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Algorithms

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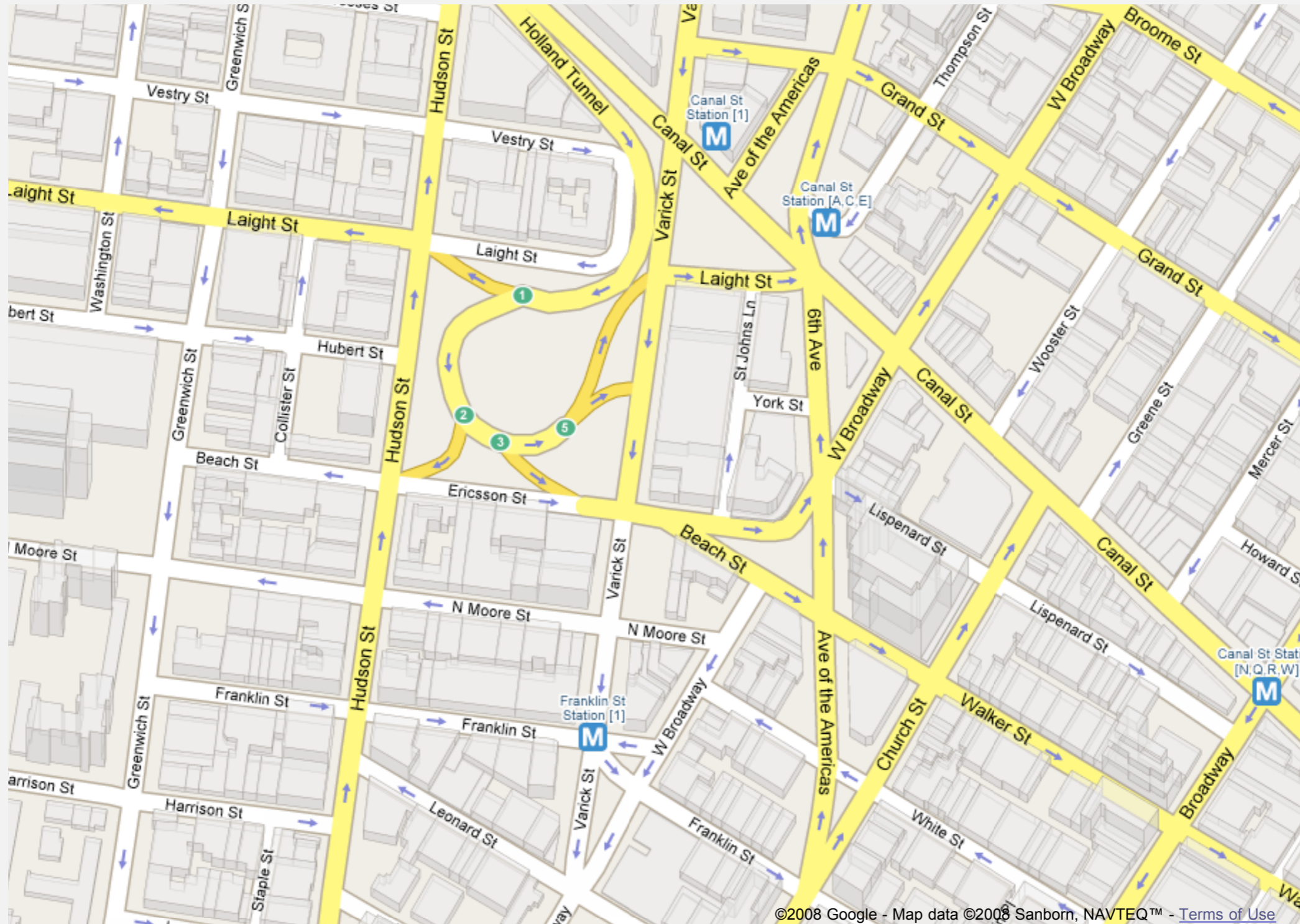
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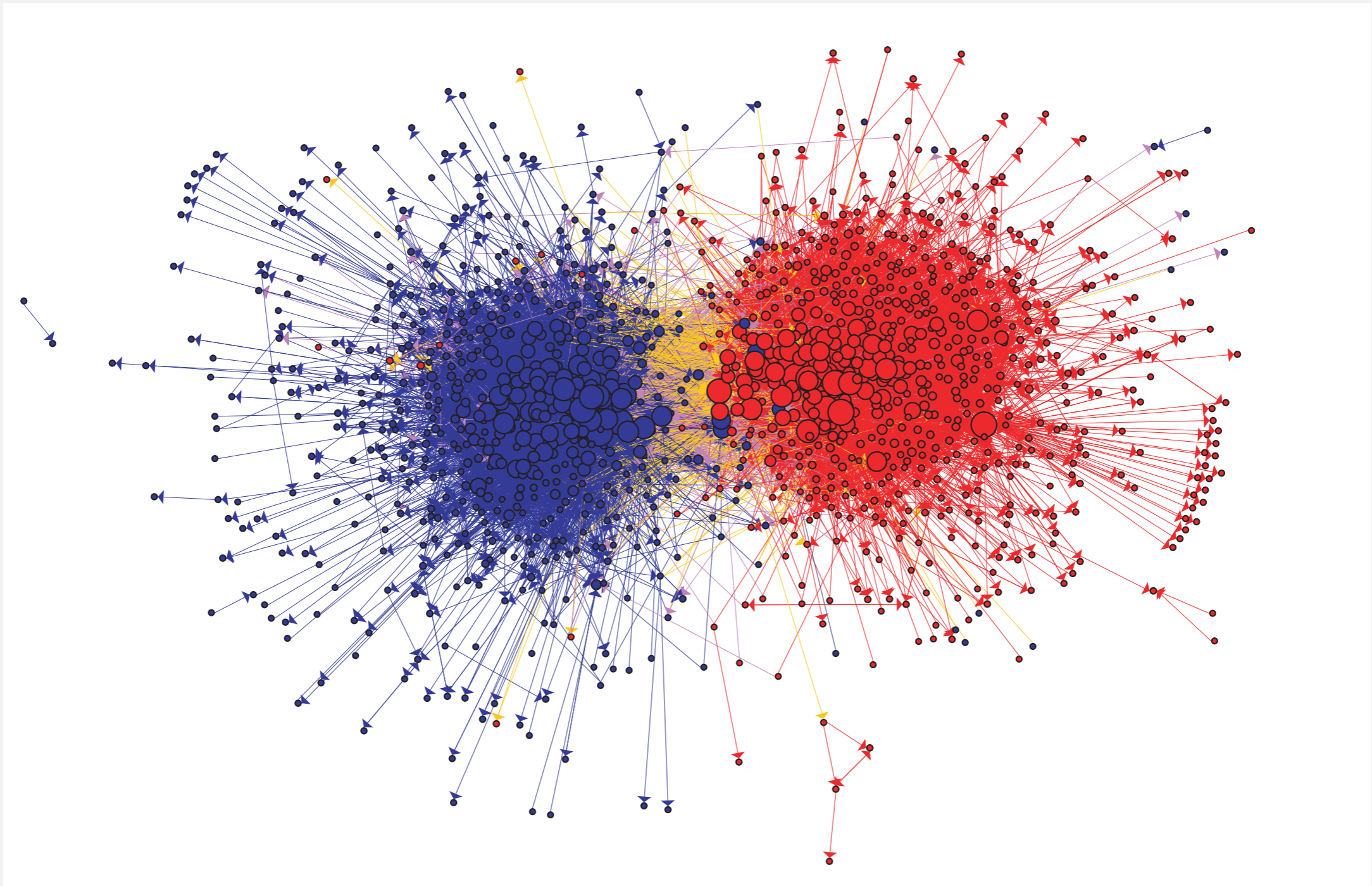
Road networks

Vertex = intersection; edge = one-way street.



Political blogosphere links

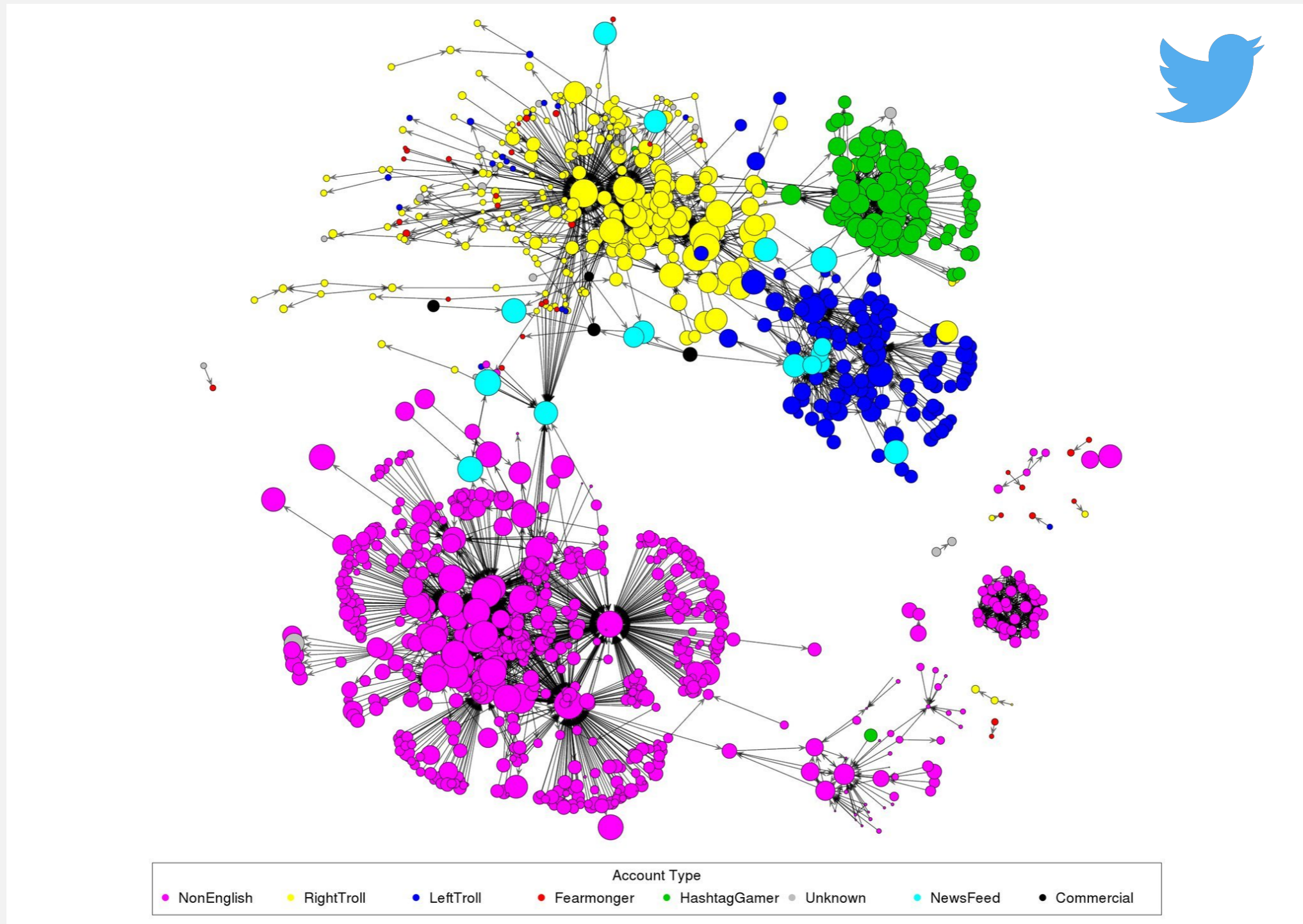
Vertex = political blog; edge = link.



The Political Blogosphere and the 2004 U.S. Election: Divided They Blog, Adamic and Glance, 2005

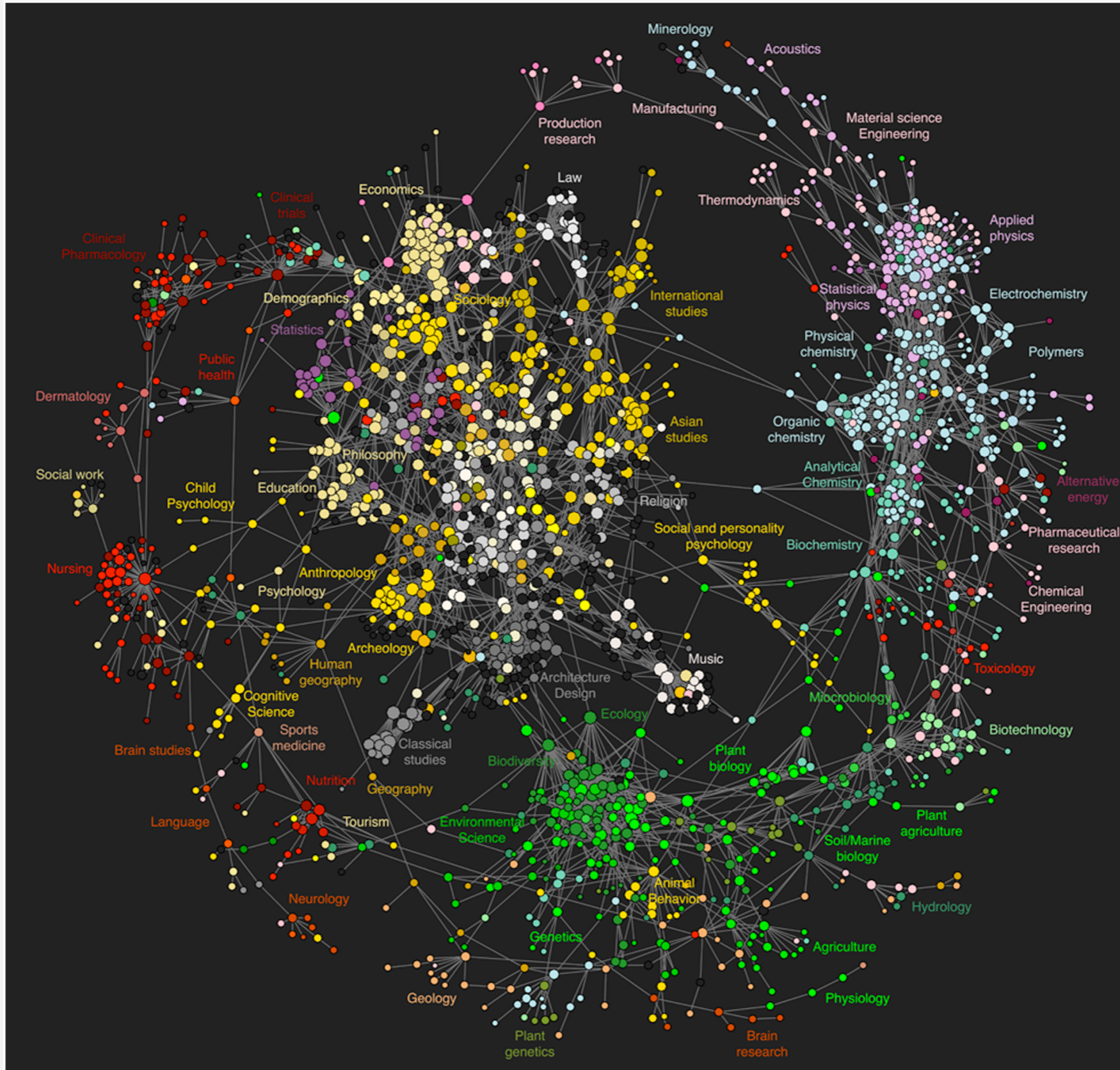
Russian troll network

Vertex = Russian troll; edge = Twitter mention.



