

# Graph Data-Structure

Fundamentals and Basic Terminologies..

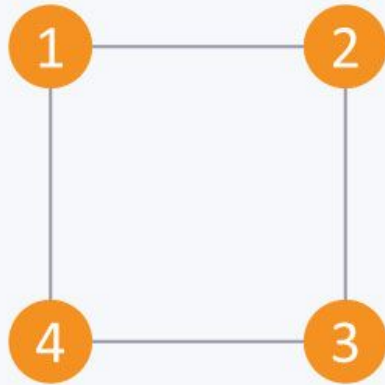
# Basic Graph Terminologies

Graphs are mathematical structures that represent pairwise relationships between objects. A graph is a flow structure that represents the relationship between various objects. It can be visualized by using the following two basic components:

- **Nodes:** These are the most important components in any graph. Nodes are entities whose relationships are expressed using edges. If a graph comprises 2 nodes A and B and an undirected edge between them, then it expresses a bi-directional relationship between the nodes and edge.
- **Edges:** Edges are the components that are used to represent the relationships between various nodes in a graph. An edge between two nodes expresses a one-way or two-way relationship between the nodes.

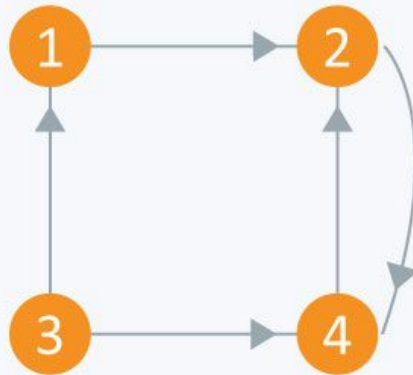
# TYPES OF GRAPH

Undirected: An undirected graph is a graph in which all the edges are bi-directional i.e. the edges do not point in any specific direction.



**Undirected Graph**

- Directed: A directed graph is a graph in which all the edges are uni-directional i.e. the edges point in a single direction.

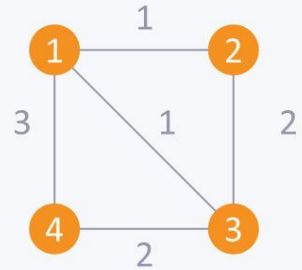


**Directed Graph**

Weighted: In a weighted graph, each edge is assigned a weight or cost. Consider a graph of 4 nodes as in the diagram below. As you can see each edge has a weight/cost assigned to it. If you want to go from vertex 1 to vertex 3, you can take one of the following 3 paths:

- 1 -> 2 -> 3
- 1 -> 3
- 1 -> 4 -> 3

Therefore the total cost of each path will be as follows: - The total cost of 1 -> 2 -> 3 will be  $(1 + 2)$  i.e. 3 units - The total cost of 1 -> 3 will be 1 unit - The total cost of 1 -> 4 -> 3 will be  $(3 + 2)$  i.e. 5 units



**Weighted Graph**

# #Important Points

**Cyclic:** A graph is cyclic if the graph comprises a path that starts from a vertex and ends at the same vertex. That path is called a cycle. An acyclic graph is a graph that has no cycle.

A tree is an undirected graph in which any two vertices are connected by only one path. A tree is an acyclic graph and has  $N - 1$  edges where  $N$  is the number of vertices. Each node in a graph may have one or multiple parent nodes. However, in a tree, each node (except the root node) comprises exactly one parent node.

*Note:* A root node has no parent.

A tree cannot contain any cycles or self loops, however, the same does not apply to graphs.

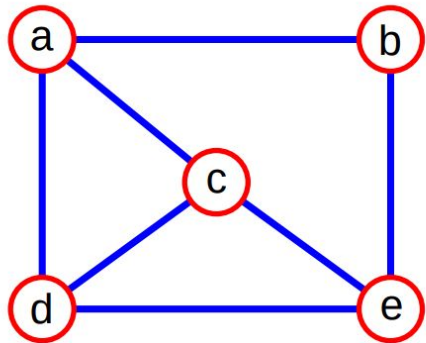
# What is a Graph?

