

# Undirected Graphs

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# Graph Theory Introduction

- **Graph Definitions**
- Paths and Cycles
- Connectivity
- Trees

## What is a graph?

A **graph**,  $G = (V, E)$  is a set of **vertices**,  $V$ , and a set of **edges**,  $E$ .

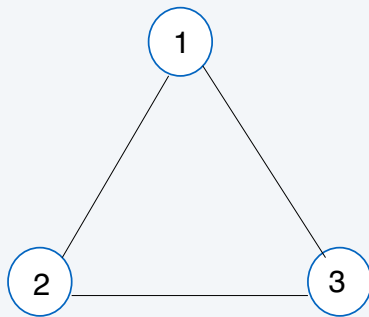
The set of edges is a subset of the Cartesian product of  $V \times V$ .

Example:

Graph,  $G = \{\{1,2,3\}, \{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}\}$

The vertices are the set  $\{1,2,3\}$

The edges are the set  $\{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}$



## Edges

If an edge is between a vertex and itself, that is a **self-loop**

If we have multiple edges that are the same, that is a **multi-edge**

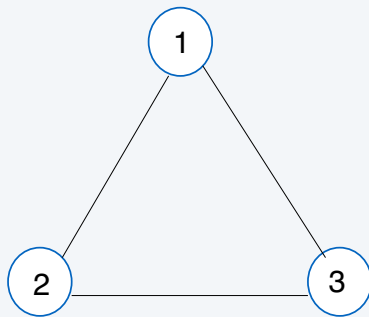
A graph is **simple** if it has no self-loops or multi-edges.

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## Directed and Undirected Graphs

Edges have **start** and **end**. The edge  $(u,v)$  has start  $u$  and end  $v$ .

In an **undirected** graph, start and end do not matter. The edge  $(u,v)$  is the same as the edge  $(v,u)$ .

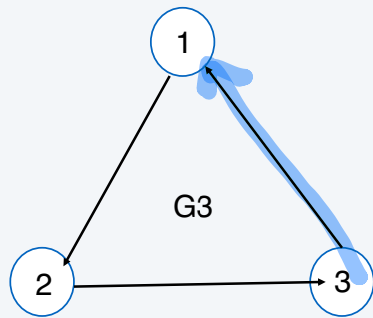
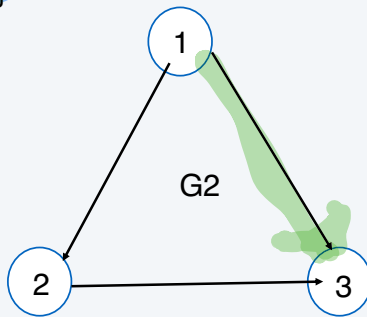
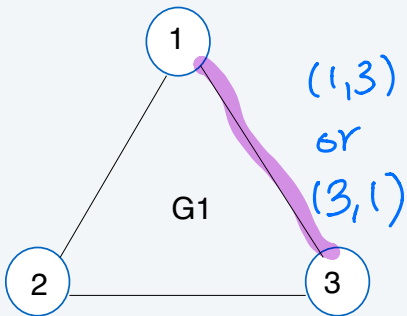
In a **directed** graph, the start (source) and end (sink) do matter. The edge  $(u,v)$  is not the same as the edge  $(v,u)$  in a directed graph.

Examples:

Undirected:  $G1 = \{\{1,2,3\}, \{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}\}$

Directed:  $G2 = \{\{1,2,3\}, \{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}\}$

Directed:  $G3 = \{\{1,2,3\}, \{(1,2), (2,3), (3,1)\}\}$



## Neighbors

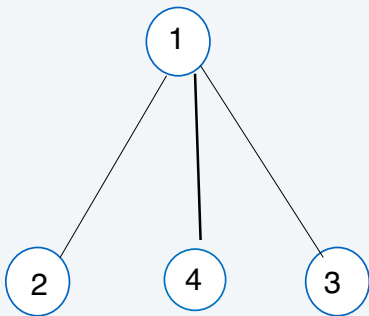
Vertices are called **neighbors** if they share an edge between them. If a graph contains edge,  $(u,v)$ , vertex  $u$  and vertex  $v$  are neighbors and are also called **adjacent**.

In an undirected graph the **degree** of a vertex is the number of edges for which it is an endpoint. Such edges touching the vertex or are **incident** to it.

