

# Game Systems Part II



# Admin



- Quiz
- Final Exam coming
- Game design Project 2
- Reading assignment
- Read chapters 9, 11 & 12 in your book.

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  - Park place costs \$35 empty
  - Baltic Ave costs \$4 to land on

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- Lots of possible answers, but a few
  - X and Y positions of game entities
- Farm Game
  - Growth speed for plants
- RPG
  - Health of enemies
- Fighting Game
  - Speed, health, damage
- What else.

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  - Now lets try an early “fast and furious” style street racing game.

# Weights for attributes



- Some attributes count more than others
  - Core Keeper Like game
    - Mining
    - Melee Combat
    - Range Combat
    - Hair Color
    - Gardening Skill
    - Vitality
  - When checking a combat encounter with one of the minibosses
    - which of these attributes should be given high weight
    - Which low or no weight?

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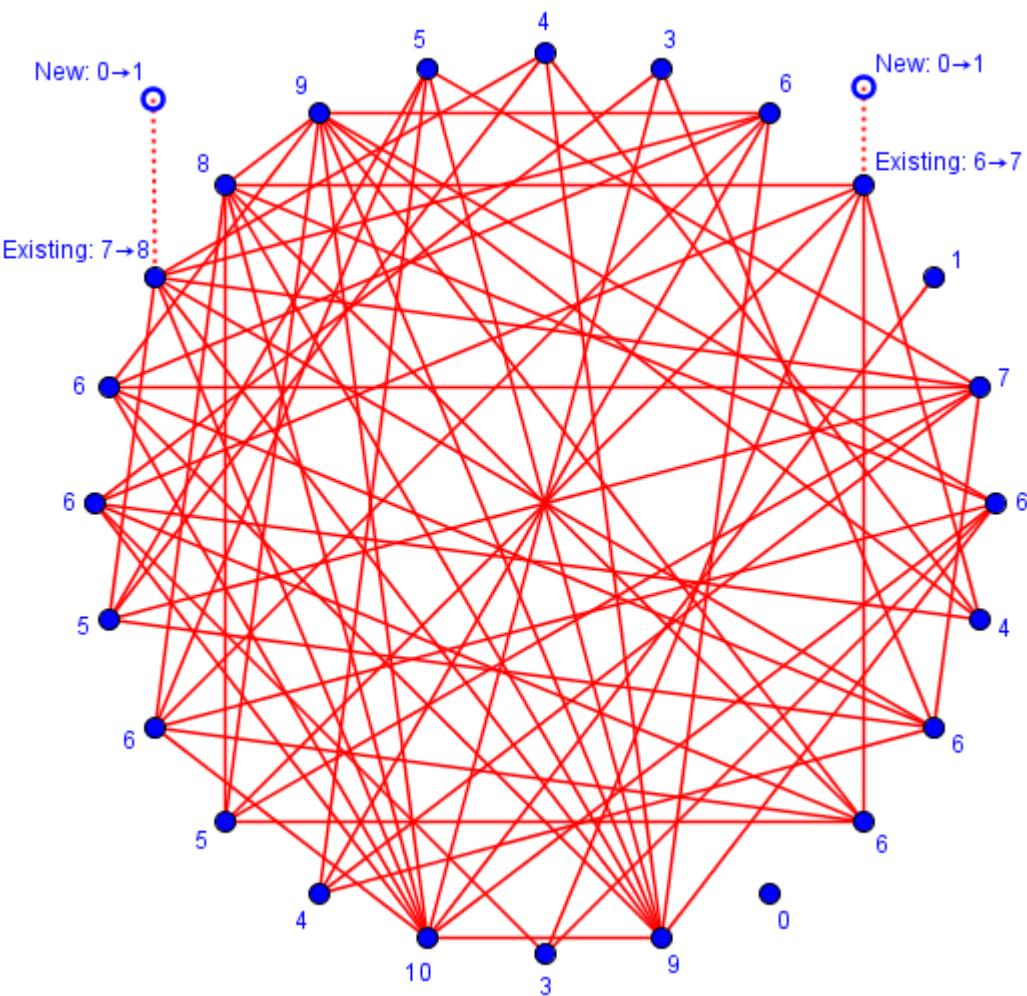


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    - $(N^2-N)/2$ 
      - Because half of the remainder are not needed

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# Reading



- You've read chapters 1-5 in the book, now please add chapter 6