

# CSE 332

# Data Structures & Parallelism

Graphs

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# Reminders

- Exercise 6 (hashing) due tomorrow 11:59pm
- P2 CP2 due Thursday, 11:59pm
- Exercise 7 (sorting) due next week

# Our schedule

- This week: graphs
- Next week: parallelism
  - Need to make sure you have what you need for P3!
- Last week of class: more graphs

## Today: Graphs

- Intro & definitions

# Problem space

Problems where the dataset is best represented as **items** and the **relationships between them**

Examples:

- Friendships
- Family trees
- ...?

# Graphs

- A graph is a formalism for representing relationships among items
  - Very general definition because very general concept
- A **graph** is a pair

$$G = (V, E)$$

- A set of vertices, also known as nodes

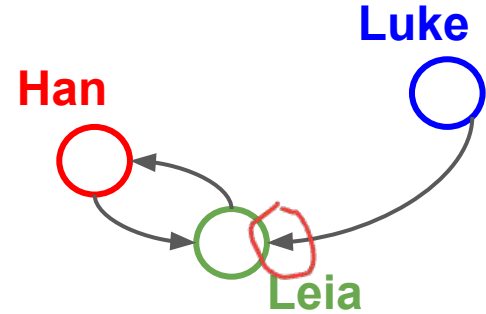
$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

- A set of edges

$$E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$$

- Each edge  $e_i$  is a pair of vertices  $(v_j, v_k)$
- An edge “connects” the vertices

- Graphs can be directed or undirected



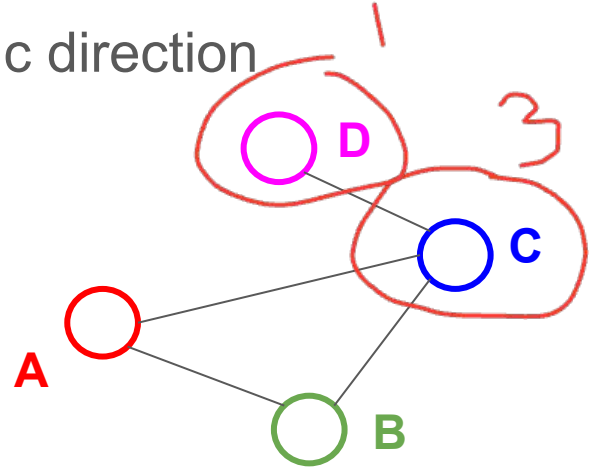
$$V = \{\text{Han}, \text{Leia}, \text{Luke}\}$$
$$E = \{(\text{Luke}, \text{Leia}), (\text{Han}, \text{Leia}), (\text{Leia}, \text{Han})\}$$

# An ADT?

- Can think of graphs as an ADT with operations like isEdge ( $(v_j, v_k)$ )
- But it is unclear what the “standard operations” are
- Instead we tend to develop algorithms over graphs and then use data structures that are efficient for those algorithms
- Many important problems can be solved by:
  1. Formulating them in terms of graphs
  2. Applying a standard graph algorithm
- To make the formulation easy and standard, we have a lot of *standard terminology* about graphs

# Undirected Graphs

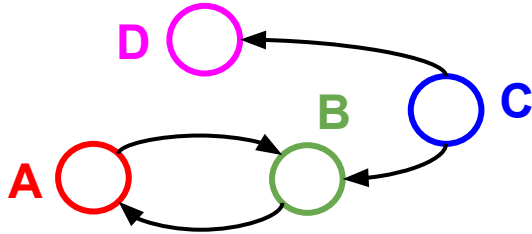
- In undirected graphs, edges have no specific direction
  - Edges are always “two-way”



