# Social Network Analysis

Graph Theory preliminaries



## Graphs

A graph G = (V, E) consists of a set of **nodes** (vertices) V and a set of pairs of nodes E.

The elements of E are called **edges** or **links**.

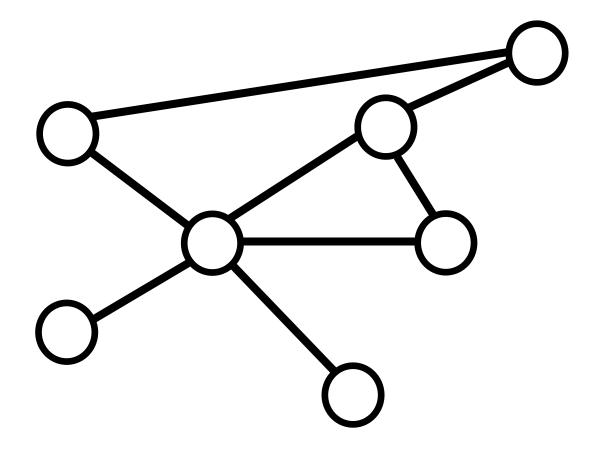
If there is an edge between u and v, then we say that u and v are adjacent.

For an edge e = (u, v), the vertices u and v are called the endpoints of e.

We say that the edge e is **incident with** each of its endpoints.

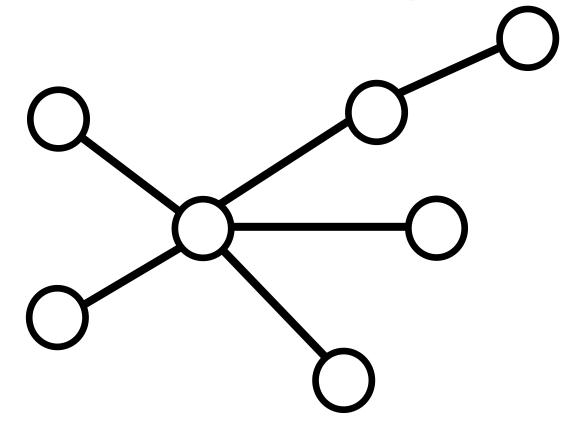
Graphs can be represented visually:

- nodes are points (circles)
- edges are lines connecting the endpoints

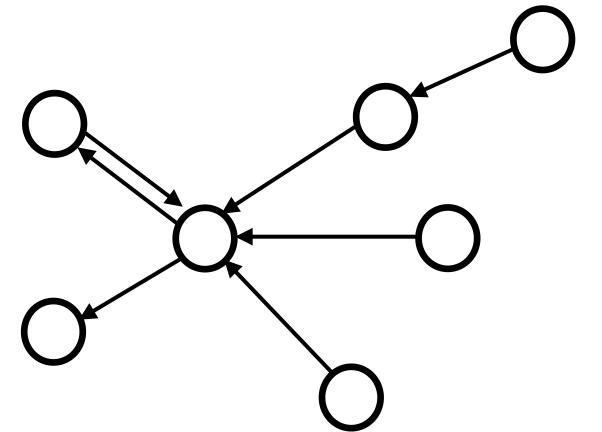


# Undirected vs Directed graphs

Undirected graphs: edges are unordered pairs of vertices (i.e. (u, v) = (v, u))



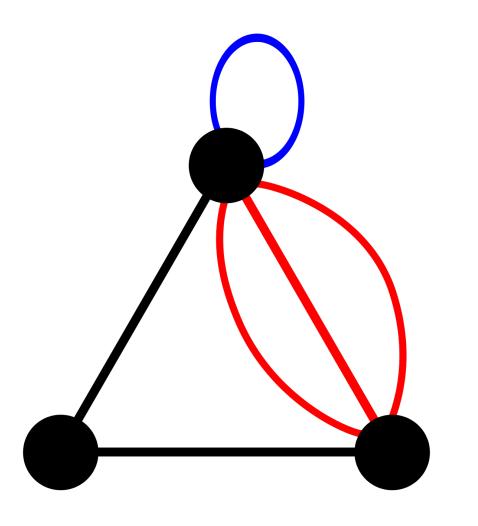
**Directed graphs**: edges are ordered pairs of vertices (i.e.  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$ ). Edges of directed graphs are sometimes called arcs.