Degree(1) = 3

Incident edges are  $(1,2)$ ,  $(1,4)$ , and  $(1,3)$

The neighbors of 1,  $N(1) = \{2,3,4\}$



## Handshaking Lemma for Undirected Graphs

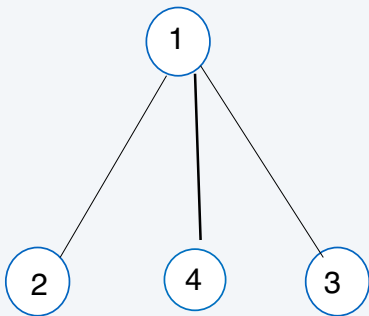
The sum of the degrees of all the vertices of the graph equals twice the number of edges:

$$\sum_{v \in V} d(v) = 2|E|$$

Exercise:

1) Verify this on the following graph.

2) How to prove this?



$$\deg(1) = 3$$

$$\deg(2) = 1$$

$$\deg(4) = 1$$

$$\deg(3) = 1$$

$$6 = 2|E| = 2 \times 3 \checkmark$$

Proof: Each edge has 2 endpoints (and endpoints contribute to degree of the vertex)

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## Walks and Paths

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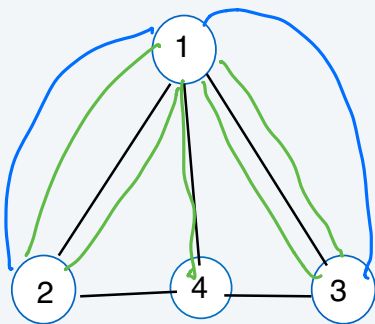
A **walk** is a sequence of vertices in the graph that traverse edges in the graph.

A **path** is a walk that does not repeat any edges

The **length** of a walk is the number of edges it traverses.

Example walk: 1,3,1,2,1,4  
Its length is 5.

Example path: 2, 1, 3  
Its length is 2.



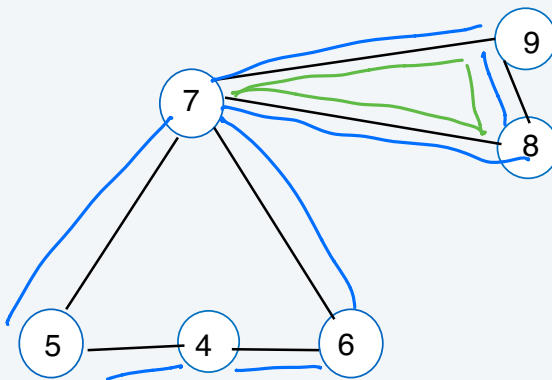
## Circuits and Cycles

A **circuit** is a path that ends where it begins.

A **cycle** is a circuit that only repeats the first and last vertices.

Example circuit: 7,5,4,6,7,8,9,7  
Length: 7

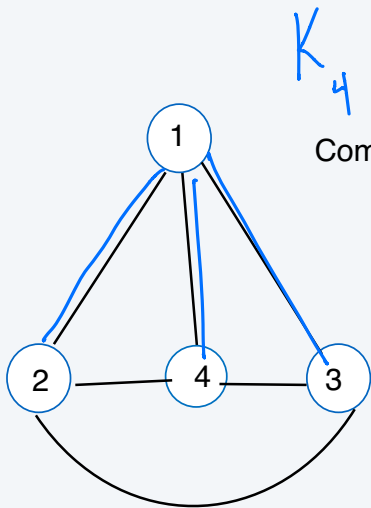
Example cycle: 7,8,9,7  
Length: 3



## Cycle Graph and Complete Graphs

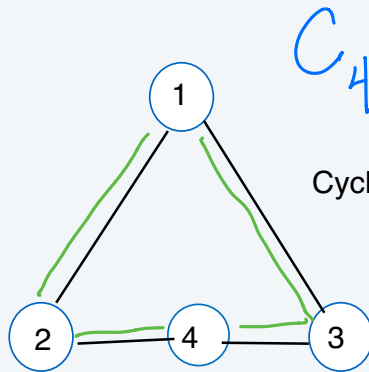
If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices, and the entire graph is a simple cycle on the  $n$  vertices,  $G$  is called a **cycle graph**.

If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and every possible edge exists between each pair of vertices,  $G$  is called a **complete graph**.



