
Transit Networks

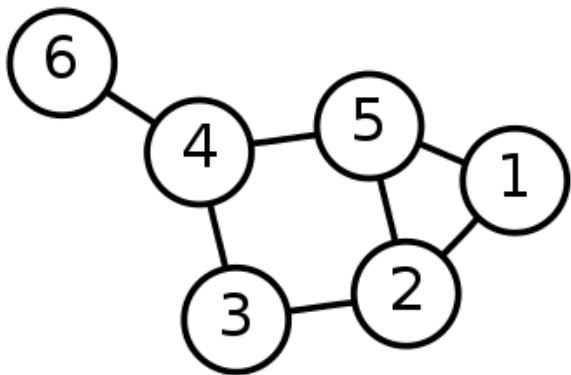
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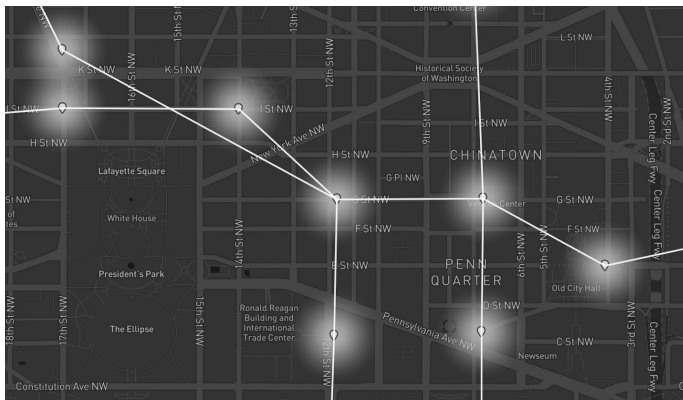


What is a graph?

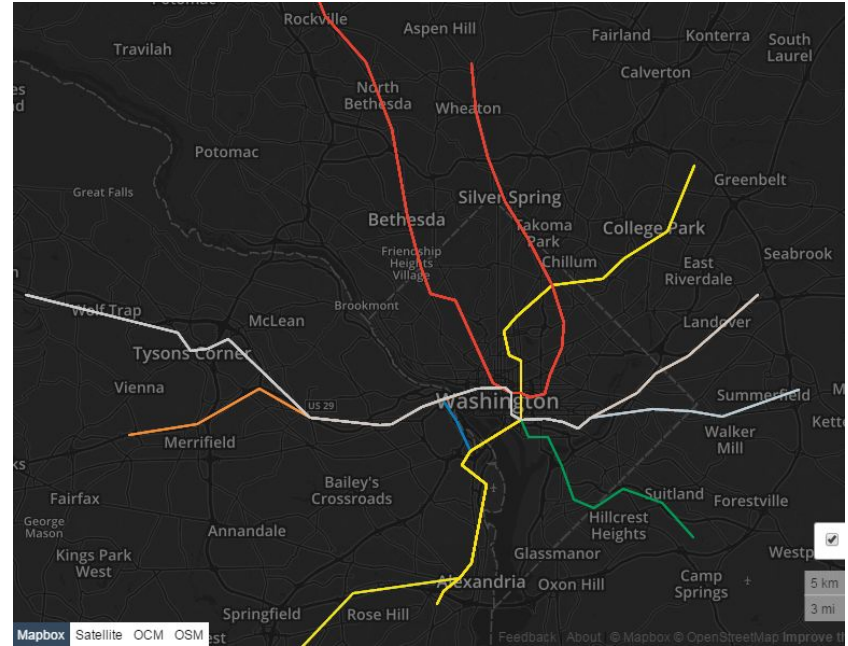
A collection of nodes and edges between them.

What does this have to do with transit?

We can calculate directions through a network!



Transit + Graphs =



How do we build a transit graph?

WMATA GTFS

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stop_id, stop_code, stop_name, stop_desc, stop_lat, stop_lon, zone_id  
5017, , "L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION", , 38.884886, -77.021600, 10  
12928, , "PENTAGON METRO STATION", , 38.869474, -77.053777, 42
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stop_times.txt