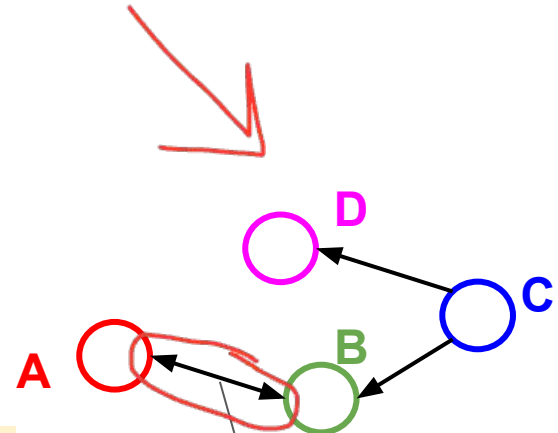
- Thus,  $(u, v) \in E$  implies  $(v, u) \in E$ .
  - Only one of these edges needs to be in the set; the other is implicit
- Degree of a vertex: number of edges containing that vertex
  - Put another way: the number of adjacent vertices

# Directed Graphs

- In **directed** graphs, edges have a direction



or



2 edges here

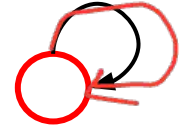
- Thus,  $(u, v) \in E$  does not imply  $(v, u) \in E$ .
  - Let  $(u, v) \in E$  mean  $u \rightarrow v$
  - Call  $u$  the **source** and  $v$  the **destination**
- In-Degree** of a vertex: number of in-bound edges, i.e., edges where the vertex is the destination
- Out-Degree** of a vertex: number of out-bound edges i.e., edges where the vertex is the source

C:  
in 0  
out 2



# Self-edges, connectedness

- A self-edge a.k.a. a loop is an edge of the form  $(u, u)$ 
  - Depending on the use/algorithm, a graph may have:
    - No self edges
    - Some self edges
    - All self edges (often therefore implicit, but we will be explicit)
- A node can have a degree / in-degree / out-degree of zero
- A graph does not have to be connected (in an undirected graph, this means we can follow edges from any node to every other node), even if every node has non-zero degree



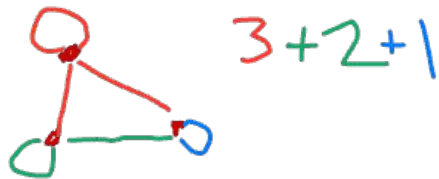
# Some graphs

What are the **vertices** and what are the **edges**? **Self loops**? **Directed**?

- Web pages with links
- Facebook friends
- “Input data” for the Kevin Bacon game
- ● Methods in a program that call each other
- ● Road maps (e.g., Google maps)
- Airline routes
- Family trees
- ● Course prerequisites
- ...

Wow: Using the same algorithms for problems across so many domains sounds like “core computer science and engineering”

# More notation



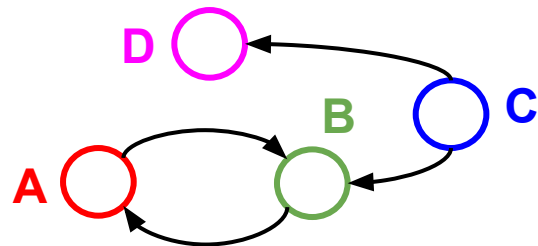
For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ :

- $|V|$  is the number of vertices
- $|E|$  is the number of edges

- Minimum? 0
- Maximum for undirected?  $\frac{v(v+1)}{2} - v$
- Maximum for directed?  $v^2 - v$

$$O(v^2)$$

- If  $(u, v) \in E$ 
  - Then  $v$  is a neighbor of  $u$ , i.e.,  $v$  is adjacent to  $u$
  - Order matters for directed edges
    - $u$  is not adjacent to  $v$  unless  $(v, u) \in E$



