

Graphs!



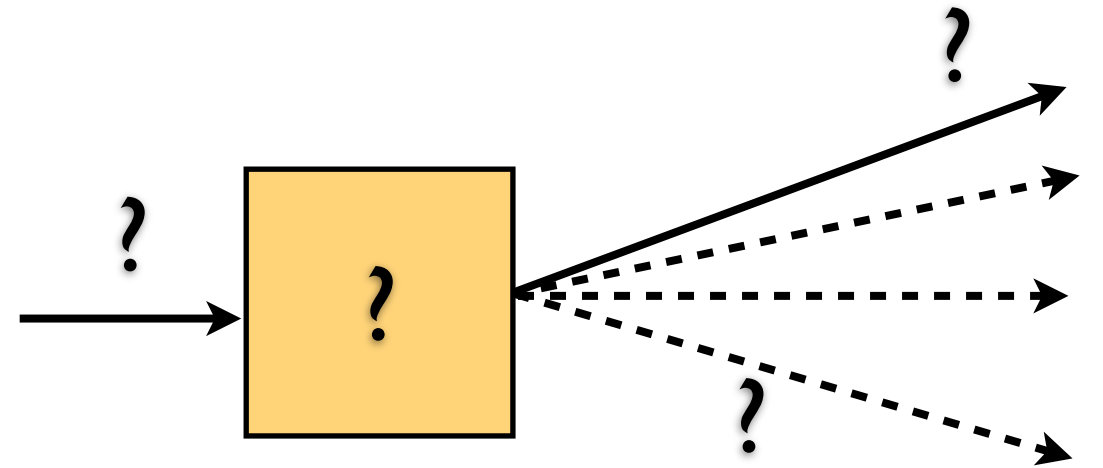
# We've seen...

Linked Lists

Binary (Search) Trees

Heaps

Tries

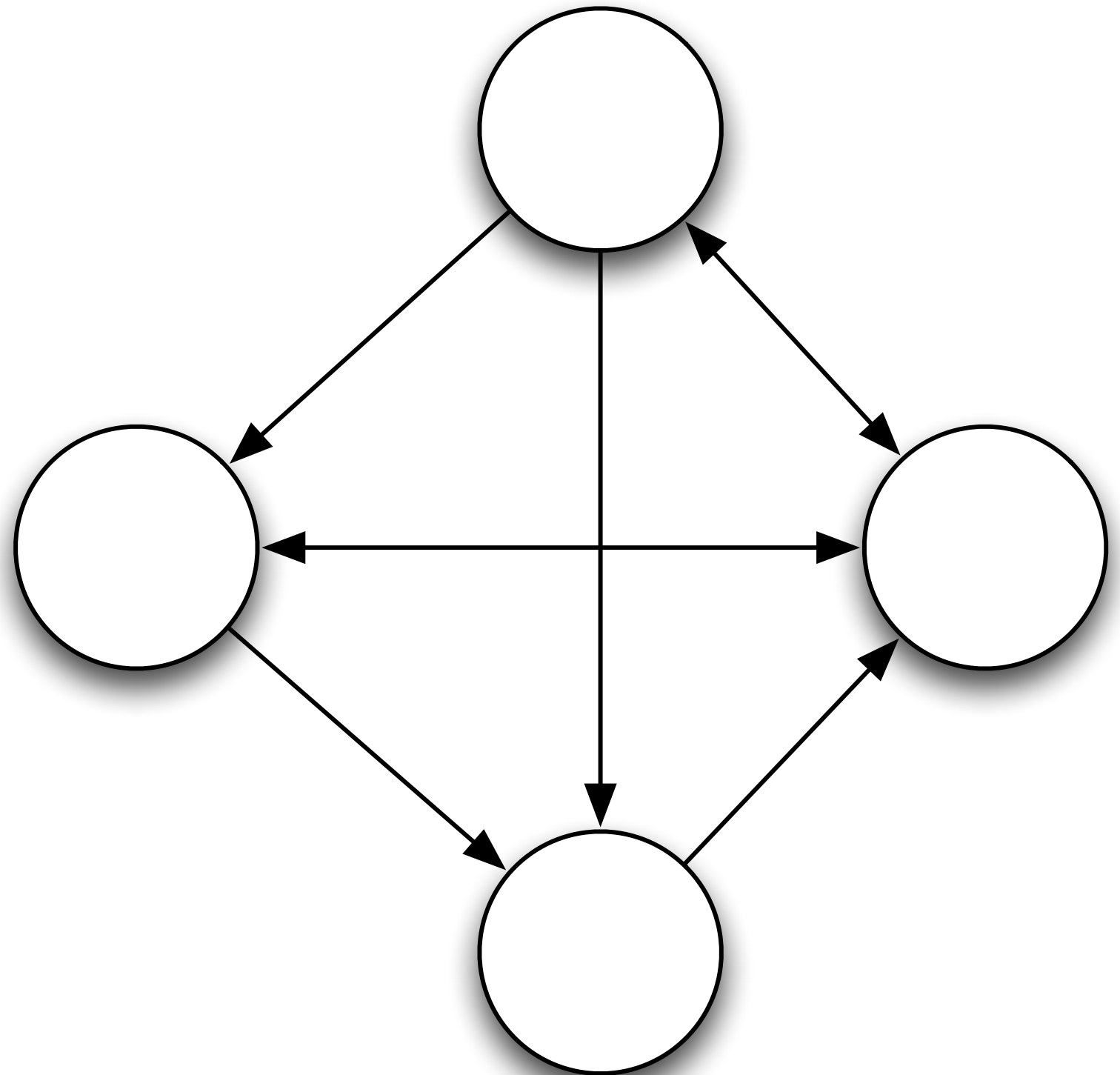


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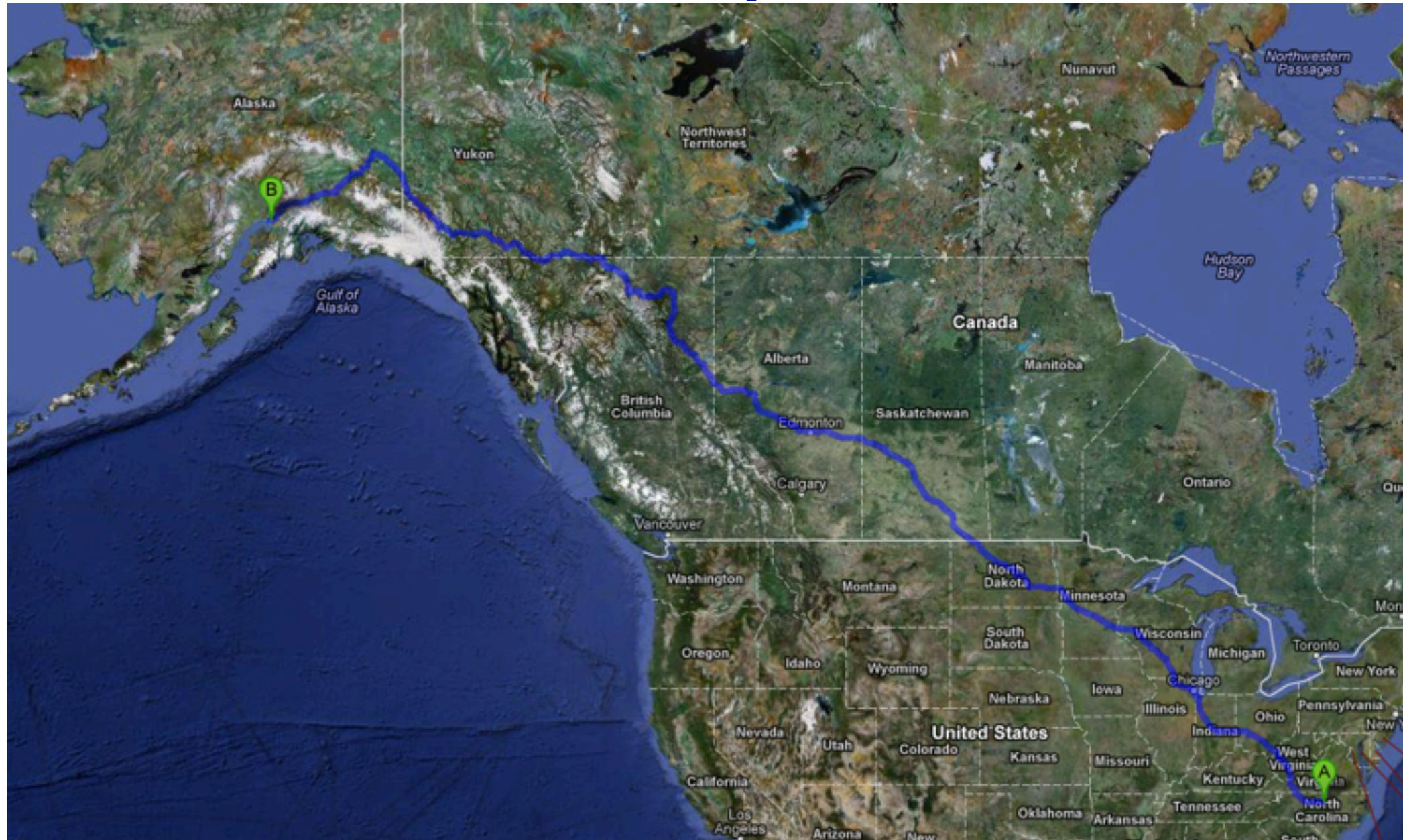
A set of *nodes* and a set of *edges*.

