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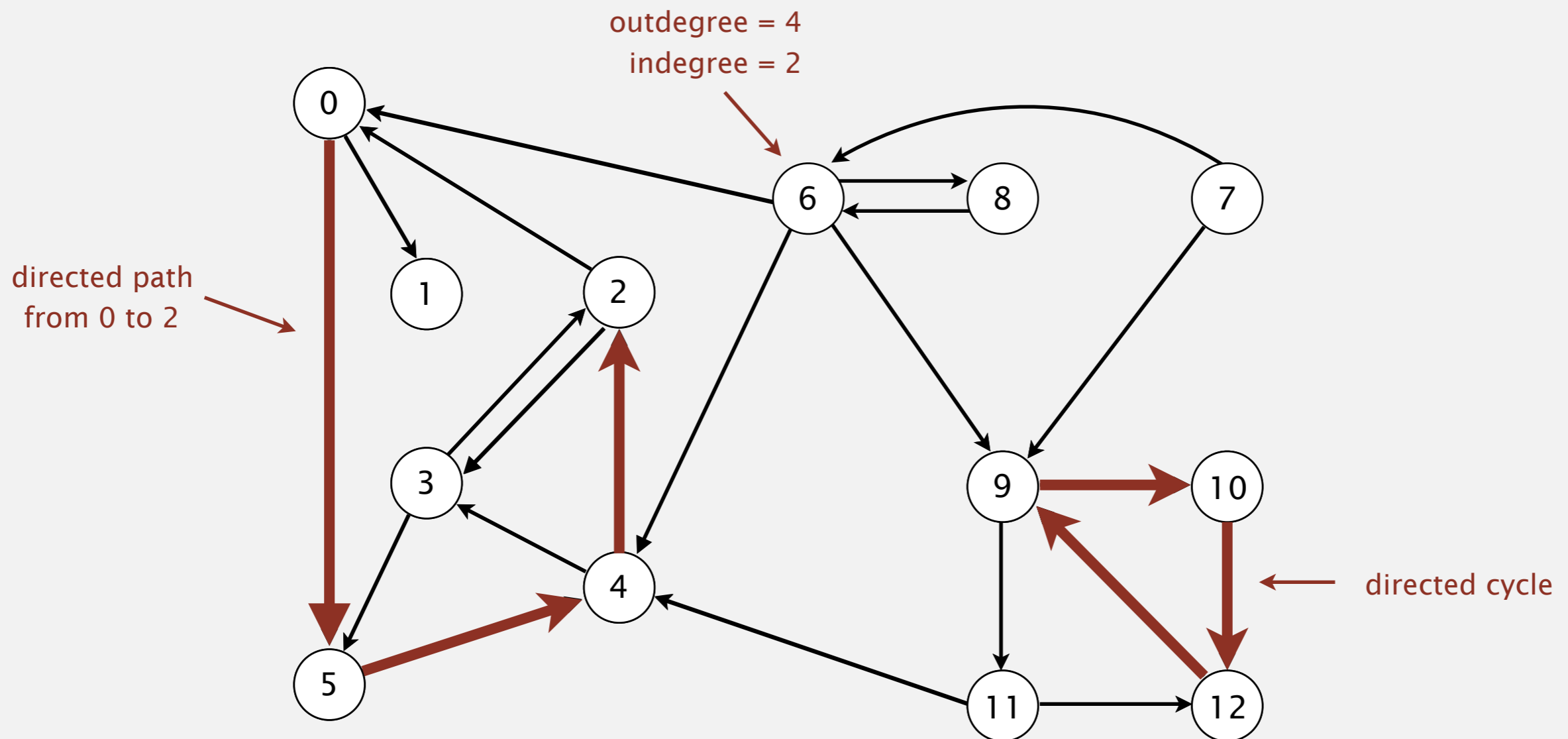
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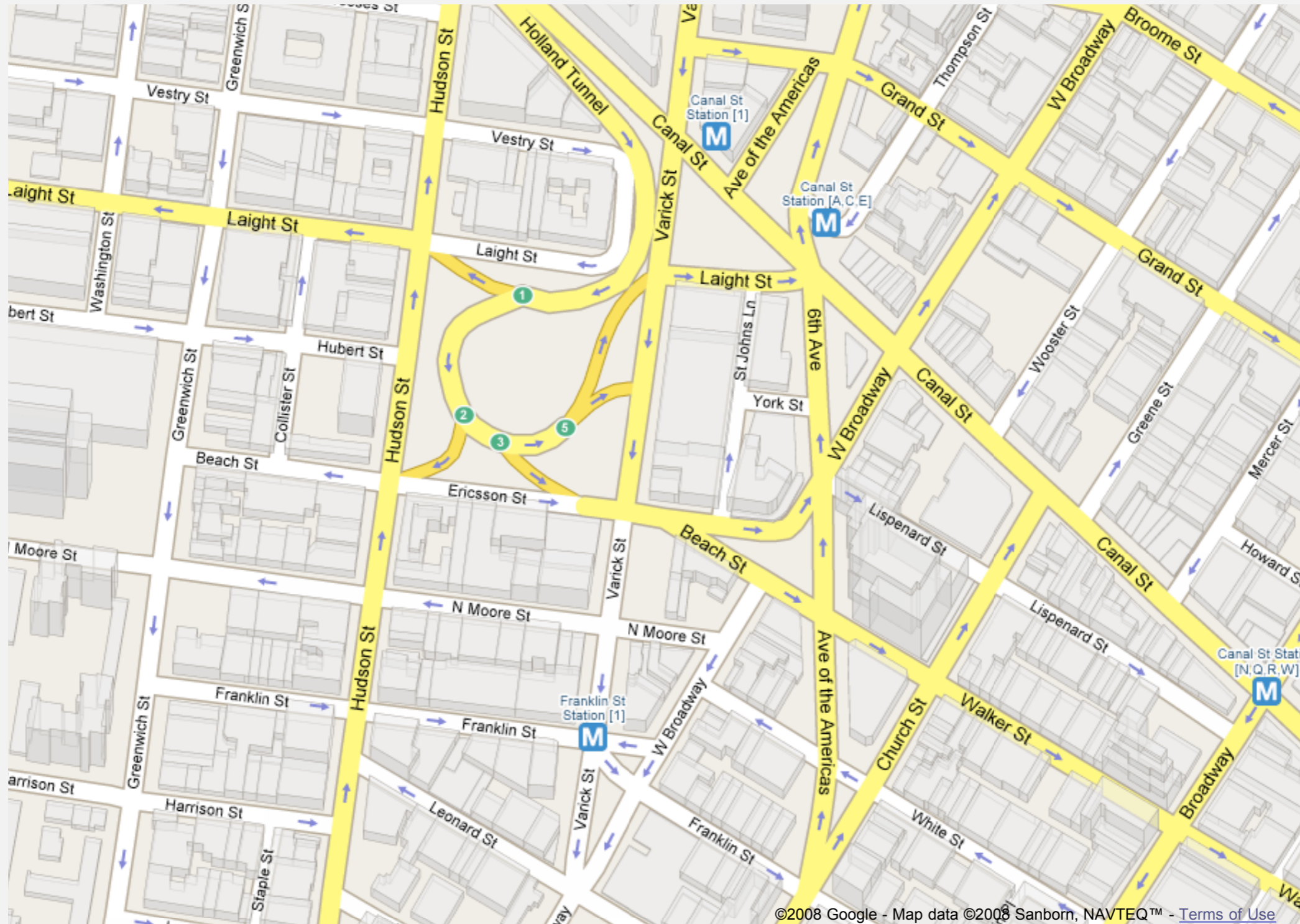
# Directed graphs

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



# Road network

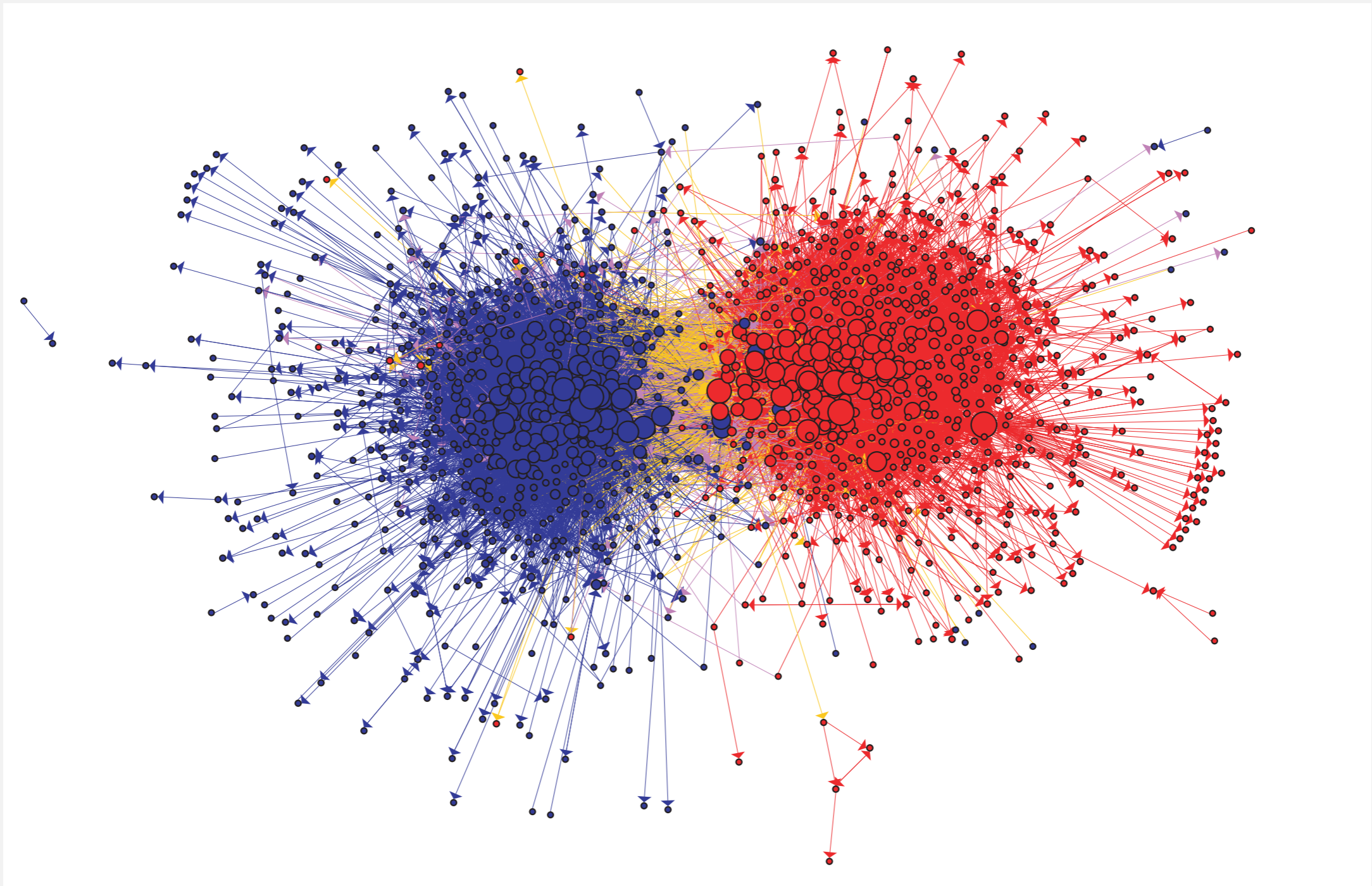
Vertex = intersection; edge = one-way street.



# Political blogosphere graph

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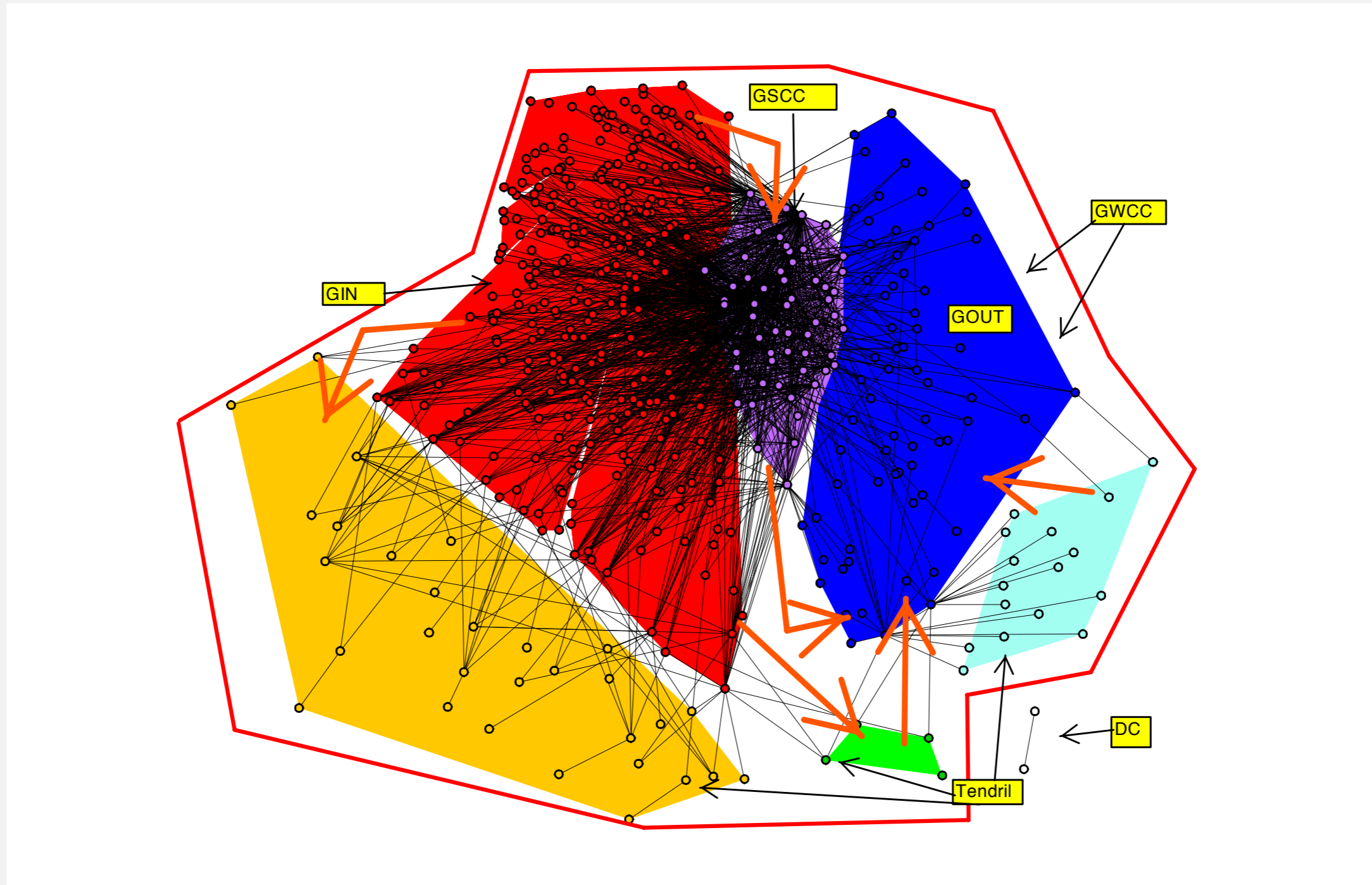
Vertex = political blog; edge = link.



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

# Overnight interbank loan graph

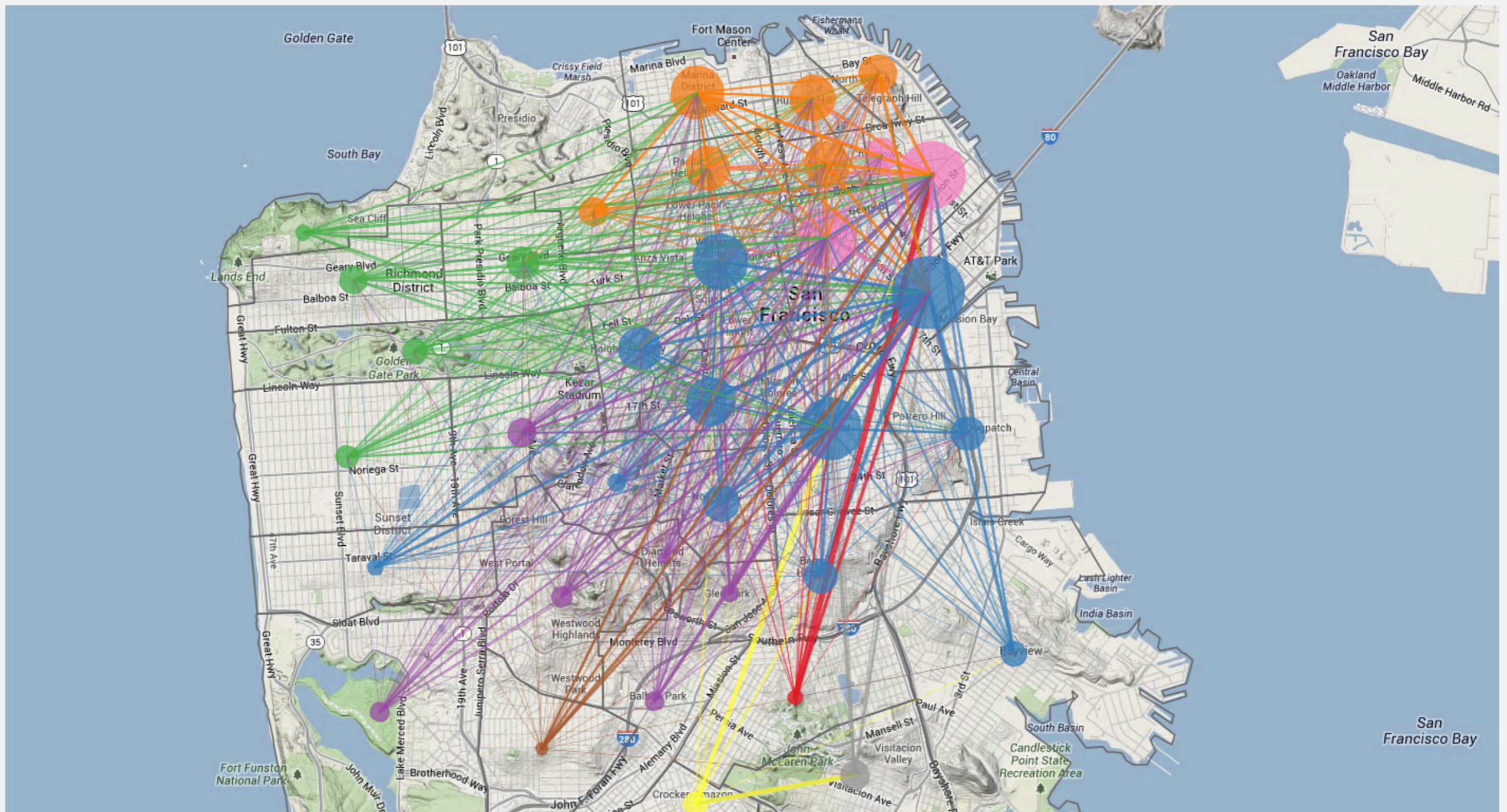
Vertex = bank; edge = overnight loan.



The Topology of the Federal Funds Market, Bech and Atalay, 2008

# Uber taxi graph

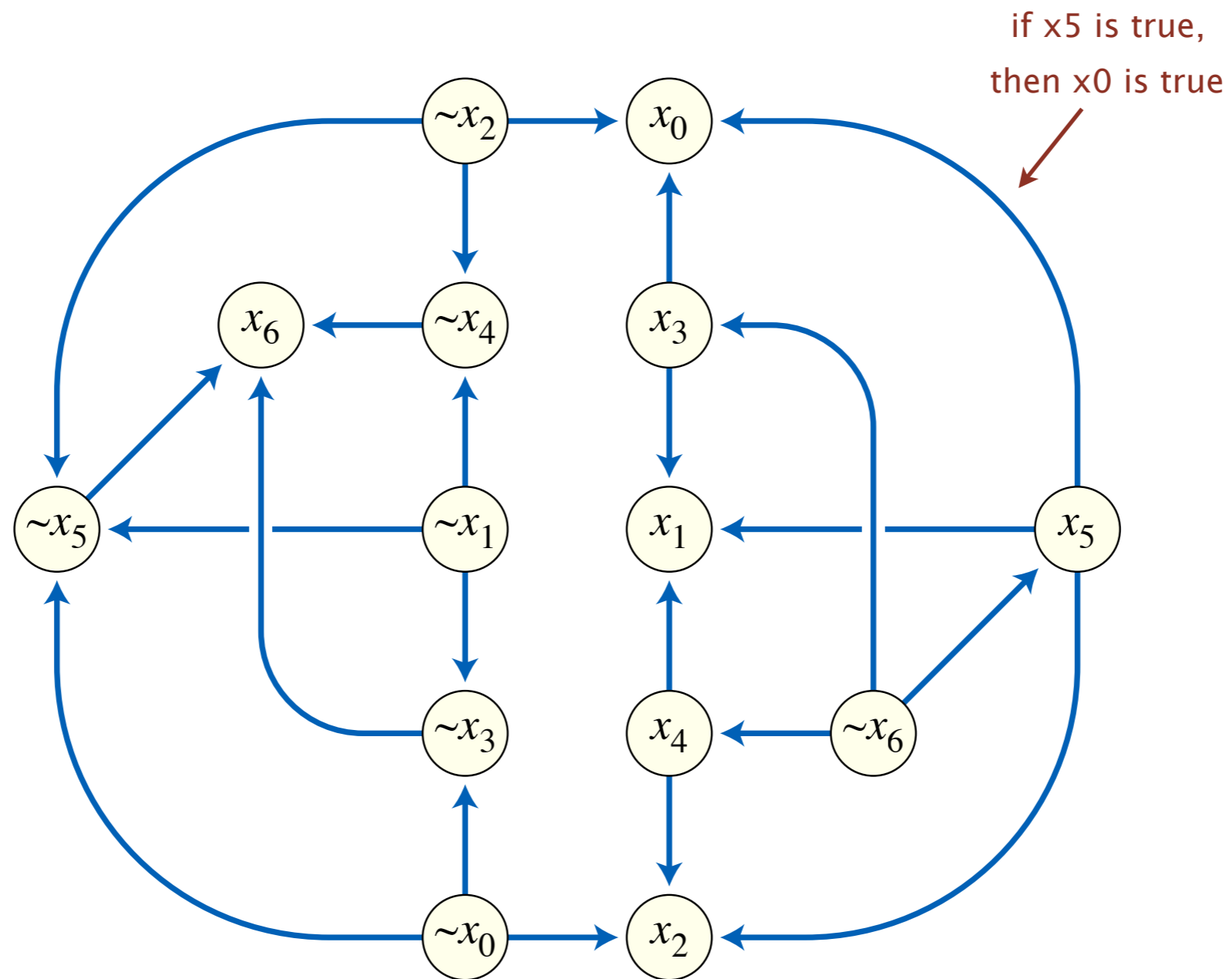
Vertex = taxi pickup; edge = taxi ride.