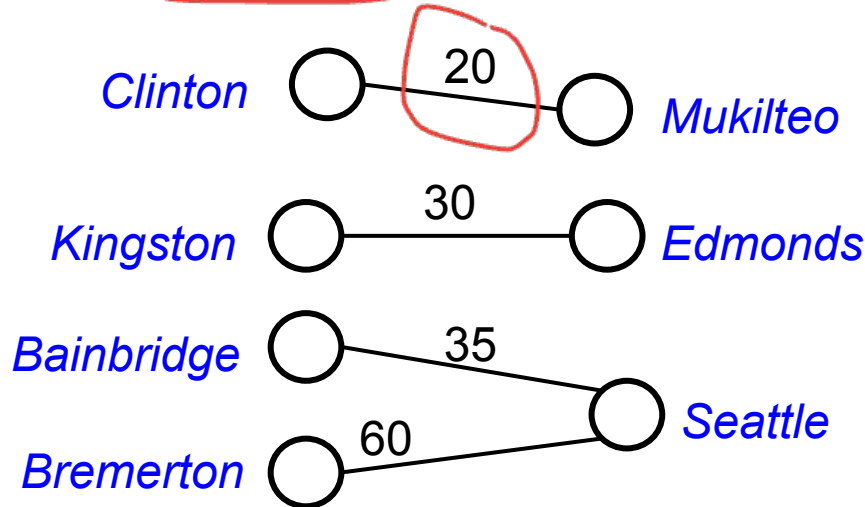
$$V = \{A, B, C, D\}$$

$$E = \{(C, B), (A, B), (B, A), (C, D)\}$$

# Weighted graphs

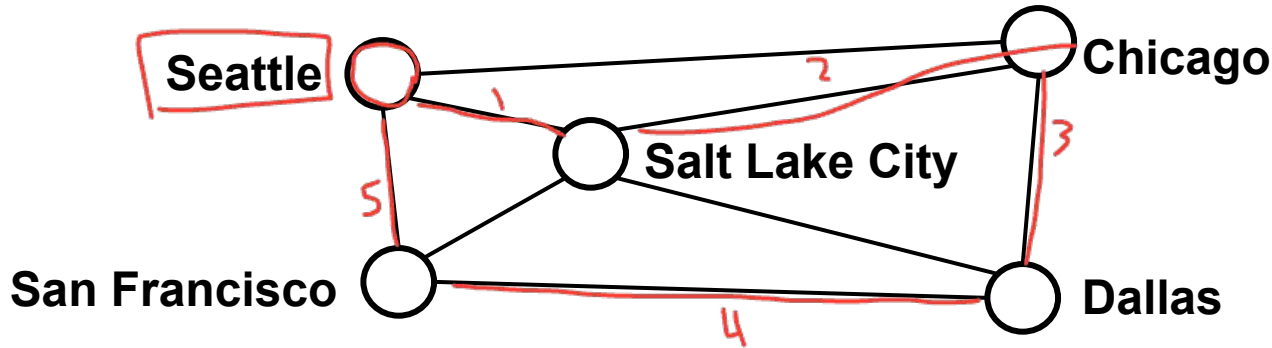
In a weighted graph, each edge has a **weight** a.k.a. **cost**

- Typically numeric (most examples will use ints)
- Orthogonal to whether graph is directed
- Some graphs allow negative weights; many don't



# Paths and Cycles

- A path is a list of vertices  $[v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]$  such that  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ . Say “a path from  $v_0$  to  $v_n$ ”
- A cycle is a path that begins and ends at the same node ( $v_0 = v_n$ )



Example path (that also happens to be a cycle):

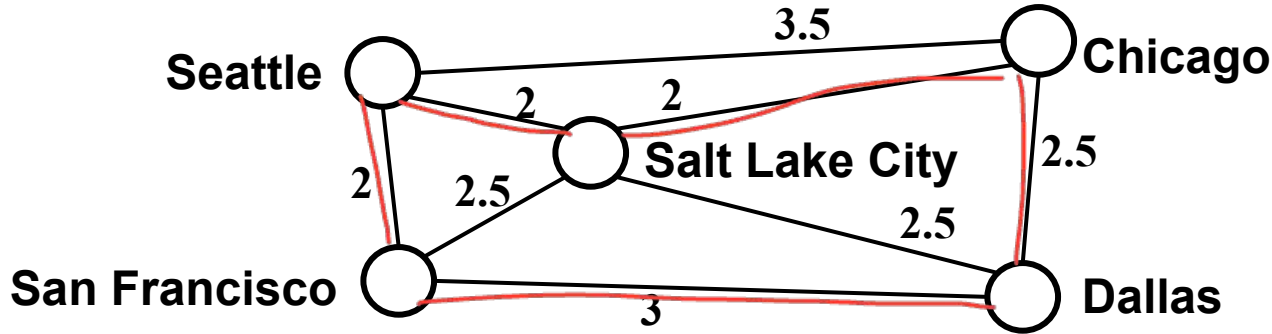
[Seattle, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco, Seattle]

