Graphs

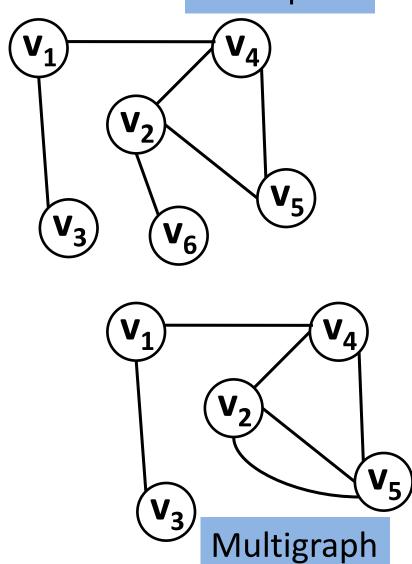
Introduction

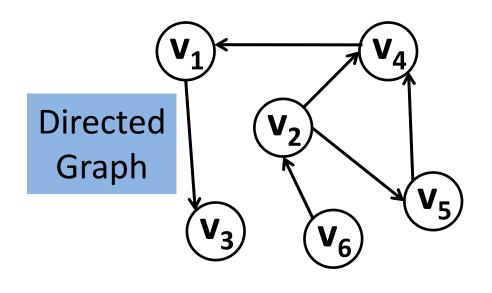
- Generalization of a tree.
- Collection of vertices (or nodes) and connections between them.
- No restriction on
 - -The number of vertices.
 - The number of connections between the two vertices.
- Have several real life applications.

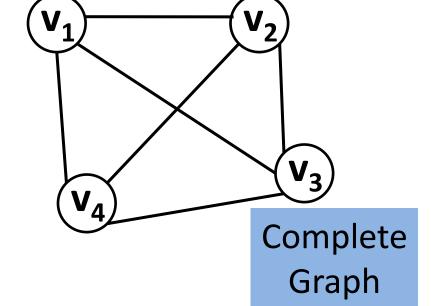
Definition

- A graph G = (V,E) consists of a
 - Non-empty set V of vertices and
 - -Possibly empty set E of edges.
- |V| denotes number of vertices.
- |E| denotes number of edges.
- An edge (or arc) is a pair of vertices (v_i, v_j) from V.
 - -Simple or undirected graph $(v_i, v_i) = (v_i, v_i)$.
 - Digraph or directed graph (v_i, v_j) ≠ (v_j, v_i) .
- An edge has an associated weight or cost as well.

Undirected Graph







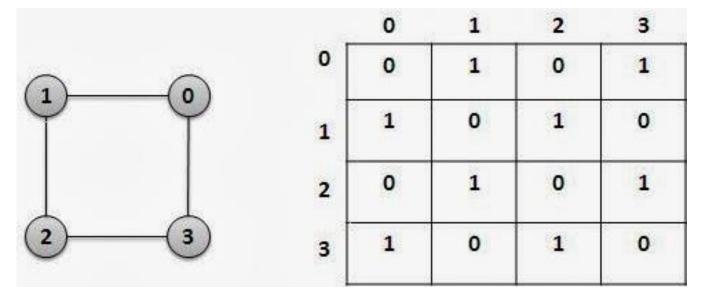
Representation – I

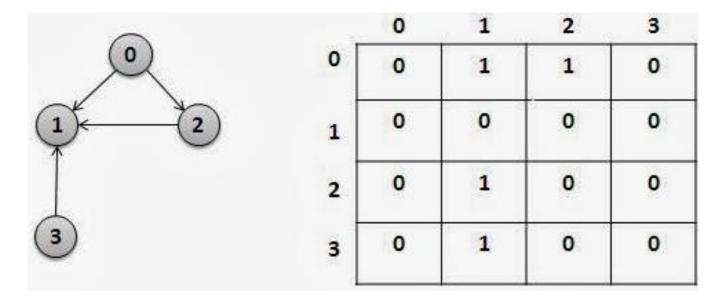
- Adjacency matrix
 - Adjacency matrix for a graph G = (V, E) is a two dimensional matrix of size $|V| \times |V|$ such that each entry of this matrix

$$a[i][j] = \int 1$$
 (or weight), if an edge (v_i, v_j) exists.
0, otherwise.

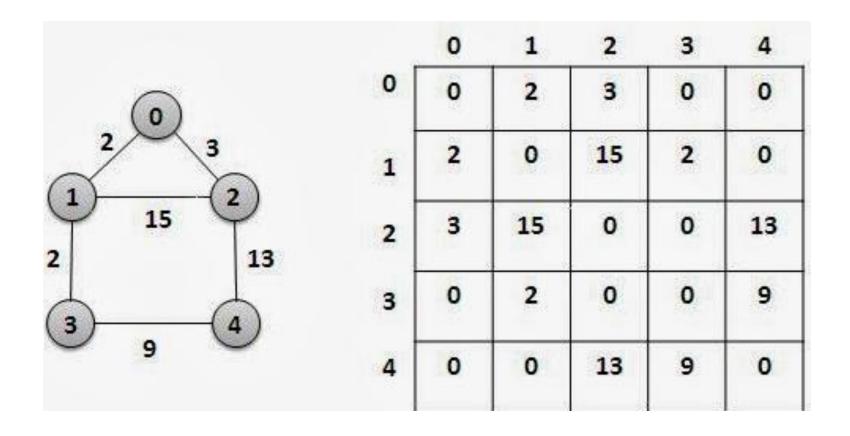
- For an undirected graph, it is always a symmetric matrix, as $(v_i, v_i) = (v_i, v_i)$.

Adjacency matrix





Contd... (weighted)

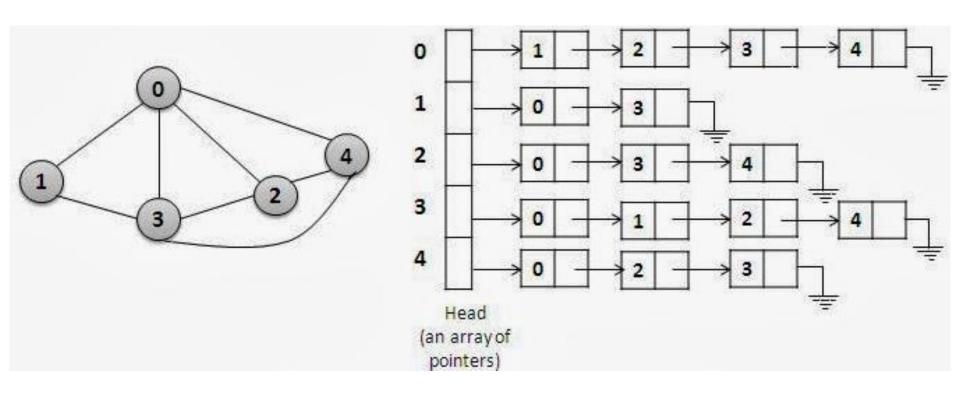


Representation – II

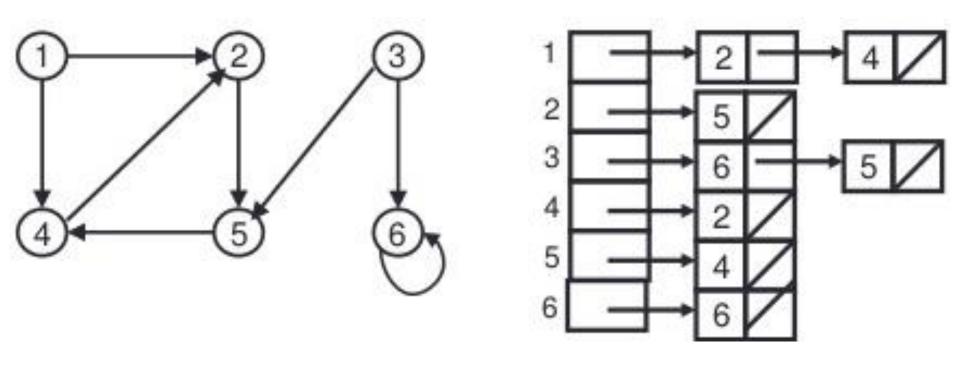
- Adjacency list
 - Uses an array of linked lists with size equals to |V|.
 - An i^{th} entry of an array points to a linked list of vertices adjacent to v_i .
 - The weights of edges are stored in nodes of linked lists to represent a weighted graph.

