

# **Invertible Matrix Theorem**

**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 11**

# Objectives

1. Recap matrix inverses (it's been a while)
2. Finish up the algebra of matrix inverses
3. Connect everything we've talked about so far via the Invertible Matrix Theorem (IMT)
4. Connect linear algebra to graph theory

# Keywords

matrix inverses

invertible matrix theorem

directed/undirected graphs

weighted/unweighted graphs

adjacency matrices

symmetric matrices

triangle counting

**Recap**

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**Example.**

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Answer 2: the Invertible Matrix Theorem (IMT)

# Recall: Computing Inverses in General

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**We need to solve 3 matrix equations.**

# Recall: How To: Matrix Inverses

**Question.** Find the inverse of an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

**Solution.** Solve the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}_i$  for every standard basis vector. Put those solutions  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n$  into a single matrix

$$[\mathbf{s}_1 \quad \mathbf{s}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_n]$$

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**Solution.** Row reduce the matrix  $[A \ I]$  to a matrix  $[I \ B]$ . Then  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$ .

*This is really the same thing. It's a simultaneous reduction.*

demo

# **Algebra of Matrix Inverses**

# How To: Verifying an Inverse

**Question.** Given an invertible matrix  $B$  and some matrix  $C$ , demonstrate that  $B^{-1} = C$ .

**Answer.** Show that  $BC = I$  (or  $CB = I$ , but you don't have to do both).

This works because inverses are unique.

# Algebraic Properties (Matrix Inverses)

**Theorem.** For a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix  $A$ , the matrix  $A^{-1}$  is invertible and

$$(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$$

Verify:

$$A^{-1} A = I \implies$$

$$A = (A^{-1})^{-1}$$



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$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T$$

Verify:

$$A^T (A^{-1})^T = (A^{-1} A)^T = (\mathbf{I})^T$$

$$(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

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Verify:

$$\begin{aligned} A(B B^{-1})A^{-1} &= A I A^{-1} \\ &= A A^{-1} = I \end{aligned}$$

# Question

*Suppose that  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix such that  $A = A^T$  and  $B$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix.*

*Simplify the expression  $A(BA^{-1})^T$  using the algebraic properties we've seen.*

**Answer:  $B^T$**

$$A(BA^{-1})^T$$

$$A = A^T$$

$$A(BA^{-1})^T = A((A^{-1})^T B^T)$$

$$= A(A^T)^{-1} B^T$$

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**Question.** How do we know if a square matrix is invertible?

**Answer.** *Every* perspective we've taken so far can help us answer this question.

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Verify: pivot / column  $\Rightarrow$  LI

