

# **Discrete Mathematics 2**

## **Graphs**

# Simple Graph

**Definition 1.** A **simple graph**  $G = (V, E)$  consists of  $V$ , a nonempty set of **vertices**, and  $E$ , a set of unordered pairs of distinct elements of  $V$  called **edges**.

A **simple graph** is an undirected graph.

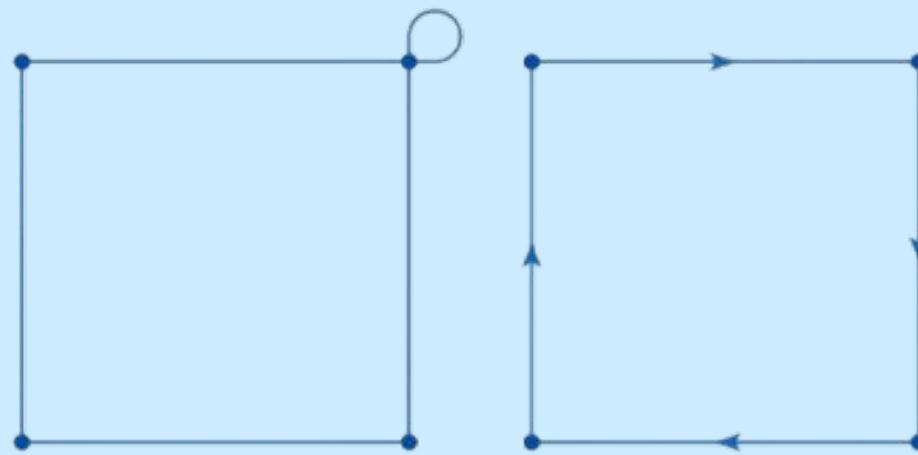
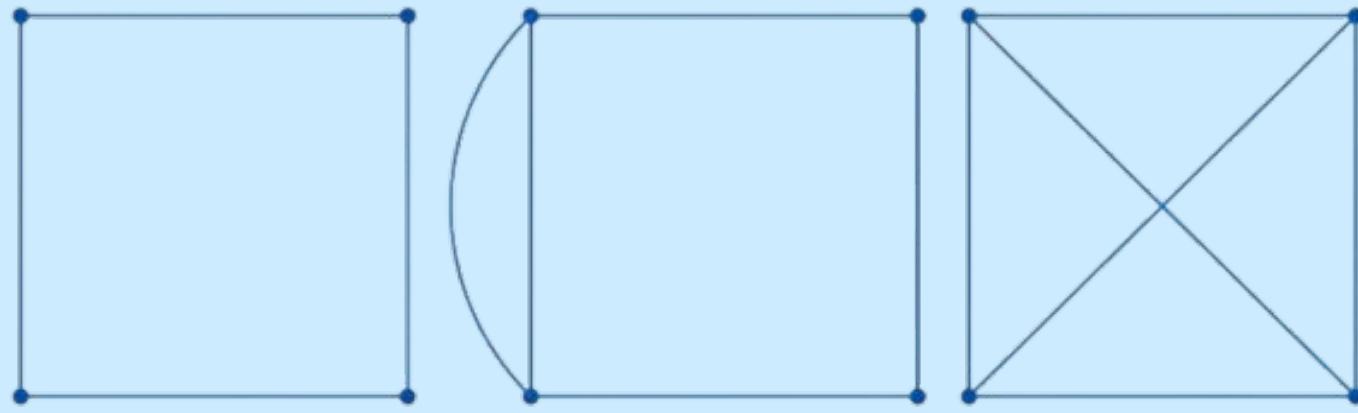
# Undirected graphs

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In **undirected graphs**, edges have no specific direction. Edges are always "two-way"

# Simple graph

Which graph is simple?



# A simple graph

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$$\frac{|V| \times (|V| - 1)}{2}$$

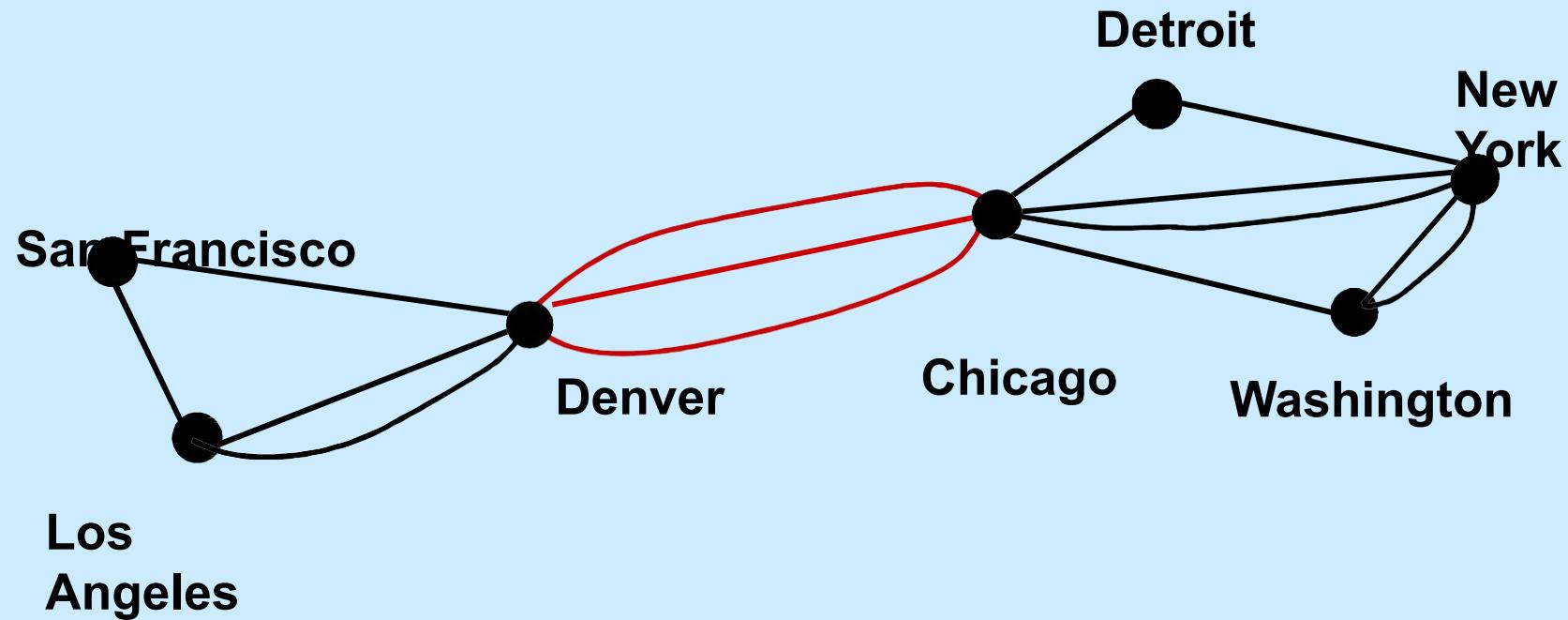
# A Non-Simple Graph

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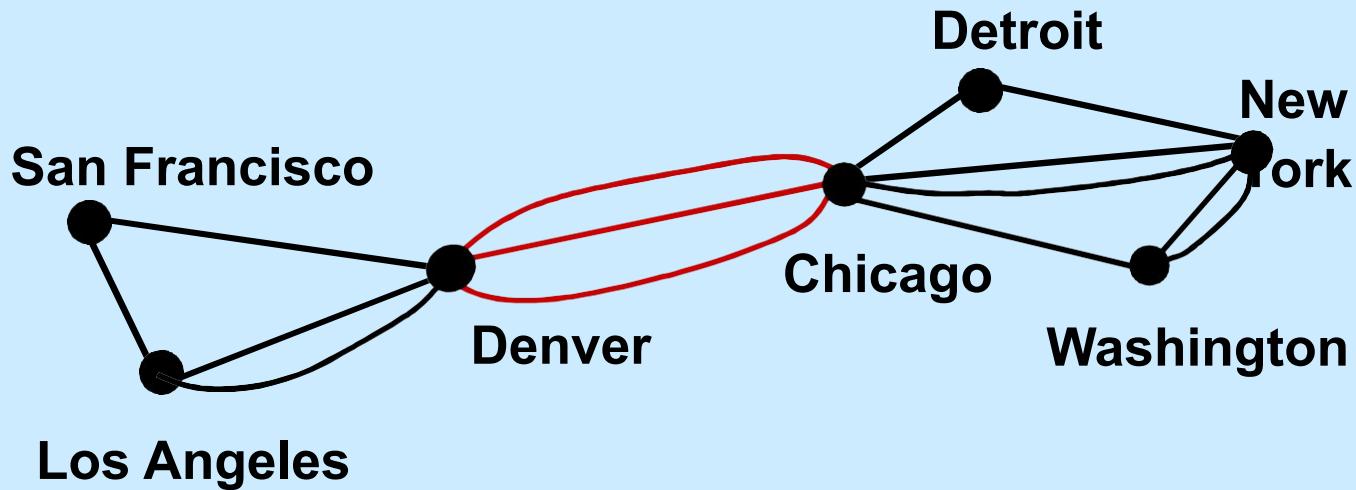
**Definition 2.** In a **multigraph**  $G = (V, E)$   
two or more edges may connect the  
same pair of vertices.

# A Multigraph

THERE CAN BE MULTIPLE TELEPHONE LINES  
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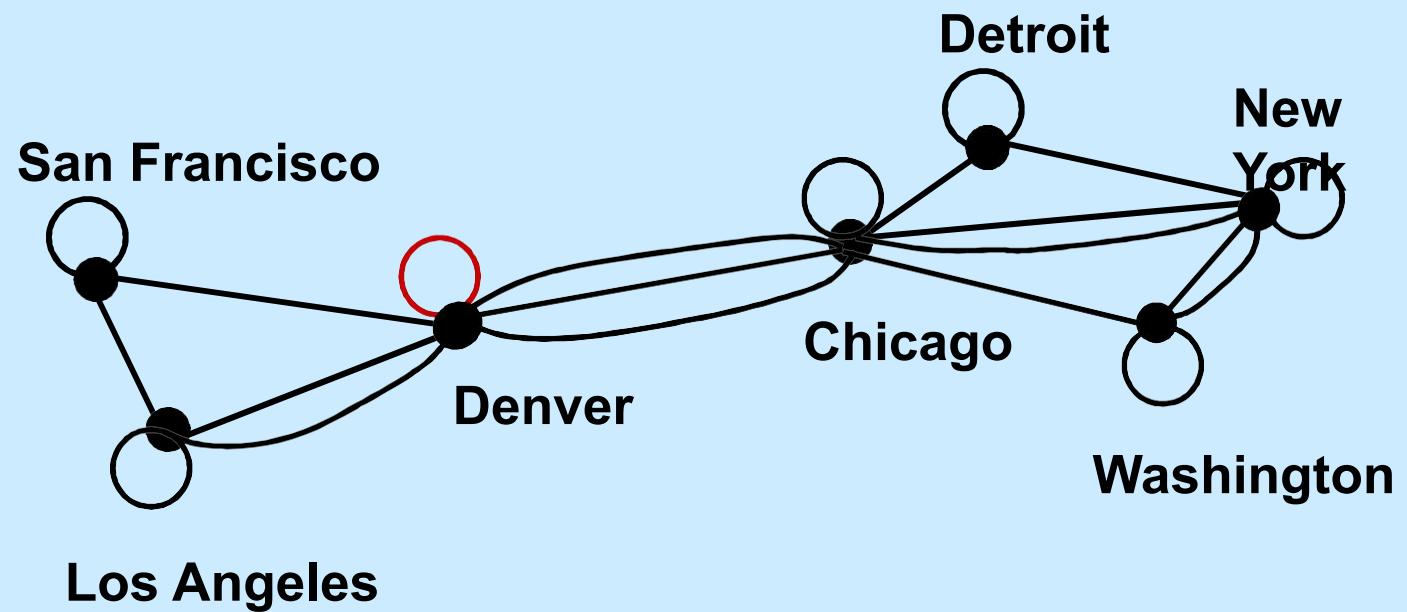


# Multiple Edges



Two edges are called *multiple* or *parallel* edges if they connect the same two distinct vertices.

# Loops



An edge is called a *loop* if it connects a vertex to itself.

# A Directed Graph

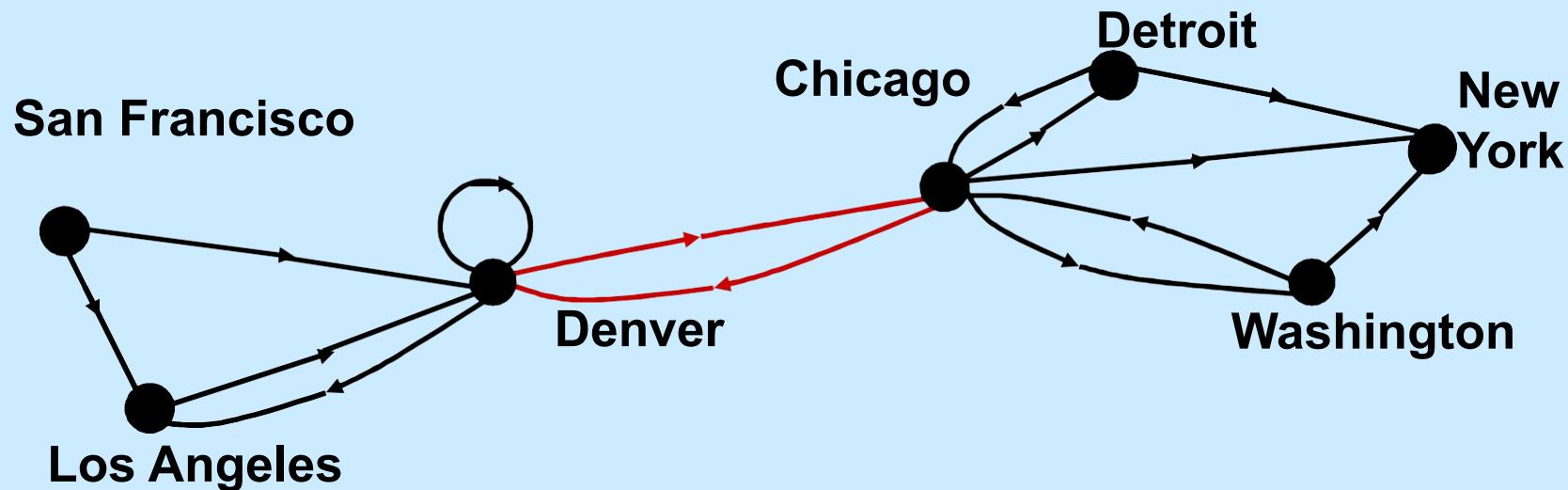
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**Definition 4.** In a **directed graph**  $G = (V, E)$  the edges are ordered pairs of (not necessarily distinct) vertices.

# A Directed Graph

SOME TELEPHONE LINES IN THE NETWORK  
MAY OPERATE IN ONLY ONE DIRECTION .

Those that operate in two directions are  
represented by pairs of edges in opposite  
directions.

