

Representations in

Algorithm Design.

Social network,

Friend recommendation

Alice's friends: Cathy, David.

Bob's friends: Cathy

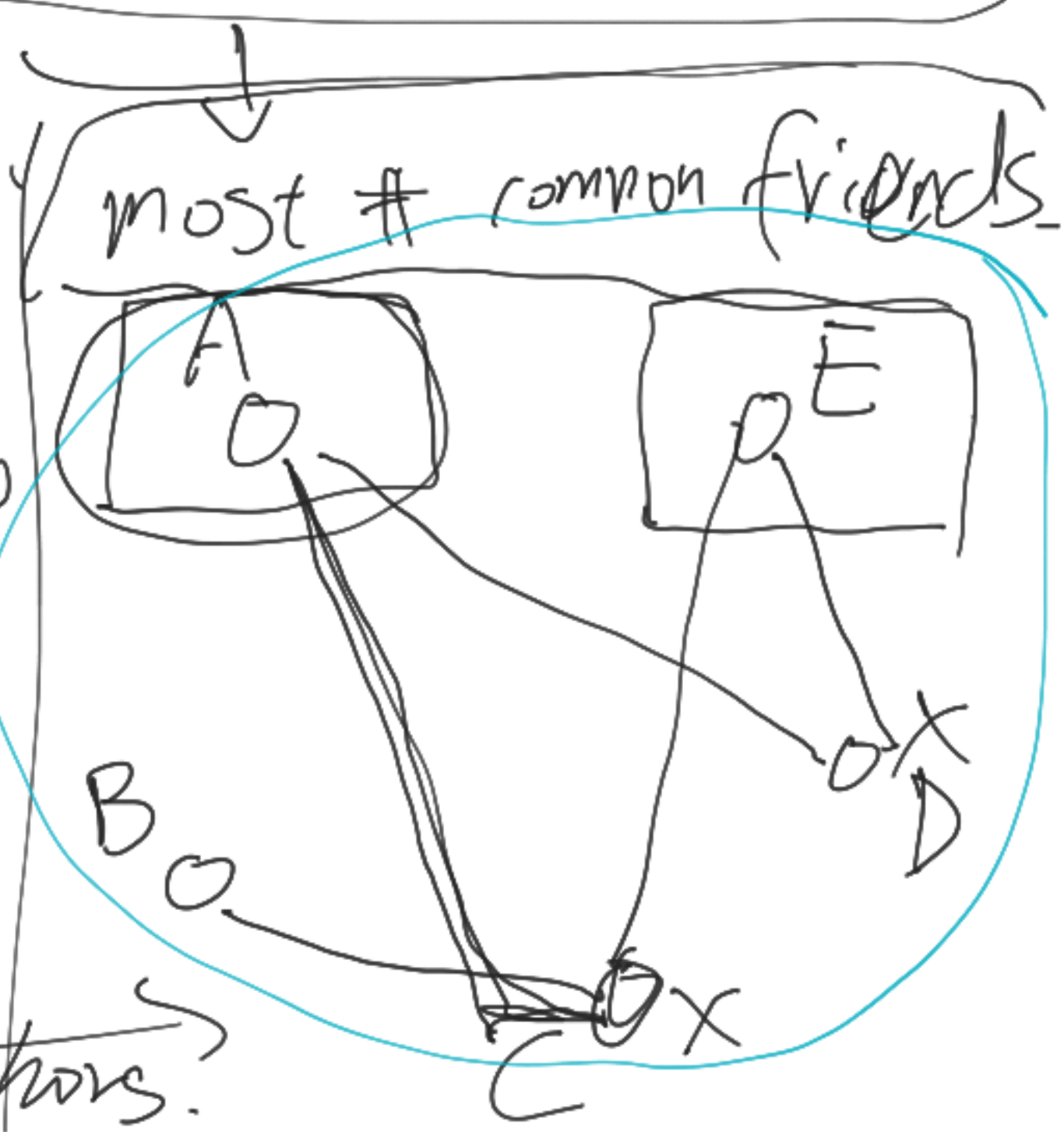
Cathy's friends: Alice, Erica, Bob

David's friends: Alice, Erica

Erica's friends: Cathy, David

representation.

most common neighbors.