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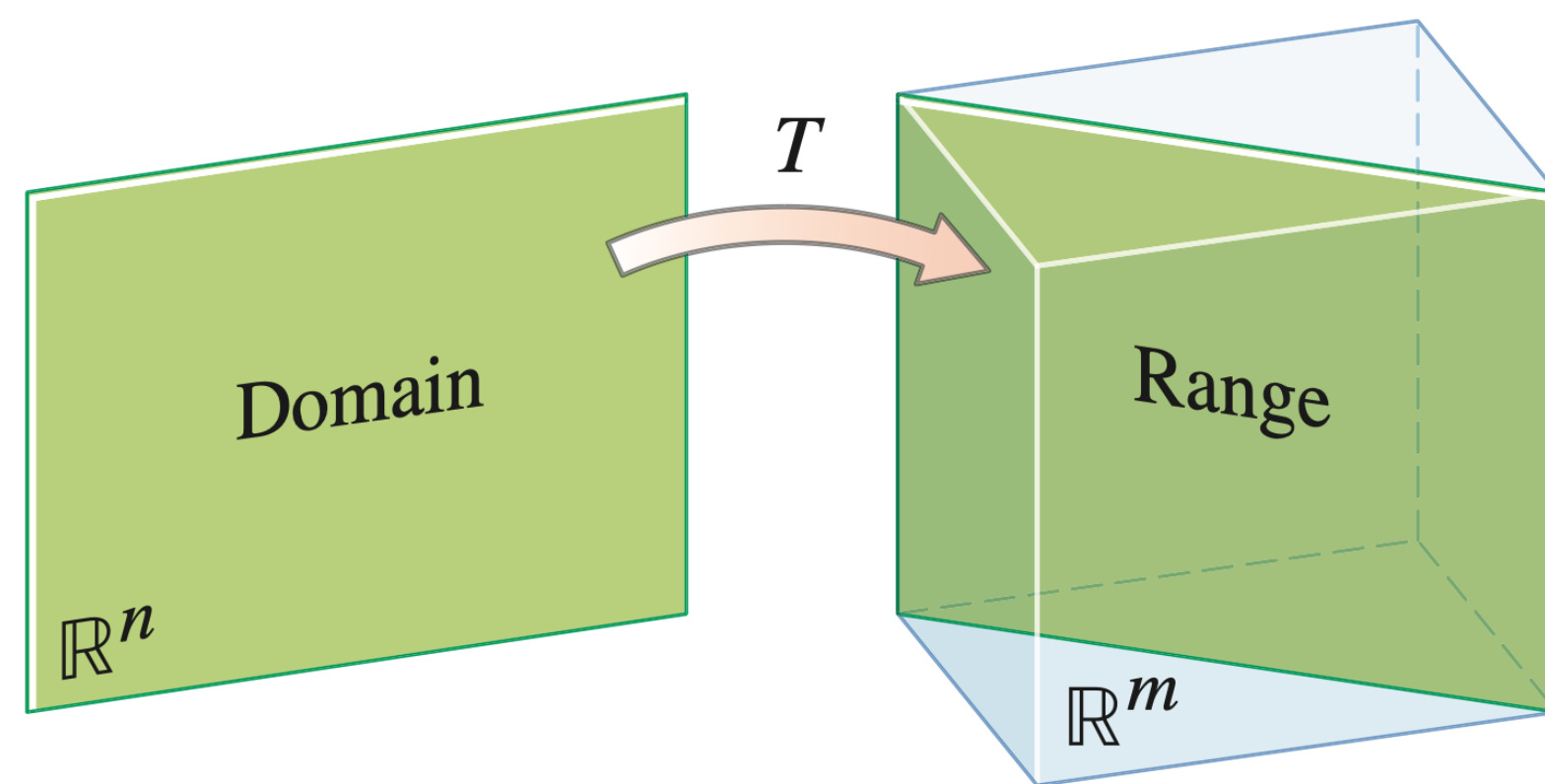
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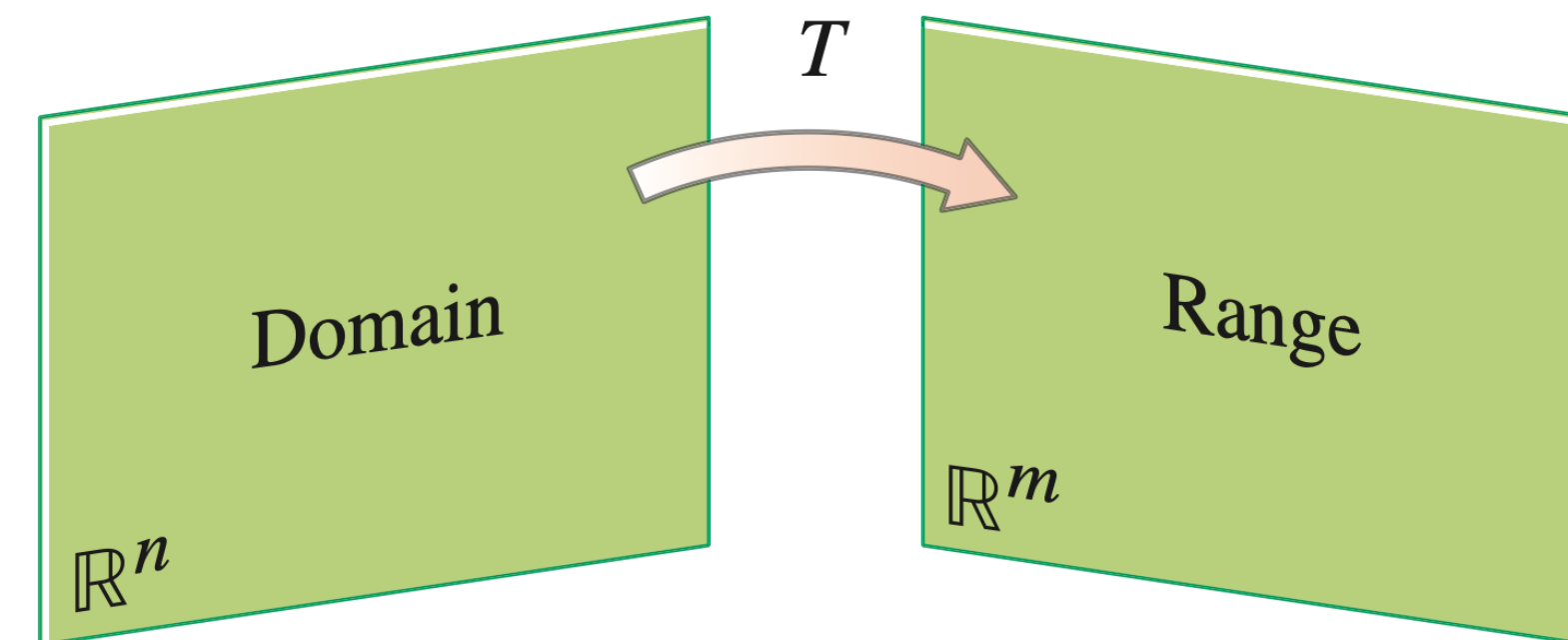
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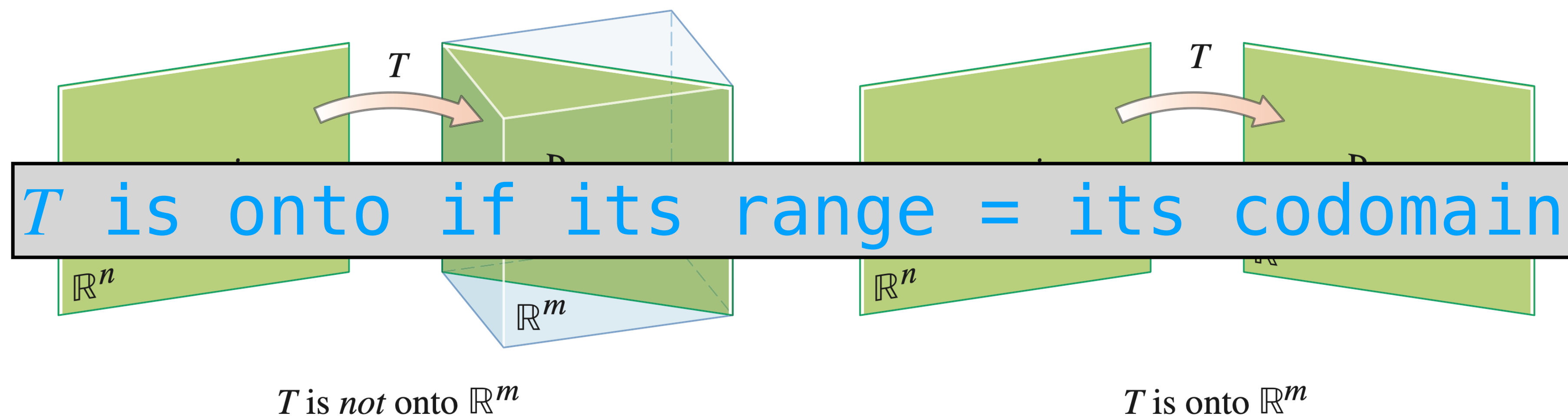
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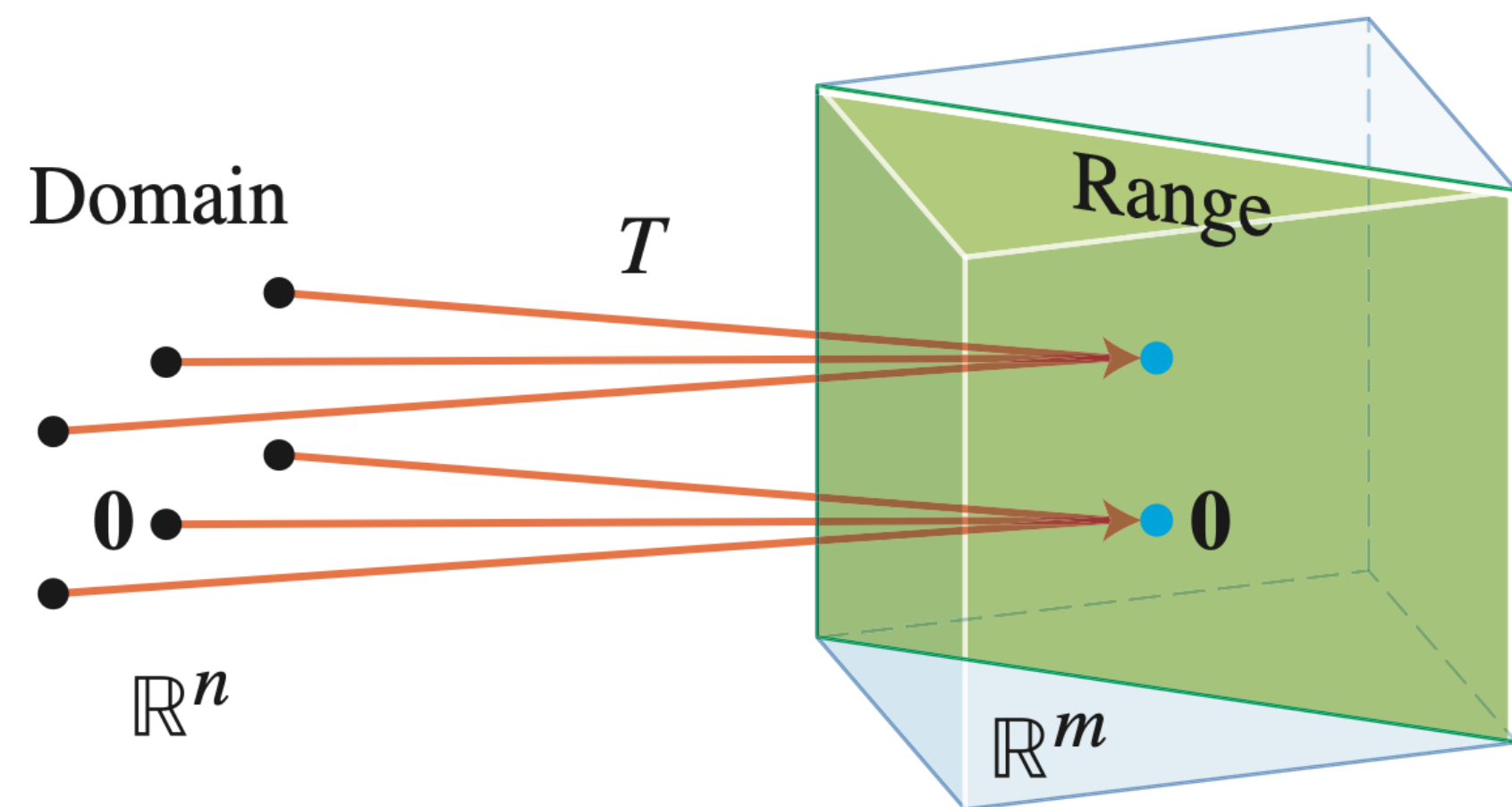
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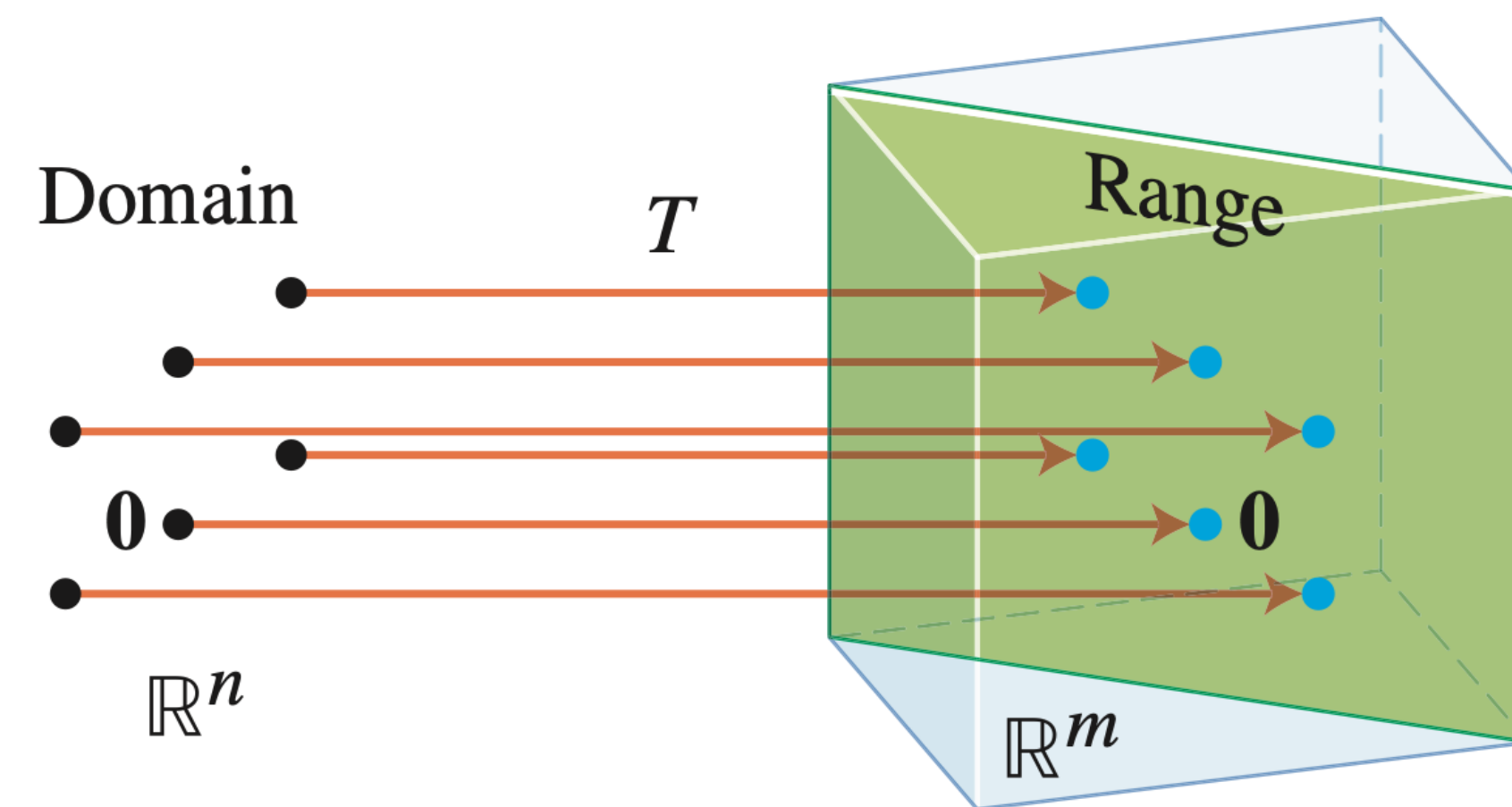