Edges can be *directed* or *undirected*.

Nodes and edges can have labels, or values, or whatever.



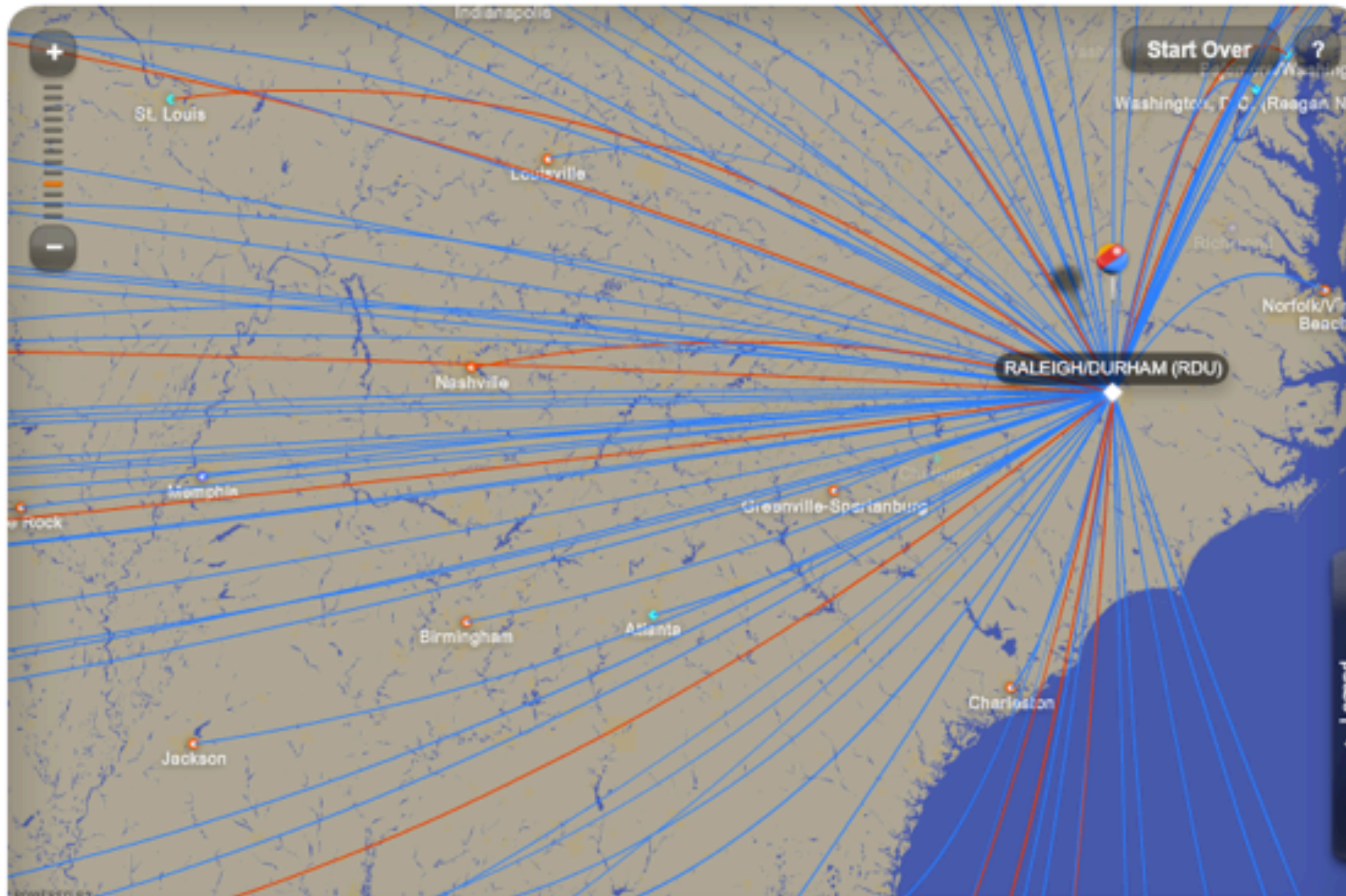
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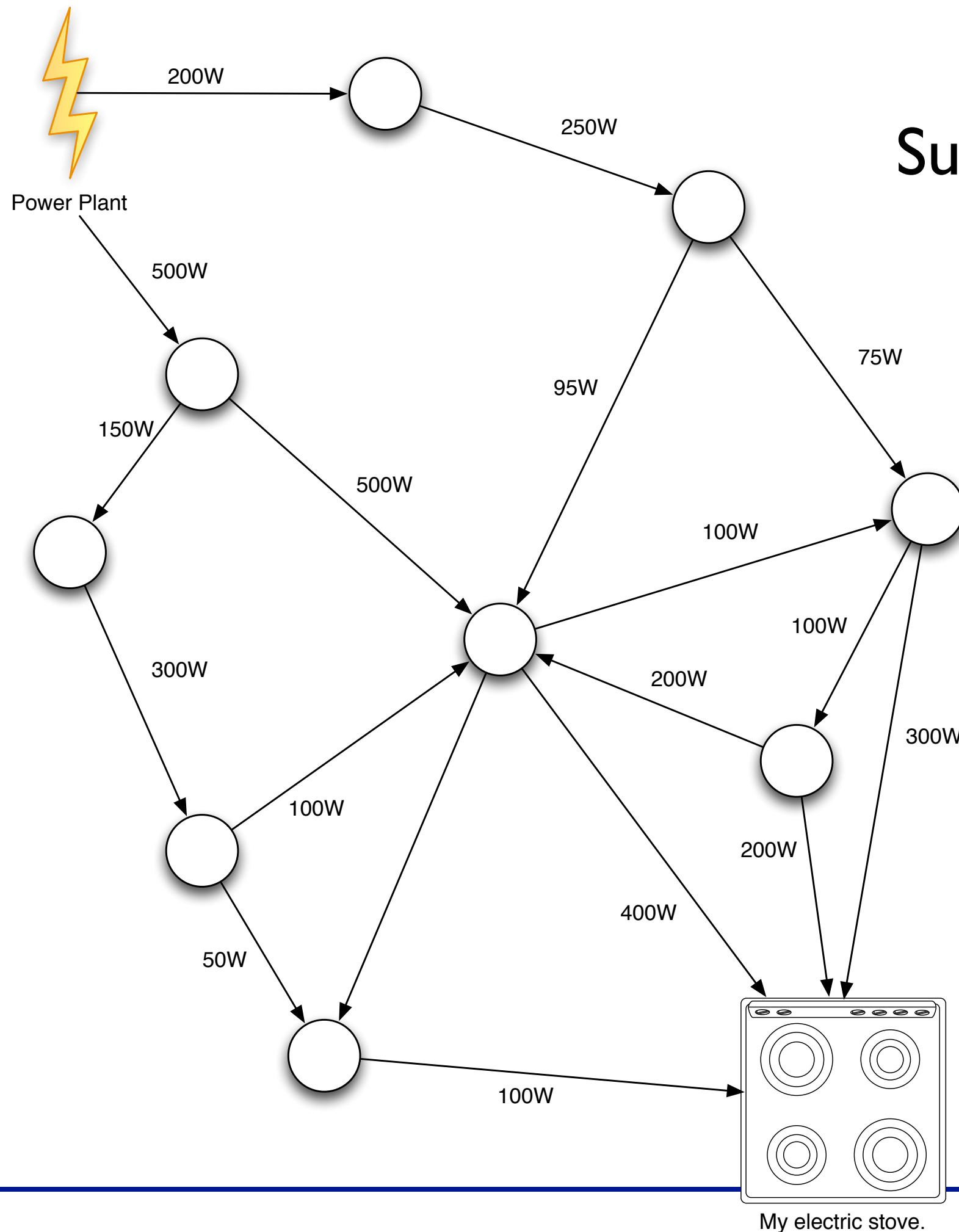
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Suppose you're building a power grid.

