



# Graph Theory

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Lecture1

# Why Graph Theory ?

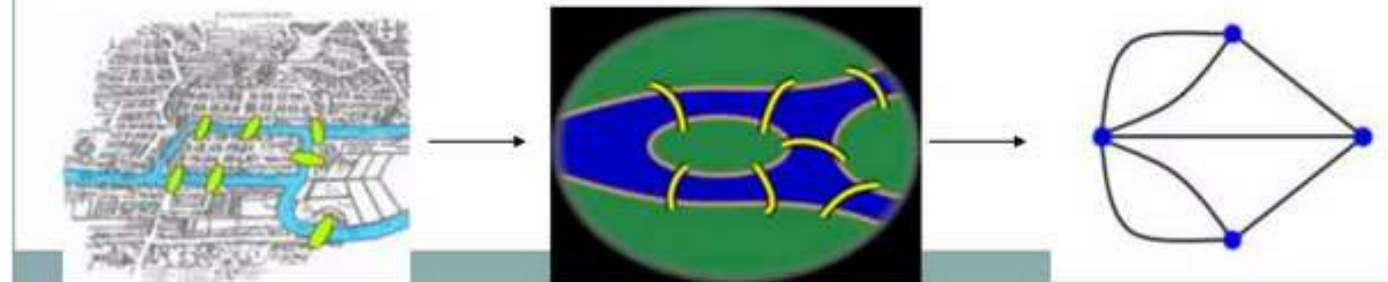


- Graphs used to model pair wise relations between objects
- Generally a network can be represented by a graph
- Many practical problems can be easily represented in terms of graph theory

## Graph Theory - History

- Begun in 1735
- Mentioned in Leonhard Euler's paper on “*Seven Bridges of Königsberg*”.

**Problem** : Walk all 7 bridges without crossing a bridge twice

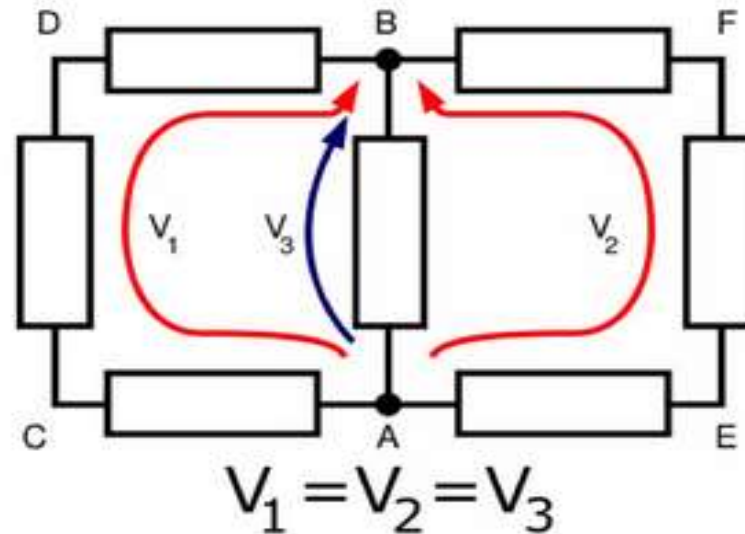


# Graph Theory – History.....

## Trees in Electric Circuits



Gustav Kirchhoff



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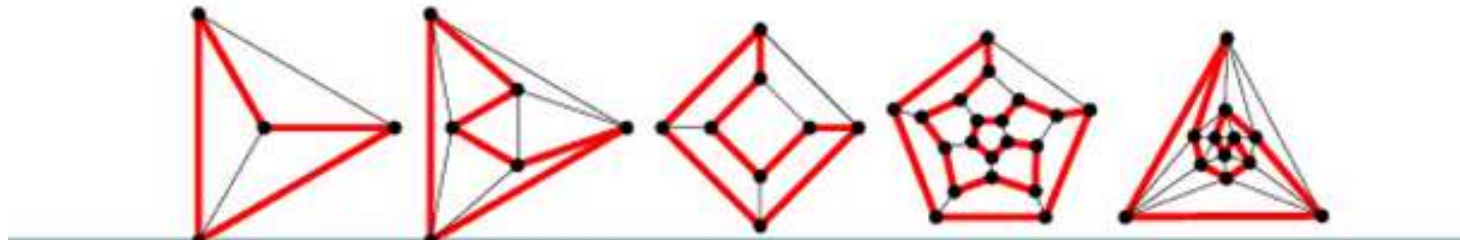
**Cycles in Polyhedra - polyhedron with no Hamiltonian cycle**