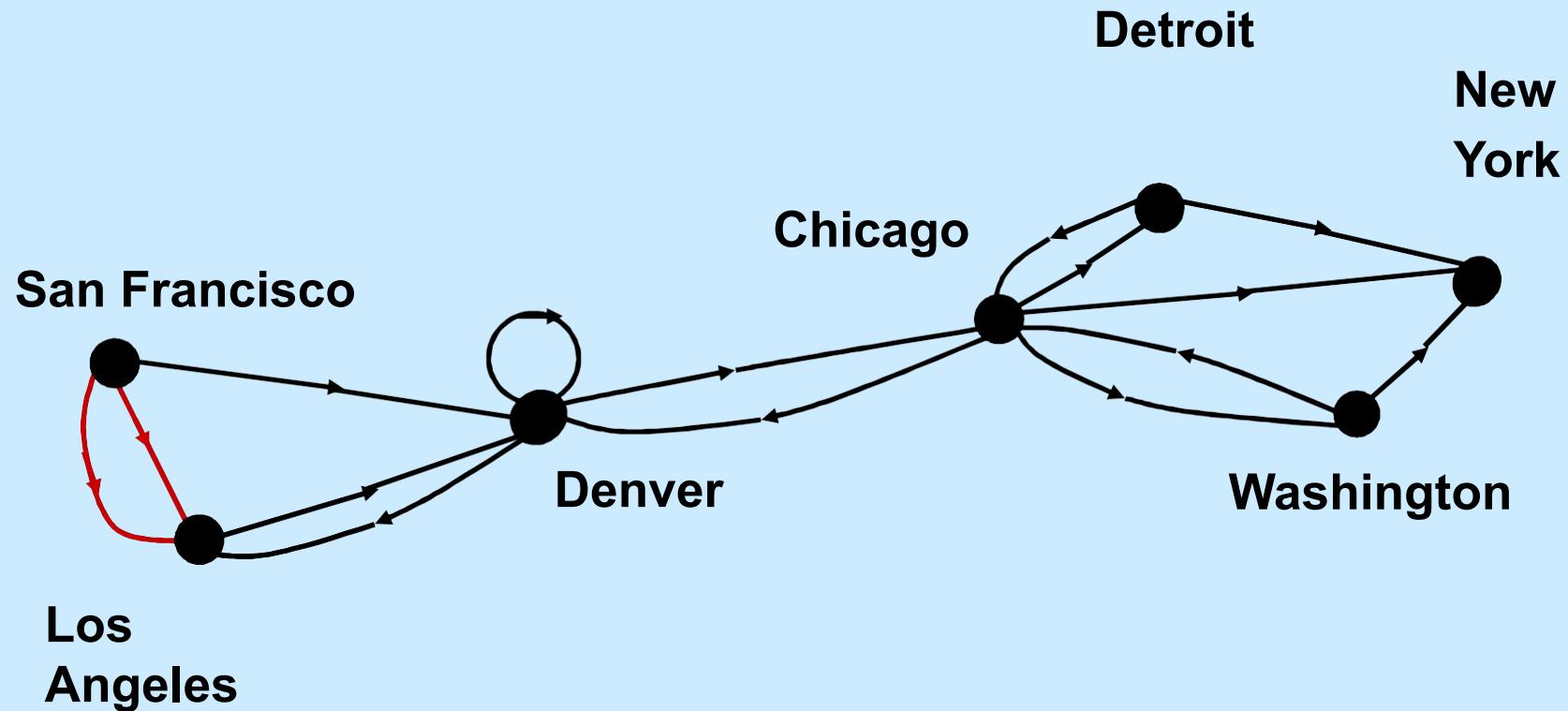


# A Directed Multigraph

**Definition 5.** In a **directed multigraph**  $G = (V, E)$  the edges are ordered pairs of (not necessarily distinct) vertices, and in addition there may be multiple edges.

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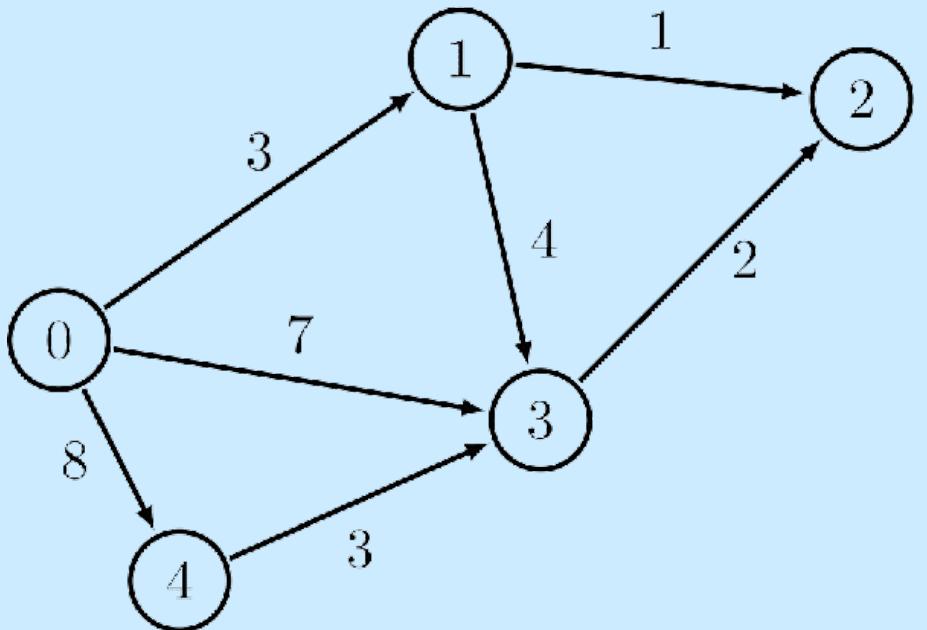
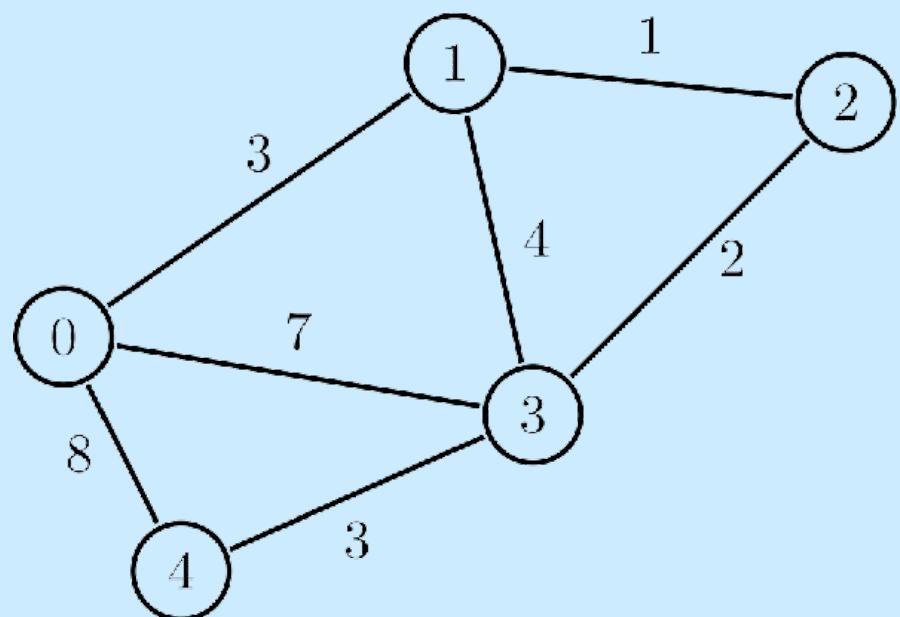
THERE MAY BE SEVERAL ONE-WAY LINES IN THE SAME DIRECTION FROM ONE COMPUTER TO ANOTHER IN THE NETWORK.



# Weighted Graph

In a **weighted graph**, each edge has a **weight or cost**

- Usually, the edge weights are nonnegative integers.
- Some graphs allow negative weights



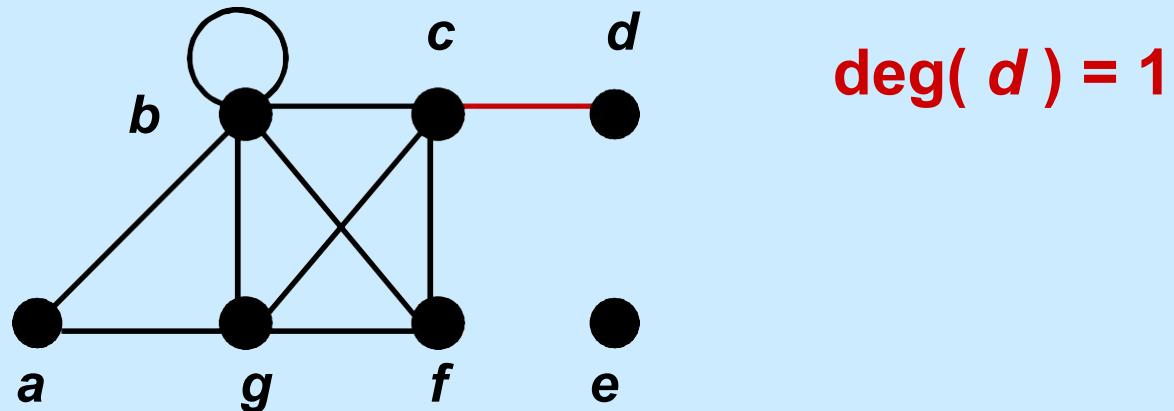
# Adjacent Vertices (Neighbors)

**Definition 1.** Two vertices,  $u$  and  $v$  in an undirected graph  $G$  are called **adjacent** (or **neighbors**) in  $G$ , if  $\{u, v\}$  is an edge of  $G$ .

An edge  $e$  connecting  $u$  and  $v$  is called **incident with vertices  $u$  and  $v$** , or is said to connect  $u$  and  $v$ . The vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are called **endpoints** of edge  $\{u, v\}$ .

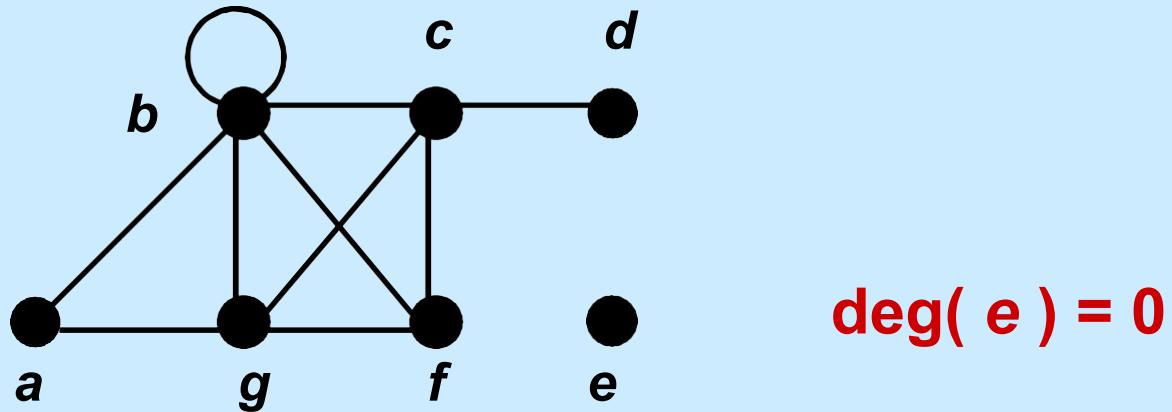
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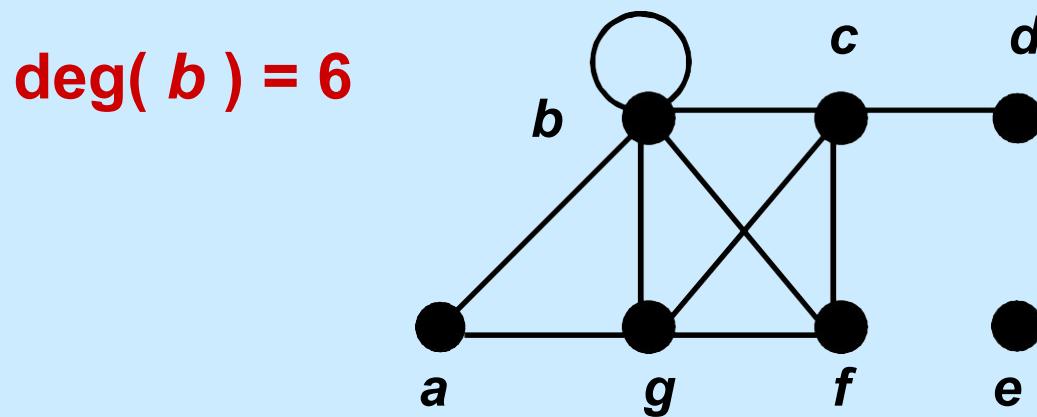
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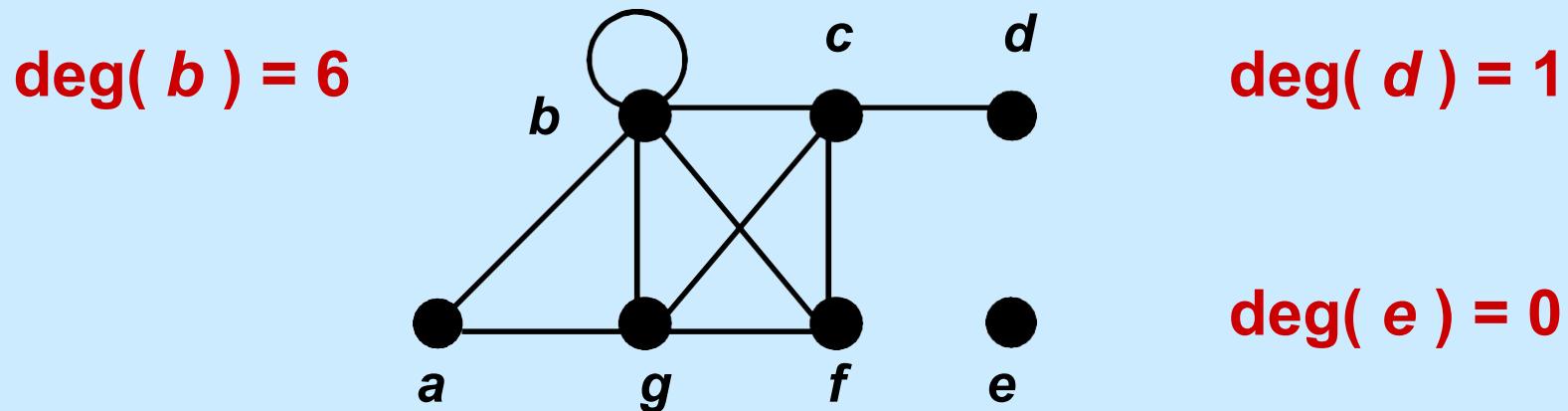
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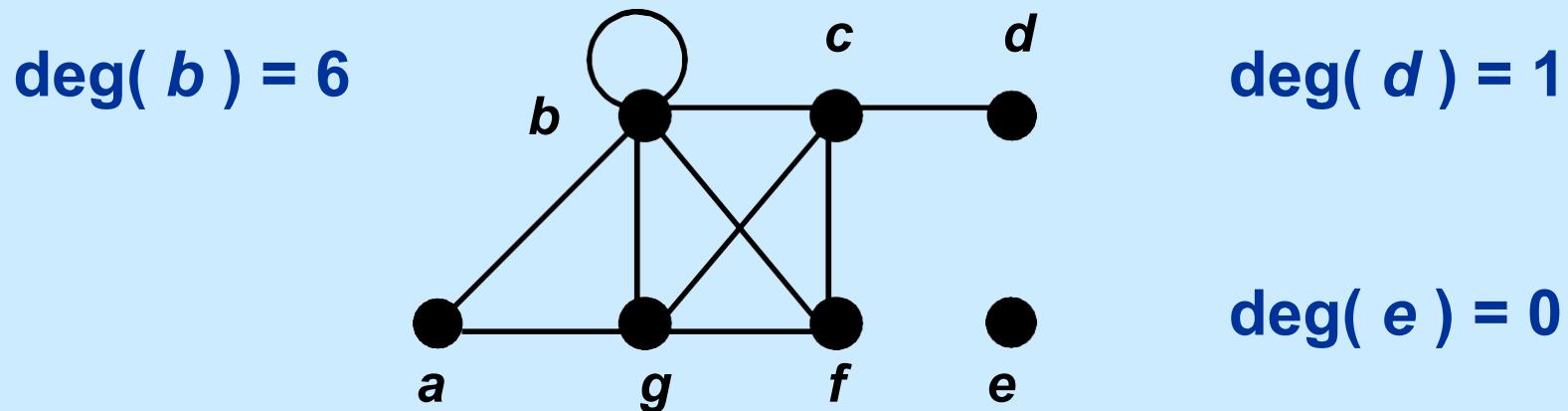
$\deg(a)$     $\deg(c)$     $\deg(f)$     $\deg(g)$



