

# Final Review

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# Exam code

- Exam on Dec 21 (7:40-)8:00-9:40 at Dong Shang Yuan 407 (lecture classroom)
- Finish the exam paper by yourself
- Allowed:
  - Calculator, watch (not smart)
- Not allowed:
  - Books, materials, cheat sheet, ...
  - Phones, any smart device
- No entering after 8:30
- Early submission period: 8:30--

# Grading policy

- Attendance and participation: 5%
- Assignments: 35%
- Midterm exam: 20%
- Project: 10%
- **Final exam: 30%**

# Covered topics

- Basics
  - Graphs, paths/walks/cycles, bipartite graphs
- Connectivity
- Trees
- Matchings
- Coloring
- Planarity
- Ramsey Theory

# Basic Concepts

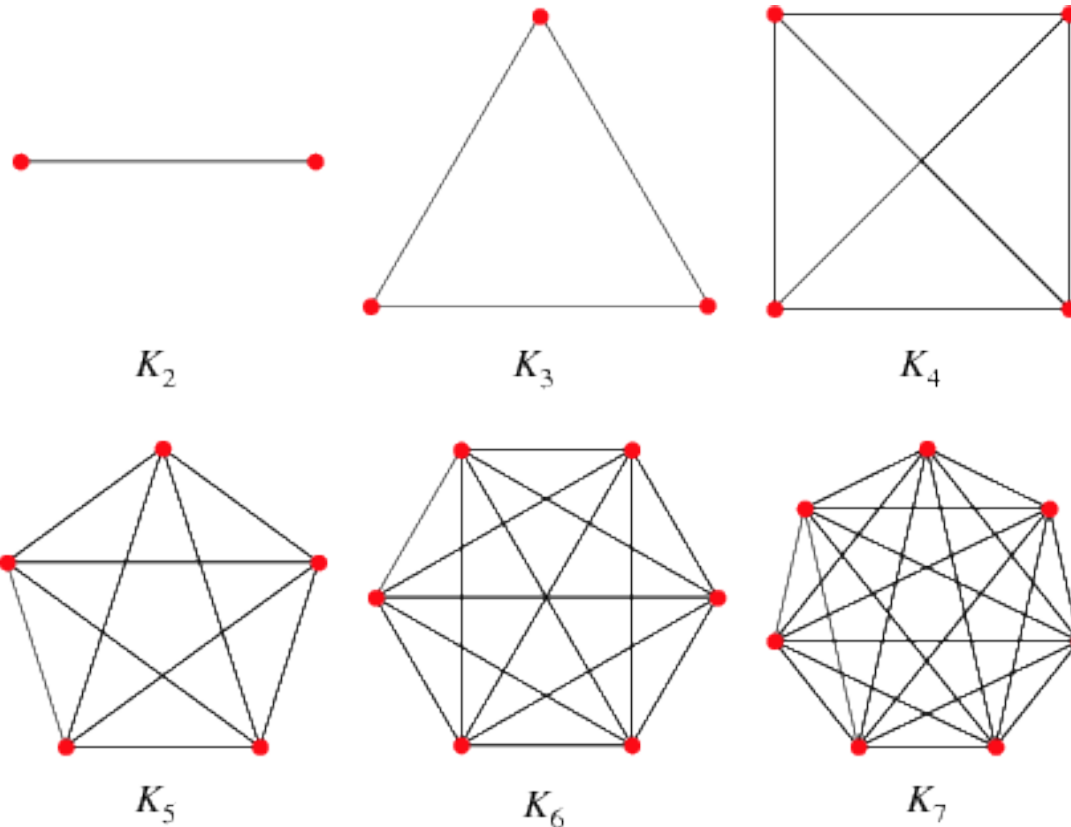
# Graphs

- A graph  $G$  is a pair  $(V, E)$ 
  - $V$ : set of vertices
  - $E$ : set of edges
  - $e \in E$  corresponds to a pair of endpoints  $x, y \in V$
- Two graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1), G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  are isomorphic if there is a bijection  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  s.t.  
$$e = \{a, b\} \in E_1 \iff f(e) := \{f(a), f(b)\} \in E_2$$

We mainly focus on  
Simple graph:  
No loops, no multi-edges

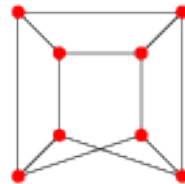
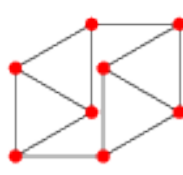
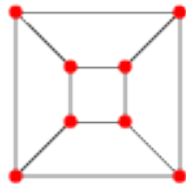
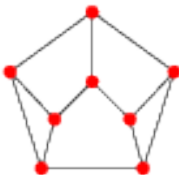
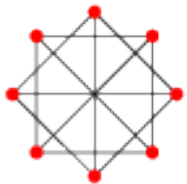
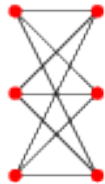
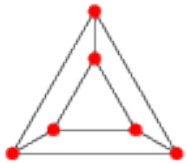
# Example: Complete graphs

- There is an edge between every pair of vertices



# Example: Regular graphs

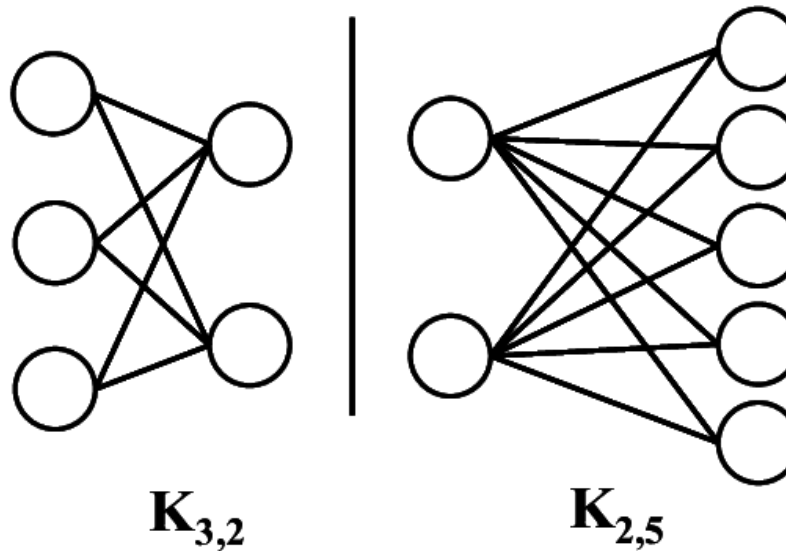
- Every vertex has the same degree






# Example: Bipartite graphs

- The vertex set can be partitioned into two sets  $X$  and  $Y$  such that every edge in  $G$  has one end vertex in  $X$  and the other in  $Y$
- Complete bipartite graphs



# Example (1A, L): Peterson graph

- Show that the following two graphs are same/isomorphic

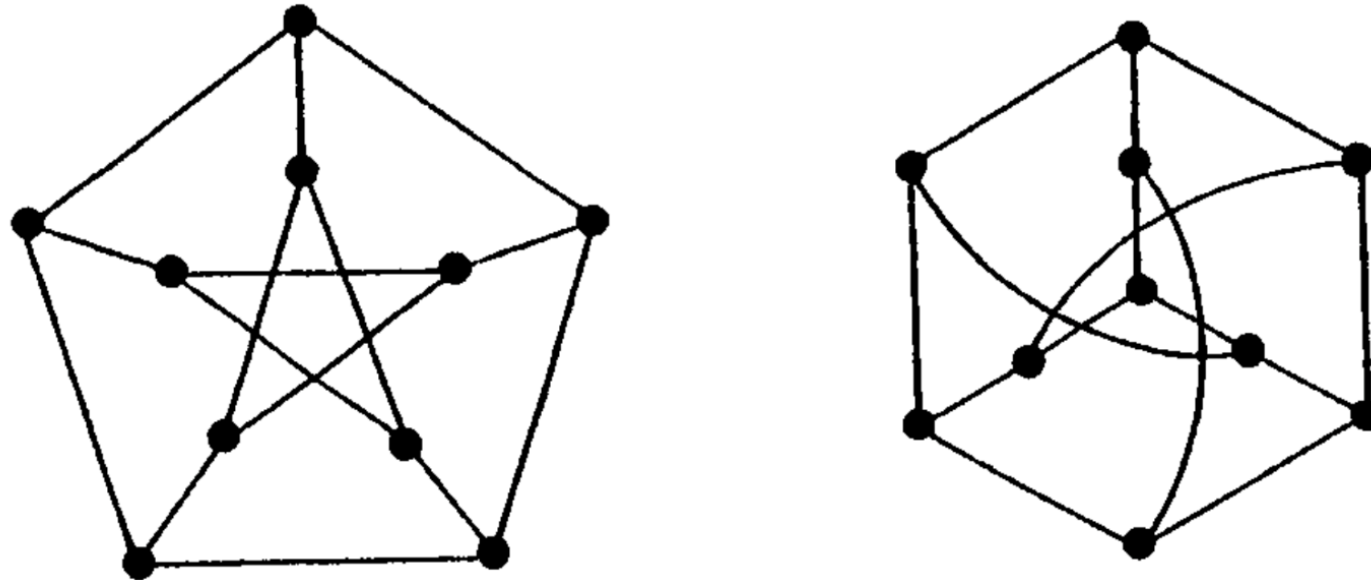
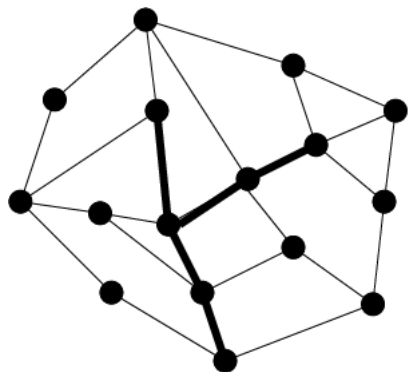


