



# Kia Cooperative Systems Summer High School Outreach Introduction

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## Program's objectives

**Primary Objective:** Expose High School Students to How [Independent](#) Research Is Carry out in University

**Secondary Objective:** Introduce High School Students to [Graph Theory](#) and its [Application in Robot Motion Planning](#)

### The program consists of

- Introduction to Graph Theory
- Introduction to Python Programming
- Robot Motion Planning Using Visibility Graphs
- Multi-robot Leader-Follower (if time allows)
- Observing Research Meetings

You are an independent research in this program!

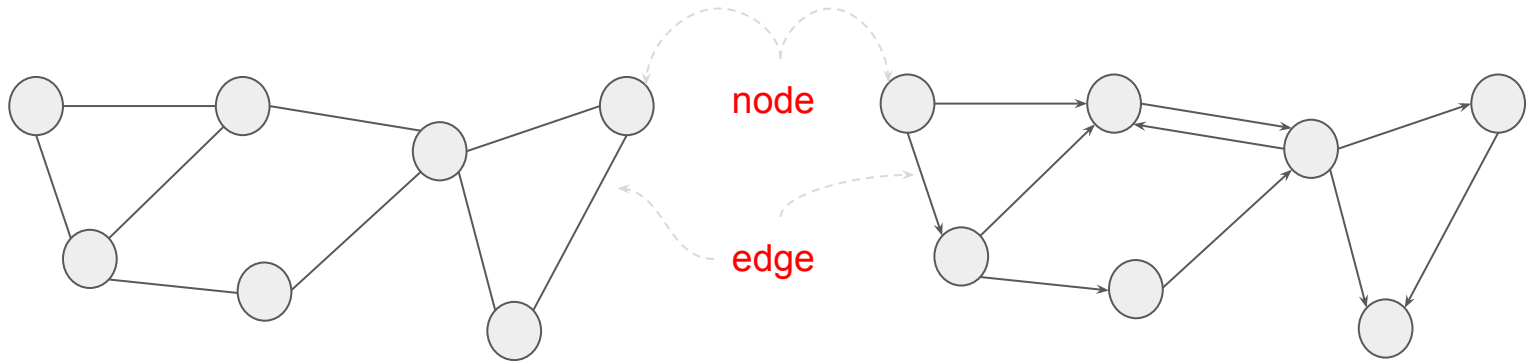
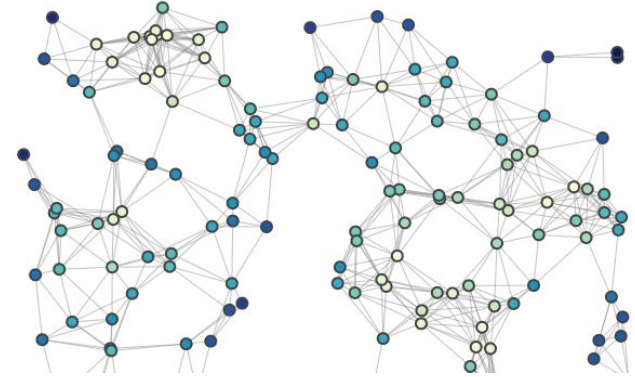
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These are not Graphs!

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Wikipedia's definition: In **mathematics**, **graph theory** is the study of **graphs**, which are mathematical structures used to model pairwise relations between objects. A graph in this context is made up of **vertices** (also called *nodes* or *points*) which are connected by **edges** (also called *links* or *lines*). A distinction is made between **undirected graphs**, where edges link two vertices symmetrically, and **directed graphs**, where edges link two vertices asymmetrically.

