

Domination in *Digraphs*



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Objectives



- Present some *fundamental* results on “*dominating sets*”
- Learn how to *generalize* or *extend* existing results
- Cultivate the *Habit* of *Problem-Posing*
— the first step towards doing *research*

Digraph (Directed Graph)

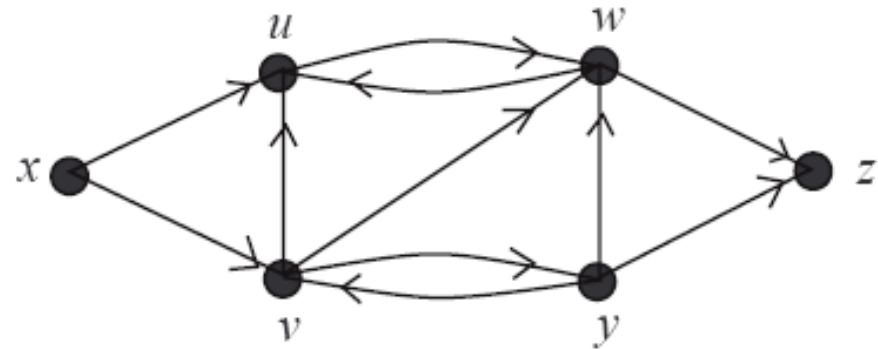
Digraph : $D = (V, A)$

$V =$ *vertex set* of D

$= \{u, v, w, x, y, z\}$

$A =$ *arc set* of D

$= \{xu, xv, uw, wu, \dots, yz\}$



- **Domination**

u dominates x

- **Degrees**

$od(v) = \text{outdegree of } v = 3$

$id(v) = \text{indegree of } v = 2$

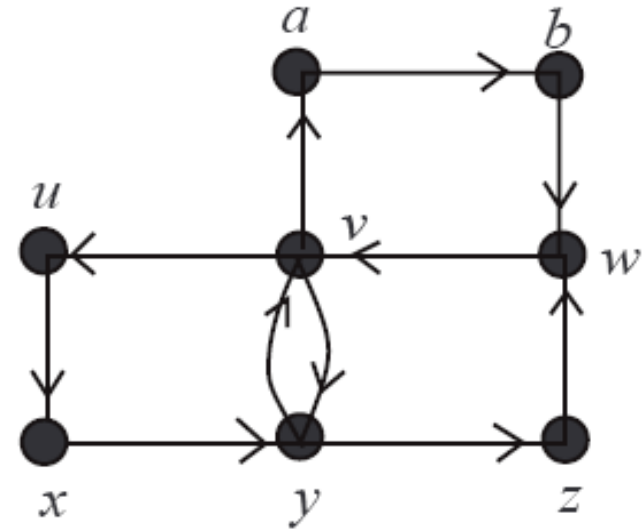
- **Distance**

$d(a, z) = \text{distance from } a \text{ to } z$

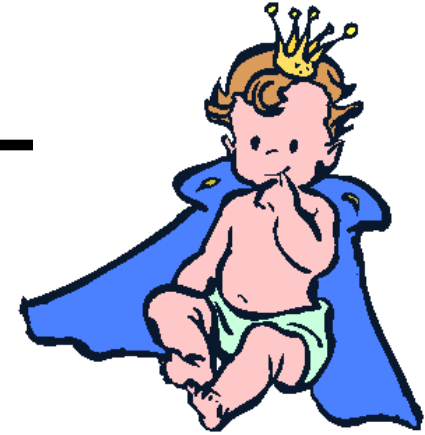
= the *min.* no. of arcs traversed from a to z

