

Discrete Mathematical Models

Lecture 22

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D: Graph Theory

D1: Introduction to Graph Theory

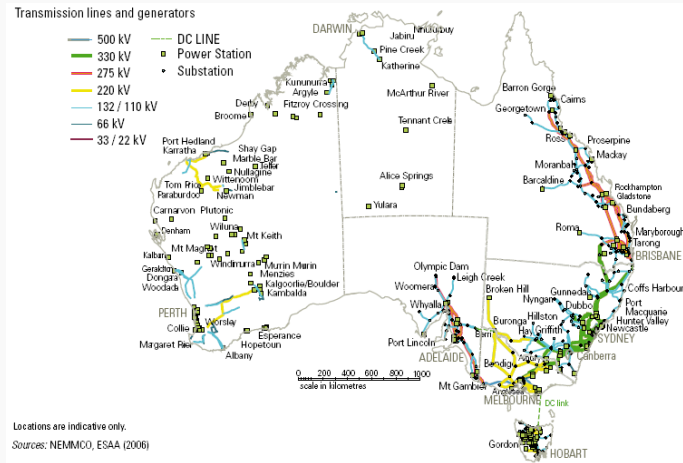
Text Reference (Epp) 3ed: Chapter 11
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Motivation

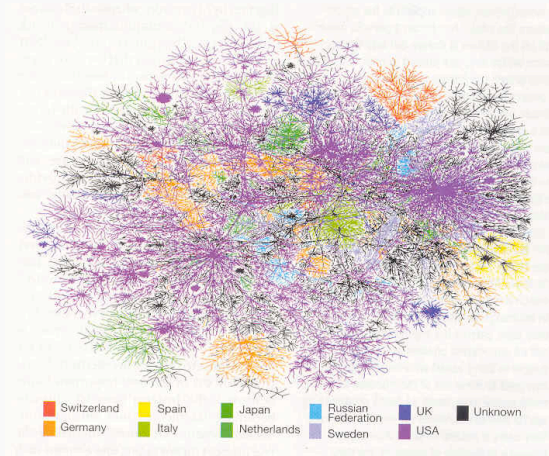
Real-world phenomena often
modeled with graphs:

Australian Power Transmission Network



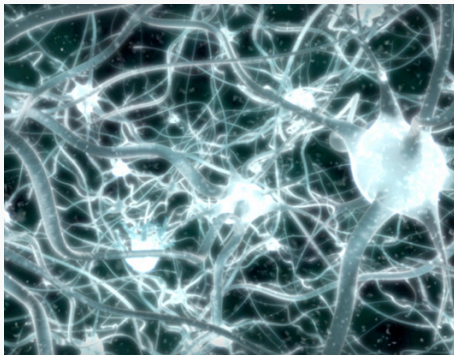
Complex Network Example: Internet

(William R. Cheswick)



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Decision

Brain Network



from documentary, 'Inside the living body'
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Basic concepts

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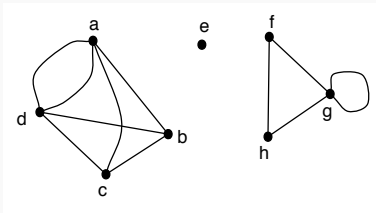
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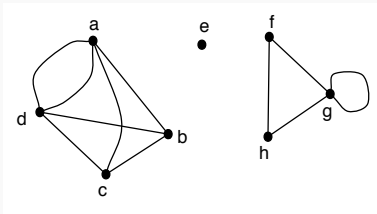


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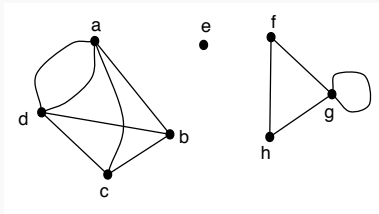
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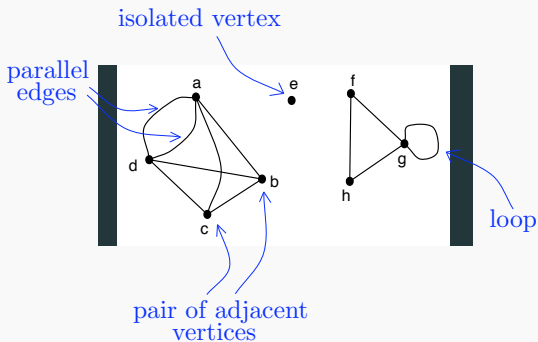
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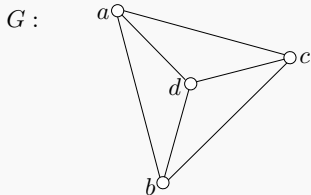
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- The **order** of a graph, G , is the number of vertices in it, i.e. $|V(G)|$. (A graph of order '0' is empty.)

