

# Hamilton Paths & Cycles

Section 11.5



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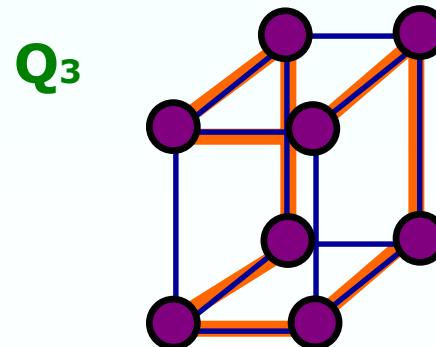
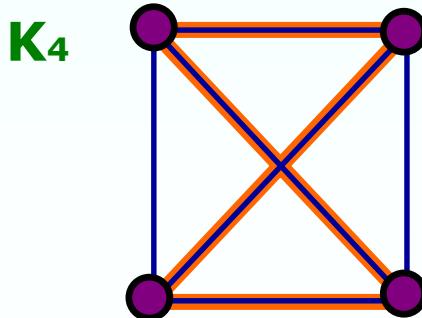
# Hamilton Path & Cycle

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## □ Definition

If  $G=(V,E)$  is a graph or multigraph with  $|V| \geq 3$ , we say that  $G$  has a **Hamilton cycle** if there is a **cycle** in  $G$  that contains every vertex in  $V$ .

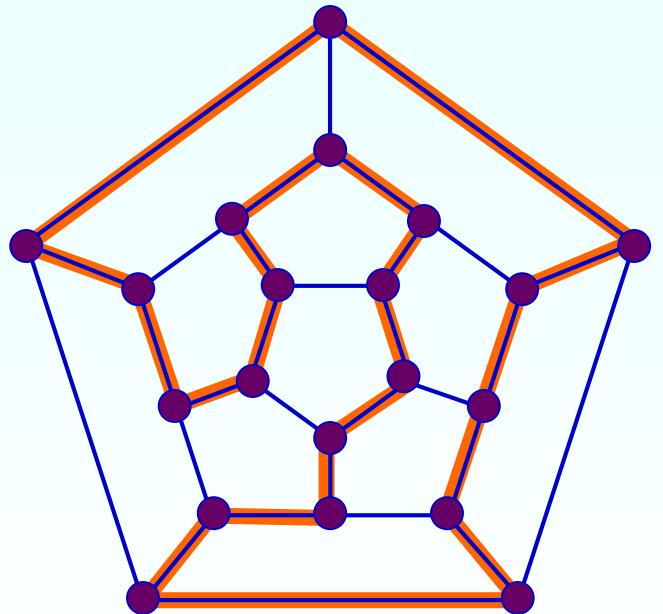
A **Hamilton path** is a path (and not a cycle) in  $G$  that contains each vertex.



# Another Example

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## Hamilton Cycle



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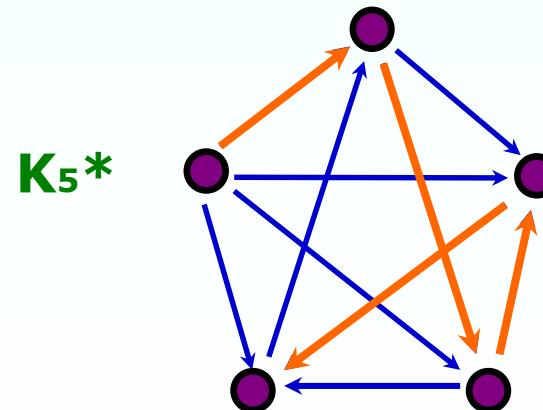
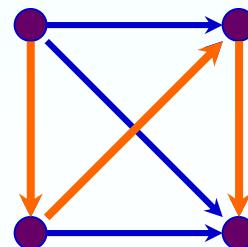
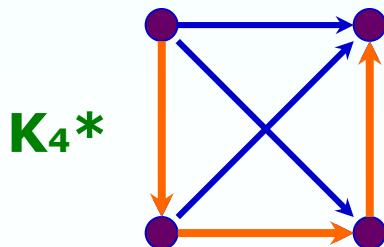
Dodecahedron

# Theorem 11.7

## □ Existence of a Hamilton path in $K_n^*$

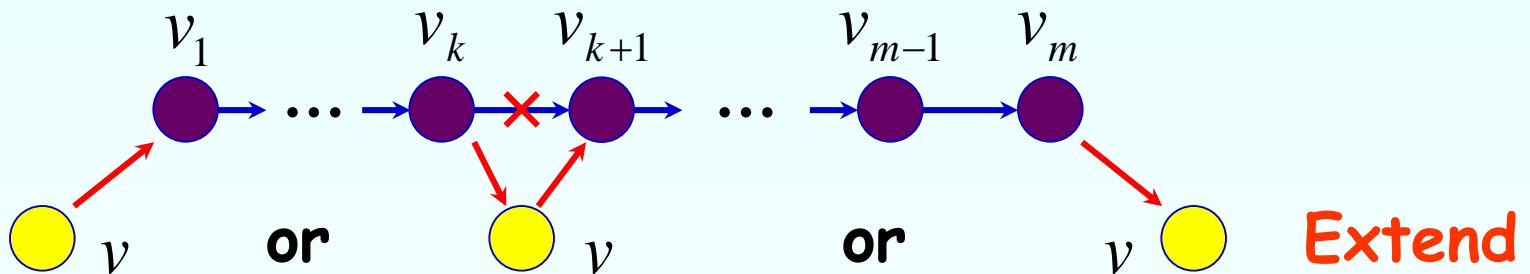
Let  $K_n^*$  be a complete directed graph. That is,  $K_n^*$  has  $n$  vertices and for each distinct pair  $x, y$  of vertices, exactly one of the edges  $(x, y)$  or  $(y, x)$  is in  $K_n^*$ .

Such a graph  $K_n^*$  always contains a (directed) Hamilton path.

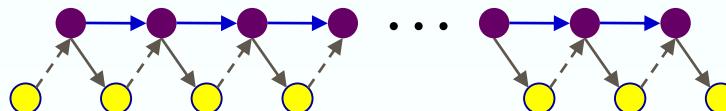


# Proof of Th 11.7

Let  $P_m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) a path containing the  $m-1$  edges.

