

# L17 – Graph Concepts

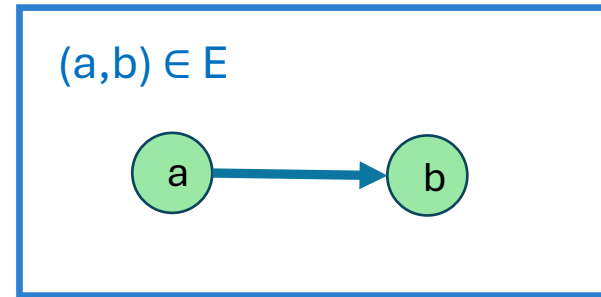
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# Definitions

- Graph is not a picture or a chart
- Mathematical structure based in sets and relations/functions
- $G = (V, E)$  where
  - $V$  is a set of **vertices** (nodes)
  - $E$  is a set of **edges** (arcs)
- $E$  is a set of ordered pairs  $E = \{ (a,b) \mid a \in V \wedge b \in V \}$ 
  - directed graph
- $E$  is a set of sets,  $E = \{ \{a,b\} \mid a \in V \wedge b \in V \}$ 
  - undirected graph
- We let edges represent (model) different things
  - Road from  $a$  to  $b$ ,  $a$  is parent of  $b$ ,  $a$  employs  $b$ ,  $a$  must be taken before  $b$

# Directed Graph

- Adjacent
- We say  $b$  is adjacent to  $a$  iff  $(a,b) \in E$
- Directed graph (“digraph”)
- Edges in  $E$  are directional
- Each pair in  $E$  is ordered
- Draw with arrows

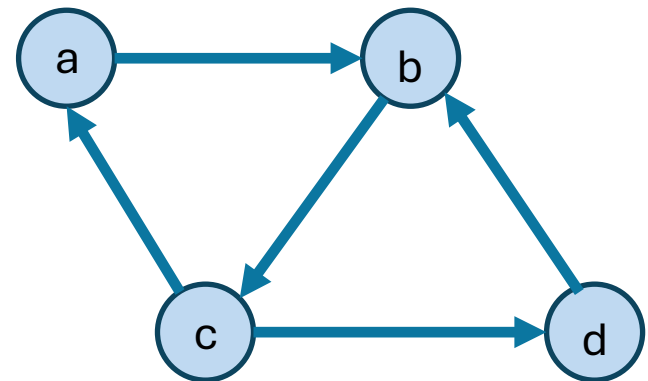


$V = \{ a, b, c, d \}$

$E = \{ (a,b), (b,c), (c,a), (c,d), (d,b) \}$

so

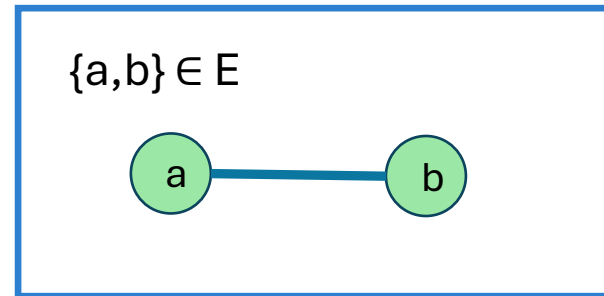
$G = ( \{ a, b, c, d \},$   
 $\{ (a,b), (b,c), (c,a), (c,d), (d,b) \} )$



# Undirected Graph

- Edges have no direction
- If  $b$  is adjacent to  $a$ , then  $a$  is also adjacent to  $b$
- Elements in  $E$  are sets, not ordered pairs

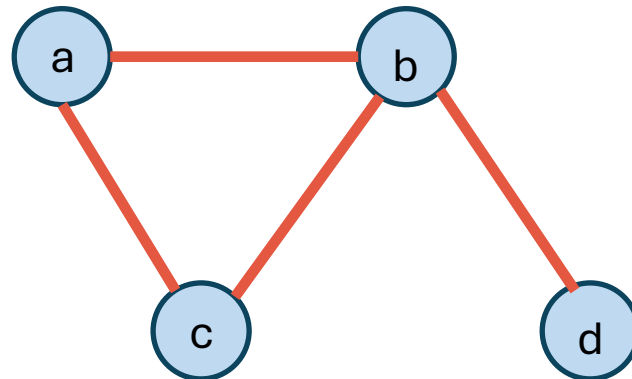
We say  
 $a$  is adjacent to  $b$ , AND  
 $b$  is adjacent to  $a$