# Path Length and Cost

- **Path length**: Number of *edges* in a path (also called “unweighted cost”)
- **Path cost**: Sum of the weights of each edge

Example where:

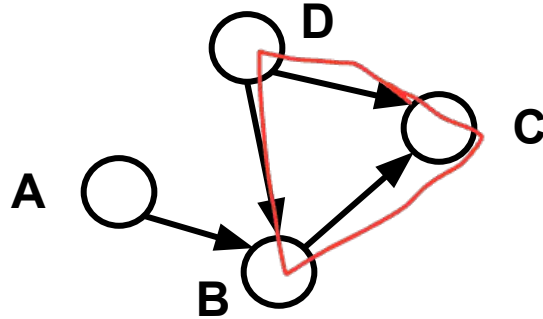
$P = [\text{Seattle}, \text{Salt Lake City}, \text{Chicago}, \text{Dallas}, \text{San Francisco}]$



$\text{length}(\mathbf{P}) = 4$   
 $\text{cost}(\mathbf{P}) = 9.5$

# Paths/cycles in directed graphs

Example:



Is there a path from A to D?

Directed?

N

What if undirected?

Y

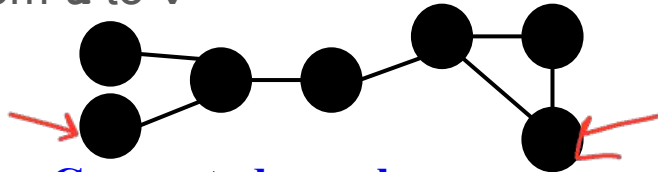
Does the graph contain any cycles?

N

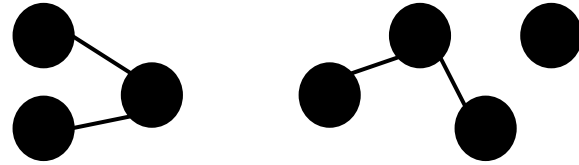
Y

# Undirected graph connectivity

An undirected graph is connected if for all pairs of vertices  $u, v$ , there exists a *path* from  $u$  to  $v$

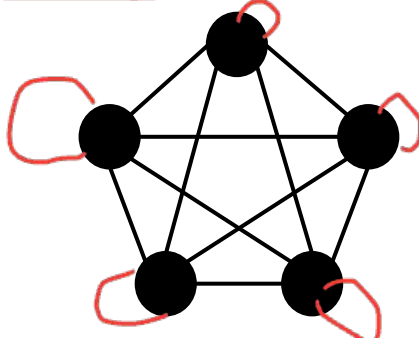


**Connected graph**



**Disconnected graph**

An undirected graph is complete, a.k.a. fully connected if for all pairs of vertices  $u, v$ , there exists an edge from  $u$  to  $v$

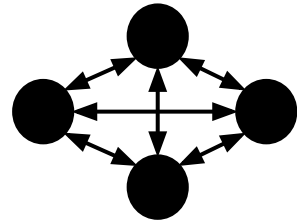
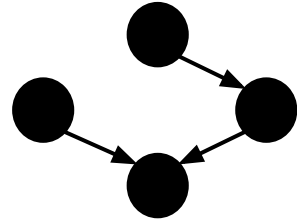
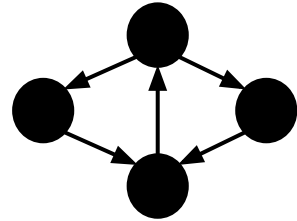


What's missing?