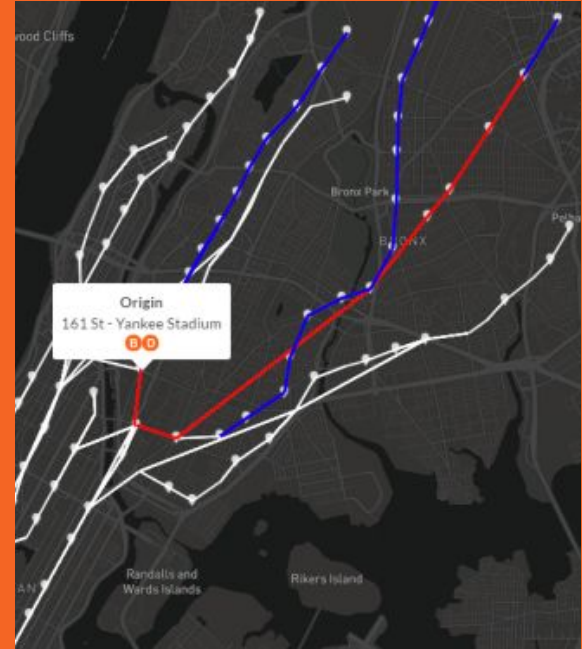
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trip_id, arrival_time, departure_time, stop_id, stop_sequence, pickup_type, drop_off_type, shape_dist_traveled  
75182, 05:24:00, 05:24:00, 5017, 1, 0, 0, 0.0000  
75182, 05:29:00, 05:29:00, 12928, 2, 0, 0, 2.0231
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**What stations can I
reach from my
station?**

Search algorithms

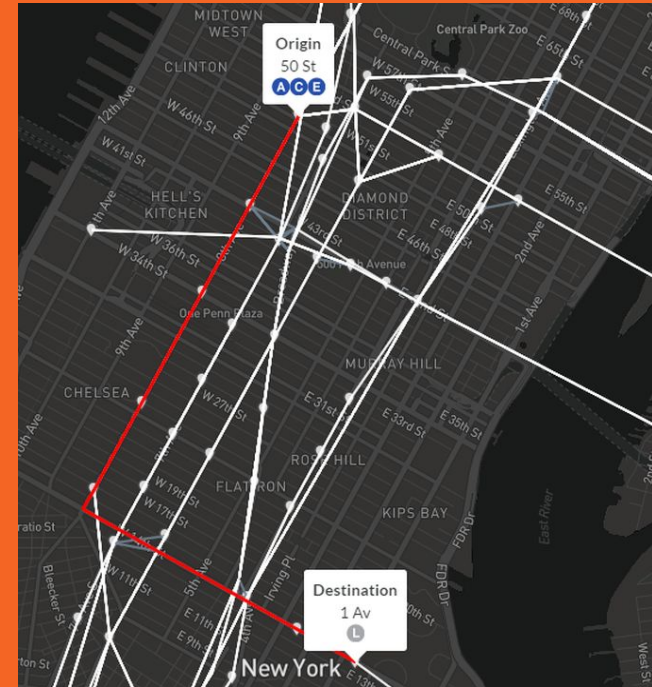
Depth-First Search



What is the fastest
way to get to a given
station?