Representations

Graph representations

- Trees.
- expanders.

- Graph sparsification

- Decompositions: expander decomposition,

low diameter.

Short cycles

① what are useful representations

②. What are properties?

③. How to algorithmically use these representations?

Matrix representation / Algebraic representation

Linear system solvers.

Laplacian solvers.

Tensor, \Rightarrow matrix multiplication.

Combinatorial representations,

Dynamic programming.

Prerequisite: CS 401 / MCS 401.

No exam

Grading:

- Homework (two) 30%
- Scribe notes 30%
- Research project / paper presentation 30%

- Class participation 10%

Algorithms:

- Approximate Algo:

approximation ratio: $\alpha = \frac{\text{solution by algo}}{\text{optimal solution}}$.

for maximization problems.

$$\alpha \leq 1$$

goal: α as big as possible.

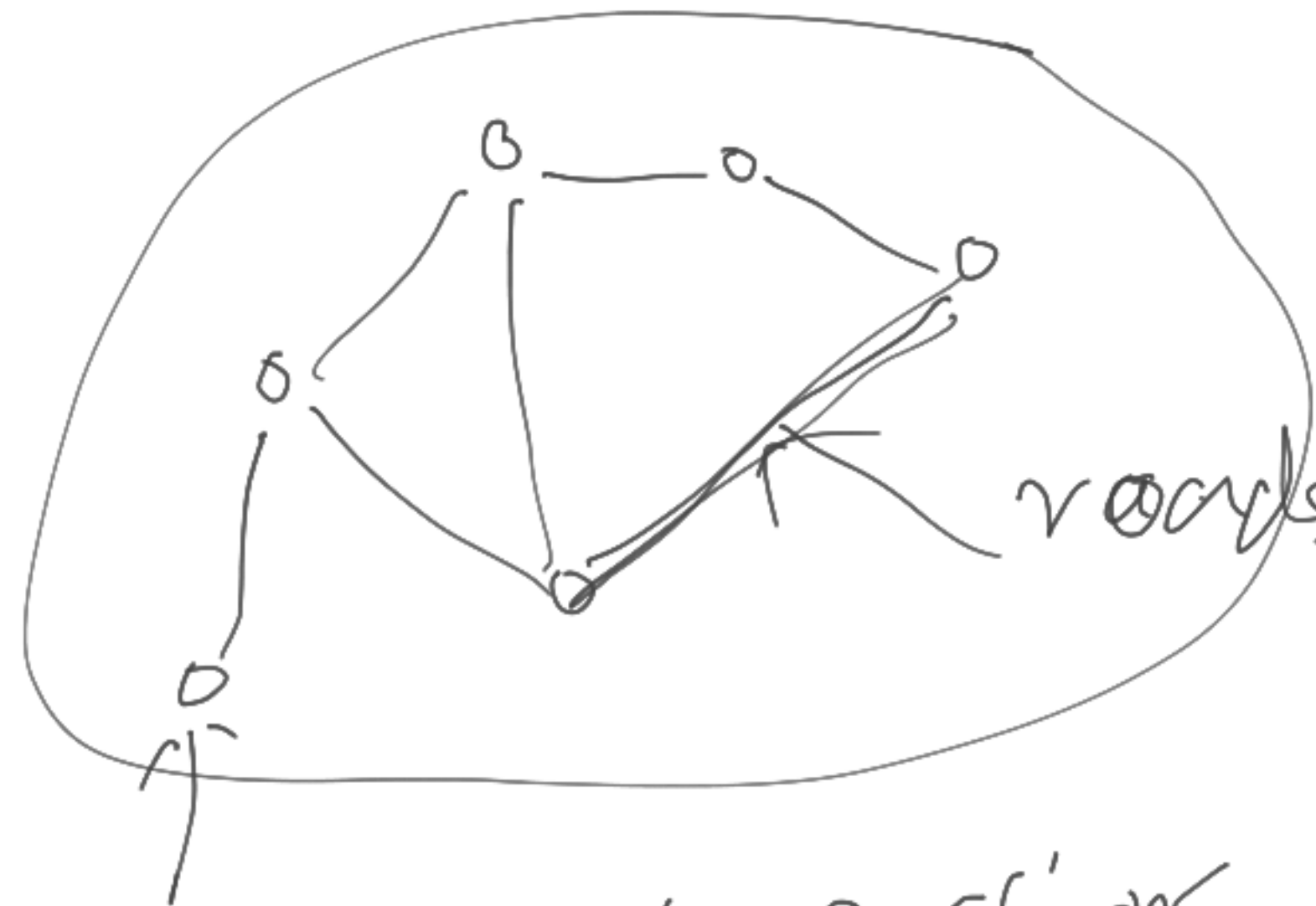
minimization

$$\alpha \geq 1$$

goal: ... small ...