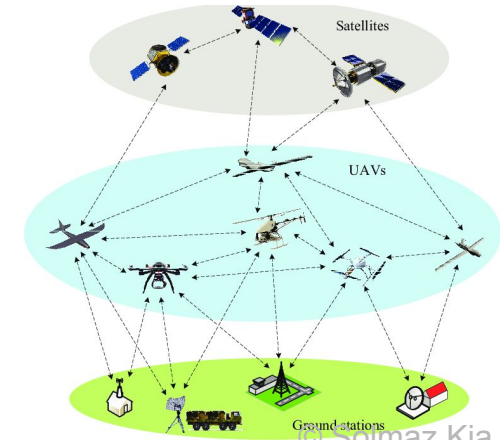
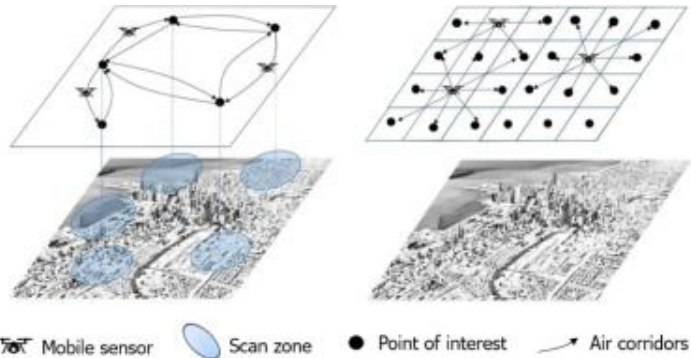
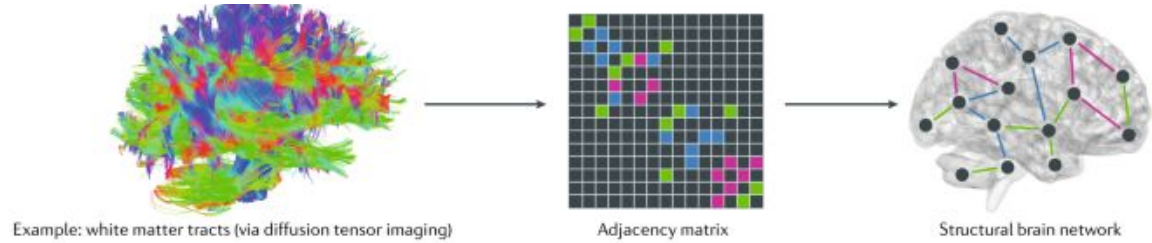
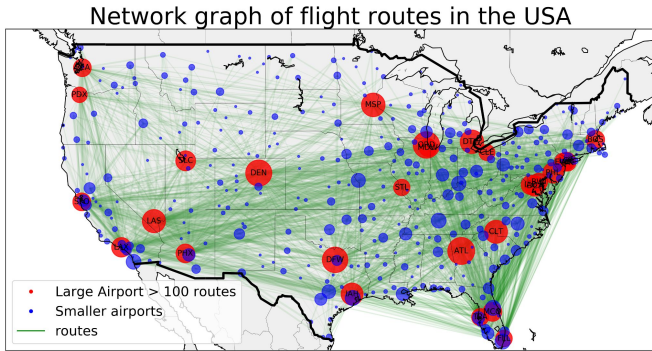


Undirected graph (think of Facebook)

Directed graph (think of Twitter)

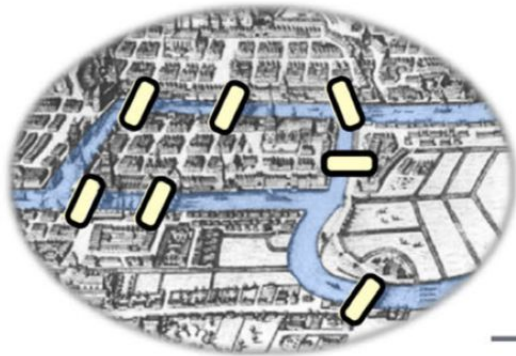
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**Application:** Graphs are used to model **pairwise relations** between objects. Graphs provide natural abstractions for how information is shared between nodes (agents) in a network.



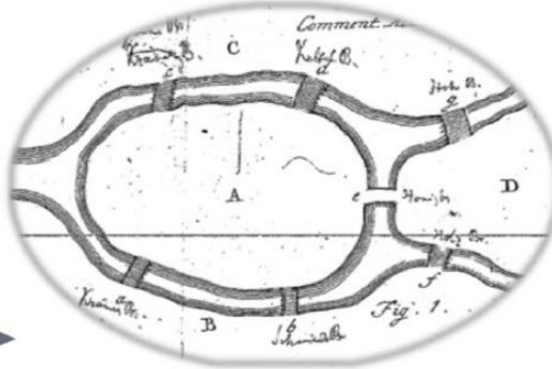
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**History:** Graphs have a history dating back to 1736, when [Leonhard Euler](#) solved the “[Seven Bridges of Königsberg](#)” problem. The problem asked whether it was possible to visit all four areas of a city connected by seven bridges, while only crossing each bridge once. It wasn't.