$V = \{ a, b, c, d \}$

$E = \{ \{a,b\}, \{a,c\}, \{b,c\}, \{b,d\} \}$

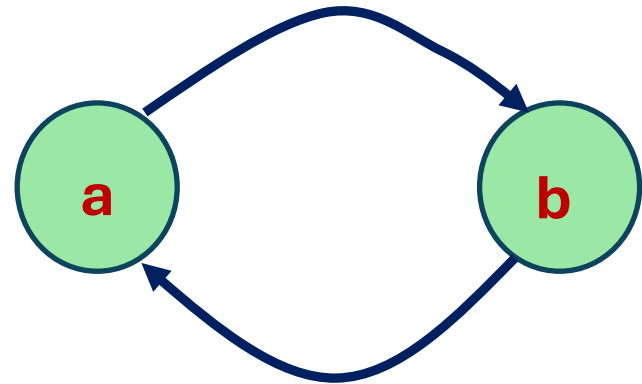
$G = ( V, E )$



# Symmetry in Digraph

Symmetry:  $(a,b) \in E \wedge (b,a) \in E$

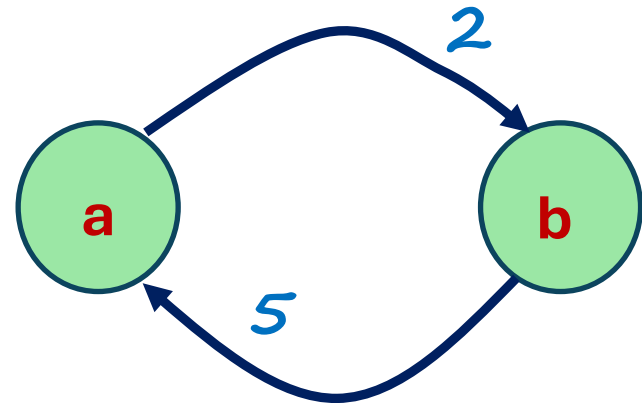
Not so here - only one edge



Not the same as this

# Weighted Edges

Some problems may need a “weight” associated with each edge



$$E = \{ (s,d,w) \mid \\ s \in V \wedge d \in V \wedge w \in \text{Int} \}$$

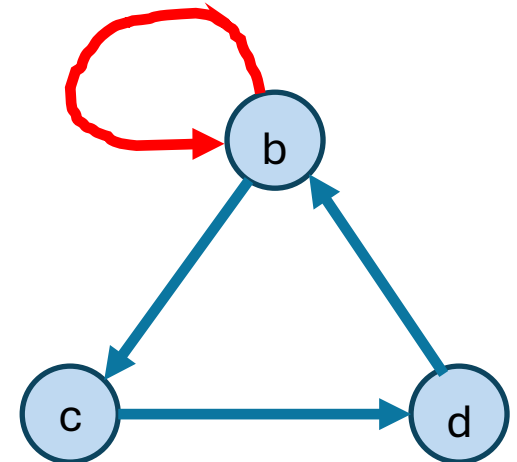
- Or weights might be real numbers
- Unweighted graphs can be thought of as having weight of 1 on each edge

# Path

- Path
  - Sequence of vertices  $n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k$  where  $(n_i, n_{i+1}) \in E$  for  $1 \leq i < k$
- Path Length
  - $k - 1$ , the number of edges in the path
  - Every vertex has a path of length 0 to itself
  - This is not the same as  $(b, b) \in E$

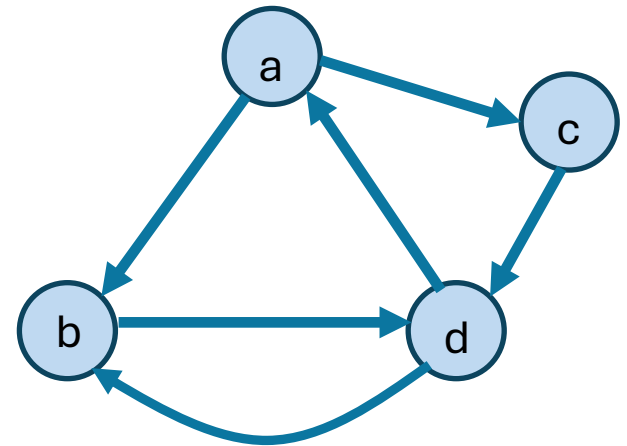
Here  $(b, b) \in E$

So there is a path **b to b**  
that has **length 1**



# Simple Cycle

- Simple Path
  - Sequence of vertices  $n_1 n_2 n_3 \dots n_k$  where  $n_j \neq n_i$  for distinct  $i, j$  (except  $n_1 = n_k$  is ok)
  - a, b, d is simple path
  - a, b, d, a is simple path
  - a, b, d, a, c is *not* simple
  - a, c is simple
- Cycle (in digraph)
  - Path of length  $\geq 1$  where  $n_1 = n_k$
  - Starts and ends on same node
  - a, b, d, a is a cycle (simple cycle, length 3)
  - b, d, a is *not* a cycle
  - b, d, a, c, d, b is a cycle (length 5, but not simple)





# Cycle in Undirected Graph

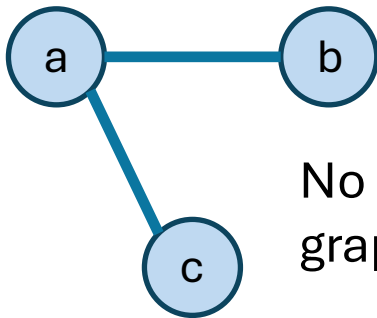
- We require the **edges** to be distinct
- If  $\{a,b\} \in E$ , there is not necessarily a cycle between a and b
  - If a, b, a is a cycle, this would imply an edge (a,b) and another edge (b,a) (path length 2)
  - But  $\{a, b\}$  is one edge, the same edge



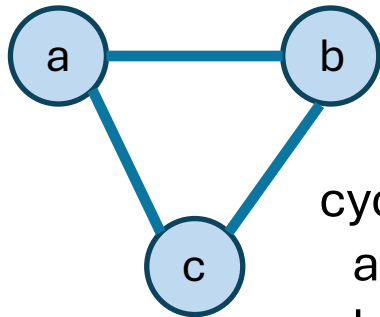
Another reason these are technically not the same