- A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  is composed of:

$V$ : set of *vertices*

$E$ : set of *edges* connecting the *vertices* in  $V$

- An **edge**  $e = (u, v)$  is a pair of *vertices*
- Example:



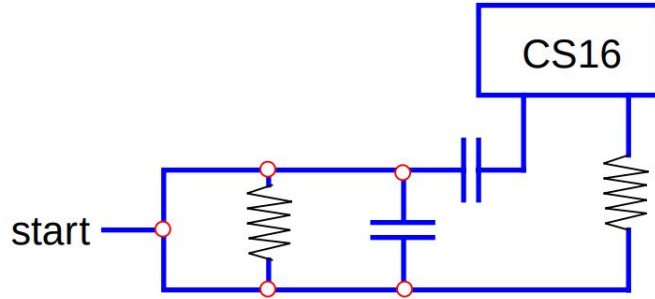
$V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

$E =$   
 $\{(a, b), (a, c), (a, d),$   
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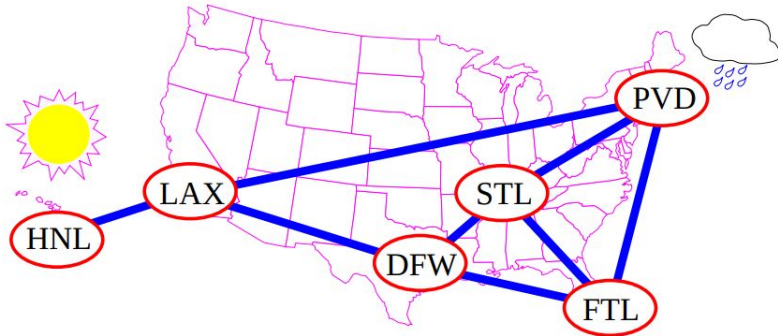
# Applications

- electronic circuits

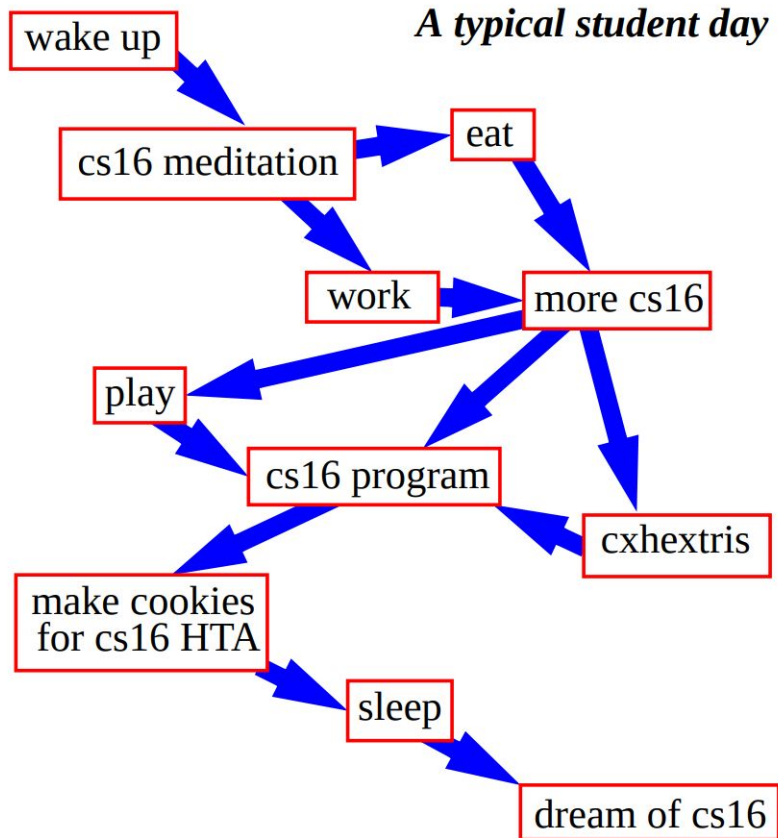


*find the path of least resistance to CS16*

- **networks** (roads, flights, communications)

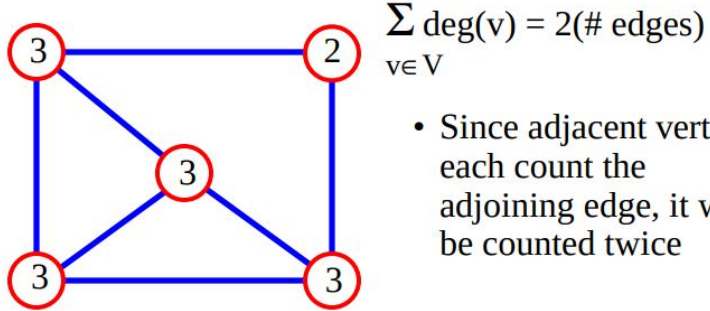


- scheduling (project planning)