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

# Implication graph

Vertex = variable; edge = logical implication.

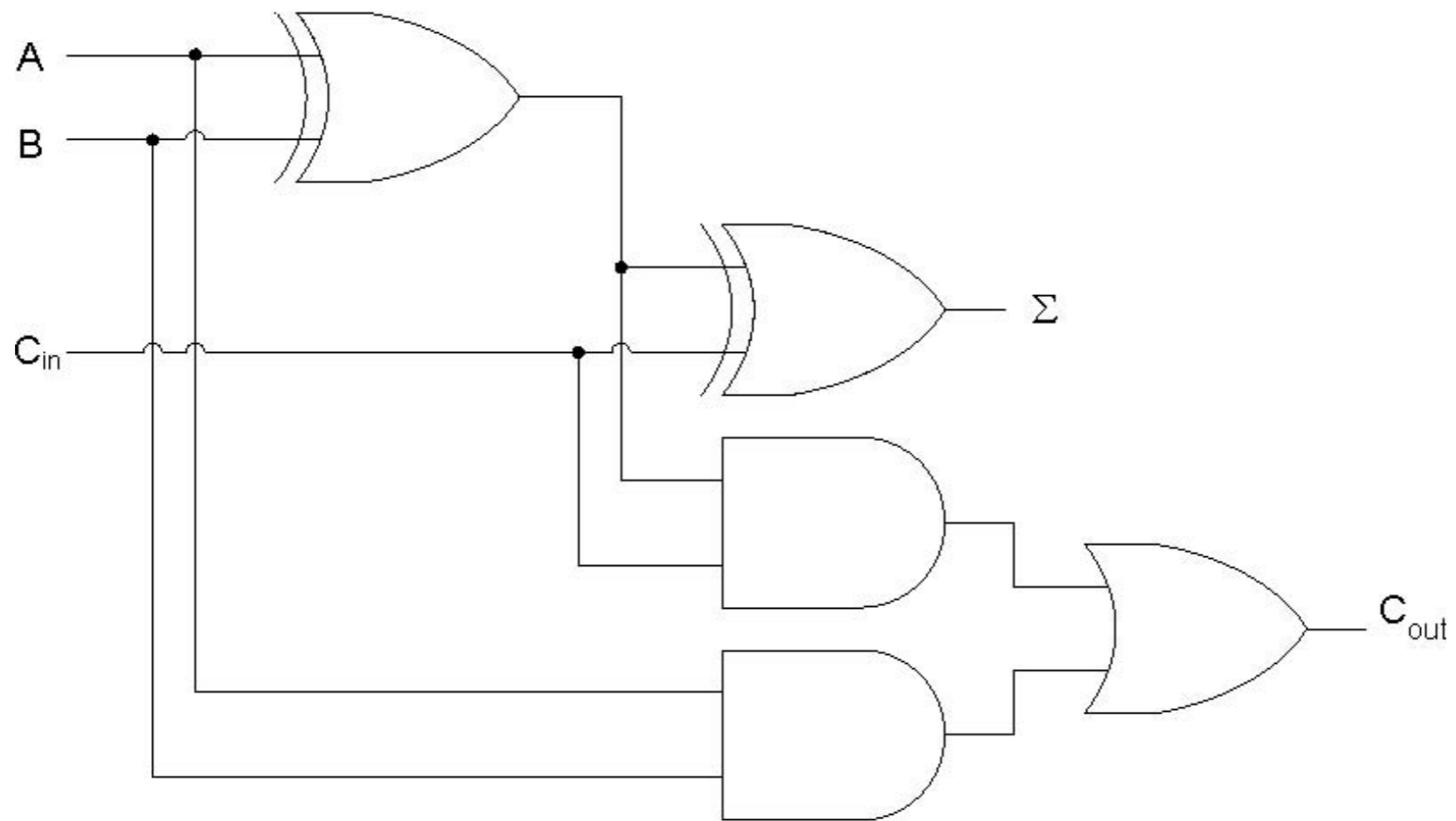




# Combinational circuit

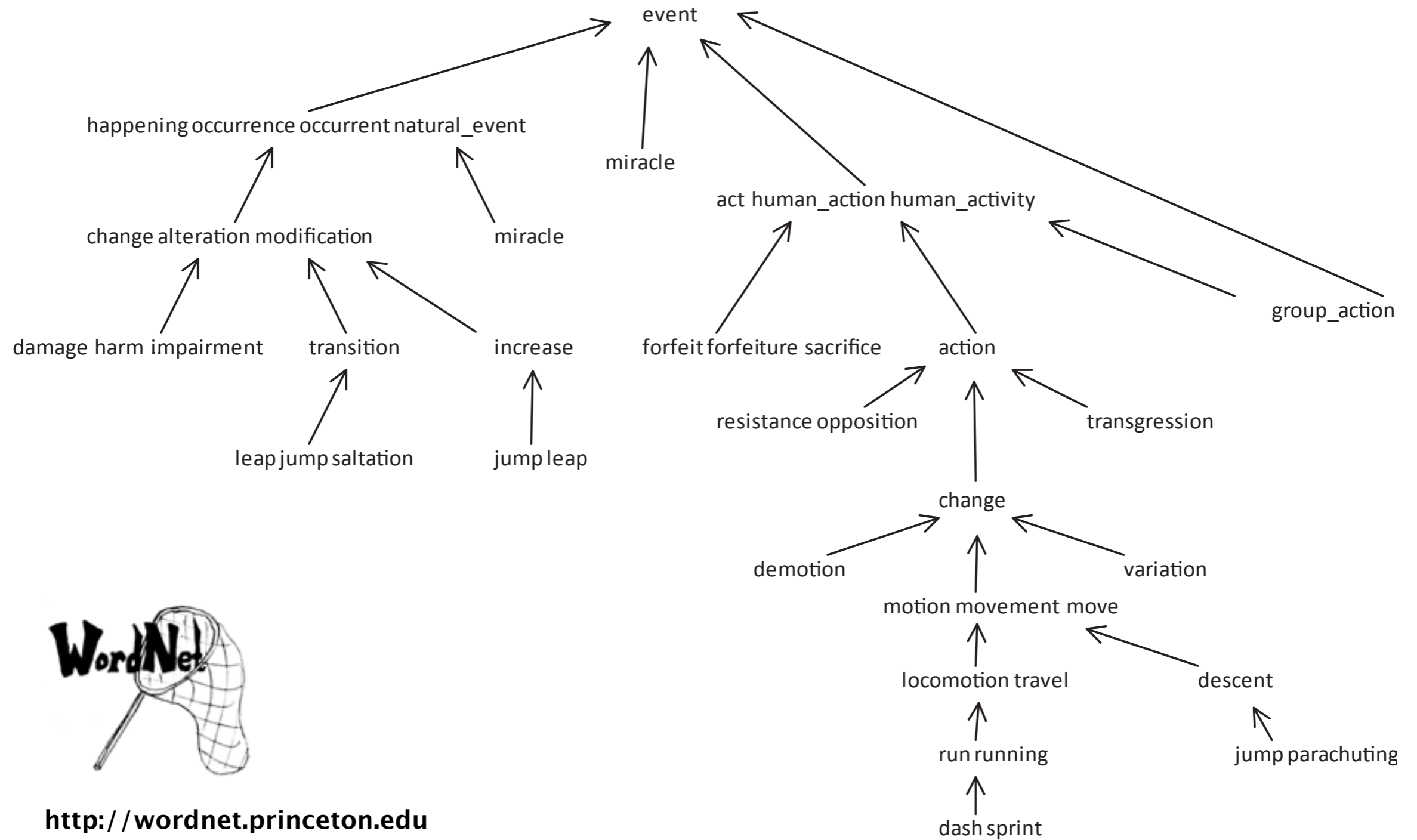
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Vertex = logical gate; edge = wire.

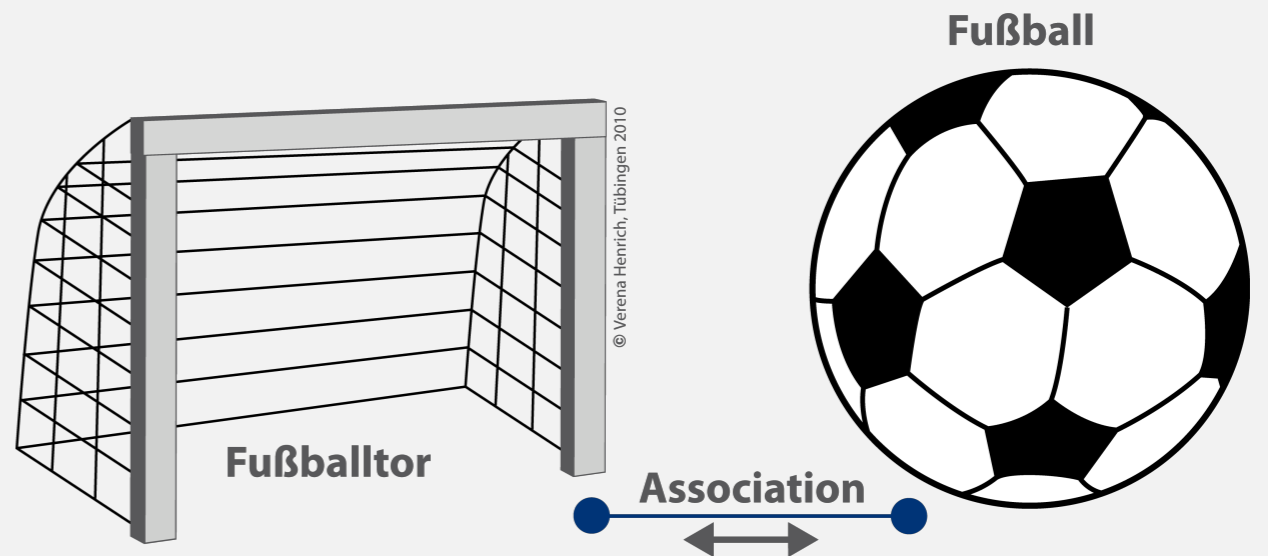
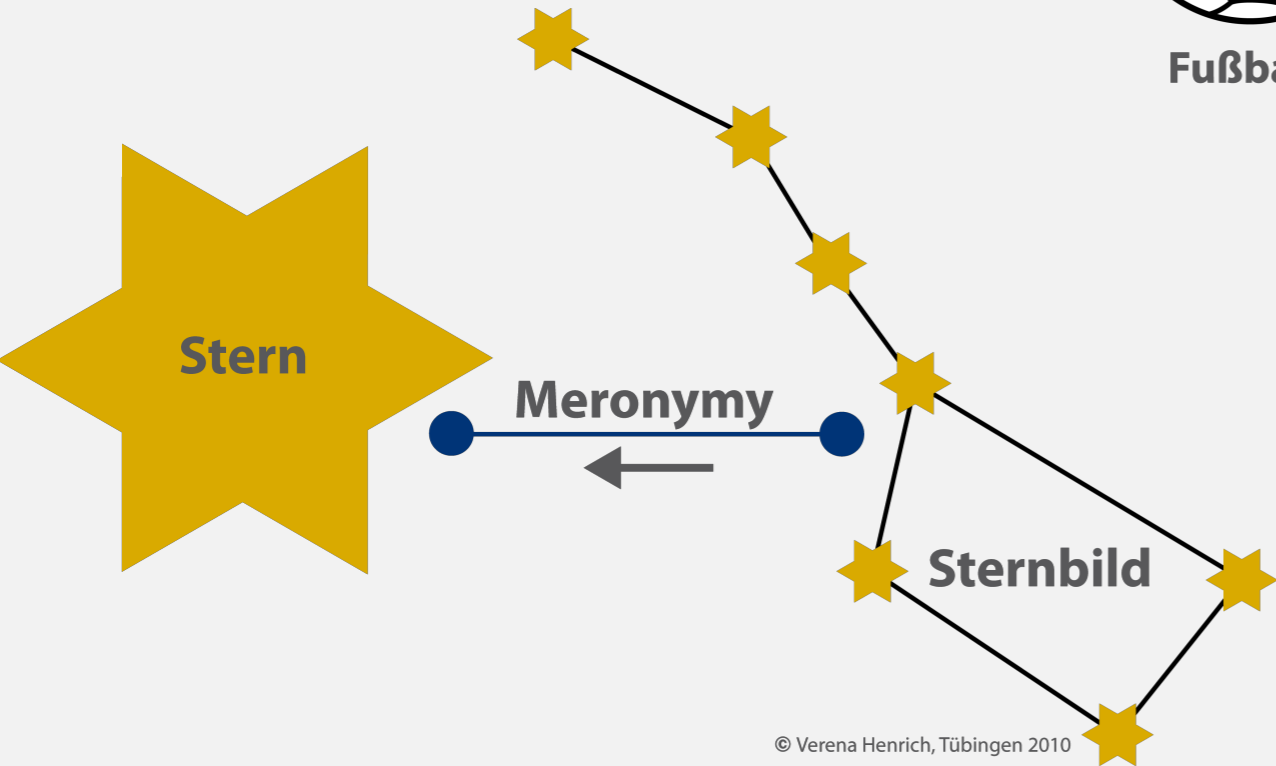
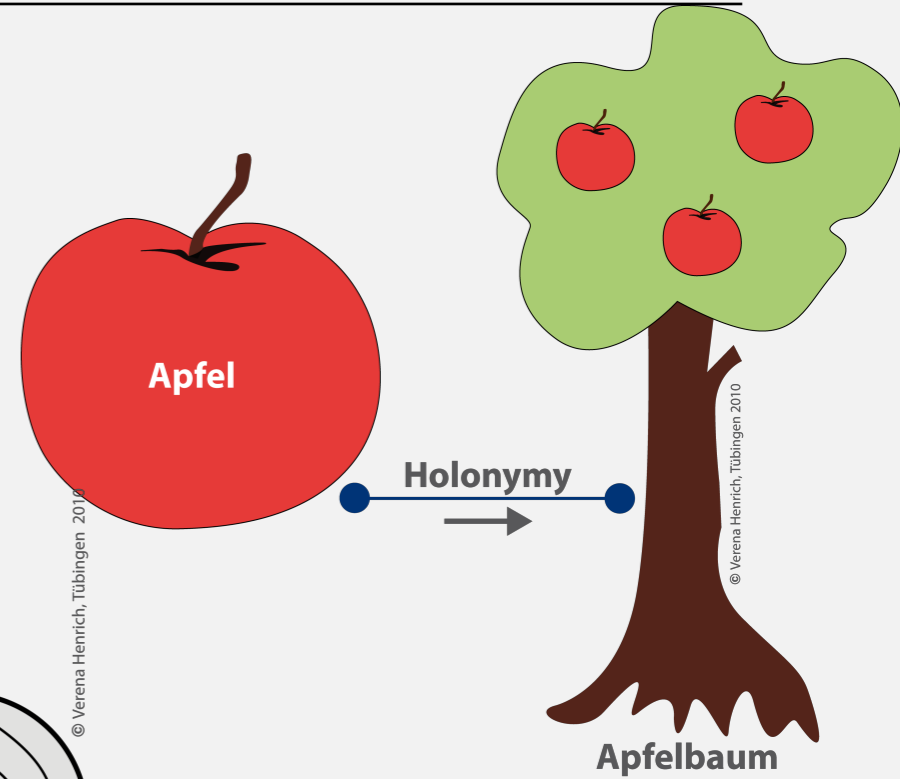
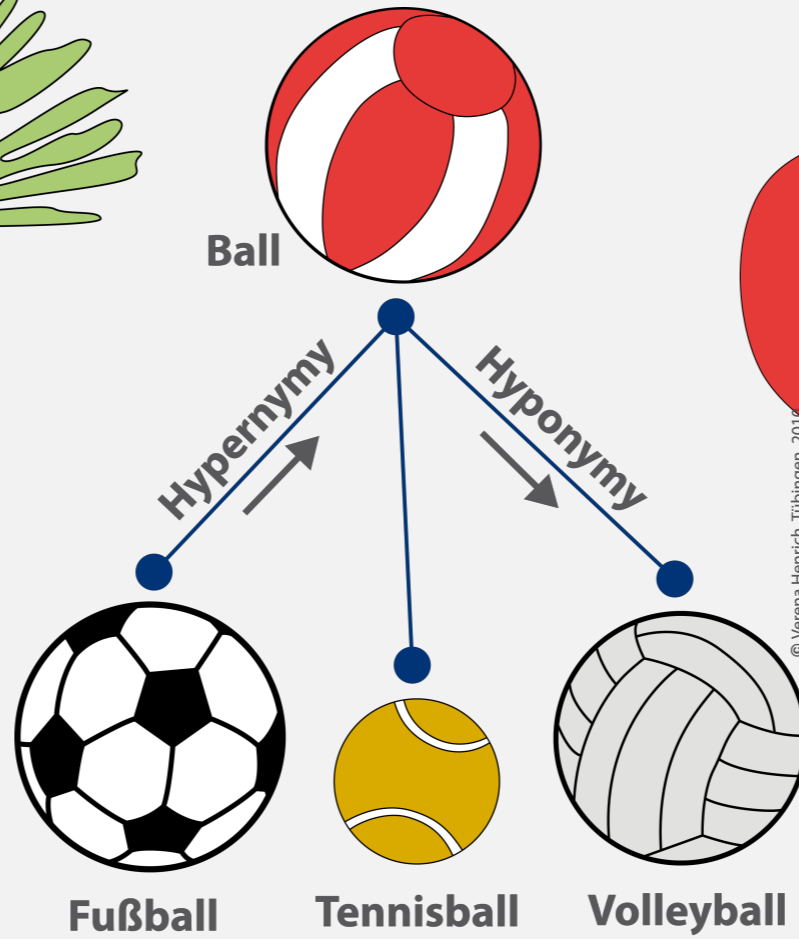
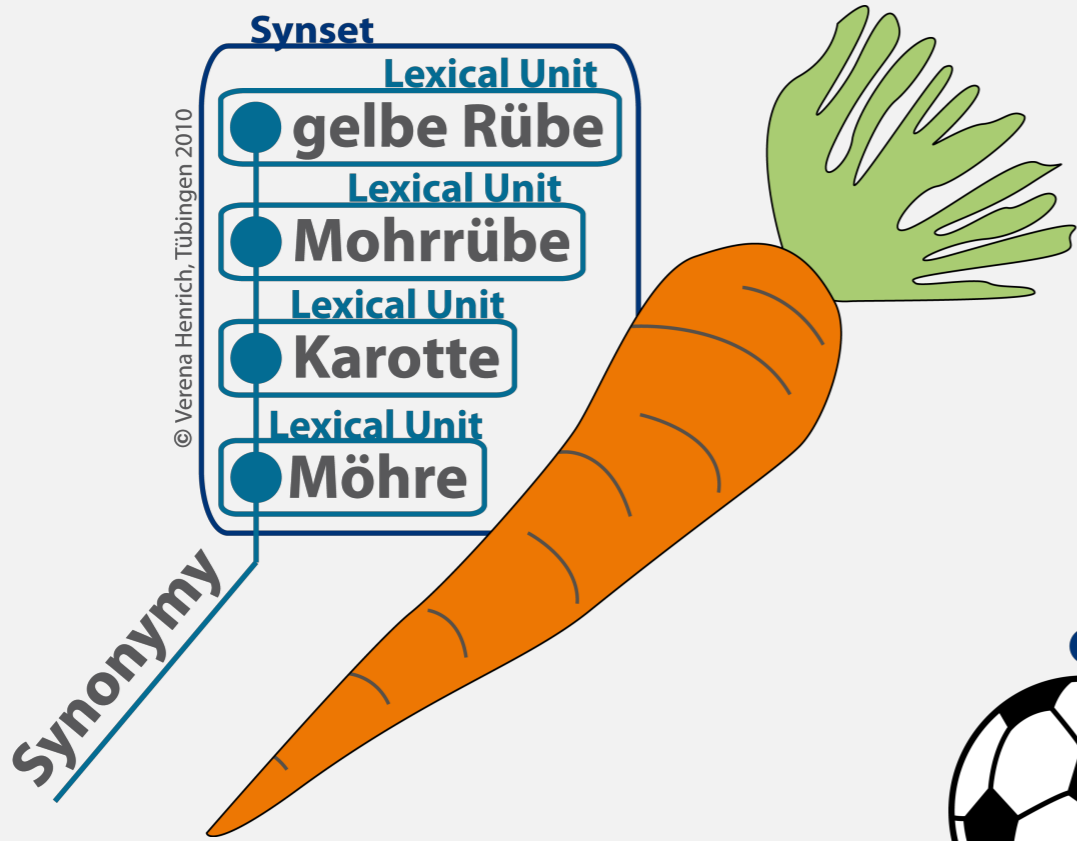


# WordNet graph

Vertex = synset; edge = hypernym relationship.



