Discrete Structures

Graphs

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Representing Graphs and Graph Isomorphism

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Section Summary

- Adjacency Lists
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- Incidence Matrices
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Representing Graphs: Adjacency Lists

Definition: An *adjacency list* can be used to represent a graph with no multiple edges by specifying the vertices that are adjacent to each vertex of the graph.

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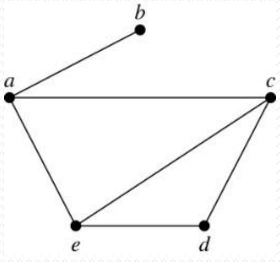

TABLE 1 An Adjacency List for a Simple Graph.

Vertex	*Adjacent Vertices*
a	b, c, e
b	a
c	a, d, e
d	c, e
e	a, c, d

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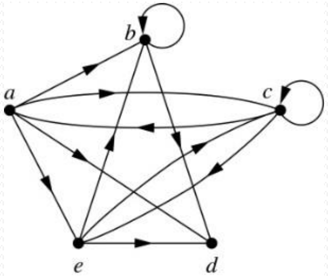

TABLE 2 An Adjacency List for a Directed Graph.

Initial Vertex	*Terminal Vertices*
a	b, c, d, e
b	b, d
c	a, c, e
d	
e	b, c, d

Representation of Graphs: Adjacency Matrices

Definition: Suppose that $G = (V, E)$ is a simple graph where $|V| = n$. Arbitrarily list the vertices of G as $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$. The *adjacency matrix* $\mathbf{A}_G$ of G, with respect to the listing of vertices, is the $n \times n$ zero-one matrix with 1 as its (i, j)th entry when v_i and v_j are adjacent, and 0 as its (i, j)th entry when they are not adjacent.

- In other words, if the graphs adjacency matrix is $\mathbf{A}_G = [a_{ij}]$, then

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

Representation of Graphs: Adjacency Matrices

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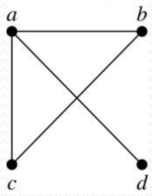
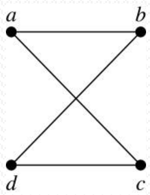


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The ordering of vertices is a, b, c, d.



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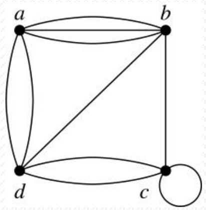
When a graph is sparse, that is, it has few edges relatively to the total number of possible edges, it is much more efficient to represent the graph using an adjacency list than an adjacency matrix. But for a dense graph, which includes a high percentage of possible edges, an adjacency matrix is preferable.

Note: The adjacency matrix of a simple graph is symmetric, i.e., $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$
Also, since there are no loops, each diagonal entry a_{ij} for $i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n$, is 0.

Representing Graphs: Adjacency Lists

- Adjacency matrices can also be used to represent graphs with loops and multiple edges.
- A loop at the vertex v_i is represented by a 1 at the (i, i)th position of the matrix.
- When multiple edges connect the same pair of vertices v_i and v_j, (or if multiple loops are present at the same vertex), the (i, j)th entry equals the number of edges connecting the pair of vertices.

Example: We give the adjacency matrix of the pseudograph shown here using the ordering of vertices a, b, c, d.



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

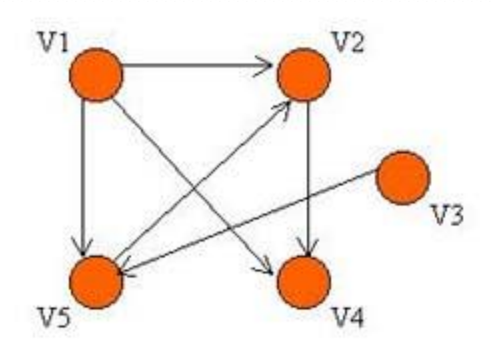
Representing Graphs: Adjacency Lists

- Adjacency matrices can also be used to represent directed graphs. The matrix for a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ has a 1 in its (i, j)th position if there is an edge from v_i to v_j, where $v_1, v_2, \ldots v_n$ is a list of the vertices.
  - In other words, if the graphs adjacency matrix is $\mathbf{A}_G = [a_{ij}]$, then

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

  - The adjacency matrix for a directed graph does not have to be symmetric, because there may not be an edge from v_i to v_j, when there is an edge from v_j to v_i.
  - To represent directed multigraphs, the value of a_{ij} is the number of edges connecting v_i to v_j.