# Degree of a vertex

Find the degree of all the other vertices.

$$\deg(a) = 2 \quad \deg(c) = 4 \quad \deg(f) = 3 \quad \deg(g) = 4$$

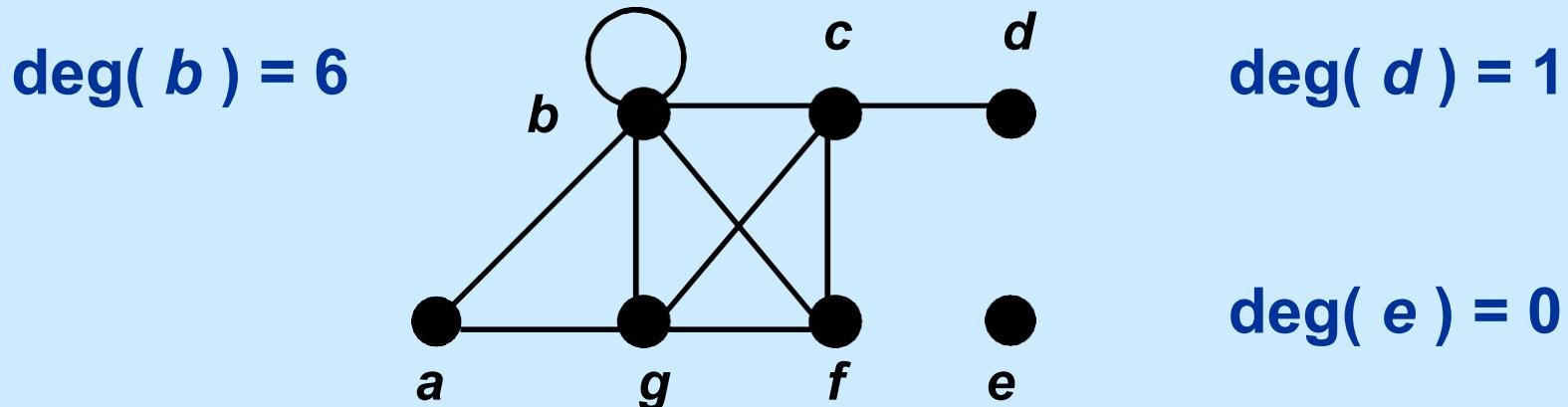


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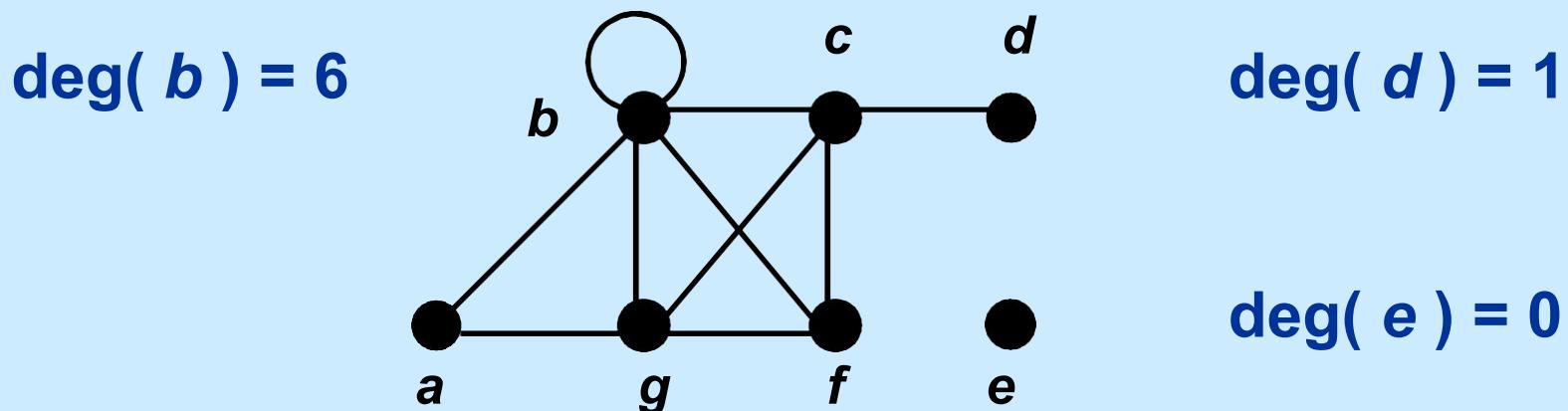
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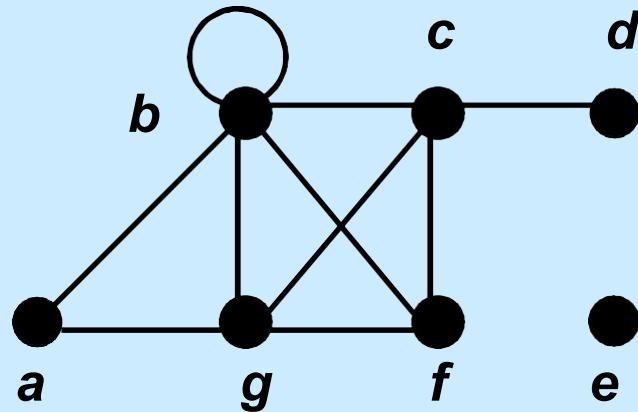
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**TOTAL NUMBER OF EDGES = 10**



# Degree of a vertex

An **isolated vertex** is a vertex of a graph that has no edges, a vertex with degree zero.



# Handshaking Theorem

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph  $G$  with  $e$  edges. Then

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2e$$

*“The sum of the degrees over all the vertices equals twice the number of edges.”*

**NOTE:** This applies even if multiple edges and loops are present.

# Handshaking Theorem

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an directed graph Then

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg^-(v) = \sum_{v \in V} \deg^+(v) = |E|$$

*“The sum of the in-degrees of all vertices is equal to the sum of the out-degrees of all vertices.”*

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- **Solution:** The sum of the degrees of the vertices is  $6 \cdot 10 = 60$ . According to the Handshaking Theorem, it follows that  $2e = 60$ , so there are 30 edges.

# Graph Terminology

- Prove that an undirected graph has an even number of vertices of odd degree.
- Prove that any simple graph with at least two vertices contains two vertices that have the same degree.
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- An undirected graph has an even number of vertices of odd degree.
- Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be the set of vertices of even and odd degrees, respectively (Thus  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , and  $V_1 \cup V_2 = V$ ).
- Then by Handshaking theorem
  - $2|E| = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in V_1} \deg(v) + \sum_{v \in V_2} \deg(v)$
  - Since both  $2|E|$  and  $\sum_{v \in V_1} \deg(v)$  are even,
  - $\sum_{v \in V_2} \deg(v)$  must be even.
  - Since  $\deg(v)$  is odd for all  $v \in V_2$ ,  $|V_2|$  must be even. **QED**

# Graph Representations

Which data structure is "best" can depend on:

- properties of the graph (e.g., dense versus sparse)
- the common queries about the graph ("is  $(u, v)$  an edge?" vs "what are the neighbors of node  $u$ ?")

Two representations: **Adjacency Matrix and Adjacency List**

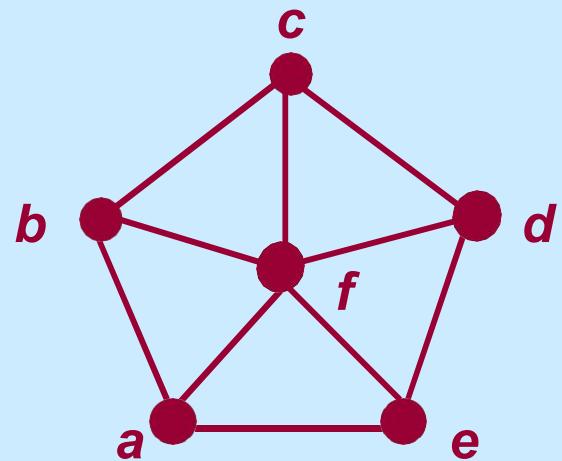
- Different trade-offs, particularly time versus space

# Adjacency Matrix

A simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices can be represented by its adjacency matrix,  $A$ , where entry  $a_{ij}$  in row  $i$  and column  $j$  is

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

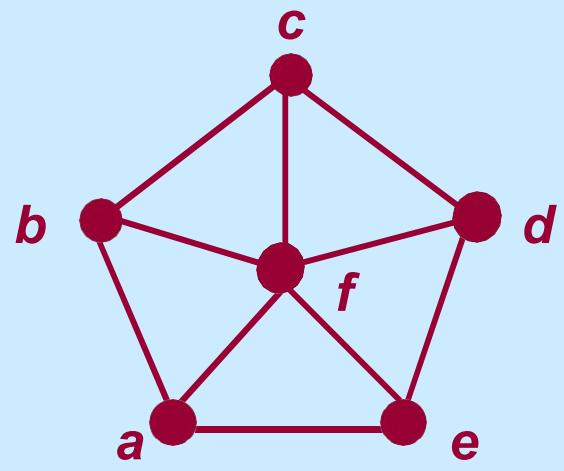
# Finding the adjacency matrix



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This graph has 6 vertices a, b, c, d, e, f. We can arrange them in that order.

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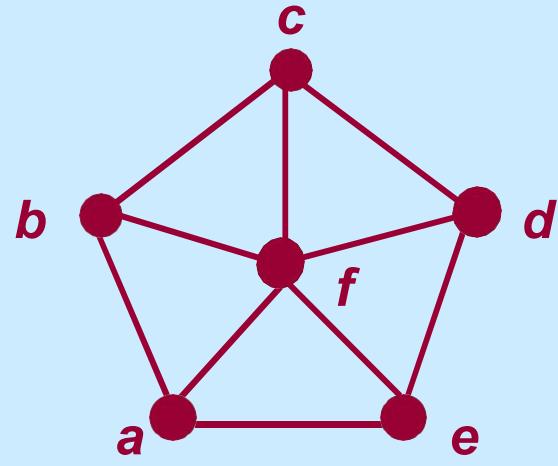


$W_5$

	TO					
	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	0	1	0	0	1	1
b						
c						
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f						

There are edges from a to b, from a to e, and from a to f

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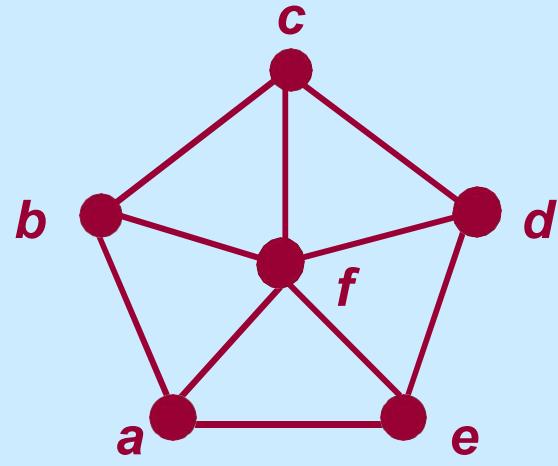


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There are edges from b to a, from b to c, and from b to f

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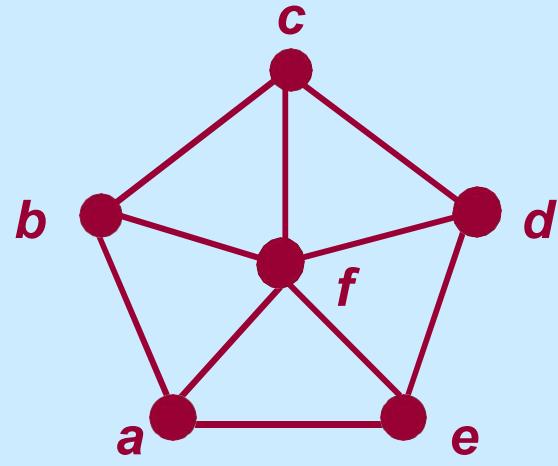


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	d	0	1	0	1	0	1
	e	1	0	1	0	1	0
	f	1	1	0	0	1	0

There are edges from c to b, from c to d, and from c to f

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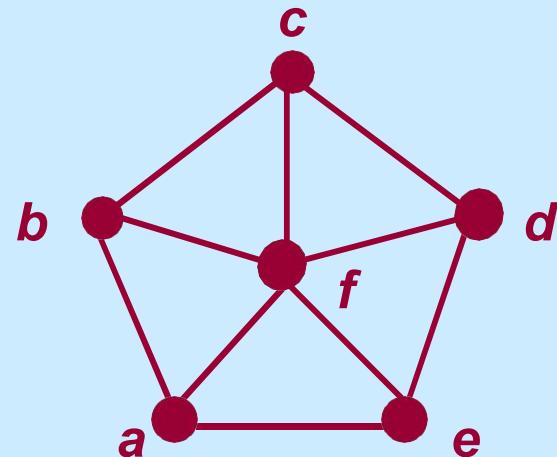


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	f	1	1	0	0	1	0

COMPLETE THE ADJACENCY MATRIX . . .

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b	1	0	1	0	0	1
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d	0	0	1	0	1	1
e	1	0	0	1	0	1
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Notice that this matrix is symmetric. That is  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  Why?

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# Adjacency Matrix Properties

Running time to:

Get a vertex's out-edges:

Get a vertex's in-edges:

Decide if some edge exists:

Insert an edge:

Delete an edge:

Space requirements:

	a	b	c	d	e	f
a	0	1	0	0	1	1
b	1	0	1	0	0	1
c	0	1	0	1	0	1
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# Adjacency Matrix Properties