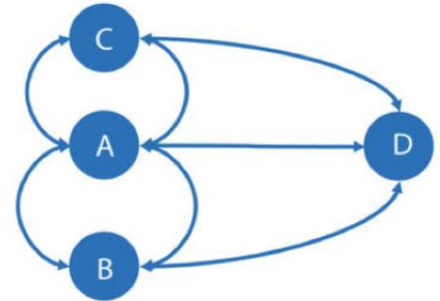
Walking the Bridges of Königsberg

4 Main areas of Königsberg with 7 Bridges.  
Can you cross each bridge only once  
and return to your starting point?



Euler's Insight

The only relevant data is the main areas  
and the bridges *connecting* them.

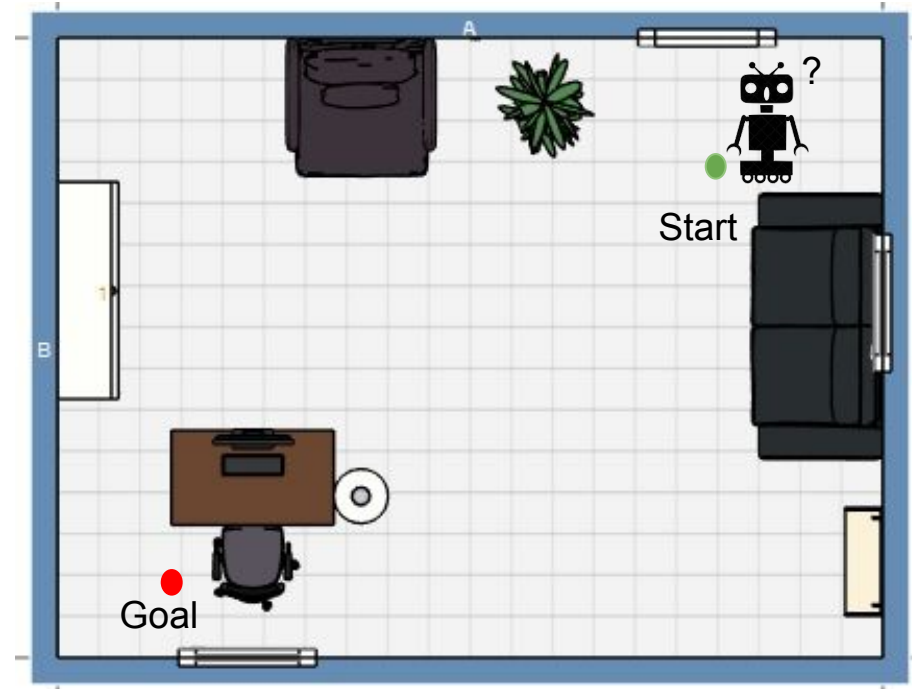
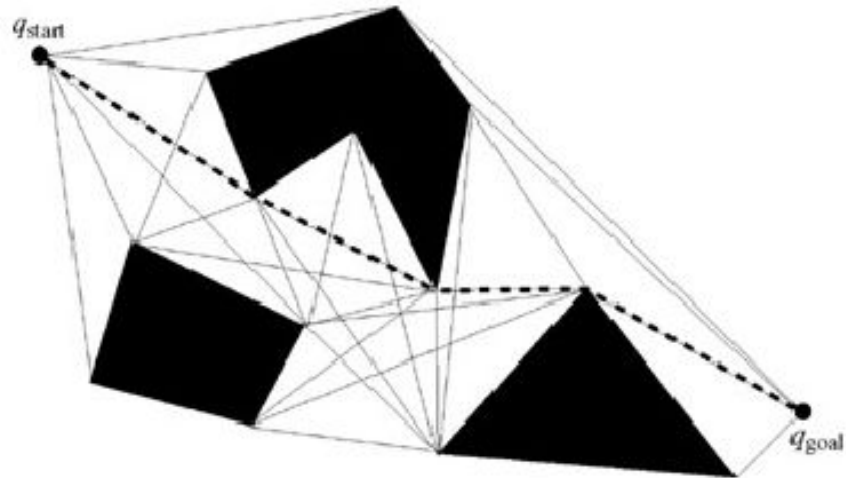