# Multi-edges and loops

Multigraph: a graph that admits multiple edges between a pair of nodes

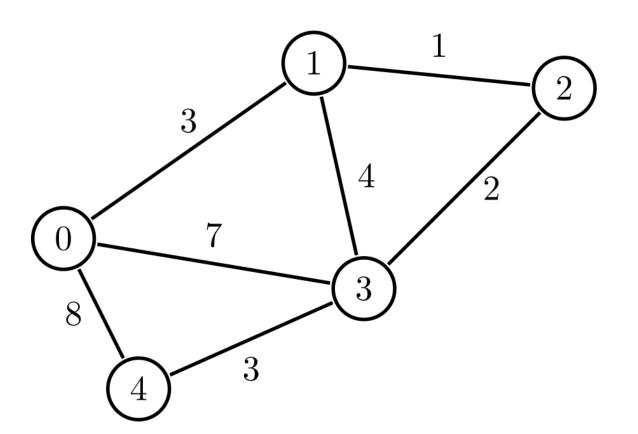
**Loop**: an edge that connects vertex with itself: (u, u)



# Weighted graphs

Edge-weighted: every edge is assigned a number, called the weight of the edge

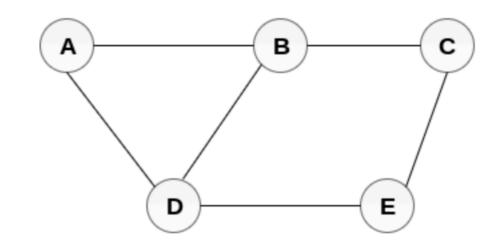
Vertex-weighted: every vertex is assigned a number, called the weight of vertex



# Adjacency matrix

Adjacency matrix of an undirected n-vertex graph G=(V,E) is the square  $n\times n$  matrix  $\overline{A}$  such that  $\overline{A}_{ij}=1$  if (i,j) is an edge in G and  $\overline{A}_{ij}=0$ , otherwise.

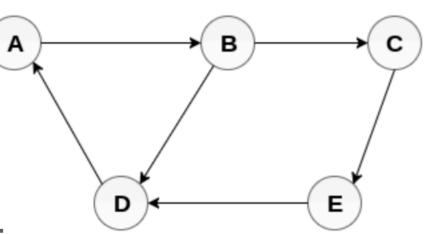
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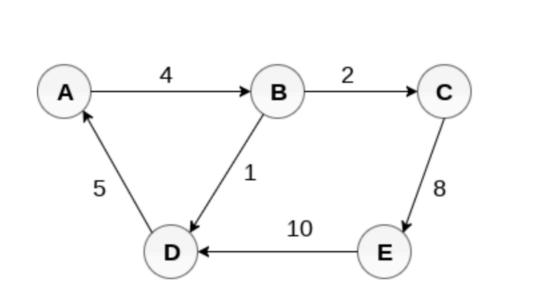
**Undirected Graph** 

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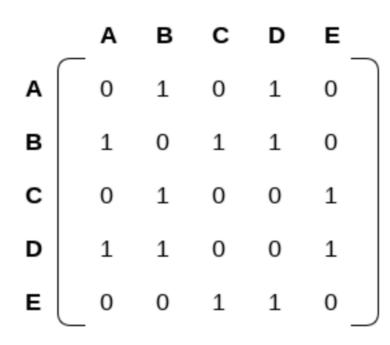
Note: adjacency matrix of a directed graph is not necessarily symmetric



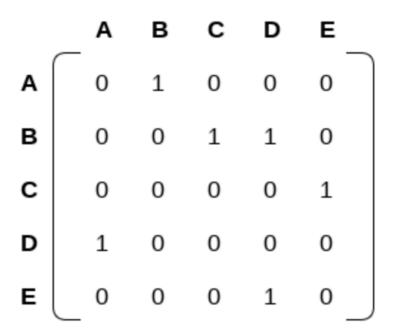
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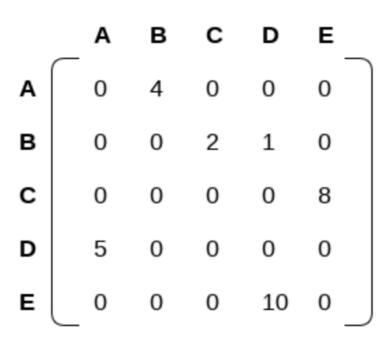
Weighted Directed Graph



#### **Adjacency Matrix**



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Adjacency Matrix

## Adjacency matrix of a weighted undirected or directed n-vertex graph G = (V, E), is the square $n \times n$ matrix $\overline{A}$ such that

 $\overline{A}_{ij} = w_{ij}$  if (i,j) is an **edge** or **arc** in G and  $\overline{A}_{ij} = 0$ , otherwise.

Here  $w_{ij}$  denotes the weight of an edge/arc (i, j).

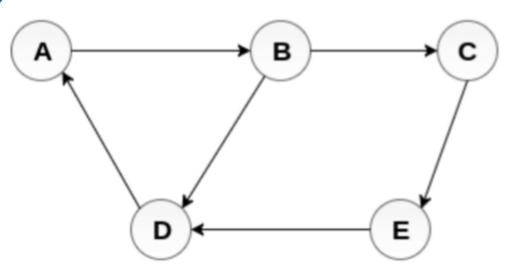
# Neighbours & degree

## **Undirected graphs**

- A vertex u is a **neighbour** of v, if (u, v) is an edge in the graph
- The set of all neighbours of v is called the **neighbourhood** of v and denoted by N(v)
- The degree of v is the number of neighbours of v, denoted by deg(v)

