



## Chap 2 Structure and Representation

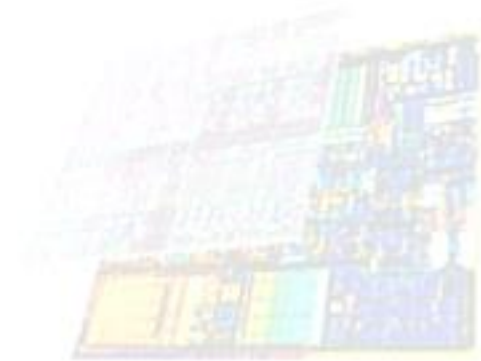


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# Outline

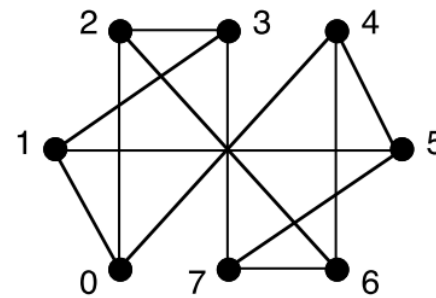
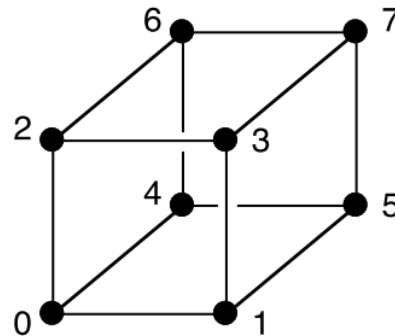
- Graphs Isomorphism
- Automorphisms and Symmetry
- Subgraphs
- Some Graph Operations
- Tests for Non-Isomorphism
- Matrix Representaiton
- More Graph Operations



## 2.1 Graph Isomorphism – Structurally Equivalent Graphs

### EXAMPLE 2.1.1.

- ✓ The same vertex sets
- ✓ The same adjacency table

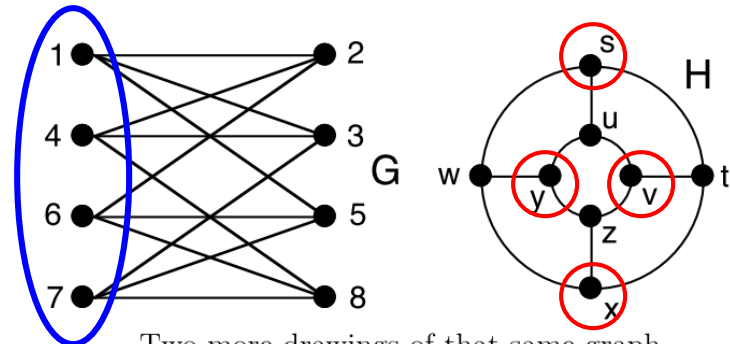


Two different drawings of the same graph.

0.	1	2	4
1.	0	3	5
2.	0	4	6
3.	1	2	7
4.	0	5	6
5.	1	4	6
6.	2	4	7
7.	3	5	6

### EXAMPLE 2.1.2.

- ✓ Different vertex sets
- ✓ A bijection function  $f$  maps  $V_G$  to  $V_H$
- ✓  $1 \rightarrow s, 2 \rightarrow t, 3 \rightarrow u, 4 \rightarrow v,$   
 $5 \rightarrow w, 6 \rightarrow x, 7 \rightarrow y, 8 \rightarrow z$
- ✓ Neighborhood also bijectively maps to neighborhood
- ✓  $N(1) \mapsto N(f(1)) = N(s)$   
 $\{2, 3, 5\} \mapsto \{t, u, w\}$



Two more drawings of that same graph.

# Formalizing Structural Equivalence for Simple Graphs

- DEFINITION: Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two simple graphs. A vertex bijection  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  **preserves adjacency** if

for every pair of adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in graph  $G$ ,  
the vertices  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  are adjacent in graph  $H$ .



Similarly,  $f$  **preserves non-adjacency** if

$f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  are non-adjacent whenever  $u$  and  $v$  are non-adjacent.

- DEFINITION: A vertex bijection  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  between (the vertex-sets of) two simple graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is **structure-preserving** if

it preserves adjacency and non-adjacency.

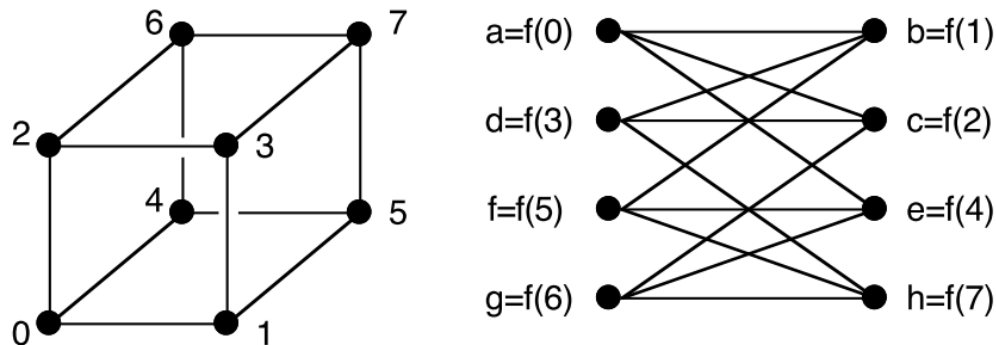
That is, for every pair of vertices in  $G$ ,

$u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G \Leftrightarrow f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  are adjacent in  $H$ .

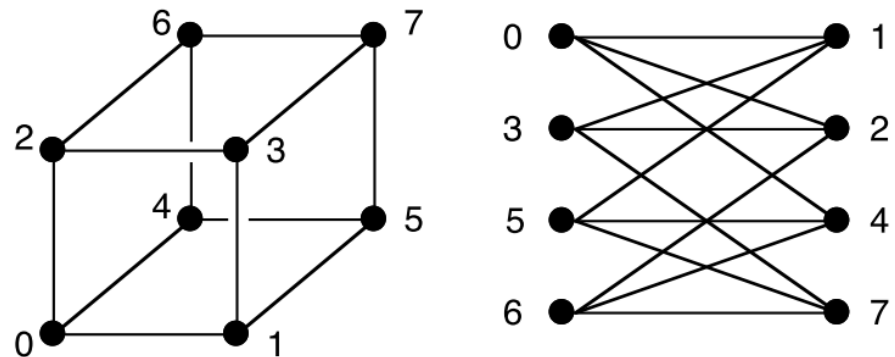
- DEFINITION: Two simple graphs  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic, denoted  $G \cong H$ , if  
 $\exists$  a structure-preserving bijection  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$ . Such a function  $f$  between (the vertex-sets of)  $G$  and  $H$  is called an **isomorphism** from  $G$  to  $H$ .
- NOTATION: When we think of a vertex function  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  as a mapping from one graph to another, we may write  $f: G \rightarrow H$ .

# Formalizing Structural Equivalence for Simple Graphs

- Two ways to depict an isomorphism



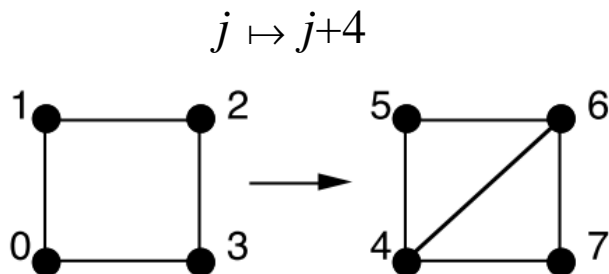
Specifying an isom between two simple graphs.



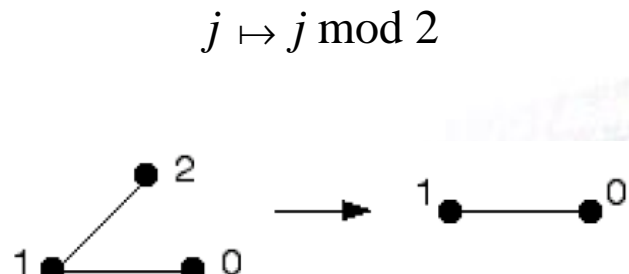
Another way of depicting an isomorphism.

- Linear graph mapping – not required to preserve non-adjacency & not necessarily bijection

- Two non-isomorphism examples

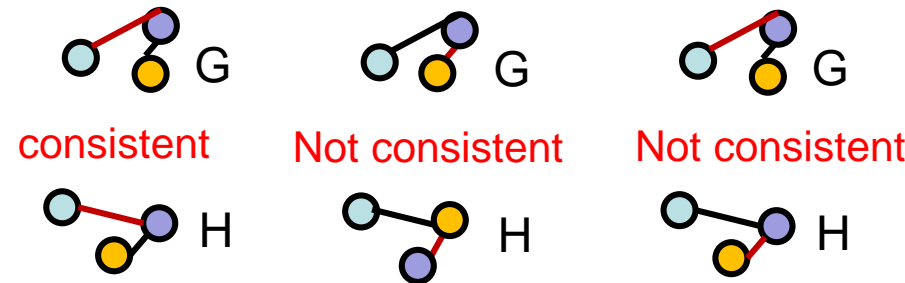
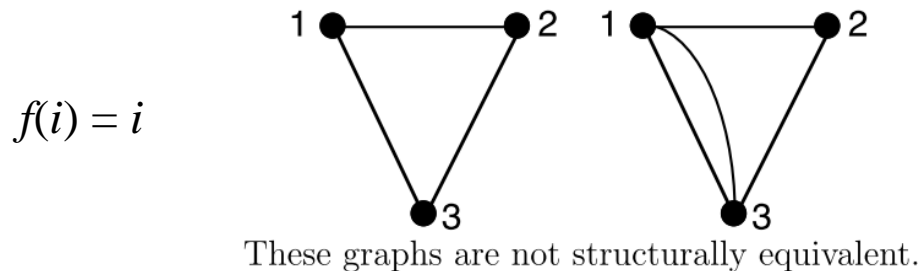


Bijjective and adj-preserving, but not an isom.



Preserves adj and non-adj, but not bijective.

# Extending the Definition of Isomorphism to General Graphs



- **DEFINITION:** A vertex bijection  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  between two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , simple or general, is structure-preserving if

  - (1) the # of edges (even if 0) between every pair of distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in graph  $G$  equals the # of edges between their images  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  in graph  $H$ , and
  - (2) the # of self-loops at each vertex  $x$  in  $G$  equals the # of self-loops at the vertex  $f(x)$  in  $H$ .
- **DEFINITION:** Two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  (simple or general) are isomorphic graphs if  $\exists$  structure-preserving vertex bijection  $f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$ . This relationship is denoted  $G \cong H$ .
- **DEFINITION:** For isomorphic graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , a pair of bijections  $f_V: V_G \rightarrow V_H$  and  $f_E: E_G \rightarrow E_H$  is **consistent** if for every edge  $e \in E_G$ , the function  $f_V$  maps the endpoints of  $e$  to the endpoints of the edge  $f_E(e)$ .

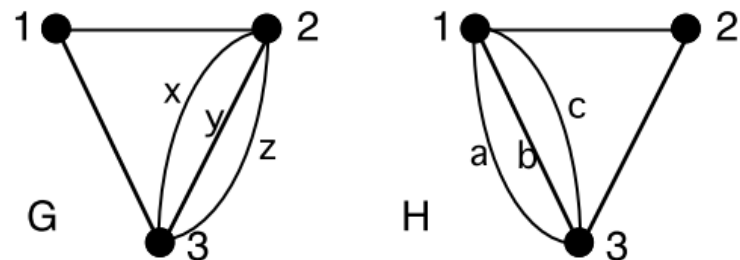
$(f_V: V_G \rightarrow V_H, f_E: E_G \rightarrow E_H)$  is often written as  $f: G \rightarrow H$

# Isomorphism for Graphs with Multi-Edges

- **Proposition 2.1.1.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be any two graphs. Then  $G \cong H$  if and only if there is a vertex bijection  $f_V : V_G \rightarrow V_H$  and an edge bijection  $f_E : E_G \rightarrow E_H$  that are consistent.*
- **Remark.** If  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic simple graphs, then every structure-preserving vertex bijection  $f : V_G \rightarrow V_H$  induces a unique consistent edge bijection, implicitly given by the rule:  $uv \mapsto f(u)f(v)$ .
- **DEFINITION:** If  $G$  and  $H$  are graphs with multi-edges, then an *isomorphism* from  $G$  to  $H$  is specified by giving a vertex bijection  $f_V : V_G \rightarrow V_H$  and an edge bijection  $f_E : E_G \rightarrow E_H$  that are consistent.

- **Example.**

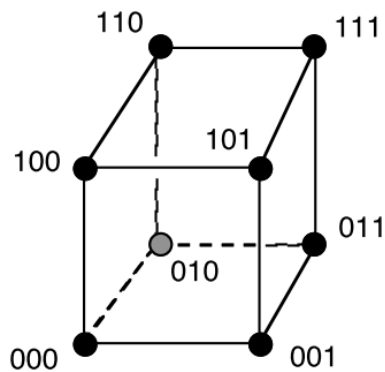
- ✓ What are 12 distinct isomorphisms?



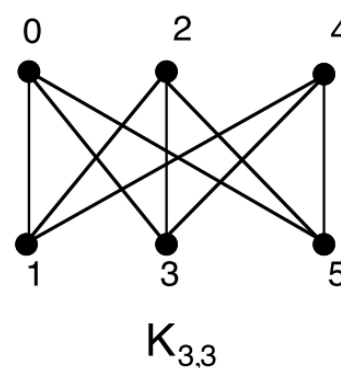
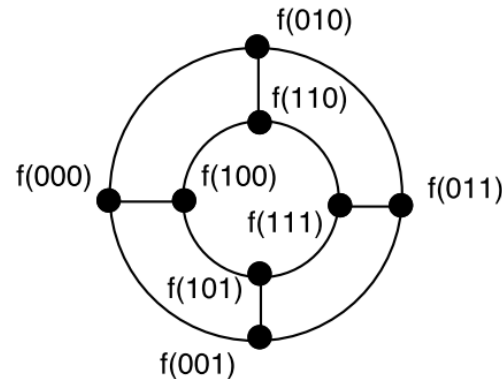
There are 12 distinct isoms from  $G$  to  $H$ .

# Isomorphic Graph Pairs

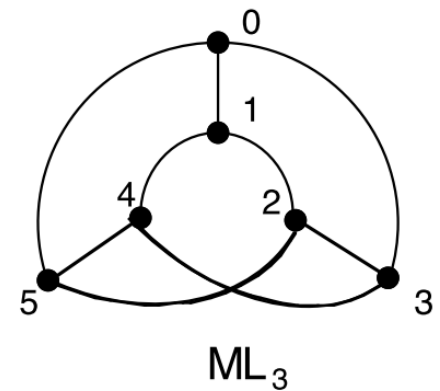
- **Theorem 2.1.2.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be isomorphic graphs. Then they must have the same number of vertices and the same number of edges.*
- **Theorem 2.1.3.** *Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a graph isomorphism and let  $v \in V_G$ . Then  $\deg(f(v)) = \deg(v)$ .*
- **Corollary 2.1.4.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be isomorphic graphs. Then they have the same degree sequence.*
- **Corollary 2.1.5.** *Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a graph isomorphism and let  $e \in E_G$ . Then the endpoints of edge  $f(e)$  have the same degrees of the endpoints of  $e$ .*
- **DEFINITION:** The Möbius ladder  $ML_n$  is a graph obtained from the circular ladder  $CL_n$  by deleting from the circular ladder two of its parallel curved edges and replacing them with two edges that cross-match their endpoints.