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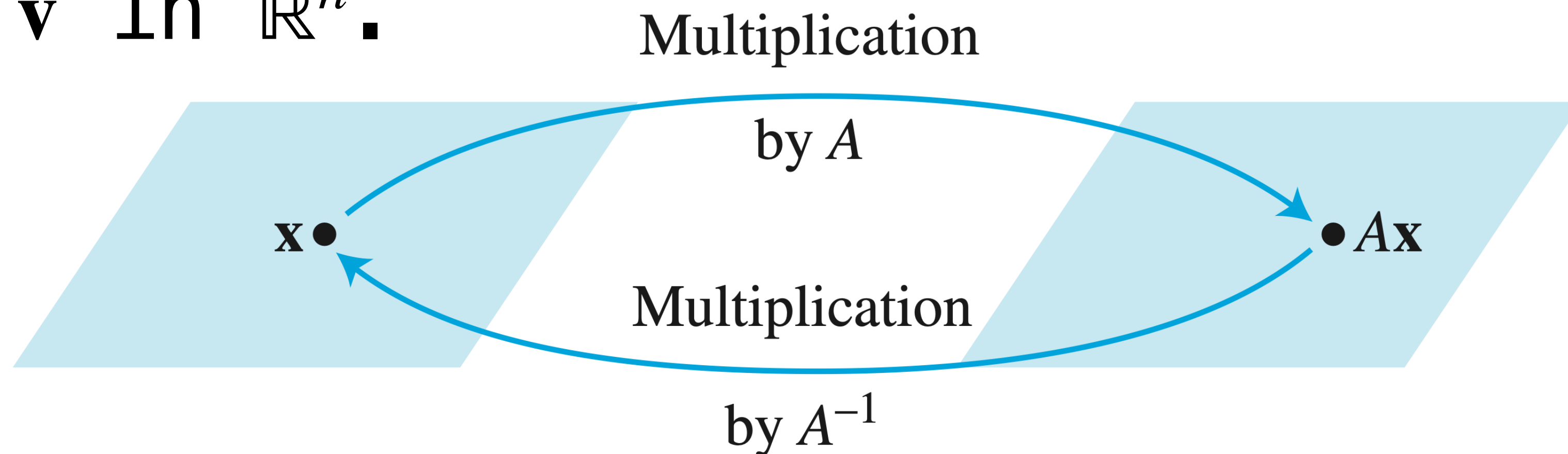
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$$S(T(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v} \text{ and } T(S(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$$

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*Invertibility is completely determined by how  $A$  behaves on  $\mathbf{0}$ .*



# Question (Conceptual)

*True or False: If  $A$  is invertible, and  $B$  is row equivalent to  $A$  (we can transform  $B$  into  $A$  by a sequence of row operations), then  $B$  is also invertible.*

**Answer: True**

Row reductions don't change the number of pivots.

# Question

$3 \times 3$

*If  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]$  is invertible, then is  $[(\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - 2\mathbf{a}_3) \ (\mathbf{a}_2 + 5\mathbf{a}_3) \ \mathbf{a}_3]$  also invertible? Justify your answer.*

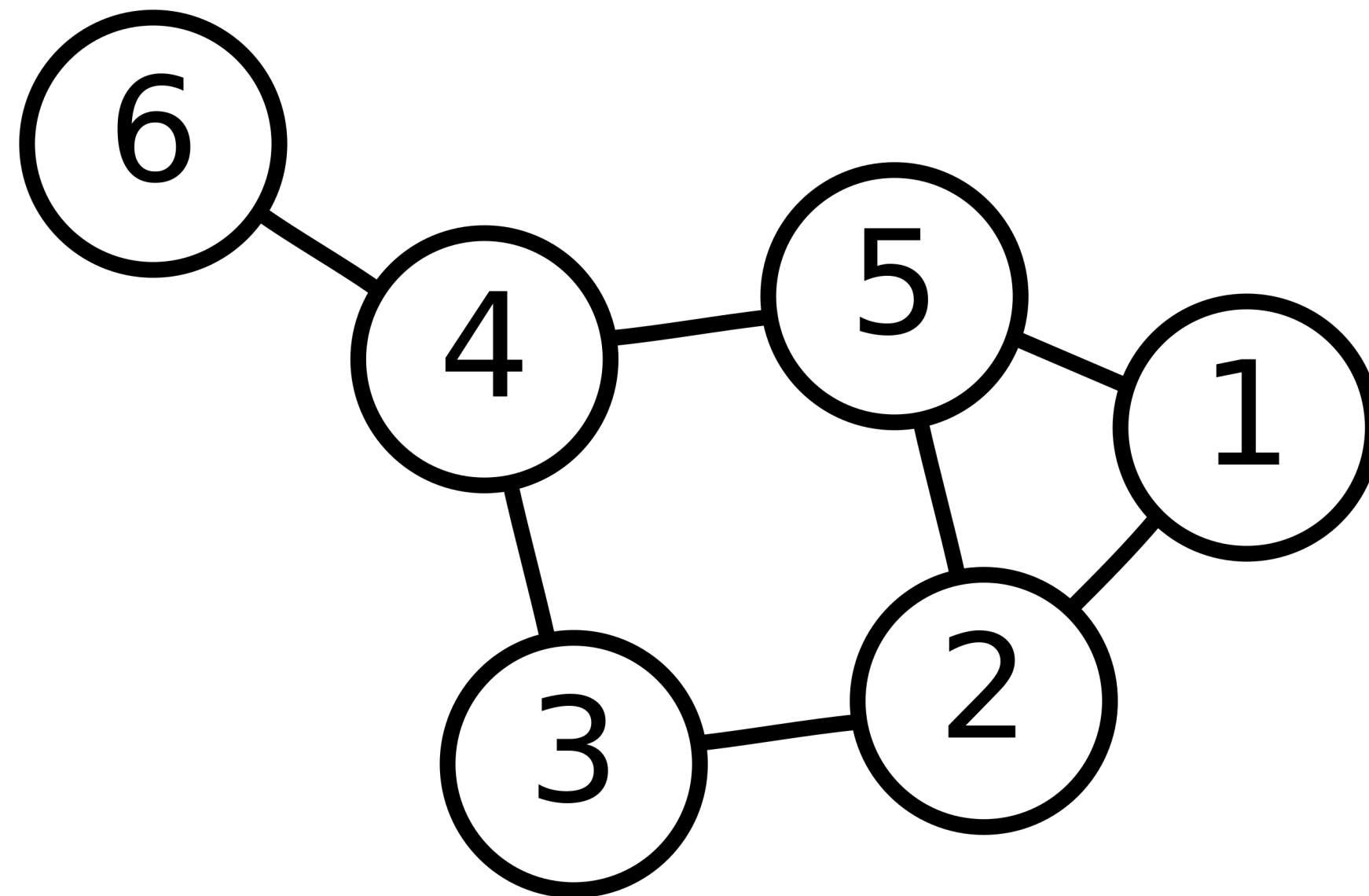
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Consider  $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \mathbf{a}_3]^T$ . We can get to  $[(\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 - 2\mathbf{a}_3) \ (\mathbf{a}_2 + 5\mathbf{a}_3) \ \mathbf{a}_3]^T$  by row operations

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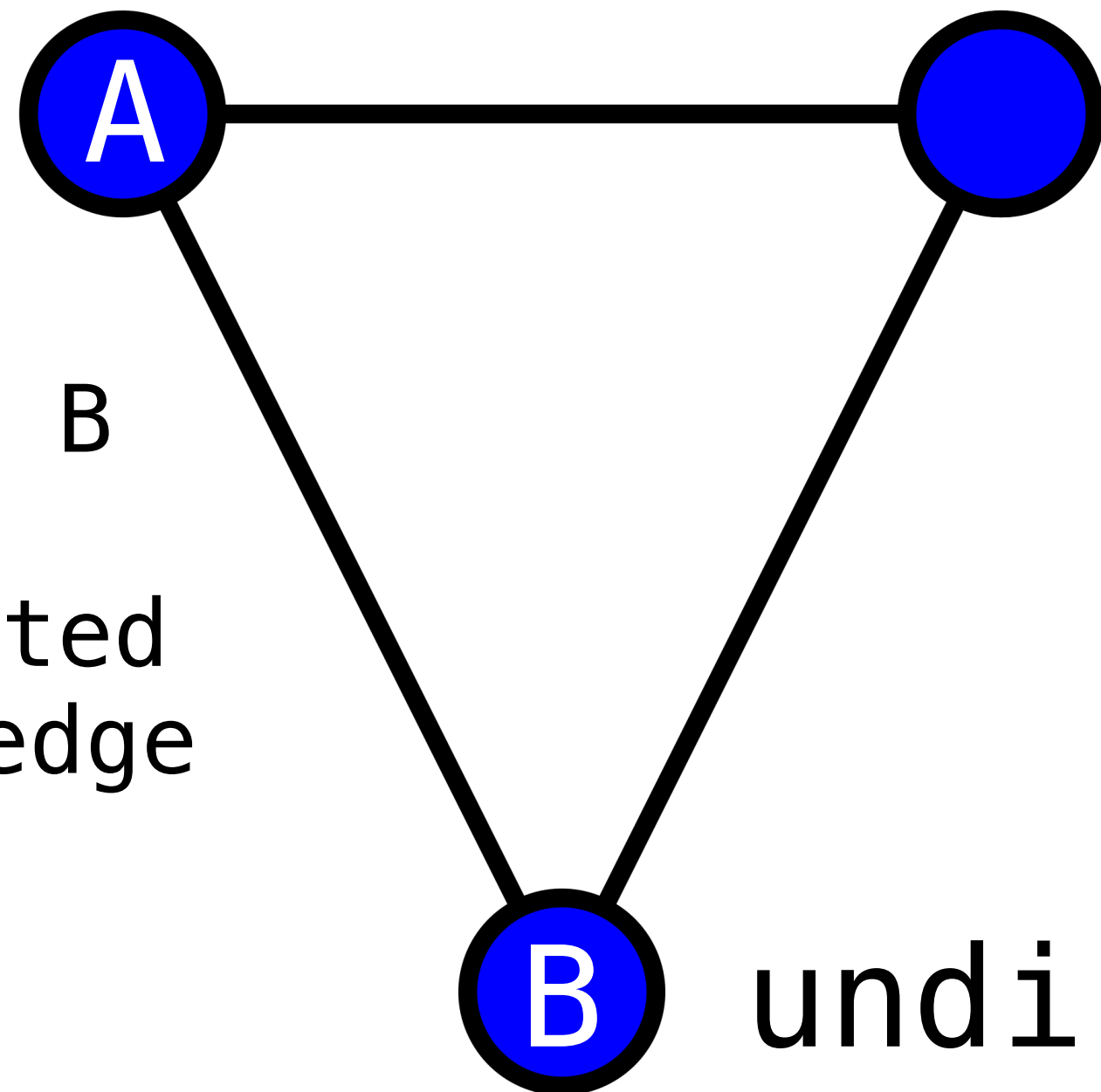
# Graphs