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**Undirected Graph** 

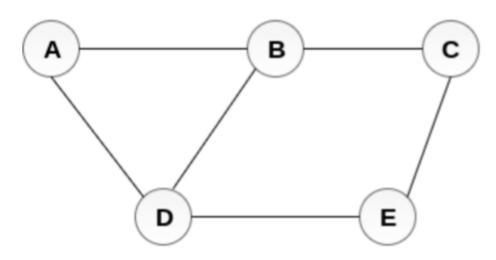


**Directed Graph** 

## **Directed graphs**

- A vertex u is an in-neighbour of v, if (u, v) is an arc in the graph (i.e. there is an arc from u to v)
- A vertex u is an out-neighbour of v, if (v, u) is an arc in the graph (i.e. there is an arc from v to u)
- The in-degree of vertex v is the number of in-neighbours of v, denoted by  $\deg_+(v)$
- The out-degree of vertex v is the number of out-neighbours of v, denoted by  $\deg_v(v)$

## Path & distance



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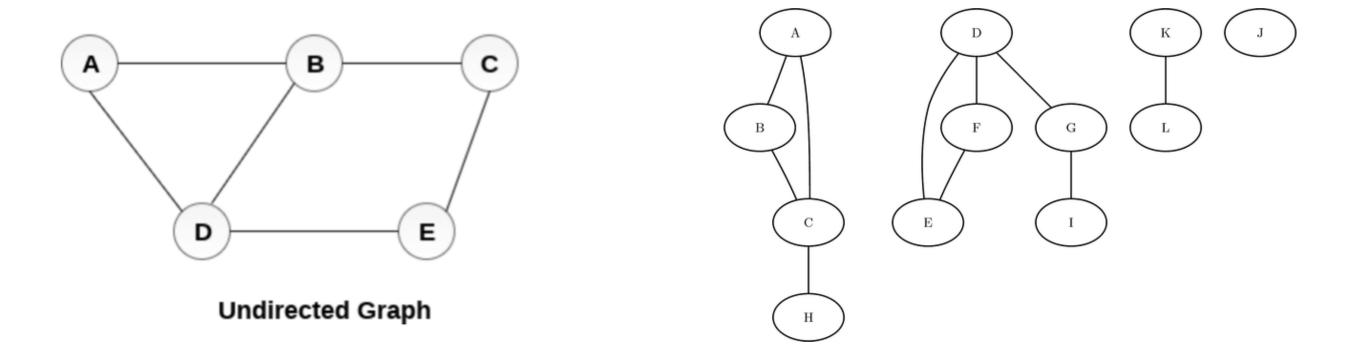
- A sequence of distinct vertices  $v_0, v_1, ..., v_k$  is called a **path** between  $v_0$  and  $v_k$  if for every i = 1, ..., k vertices  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_i$  are adjacent.
- The **length** of a path is the number of edges in the path.
- The **distance** between two vertices u and v is the length of a shortest path between u and v. If there is no path between u and v, then the distance between u and v is defined to be  $\infty$ .

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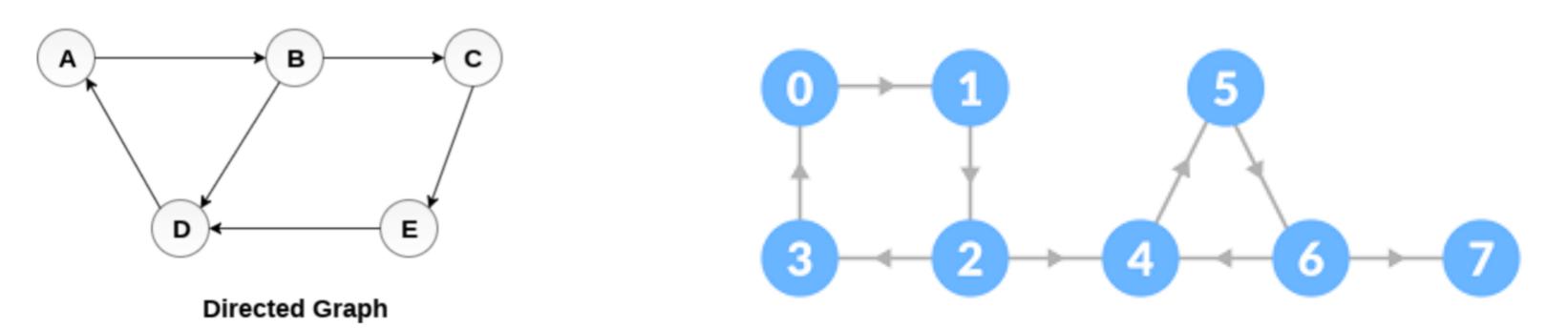
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# Connected graphs



## **Undirected graphs**

- A graph is **connected** if there is a path between any pair of vertices. Otherwise the graph is called **disconnected**.
- A maximal connected subgraph of a graph G is called a connected component of G



## **Directed graphs**

- A graph is **strongly connected** if for every ordered pair of vertices u, v there is a directed path from u to v.
- A maximal strongly connected subgraph of a (directed) graph G is called a strongly connected component of G.