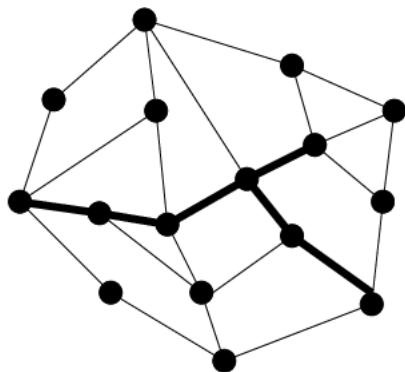
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# Subgraphs

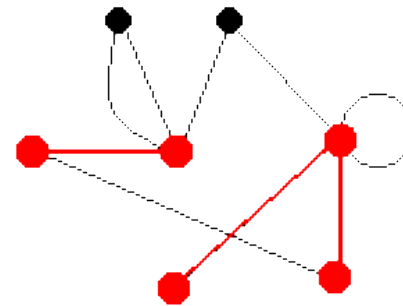
- A subgraph of a graph  $G$  is a graph  $H$  such that
$$V(H) \subseteq V(G), E(H) \subseteq E(G)$$
and the ends of an edge  $e \in E(H)$  are the same as its ends in  $G$ 
  - $H$  is a spanning subgraph when  $V(H) = V(G)$
  - The subgraph of  $G$  induced by a subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is the subgraph whose vertex set is  $S$  and whose edges are all the edges of  $G$  with both ends in  $S$



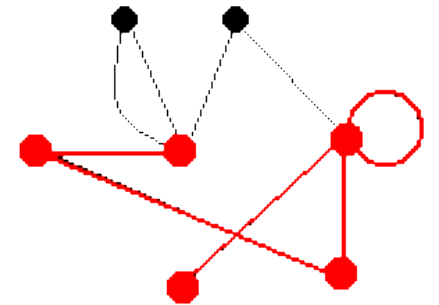
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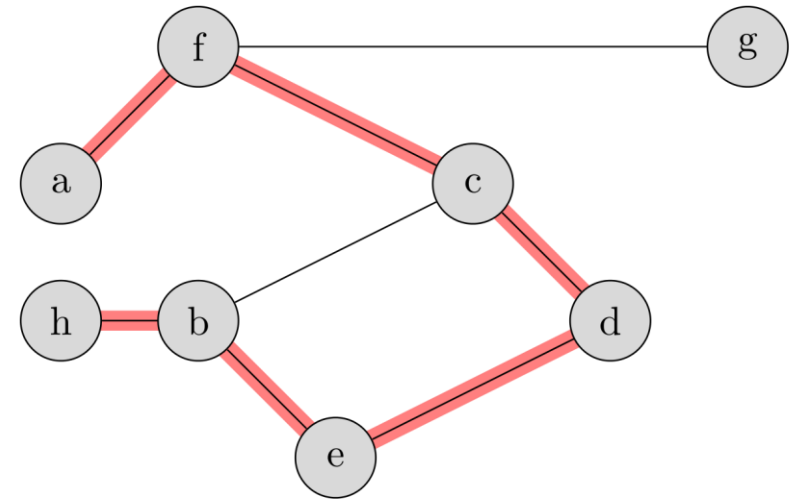
Subgraph (in red)



Induced Subgraph

# Paths (路径)

- A path is a nonempty graph  $P = (V, E)$  of the form
$$V = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k\} \quad E = \{x_0x_1, x_1x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}x_k\}$$
where the  $x_i$  are all **distinct**
- $P^k$ : path of length  $k$  (the number of edges)

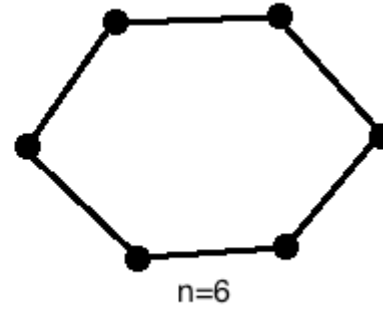
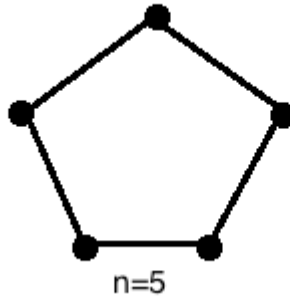
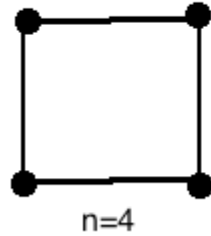


# Walk (游走)

- A walk is a non-empty alternating sequence  $v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \dots e_k v_k$ 
  - The vertices not necessarily distinct
  - The length = the number of edges
- Proposition (1.2.5, W) Every  $u$ - $v$  walk contains a  $u$ - $v$  path

# Cycles (环)

- If  $P = x_0x_1 \dots x_{k-1}$  is a path and  $k \geq 3$ , then the graph  $C := P + x_{k-1}x_0$  is called a cycle
- $C^k$ : cycle of length  $k$  (the number of edges/vertices)



- Proposition (1.2.15, W) Every closed odd walk contains an odd cycle

# Neighbors and degree

- Two vertices  $a \neq b$  are called adjacent if they are joined by an edge
  - $N(x)$ : set of all vertices adjacent to  $x$ 
    - neighbors of  $x$
  - A vertex is isolated vertex if it has no neighbors

# Handshaking Theorem (Euler 1736)

- Theorem A finite graph  $G$  has an even number of vertices with odd degree.
- Proof The degree of  $x$  is the number of times it appears in the right column. Thus

$$\sum_{x \in V(G)} \deg(x) = 2|E(G)|$$

edge	ends
$a$	$x, z$
$b$	$y, w$
$c$	$x, z$
$d$	$z, w$
$e$	$z, w$
$f$	$x, y$
$g$	$z, w$

Figure 1.1



# Degree

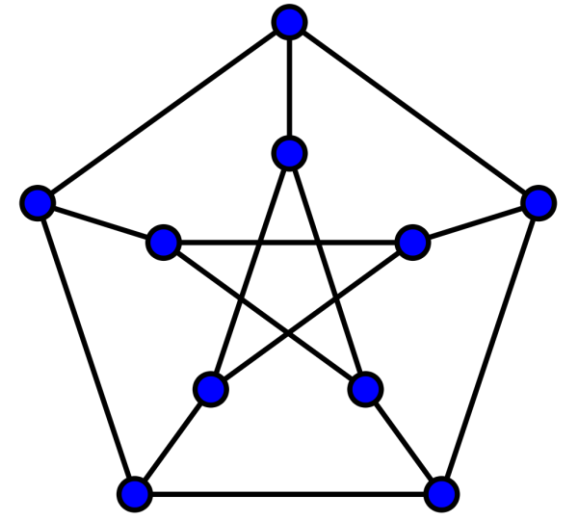
- Minimal degree of  $G$ :  $\delta(G) = \min\{d(v) : v \in V\}$
- Maximal degree of  $G$ :  $\Delta(G) = \max\{d(v) : v \in V\}$
- Average degree of  $G$ :  $\bar{d}(G) = \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{v \in V} d(v) = \frac{2|E|}{|V|}$
- All measures the 'density' of a graph
- $\bar{d}(G) \geq \delta(G)$