Some graph concepts illustrated



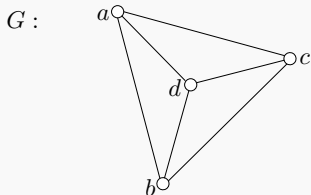
Another example

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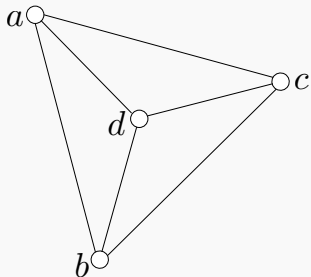


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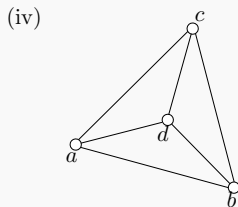
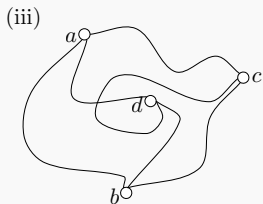
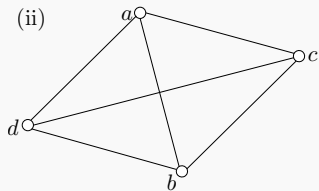
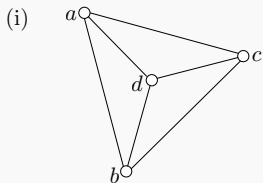
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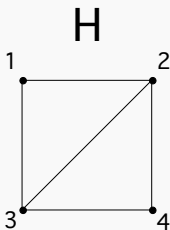
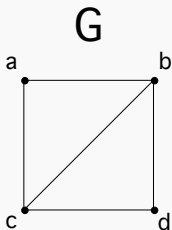
Four diagrams of the same graph



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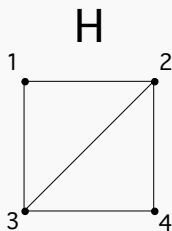
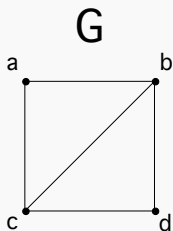
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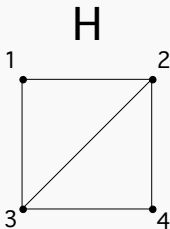
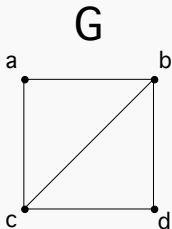
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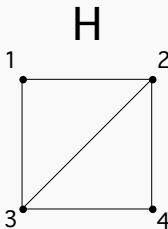
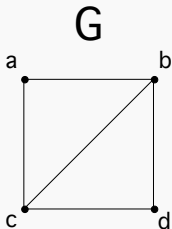
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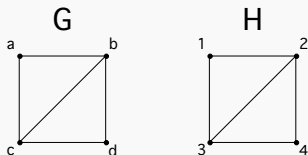
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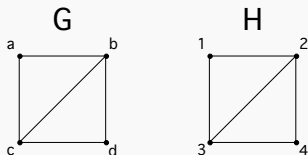
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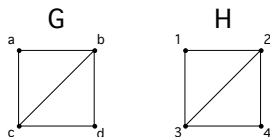
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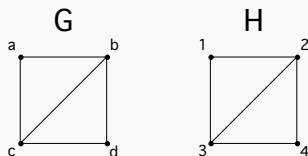
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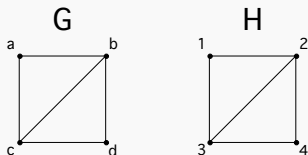
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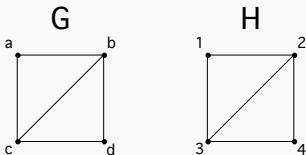
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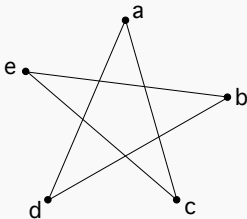
Example: Graphs G and H are isomorphic.



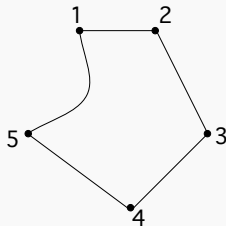
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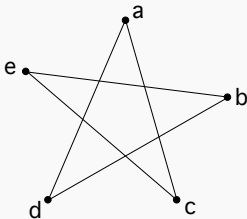
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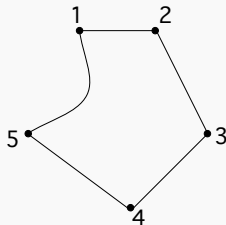
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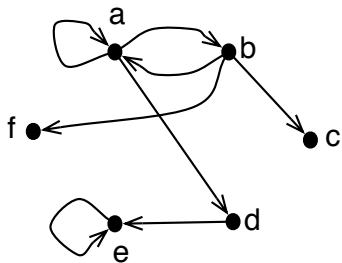
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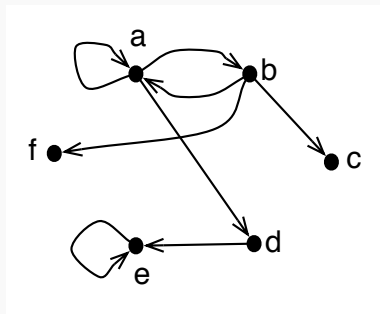
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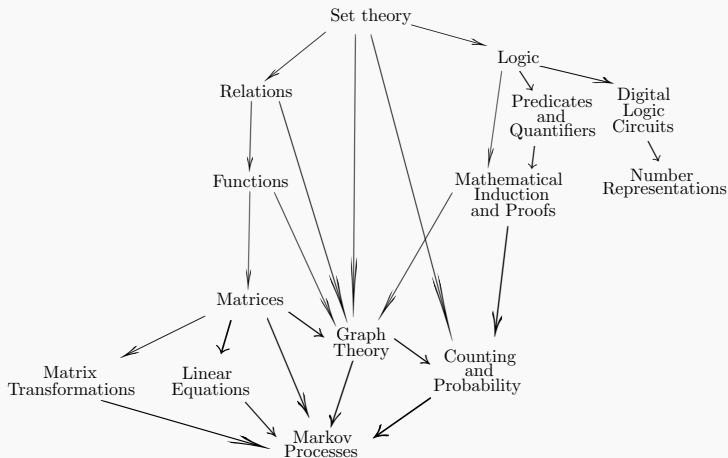