Thomas P. Kirkman






William R. Hamilton

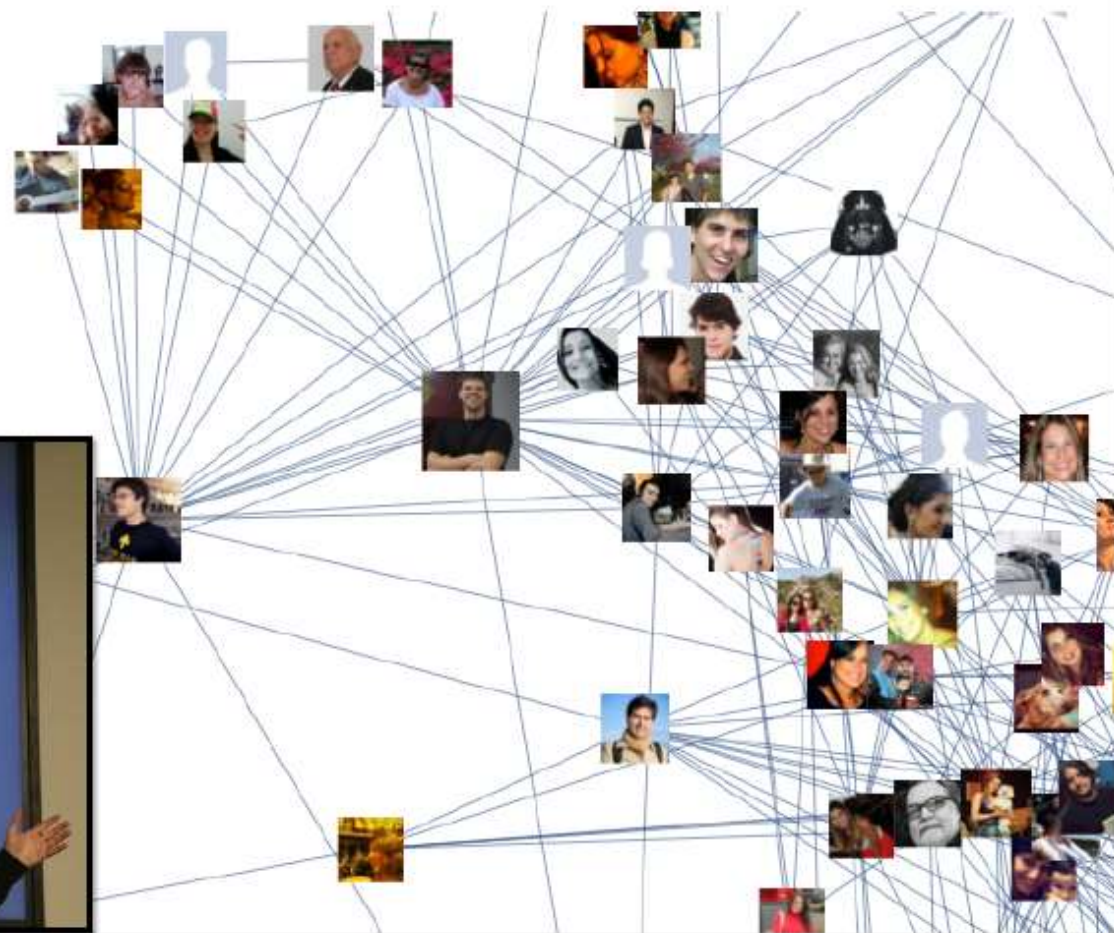





# Facebook


**Graph is big and changing**

-  **1 billion** people
-  **240 billion** photos
-  **1 trillion** connections



The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

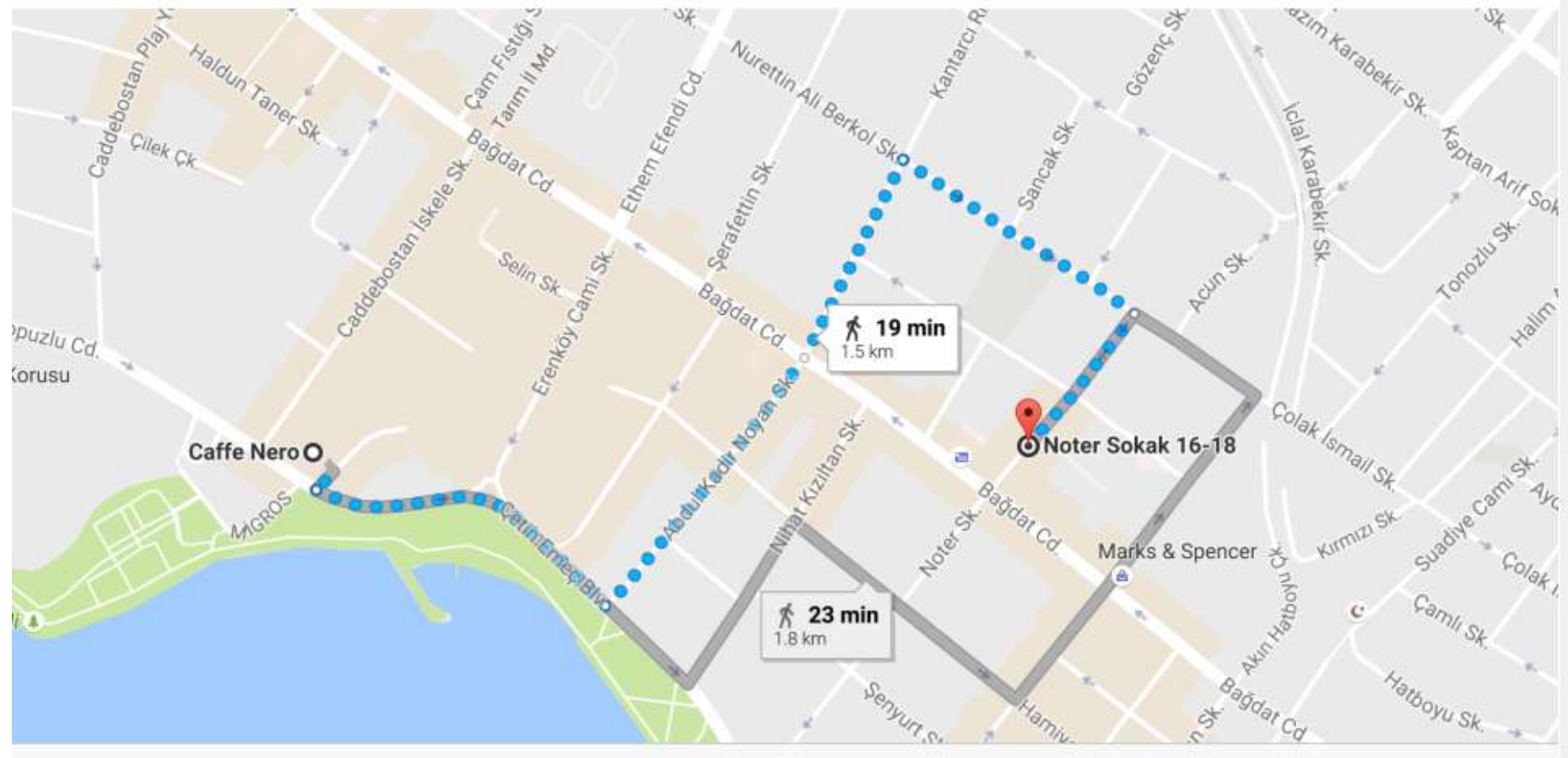
# facebook®

A yellow speech bubble with a black outline and a tail pointing towards the Google+ logo.

Me too!