Adjacency List

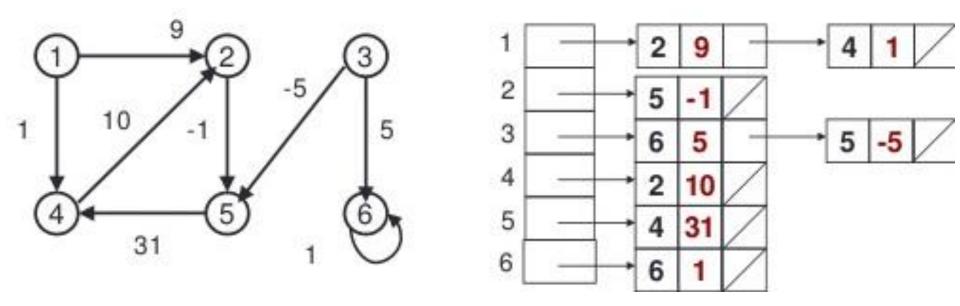
Undirected graph



Directed graph



Weighted directed graph



Pros and Cons

	Adjacency Matrix	Adjacency List
Memory Requirement	O(V ²)	O(V + E)
Add Edge	O(1)	O(1)
Remove Edge	O(1)	O(E)
Find Edge Existence	O(1)	O(V)
Find # of Edges	O(V ²)	O(E)
Add Vertex	O(V ²)	O(V)
Remove Vertex	O(V ²)	O(E)
Visit Adjacent Vertices	O(V)	O(Degree of that node)

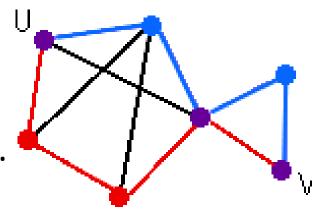
Some Definitions

Walk

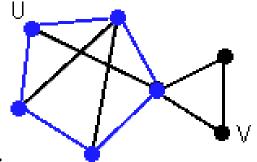
- An alternating sequence of vertices and connecting edges.
- Can end on the same vertex on which it began or on a different vertex.
- Can travel over any edge and any vertex any number of times.

Path

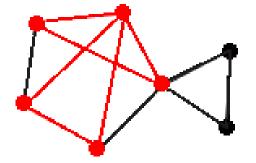
 A walk that does not include any vertex twice, except that its first and last vertices might be the same.



- Trail
 - A walk that does not pass over the same edge twice.
 - Might visit the same vertex twice, but only if it comes and goes from a different edge each time.
- Cycle
 - Path that begins and ends on the same vertex.





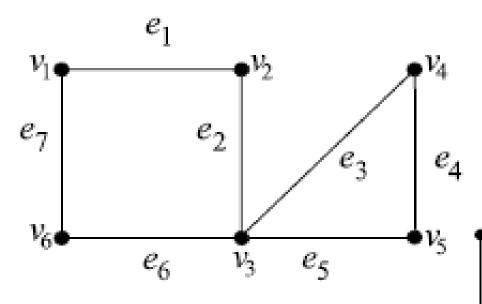


 Trail that begins and ends on the same vertex.

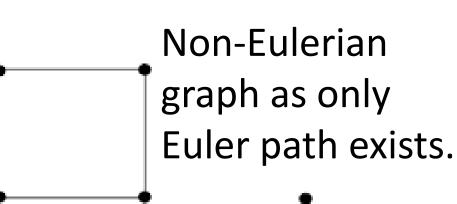
Euler Graphs

- An Eulerian trail (or Eulerian path) is a trail in a graph which visits every edge exactly once.
- An Eulerian circuit (or Eulerian cycle) is an Eulerian trail which starts and ends on the same vertex.
- A graph containing an Eulerian circuit is called Euler graph.
- A connected graph G is an Euler graph if and only if all vertices of G are of even degree.

Example



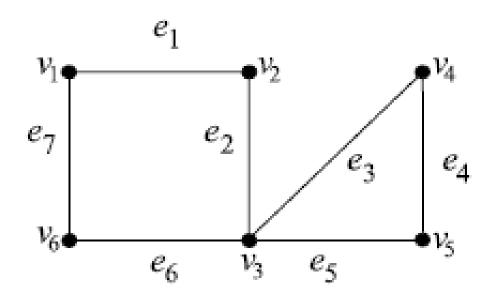
Eulerian graph as Euler circuit exists.



Fleury's algorithm

- 1. Start at a vertex of odd degree (Euler path), or, if the graph has none, start with an arbitrarily chosen vertex (Euler circuit).
- 2. Choose the next edge in the path to be one whose deletion would not disconnect the graph. (Always choose the non-bridge in between a bridge and a non-bridge.)
- 3. Add that edge to the circuit, and delete it from the graph.
- 4. Continue until the circuit is complete.

Example – 1



Vertex	Degree
v_1	2
v_2	2
v_3	4
v_4	2
v_5	2
v_6	2

As degree of each vertex is even, thus Euler circuit exists.

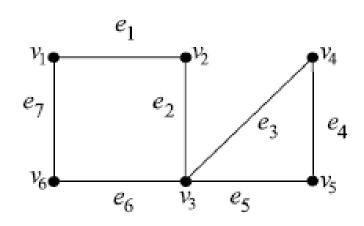
Graph	Current Vertex	Trail
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	v_1	NULL
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	v_2	$egin{array}{c} v_1v_2 \ ext{or} \ e_1 \ \end{array}$
e_7 e_4 e_6 e_6 e_7 e_8	v_3	$v_1v_2v_3$ or e_1e_2

Graph	Current Vertex	Trail
v_1 v_4 e_4 v_6 v_6 v_8 v_8 v_8 v_8 v_8	v_4 v_3v_6 or e_6 is a bridge and can't be selected.	$v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4$ or $e_1 e_2 e_3$
v_1 v_6 e_6 v_3 e_5 v_5	v_5	$v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5$ or $e_1 e_2 e_3 e_4$
v_1 e_7 v_6 e_6 v_3	v_3	$v_1v_2v_3v_4v_5v_3$ or $e_1e_2e_3e_4e_5$

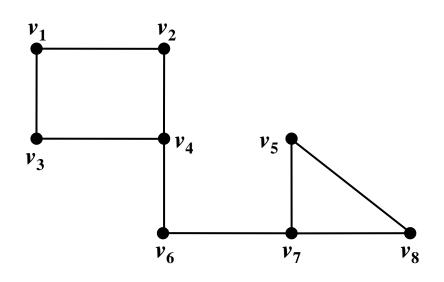
Graph	Current Vertex	Trail
v_1 e_7 v_6	v_6	$v_1v_2v_3v_4v_5v_3v_6$ or $e_1e_2e_3e_4e_5e_6$
NULL	v_1	$\begin{array}{c} v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_3 v_6 v_1 \\ \text{or} \\ e_1 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7 \end{array}$

Required Trail:

 $v_1v_2v_3v_4v_5v_3v_6v_1\\$ or $e_1e_2e_3e_4e_5e_6e_7$



Example – 2



Vertex	Degree
v_1	2
v_2	2
v_3	4
v_4	3
v_5	2
v_6	2
v_7	3
v_8	2

- As degree of all the vertices is even except two (v_4 or v_7), thus Euler path exists.
- Start either from v_4 or v_7 .