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An application: Recording Information Dependencies



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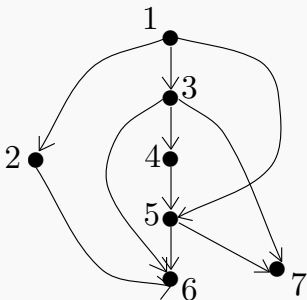
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Key Species

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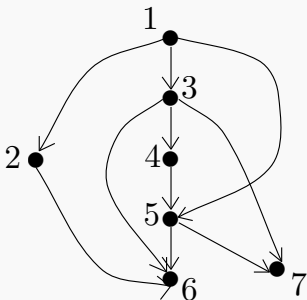
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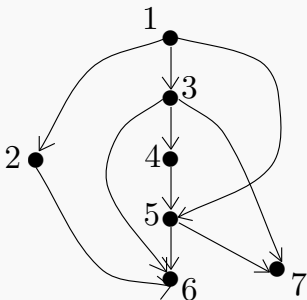


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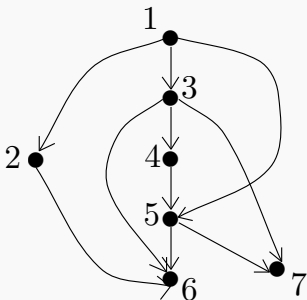


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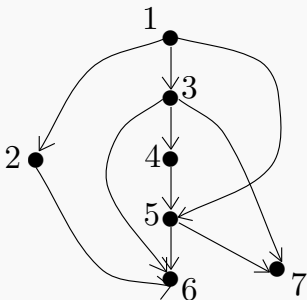
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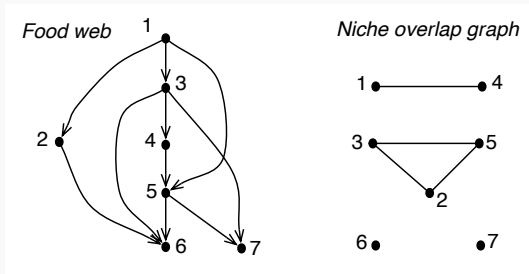
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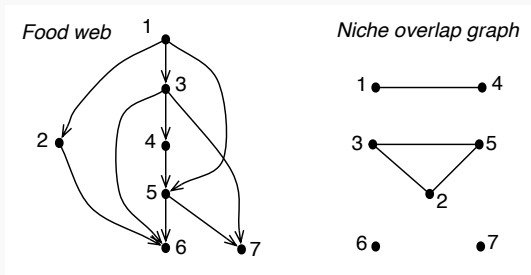
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Types of Graphs and Digraphs

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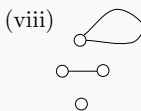
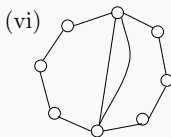
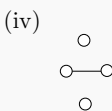
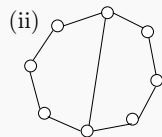
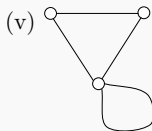
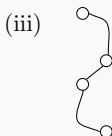
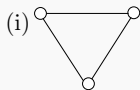
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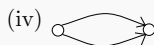
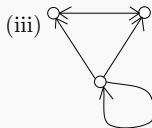
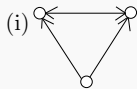
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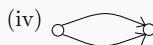
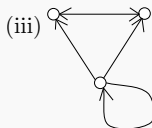
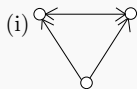


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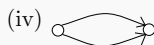
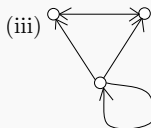
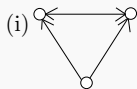
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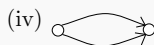
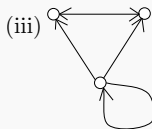
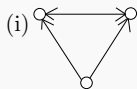
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