).
  - Cycle detection (see book).
  - Bipartiteness checking (see book).

# Basis for solving more difficult graph problems.

- Biconnected components (beyond scope).
- Planarity testing (beyond scope).

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    breadth-first search
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    challenges
```

#### Breadth-first search

Depth-first search. Put unvisited vertices on a stack. Breadth-first search. Put unvisited vertices on a queue.

Shortest path. Find path from s to t that uses fewest number of edges.

BFS (from source vertex s)

Put s onto a FIFO queue, and mark s as visited. Repeat until the queue is empty:

- remove the least recently added vertex v
- add each of v's unvisited neighbors to the queue, and mark them as visited.







Intuition. BFS examines vertices in increasing distance from s.

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#### Breadth-first search (pathfinding)

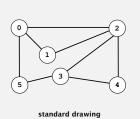
```
private void bfs(Graph G, int s)
{
   Queue<Integer> q = new Queue<Integer>();
   q.enqueue(s);
   marked[s] = true;
   while (!q.isEmpty())
   {
      int v = q.dequeue();
      for (int w : G.adj(v))
      if (!marked[w])
      {
            q.enqueue(w);
            marked[w] = true;
            edgeTo[w] = v;
      }
   }
}
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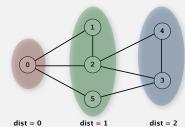
#### Breadth-first search properties

Proposition. BFS computes shortest path (number of edges) from s in a connected graph in time proportional to E+V.

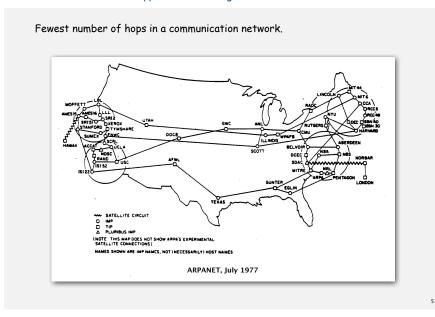
#### Pf.

- Correctness: queue always consists of zero or more vertices of distance k from s, followed by zero or more vertices of distance k+1.
- Running time: each vertex connected to s is visited once.

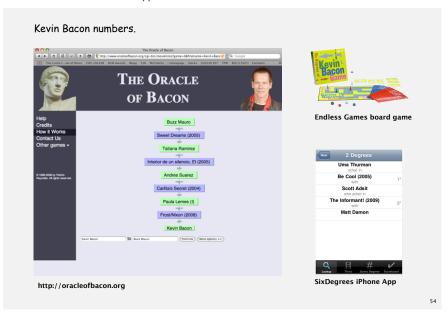




# Breadth-first search application: routing

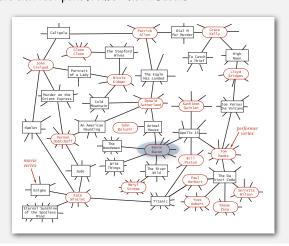


# Breadth-first search application: Kevin Bacon numbers

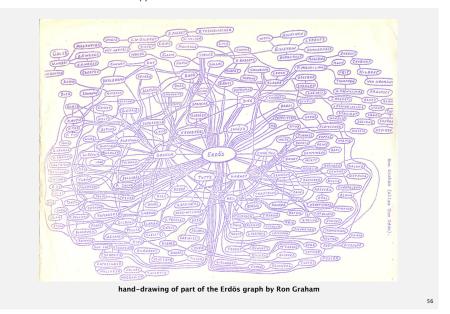


# Kevin Bacon graph

- Include a vertex for each performer and for each movie.
- Connect a movie to all performers that appear in that movie.
- Compute shortest path from  $s=\mbox{Kevin Bacon}$ .



# Breadth-first search application: Erdös numbers

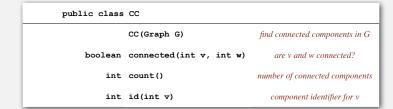


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#### Connectivity queries

Def. Vertices v and w are connected if there is a path between them.

Goal. Preprocess graph to answer queries: is v connected to w? in constant time.



Union-Find? Not quite.

Depth-first search. Yes. [next few slides]

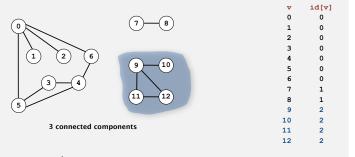
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#### Connected components

The relation "is connected to" is an equivalence relation:

- Reflexive: v is connected to v.
- Symmetric: if v is connected to w, then w is connected to v.
- Transitive: if v connected to w and w connected to x, then v connected to x.

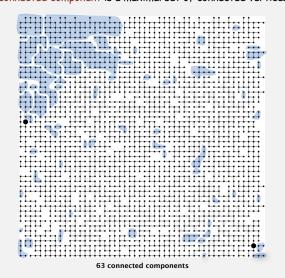
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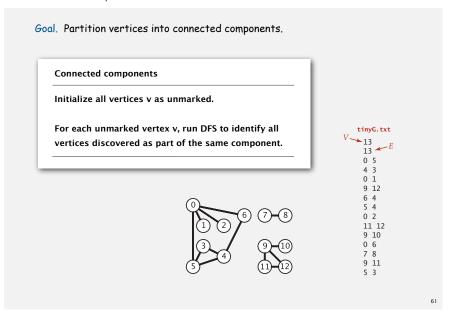
Remark. Given connected components, can answer queries in constant time.