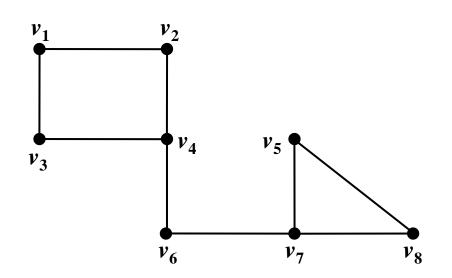
Graph	Current Vertex	Trail
	v_4	NULL
v_3 v_4 v_5 v_7 v_8		
v ₁ v ₂	v_2	v_4v_2
v_3 v_4 v_5 v_7 v_8	v_4v_6 is a bridge and can't be selected.	
v ₁	v_1	$v_4v_2v_1$
v_3 v_4 v_5 v_7 v_8		

Graph			Current Vertex	Trail
v ₃	v ₄	v_5 v_7 v_8	v_3	$v_4v_2v_1v_3$
	v ₄	v_5 v_7 v_8	v_4	$v_4v_2v_1v_3v_4$
	• v ₆	v_5 v_7 v_8	v_6	$v_4 v_2 v_1 v_3 v_4 v_6$
		v_5 v_7 v_8	<i>v</i> ₇	$v_4 v_2 v_1 v_3 v_4 v_6 v_7$

Graph	Current Vertex	Trail
v ₅	v_5	$v_4 v_2 v_1 v_3 v_4 v_6 v_7 v_5$
v_7 v_8		
	v_8	$v_4 v_2 v_1 v_3 v_4 v_6 v_7 v_5 v_8$
v_7 v_8		
NULL	v_7	$v_4 v_2 v_1 v_3 v_4 v_6 v_7 v_5 v_8 v_7$

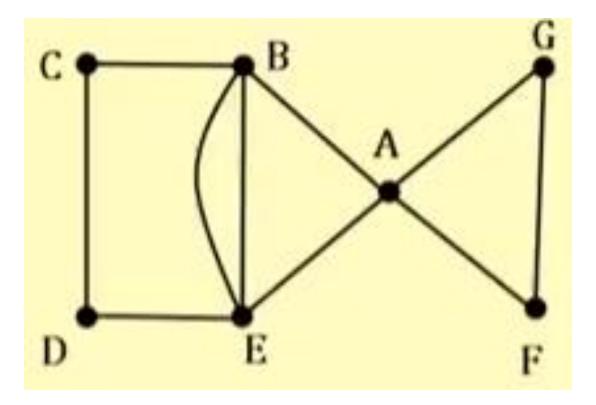
• Required Trail:

 $v_4v_2v_1v_3v_4v_6v_7v_5v_8v_7$



Example – 3

 Find Euler circuit using Fleury's algorithm. Start at vertex A.



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- In Fleury's algorithm, the graph traversal is linear in the number of edges, i.e. **O(|E|)**, excluding the complexity of detecting bridges.
- With Tarjan's linear time bridge-finding algorithm,
 the time complexity is O(|E|²).
- With Thorup's dynamic bridge-finding algorithm, the time complexity gets improved to O(|E|(log|E|)³log log |E|).

Hierholzer's algorithm

- 1. Choose any starting vertex v, and follow a trail of edges from that vertex until returning to v. The tour formed in this way is a closed tour, but may not cover all the vertices and edges of the initial graph.
- 2. As long as there exists a vertex u that belongs to the current tour but that has adjacent edges not part of the tour, start another trail from u, following unused edges until returning to u, and join the tour formed in this way to the previous tour.

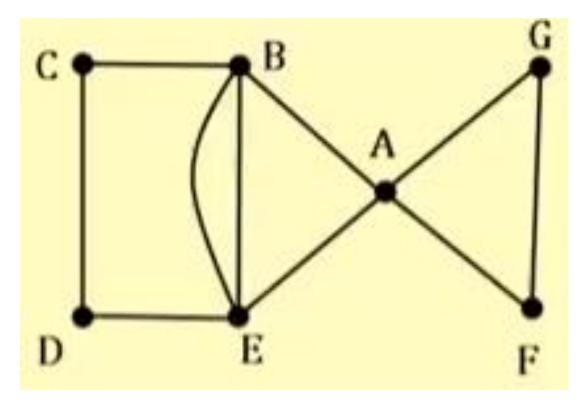
Example – 1

Graph	Trail
v_1 v_2 v_4 v_6 v_3 v_5	$v_1v_2\underline{v_3}v_6v_1$
v_3 v_5	$v_1v_2v_3v_4v_5v_3v_6v_1$
Null	Required Trail:
	$v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_3 v_6 v_1$

Example – 2

• Find Euler circuit using Hierholzer's algorithm. Start at vertex A.

- Solution:
 - ABCDEA
 - AGFABCDEA
 - AGFABEBCDEA



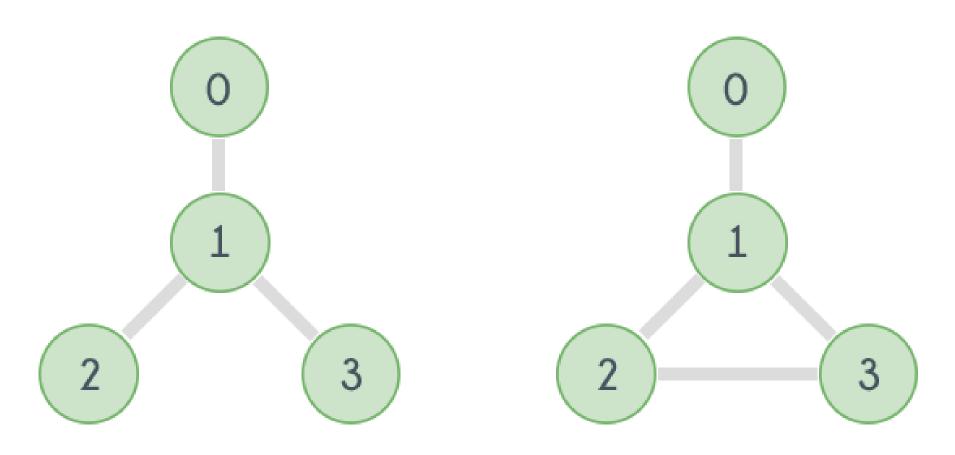
- If doubly linked list is used to maintain
 - The set of unused edges incident to each vertex,
 - The list of vertices on the current tour that have unused edges, and
 - The tour itself.
- The individual operations of finding
 - Unused edges exiting each vertex,
 - A new starting vertex for a tour, and
 - Connecting two tours that share a vertex.
- May be performed in constant time, so the algorithm takes linear time, O(|E|).