Shortest-path algorithm

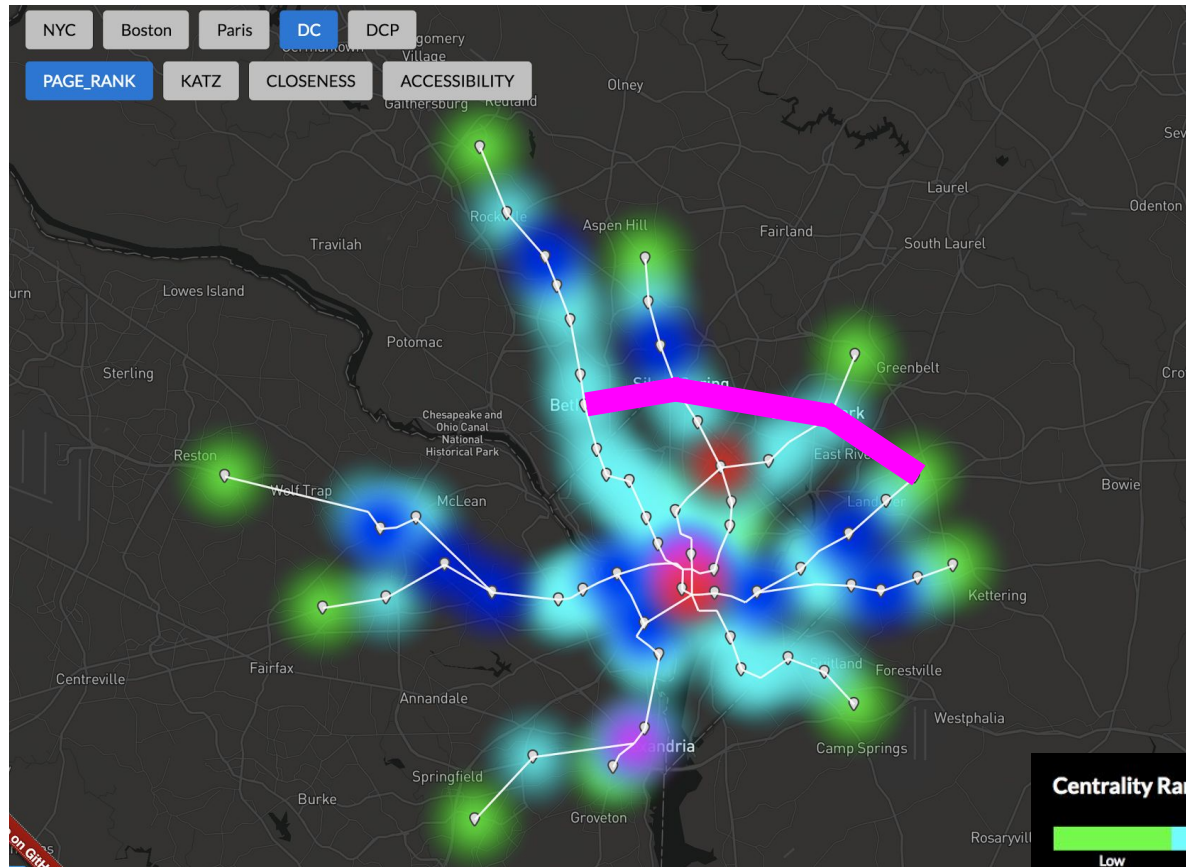
Dijkstra's Algorithm



What are the most important stations in a network?

Centrality algorithms

- PageRank
- Closeness Centrality

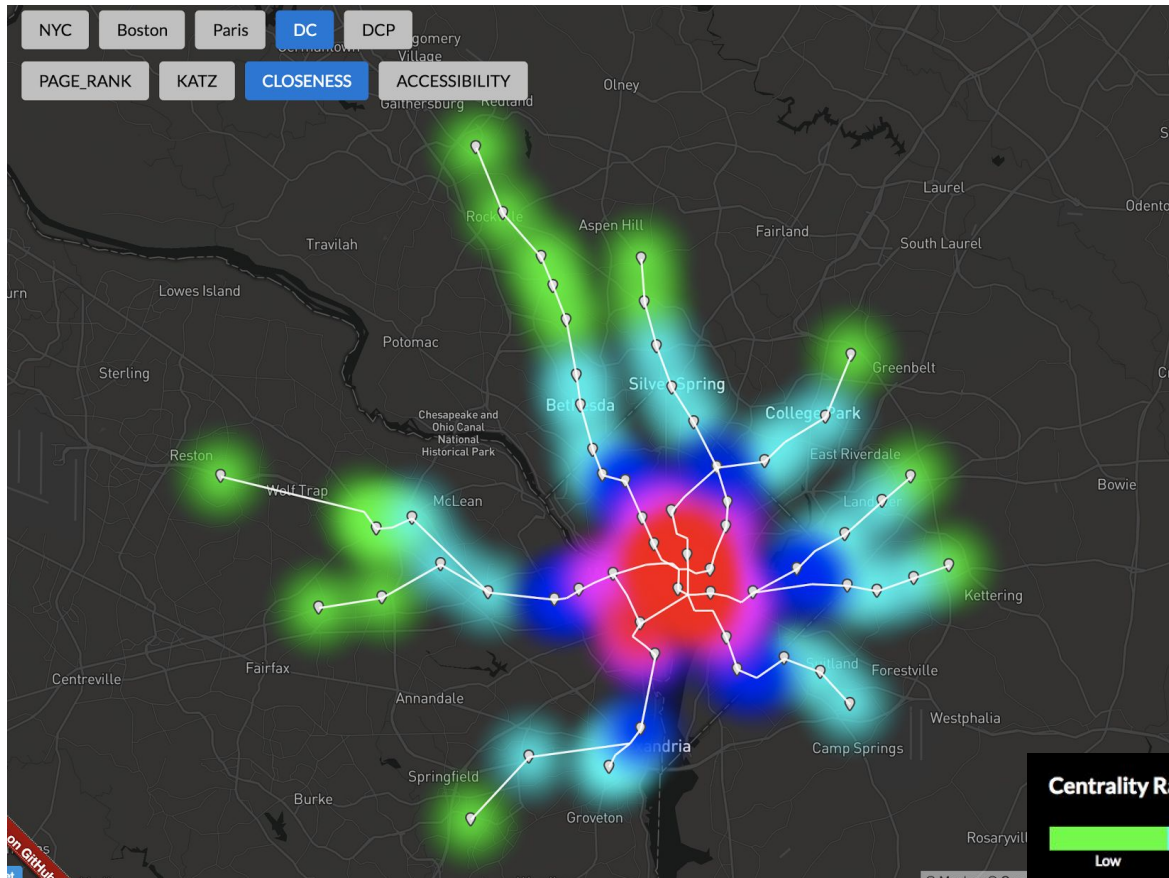


PageRank

1.	2.10437	L'Enfant Plaza
2.	1.81865	Fort Totten
3.	1.74702	Metro Center
4.	1.71635	King Street
5.	1.65715	Gallery Place Chinatown
6.	1.36668	Stadium Armory
7.	1.35918	East Falls Church
8.	1.32541	Pentagon
9.	1.28757	Rosslyn
10.	1.22946	Greensboro