# Connected components

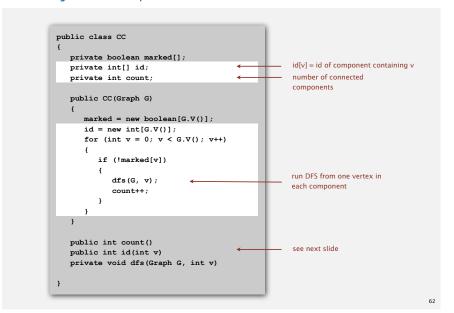
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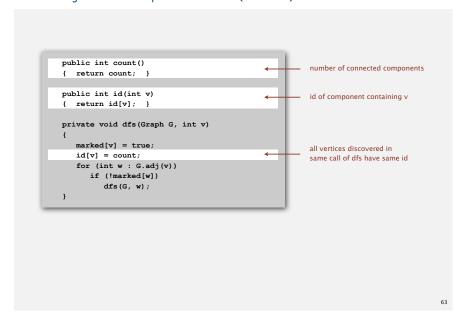
#### Connected components



#### Finding connected components with DFS



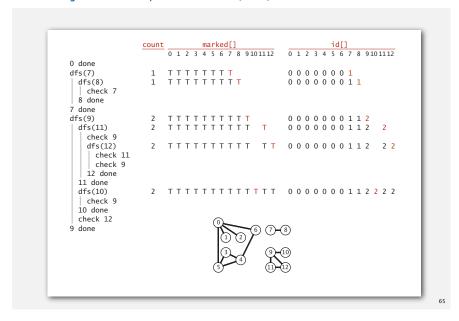
#### Finding connected components with DFS (continued)



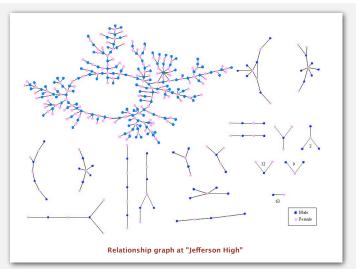
#### Finding connected components with DFS (trace)

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marked[]
                  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9101112 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9101112
dfs(0)
               0 T
 dfs(6)
  check 0
                                                0 0
   dfs(4)
               0 T
    dfs(5)
               0 T
                        TTT
                                                0 0 0
                                              0 0 0 0
     dfs(3)
              0 T
                      TTTT
       check 5
       check 4
     3 done
      check 4
     check 0
    5 done
    check 6
    check 3
  4 done
 6 done
 dfs(2)
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 check 0
 2 done
               0 T T T T T T
                                         0 0 0 0 0 0
 dfs(1)
 check 0
 1 done
 check 5
0 done
```

# Finding connected components with DFS (trace)



# Connected components application: study spread of STDs



Peter Bearman, James Moody, and Katherine Stovel. Chains of affection: The structure of adolescent romantic and sexual networks. American Journal of Sociology, 110(1): 44-99, 2004.

# Connected components application: particle detection

Particle detection. Given grayscale image of particles, identify "blobs."

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent pixels with grayscale value ≥ 70.
- Blob: connected component of 20-30 pixels.







Particle tracking. Track moving particles over time.

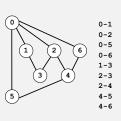
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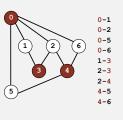
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Problem. Is a graph bipartite?

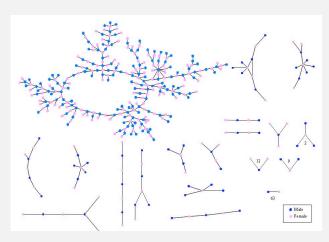
#### How difficult?

- Any COS 126 student could do it.
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#### Bipartiteness application



Relationship graph at "Jefferson High"

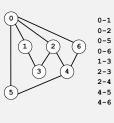
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# Graph-processing challenge 2

Problem. Find a cycle.

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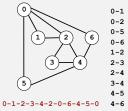


# Graph-processing challenge 3

Problem. Find a cycle that uses every edge. Assumption. Need to use each edge exactly once.

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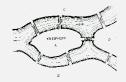
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#### Bridges of Königsberg

#### The Seven Bridges of Königsberg. [Leonhard Euler 1736]

"...in Königsberg in Prussia, there is an island A, called the Kneiphof; the river which surrounds it is divided into two branches ... and these branches are crossed by seven bridges. Concerning these bridges, it was asked whether anyone could arrange a route in such a way that he could cross each bridge once and only once."





Euler tour. Is there a (general) cycle that uses each edge exactly once? Answer. Yes iff connected and all vertices have even degree.

To find path. DFS-based algorithm (see textbook).

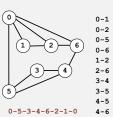
#### Graph-processing challenge 4

Problem. Find a cycle that visits every vertex.

Assumption. Need to visit each vertex exactly once.

#### How difficult?

- Any COS 126 student could do it.
- Need to be a typical diligent COS 226 student.
- Hire an expert.
- Intractable.
- · No one knows.
- · Impossible.



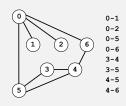
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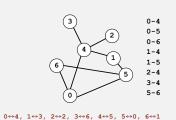
#### Graph-processing challenge 5

Problem. Are two graphs identical except for vertex names?

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- · Hire an expert.
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#### Graph-processing challenge 6

Problem. Lay out a graph in the plane without crossing edges?

#### How difficult?

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- Need to be a typical diligent COS 226 student.
- · Hire an expert.
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- No one knows.
- · Impossible.