- Dynamic Algorithm: input is changing.

- maintain some property object.



roads: time need travel
 from one end to
 the other end,

street intersections.

- Parallel Algo: use many computers
 to do computation together.
 (speed up).

Graph representations. (Trees)

(Vertices, edges).

- path: a sequence of vertices.

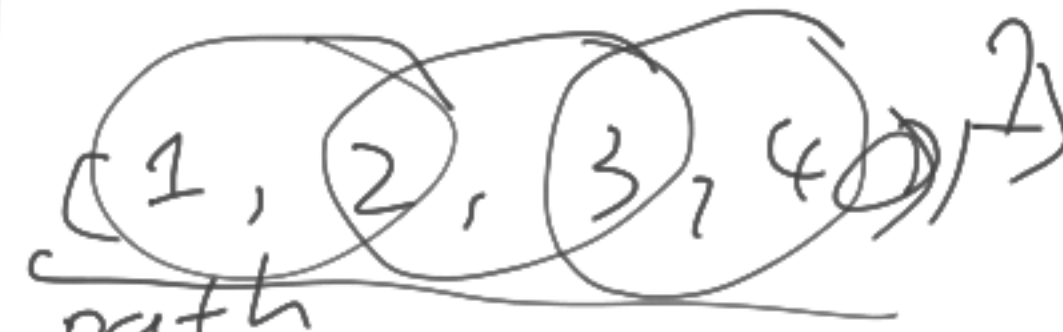
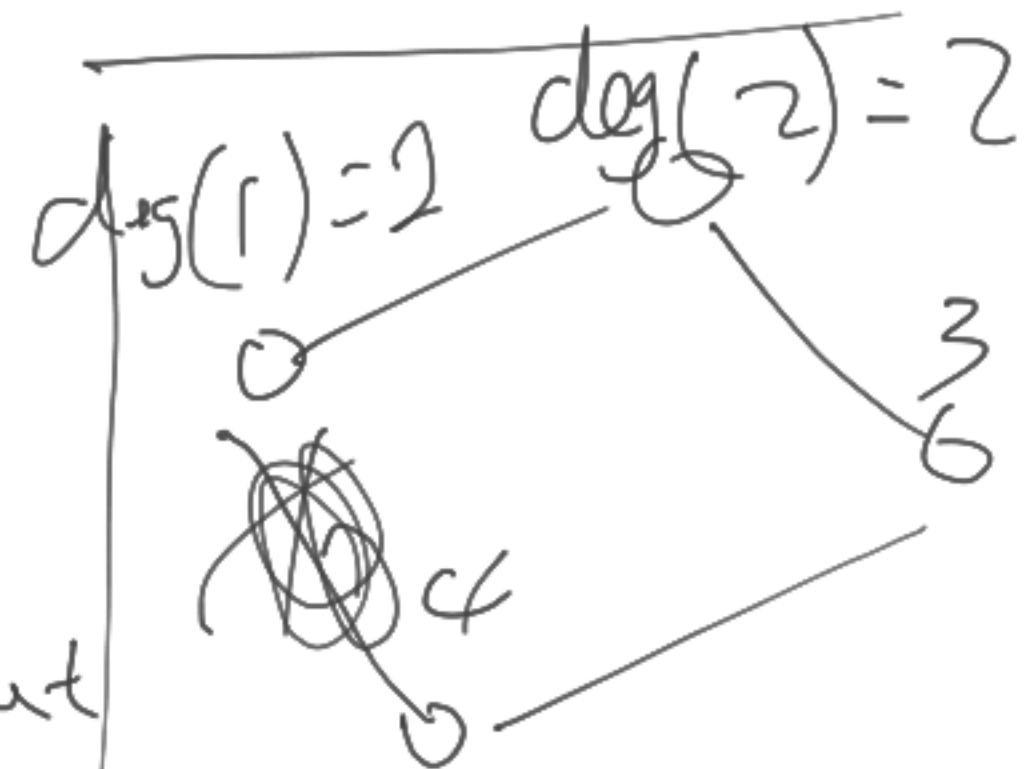
- Cycle: path with same