## Running time to:

Get a vertex's out-edges:  $O(|V|)$

Get a vertex's in-edges:  $O(|V|)$

Decide if some edge exists:  $O(1)$

**Insert an edge:  $O(1)$**

**Delete an edge:  $O(1)$**

**Space requirements:  $O(|V|^2)$**

**Best for sparse or dense graphs? *dense***

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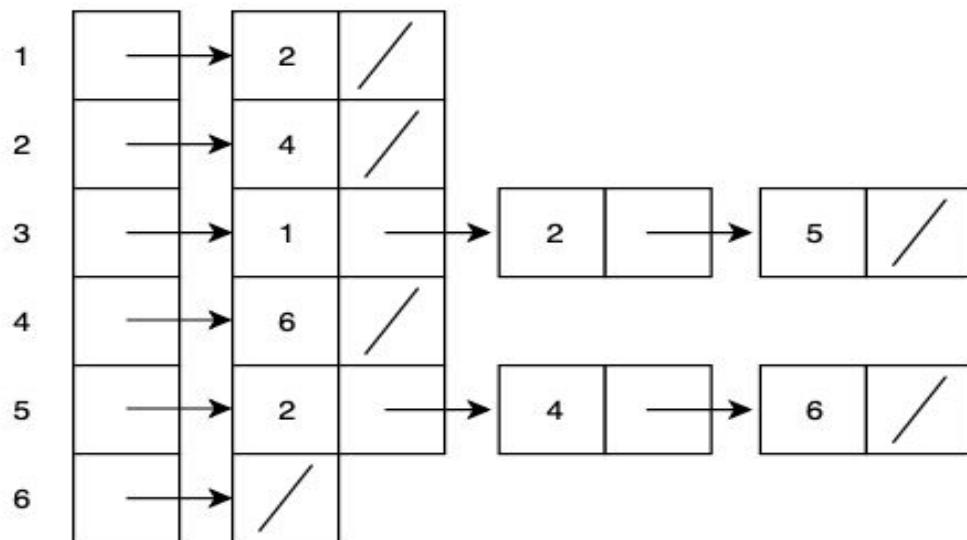
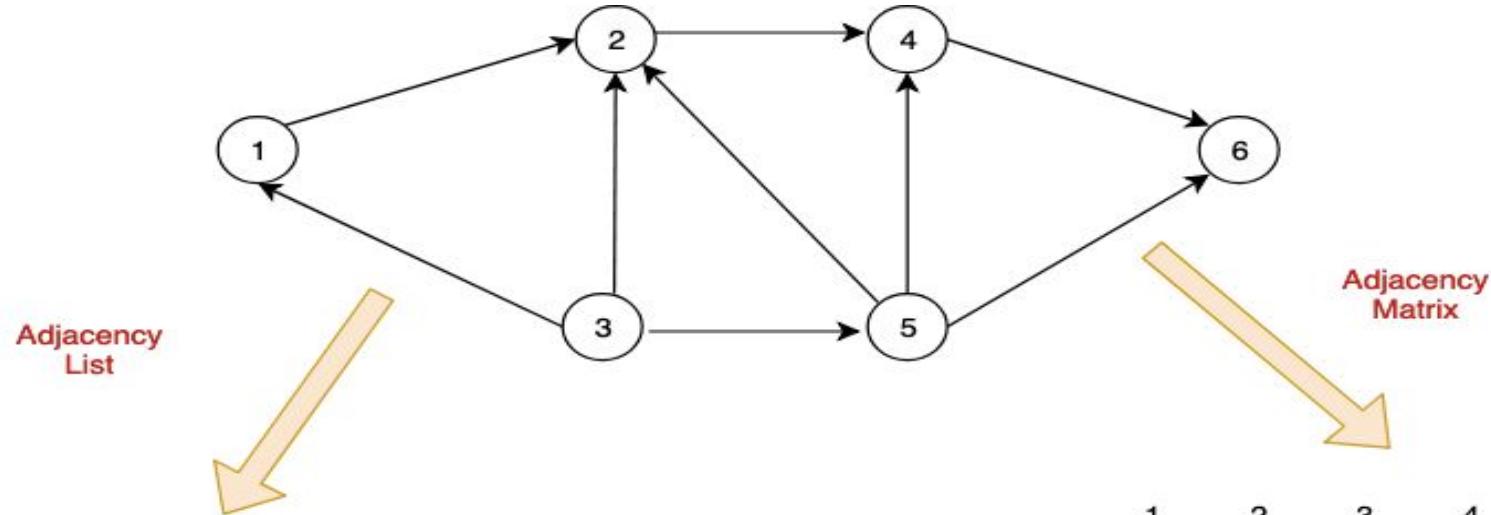
How can we adapt the representation for weighted graphs?

- ❖ Store the weight in each cell
- ❖ Need some value to represent ‘not an edge’
  - 0, -1, or some other value based on how you are using the graph
  - Might need to be a separate field if no restrictions on weights

# Adjacency List

An array of length  $|V|$  in which each entry stores a list of all adjacent vertices (e.g., linked list)

# Adjacency List



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

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**Best for sparse or dense graphs?**

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Running time to:

Get a vertex's out-edges:

$O(d)$  where  $d$  is out-degree of vertex

Get a vertex's in-edges:

$O(|E|)$  (could keep a second adjacency list for this!)

Decide if some edge exists:

$O(d)$  where  $d$  is out-degree of source

Insert an edge:

$O(1)$  (unless you need to check if it's already there)

Delete an edge:

$O(d)$  where  $d$  is out-degree of source

Space requirements:  $O(|V|+|E|)$

Best for sparse or dense graphs? *sparse*

# Undirected Graphs

Adjacency lists also work well for undirected graphs with one caveat

Put each edge in two lists to support efficient "get all neighbors"

# Which is better?

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**Graphs are often sparse**

**Streets form grids**

**Airlines rarely fly to all cities**

**Adjacency lists should generally be your default choice**

**Slower performance compensated by greater space savings**

# Graph Representations

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Is there any other graph representation?

- Incidence Matrix
- Edge list

# Incidence Matrix

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

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if edge } e_j \text{ is incident with } v_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Path of Length n

**Definition 1.** A path of length  $n$  from  $u$  to  $v$  in an undirected graph is a sequence of edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  of the graph such that edge  $e_1$  has endpoints  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ , edge  $e_2$  has endpoints  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,

...

and edge  $e_n$  has endpoints  $x_{n-1}$  and  $x_n$ ,  
**where  $x_0 = u$  and  $x_n = v$ .**

# Path of Length n

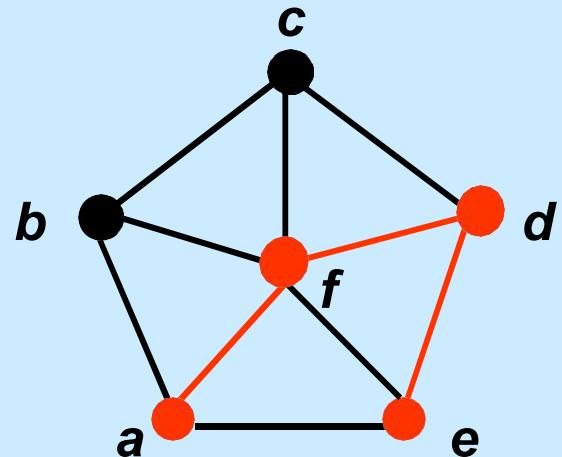
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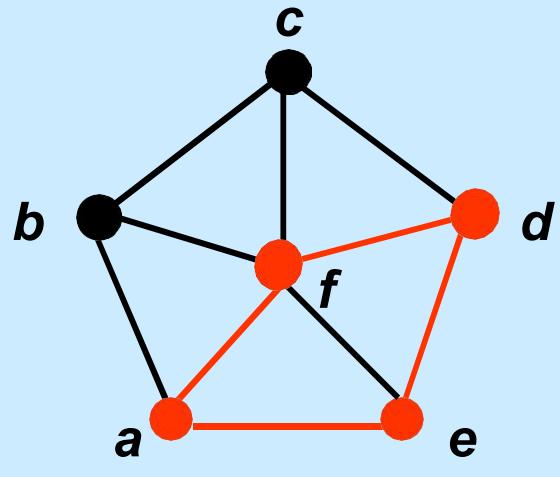
# One path from a to e



This path passes through vertices f and d in that order.

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This path passes through vertices f, d, e, in that order.

It has length 4.

It is a circuit because it begins and ends at the same vertex.

It is called simple because it does not contain the same edge more than once.

# Path of Length n

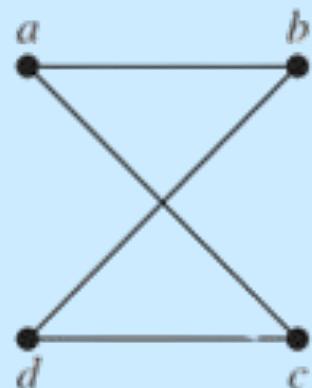
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# Path of Length n

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Solution: Given the adjacency matrix  $A$  of the graph, the number of path of length  $n$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  is  $A^n[i][j]$

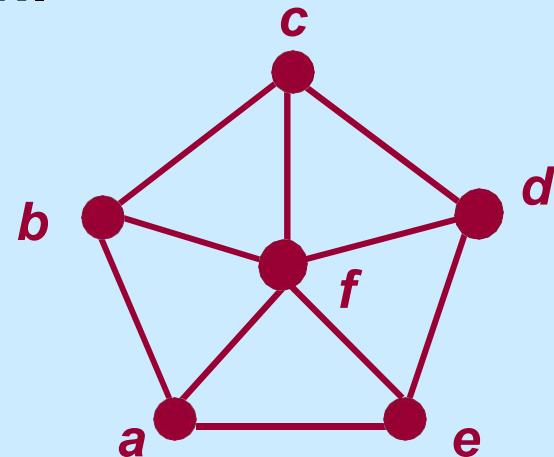


$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix},$$

# Connected graph

**Definition 3.** An undirected graph is called **connected** if there is a path between every pair of distinct vertices of the graph.

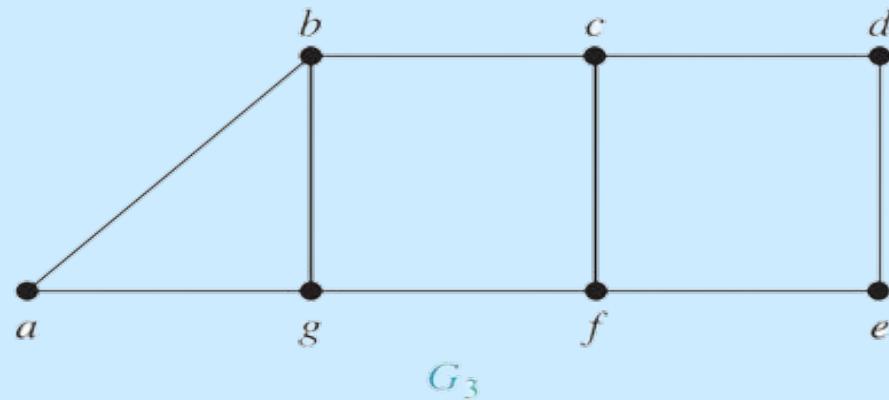
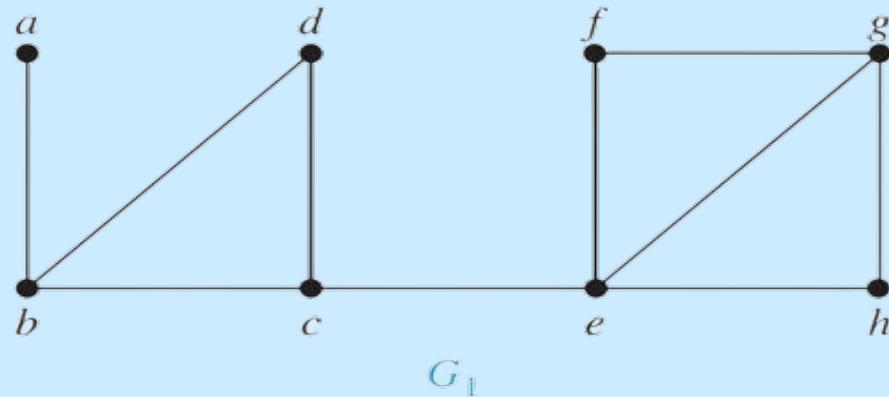
IS THIS GRAPH CONNECTED?



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# Connected Graph

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



# Connected Components

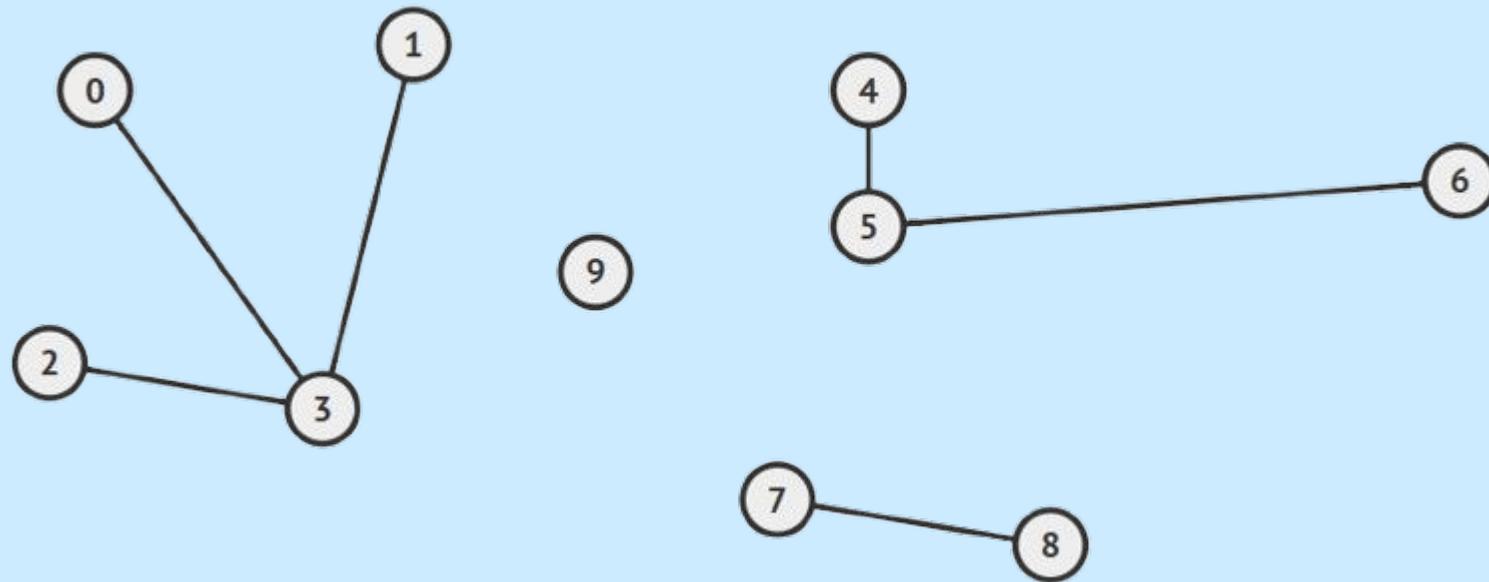
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A connected component of a graph  $G$  is a connected subgraph of  $G$  that is not a proper subgraph of another connected subgraph of  $G$ . That is, a connected component of a graph  $G$  is a maximal connected subgraph of  $G$ .

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

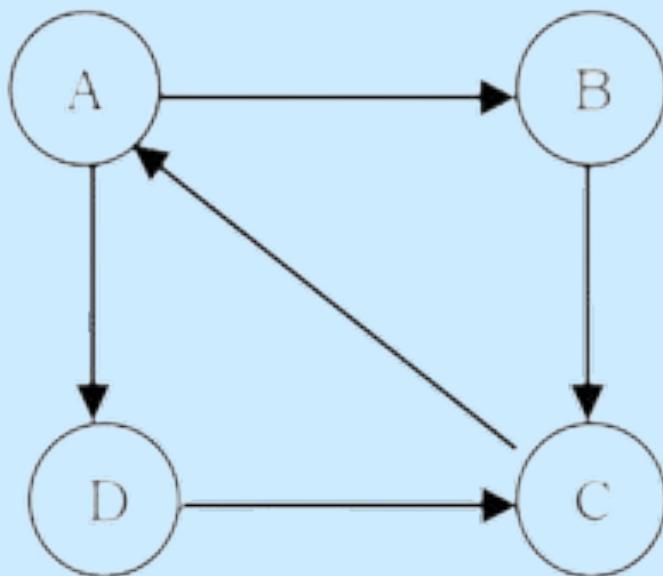
# Connected Components

How many connected components are there in the following graph?



