# CS/MATH 111, Discrete Structures - Fall 2018. Discussion 9 - Graphs and Tree introduction

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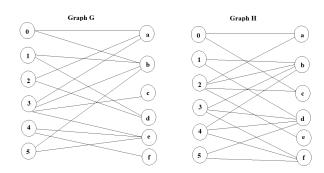
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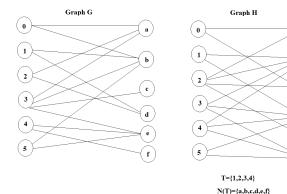
A perfect matching of a graph is a matching (i.e., an independent edge set) in which every vertex of the graph is incident to exactly one edge of the matching.

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.

Halls Theorem: Let G = (X,Y) be a bipartite graph. Then X has a perfect macthing 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.

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.





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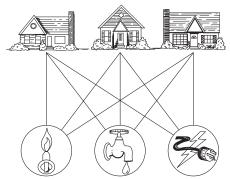
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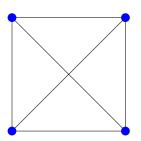
Is it possible to join these houses and utilities so that none of the connections cross?



# 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.



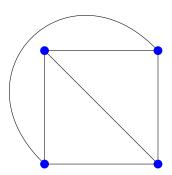


Figure: The  $K_4$  graph and its drawn with no crossings.

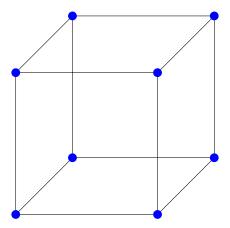


Figure: A  $Q_3$  graph.

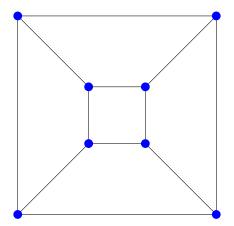


Figure: The planar representation of a  $Q_3$  graph.

- ▶ 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.

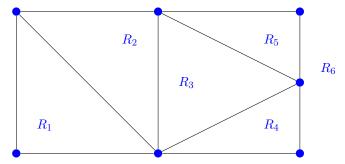


Figure: The Regions of the Planar Representation of a Graph.

#### 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.



# 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  $m \leq 2n - 4$ .

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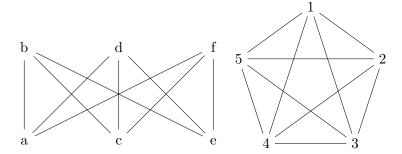
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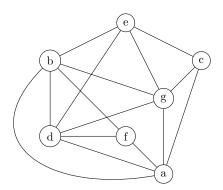
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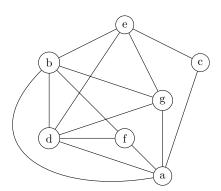
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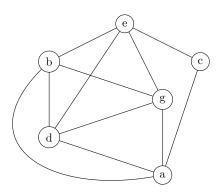
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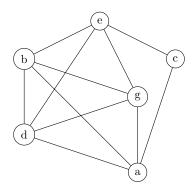
A graph is nonplanar if and only if it contains a subgraph homeomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$  or  $K_5$ .

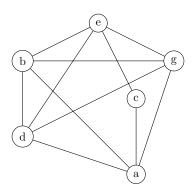


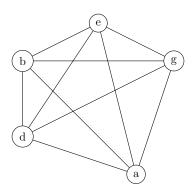


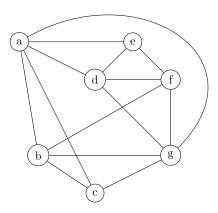












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It T is a tree, and has n vertices, then its number of edges is m = n - 1.

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