**Definition (Informal).** A graph is a collection of nodes with edges between them.



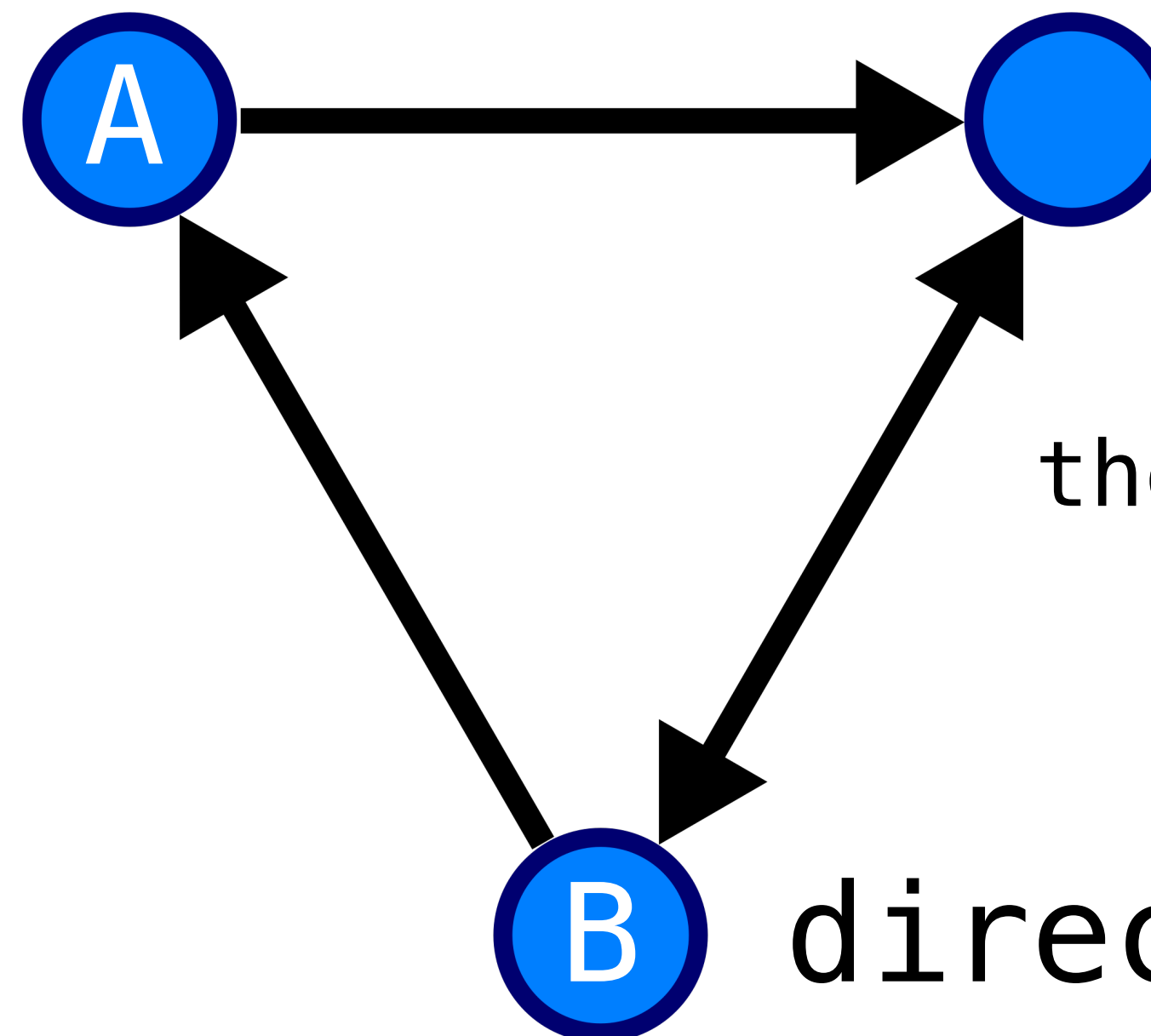
# Directed vs. Undirected Graphs

A graph is **directed** if its edges have a direction.



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are  
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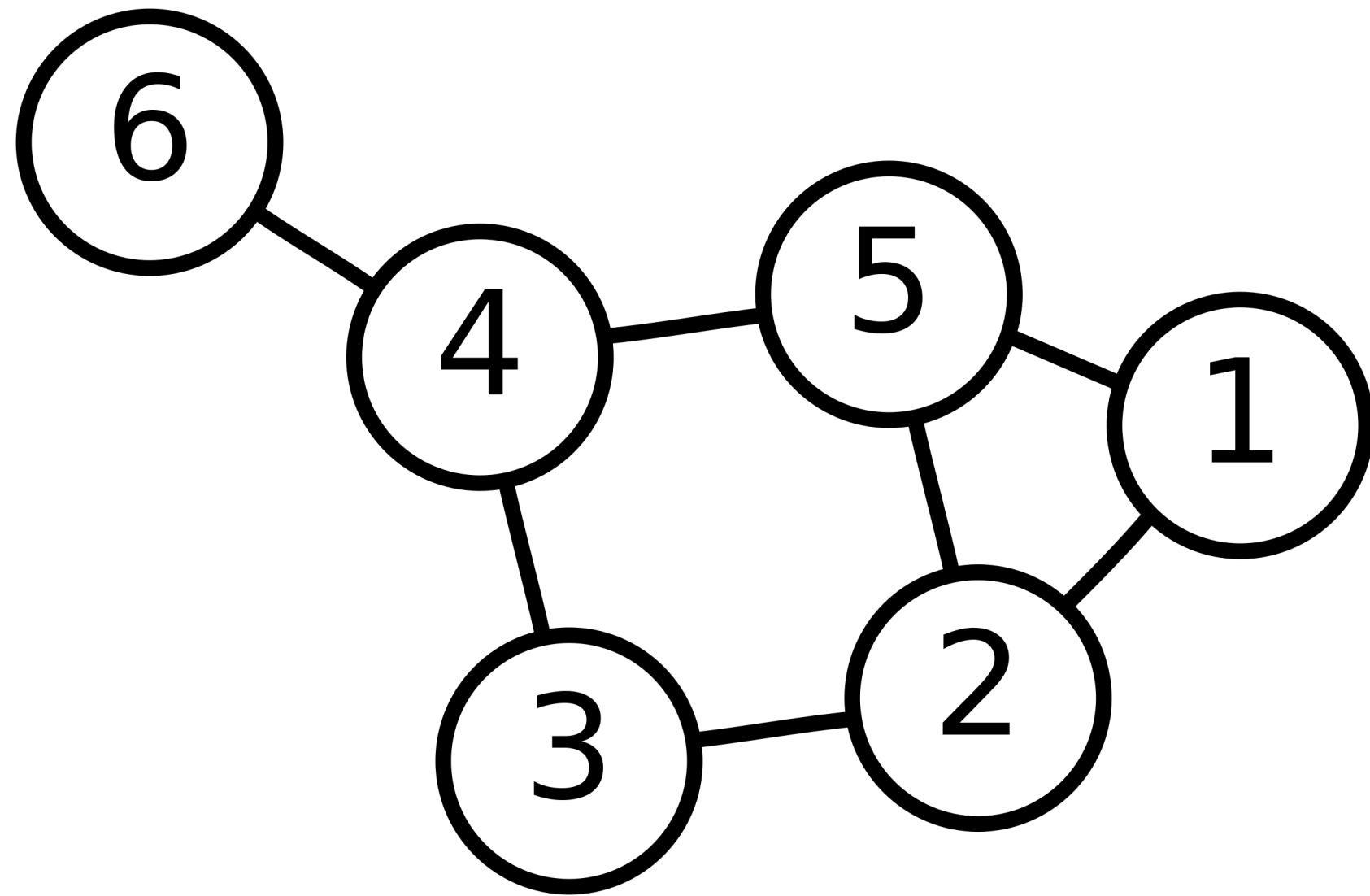


