

# GRAPH-THEORETIC MODELS

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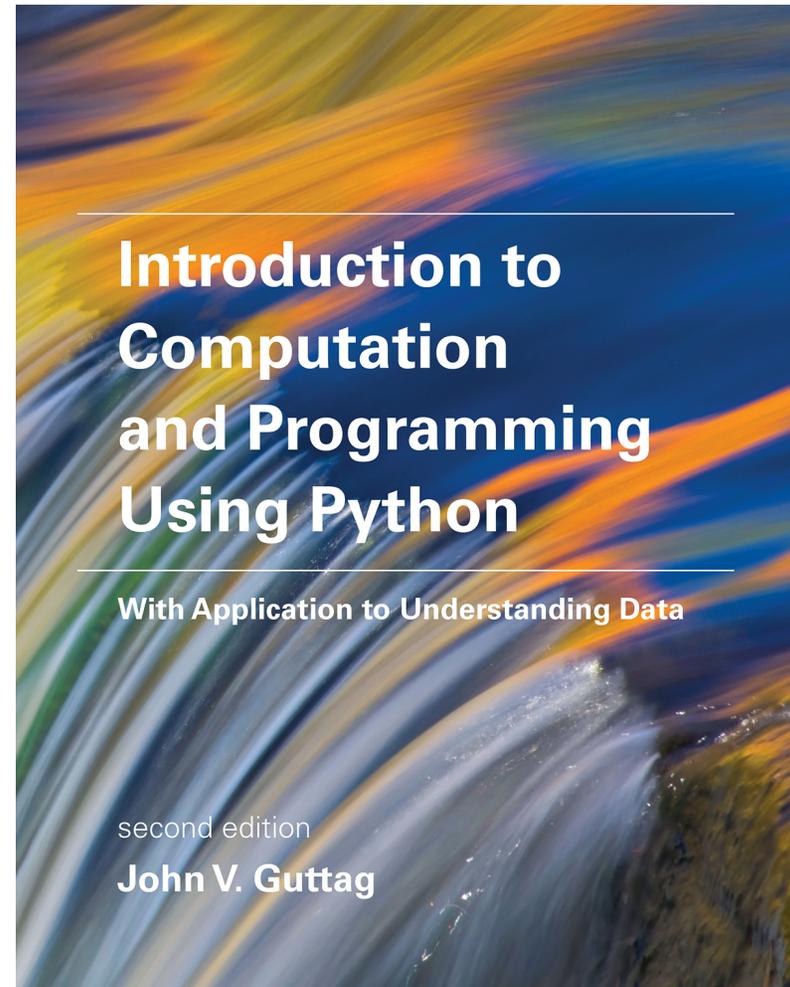
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# Relevant Reading

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- Today
  - Section 12.2
- Next time
  - Section 15.1-15.4.1
  - Section 15.5

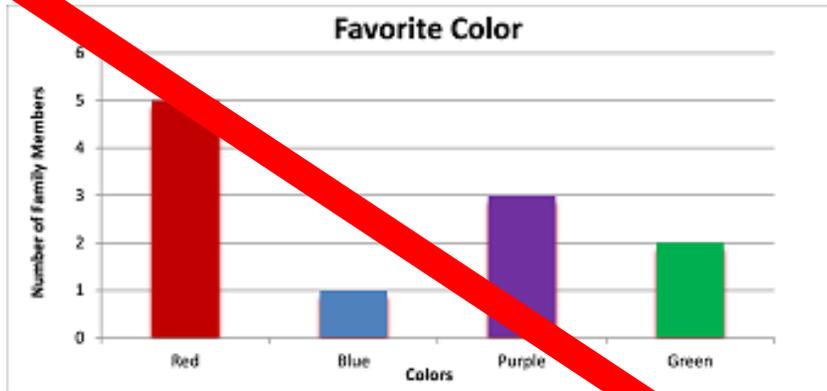


# Computational Models

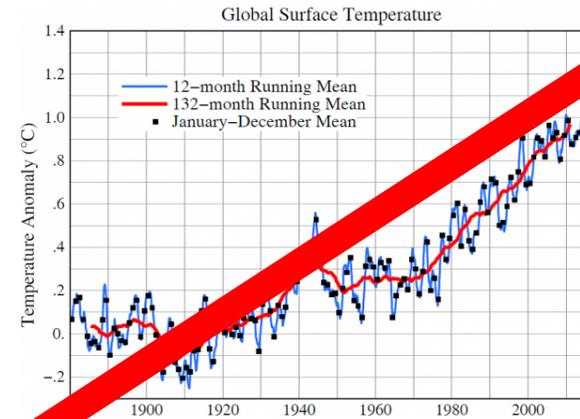
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- Programs that help us understand real world settings and solve instances of practical problems
  - Framework on which to build computational thinking
  - Provides a computational (*in silico*) complement to physical (*in vitro* or *in vivo*) experiments and mathematical models
- Saw how we could map the informal problem of choosing what to eat into an optimization problem, and how we could design a program to solve it
  - A decision tree can help find a good solution to such problems
  - Can try different metrics to optimize within decision tree structure
- Now want to look at broader class of models – **graphs**
  - Nice way to formulate many problems, mapping from problem description to rigorous computational structure to algorithms
  - Lead to powerful solutions to optimization problems

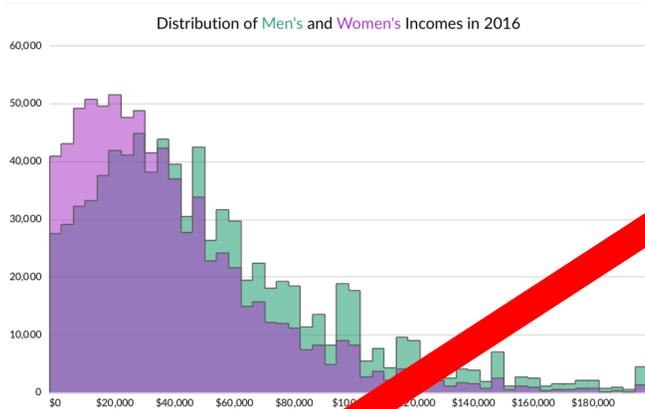
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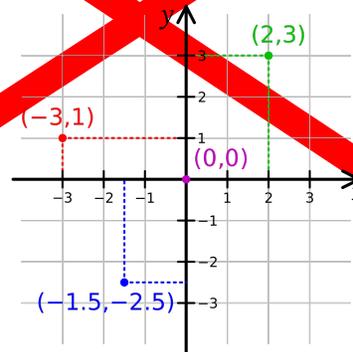
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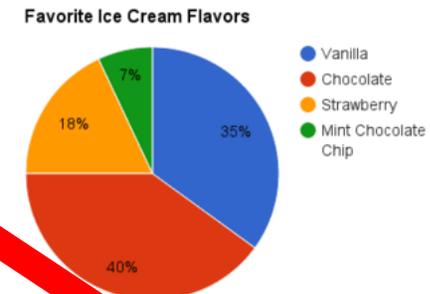
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Cartesian



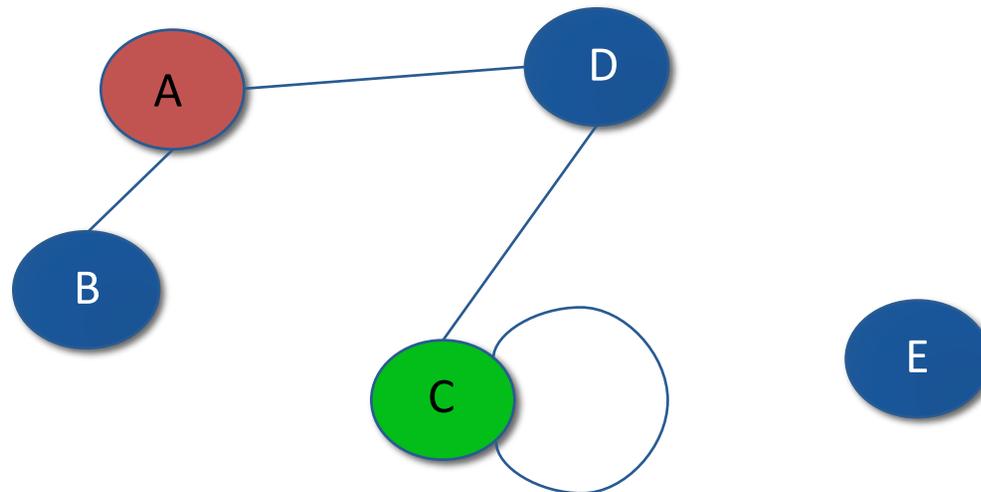
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These are all visual presentations of information;  
we want a structure that supports computation

# What is a Graph?

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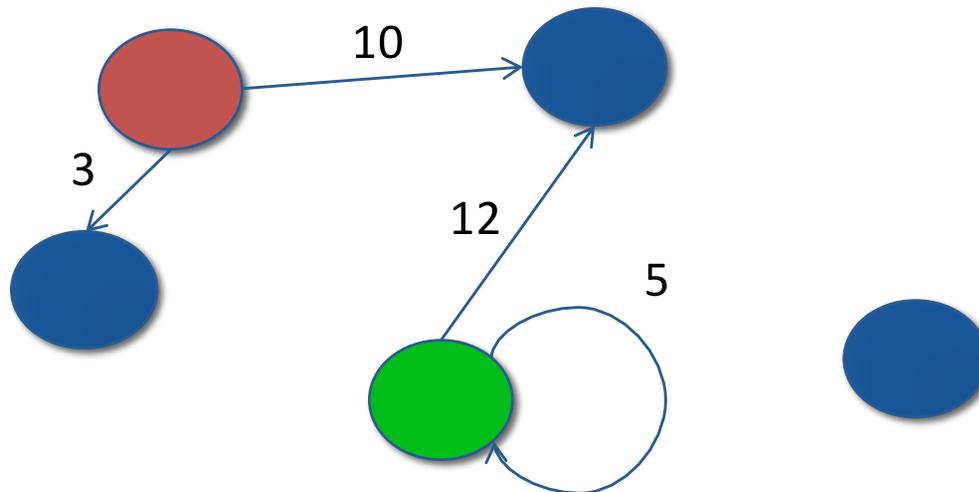
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  - Might have properties associated with them
- Set of edges (arcs) each connecting a pair of nodes
  - Undirected (graph)



# What is a Graph?

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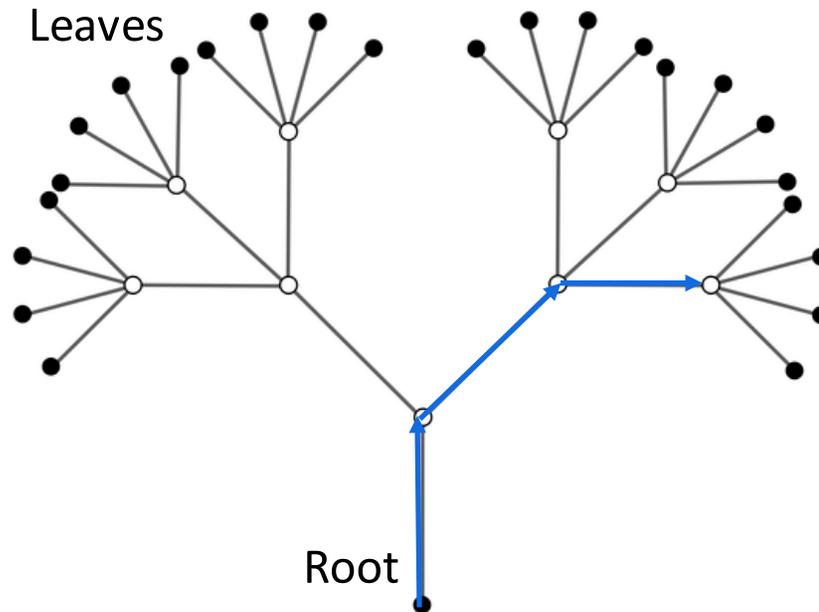
- Set of nodes (vertices)
  - Might have properties associated with them
- Set of edges (arcs) each connecting a pair of nodes
  - Undirected (graph)
  - Directed (digraph)
    - Source (parent) and destination (child) nodes
  - Unweighted or weighted