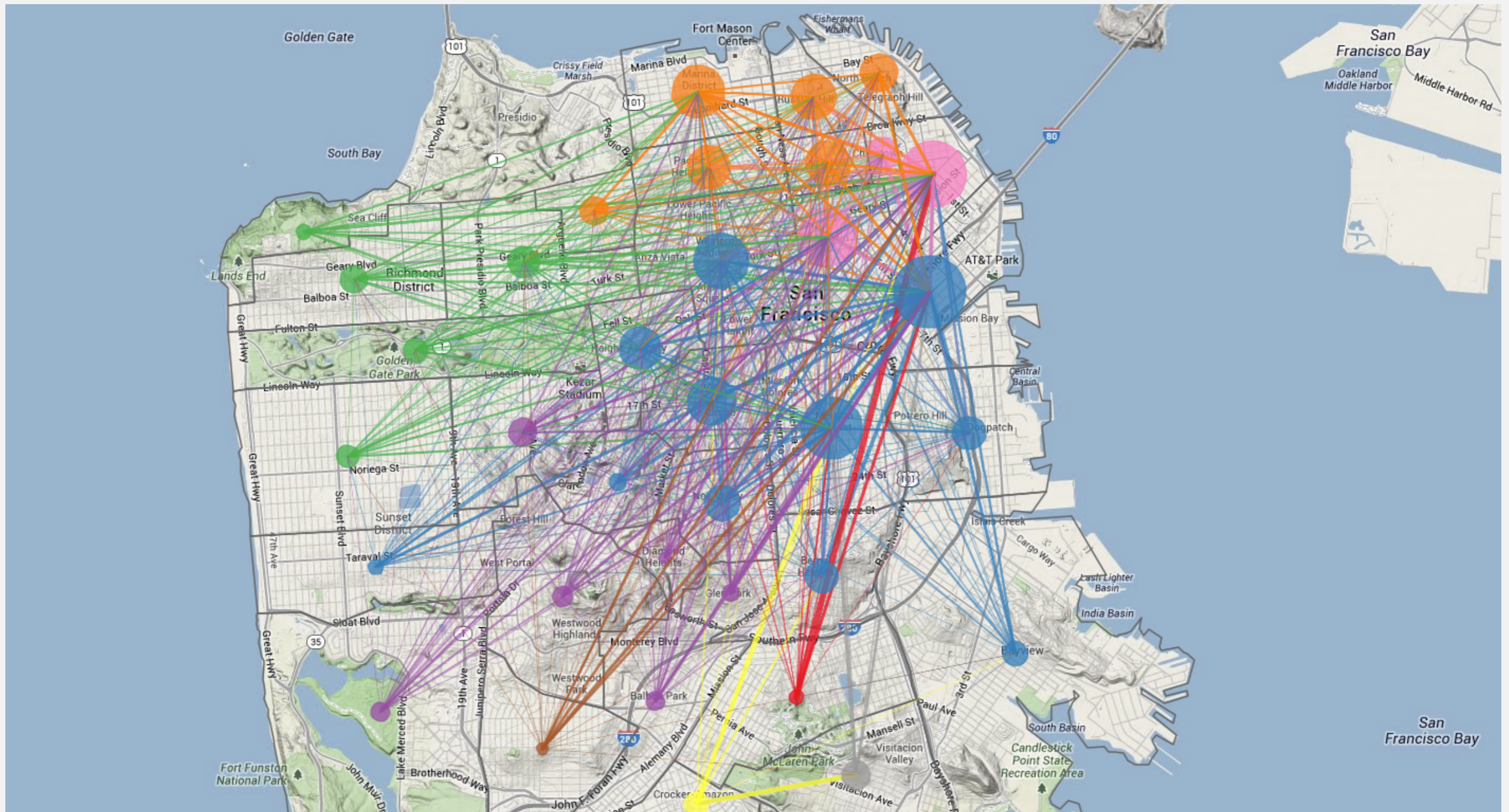
Russian Troll-to-Russian Troll Twitter Mention Network, fivethirtyeight.com

Science clickstreams



Uber rides

Vertex = taxi pickup; edge = taxi ride.



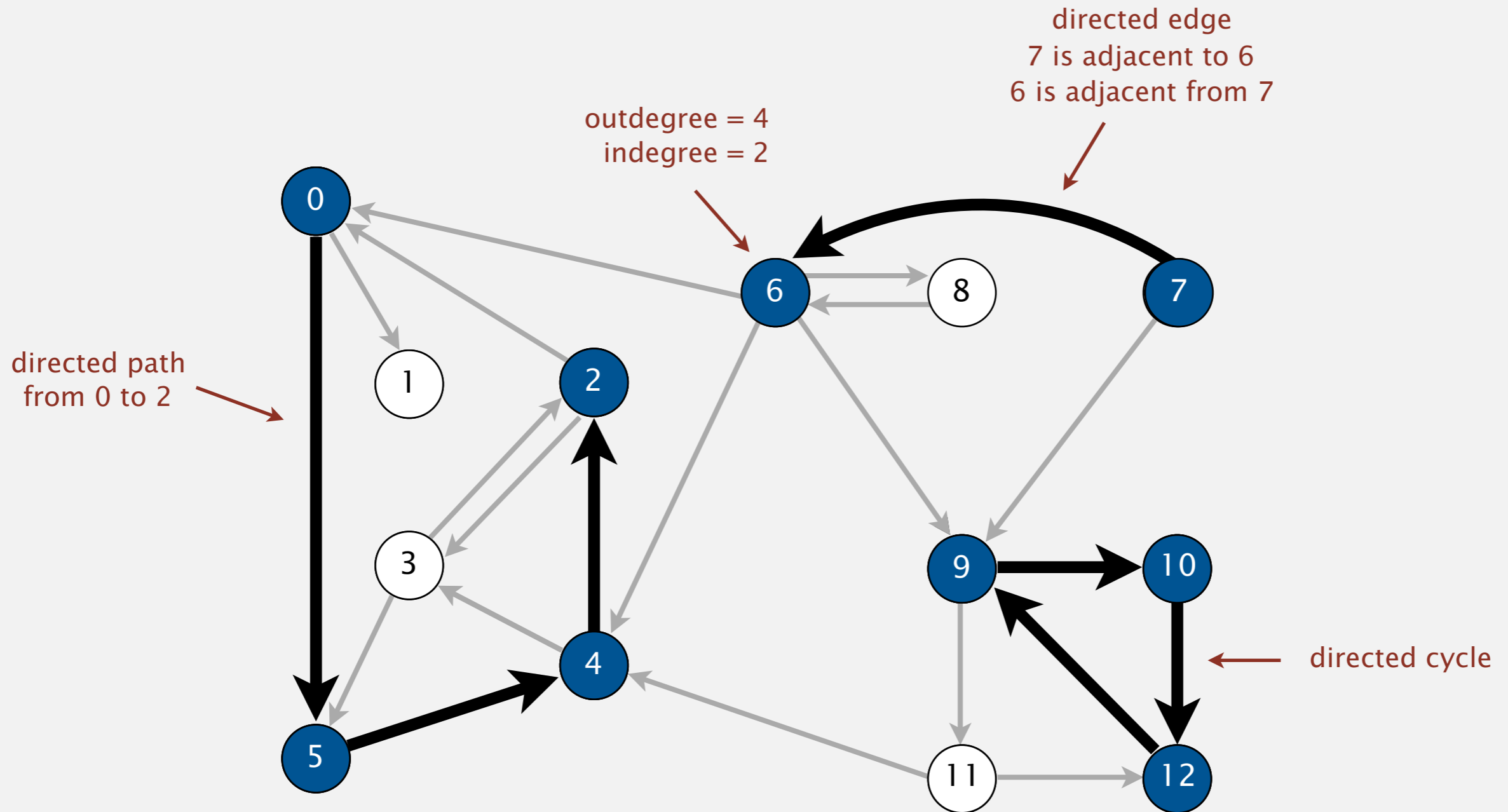
<http://blog.uber.com/2012/01/09/uberdata-san-franciscocomics>

Digraph applications

digraph	vertex	directed edge
transportation	street intersection	one-way street
web	web page	hyperlink
food web	species	predator–prey relationship
WordNet	synset	hypernym
scheduling	task	precedence constraint
financial	bank	transaction
cell phone	person	placed call
infectious disease	person	infection
game	board position	legal move
citation	journal article	citation
object graph	object	pointer
inheritance hierarchy	class	inherits from
control flow	code block	jump

Directed graph terminology

Digraph. Set of vertices connected pairwise by **directed** edges.



Some digraph problems

problem	description
$s \rightarrow t$ path	<i>Is there a path from s to t ?</i>
shortest $s \rightarrow t$ path	<i>What is the shortest path from s to t ?</i>
directed cycle	<i>Is there a directed cycle in the graph ?</i>
topological sort	<i>Can vertices be ordered so all edges point from earlier to later vertex?</i>
strong connectivity	<i>Is there a directed path between every pairs of vertices ?</i>
transitive closure	<i>For which vertices v and w is there a directed path from v to w ?</i>
PageRank	<i>What is the importance of a web page ?</i>



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Digraph API

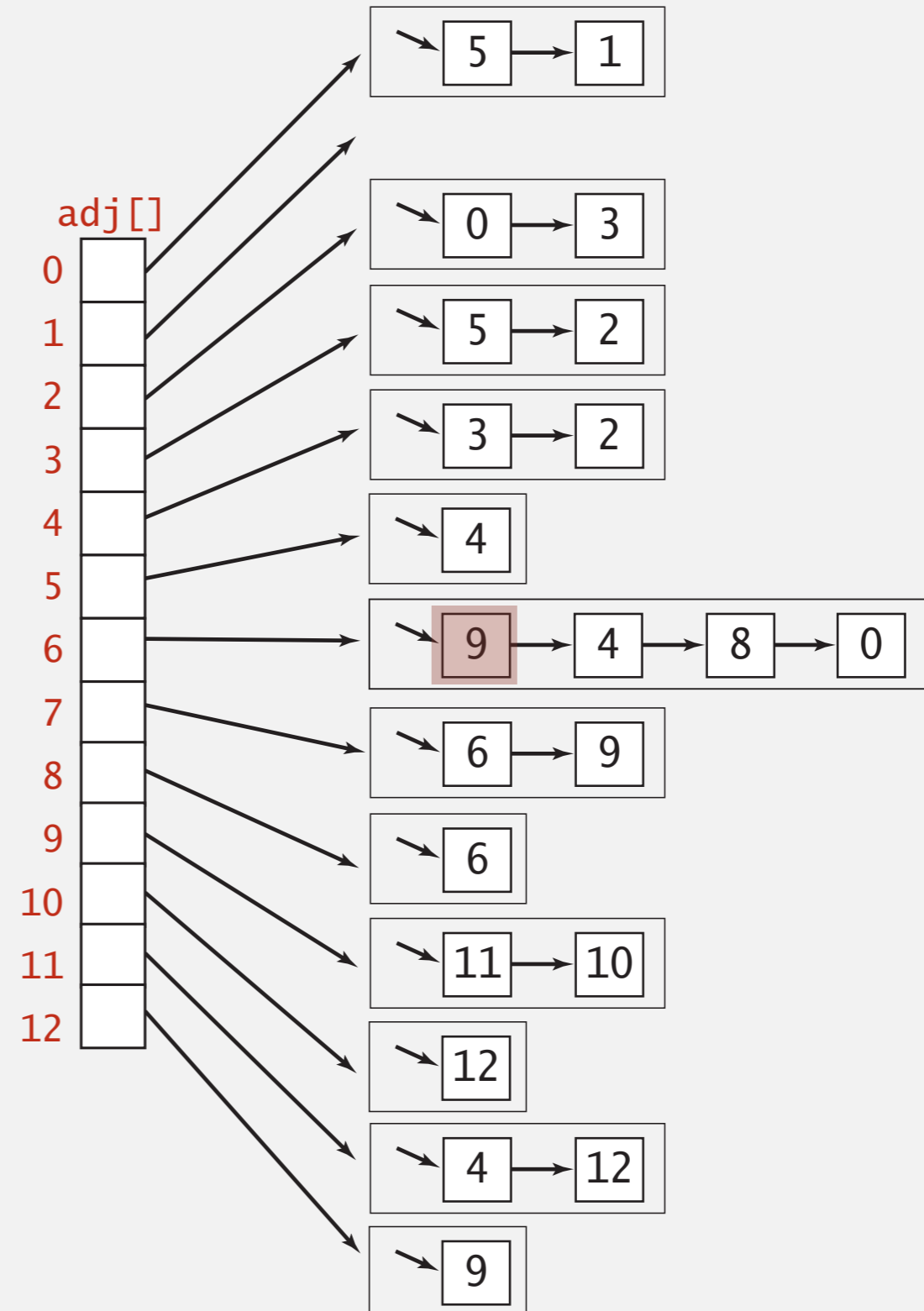
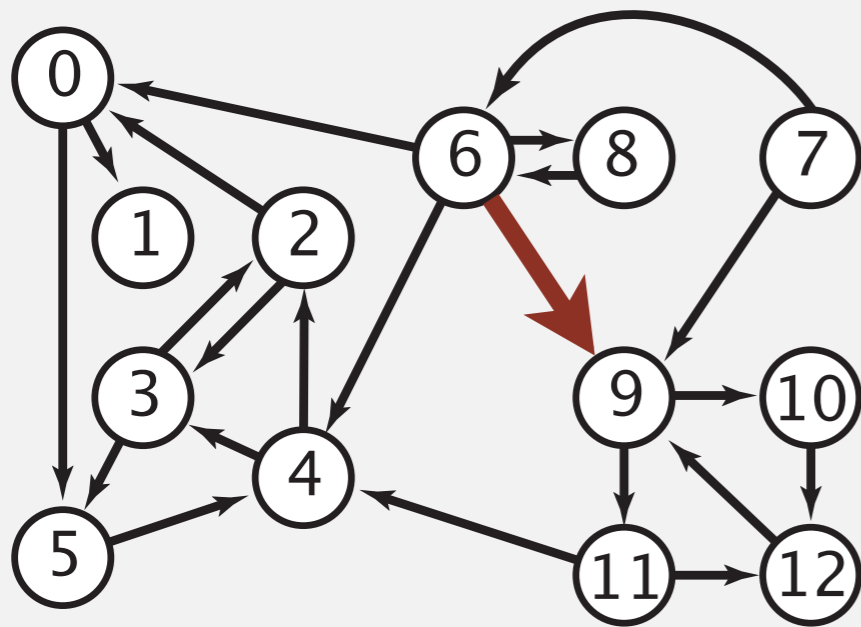
Almost identical to Graph API.

```
public class Digraph
    Digraph(int V)           create an empty digraph with V vertices
    void addEdge(int v, int w) add a directed edge v→w
    Iterable<Integer> adj(int v) vertices adjacent from v
    int V()                 number of vertices
    int E()                 number of edges
    Digraph reverse()      reverse of this digraph
```

Note: algs4 version has additional useful methods.