Hamiltonian Graphs

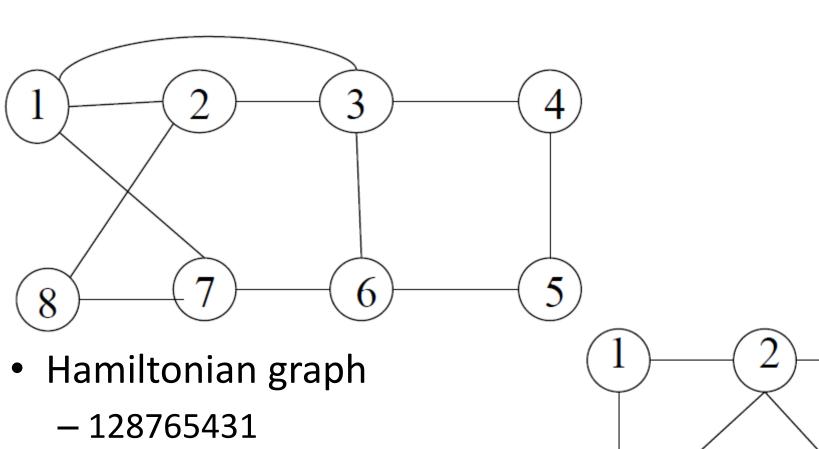
- A path passing through all the vertices of a graph is called a Hamiltonian path.
 - A graph containing a Hamiltonian path is said to be traceable.
- A cycle passing through all the vertices of a graph is called a Hamiltonian cycle (or Hamiltonian circuit).
- A graph containing a Hamiltonian cycle is called a Hamiltonian graph.
- Hamiltonian path problem: Determine the existence of Hamiltonian paths and cycles in graphs (NP-complete).

Example

Not Hamiltonian graphs.



Example



Not a Hamiltonian graph.

Solution 1 – Brute Force Search Algorithm

 A Hamiltonian Path in a graph having N vertices is nothing but a permutation of the vertices of the graph

$$[v_1, v_2, v_3,v_{N-1}, v_N]$$

such that there is an edge between v_i and v_{i+1} where $1 \le i \le N-1$.

 So it can be checked for all permutations of the vertices whether any of them represents a Hamiltonian Path or not.

```
function check_all_permutations(adj[][], n)
  for i = 0 to n
       p[i]=i
  while next permutation is possible
       valid = true
       for i = 0 to n-1
              if adj[p[i]][p[i+1]] == false
                      valid = false
                      break
       if valid == true
              print_permutation(p)
              return true
       p = get_next_permutation(p)
  return false
```

Example

Not a Hamiltonian graph as path exists and not a circuit.



- **1. 0-1-2-3 7.** 1-0-2-3 **13.** 2-0-1-3 **19.** 3-0-1-2
- **2. 0-1-3-2 8.** 1-0-3-2 **14.** 2-0-3-1 **20.** 3-0-2-1
- **3**. 0-2-1-3 **9**. 1-2-0-3 **15**. 2-1-0-3 **21**. 3-1-0-2
- **4.** 0-2-3-1 **10.** 1-2-3-0 **16.** 2-1-3-0 **22.** 3-1-2-0
- **5**. 0-3-1-2 **11**. 1-3-0-2 **17**. **2-3-1-0 23**. 3-2-0-1
- **6**. 0-3-2-1 **12**. 1-3-2-0 **18**. 2-3-0-1 **24**. **3-2-1-0**

Solution 2 – Backtracking

- 1. Create an empty path array and add vertex 0 to it.
- 2. Add other vertices, starting from the vertex 1.
- 3. Before adding a vertex, check for whether it is adjacent to the previously added vertex and not already added.
- 4. If such a vertex is found, add that vertex as part of the solution.
- 5. Otherwise, return false.

```
bool hamCycle(bool graph[V][V])
2. { int *path = new int[V];
3.
      for (int i = 0; i < V; i++)
        path[i] = -1;
5.
6.
      path[0] = 0;
7.
      if ( hamCycleUtil(graph, path, 1) == false )
        printf("\nSolution does not exist");
8.
9.
        return false;
10.
11.
     printSolution(path);
12.
    return true;
```

```
bool hamCycleUtil(bool graph[V][V], int path[], int pos)
    \{ if (pos == V) \}
2.
3.
      { if (graph[path[pos-1]][path[0]] == 1)
4.
           return true;
5.
         else
6.
          return false;
7.
8.
   for (int v = 1; v < V; v++)
      { if (isSafe(v, graph, path, pos))
9.
10.
         {path[pos] = v;}
11.
           if (hamCycleUtil (graph, path, pos+1) == true)
12.
              return true;
           path[pos] = -1;
13.
14.
15.
16.
      return false;
```

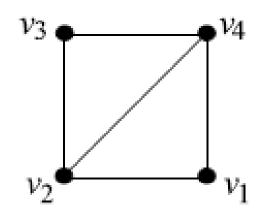
```
bool isSafe(int v, bool graph[V][V], int path[], int pos)
2. {
      if (graph [ path[pos-1] ][ v ] == 0)
3.
         return false;
5.
      for (int i = 0; i < pos; i++)
6.
7.
         if (path[i] == v)
8.
            return false;
9.
10.
      return true;
11.}
```

Example

graph[1][4] = 1. Thus Hamiltonian graph.

	4	4
	З	3
	2	2
]	1	1

path[



graph[][]

	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	0	1
2	1	0	1	1
3	0	1	0	1
4	1	1	1	0

Applications

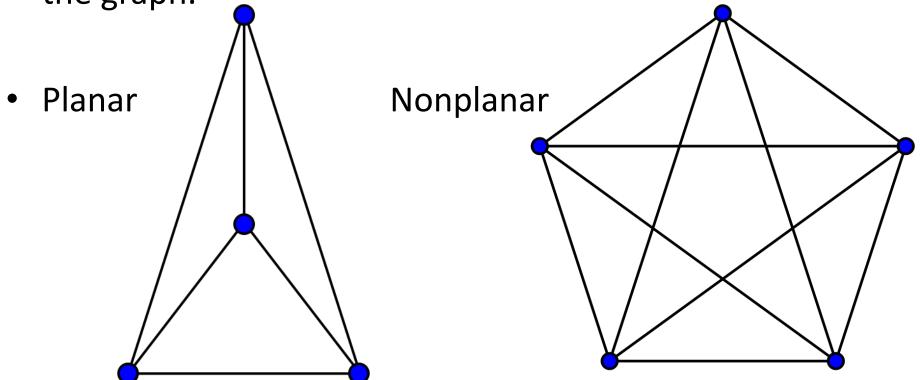
- Painting road lines,
- Plowing roads after a snowstorm,
- Checking meters along roads,
- Garbage pickup routes, etc.

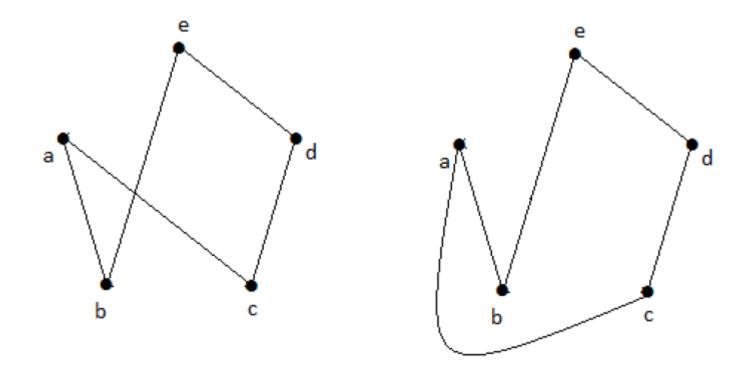
Planar Graphs

• If a graph G can be drawn on a plane (or a sphere) so that the edges only intersect at vertices, then it is planar.

Such a drawing of a planar graph is a planar embedding of

the graph.





