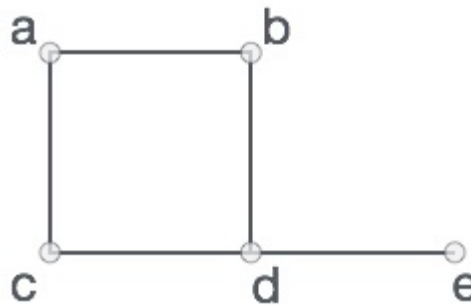


## Data Structure - Graph Data Structure

A graph is a pictorial representation of a set of objects where some pairs of objects are connected by links. The interconnected objects are represented by points termed as **vertices**, and the links that connect the vertices are called **edges**.

Formally, a graph is a pair of sets (**V**, **E**), where **V** is the set of vertices and **E** is the set of edges, connecting the pairs of vertices. Take a look at the following graph –



In the above graph,

$$V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

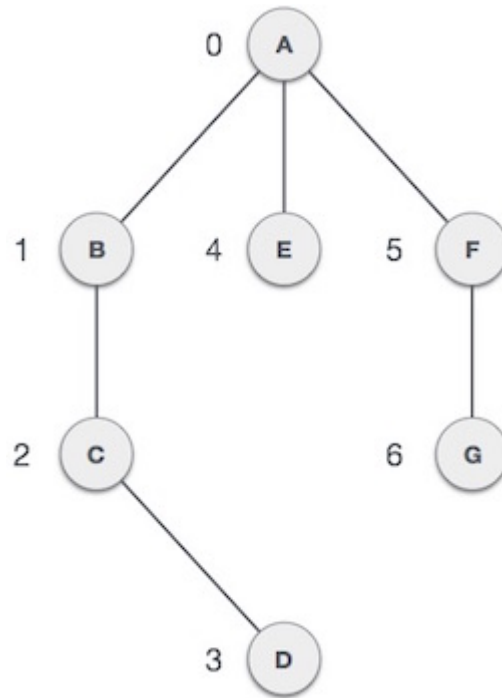
$$E = \{ab, ac, bd, cd, de\}$$

### Graph Data Structure

Mathematical graphs can be represented in data structure. We can represent a graph using an array of vertices and a two-dimensional array of edges. Before we proceed further, let's familiarize ourselves with some important terms –

- **Vertex** – Each node of the graph is represented as a vertex. In the following example, the labeled circle represents vertices. Thus, A to G are vertices. We can represent them using an array as shown in the following image. Here A can be identified by index 0. B can be identified using index 1 and so on.
- **Edge** – Edge represents a path between two vertices or a line between two vertices. In the following example, the lines from A to B, B to C, and so on represents edges. We can use a two-dimensional array to represent an array as shown in the following image. Here AB can be represented as 1 at row 0, column 1, BC as 1 at row 1, column 2 and so on, keeping other combinations as 0.
- **Adjacency** – Two node or vertices are adjacent if they are connected to each other through an edge. In the following example, B is adjacent to A, C is adjacent to B, and so on.

- **Path** – Path represents a sequence of edges between the two vertices. In the following example, ABCD represents a path from A to D.



## Basic Operations

Following are basic primary operations of a Graph –

- **Add Vertex** – Adds a vertex to the graph.
- **Add Edge** – Adds an edge between the two vertices of the graph.
- **Display Vertex** – Displays a vertex of the graph.

To know more about Graph, please read [Graph Theory Tutorial](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/data_structures_algorithms/graph_data_structure.htm) . We shall learn about traversing a graph in the coming chapters.