

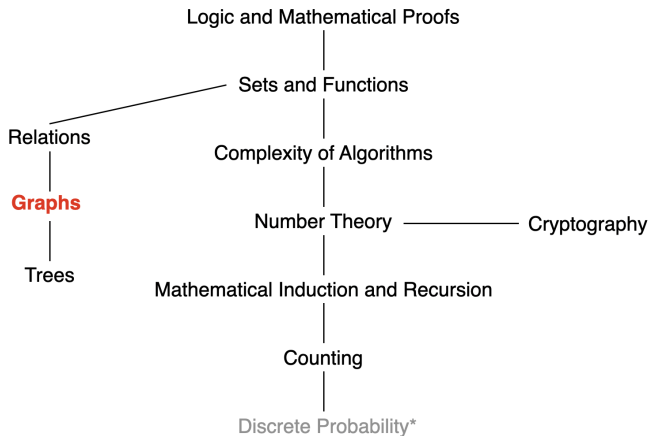
# Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

## Lecture 18: Graph

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# This Lecture



**Graph and terminologies**, representing graphs and graph isomorphism, connectivity, Euler and Hamilton path, ...



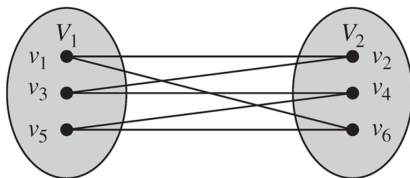
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# Bipartite Graphs

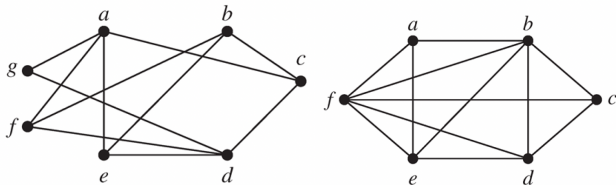
**Definition:** A simple graph  $G$  is **bipartite** if  $V$  can be partitioned into two disjoint subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that **every edge** connects a vertex in  $V_1$  and a vertex in  $V_2$ .

An equivalent definition of a bipartite graph is a graph where it is possible to **color the vertices red or blue** so that **no two adjacent vertices** are of the same color.



# Bipartite Graphs

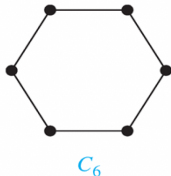
Are these graphs bipartite?



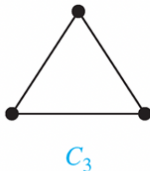
- (a) **Bipartite**: Its vertex set is the union of two disjoint sets,  $\{a, b, d\}$  and  $\{c, e, f, g\}$ , and each edge connects a vertex in one of these subsets to a vertex in the other subset.
- (b) **Not bipartite**: Its vertex set cannot be partitioned into two subsets so that edges do not connect two vertices from the same subset.

# Bipartite Graphs: Examples

Show that  $C_6$  is bipartite.



Show that  $C_3$  is not bipartite.

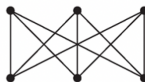


# Complete Bipartite Graphs

**Definition:** A **complete bipartite graph**  $K_{m,n}$  is a graph that has its vertex set partitioned into two subsets  $V_1$  of size  $m$  and  $V_2$  of size  $n$  such that there is an edge from **every** vertex in  $V_1$  to **every** vertex in  $V_2$ .



$K_{2,3}$



$K_{3,3}$



$K_{3,5}$



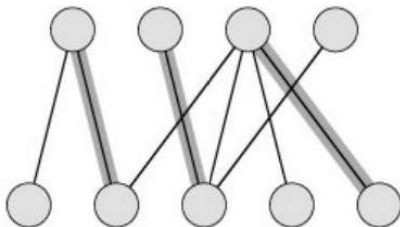
$K_{2,6}$



# Bipartite Graphs and Matchings

Given a bipartite graph, a **matching** is a **subset of edges  $E$**  such that **no two edges are incident with the same vertex**.

