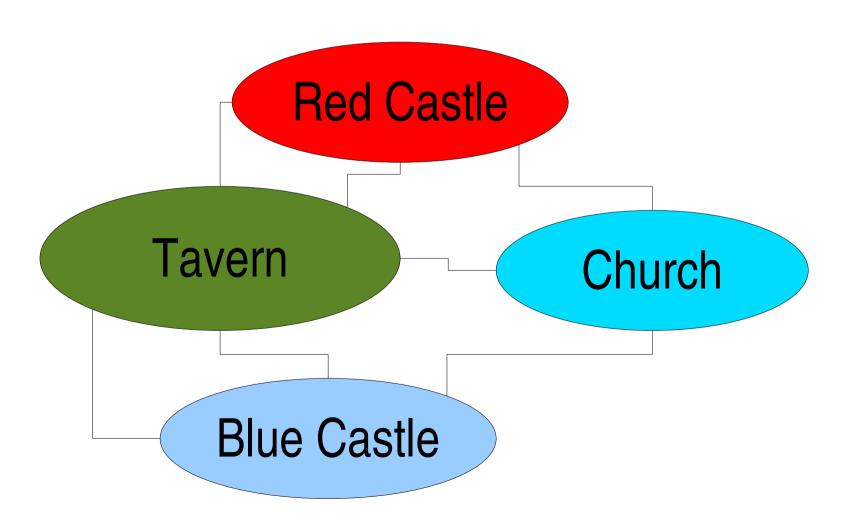
Eulerian Paths and Cycles

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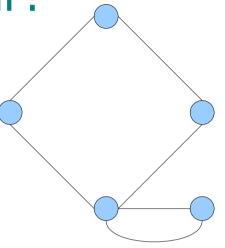
An Eulerian path (EP): traverse every edge

An Eulerian cycle (EC): start and end at same vertex

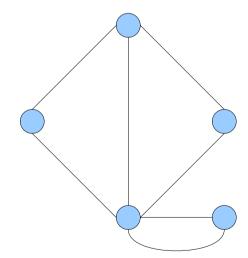
Not the Traveling Salesman Problem

Is there a Eulerian Tour?

• EC: every node has even degree

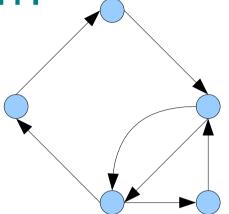


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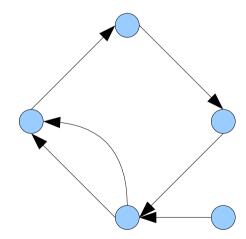


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EC: out-degree = in-degree

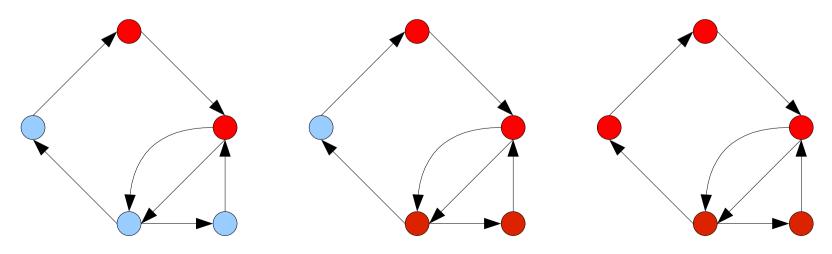


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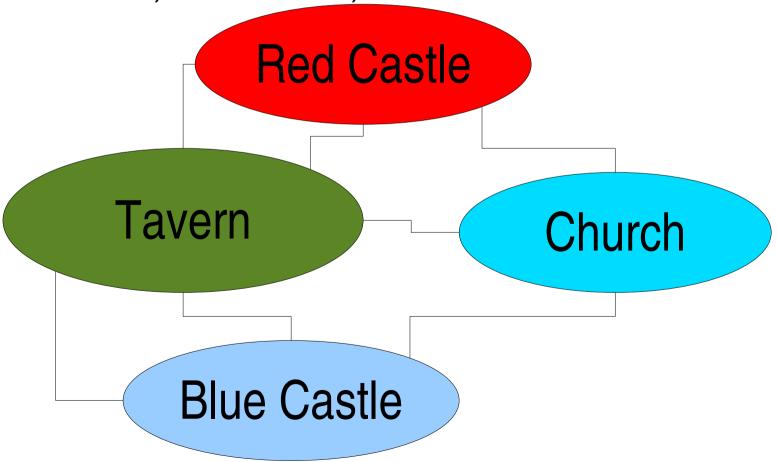
Finding the Circuit

- A graph with an EC consists of several cycles
- Each cycle shares a vertex with at least one other cycle
- So find one cycle
- And using a depth-first search, find cycles attached to each node in that cycle