Digraph representation: adjacency lists

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists.

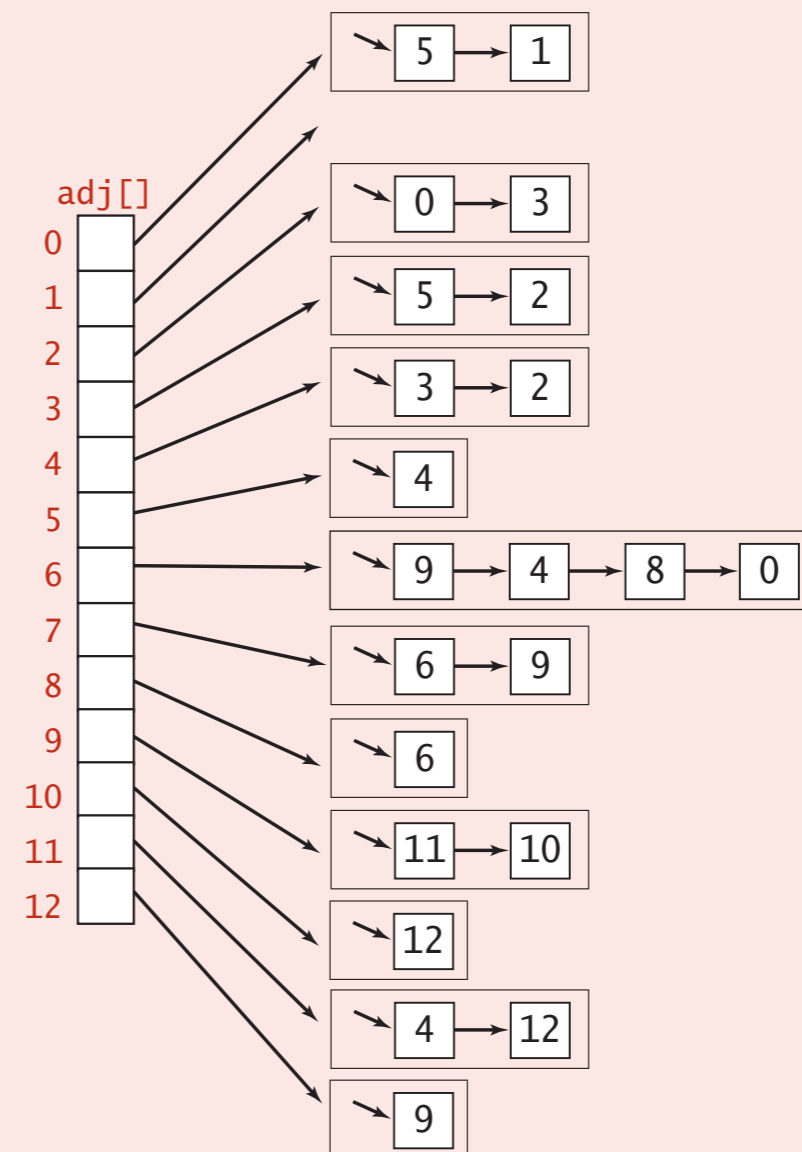


Directed graphs: quiz 1



Which is the order of growth of the running time for removing an edge $v \rightarrow w$ from a digraph using the **adjacency-lists** representation, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges?

- A. 1
- B. $outdegree(v)$
- C. $indegree(w)$
- D. $outdegree(v) + indegree(w)$





Which is the order of growth of the running time of the following code fragment if the digraph uses the **adjacency-lists** representation, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges?

- A. V
- B. $E + V$
- C. V^2
- D. VE

```
for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)  
    for (int w : G.adj(v))  
        StdOut.println(v + "->" + w);
```

prints each edge exactly once

Digraph representations

In practice. Use adjacency-lists representation.

- Algorithms based on iterating over vertices adjacent from v .
- Real-world graphs tend to be **sparse** (not **dense**).

↑
proportional
to V edges

↑
proportional
to V^2 edges

representation	space	insert edge from v to w	edge from v to w ?	iterate over vertices adjacent from v ?
list of edges	E	1	E	E
adjacency matrix	V^2	1 †	1	V
adjacency lists	$E + V$	1	$outdegree(v)$	$outdegree(v)$

† disallows parallel edges

Adjacency-lists graph representation (review): Java implementation

```
public class Graph
```

```
{
```

```
    private final int V;  
    private Bag<Integer>[] adj;
```

← adjacency lists

```
    public Graph(int V)
```

```
    {
```

```
        this.V = V;
```

```
        adj = (Bag<Integer>[]) new Bag[V];
```

```
        for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
```

```
            adj[v] = new Bag<Integer>();
```

```
    }
```

← create empty graph
with V vertices

```
    public void addEdge(int v, int w)
```

```
    {
```

```
        adj[v].add(w);
```

```
        adj[w].add(v);
```

```
    }
```

← add edge v-w

```
    public Iterable<Integer> adj(int v)
```

```
    { return adj[v]; }
```

← iterator for vertices
adjacent to v

```
}
```

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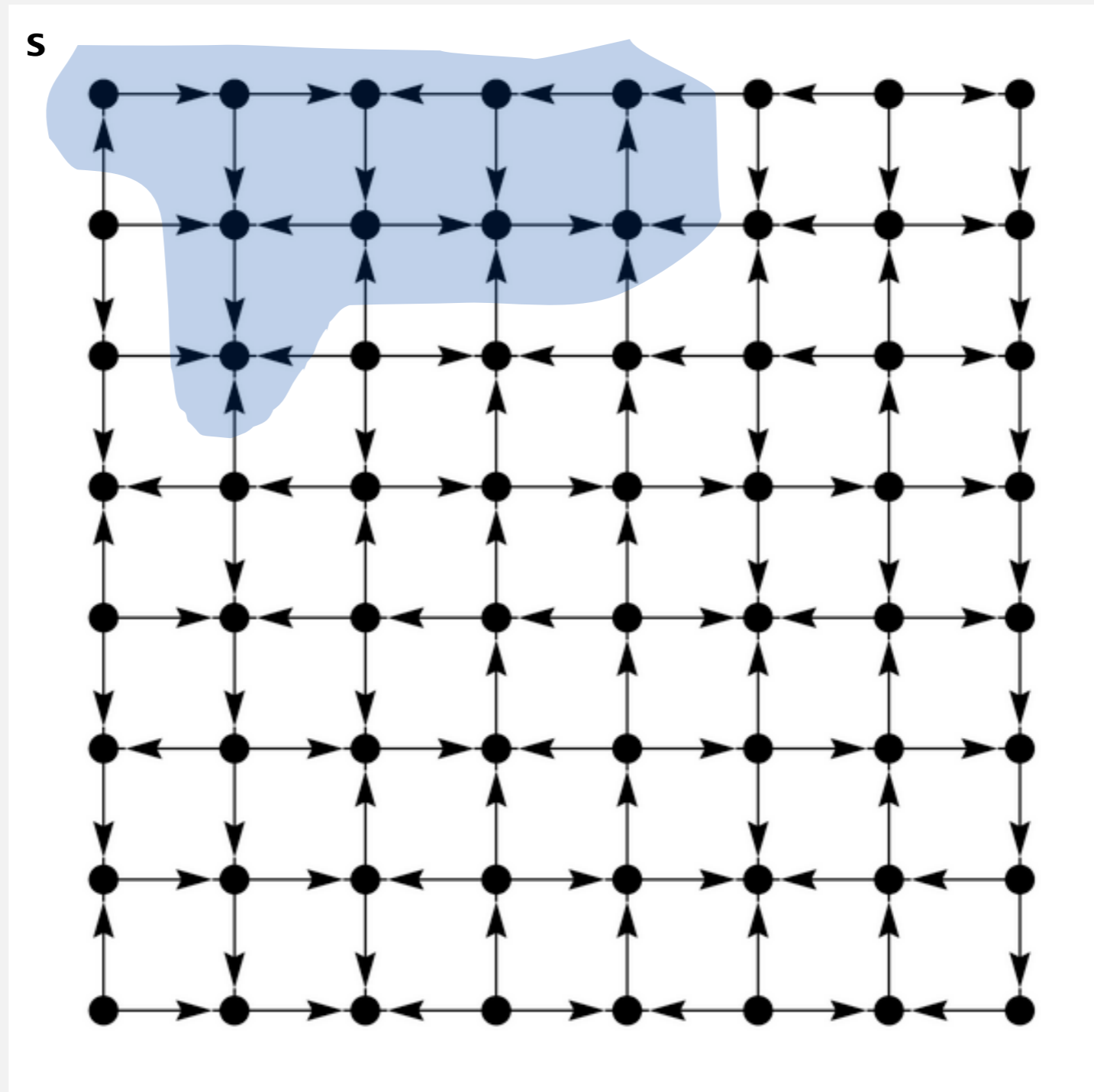

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Reachability

Problem. Find all vertices reachable from s along a directed path.



Depth-first search in digraphs

Same method as for undirected graphs.

- Every undirected graph is a digraph (with edges in both directions).
- DFS is a **digraph** algorithm.

DFS (to visit a vertex v)

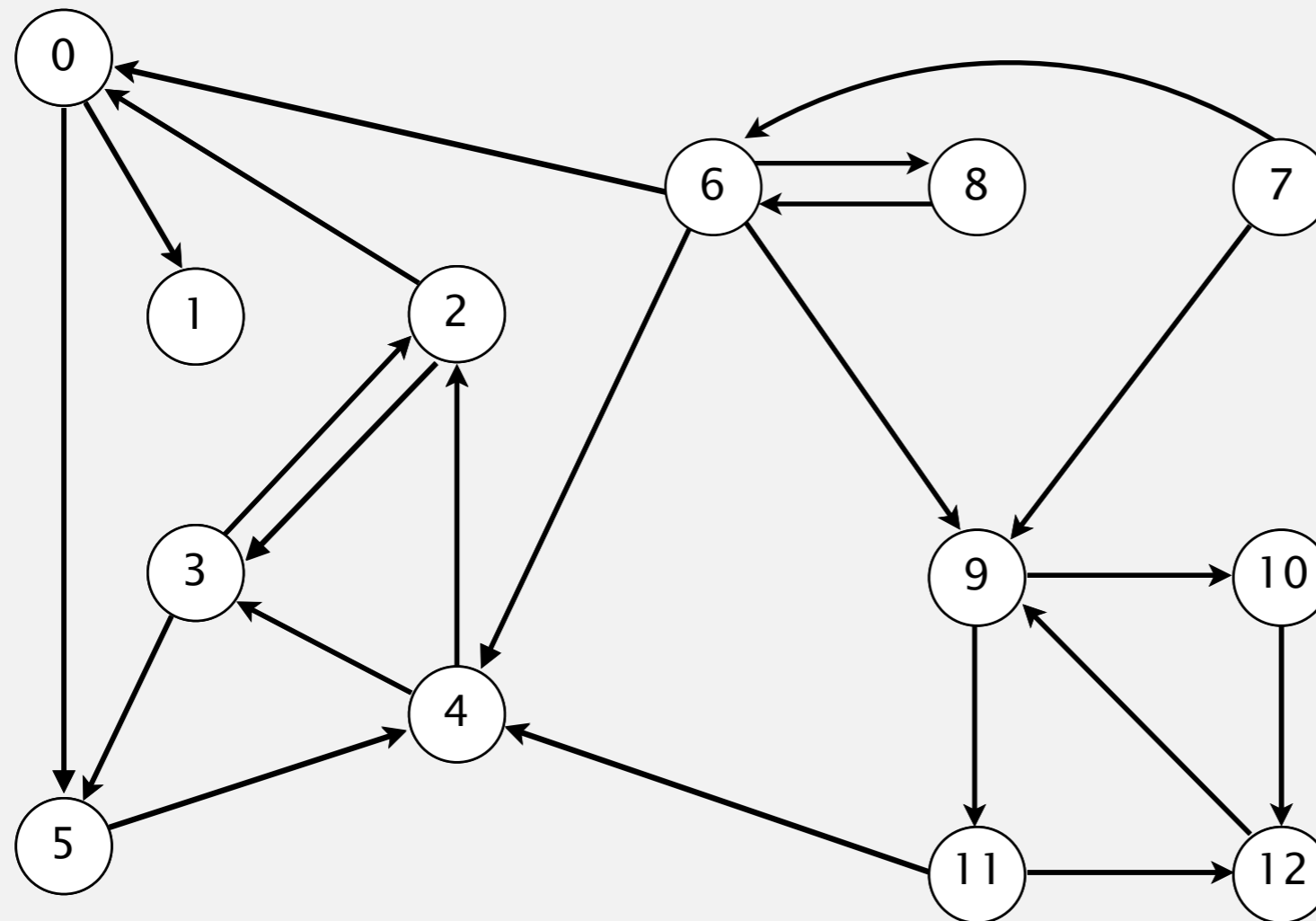
Mark vertex v .