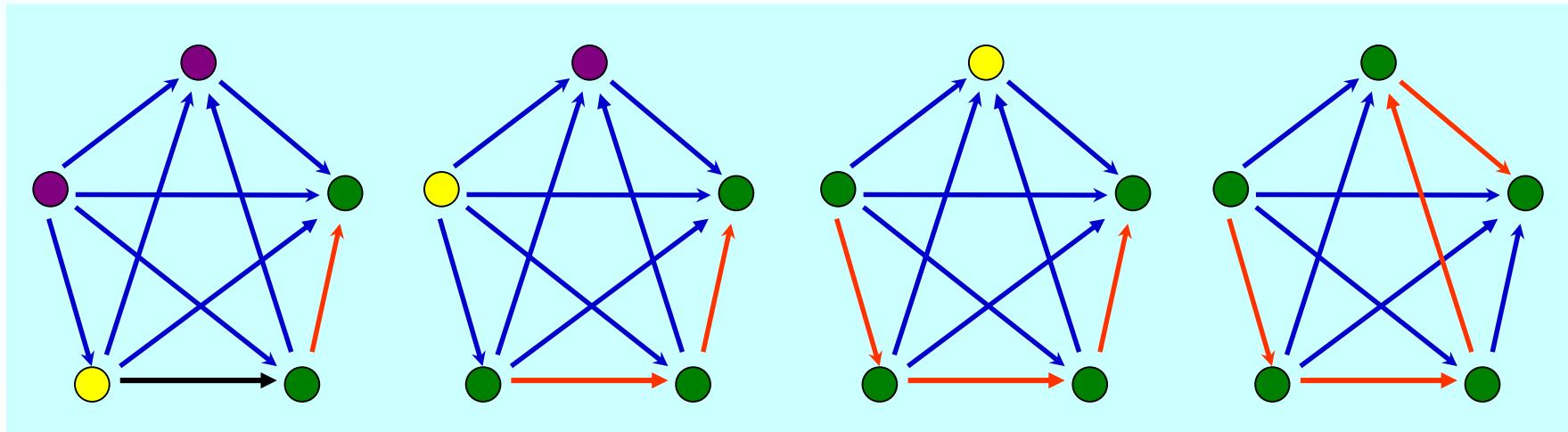
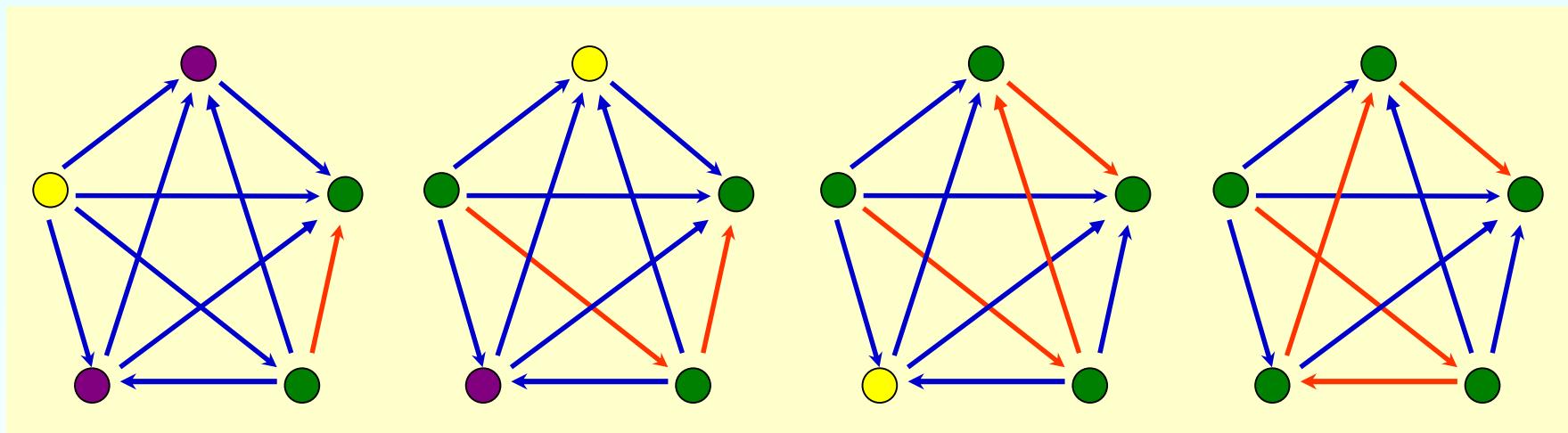


A new vertex  $v$  can be added into the path. Why?



This extension process can be repeated until a Hamilton path is found.

# Examples



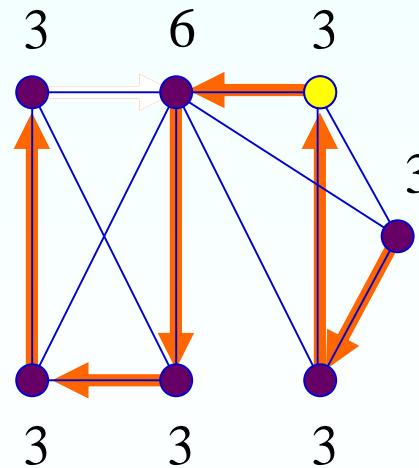
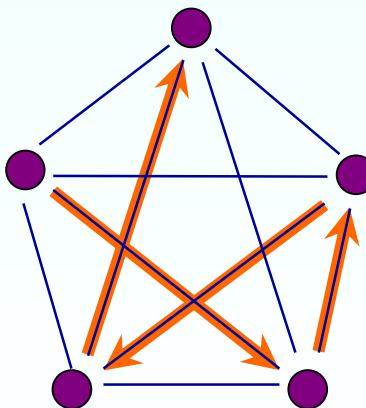
# Theorem 11.8

## □ Sufficient Condition for Existence of H.P.

Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free graph with  $|V| = n \geq 2$ .

If  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n-1$  for all  $x, y \in V, x \neq y$ ,

→  $G$  has a Hamilton path.

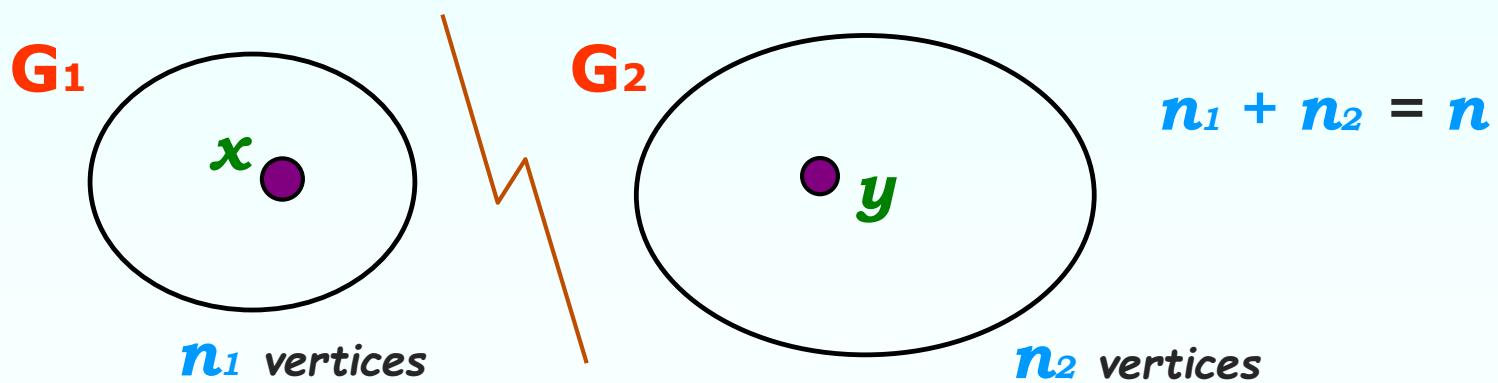


# Proof of Th 11.8

(1)  $G$  is connected

Proof by contradiction. ( $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n - 1$ )

Suppose that  $G$  is disconnected



$$\deg(x) \leq n_1 - 1$$

$$\deg(y) \leq n_2 - 1$$

$$\deg(x) + \deg(y) \leq (n_1 + n_2) - 2 = n - 2$$

Contradiction

# Proof of Th 11.8

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(2) Consider a path  $P_m$  of length  $m-1$  (with  $m$  vertices)

Extend the  $P_m$  at the start or the end point by appending a new vertex that is not equal to any one of the  $m$  vertices of the  $P_m$

