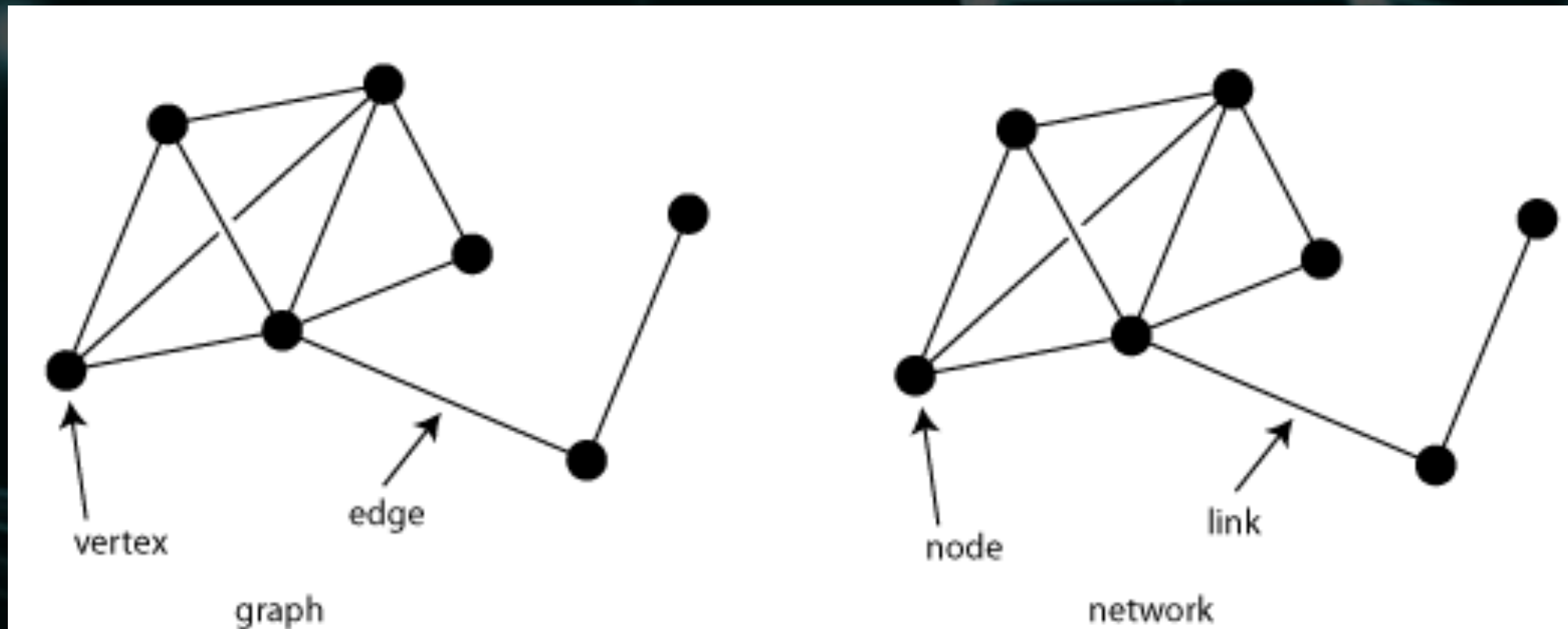


The background of the slide is a dark blue, almost black, field filled with a complex network of thin, light blue lines. These lines connect numerous small, semi-transparent blue dots, creating a web-like structure that suggests a global or digital network. The lines and dots are more concentrated in some areas, forming denser clusters, while other areas are sparser.

# WHAT ARE SOCIAL NETWORKS?

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- **Networks** are a set of objects and a description of relationships between them.
- Human **social** networks have been around as long as the earliest hunters and gatherers.
- The **internet** has revolutionized social networks' geographical foundations.
- **America** has become transformed from social relations and networks based on place or kinship, into communities oriented around **geographically** dispersed social networks.