# Trees: An Important Special Case

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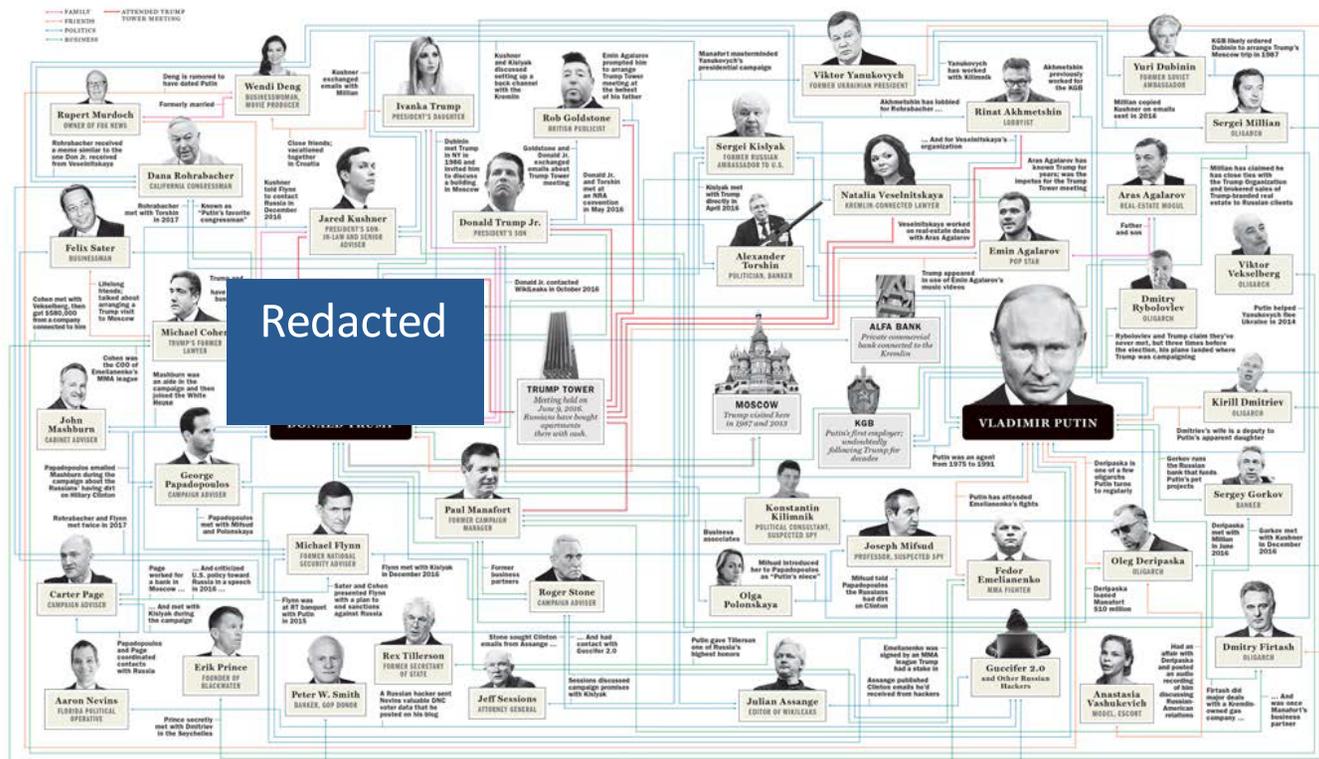
- A special kind of directed graph in which any pair of nodes is connected by a single path from the node closer to the root to the node further from the root
  - Recall the search trees we used to solve knapsack problem



An Australian tree?

# Why Graphs?

- Capture and reason about relationships among entities
  - Routes between Boston and San Jose
  - How the atoms in a molecule are related to one another
  - Ancestral relationships (family trees)
  - Business/social/political connections
  - ...

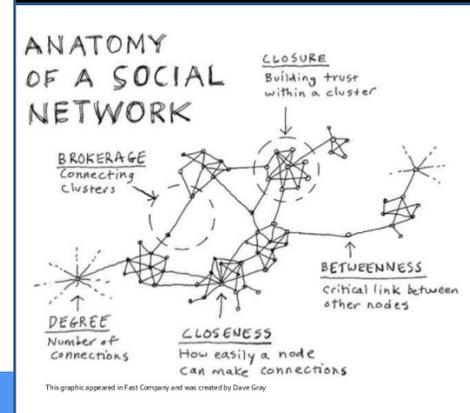


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# Graphs model a wide range of systems

- Computer networks
  - How can I efficiently route information from one node to another?
- Transportation networks
  - How can I efficiently get to a particular destination?
- Electrical network
  - How can I efficiently transmit electricity between source and sink?
- Social networks
  - How can I understand diffusion of misinformation, identify clusters of people with similar characteristics

The first three examples all ask about finding an efficient path between two nodes; the last example suggests that there can be other questions

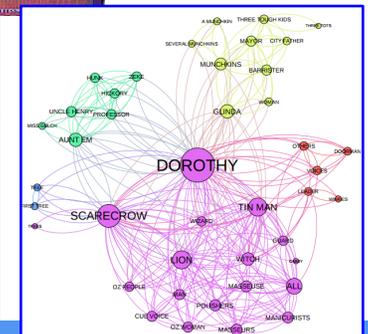
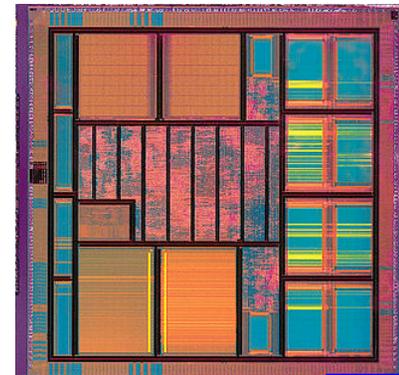
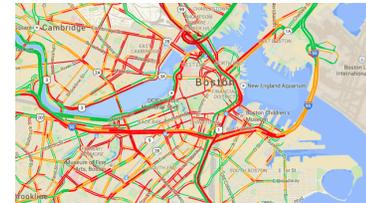




# Why Graphs Are So Useful

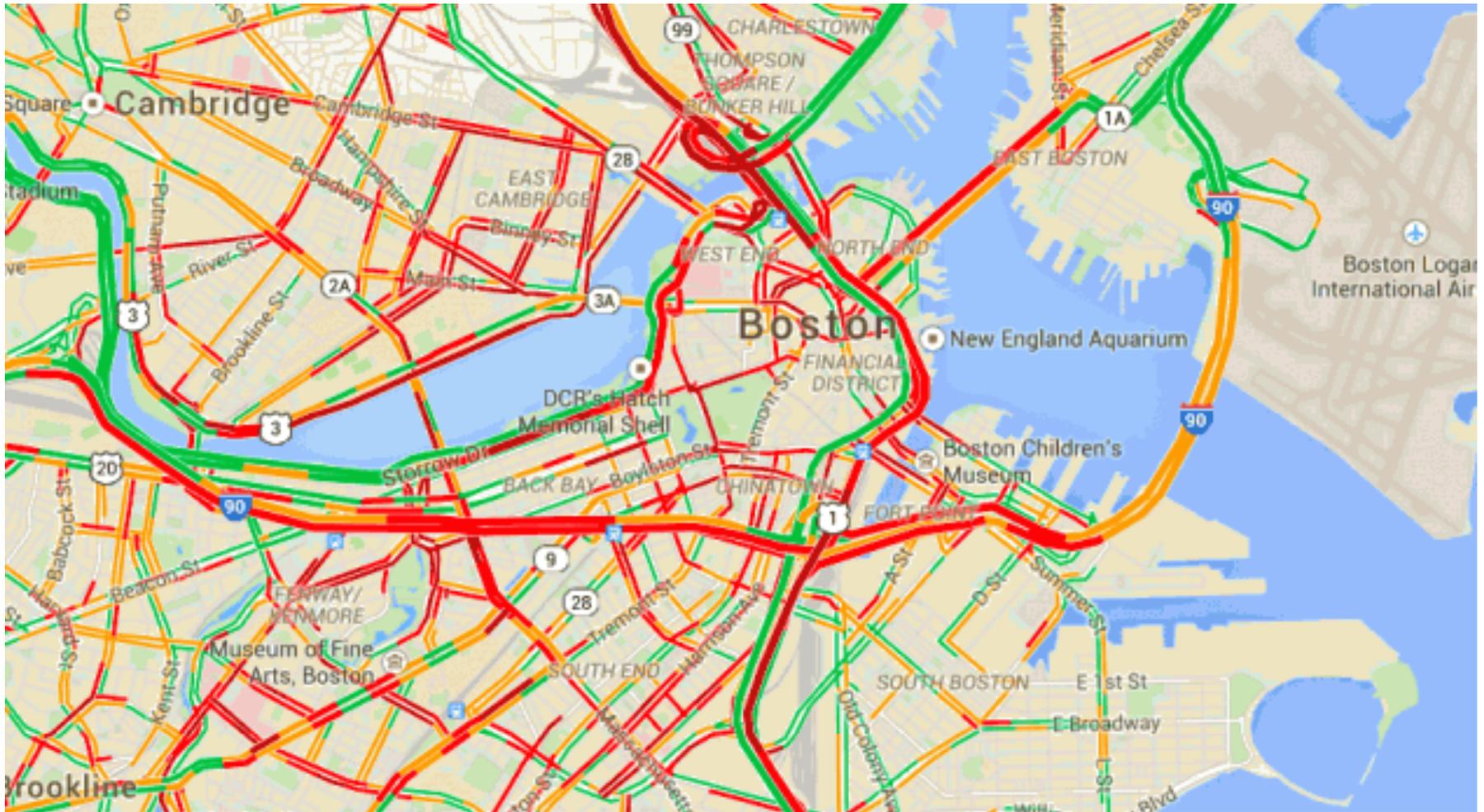
- Not only do graphs capture relationships in connected networks of items, they support **inference** on those structures
  - Find sequences of links between elements (aka the **path problem**)
  - Finding least expensive path between elements (aka the **shortest path problem**)
  - Partitioning graph into subgraphs with minimal connections between them (aka **graph partition problem** or **graph clique problem**)
  - Finding the most efficient way to separate sets of connected elements (aka the **min-cut/max-flow problem**)

You'll see these problems in 6.042, 6.046, and other classes



# Graph Theory Saves Me Time Every Day

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# Some path problems are easier than others



# Getting Chancellor Grimson to his Office

- Model road system using a digraph
  - Nodes: points where roads end or meet (intersections)
  - Edges: weighted connections between points (streets)
    - Expected time between nodes for each edge
    - Distance between nodes
    - Maximum minimum speed between nodes
- Solve a graph optimization problem
  - Shortest weighted path between my house and my office

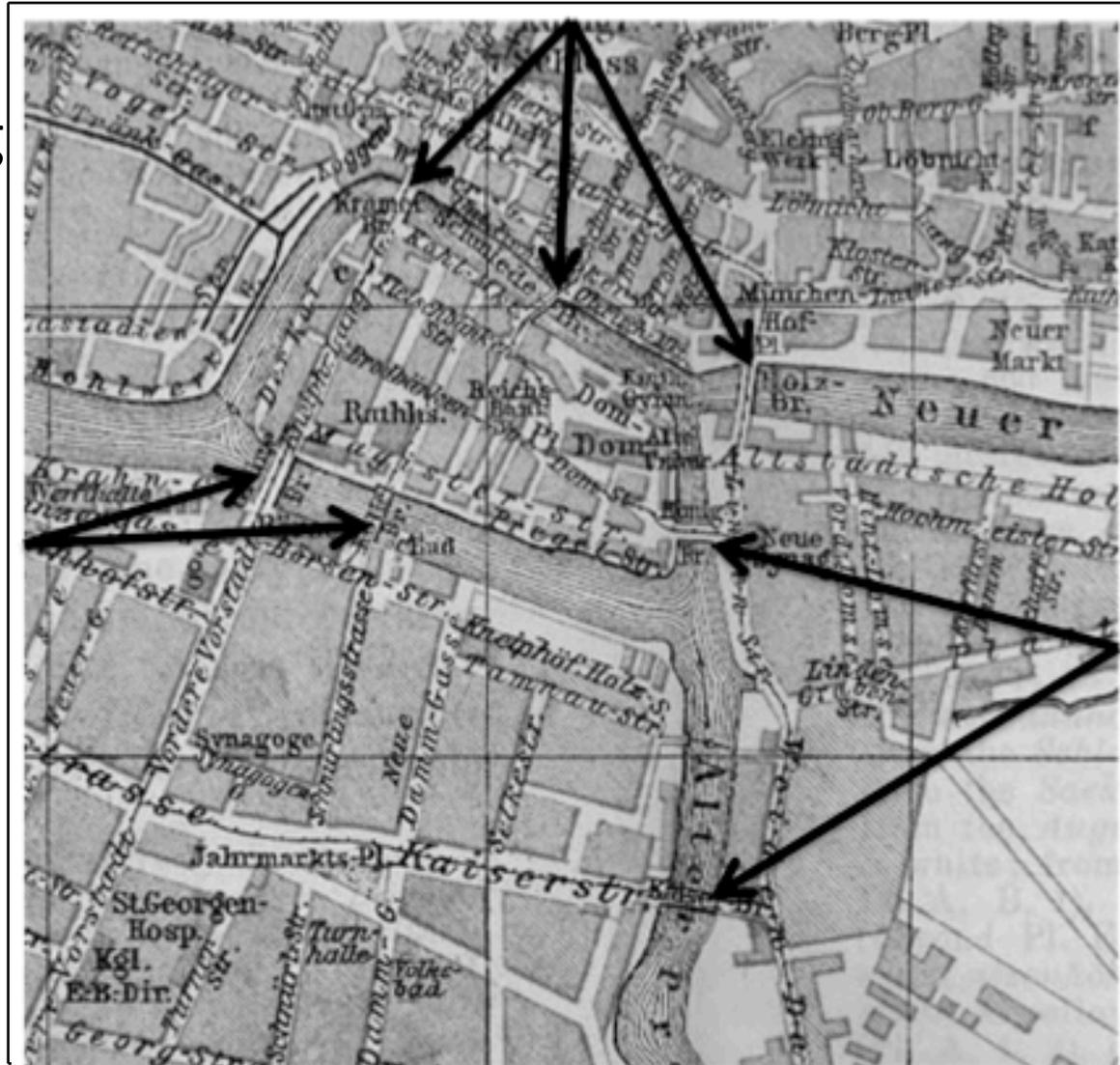
Poll:  
Which  
optimization do  
you prefer



Leads to  
different  
optimization  
functions

# First Reported Use of Graph Theory

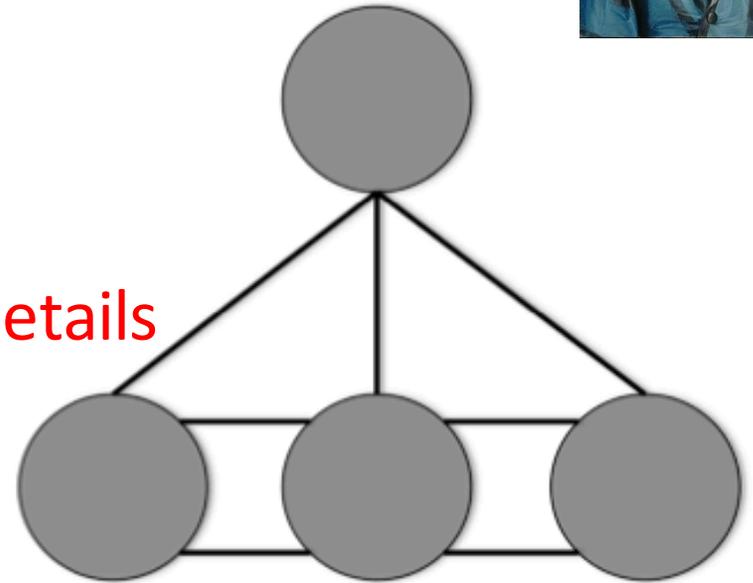
- Bridges of Königsberg problem (1735)
  - Known today as Kaliningrad
  - Two islands plus two mainland portions of city connected by 7 bridges
- Is it possible to take a walk that traverses each of the 7 bridges exactly once?