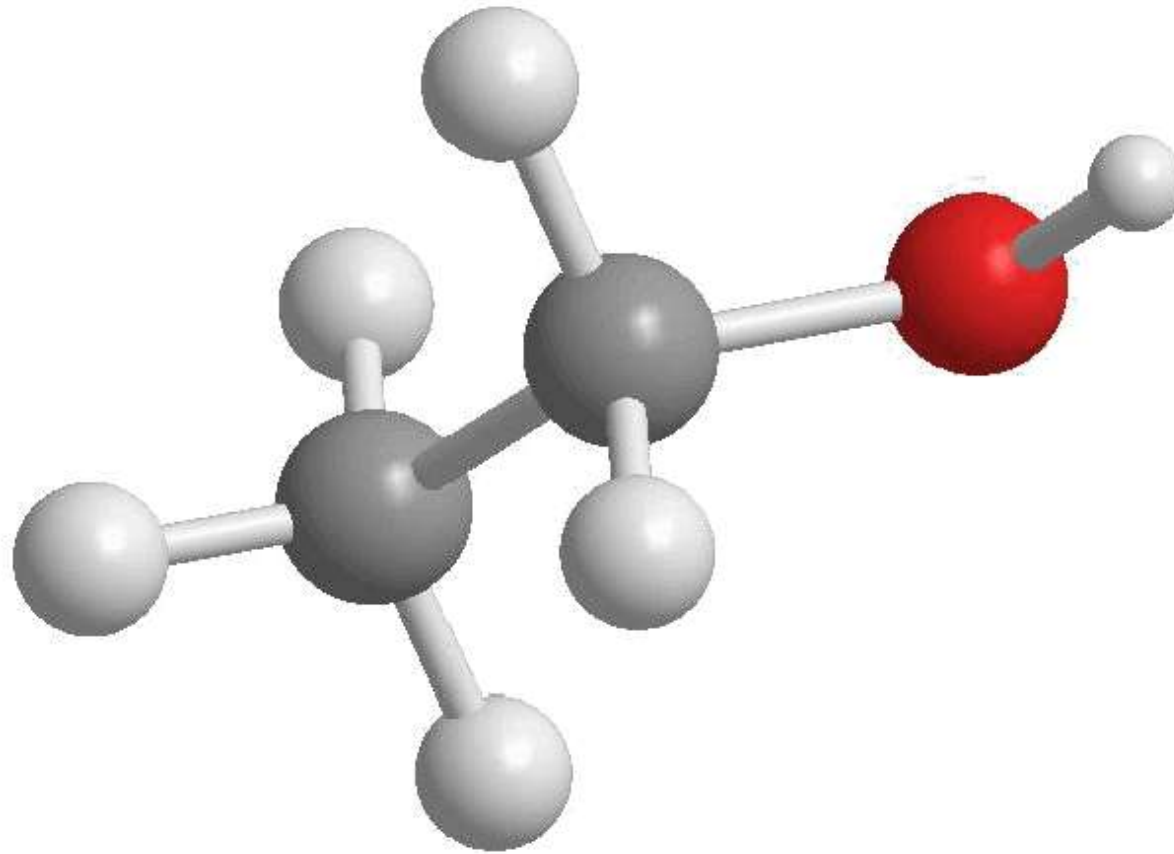


# Google Maps

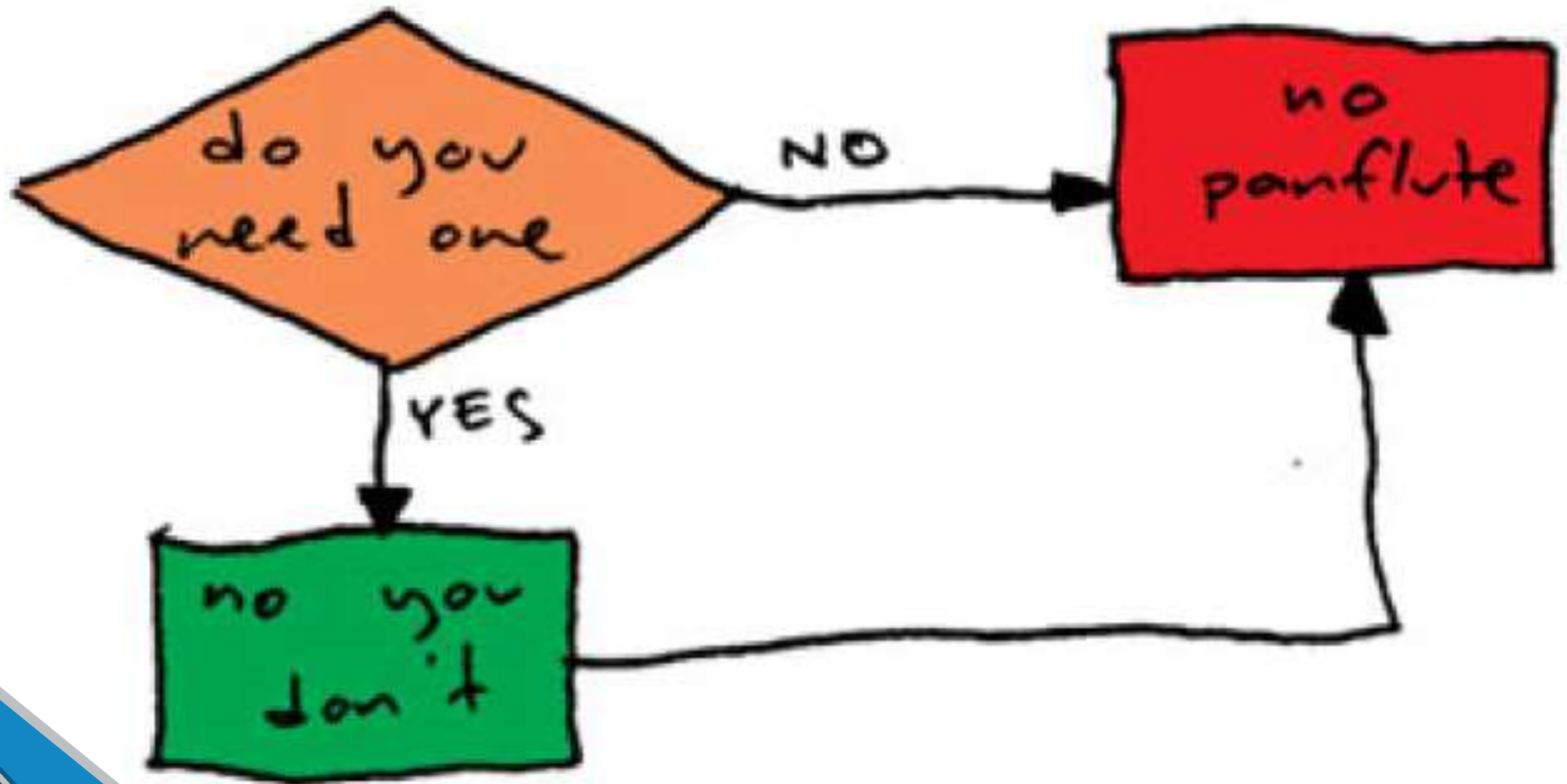


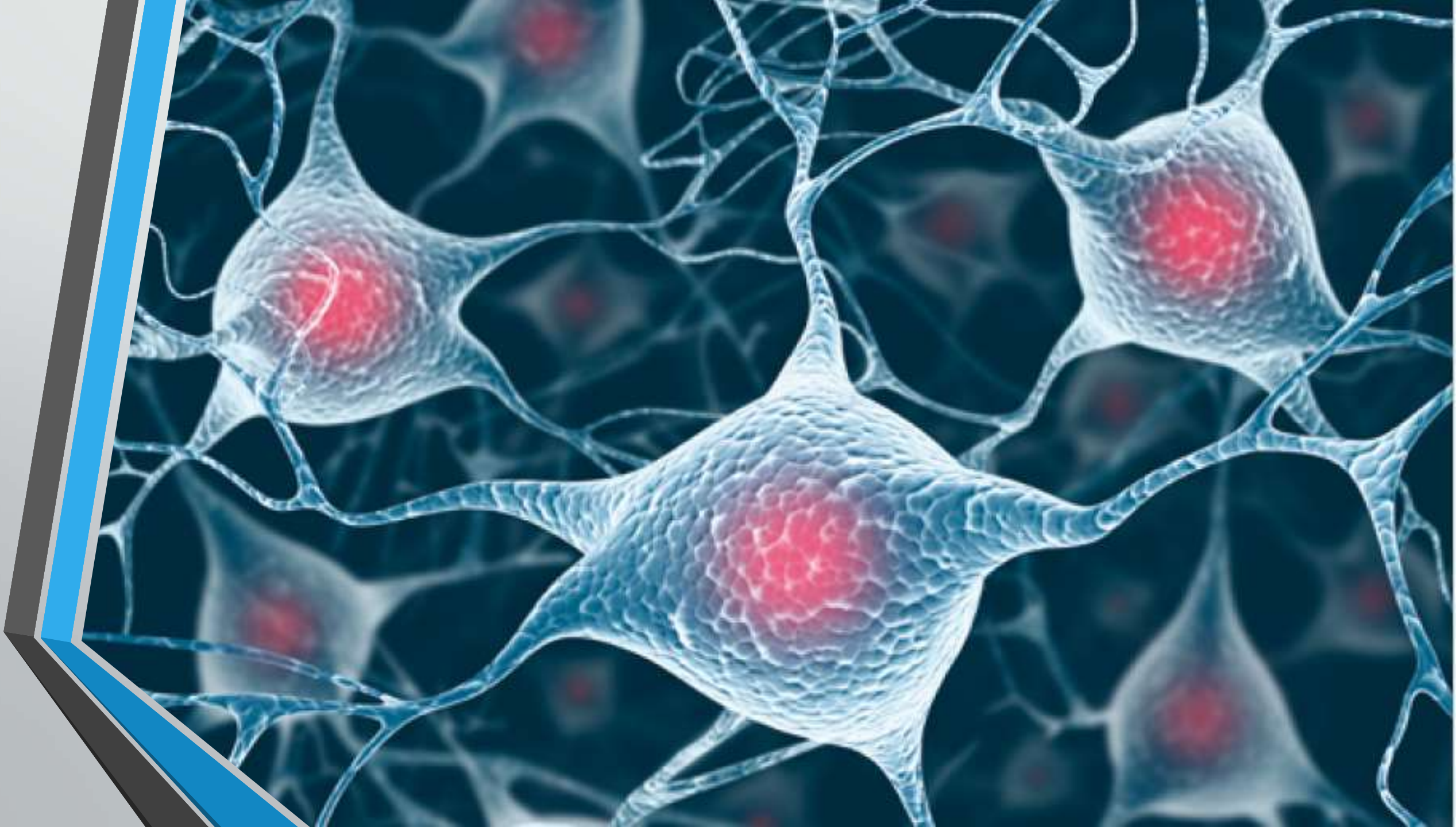


# Chemical Bonds