Origins of Graph Theory

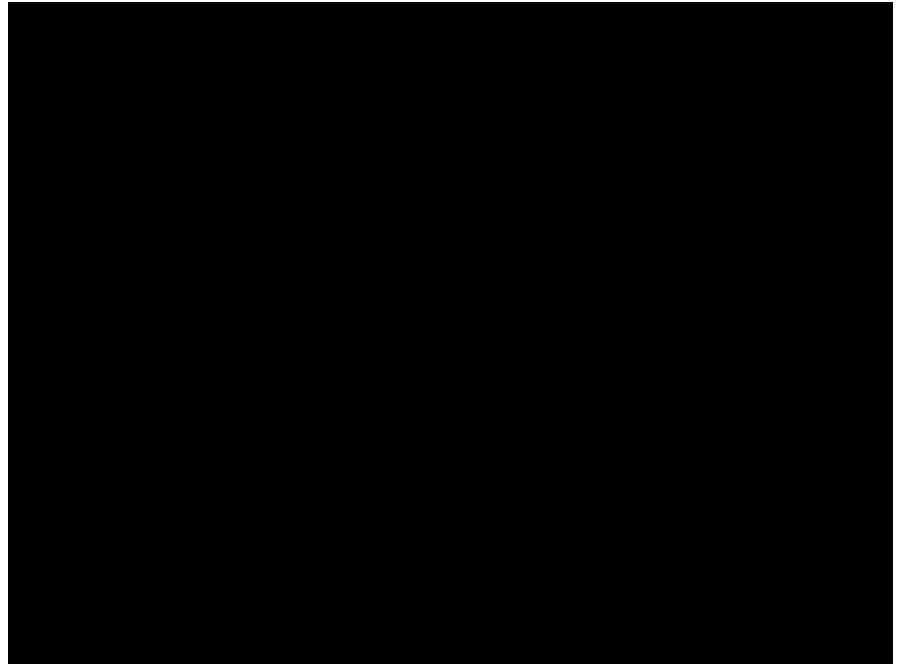
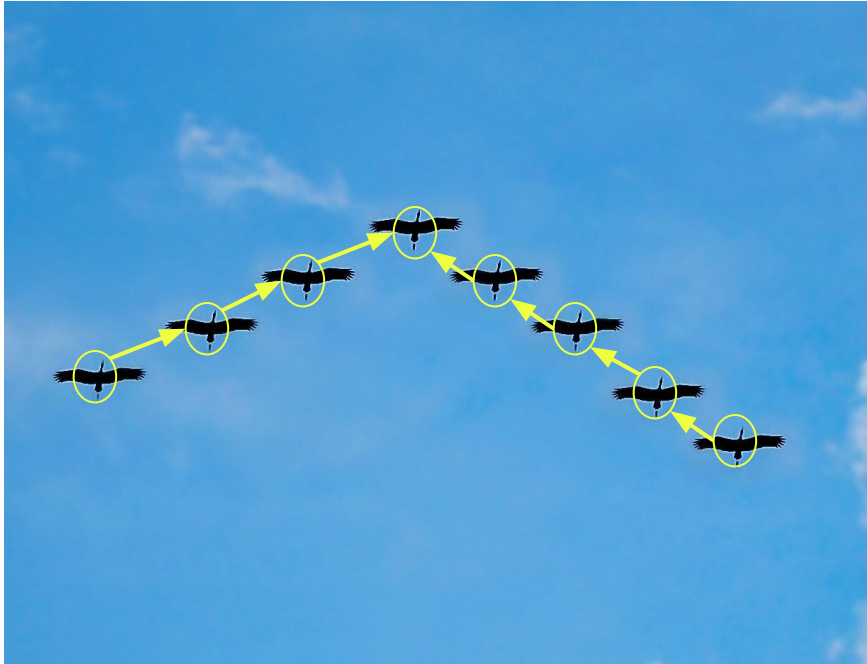
Euler abstracted the problem and created  
generalized rules based on nodes and  
relationships that apply to any  
connected system.

## Motion planning using visibility graphs

**Problem:** Given a space with known obstacles, enable a robot to move from any **start point** to any **goal point** by taking the shortest obstacle-free possible path.



## Multi-robot leader follower





# Python programming

- A high level multipurpose programming language
- Popular libraries (numpy, scipy, matplotlib) has made it powerful environment for scientific computing
- Google Colab : cloud platform (IDE), we will be using