there is an edge  
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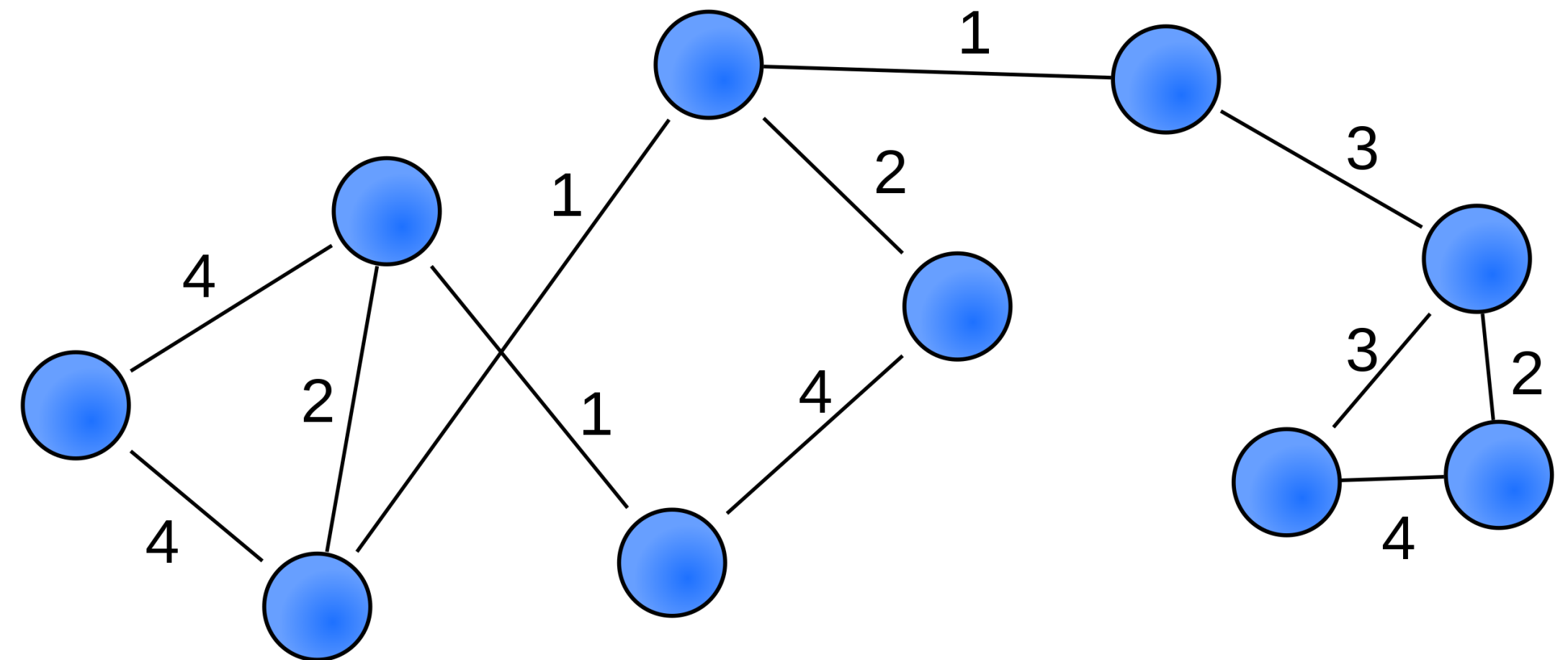
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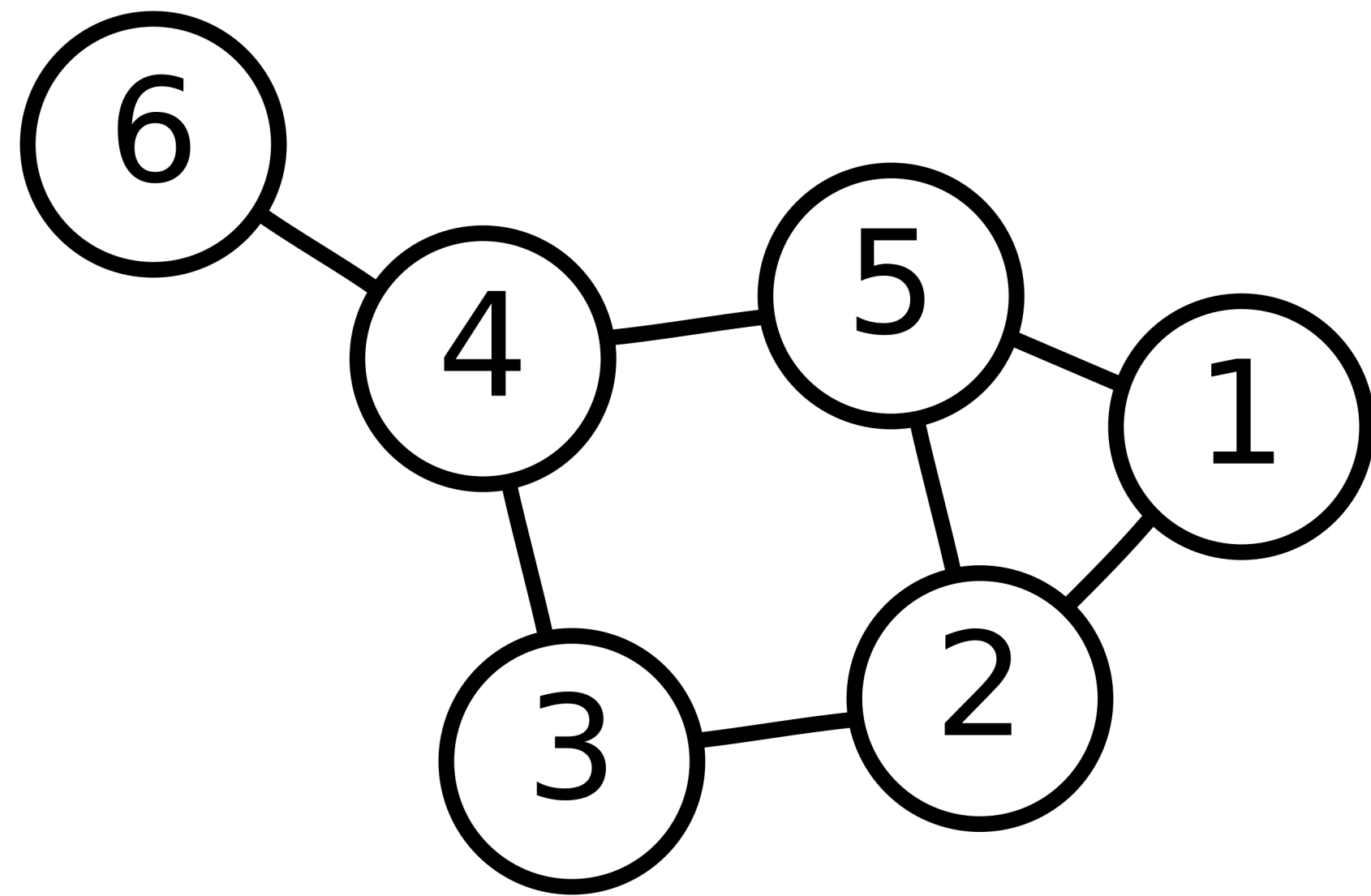


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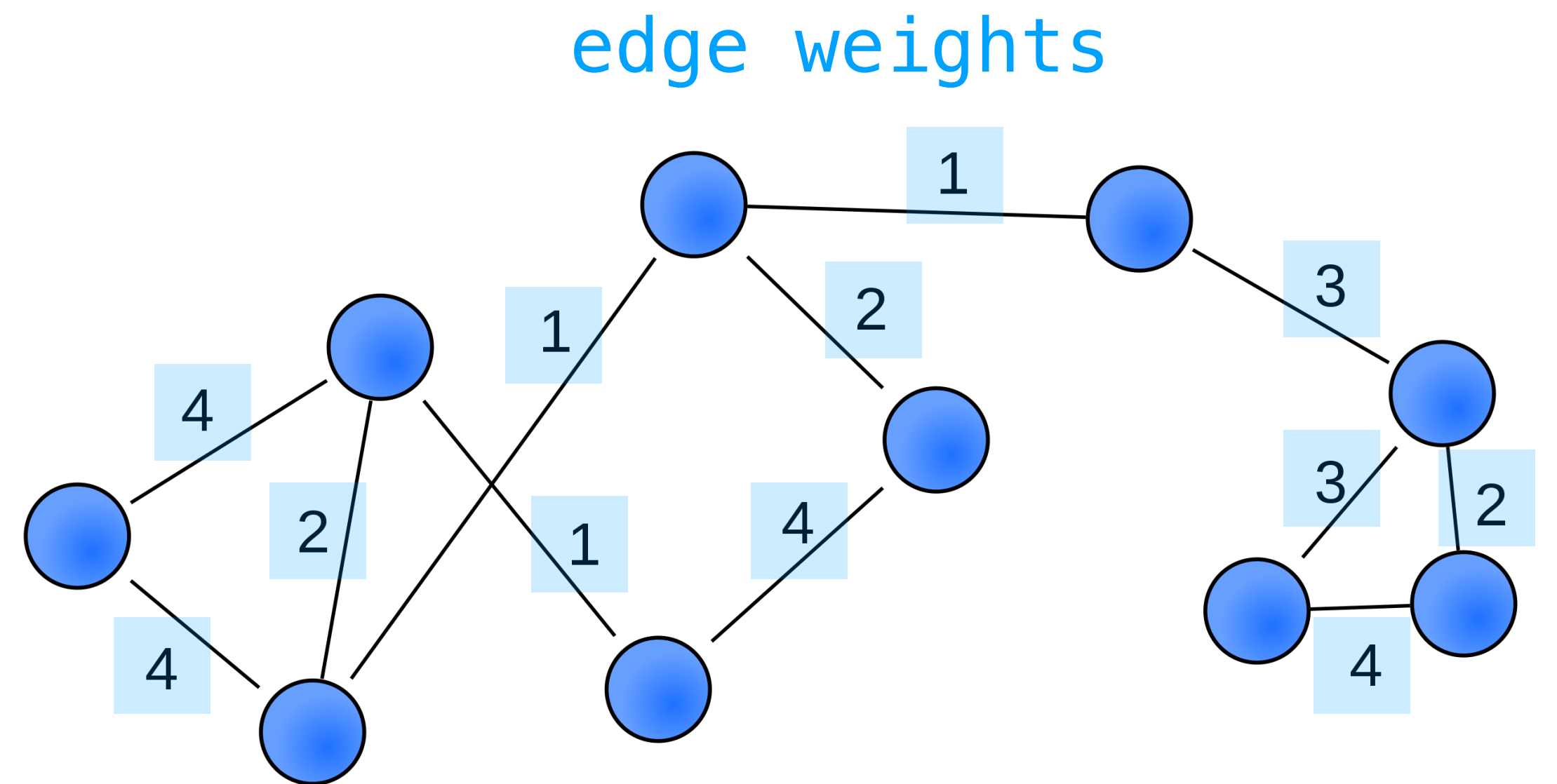