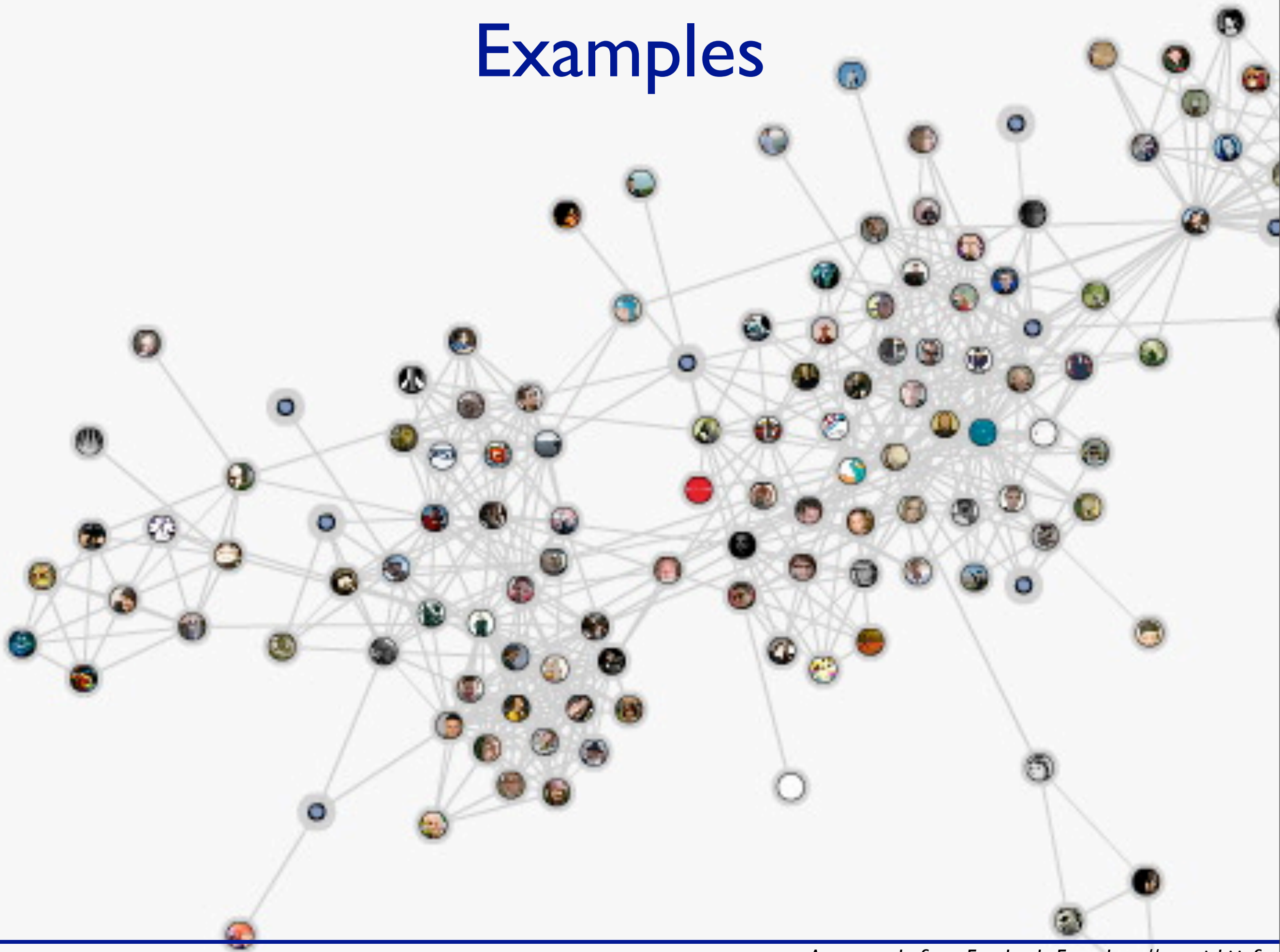


How much power can my stove draw?

See the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm for details.



# Examples



An example from Facebook. From <http://asawicki.info>

# First question: connectivity

Mode selection: Car, Bus, Walk, Bike

A Chapel Drive, Durham, NC

B Anchorage, AK

[Add Destination - Show options](#)

**GET DIRECTIONS**

Suggested routes

**Alaska Hwy** 4,354 mi, 81 hours

**Driving directions to Anchorage, AK**

This route has tolls.  
This route crosses through Canada.

- A Chapel Dr, Durham, NC
1. Head **southeast** on **Chapel Dr** 0.2 mi
  2. At the traffic circle, take the **4th** exit onto **Flowers Dr** 0.5 mi
  3. Turn **left** onto **Trent Dr** 0.3 mi
  4. Turn **left** onto **Erwin Rd** 0.2 mi
  5. Turn **right** onto **Fulton St** 0.4 mi
  6. Turn **left** onto the **N Carolina 147 N/ Durham Fwy N** ramp 0.3 mi
  7. Merge onto **N Carolina 147 N/Durham Fwy** 1.7 mi
  8. Take the **Interstate 85/U.S. 70** exit 0.7 mi

Get directions My places Print Link

Mode selection: Car, Bus, Walk, Bike

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B Big Ben, Big Ben, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

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**GET DIRECTIONS**

We could not calculate directions between **Chapel Dr, Durham, NC** and **Westminster, London SW1A 0AA, United Kingdom**.

Map data ©2012 Google

I am a banana!

Your circles Public Extended circles Friends (13) Family (2)

**Share**



## Second question: representation

So, if you were going to write a Graph class, what data would you store?

Operations you'll need to support:

1. Iterating through the nodes.
2. Assigning each node a label.
3. Getting the neighbors of a node.
4. Assigning each edge a label.

Tell us!

