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Discussion 9 - Graphs and Tree introduction

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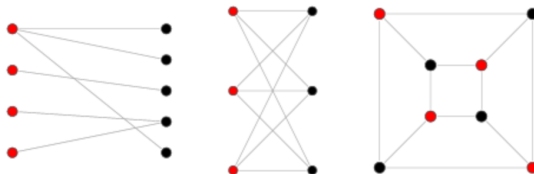
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Bipartite graph

- ▶ A bipartite graph, also called a bigraph, is a set of graph vertices decomposed into two disjoint sets such that no two graph vertices within the same set are adjacent.
- ▶ Bipartite graphs are equivalent to two-colorable graphs.
- ▶ All acyclic graphs are bipartite.
- ▶ A cyclic graph is bipartite iff all its cycles are of even length

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A perfect matching of a graph is a matching (i.e., an independent edge set) in which every vertex of the graph is incident to exactly one edge of the matching.

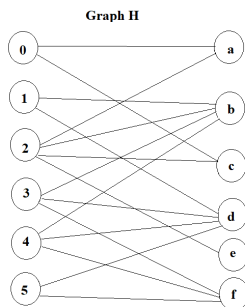
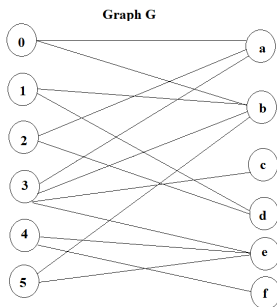
A perfect matching is therefore a matching containing $\frac{n}{2}$ edges (the largest possible), meaning perfect matchings are only possible on graphs with an even number of vertices.

Perfect matching

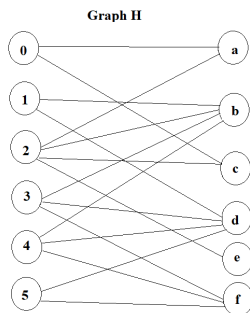
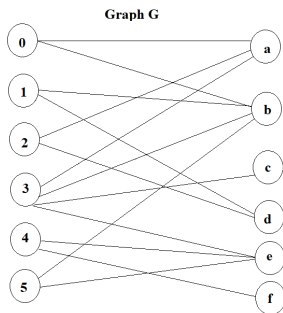
Halls Theorem: Let $G = (X, Y)$ be a bipartite graph. Then X has a perfect matching into Y if and only if for all $T \subseteq X$, the inequality $|T| \leq |N(T)|$ holds. Where $N(T)$ is the set of all neighbors of the vertices in T . In other words, $y \in Y$ is an element of $N(T)$ if and only if there is a vertex $x \in T$ so that xy is an edge.

Perfect matching

You are given two bipartite graph G and H below. For each graph determine whether it has a perfect matching. Justify your answer, either by listing the edges that are in the matching or use Hall's Theorem to show that the graph does not have a perfect matching.



Perfect matching



$$T = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$N(T) = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$$

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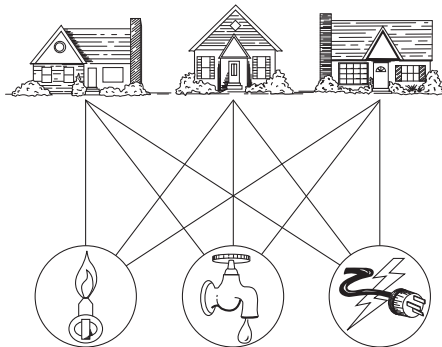
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Is it possible to join these houses and utilities so that none of the connections cross?



Planar graphs

Definition 3.1

A graph is called planar if it can be drawn in the plane without any edges crossing. Such a drawing is called a planar representation of the graph.

Examples

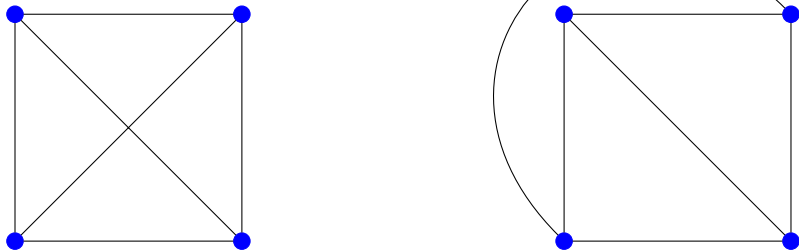


Figure: The K_4 graph and its drawn with no crossings.