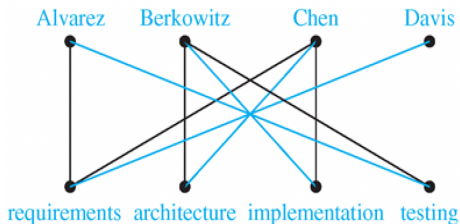
In other words, a matching is a subset of edges such that if  $\{s, t\}$  and  $\{u, v\}$  are distinct edges of the matching, then  $s$ ,  $t$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  are **distinct**.



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**Job assignments:** vertices represent the jobs and the employees, **edges link employees with those jobs** they have been trained to do. A common goal is to match jobs to employees so that the **most jobs** are done.

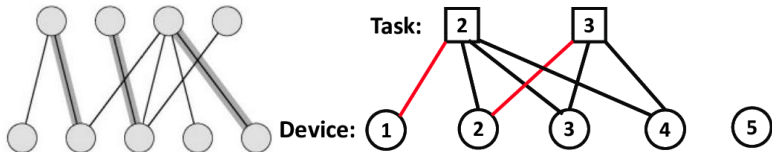




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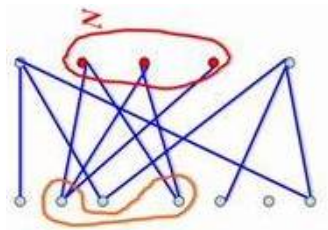
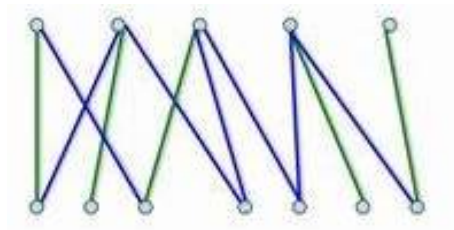
A **maximum matching** is a matching with the **largest number of edges**.

A matching  $M$  in a bipartite graph  $G = (V, E)$  with bipartition  $(V_1, V_2)$  is a **complete matching from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$**  if every vertex in  $V_1$  is the endpoint of an edge in the matching, or equivalently, if  $|M| = |V_1|$ .



# Hall's Theorem: Example

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**Proof:** “only if”

Suppose that there is a complete matching  $M$  from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$ . Consider an arbitrary subset  $A \subseteq V_1$ .

Then, for every vertex  $v \in A$ , there is an edge in  $M$  connecting  $v$  to a vertex in  $V_2$ .

Thus, there are at least as many vertices in  $V_2$  that are neighbors of vertices in  $V_1$  as there are vertices in  $V_1$ .

Hence,  $|N(A)| \geq |A|$ .

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**Proof:** “if”, use **strong induction** to prove it.

**Basic Step:**  $|V_1| = 1$

**Inductive hypothesis:** Let  $k$  be a positive integer. If  $G = (V, E)$  is a bipartite graph with bipartition  $(V_1, V_2)$ , and  $|V_1| = j \leq k$ , then there is a complete matching  $M$  from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  **whenever** the condition that  $|N(A)| \geq |A|$  for all  $A \subseteq V_1$  is met.

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Suppose  $|N(A)| \geq |A|$  for all  $A \subseteq W_1$ . Prove there exists a complete matching. There are two cases:

- (i) For **all** integers  $j$  with  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , the vertices in every set of  $j$  elements from  $W_1$  are adjacent to **at least  $j + 1$  elements** of  $W_2$ .
- (ii) For **some** integer  $j$  with  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , there is a subset  $W'_1$  of  $j$  vertices such that there are **exactly  $j$  neighbors** of these vertices in  $W_2$ .

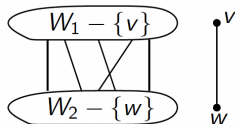
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- Let  $A$  be such a subset of  $W_1$  with  $j$  elements, where  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ;
- $|N(A)| \geq |A| + 1$  for all  $A$ .

We select a vertex  $v \in W_1$  and an element  $w \in N(\{v\})$ . The inductive hypothesis tells us there is a complete matching from  $W_1 - \{v\}$  to  $W_2 - \{w\}$ .



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- Let  $A$  be such a subset of  $W_1$  with  $j$  elements, where  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ;
- $|N(A)| = |A|$  for some  $A$ , i.e.,  $W'_1$ .