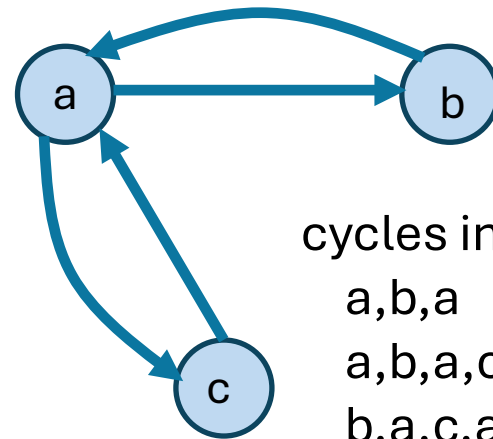
# Cycle in Undirected Graph



No cycles in this graph



cycles now:  
a,b,c,a  
b,c,a,b  
etc.



cycles in this one:  
a,b,a  
a,b,a,c,a  
b,a,c,a,b  
etc.

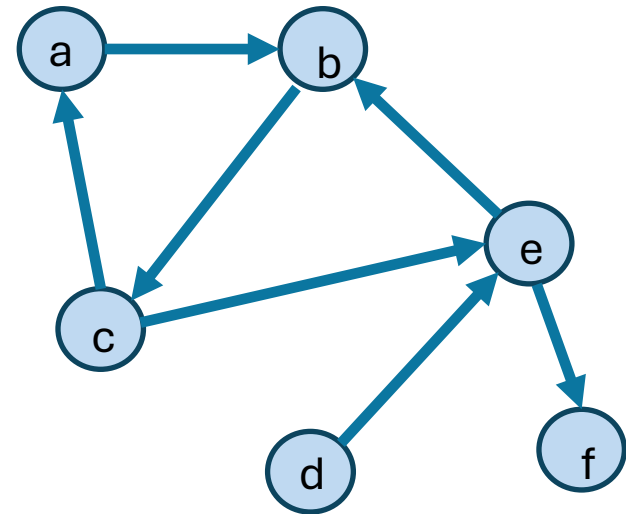
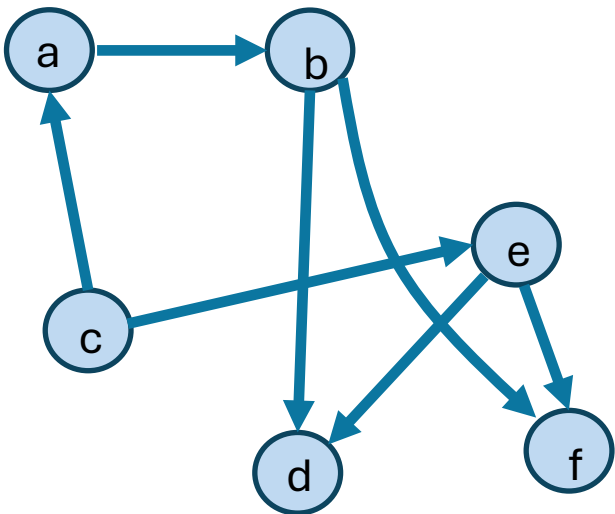
# DAG example

