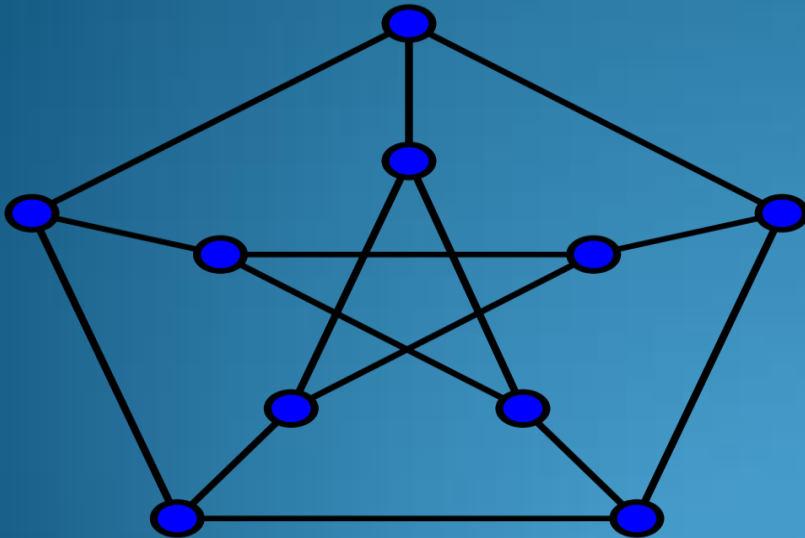


# Permutation Graphs and Applications

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In this Presentation:

- **Idea of Permutation Graphs**
- **Applications**
- **Classical problem (Coloring)**

# Introduction

- Let's consider the sequence of natural numbers:

$$N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

- Then a permutation is a sequence as follows:

$$P_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$P_2 = \{6, 2, 4, 3, 1, 5\}$$

$$P_3 = \{5, 4, 3, 6, 1, 2\}$$

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- Notice there are  $N!$  of permutations  $\pi$

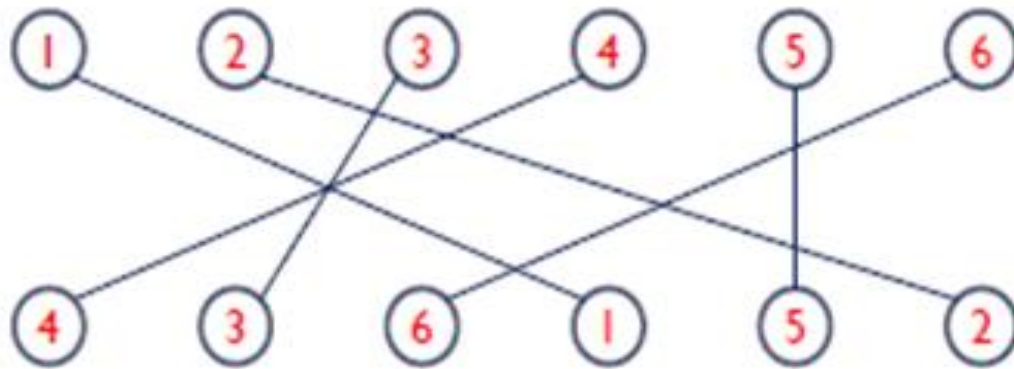
# Introduction

- Given a permutation  $\pi$ , we can construct a graph  $G(\pi)$ :

➤ Example:

$$N = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$

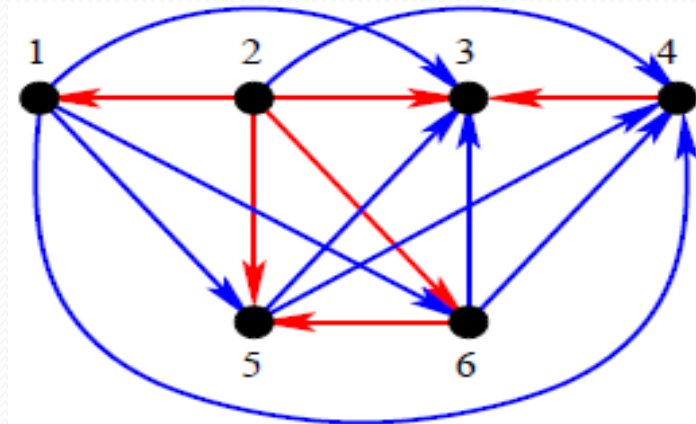
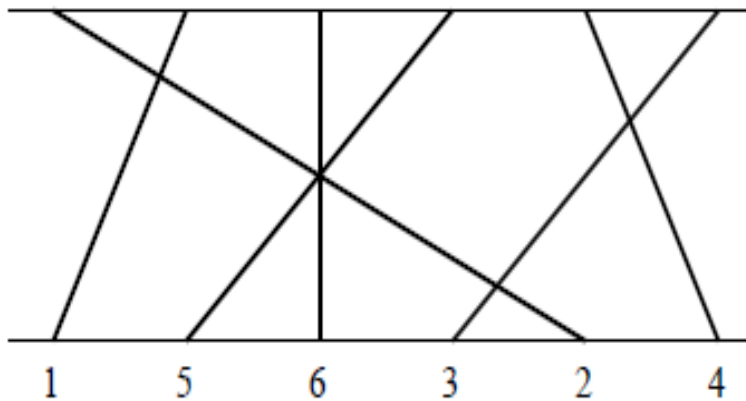
$$\pi = [4, 3, 6, 1, 5, 2]$$



# Introduction

## Properties:

- Reversing the order of  $\pi$  gives us the complement
  - The complement is also a permutation graph
- Transitively Orientable
  - $G(\pi)$  and  $G'(\pi)$  are transitively orientable



# Introduction

## Properties:

- Corollary 7.4(Key point):

The chromatic number of  $G(\pi)$ =minimum number of queues required to sort  $\pi$ .

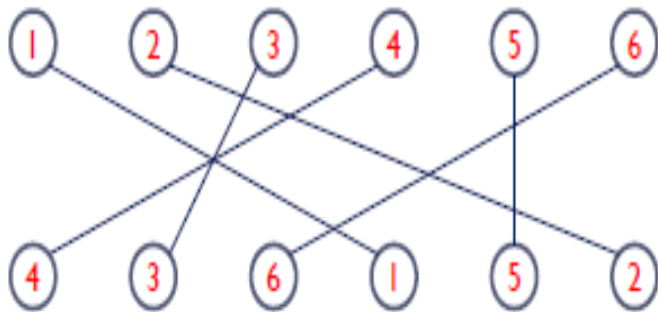
- Also:

Theorem : A graph is a permutation graph IFF  $G$  and  $G'$  are **comparability graphs**.

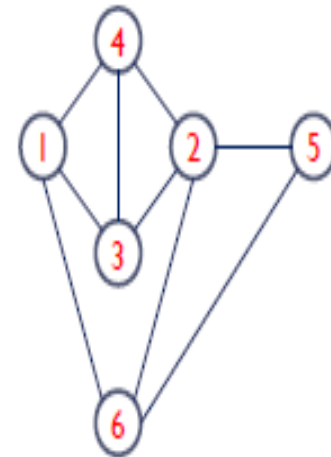
# Application

- **Matching Diagram**

- is drawn by adjoining pairs of matching elements from the sets  $N$  and  $\pi$ .
- Intersections depict adjacency.
- characterizes Permutation Graphs.