# Distance and diameter

- The distance  $d_G(x, y)$  in  $G$  of two vertices  $x, y$  is the length of a shortest  $x \sim y$  path
  - if no such path exists, we set  $d(x, y) := \infty$
- The greatest distance between any two vertices in  $G$  is the diameter of  $G$

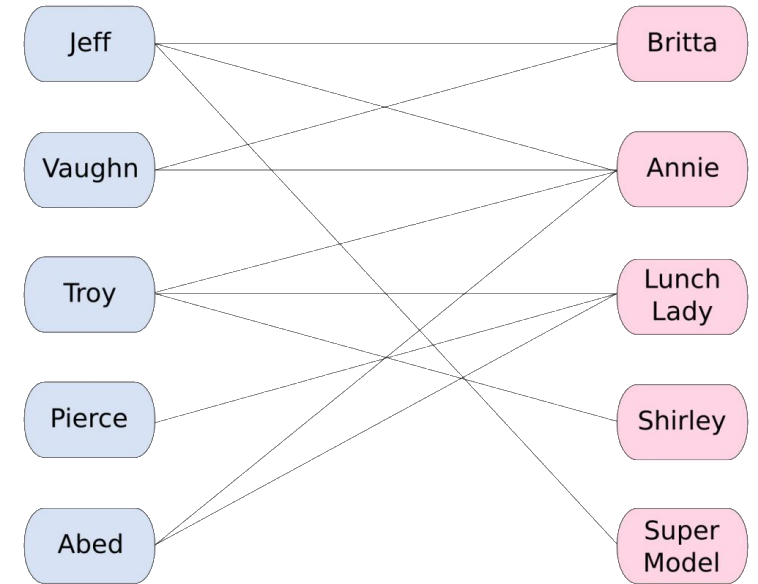
# Girth

- The minimum length of a cycle in a graph  $G$  is the **girth**  $g(G)$  of  $G$
- Example: The Peterson graph is the unique **5-cage**
  - cubic graph (every vertex has degree 3)
  - girth = **5**
  - smallest graph satisfies the above properties
- A tree has girth  $\infty$



# Bipartite graphs

- Theorem (1.2.18, W, König 1936)  
A graph is bipartite  $\iff$  it contains no odd cycle



**Proposition** (1.2.15, W) Every closed odd walk contains an odd cycle

# Trees

# Definition and properties

- A **tree** is a connected graph  $T$  with no cycles
- Recall that a graph is bipartite  $\iff$  it has no odd cycle
- (Ex 3, S1.3.1, H) A tree of order  $n \geq 2$  is a bipartite graph
  
- Recall that an edge  $e$  is a bridge  $\iff e$  lies on no cycle of  $G$
- $\Rightarrow$  Every edge in a tree is a bridge
- $T$  is a tree  $\iff T$  is minimally connected, i.e.  $T$  is connected but  $T - e$  is disconnected for every edge  $e \in T$

# Equivalent definitions (Theorem 1.5.1, D)

- $T$  is a tree of order  $n$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  Any two vertices of  $T$  are linked by a unique path in  $T$
  - $\Leftrightarrow T$  is minimally connected
    - i.e.  $T$  is connected but  $T - e$  is disconnected for every edge  $e \in T$
  - $\Leftrightarrow T$  is maximally acyclic
    - i.e.  $T$  contains no cycle but  $T + xy$  does for any non-adjacent vertices  $x, y \in T$
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  (Theorem 1.10, 1.12, H)  $T$  is connected with  $n - 1$  edges
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  (Theorem 1.13, H)  $T$  is acyclic with  $n - 1$  edges

# Leaves of tree

- A vertex of degree 1 in a tree is called a **leaf**
- Theorem (1.14, H; Ex9, S1.3.2, H) Let  $T$  be a tree of order  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $T$  has at least two leaves
- (Ex3, S1.3.2, H) Let  $T$  be a tree with max degree  $\Delta$ . Then  $T$  has at least  $\Delta$  leaves
- (Ex10, S1.3.2, H) Let  $T$  be a tree of order  $n \geq 2$ . Then the number of leaves is

$$2 + \sum_{v:d(v) \geq 3} (d(v) - 2)$$

- (Ex8, S1.3.2, H) Every nonleaf in a tree is a cut vertex



# Properties

- The center of a tree
- Theorem (1.15, H) In any tree, the center is either a single vertex or a pair of adjacent vertices
- Tree as subgraphs
- Theorem (1.16, H) Let  $T$  be a tree of order  $k + 1$  with  $k$  edges. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq k$ . Then  $G$  contains  $T$  as a subgraph

# Spanning tree

- Given a graph  $G$  and a subgraph  $T$ ,  $T$  is a **spanning tree** of  $G$  if  $T$  is a tree that contains every vertex of  $G$
- Example: A telecommunications company tries to lay cable in a new neighbourhood
- Proposition (2.1.5c, W) Every connected graph contains a spanning tree

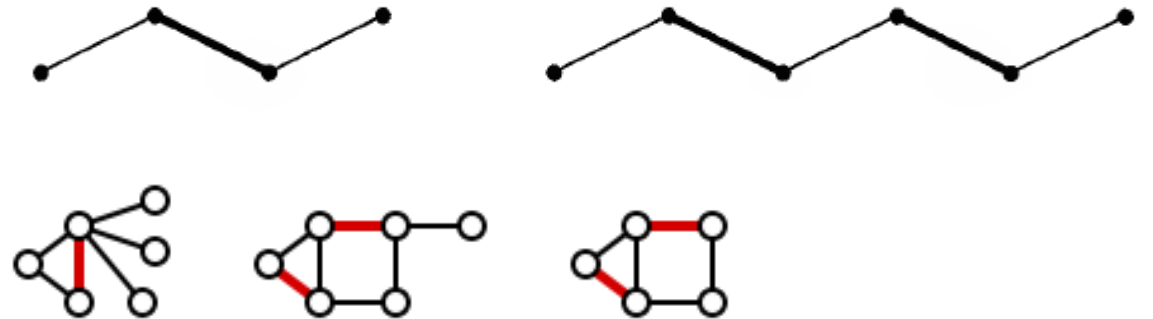
# Matchings

# Definitions

- A **matching** is a set of independent edges, in which no pair shares a vertex
- The vertices incident to the edges of a matching  $M$  are  $M$ -saturated; the others are  $M$ -unsaturated
- A perfect matching in a graph is a matching that saturates every vertex
- Example (3.1.2, W) The number of perfect matchings in  $K_{n,n}$  is  $n!$
- Example (3.1.3, W) The number of perfect matchings in  $K_{2n}$  is
$$f_n = (2n - 1)(2n - 3) \cdots 1 = (2n - 1)!!$$

# Maximal/maximum matchings 极大/最大

- A maximal matching in a graph is a matching that cannot be enlarged by adding an edge
- A maximum matching is a matching of maximum size among all matchings in the graph
- Example:  $P_3, P_5$



- Every maximum matching is maximal, but not every maximal matching is a maximum matching

# Stable matching

- A family  $(\leq_v)_{v \in V}$  of linear orderings  $\leq_v$  on  $E(v)$  is a set of preferences for  $G$
- A matching  $M$  in  $G$  is **stable** if for any edge  $e \in E \setminus M$ , there exists an edge  $f \in M$  such that  $e$  and  $f$  have a common vertex  $v$  with  $e <_v f$ 
  - Unstable: There exists  $xy \in E \setminus M$  but  $xy', x'y \in M$  with  $xy' <_x xy$   
 $x'y <_y xy$