- DAG
  - Directed Acyclic Graph
  - Special form used in many problems

Directed edges

No cycles

DAG



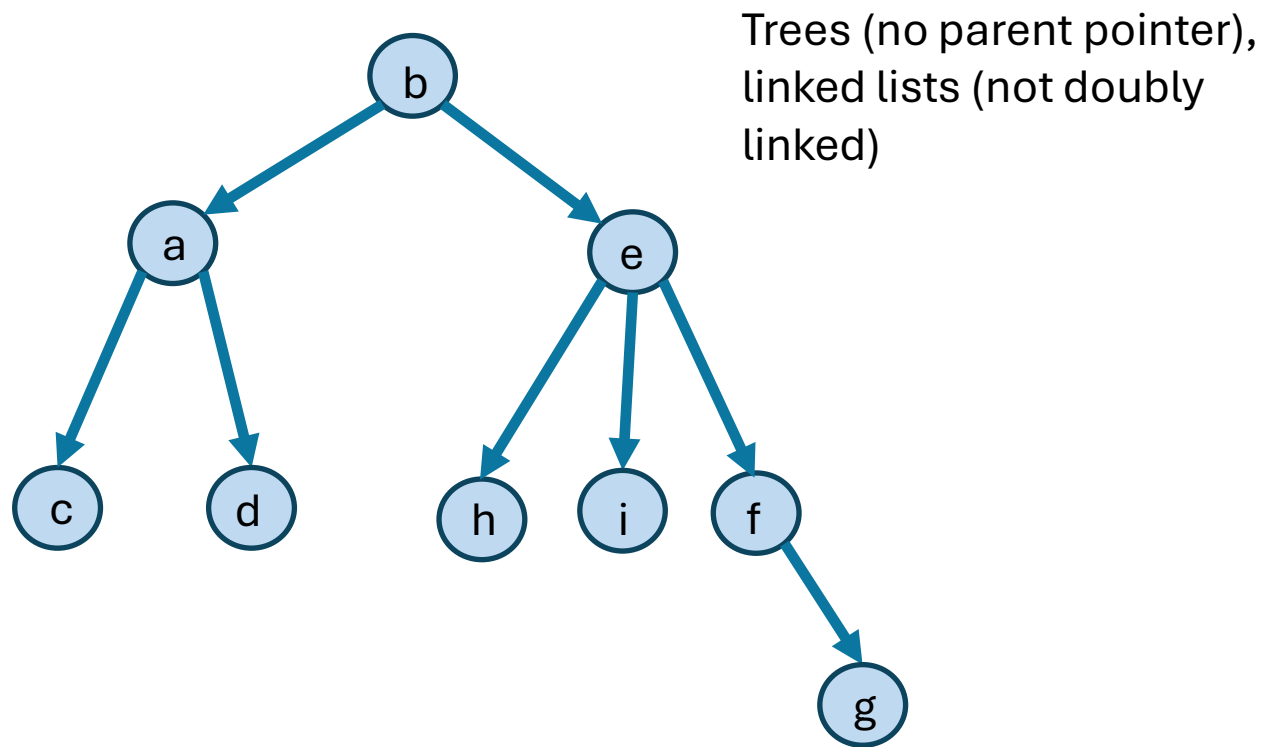
Directed edges

But cycles

Not a DAG

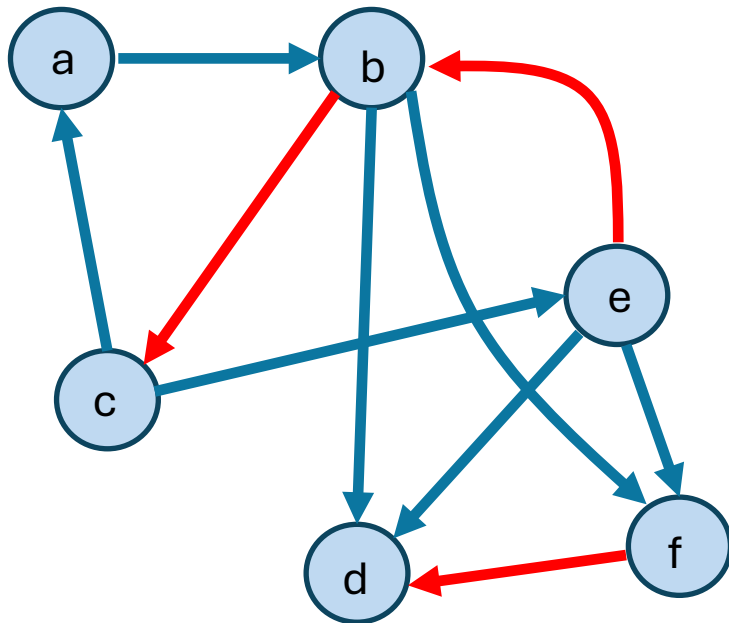
# DAG

- We have already been using DAG's
- Where?



# Graph algorithm – cycle detection

- How can we detect whether there are cycles?



Now?	No, DAG
Now?	No, DAG
Now?	No, DAG
Now?	Yes

## Graph Algorithm:

**For each vertex  $v$  {**

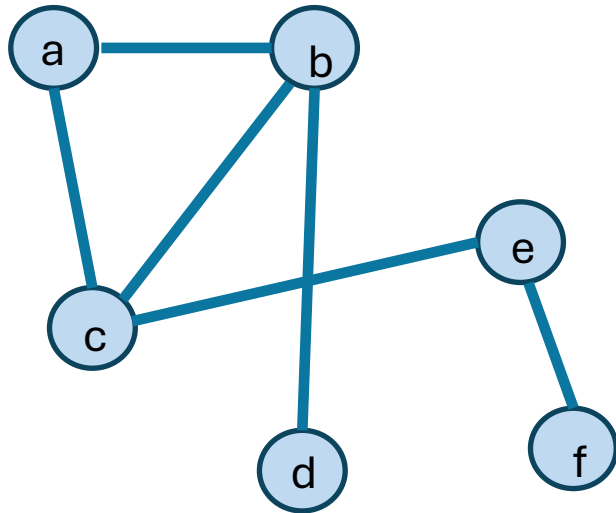
trace paths from  $v$

see if you revisit a node on the path  
each path must end or revisit (why?)