# Leonhard Euler's Model



- Each island a node
- Each bridge an undirected edge
- **Model abstracts away irrelevant details**
  - Size of islands
  - Length of bridges



- Is there a path that contains each edge exactly once?

Poll:

Do you think that such a path exists?

# What's Interesting About This

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- Not the Königsberg bridges problem itself
- Rather, the way Euler solved it
- A new way to think about a very large class of problems

# Implementing and using graphs

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- Building graphs
  - Nodes
  - Edges
  - Stitching together to make graphs
- Using graphs
  - Searching for paths between nodes
  - Searching for optimal paths between nodes

# Node & edge classes

```
class Node(str):  
    pass
```

Why?

```
class Edge(object):  
    def __init__(self, src, dest, weight = 1):  
        """Assumes src and dest are nodes"""  
        self._src = src  
        self._dest = dest  
        self._weight = weight  
    def getSource(self):  
        return self._src  
    def getDestination(self):  
        return self._dest  
    def getWeight(self):  
        return self._weight  
    def __str__(self):  
        return self.src + '->(' + self.getWeight() + ')\'  
            + self.dest
```

Setting attributes

Accessing attributes

This creates a directed edge; to create an undirected edge, simply add another from dest to src

# Common Representations of Digraphs

- Digraph is a directed graph
  - Edges pass in one direction only
  - Need to represent that collection of edges
- Adjacency matrix
  - Rows: source nodes
  - Columns: destination nodes
  - $\text{Cell}[s, d] = 1$  if there is an edge from  $s$  to  $d$   
 $= 0$  otherwise
  - Note that in digraph, matrix is **not** symmetric
  - Uses  $O(|\text{nodes}|^2)$  memory
- Adjacency list
  - Associate with each node a list of destination nodes that can be reached by one edge
  - Uses  $O(|\text{edges}|)$  memory, therefore good for sparse graphs

destination

	A	B	C	D
A				1
B	1			
C		1		
D	1			1

source

A: [D]  
B: [A]  
C: [B]  
D: [A, D]

# Class WeightedDigraph, part 1

```
class WeightedDigraph(object):
    """edges is a dict mapping each node to a list of
    its children and weight of edge"""
    def __init__(self, nodes):
        self._edges = {v: [] for v in nodes}
    def addNode(self, node):
        if node in self._edges:
            raise ValueError('Duplicate node')
        else:
            self._edges[node] = []
    def addEdge(self, edge):
        """edge is an Edge"""
        src = edge.getSource()
        dest = edge.getDestination()
        if not (src in self._edges and dest in self._edges):
            raise ValueError('Node not in graph')
        self._edges[src].append((dest, edge.getWeight()))
```

A directed  
weighted edge

Create from a set of  
nodes; initially no edges  
Nodes represented as  
keys in dictionary

Edges are represented by  
destinations as values in list  
associated with a source key

Get list of destinations  
for source node from dict

Add new destination  
and edge weight to list

# Class WeightedDigraph, part 2

```
def childrenOf(self, node):  
    return [e[0] for e in self._edges[node]]
```

```
def hasNode(self, node):  
    List of reachable nodes  
    return node in self._edges
```

```
def getAllNodes(self):  
    return(list(self._edges.keys()))
```

```
def __str__(self):  
    vals = []  
    for src in self._edges:  
        entry = src + ':'  
        for edge in self._edges[src]:  
            entry += edge[0] + '(' + str(edge[1]) + '), '  
        if entry[-2:] != ': ': #there was at least one edge  
            vals.append(entry[:-2])  
        else:  
            vals.append(entry[:-1])  
    vals.sort(key = lambda x: x.split(':')[0])  
    result = ''  
    for v in vals:  
        result += v + '\n'  
    return result[:-1] #omit final newline
```

Nodes reachable by a directed  
edge from a specific node  
Using properties of dictionary  
to represent nodes

# Build the Graph

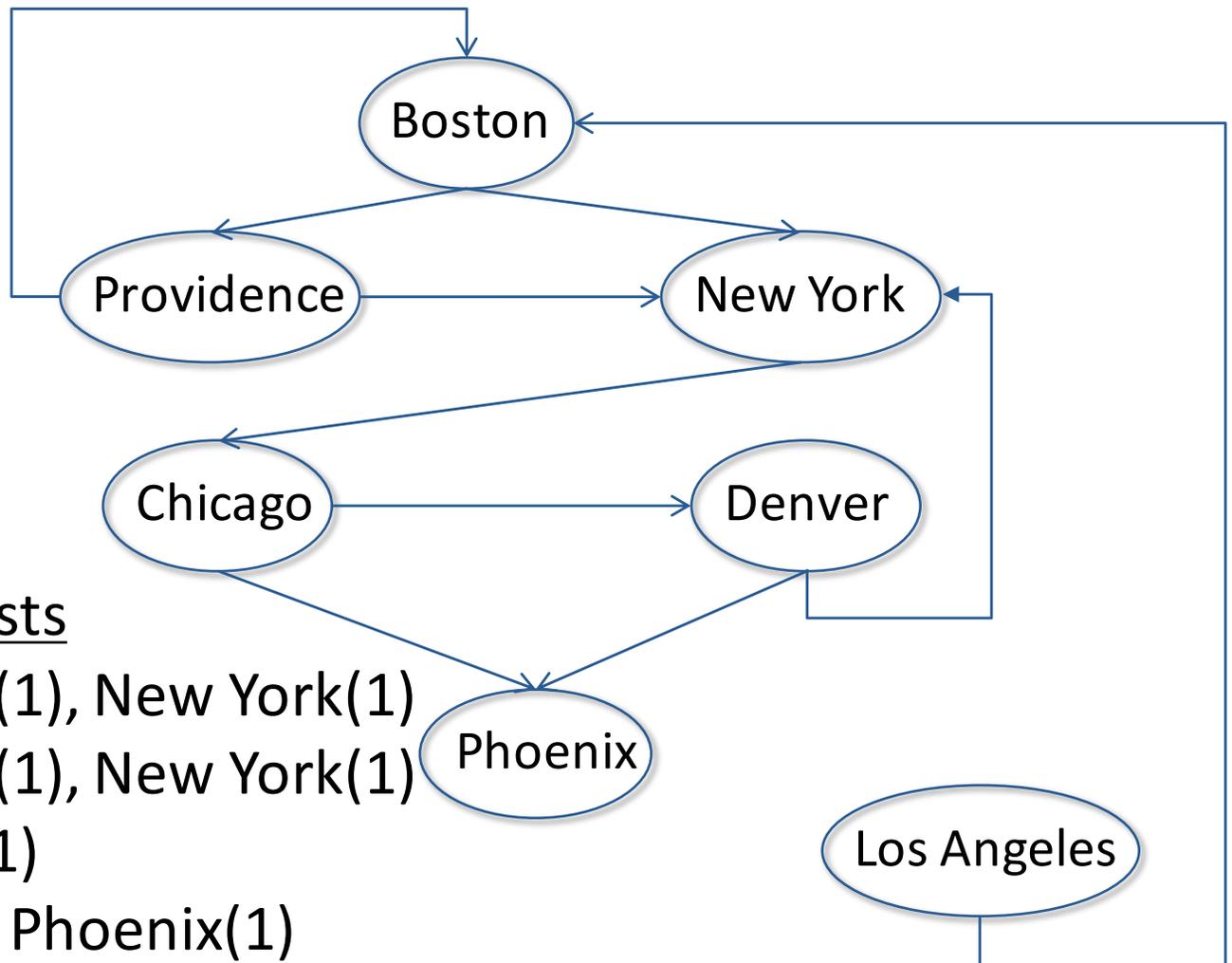
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```
def buildCityGraph():
    g = WeightedDigraph (('Boston', 'Providence', 'New York', 'Chicago',
                        'Denver', 'Phoenix', 'Los Angeles')) #Create 7 nodes
    g.addEdge(Edge('Boston', 'Providence'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Boston', 'New York'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Providence', 'Boston'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Providence', 'New York'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('New York', 'Chicago'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Chicago', 'Denver'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Chicago', 'Phoenix'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Denver', 'Phoenix'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Denver', 'New York'))
    g.addEdge(Edge('Los Angeles', 'Boston'))
    return g
```

Since just using nodes as names, can use strings rather than creating node instances

```
g = buildCityGraph()
print('The city graph:')
print(g)
```

# An Example



All nodes in graph

## Adjacency Lists

Boston: Providence(1), New York(1)

Providence: Boston(1), New York(1)

New York: Chicago(1)

Chicago: Denver(1), Phoenix(1)

Denver: Phoenix(1), New York(1)

Los Angeles: Boston(1)

Phoenix:

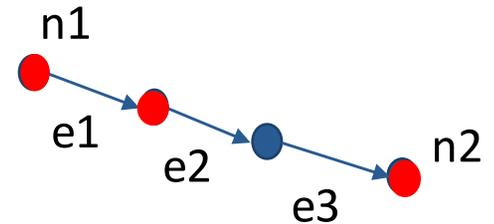
# A Classic Graph Optimization Problem

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- Shortest (unweighted) path from  $n1$  to  $n2$

- Shortest sequence of edges such that

- Source node of first edge is  $n1$
- Destination of last edge is  $n2$
- For edges,  $e1$  and  $e2$ , if  $e2$  directly follows  $e1$  in the sequence, the source of  $e2$  is the destination of  $e1$



- Shortest weighted path

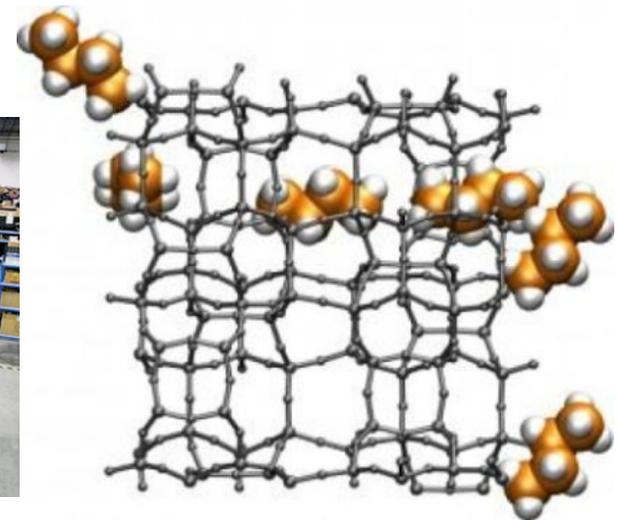
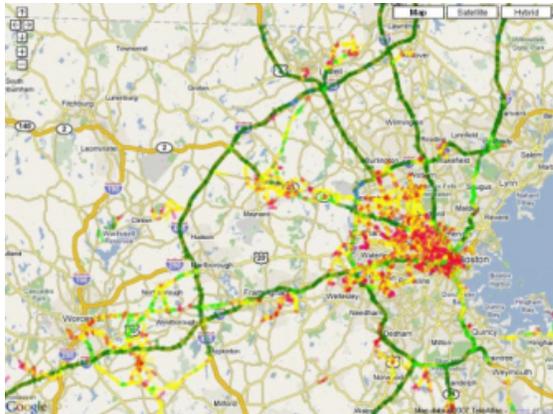
- Minimize the sum of the weights of the edges in the path

- For this lecture, we are mainly going to focus on unweighted paths

# Some Shortest Path Problems

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- Finding a route from one city to another
- Designing communication networks
- Logistics of material handling
- Finding a path for a molecule through a chemical labyrinth
- ...



# Finding the Shortest Path

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- Algorithm 1, **breadth-first search** (BFS)
- Algorithm 2, **depth-first search** (DFS)
- Algorithm 3, **Dijkstra's algorithm**

All use *divide-and-conquer*: if we can find a path from a source to an intermediate node, and a path from the intermediate node to the destination, the combination is a path (but not necessarily the shortest) from source to destination

Another example of **recursive thinking!**

# Breadth First Search

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- Start at an initial node (call it the current node)
  - Consider all the edges that leave that node, in some order
  - Follow the first edge
    - Check to see if at goal node
    - If so, stop
  - If not, try the **next** edge from the **current** node **that has not yet been examined**
  - Continue until either find goal node, or run out of options
    - When run out of edge options for current node, move to next node at same distance from start, and repeat
    - When run out of node options, move to next level in the graph (all nodes one step further from start), and repeat
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# Algorithm 1: Breadth-first Search (BFS)

```
def bfs(graph, start, end, toPrint = False):
```

```
    visited = {}
```

Set of nodes already seen

```
    pathQueue = [[start]]
```

Note: a list of paths to explore, each of which is a list of nodes

```
    visited[start] = True
```

```
    while len(pathQueue) != 0:
```

```
        #Get and remove oldest element in pathQueue
```

```
        tmpPath = pathQueue.pop(0)
```

First in, first out

```
        if toPrint:
```

Next path in queue

```
            print('Current BFS path:', printPath(tmpPath))
```

```
        lastNode = tmpPath[-1]
```

Why can we stop here?