Hypercube  $Q_3$  and circ ladder  $CL_4$  are isom.



$K_{3,3}$  and the Möbius ladder  $ML_3$  are isom.



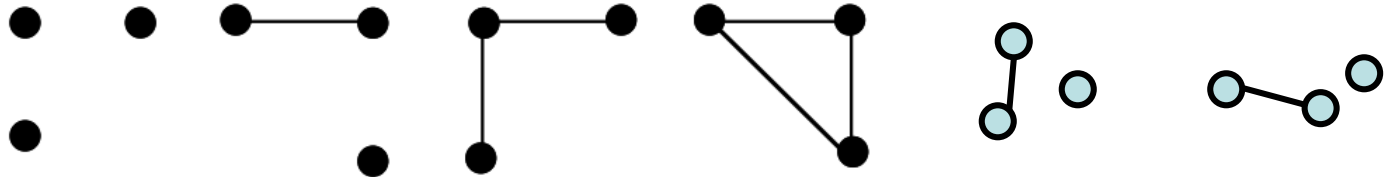


# Isomorphism Type of a graph & Isomorphism Digraphs

□ If  $f = (f_V, f_E)$  is an isomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$ , then  $f^{-1} = (f_V^{-1}, f_E^{-1})$  is an isomorphism from  $H$  to  $G$ .

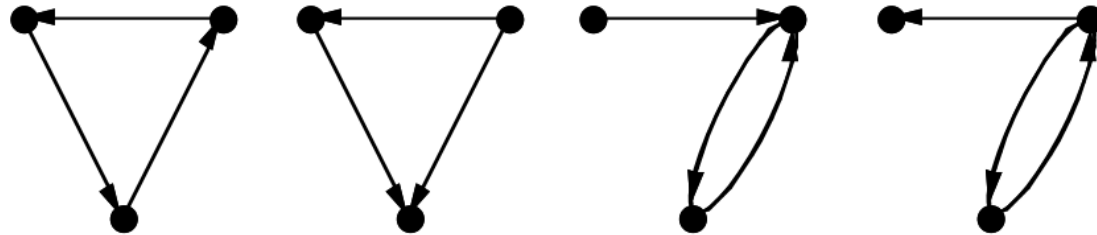
✓ the relation “isomorphic to” is an equivalence relation. (*symmetric, reflexive, transitive*)

□ **DEFINITION:** Each equivalent class under  $\cong$  is called an *isomorphism type*.



The 4 isom types for a simple 3-vertex graph.

□ **DEFINITION:** Two digraphs are isomorphic if there is an isomorphism  $f$  between their underlying graphs that preserves the direction of each edge. That is,  $e$  is directed from  $u$  to  $v$  if and only if  $f(e)$  is directed from  $f(u)$  to  $f(v)$ .



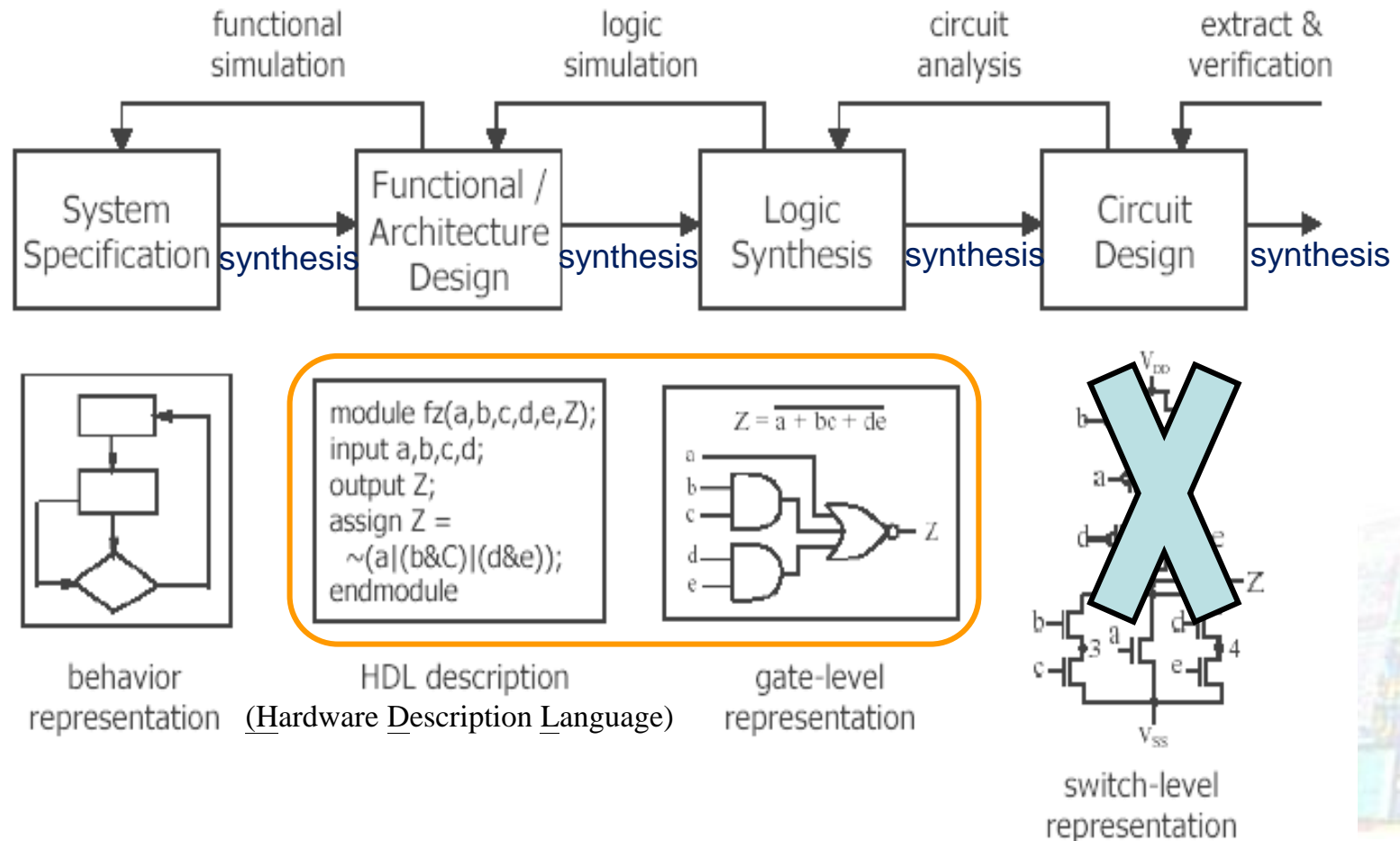
Four non-isomorphic digraphs.

□ The *graph-isomorphism problem* is to devise a practical general algorithm to decide graph isomorphism, or, alternatively, to prove that no such algorithm exists.

# VLSI Design Flow

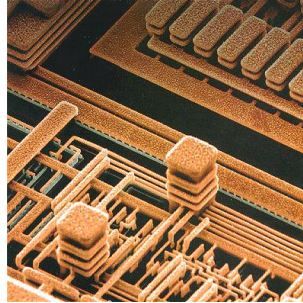
- The application of graph isomorphism to VLSI design (chip design)