Recursively visit all unmarked
vertices w adjacent from v .

Depth-first search demo

To visit a vertex v :

- Mark vertex v as visited.
- Recursively visit all unmarked vertices adjacent from v .



a directed graph

- 4→2
- 2→3
- 3→2
- 6→0
- 0→1
- 2→0
- 11→12
- 12→9
- 9→10
- 9→11
- 8→9
- 10→12
- 11→4
- 4→3
- 3→5
- 6→8
- 8→6
- 5→4
- 0→5
- 6→4
- 6→9
- 7→6

Depth-first search (in undirected graphs)

Recall code for **undirected** graphs.

```
public class DepthFirstSearch  
{
```

```
    private boolean[] marked;
```

← true if connected to s

```
    public DepthFirstSearch(Graph G, int s)  
    {  
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];  
        dfs(G, s);  
    }
```

← constructor marks
vertices connected to s

```
    private void dfs(Graph G, int v)  
    {  
        marked[v] = true;  
        for (int w : G.adj(v))  
            if (!marked[w])  
                dfs(G, w);  
    }
```

← recursive DFS does the work

```
    public boolean visited(int v)  
    { return marked[v]; }
```

← client can ask whether any
vertex v is connected to s

```
}
```


Depth-first search (in directed graphs)

Code for **directed** graphs identical to undirected one.

```
public class DirectedDFS  
{
```

```
    private boolean[] marked;
```

← true if connected to s

```
    public DirectedDFS(Digraph G, int s)  
    {  
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];  
        dfs(G, s);  
    }
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← constructor marks
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vertex v is reachable from s

```
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```

Reachability application: program control-flow analysis

Every program is a digraph.

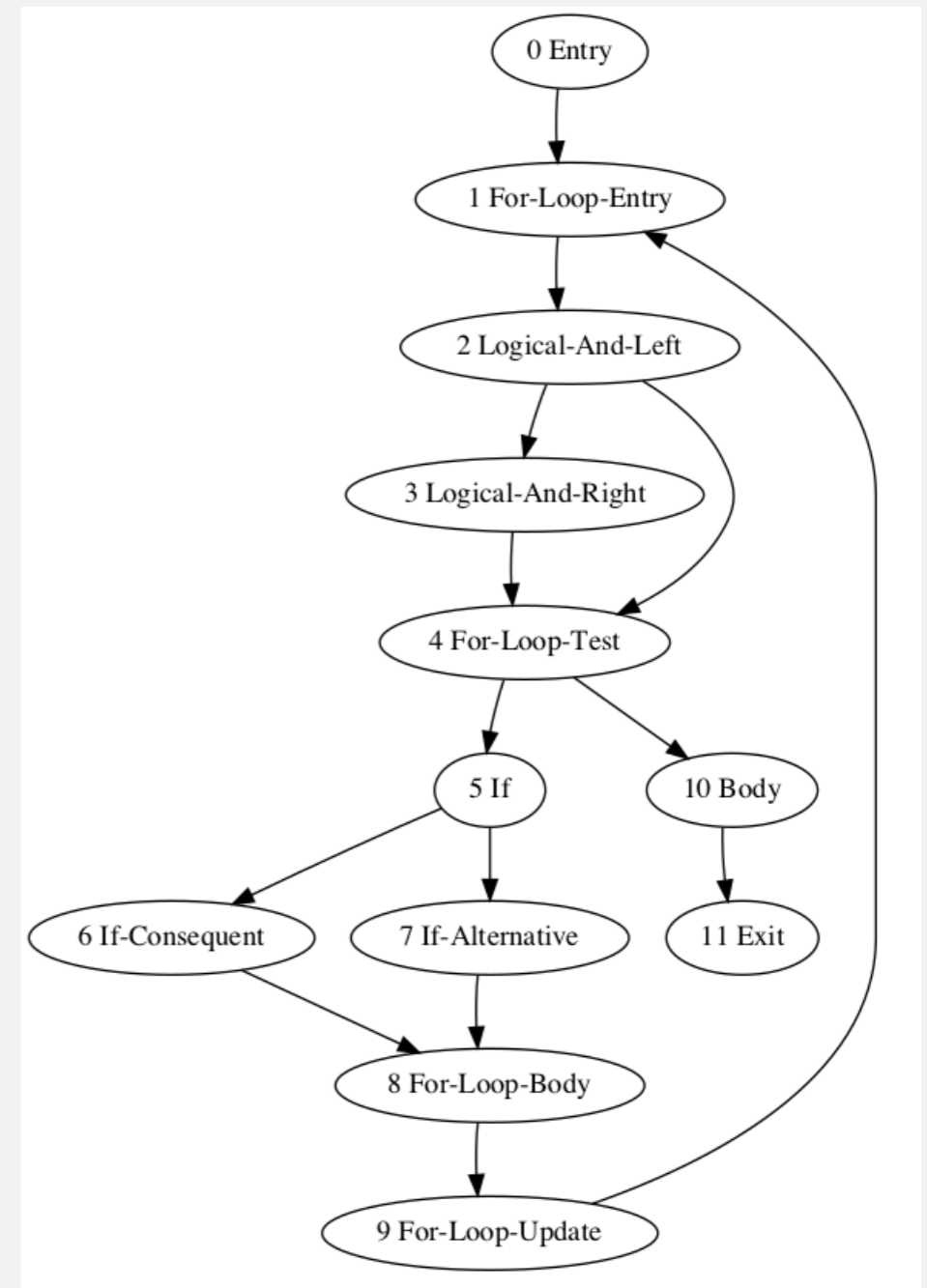
- Vertex = basic block of instructions (straight-line program).
- Edge = jump.

Dead-code elimination.

Find (and remove) unreachable code.

Infinite-loop detection.

Determine whether exit is unreachable.



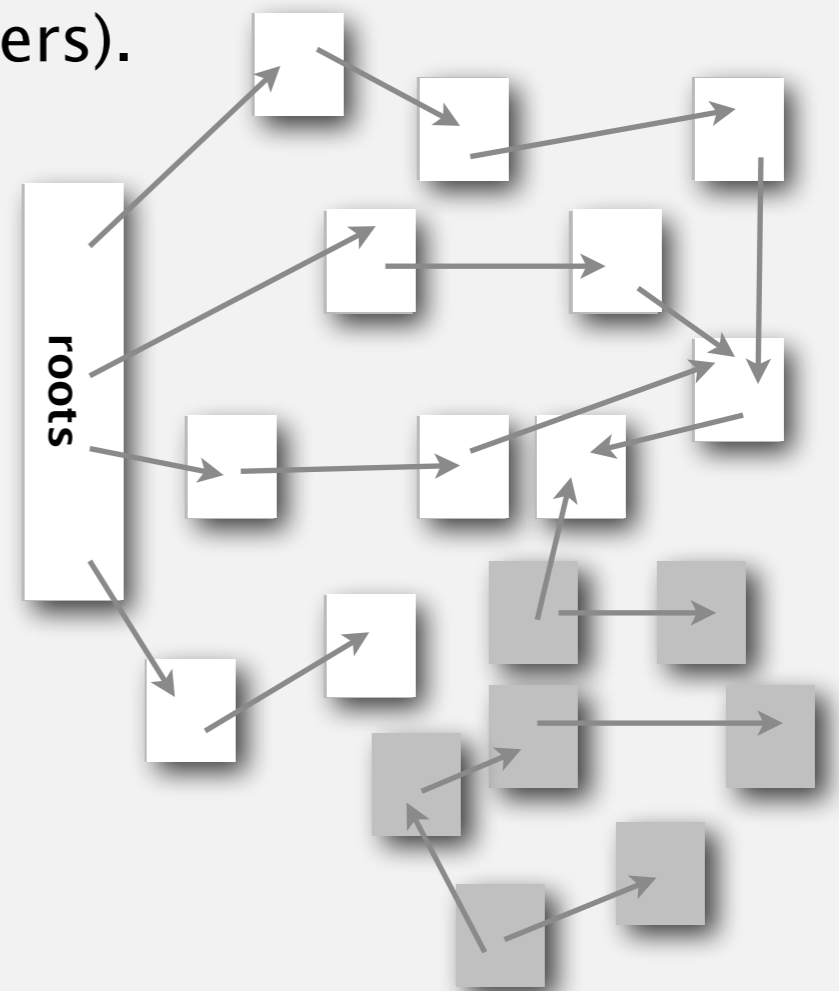
Reachability application: mark-sweep garbage collector

Every data structure is a digraph.

- Vertex = object.
- Edge = reference.

Roots. Objects known to be directly accessible by program (e.g., stack).

Reachable objects. Objects indirectly accessible by program (starting at a root and following a chain of pointers).

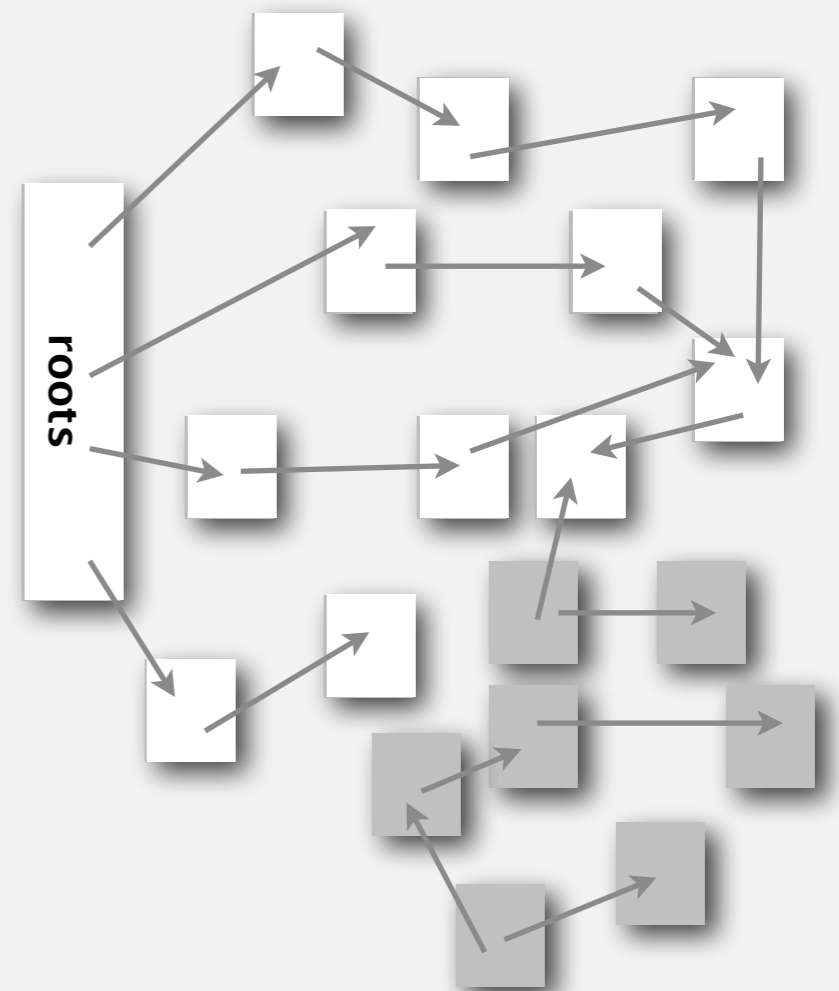


Reachability application: mark-sweep garbage collector

Mark-sweep algorithm.

- Mark: mark all reachable objects.
- Sweep: if object is unmarked, it is garbage (so add to free list).

Memory cost. Uses 1 extra mark bit per object (plus DFS stack).



Depth-first search in digraphs summary

DFS enables direct solution of simple digraph problems.

- ✓ • Reachability.
- Path finding.
- Topological sort.
- Directed cycle detection.

Basis for solving difficult digraph problems.

- 2-satisfiability.
- Directed Euler path.
- Strongly connected components.

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DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH AND LINEAR GRAPH ALGORITHMS*

ROBERT TARJAN†

Abstract. The value of depth-first search or “backtracking” as a technique for solving problems is illustrated by two examples. An improved version of an algorithm for finding the strongly connected components of a directed graph and an algorithm for finding the biconnected components of an undirect graph are presented. The space and time requirements of both algorithms are bounded by $k_1V + k_2E + k_3$ for some constants k_1, k_2 , and k_3 , where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges of the graph being examined.



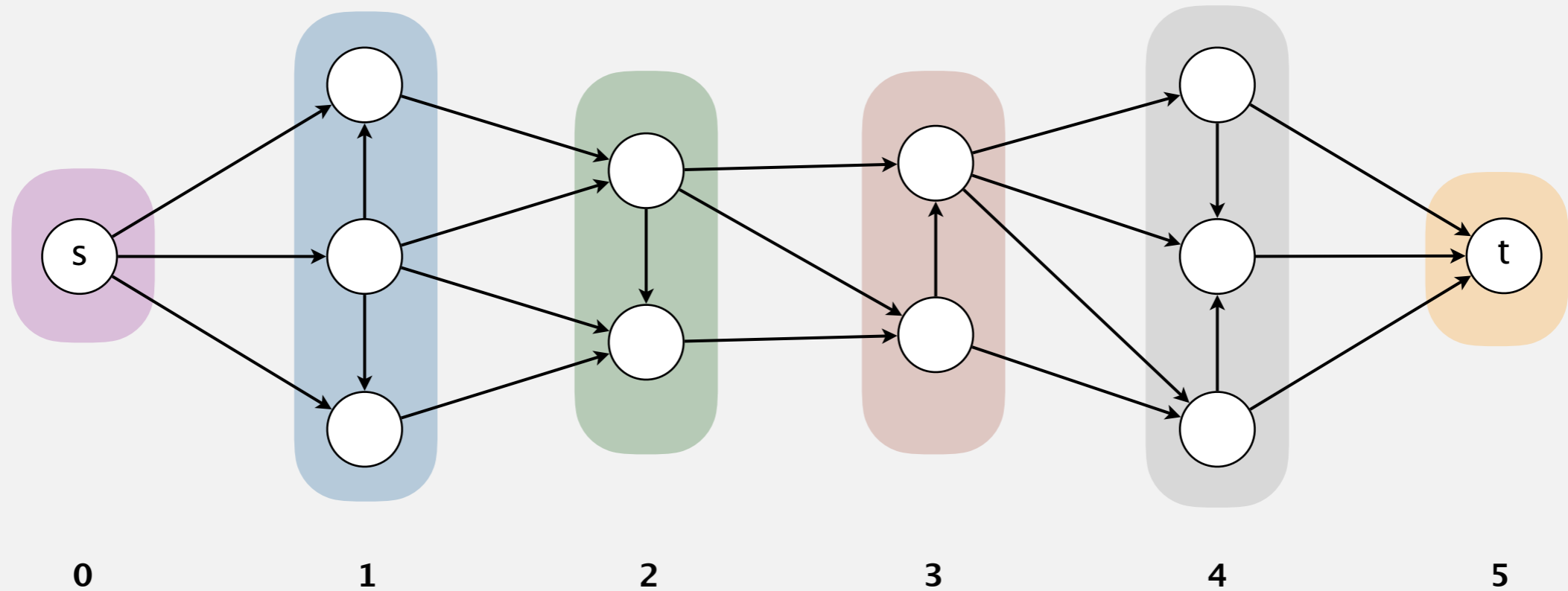
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Shortest directed paths

Problem. Find directed path from s to each vertex that uses fewest edges.