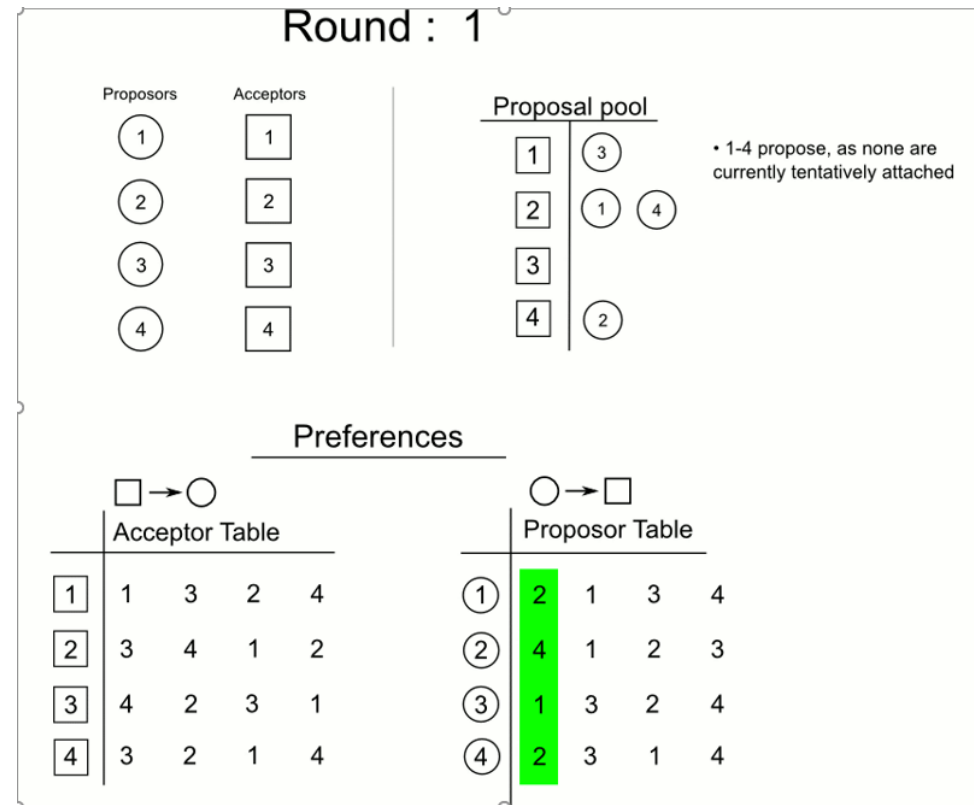
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# Gale-Shapley Proposal Algorithm

- **Input:** Preference rankings by each of  $n$  men and  $n$  women
- **Idea:** Produce a stable matching using proposals by maintaining information about who has proposed to whom and who has rejected whom
- **Iteration:** Each man proposes to the highest woman on his preference list who has not previously rejected him
  - If each woman receives exactly one proposal, stop and use the resulting matching
  - Otherwise, every woman receiving more than one proposal rejects all of them except the one that is highest on her preference list
  - Every woman receiving a proposal says “maybe” to the most attractive proposal received

# Example



Preferences

□ → ○

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3	4	2	3	1
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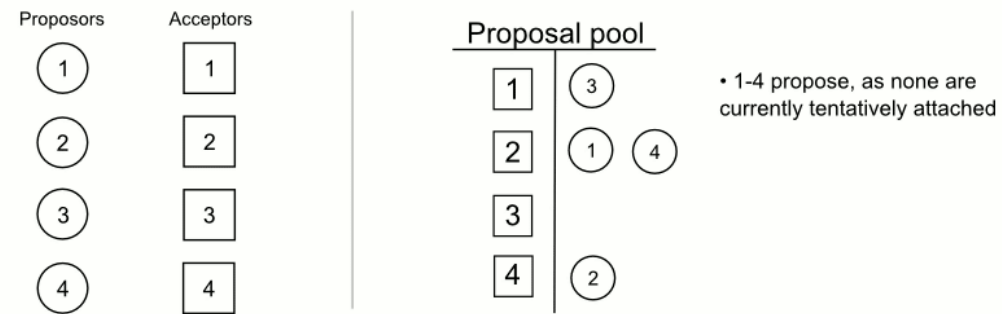
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	Proposor Table			
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# Example (gif)

Round : 1



Preferences

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# Theoretical guarantee for the Proposal Algorithm

- **Theorem** (3.2.18, W, Gale-Shapley 1962) The Proposal Algorithm produces a stable matching
- Who proposes matters (jobs/candidates)
- When the algorithm runs with women proposing, every woman is at least as happy as when men do the proposing
  - And every man is at least as unhappy

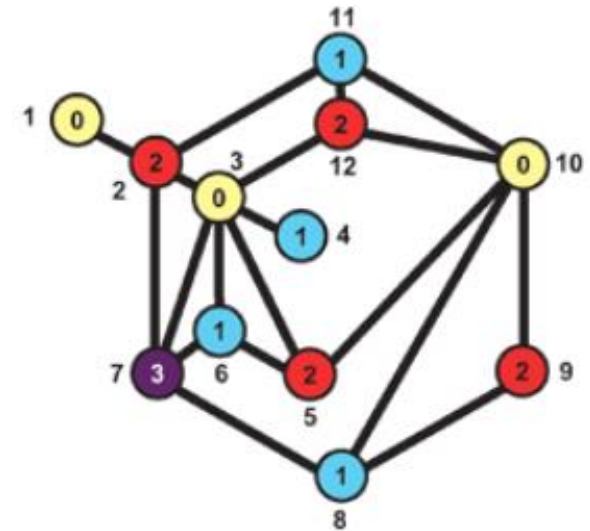
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# Coloring

# Motivation: Scheduling and coloring

- University examination timetabling
  - Two courses linked by an edge if they have the same students
- Meeting scheduling
  - Two meetings are linked if they have same member



# Definitions

- Given a graph  $G$  and a positive integer  $k$ , a  $k$ -coloring is a function  $K: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$  from the vertex set into the set of positive integers less than or equal to  $k$ . If we think of the latter set as a set of  $k$  “colors,” then  $K$  is an assignment of one color to each vertex.
- We say that  $K$  is a **proper  $k$ -coloring** of  $G$  if for every pair  $u, v$  of adjacent vertices,  $K(u) \neq K(v)$  — that is, if adjacent vertices are colored differently. If such a coloring exists for a graph  $G$ , we say that  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable

# Chromatic number

- Given a graph  $G$ , the **chromatic number** of  $G$ , denoted by  $\chi(G)$ , is the smallest integer  $k$  such that  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable
- Examples

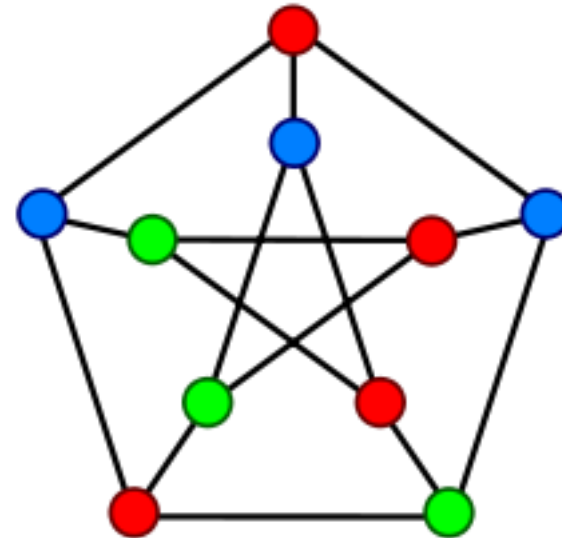
$$\chi(C_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ 3 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

$$\chi(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \geq 2, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\chi(K_n) = n,$$

$$\chi(E_n) = 1,$$

$$\chi(K_{m,n}) = 2.$$



- (Ex5, S1.6.1, H) A graph  $G$  of order at least two is bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is 2-colorable

# Bounds on Chromatic number

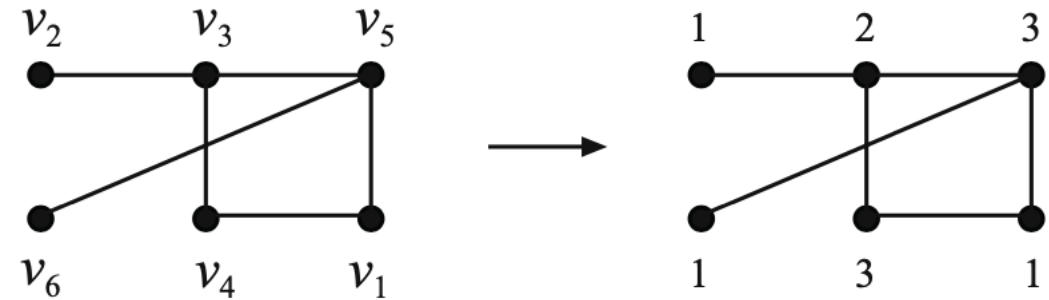
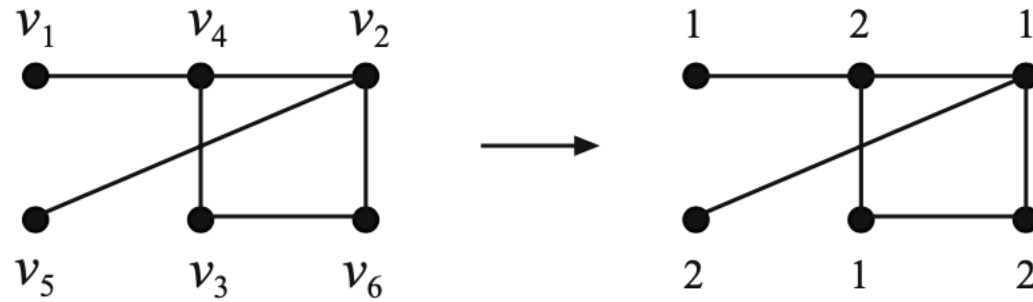
- Theorem (1.41, H) For any graph  $G$  of order  $n$ ,  $\chi(G) \leq n$
- It is tight since  $\chi(K_n) = n$
- $\chi(G) = n \iff G = K_n$