Very Large Scaled Integrated Circuit

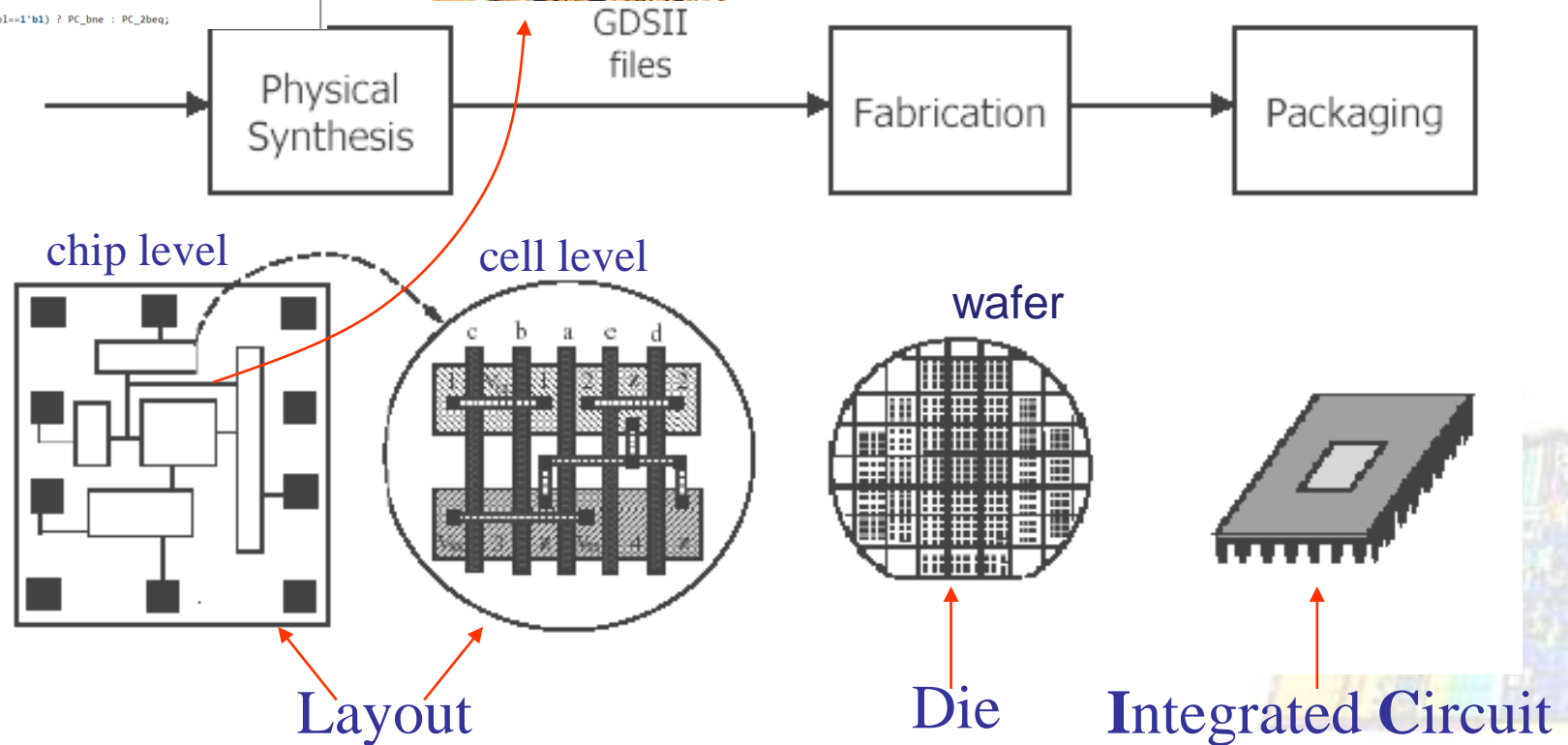


# VLSI Circuit Design Flow

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// GENERAL PURPOSE REGISTERS
GPRs reg_file
(
    .clk(clk),
    .reg_write_en(reg_write),
    .reg_write_dest(reg_write_dest),
    .reg_write_data(reg_write_data),
    .reg_read_addr_1(reg_read_addr_1),
    .reg_read_data_1(reg_read_data_1),
    .reg_read_addr_2(reg_read_addr_2),
    .reg_read_data_2(reg_read_data_2)
);
// immediate extend
assign ext_im = {{10{instr[5]}},instr[5:0]};
// ALU control unit
alu_control ALU_Control_unit(.ALUOp(alu_op),.Opcode(instr[15:12]),.ALU_Cnt(ALU_Cnt));
// multiplexer alu_src
assign read_data2 = (alu_src==1'b1) ? ext_im : reg_read_data_2;
// ALU
ALU alu_unit(.a(reg_read_data_1),.b(read_data2),.alu_control(ALU_Control),.result);
// PC beq add
assign PC_beq = pc2 + {ext_im[14:0],1'b0};
assign PC_bne = pc2 + {ext_im[14:0],1'b0};
// beq control
assign beq_control = beq & zero_flag;
assign bne_control = bne & (~zero_flag);
// PC_beq
assign PC_2beq = (beq_control==1'b1) ? PC_beq : pc2;
// PC_bne
assign PC_2bne = (bne_control==1'b1) ? PC_bne : PC_2beq;
```



Describe the geometries in each layer and in a hierarchical way.  
Chip (program) → top modules (main functions in *main*)  
→ bottom modules (functions) → cells → transistors  
→ Geometrical shapes (most in Manhattan shapes)



# Chip Layout Views

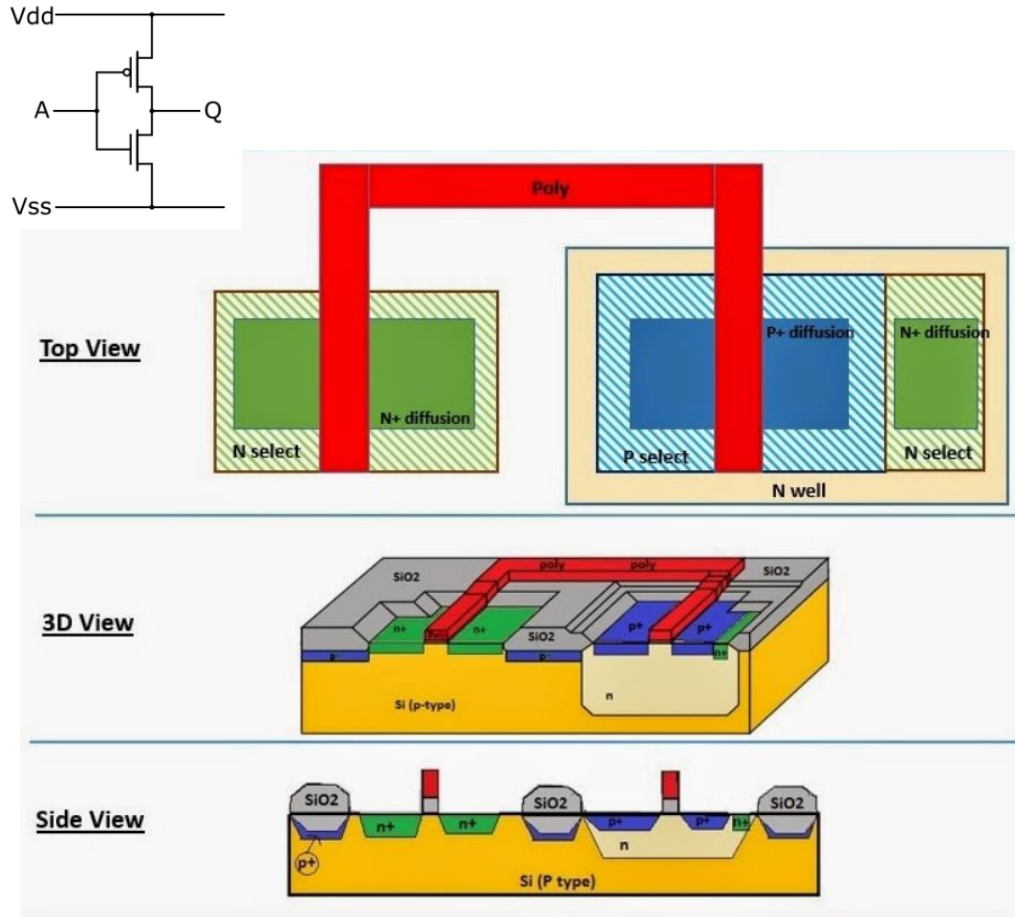
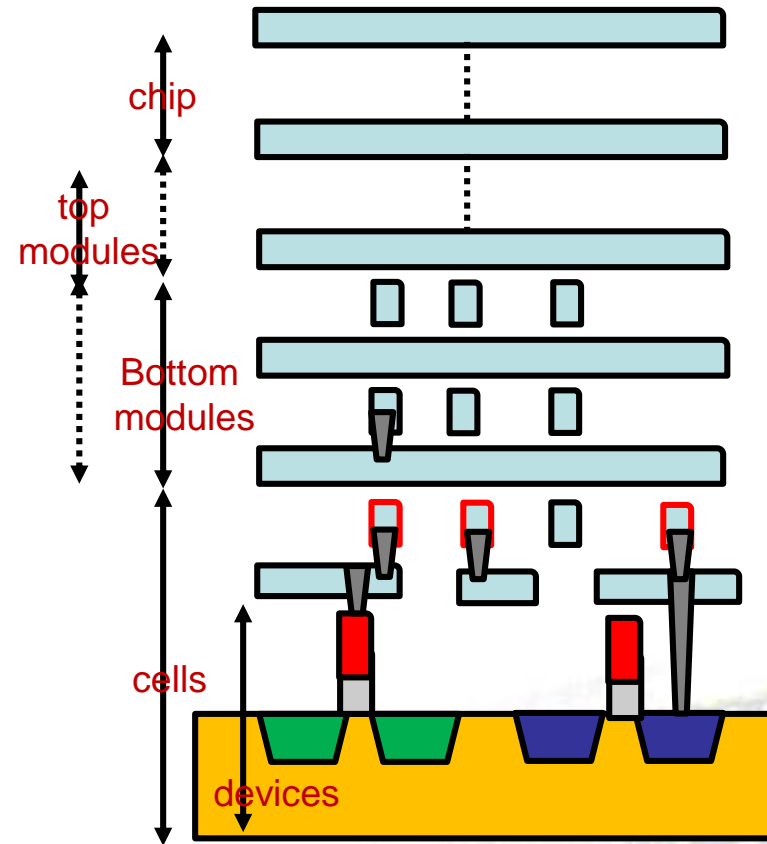
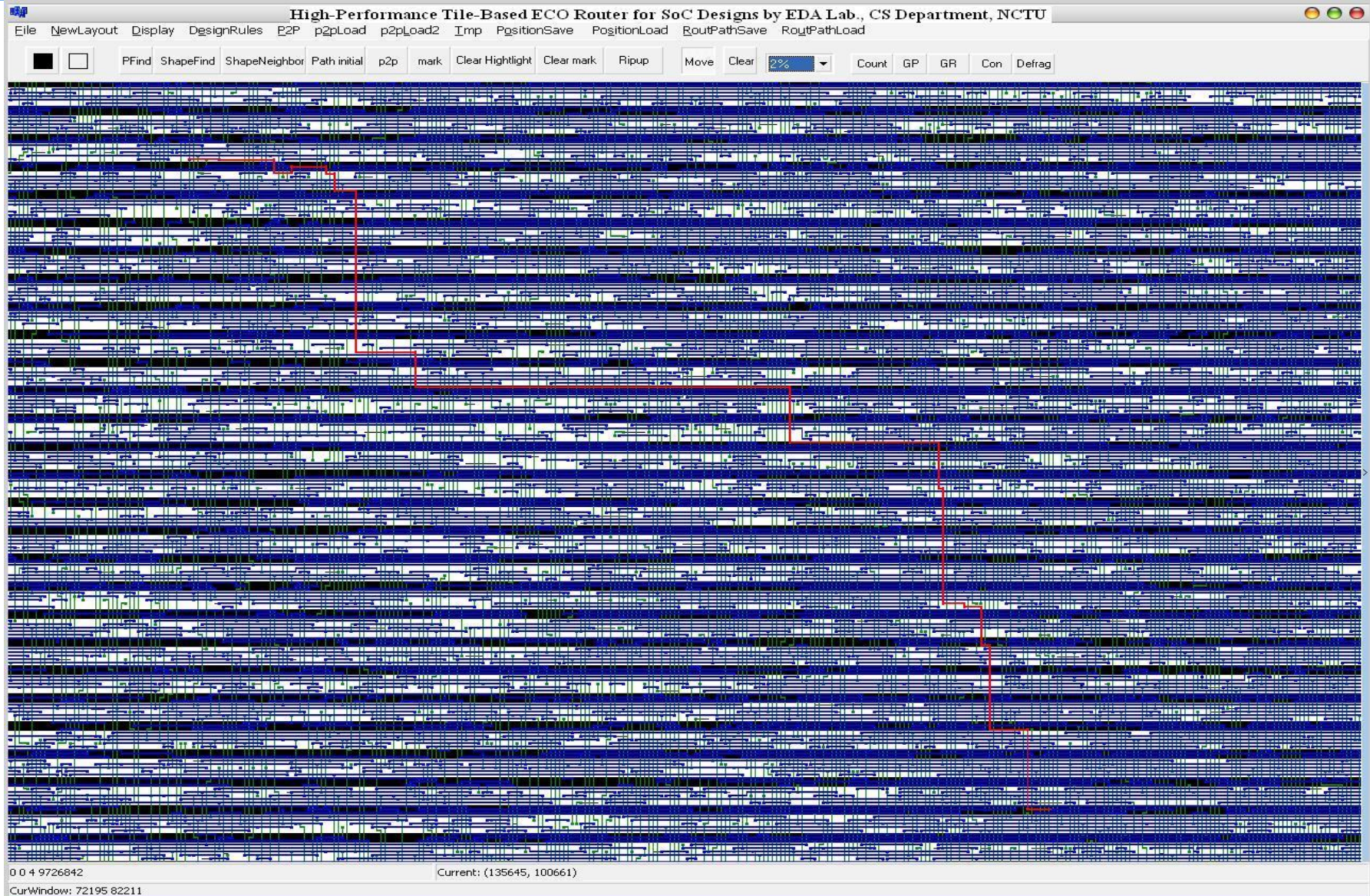


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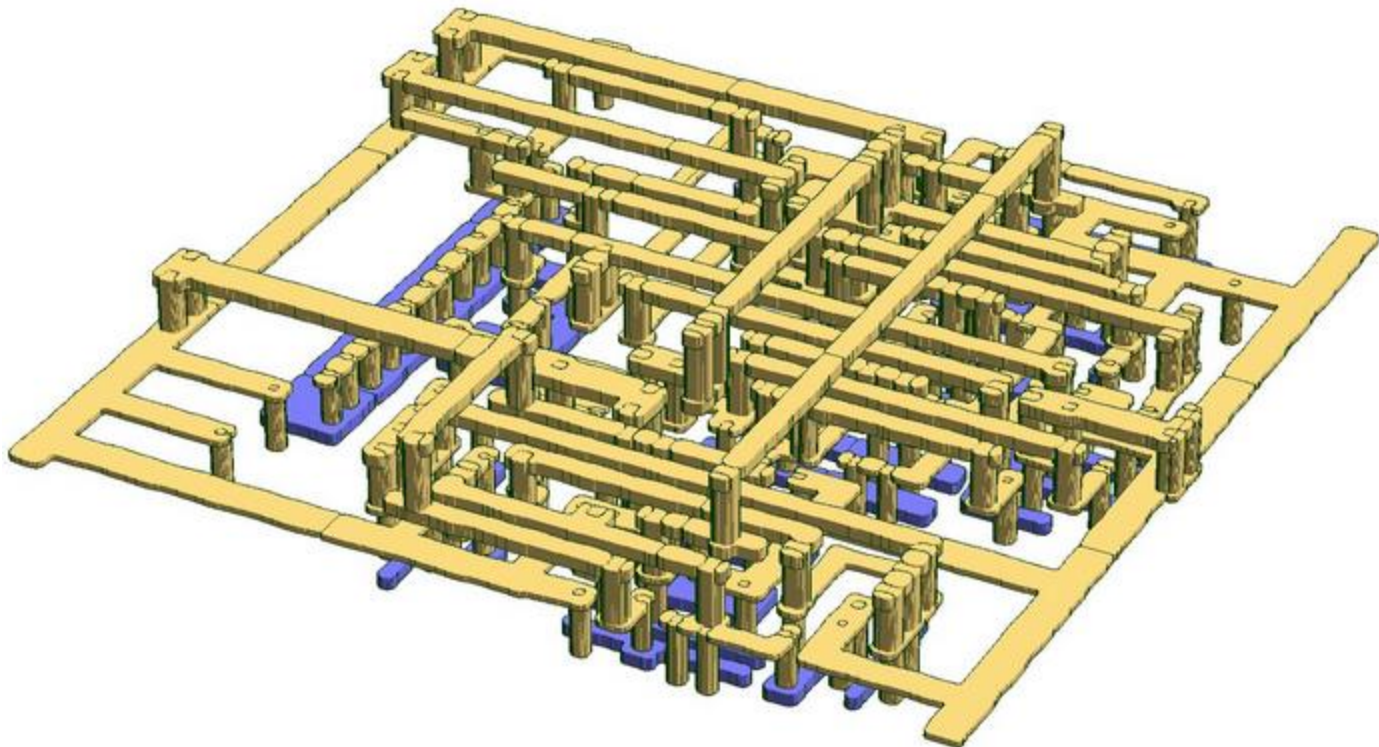


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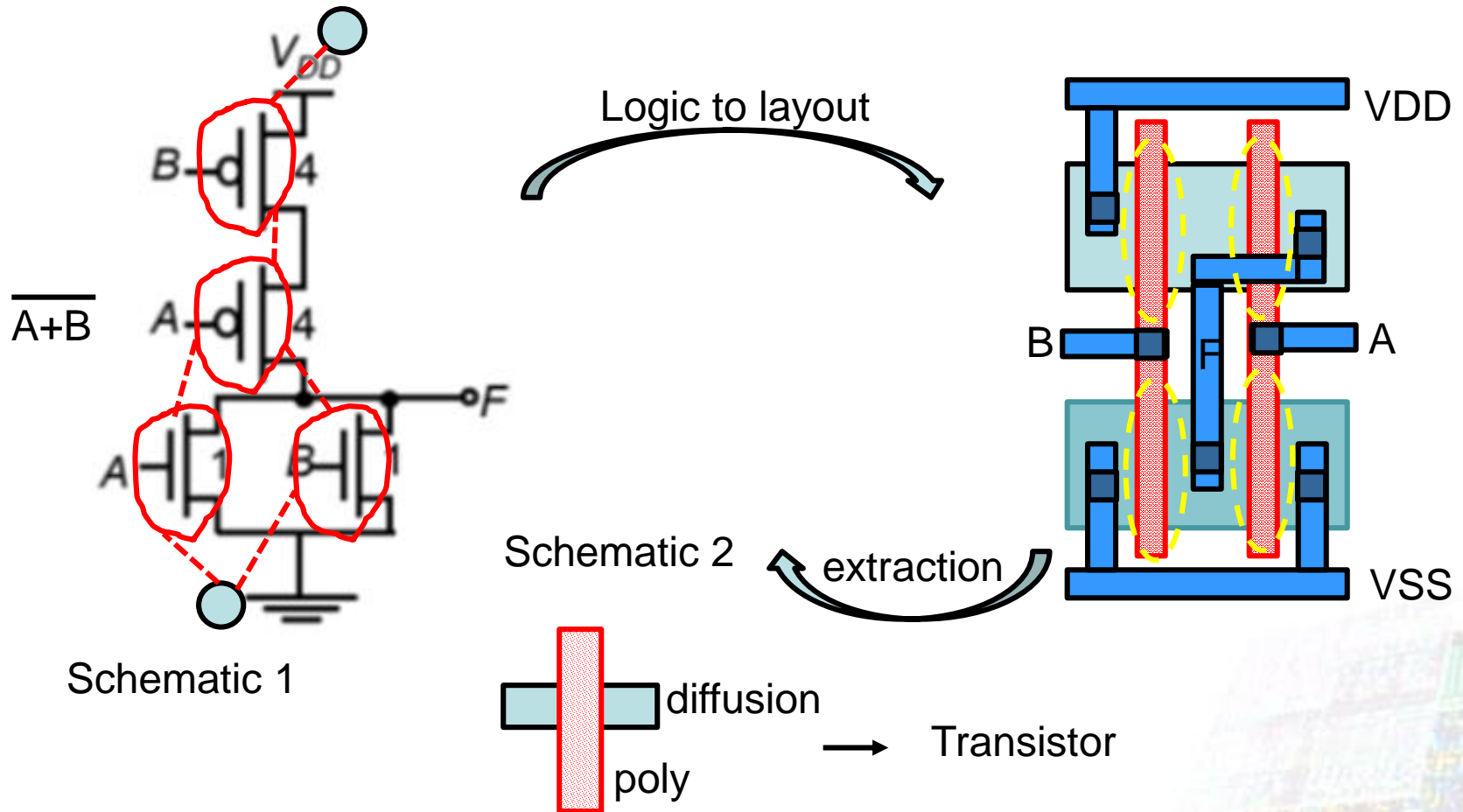


# Layout vs. Schematic



# Verification between Two Design Levels

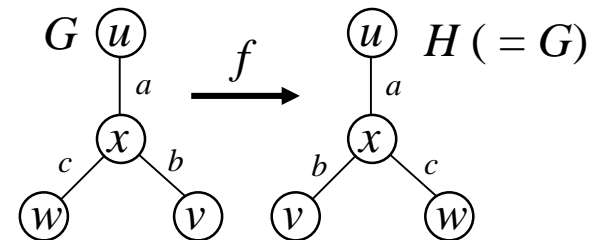
- Layout versus Schematic (LVS) checking – backward verify the correctness of synthesis from schematic to layout



Is schematic 1 equivalent to schematic 2? Graph isomorphism problem

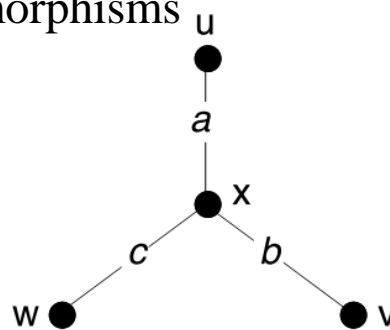
## 2.2 Automorphisms and Symmetry

- DEFINITION:** An isomorphism from a graph  $G$  to itself is called an *automorphism*.
- Remark:** Any structure-preserving vertex-permutation is associated with one (if simple) or more (if there are any multi-edges) automorphism of  $G$ . The proportion of vertex-permutation of  $V_G$  that are structure-preserving is a measure of the *symmetry* of  $G$ .
- The most convenient representation of a permutation is as a *product of disjoint cycles*.
- NOTATION:**  $(x)$ ,  $(x_i x_j)$ ,  $(x_0 x_1 \dots x_{n-1})$
- Example:** The permutation  $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 7 & 4 & 1 & 8 & 5 & 2 & 9 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  has the *disjoint cycle form*  $\pi = (1\ 7\ 9\ 3)(2\ 4\ 8\ 6)(5)$
- Geometric symmetry** – A geometric symmetry on a graph drawing can be used to represent an automorphism on the graph.



- Example.**  $K_{1,3}$  has six automorphisms

✓ Why not  $4!=24$ ?



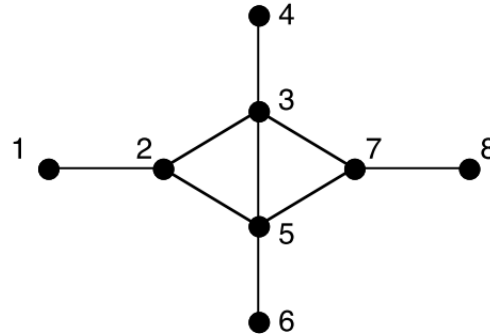
The graph  $K_{1,3}$ .

Symmetry	Vertex permutation	Edge permutation
identity	$(u) (v) (w) (x)$	$(a) (b) (c)$
120° rotation	$(x) (u\ v\ w)$	$(a\ b\ c)$
240° rotation	$(x) (u\ w\ v)$	$(a\ c\ b)$
refl. thru $a$	$(x) (u) (v\ w)$	$(a) (b\ c)$
refl. thru $b$	$(x) (v) (u\ w)$	$(b) (a\ c)$
refl. thru $c$	$(x) (w) (u\ v)$	$(c) (a\ b)$



# Limitations of Geometric Symmetry

- When a graph is highly symmetric, automorphisms can be obtained by reflecting and rotating graph.



*Automorphisms*

$$\lambda_0 = (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)$$

$$\lambda_1 = (1\ 8)(2\ 7)(3)(4)(5)(6)$$

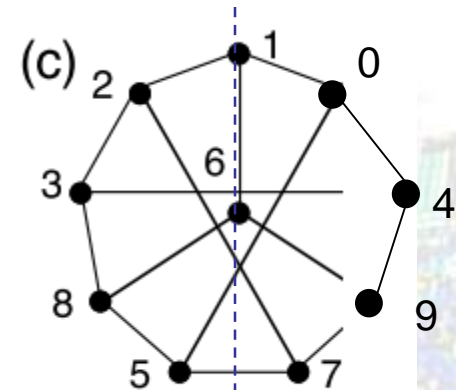
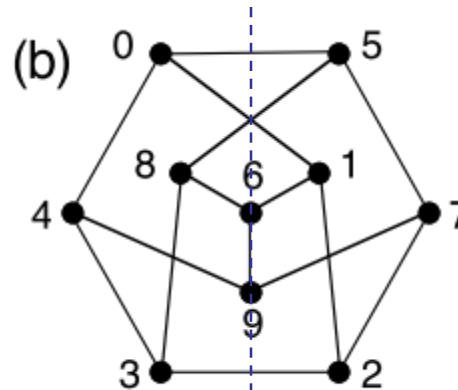
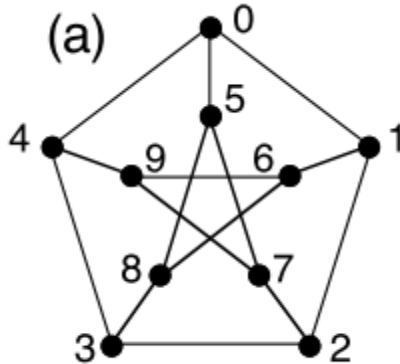
$$\lambda_2 = (1)(2)(3\ 5)(4\ 6)(7)(8)$$

$$\lambda_3 = (1\ 8)(2\ 7)(3\ 5)(4\ 6)$$

A graph with four automorphisms.

## Limitations of Geometric Symmetric

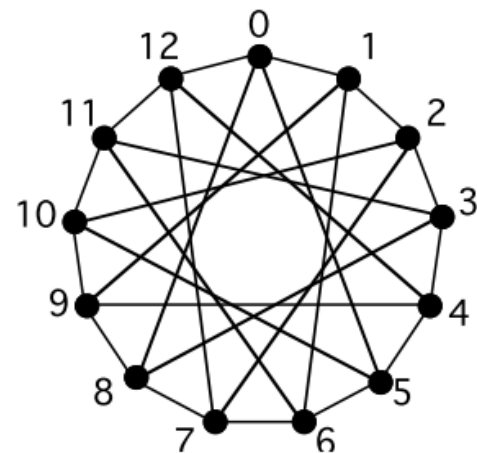
- Three drawings of the Petersen graph. Symmetry property : (a) (5-fold) > (b) and (c) (2-fold)
- ✓ (0 1 2 3 4) (5 6 7 8 9) for (a) , (0 5) (1 8) (4 7) (2 3) (6) (9) for (b), similar mapping for (c)



Three drawings of the Petersen graph.

# Vertex- and Edge-Transitive Graphs

- **DEFINITION:** A graph  $G$  is vertex-transitive if for every vertex pair  $u, v \in V_G$ , there is an automorphism that maps  $u$  to  $v$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A graph  $G$  is edge-transitive if for every edge pair  $d, e \in E_G$ , there is an automorphism that maps  $d$  to  $e$ .
- **Example.**  $K_{1,3}$  is edge-transitive, but not vertex-transitive, since every automorphism must map the 3-valent vertex to itself.
- **Example.** The complete graph  $K_n$  is edge-transitive and vertex-transitive for every  $n$ .
- **Example.** The hypercube graph  $Q_n$  is vertex-transitive and edge-transitive for every  $n$ .
- **Example.** The Petersen graph is vertex-transitive and edge-transitive.
- **Example.** Every circulant graph  $\text{circ}(n; S)$  is vertex-transitive.
  - ✓ vertex function  $i \mapsto i + k \pmod n$  is an automorphism.
  - ✓ map  $i$  to  $j : k = \text{abs}(j - i)$ .

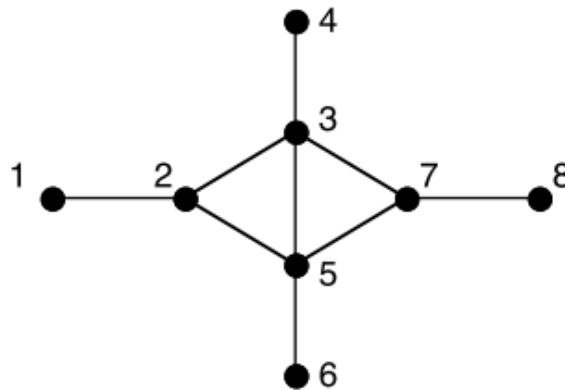


The circulant graph  $\text{circ}(13 : 1, 5)$ .

# Vertex Orbits and Edge Orbits

- **DEFINITION:** The equivalence classes of the vertices of a graph under the action of the automorphisms are called *vertex orbits*. The equivalence classes of the edges are called *edge orbits*.

vertex orbits:  $\{1,8\}, \{4,6\}, \{2,7\}, \{3,5\}$   
 edge orbits:  $\{12,78\}, \{34,56\}, \{23,25,37,57\}, \{35\}$



Graph of Example 2.3.

## Automorphisms

$$\lambda_0 = (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)$$

$$\lambda_1 = (1\ 8)(2\ 7)(3)(4)(5)(6)$$

$$\lambda_2 = (1)(2)(3\ 5)(4\ 6)(7)(8)$$

$$\lambda_3 = (1\ 8)(2\ 7)(3\ 5)(4\ 6)$$

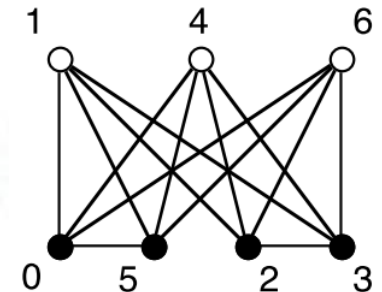
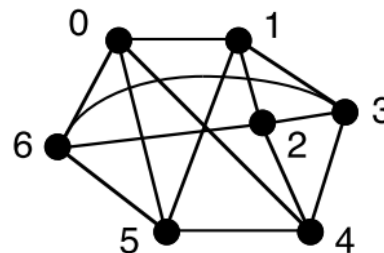
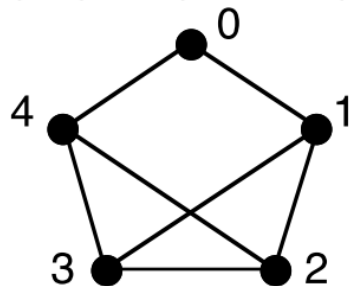
- **Theorem 2.2.1.** All vertices in the same orbit have the same degree.
- **Theorem 2.2.2.** All edges in the same orbit have the same pair of degrees at their endpoints.