<http://wordnet.princeton.edu>



# Digraph applications

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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

# Some digraph problems

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



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# Digraph API

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Almost identical to Graph API.

```
public class Digraph
```

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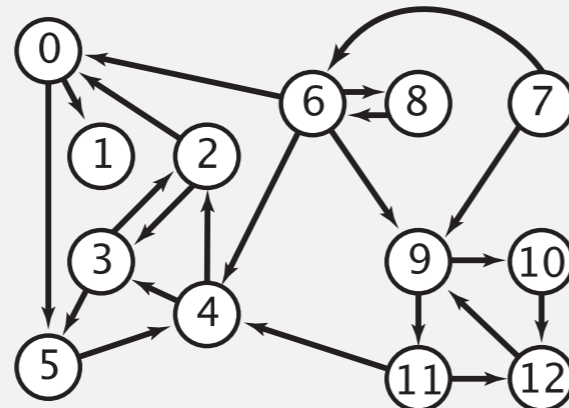
<code>Digraph(int V)</code>	<i>create an empty digraph with V vertices</i>
<code>Digraph(In in)</code>	<i>create a digraph from input stream</i>
<code>void addEdge(int v, int w)</code>	<i>add a directed edge <math>v \rightarrow w</math></i>
<code>Iterable&lt;Integer&gt; adj(int v)</code>	<i>vertices pointing from v</i>
<code>int V()</code>	<i>number of vertices</i>
<code>int E()</code>	<i>number of edges</i>
<code>Digraph reverse()</code>	<i>reverse of this digraph</i>
<code>String toString()</code>	<i>string representation</i>

# Digraph API

**tinyDG.txt**

*V* → 13  
22 ← *E*

```
4 2
2 3
3 2
6 0
0 1
2 0
11 12
12 9
9 10
9 11
7 9
10 12
11 4
4 3
3 5
6 8
8 6
:
```



```
% java Digraph tinyDG.txt
0->5
0->1
2->0
2->3
3->5
3->2
4->3
4->2
5->4
:
11->4
11->12
12->9
```

```
In in = new In(args[0]);
Digraph G = new Digraph(in);

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

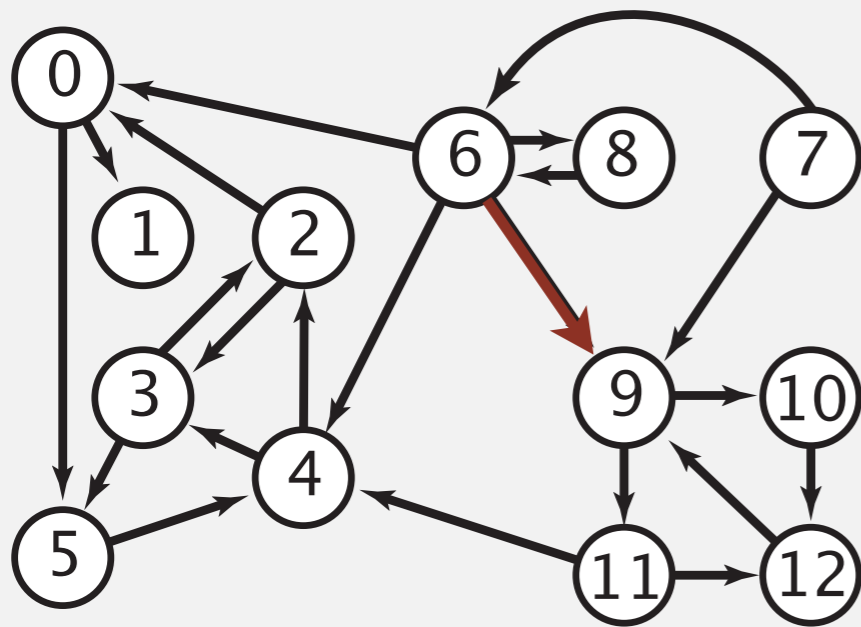
← read digraph from  
input stream

← print out each  
edge (once)



# Digraph representation: set of edges

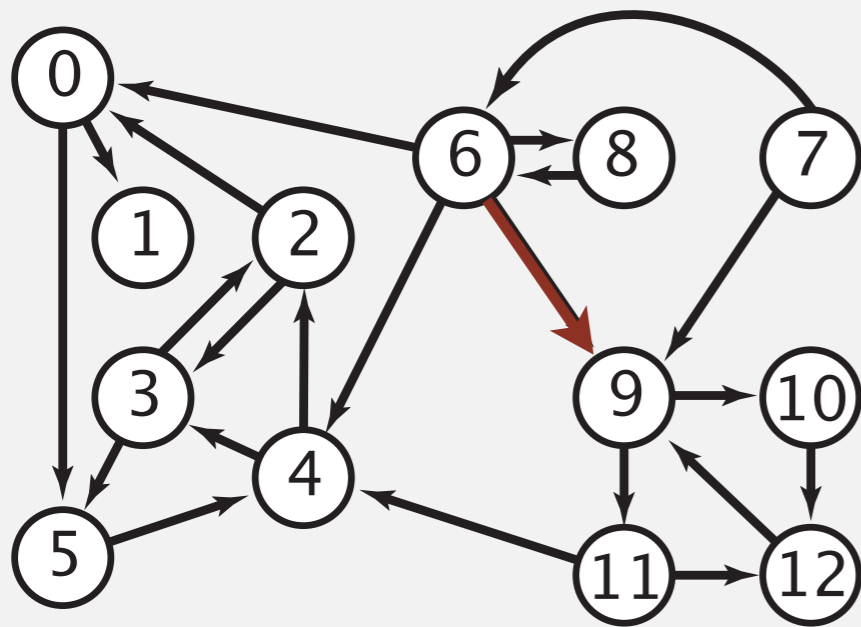
Store a list of the edges (linked list or array).



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

# Digraph representation: adjacency matrix

Maintain a two-dimensional  $V$ -by- $V$  boolean array;  
for each edge  $v \rightarrow w$  in the digraph:  $\text{adj}[v][w] = \text{true}$ .

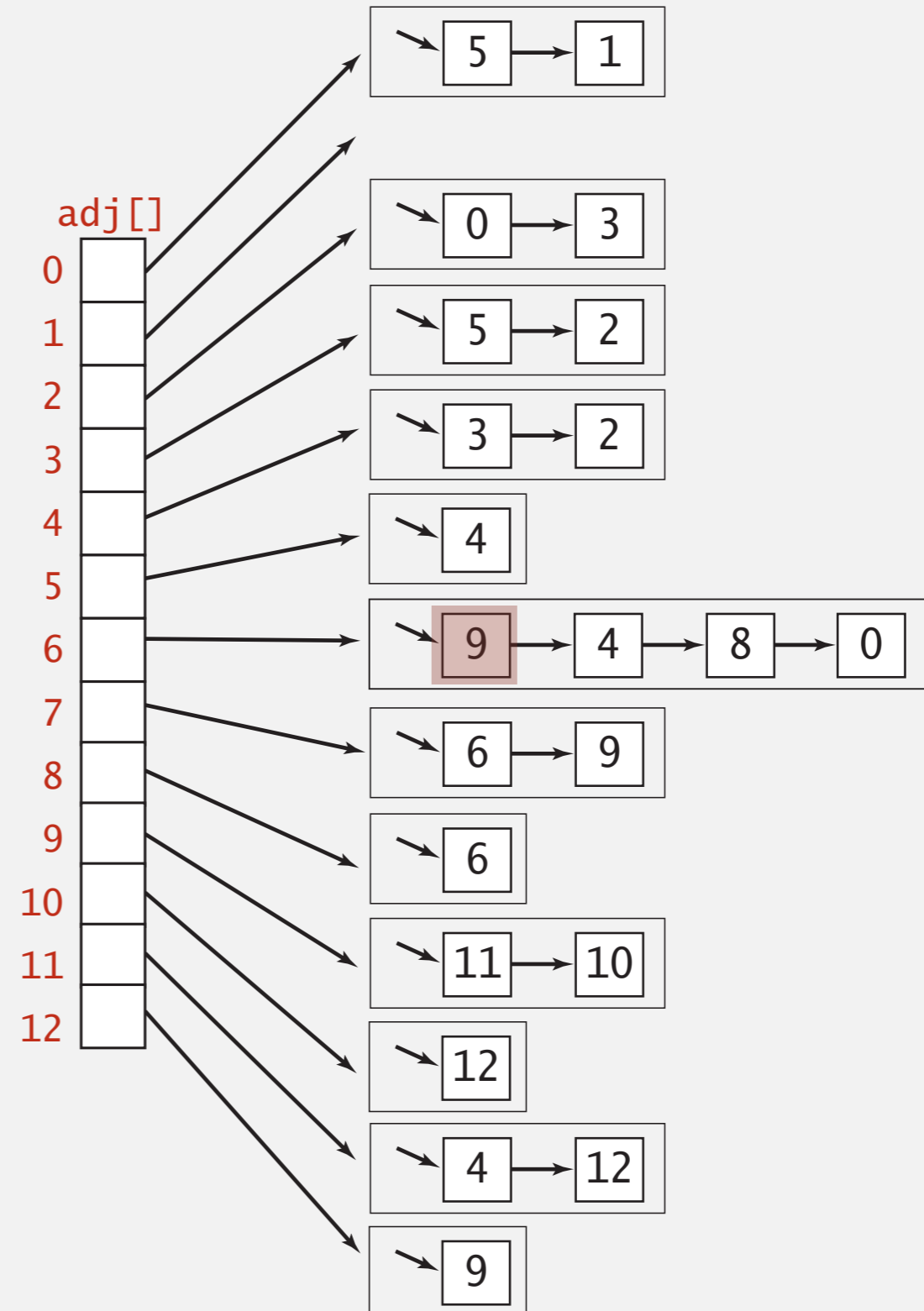
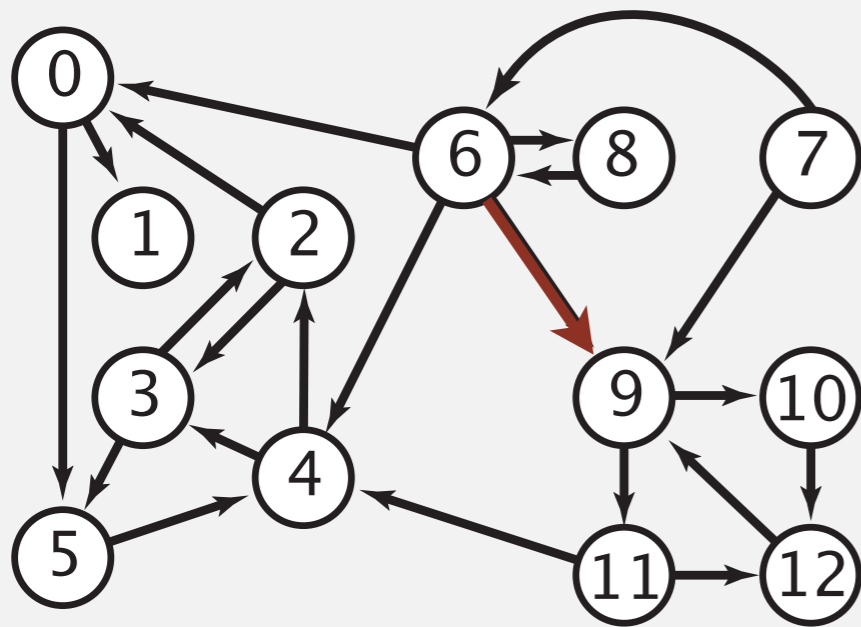


		to												
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
from	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Note: parallel edges disallowed

# Digraph representation: adjacency lists

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists.



# Digraph representations

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**In practice.** Use adjacency-lists representation.

- Algorithms based on iterating over vertices pointing from  $v$ .
- Real-world digraphs tend to be sparse.

huge number of vertices,  
small average vertex degree

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

<sup>†</sup> disallows parallel edges

# Adjacency-lists graph representation (review): Java implementation

```
public class Graph  
{
```

```
    private final int V;  
    private final 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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```

← add edge  $v \rightarrow w$

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    public Iterable<Integer> adj(int v)  
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← iterator for vertices  
pointing from v

```
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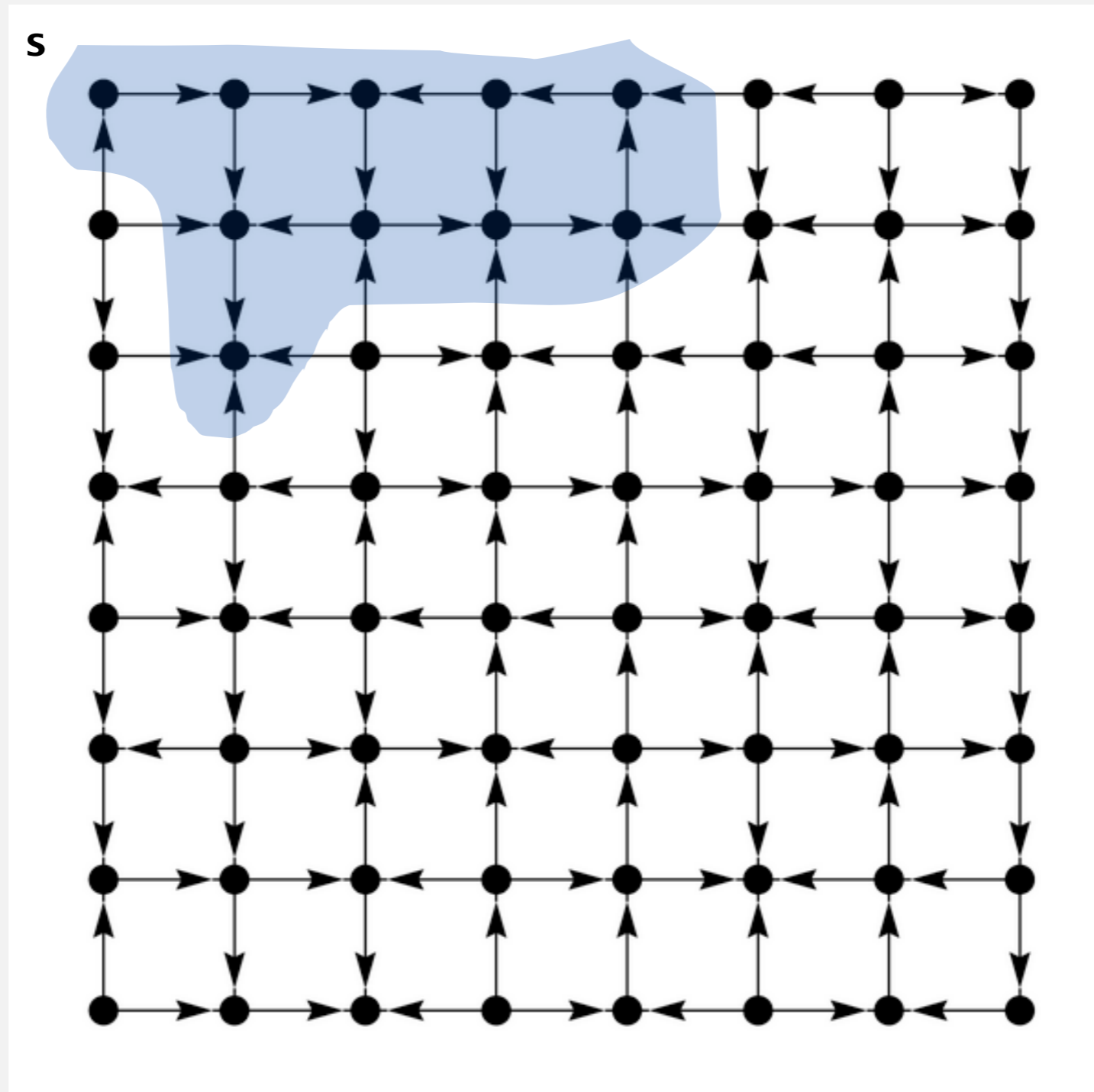
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# Reachability

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





# Depth-first search in digraphs

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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  $v$ )

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Mark  $v$  as visited.

Recursively visit all unmarked  
vertices  $w$  pointing from  $v$ .

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# Depth-first search demo

4→2

2→3

To visit a vertex  $v$ :



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

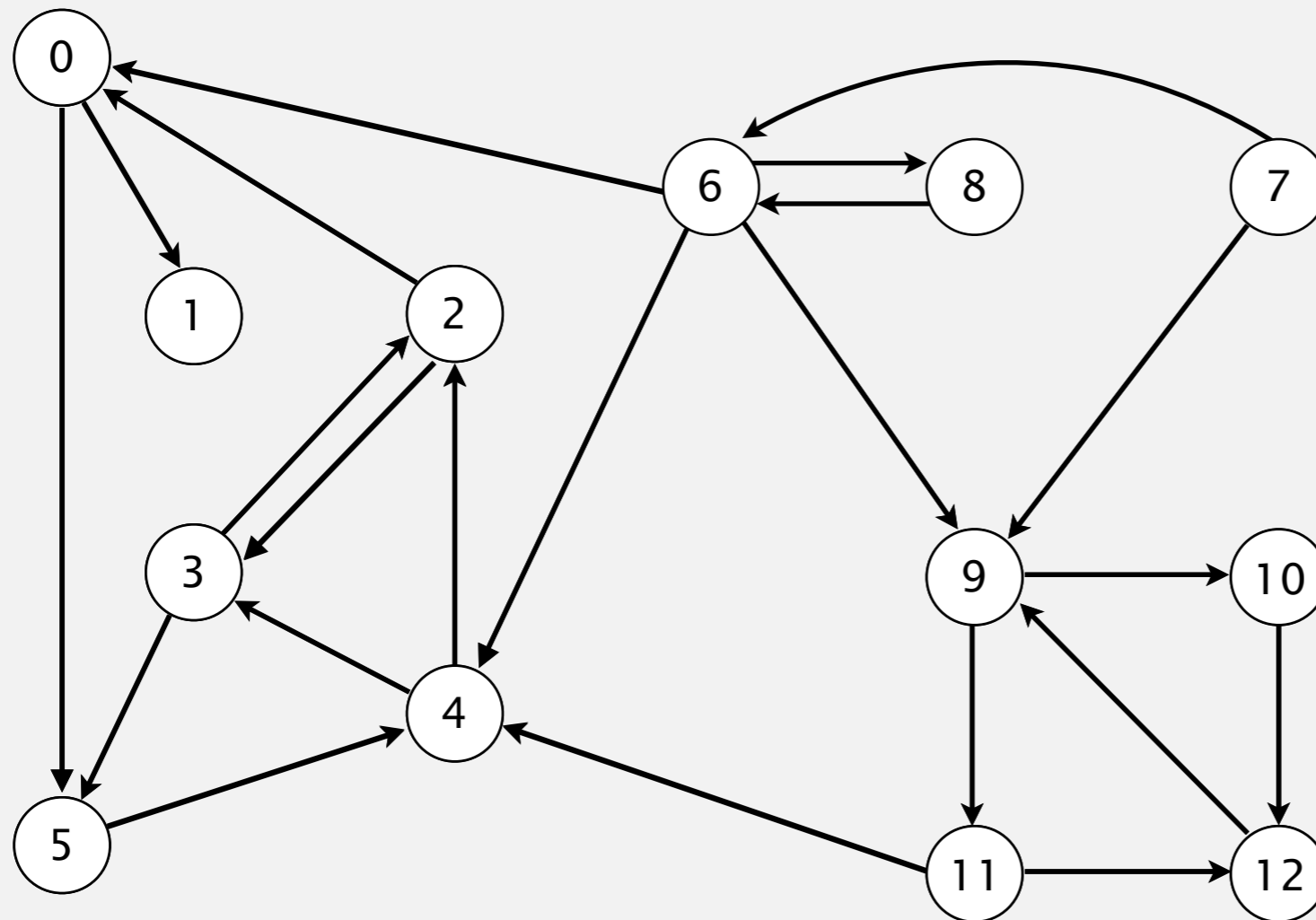
0→5

6→4

6→9

7→6

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- Recursively visit all unmarked vertices pointing from  $v$ .

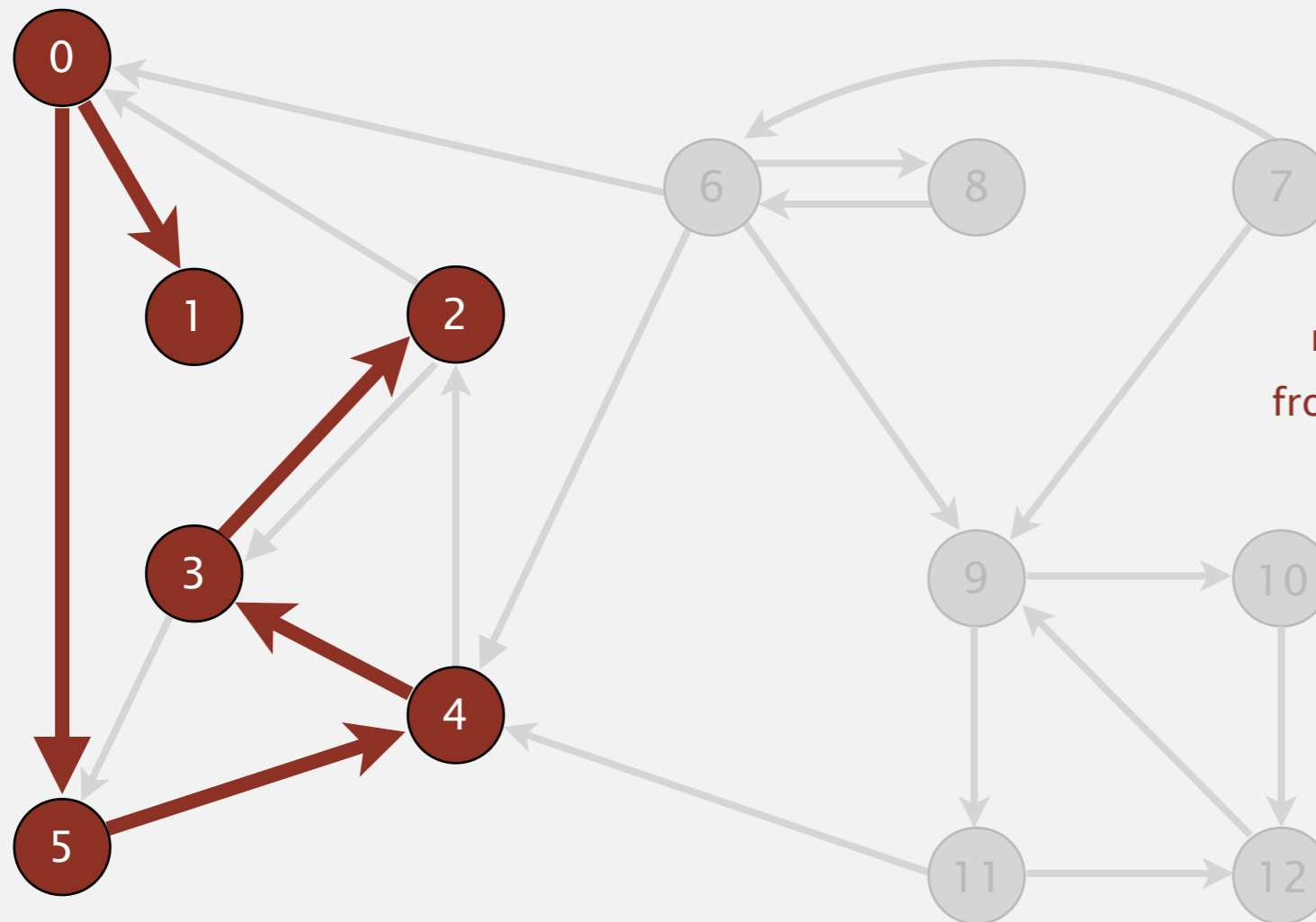


a directed graph

# Depth-first search demo

To visit a vertex  $v$  :

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



reachable from 0

reachable from vertex 0

<u>v</u>	<u>marked[]</u>	<u>edgeTo[]</u>
0	T	-
1	T	0
2	T	3
3	T	4
4	T	5
5	T	0
6	F	-
7	F	-
8	F	-
9	F	-
10	F	-
11	F	-
12	F	-

# 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()];
```

← constructor marks  
vertices connected to s

```
        dfs(G, 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 is connected to s

```
}
```

# Depth-first search (in directed graphs)

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

```
public class DirectedDFS  
{
```

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

← true if path from s

```
    public DirectedDFS(Digraph G, int s)
```

```
    {
```

```
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
```

```
        dfs(G, s);
```

```
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```
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```

# Reachability application: program control-flow analysis

Every program is a digraph.