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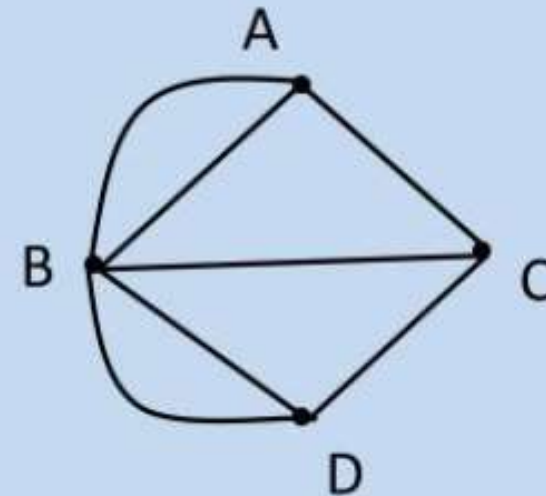
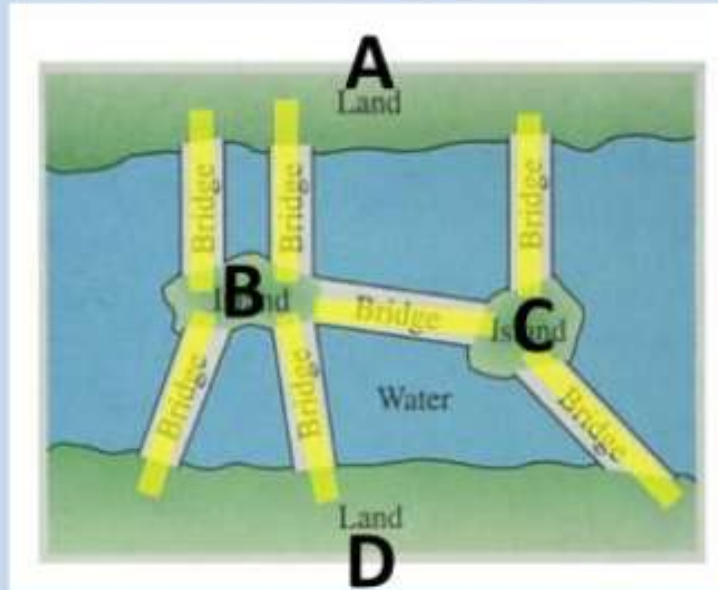








Ex) Represent the "Konigsberg Bridge" problem using a vertex-edge graph.