- **Remark:** A vertex-transitive graph is a graph with only one vertex orbit, and an edge-transitive graph is a graph with only one edge orbit.
- **Example.** Complete graph  $K_n$  has only one vertex orbit and one edge orbit.
- **Example.** Each of the two partite sets of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is a vertex orbit. The graph is vertex-transitive only if  $m=n$ . However,  $K_{m,n}$  is always edge-transitive.

# How to Find an Orbit

- ❑ It is not known whether there exists a polynomial-time algorithm for finding orbits.
- ❑ We can use Theorems 2.2.1. & 2.2.2. plus the following observation – if an automorphism maps vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ , then it maps the neighbors of  $u$  to the neighbors of  $v$ .
- ❑ Middle figure: We can simply see  $(0\ 5)(1\ 4)(2)(3)(6)$  is an automorphism from the symmetry.
  - ✓ **Further observation** – vertices 0, 2, 3 and 5 have common three neighbors (1, 4, 6) that are independent, which means vertices 0, 2, 3, and 5 are in an orbit.
  - ✓ **Further observation** – vertices 1, 4, and 6 each have two pairs of adjacent vertices (2, 3) and (0, 5), which means we can redraw the middle figure as the right one.
  - ✓ **Final vertex orbit:**  $\{0, 2, 3, 5\}$  and  $\{1, 4, 6\}$ . **Edge orbit:**  $\{05, 23\}$ ,  $\{\text{the other edges}\}$ .

vertex orbits  $\{0\}$ ,  $\{1, 4\}$ , and  $\{2, 3\}$

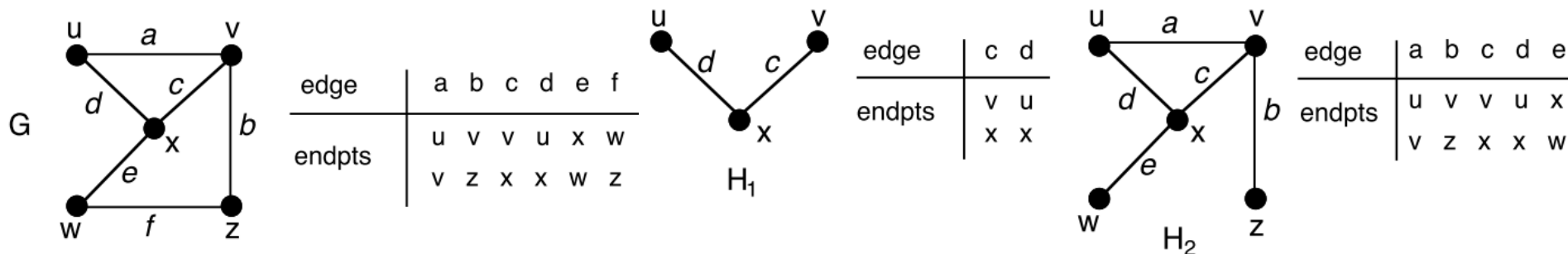
edge orbits  $\{23\}$ ,  $\{01, 04\}$ , and  $\{12, 13, 24, 34\}$



Find the vertex orbits and the edge orbits.

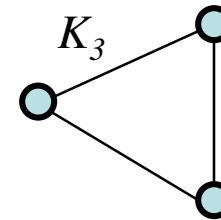
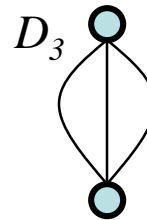
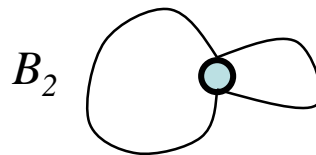
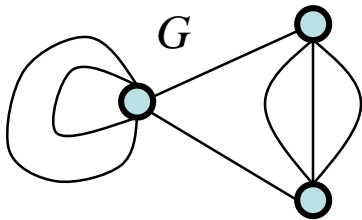
## 2.3 Subgraphs

- Properties of a given graph are often determined by the existence or non-existence of certain types of smaller graphs inside it.
  - ✓ Theorem 1.5.3 asserts that a graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd cycle.
- **DEFINITION:** A *subgraph* of a graph  $G$  is a graph  $H$  whose vertices and edges are all in  $G$ . If  $H$  is subgraph of  $G$ , we may also say that  $G$  is a *supergraph* of  $H$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A *subdigraph* of a digraph  $G$  is a digraph  $H$  whose vertices and arcs are all in  $G$ .
- The incident table for a subgraph  $H$  can be obtained simply by deleting from the incident table of  $G$  each column that does not correspond to an edge in  $H$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A *proper* subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  is a subgraph such that  $V_H$  is a proper subset of  $V_G$  or  $E_H$  is a proper subset of  $E_G$ .
  - ✓ “proper” means non-empty as well as not total set.

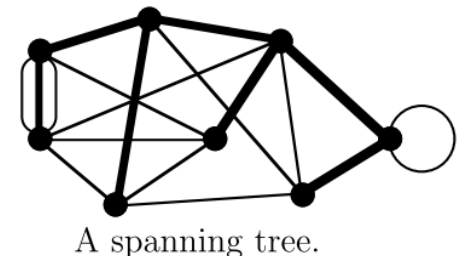


# A Broader Use of the Term “Subgraph”

- The usual meaning of the phrase “ $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ ” is that  $H$  is merely isomorphic to a subgraph of  $G$ .
- **Example.** The graph  $G$  of Figure 2.3.1 contains as subgraphs exactly one copy each of  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$ , and  $C_5$ .
- **Example.** A graph with  $n$  vertices is hamiltonian if and only if it contains a graph isomorphic to the  $n$ -cycle  $C_n$ .
- **Example.** The graph  $G$  shown in the left has among its subgraphs a  $B_2$  (bouquet), a  $D_3$  (dipole), and three copies of  $K_3$ .

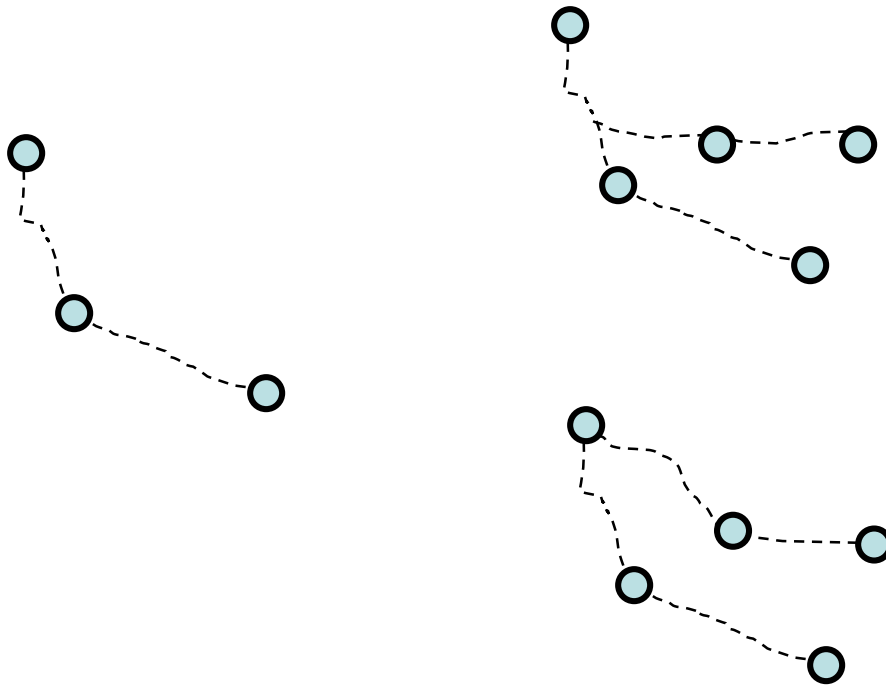
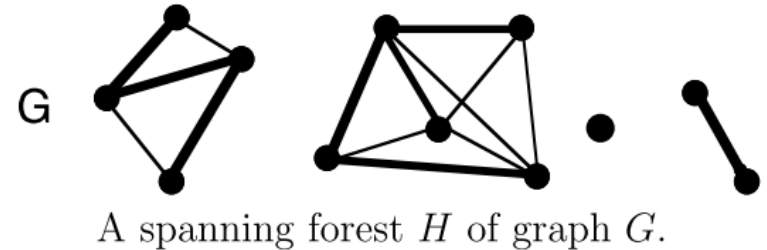


- **DEFINITION:** A subgraph  $H$  is said to *span* a graph  $G$  if  $V_H = V_G$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A *spanning tree* is a spanning subgraph that is a tree.



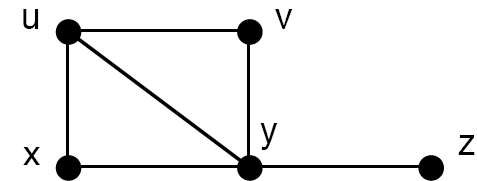
# Spanning Subgraph, Cliques

- **Proposition 2.3.1.** A graph is connected if and only if it contains a spanning tree.
- **Proposition 2.3.2.** Every acyclic subgraph of a connected graph  $G$  is contained in at least one spanning tree of  $G$ .
- **DEFINITION:** An acyclic graph is called a *forest*.
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# Independent Sets

- **DEFINITION:** A subset  $S$  of  $V_G$  is called a clique if every pair of vertices in  $S$  is joined by at least one edge, and no proper superset of  $S$  has this property.
  - ✓ A clique of a graph  $G$  is a maximal subset of mutually adjacent vertices in  $G$ .
  - ✓ In other books, clique may not be required to be a maximal subset.
- **DEFINITION:** The *clique number* of a graph  $G$  is the number  $\omega(G)$  of vertices in a largest clique in  $G$ .
- **Example.**  $\{u, v, y\}$ ,  $\{u, x, y\}$ ,  $\{y, z\}$  but not  $\{u, y\}$



A graph with three cliques.

- **DEFINITION:** A subset  $S$  of  $V_G$  is said to be an *independent set* if no pair of vertices in  $S$  is joined by an edge.
- **DEFINITION:** The *independence number* of a graph  $G$  is the number  $\alpha(G)$  of vertices in a largest independent set in  $G$ .
- **Remark:** the concepts of clique and independent set is complementary.



# Induced Subgraphs

- DEFINITION:** For a given graph  $G$ , the *subgraph induced on a vertex subset*  $U$  of  $V_G$ , denoted  $G(U)$ , is the subgraph of  $G$ , whose vertex-set is  $U$  and whose edge-set consists of all edges in  $G$  that have both endpoints in  $U$ . That is,

$$V_{G(U)} = U \quad \text{and} \quad E_{G(U)} = \{e \in E_G \mid \text{endpts}(e) \subseteq U\}$$

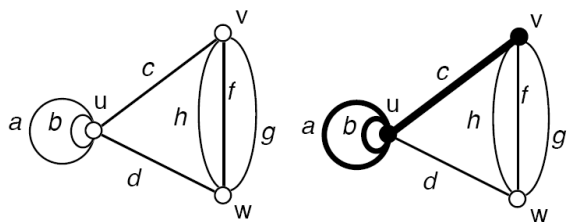
- Example 2.3.9.** The subgraph induced on a vertex set  $U$  of a clique is a complete graph.

- Example 2.3.10.**

- DEFINITION:** For a given graph  $G$ , the *subgraph induced on an edge subset*  $D$  of  $E_G$ , denoted  $G(D)$  is  $V_{G(D)} = \{v \in V_G \mid v \in \text{endpts}(e), \text{ for some } e \in D\}$  and  $E_{G(D)} = D$

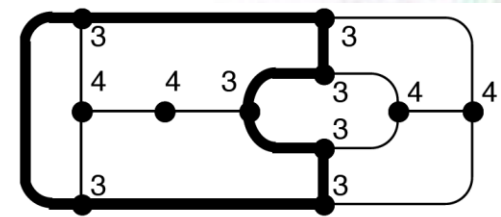
- DEFINITION:** The center of a graph  $G$ , denoted  $Z(G)$ , is the subgraph induced on the set of central vertices of  $G$  (see Sec.1.4).

- Example.** The right figure with minimum eccentricity of 3



induced on  $\{u, v\}$  (vertices)  
and  $\{a, c\}$  (edges)

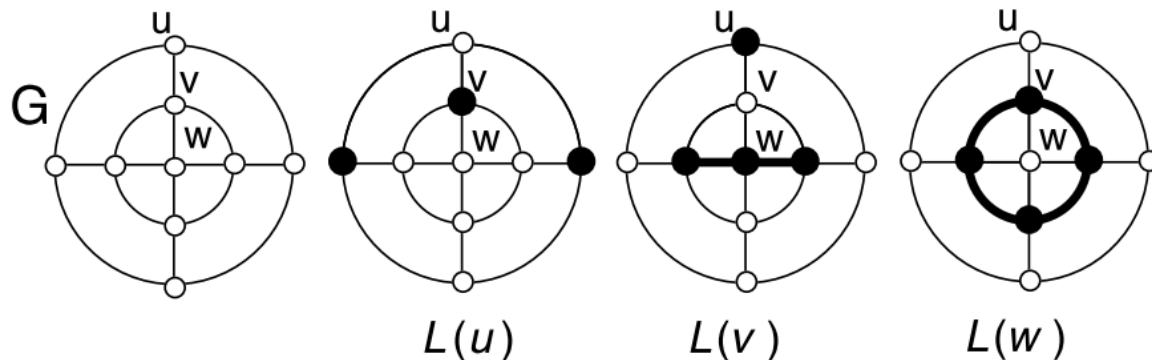