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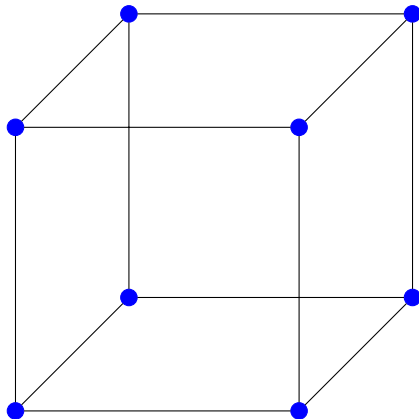


Figure: A Q_3 graph.

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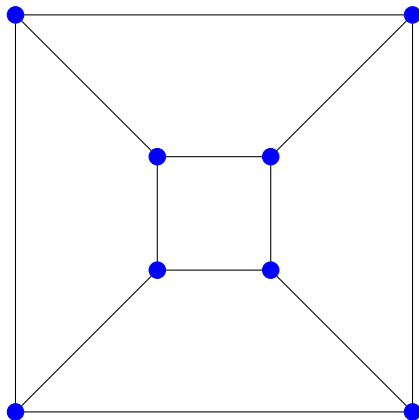


Figure: The planar representation of a Q_3 graph.

Euler's Formula

- ▶ A planar representation of a graph splits the plane into regions (including an unbounded region.)
- ▶ Euler showed that all planar representations of a graph split the plane into the same number of regions.
- ▶ There is a relationship between the number of regions, vertices and edges.

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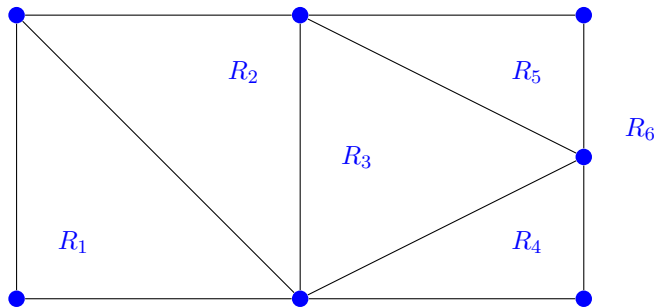


Figure: The Regions of the Planar Representation of a Graph.

Euler's Formula

Theorem 1

Let G be a connected planar simple graph with e edges and v vertices. Let r be the number of regions in a planar representation of G . Then $r = e - v + 2$.

Euler's Formula

Corollary 2

If G is a connected planar graph with m edges and n vertices, and $n \geq 3$ and no circuits of length 3, then $m \leq 2n - 4$.

Proof

- ▶ G divides the plane into regions, say r of them.
- ▶ The degree of each region is at least four¹.
- ▶ Note that the sum of the degrees of the regions is exactly twice the number of edges in the graph².
- ▶ Because each region has degree greater than or equal to 4, it follows that: $2m = \sum \deg(R) \geq 4r$.
- ▶ Hence, $2m \geq 4r$ or simply $r \leq \frac{m}{2}$. Using Euler's formula, we obtain $m - n + 2 \leq \frac{m}{2}$.
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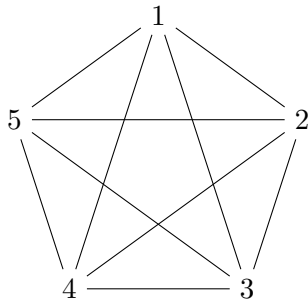
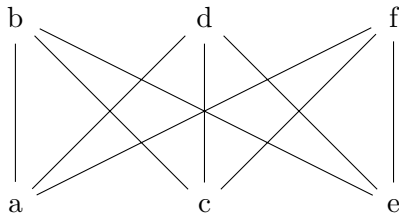
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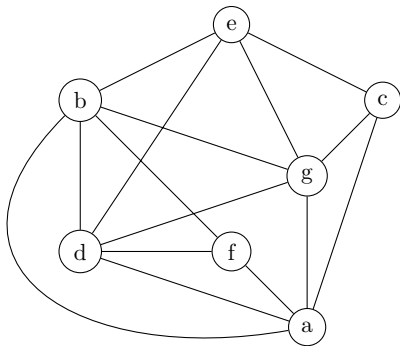
Theorem 3

A graph is nonplanar if and only if it contains a subgraph homeomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ or K_5 .