If  $m = n$ , then we get a Hamilton path

If  $m \neq n$  and we cannot extend the  $P_m$  any more,

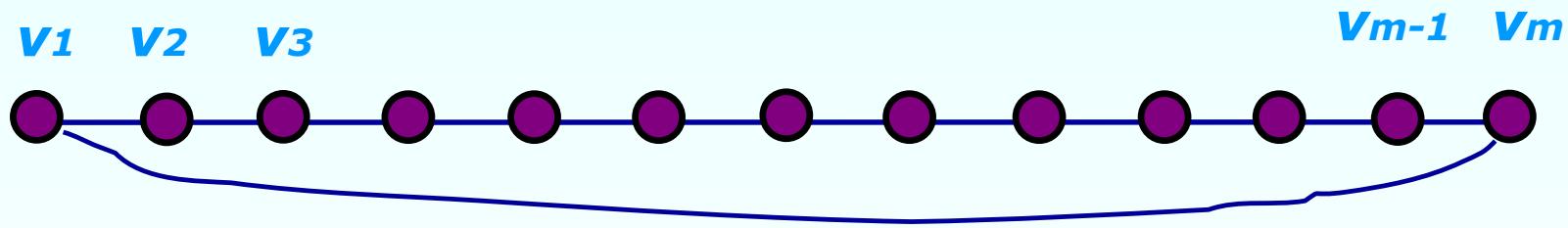
(2-1) The  $m$  vertices consists of a cycle

(2-2) The  $P_m$  can be extended for a vertex that is not found on this cycle

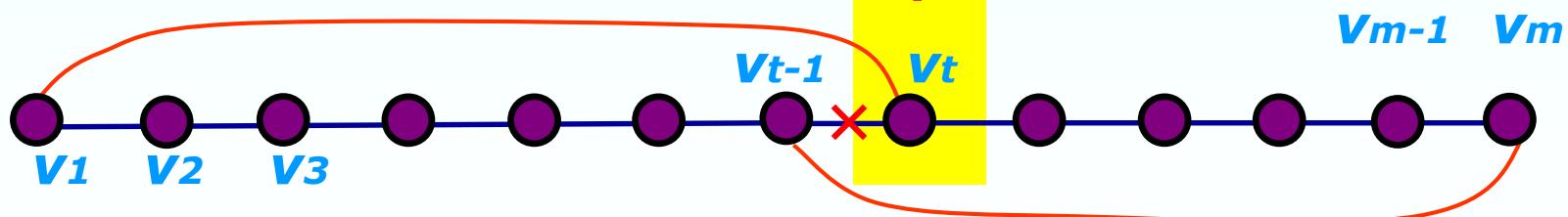
# Proof of (2-1)

□  $G$  contains a cycle on these  $m$  vertices

i)  $\{v_1, v_m\} \in E$



ii)  $\{v_1, v_m\} \notin E$



# Proof of (2-1)

## □ Existence of $v_t$

Let  $\deg(v_1) = k$ .

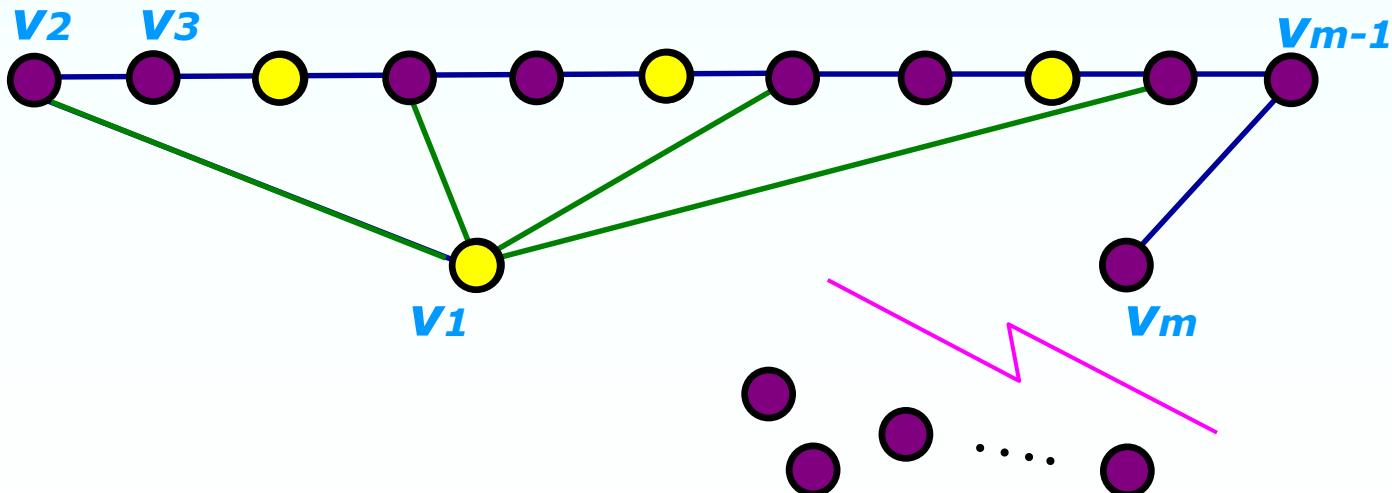
If such  $v_t$  and  $v_{t-1}$  do not exist, then

$$\deg(v_m) \leq (m-1)-k$$

Contradiction

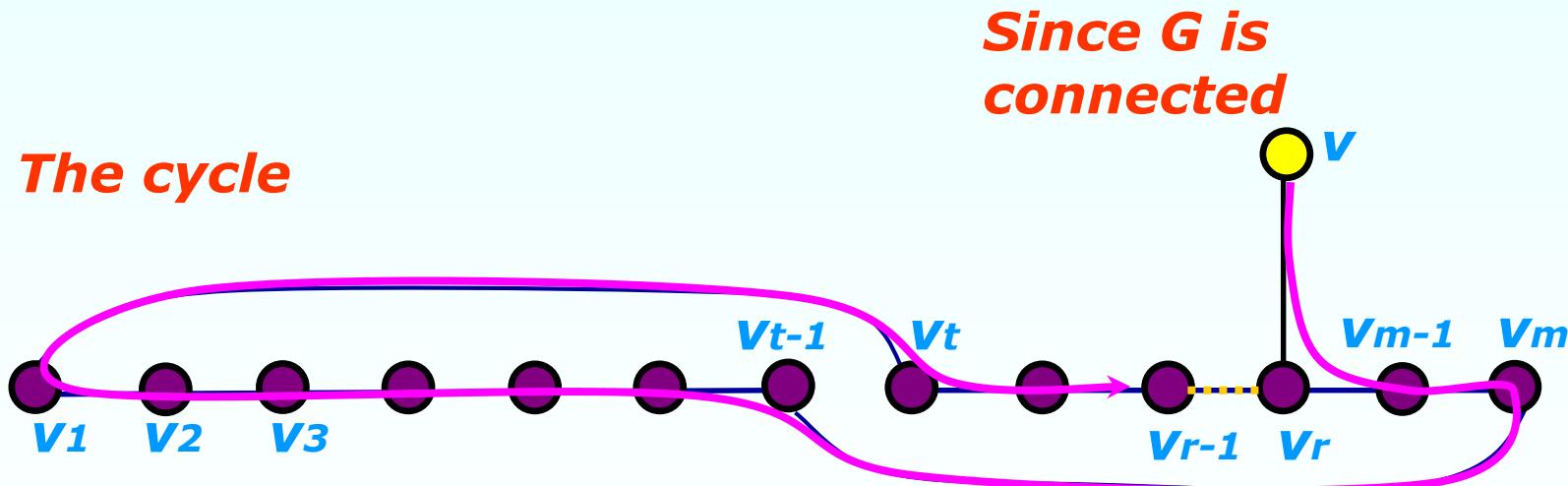
$$\deg(v_1) + \deg(v_m) \leq m-1 < n-1$$