A subgraph induced on a subset of vertices and edges



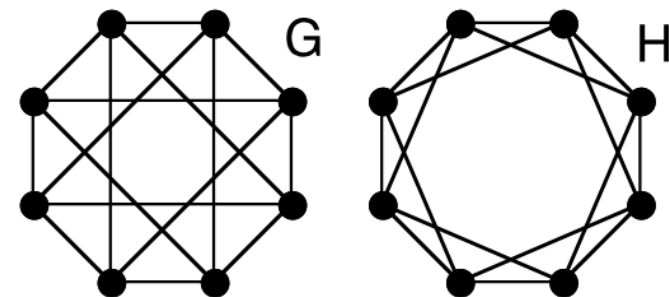
A graph whose center is a 7-cycle.

# Local Subgraphs

- **DEFINITION:** The *(open) local subgraph* (or *(open) neighborhood subgraph*) of a vertex  $v$  is the subgraph  $L(v)$  induced on the neighbors of  $v$ .
- **Theorem 2.3.3.** Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a graph isom and  $u \in V_G$ . Then  $f$  maps the local subgraph  $L(u)$  of  $G$  isomorphically to the local subgraph  $L(f(u))$  of  $H$ .
- **Example.** Thus  $G$  and  $H$  are not isomorphic.
  - ✓ All local subgraphs of  $G$  are all isomorphic to  $4K_1$ . All local subgraphs of  $H$  are isomorphic to  $P_4$ .
  - ✓  $\alpha(G) = 4$  but  $\alpha(H) = 2$ ,  $\omega(G) = 2$  but  $\omega(H) = 3$ .



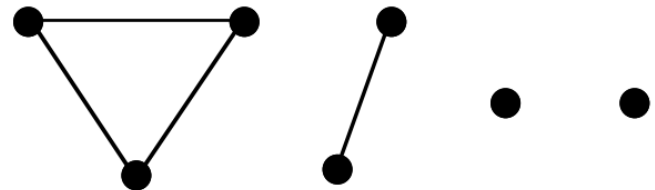
A graph  $G$  and three of its local subgraphs.



Two 4-regular 8-vertex graphs.

# Components

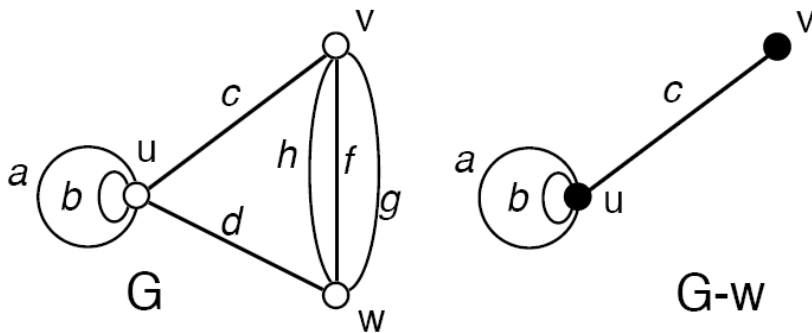
- **DEFINITION:** A *component* of a graph  $G$  is a maximal connected subgraph of  $G$ .
  - ✓ The only component of a connected graph is the entire graph.
  - ✓ Membership in the same component is an *equivalence relation* on  $V_G$ , called the *reachability relation*.
- **Review §1.4.** A vertex  $v$  is said to be reachable from vertex  $u$  if there is a walk from  $u$  to  $v$ .
- **DEFINITION:** In a graph  $G$ , the *component of a vertex*  $v$ , denoted  $C(v)$ , is the subgraph induced by the subset of all vertices reachable from  $v$ .
- **ALTERNATIVE DEFINITION:** A *component* of a graph  $G$  is a subgraph induced by an equivalence class of the reachability relation on  $V_G$ .
- **Notation:** The # of components of a graph  $G$  is denoted  $c(G)$ .
- **COMPUTATIONAL NOTE:** Partitioning a small graph into components is trivial. But larger graphs that are specified by some computer representation require a computer algorithm. These “component-finding” algorithms are developed in Chapter 4 as straightforward applications of our graph-traversal procedures.



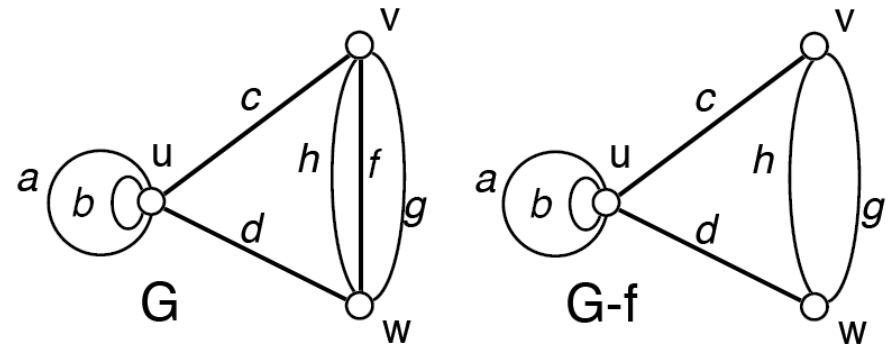
A graph with four components.

## 2.4 Some Graph Operations

- DEFINITION:** The **vertex-deletion subgraph**  $G - v$  is the subgraph induced by the vertex-set  $V_G - \{v\}$ . That is,  $V_{G-v} = V_G - \{v\}$  and  $E_{G-v} = \{e \in E_G \mid v \notin \text{endpts}(e)\}$
- DEFINITION:** The **edge-deletion subgraph**  $G - e$  is similar to the subgraph induced by the edge-set  $E_G - \{e\}$  except that  $V_{G-e}$  is the same as  $V_G$ . That is,  $V_{G-e} = V_G$  and  $E_{G-e} = E_G - \{e\}$



The result of deleting vertex  $w$  from graph  $G$ .



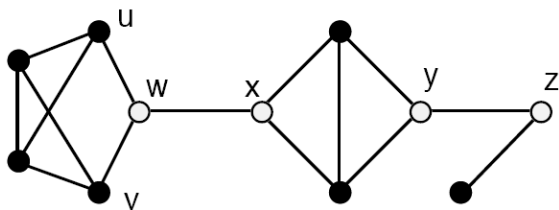
The result of deleting edge  $f$  from graph  $G$ .



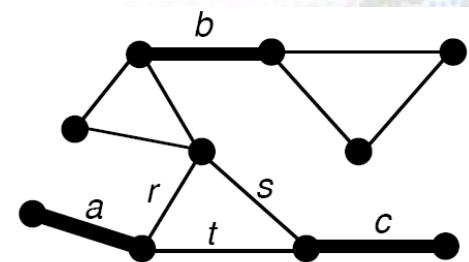
# Network Vulnerability

- **DEFINITION:** A *vertex-cut* in a graph  $G$  is a vertex-set  $U$  such that  $G - U$  has more components than  $G$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A *cut-vertex* (or *cutpoint*) is a vertex-cut consisting of a single vertex.
- **DEFINITION:** An *edge-cut* in a graph  $G$  is a set of edges  $D$  such that  $G - D$  has more components than  $G$ .
- **DEFINITION:** A *cut-edge* (or *bridge*) is an edge-cut consisting of a single edge.
- **DEFINITION:** An edge  $e$  of a graph is called a *cycle-edge* if  $e$  lies in some cycle of that graph.
- **Proposition 2.4.1.** *Let  $e$  be an edge of a connected graph  $G$ . Then  $G - e$  is connected if and only if  $e$  is a cycle-edge of  $G$ .*
- **Corollary 2.4.2.** *An edge of a graph is a cut-edge if and only if it is not a cycle-edge.*
- **Corollary 2.4.3.** *Let  $e$  be any edge of a graph  $G$ . Then*

$$c(G - e) = \begin{cases} c(G), & \text{if } e \text{ is a cycle-edge} \\ c(G) + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



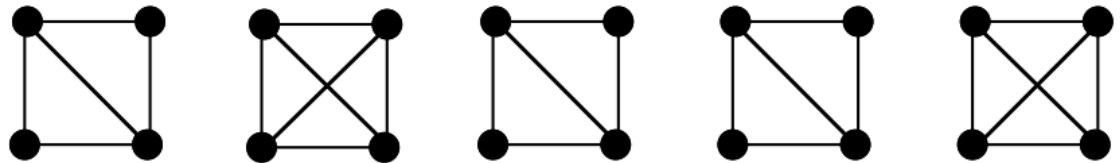
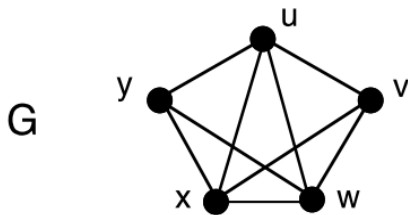
A graph with four cut-vertices.



A graph with three cut-edges.

# The Graph-Reconstruction Problem

- **DEFINITION:** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $V_G = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then the **vertex-deletion subgraph list** of  $G$  is the list of the subgraphs  $G - v_1, \dots, G - v_n$
- **DEFINITION:** The **reconstruction deck** of  $G$  is its vertex-deletion subgraph list, with no labels on the vertices. We regard each individual vertex-deletion subgraph as being a **card** in the deck.
- **DEFINITION:** The **graph-reconstruction problem** is to decide whether two non-isomorphic simple graphs with three or more vertices can have the same reconstruction deck.
- **Remark:** The graph-reconstruction problem would be easy to solve if the vertex-deletion subgraphs included the vertex and edge names.
- **Reconstruction Conjecture:** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two graphs with  $V_G = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V_H = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  with  $n \geq 3$ , and with the same reconstruction deck, i.e., such that  $G - v_i \cong H - w_i$  for each  $i = 1 \dots, n$ . Then  $G \cong H$ .



Is  $G$  the only graph with this reconstruction deck ?

A graph and its vertex-deletion subgraph list.

# The Graph-Reconstruction Problem

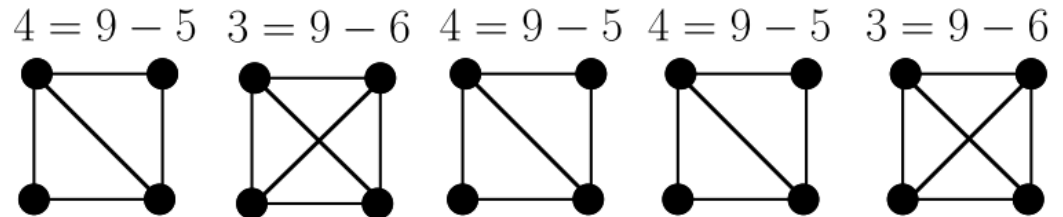
□ **Theorem 2.4.4.** The number of vertices and the number of edges of a graph  $G$  can be calculated from its vertex-deletion subgraph list.

✓ One edge connects two vertices, so each edge is deleted twice and appears in  $n - 2$  subgraphs, so  $|E_G| = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_v |E_{G-v}|$

□ **Corollary 2.4.5.** The degree sequence of a graph  $G$  can be calculated from its reconstruction deck.

✓ First compute  $|E_G|$

$$\frac{1}{3}(5 + 6 + 5 + 5 + 6) = \frac{27}{3} = 9$$



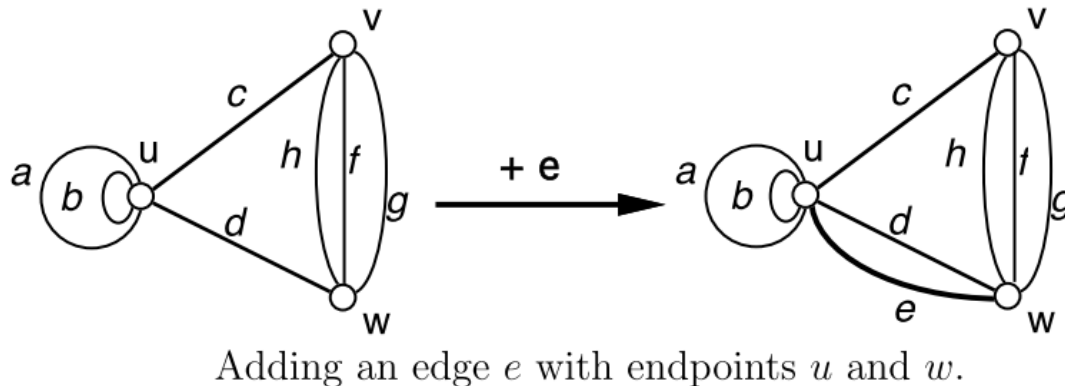
□ **Corollary 2.4.6.** Any regular graph can be reconstructed from its reconstruction deck.

✓ For  $k$ -regular graph, each subgraph contains  $n-1$  vertices of degree  $(k-1)$ .