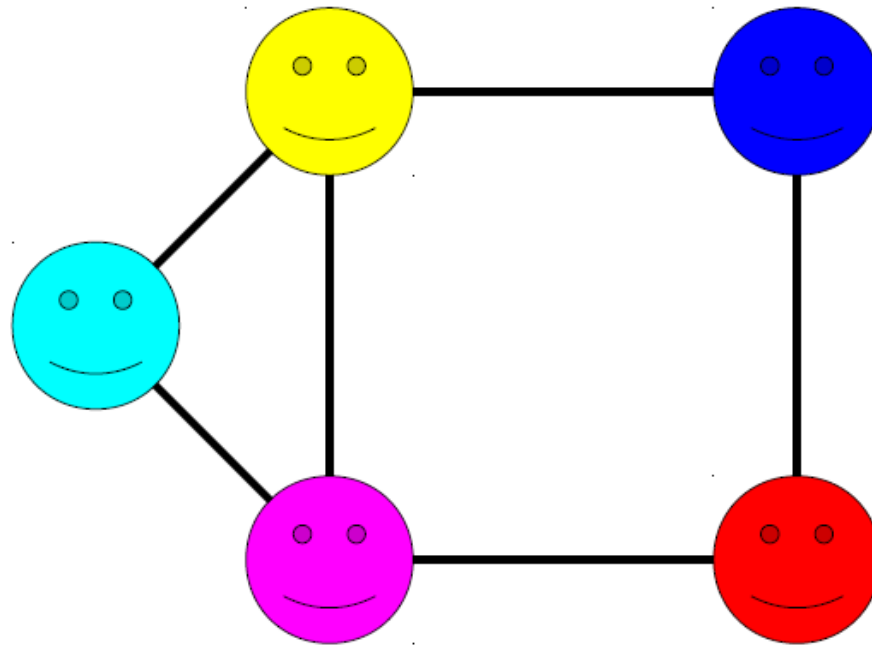
- \* Vertices represent locations.
- \* Edges represent "connections" between those locations.



# What's in Common

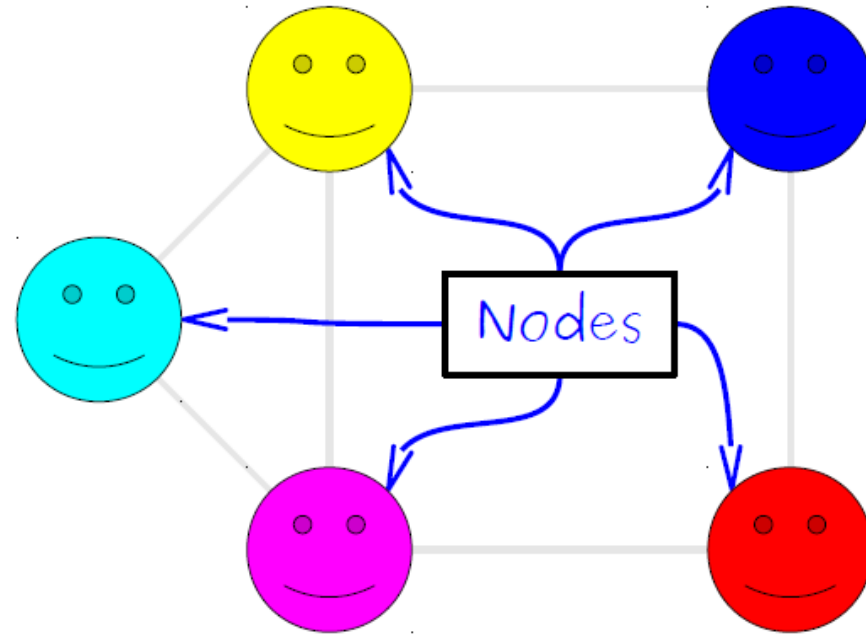
- Each of these structures consists of
  - a collection of objects and
  - links between those objects.
- **Goal:** find a general framework for describing these objects and their properties.

A **graph** is a mathematical structure for representing relationships.