# Directed graph connectivity

- A directed graph is strongly connected if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex
- A directed graph is weakly connected if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex *ignoring direction of edges*
- A complete a.k.a. fully connected directed graph has an edge from every vertex to every other vertex



(plus self edges)

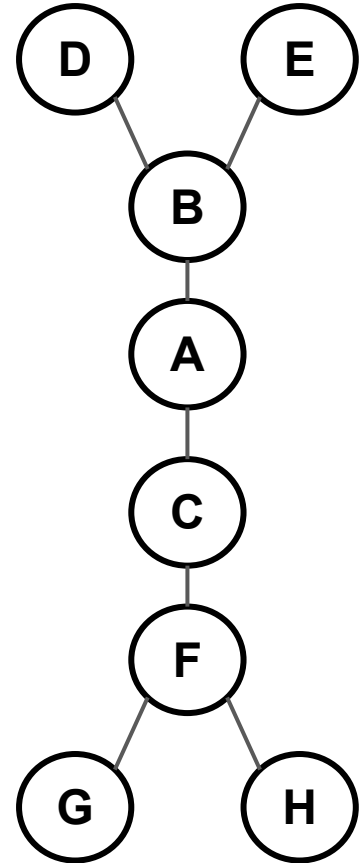
# Trees as graphs

When talking about graphs, we say a **tree** is a graph that is:

- Undirected
- Acyclic
- Connected

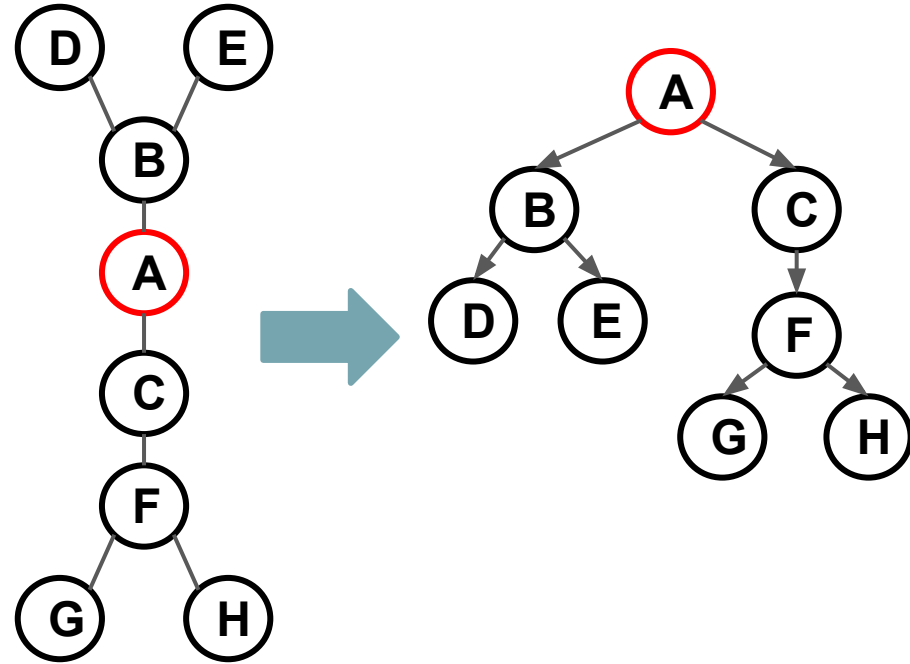
So all trees are graphs, but not all graphs are trees

How does this relate to the trees we know and love?...