Breadth-first search in digraphs

Same method as for undirected graphs.

- Every undirected graph is a digraph (with edges in both directions).
- BFS is a **digraph** algorithm.

BFS (from source vertex s)

Put s on a queue, and mark s as visited.

Repeat until the queue is empty:

- dequeue vertex v
 - enqueue all unmarked vertices adjacent from v , and mark them.
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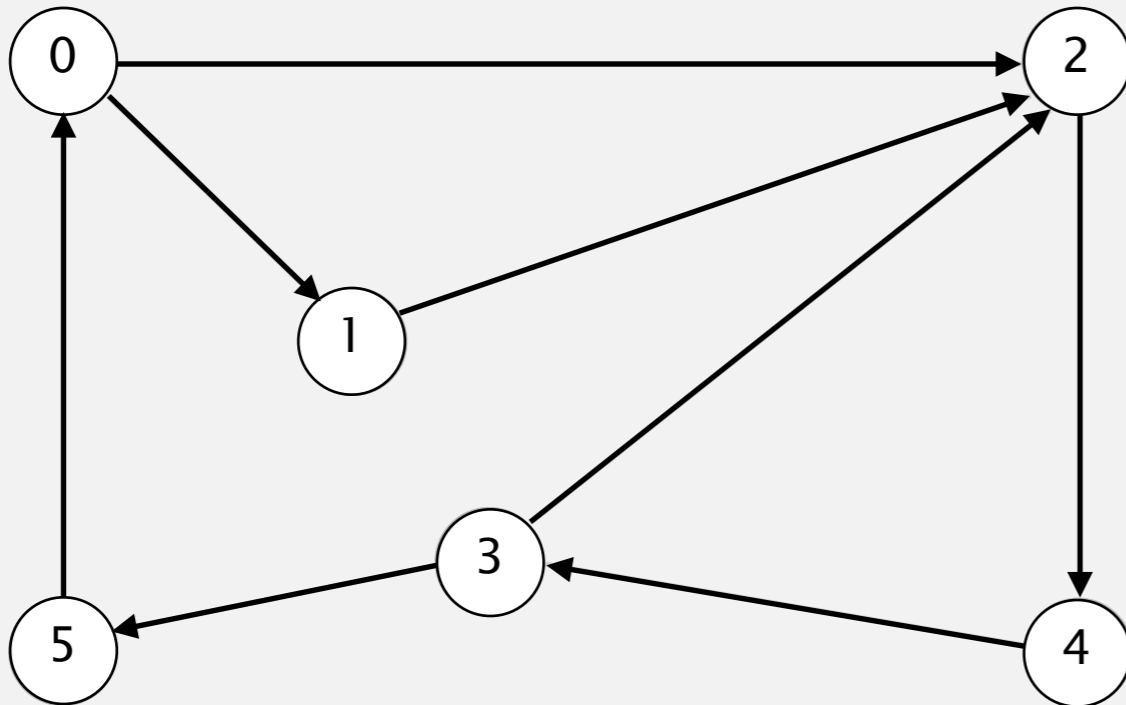
Proposition. BFS computes directed path with fewest edges from s to each vertex in time proportional to $E + V$.

Directed breadth-first search demo

Repeat until queue is empty:



- Remove vertex v from queue.
- Add to queue all unmarked vertices adjacent from v and mark them.

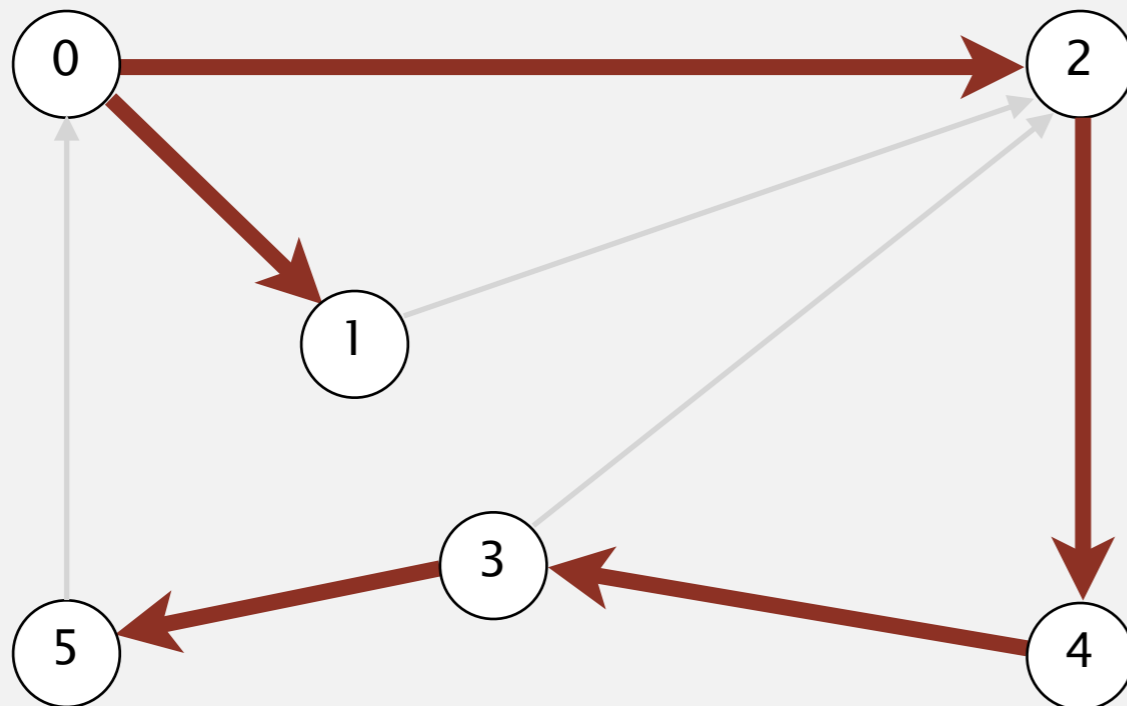


graph G

Directed breadth-first search demo

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v	edgeTo[]	marked[]
0	-	T
1	0	T
2	0	T
3	4	T
4	2	T
5	3	T

all done

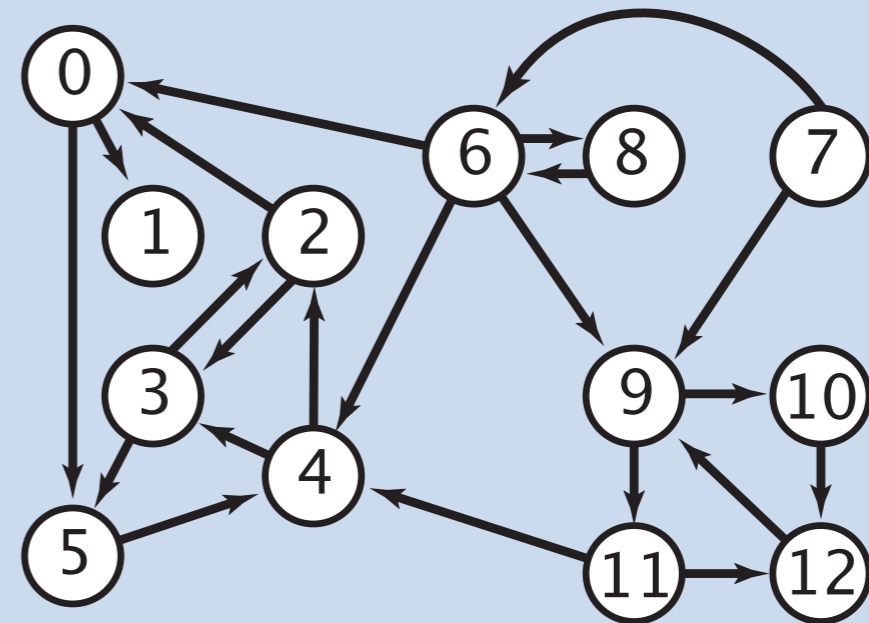
MULTIPLE-SOURCE SHORTEST PATHS



Given a digraph and a **set** of source vertices, find shortest path from **any** vertex in the set to every other vertex.

Ex. $S = \{ 1, 7, 10 \}$.

- Shortest path to 4 is $7 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 4$.
- Shortest path to 5 is $7 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 5$.
- Shortest path to 12 is $10 \rightarrow 12$.



implemented in `BreadthFirstDirectedPaths.java`



Q. How to implement **multi-source** shortest paths algorithm?

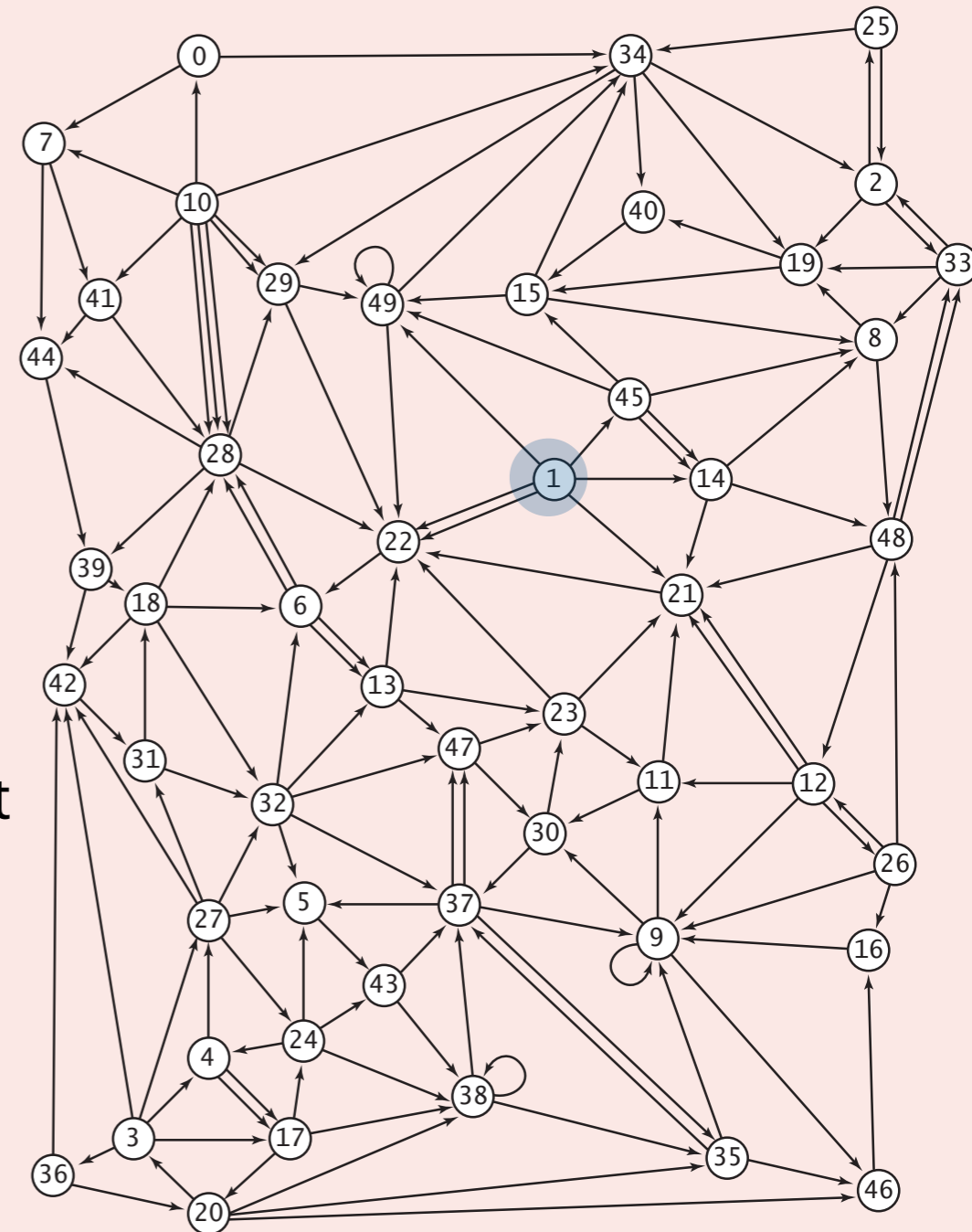
- A.**
1. Add each element of S to a queue, and mark each as visited
 2. Run BFS as usual.

Directed graphs: quiz 3



Suppose that you want to design a web crawler. Which graph search algorithm should you use?

- A. depth-first search
- B. breadth-first search
- C. either A or B
- D. neither A nor B



Exercise. how will you account for the fact that the list of vertices is not known in advance (and is potentially infinite)?