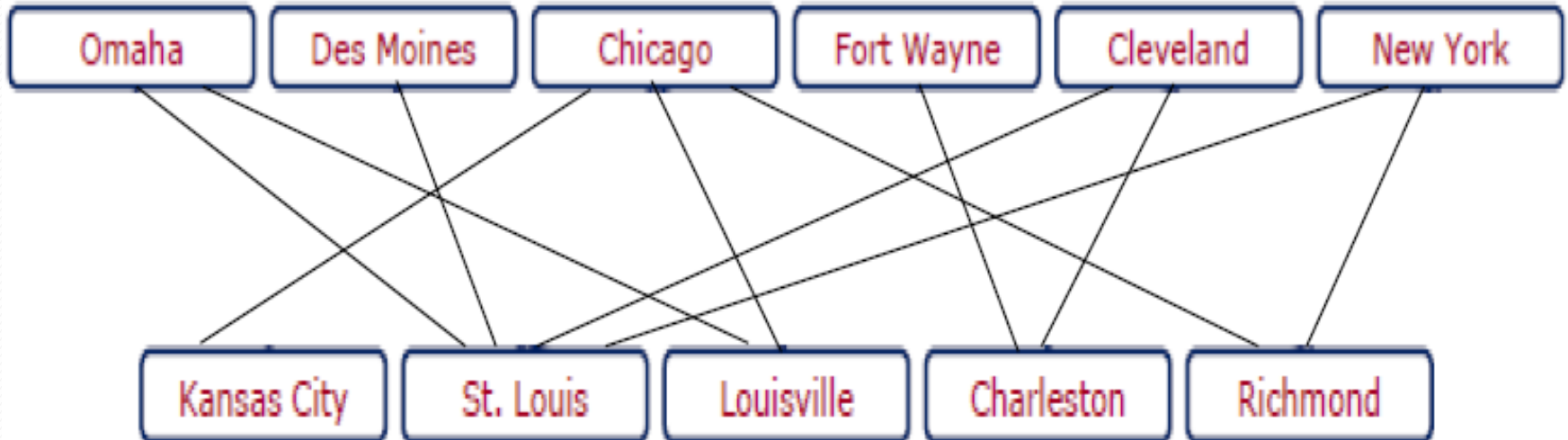
Matching Diagram of  $\pi = [4, 3, 6, 1, 5, 2]$



Permutation Graph for  $\pi = [4, 3, 6, 1, 5, 2]$

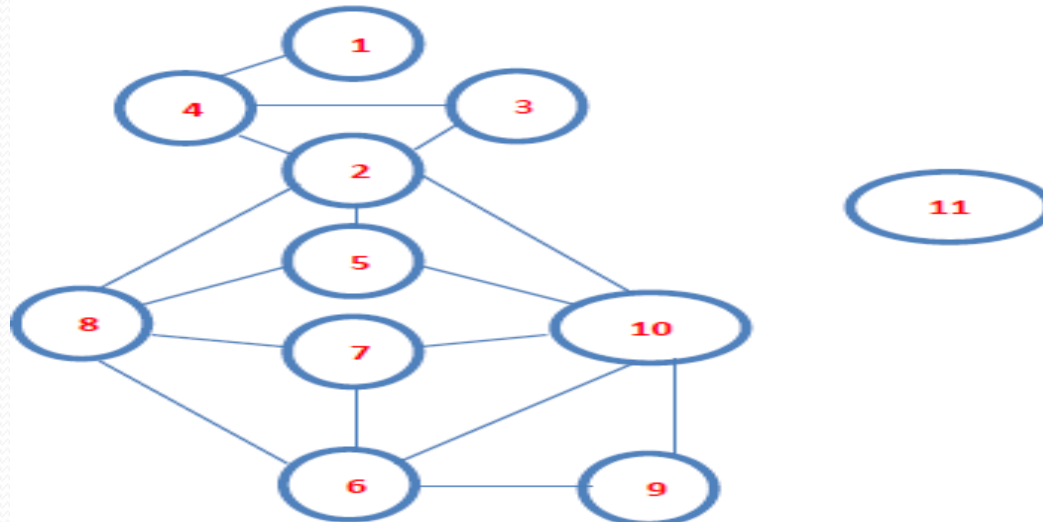
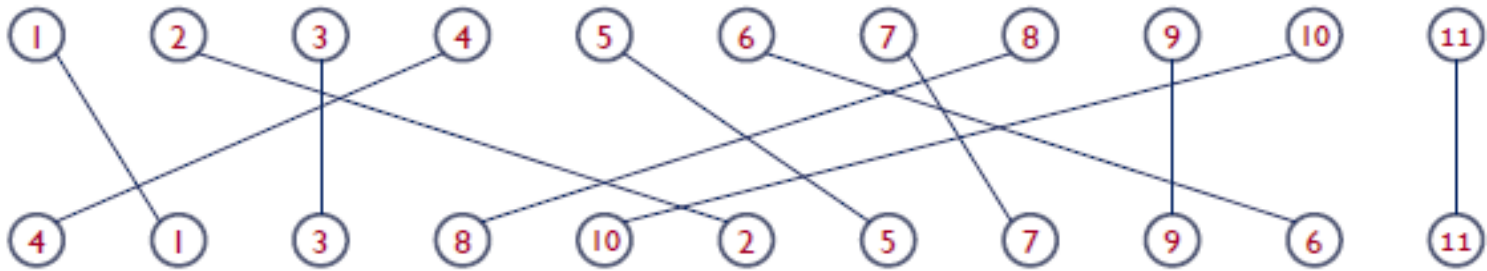
# Application