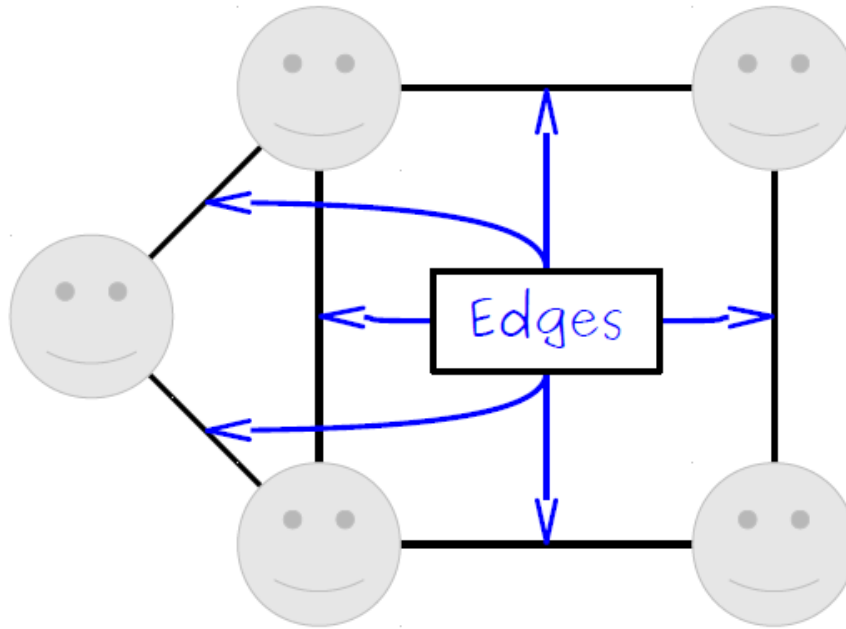
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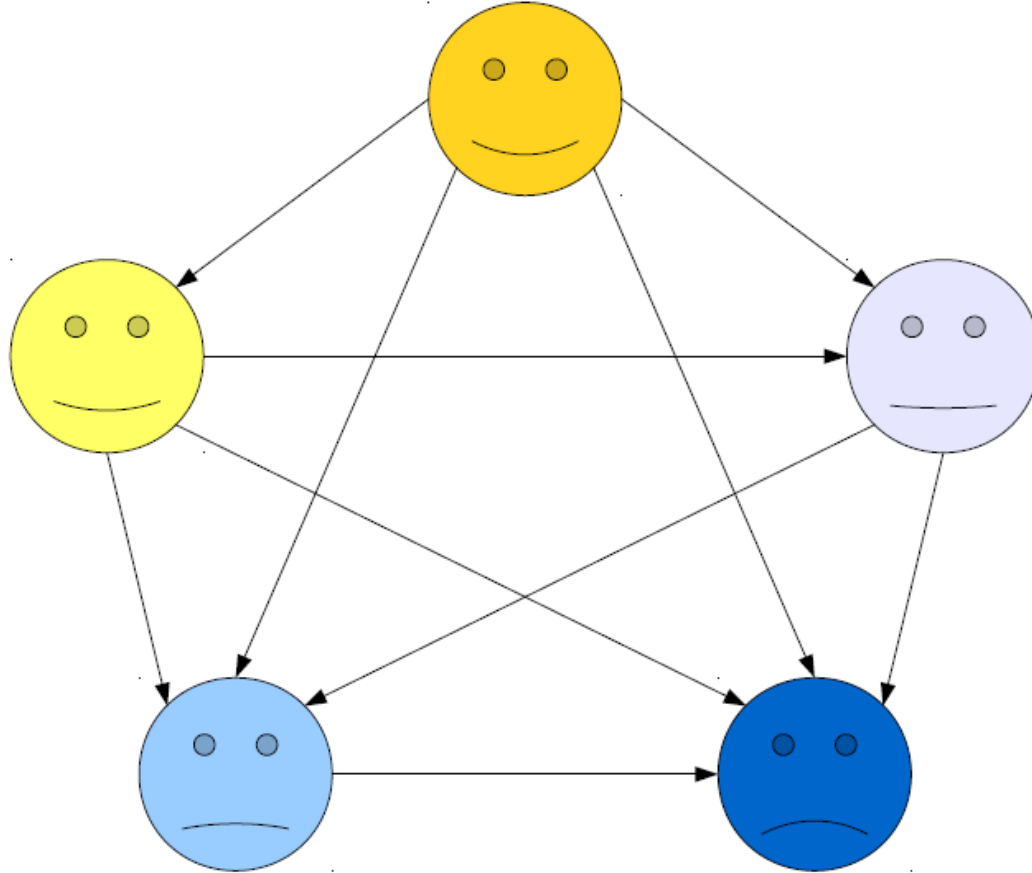
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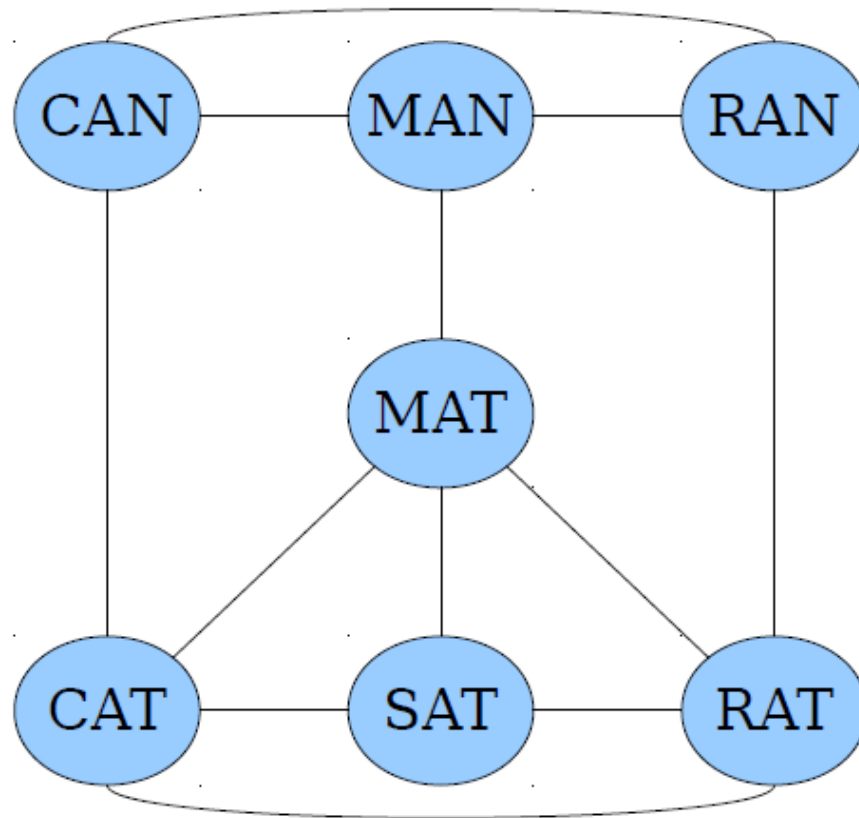
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Some graphs are *directed*.





Some graphs are *undirected*.





Going forward, we're primarily going to focus on undirected graphs.

The term “graph” generally refers to undirected graphs unless specified otherwise.

# Formalizing Graphs

- How might we define a graph mathematically?
- We need to specify
  - what the nodes in the graph are, and
  - which edges are in the graph.
- The nodes can be pretty much anything.
- What about the edges?

## Graph Theory

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- Graphs can be used to model many types of relations and process dynamics in physical, biological, social and information systems
- Graphs can be used to represent networks of communication, data organization, computational devices, the flow of computation, **the link structure of a website**, to study molecules in chemistry and physics, **friends**, etc.
- Many practical (**and lucrative**) problems can be represented by graphs

# INTRODUCTION

- What is a graph  $G$ ?