= 5

Note $d(z, a) = 3$

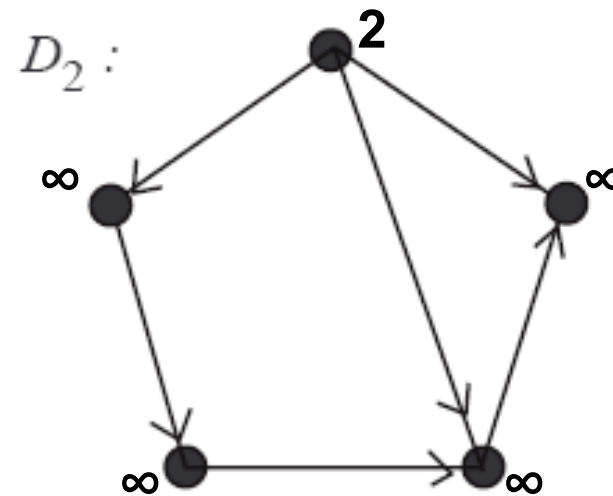
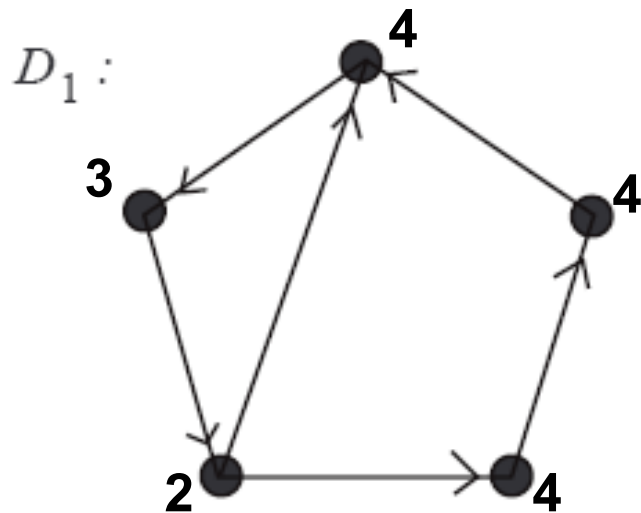


Dominating Vertices (Kings)