# Greedy algorithm

- First label the vertices in some order—call them  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$
- Next, order the available colors  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$  in some way
  - Start coloring by assigning color 1 to vertex  $v_1$
  - If  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent, assign color 2 to vertex  $v_2$ ; otherwise, use color 1
  - To color vertex  $v_i$ , use the first available color that has not been used for any of  $v_i$ 's previously colored neighbors



# Examples: Different orders result in different number of colors

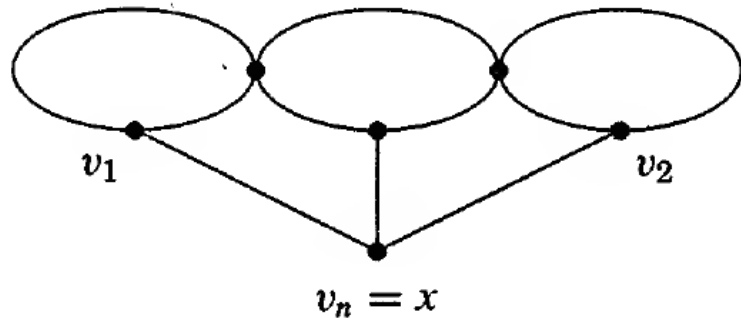


# Bound of the greedy algorithm

- Theorem (1.42, H) For any graph  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$
- The equality is obtained for complete graphs and cycles with an odd number of vertices

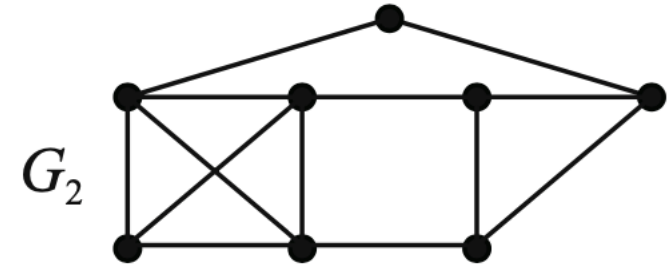
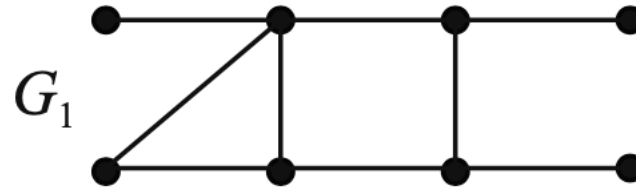
# Brooks's theorem

- **Theorem** (1.43, H; 5.1.22, W; 5.2.4, D; Brooks 1941)  
If  $G$  is a connected graph that is neither an odd cycle or a complete graph, then  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G)$



# Chromatic number and clique number

- The clique number  $\omega(G)$  of a graph is defined as the order of the largest complete graph that is a subgraph of  $G$
- Example:  $\omega(G_1) = 3, \omega(G_2) = 4$



- Theorem (1.44, H) For any graph  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$

# Chromatic number and independence number

- Theorem (1.45, H; Ex6, S1.6.2, H) For any graph  $G$  of order  $n$ ,  
$$\frac{n}{\alpha(G)} \leq \chi(G) \leq n + 1 - \alpha(G)$$

# The Four Color Problem

- Q: Is it true that the countries on any given map can be colored with four or fewer colors in such a way that adjacent countries are colored differently?
- Theorem (Four Color Theorem) Every planar graph is 4-colorable
- Theorem (Five Color Theorem) (1.47, H) Every planar graph is 5-colorable

**Theorem 1.35.** *If  $G$  is a planar graph, then  $G$  contains a vertex of degree at most five. That is,  $\delta(G) \leq 5$ .*

# Definition and examples

- It is brought up by George David Birkhoff in 1912 in an attempt to prove the four color theorem
- Define  $c_G(k)$  to be the number of different colorings of a graph  $G$  using at most  $k$  colors
- Examples:
  - How many different colorings of  $K_4$  using 4 colors?
    - $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$
    - $c_{K_4}(4) = 24$
  - How many different colorings of  $K_4$  using 6 colors?
    - $6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3$
    - $c_{K_4}(6) = 360$
  - How many different colorings of  $K_4$  using 2 colors?
    - 0
    - $c_{K_4}(2) = 0$

# Examples

- If  $k \geq n$

$$c_{K_n}(k) = k(k-1) \cdots (k-n+1)$$

- If  $k < n$

$$c_{K_n}(k) = 0$$

- $G$  is  $k$ -colorable  $\Leftrightarrow \chi(G) \leq k \Leftrightarrow c_G(k) > 0$
- $\chi(G) = \min\{k \geq 1 : c_G(k) > 0\}$



# Chromatic recurrence

- $G - e$  and  $G/e$

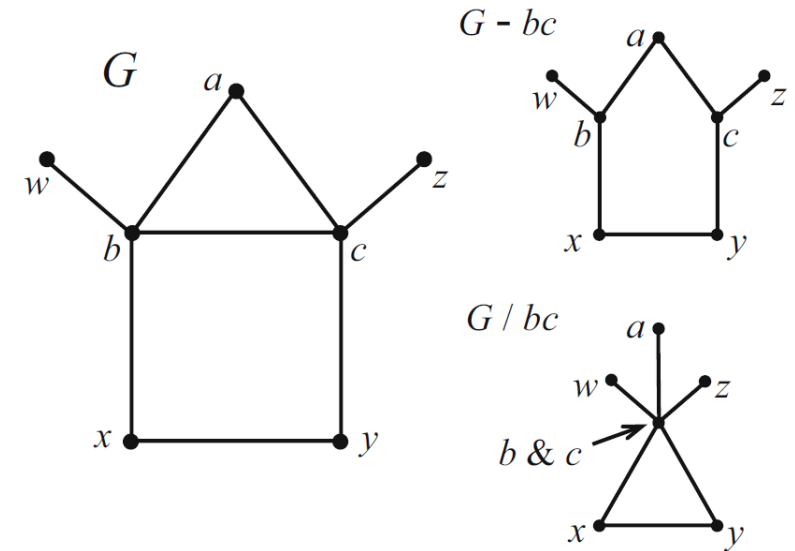


FIGURE 1.98. Examples of the operations.

- **Theorem** (1.48, H; 5.3.6, W) Let  $G$  be a graph and  $e$  be any edge of  $G$ . Then

$$c_G(k) = c_{G-e}(k) - c_{G/e}(k)$$

# Use chromatic recurrence to compute $c_G(k)$

- Example: Compute  $c_{P_3}(k) = k^4 - 3k^3 + 3k^2 - k$
- Check:  $c_{P_3}(1) = 0, c_{P_3}(2) = 2$



FIGURE 1.102. Two 2-colorings of  $P_3$

# More examples

- Path  $P_{n-1}$  has  $n - 1$  edges ( $n$  vertices)

$$c_{P_{n-1}}(k) = k(k - 1)^{n-1}$$

- Any tree  $T$  on  $n$  vertices

$$c_T(k) = k(k - 1)^{n-1}$$

- Cycle  $C_n$

$$c_{C_n}(k) = (k - 1)^n + (-1)^n(k - 1)$$

- When  $n$  is odd,  $c_{C_n}(2) = 0, c_{C_n}(3) > 0$
- When  $n$  is even,  $c_{C_n}(2) > 0$

# Properties of chromatic polynomials

- Theorem (1.49, H; Ex 3, S1.6.4, H) Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$ 
  - $c_G(k)$  is a polynomial in  $k$  of degree  $n$
  - The leading coefficient of  $c_G(k)$  is 1
  - The constant term of  $c_G(k)$  is 0
    - If  $G$  has  $i$  components, then the coefficients of  $k^0, \dots, k^{i-1}$  are 0
    - $G$  is connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  the coefficient of  $k$  is nonzero
  - The coefficients of  $c_G(k)$  alternate in sign
  - The coefficient of the  $k^{n-1}$  term is  $-|E(G)|$ 
    - A graph  $G$  is a tree  $\Leftrightarrow c_G(k) = k(k-1)^{n-1}$ 

$\Leftrightarrow$  (Theorem 1.10, 1.12, H)  $T$  is connected with  $n - 1$  edges
  - A graph  $G$  is complete  $\Leftrightarrow c_G(k) = k(k-1) \cdots (k-n+1)$