$$\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n-1$$



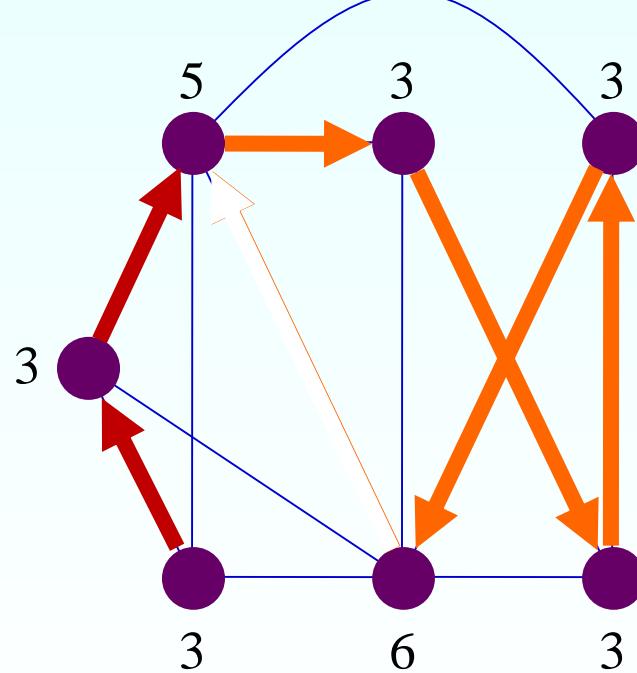
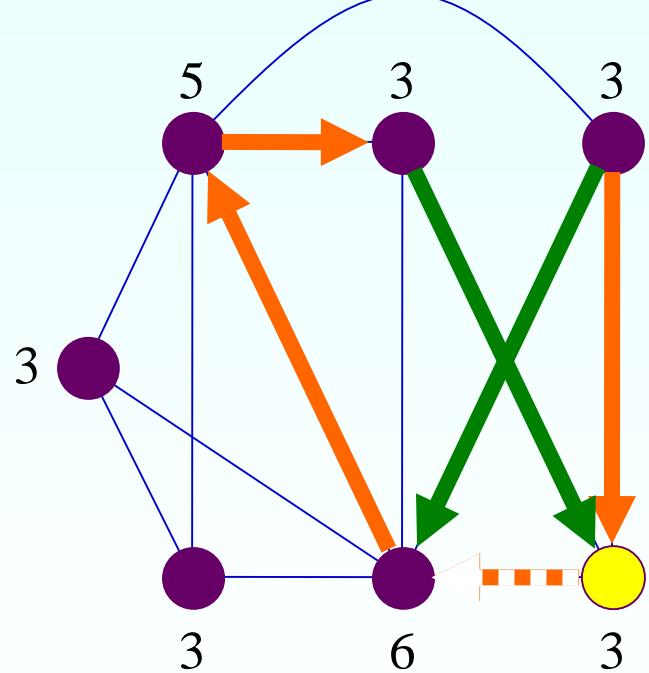
# Proof of (2-2)

- $P_m$  can be extended for a vertex that is not found on this cycle



# Example

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# Corollary 11.4

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## □ Another Sufficient Condition

Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free graph with  $|V|=n \geq 2$ .

If  $\deg(v) \geq (n-1)/2$  for all  $v \in V$ ,

→  $G$  has a Hamilton path

## • Proof

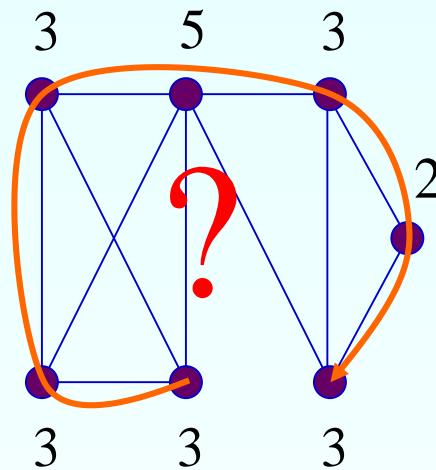
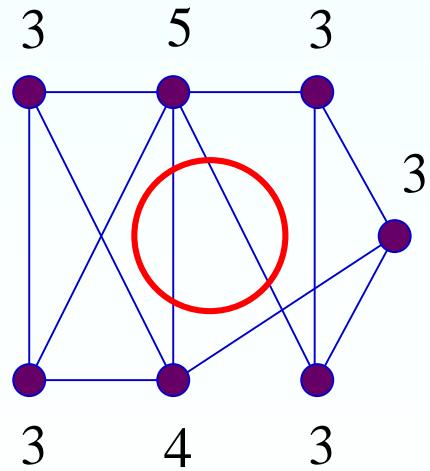
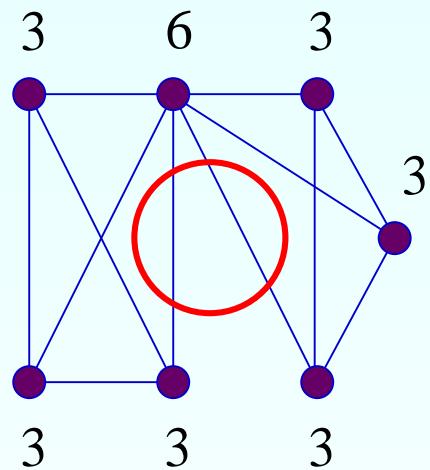
For any distinct  $u, v \in V$ ,  $\deg(u) + \deg(v) \geq n - 1$

From Theorem 11.8,  $G$  has a Hamilton path

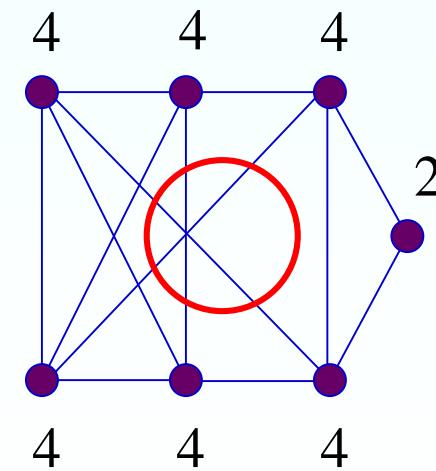
(Note) Corollary 11.4 is more strict

# Some Examples for Hamilton Path

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$A \rightarrow B$   
 $\bar{A} ?$



# Theorem 11.9

## □ Hamilton Cycle

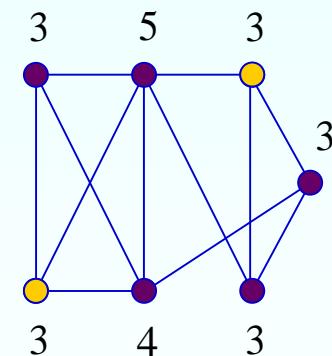
Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free undirected graph with  $|V| = n \geq 3$ . If  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n$  for all nonadjacent  $x, y \in V$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,