Let  $W'_2$  be the set of these neighbors. Then by i.h., there is a complete matching from  $W'_1$  to  $W'_2$ .

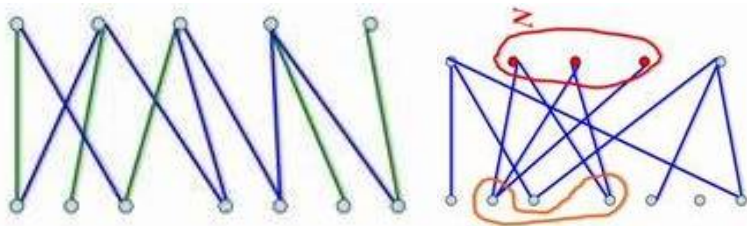
Now consider  $K = (W_1 - W'_1, W_2 - W'_2)$ . We will show that the condition  $|N(A)| \geq |A|$  is met for all subsets  $A$  of  $W_1 - W'_1$ . **If not,**

- There is a subset  $B$  of  $t$  vertices with  $1 \leq t \leq k + 1 - j$  such that  $|N(B)| < t$
- Adding those deleted  $j$  vertices,  $|N(B)| + j < t + j$ . **Contradiction.**

Thus, there is a complete matching from  $W_1 - W'_1$  to  $W_2 - W'_2$ .

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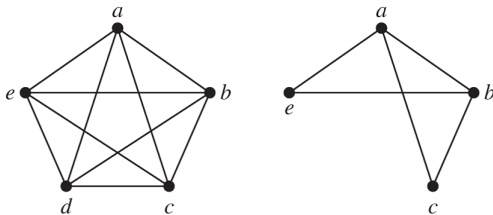




# Subgraphs

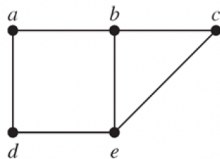
**Definition:** A **subgraph of a graph**  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $(W, F)$ , where  $W \subseteq V$  and  $F \subseteq E$ .

A subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  is a proper subgraph of  $G$  if  $H \neq G$ .

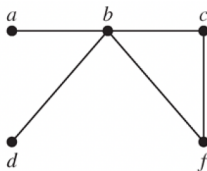


# Union of Graphs

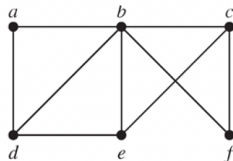
**Definition:** The **union of two simple graphs**  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  is the simple graph with vertex set  $V_1 \cup V_2$  and edge set  $E_1 \cup E_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \cup G_2$ .



$G_1$

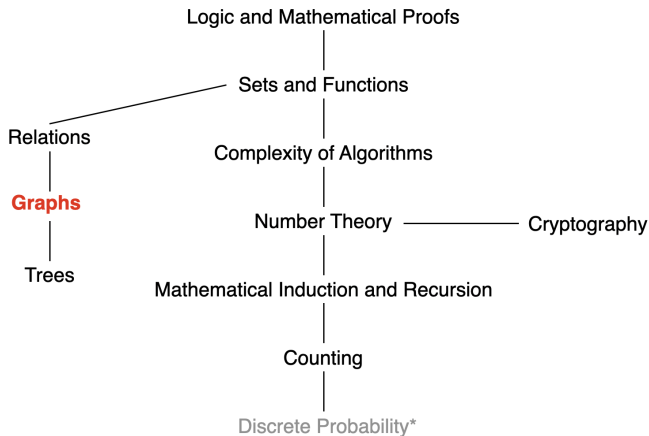


$G_2$



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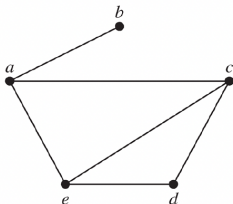
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# Representation of Graphs

To represent a graph, we may use **adjacency lists**, **adjacency matrices**, and **incidence matrices**.

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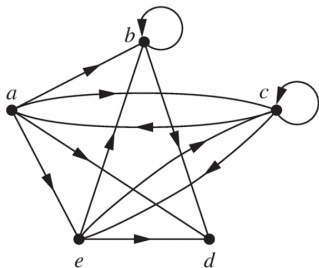


**TABLE 1** An Adjacency List for a Simple Graph.

<i>Vertex</i>	<i>Adjacent Vertices</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>b, c, e</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>a, d, e</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>c, e</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>a, c, d</i>

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**TABLE 2** An Adjacency List for a Directed Graph.