```
        if lastNode == end:
```

```
            return tmpPath
```

```
        for nextNode in graph.childrenOf(lastNode):
```

```
            if nextNode not in visited:
```

```
                newPath = tmpPath + [nextNode]
```

```
                visited[nextNode] = True
```

```
                pathQueue.append(newPath)
```

Add path in queue

```
    return None
```

Because we are using a FIFO queue, will explore all paths with n hops before any path with more than n hops; if don't find a path, return None

Poll:  
If we skip marking visited nodes, and just add paths to queue, does this still work?

# Output (Boston to Phoenix)

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Current BFS path: Boston

Current BFS path: Boston->Providence

Current BFS path: Boston->New York

Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago

Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago->Denver

Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago->Phoenix

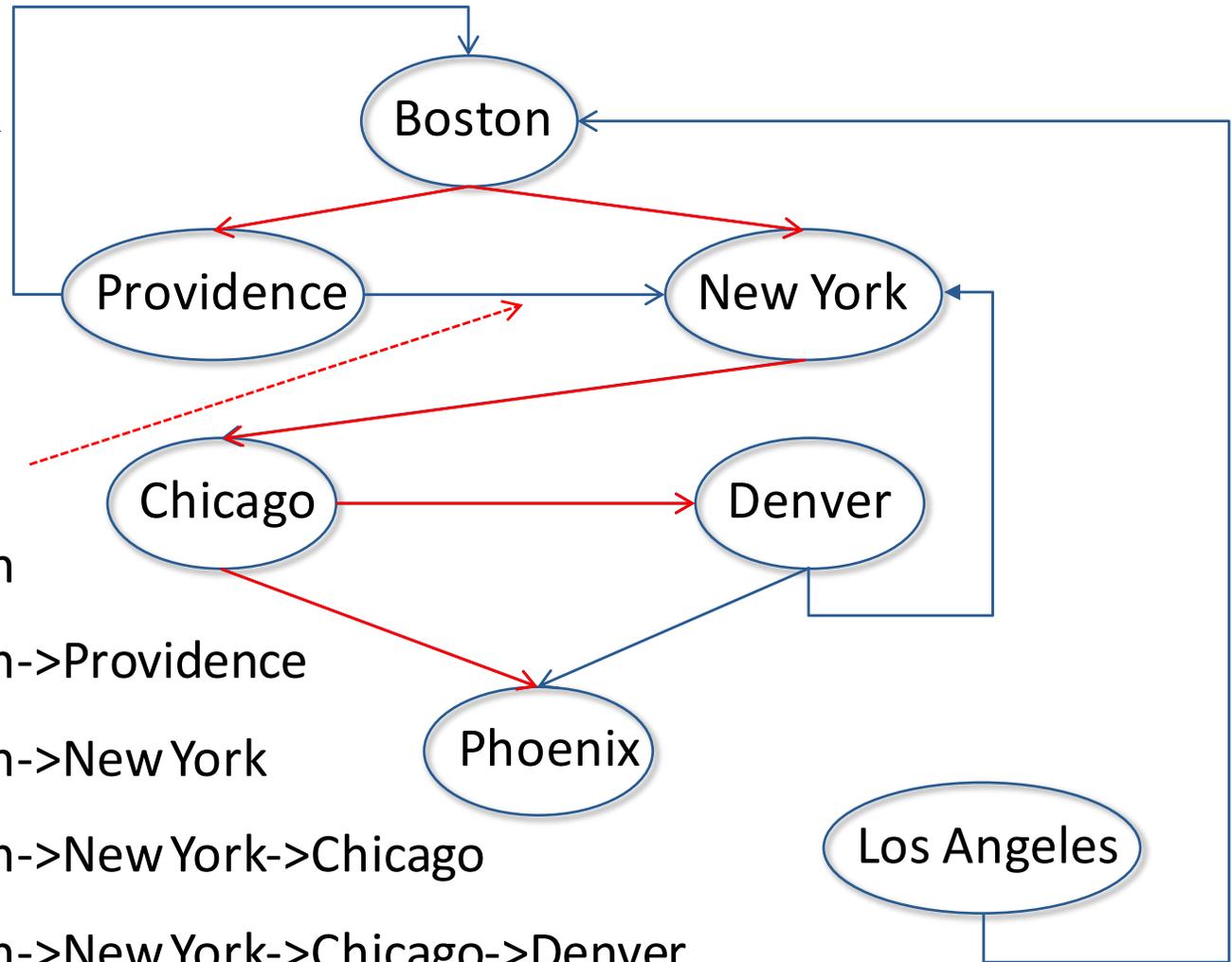
Shortest path from Boston to Phoenix is Boston->New York->Chicago->Phoenix

# can stop as soon as find a successful path, since guaranteed to be shortest

# Output (Boston to Phoenix)

Note that we skip a path that revisits a node, creating a loop

Note that we can skip a path that reaches an already visited node, as can't be shorter



Current BFS path: Boston

Current BFS path: Boston->Providence

Current BFS path: Boston->New York

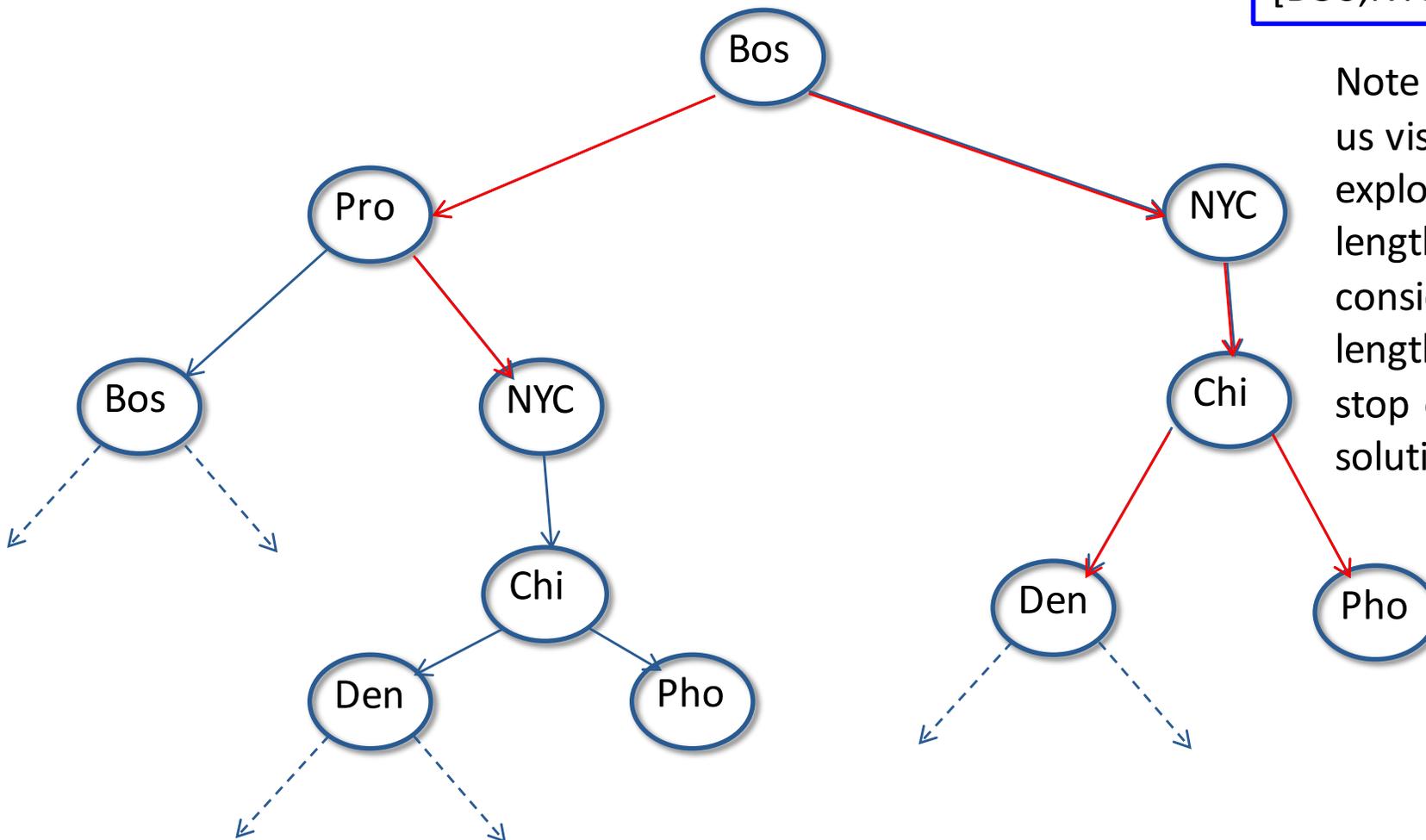
Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago

Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago->Denver

Current BFS path: Boston->New York->Chicago->Phoenix

# Visualizing as a tree search

- [BOS]
- [BOS,PRO]
- [BOS,NYC]
- [BOS,PRO,NYC] #no loops
- [BOS,NYC,CHI] #shorter
- [BOS,NYC,CHI,DEN] path
- [BOS,NYC,CHI,PHO]
- [BOS,NYC,CHI,DEN,PHO]



Note how tree helps us visualize that we explore all paths of length n before considering paths of length n+1; so can stop once we find a solution

# Depth First Search

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*Like brute force solution  
to knapsack problem*

- Start at an initial node
  - Consider all the edges that leave that node, in some order
  - Follow the first edge, and check to see if at goal node
    - If so, check if shorter than shortest already seen and save
  - If not at goal node, repeat the process from new node
  - Continue until either find goal node, or run out of options
    - When run out of edge options, backtrack to previous node, repeating this process
    - When run out of node options, backtrack to the previous node and try the next edge, repeating this process
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# Implementation like BFS, except

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- Uses a **LIFO** data structure (often called a stack) instead of a **FIFO** data structure (often called a queue)
- Finds multiple paths, not just one



FIFO



LIFO

# Algorithm 2: Depth-first Search (DFS)