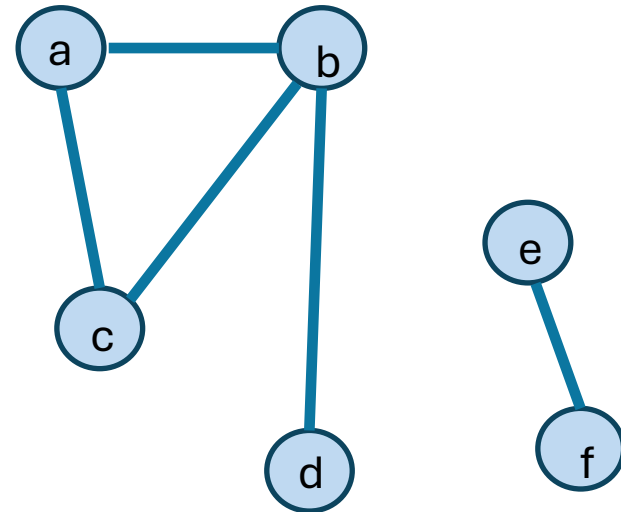
**}**

# Connected - Undirected

- **Connected**
  - Has a path from every vertex to every other vertex



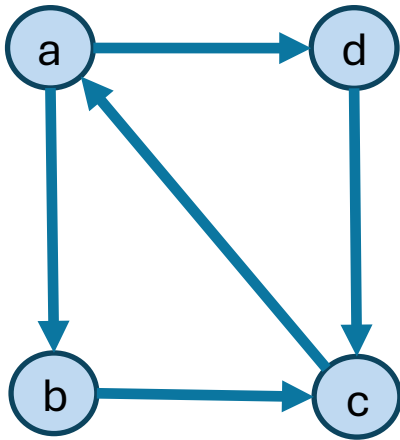
*connected*



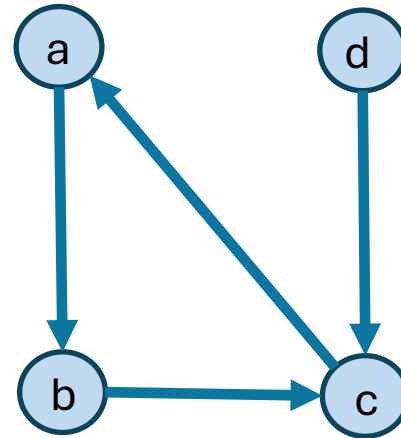
*Not connected*

# Connected - Directed

- Strongly Connected
  - Has a path from every vertex to every other vertex



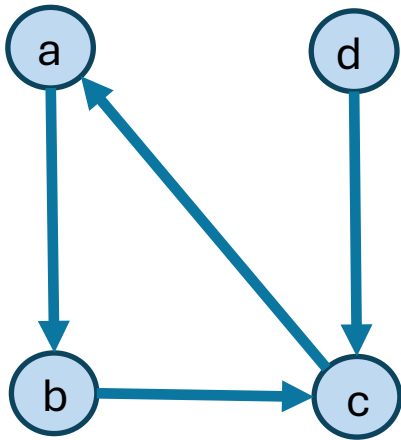
*Strongly connected*



*Not strongly connected*

# Connected - Directed

- **Weakly Connected**
  - Underlying undirected graph is connected

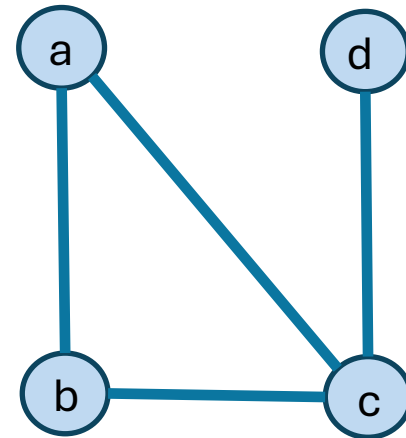


*Not strongly connected*

*This is weakly connected*



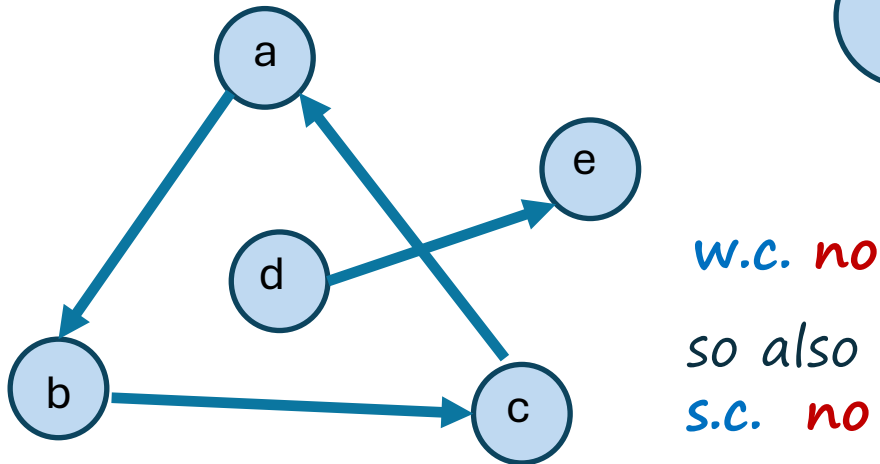
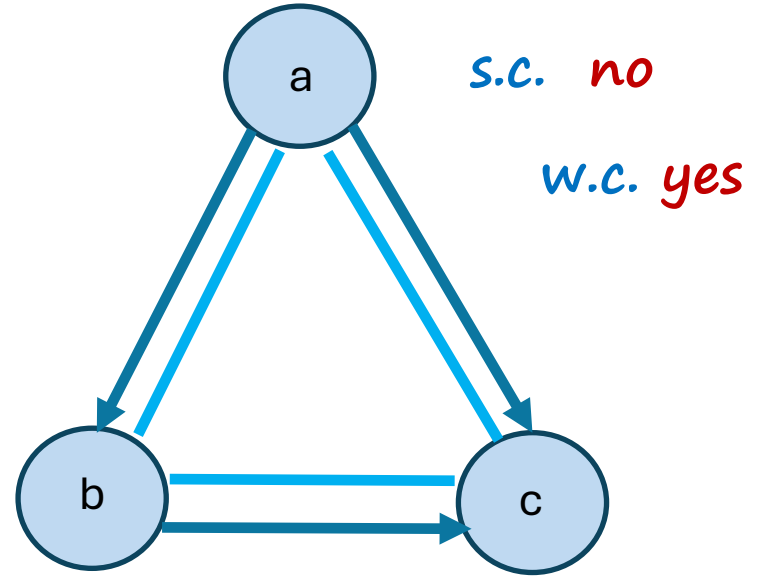
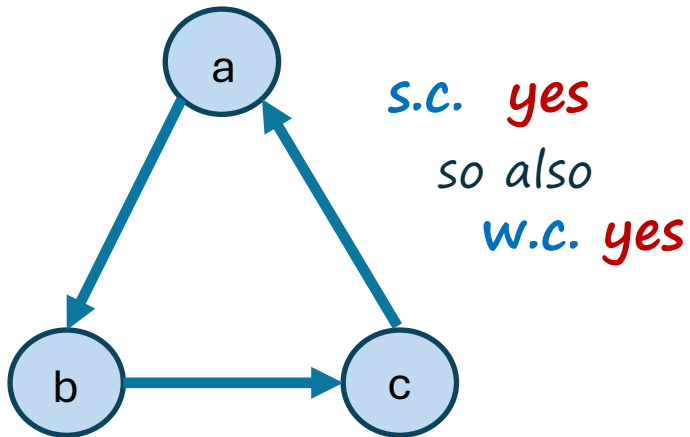
*Underlying  
undirected  
graph*