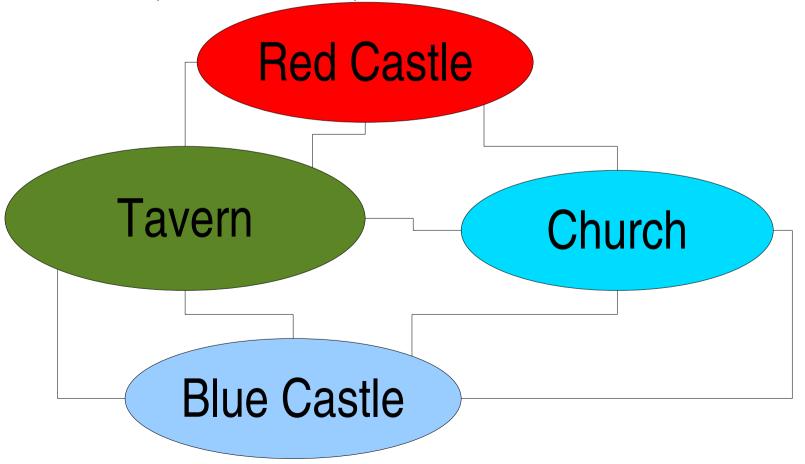


- Shortest path through every edge
- EP is best
- Otherwise MST+Floyd+EP+... = fancy algorithm

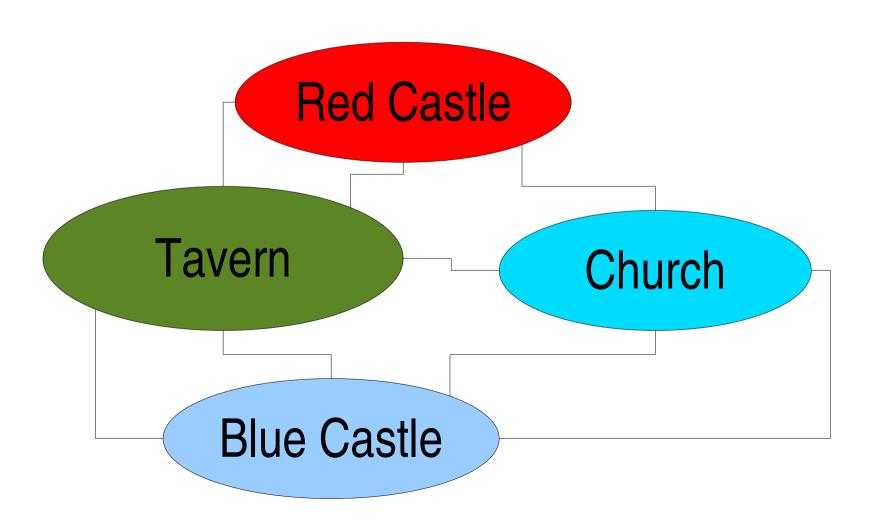
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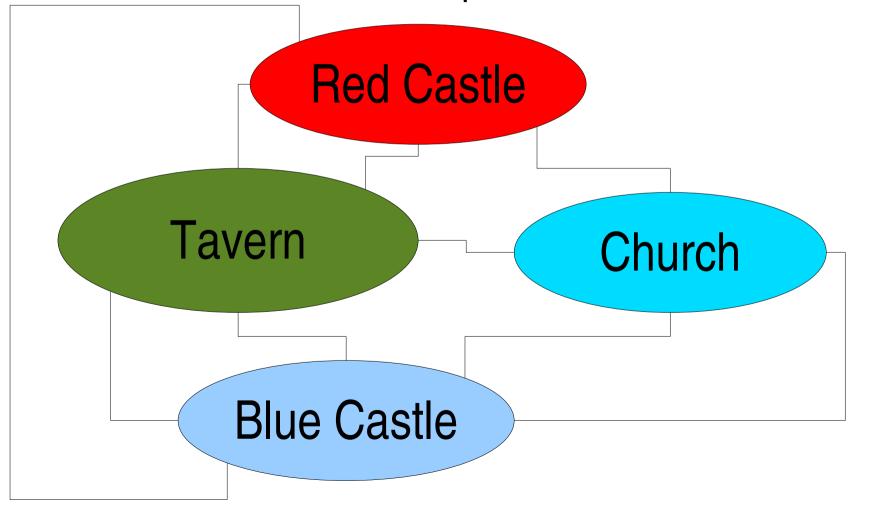
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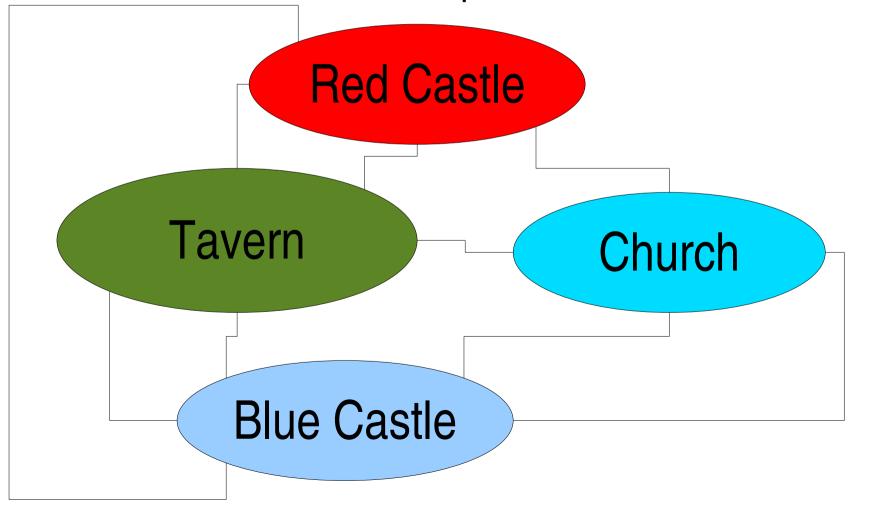
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