→  $G$  contains a Hamilton cycle

## □ Corollary 11.5

If  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free undirected graph with  $|V| = n \geq 3$ , and if  $\deg(v) \geq n/2$  for all  $v \in V$ ,

→  $G$  has a Hamilton cycle



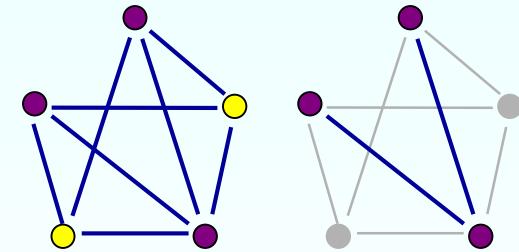
# Corollary 11.6

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## □ Another Condition

If  $G=(V,E)$  be a loop-free undirected graph with  $|V| = n \geq 3$ , and if  $|E| \geq n-1C_2 + 2$ ,

→  $G$  has a Hamilton cycle



## ● Proof

Let  $a, b \in V$ , where  $\{a,b\} \notin E$ . Let  $H=(V', E')$  be the subgraph of  $G$  by removing both the  $a, b$  vertices and their edges

Then,  $|E| = |E'| + \deg(a) + \deg(b)$

## (Proof)

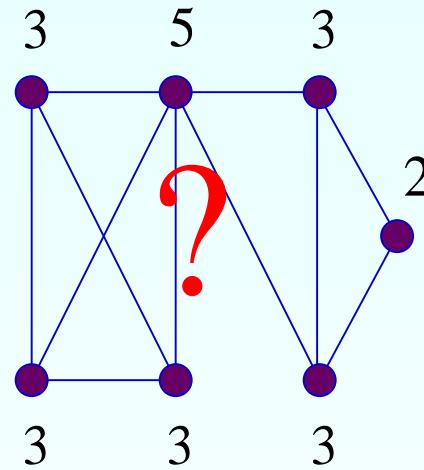
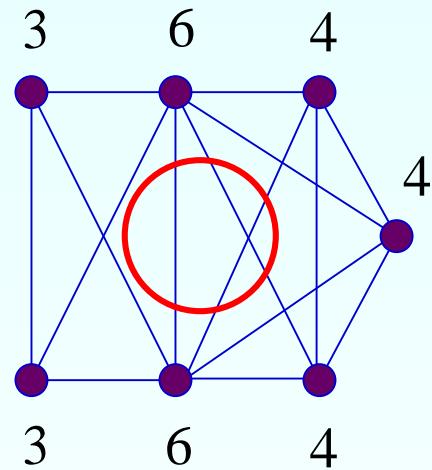
Since  $|V'| = n-2$  and  $H$  is a subgraph of the complete graph  $K_{n-2}$ ,  $|E'| \leq {}_{n-2}C_2$

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{n-1}C_2 + 2 &\leq |E| = |E'| + \deg(a) + \deg(b) \\ &\leq {}_{n-2}C_2 + \deg(a) + \deg(b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \deg(a) + \deg(b) \geq {}_{n-1}C_2 + 2 - {}_{n-2}C_2 = n$$

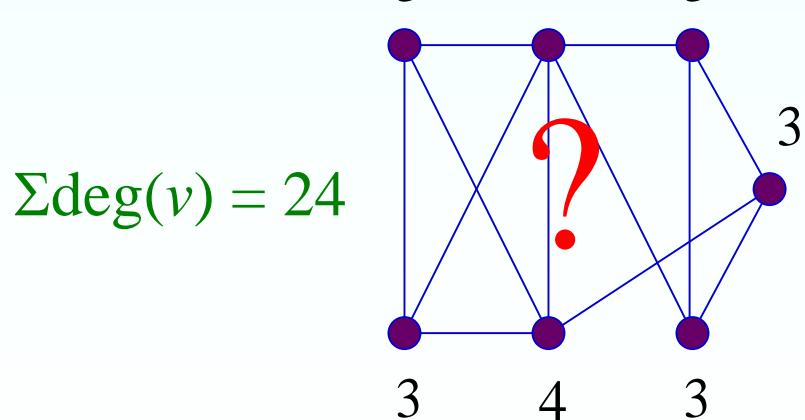
According to theorem 11.9, there is a Hamilton cycle in the given G