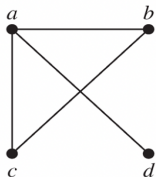
Initial Vertex	Terminal Vertices
<i>a</i>	<i>b, c, d, e</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b, d</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>a, c, e</i>
<i>d</i>	
<i>e</i>	<i>b, c, d</i>

# Adjacency Matrices

**Definition:** Suppose that  $G = (V, E)$  is a **simple graph** with  $|V| = n$ . Arbitrarily list the vertices of  $G$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . The adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}_G$  of  $G$ , is the  $n \times n$  zero-one matrix with 1 as its  $(i, j)$ -th entry when  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are **adjacent**, and 0 as its  $(i, j)$ -th entry when they are not adjacent.

$\mathbf{A}_G = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ , where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \{v_i, v_j\} \text{ is an edge of } G, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

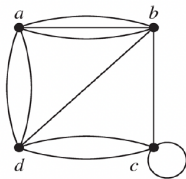


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Directed graph?

# Adjacency Matrices

Adjacency matrices can also be used to represent graphs **with loops and multiple edges**. The matrix is no longer a zero-one matrix.

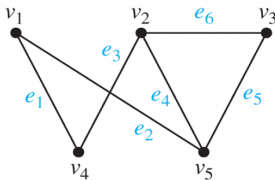


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Incidence Matrices

**Definition:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph with vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ . The incidence matrix with respect to the ordering of  $V$  and  $E$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix  $\mathbf{M} = [m_{ij}]_{n \times m}$ , where

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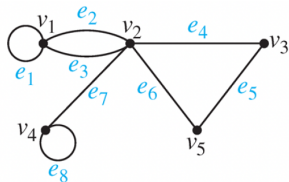
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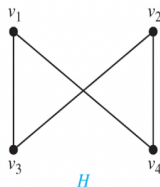
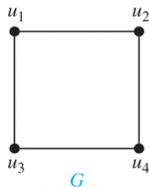


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# Isomorphism of Graphs

**Definition:** The simple graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  are **isomorphic** if there is a **one-to-one and onto function** from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  with the property that  $a$  and  $b$  are adjacent in  $G_1$  if and only if  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are adjacent in  $G_2$ , for all  $a$  and  $b$  in  $V_1$ . Such a function is called an **isomorphism**.

Are the two graphs isomorphic?



- Define a one-to-one correspondence:  $f(u_1) = v_1$ ,  $f(u_2) = v_4$ ,  $f(u_3) = v_3$ , and  $f(u_4) = v_2$ .
- Check their adjacent matrices.

# Isomorphism of Graphs

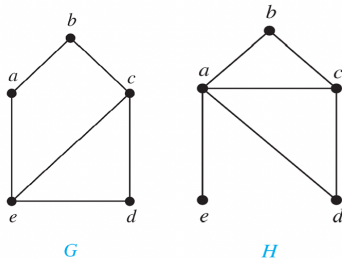
It is usually difficult to determine whether two simple graphs are **isomorphic** using brute force since there are  $n!$  possible one-to-one correspondences.

Sometimes it is **not difficult** to show that two graphs are **not isomorphic**. We can achieve this by checking some **graph invariants**.

Useful graph invariants include the **number of vertices**, **number of edges**, **degree sequence**, etc.

# Isomorphism of Graphs: Example

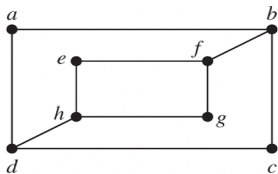
Determine whether these two graphs are **isomorphic**.



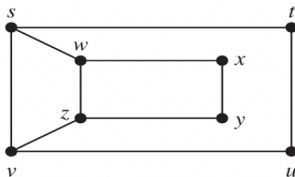
$H$  has a vertex of degree one, namely,  $e$ , whereas  $G$  has no vertices of degree one. It follows that  $G$  and  $H$  are **not isomorphic**.