It is a pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $x$

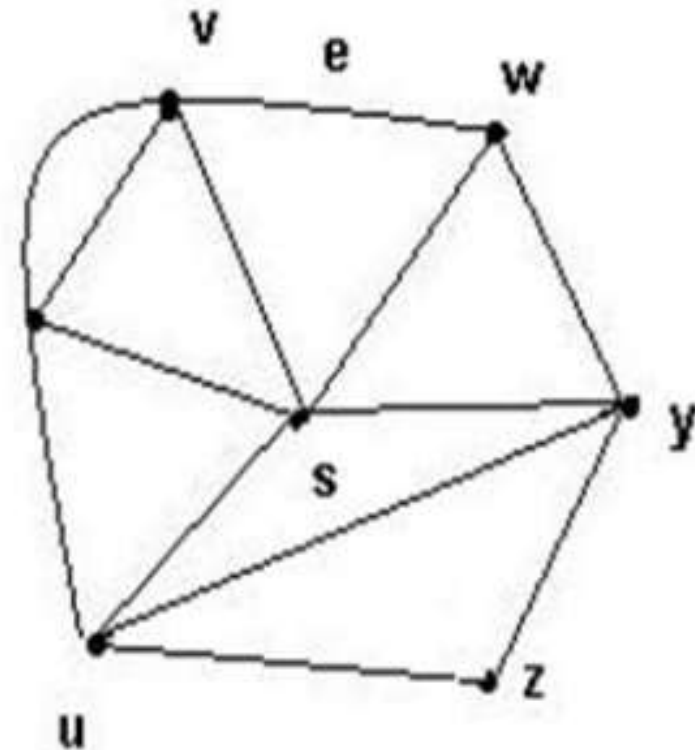
$V = V(G)$  = set of vertices

$E = E(G)$  = set of edges

- **Example:**

$V = \{s, u, v, w, x, y, z\}$

$E = \{(x,s), (x,v)_1, (x,v)_2, (x,u), (v,w),$   
 $(s,v), (s,u), (s,w), (s,y), (w,y), (u,y), (u,z), (y,z)\}$





## 1. Point

A **point** is a particular position that is located in a space. Space can be one-dimensional, two-dimensional or three-dimensional space. A dot is used to represent a point in graph and it is labeled by alphabet, numbers or alphanumeric values.

### Example

• p

Here, dot is a point labeled by 'p'.

## 2. Line

Two points are connected to each other through a **line**. A **line** is a connection between two points. It is represented by a solid line.

### Example



### 3. Vertex

A **vertex** is a synonym of point in graph i.e. one of the points on which the graph is defined and which may be connected by lines/edges is called a vertex.

Vertex is also called "node", "point" or "junction". A vertex is denoted by alphabets, numbers or alphanumeric value.

#### Example

• **v**

Here, point is the vertex labeled with an alphabet 'v'.

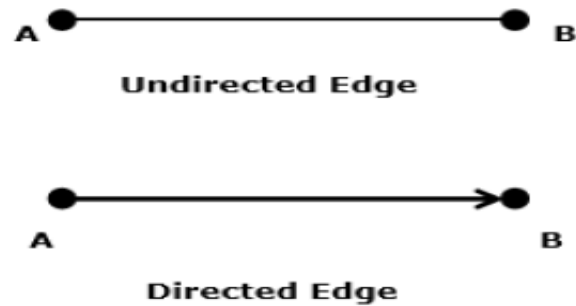
## 4. Edge

**Edge** is the connection between two vertices. Each edge connects one vertex to another vertex in the graph. Without a vertex, an edge cannot be formed. It is also called line, branch, link or arc.

Edge can either be **directed** or **undirected**. A directed edge is the edge which points from one vertex to another, and an undirected edge has no direction.

If there is a directed edge from vertex A to B, and a directed edge from B to A, this would essentially be equivalent to an undirected edge connecting A and B.

### Example

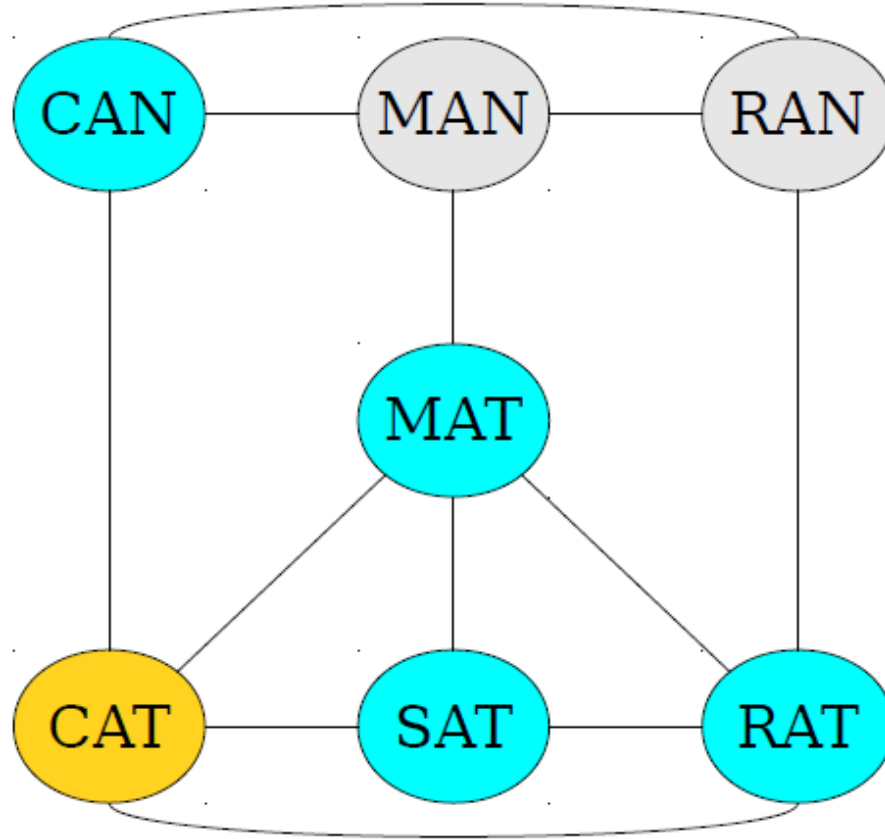


Here, '**A**' and '**B**' are the **vertices** and the link 'AB' between them is called an **edge**.

# Formalizing Graphs

- An **unordered pair** is a set  $\{a, b\}$  of two elements (remember that sets are unordered).
  - $\{0, 1\} = \{1, 0\}$
- An **undirected graph** is an ordered pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where
  - $V$  is a set of nodes, which can be anything, and
  - $E$  is a set of edges, which are unordered pairs of nodes drawn from  $V$ .
- A **directed graph** is an ordered pair  $G = (V, E)$ , where
  - $V$  is a set of nodes, which can be anything, and
  - $E$  is a set of edges, which are *ordered* pairs of nodes drawn from  $V$ .