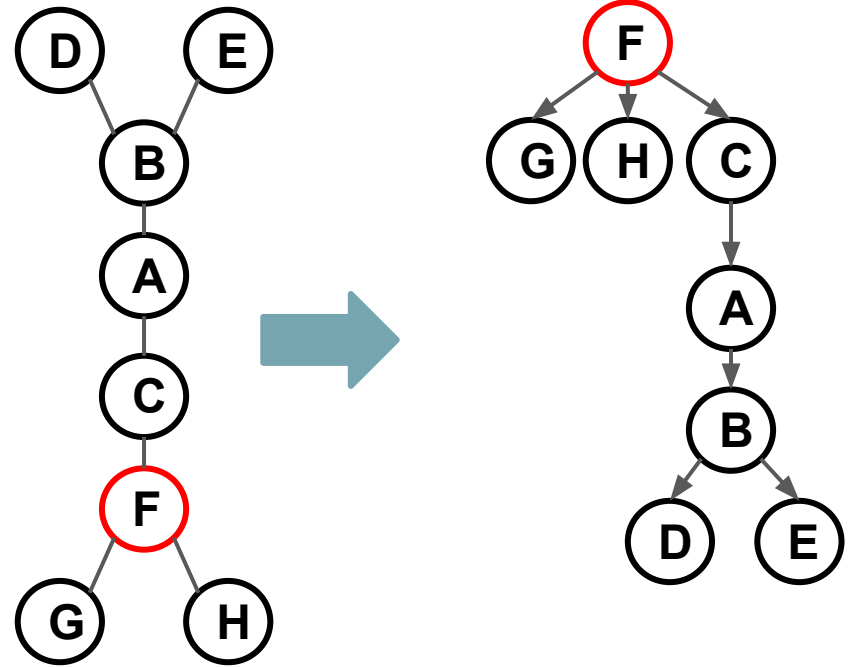
# Rooted Trees

- We are more accustomed to rooted trees where:
  - We identify a unique (“special”) root
  - We think of edges as directed: parent to children
- Given a tree, once you pick a root, you have a unique rooted tree (just drawn differently and with undirected edges)



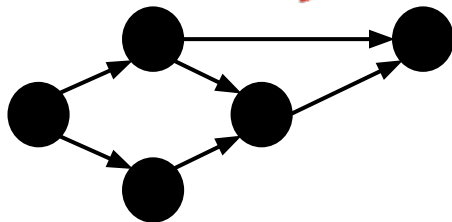
# Rooted Trees (Another example)

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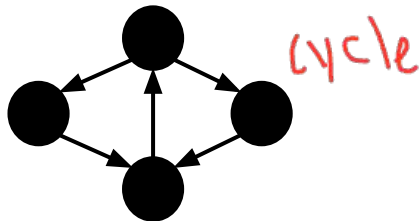
# Directed acyclic graphs (DAGs)

- A DAG is a directed graph with no (directed) cycles
  - Every rooted directed tree is a DAG
    - But not every DAG is a rooted directed tree:



← Not a rooted directed tree, has a cycle (in the undirected sense)

- Every DAG is a directed graph
  - But not every directed graph is a DAG:



# Density / sparsity

The range of numbers of edges is really wide

- Recall: In an undirected graph,  $0 \leq |E| < |V|^2$
- Recall: In a directed graph:  $0 \leq |E| \leq |V|^2$
- So for any graph,  $|E|$  is  $O(|V|^2)$
- One more fact: If an undirected graph is *connected*, then  $|E| \geq |V| - 1$
- Because  $|E|$  is often much smaller than its maximum size, we do not always approximate as  $|E|$  as  $O(|V|^2)$ 
  - This is a correct bound, it just is often not tight
  - **Dense**: If it is tight, i.e.,  $|E|$  is  $\Theta(|V|^2)$ 
    - More sloppily, dense means “lots of edges”
  - **Sparse**:  $|E|$  is  $O(|V|)$ 
    - More sloppily, sparse means “most (possible) edges missing”

# Examples again

Which might be **dense**? Which might be **sparse**?

- Web pages with links
- Facebook friends
- “Input data” for the Kevin Bacon game
- → Methods in a program that call each other
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# What is the Data Structure?