- **Airline Routes (our real-life problem)**
  - Suppose two collections of cities -airports
- **Assign flight altitudes to connecting cities**
  - Prevent intersecting flights colliding mid-air
- **Example:**



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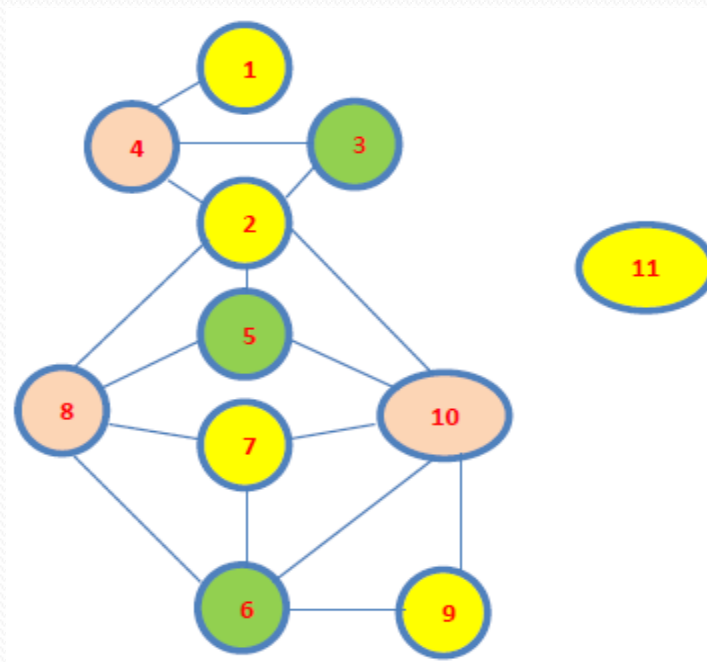
- Draw a matching diagram
  - Each edge of the flight diagram is an “element”
  - Gives us a permutation and a graph





