

COMP0005 Algorithms

# Graphs

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## Introduction to Graphs

# Undirected Simple Graph

An undirected simple graph  $G$  is a two-tuple

$$G = (V, E) \quad (1)$$

Where

1.  $V$  is the set of vertices (or nodes, points)
2.  $E$  is the set of edges (or links) where each edge connects two vertices

► Not allowing *self-loops*:

$$E \subseteq \{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in V^2 \wedge x \neq y\} \quad (2)$$

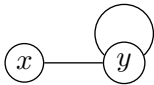
► Allowing *self-loops*:

$$E \subseteq \{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in V^2\} \quad (3)$$

No *self-loops*



Allowing *self-loops*



# Directed Simple Graph

A **directed simple graph**  $G$  is a *graph* in which *edges* have orientation

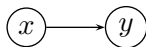
$$G = (V, A) \quad (4)$$

Where

1.  $V$  is the set of **vertices** (or **nodes**, **points**)
2.  $A$  is the set of **directed edges** where each **edge** connects two vertices with a **direction**

## Directed Edge

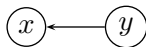
In a **directed simple graph**, each **edge**  $(x, y)$  connects *vertex*  $x \rightarrow y$ .



For the **directed edge**  $(x, y)$  from  $x \rightarrow y$

- ▶  $x$  is the **tail** of the edge
- ▶  $y$  is the **head** of the edge

The **edge**  $(y, x)$  is the **inverted edge** of  $(x, y)$



## Directed Edge

It is also possible for a *loop* (or *cycle*) to form between nodes