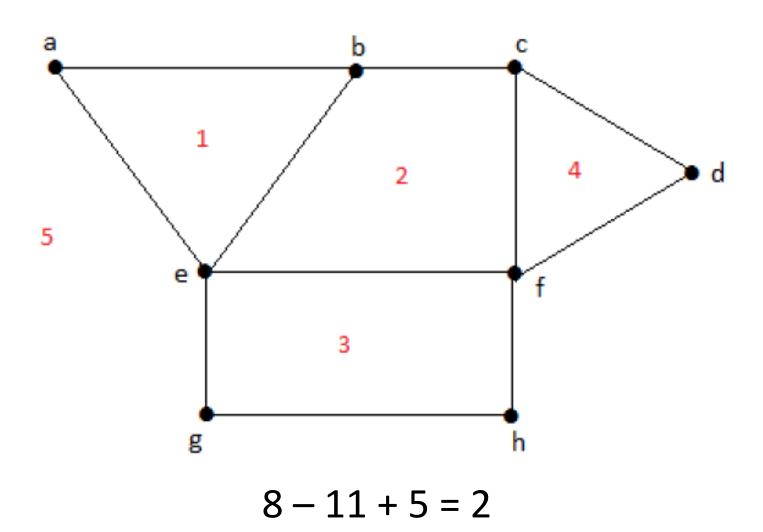
• A non-planar graph converted in to a planar graph.

Euler's formula

- For a finite, connected, planar graph, if
 - -v is the number of vertices,
 - -e is the number of edges, and
 - -f is the number of faces (regions bounded by edges, including the outer, infinitely large region).
 - -Then,

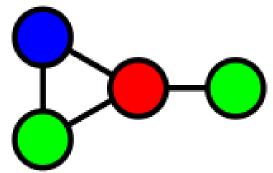
$$v-e+f=2$$

Example



Graph Coloring

- Special case of labeling graph elements subject to certain constraints.
 - Traditionally, "colors" are used as labels.
- Several forms
 - Vertex coloring. Color vertices of a graph such that no two adjacent vertices share the same color.
 - Edge coloring. Color edges such that no two adjacent edges share the same color.
 - Face coloring of a planar graph. Assign color to each face or region so that no two faces that share a boundary have the same color.



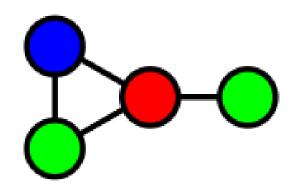
- The simplest form is vertex coloring.
- Formally,

If C be the set of colors, then find a function

$$f: V \rightarrow C$$

- such that if there is an edge (vw), then $f(v) \neq f(w)$, and
- C is of minimum cardinality.

Definitions



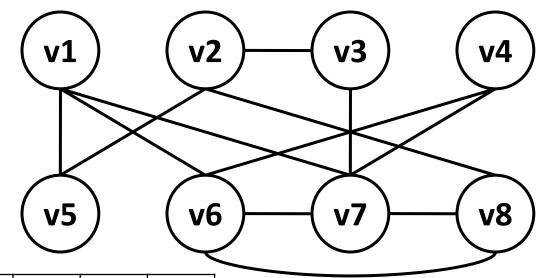
- k-coloring. Coloring using at most k colors.
- Chromatic number of a graph ($\chi(G)$). The smallest number of colors needed to color a graph G.
- k-colorable. A graph that can be assigned a k-coloring is k-colorable.
- Note: k-coloring partitions the vertex set into k independent sets.

Sequential Coloring – Greedy Approach

- sequentialColoringAlgorithm(graph = (V,E))
 - 1. Put vertices in a certain order $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$.
 - 2. Put colors in a certain order $\{c_1, c_2, ..., c_k\}$.
 - 3. for i = 1 to n
 - 4. $j = the smallest index of color that does not appear in any neighbor of <math>v_i$.
 - 5. $\operatorname{color}(v_i) = j$.

If every node in G has degree ≤ d, then the algorithm uses at most d + 1 colors for G.

Example



Order of vertices

v1	v2	v3	v4	v5	v6	v7	v8
c 1	c1	c2	c1	c2	c2	c 3	c 4

Number of colors required \leq Maximum degree + 1 \leq max{deg(v1), deg(v2), deg(v3), deg(v4), deg(v5), deg(v6), deg(v7), deg(v8)} + 1 \leq max{3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 4, 5, 3} + 1 \leq 5 + 1 \leq 6.

Welsh-Powell algorithm

 If vertices are ordered according to their degrees (decreasing), then

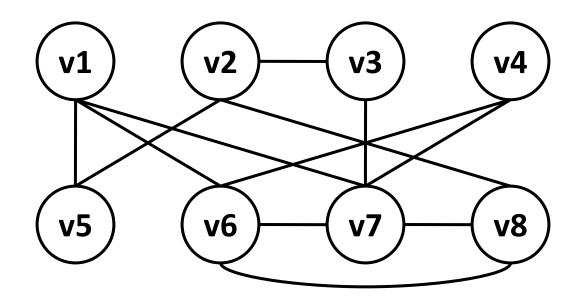
The number of colors needed to color the graph is at most

$$\max_{i} \min(i, \deg(v_i) + 1)$$

Number of colors for graph at slide 42.

- Number of colors required $\leq \max_{i} \min(i, \deg(v_i) + 1)$
- If vertices are arranged as {v1,v2,v3,v4,v5,v6,v7,v8}
 ≤ max{min(1,4), min(2,4), min(3,3), min(4,3), min(5,3), min(6,5), min(7,6), min(8,4)}
 ≤ max{1,2,3,3,3,5,6,4}
 ≤ 6.
- Arrangement as per degrees {v7,v6,v1,v2,v8,v3,v4,v5}
 ≤ max{min(1,6), min(2,5), min(3,4), min(4,4), min(5,4), min(6,3), min(7,3), min(8,3)}
 ≤ max{1,2,3,4,4,3,3,3}
 ≤ 4.

Example



v7	v6	v1	v2	v8	v3	v4	v 5
c1	c2	c 3	c1	c 3	c2	c 3	c2

m-Coloring Problem

• Given an undirected graph and a number m, determine if the graph can be colored with at most m colors such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.

• Input:

- An adjacency matrix, graph[V][V] where V is the number of vertices in the graph.
- An integer m which is maximum number of colors that can be used.

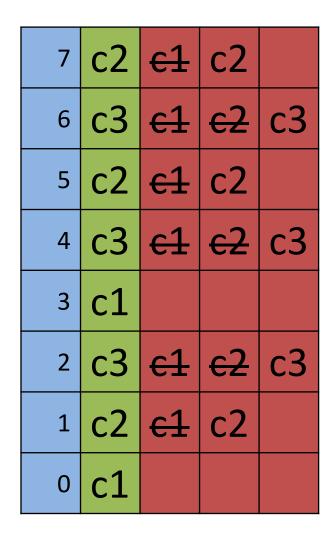
• Output:

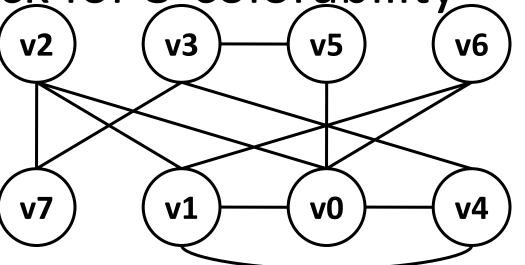
— An array color[V] containing colors assigned to all the vertices in the range I to m. False will be returned, if the graph cannot be colored with m colors.

Backtracking

- 1. If all colors are assigned,
- 2. Print vertex assigned colors.
- 3. Else
- 4. Trying all possible colors, assign a color to the vertex.
- 5. If color assignment is possible, recursively assign colors to next vertices.
- If color assignment is not possible, de-assign color, return False.