# Connectedness in Directed Graphs

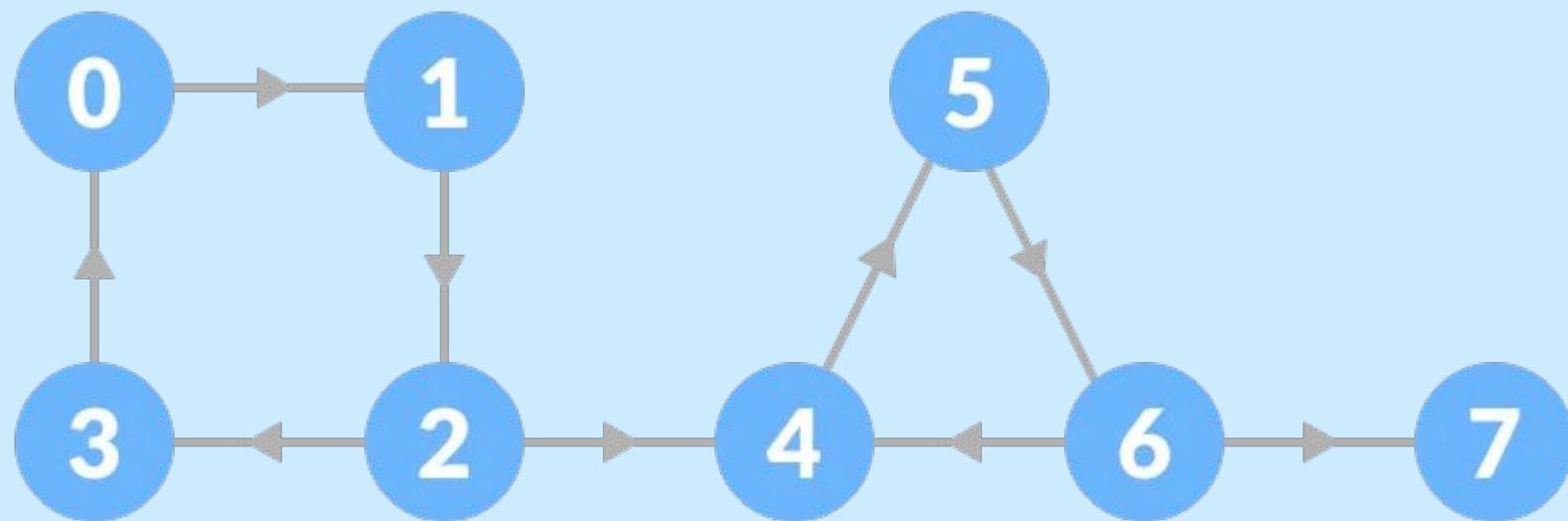
A directed graph is strongly connected if there is a path from a to b and from b to a whenever a and b are vertices in the graph



Strongly connected

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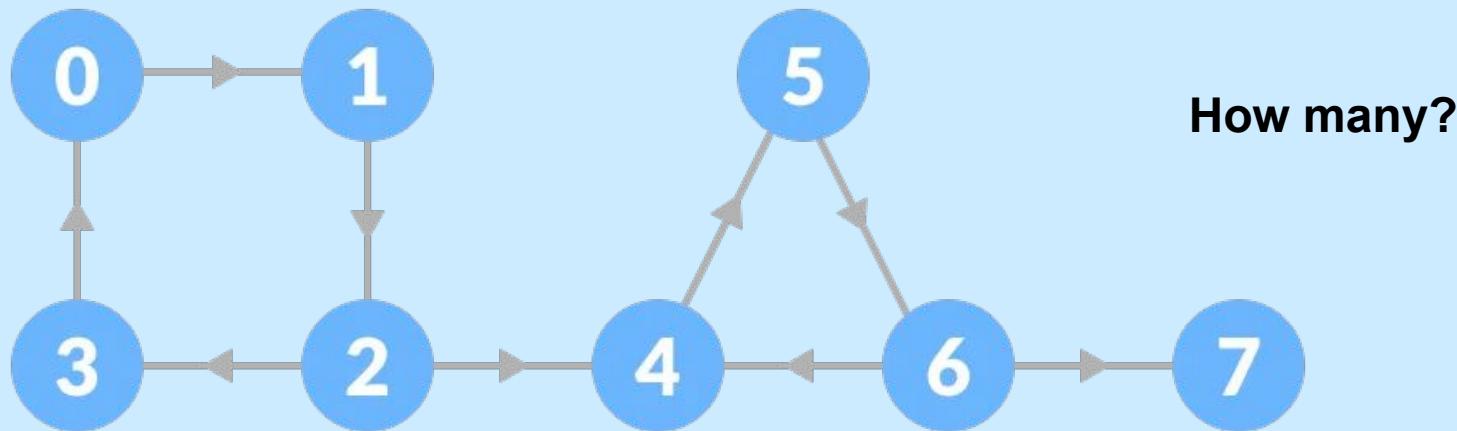
A directed graph is weakly connected if there is a path between every two vertices in the underlying undirected graph.



Not strongly connected but weakly connected

# STRONGLY CONNECTED COMPONENTS

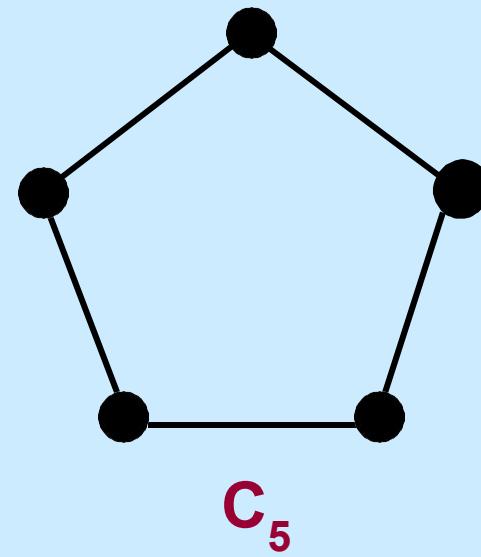
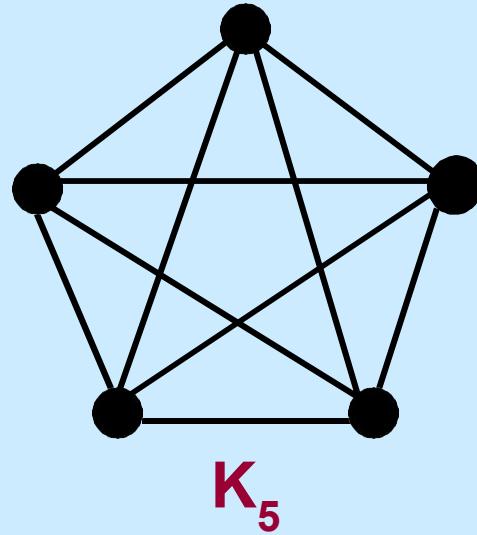
The subgraphs of a directed graph  $G$  that are strongly connected but not contained in larger strongly connected subgraphs, that is, the maximal strongly connected subgraphs, are called the **strongly connected components** or **strong components** of  $G$



# Subgraph

**Definition 6.** A **subgraph** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $H = (W, F)$  where  $W \subseteq V$  and  $F \subseteq E$ .

# $C_5$ is a subgraph of $K_5$



# Union

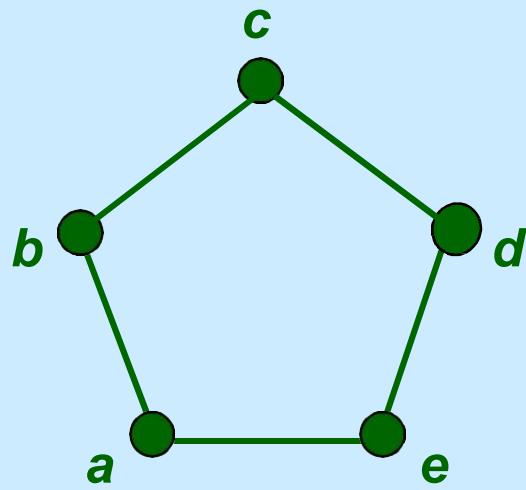
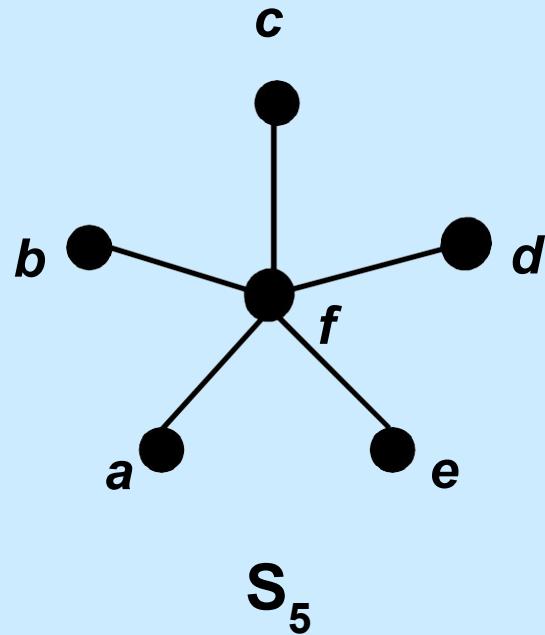
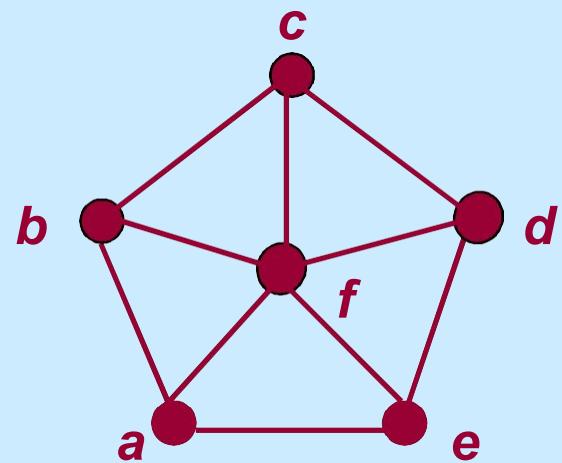
**Definition 7.** The **union** of 2 simple graphs

$G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  is the simple graph with vertex set  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and

edge set  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ . The union is denoted

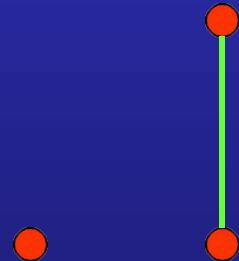
by  $G_1 \cup G_2$ .

# $W_5$ is the union of $S_5$ and $C_5$

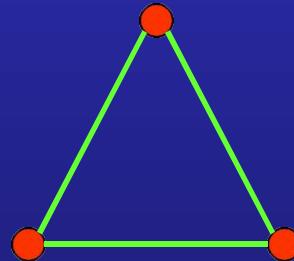


# Special Graphs

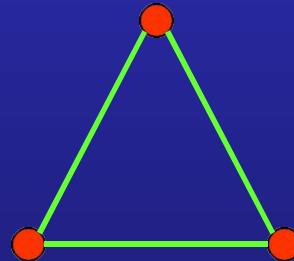
**Definition:** The **complete graph** on  $n$  vertices, denoted by  $K_n$ , is the simple graph that contains exactly one edge between each pair of distinct vertices.



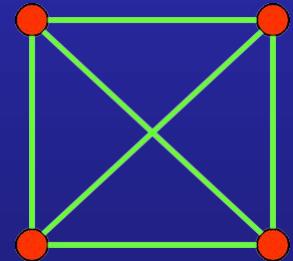
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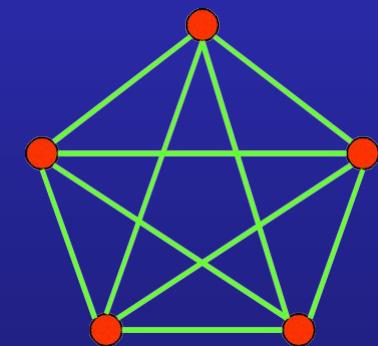
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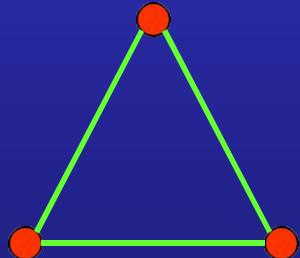
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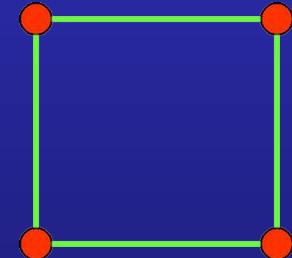
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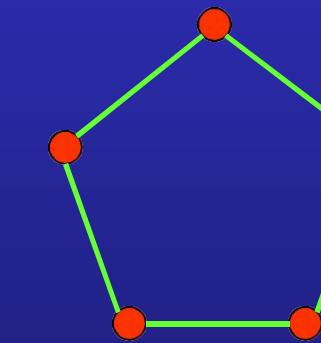
**Definition:** The **cycle**  $C_n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , consists of  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and edges  $\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}, \{v_n, v_1\}$ .



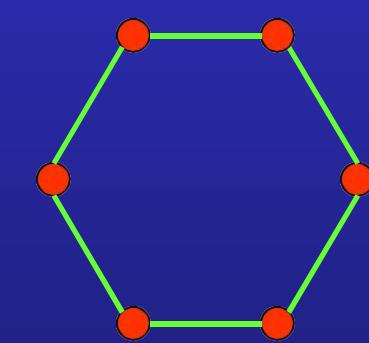
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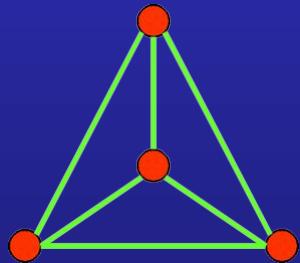
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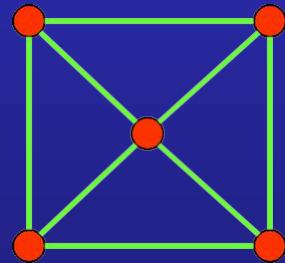
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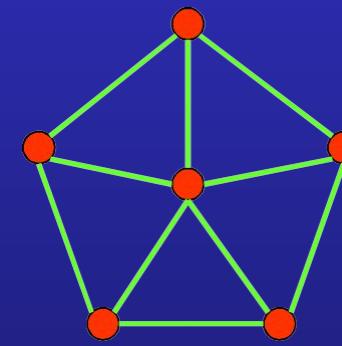
**Definition:** We obtain the **wheel**  $W_n$  when we add an additional vertex to the cycle  $C_n$ , for  $n \geq 3$ , and connect this new vertex to each of the  $n$  vertices in  $C_n$  by adding new edges.



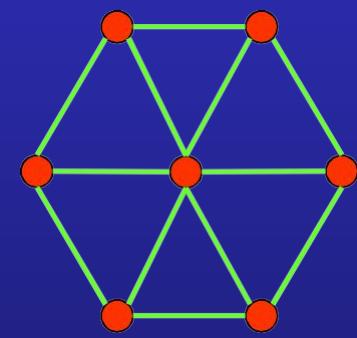
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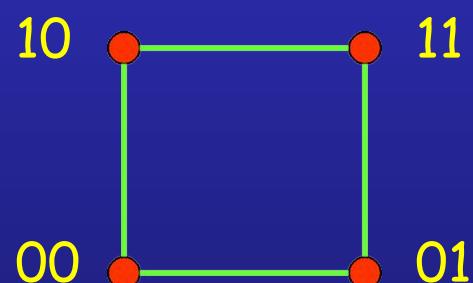
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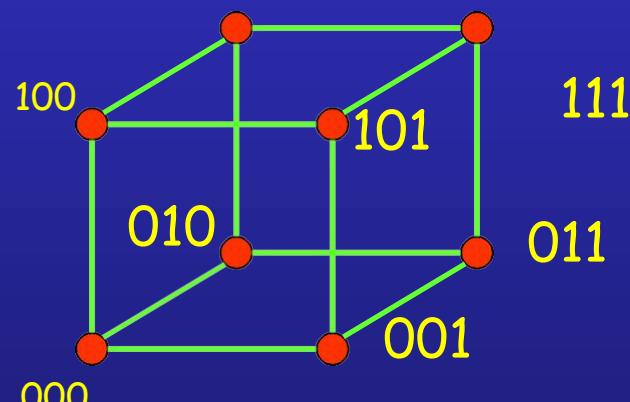
**Definition:** The  $n$ -cube, denoted by  $Q_n$ , is the graph that has vertices representing the  $2^n$  bit strings of length  $n$ . Two vertices are adjacent if and only if the bit strings that they represent differ in exactly one bit position.



$Q_1$



$Q_2$



$Q_3$

# Special Graphs

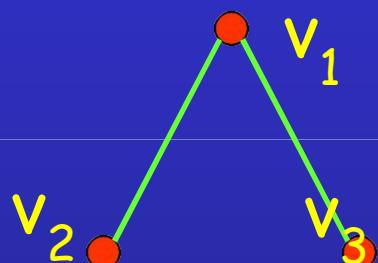
**Definition:** A simple graph is called **bipartite** if its vertex set  $V$  can be partitioned into two disjoint nonempty sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge in the graph connects a vertex in  $V_1$  with a vertex in  $V_2$  (so that no edge in  $G$  connects either two vertices in  $V_1$  or two vertices in  $V_2$ ).