*this is connected,  
so*



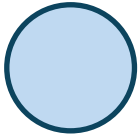
# More Examples



we just say  
not connected

# Complete Graph

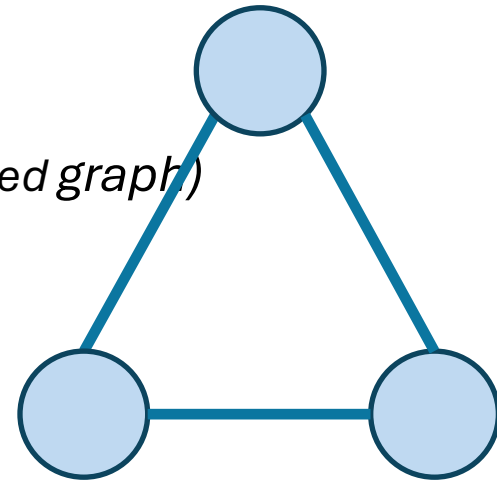
- An edge between any two distinct vertices
- $\{n_i, n_j\} \in E$  for every  $n_i, n_j \in V$ , and  $i \neq j$  (undirected graph)



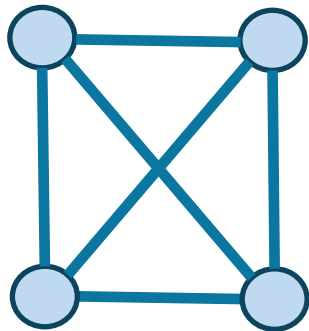
$K_1$



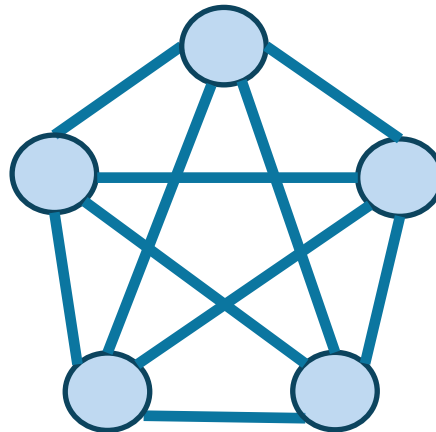
$K_2$



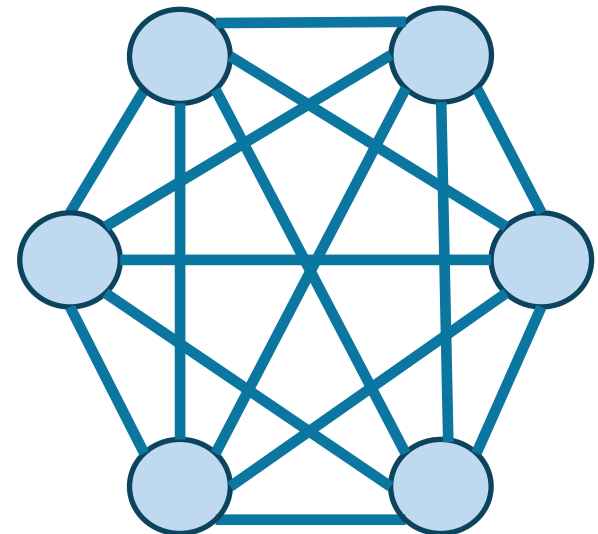
$K_3$



$K_4$



$K_5$



$K_6$

# How many edges in an undirected complete graph?

- How many edges are in an undirected complete graph with  $v$  vertices?