<http://goo.gl/p1PKN>

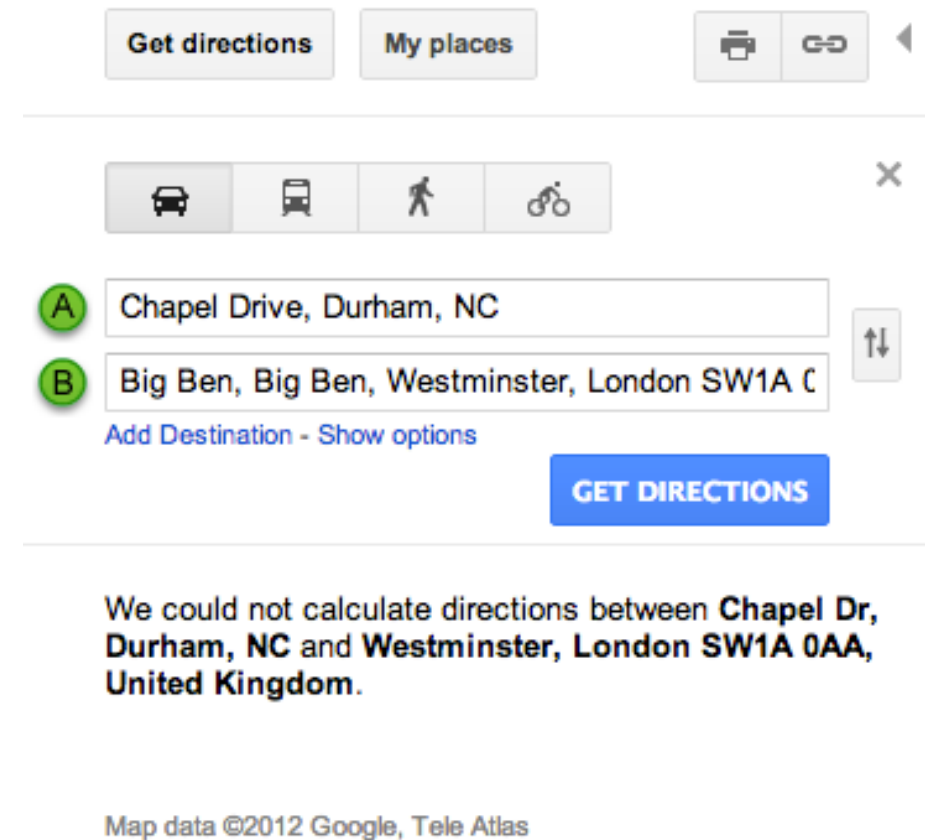
# Back to the first question

## Complete connectedTo.

```
/* A node in a generic, directed, graph. */
public class GraphNode {
    private String myLabel;
    private ArrayList<GraphNode> myNeighbors;

    public GraphNode(String l) {
        myLabel = l;
    }

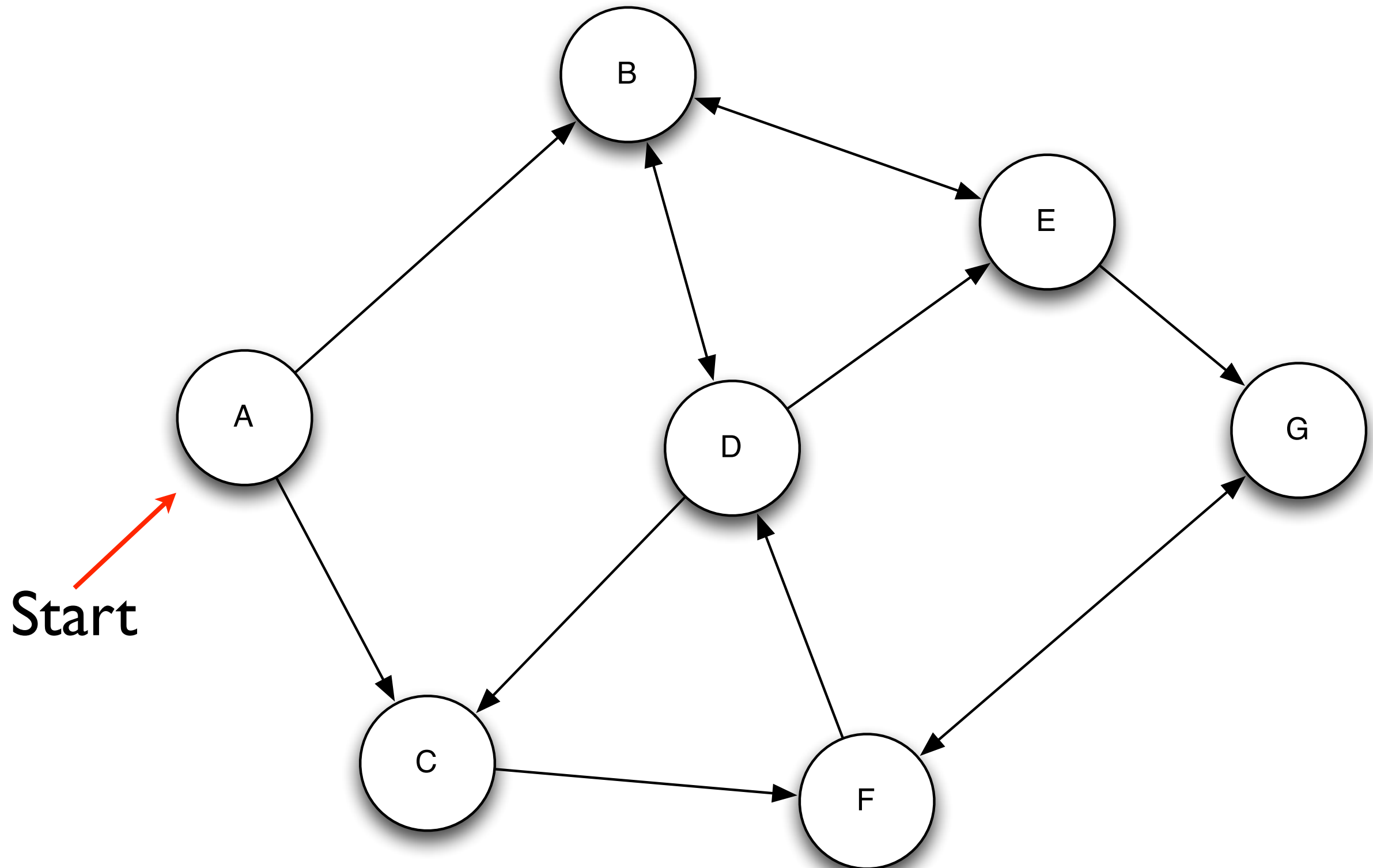
    boolean connectedTo(GraphNode gn) {
        // Can you get to gn from this node?
    }
}
```



This particular implementation is called an *adjacency list*.