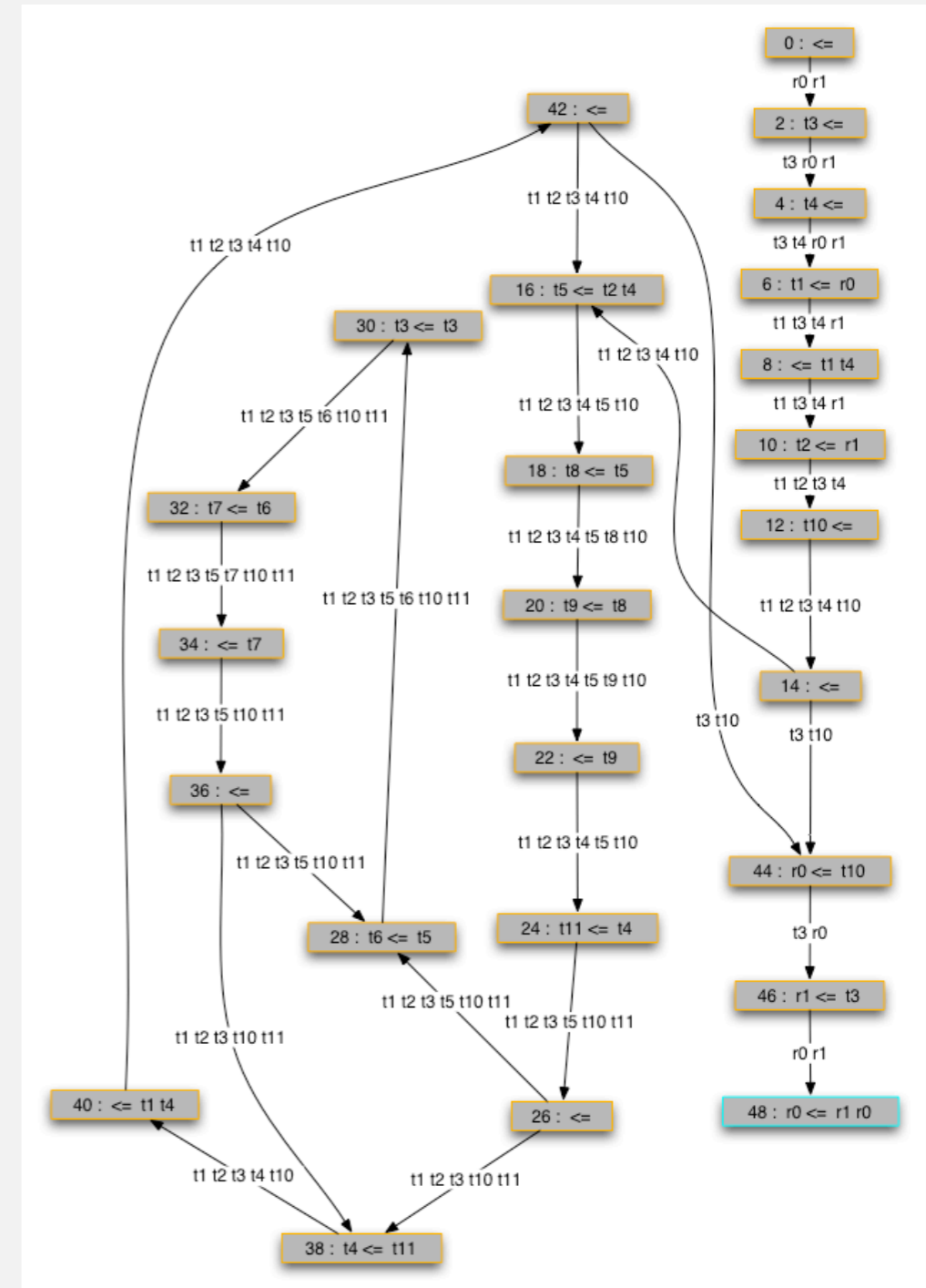
- Vertex = basic block of instructions (straight-line program).
- Edge = jump.

Dead-code elimination.

Find (and remove) unreachable code.

Infinite-loop detection.

Determine whether exit is unreachable.



# Control flow graphs (examples)

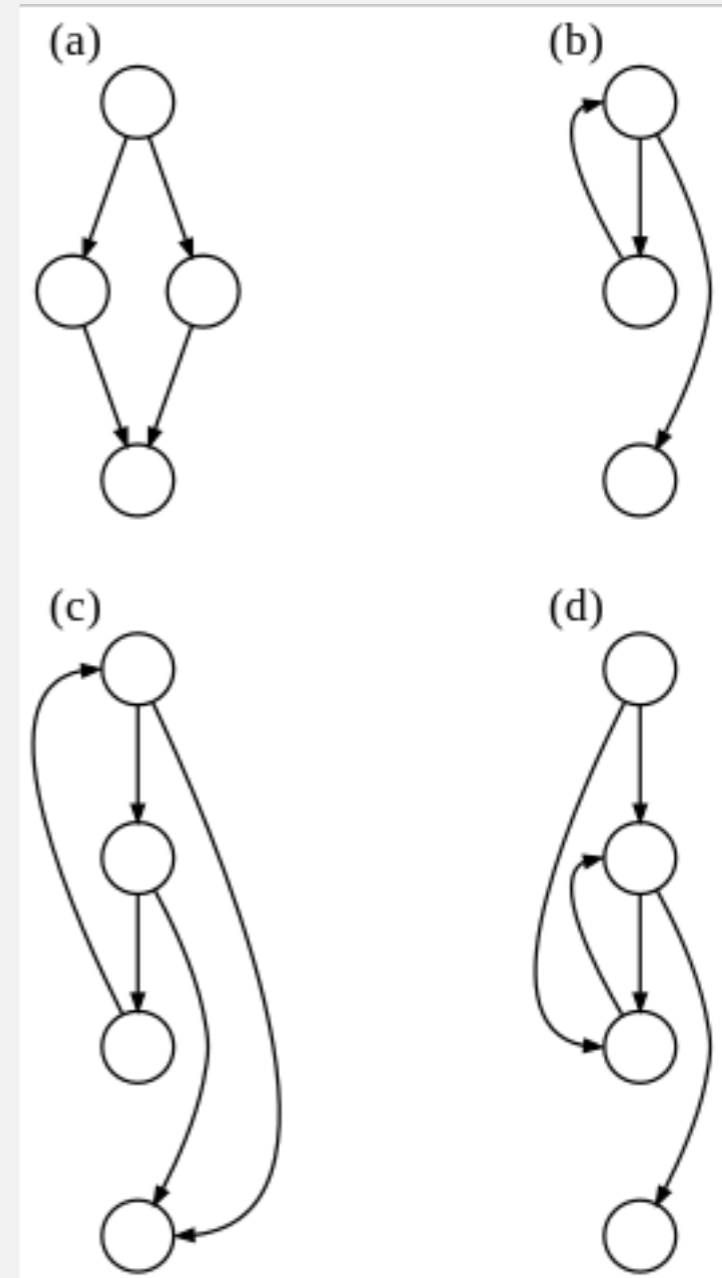
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(a) an if-then-else

(b) a while loop

(c) a natural loop with two exits,  
e.g. while with an if...break in the middle;

(d) an irreducible CFG:  
a loop with two entry points,  
e.g. goto into a while or for loop



# Reachability application: mark-sweep garbage collector

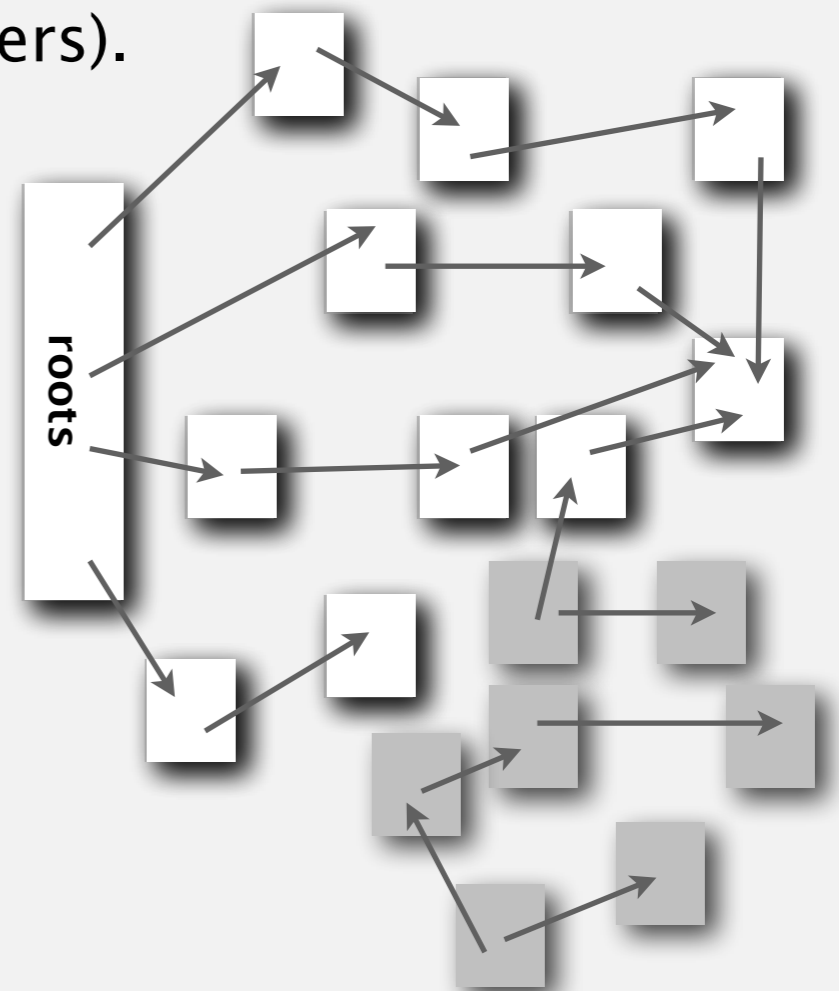
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Every data structure is a digraph.

- 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).





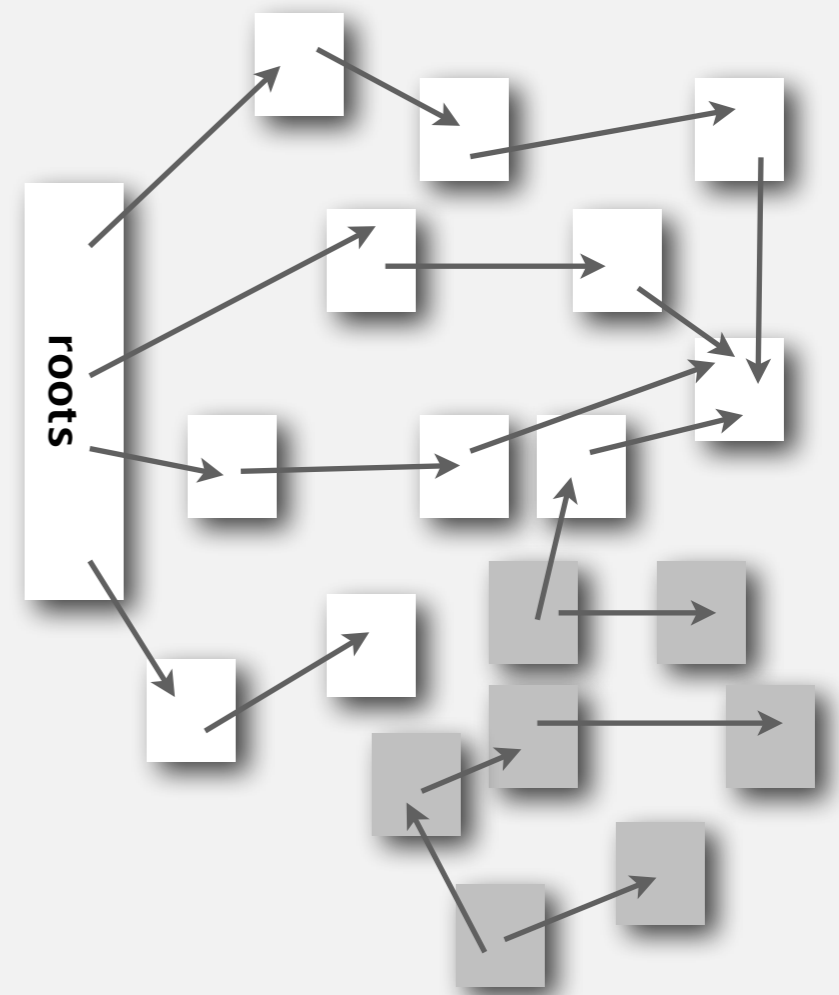
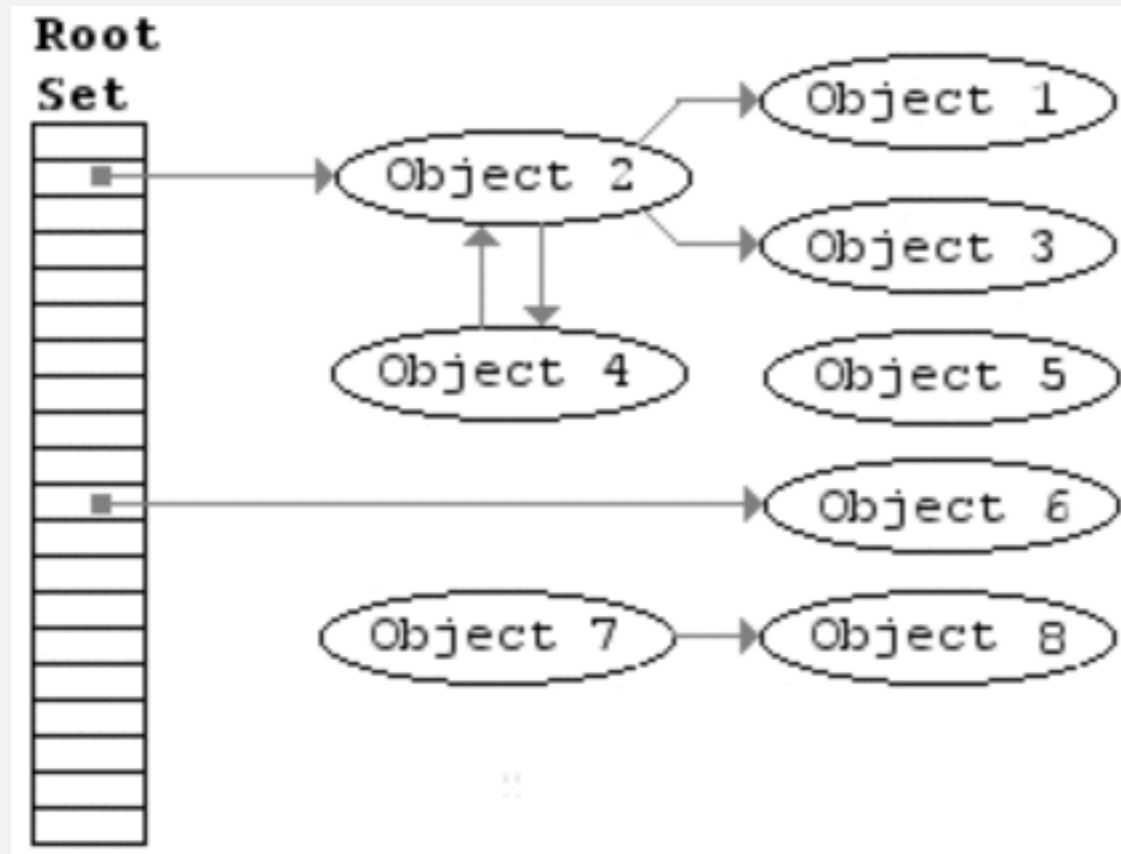
# Reachability application: mark-sweep garbage collector

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Mark-sweep algorithm. [McCarthy, 1960]

- 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).



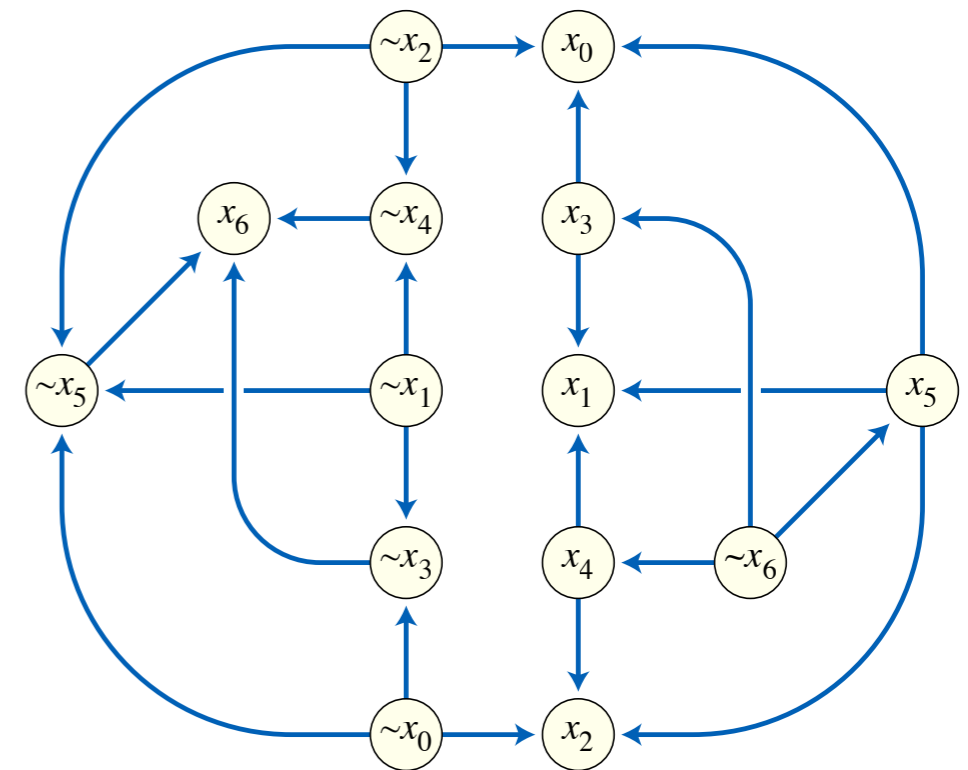
# Depth-first search in digraphs summary

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.



$$\begin{aligned} & (x_0 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_0 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge \\ & (x_2 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (x_0 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (x_2 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge \\ & (x_3 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_5 \vee x_6). \end{aligned}$$

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## DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH AND LINEAR GRAPH ALGORITHMS\*

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**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.

# Breadth-first search in digraphs

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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  $s$ )

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Put  $s$  onto a FIFO queue, and mark  $s$  as visited.