For example, consider a graph that represents each person in a village by a vertex and each marriage by an edge.

This graph is **bipartite**, because each edge connects a vertex in the **subset of males** with a vertex in the **subset of females** (if we think of traditional marriages).

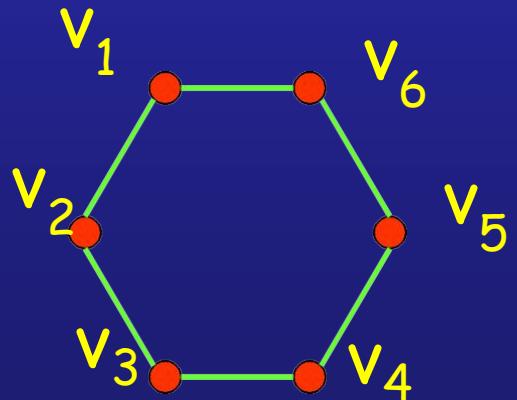
# Special Graphs

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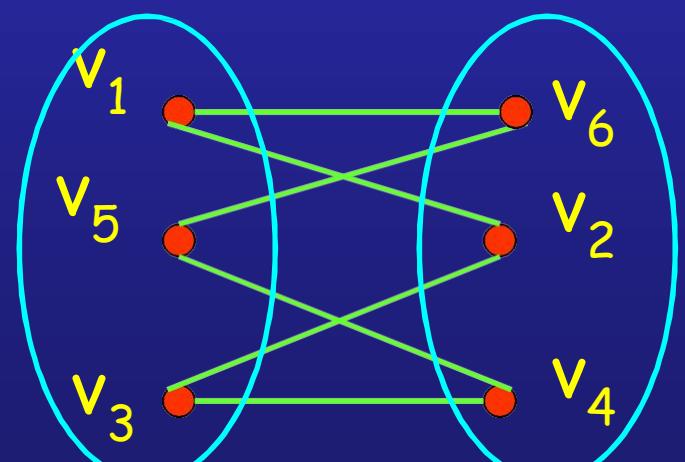


No, because there is no way to partition the vertices into two sets so that there are no edges with both endpoints in the same set.

**Example II:** Is  $C_6$  bipartite?

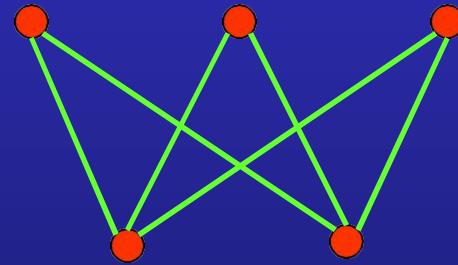
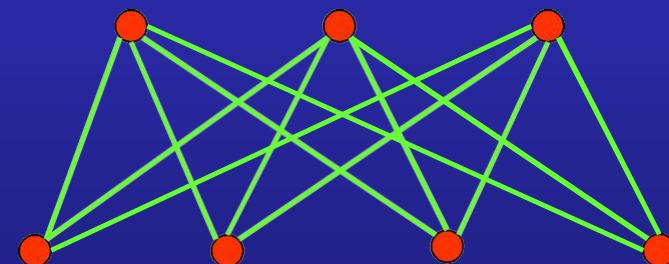


Yes, because we can display  $C_6$  like this:



# Special Graphs

**Definition:** The **complete bipartite graph**  $K_{m,n}$  is the graph that has its vertex set partitioned into two subsets of  $m$  and  $n$  vertices, respectively. Two vertices are connected if and only if they are in different subsets.

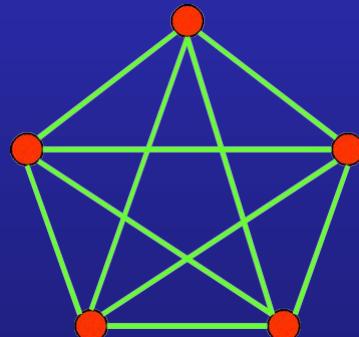
 $K_{3,2}$  $K_{3,4}$

# Operations on Graphs

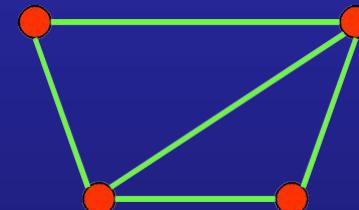
**Definition:** A **subgraph** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $H = (W, F)$  where  $W \subseteq V$  and  $F \subseteq E$ .

**Note:** Of course,  $H$  is a valid graph, so we cannot remove any endpoints of remaining edges when creating  $H$ .

**Example:**



$K_5$



subgraph of  $K_5$

# Euler Circuit

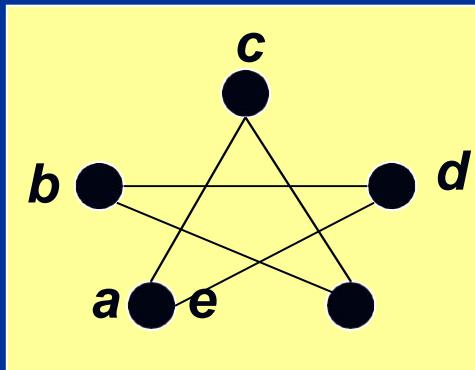
- A Euler Circuit in a graph  $G$  is a simple circuit that includes all edges and vertices of  $G$ .
- A Euler Path in a graph  $G$  is a simple path that includes all edges and vertices of  $G$ .

Visit each  
edge once

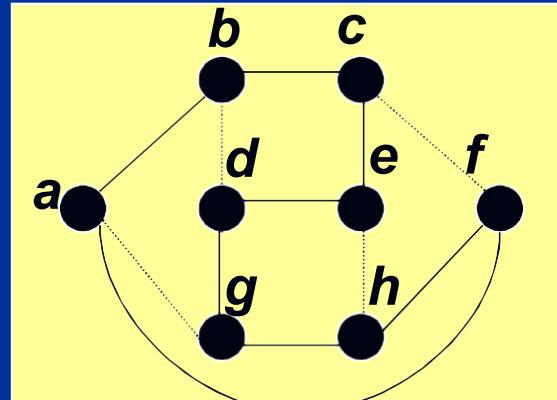


# Hamiltonian circuit

- ... a circuit where each vertex in  $G$  is used exactly once



Hamiltonian & Euler  
circuit



Hamiltonian  
circuit

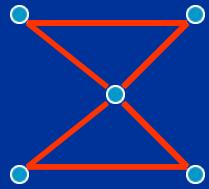
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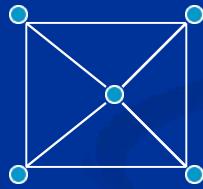
# Euler cycle and paths

**Euler path:** a path traversing all the edges of the graph exactly once

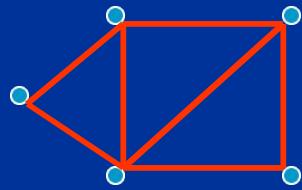
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Has Euler  
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No Euler  
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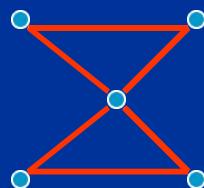


Has Euler path,  
but no Euler  
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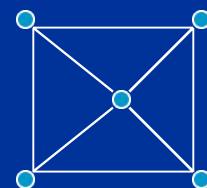


# Necessary and sufficient conditions for Euler cycles

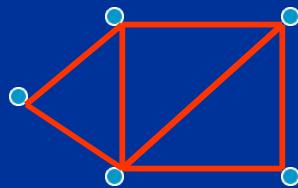
**Theorem 1:** A connected multigraph has an Euler cycle if and only if each of its vertices has even degree.



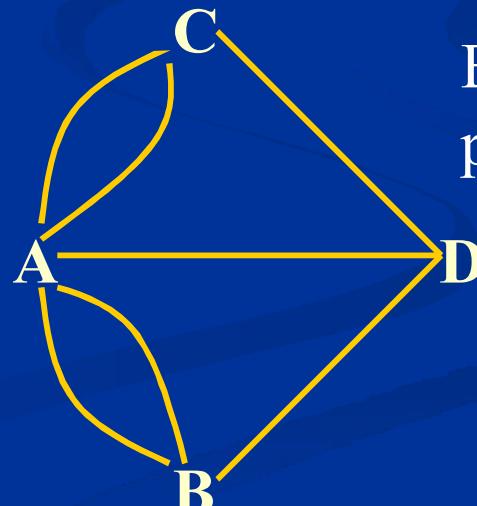
Has Euler cycle



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Has Euler path,  
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Euler cycle???  
path???



# Necessary condition for Euler cycle

Theorem 1: A connected multigraph has an Euler cycle if and only if each of its vertices has even degree.

Proof Sketch, PART 1:

- Assume the graph has an Euler cycle.
- Observe that every time the cycle passes through a vertex, it contributes 2 to the vertex's degree

(since the cycle enters via an edge incident with this vertex and leaves via another such edge)

# Necessary and sufficient conditions for Euler paths

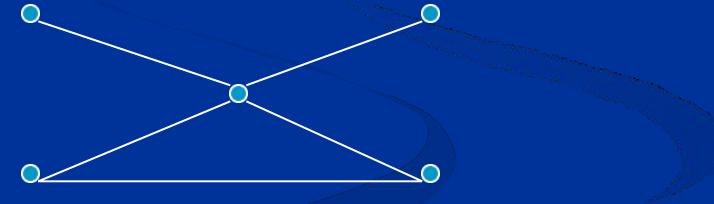
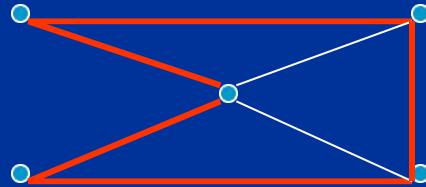
Theorem 2. A connected multigraph has an Euler path but not an Euler cycle if and only if it has exactly two vertices of odd degree.

# Hamilton paths and cycles

**Hamilton cycle**: visits every vertex of the graph exactly once before returning, as the last step, to the starting vertex.

**Hamilton path**: visits every vertex of the graph exactly once.

Examples:



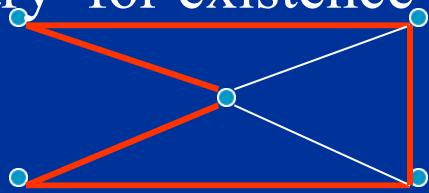
## Hamilton paths and cycles (cont.)

No property is known to efficiently verify existence of a Hamilton cycle/path for general graphs. Moreover, the problem is known to be as difficult as the TSP (find the shortest H. cycle through  $n$  cities).

**Dirac's Theorem:** If  $G$  is a simple graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices such that the degree of every vertex is at least  $n/2$ , then  $G$  has a Hamilton cycle.

**Ore's Theorem:** If  $G$  is a simple graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices such that the  $\deg(u) + \deg(v) \geq n$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , then  $G$  has a Hamilton cycle.

Ore's condition is more general than Dirac's but neither is necessary for existence of a Hamilton cycle.

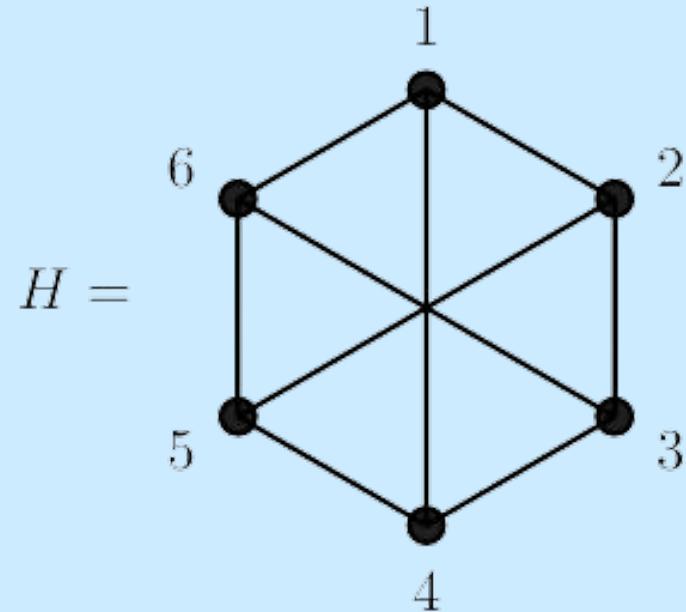
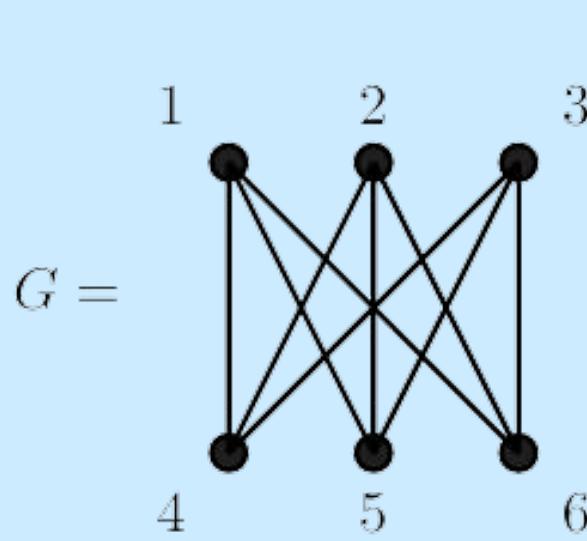


# **Graph Isomorphism**

# Graph Isomorphism

Two graphs  $G=(V,E)$  and  $H=(W,F)$  are **isomorphic** if there is a bijective function  $f: V \rightarrow W$  such that for all  $v, w \in V$ :

$$\{v,w\} \in E \Leftrightarrow \{f(v),f(w)\} \in F$$



# Variant for labeled graphs

**Let  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $H = (W, F)$  be graphs with vertex labelings  $l: V \rightarrow L$ ,  $l': W \rightarrow L$ .**

**$G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic labeled graphs, if there is a bijective function  $f: V \rightarrow W$  such that**

For all  $v, w \in V$ :  $\{v, w\} \in E \Leftrightarrow \{f(v), f(w)\} \in F$

For all  $v \in V$ :  $l(v) = l'(f(v))$ .