# Planarity

# Definition and examples

- A graph  $G$  is said to be **planar** if it can be drawn in the plane in such a way that pairs of edges intersect only at vertices
- If  $G$  has no such representation,  $G$  is called nonplanar
- A drawing of a planar graph  $G$  in the plane in which edges intersect only at vertices is called a planar representation (or a planar embedding) of  $G$

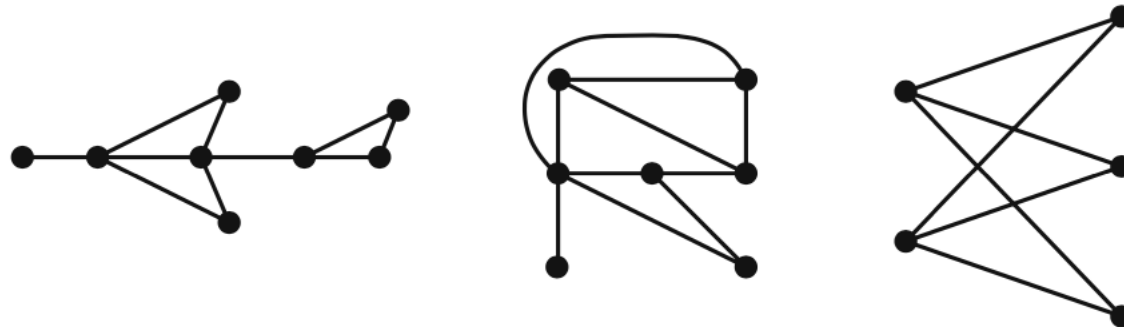
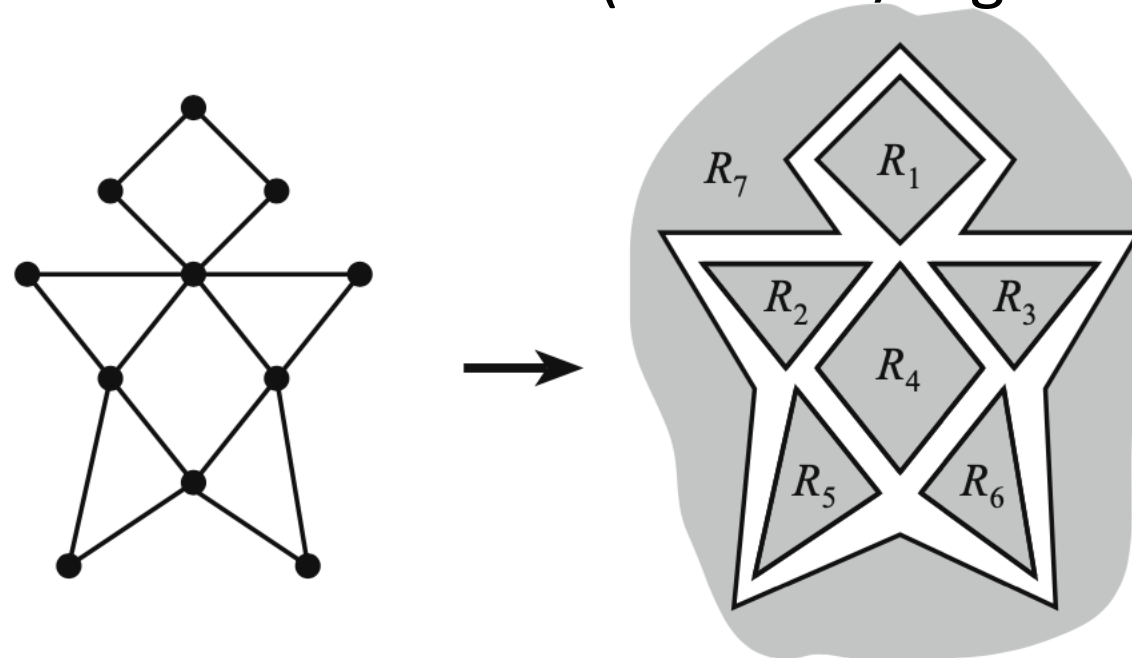


FIGURE 1.73. Examples of planar graphs.

# Region

- Given a planar representation of a graph  $G$ , a region is a maximal section of the plane in which any two points can be joined by a curve that does not intersect any part of  $G$
- The region  $R_7$  is called the exterior (or outer) region



# An edge bounds a region

- An edge can come into contact with either one or two regions
- Example:
  - Edge  $e_1$  is only in contact with one region  $S_1$
  - Edge  $e_2, e_3$  are only in contact with  $S_2$
  - Each of other edges is in contact with two regions
- An edge  $e$  **bounds** a region  $R$  if  $e$  comes into contact with  $R$  and with a region **different** from  $R$
- The **bounded degree**  $b(R)$  is the number of edges that bound the region
  - Example:  $b(S_1) = b(S_3) = 3, b(S_2) = 6$

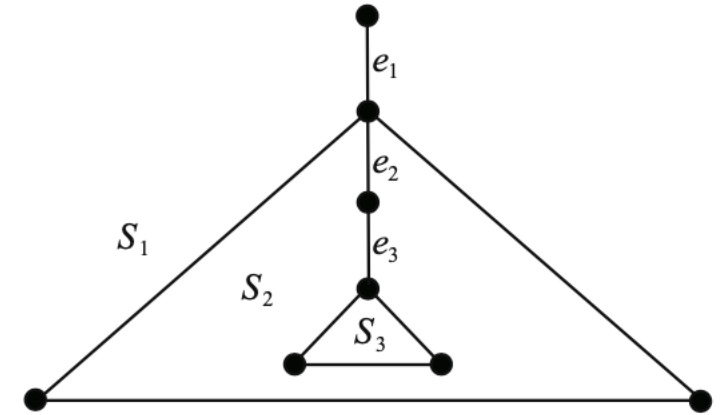
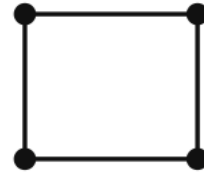


FIGURE 1.76. Edges  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ , and  $e_3$  touch one region only.

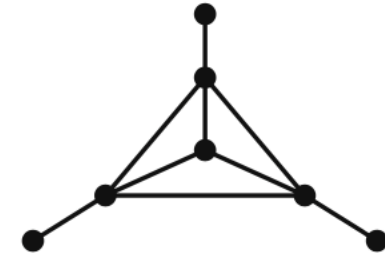


# The relationship between numbers of vertices, edges and regions

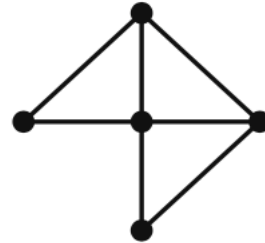
- The number of vertices  $n$
- The number of edges  $m$
- The number of regions  $r$



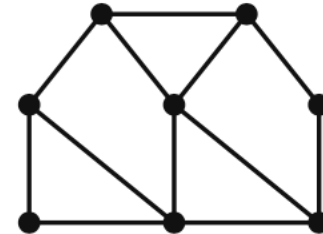
$$\begin{aligned}n &= 4 \\m &= 4 \\r &= 2\end{aligned}$$



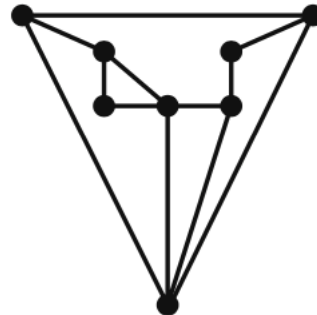
$$\begin{aligned}n &= 7 \\m &= 9 \\r &= 4\end{aligned}$$



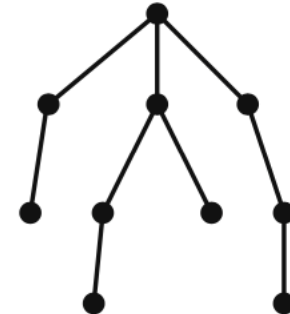
$$\begin{aligned}n &= 5 \\m &= 7 \\r &= 4\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}n &= 8 \\m &= 12 \\r &= 6\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}n &= 8 \\m &= 12 \\r &= 6\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}n &= 10 \\m &= 9 \\r &= 1\end{aligned}$$