Representing Graphs: Adjacency Lists



	v1	v2	v3	v4	v5
v1	0	1	0	1	1
v2	0	0	0	1	0
v3	0	0	0	0	1
v4	0	0	0	0	0
v5	0	1	0	0	0

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Representation of Graphs: Incidence Matrices

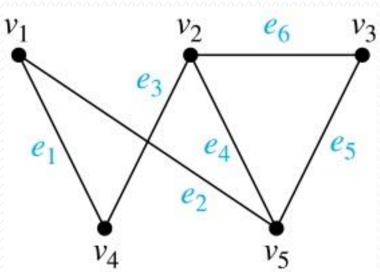
Definition: Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph with vertices where $v_1, v_2, \ldots v_n$ and edges $e_1, e_2, \ldots e_m$. The *incidence matrix* with respect to the ordering of V and E is the $n \times m$ matrix $\mathbf{M} = [m_{ij}]$, where

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

Two vertices *u* and *v* in an undirected graph *G* are called *adjacent* (or *neighbors*) in *G* if *u* and *v* are endpoints of an edge *e* of *G*. Such an edge *e* is called *incident with* the vertices *u* and *v* and *e* is said to *connect* *u* and *v*.

Representation of Graphs: Incidence Matrices

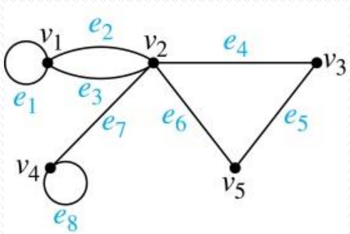
Example: Simple Graph and Incidence Matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rows going from top to bottom represent v_1 through v_5 and the columns going from left to right represent e_1 through e_6.

Example: Pseudograph and Incidence Matrix



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

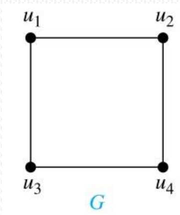
The rows going from top to bottom represent v_1 through v_5 and the columns going from left to right represent e_1 through e_8.

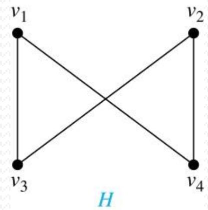
Isomorphism of Graphs

Definition: The simple graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ are *isomorphic* if there is a bijective (one-to-one and onto) function f from V_1 to V_2 with the property that a and b are adjacent in G_1 if and only if $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ are adjacent in G_2 , for all a and b in V_1 . Such a function f is called an *isomorphism*. Two simple graphs that are not isomorphic are called *nonisomorphic*.

Isomorphism of Graphs

Example: Show that the graphs $G = (V, E)$ and $H = (W, F)$ are isomorphic.





Solution: The function f with $f(u_1) = v_1$, $f(u_2) = v_4$, $f(u_3) = v_3$, and $f(u_4) = v_2$ is a one-to-one correspondence between V and W. Note that adjacent vertices in G are u_1 and u_2, u_1 and u_3, u_2 and u_4, and u_3 and u_4. Each of the pairs $f(u_1) = v_1$ and $f(u_2) = v_4$, $f(u_1) = v_1$ and $f(u_3) = v_3$, $f(u_2) = v_4$ and $f(u_4) = v_2$, and $f(u_3) = v_3$ and $f(u_4) = v_2$ consists of two adjacent vertices in H.

Isomorphism of Graphs

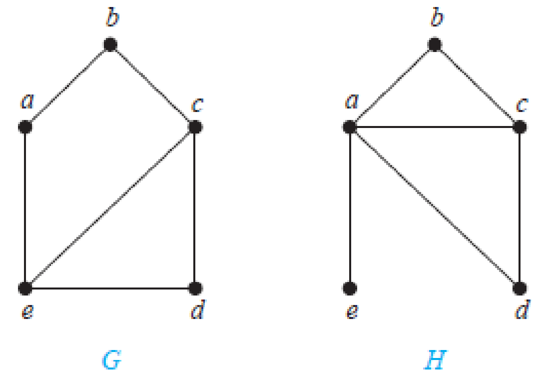
- It is difficult to determine whether two simple graphs are isomorphic using brute force because there are $n!$ possible one-to-one correspondences between the vertex sets of two simple graphs with n vertices.
- The best algorithms for determining whether two graphs are isomorphic have exponential worst case complexity in terms of the number of vertices of the graphs.
- Sometimes it is not hard to show that two graphs are not isomorphic. We can do so by finding a property, preserved by isomorphism, that only one of the two graphs has. Such a property is called ***graph invariant***.
- There are many different useful graph invariants that can be used to distinguish nonisomorphic graphs, such as the number of vertices, number of edges, and degree sequence (list of the degrees of the vertices in nonincreasing order).

Isomorphism of Graphs

- A property preserved by isomorphism of graphs is called a **graph invariant**.
- For instance, isomorphic simple graphs must have the same number
- of vertices, because there is a one-to-one correspondence between the sets of vertices of the graphs.
- Isomorphic simple graphs also must have the same number of edges, because the one-to-one correspondence between vertices establishes a one-to-one correspondence between edges.
- In addition, the degrees of the vertices in isomorphic simple graphs must be the same. That is, a vertex v of degree d in G must correspond to a vertex $f(v)$ of degree d in H, because a vertex w in G is adjacent to v if and only if $f(v)$ and $f(w)$ are adjacent in H.