Complete Graph on 4 vertices:

$K_n$



Cycle graph on 4 vertices:

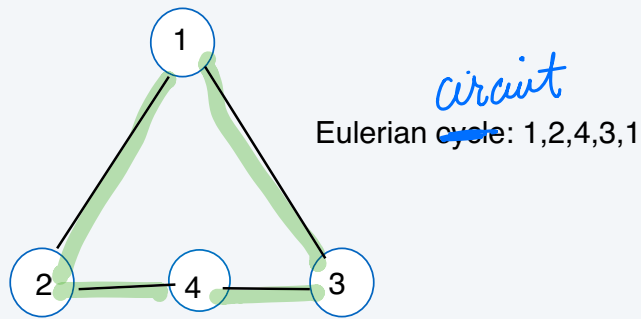
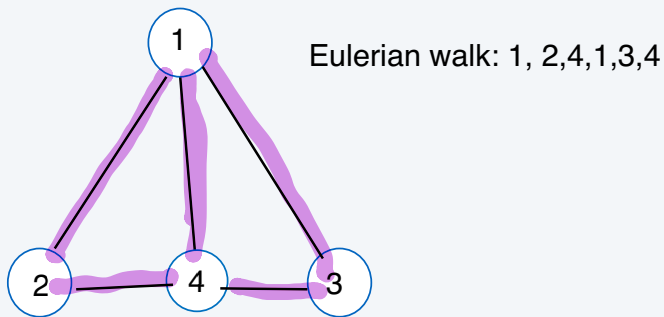
$C_n$

## Eulerian walks and circuits

A **Eulerian walk** is a walk that traverses every edge of the graph exactly once.

A **Eulerian circuit** is a Eulerian walk that starts and ends at the same vertex.

Named in honor of Euler after he pondered if all 7 bridges of Königsberg could be traversed exactly once.

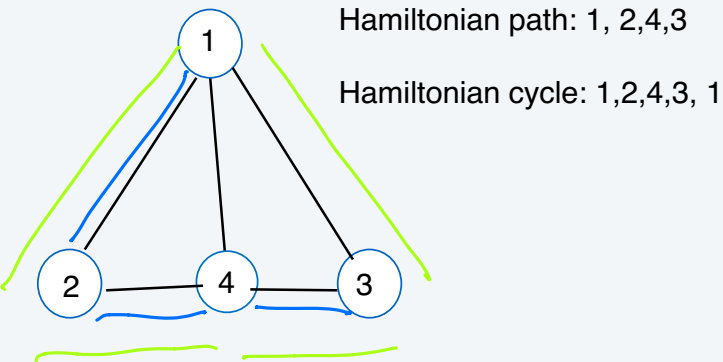


## Hamiltonian paths and cycles

A **Hamiltonian path** is a path that visits every vertex exactly once.

A **Hamiltonian cycle** is a Hamiltonian path that ends where it begins.

Finding a Hamiltonian path/cycle is an NP-Complete problem.



## Algorithm to Find Eulerian walk

Given graph  $G$ :

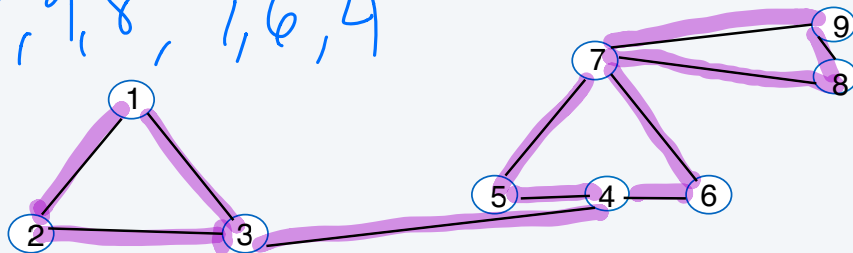
1. Check that there are at most 2 vertices of odd degree. If not, no Eulerian walk.
2. Start with vertex of odd degree,  $v^*$ . Otherwise  $v^*$  can be any vertex in  $G$ .
3. Let  $G' = G$ .
4. While there exists edges in  $G'$ ,

Let edge  $(u, v^*)$  be an edge incident to  $v^*$  that is not a bridge or only edge from  $v^*$ .