# Euler's formula

- **Theorem** (1.31, H; Euler 1748) If  $G$  is a connected planar graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, and  $r$  regions, then

$$n - m + r = 2$$

- Need Lemma: (Ex4, S1.5.1, H) Every tree is planar
- (Ex6, S1.5.2, H) Let  $G$  be a planar graph with  $k$  components. Then

$$n - m + r = k + 1$$

$K_{3,3}$  is nonplanar

- **Theorem** (1.32, H)  $K_{3,3}$  is nonplanar

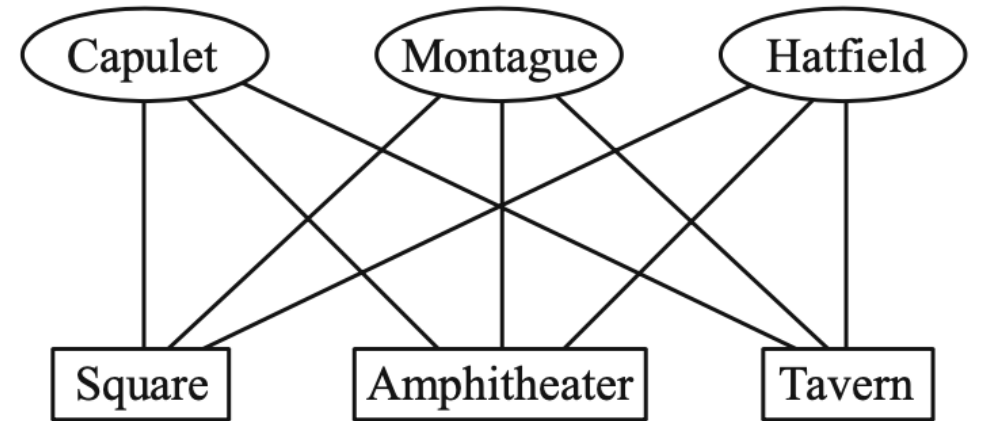


FIGURE 1.72. Original routes.

# Upper bound for $m$

- **Theorem** (1.33, H) If  $G$  is a planar graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices and  $m$  edges, then  $m \leq 3n - 6$ . Furthermore, if equality holds, then every region is bounded by 3 edges.
- (Ex4, S1.5.2, H) Let  $G$  be a connected, planar,  $K_3$ -free graph of order  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $G$  has no more than  $2n - 4$  edges
- Corollary (1.34, H)  $K_5$  is nonplanar
- Theorem (1.35, H) If  $G$  is a planar graph, then  $\delta(G) \leq 5$
- (Ex5, S1.5.2, H) If  $G$  is bipartite planar graph, then  $\delta(G) < 4$

# Subdivision 细分

- A **subdivision** of an edge  $e$  in  $G$  is a substitution of a path for  $e$
- A graph  $H$  is a **subdivision** of  $G$  if  $H$  can be obtained from  $G$  by a finite sequence of subdivisions
- Example:
  - The graph on the right contains a subdivision of  $K_5$
  - In the below,  $H$  is a subdivision of  $G$

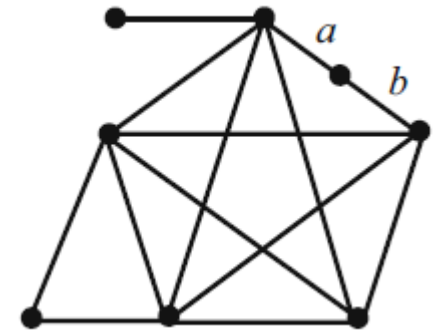
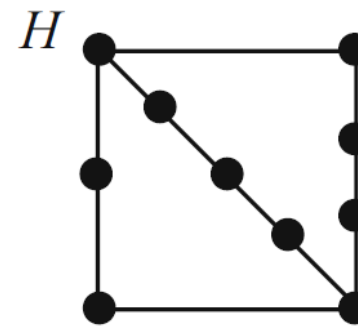
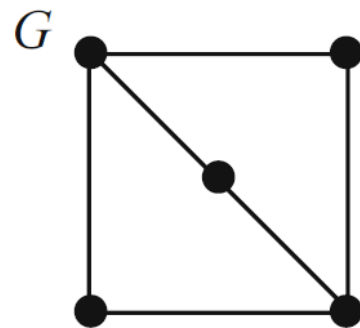


FIGURE 1.84. A graph and a subdivision.

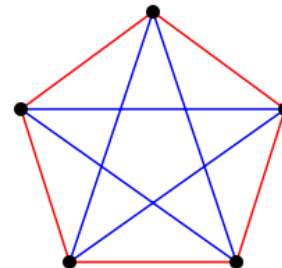
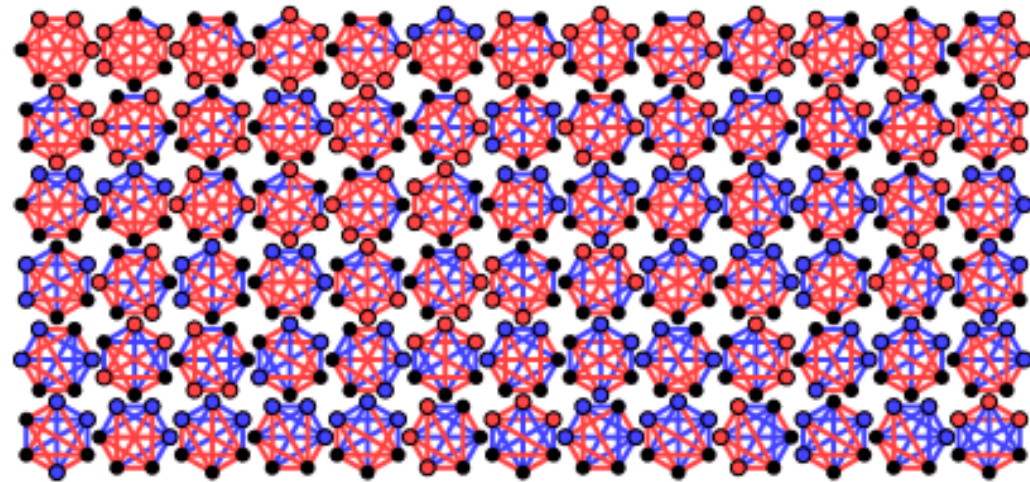
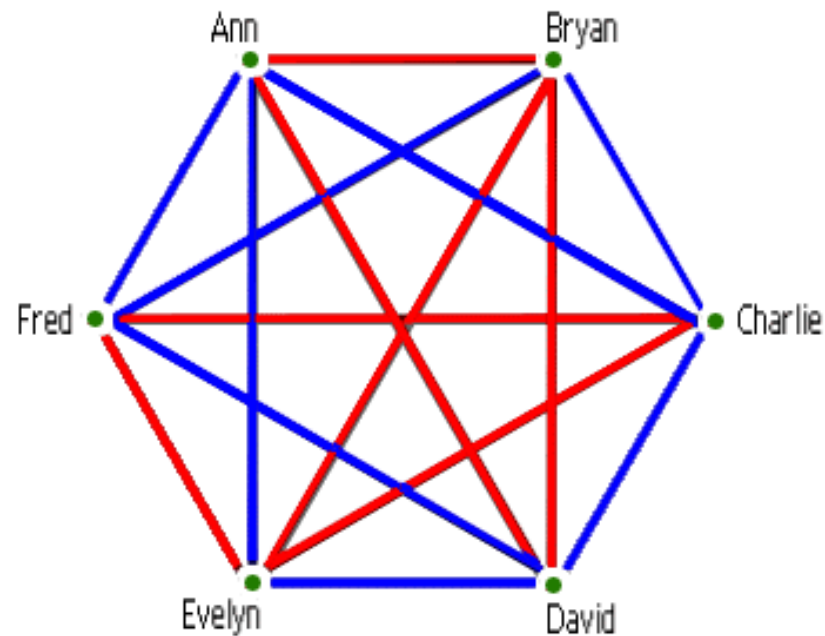
# Kuratowski's Theorem

- Theorem (1.39, H; Ex1, S1.5.4, H) A graph  $G$  is planar  $\iff$  every subdivision of  $G$  is planar
- Theorem (1.40, H; Kuratowski 1930) A graph is planar  $\iff$  it contains no subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$  or  $K_5$

# Ramsey Theory

# The friendship riddle

- Does every set of six people contain three mutual acquaintances or three mutual strangers?