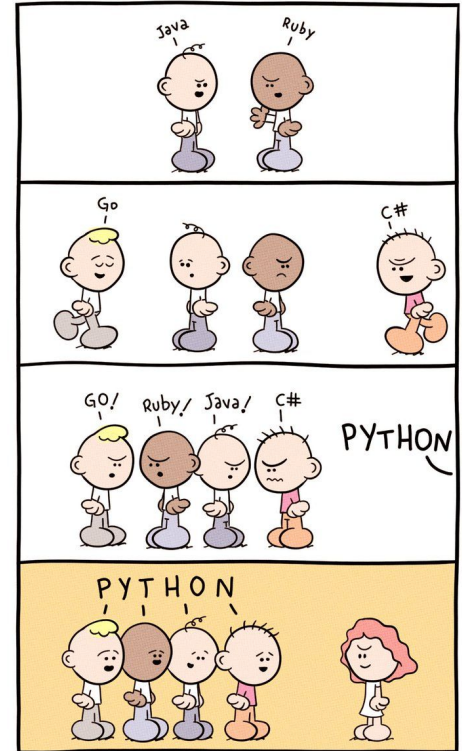
<https://colab.research.google.com/>

## Tutorial on python

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxSyXBq9zq0&list=PLIEgNdBJEO-nQkFDah-gm6UX7Cl6rCdB-&ab\\_channel=TokyoEdtech](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxSyXBq9zq0&list=PLIEgNdBJEO-nQkFDah-gm6UX7Cl6rCdB-&ab_channel=TokyoEdtech)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ext9G7xspg&t=192s> (Project based learning)
- <https://python101.pythonlibrary.org/> ( Free Textbook for Python Beginners)













## Tutorial about using python in Google-colab

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-HnvsehuSw&ab\\_channel=ProgrammingKnowledge](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-HnvsehuSw&ab_channel=ProgrammingKnowledge)
- <https://colab.research.google.com/github/cs231n/cs231n.github.io/blob/master/python-colab.ipynb>



Daniel Stori [turnoff.us]

# Python programming

Jul 2021	Jul 2020	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		 C	11.62%	-4.83%
2	2		 Java	11.17%	-3.93%
3	3		 Python	10.95%	+1.86%
4	4		 C++	8.01%	+1.80%
5	5		 C#	4.83%	-0.42%
6	6		 Visual Basic	4.50%	-0.73%
7	7		 JavaScript	2.71%	+0.23%
8	9	↑	 PHP	2.58%	+0.68%
9	13	↑↑	 Assembly language	2.40%	+1.46%
10	11	↑	 SQL	1.53%	+0.13%
11	20	↑↑	 Classic Visual Basic	1.39%	+0.73%
12	8	↓↓	 R	1.32%	-1.08%

## Schedule and timelines

### Program Schedule

#### **First week (July 7-9)**

Tuesday July 6: 10-11am

Wednesday: 2:30-3:30pm

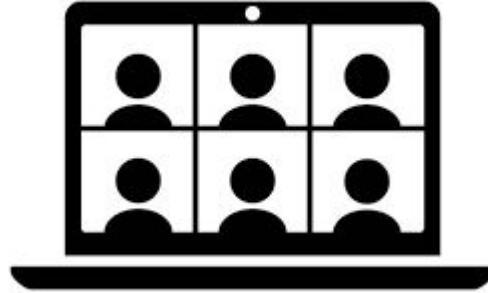
Friday: 11:30am-12:30

#### **The remaining weeks**

Mondays: 10-11am

Wednesdays: 10-11 am

Fridays: 11:30am-12:30 pm



### Graduate student group meeting and individual advisor meeting observation

**Graduate student group meeting:** Fridays 10:30-11:30am

**Individual meetings (choose 1 starting second week):**

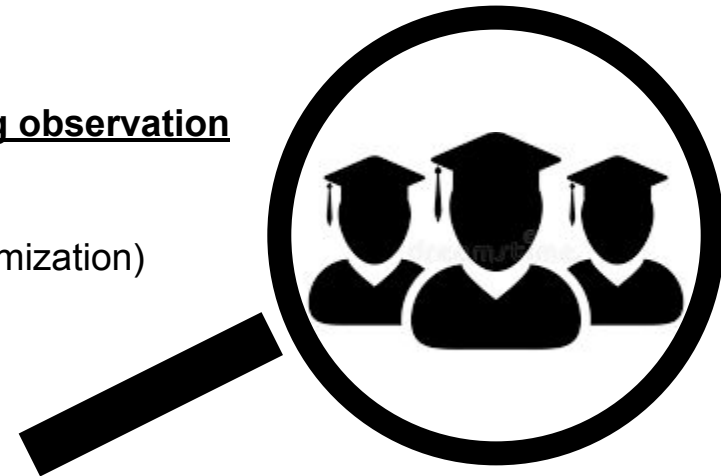
Noah: Wednesdays: 11:15-12:15 (privacy in networks and optimization)

Doni: Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 (robot motion planning)

Minwon: Tuesdays 2-3 (pedestrian localization)

Changwei: Tuesday 3-4 (pedestrian localization)

Navid: Tuesdays: 11:15-12:15 (motion planning, theoretical)



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