Isomorphism of Graphs

EXAMPLE: Show that the graphs are not isomorphic



***Solution*:** Both *G* and *H* have five vertices and six edges. However, *H* has a vertex of degree one, namely, *e*, whereas *G* has no vertices of degree one. It follows that *G* and *H* are not isomorphic.

The *degree of a vertex in an undirected graph* is the number of edges incident with it, except that a loop at a vertex contributes twice to the degree of that vertex. The degree of the vertex *v* is denoted by deg*(v)*.

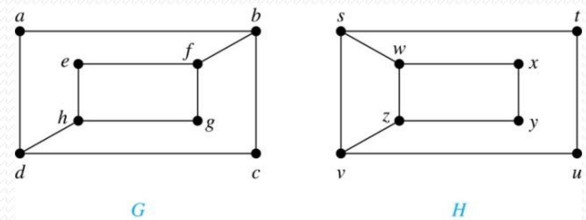
Isomorphism of Graphs

The number of vertices, the number of edges, and the number of vertices of each degree are all invariants under isomorphism. If any of these quantities differ in two simple graphs, these graphs cannot be isomorphic.

However, when these invariants are the same, it does not necessarily mean that the two graphs are isomorphic. There are no useful sets of invariants currently known that can be used to determine whether simple graphs are isomorphic.

Isomorphism of Graphs

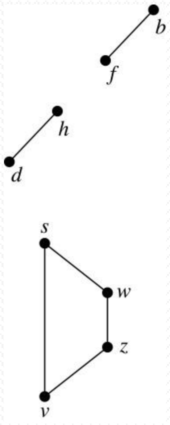
Example: Determine whether these two graphs are isomorphic.



Solution: Both graphs have eight vertices and ten edges.
They also both have four vertices of degree two and four of degree three.

However, G and H are not isomorphic. Note that since $deg(a) = 2$ in G, a must correspond to t, u, x, or y in H, because these are the vertices of degree 2. But each of these vertices is adjacent to another vertex of degree two in H, which is not true for a in G.

Alternatively, note that the subgraphs of G and H made up of vertices of degree three and the edges connecting them must be isomorphic.
But the subgraphs, as shown at the right, are not isomorphic.



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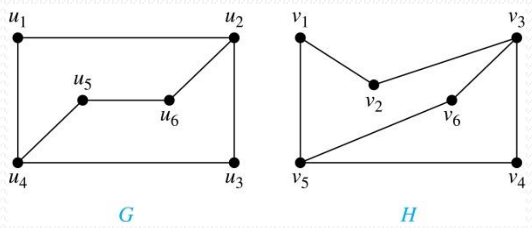

Solution: Both graphs have six vertices and seven edges.
They also both have four vertices of degree two and two of degree three.
The subgraphs of G and H consisting of all the vertices of degree two and the edges connecting them are isomorphic. So, it is reasonable to try to find an isomorphism f.

We define an injection f from the vertices of G to the vertices of H that preserves the degree of vertices. We will determine whether it is an isomorphism.

The function f with $f(u_1) = v_6$, $f(u_2) = v_3$, $f(u_3) = v_4$, and $f(u_4) = v_5$, $f(u_5) = v_1$, and $f(u_6) = v_2$ is a one-to-one correspondence between G and H. How?

Isomorphism of Graphs

To see whether *f* preserves edges, we examine the adjacency matrix of *G*,

$$\mathbf{A}_G = \begin{array}{c} \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cccccc} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & u_4 & u_5 & u_6 \end{array} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array},$$

and the adjacency matrix of *H* with the rows and columns labeled by the images of the corresponding
vertices in *G*,

$$\mathbf{A}_H = \begin{array}{c} \\ v_6 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cccccc} v_6 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_1 & v_2 \end{array} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}.$$

Because $\mathbf{A}_G = \mathbf{A}_H$, it follows that f preserves edges. We conclude that f is an isomorphism,

Algorithms for Graph Isomorphism

- The best algorithms known for determining whether two graphs are isomorphic have exponential worst-case time complexity (in the number of vertices of the graphs).
- However, there are algorithms with linear average-case time complexity.
- You can use a public domain program called NAUTY to determine in less than a second whether two graphs with as many as 100 vertices are isomorphic.
- Graph isomorphism is a problem of special interest because it is one of a few NP problems not known to be either tractable or NP-complete.

Applications of Graph Isomorphism

- The question whether graphs are isomorphic plays an important role in applications of graph theory. For example,
  - chemists use molecular graphs to model chemical compounds. Vertices represent atoms and edges represent chemical bonds. When a new compound is synthesized, a database of molecular graphs is checked to determine whether the graph representing the new compound is isomorphic to the graph of a compound that this already known.
  - Electronic circuits are modeled as graphs in which the vertices represent components and the edges represent connections between them. Graph isomorphism is the basis for
    - the verification that a particular layout of a circuit corresponds to the design's original schematics.
    - determining whether a chip from one vendor includes the intellectual property of another vendor.