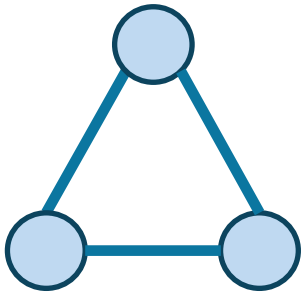
$$v(v-1)/2$$

Sum of natural numbers

What about digraph?

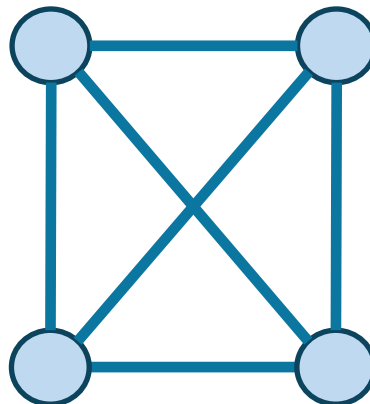
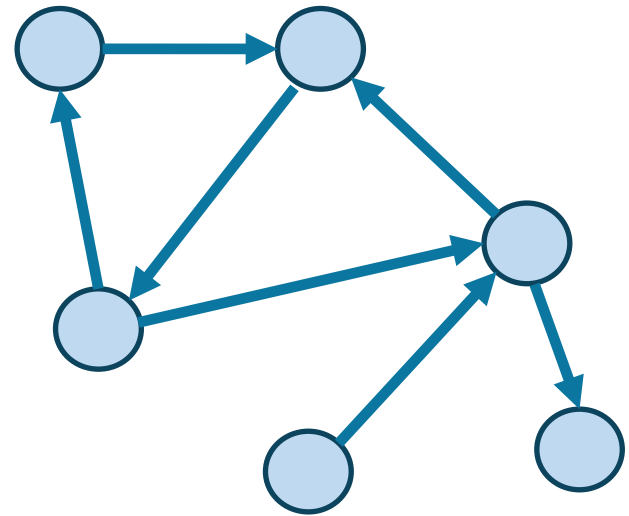
# Planar Graph

All edges can be drawn on a plane with none crossing



$K_3$  is planar

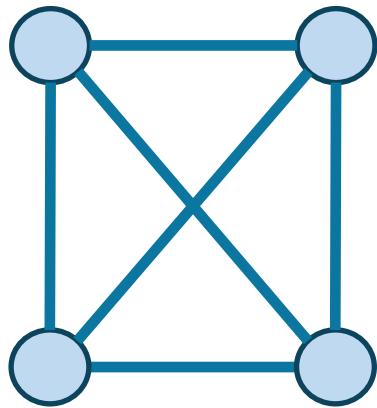
*This earlier graph  
is planar*



$K_4$  planar?