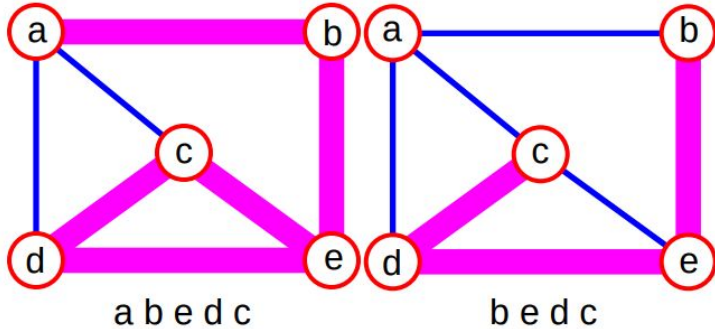
# Graph Terminology

- **adjacent vertices**: connected by an edge
- **degree** (of a **vertex**): # of adjacent vertices

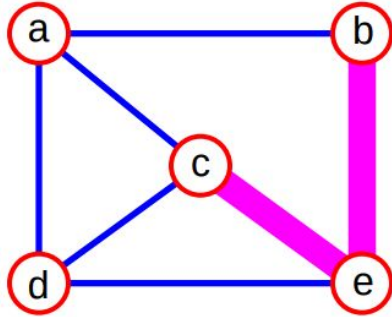


- Since adjacent vertices each count the adjoining edge, it will be counted twice

**path**: sequence of vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  such that consecutive vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent.

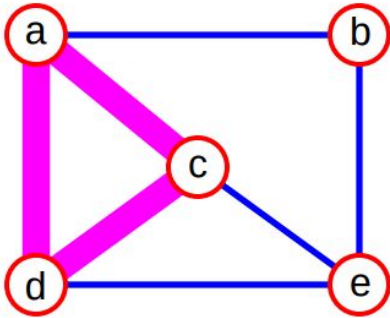


- **simple path**: no repeated vertices



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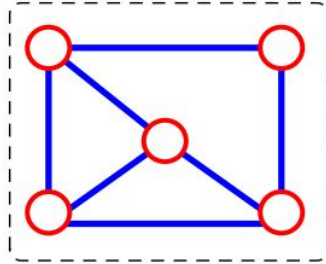
- **cycle**: simple path, except that the last vertex is the same as the first vertex



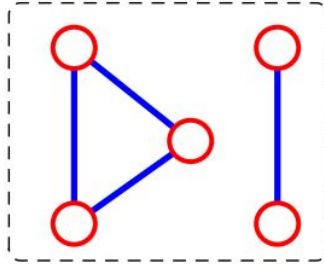
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- **connected graph**: any two vertices are connected by some path

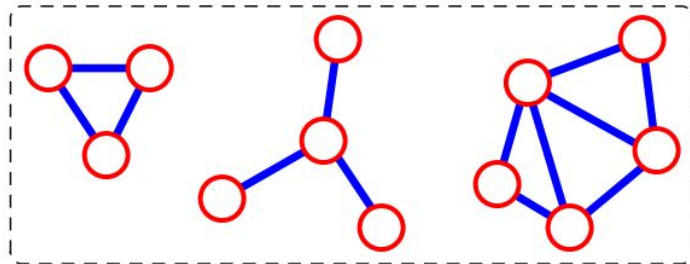


connected

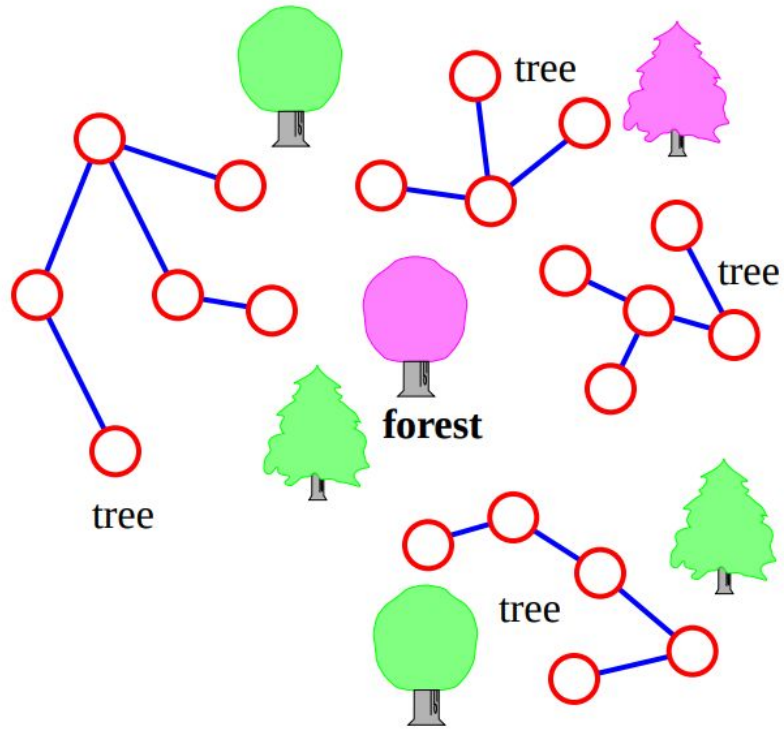


not connected

- **subgraph**: subset of vertices and edges forming a graph
- **connected component**: maximal connected subgraph. E.g., the graph below has 3 connected components.