# Isomorphism of Graphs: Example

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$G$

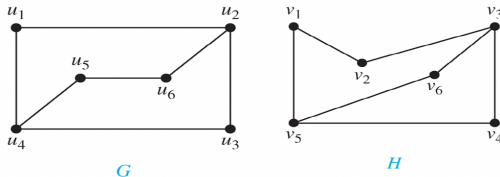


$H$

$G$  and  $H$  are **not isomorphic**. This is because  $\deg(a) = 2$  in  $G$ , and  $a$  must correspond to either  $t, u, x$ , or  $y$  in  $H$ . However, each of these four vertices in  $H$  is adjacent to another vertex of degree two in  $H$ , which is not true for  $a$  in  $G$ .

# Isomorphism of Graphs: Example

Determine whether these two graphs are **isomorphic**.

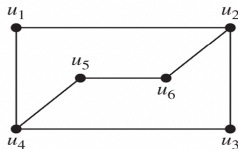


Because many isomorphic invariants (e.g., number of vertices/edges, degree) agree,  $G$  and  $H$  may be isomorphic. We now will define a function  $f$ :

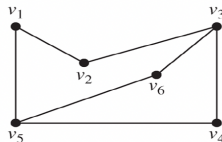
- $f(u_1)$  can be either  $v_4$  or  $v_6$ , because  $u_1$  is not adjacent to any other vertex of degree two. We arbitrarily set  $f(u_1) = v_6$ .
- $u_2$  is adjacent to  $u_1$ , so  $f(u_2)$  can be either  $v_3$  or  $v_5$ . We arbitrarily set  $f(u_2) = v_3$ .
- ...
- $f(u_3) = v_4, f(u_4) = v_5, f(u_5) = v_1$ , and  $f(u_6) = v_2$ .

# Isomorphism of Graphs: Example

Determine whether these two graphs are **isomorphic**.



$G$



$H$

$$f(u_1) = v_6, f(u_2) = v_3, f(u_3) = v_4, f(u_4) = v_5, f(u_5) = v_1, f(u_6) = v_2.$$

$$\mathbf{A}_H = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v_6 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_1 & v_2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v_6 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{A}_G = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & u_4 & u_5 & u_6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix},$$

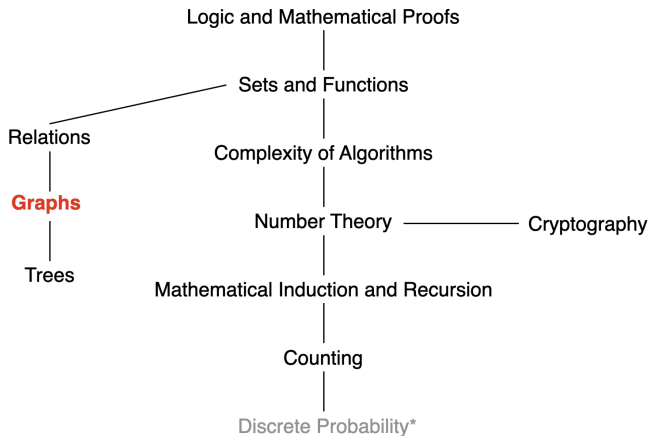


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We conclude that  $f$  is an isomorphism, so  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic.

# This Lecture



Graph and terminologies, representing graphs and graph isomorphism, **connectivity**, Euler and Hamilton path, ...



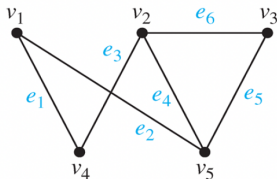
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## Path: Undirected Graph

**Definition:** Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer and  $G$  an **undirected** graph. A **path of length  $n$  from  $u$  to  $v$**  in  $G$  is a sequence of  $n$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  of  $G$  for which there exists a sequence  $x_0 = u, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n = v$  of vertices such that  $e_i$  has the endpoints  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

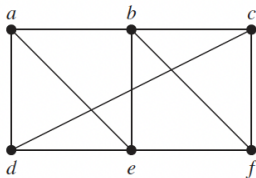


The path is a **circuit** if it begins and ends at the same vertex, i.e., if  $u = v$ , and has length greater than zero.