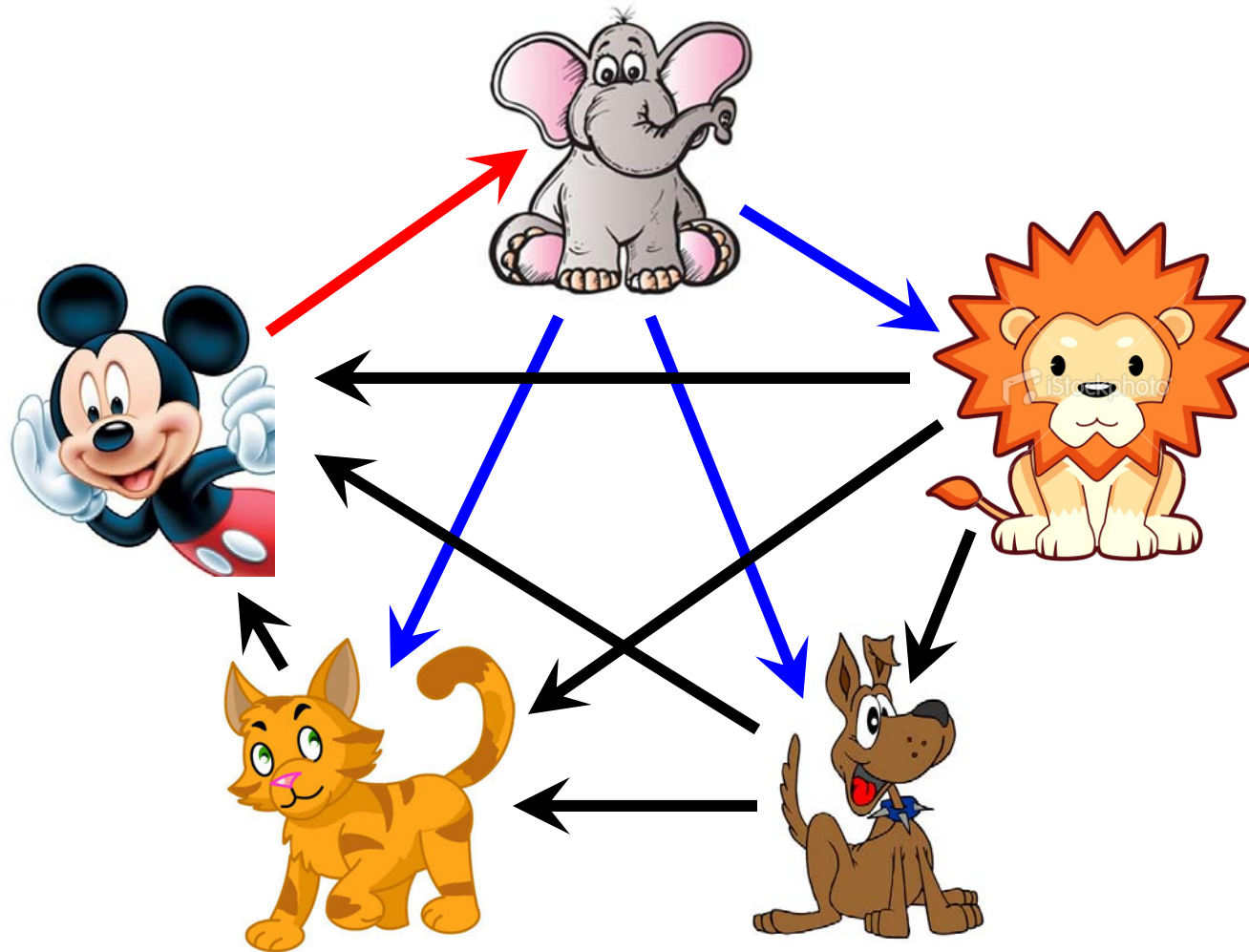
A vertex w in D is an *r -king* if

$$d(w, v) \leq r \quad \text{for all } v \text{ in } V.$$



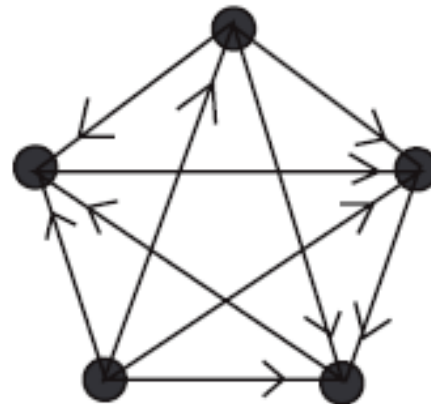
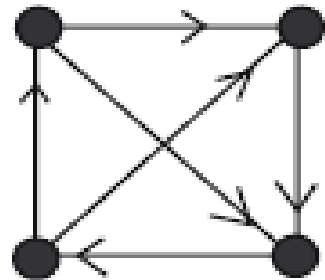
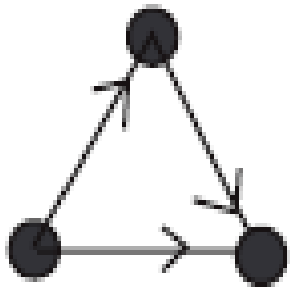
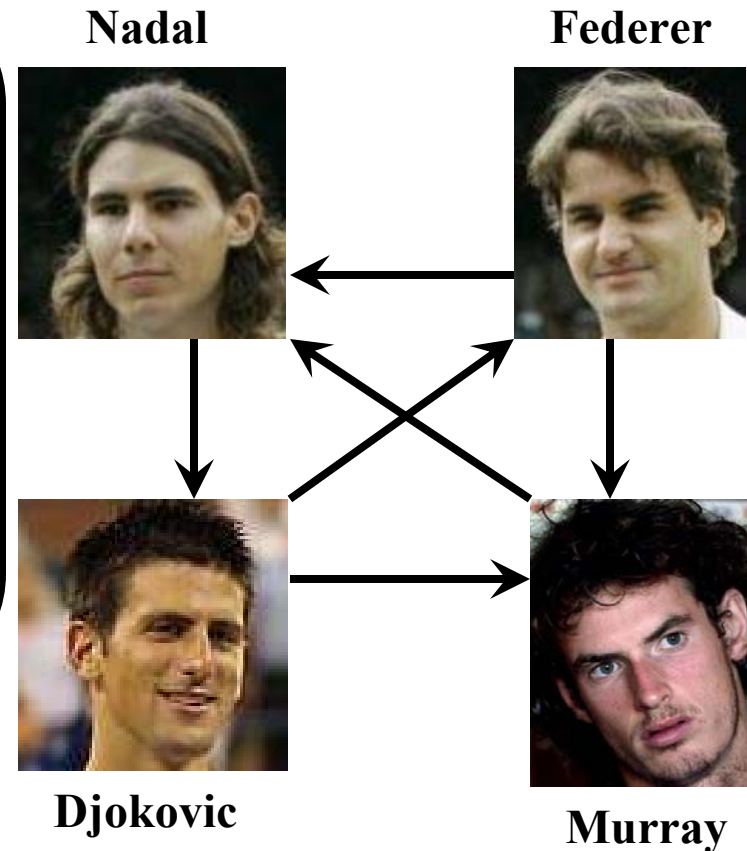
Landau (1909-1966)