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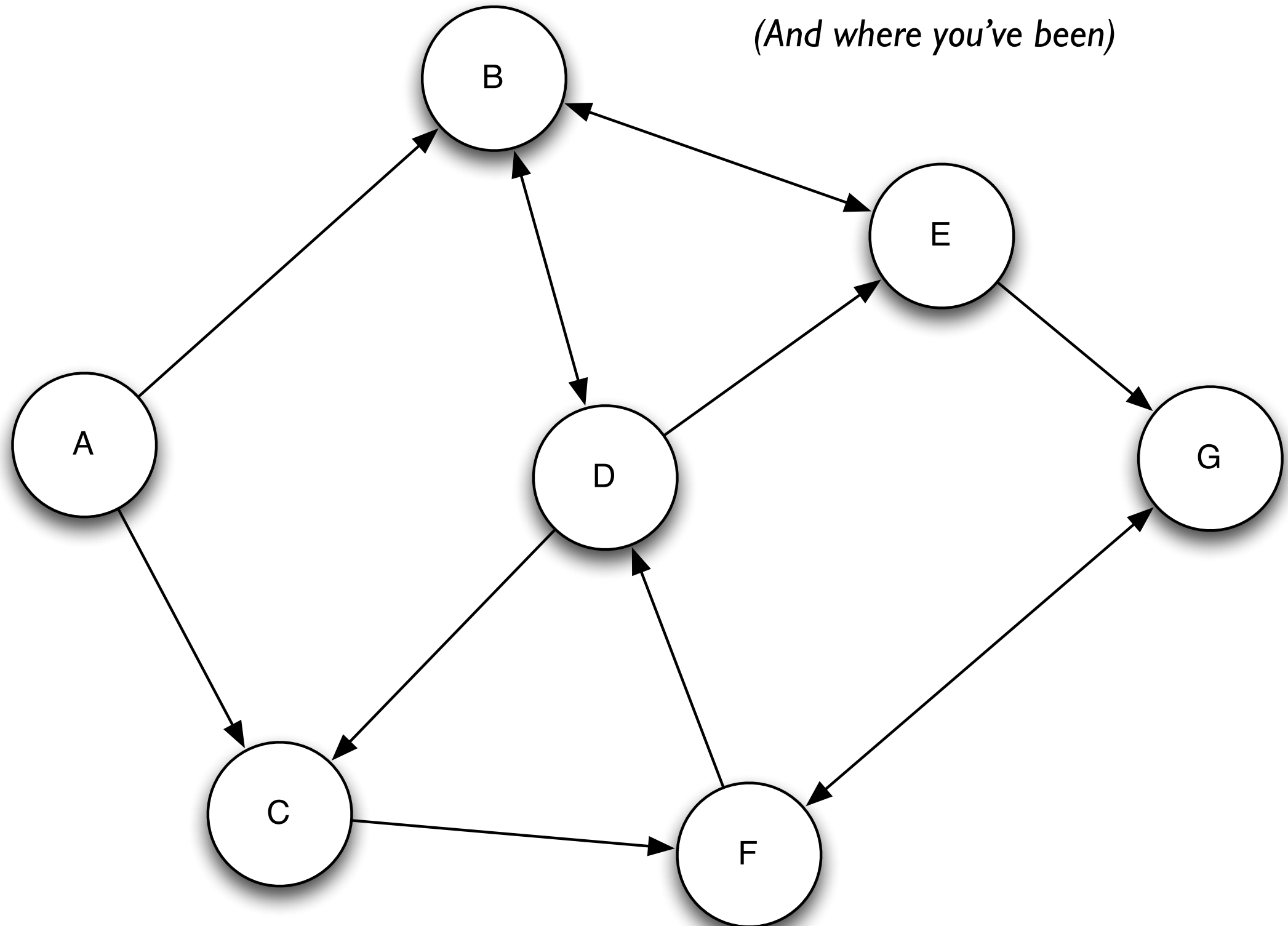


In what order would your code visit these nodes?