Repeat until the queue is empty:

- remove the least recently added vertex  $v$
  - for each unmarked vertex pointing from  $v$ :  
add to queue and mark as visited.
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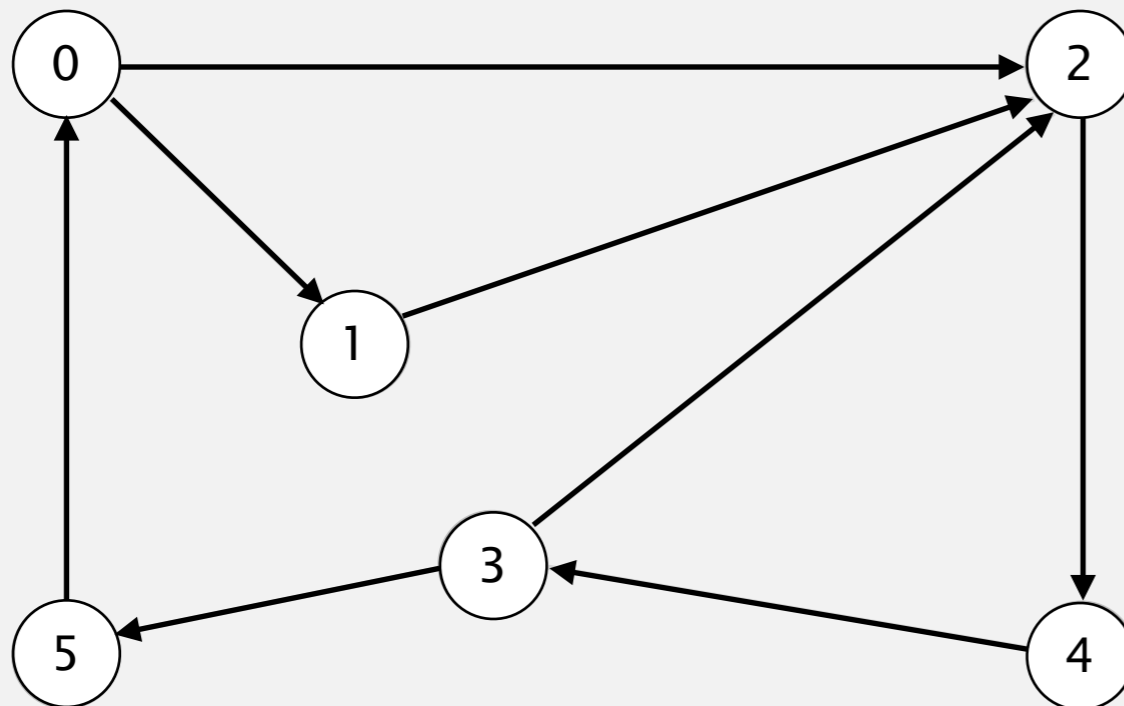
**Proposition.** BFS computes shortest paths (fewest number of edges) from  $s$  to all other vertices in a digraph in time proportional to  $E + V$ .

# Directed breadth-first search demo

Repeat until queue is empty:



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



**tinyDG2.txt**

V → 6  
8 ← E  
5 0  
2 4  
3 2  
1 2  
0 1  
4 3  
3 5  
0 2

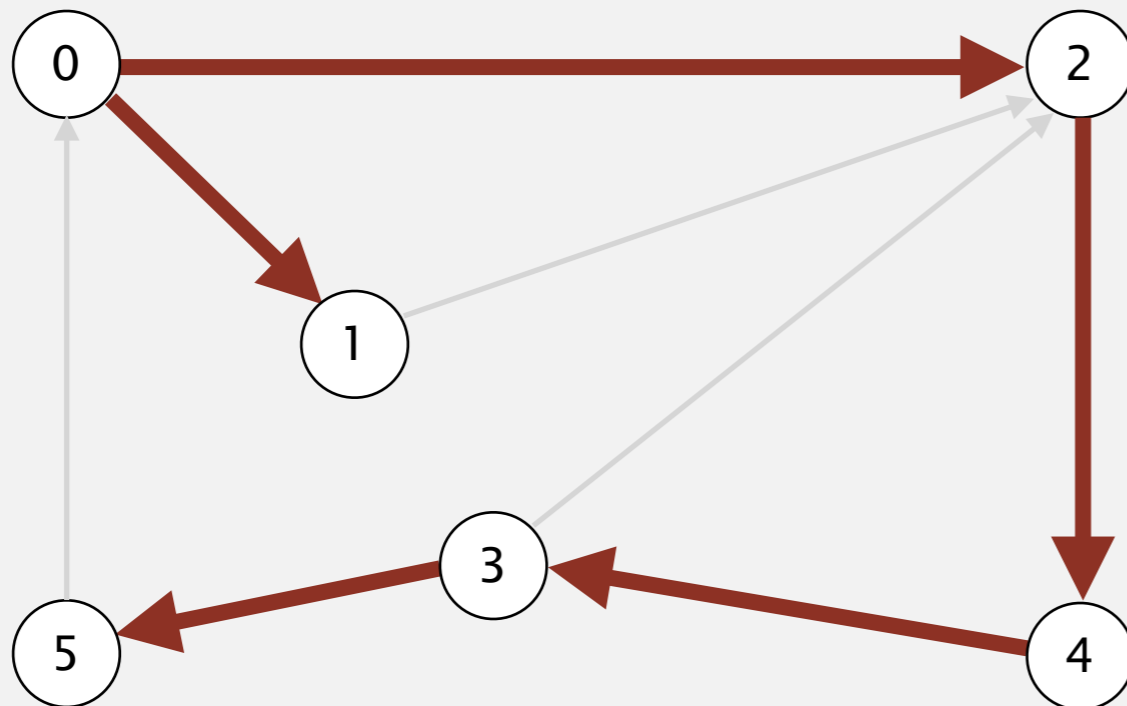
**graph G**

# Directed breadth-first search demo

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Repeat until queue is empty:

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



$v$	edgeTo[]	distTo[]
0	-	0
1	0	1
2	0	1
3	4	3
4	2	2
5	3	4

done

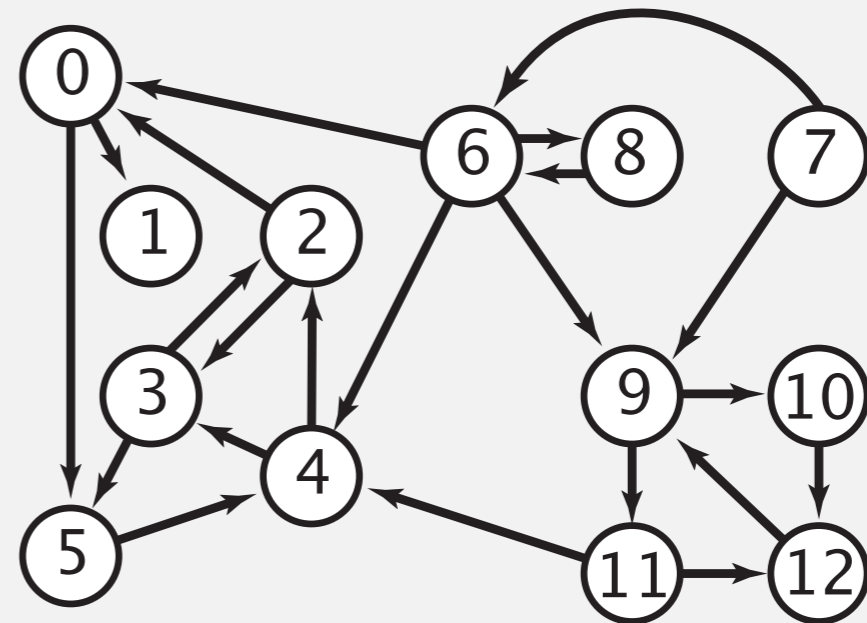
# Multiple-source shortest paths

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**Multiple-source shortest paths.** Given a digraph and a **set** of source vertices, find shortest path from any vertex in the set to each 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  $10 \rightarrow 12$ .
- ...



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

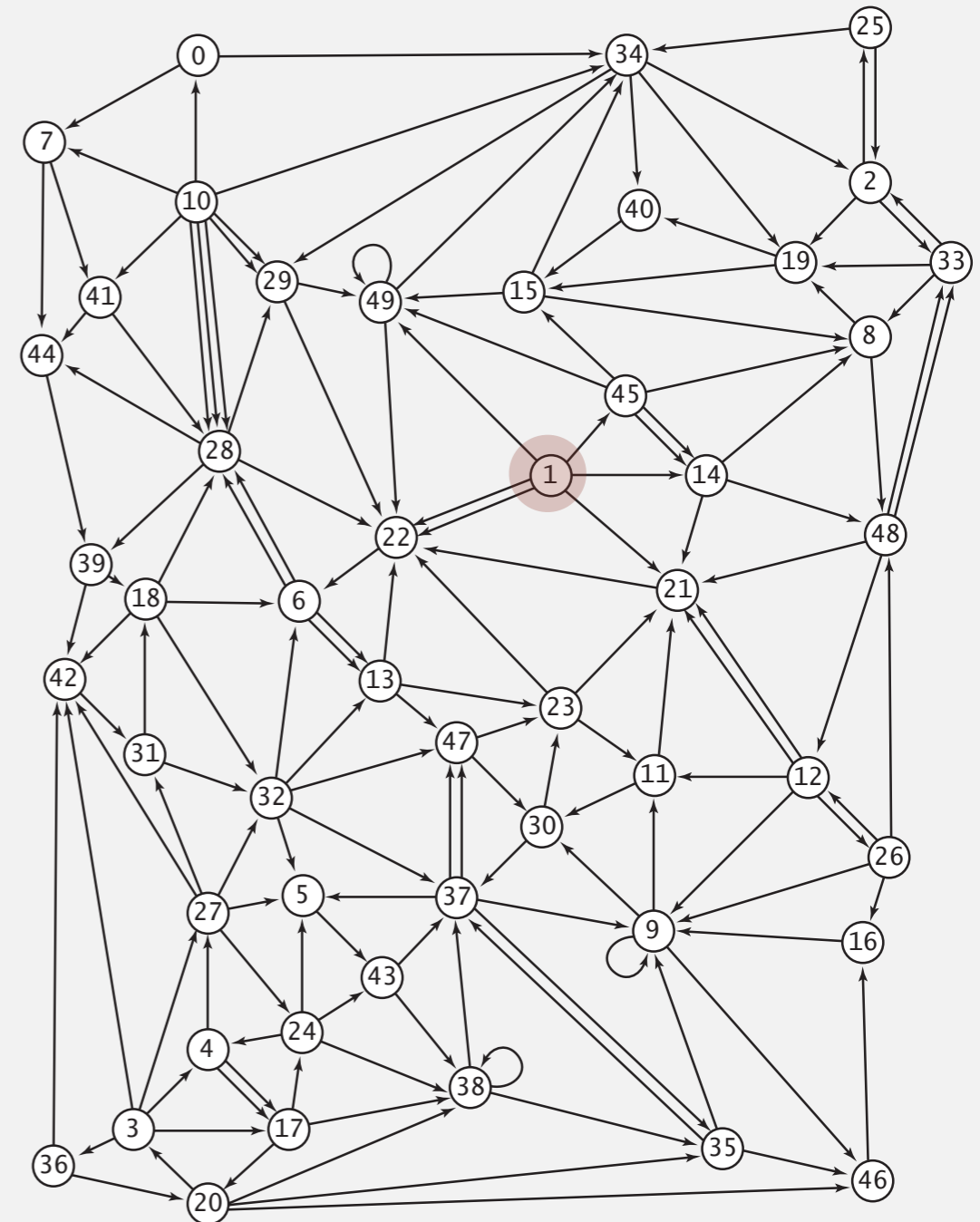
**A.** Use BFS, but initialize by enqueueing all source vertices.

# 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 discovered websites.
- Dequeue the next website and enqueue websites to which it links (provided you haven't done so before).



**Q.** Why not use DFS?

# Bare-bones web crawler: Java implementation

```
Queue<String> queue = new Queue<String>();  
SET<String> marked = new SET<String>();
```

← queue of websites to crawl  
← set of marked websites

```
String root = "http://www.princeton.edu";  
queue.enqueue(root);  
marked.add(root);
```

← start crawling from root website

```
while (!queue.isEmpty())  
{
```

```
    String v = queue.dequeue();  
    StdOut.println(v);  
    In in = new In(v);  
    String input = in.readAll();
```

← read in raw html from next  
website in queue

```
    String regexp = "http://(\\w+\\.)+\\w+";  
    Pattern pattern = Pattern.compile(regexp);  
    Matcher matcher = pattern.matcher(input);  
    while (matcher.find())  
    {
```

← use regular expression to find all URLs  
in website of form http://xxx.yyy.zzz  
[crude pattern misses relative URLs]

```
        String w = matcher.group();  
        if (!marked.contains(w))  
        {  
            marked.add(w);  
            queue.enqueue(w);  
        }  
    }
```

← if unmarked, mark it and put  
on the queue



# Web crawler output

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## 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
...
```

## DFS crawl

```
http://www.princeton.edu
http://deimos.apple.com
http://www.youtube.com
http://www.google.com
http://news.google.com
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
http://www.laketahoe.com
http://ethel.tahoeguide.com
...
```



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## 4.2 DIRECTED GRAPHS

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- *topological sort*
- *strong components*

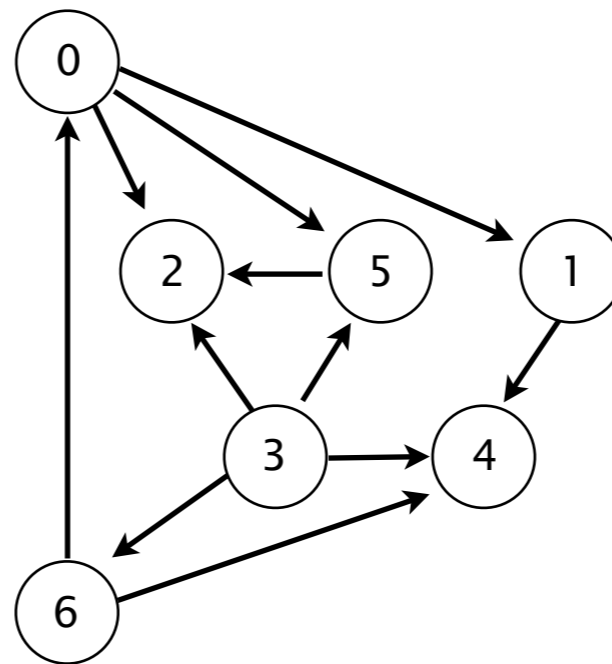
# Precedence scheduling

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

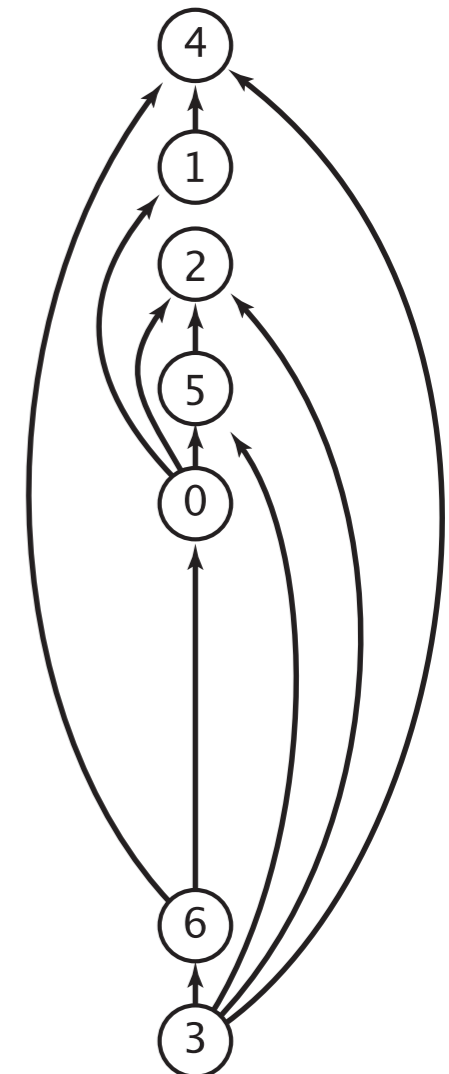
**Digraph model.** vertex = task; edge = precedence constraint.

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tasks



precedence constraint graph



feasible schedule

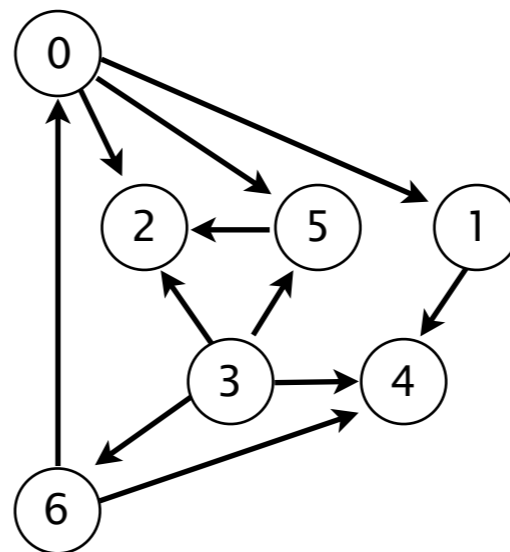
# Topological sort

**DAG.** Directed **acyclic** graph.

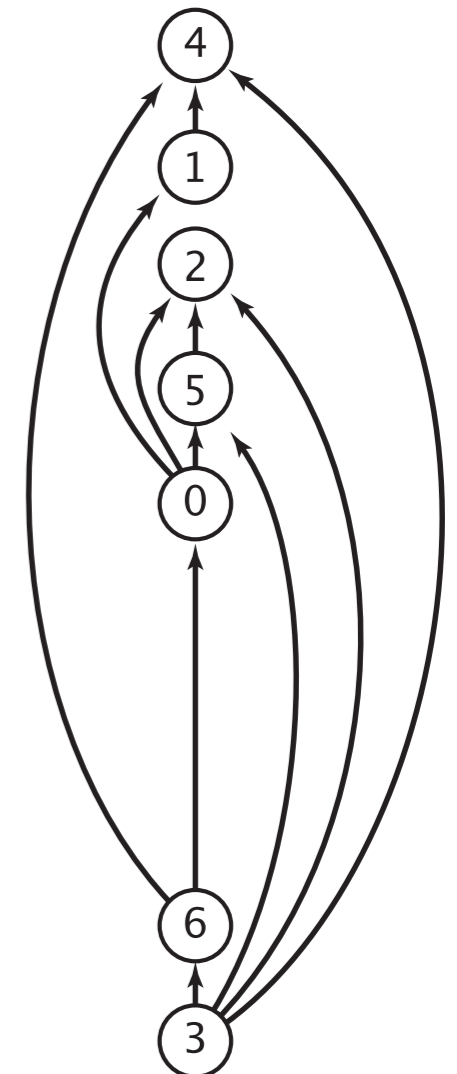
**Topological sort.** Redraw DAG so all edges point upwards.

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

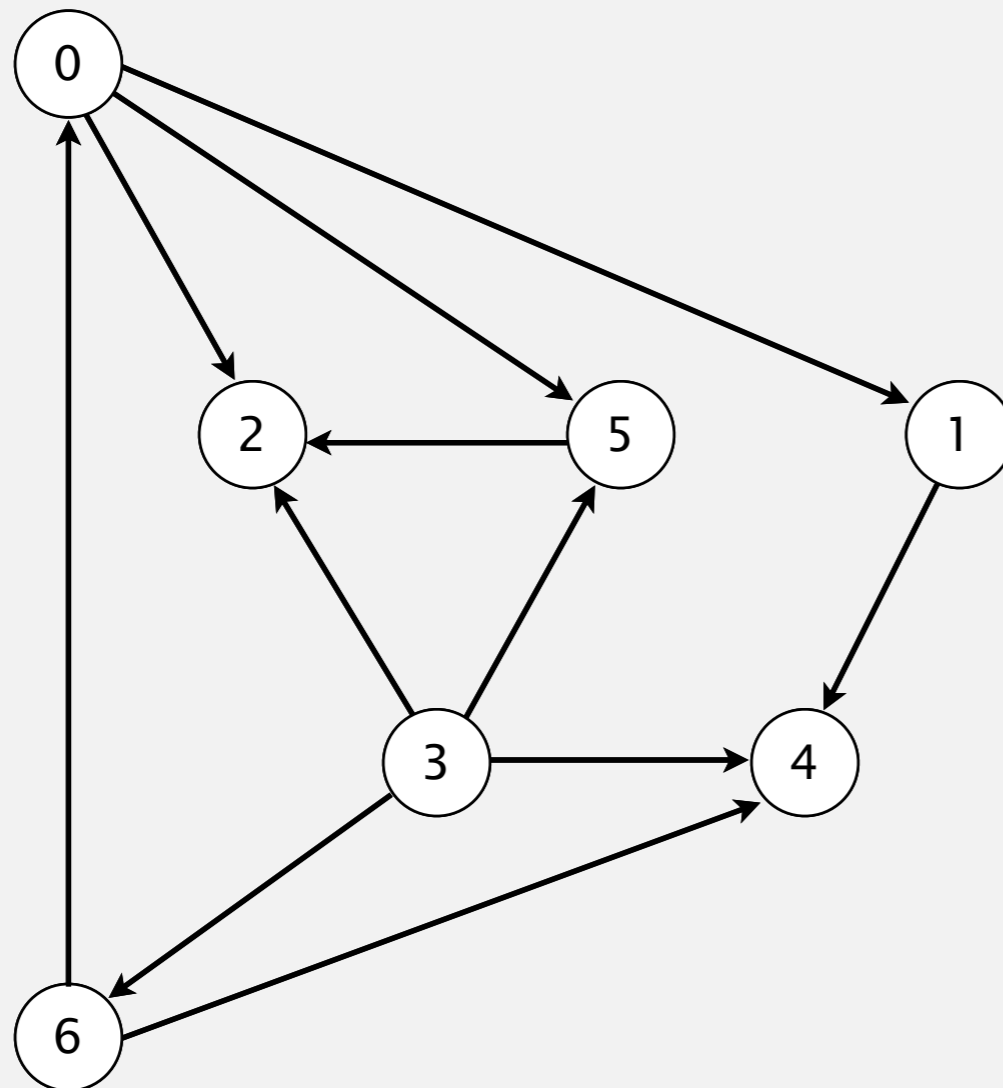


topological order

**Solution.** DFS. What else?

# Topological sort demo

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



tinyDAG7.txt

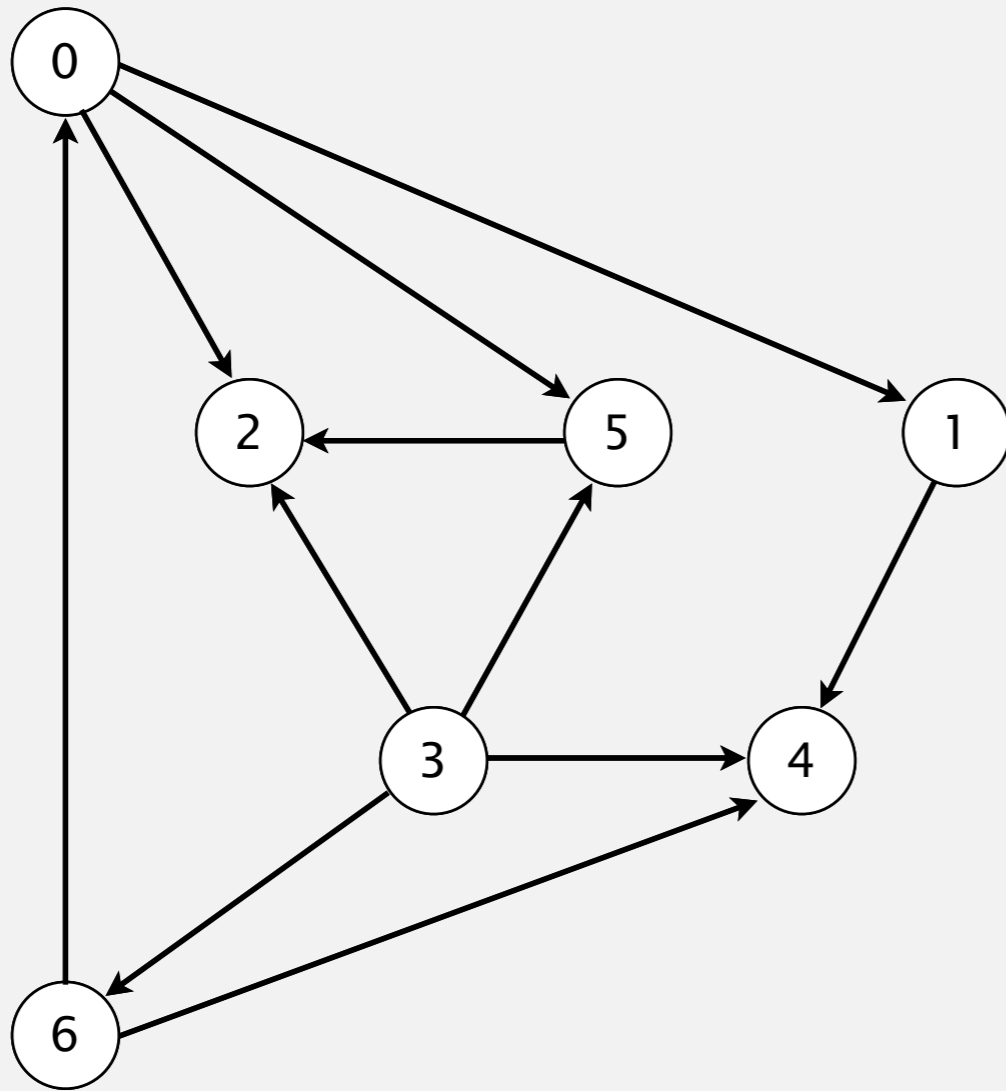
```
7
11
0 5
0 2
0 1
3 6
3 5
3 4
5 2
6 4
6 0
3 2
```

a directed acyclic graph

# Topological sort demo

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- 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; }
}
```