```
def dfs(graph, start, end, toPrint = False):  
    """Assumes graph is a Digraph; start and end are nodes  
    Returns a shortest path from start to end in graph"""  
    bestPath = None  
    initPath = [start]  
    pathQueue = [initPath] #LIFO  
    while len(pathQueue) != 0:  
        #Get and remove newest element in pathQueue  
        tmpPath = pathQueue.pop(-1)  
        if toPrint:  
            print('Current DFS path:', printPath(tmpPath))  
        lastNode = tmpPath[-1]  
        if lastNode == end:  
            if toPrint:  
                print('Path found')  
            if bestPath == None or len(tmpPath) < len(bestPath):  
                bestPath = tmpPath  
                continue  
            if bestPath != None and len(tmpPath) >= len(bestPath):  
                continue  
            for nextNode in graph.childrenOf(lastNode):  
                if nextNode not in tmpPath:  
                    newPath = tmpPath + [nextNode]  
                    pathQueue.append(newPath)  
    return bestPath
```

Different from BFS, taking **last** path in queue

Need to check if better than current best path

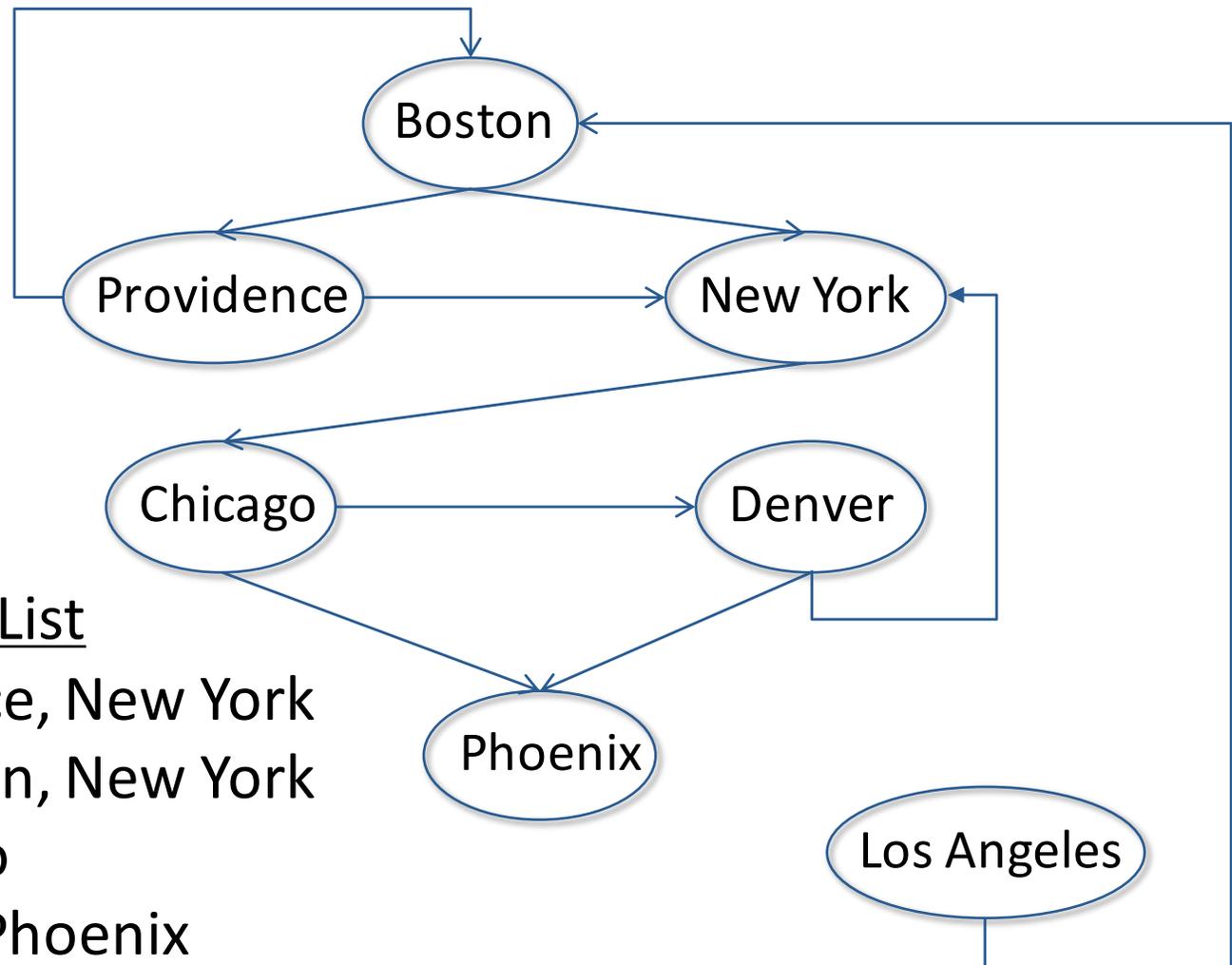
Skip to next iteration of loops

Only keep looking if not too long

But still adding new paths at end of queue

Poll:  
If we don't check that nextNode already in path before adding new paths to queue, will this still work?

# An Example



## Adjacency List

Boston: Providence, New York

Providence: Boston, New York

New York: Chicago

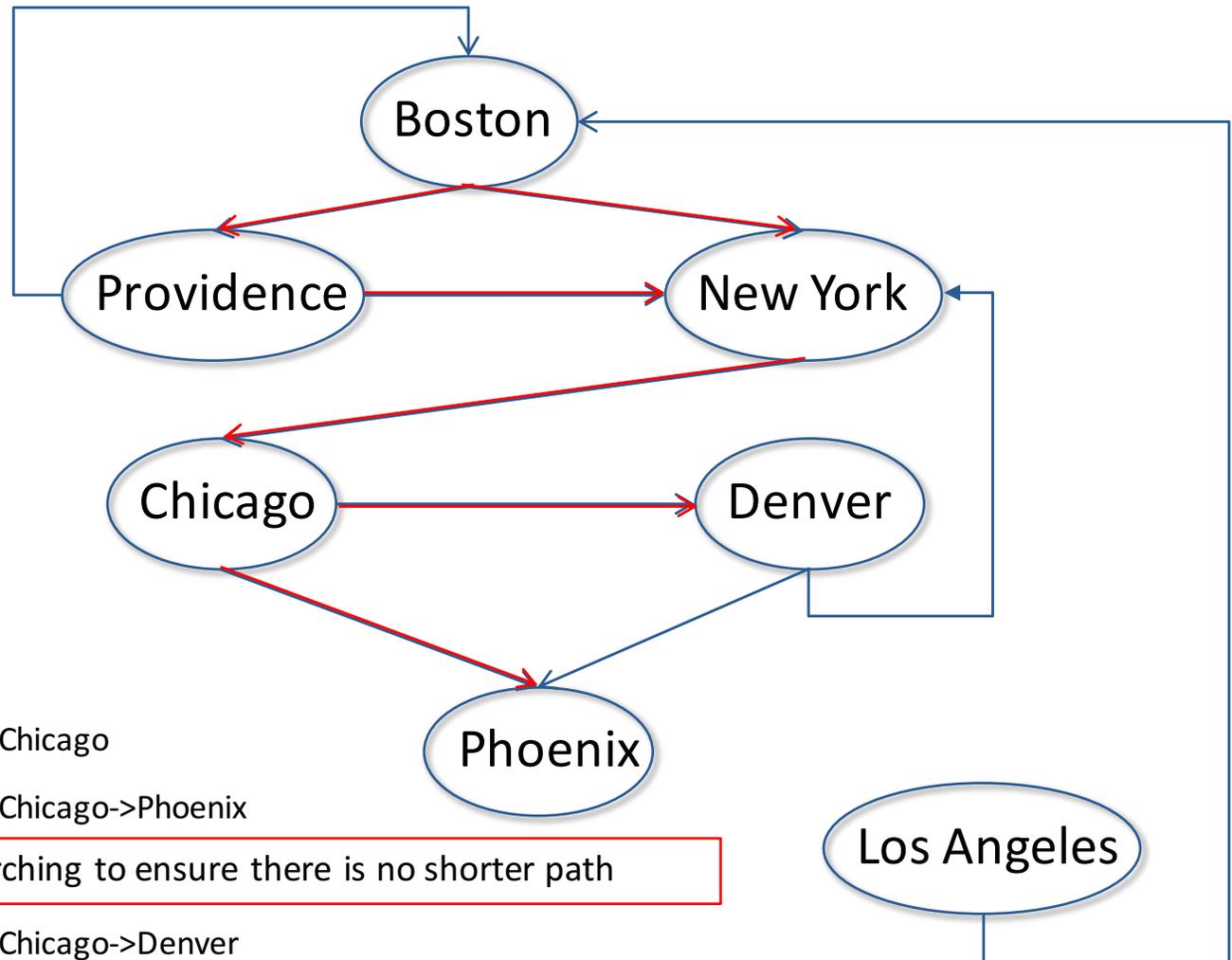
Chicago: Denver, Phoenix

Denver: Phoenix, New York

Los Angeles: Boston

Phoenix:

# Output (Boston to Phoenix)



Current DFS path: Boston

Current DFS path: Boston->New York

Current DFS path: Boston->New York ->Chicago

Current DFS path: Boston->New York ->Chicago->Phoenix

Path found

Need to keep searching to ensure there is no shorter path

Current DFS path: Boston->New York ->Chicago->Denver

Current DFS path: Boston->Providence

Current DFS path: Boston->Providence->New York

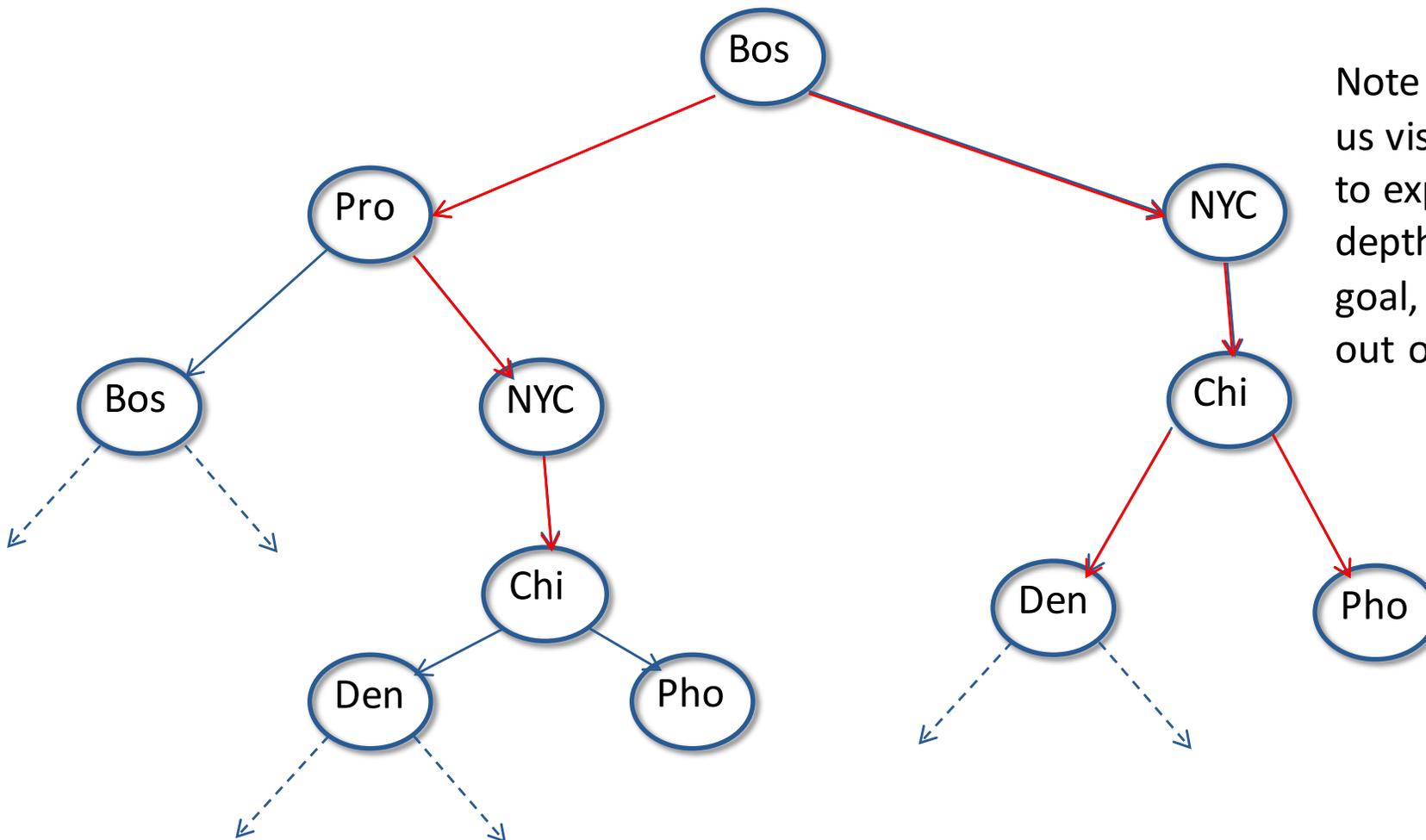
Current DFS path: Boston->Providence->New York->Chicago

# Visualizing as a tree search