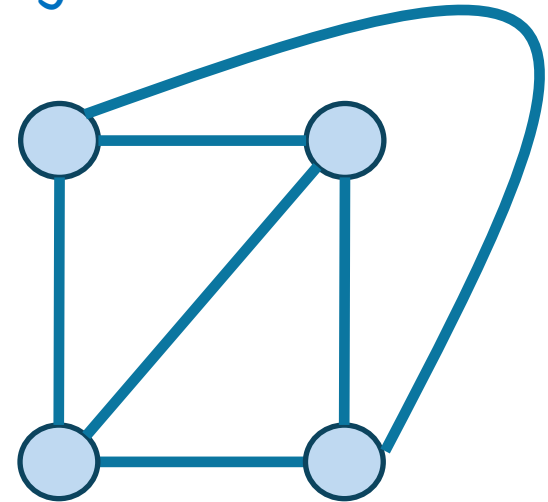
# Planar Graph

May be planar but drawn poorly



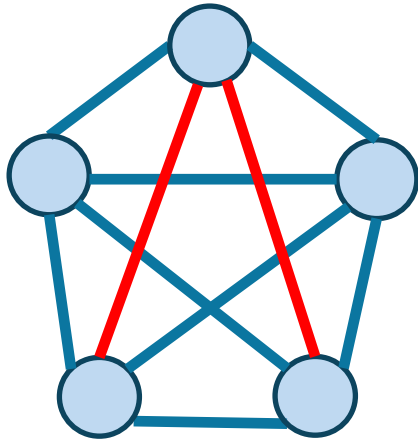
$K_4$

*Redraw one of the crossing edges, "rubber-band" it outside the others*

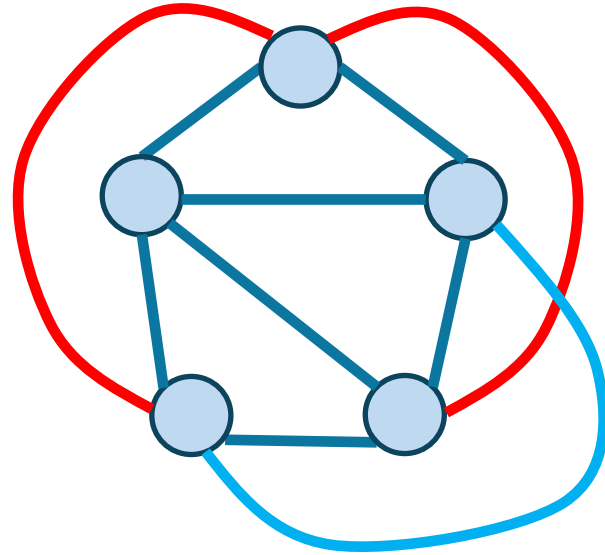


$K_4$  is planar

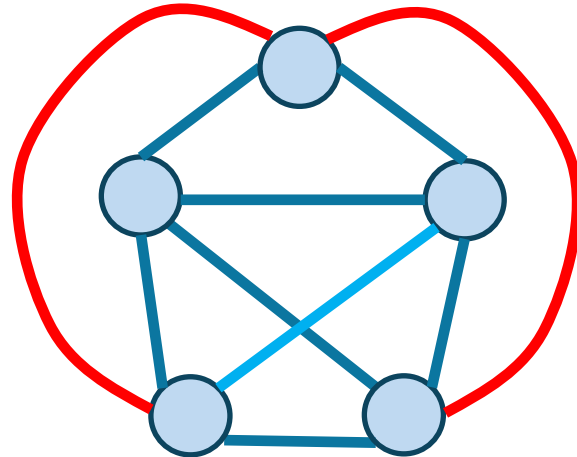
# Planar Graph



$K_5$   
not planar



What about  $K_5$ ?

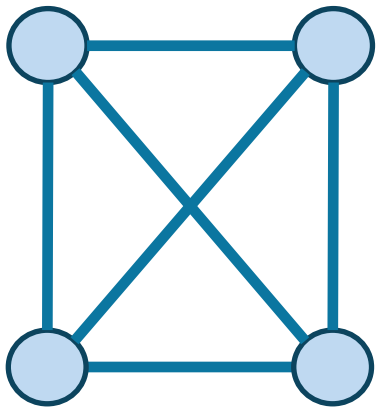


No matter which inner edge you “stretch” you get a cross

Turns out that  $K_4$  is the largest complete graph that is planar

# Planar Graph

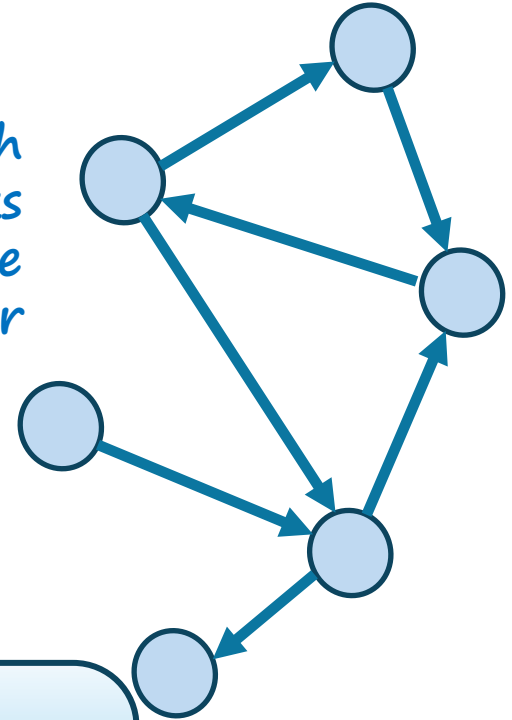
Rule of thumb



*This graph  
“drawing”  
looks not  
planar...*

*The graph might still  
be planar... it just  
might be drawn  
poorly to show that*

*This graph  
“drawing” looks  
planar... so the  
graph IS planar*



*A graph is not the  
drawing... a graph is the  
math object*

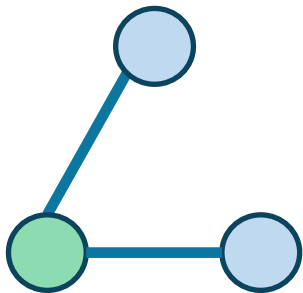
# Bipartite Graph

Nodes are in two disjoint sets (types), and every edge connects different type nodes

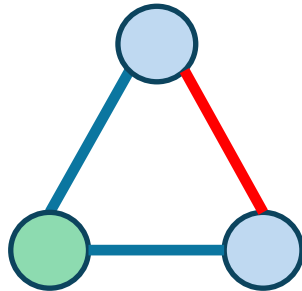
$V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and

$E = \{ (a, b) \mid (a \in V_1 \wedge b \in V_2) \vee (a \in V_2 \wedge b \in V_1) \}$

or,  $E = \{ \{a, b\} \mid (a \in V_1 \wedge b \in V_2) \vee (a \in V_2 \wedge b \in V_1) \}$



*is bipartite*

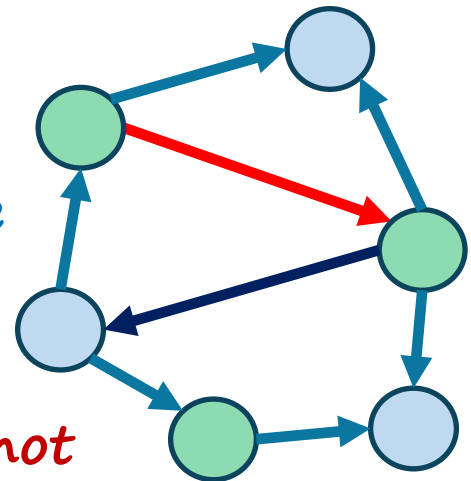


*not bipartite*

*is bipartite*

*still is ...*

*but now not*





# More Bipartite

- Can think of bipartite as colorable with 2 colors
- Every edge goes between the 2 color collections