□ **Remark:** B. McKay [Mc77] and A. Nijenhuis [Ni77] have shown, with the aid of computers, that a counterexample to the reconstruction conjecture would have to have at least 10 vertices.

# Adding Edges or Vertices

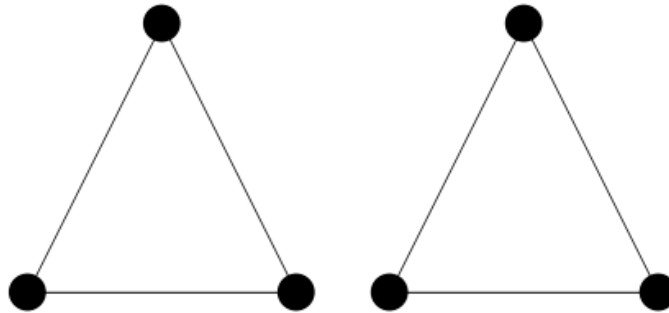
- **DEFINITION:** *Adding an edge* between two vertices  $u$  and  $w$  of a graph  $G$  means creating a supergraph, denoted  $G \cup \{e\}$ , with vertex-set  $V_G$  and edge-set  $E_G \cup \{e\}$ , where  $e$  is a new edge with endpoints  $u$  and  $w$ .
- **DEFINITION:** *Adding a vertex*  $v$  to a graph  $G$ , where  $v$  is a new vertex not already in  $V_G$ , means creating a supergraph, denoted  $G \cup \{v\}$ , with vertex-set  $V_G \cup \{v\}$  and edge-set  $E_G$ .
- **DEFINITION:** Any one of the operations of adding or deleting a vertex or adding or deleting an edge is called a ***primary maintenance operation***.
- **Remark:** *Secondary operations* on a graph are those that are realizable by a combination and/or repetition of one or more of the primary graph operations.





# Graph Union

- **DEFINITION:** The (*graph*) *union* of two graphs  $G = (V, E)$  and  $G' = (V', E')$  is the graph  $G \cup G'$ , whose vertex-set and edge-set are the disjoint unions, respectively, of the vertex-sets and edge-sets of  $G$  and  $G'$ .
  - ✓ Union is a secondary graph operation and is not the set-theoretic union operation.
- **Example 2.4.7.** Graph union of two  $K_3$  is not a single  $K_3$  (set union will yield a  $K_3$ ).
- **DEFINITION:** The *n-fold self-union*  $nG$  is the iterated disjoint union  $G \cup \dots \cup G$  of  $n$  copies of the graph  $G$ . (e.g. example is 2-fold self-union  $2K_3$ .)



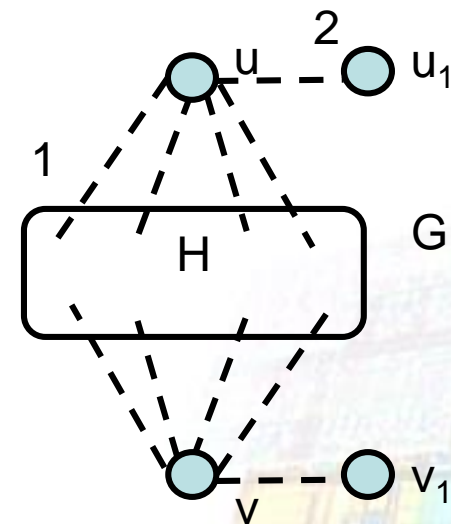
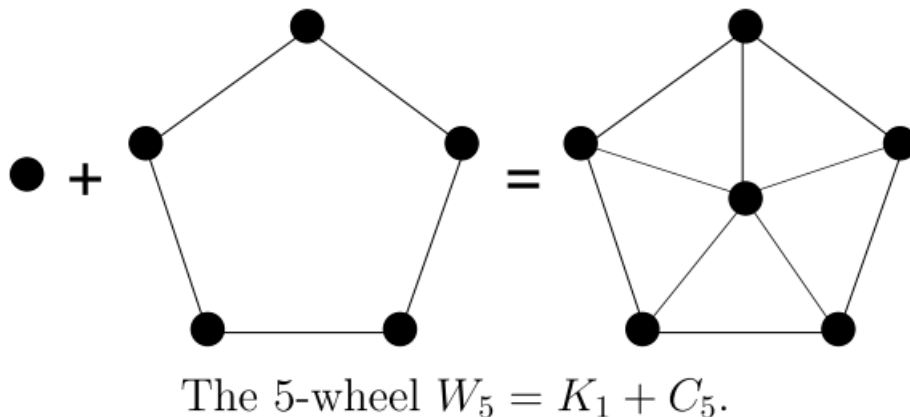
The graph union  $K_3 \cup K_3$  of two copies of  $K_3$ .

# Joining a Vertex to a Graph

- **DEFINITION:** If a new vertex  $v$  is joined to each vertex of a graph  $G$ , then the resulting graph is called the *join of  $v$  to  $G$*  or the *suspension of  $G$  from  $v$* , and is denoted  $G + v$ .

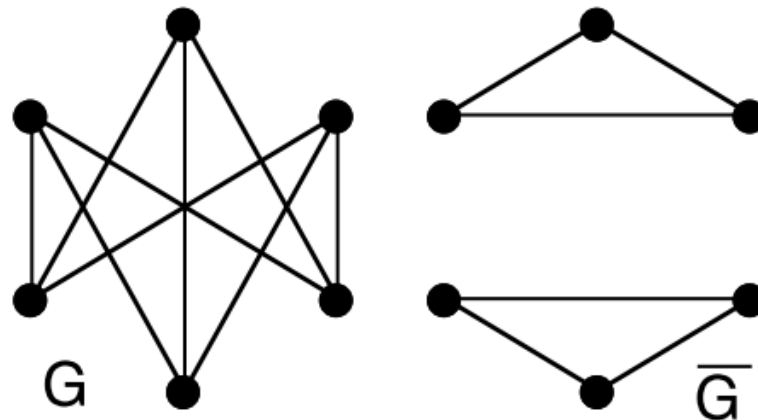
  - ✓ Joining a vertex to a graph is a secondary operation using primary operations.
- **DEFINITION:** The  *$n$ -wheel*  $W_n$  is the join  $K_1 + C_n$  of a single vertex and an  $n$ -cycle. (The  $n$ -cycle forms the rim of the wheel, and the additional vertex is its hub.) If  $n$  is even, then  $W_n$  is called an *even wheel*; if odd, then  $W_n$  is called an *odd wheel*.
- **Proposition 2.4.7.** Let  $H$  be a graph of diameter  $d$ . Then there is a graph  $G$  of radius  $d$  of which  $H$  is the center.

  - ✓  $\text{ecc}(w) = 2$  for every  $w \in H$ ,  $\text{ecc}(u_1) = 4$ .



# Edge-Complementation

- **DEFINITION:** Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Its *edge-complement* (or *complement*)  $\overline{G}$  has the same vertex-set, but two vertices are adjacent in  $\overline{G}$  if and only if they are not adjacent in  $G$ .
- **Remark:** The edge-complement of the edge-complement is the original graph, i.e.,  $\overline{\overline{G}} = G$ .
- **Theorem 2.4.8.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Then  $\alpha(G) = \alpha(\overline{G})$  and  $\omega(G) = \omega(\overline{G})$ .
- **Remark:** Other graph operations are defined in §2.7.



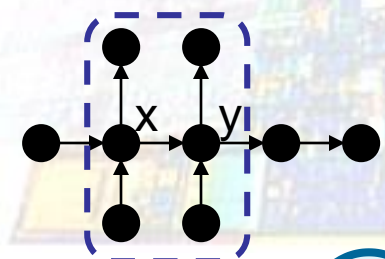
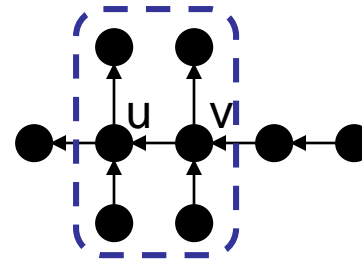
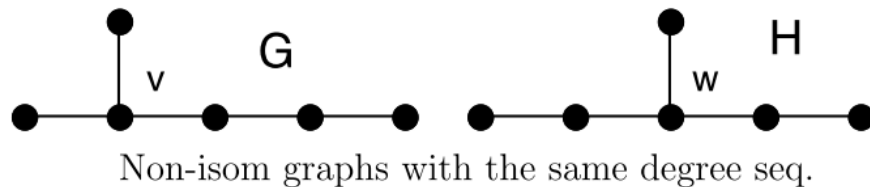
A graph and its complement.

## 2.5 Tests for Non-Isomorphism

- Although there is no method that can be easily applied to decide whether two graphs are isomorphic or not, we can simplify this problem by some invariant factors.
- DEFINITION:** A *graph invariant* (or *digraph invariant*) is a property of graphs (digraphs) that is preserved by isomorphisms.
- Example:** the number of vertices/edges and the degree sequence.

### Local Invariant

- Theorem 2.5.1.** Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a graph isomorphism, and let  $v \in V_G$ . Then the multiset of degrees of the neighbors of  $v$  equals the multiset of degrees of the neighbors of  $f(v)$ .
  - ✓ Corollary 2.1.5. Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a graph isomorphism and let  $e \in E_G$ . Then the endpoints of edge  $f(e)$  have the same degrees of the endpoints of  $e$ .
- Example:** (a). Same degree sequence:  $\langle 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3 \rangle$ ; (b) one 3-degree vertex; (c). different multiset of degrees of two 3-degree vertices' neighbors.  $\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$
- Example:** (a)  $v$  maps to  $x$ ; (b)  $u$  must map to  $y$



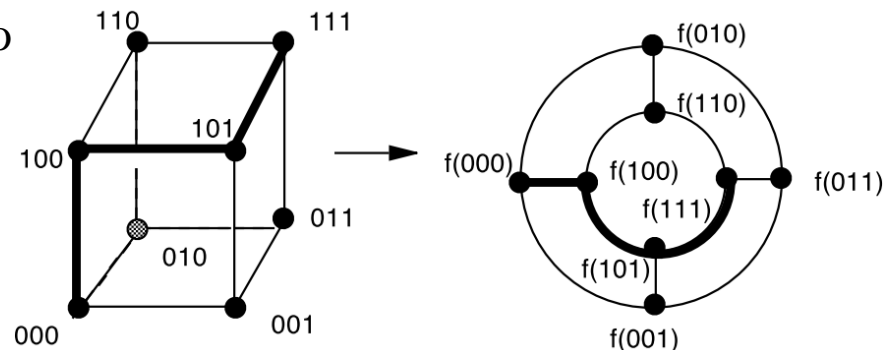
# Distance Invariants

- **DEFINITION:** Let  $W = \langle v_0, e_1, v_1, \dots, e_n, v_n \rangle$  be a walk in the domain  $G$  of a graph isomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow H$ . Then the **image of walk**  $W$  is the walk  $f(W) = \langle f(v_0), f(e_1), f(v_1), \dots, f(e_n), f(v_n) \rangle$  in graph  $H$ .
- **Theorem 2.5.2.** The isomorphic image of a graph walk  $W$  is a walk of the same length.

  - ✓ Isomorphism preserves edge-multiplicity
- **Corollary 2.5.3.** The isomorphic image of a trail, path, or cycle is a trail, path, or cycle, respectively, of the same length.

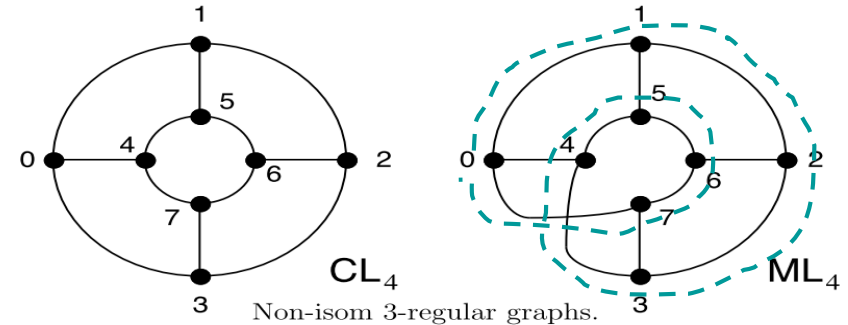
  - ✓ By Theorem 2.5.2. & the bijectivity of the isomorphism.
- **Corollary 2.5.4.** For each integer  $l$ , two isomorphic graphs must have the same number of trails (paths) (cycles) of length  $l$ .
- **Corollary 2.5.5.** The diameter, the radius, and the girth are graph invariants.

  - ✓ By Corollary 2.5.3. & the bijectivity of iso



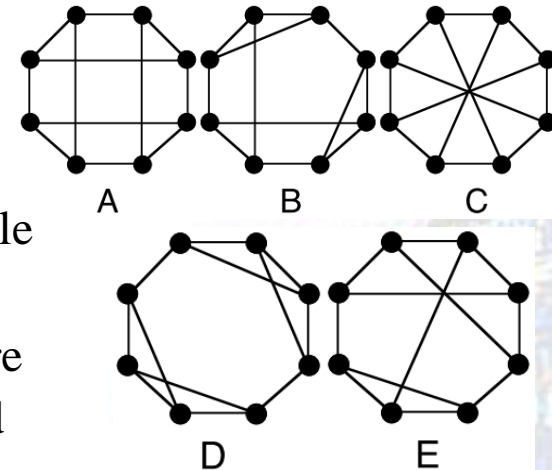
# Distance Invariants & Subgraph Presence

- **Example:**  $CL_4$  : (a) rotational symmetry; (b) isomorphism to swap inner and outer cycles.  
 $ML_4 : j \mapsto j+1 \pmod 8$  is an automorphism.  $CL_4$  and  $ML_4$  are vertex-transitive.  
 ✓  $\alpha(CL_4) = 4$  but  $\alpha(ML_4) = 3$



## Subgraph Presence

- **Theorem 2.5.6.** *For each graph-isomorphism type, the number of distinct subgraphs in a graph having that isomorphism type is a graph invariant.*  
 ✓ Bijectivity of isomorphism establishes this invariant.