# Classical Problem

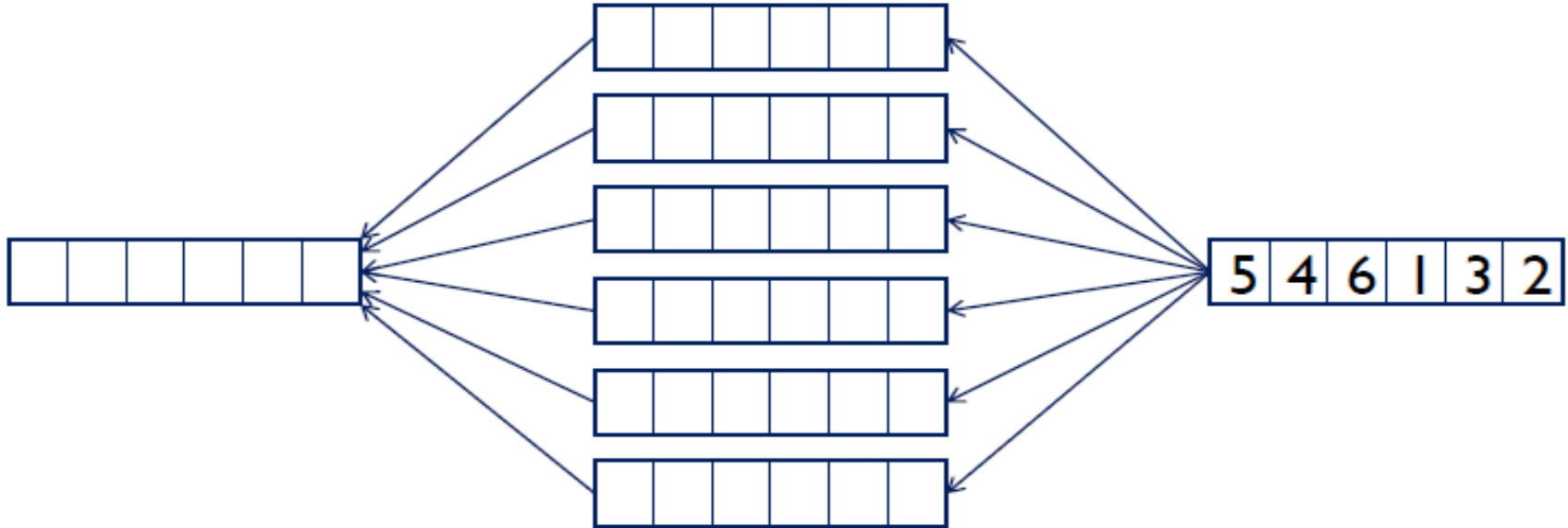
- The Coloring problem
  - Distinct colors need distinct altitudes



- Algorithm:

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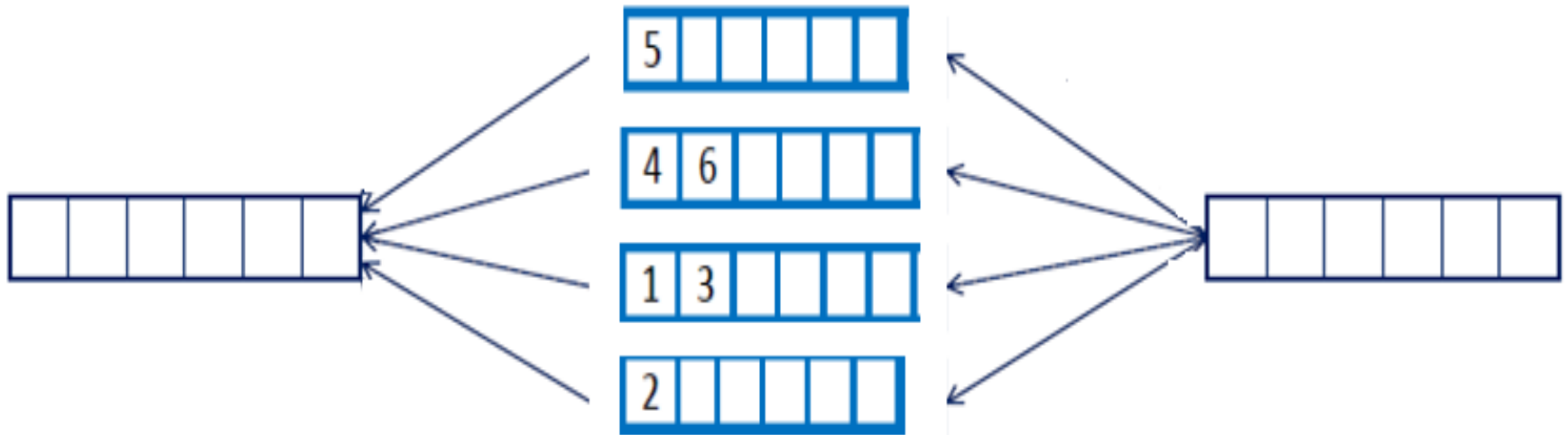
- We use  $n$  queues in parallel to demonstrate:



- Each element goes into **one** of the  $n$ -queues
  - But cannot go “**behind**” a larger element

# Sorting Permutation

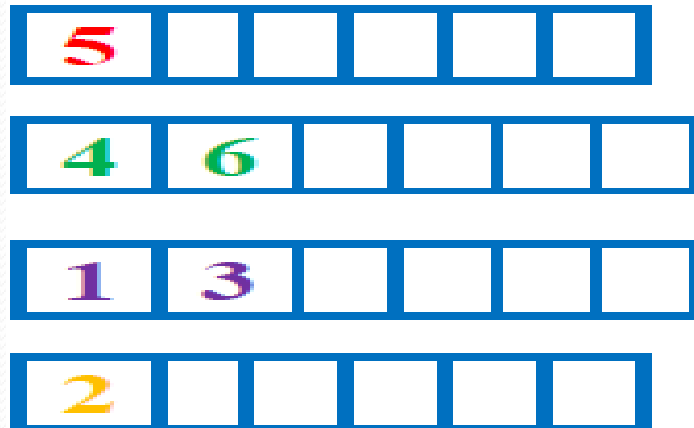
- The “unpacking/withdrawing” stage is done
  - By pulling out elements in proper order



**Conclusion: We only allow non-inverted pairs in same queue**

# Sorting Permutation

- Assigning unique color to each queue



Corollary 7.4:

chromatic number = minimum number of queues

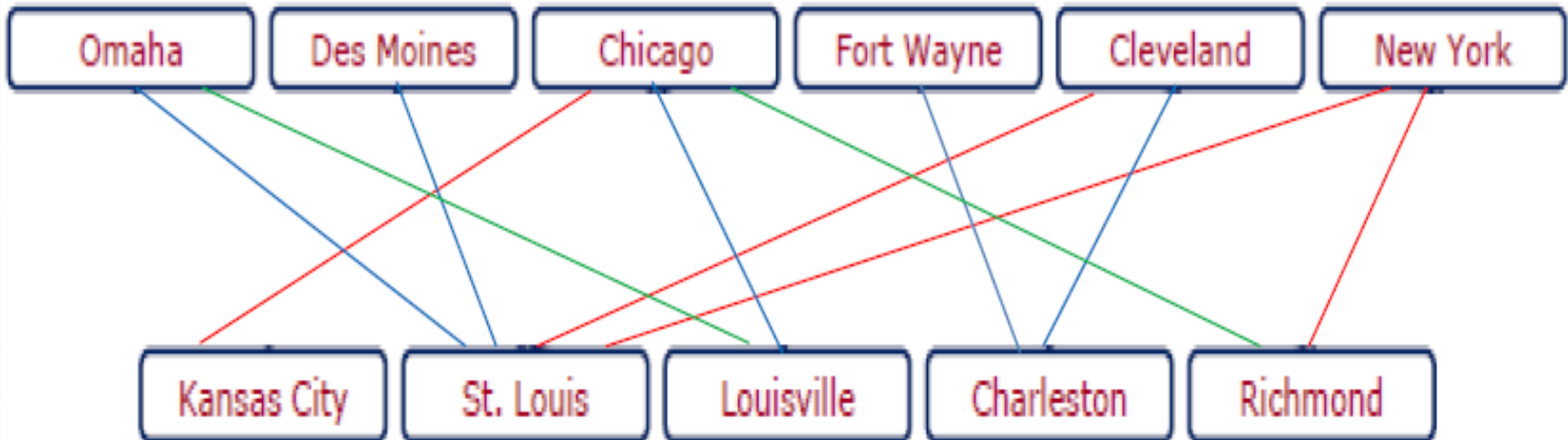
# Coloring of Airline Routes

4 8 10 11

1 3 5 7 9

4 1 3 8 10 2 5 7 9 6 11

2 6





Thank you!