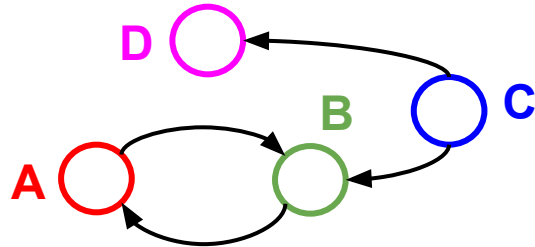
- So graphs are really useful for lots of data and questions
  - For example, “what’s the lowest-cost path from  $x$  to  $y$ ”
- But we need a data structure that represents graphs
- The “best one” can depend on:
  - Properties of the graph (e.g., dense versus sparse)
  - The common queries (e.g., “is  $(u, v)$  an edge?” versus “what are the neighbors of node  $u$ ?”)
- So we’ll discuss the two standard graph representations
  - Adjacency Matrix and Adjacency List
  - Different trade-offs, particularly time versus space



# Adjacency matrix

V → V

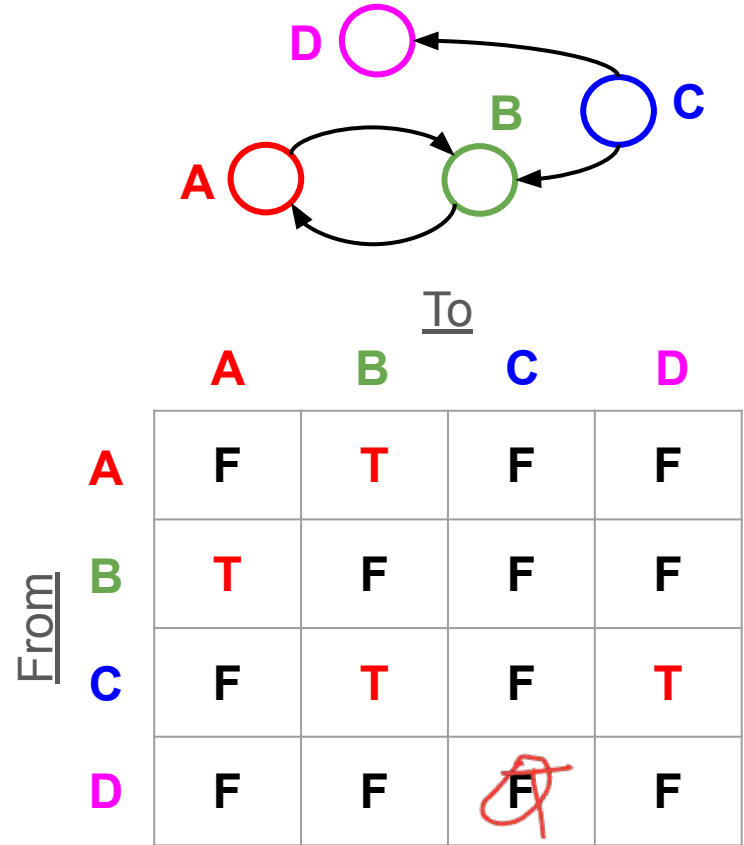
- Assign each node a number from 0 to  $|V| - 1$
- A  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix (i.e., 2-D array) of Booleans (or 1 vs. 0)
  - If  $M$  is the matrix, then  $M[u][v] == \text{true}$  means there is an edge from  $u$  to  $v$