# Some Examples for Hamilton Cycle

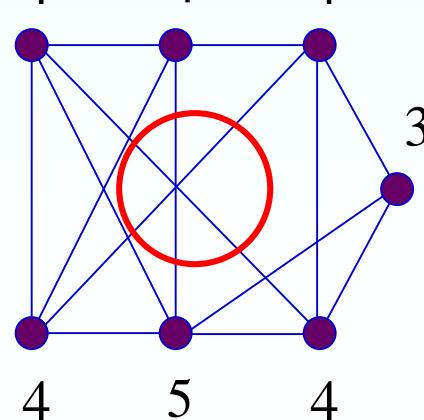


$$\Sigma \deg(v) = 22$$

$$n-1 C_2 + 2 = 17$$



$$\Sigma \deg(v) = 24$$

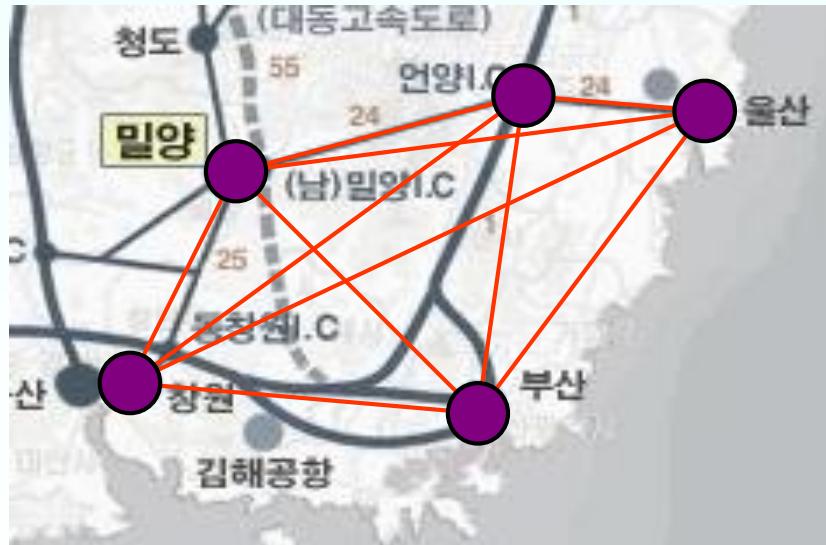


# Traveling Salesman Problem

- Weighted graph  $G = (V, E, W)$

최소의 비용으로 모든 도시를 각 한번씩 방문하고  
집으로 돌아오는 cycle 찾는 문제

No optimal solution within a reasonable amount of time

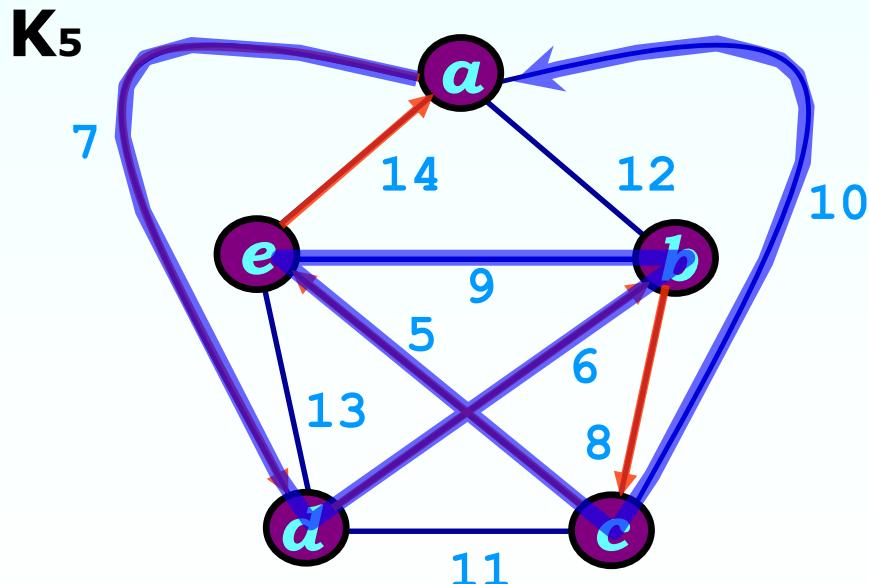


# Traveling Salesman Problem

## □ Greedy Algorithm

각 vertex에서 아직 방문하지 않은 vertex와 edge 중  
가장 비용이 작은 것을 선택하는 heuristic 적용

Cannot provide us the optimal solution



**Greedy solution (40)**

; a → d → b → c → e → a  
7    6    8    5    14

**Another solution (37)**

; a → d → b → e → c → a  
7    6    9    5    10

# Summary of Hamilton Path & Cycle

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- Path (cycle) that contains every vertices
  - H.P. in Complete Directed Graph :  $K_n^*$
- ① If  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n - 1$  for all  $x, y \in V$ ,  $x \neq y$  or  
② If  $\deg(v) \geq (n-1)/2$  for all  $v \in V$   
→ G has a Hamilton Path
- ① If  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \geq n$  for all nonadjacent  $x, y \in V$ ,  $x \neq y$  or  
② If  $\deg(v) \geq n/2$  for all  $v \in V$  or  
③ If  $|E| \geq n-1C_2 + 2$ ,  
→ G contains a Hamilton Cycle

# Graph Coloring

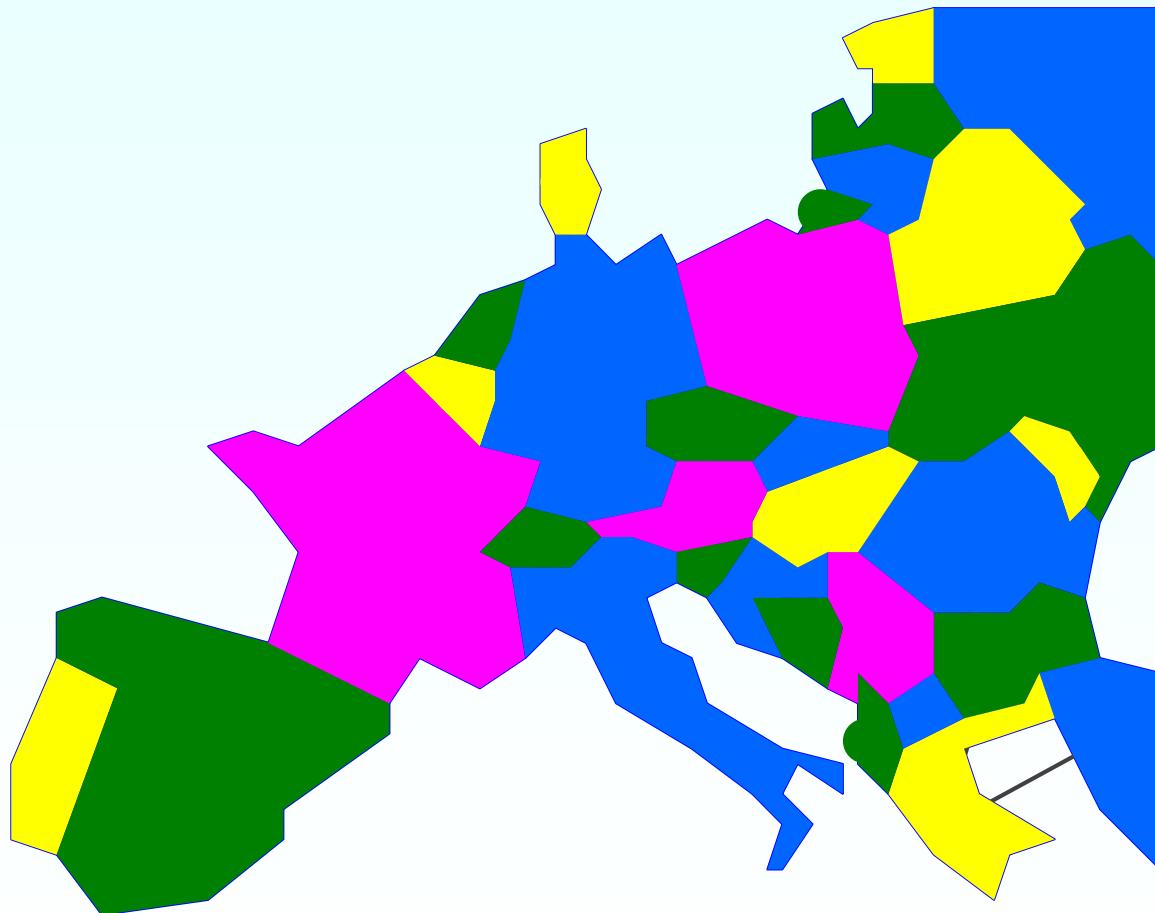
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# Map Maker's Problem

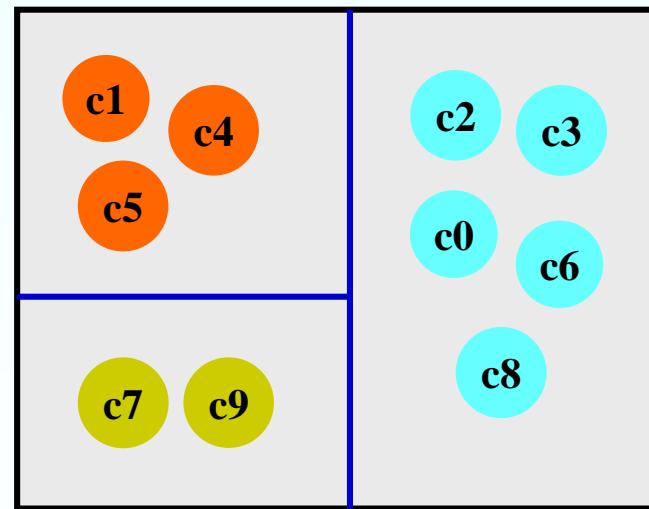
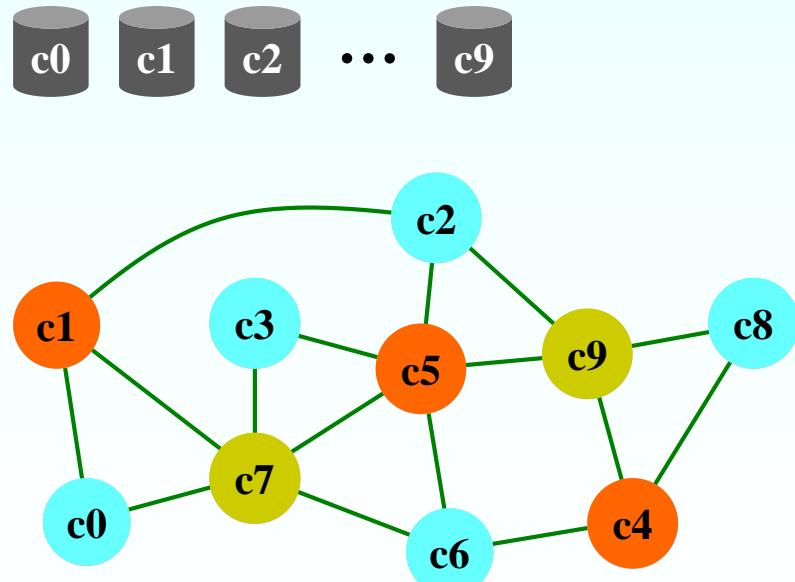
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# (Another Ex.) Compartment Building