Web crawler output

BFS crawl

```
http://www.princeton.edu
http://www.w3.org
http://ogp.me
http://giving.princeton.edu
http://www.princetonartmuseum.org
http://www.goprincetontigers.com
http://library.princeton.edu
http://helpdesk.princeton.edu
http://tigernet.princeton.edu
http://alumni.princeton.edu
http://gradschool.princeton.edu
http://vimeo.com
http://princetonusg.com
http://artmuseum.princeton.edu
http://jobs.princeton.edu
http://odoc.princeton.edu
http://blogs.princeton.edu
http://www.facebook.com
http://twitter.com
http://www.youtube.com
http://deimos.apple.com
http://qeprize.org
http://en.wikipedia.org
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DFS crawl

```
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http://csi.gstatic.com
http://googlenewsblog.blogspot.com
http://labs.google.com
http://groups.google.com
http://img1.blogblog.com
http://feeds.feedburner.com
http://buttons.google syndication.com
http://fusion.google.com
http://insidesearch.blogspot.com
http://agoogleaday.com
http://static.googleusercontent.com
http://searchresearch1.blogspot.com
http://feedburner.google.com
http://www.dot.ca.gov
http://www.TahoeRoads.com
http://www.LakeTahoeTransit.com
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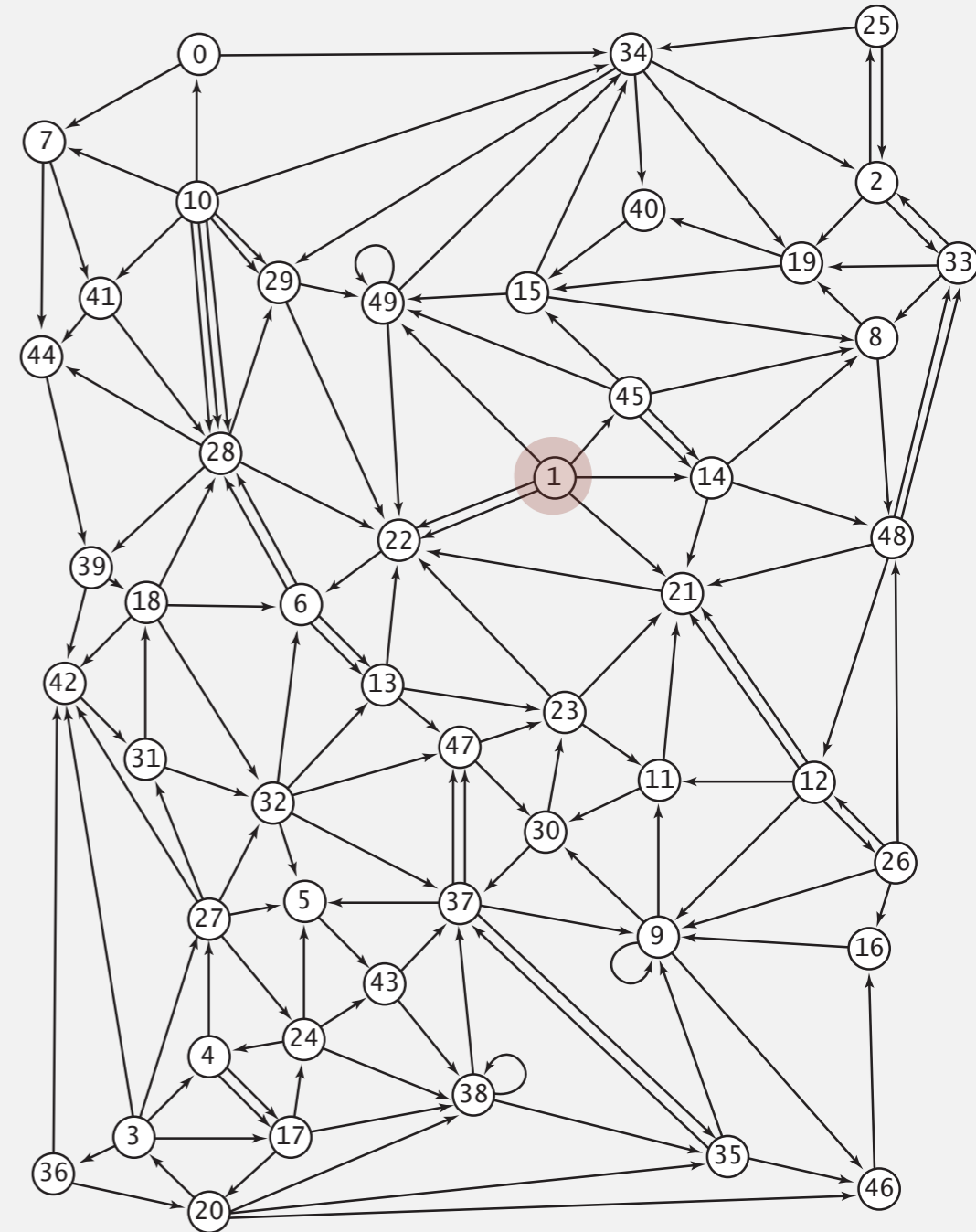

Breadth-first search in digraphs application: web crawler

Goal. Crawl web, starting from some root web page, say `www.princeton.edu`.

Solution. [BFS with implicit digraph]

- Choose root web page as source s .
- Maintain a Queue of websites to explore.
- Maintain a SET of marked websites.
- Dequeue the next website and enqueue any unmarked websites to which it links.

Note. Real-life web crawlers use more sophisticated algorithms.





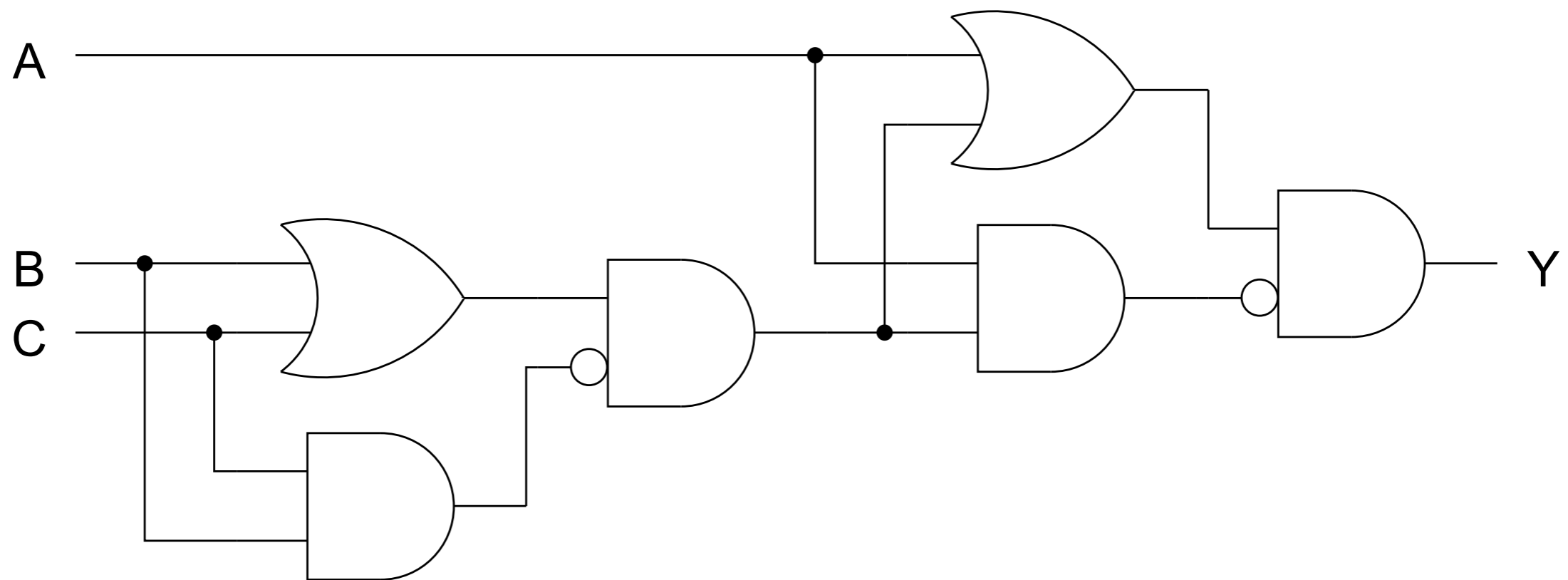
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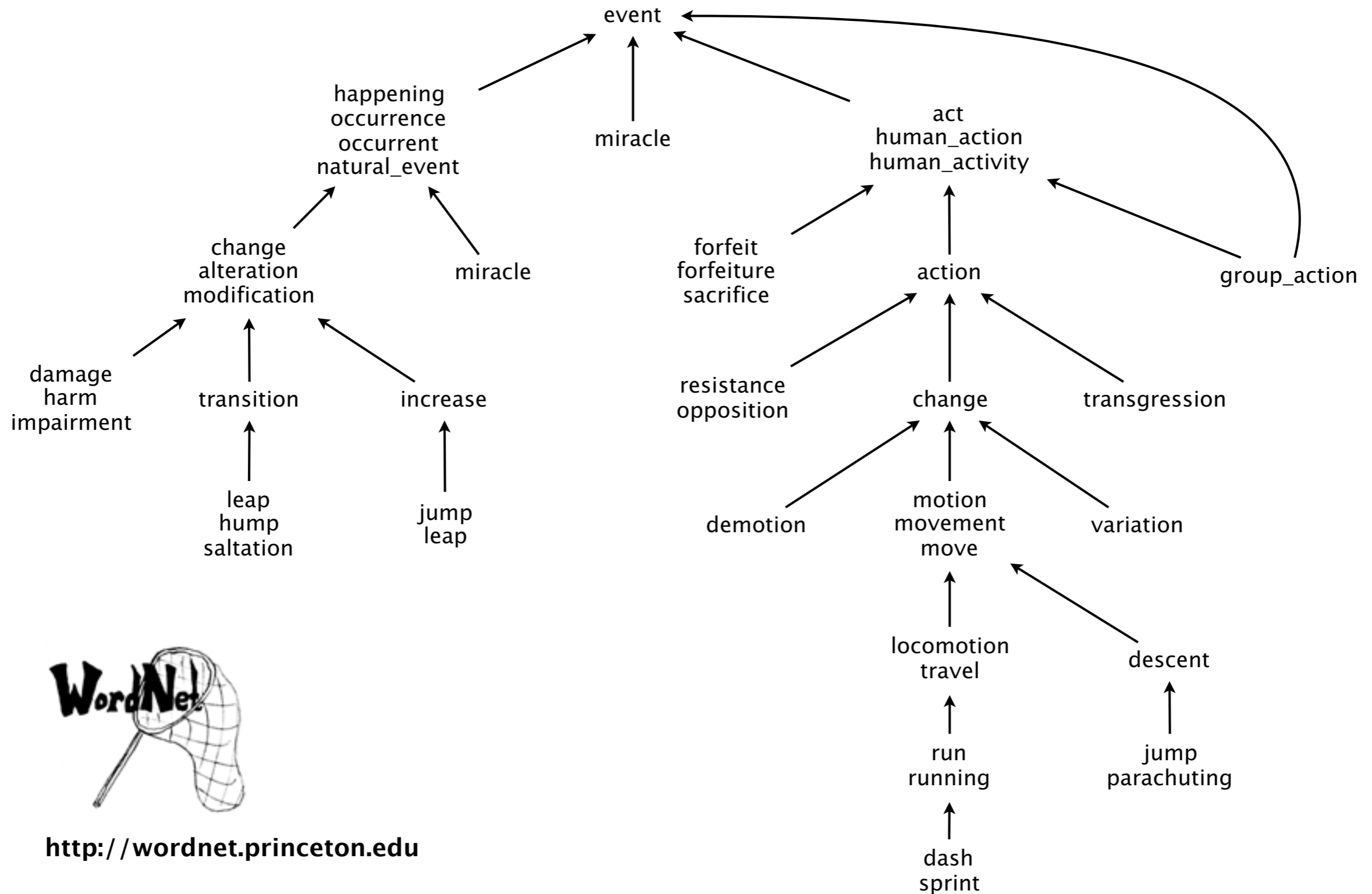
Combinational circuit

Vertex = logical gate; edge = wire.



WordNet digraph

Vertex = synset; edge = hypernym relationship.



<http://wordnet.princeton.edu>

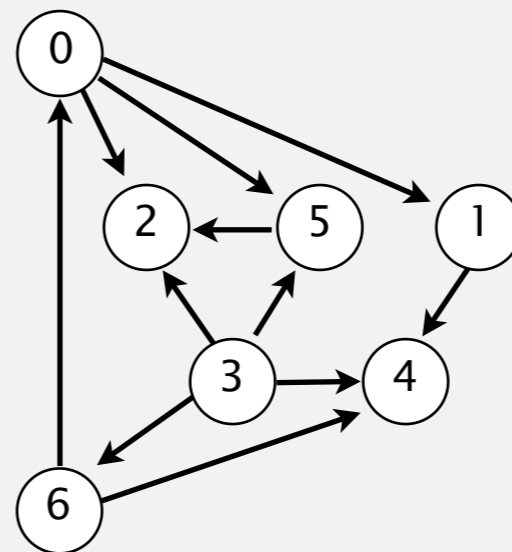
Precedence scheduling

Goal. Given a set of tasks to be completed with precedence constraints, in which order should we schedule the tasks?

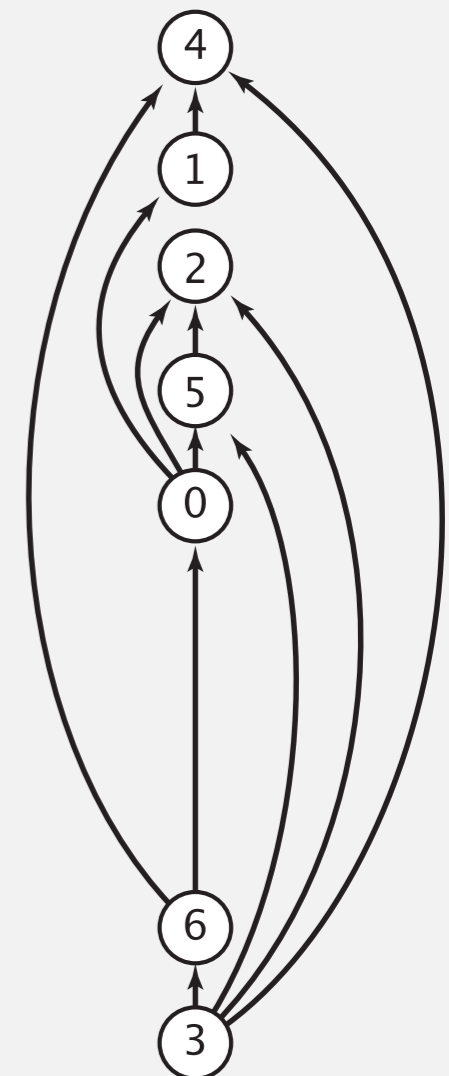
Digraph model. vertex = task; edge = precedence constraint.