- (free) tree - connected graph without cycles
- forest - collection of trees



# Connectivity

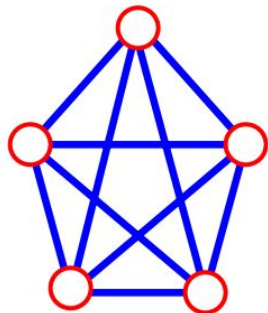
Let  $n$  = #vertices

$m$  = #edges

- **complete graph** - all pairs of vertices are adjacent

$$m = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in V} (n - 1) = n(n-1)/2$$

- Each of the  $n$  vertices is incident to  $n - 1$  edges, however, we would have counted each edge twice!!!  
Therefore, intuitively,  $m = n(n-1)/2$ .



$$n = 5$$

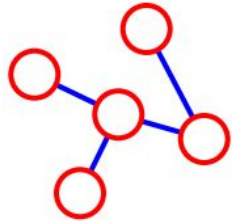
$$m = (5 * 4)/2 = 10$$

- Therefore, if a graph is **not** complete,  
 $m < n(n-1)/2$

**n** = #vertices

**m** = #edges

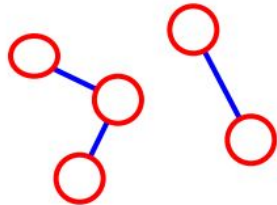
- For a tree **m** = **n** - 1



**n** = 5

**m** = 4

- If **m** < **n** - 1, G is not connected



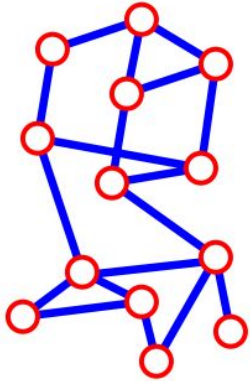
**n** = 5

**m** = 3

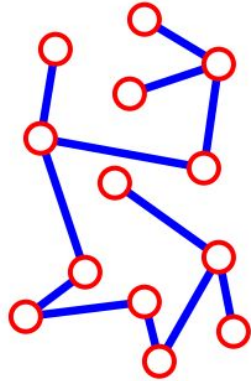


# Spanning Tree

- A **spanning tree** of  $G$  is a subgraph which
  - is a tree
  - contains all vertices of  $G$



$G$

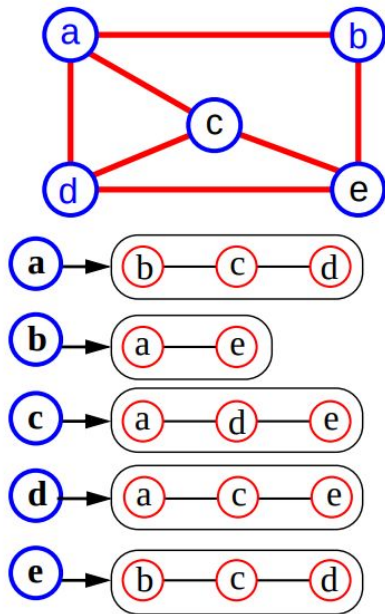


spanning tree of  $G$

- Failure on any edge disconnects system (least fault tolerant)

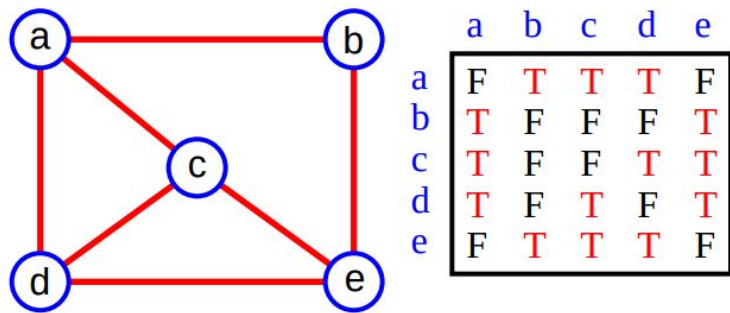
# Adjacency List (traditional)