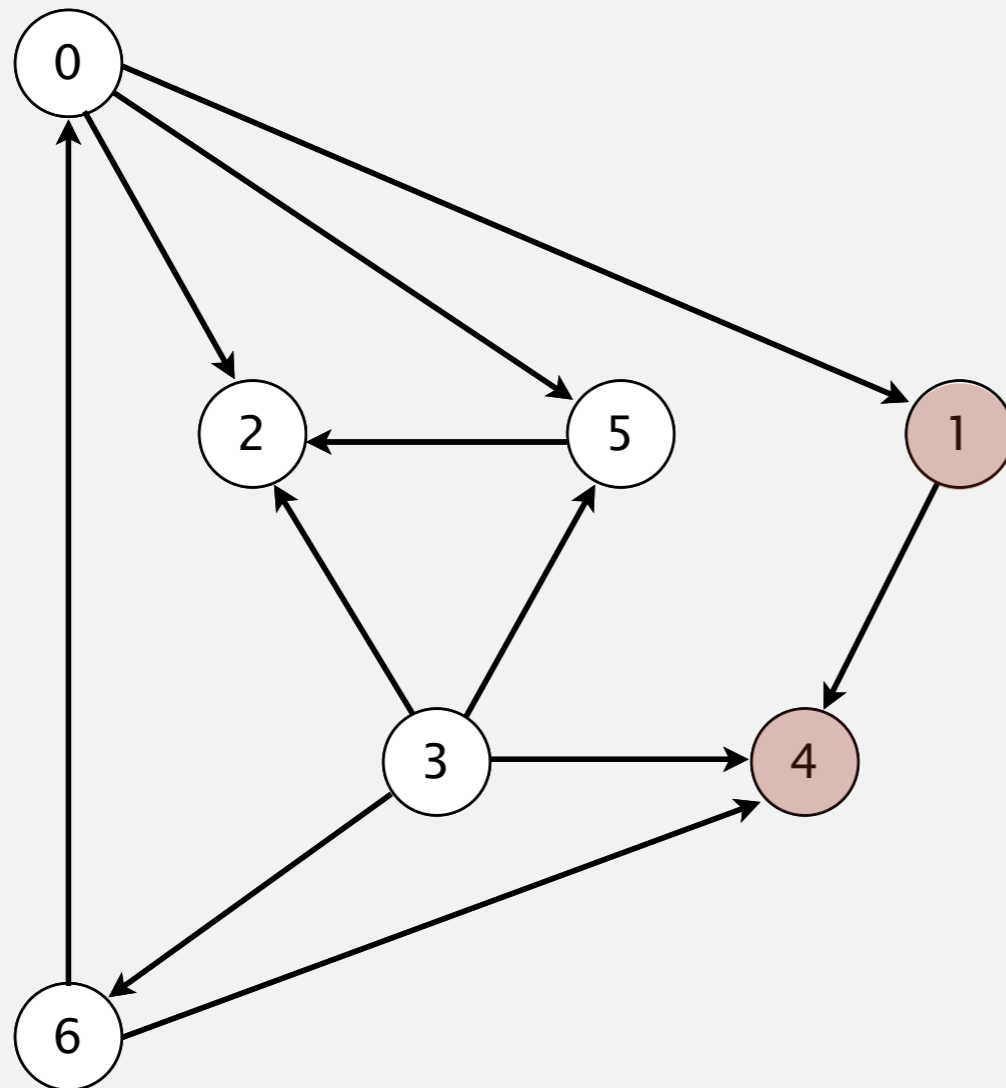
← returns all vertices in  
“reverse DFS postorder”

# Topological sort in a DAG: intuition

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## 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**

3 6 0 5 2 1 4

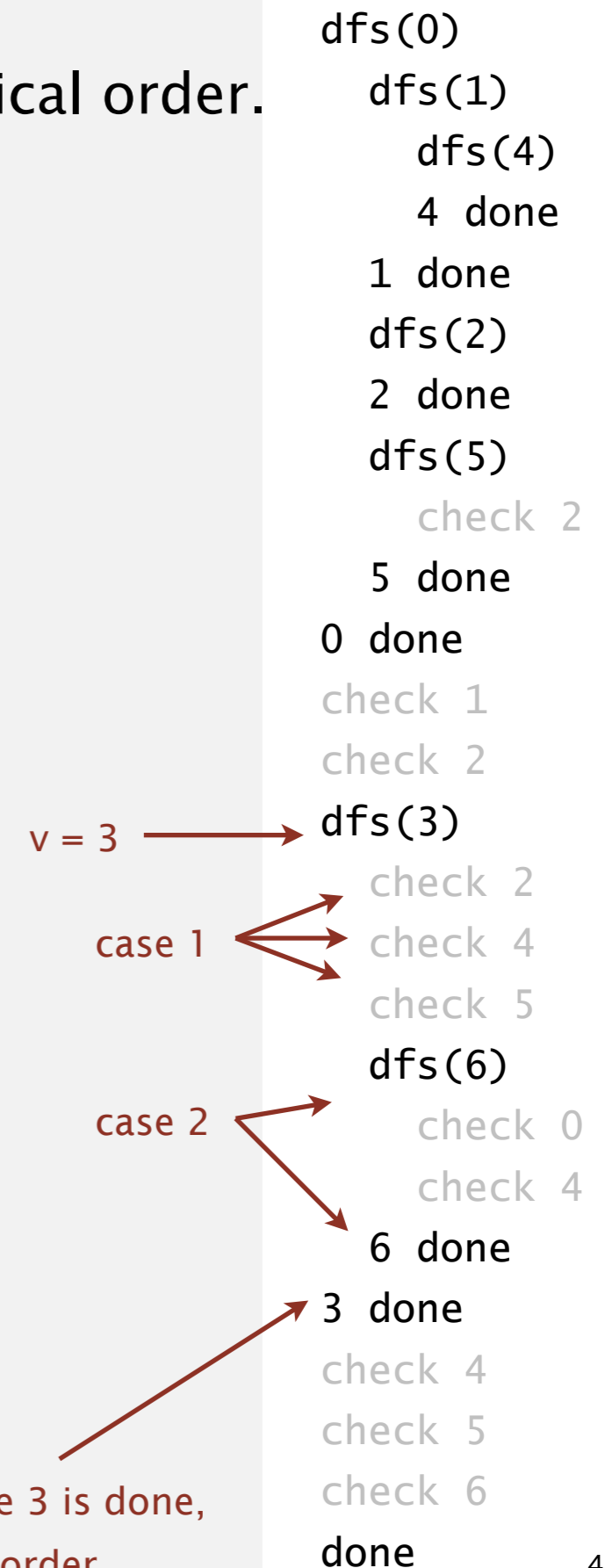


# Topological sort in a DAG: correctness proof

**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,  $w$  was done before  $v$ .
- Case 2:  $\text{dfs}(w)$  has not yet been called.  
 $\text{dfs}(w)$  will get called directly or indirectly by  $\text{dfs}(v)$  and will finish before  $\text{dfs}(v)$ .  
Thus,  $w$  will be done before  $v$ .
- Case 3:  $\text{dfs}(w)$  has already been called, but has not yet returned.  
Can't happen in a DAG: function call stack contains path from  $w$  to  $v$ , so  $v \rightarrow w$  would complete a cycle.



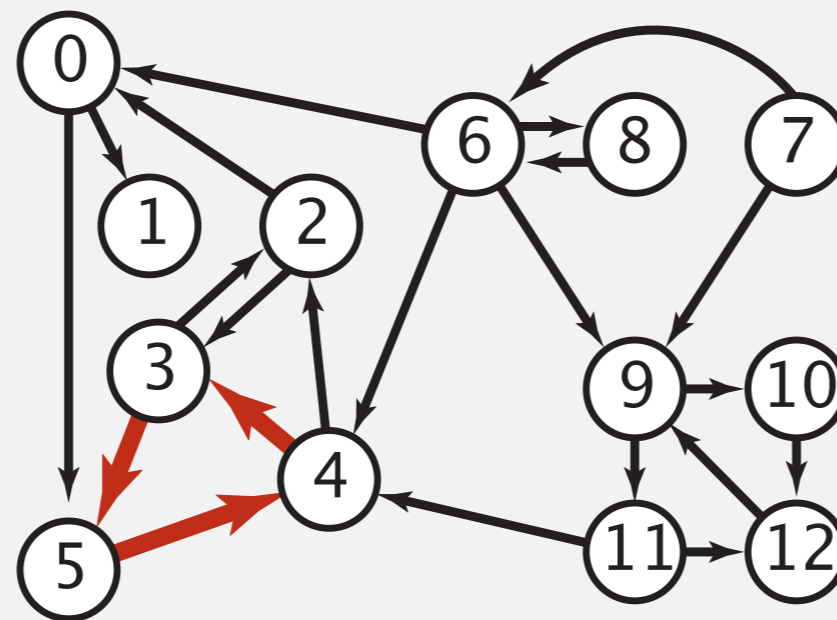
# Directed cycle detection

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

**Pf.**

- 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: precedence scheduling

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

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**Remark.** A directed cycle implies scheduling problem is infeasible.

# Directed cycle detection application: cyclic inheritance

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The Java compiler does cycle detection.

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

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

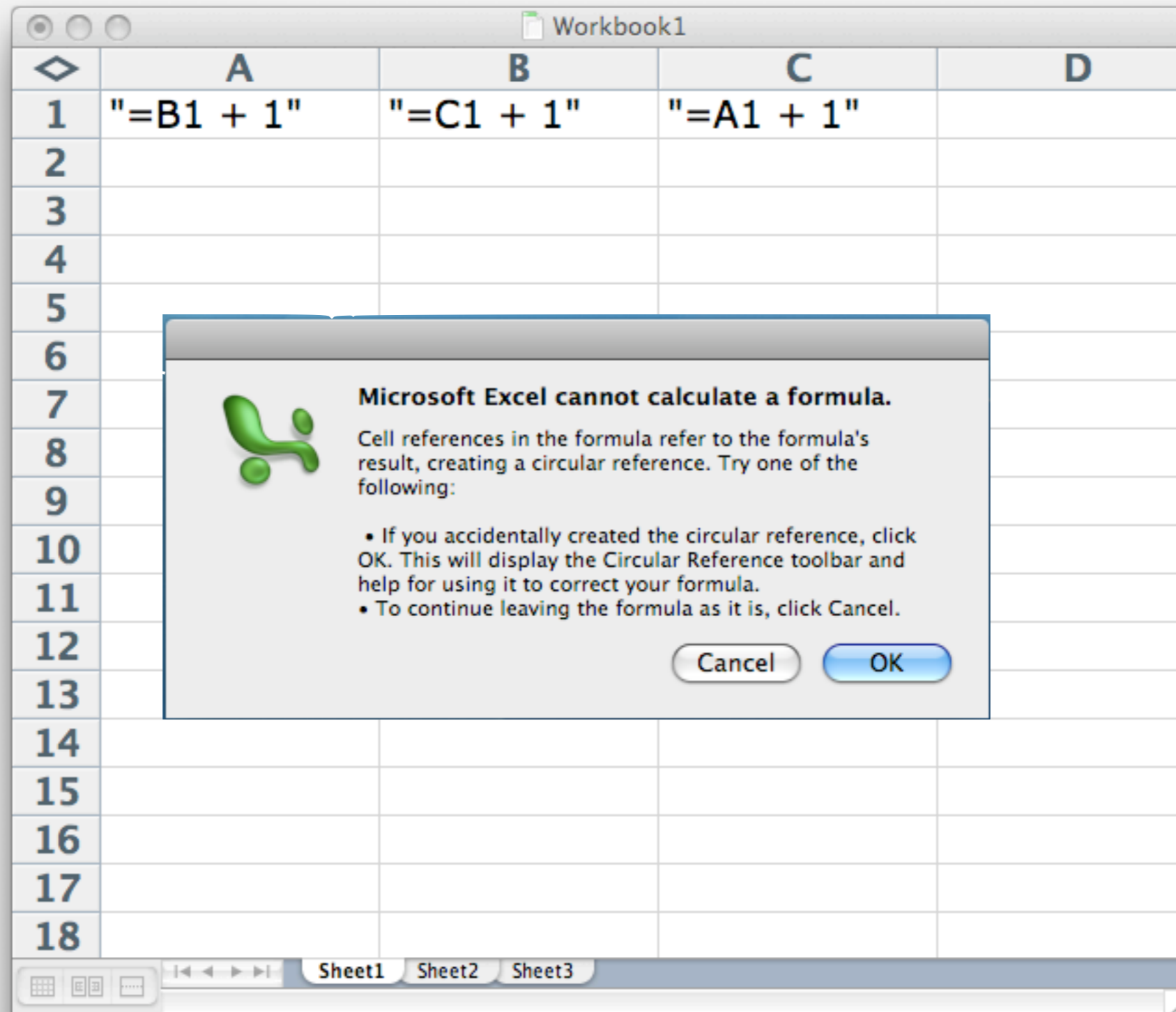
```
public class C extends A
{
    ...
}
```

```
% javac A.java
A.java:1: cyclic inheritance
involving A
public class A extends B { }
                ^
1 error
```

# Directed cycle detection application: spreadsheet recalculation

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Microsoft Excel does cycle detection (and has a circular reference toolbar!)





# Directed cycle detection application: symbolic links

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The Linux file system does **not** do cycle detection.

```
% ln -s a.txt b.txt
```

```
% ln -s b.txt c.txt
```

```
% ln -s c.txt a.txt
```

```
% more a.txt
```

```
a.txt: Too many levels of symbolic links
```

# Depth-first search orders

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**Observation.** DFS visits each vertex exactly once. The order in which it does so can be important.

## Orderings.

- Preorder: order in which `dfs()` is called.
- Postorder: order in which `dfs()` returns.
- Reverse postorder: reverse order in which `dfs()` returns.

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





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# Strongly-connected components

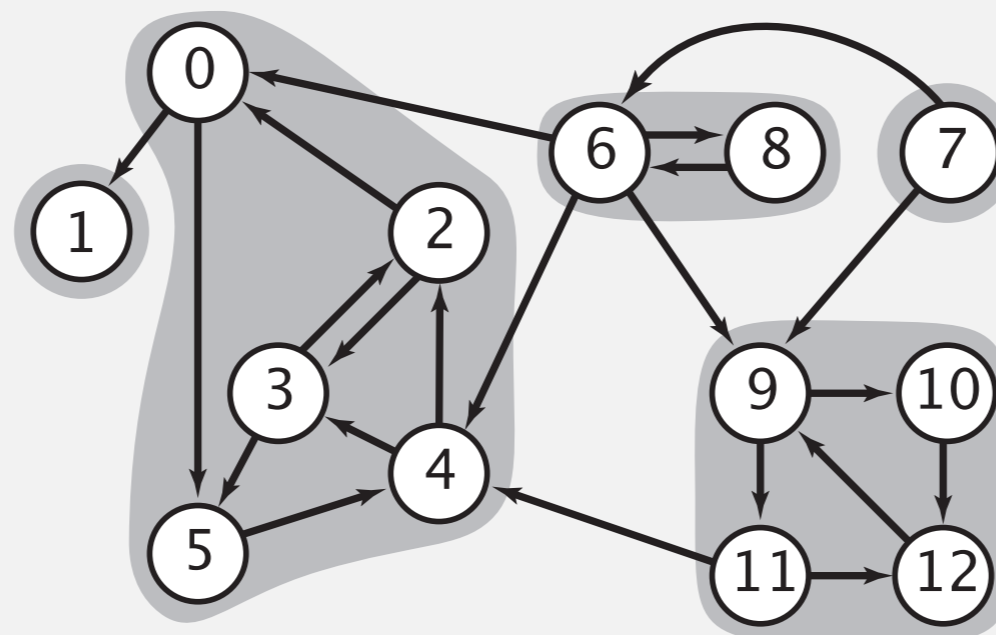
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**Def.** Vertices  $v$  and  $w$  are **strongly connected** if there is both a directed path from  $v$  to  $w$  **and** a directed path from  $w$  to  $v$ .

**Key property.** Strong connectivity is an **equivalence relation**:

- $v$  is strongly connected to  $v$ .
- If  $v$  is strongly connected to  $w$ , then  $w$  is strongly connected to  $v$ .
- If  $v$  is strongly connected to  $w$  and  $w$  to  $x$ , then  $v$  is strongly connected to  $x$ .

