# Data Structures
# Introduction to Graphs

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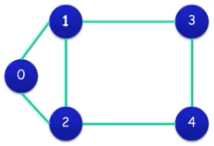
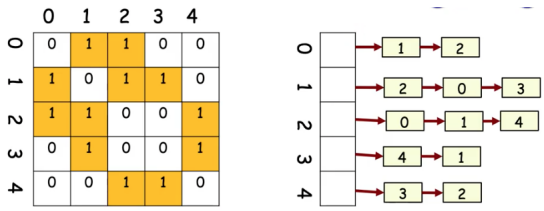
# Graphs

Grpahs are made up of nodes which can be anythinf from data, to a person, to another network). The nodes are connected via edges which define with nodes are related to which.




# Graph Reoresentation

A graph can be represented as either an adjacency matrix or edge list:



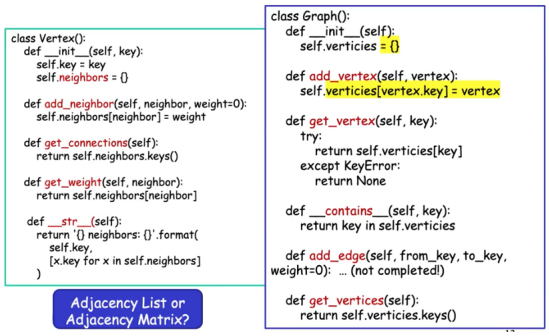

Because of the flexibility of the edge list, which is a linked list of arrays, it is a better option to implement and represent a graph in code. However, if you know your graph will be quite full, this flexibility isn't used and the speed from pre-allocating an array (adjacency matrix) will be more helpful.

Graphs can be both dense or sparse, an example of a sparse graph is a subway map like so:

# Graph as ADT

A conceptual Graph would have the following operations:

- Test if graph is empty
- Get number of nodes in graph
- Get number of edges in graph
- See whether edge exists between 2 nodes
- Insert node into graph
- Insert edge between nodes in graph
- Remove node from graph and any edges to said node
- Remove edge between two nodes in graph




# Traversal

like with a tree (which is almost a kind of graph) there are may way to traverse a graph:

**Breadth first Search** This way explores the graph in **growing concentric circles**, exploring a node's first edge, then their second, etc...Iterating over Graph

**Depth first Search** A depth first search keeps moving forward until it hits a dead end or a previously-visited node. It then backtracks and tries another path.

## Breadth First Implementation

```
def BFS(v):
    Q = new queue
    Q.enqueue(v)
    set the "added_to_queue" Boolean for v to True
    while Q is not empty:
        x = Q.dequeue()
        process x
        for each neighbour y of x:
            if (y not marked "added_to_queue"):
                Q.enqueue(y)
                set the "added_to_queue" Boolean for y to True
```