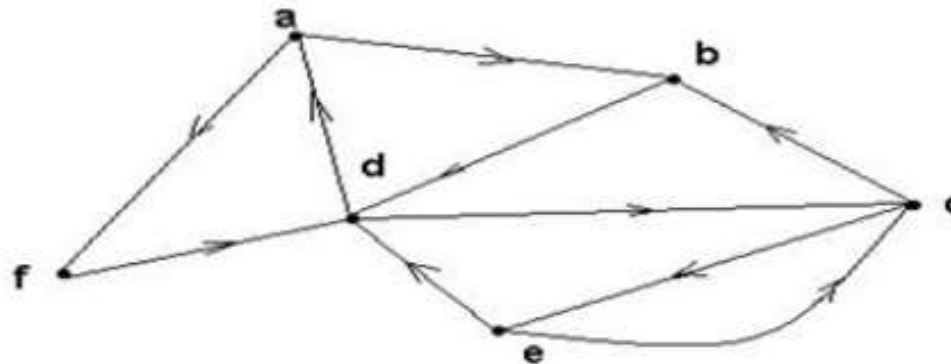




Two nodes are called *adjacent* if there is an edge between them.

# Directed graphs (digraphs)

$G$  is a *directed graph* or *digraph* if each edge has been associated with an ordered pair of vertices, i.e. each edge has a direction

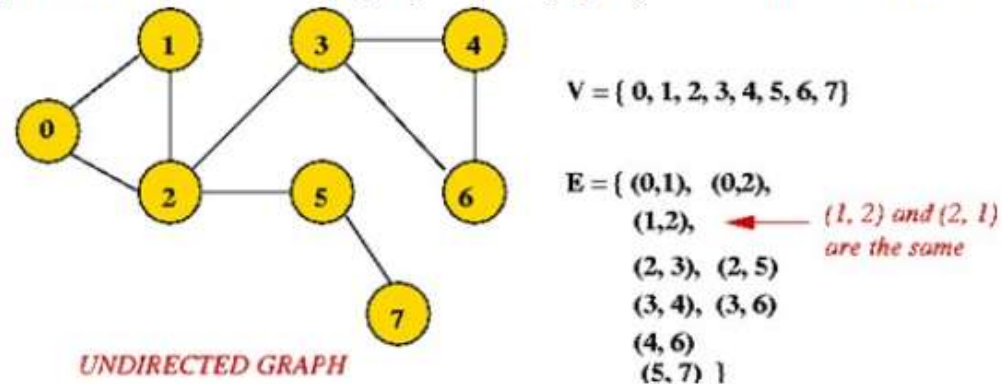


# UNDIRECTED GRAPH

- Edges have no direction.
- If an edge connects vertices  $1$  and  $2$ , either convention can be used:

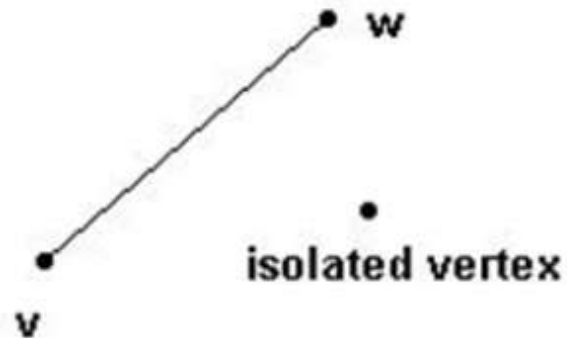
No duplication: only one of  $(1, 2)$  or  $(2, 1)$  is allowed in  $E$ .

Full duplication: both  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 1)$  should be in  $E$ .



# Edges

- An edge may be labeled by a pair of vertices, for instance  $e = (v,w)$ .
- $e$  is said to be *incident* on  $v$  and  $w$ .
- Isolated vertex = a vertex without incident edges.



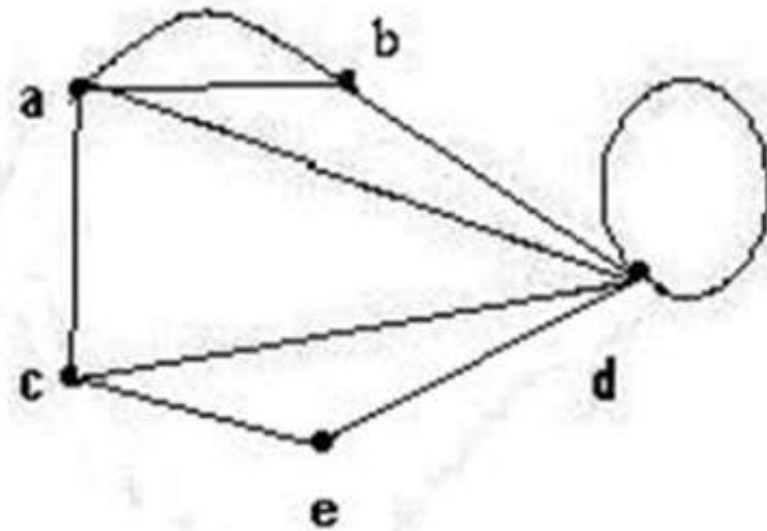
# Special edges

- **Parallel edges**

- Two or more edges joining a pair of vertices  
in the example, **a** and **b**  
are joined by two parallel edges

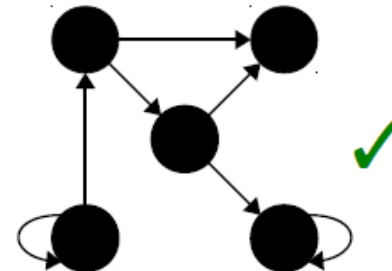
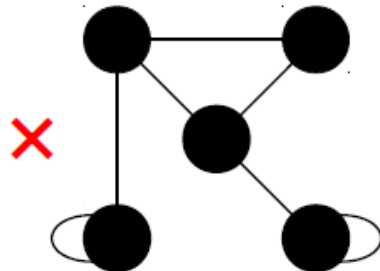
- **Loops**

- An edge that starts  
and ends at the same vertex  
In the example, vertex **d** has a loop



# Self-Loops

- An edge from a node to itself is called a **self-loop**.
- In undirected graphs, self-loops are generally not allowed unless specified otherwise.
  - This is mostly to keep the math easier. If you allow self-loops, a lot of results get messier and harder to state.
- In directed graphs, self-loops are generally allowed unless specified otherwise.





# Special graphs

- **Simple graph**
  - A graph without loops or parallel edges.
- **Weighted graph**
  - A graph where each edge is assigned a numerical label or “weight”.