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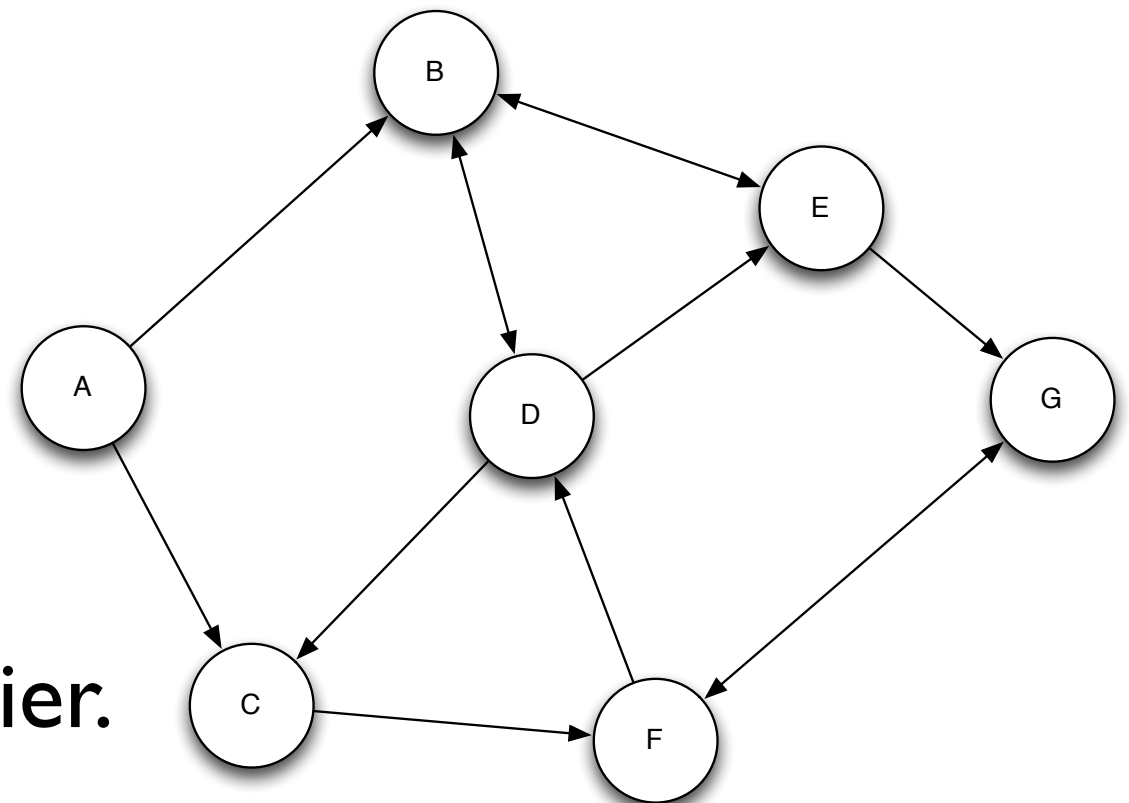
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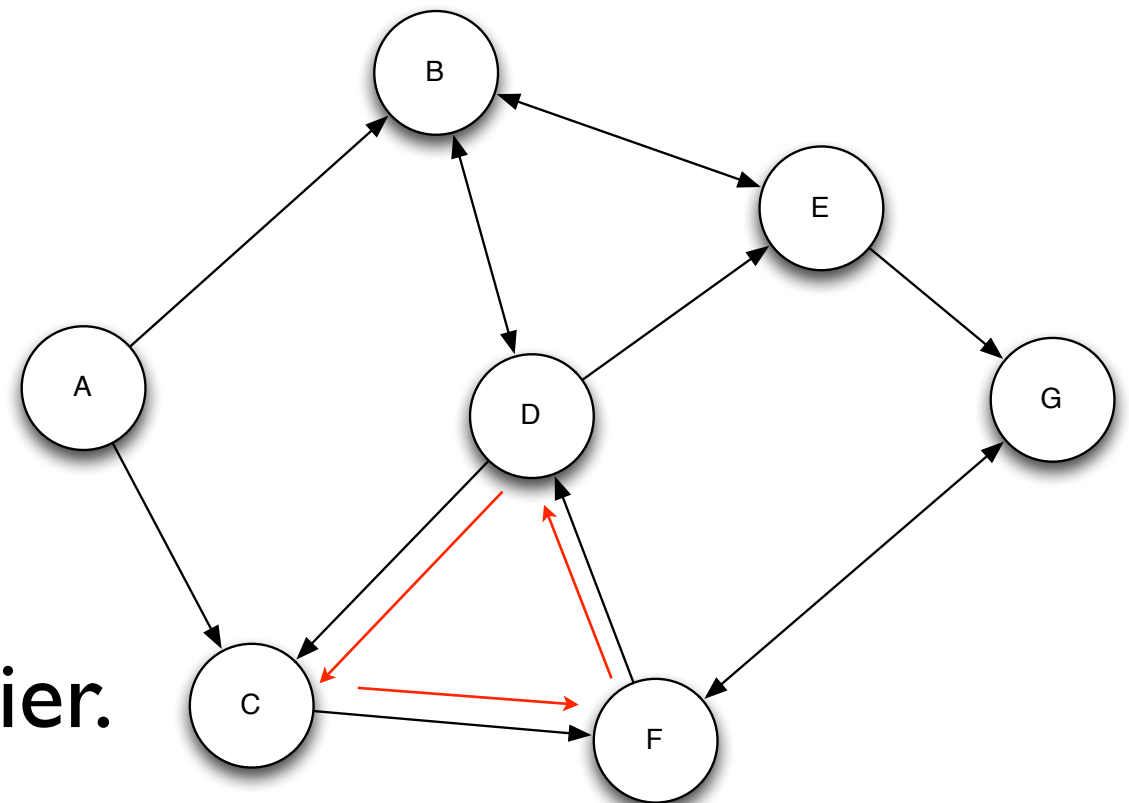
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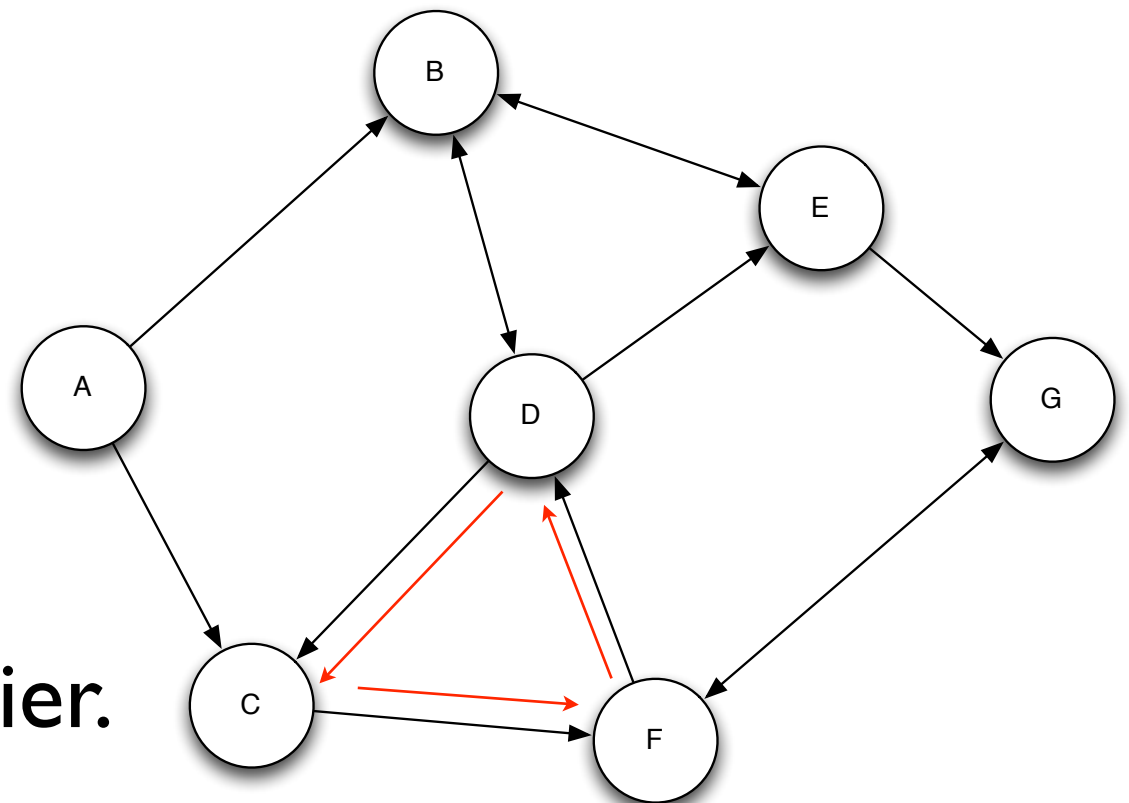
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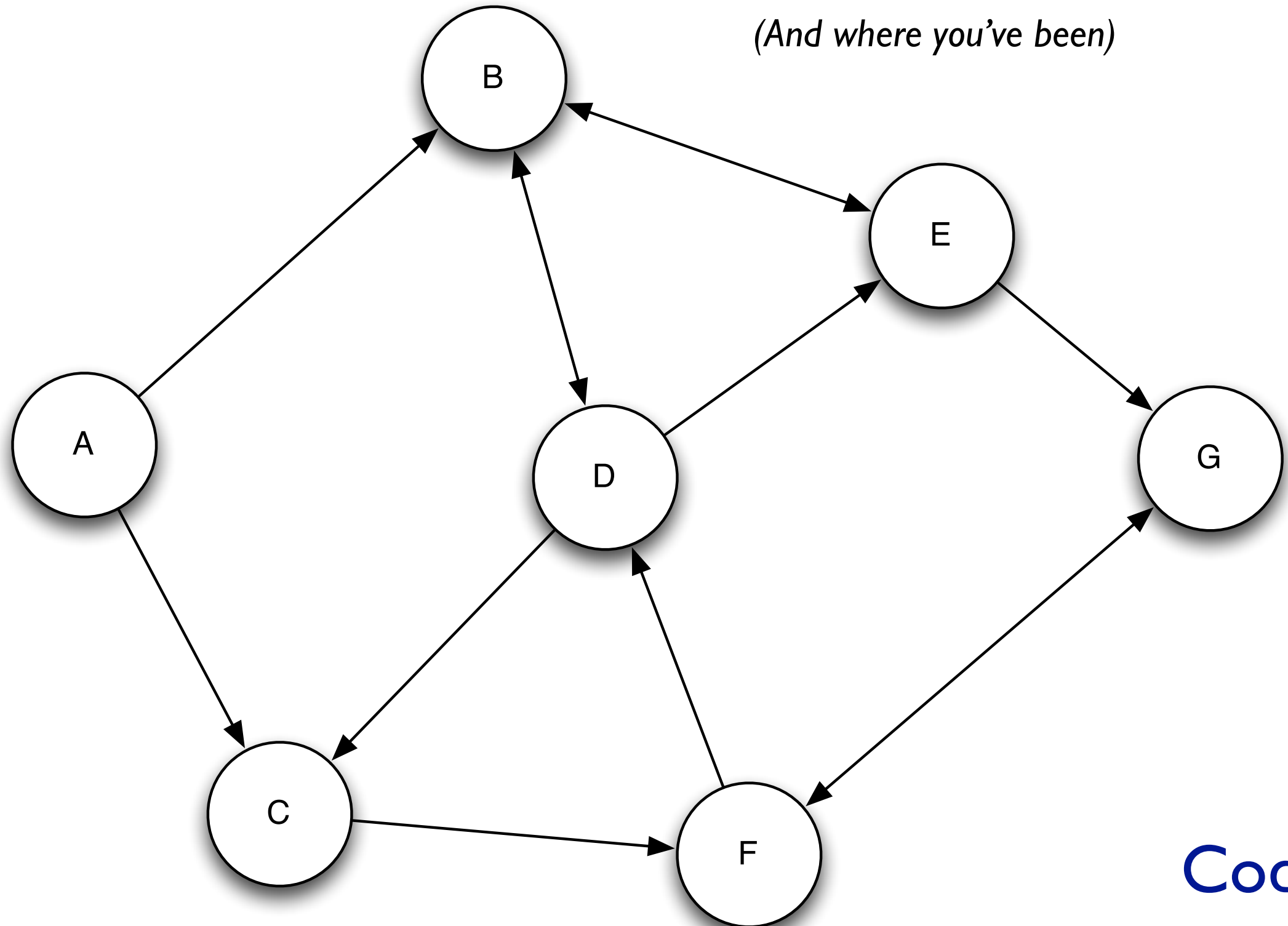
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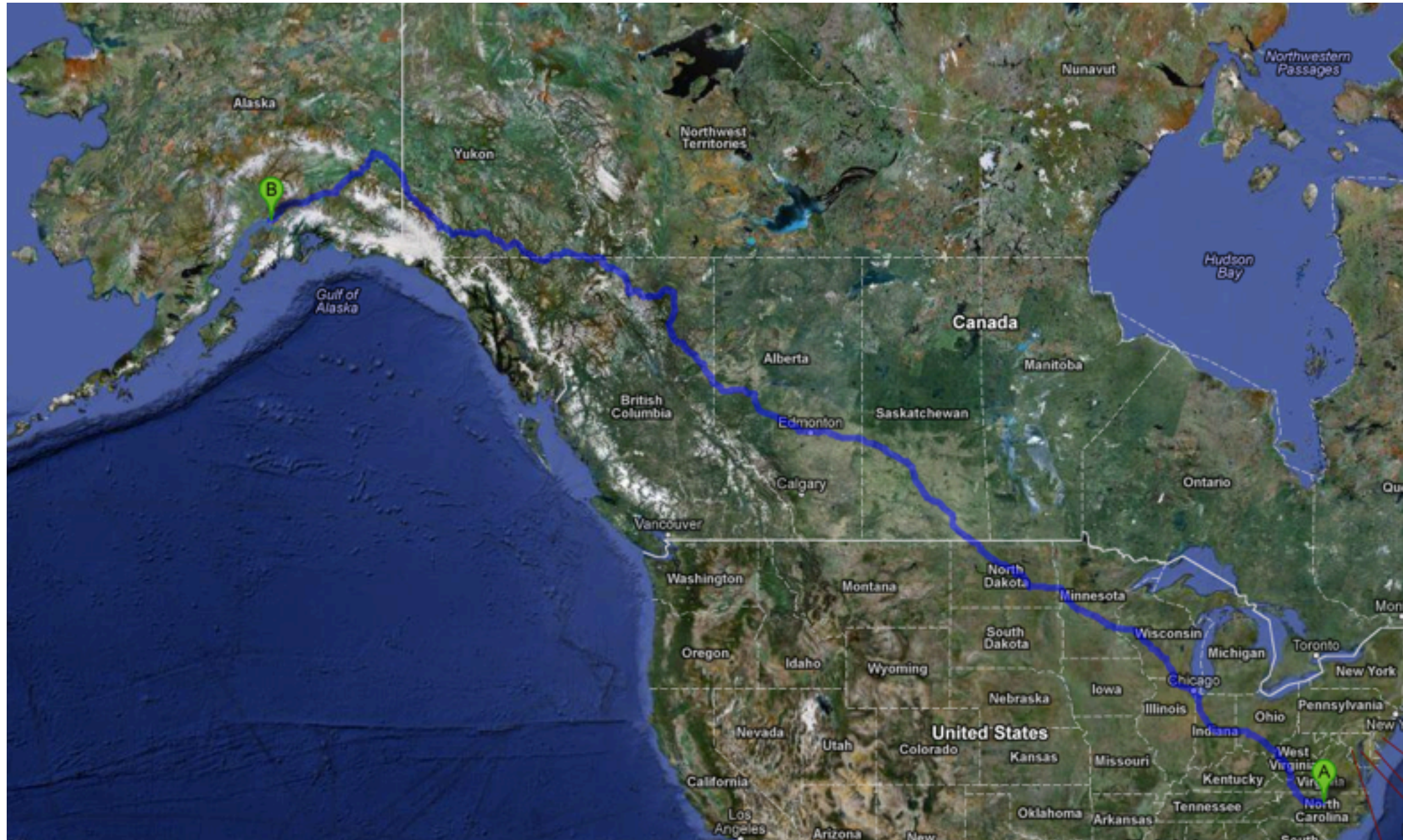