- *Dominance Relations in Animal Societies*



Tournament

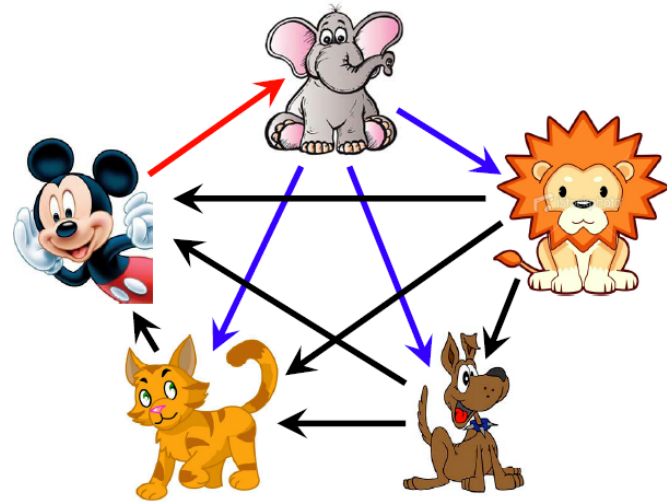
a digraph in which every two vertices are joined by *exactly one* arc.



$k(r, D)$

= # of *r*-kings in D

Landau (1953)

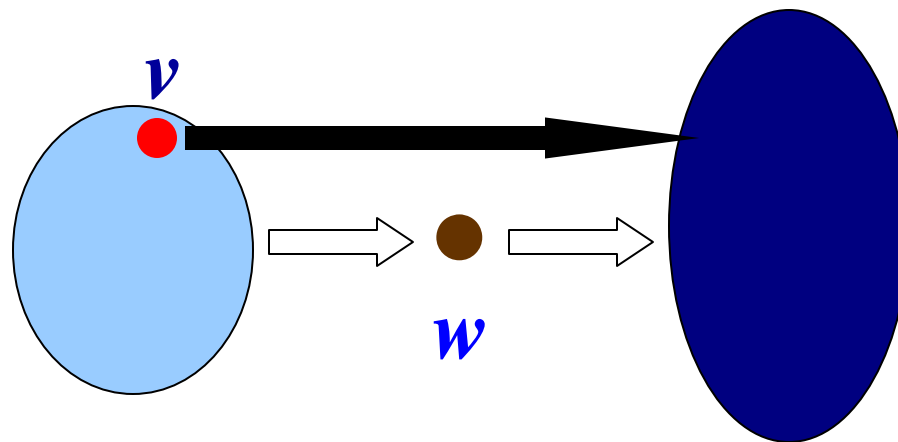


In any tournament T , any vertex with *highest* outdegree (**score**) is a *2-king*.

Thus, $k(2, T) \geq 1$.