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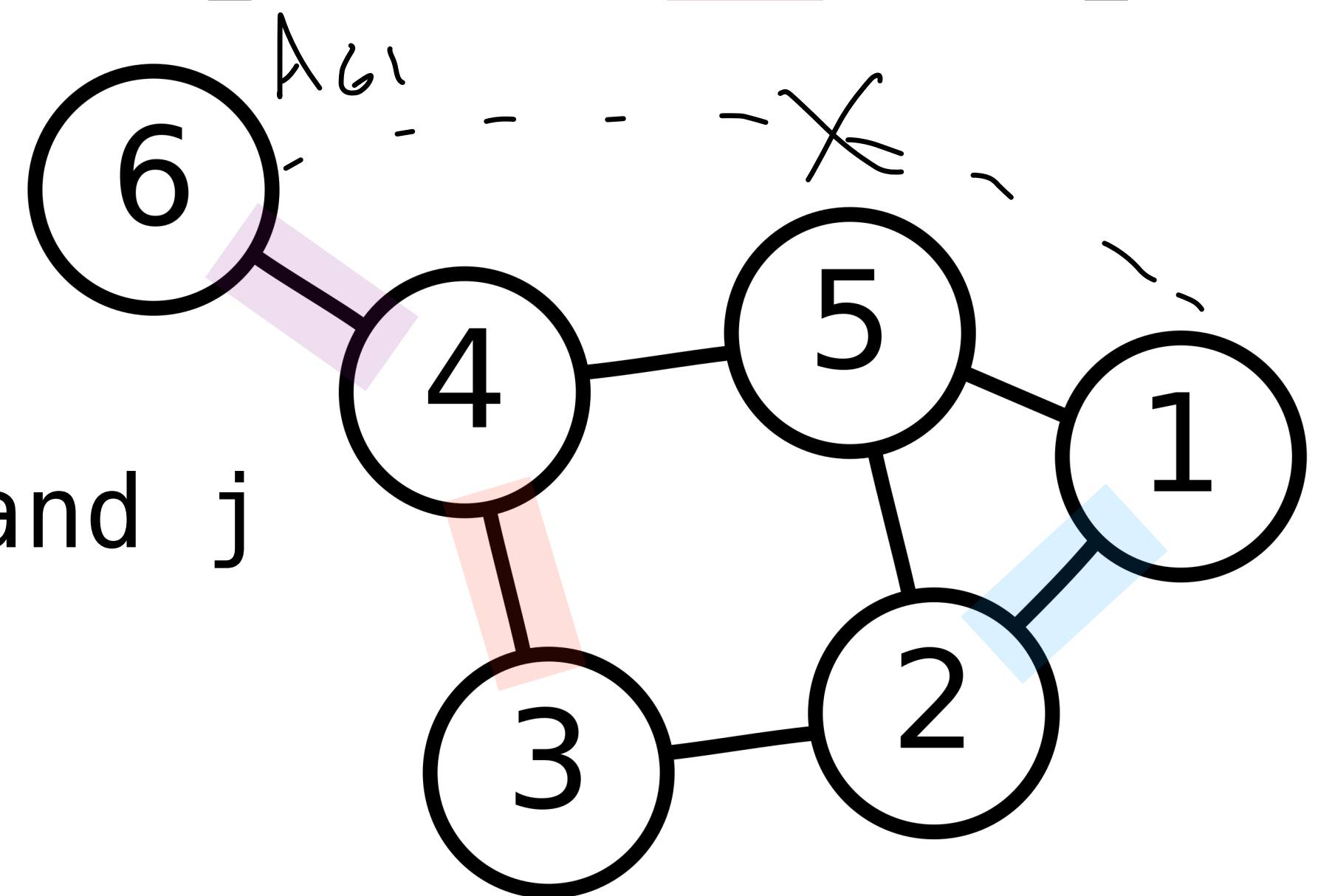
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Let  $G$  be an undirected unweighted graph with its nodes labeled by numbers 1 through  $n$ .

We can create the **adjacency matrix**  $A$  for  $G$  as follows.

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{there is an edge between } i \text{ and } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

|          | $A_{12}$ | $A_{34}$ | $A_{46}$ |   |   |   |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|---|---|
| $A_{21}$ | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|          | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $A_{43}$ | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|          | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $A_{64}$ | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1 | 0 | 0 |





# Symmetric Matrices

**Definition.** A  $n \times n$  matrix is **symmetric** if

$$A^T = A$$

**Example.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Spectral Graph Theory

Once we have an adjacency matrix, we can do linear algebra on graphs.

