

7.3 Exercise: In-class exercises are meant to introduce you to a new topic and provide some practice with the new topic. Work in a team of up to 4 people to complete this exercise. You can work simultaneously on the problems, or work separate and then check your answers with each other. You can take the exercise home, score will be based on the in-class quiz the following class period. **Work out problems on your own paper** - this document just has examples and questions.

7.3 Isomorphism and Planarity

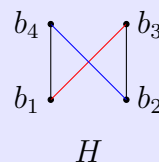
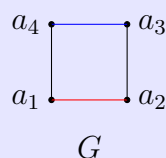
7.3.1 Isomorphism

Isomorphism

Simple graphs G and H are called **isomorphic** if there is a one-to-one and onto function f from the nodes of G to the nodes of H such that $\{v, w\}$ is an edge of G if and only if $\{f(v), f(w)\}$ is an edge of H . The function f is called an isomorphism. Hence, an isomorphism is simply a **rule** associating nodes that preserves the edges joining the nodes.^a

In other words, two graphs are isomorphic if they're essentially the same graph, with the vertices rearranged. Generally, you'll think of this as there being some function that maps a vertex from a graph G to another graph H .

Example:

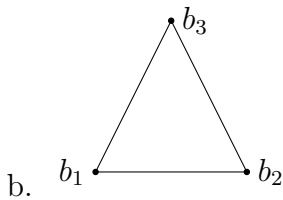
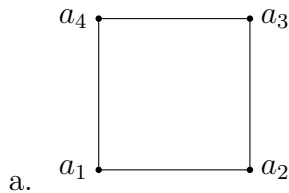


These are isomorphic... imagine taking a_2 and a_3 from graph G and physically flipping them with the edges still connected. In this case, our mapping is... $a_1 \mapsto b_1$ $a_2 \mapsto b_3$ $a_3 \mapsto b_2$ $a_4 \mapsto b_4$.

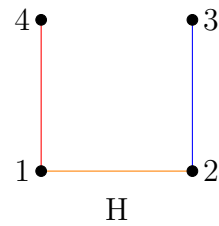
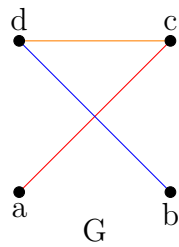
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Question 1

Redraw the following graphs by moving the vertices around, but keeping the edges connected.

**Question 2**

For the two graphs given, fill out a table of vertex mappings, and of edge mappings.



a. Vertex Map:

G	a	b	c	d
H				

b. Edge Map:

G	{a, c}	{c, d}	{d, b}
H			

Properties of isomorphic graphs

Two graphs that are isomorphic to one another must have...: ^a

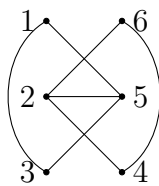
- The same number of nodes
- The same number of edges
- The same number of nodes of any given degree.
- The same number of cycles.
- The same number of cycles of any given size.

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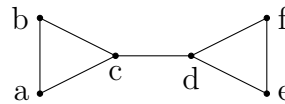
Question 3

Given the following two graphs...

G



H



- a. Write out all edges for both graphs.

$G: \{2, 5\}$

$H: \{d, c\}$

- b. For each edge from G , write out what edge in H corresponds to it.

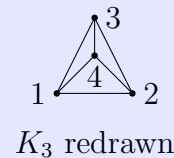
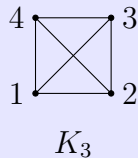
Example: $\{2,5\} \mapsto \{d, c\}$

7.3.2 Planarity

Planarity

1. A simple, connected graph is called **planar** if there is a way to draw it (on a plane) so that no edges cross (i.e., they can only meet at a node). We will call “drawing” of a graph on a plane surface with no edge-crossings an **embedding** of the graph in the plane.
2. A graph is called **bipartite** if its set of nodes can be partitioned into two disjoint sets S_1 and S_2 so that every edge in the graph has one endpoint in S_1 and one endpoint in S_2 .
3. The **complete graph** on n nodes, denoted by K_n , is the simple graph with nodes $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and an edge between every pair of distinct nodes.
4. The **complete bipartite graph** on n, m nodes, denoted by $K_{n,m}$, is the simple bipartite graph with nodes $S_1 = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ and $S_2 = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$ and with edges connecting each node in S_1 to every node in S_2 .^a

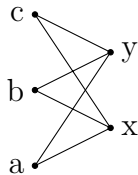
Example: Let's redraw the graph K_4 so it has no overlapping edges.



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Question 4

Redraw the following graph, $K_{3,2}$, so that no edges are overlapping.



Faces

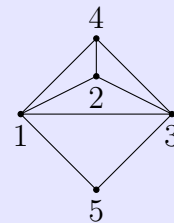
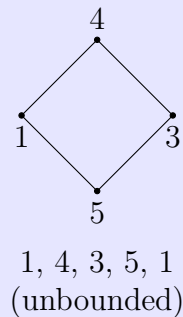
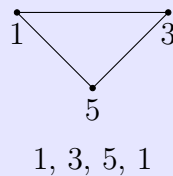
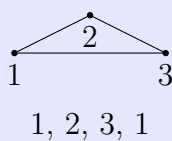
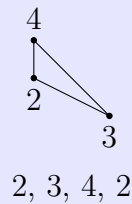
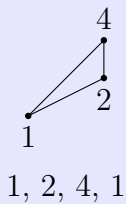
For a planar graph G embedded in the plane, a **face** of the graph is a region of the plane created by the drawing. Since the plane is an unbounded surface, every embedding of a finite planar graph will have exactly one **unbound** face.^a

Unbound (external) face: Think of the external face as the “canvas” that all other faces are painted on to. Or, if you were viewing a silhouette of the drawing, you would only see the unbounded face - the sum of all the faces.

Example:

For the drawing, identify the faces by giving the cycle that creates each face, and highlight the unbounded face.

Faces:



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Question 5

For both graphs, draw out each of its **faces**, then write out all the cycles bordering faces and identify the unbounded cycle.