Example – Check for 3-colorability

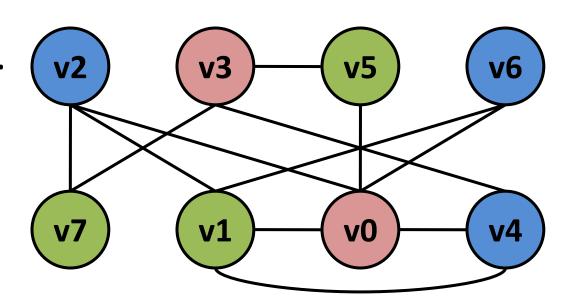




	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Applications

- Scheduling.
- Frequency Assignment.
- Register Allocation.
- Bipartite Graphs.
- Map Coloring, etc.

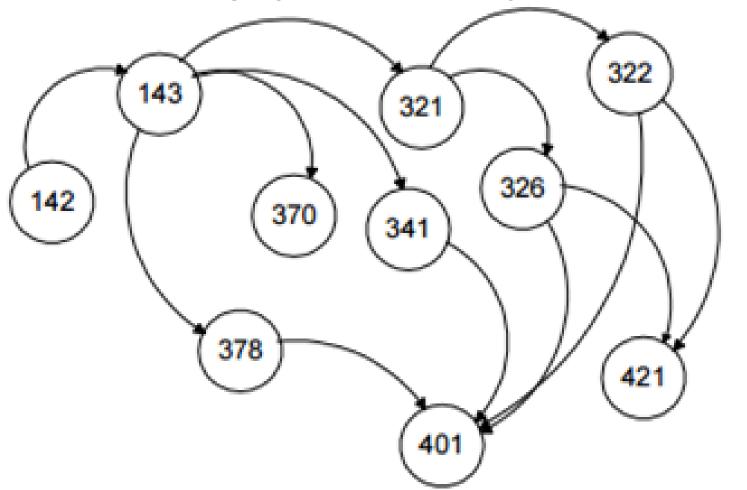


Definitions

- Diagraph or directed graph.
- A cycle in a diagraph G is a set of edges, $\{(v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), \dots, (v_{r-1}, v_r)\}$ where $v_1 = v_r$.
- A diagraph is acyclic if it has no cycles. Also known as directed acyclic graph (DAG).
- DAGs are used in many applications to indicate precedence among events. For example,
 - Inheritance between classes.
 - Prerequisites between courses of a degree program.
 - Scheduling constraints between the tasks of a projects.

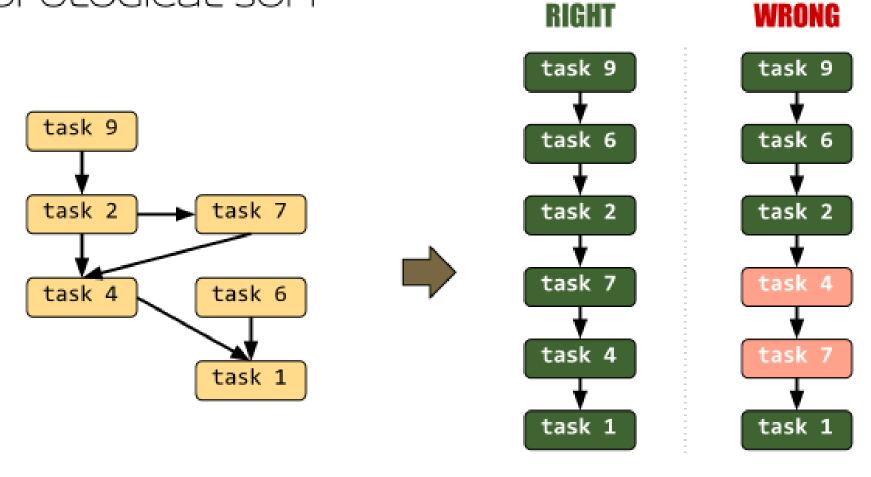
Example – Prerequisites between courses

 $142 \rightarrow 143 \rightarrow 378 \rightarrow 370 \rightarrow 321 \rightarrow 341 \rightarrow 322 \rightarrow 326 \rightarrow 421 \rightarrow 401$



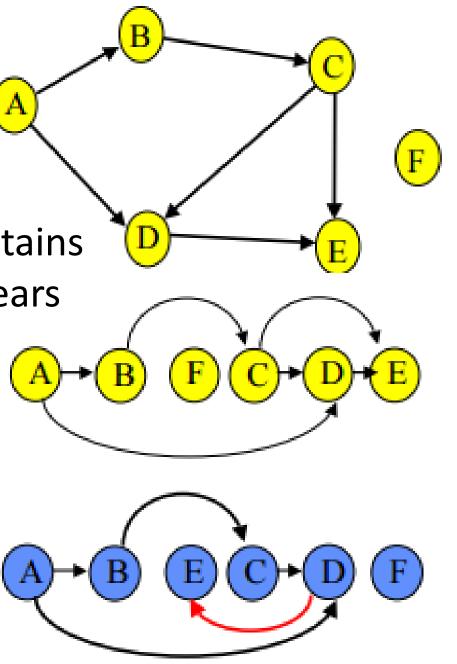
Example – Scheduling

TOPOLOGICAL SOFT



Topological Sort

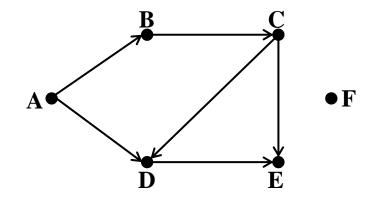
- Let, G = (V,E) be a DAG
- Linear ordering of all its vertices such that if G contains an edge (u,v), then u appears before v in the ordering.
- Can also be viewed as an ordering of vertices along a horizontal line so that all directed edges go from left to right.

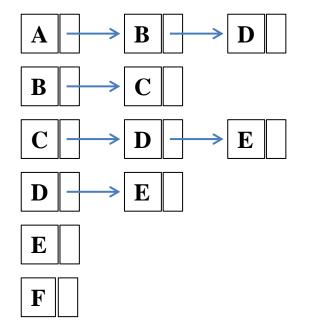


Kahn's algorithm

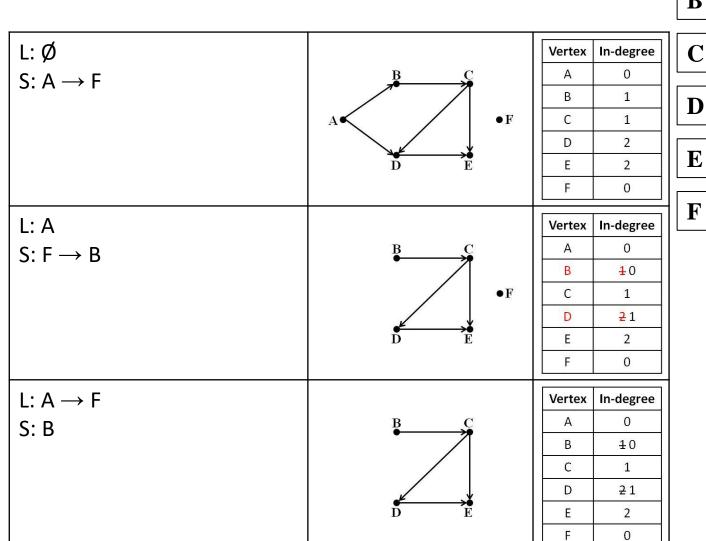
- $L \leftarrow$ Empty list that will contain the sorted elements
- $S \leftarrow$ Set of all nodes with no incoming edge
- 1. **while** *S* is non-empty **do**
- 2. remove a node *n* from *S*
- 3. add n to tail of L
- 4. **for each** node m with an edge e from n to m **do**
- 5. remove edge *e* from the graph
- 6. **if** *m* has no other incoming edges **then**
- 7. insert m into S
- 8. **if** graph has edges **then**
- 9. return error (graph has at least one cycle)
- 10. **else**
- 11. return L (a topologically sorted order)