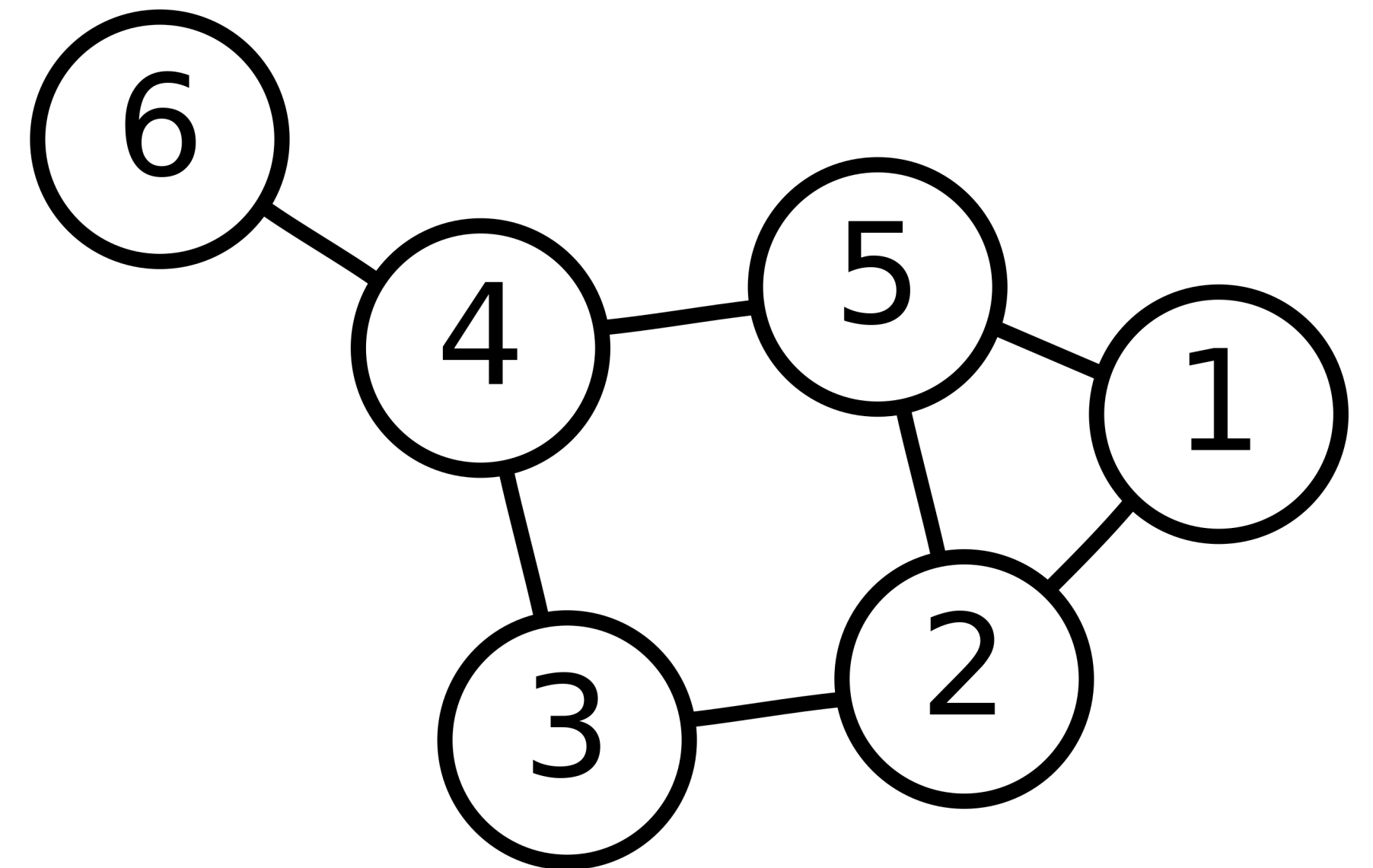
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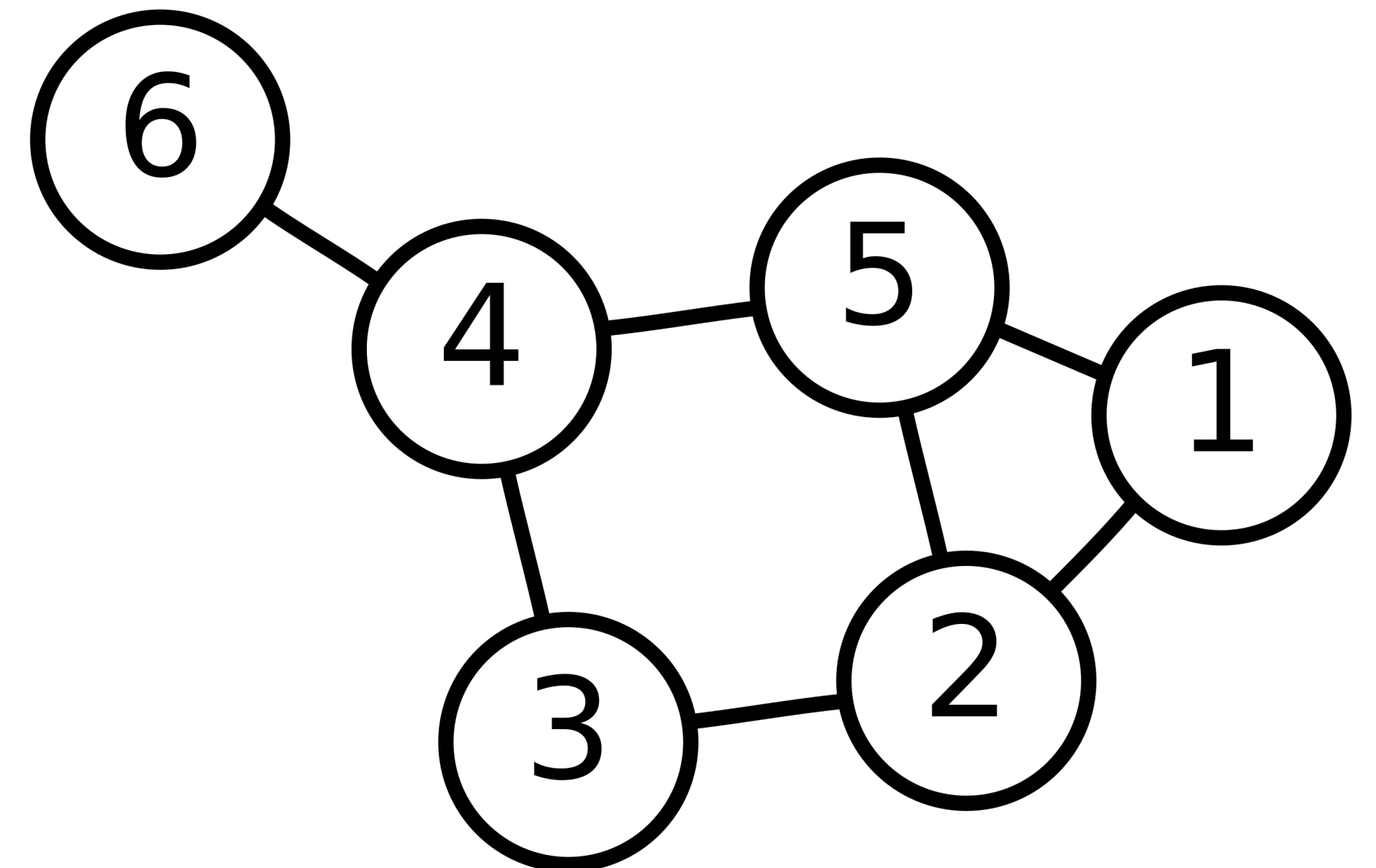
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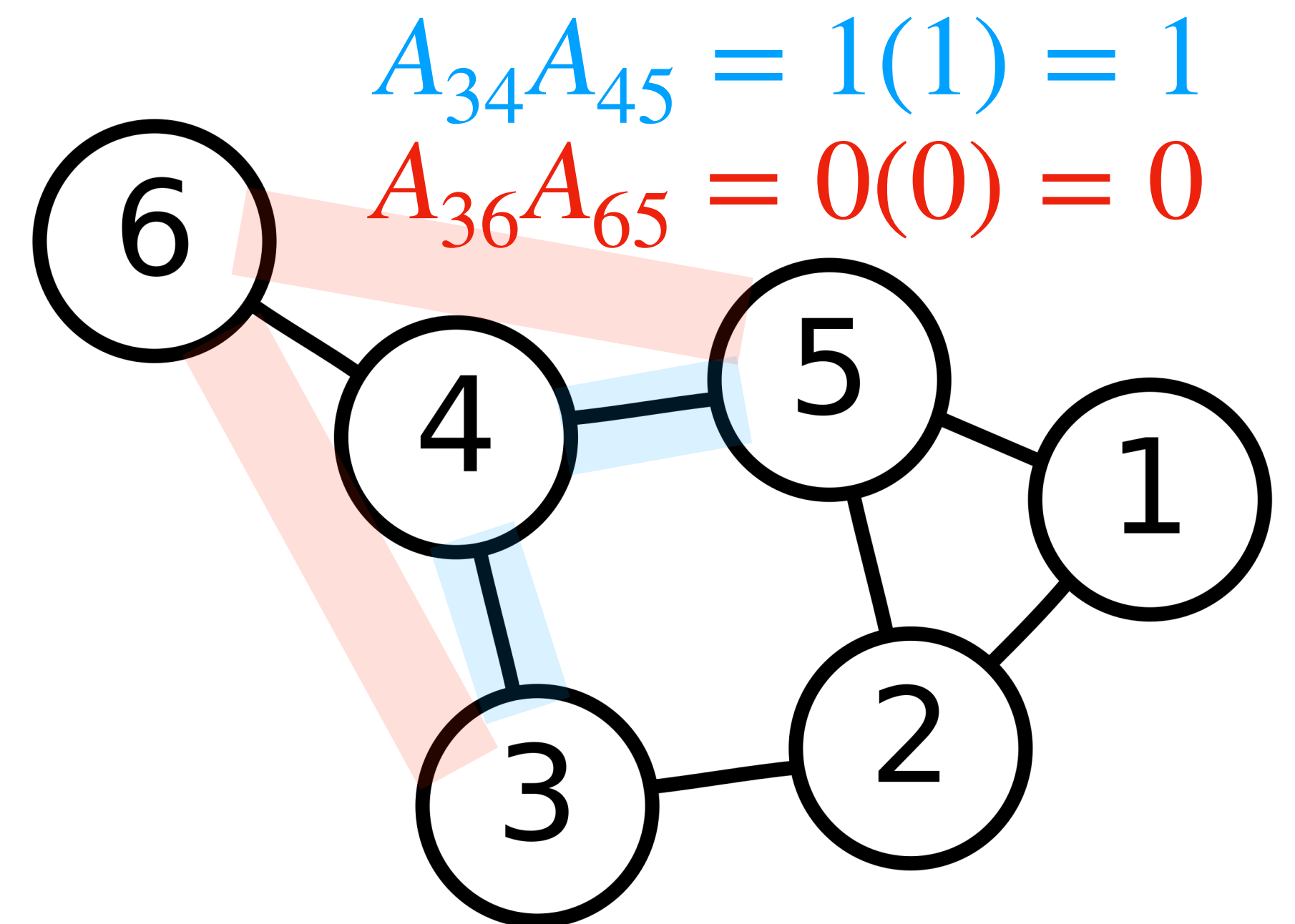
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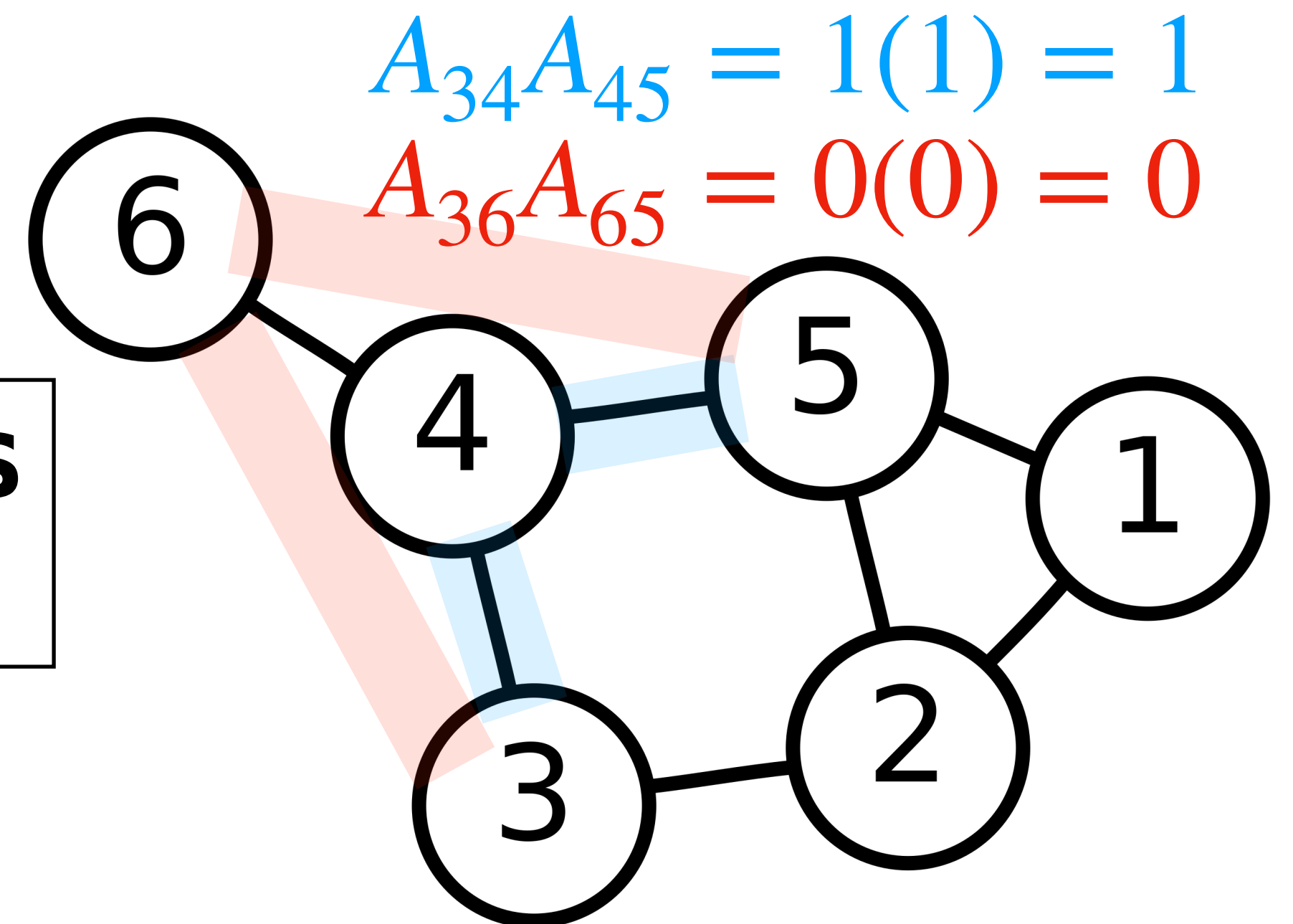