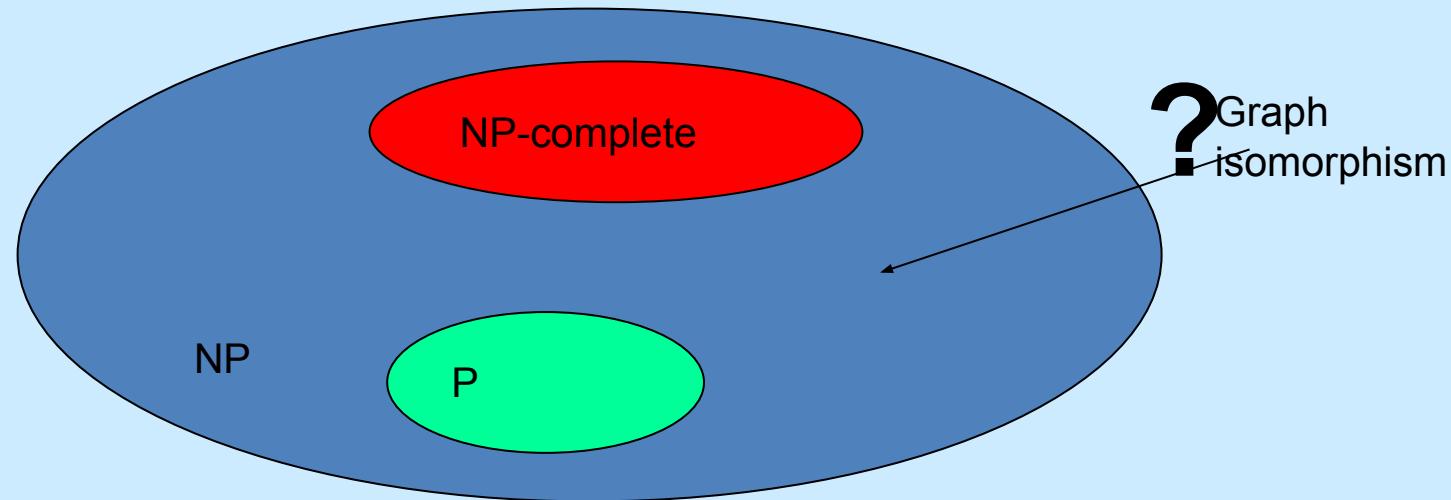
# Complexity of graph isomorphism

**Problem is in NP, but**

No NP-completeness proof is known

No polynomial time algorithm is known

If  $P \neq NP$



# Complexity of graph isomorphism

László Babai (2017) proposed an algorithm with complexity of quasi-polynomial (not polynomial time)

$2^{f(n)}$  where  $f(n)$  is  $O((\log n)^{O(1)})$

# Isomorphism-complete

Problems are  
**isomorphism-complete**, if they  
are ‘equally hard’ as graph  
**isomorphism**

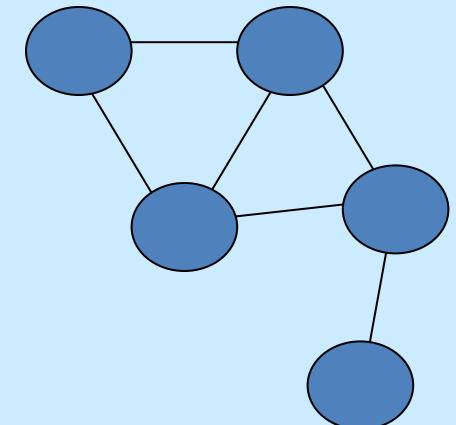
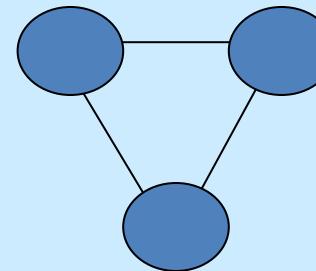
Isomorphism of bipartite graphs

Isomorphism of labeled graphs

**Automorphism** of graphs

**Given:** a graph  $G=(V,E)$

**Question:** is there a non-trivial  
automorphism, i.e., a bijective function  $f$ :  
 $V \rightarrow V$ , not the identity, with for all  $v,w \in V$ :  
 $\{v,w\} \in E$ , if and only if  $\{f(v),f(w)\} \in E$ .



# Special cases are easier

## Polynomial time algorithms for

- ❖ Graphs of bounded degree (Luks' Algorithm (1982))
- ❖ Planar graphs (Hopcroft & Wong (1974))
- ❖ Trees (tree coding, centered tree matching)

## Expected polynomial time for random graphs

# An equivalence relation on vertices

Say  $v \sim w$ , if and only if there is an automorphism mapping  $v$  to  $w$ .

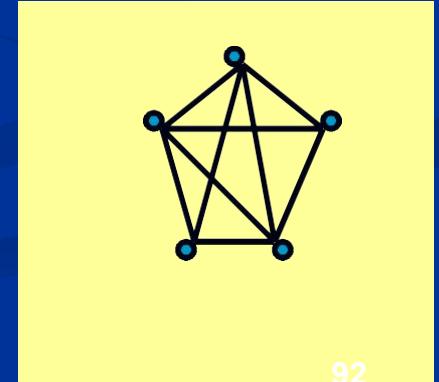
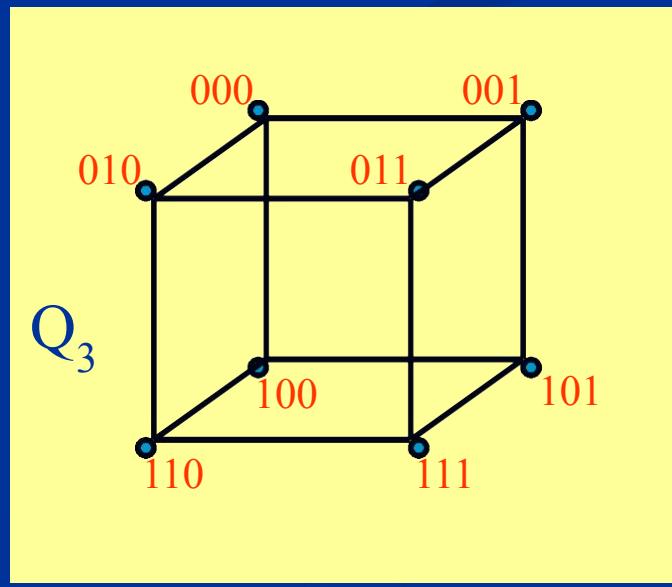
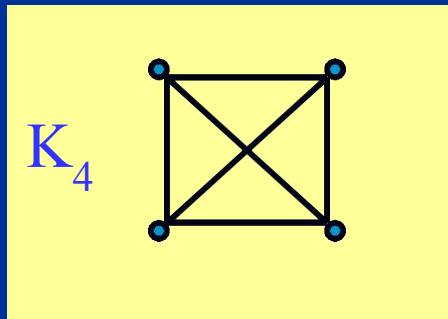
$\sim$  is an equivalence relation

Partitions the vertices in *automorphism classes*

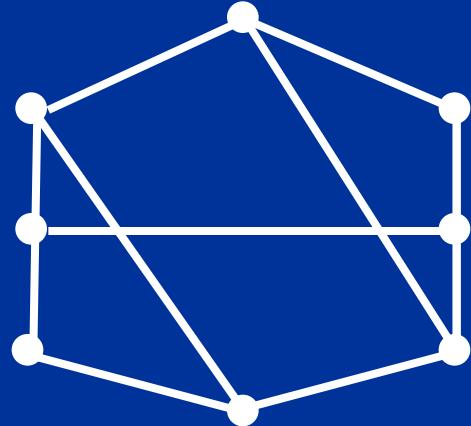
Tells on structure of graph

# Planar graphs

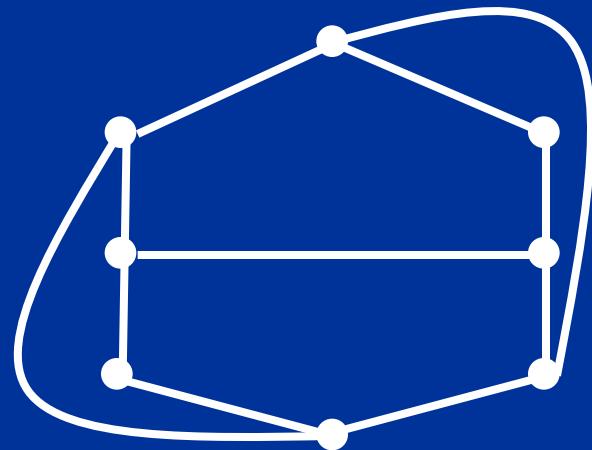
- A graph is *planar* if it can be drawn in the plane without any edges crossing
- A graph that is so drawn in the plane is a *plane graph* (planar representation).



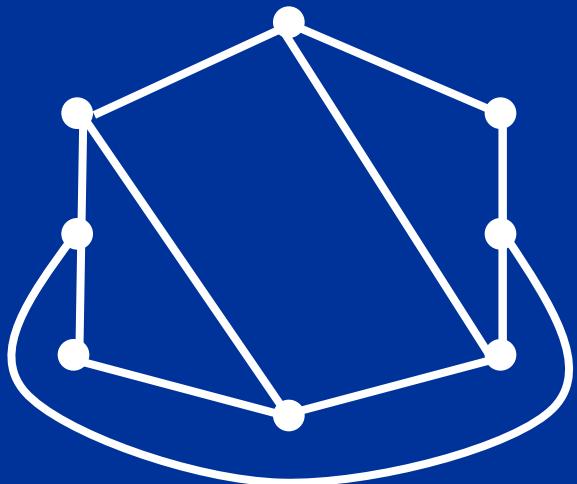
# Plane graphs



(a) planar,  
not a plane graph



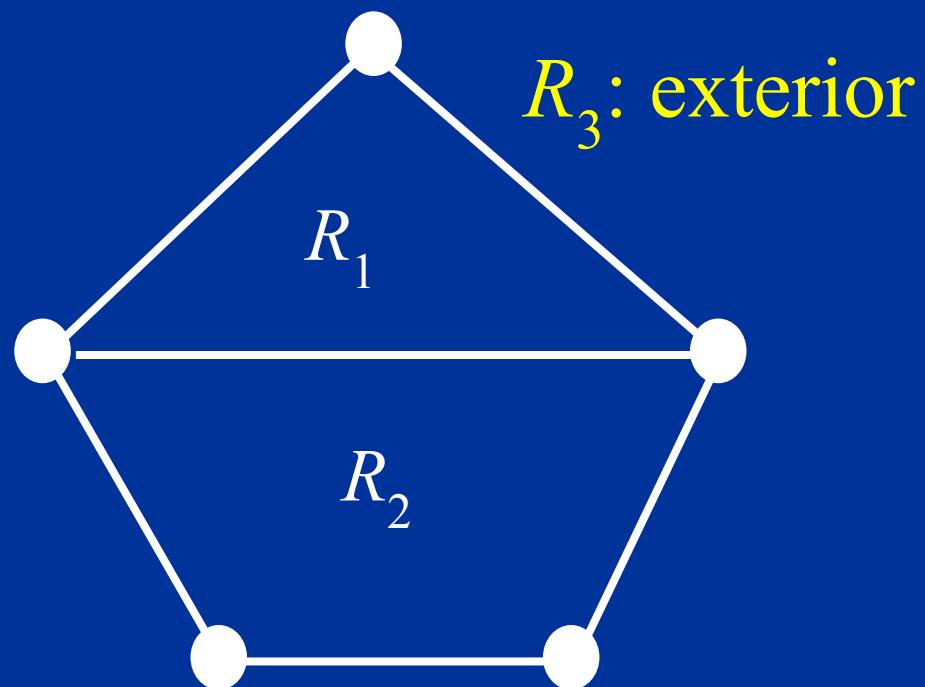
(b) a plane graph



(c) another  
plane graph

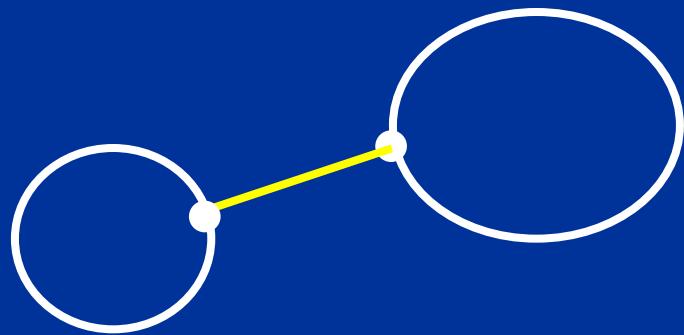
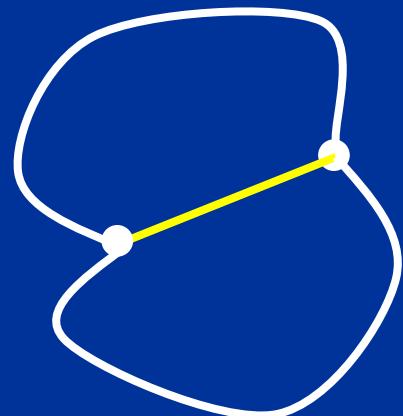
# Planar graphs

- Let  $G$  be a plane graph. The connected pieces of the plane that remain when the vertices and edges of  $G$  are removed are called the **regions** (faces) of  $G$ .



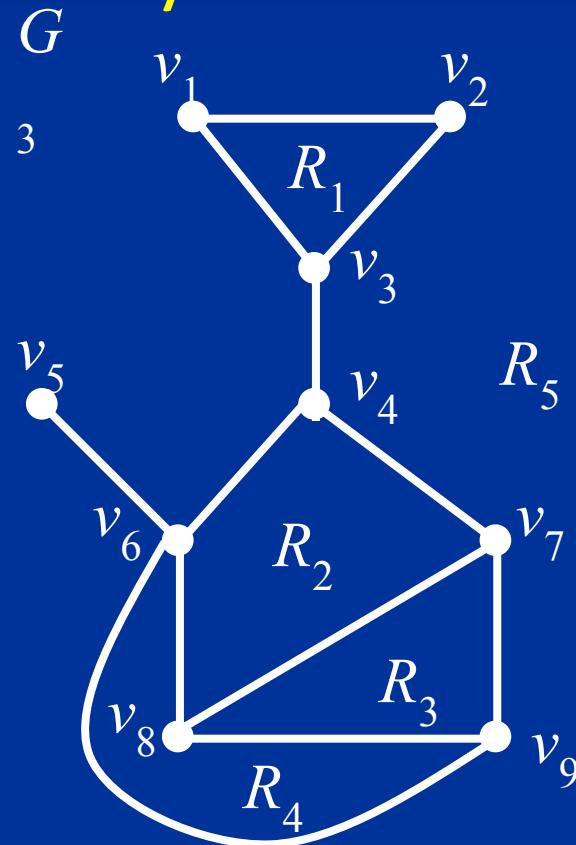
# Planar graphs

Every plane graph has exactly one unbounded region, called the **exterior region (outer face)**. The vertices and edges of  $G$  that are incident with a region  $R$  form a subgraph of  $G$  called the **boundary** of  $R$ .



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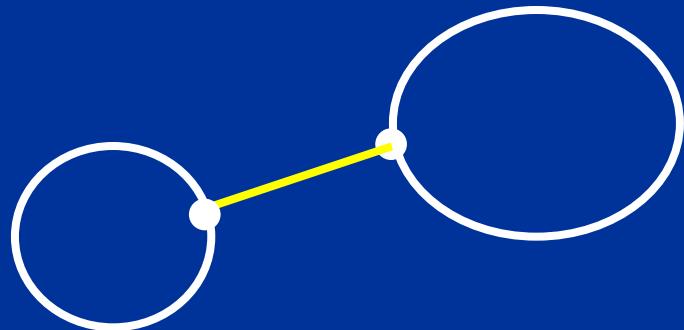
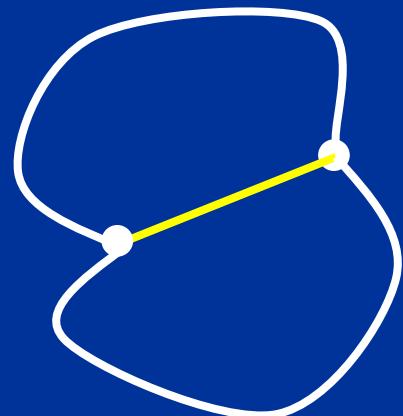


$G_3$  has 5 regions.