Proof of Landau's Observation

In-set $I(w)$ Out-set $O(w)$



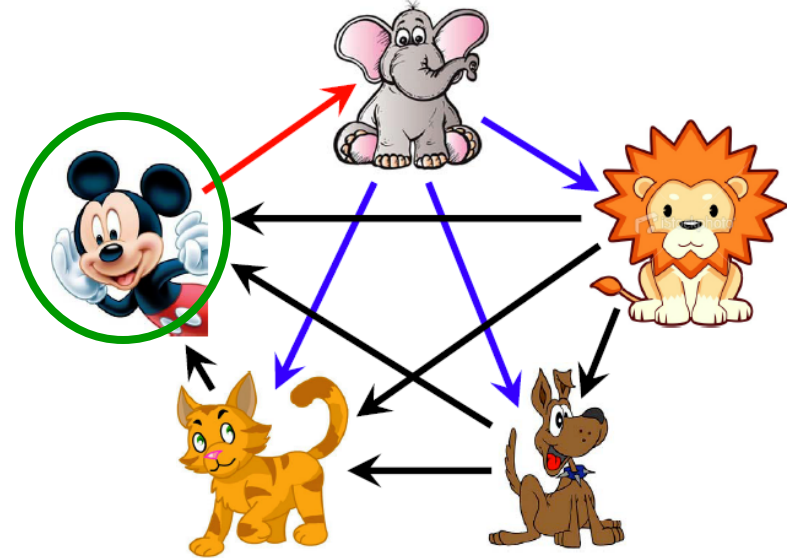
$$od(v) > od(w)$$

contradiction

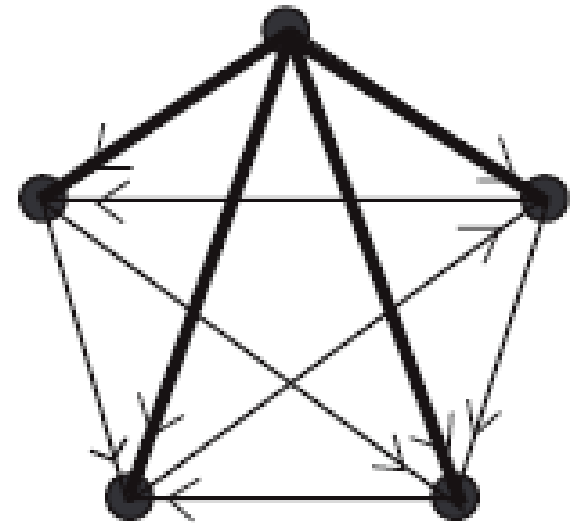
Questions

- If w is a **2-king**, must w have the **highest score**?
- Are there tournaments T s.t. $k(2, T) = 1$?
- ♣ A **source** is a vertex with zero indegree.

Every T with a **source** contains a **unique** 2-king.



Source



- Is the *converse* of the above true?
- Under what conditions for T that $k(2, T) \geq 2$?
- Are there tournaments T s.t. $k(2, T) = 2$?
- What is the *best lower bound* for $k(2, T)$ if T contains no source?

Moon's Observation (1962)

Let T be a tournament with **no sources**.

Then every **2-king** is *dominated* by a **2-king** in T .

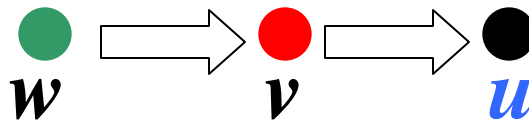
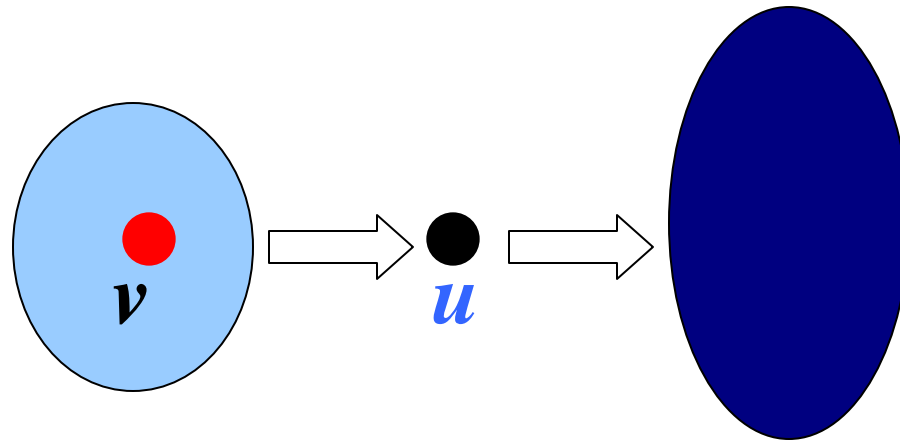
In particular,

$$k(2, T) \geq 3.$$

(**No** tournament can have exactly **two 2-kings**.)