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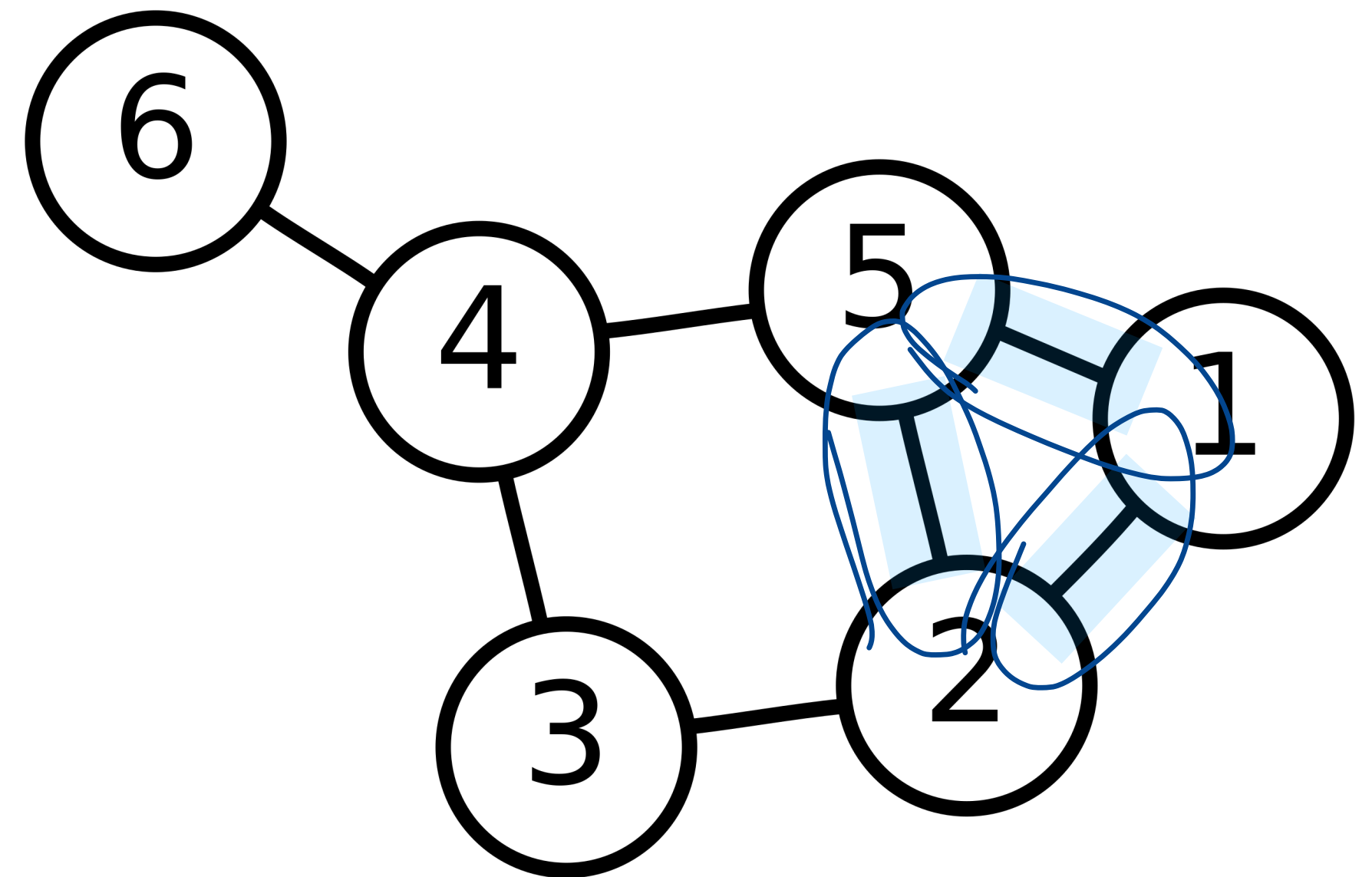




# Application: Triangle Counting

A **triangle** in an undirected graph is a set of three distinct nodes with edges between every pair of nodes.

Triangles in a social network represent mutual friends and tight cohesion (among other things)



# Application: Triangle Counting (Naive)

```
FUNCTION tri_count_naive(A):
```

```
    count = 0
```

```
    for i from 1 to n:
```

```
        for j from i to n:
```

```
            for k from j to n:
```

```
                if  $A_{ij} = 1$  and  $A_{jk} = 1$  and  $A_{ki} = 1$ : # an edge between each pair
```

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                    count += 1:
```

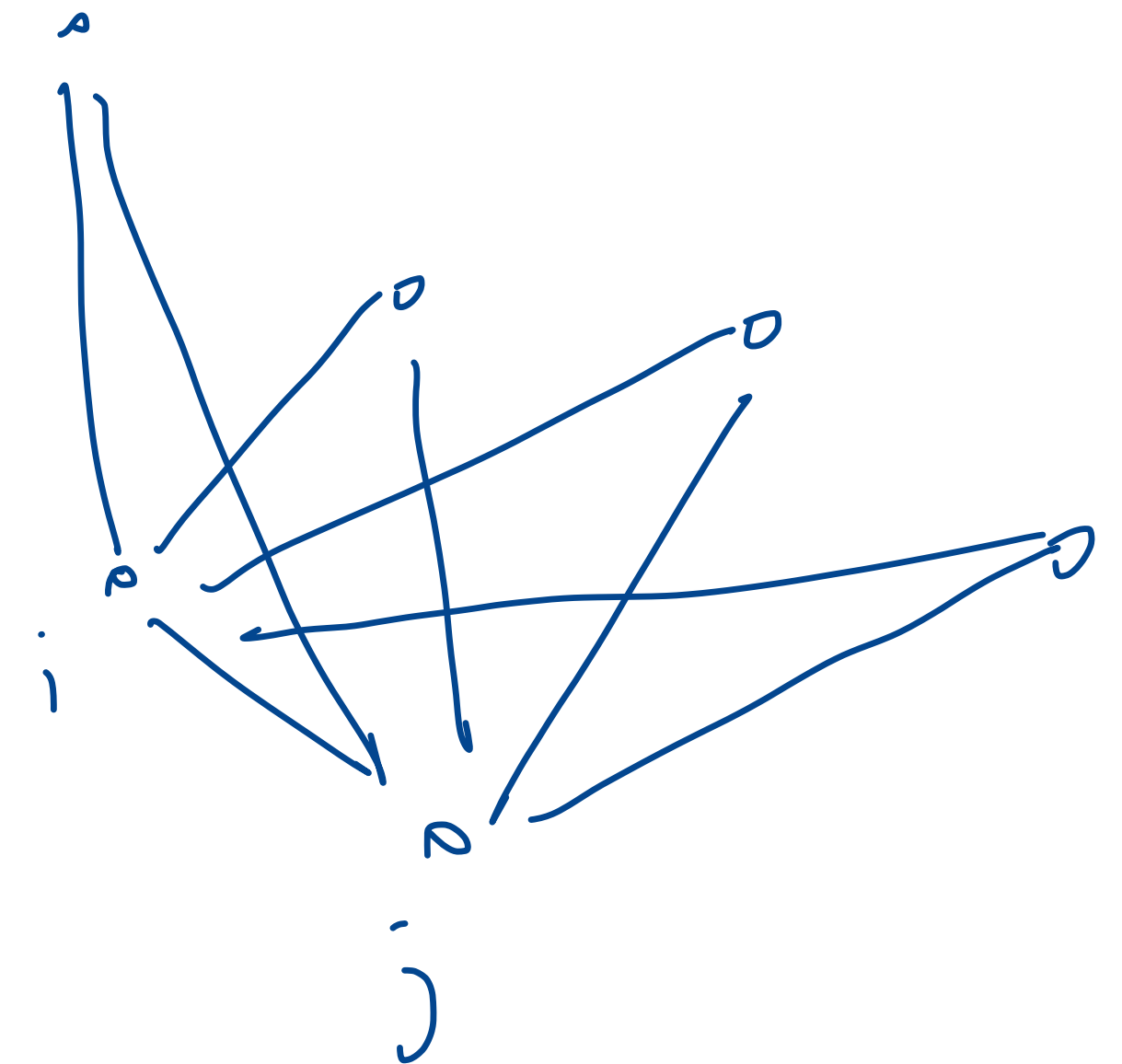
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RETURN count
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**Theorem.** For an adjacency matrix  $A$ , the number of triangle containing the edge  $(i,j)$  is

$$(A^2)_{ij} * A_{ij}$$

Verify:



# Application: Triangle Counting

**FUNCTION** tri\_count( $A$ ):

compute  $A^2$

count  $\leftarrow$  sum of  $(A^2)_{ij} * A_{ij}$  for all distinct  $i$  and  $j$

**RETURN** count / 6      # why divided by 6?

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```
FUNCTION tri_count(A):
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```

```
    count ← sum of the entries of  $A^2 * A$ 
```

```
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```

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```
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```

```
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```

```
    # and 'np.sum' sums the entry of a matrix
```

```
RETURN np.sum((A @ A) * A) / 6
```

demo

# Summary

The algebra of matrices can help us simplify matrix expressions.

The invertible matrix theorem connects all the perspectives we've taken so far.

Adjacency matrices are linear algebraic representations of graphs.