A path or circuit is **simple** if it does not contain **the same edge** more than once.

Length of a path = the number of edges on path

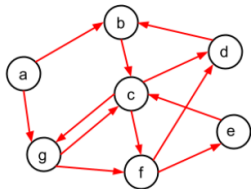
## Path: Undirected Graph



- $a, d, c, f, e$  is a simple path of length 4.
- $d, e, c, a$  is not a path, because  $\{e, c\}$  is not an edge.
- $b, c, f, e, b$  is a simple circuit of length 4.
- The path  $a, b, e, d, a, b$ , which is of length 5, is not simple because it contains the edge  $\{a, b\}$  twice.

## Path: Directed Graph

**Definition:** Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer and  $G$  an **directed** graph. A **path of length  $n$  from  $u$  to  $v$**  in  $G$  is a sequence of  $n$  edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  of  $G$  for which there exists a sequence  $x_0 = u, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n = v$  of vertices such that  $e_i$  is associated with initial vertex  $x_{i-1}$  and terminal vertex  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .



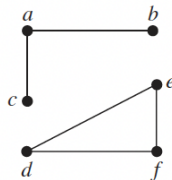
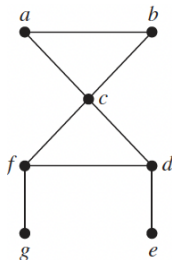
A path of length greater than zero that begins and ends at the same vertex is called a **circuit** or cycle.

A path or circuit is called **simple** if it does not contain the same edge more than once.

# Connectivity

An undirected graph is called **connected** if there is a path between **every pair** of distinct vertices of the graph.

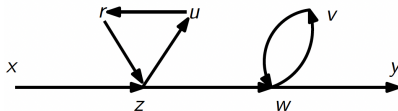
An undirected graph that is not connected is called **disconnected**.



# Connectivity

**Lemma:** If there is a path between two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of a graph  $G$ , then there is a simple path between  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ .

**Proof:** Just delete cycles (loops).



Path from  $x$  to  $y$ :  $x, z, u, r, z, u, r, z, w, v, w, y$ .

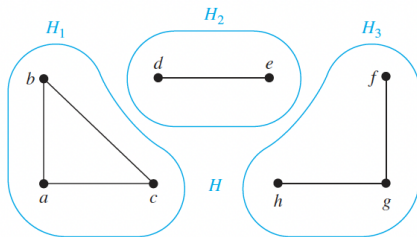
Path from  $x$  to  $y$ :  $x, z, w, y$ .

**Theorem:** There is a **simple path** between every pair of distinct vertices of a **connected** undirected graph.

# Connectivity

A **connected component** of a graph  $G$  is a **connected** subgraph of  $G$  that is **not a proper subgraph** of another connected subgraph of  $G$ .

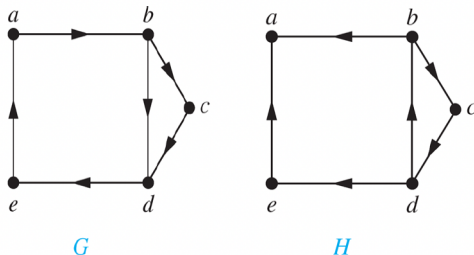
A graph  $G$  that is not connected has two or more connected components that are disjoint and have  $G$  as their union.



# Connectedness in Directed Graphs

**Definition:** A directed graph is **strongly connected** if there is a path from  $a$  to  $b$  **and** a path from  $b$  to  $a$  whenever  $a$  and  $b$  are vertices in the graph.

**Definition:** A directed graph is **weakly connected** if there is a path between every two vertices in the **underlying undirected graph**.

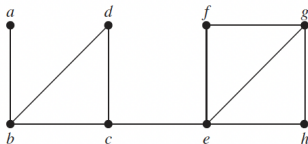


$G$  is strongly connected;  $H$  is weakly connected.

# Cut Vertices and Cut Edges

Sometimes the **removal** from a graph of a vertex and all incident edges disconnect the graph.

Such vertices are called **cut vertices**. Similarly we may define **cut edges**.



