



# BIPARTITE GRAPHS, TOPOLOGICAL ORDERING

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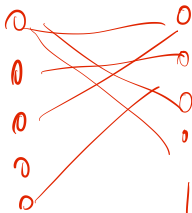
1. Bipartite graphs
2. Topological sorting

$$L \subseteq V$$

$$R \subseteq V$$

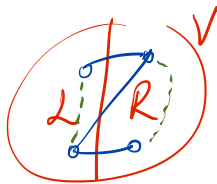
An **undirected** graph  $G = (V, E)$  such that

- Vertices have two parts:  $V = L \cup R$   $L \cap R = \emptyset$
  - Edges only between parts:  $E \subseteq \{\{u, v\} \mid u \in L, v \in R\}$
- $V = L \cup R$   
Disjoint union



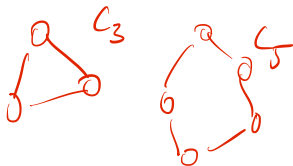
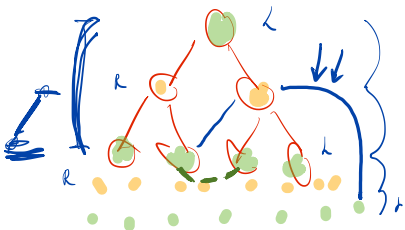
$$|L| = 4$$

$$|R| = 4$$

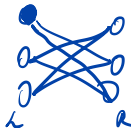


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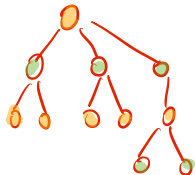
1.  $G$  is bipartite
2.  $G$  has no odd cycles
3.  $G$  has no edges connecting vertices in the same layer of the BFS tree.



$\{u, v\} \in E, \{u, v\} \in T$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy distance  $\leq 1$ .

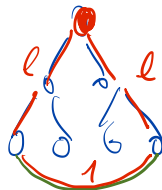


- $1 \rightarrow 2$ : A cycle must end at the same vertex. This can be achieved only by an even number of edges, since the graph is bipartite.
- $2 \rightarrow 3$ : An edge connecting vertices in the same layer would induce an odd cycle (with the least common ancestor)
- $3 \rightarrow 1$ : Join the even layers and odd layers. Since no edges connect the same layer, the graph is bipartite.

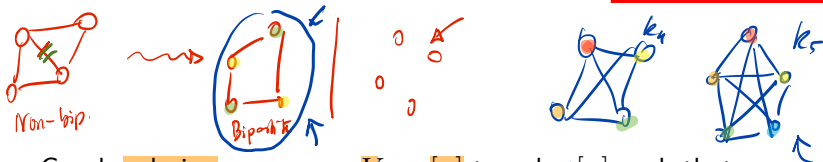


Trees  $\subseteq$  Bipartite

$2l+1$



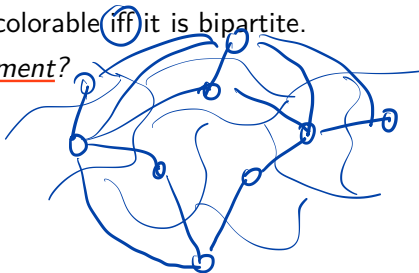
## Connection to graph coloring

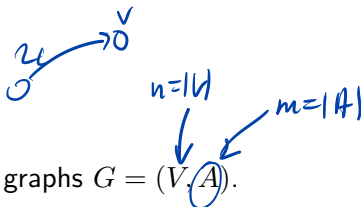


- Graph **coloring**: a map  $c : V \rightarrow [n]$  to color  $[n]$  such that no adjacent vertices have the same color. Goal: minimize the number of colors. *NP-complete*

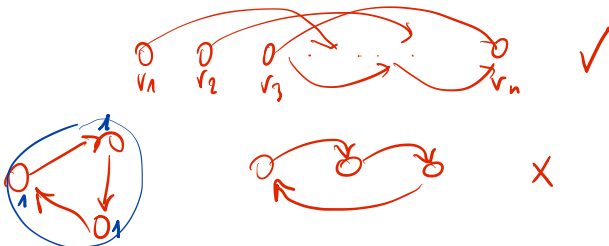
$k_n \rightarrow n \text{ colors}$

- (Famously: planar graphs are 4-colorable.)
- Observation: graph is 2-colorable (iff) it is bipartite.
- Can you prove this statement?

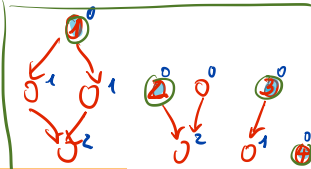




- We consider now **directed** graphs  $G = (V, A)$ .
- Topological order(ing): A vertex order  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  such that for all arcs  $(v_i, v_j) \in A$  we have  $i < j$ .
- Algorithm that does it: topological sort

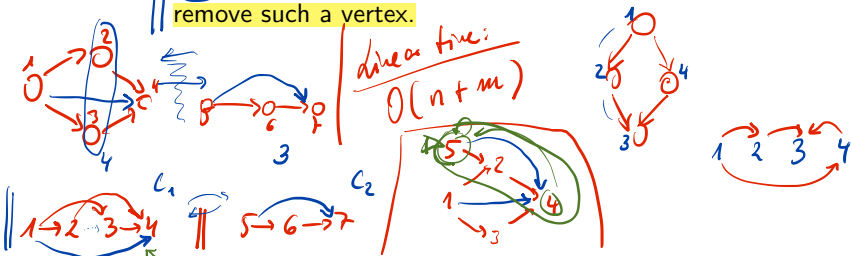


Directed acyclic graph



- **Proposition:**  $G$  is **DAG** iff  $G$  has a **topological order**.
- **Proof idea:** For a directed graph  $G$ :  $G$  is acyclic iff it has a topological order.

- " $\leftarrow$ ": if  $v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_n}$  is a cycle,  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n < i_1$  a contradiction.
- " $\rightarrow$ ": there must be a vertex  $v \in V : \delta(v) = 0$ . Repeatedly remove such a vertex.



- Partial order  $\preceq$  over set  $V$ 
  - Reflexive:  $x \preceq x$
  - Transitive:  $x \preceq y, y \preceq z \rightarrow x \preceq z$
  - Anti-symmetric:  $x \preceq y, y \preceq x \rightarrow x = y$ .
- DAGs represent partial orders:

$x \preceq y \iff$  there is a directed  $xy$ -path

- Gives rise to transitive closure  $G^C$  of DAG  $G$   
If  $x \preceq y$  add arc  $(x, y)$  to  $G$

- And: to transitive reduction

Smallest graph  $G^R$  that represents a given order  $\preceq$

- Exercise:** find efficient algorithms for computing transitive closures and reductions.