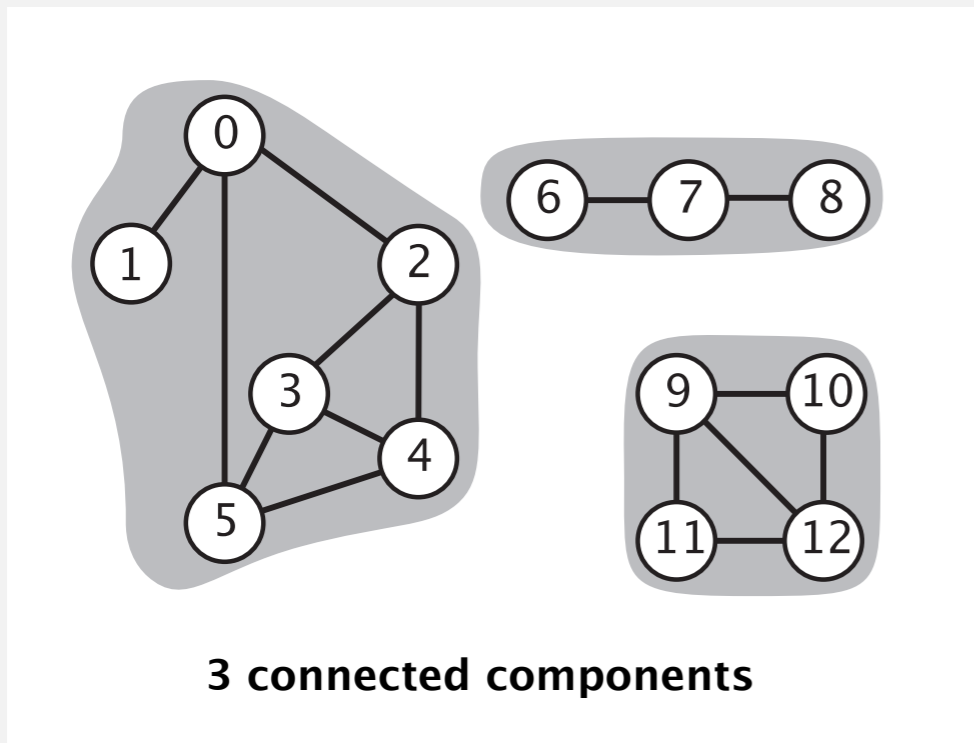
**Def.** A **strong component** is a maximal subset of strongly-connected vertices.



5 strongly-connected components

# Connected components vs. strongly-connected components

$v$  and  $w$  are **connected** if there is a path between  $v$  and  $w$



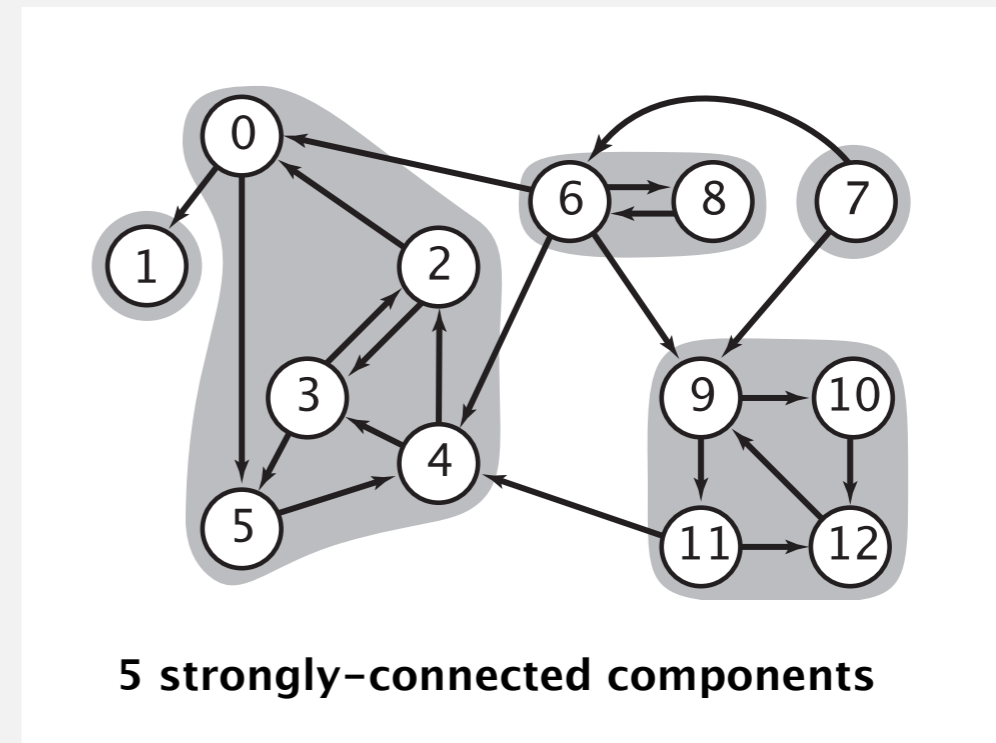
connected component id (easy to compute with DFS)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
id[]	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2

```
public boolean connected(int v, int w)
{ return id[v] == id[w]; }
```

constant-time client connectivity query

$v$  and  $w$  are **strongly connected** if there is both a directed path from  $v$  to  $w$  and a directed path from  $w$  to  $v$



strongly-connected component id (how to compute?)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
id[]	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	2	2	2	2

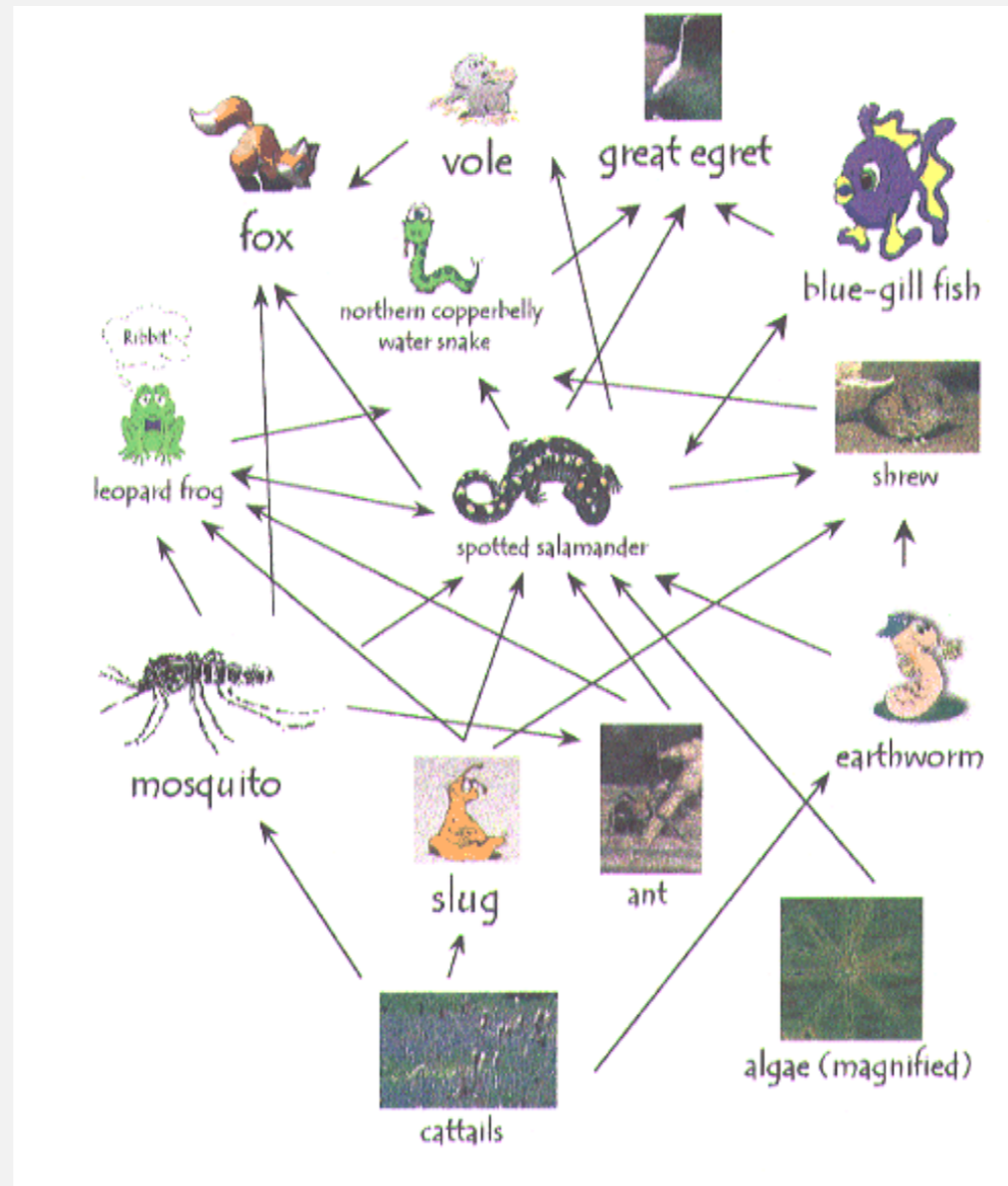
```
public boolean stronglyConnected(int v, int w)
{ return id[v] == id[w]; }
```

constant-time client strong-connectivity query

# Strong component application: ecological food webs

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**Food web graph.** Vertex = species; edge = from producer to consumer.



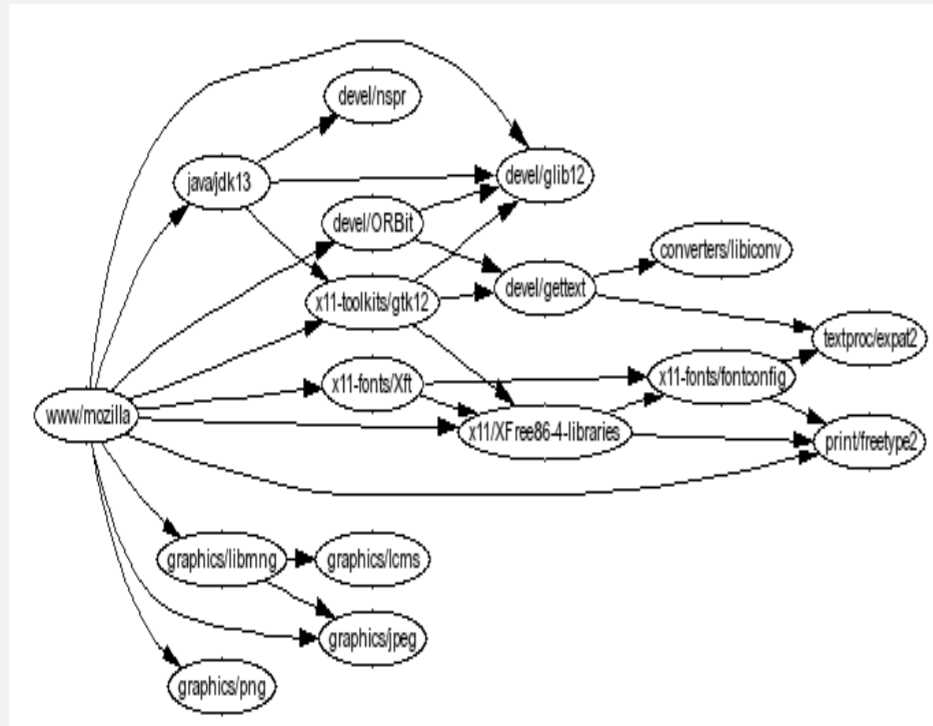
<http://www.twingroves.district96.k12.il.us/Wetlands/Salamander/SalGraphics/salfoodweb.gif>

**Strong component.** Subset of species with common energy flow.

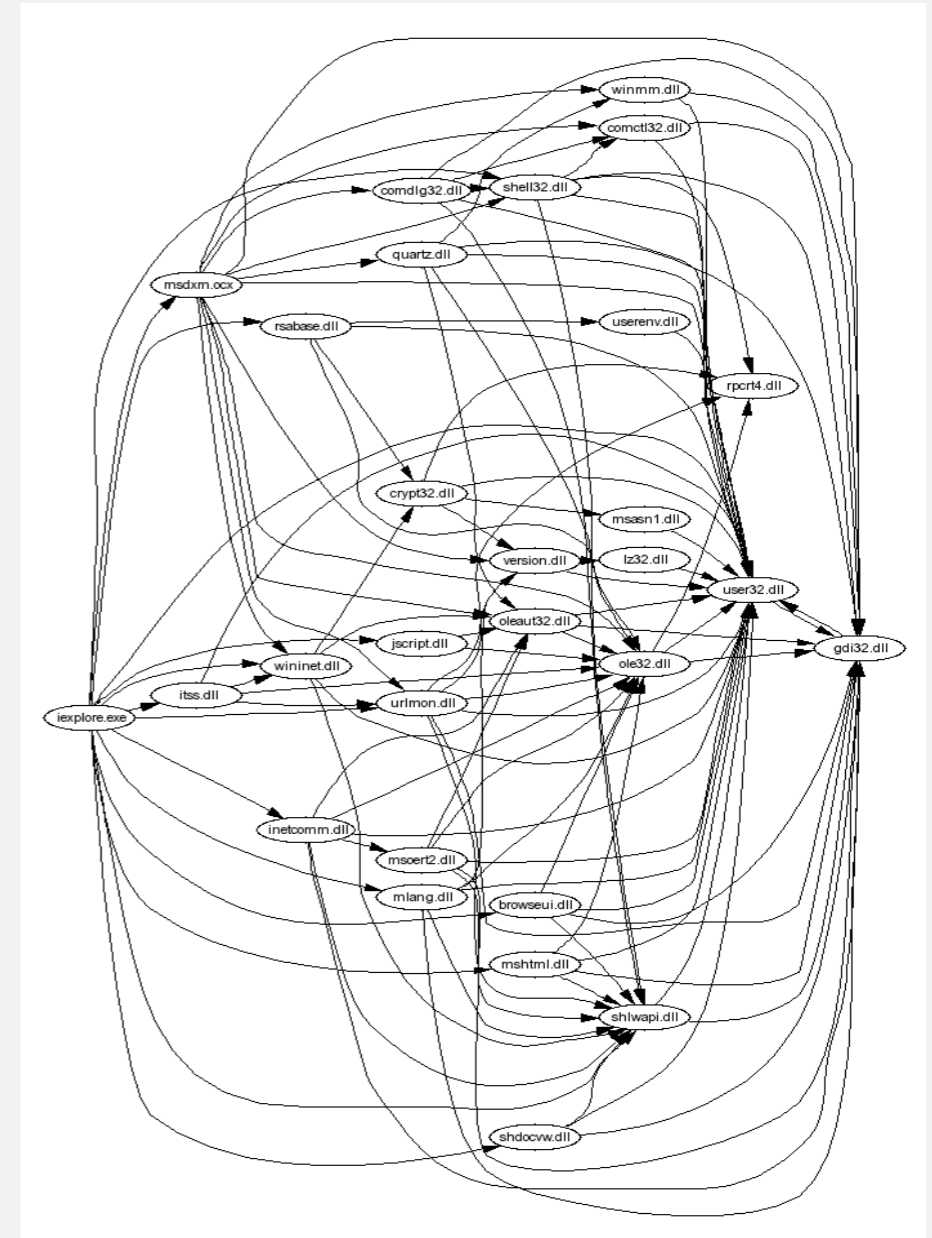
# Strong component application: software modules

## Software module dependency graph.

- Vertex = software module.
- Edge: from module to dependency.



Firefox



Internet Explorer

**Strong component.** Subset of mutually interacting modules.

**Approach 1.** Package strong components together.

**Approach 2.** Use to improve design!

# Strong components algorithms: brief history

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## 1960s: Core OR problem.

- Widely studied; some practical algorithms.
- Complexity not understood.

## 1972: linear-time DFS algorithm (Tarjan).

- Classic algorithm.
- Level of difficulty: Algs4++.
- Demonstrated broad applicability and importance of DFS.

## 1980s: easy two-pass linear-time algorithm (Kosaraju-Sharir).

- Forgot notes for lecture; developed algorithm in order to teach it!
- Later found in Russian scientific literature (1972).

## 1990s: more easy linear-time algorithms.

- Gabow: fixed old OR algorithm.
- Cheriyan-Mehlhorn: needed one-pass algorithm for LEDA.

# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm: intuition

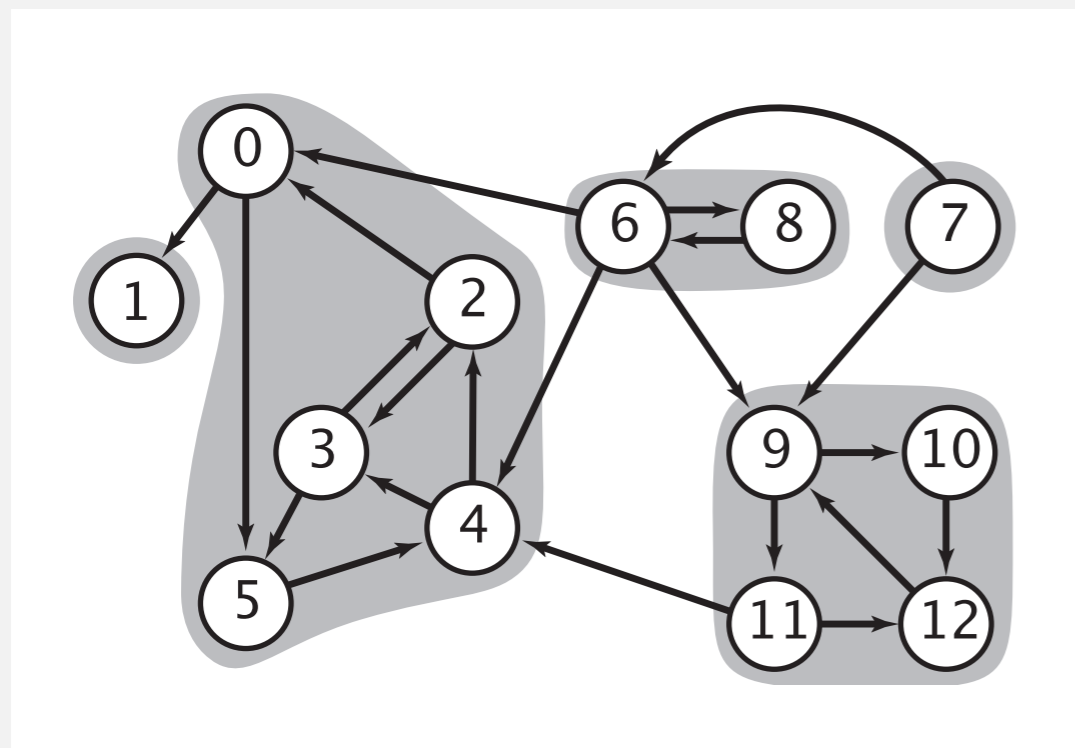
**Reverse graph.** Strong components in  $G$  are same as in  $G^R$ .

**Kernel DAG.** Contract each strong component into a single vertex.

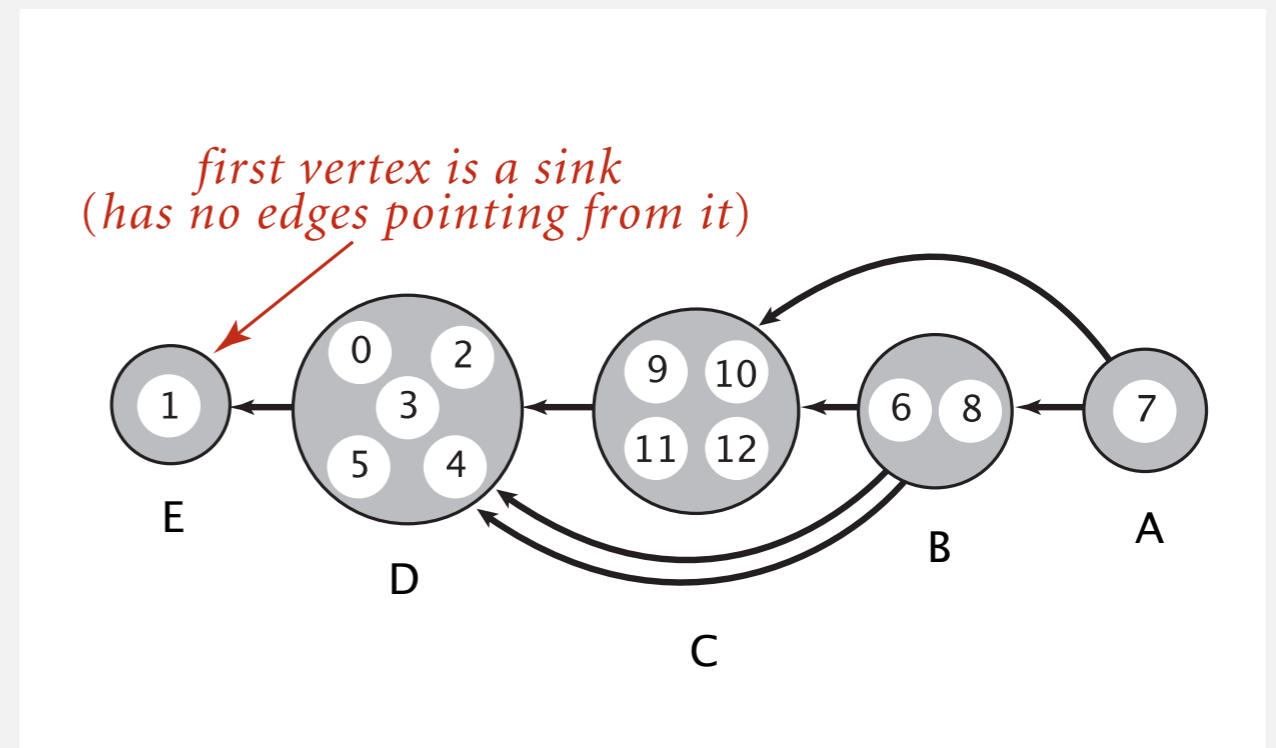
**Idea.**

- Compute topological order (reverse postorder) in kernel DAG.
- Run DFS, considering vertices in reverse topological order.