$$R(3,3)=6$$

$$R(3,4)=R(4,3)=9$$

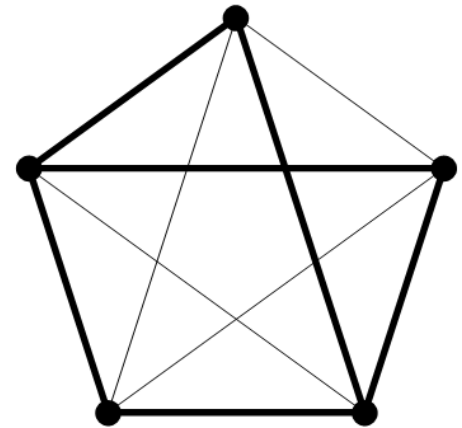
$$R(3,5)=R(5,3)=14$$

$$R(3,6)=R(6,3)=18$$



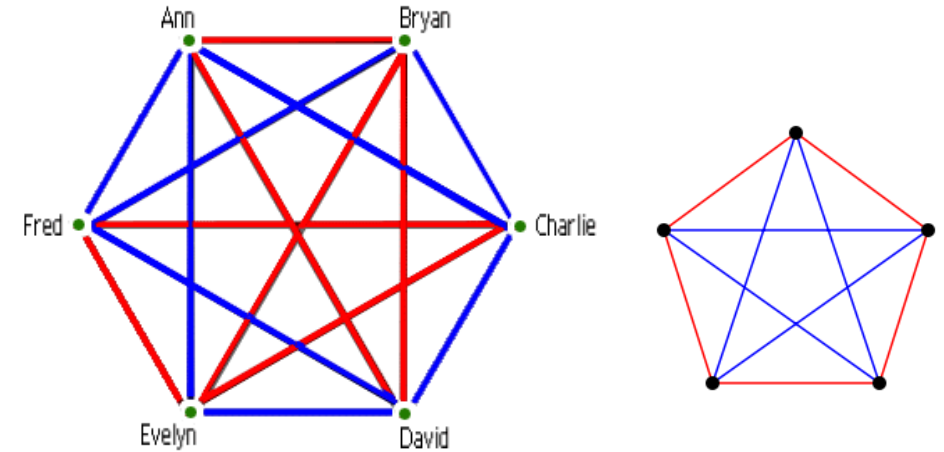
# (classical) Ramsey number

- A 2-coloring of the edges of a graph  $G$  is any assignment of one of two colors to each of the edges of  $G$
- Let  $p$  and  $q$  be positive integers. The (classical) **Ramsey number** associated with these integers, denoted by  $R(p, q)$ , is defined to be the smallest integer  $n$  such that every 2-coloring of the edges of  $K_n$  either contains a red  $K_p$  or a blue  $K_q$  as a subgraph
- It is a typical problem of extremal graph theory



# Examples

- $R(1,3) = 1$
- (Ex2, S1.8.1, H)  $R(1, k) = 1$
- $R(2,4) = 4$
- (Ex3, S1.8.1, H)  $R(2, k) = k$
- **Theorem** (1.61, H)  $R(3,3) = 6$

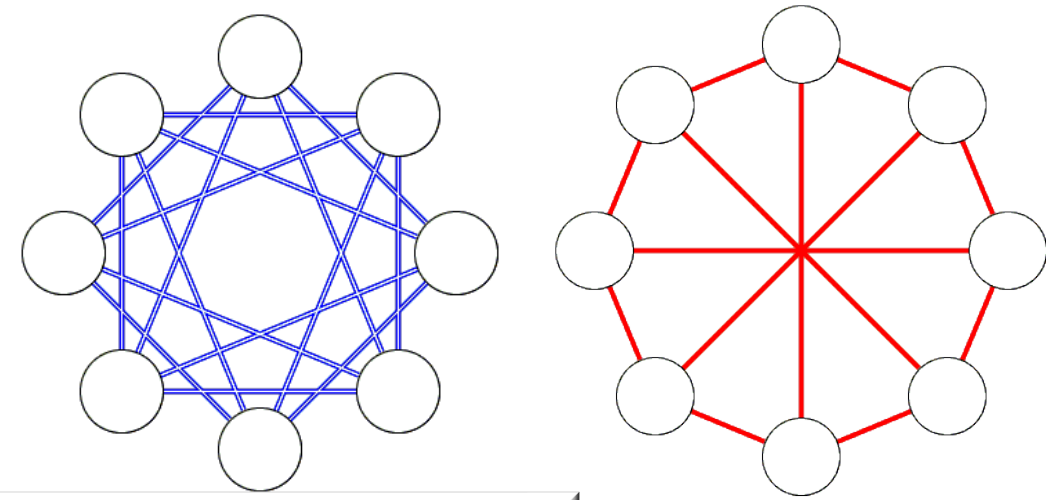


# Examples (cont.)

- Theorem (1.62, H)  $R(3,4) = 9$

**Theorem** A finite graph  $G$  has an even number of vertices with odd degree

- (Ex4, S1.8.1, H)  $R(p, q) = R(q, p)$



Values / known bounding ranges for Ramsey numbers  $R(r, s)$  (sequence [A212954](#) in the [OEIS](#))

$r \backslash s$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3			6	9	14	18	23	28	36	40–42
4				18	25 <sup>[10]</sup>	36–41	49–61	59 <sup>[14]</sup> –84	73–115	92–149
5					43–48	58–87	80–143	101–216	133–316	149 <sup>[14]</sup> –442
6						102–165	115 <sup>[14]</sup> –298	134 <sup>[14]</sup> –495	183–780	204–1171
7							205–540	217–1031	252–1713	292–2826
8								282–1870	329–3583	343–6090
9									565–6588	581–12677
10										798–23556

# Bounds on Ramsey numbers

- **Theorem** (1.64, H; 2.28, H) If  $q \geq 2, q \geq 2$ , then

$$R(p, q) \leq R(p - 1, q) + R(p, q - 1)$$

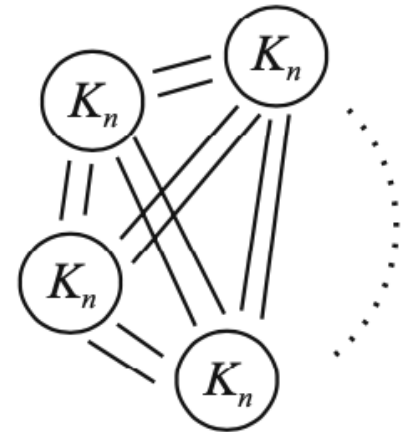
Furthermore, if both terms on the RHS are even, then the inequality is strict

**Theorem** A finite graph  $G$  has an even number of vertices with odd degree

- Theorem (1.63, H; 2.29, H)  $R(p, q) \leq \binom{p + q - 2}{p - 1}$
- Theorem (1.65, H) For integer  $q \geq 3$ ,  $R(3, q) \leq \frac{q^2 + 3}{2}$
- Theorem (1.66, H; Erdős and Szekeres 1935)  
If  $p \geq 3$ ,  $R(p, p) > \lfloor 2^{p/2} \rfloor$

# Graph Ramsey Theory

- Given two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , define the graph **Ramsey number  $R(G, H)$**  to be the smallest value of  $n$  such that any 2-coloring of the edges of  $K_n$  contains either a red copy of  $G$  or a blue copy of  $H$ 
  - The classical Ramsey number  $R(p, q)$  would in this context be written as  $R(K_p, K_q)$
- Theorem (1.67, H) If  $G$  is a graph of order  $p$  and  $H$  is a graph of order  $q$ , then  $R(G, H) \leq R(p, q)$
- **Theorem** (1.68, H) Suppose the order of the largest component of  $H$  is denoted as  $C(H)$ .  
Then  $R(G, H) \geq (\chi(G) - 1)(C(H) - 1) + 1$



# Graph Ramsey Theory (cont.)

- **Theorem** (1.69, H)  $R(T_m, K_n) = (m - 1)(n - 1) + 1$

**Theorem** (1.45, H; Ex6, S1.6.2, H) For any graph  $G$  of order  $n$ ,

$$\frac{n}{\alpha(G)} \leq \chi(G) \leq n + 1 - \alpha(G)$$

A graph  $G$  is called  $k$ -critical if  $\chi(G) = k$  and  $\chi(G - v) < k$  for each vertex  $v$  of  $G$ .

- (a) Find all 1-critical and 2-critical graphs.
- (b) Give an example of a 3-critical graph.
- (c) If  $G$  is  $k$ -critical, then show that  $G$  is connected.
- (d) If  $G$  is  $k$ -critical, then show that  $\delta(G) \geq k - 1$ .
- (e) Find all of the 3-critical graphs. Hint: Use part (d).

**Theorem** (1.16, H) Let  $T$  be a tree of order  $k + 1$  with  $k$  edges. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq k$ . Then  $G$  contains  $T$  as a subgraph

# Peterson graph

- The Peterson graph is the unique 5-cage
  - cubic graph (every vertex has degree 3)
  - girth = 5
  - smallest graph satisfies the above properties
- $\kappa = 3, \alpha = 4$
- Radius=2, diameter=2
- Has a Hamiltonian path but no Hamiltonian cycle
- Chromatic number is 3