Centrality Ranking



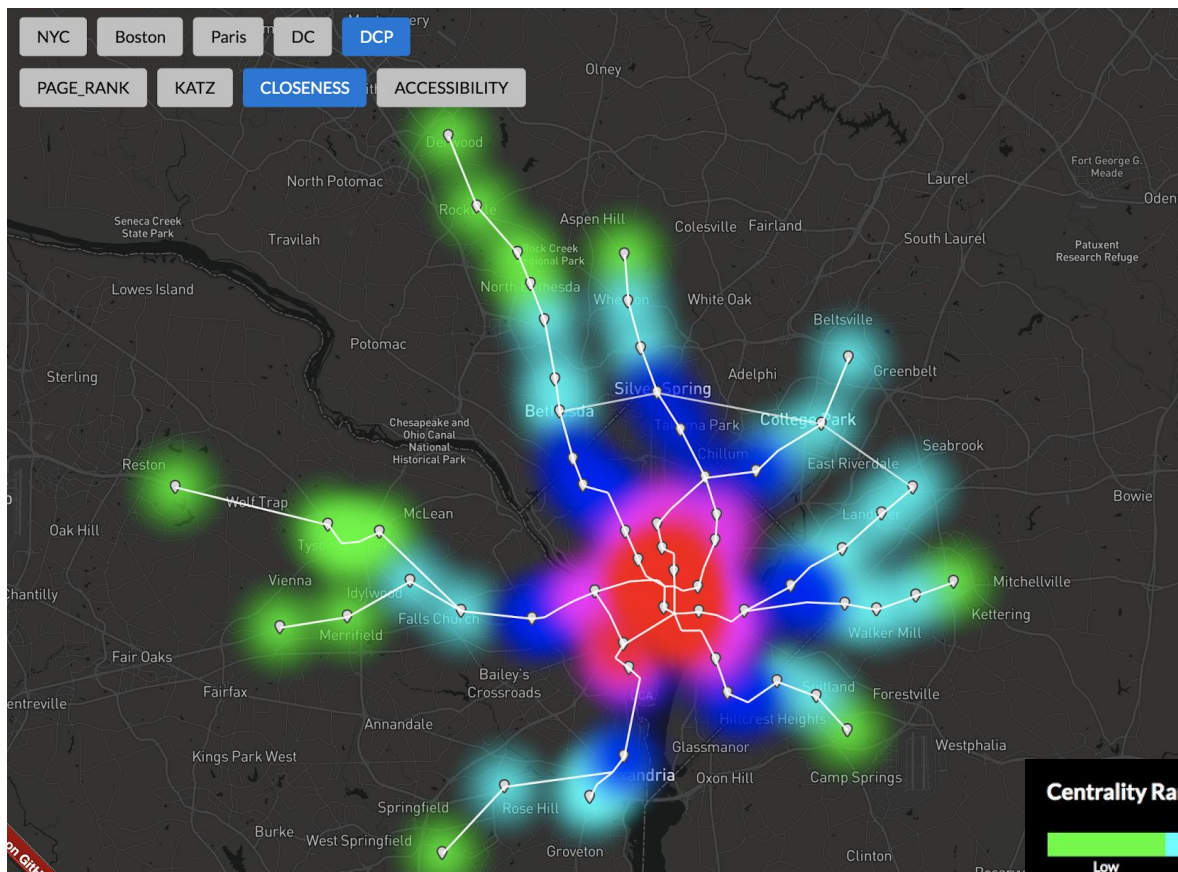


Closeness

1.	0.00097	L'Enfant Plaza
2.	0.00096	Gallery Place Chinatown
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4.	0.00095	Metro Center
5.	0.00094	Federal Triangle
6.	0.00092	Smithsonian
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Pros & Cons

- Macro-scale
- GTFS-based
- Theoretical



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Continuing Education

- App
 - <https://gtfs-graph.herokuapp.com/>
 - <https://gtfs-graph.herokuapp.com/demo/>
- Code
 - gtfs-graph (<https://github.com/tyleragreen/gtfs-graph>)
 - transit-tools (<https://github.com/tyleragreen/transit-tools>)
- Blog
 - <http://www.tyleragreen.com/blog/tag/graph/>
- The most fun I've ever had reading an academic paper
 - "Network Centrality of Metro Systems," Sybil Derrible, 2012.
- Tools
 - enmodal (<http://enmodal.co/>)