## □ Problem

함께 보관할 수 없는 화학약품들을 분리하여 보관할 수 있도록 창고에 분리 칸막이 공사를 하라.



# Graph Coloring

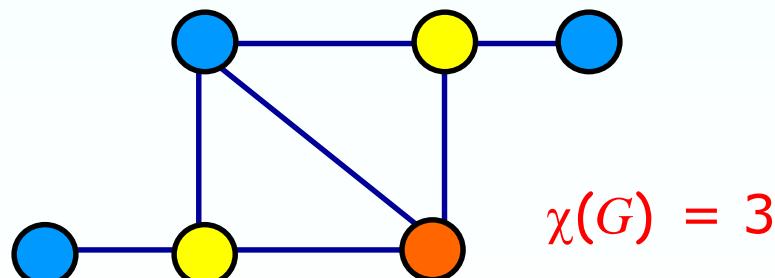
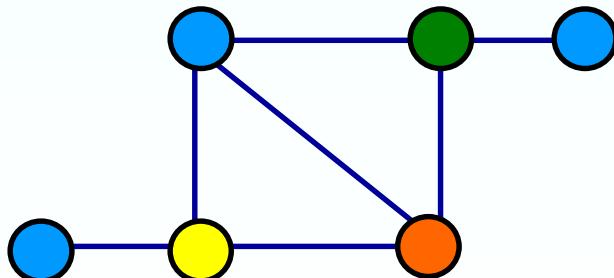
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## □ Definition

If  $G = (V, E)$  is an undirected graph, a proper coloring of  $G$  occurs when adjacent vertices have different colors.

## □ Chromatic number

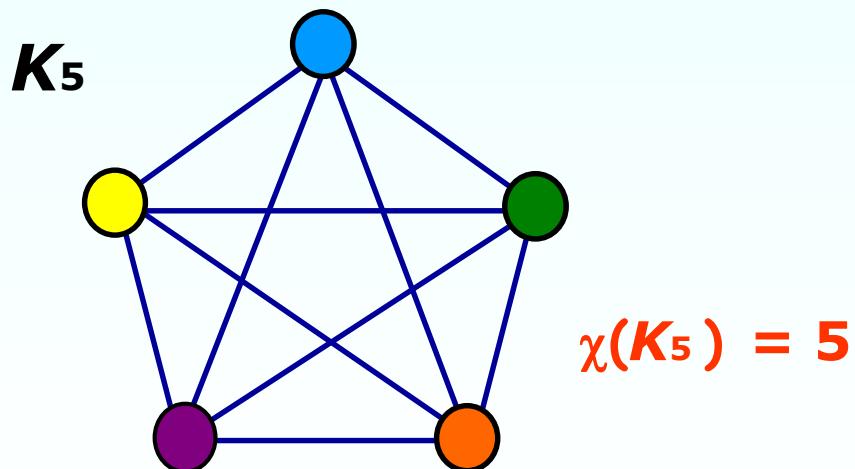
The minimum number of colors needed to properly color  $G$ , which is written  $\chi(G)$ .



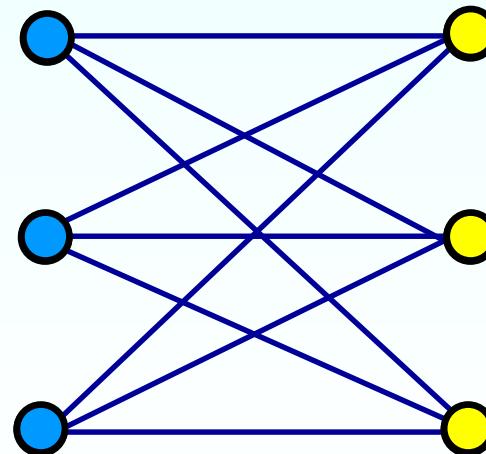
# Coloring Complete Graphs

- The chromatic number of a complete graph  $K_n$  is  $n$

$$\chi(K_n) = n$$



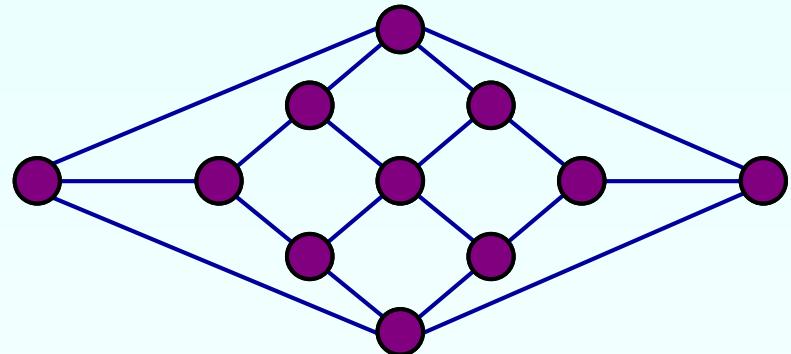
$K_{3,3}$  ?



# Coloring Planar Graph

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- Any planar graph is 5-colorable



Herschel Graph

- Four Color Conjecture

Any planar graph is 4-colorable.