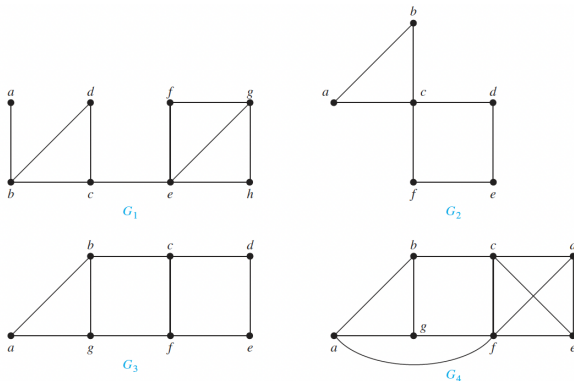
The cut vertices are  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $e$ .

The cut edges are  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{c, e\}$ .



# Cut Vertices and Cut Edges

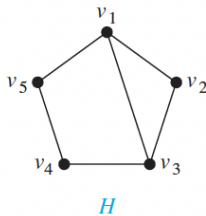
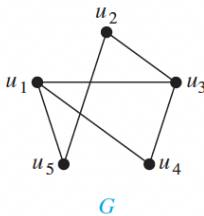
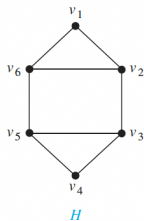
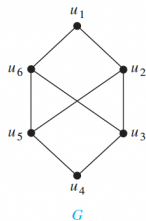
A set of edges  $E'$  is called an edge cut of  $G$  if the subgraph  $G - E'$  is disconnected. The **edge connectivity**  $\lambda(G)$  is the **minimum** number of edges in an edge cut of  $G$ .



$$\lambda(G_1) = 1; \lambda(G_2) = 2; \lambda(G_3) = 2; \lambda(G_4) = 3$$

# Paths and Isomorphism

The existence of a simple circuit of length  $k$  is **isomorphic invariant**. This can be used to **construct mappings** that may be isomorphisms.



**Not isomorphic.**  $H$  has a simple circuit of length three, namely,  $v_1, v_2, v_6, v_1$ , whereas  $G$  has no simple circuit of length three. Because many isomorphic invariants (e.g., number of vertices/edges, degree, circuit) agree,  $G$  and  $H$  may be isomorphic. Let  $f(u_1) = v_3$ ,  $f(u_4) = v_2$ ,  $f(u_3) = v_1$ ,  $f(u_2) = v_5$ , and  $f(u_5) = v_4$ . We can show that  $f$  is an isomorphism, so  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic.



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# Counting Paths between Vertices

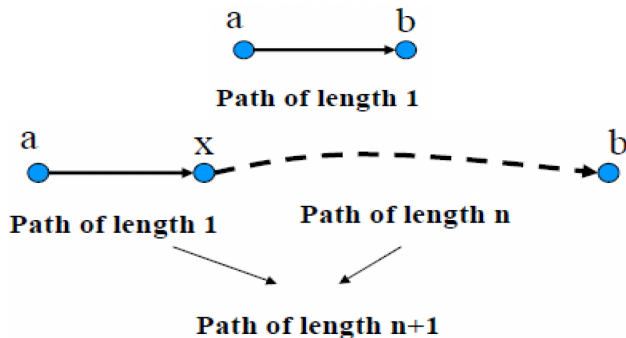
**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a graph with adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with respect to the ordering  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of vertices. The number of different paths of length  $r$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ , where  $r$  is a positive integer, equals the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^r$ .

Note: with directed or undirected edges, multiple edges and loops allowed

## Recap: Path Length

**Theorem:** Let  $R$  be relation on a set  $A$ . There is a path of length  $n$  from  $a$  to  $b$  if and only if  $(a, b) \in R^n$ . (Boolean product.)

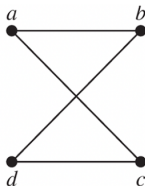
**Proof** (by induction):



Recall that  $R^{n+1} = R^n \circ R$

# Counting Paths between Vertices:

How many paths of length 4 are there from  $a$  to  $d$  in the graph  $G$ ?