- **adjacency list of a vertex  $v$ :**  
sequence of vertices adjacent to  $v$
- represent the graph by the adjacency lists of all the vertices



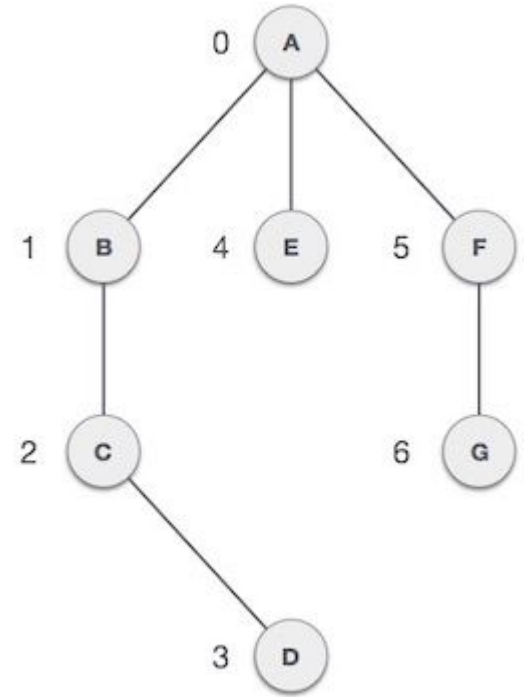
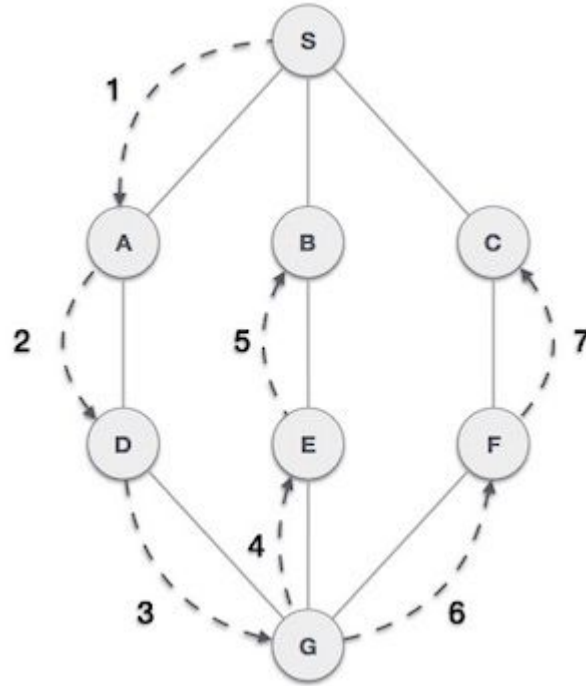
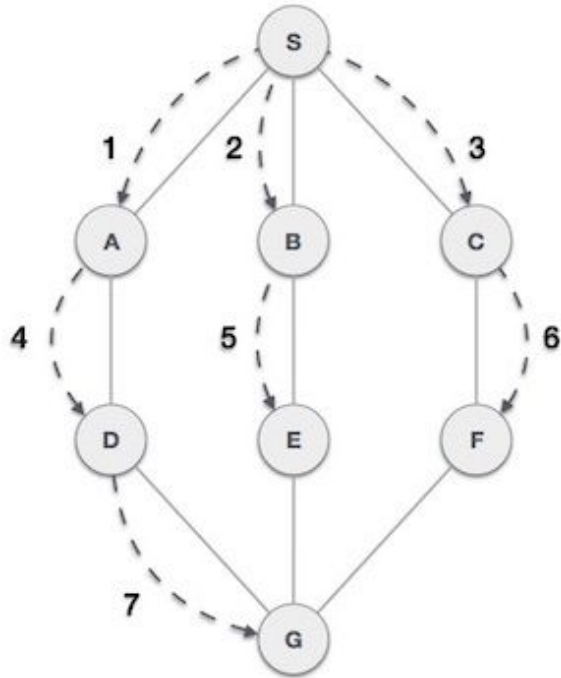
- Space =  $\Theta(N + \sum \deg(v)) = \Theta(N + M)$

# Adjacency Matrix (traditional)



- matrix M with entries for all pairs of vertices
- $M[i,j] = \text{true}$  means that there is an edge (i,j) in the graph.
- $M[i,j] = \text{false}$  means that there is no edge (i,j) in the graph.
- There is an entry for every possible edge, therefore:  
Space =  $\Theta(\mathbf{N^2})$

# Graphs..{BFS and DFS}



Continue with Graph traversal in detail in Next  
Lecture..