		<u>To</u>			
		A	B	C	D
From	A	F	T	F	F
	B	T	F	F	F
	C	F	T	F	T
	D	F	F	F	F

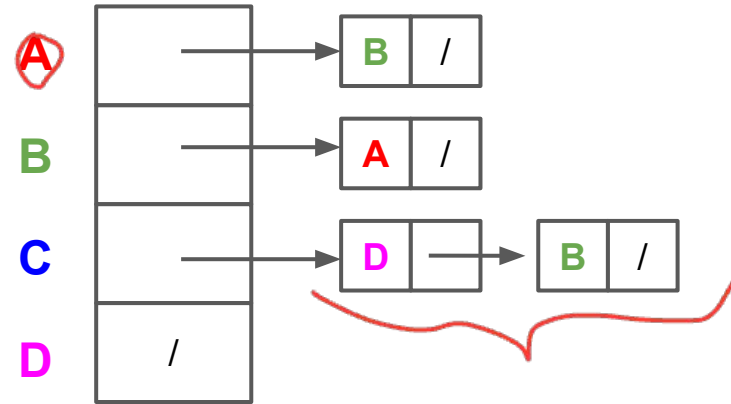
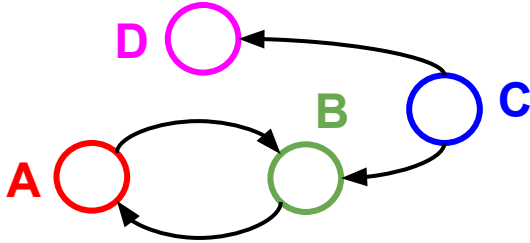
# Adjacency matrix properties

- Running time in terms of  $|V|$  and  $|E|$  to:
  - Get a vertex's out-edges:  $O(V)$
  - Get a vertex's in-edges:  $O(V)$
  - Decide if some edge exists:  $O(1)$
  - Insert an edge:  $O(1)$
  - Delete an edge:  $O(1)$
- Space requirements:  $V^2$
- Best for sparse or dense graphs?



# Adjacency List

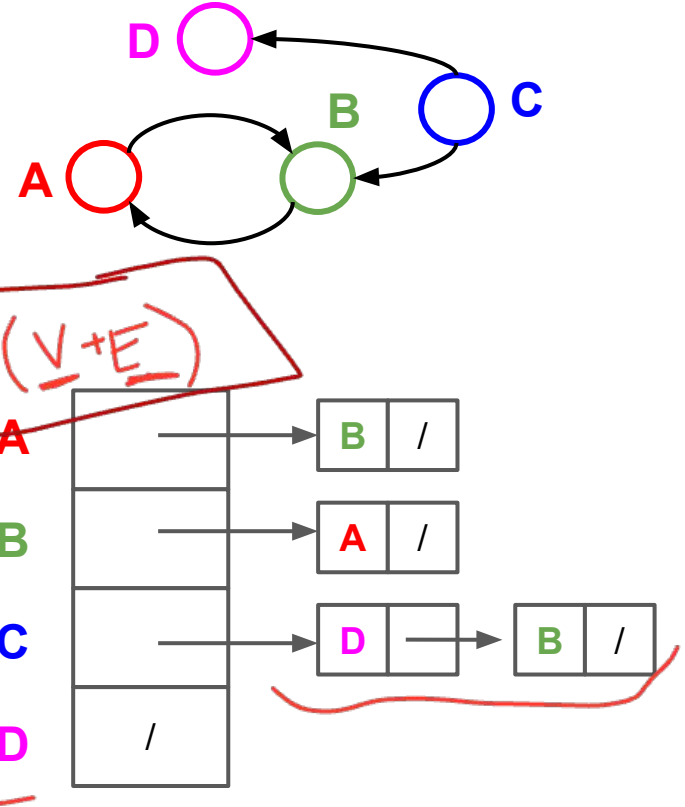
- Assign each node a number from 0 to  $|\mathcal{V}| - 1$
- An array of length  $|\mathcal{V}|$  in which each entry stores a list of all adjacent vertices (e.g., linked list)



# Adjacency List

- D = “out-degree of a vertex”
- Running time in terms of  $|V|$ ,  $|E|$ ,  $D$  to:
  - Get a vertex's out-edges:  $O(D)$
  - Get a vertex's in-edges:  $O(VD) = O(V+E)$
  - Decide if some edge exists:  $O(D)$
  - Insert an edge:  $O(D)$
  - Delete an edge:  $O(D)$

- Space requirements:  $V+E$
- Best for sparse or dense graphs?



# Which is better?

- It depends
- But in reality...
  - ...a lot of problems have sparse graphs...
    - Streets form grids
    - Airlines rarely fly to all possible cities
  - ...so you'll see lots of adjacency lists