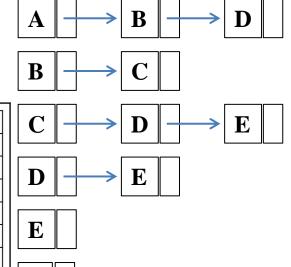
Example – 1

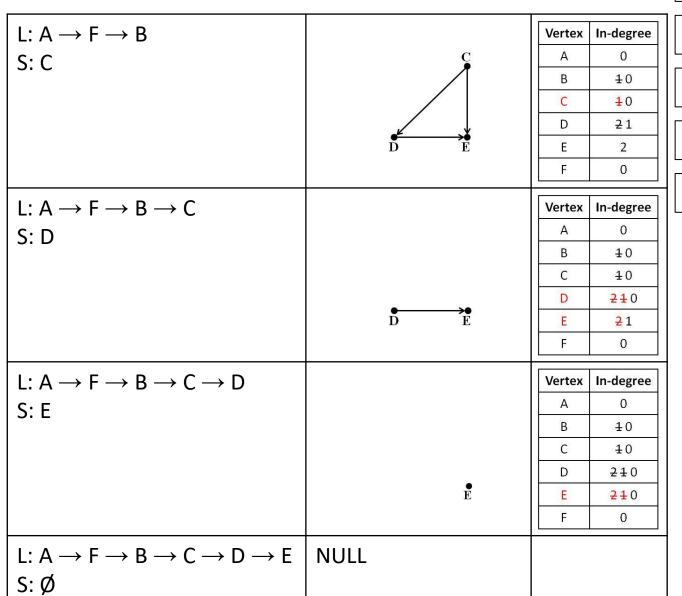




Vertex	In-degree
А	0
В	1
С	1
D	2
E	2
F	0





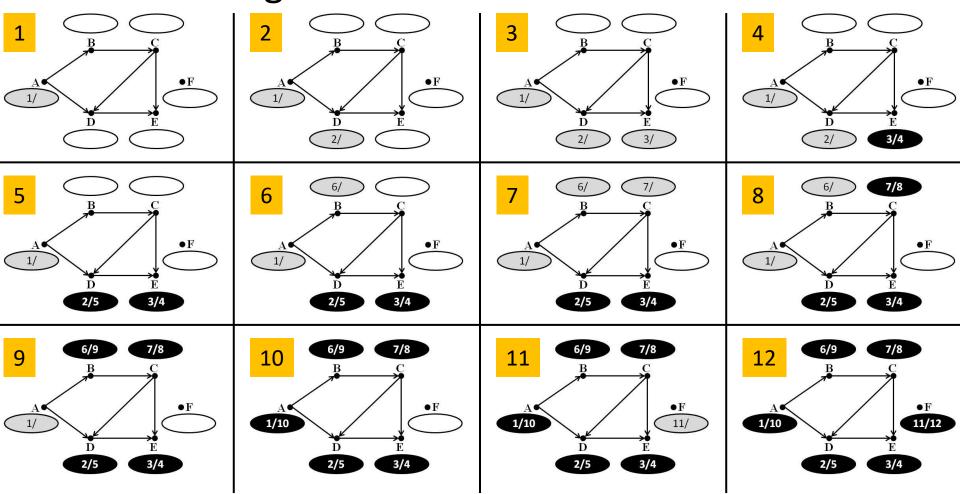


 $\begin{array}{c|c}
A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & D \\
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B & \longrightarrow & C \\
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F & & & & \\
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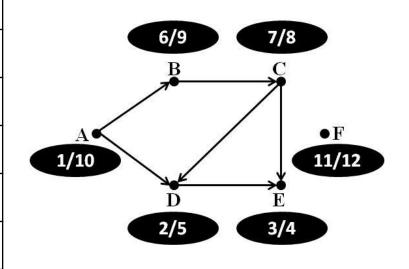
Required topological sort is
A F B C D E

Topological Sort using DFS

 Perform DFS. Sort vertices in decreasing order of their finishing time.



Vertex	Starting Time	Finishing Time
Α	1	10
В	6	9
С	7	8
D	2	5
E	3	4
F	11	12



Required topological sort is F A B C D E.