how to compute?  
↙



digraph  $G$  and its strong components



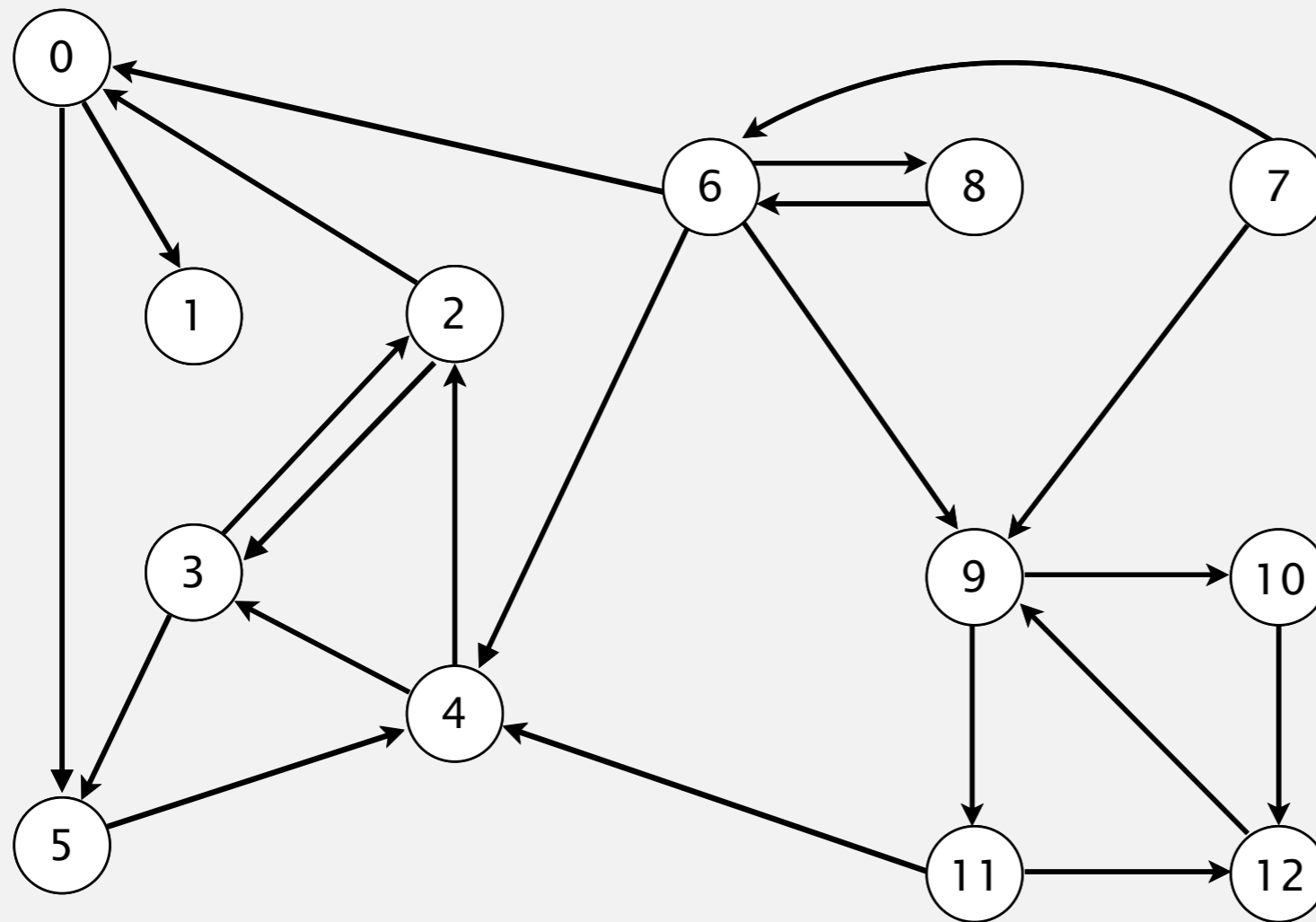
kernel DAG of  $G$  (topological order: A B C D E)

# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm demo

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Phase 1. Compute reverse postorder in  $G^R$ .

Phase 2. Run DFS in  $G$ , visiting unmarked vertices in reverse postorder of  $G^R$ .



digraph G

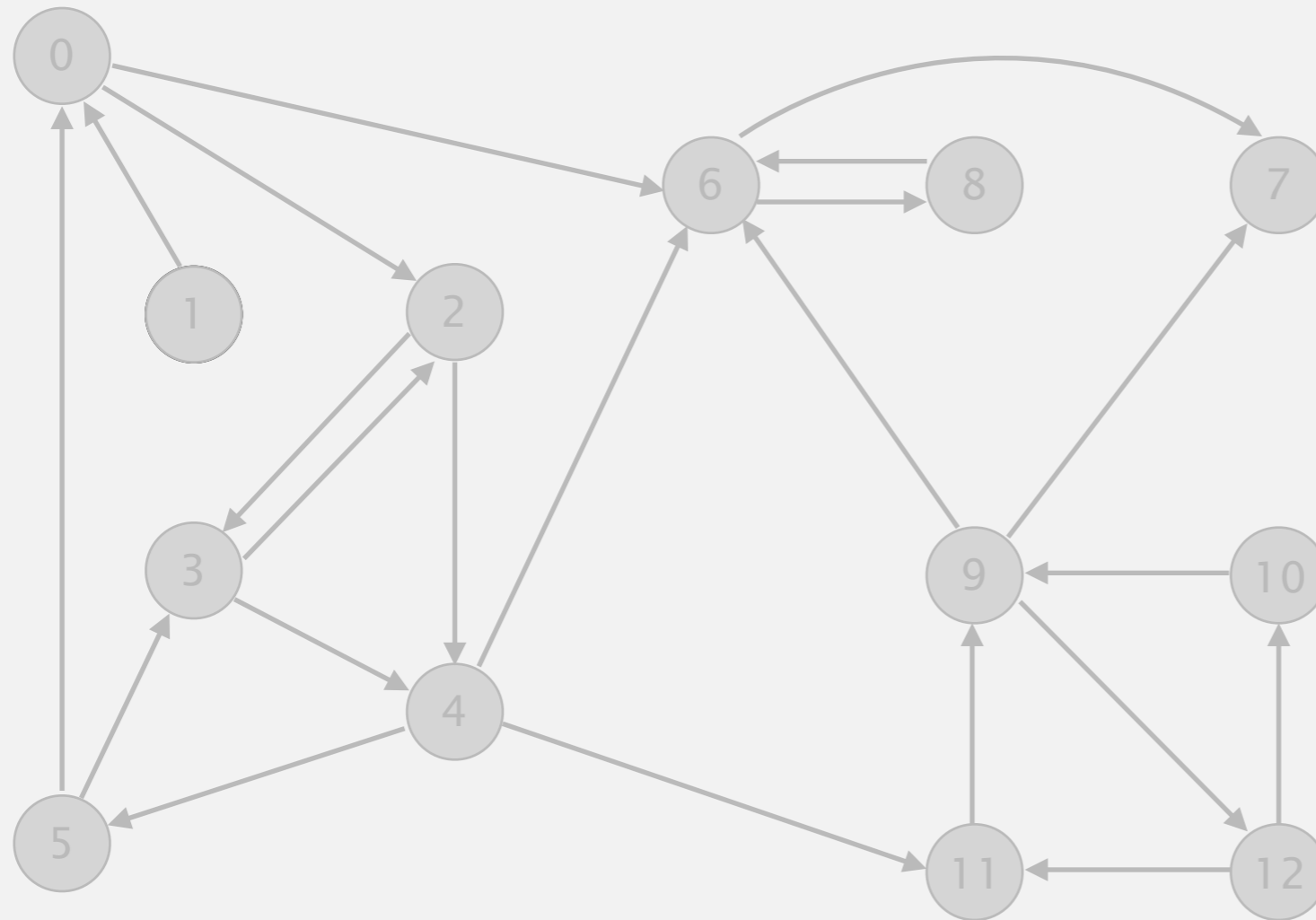


# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm demo

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Phase 1. Compute reverse postorder in  $G^R$ .

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

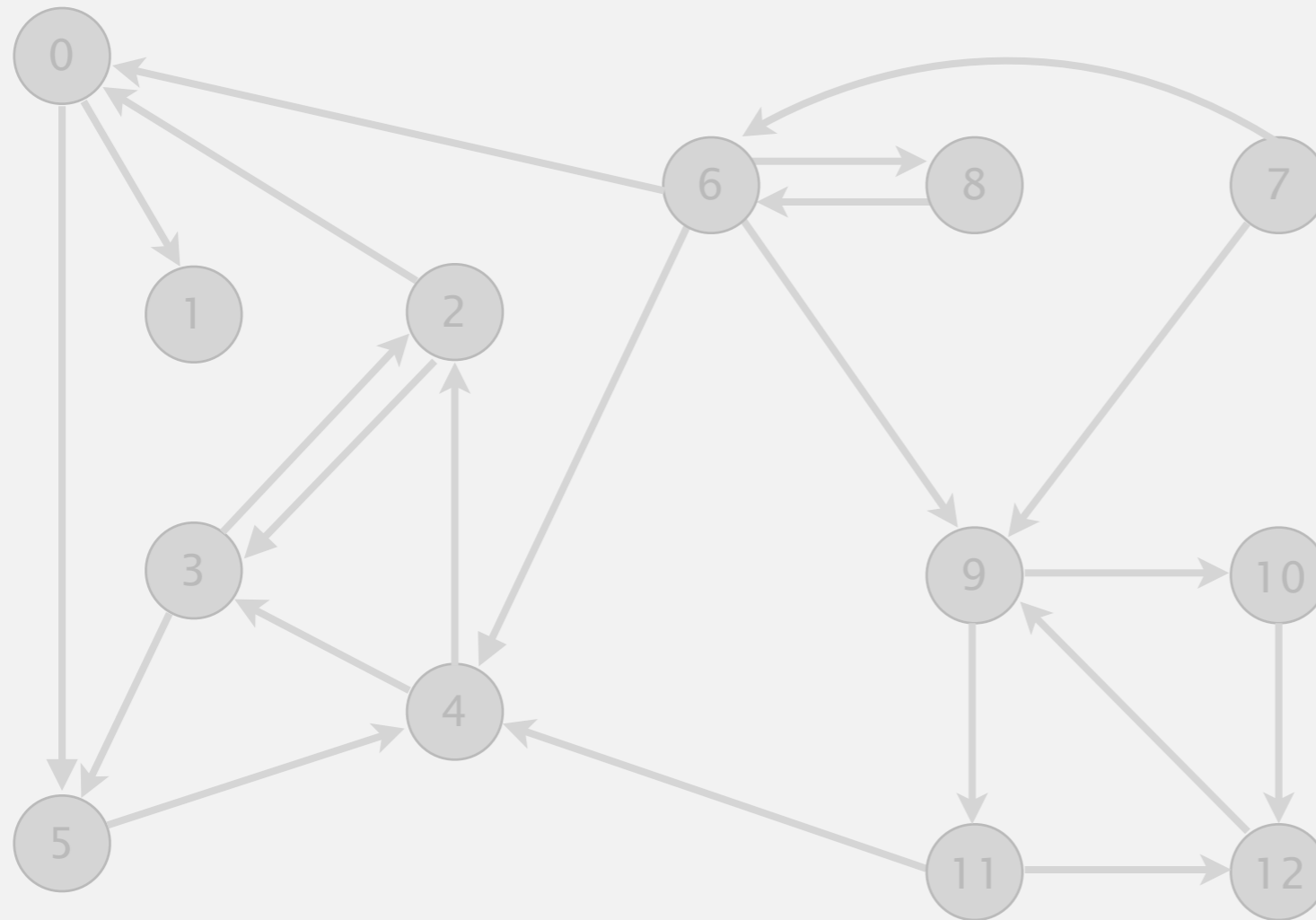


reverse digraph  $G^R$

# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm demo

Phase 2. Run DFS in  $G$ , visiting unmarked vertices in reverse postorder of  $G^R$ .

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



<u>v</u>	<u>id[]</u>
0	1
1	0
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	3
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	2
11	2
12	2

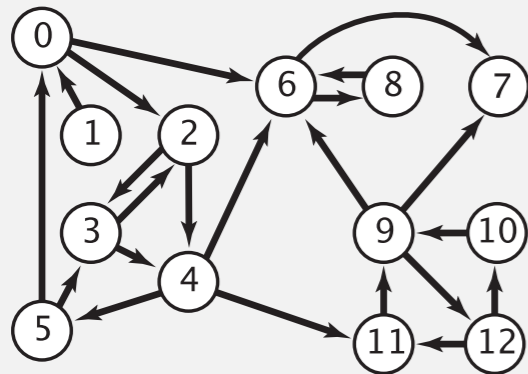
done

# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm

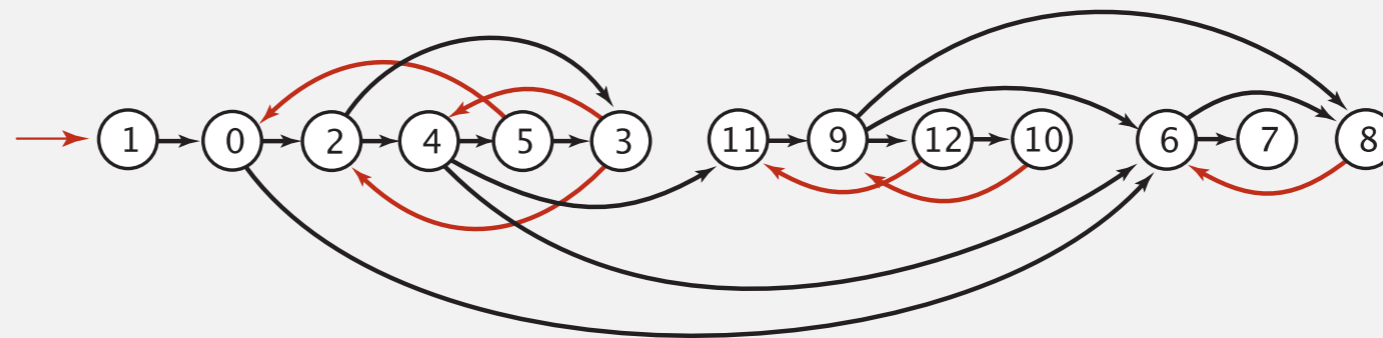
Simple (but mysterious) algorithm for computing strong components.

- Phase 1: run DFS on  $G^R$  to compute reverse postorder.
- Phase 2: run DFS on  $G$ , considering vertices in order given by first DFS.

DFS in reverse digraph  $G^R$



check unmarked vertices in the order  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



reverse postorder for use in second dfs()  
1 0 2 4 5 3 11 9 12 10 6 7 8

```
dfs(0)
|
| dfs(6)
| | dfs(8)
| | | check 6
| | | 8 done
| | | dfs(7)
| | | 7 done
| | | 6 done
| | | dfs(2)
| | | | dfs(4)
| | | | | dfs(11)
| | | | | | dfs(9)
| | | | | | | dfs(12)
| | | | | | | | check 11
| | | | | | | | dfs(10)
| | | | | | | | | check 9
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| | | | | | | | | check 7
| | | | | | | | | check 6
```

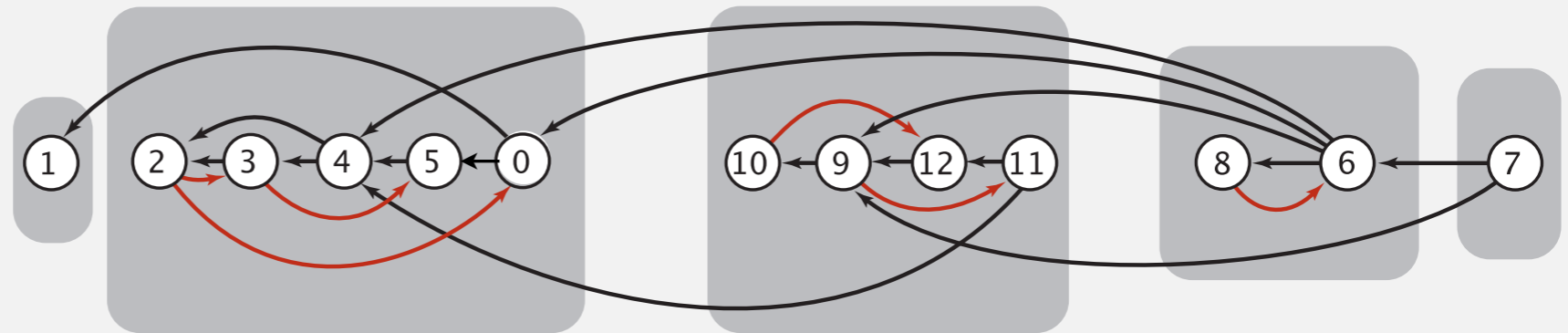
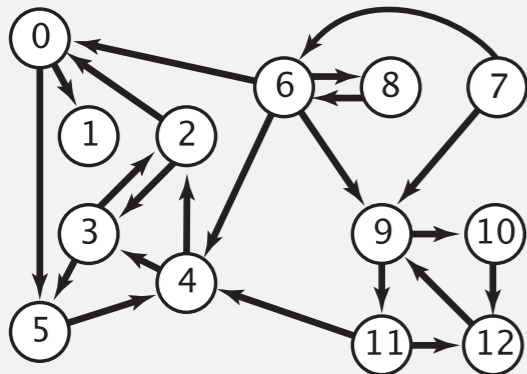
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# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm

Simple (but mysterious) algorithm for computing strong components.

- Phase 1: run DFS on  $G^R$  to compute reverse postorder.
- Phase 2: run DFS on  $G$ , considering vertices in order given by first DFS.

DFS in original digraph  $G$



check unmarked vertices in the order

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

dfs(1)  
1 done

```

dfs(0)
  dfs(5)
    dfs(4)
      dfs(3)
        check 5
        dfs(2)
          check 0
          check 3
          2 done
        3 done
      check 2
      4 done
    5 done
  check 1
0 done
check 2
check 4
check 5
check 3
  
```

```

dfs(11)
  check 4
  dfs(12)
    dfs(9)
      check 11
      dfs(10)
        check 12
        10 done
      9 done
    12 done
  11 done
check 9
check 12
check 10
  
```

```

dfs(6)
  check 9
  check 4
  dfs(8)
    check 6
    8 done
  check 0
6 done
  
```

```

dfs(7)
  check 6
  check 9
7 done
check 8
  
```

# Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm

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**Proposition.** Kosaraju-Sharir algorithm computes the strong components of a digraph in time proportional to  $E + V$ .

**Pf.**

- Running time: bottleneck is running DFS twice (and computing  $G^R$ ).
- Correctness: tricky, see textbook (2<sup>nd</sup> printing).
- Implementation: easy!

# Connected components in an undirected graph (with DFS)

```
public class CC
{
    private boolean marked[];
    private int[] id;
    private int count;

    public CC(Graph G)
    {
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        id = new int[G.V()];

        for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)
        {
            if (!marked[v])
            {
                dfs(G, v);
                count++;
            }
        }
    }

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

    public boolean connected(int v, int w)
    { return id[v] == id[w]; }
}
```

# Strong components in a digraph (with two DFSs)

```
public class KosarajuSharirSCC
{
    private boolean marked[];
    private int[] id;
    private int count;

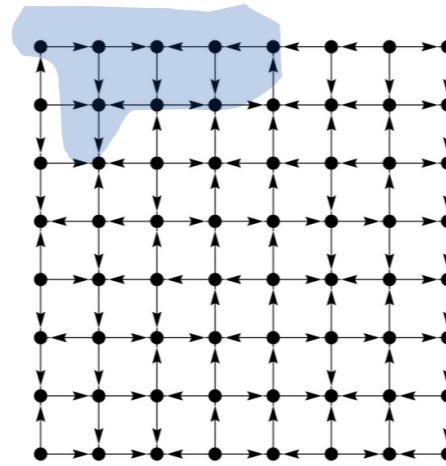
    public KosarajuSharirSCC(Digraph G)
    {
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        id = new int[G.V()];
        DepthFirstOrder dfs = new DepthFirstOrder(G.reverse());
        for (int v : dfs.reversePostorder())
        {
            if (!marked[v])
            {
                dfs(G, v);
                count++;
            }
        }
    }

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

    public boolean stronglyConnected(int v, int w)
    { return id[v] == id[w]; }
}
```

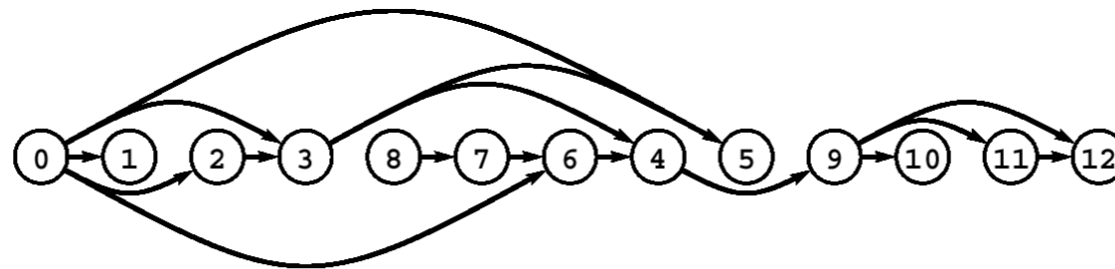
# Digraph-processing summary: algorithms of the day

**single-source reachability in a digraph**



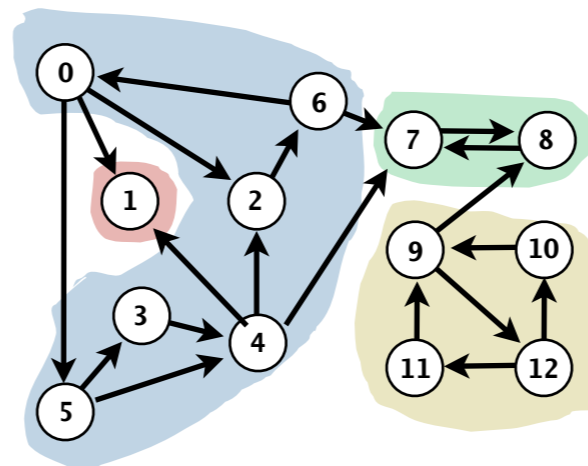
DFS

**topological sort in a DAG**



DFS

**strong components in a digraph**



Kosaraju-Sharir  
DFS (twice)