```
[]  
[BOS,PRO]  
[BOS,NYC,CHI,DEN]
```

Note how we remove from end of queue, not front

Note how tree helps us visualize that we try to explore one path in depth, until we find goal, hit a loop, or run out of options



# What About a Weighted Shortest Path

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- Want to minimize the sum of the weights of the edges, not just the number of edges
- DFS can be easily modified to do this, if we assume that weights are non-negative numbers
  - But slow
- BFS is fast for unweighted graphs, but cannot work for weighted graphs, since shortest weighted path may have more than the minimum number of hops
- Gets us to Dijkstra's algorithm

# Let's take a short break

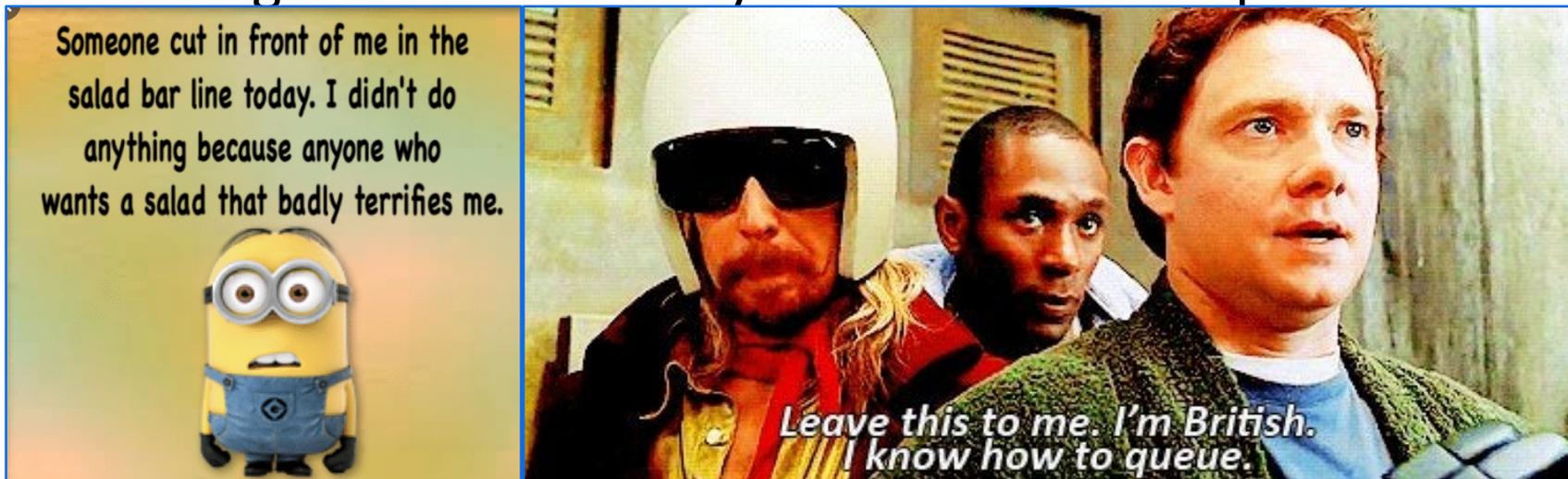
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# Algorithm 3: Dijkstra's Algorithm

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- Generalization of breadth-first search that does not require edges to have equal weight
- Uses a **priority** queue instead of a FIFO queue
  - Priority queue uses some numerical measure to insert new items in queue based on ordering (typically smallest first)
  - Still takes items from the front of the queue, but insertion no longer is automatically at the end of the queue



# Three Key Data Structures and Basic Idea

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- **unvisited**: list of nodes that have not yet been visited
  - Initially contains all nodes in graph
- **distanceTo**: a dict mapping each node to the minimum distance found so far for a path from start node to that node
  - Initially zero for start node and infinity for all others
- **predecessor**: a dict mapping each node to previous node on the shortest path found so far from start to that node
  - Initially None for all nodes
- Visit nodes in increasing order of distance from start (as in BFS), updating *distanceTo* and *predecessor*
- When all nodes visited, construct shortest path using *predecessor* by working backwards from end node

# Outline of Algorithm

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- For current node, choose an unvisited node with shortest distance from start node, (initially this is the start node)
  - This is the metric defining the priority queue
- Check each neighbor of current node (those reachable in one step from current node)
  - Calculate distance from starting node to each neighbor, using path passing through current node
  - Keep shortest distance path for each neighbor (and update *predecessor* and *distanceTo* if needed)
- Repeat for all nodes, until all are visited
- Will show implementation that assumes all edges have equal weights
  - Almost trivial to adapt to unequal weights

# Initialization

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```
def Dijkstra(graph, start, end, toPrint = False):
    """
    graph: an unweighted (all edges have weight 1) digraph
    start: a node in graph
    end: a node in graph
    returns a list representing shortest path from start to end,
           and None if no path exists"""
    #Easily modified to deal with non-negative weighted edges

    # Mark all nodes unvisited and store them.
    # Set the distance to zero for our initial node
    # and to infinity for other nodes.
    unvisited = graph.getAllNodes()
    distanceTo = {node: float('inf')} for node in graph.getAllNodes()}
    distanceTo[start] = 0
    # Mark all nodes as not having found a predecessor node on path
    #from start
    predecessor = {node: None} for node in graph.getAllNodes()}
    ...
```

# Main Loop

While unvisited  
not empty

```
while unvisited:  
    # Select the unvisited node with the smallest distance from  
    # start, it's current node now.  
    current = min(unvisited, key=lambda node: distanceTo[node])  
    if toPrint: #for pedagogical purposes  
        ...
```

Ordering used by min

```
# Stop, if the smallest distance  
# among the unvisited nodes is infinity.  
if distanceTo[current] == float('inf'):  
    break
```

How would  
this change  
for weighted  
edges?

```
# Find unvisited neighbors for the current node  
# and calculate their distances from start through the  
# current node.
```

```
for neighbour in graph.childrenOf(current):  
    alternativePathDist = distanceTo[current] + 1 #hops as d:
```

Counting hops

```
# Compare the newly calculated distance to the assigned.  
# Save the smaller distance and update predecessor.
```

```
if alternativePathDist < distanceTo[neighbour]:  
    distanceTo[neighbour] = alternativePathDist  
    predecessor[neighbour] = current
```

Need to check  
for shorter  
path, update  
information

```
# Remove the current node from the unvisited set.  
unvisited.remove(current)
```

# Build Path from predecessor

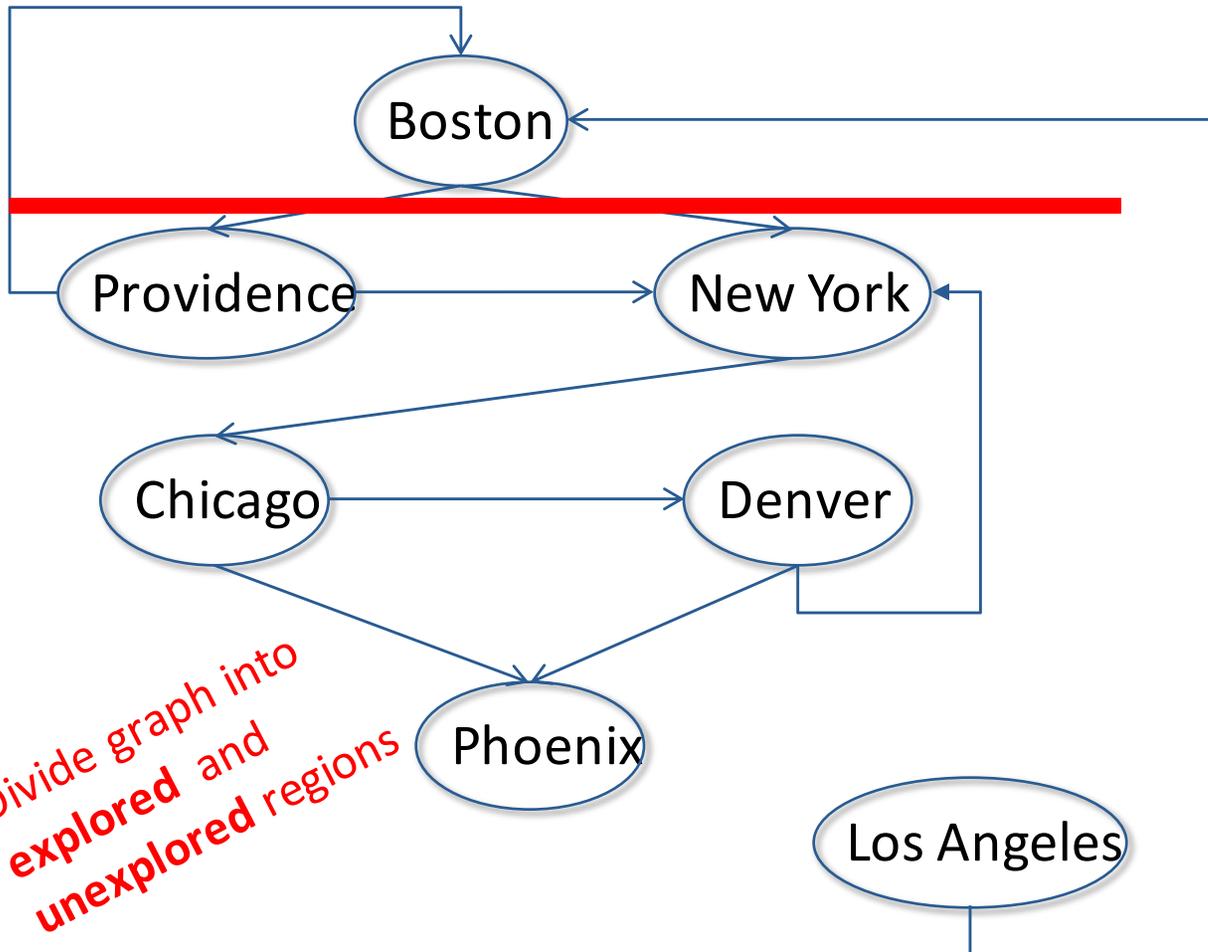
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*#Attempt to be build a path working backwards from end*

```
path = []
current = end
while predecessor[current] != None:
    path.insert(0, current)
    current = predecessor[current]
if path != []:
    path.insert(0, current)
else:
    return None
return path
```

Back chaining to  
reconstruct path from  
end to start

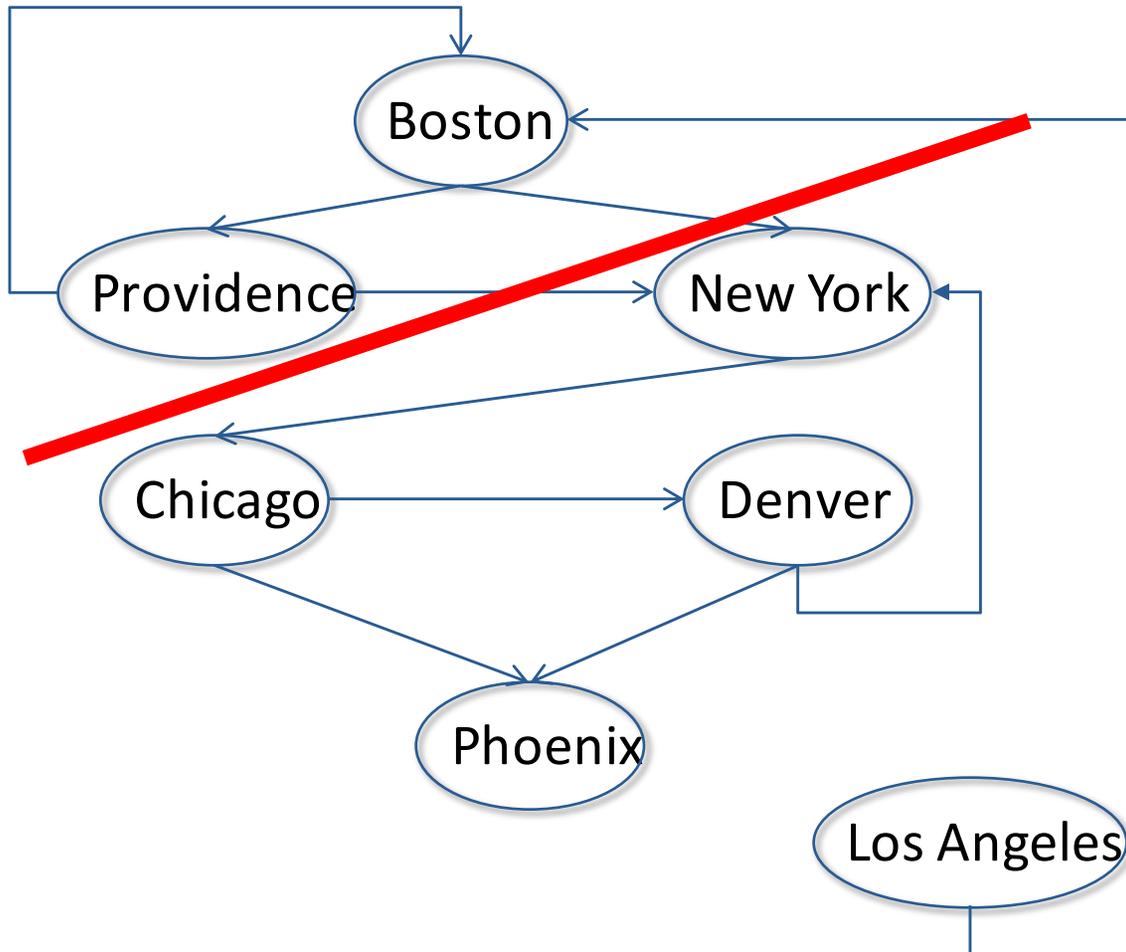
# Example (Boston to Chicago)



Value of current: Boston  
Value of distanceTo:  
Boston: 0  
Providence: inf  
New York: inf  
Chicago: inf  
Denver: inf  
Phoenix: inf  
Los Angeles: inf  
Value of predecessor:  
Boston: None  
Providence: None  
New York: None  
Chicago: None  
Denver: None  
Phoenix: None  
Los Angeles: None

For simplicity, just looking for path from Boston to Chicago in this example

# Move Graph Cut



Value of current: Providence

Value of distanceTo:

Boston: 0

Providence: 1

New York: 1

Chicago: inf

Denver: inf

Phoenix: inf

Los Angeles: inf

Value of predecessor:

Boston: None

Providence: Boston

New York: Boston

Chicago: None

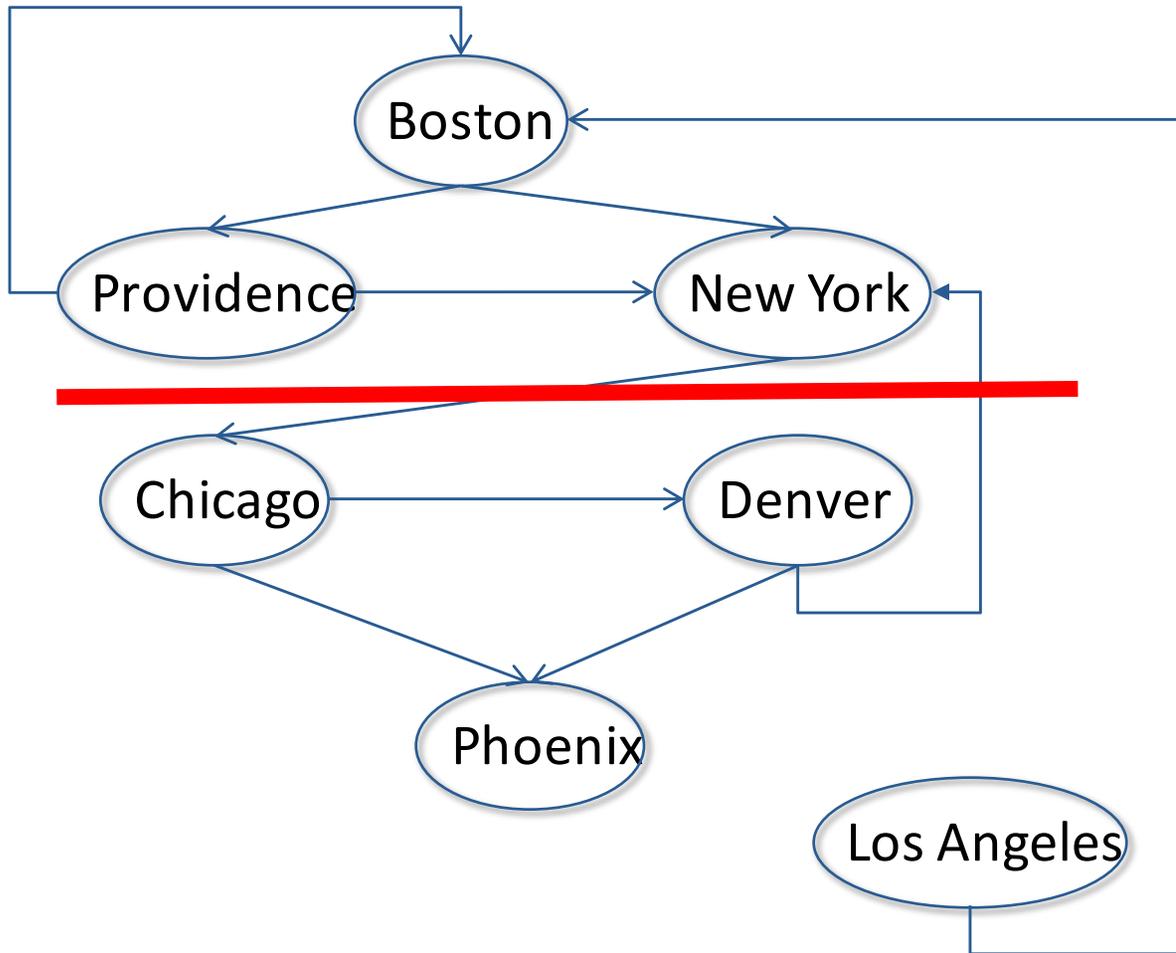
Denver: None

Phoenix: None

Los Angeles: None

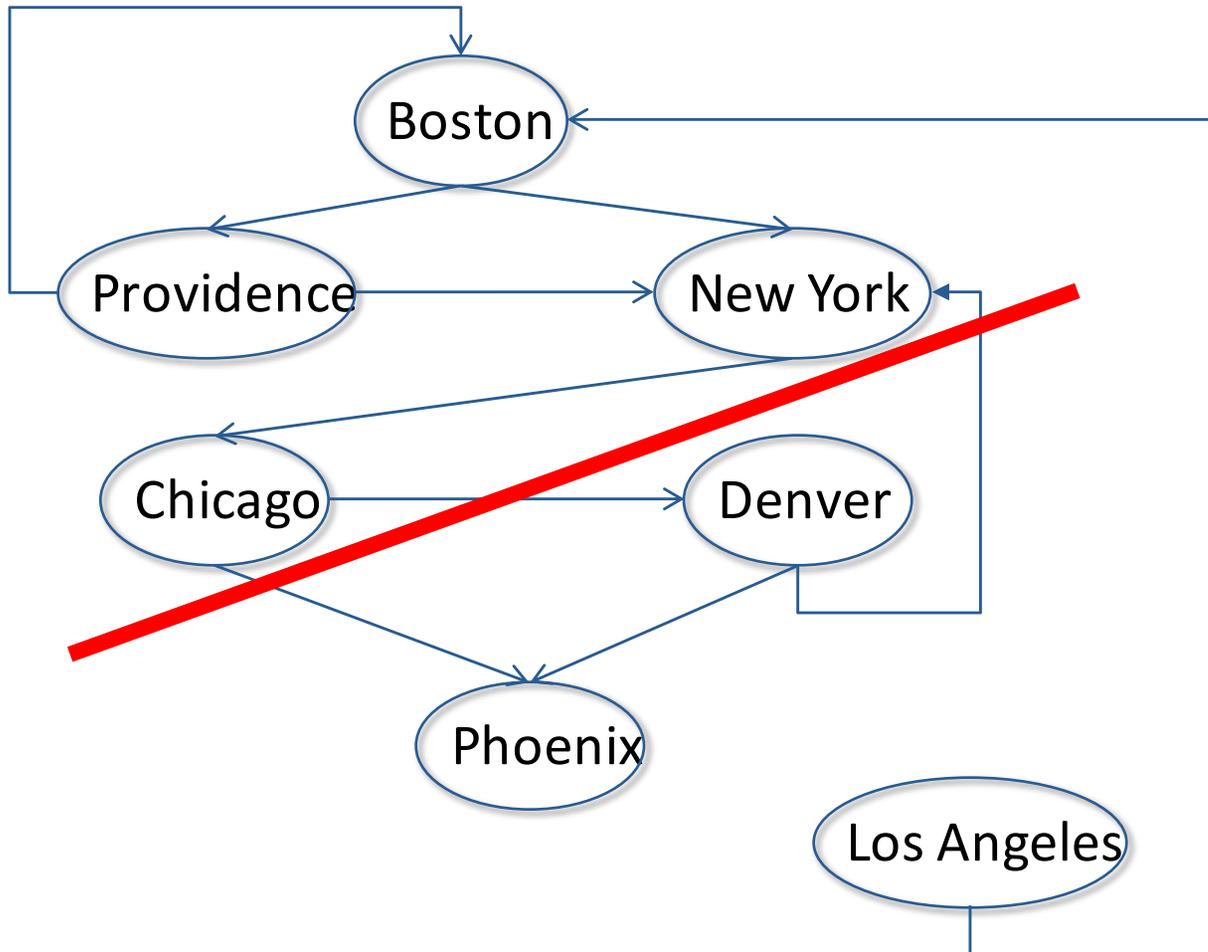
distanceTo and predecessor are guaranteed not to change for nodes above the cut

# Move Graph Cut



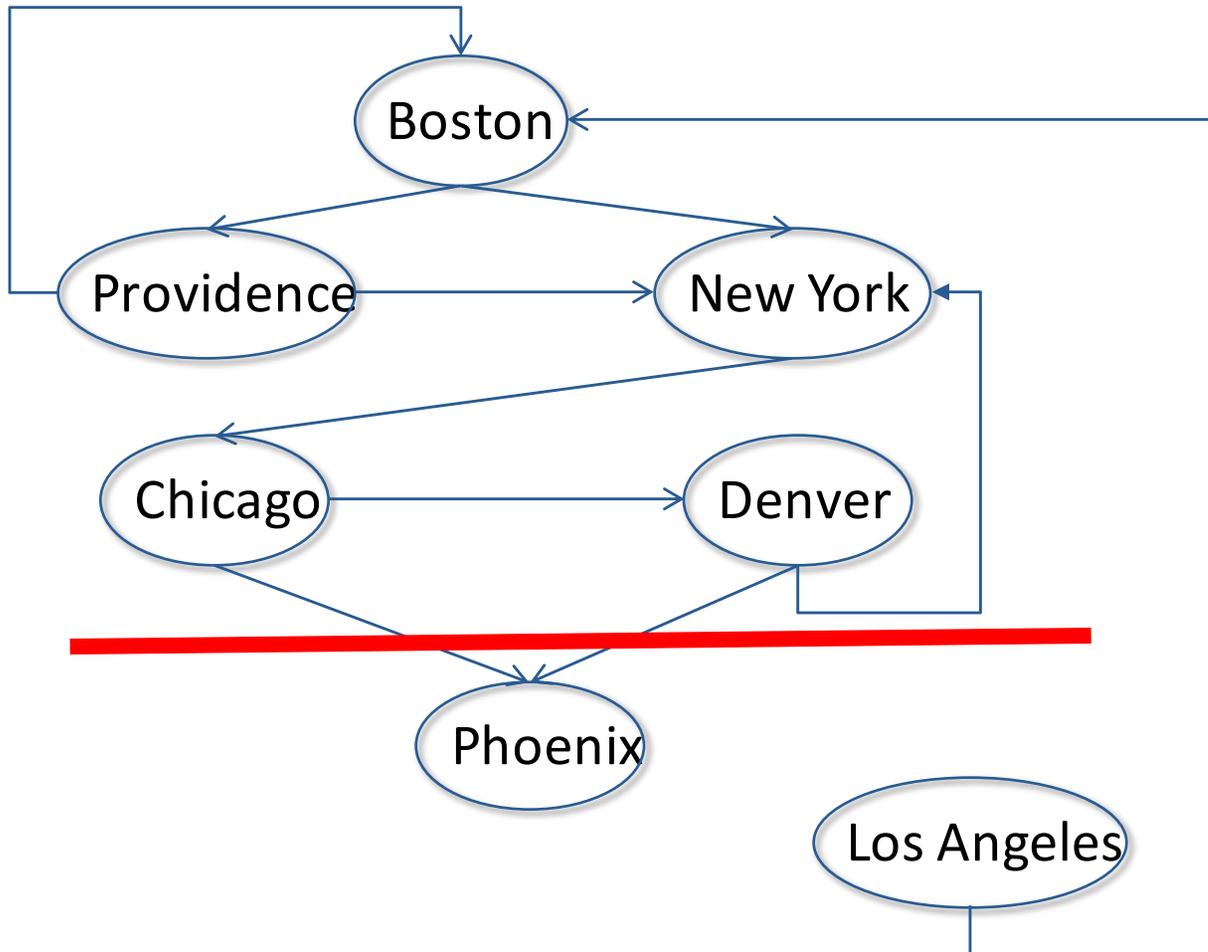
Value of current: New York  
Value of distanceTo:  
Boston: 0  
Providence: 1  
New York: 1  
Chicago: inf  
Denver: inf  
Phoenix: inf  
Los Angeles: inf  
Value of predecessor:  
Boston: None  
Providence: Boston  
New York: Boston  
Chicago: None  
Denver: None  
Phoenix: None  
Los Angeles: None

# Move Graph Cut



Value of current: Chicago  
Value of distanceTo:  
Boston: 0  
Providence: 1  
New York: 1  
Chicago: 2  
Denver: inf  
Phoenix: inf  
Los Angeles: inf  
Value of predecessor:  
Boston: None  
Providence: Boston  
New York: Boston  
Chicago: New York  
Denver: None  
Phoenix: None  
Los Angeles: None

# Move Graph Cut



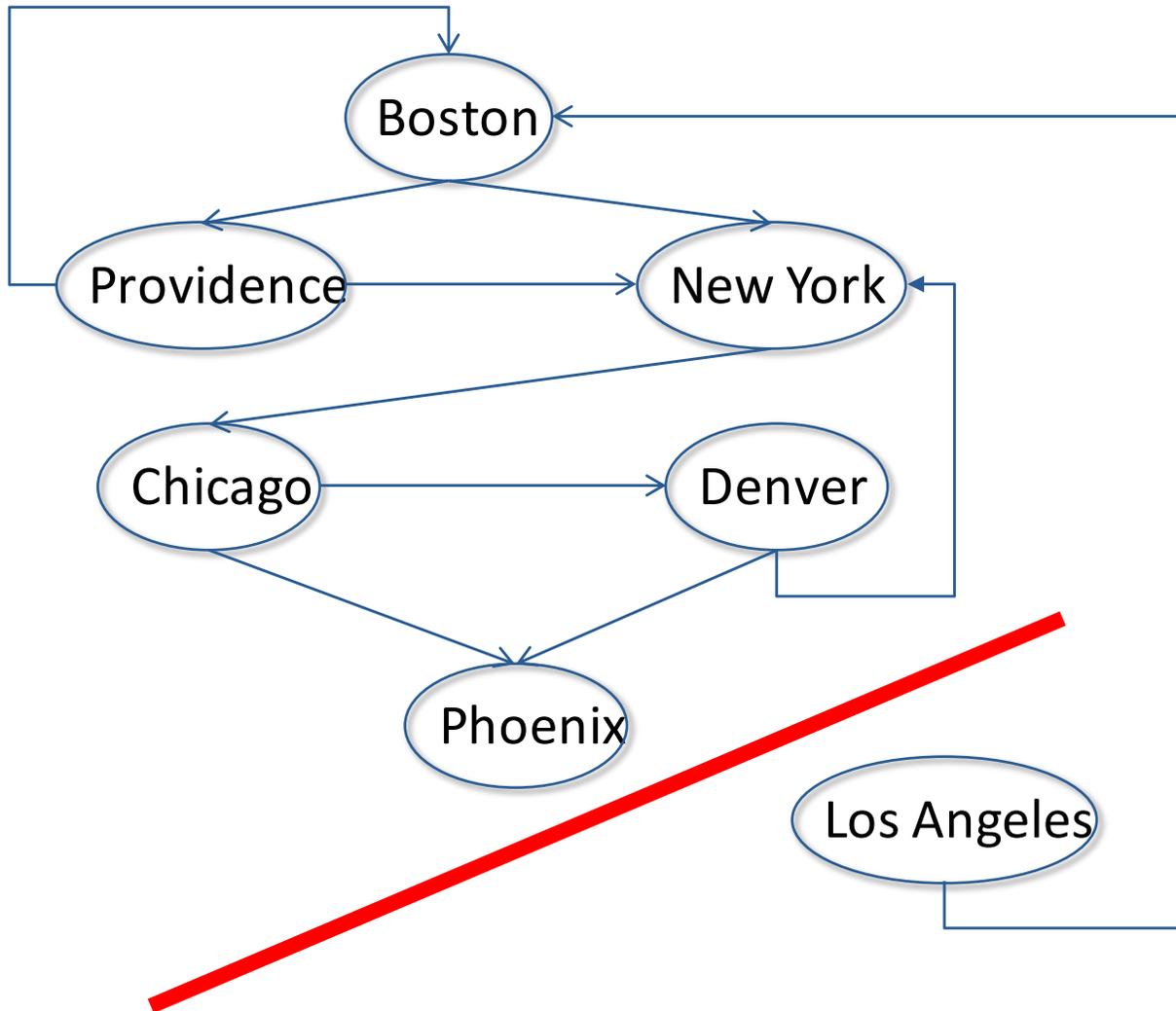
Value of current: Denver  
Value of distanceTo:

Boston: 0  
Providence: 1  
New York: 1  
Chicago: 2  
Denver: 3  
Phoenix: 3

Los Angeles: inf  
Value of predecessor:

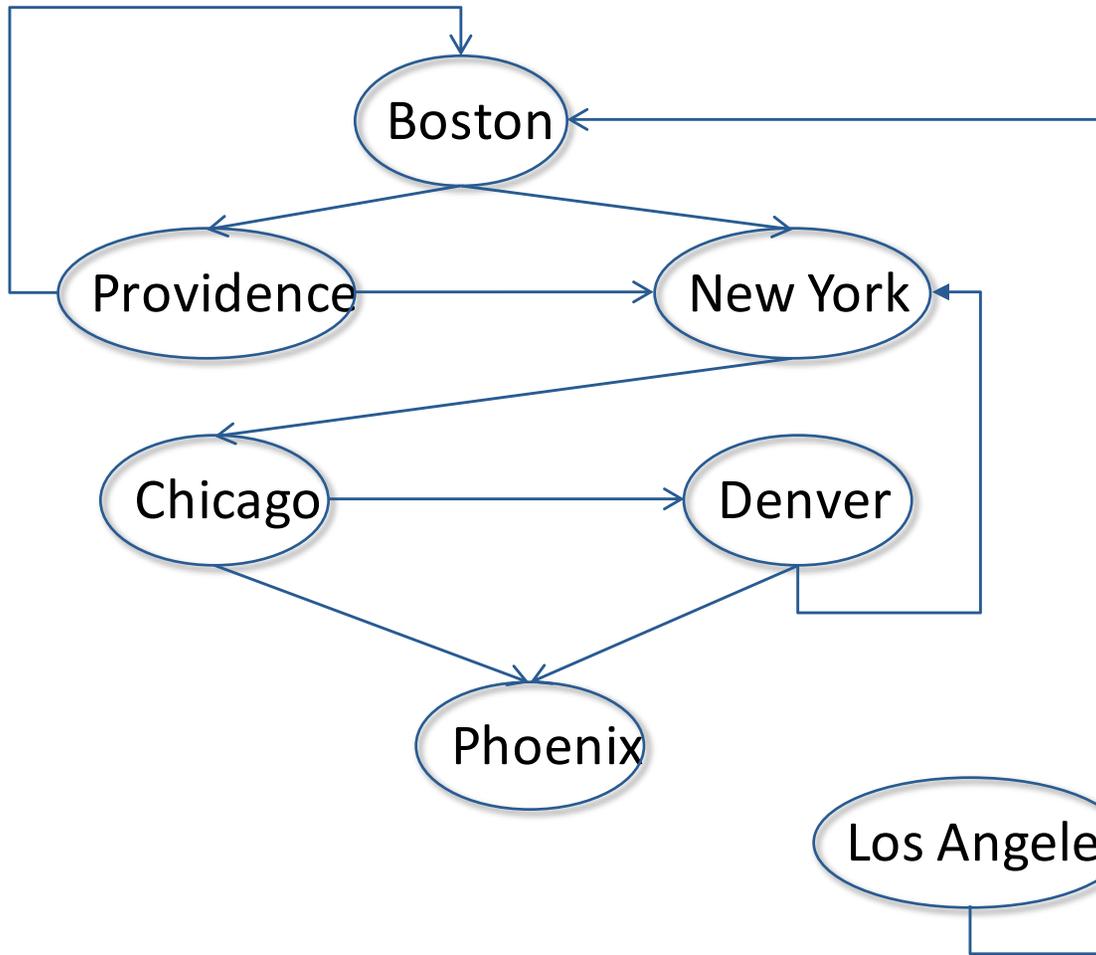
Boston: None  
Providence: Boston  
New York: Boston  
Chicago: New York  
Denver: Chicago  
Phoenix: Chicago  
Los Angeles: None

# Move Graph Cut



Value of current: Phoenix  
Value of distanceTo:  
Boston: 0  
Providence: 1  
New York: 1  
Chicago: 2  
Denver: 3  
Phoenix: 3  
Los Angeles: inf  
Value of predecessor:  
Boston: None  
Providence: Boston  
New York: Boston  
Chicago: New York  
Denver: Chicago  
Phoenix: Chicago  
Los Angeles: None

# Move Graph Cut



Value of current: Los Angeles  
 Value of distanceTo:  
 Boston: 0  
 Providence: 1  
 New York: 1  
 Chicago: 2  
 Denver: 3  
 Phoenix: 3  
 Los Angeles: inf  
 Value of predecessor:  
 Boston: None  
 Providence: Boston  
 New York: Boston  
 Chicago: New York  
 Denver: Chicago  
 Phoenix: Chicago  
 Los Angeles: None

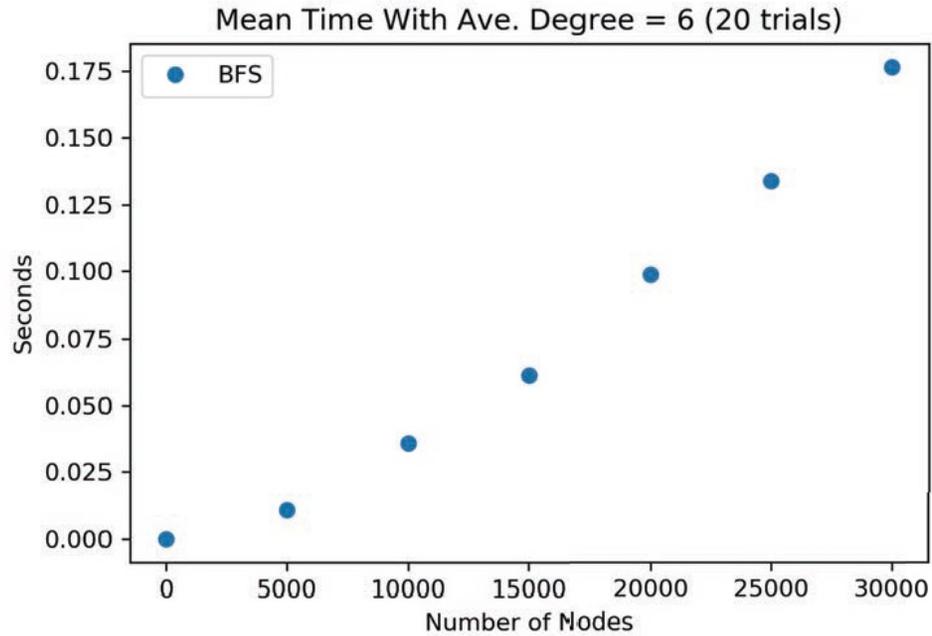
Boston->New York->Chicago

# Some Observations

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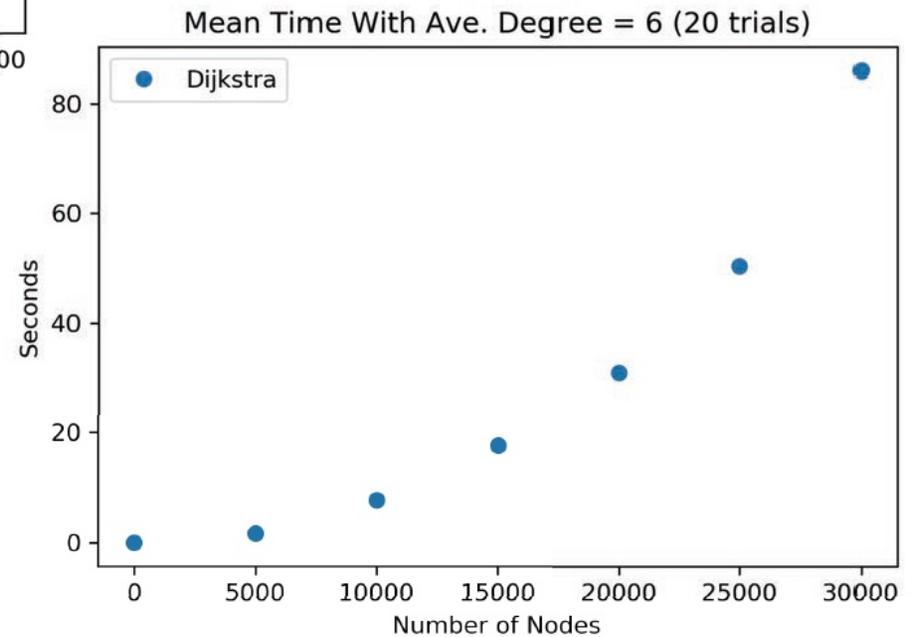
- BFS will stop once it finds a path
- DFS will stop once it has found a path and has explored all paths of shorter length
- Dijkstra visits all nodes in the graph, but not all paths
- So what does this suggest about efficiency of the algorithms, both in terms of complexity and in terms of practical application?

# Test on Some Large Graphs



$$O(|E| + |V|)$$

$$O(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$$



# So, Why Bother with Dijkstra's Algorithm?

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- Suppose edges have non-negative weights?
  - DFS and BFS have to be modified to explore all paths
  - Dijkstra's algorithm (easily modified) does **not** need to explore all paths
    - loop over outbound edges, not just neighbors;
    - add weight of edge when considering alternative paths, not just count of hops
- Dijkstra's algorithm also easily solves the “all nodes shortest path problem”

# Build a graph with weighted edges

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```
def buildCityGraph_weighted():  
    """Generate and return an example graph"""  
    g = WeightedDigraph(('Boston', 'Providence', 'New York', 'Chicago',  
                        'Denver', 'Phoenix', 'Los Angeles'))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Boston', 'Providence', 50))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Boston', 'New York', 190))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Providence', 'Boston', 50))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Providence', 'New York', 180))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('New York', 'Chicago', 790))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Chicago', 'Denver', 1000))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Chicago', 'Phoenix', 1750))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Denver', 'Phoenix', 820))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Denver', 'New York', 1780))  
    g.addEdge(Edge('Los Angeles', 'Boston', 2990))  
    return g  
  
g = buildCityGraph_weighted()  
print('The city graph:')  
print(g)
```

# Dijkstra's Algorithm with Weights

```
while unvisited:
    # Select the unvisited node with the smallest distance from
    # start, it's current node now.
    current = min(unvisited, key=lambda node: distanceTo[node])
    if toPrint: #for pedagogical purposes
        # ...

    # Stop, if the smallest distance
    # among the unvisited nodes is infinity.
    if distanceTo[current] == float('inf'):
        break

    # Find unvisited neighbors for the current node
    # and calculate their distances from
    # current node.
    for edge in graph._edges[current]:
        alternativePathDist = distanceTo[current] + edge[1]
        neighbour = edge[0]
        # Compare the newly calculated distance to the assi
        # Save the smaller distance and update predecssor.
        if alternativePathDist < distanceTo[neighbour]:
            distanceTo[neighbour] = alternativePathDist
            predecessor[neighbour] = current

    # Remove the current node from the unvisited set.
    unvisited.remove(current)
```

Was looping over neighbours,  
which are nodes

Get neighbour

Add weight,  
not just 1

# Example of Weighted Path

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Value of current: Los Angeles

Value of distanceTo:

Boston: 0

Providence: 50

New York: 190

Chicago: 980

Denver: 1980

Phoenix: 2730

Los Angeles: inf

Value of predecessor:

Boston: None

Providence: Boston

New York: Boston

Chicago: New York

Denver: Chicago

Phoenix: Chicago

Los Angeles: None

Boston->New York->Chicago

# All Nodes Shortest Path

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- Notice that *end* doesn't come into play until last step of algorithm
- *predecessor* can be used to **quickly** find a path from start to **any** node in graph
- If algorithm is run using each node as start, and result is stored, can quickly find shortest path between any pair of nodes
  - Need not start from scratch for each starting node

# Summarizing

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- Graphs are cool
  - Best way to create a model of many things
    - Capture relationships among objects
  - Many important problems can be posed as graph optimization problems we already know how to solve
- Depth first and breadth first search are important algorithms
  - Can be used to solve many problems
- Dijkstra's algorithm better for finding shortest path in large graphs with (non-negative) weighted edges
  - Many variants optimized for specific applications
  - Especially useful for multiple tasks



*That's all Folks!*