Topological Sort using DFS – Implementation

```
1. T = []
2. visited = []
3. topological sort( cur vert, N, adj[][])
4. { visited[cur vert] = true
      for i = 0 to N
          if adj[cur vert][i] is true and visited[i] is false
6.
                   topological sort(i, N, adi[][])
7.
          T.insert in beginning(cur vert)
8.
          // T.push(cur vert) }
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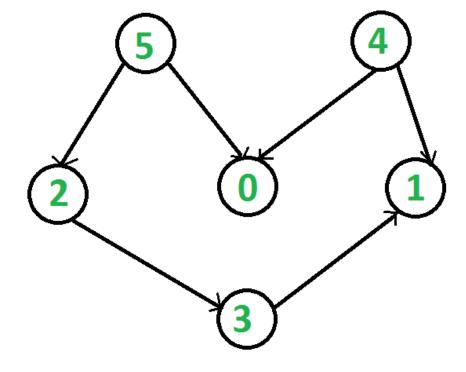
Example

• T[]:

5	4
4	5
3	2
2	3
1	1
0	0

$$4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$$

 $\rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0$

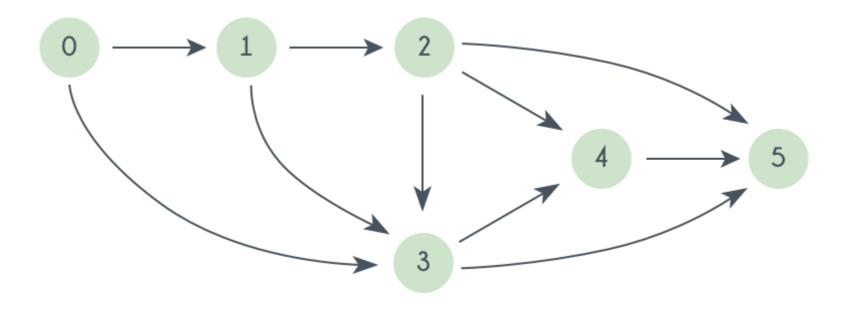


					\rightarrow		
5	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

	0	1	2	ო	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	0	0	0

• Visited[]

Example



Topological sort:

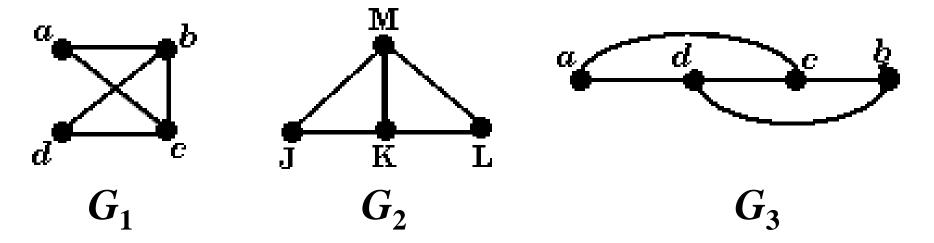
$$0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5$$

Isomorphism

- Two graphs are isomorphic when the vertices of one can be re-labeled to match the vertices of the other in a way that preserves adjacency.
- Formally, Graphs G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one function, called an isomorphism,

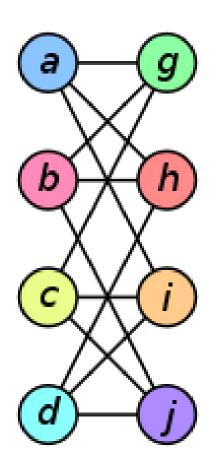
$$f: V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$$

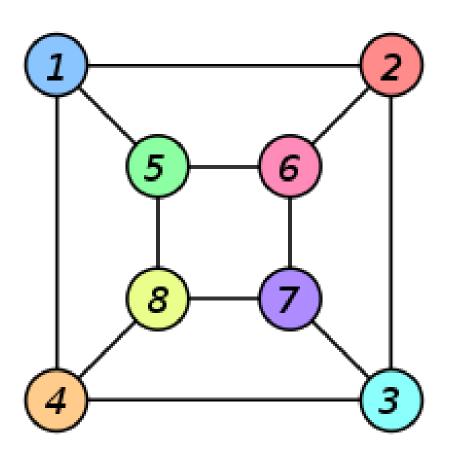
such that uv is an element of $E(G_1)$ if and only if f(u)f(v) is an element of $E(G_2)$.



- G_1 and G_2 f(a) = J, f(b) = K, f(c) = M, and f(d) = L.
- G_1 and G_3 $f(a)=a, f(b)=d, f(c)=c, \, \mathrm{and} \, f(d)=b.$

- f(a) = 1
- f(b) = 6
- f(c) = 8
- f(d) = 3
- f(g) = 5
- f(h) = 2
- f(i) = 4
- f(j) = 7



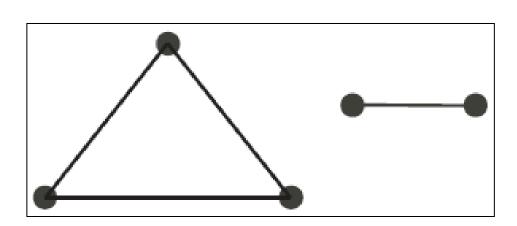


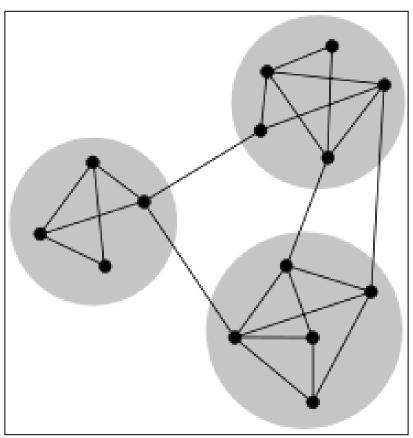
Graph Isomorphism Problem

- Determining whether two finite graphs are isomorphic or not?
- It is neither an NP-complete problem nor a P-problem, although this has not been proved (Skiena 1990).
- There is a famous complexity class called graph isomorphism complete which is thought to be entirely disjoint from both NP-complete and from P.
- Applications:
 - Cheminformatics,
 - Mathematical chemistry (identification of chemical compounds), and
 - Electronic design automation (verification of equivalence of various representations of the design of an electronic circuit).

Connected and Disconnected Graph

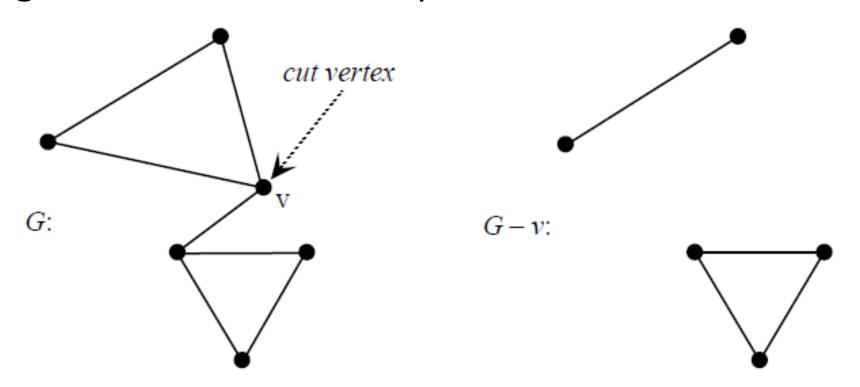
- A graph is connected if all the vertices are connected to each other, i.e.
 - A path exists between every pair of vertices.
 - No unreachable vertices.
- A graph is disconnected if it is not connected.
- A graph with just one vertex is connected.
- An edgeless graph with two or more vertices is disconnected.





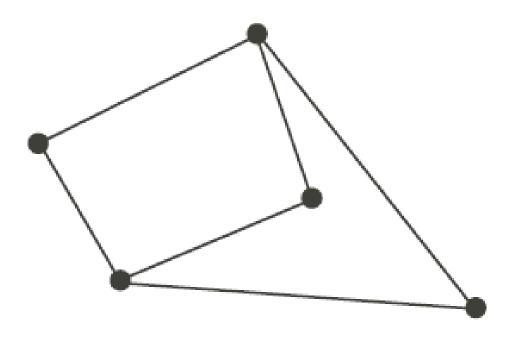
Cut Vertex

• A vertex v of a graph G is a cut vertex or an articulation vertex of G if the graph G-v consists of a greater number of components than G.



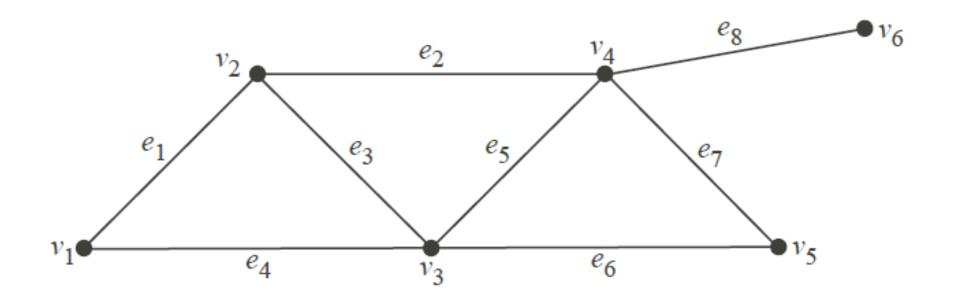
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• A graph is separable if it is not connected or if there exists at least one cut vertex in the graph.



Cut-set

- A cut set of the connected graph G = (V, E) is an edge set $F \subseteq E$ such that
- 1. G F (remove the edges of F one by one) is not connected, and
- 2. G H is connected whenever $H \subseteq F$.



• $\{e_1, e_4\}$, $\{e_6, e_7\}$, $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$, $\{e_8\}$, $\{e_8\}$, $\{e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$, $\{e_2, e_5, e_6\}$ and $\{e_2, e_3, e_4\}$.

Cut

- A cut is a partition of the vertices of a graph into two disjoint subsets.
- Formally,

In a graph G = (V,E), a pair of subsets V_1 and V_2 of V_3 satisfying

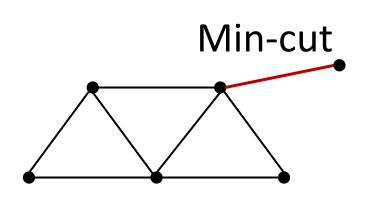
$$V = V_1 \cup V_2$$
, $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$, $V_1 \neq \emptyset$, $V_2 \neq \emptyset$

is called a cut (or a partition) of G. Denoted as (V_1, V_2) .

- It is also defined as an edge set.
 - cut (V_1, V_2) = {those edges with one end vertex in V_1 and the other end vertex in V_2 }.

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 In an unweighted undirected graph, the size or weight of a cut is the number of edges crossing the cut.



 In a weighted graph, the value or weight is defined by the sum of the weights of the edges crossing the cut.