# Planar graphs

Degree of a region, which is defined to be the number of edges on the boundary of this region

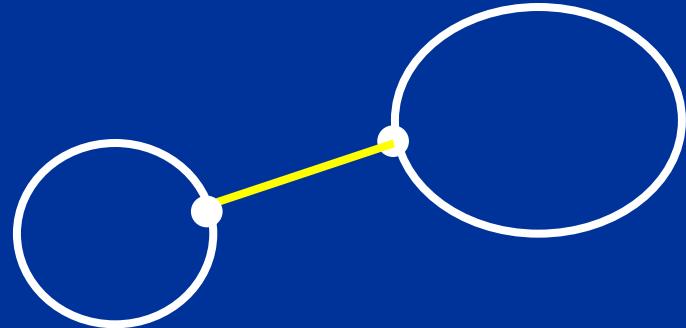
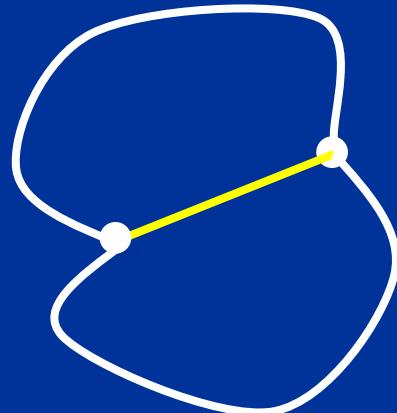
$$\sum \deg(r) = 2e$$
$$r \in G$$



# Euler's Formula

Euler's Formula: If  $G$  is a connected plane graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges, and  $r$  regions, then

$$n - m + r = 2.$$



# Euler's Formula

**pf: (by induction)**

**(basis)** If  $m = 0$ , so  $n = 1, r = 1$ ,  
and  $n - m + r = 2$ .

Constructing a sequence of subgraphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_e = G$ , successively adding an edge at each stage. Because  $G$  is connected,  $G_n$  can be obtained from  $G_{n-1}$  by arbitrarily adding an edge that is incident with a vertex already in  $G_{n-1}$ .

Assume that the formula is true for  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$ , that  $r_k = m_k - n_k + 2$ .

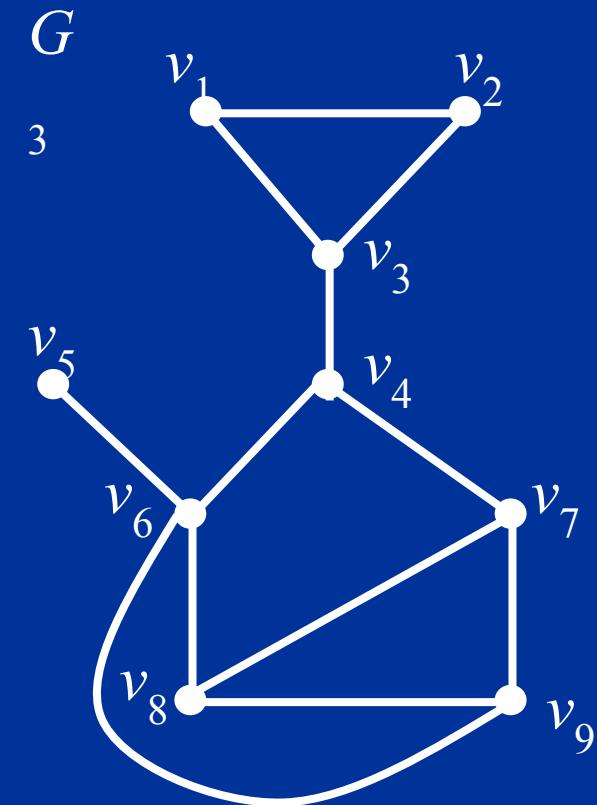
# Euler's Formula

Let  $\{a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}\}$  be the edge that is added to  $G_k$  to obtain  $G_{k+1}$ . There are two cases:

Case 1: Both  $a_{k+1}$  and  $b_{k+1}$  are already in  $G_k \Rightarrow$  they must be on the **boundary of a common region  $R$**  ( $G_{k+1}$  is planar). (it is impossible to add the edge without two edge crossing if both vertices belongs to different regions). The adding edge split  $R$  into two regions:

$$r_{k+1} = r_k + 1, n_{k+1} = n_k + 1, m_{k+1} = m_k.$$

Because  $r_k = m_k - n_k + 2$  (assumption),  $r_{k+1} = m_k - n_{k+1} + 2$ .



# Euler's Formula

Let  $\{a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}\}$  be the edge that is added to  $G_k$  to obtain  $G_{k+1}$ . There are two cases:

Case 2:  $a_{k+1}$  is in  $G_k$  while  $b_{k+1}$  is adding => The adding edge does not produce any new region

$$r_{k+1} = r_k, n_{k+1} = n_k + 1, m_{k+1} = m_k.$$

Because  $r_k = m_k - n_k + 2$  (assumption),  $r_{k+1} = m_k - n_{k+1} + 2$ .

In both cases,  $r_{k+1} = m_k - n_{k+1} + 2$  for  $G_{k+1}$   
=>  $r = m - n + 2$  for  $G$

## Euler's Formula - Corollary1

If  $G$  is a connected planar simple graph with  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) vertices,  $m$  edges

$$m \leq 3n - 6.$$

Prove: The degree of each region is at least three (no multiple edges, loops)

Sum of the degrees of the regions is  $2m$

$$2m = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq 3r$$

Hence,  $r \leq 2/3 m$

$$n - m + r = 2, \Rightarrow m \leq 3n - 6.$$

# Planar graph

Every planar graph contains a vertex of degree 5 or less.

**pf:** Let  $G$  be a planar graph of  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

If  $\deg(v) \geq 6$  for every  $v \in V(G)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq$$

$$\Rightarrow m \geq 3n \quad \rightarrowleftarrow \text{COROLLARY1}$$

# Planar graph

A plane graph  $G$  is called maximal planar if, for every pair  $u, v$  of nonadjacent vertices of  $G$ , the graph  $G+uv$  is nonplanar.

- If  $G$  is a maximal simple planar graph with  $p \geq 3$  vertices and  $q$  edges, then
$$q = 3p - 6.$$
- If  $G$  is a maximal simple planar bipartite graph with  $p \geq 3$  vertices and  $q$  edges, then
$$q = 2p - 4$$

## Planar graph

The graphs  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$  are nonplanar.

(1)  $K_5$  has  $p = 5$  vertices and  $q = 10$  edges.

$$q > 3p - 6 \Rightarrow K_5 \text{ is nonplanar.}$$

(2) Suppose  $K_{3,3}$  is planar, and consider any embedding of  $K_{3,3}$  in the plane.

Suppose the embedding has  $r$  regions.

$$p - q + r = 2 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$K_{3,3}$  is bipartite

$\Rightarrow$  The boundary of every region has  $\geq 4$  edges.

$$\Rightarrow 4r \leq \sum_{\forall \text{ region } R} |\{\text{the edges of the boundary of } R\}| = 2q = 18$$

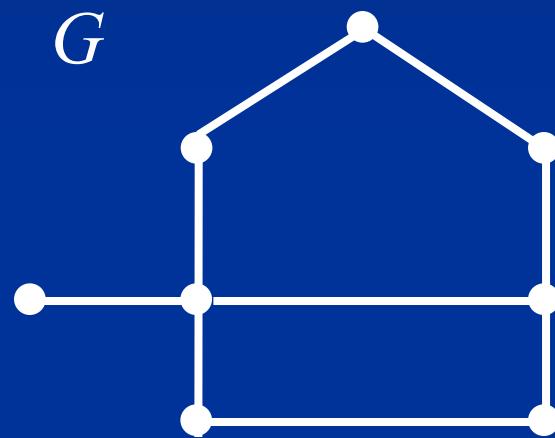


# Planar graph

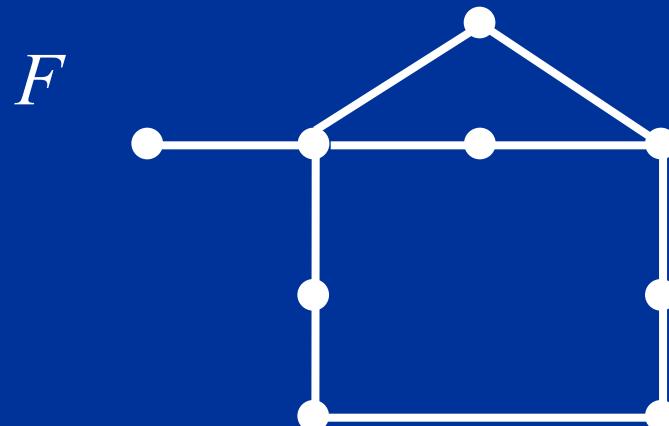
A **subdivision** of a graph  $G$  is a graph obtained by inserting vertices (of degree 2) into the edges of  $G$ .

Two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are called **homeomorphic** if they are constructed from the same graph through a sequence of divisions

# Subdivisions of graphs.



$H$  is a subdivision of  $G$ .



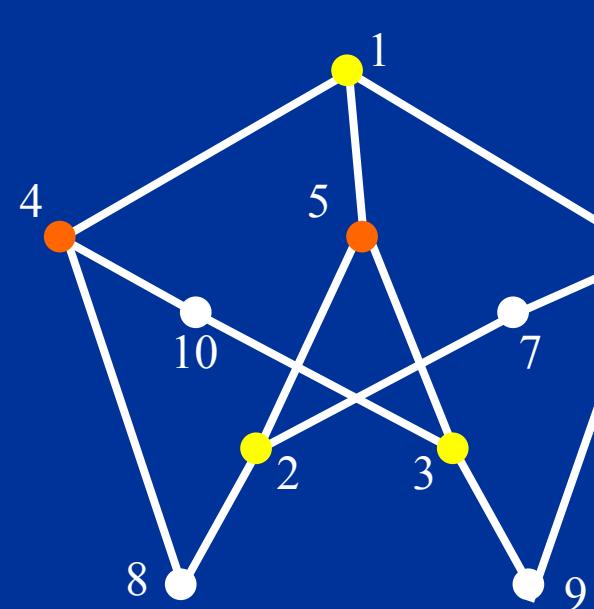
$F$  is not a subdivision of  $G$ .

# Kuratowski's Theorem

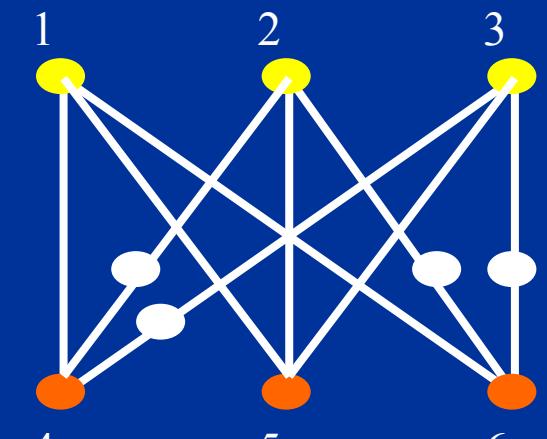
A graph is planar if and only if it contains no subgraph that is isomorphic to or is a subdivision of  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ .



(a) Petersen



(b) Subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$



# Graph Coloring

A coloring of the vertices of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of colors to the vertices. A coloring is **proper** if adjacent vertices always have different colors. This is also called the **vertex coloring** problem

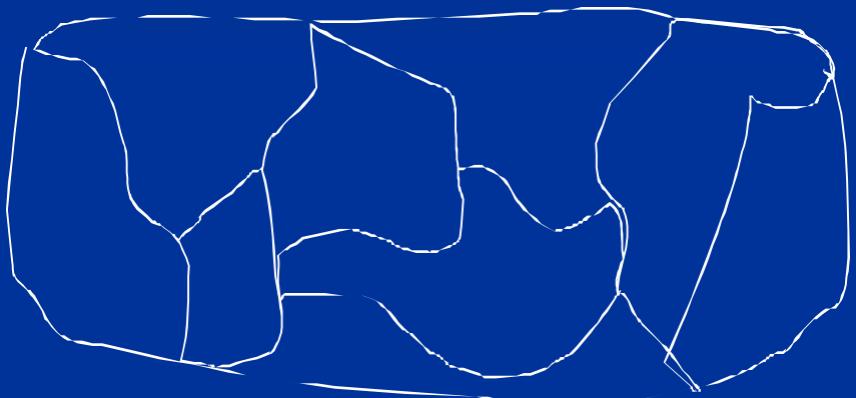
An  $m$ -coloring of  $G$  is a mapping from  $V$  onto the set  $\{1,2,\dots,m\}$  of  $m$  “colors”

Graph coloring includes:

- Vertex coloring
- Edge coloring
- Face coloring

# Graph Coloring

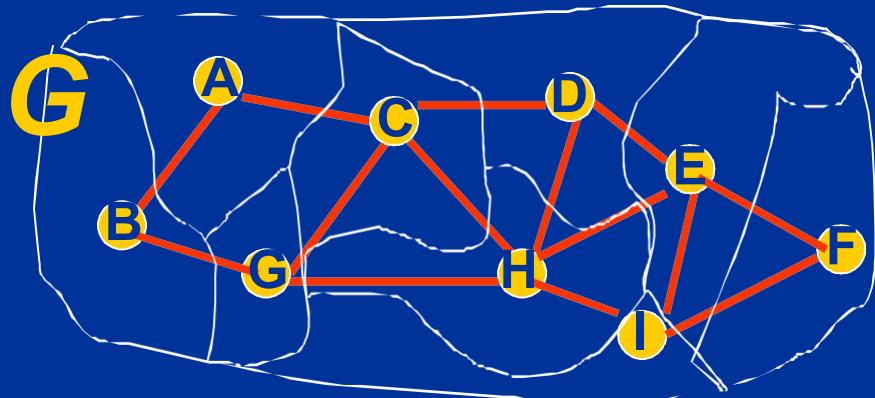
- What is the least number of colors needed to color a map?



# Dual Map

**Region = vertex**

**Common border = edge**



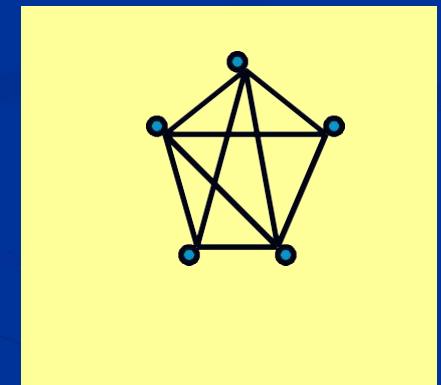
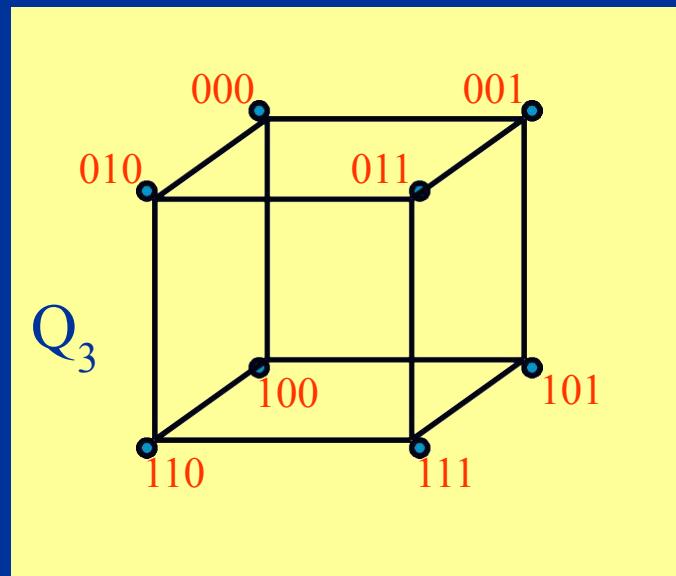
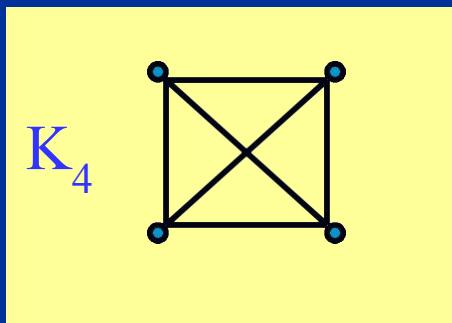
Chromatic number  $\chi$

$(G)$

What is the least number of colors needed to color the vertices of a graph so that no two adjacent vertices are assigned the same color?

# Four color theorem

Every planar graph is 4-colorable



# Chromatic Numbers (cont.)

- There is no efficient algorithm for finding  $\chi(G)$  for an arbitrary graph. Most computer scientists believe that such an algorithm doesn't exist.
- There is an efficient algorithm to determine whether a given graph is bipartite, i.e., 2-colorable.
- Applications:
  - map coloring
  - scheduling