- **Example:**  $A$  and  $C$  have no  $K_3$  subgraphs,  $B$  has two,  $D$  has four, and  $E$  has one. Thus, Thm 2.5.6 implies that the only possible isomorphic pair is  $A$  and  $C$ . However, graph  $C$  has a 5-cycle, but graph  $A$  (bipartite) does not. Alternatively, we see that  $A$  and  $C$  are the only pair with the same multiset of local subgraphs. We could distinguish this pair by observing that  $\alpha(A) = 4$  and  $\alpha(C) = 3$ .



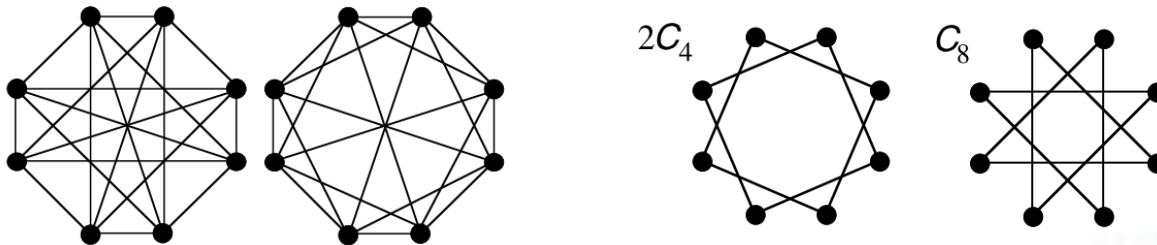
Five mutually non-isom, 8-vertex, 3-reg graphs.

# Edge Complementation

- **Theorem 2.5.7.** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  both be simple graphs. They are isomorphic if and only if their edge-complements are isomorphic.*
  - ✓ *Graph isomorphism necessarily preserves non-adjacency as well as adjacency.*
- **Example:**
- **Remark.** Edge complementation is useful for simple dense graph.

## Summary

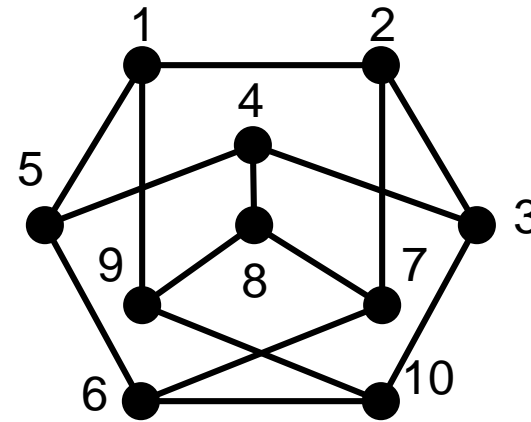
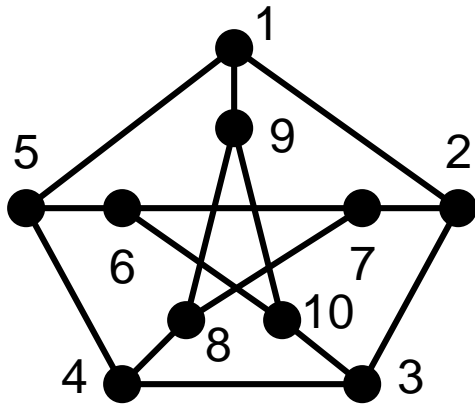
- Some graph invariants for graph isomorphism – (1) & (2) the number of vertices and edges; (3) degree sequence; (4) multiset of local graphs; (5) degrees of neighbors of a forced match; (6) diameter, radius, girth; (7) independence number, clique number; (8) For any possible subgraph, the number of distinct copies; (9) For a simple graph, the edge-complement.



Two relatively dense, non-isomorphic 5-regular graphs and their edge-complements.

# Using Invariants to Construct an Isomorphism

- **Example:** Two graphs have one  $P_9$  (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10). According to Corollary 2.5.3., vertices along these two paths can have a isomorphism mapping.



Two copies of the Petersen graph.



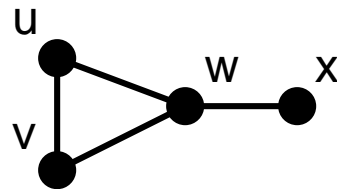
## 2.6 Matrix Representations

- **DEFINITION:** The *adjacency matrix of a simple graph*  $G$ , denoted  $A_G$ , is the symmetric matrix whose rows and columns are both indexed by identical orderings of  $V_G$ , such that

$$A_G[u, v] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \text{ and } v \text{ are adjacent} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$uu \times uv + uv \times vv + uw \times vw + ux \times xv$$

- **Example 2.6.1.**



$$A_G = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u & v & w & x \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- **Proposition 2.6.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph with adjacency matrix  $A_G$ . Then the value of element  $A_G^r[u, v]$  of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  power of matrix  $A_G$  equals the number of  $u$ - $v$  walks of length  $r$ .

- ✓ **Proof:** The assertion holds for  $r = 1$ . The inductive step follows from the definition of matrix multiplication.

$$A_G^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_G^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_G^3[u, w] = 4 \quad \begin{cases} u - w - u - w \\ u - w - x - w \\ u - w - v - w \\ u - v - u - w \end{cases}$$

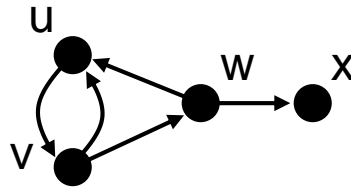
# Adjacency Matrices

- **DEFINITION:** The *adjacency matrix of a simple digraph*  $D$ , denoted  $A_D$ , is the matrix whose rows and columns are both indexed by identical orderings of  $V_G$ , such that

$$A_D[u, v] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there is a edge from } u \text{ to } v \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Proposition 2.6.2.** Let  $D$  be a digraph with  $V_D = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Then the sum of the elements of row  $i$  of the adjacency matrix  $A_D$  equals the outdegree of vertex  $v_i$ , and the sum of the element of column  $j$  equals the indegree of vertex  $v_j$ .

- **Example 2.6.2.**



$$A_D = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u & v & w & x \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

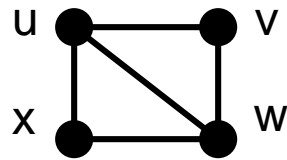
- **Proposition 2.6.3.** Let  $D$  be a digraph with adjacency matrix  $A_D$ . Then the value of the entry  $A_D^r[u, v]$  of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  power of matrix  $A_D$  equals the number of directed  $u$ - $v$  walks of length  $r$ .

- **Remark:** To extend the definition of adjacent matrix to a general graph (or digraph), one lets  $A_G[u, v]$  equals the number of edges between vertex  $u$  and vertex  $v$  (or from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ ).

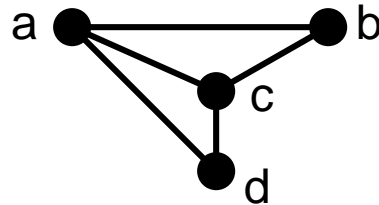
# Brute-Force Graph-Isomorphism Testing

- Isomorphism checking can be realized by finding two vertex orderings such that their adjacency matrices are the same.

- Example 2.6.3.**



$$A_G = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} u & v & w & x \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



$$A_H = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & d & c & b \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ d \\ c \\ b \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

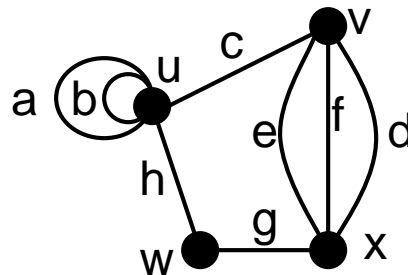
- COMPUTATIONAL NOTE:** For all but the smallest graphs, exhaustive method is hopelessly inefficient.

# Incidence Matrices for Undirected Graphs

- DEFINITION: The *incidence matrix* of a graph  $G$  is the matrix  $I_G$  whose rows and columns are indexed by some orderings of  $V_G$  and  $E_G$ , respectively, such that

$$I_G[v, e] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is not an endpoint of } e \\ 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is an endpoint of } e \\ 2 & \text{if } e \text{ is a self-loop at } v \end{cases}$$

- Example 2.6.4.



$$I_G = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

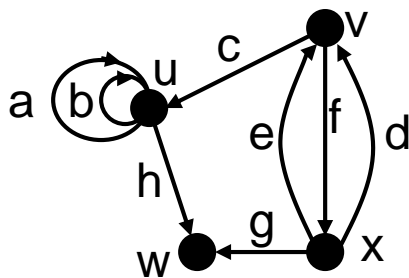
- Proposition 2.6.4. The sum of the entries in any row of an incidence matrix is the degree of the corresponding vertex.
- Proposition 2.6.5. The sum of the entries in any column of an incidence matrix is equal to 2.

# Incidence Matrices for Digraphs

- **DEFINITION:** The *incidence matrix* of a digraph  $D$  is the matrix whose rows and columns are indexed by some orderings of  $V_D$  and  $E_D$ , respectively, such that