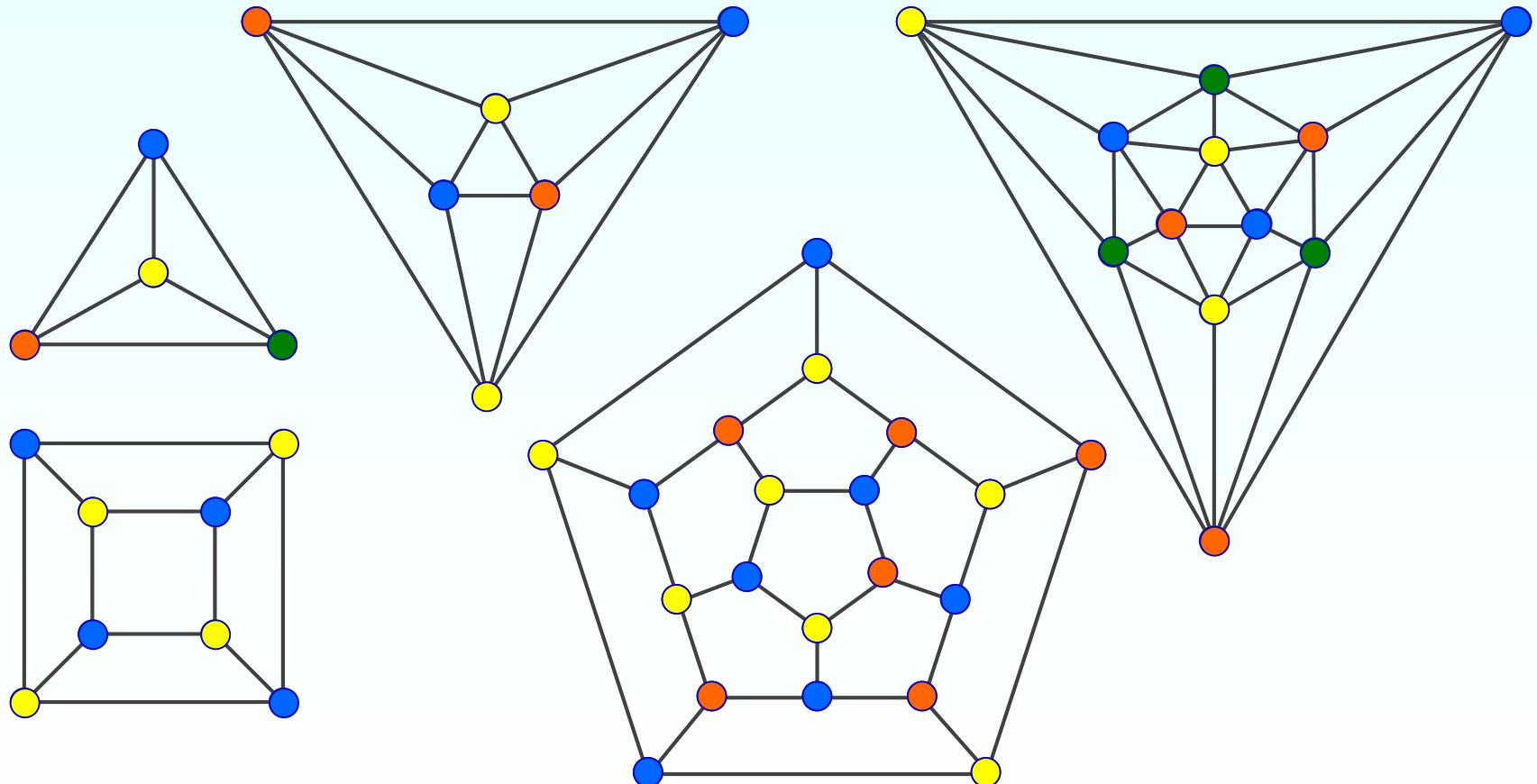
Posed in 1850s, proved by K.Appel & W.Haken

in 1976 through analyzing 2,000 different cases

# Some Questions

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(Q1)  $\chi(G)$  for the five platonic graphs ?



# Some Questions

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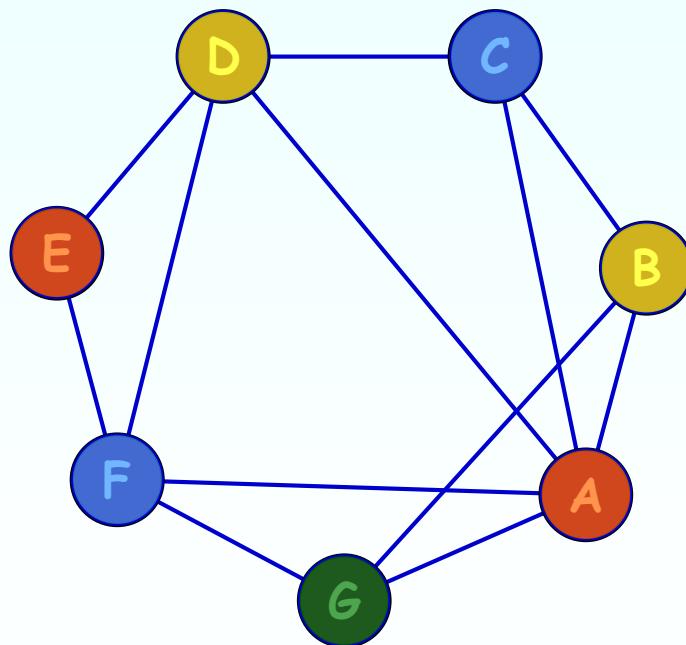
- (Q2) If a graph  $G_1$  is a subgraph of  $G_2$ , what can you say about  $\chi(G_1)$  and  $\chi(G_2)$  ?
- (Q3) What is the only graph with  $n$  vertices and chromatic number 1 ?
- (Q4) If a graph is a tree, what is its chromatic number ? (A tree is a connected acyclic graph.)

# Some Questions

(Q5) 각 학생이 하루에 한 과목만 시험칠 수 있도록 시험계획표를 작성함. 최소로 필요한 시험일수는?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	v	v	v		v	v	
B	v		v				v
C	v	v		v			
D	v		v	v	v		
E			v			v	
F	v			v	v		v
G	v	v			v		

한 학생 이상이 동시에  
수강하고 있는 과목 표기

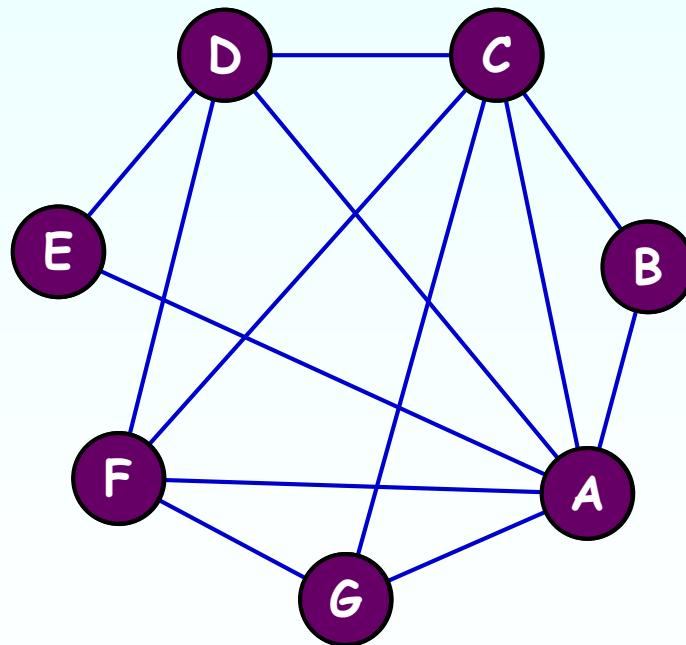


# Some Questions

## (Q6) 유아교육원에서 최소의 사물함 마련 문제

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
7:00	v			v	v		
8:00	v	v	v				
9:00	v		v	v		v	
10:00	v		v			v	v
11:00	v					v	v
12:00	v				v		

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A		v	v	v	v	v	v
B	v		v				
C	v	v		v		v	v
D	v		v		v	v	
E	v		v				
F	v		v	v			v
G	v		v			v	



# Summary of Graph Coloring

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- Chromatic Number  $\chi(G)$
- $\chi(K_n) = n$
- Four Color Conjecture
  - Any planar graph is 4-colorable
- Application Examples
  - Map Making
  - 화학약품 창고 칸막이
  - 1과목/일 시험 스케줄링
  - 유치원 사물함