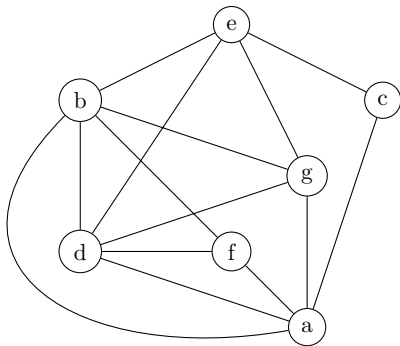
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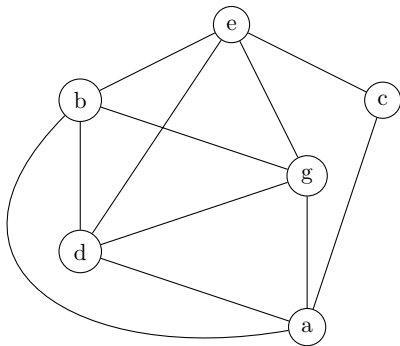
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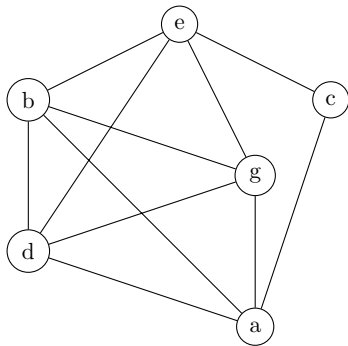
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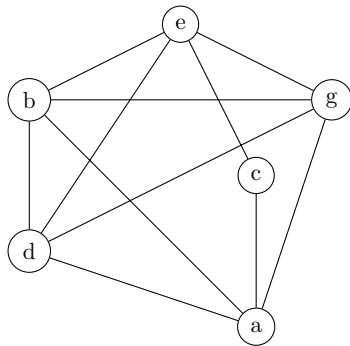
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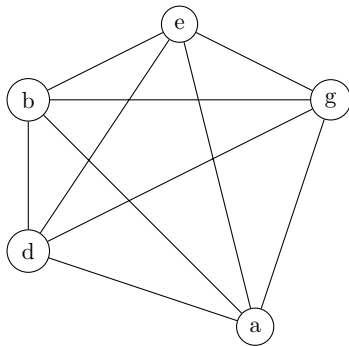
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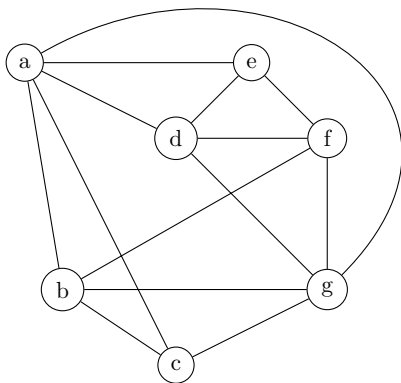
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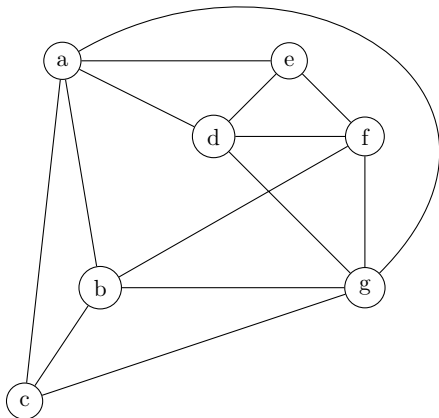
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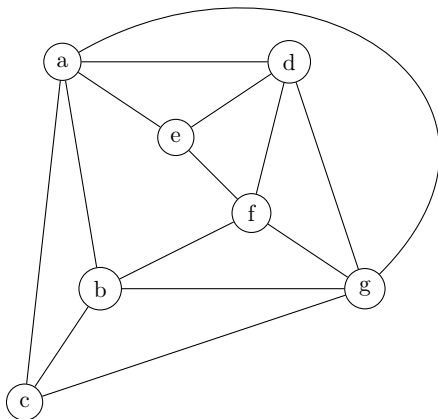
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Lemma 4

If T is a tree, and has n vertices, then its number of edges is $m = n - 1$.

Proof

1. Basis step:

- ▶ When $n = 1$, a tree with $n = 1$ vertex has no edges. Indeed, $n - 1 = 0$.

2. Assumption step:

- ▶ Let's assume that every tree with k vertices has $k - 1$ edges, where k is a positive integer.

3. Inductive step:

- ▶ Suppose that a tree T has $k + 1$ vertices and that v is a leaf³ of T . Let w be the parent of v .
- ▶ Remove v from T and the edge connecting w to v . It produces a tree T' with k vertices⁴.
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