- 0. Algorithms
- 1. Complexity Theory
- 2. Artificial Intelligence
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- 4. Cryptography
- 5. Scientific Computing
- 6. Advanced Programming

tasks



precedence constraint graph



feasible schedule

Topological sort

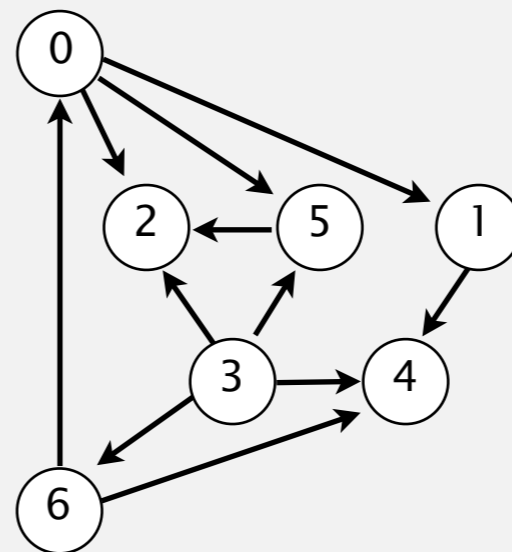
DAG. Directed **acyclic** graph.

Not a sort by usual definition — not a total order of vertices

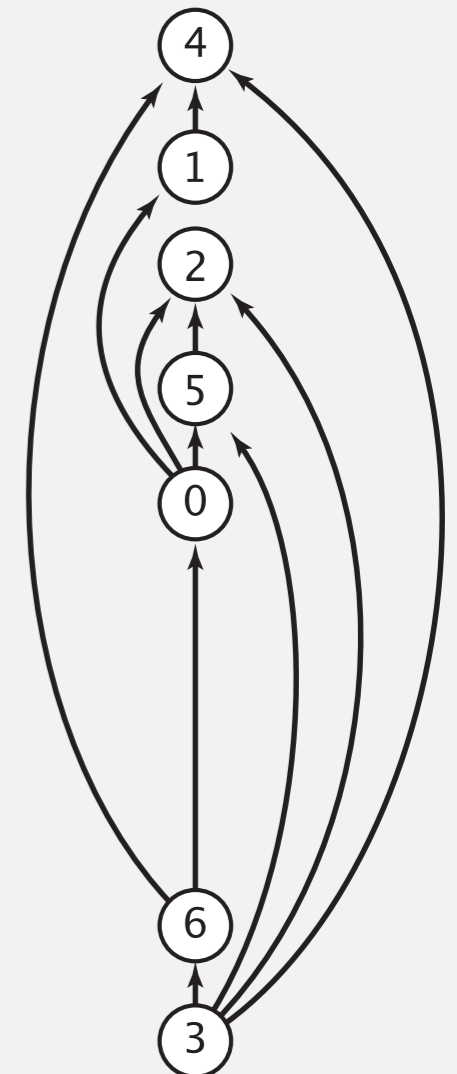
Topological “sort”. Order the vertices of a DAG so that all edges point from an earlier vertex to a later vertex.

0 → 5 0 → 2
0 → 1 3 → 6
3 → 5 3 → 4
5 → 2 6 → 4
6 → 0 3 → 2
1 → 4

directed edges



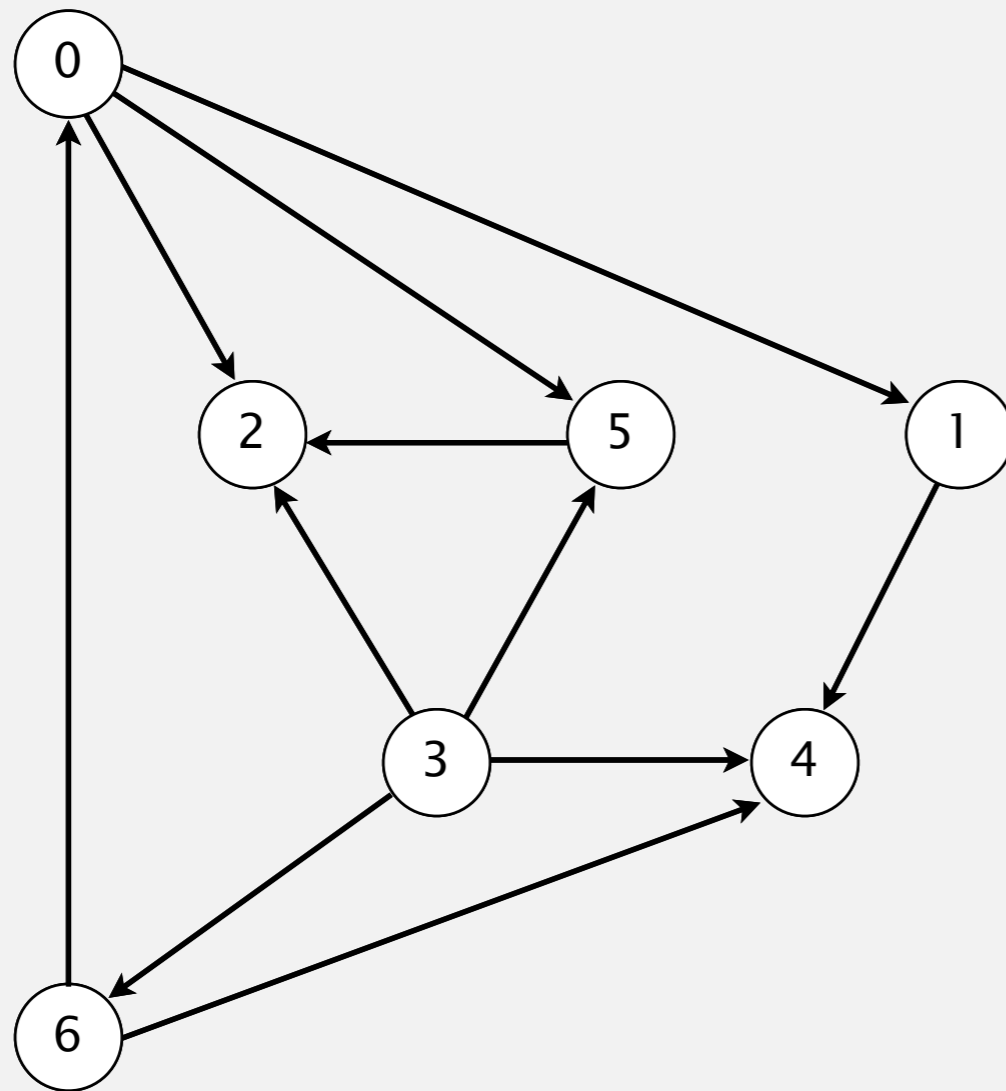
DAG



topological order

Topological sort demo

- Run depth-first search.
- Return vertices in reverse postorder.

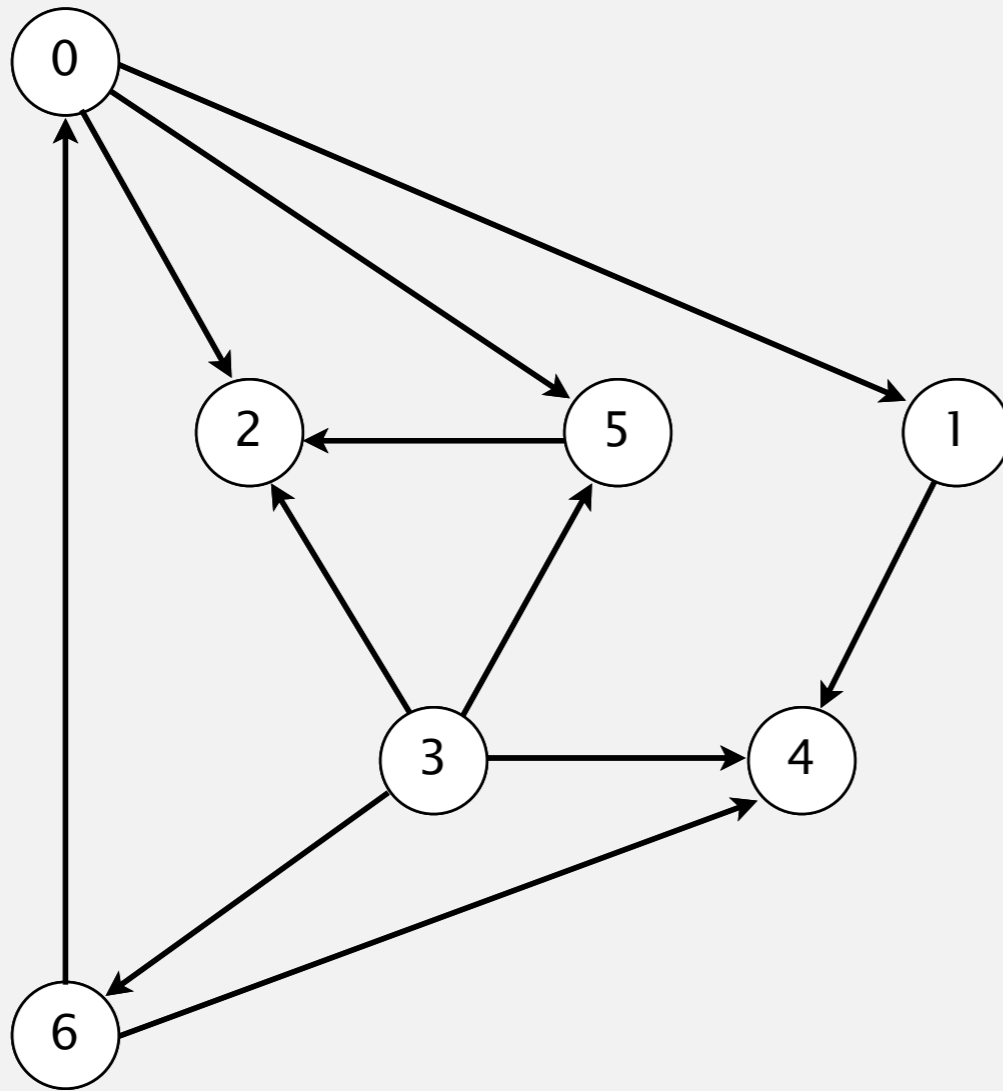


Recall: In DFS postorder, visit vertex after recursive call.

a directed acyclic graph

Topological sort demo

- Run depth-first search.
- Return vertices in reverse postorder.



postorder

4 1 2 5 0 6 3

topological order

3 6 0 5 2 1 4

done

Depth-first search order

```
public class DepthFirstOrder
{
    private boolean[] marked;
    private Stack<Integer> reversePostorder;

    public DepthFirstOrder(Digraph G)
    {
        reversePostorder = new Stack<Integer>();
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)
            if (!marked[v]) dfs(G, v);
    }

    private void dfs(Digraph G, int v)
    {
        marked[v] = true;
        for (int w : G.adj(v))
            if (!marked[w]) dfs(G, w);
        reversePostorder.push(v);
    }

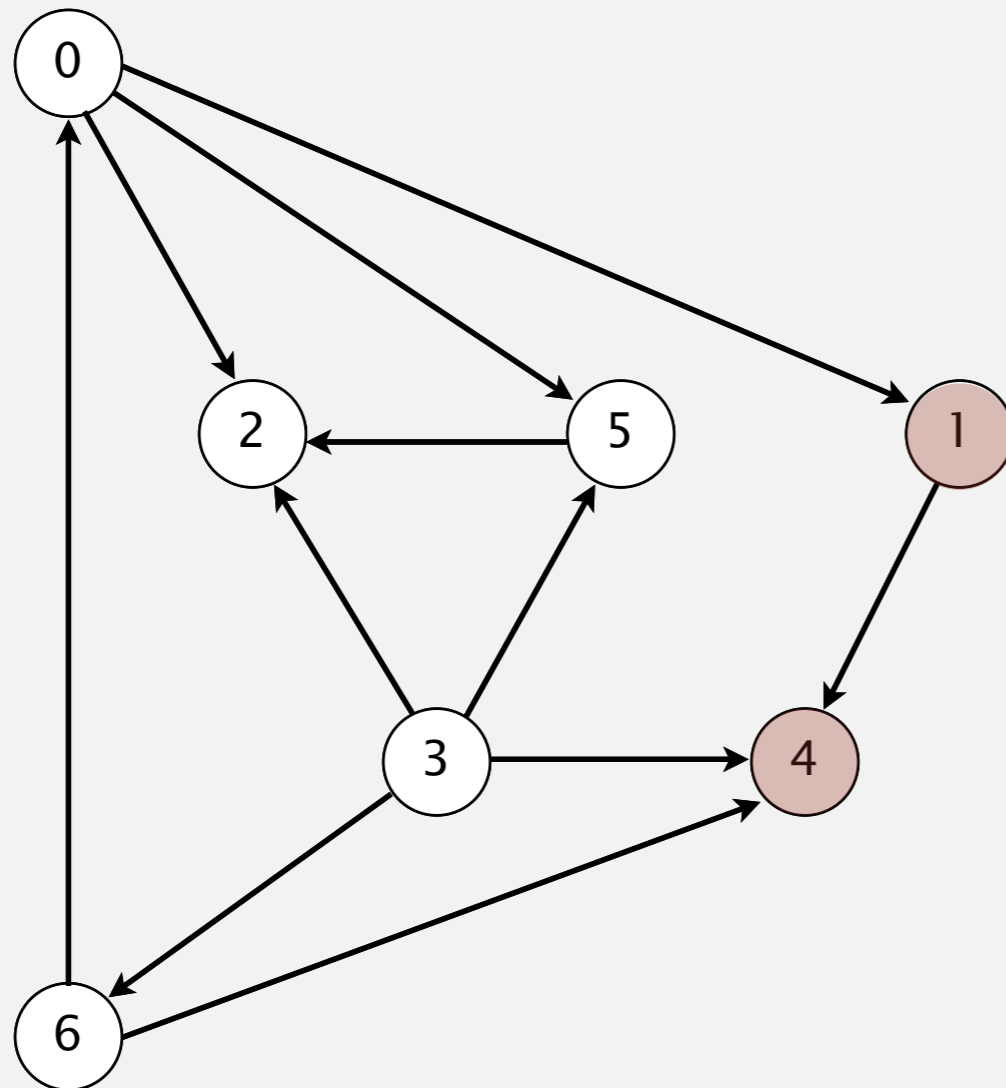
    public Iterable<Integer> reversePostorder()
    { return reversePostorder; }
}
```

← returns all vertices in
“reverse DFS postorder”

Topological sort in a DAG: intuition

Why does topological sort algorithm work?