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a, b, a, b, d;$

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**Proof (by induction):**

- **Basic Step:** The number of paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  of length 1 is the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- **Inductive hypothesis:** Assume that the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^r$  is the number of different paths of length  $r$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .
- **Inductive Step:**  $\mathbf{A}^{r+1} = \mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{A}$ . The  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{r+1}$  equals

$$b_{i1}a_{1j} + b_{i2}a_{2j} + \cdots + b_{in}a_{nj},$$

where  $b_{ik}$  is the  $(i, k)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^r$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $b_{ik}$  is the number of paths of length  $r$  from  $v_i$  to  $v_k$ .

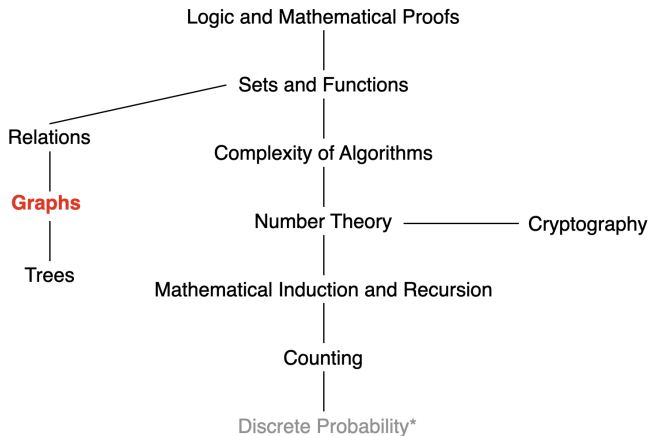
- **Inductive Conclusion:**  $(i, j)$ -th entry of  $\mathbf{A}^{r+1}$  counts all paths with length  $r + 1$  for all possible intermediate vertices  $v_k$ .



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# Next Lecture



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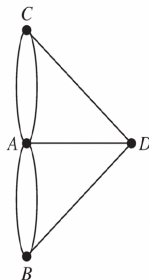
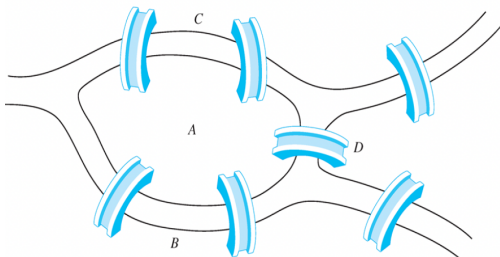


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# Euler Paths

**Königsberg seven-bridge problem:** People wondered whether it was possible to start at some location in the town, travel across **all the bridges** **once** without crossing any bridge twice, and **return to the starting point**.



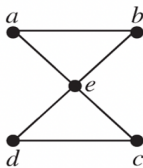


# Euler Paths and Circuits

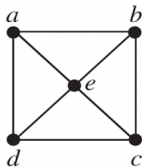
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Recall that a path or circuit is **simple** if it does not contain the same edge more than once.

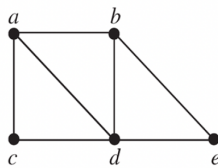
**Example:** Which of the undirected graphs have an Euler circuit? Of those that do not, which have an Euler path?



$G_1$



$G_2$



$G_3$

$G_1$ : an Euler circuit, e.g.,  $a, e, c, d, e, b, a$ ;

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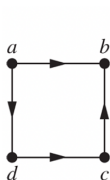
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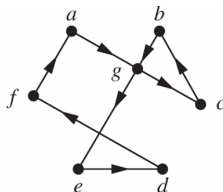
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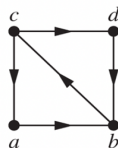
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$H_1$



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# Necessary Conditions for Euler Circuits and Paths

**Euler Circuit**  $\Rightarrow$  The degree of every vertex must be **even**

- Each time the circuit passes through a vertex, it contributes two to the vertex's degree.
- The circuit starts with a vertex  $a$  and ends at  $a$ , then contributes two to  $\deg(a)$ .

**Euler Path**  $\Rightarrow$  The graph has **exactly two** vertices of **odd** degree

- The initial vertex and the final vertex of an Euler path have odd degree.