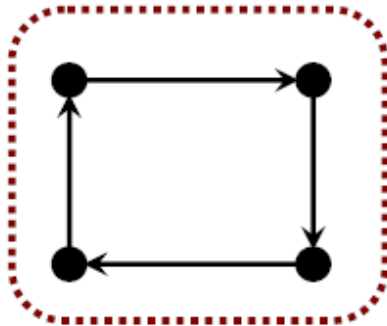


Proof of **Moon**'s Observation



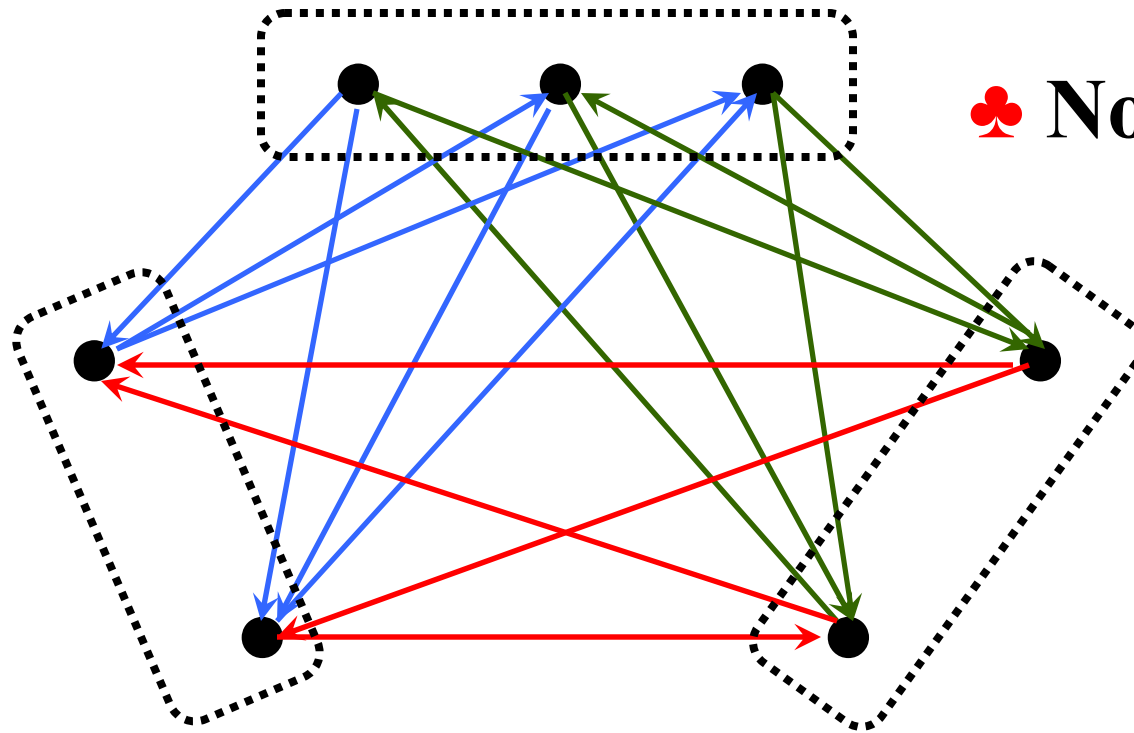
Tournament T \rightarrow $k(2, T) \geq 1$

Digraph D
deleting arcs from T \rightarrow $k(r, D) \geq 1$
 $r = ?$



Multipartite Tournaments

3-partite tournament: $T(3,2,2)$



♣ **No sources**

**Petrovic &
Thomassen (1991)**



Let D be a *multipartite tournament* with
at most one source . Then

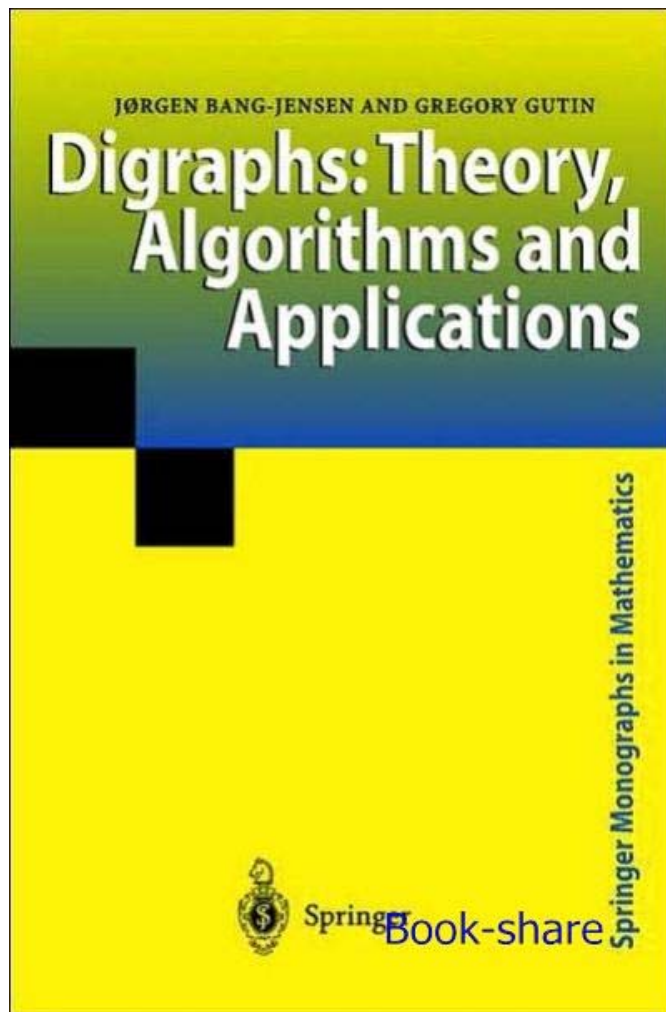
$$k(4, D) \geq 1.$$

Koh & Tan (1995)