start and end vertex

- Tree: is a graph without any cycle

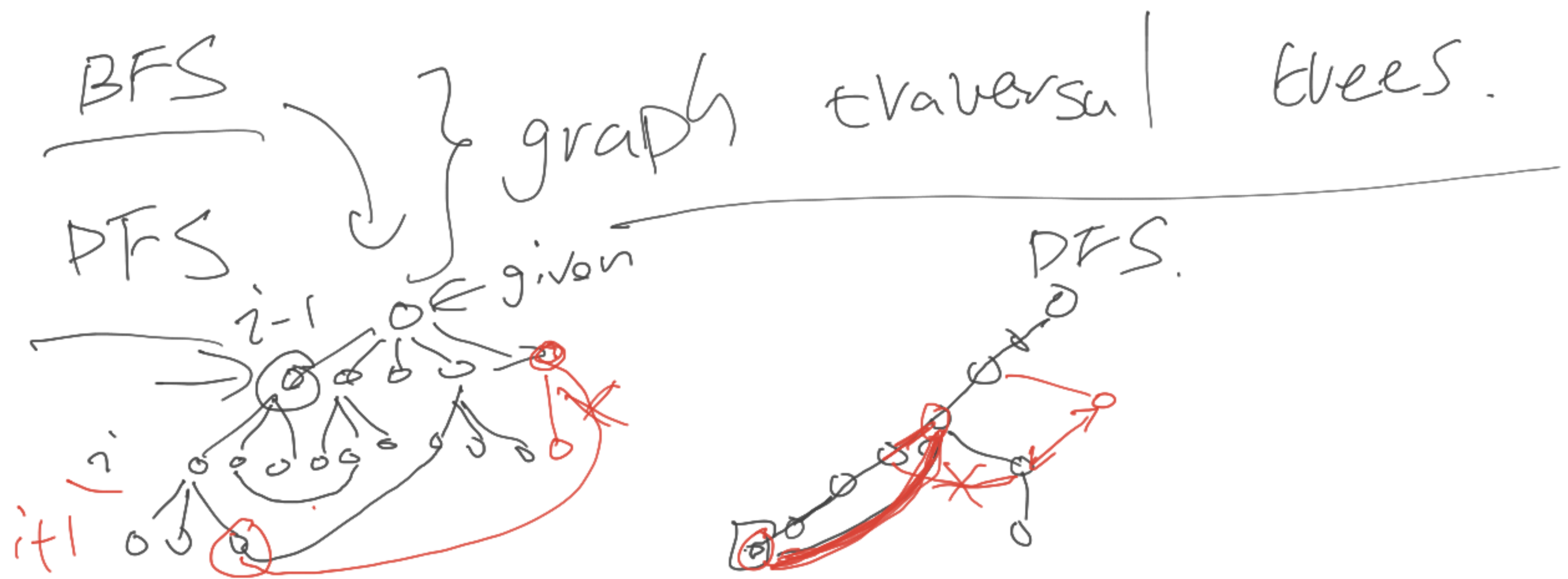
- connected component:

- Degree: #edges. $(1, 3, 2, 4)$.



Tree \leftarrow a special graph.

For each graph there can be different tree representations.



BFS

① shortest path

② edges between

vertices in same
or adjacent level

spanning tree

(tree using edges

from input graph)

DFS

①

No ~~ed~~ non-tree edge
in same or adjacent level.

②

Non-tree edges
two vertices s.t

connects
one is the other's
ancestor.

back edges.

Claim: For every graph s.t every vertex
is degree ≥ 3 , the graph
has a cycle of length \leq
at most $O(\log n)$
(graph has n vertices).

short cycle decomposition
a cycle length n .
HINT: BFS for graph.