- First vertex in postorder has outdegree 0.
- Second-to-last vertex in postorder can only point to last vertex.
- ...



postorder

4 1 2 5 0 6 3

topological order

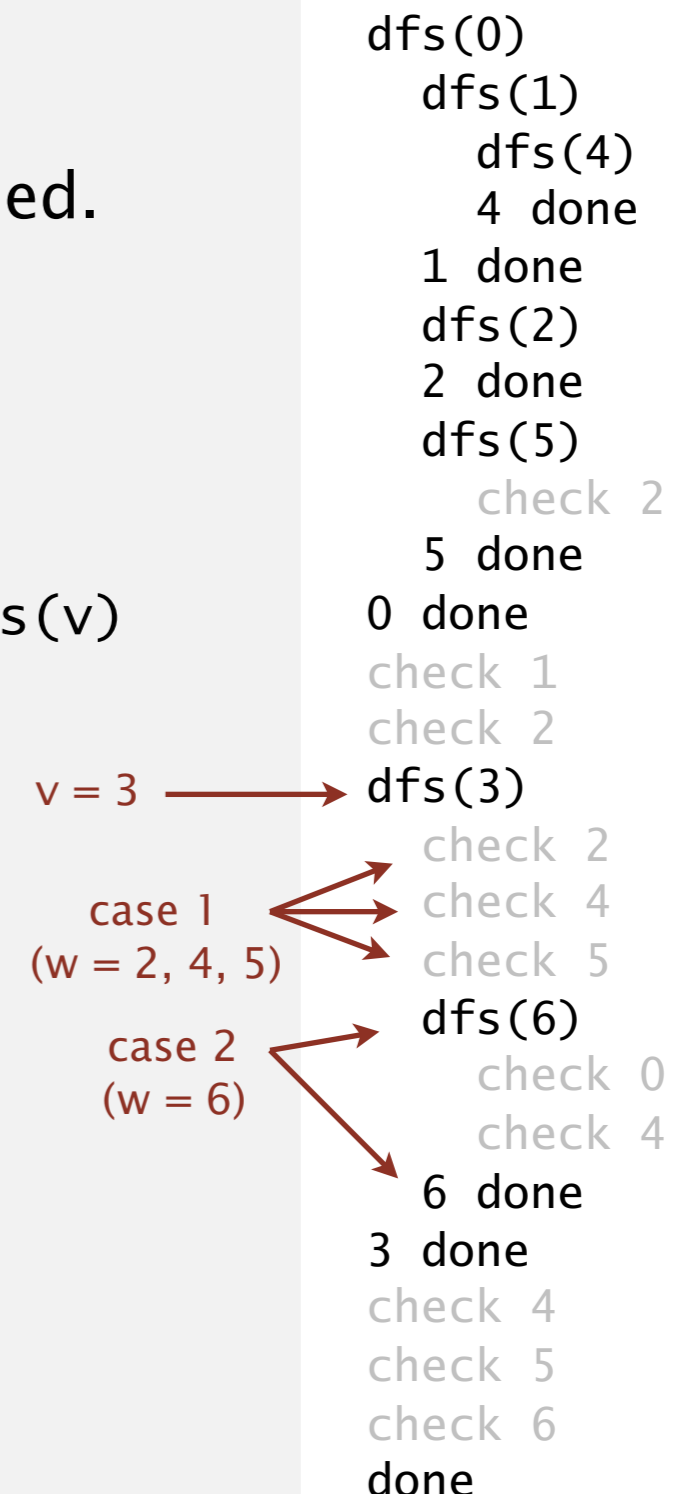
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Topological sort in a DAG: correctness proof

Proposition. Reverse DFS postorder of a DAG is a topological order.

Pf. Consider any edge $v \rightarrow w$. When $\text{dfs}(v)$ is called:

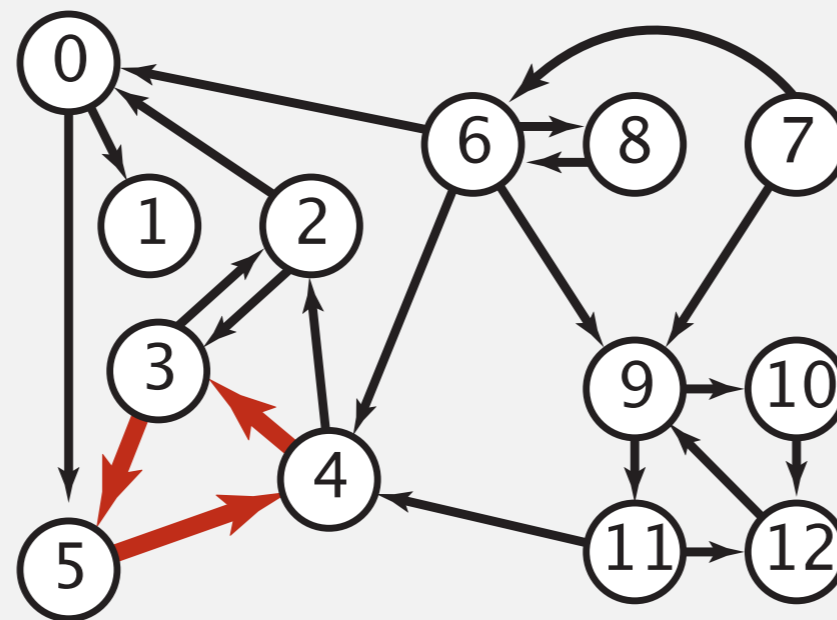
- Case 1: $\text{dfs}(w)$ has already been called and returned.
 - thus, w appears before v in postorder
- Case 2: $\text{dfs}(w)$ has not yet been called.
 - $\text{dfs}(w)$ will get called directly or indirectly by $\text{dfs}(v)$
 - so, $\text{dfs}(w)$ will return before $\text{dfs}(v)$
 - thus, w appears before v in postorder
- Case 3: $\text{dfs}(w)$ has already been called, but has not yet returned.
 - function-call stack contains path from w to v
 - edge $v \rightarrow w$ would complete a directed cycle
 - contradiction (it's a DAG)



Directed cycle detection

Proposition. A digraph has a topological order iff no directed cycle.

- If directed cycle, topological order impossible.
- If no directed cycle, DFS-based algorithm finds a topological order.



a digraph with a directed cycle

Goal. Given a digraph, find a directed cycle.

Solution. DFS. What else? See textbook.

Directed cycle detection application: cyclic inheritance

The Java compiler does cycle detection.

```
public class A extends B
{
    ...
}
```

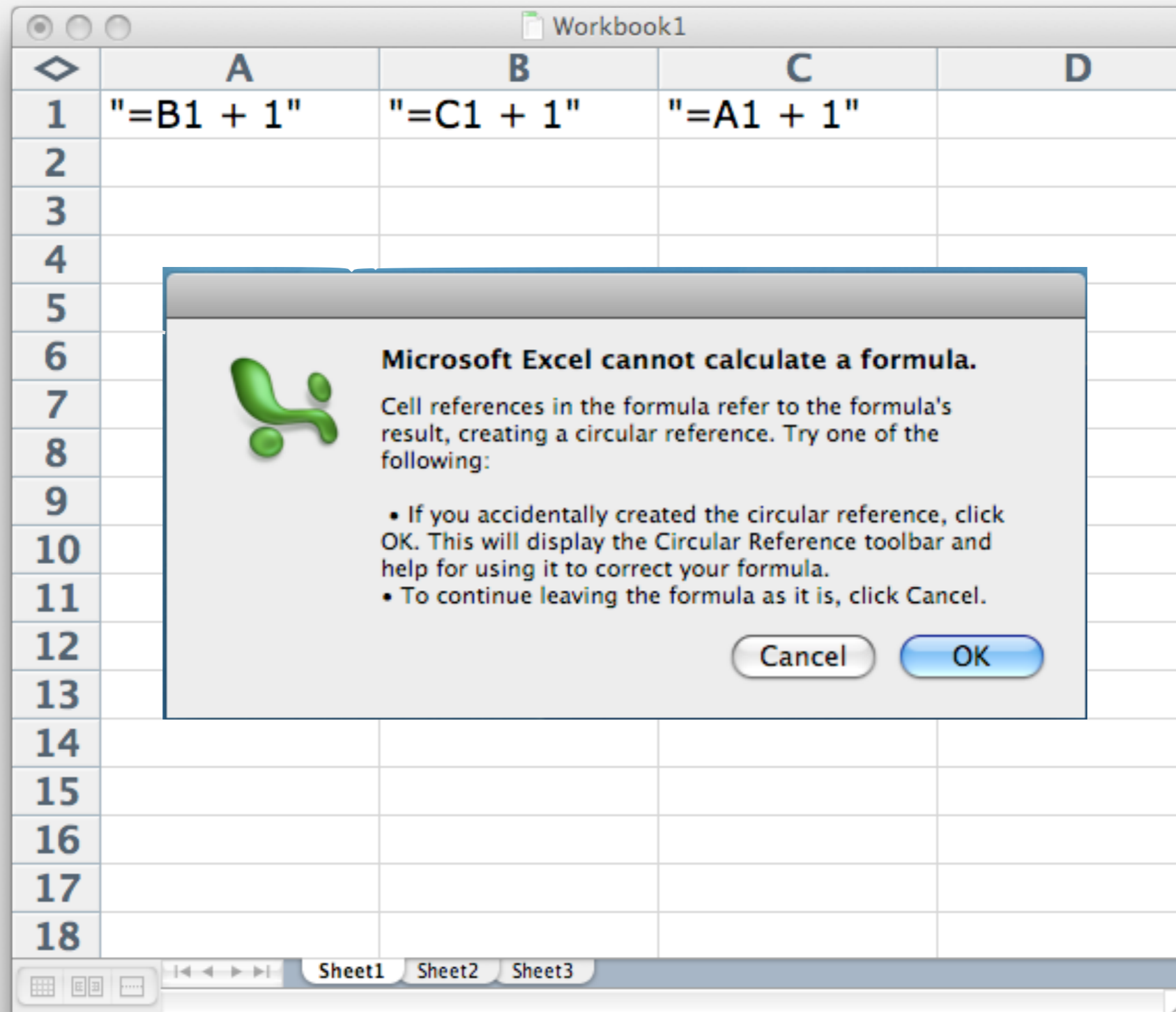
```
public class B extends C
{
    ...
}
```

```
public class C extends A
{
    ...
}
```

```
% javac A.java
A.java:1: cyclic inheritance
involving A
public class A extends B { }
           ^
1 error
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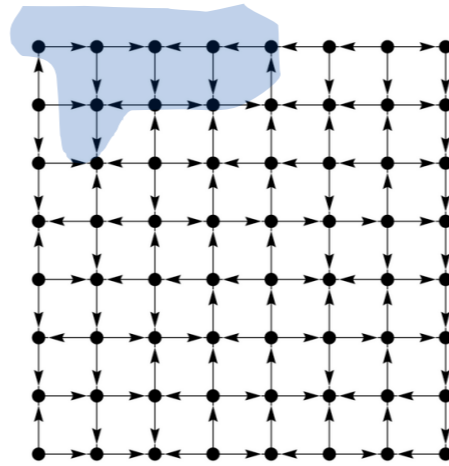
Directed cycle detection application: spreadsheet recalculation

Microsoft Excel does cycle detection.



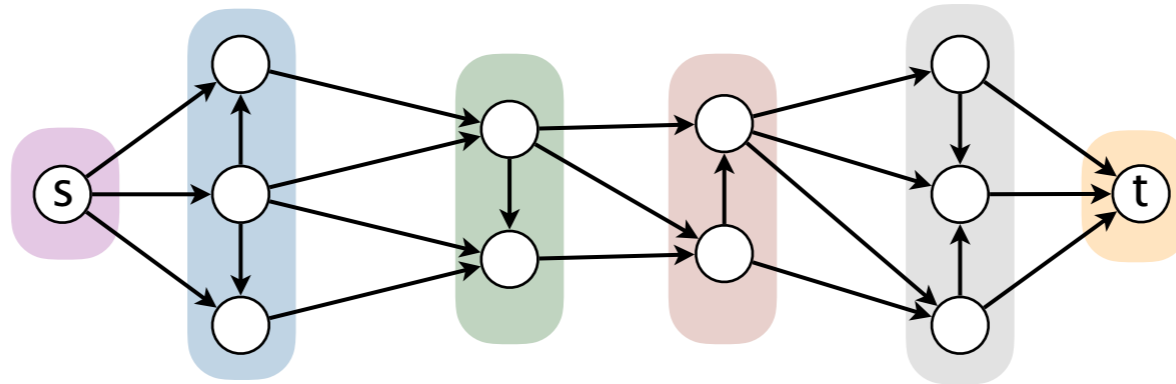
Digraph-processing summary: algorithms of the day

single-source reachability in a digraph



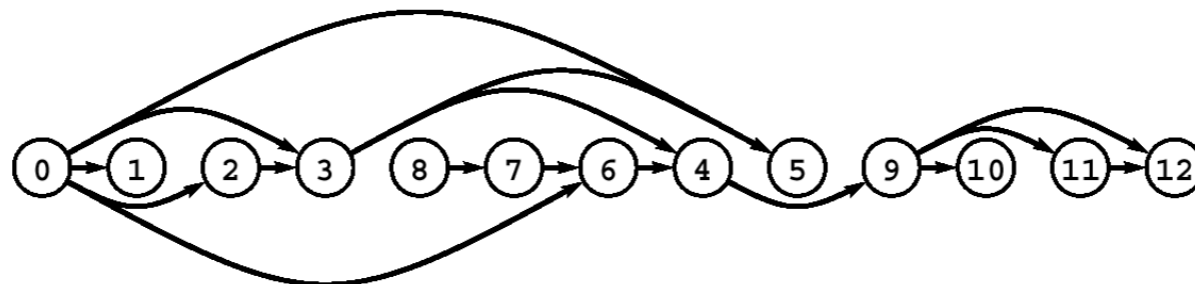
DFS/BFS

shortest path in a digraph



BFS

topological sort in a DAG



DFS