Let D be an n -partite tournament
with *no source* . Then

$$k(4, D) \geq \begin{cases} 4 & n = 2 \\ 3 & n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



Thus, 4-kings are of particular interest in multipartite tournaments. In a number of papers, several authors investigate the minimum number of 4-kings in multipartite tournaments without sources. In our view, the above theorem is the most interesting result in this direction. [p.76]

Individuals

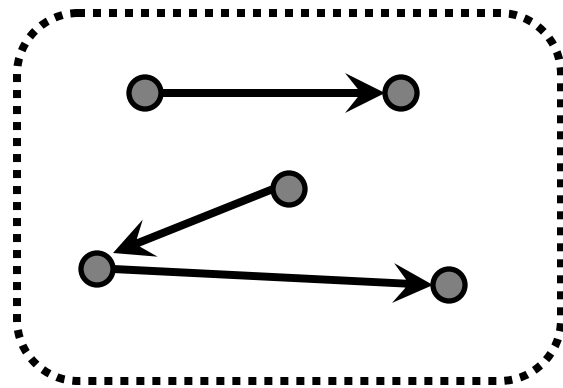


Teams

Landau: T tournament

$$k(2, T) \geq 1.$$

Any 'team' version of Landau's
result for general D ?

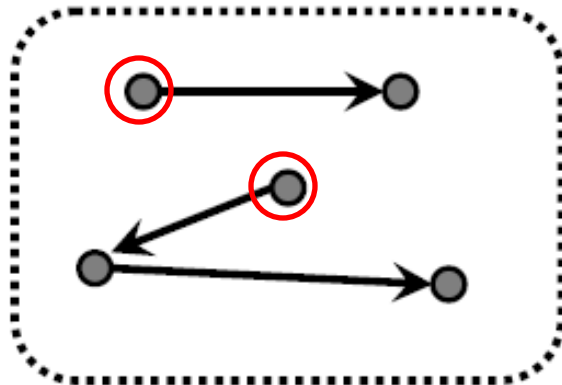


$S \subseteq V$ is an *independent* set if
no two vertices in S are joined by an arc in D .



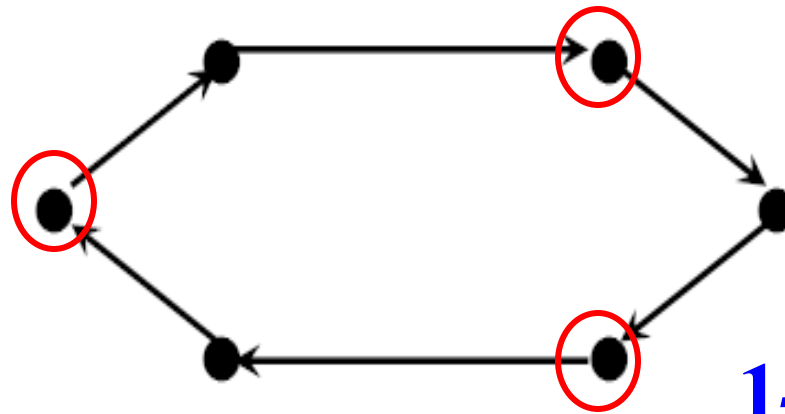
K is a *r -dominating set* of D

- (i) K is *independent* &
- (ii) every vertex in $V \setminus K$ can be reached from
a vertex in K within *r steps*.

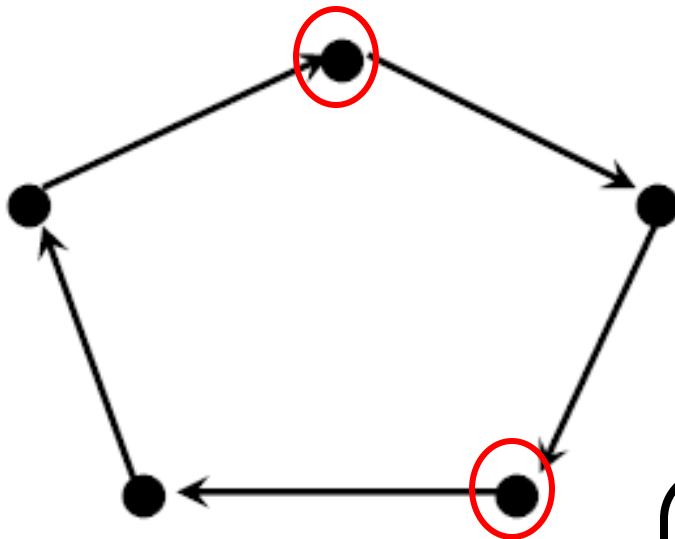


2-dominating set

Dicycles:



1-dominating set



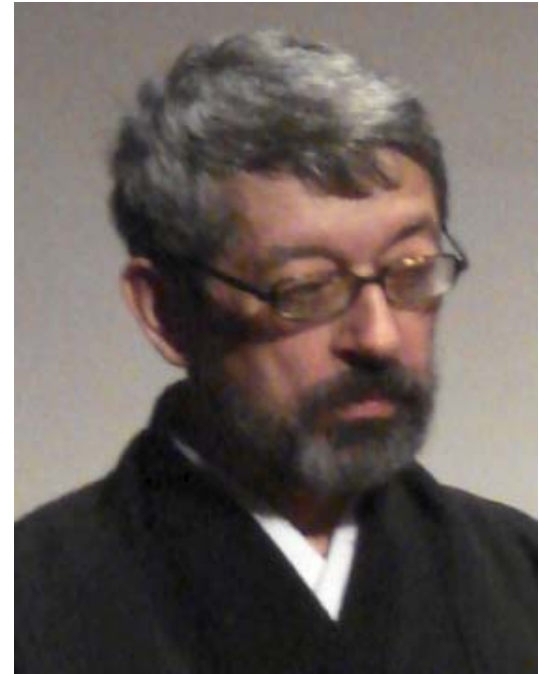
No *1-dominating set*

2-dominating set

Does *any* D always
contain a *2-ds* ?

The **Chvátal-Lovász**
Theorem (1974)

Every digraph
contains a
2-dominating set.



Chvátal (1946 –)
Canada Research
Chair in
Combinatorial
Optimization



László Lovász (09/03/1948 –)

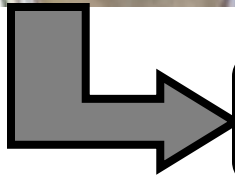
IMU President (2007–2010)

IMO-Gold(1964, 65, 66)

Wolf Prize(1999)

Gödel Prize(2001)

Kyoto Prize(2010)



虎父无犬子



Miklos Lovasz

IMO-Silver(2007)

& Gold(2008)



The **Jacob-Meyniel** Theorem (1996)

Every digraph which
contains *no 1-dominating set*
contains *at least three*
2-dominating sets.

Landau: $k(2,T) \geq 1$

Moon: No source, $k(2,T) \geq 3$

Petrovic-Thomassen: $k(4,M) \geq 1$

Koh-Tan: No source,

$$k(4,M) \geq \{3,4\}$$

Chvátal-Lovász: $\#(2-ds,D) \geq 1$

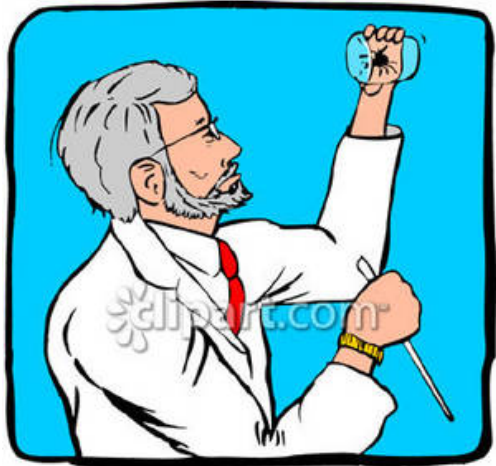
Jacob-Meyniel: No 1-ds,

$$\#(2-ds,D) \geq 3$$

Research Process



Observations



Problems

proposing

asking

Results

solving

Art of *Problem Posing*



George Ferdinand Ludwig
Philipp Cantor
(1845 – 1918)

Cantor founded *set theory* and introduced the concept of *infinite numbers* with his discovery of *cardinal numbers*

“In mathematics, the art of *proposing a question* must be held of *higher value* than *solving it.*”

♥ Cultivate
the *Habit*
of



Problem-Posing