



## Why

We look at a particular subset of vertices and the edges involved between them.

## Definition

The *subgraph* of an undirected graph  $(V, E)$  *induced by* a subset of vertices  $W \subset V$  is the undirected graph with vertices  $W$  and all edges between vertices in  $W$ .

## Notation

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph. Let  $W \subset V$ .

$$F = \{\{v, w\} \in E \mid v, w \in W\}.$$

The subgraph induced by  $W$  is the undirected graph  $(W, F)$ .

Some authors denote the subgraph induced by  $W$  by  $G(W)$  or  $(W, E(W))$ . We avoid this notation, as it abuses  $G$ , which is no longer an ordered pair, but (in our standard function notation) now indicates a function on subsets of  $V$  with a complicated codomain. Other authors occasionally refer to the “subgraph  $W$ ”, instead of “the subgraph  $G(W)$ ”. Again, we avoid this practice.