$$I_D[v, e] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is not an endpoint of } e \\ 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is the head of } e \\ -1 & \text{if } v \text{ is the tail of } e \\ 2 & \text{if } e \text{ is a self-loop at } v \end{cases}$$

- **Example 2.6.5.**

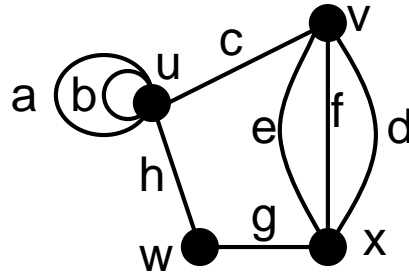


$$I_D = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u \\ v \\ w \\ x \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

# Using Incidence Tables to Save Space

- DEFINITION: The *table of incident edges* for a graph  $G$  is an incidence table that lists, for each vertex  $v$ , all the edges incident on  $v$ . This table is denoted  $I_{V:E}(G)$ .

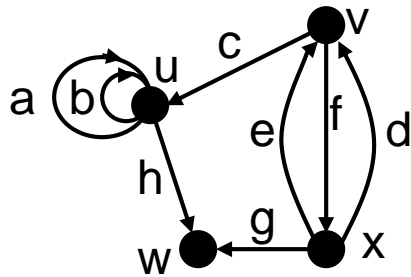
## Example 2.6.6.



$$I_{V:E}(G) = \begin{array}{l} \underline{u}: a \ b \ c \ h \\ \underline{v}: c \ d \ e \ f \\ \underline{w}: g \ h \\ \underline{x}: d \ e \ f \ g \end{array}$$

- DEFINITION: For a digraph  $D$ , the *table of outgoing arcs*, denoted  $out_{V:E}(D)$ , lists, for each vertex  $v$ , all arcs that are directed from  $v$ . The *table of incoming arcs*, denoted  $in_{V:E}(D)$ , is defined similarly.

## Example 2.6.7.



$$in_{V:E}(G) = \begin{array}{l} \underline{u}: a \ b \ c \\ \underline{v}: d \ e \\ \underline{w}: g \ h \\ \underline{x}: f \end{array} \quad out_{V:E}(G) = \begin{array}{l} \underline{u}: a \ b \ h \\ \underline{v}: c \ f \\ \underline{w}: \\ \underline{x}: d \ e \ g \end{array}$$



## 2.7 More Graph Operations

- DEFINITION: The (*cartesian*) *product*  $G \times H$  of the graphs  $G$  and  $H$  has as its vertex-set the cartesian product

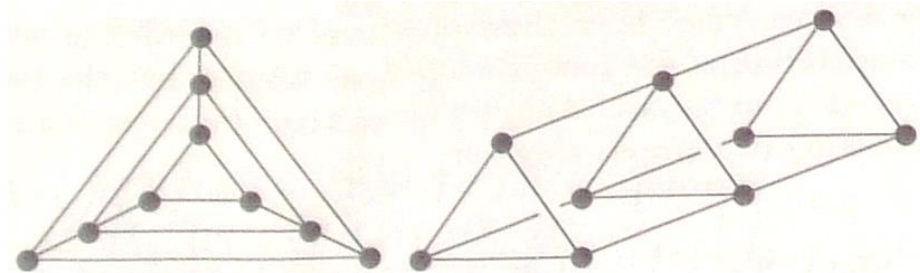
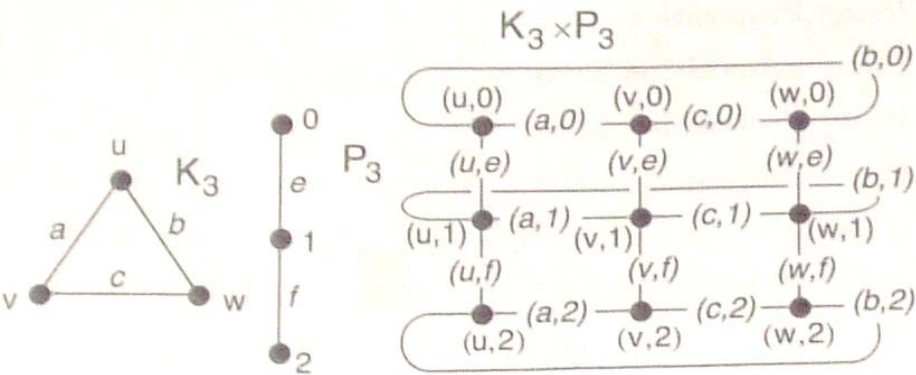
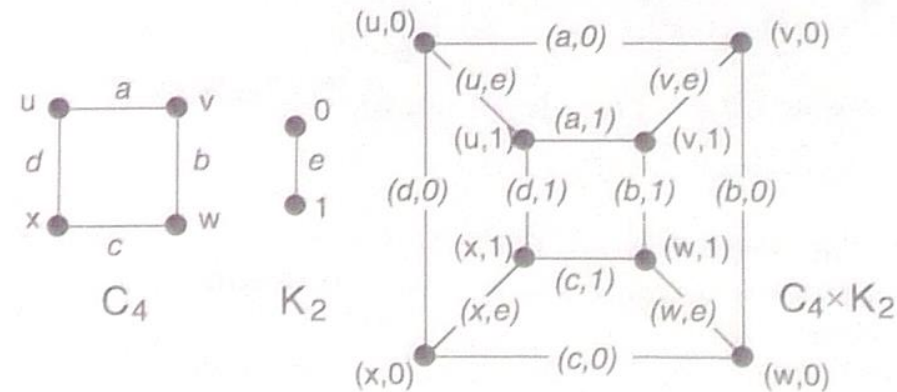
$$V_{G \times H} = V_G \times V_H$$

and as its edges a union of two products:

$$E_{G \times H} = (V_G \times E_H) \cup (E_G \times V_H)$$

- Example 2.7.1. Cartesian product  $C_4 \times K_2$

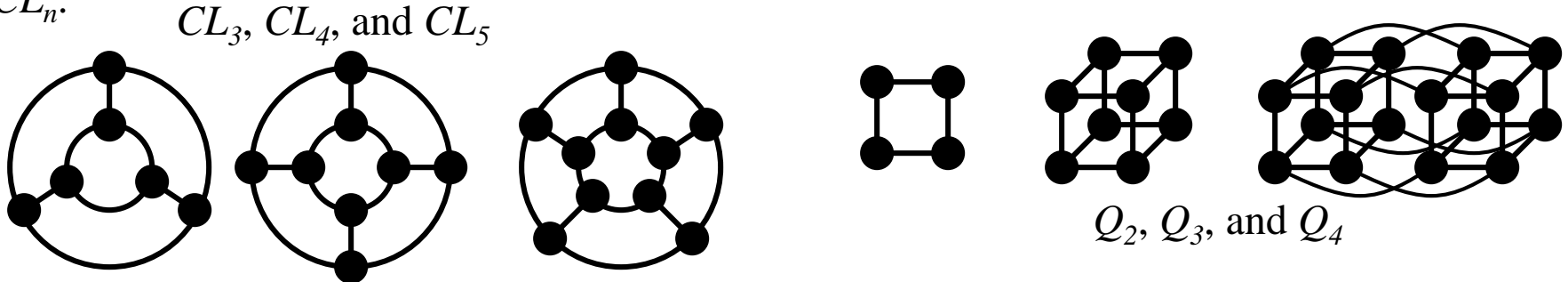
- Example 2.7.2. Cartesian product  $K_3 \times P_3$



Two alternative views of  $K_3 \times P_3$

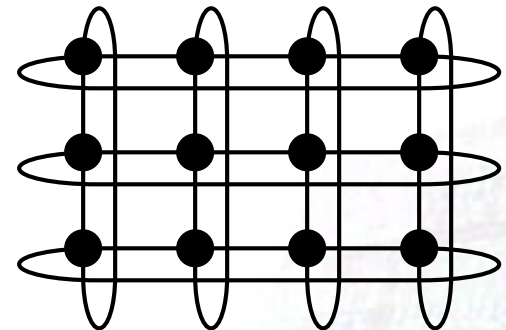
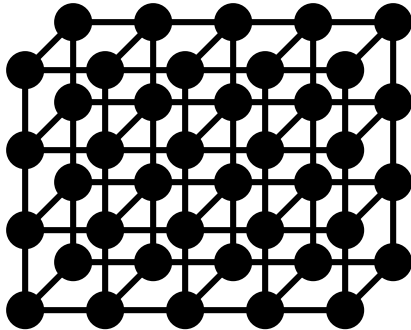
# Cartesian Product

- DEFINITION: The product  $K_2 \times C_n$  is called a *circular ladder with  $n$  rungs* and often denoted  $CL_n$ .



- DEFINITION: The iterated product  $K_2 \times \dots \times K_2$  of  $n$  copies of  $K_2$  is called either the *hypercube graph of dimension  $n$*  or the  *$n$ -hypercube graph*. It is denoted  $Q_n$ .

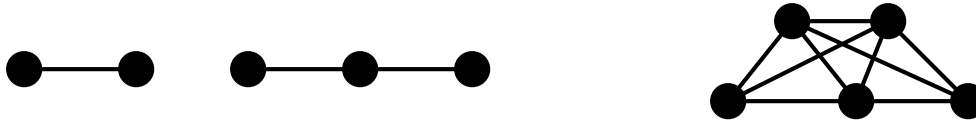
- DEFINITION: The  $m_1 \times m_2 \times \dots \times m_n$ -*mesh* is the iterated product  $P_{m_1} \times P_{m_2} \times \dots \times P_{m_n}$  of paths.



- DEFINITION: The *wraparound*  $m_1 \times m_2 \times \dots \times m_n$ -*mesh* is the iterated product  $C_{m_1} \times C_{m_2} \times \dots \times C_{m_n}$  of cycles.

# Join

- **Remark:** The product operation is both commutative and associative.
- **DEFINITION:** The *join*  $G + H$  of the graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is obtained from the graph union  $G \cup H$  by adding an edge between each vertex of  $G$  and each vertex of  $H$ .

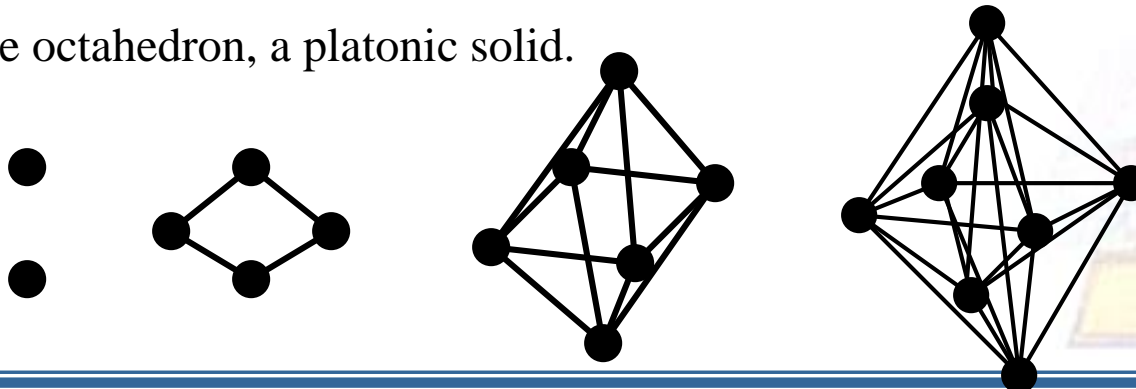


- **Example 2.7.3.** The join  $K_m + K_n$  is isomorphic to the complete graph  $K_{m+n}$ .
- **Example 2.7.4.** The join  $mK_1 + nK_1$  is isomorphic to the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ .
- **DEFINITION:** The  *$n$ -dimensional octahedral graph*  $O_n$ , is defined recursively, using the join operation.

$$O_n = \begin{cases} 2K_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2K_1 + O_{n-1} & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

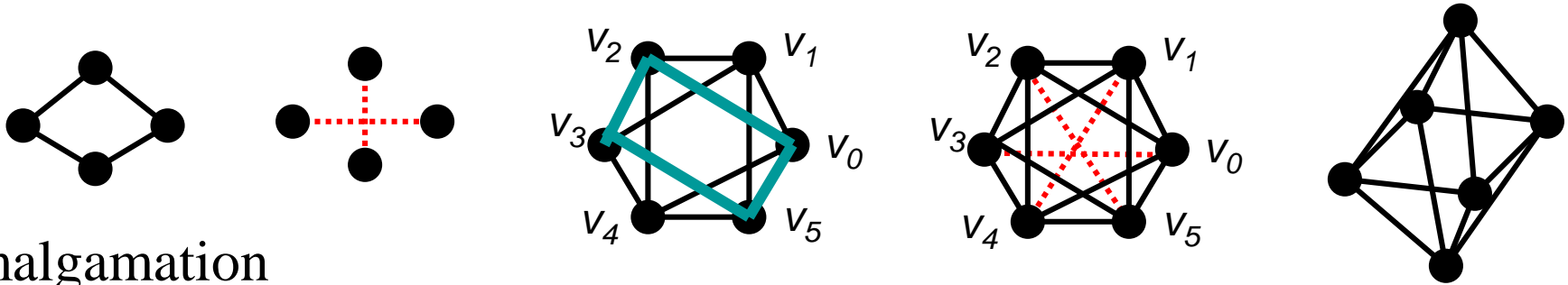
It is also called the  *$n$ -octahedral graph* or, when  $n = 3$ , the *octahedral graph*, because it is the 1-skeleton of the octahedron, a platonic solid.

- **Example 2.7.5.**



# Join & Amalgamations

- **Example 2.7.6.** The edge complement of the graph  $nK_2$  (in  $K_{2n}$ ) is isomorphic to  $O_n$ .

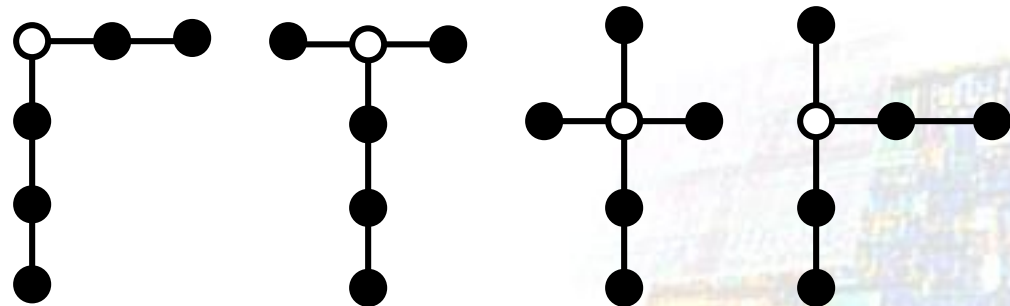
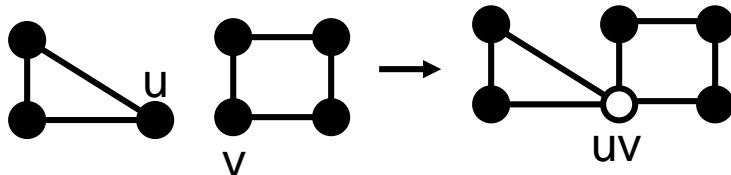


## Amalgamation

- **DEFINITION:** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be disjoint graphs, with  $u \in V_G$  and  $v \in V_H$ . The **vertex amalgamation**  $(G \cup H) / \{u = v\}$  is the graph obtained from the union  $G \cup H$  by merging (or amalgamating) vertex  $u$  of graph  $G$  and vertex  $v$  of graph  $H$  into a single vertex, called  $uv$ . The vertex-set of this new graph is  $(V_G - \{u\}) \cup (V_H - \{v\}) \cup \{uv\}$ , and the edge-set is  $E_G \cup E_H$ , except that any edge that had  $u$  or  $v$  as an endpoint now has the amalgamated vertex  $uv$  as an endpoint instead.

- **Example 2.7.7.**

- **Example 2.7.8.**



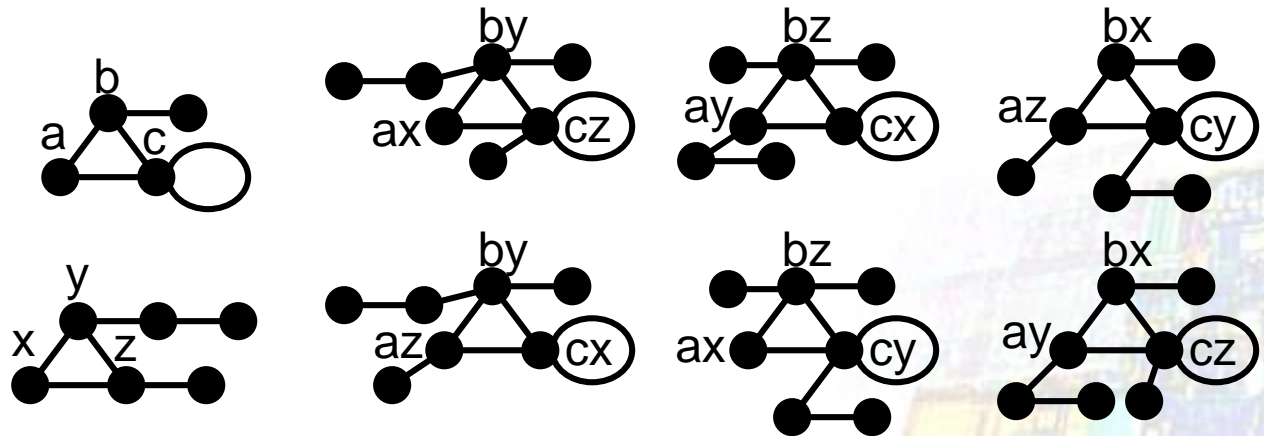
Four different vertex amalgamations of  $P_3$  and  $P_4$

# Amalgamations

□ **DEFINITION:** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be disjoint graphs, with  $X$  a subgraph of  $G$  and  $Y$  a subgraph of  $H$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an isomorphism between these subgraphs. The **amalgamation of  $G$  and  $H$  modulo the isomorphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$**  is the graph obtained from the union  $G \cup H$  by merging each vertex  $u$  and each edge  $e$  of subgraph  $X$  with their images  $f(u)$  and  $f(e)$  in subgraph  $Y$ . The amalgamated vertex is generically denoted  $uf(u)$ , and the amalgamated edge is generically denoted  $ef(e)$ . The vertex-set of this new graph is  $(V_G - V_X) \cup (V_H - V_Y) \cup \{uf(u) \mid u \in V_X\}$ , and the edge-set is  $(E_G - E_X) \cup (E_H - E_Y) \cup \{ef(e) \mid e \in E_X\}$ , except that any edge that had  $u \in V_X$  or  $f(u) \in V_Y$  as an endpoint now has the amalgamated vertex  $uf(u)$  as an endpoint instead. This general amalgamation is denoted  $(G \cup H) / f: X \rightarrow Y$ .

□ **DEFINITION:** In an amalgamated graph  $(G \cup H) / f: X \rightarrow Y$ , the image of the pasted subgraphs  $X$  and  $Y$  is called the **subgraph of amalgamation**.

□ **Example 2.7.9.**



six different possible amalgamated graphs.