**Code!**

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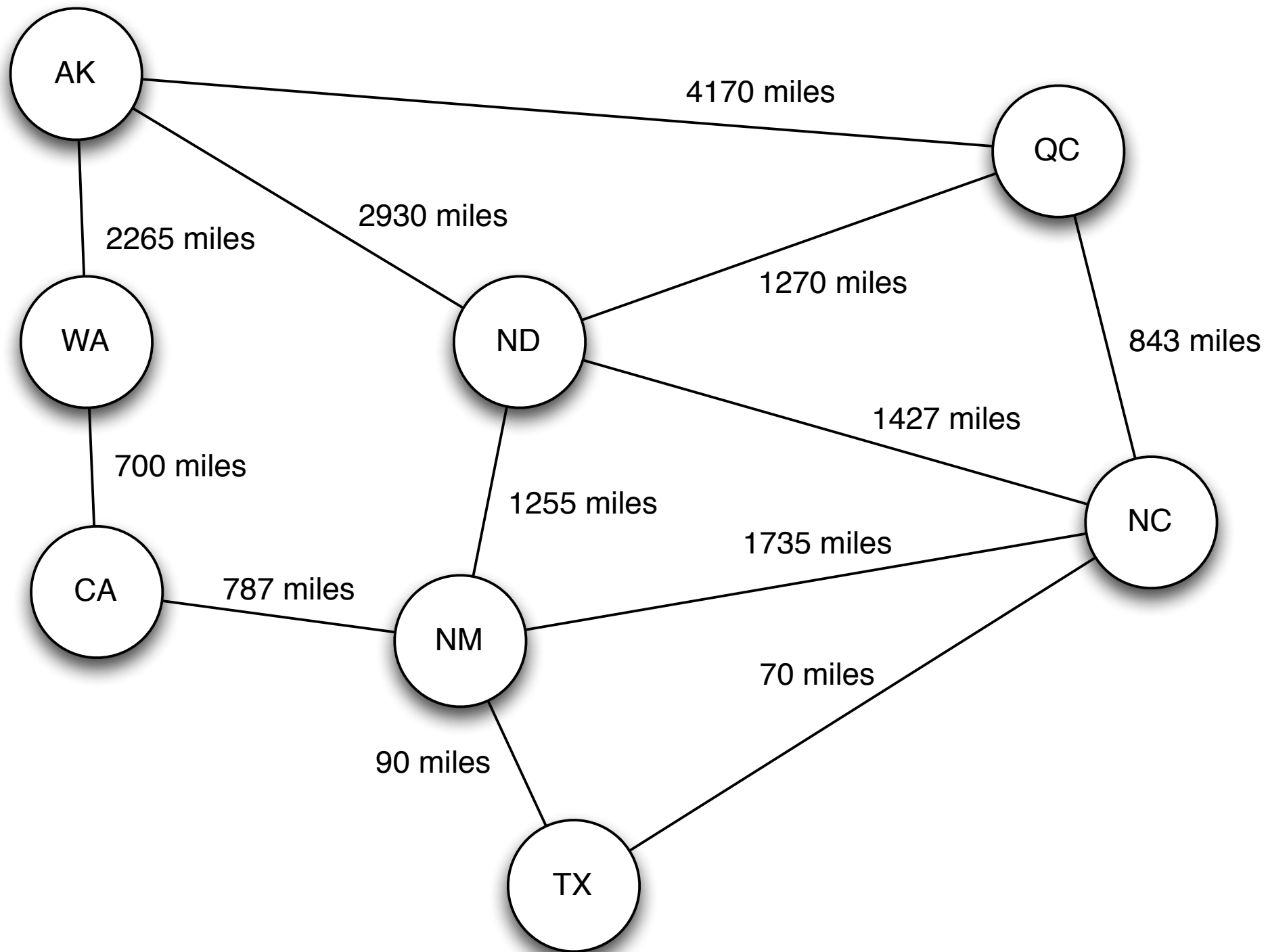


# North to Alaska



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# Connectivity isn't enough.



*Shortest path problem.*

**DFS? BFS?**



# An aside

Inventor of or advocate for:

- Semaphores (used in parallel computation)
- The switchyard algorithm (used in parsing)
- Loops.
- Not using goto. See “Goto considered harmful.”
- And a great many funny ways of telling people off:

*It is practically impossible to teach good programming to students that have had a prior exposure to BASIC: as potential programmers they are mentally mutilated beyond hope of regeneration.*



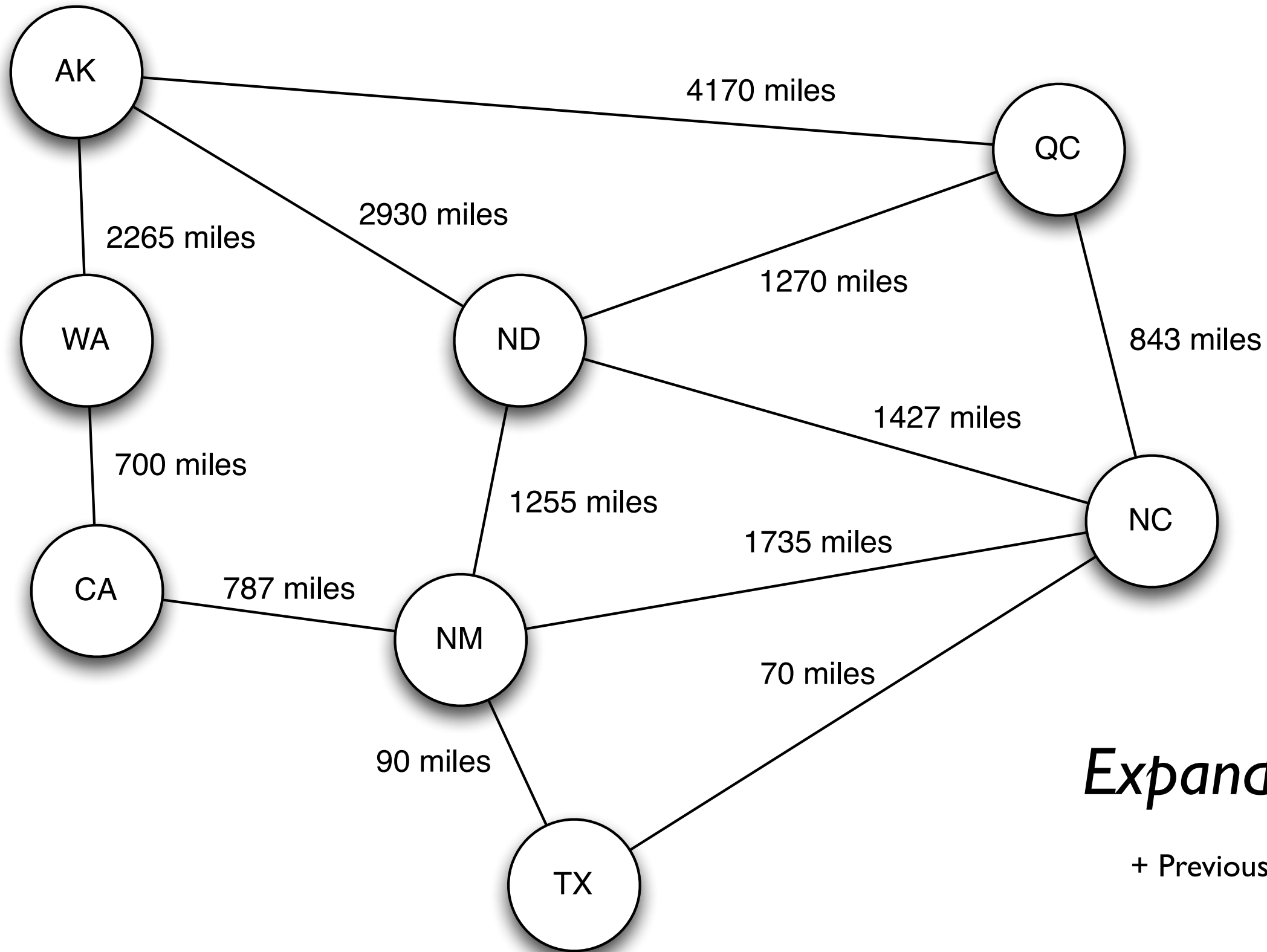
Edsger W. Dijkstra

On a more philosophical note:

The job [of operating or using a computer] was actually beyond the electronic technology of the day, and, as a result, the question of how to get and keep the physical equipment more or less in working condition became in the early days the all-overriding concern. As a result, the topic became —primarily in the USA— prematurely known as "computer science" —which, actually is like referring to surgery as "knife science"— and it was firmly implanted in people's minds that computing science is about machines and their peripheral equipment.



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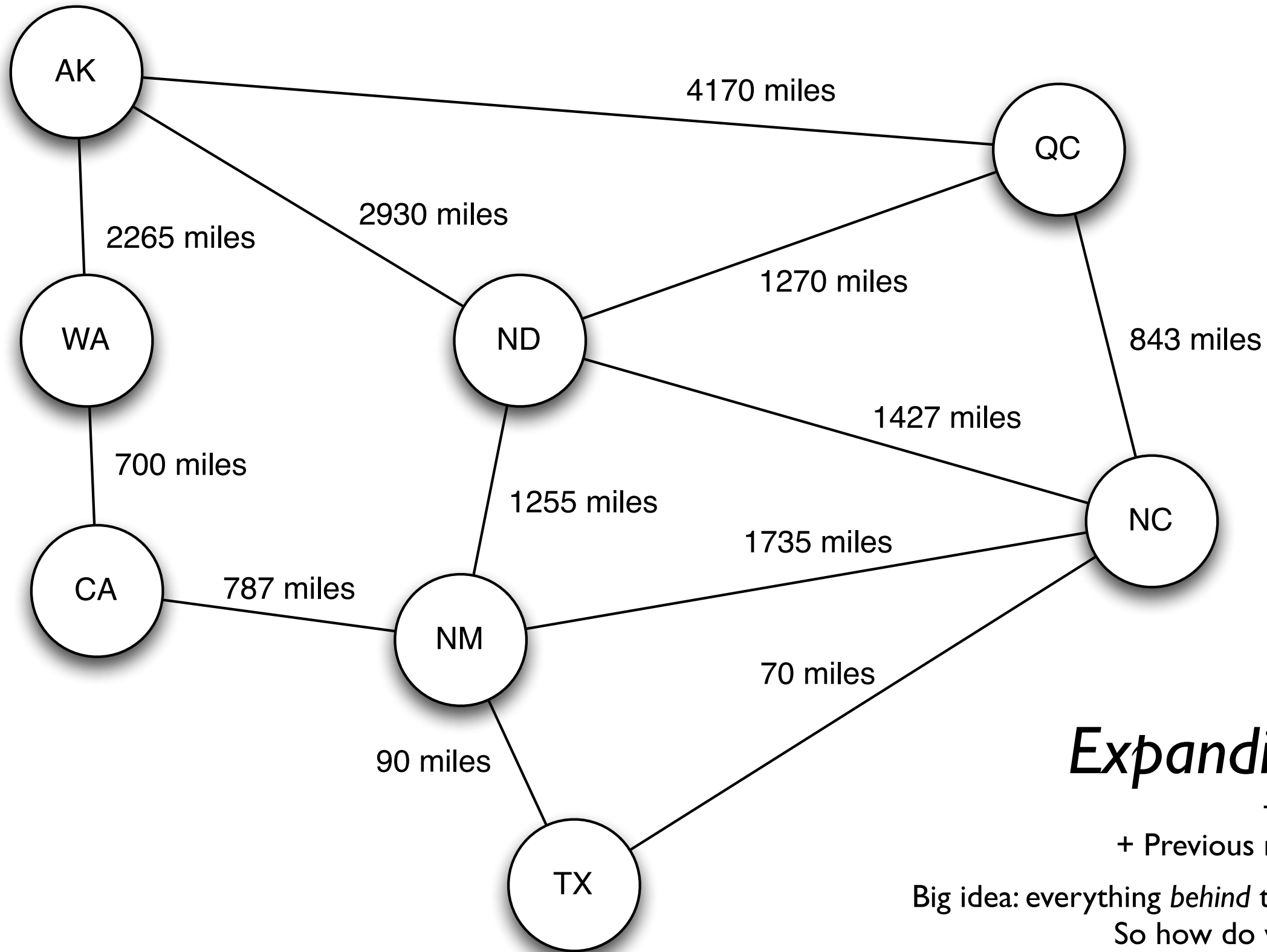


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Big idea: everything *behind* the frontier is correct.  
So how do we grow the frontier?

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