Traverse  $(u, v^*)$  in walk by removing from  $G'$ ;

Let  $v^* = u$ ;

3, 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4



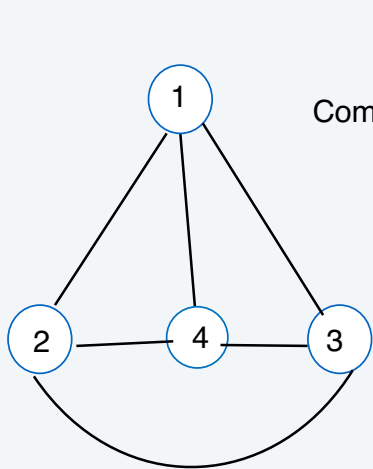
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## Connectivity in Undirected Graphs

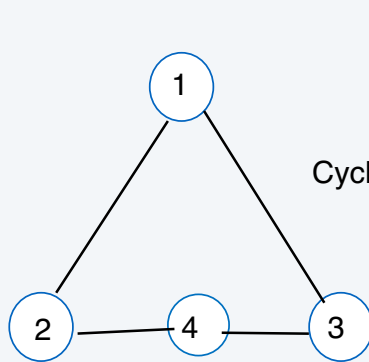
Two vertices are **connected** if there exists a path between them.

An undirected graph is **connected** if there exists a path between every pair of vertices.



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Cycle graph on 4 vertices:

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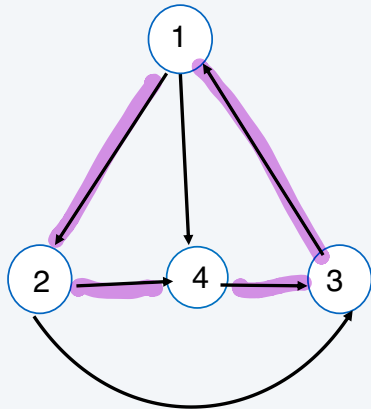


## Connectivity in Directed Graphs

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A directed graph is **connected** if for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , there exists a path  $u$  to  $v$  or a path  $v$  to  $u$  in the graph.

A directed graph is **strongly connected** if for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  there exists a path from  $u$  to  $v$  and  $v$  to  $u$ .



Example:

This graph is weakly connected. Why?

This graph is connected. Why?

This graph is strongly connected. Why?

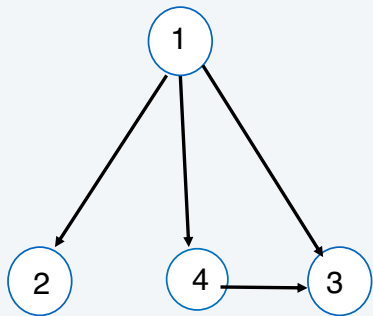
*because underlying undirected graph is  $K_4$*   
*(highlighted directed cycle)*

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This graph is not strongly connected. Why?

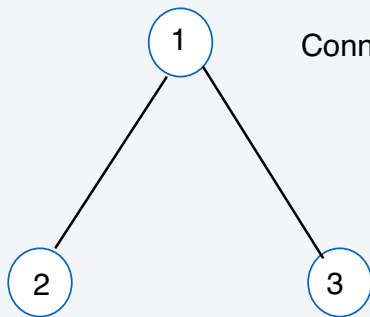
undirected underlying graph is connected  
no, path 2 to 4 or 4 to 2

since not connected

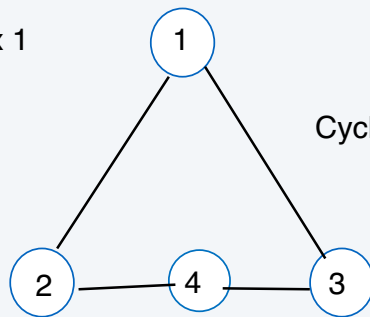
## Connected Components

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Connected component of vertex 1



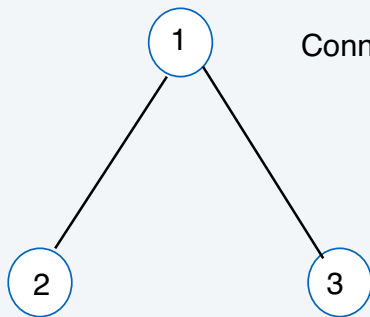
$C_4$   
Cycle graph on 4 vertices:

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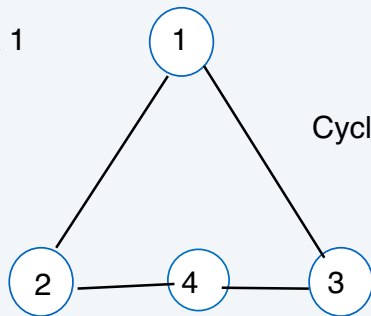
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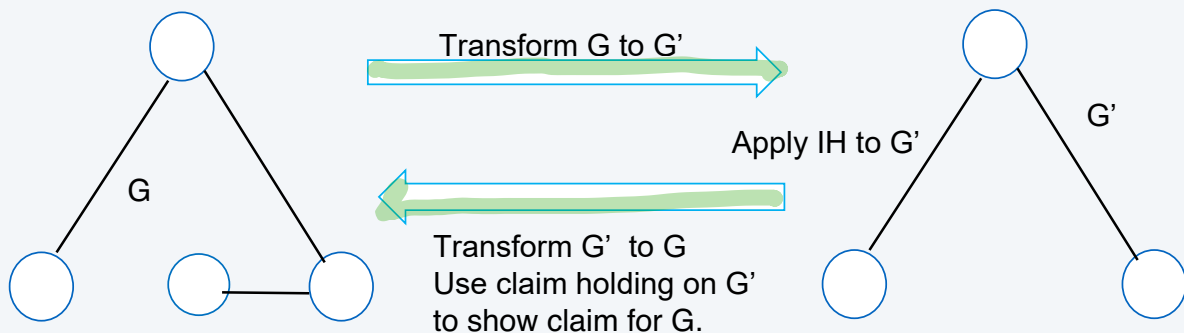
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# Graph Induction Template

## Shrink Down, Build Up Approach

1. Start from  $G$  a graph such that the premise for the inductive step holds
2. Perform graph operations on  $G$  to construct  $G'$  a smaller graph such that the premise of an inductive hypothesis holds
3. Use the Inductive Hypothesis to assert that the claim holds for  $G'$
4. Construction  $G$  from  $G'$ . Use the claim holding from the inductive hypothesis on  $G'$  to show that the claim holds for  $G$  in the inductive step.

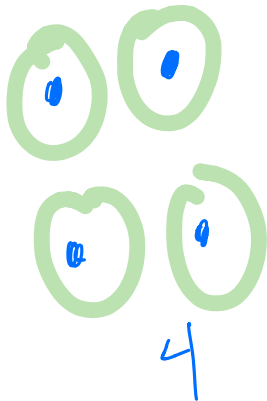


## Theorem: Connected Components

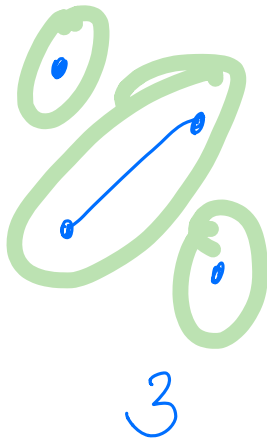
Theorem: Every graph with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges has at least  $v-e$  connected components.

First, let's see what this theorem means when there are 4 vertices and the number of edges increases from 0 to 3.

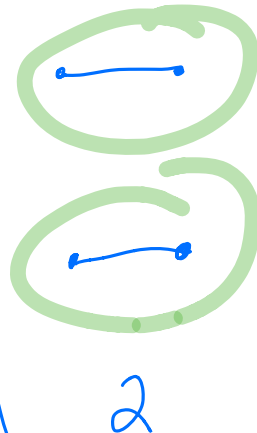
$$v = 4$$
$$e = 0$$



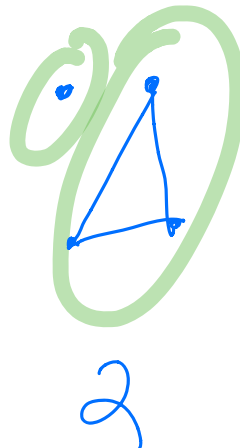
$$e = 1$$



$$e = 2$$



$$e = 3$$



## Theorem: Connected Components

**Theorem:** Every graph with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges has at least  $v-e$  connected components.

Let's prove by induction over the number of edges.

$P(e)$ : Every graph with  $v$  vertices and  $e$  edges has at least  $v-e$  connected components.

Base case:  $P(0)$ : Every graph with  $v$  vertices and no edges has at least  $v$  connected components. Every vertex is a connected component, so the claim holds.

Assume the claim holds for some fixed arbitrary number of edges  $k$  ( $\geq 0$ ),  $P(k)$ :

A graph with  $v$  vertices and  $k$  edges has at least  $v-k$  connected components.

Show the claim holds for a graph with  $v$  vertices and  $k+1$  edges.

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Proof (continued): Inductive step

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $v$  vertices and  $k+1$  edges.

(Transform  $G$  to  $G'$ )

Remove any edge  $e^*$  from  $G$  to  
construct  $G'$ .

$G'$  has  $v$  vertices and  $k$  edges.  
 $\Rightarrow$  by IH  $G'$  has  $v-k$  connected  
components



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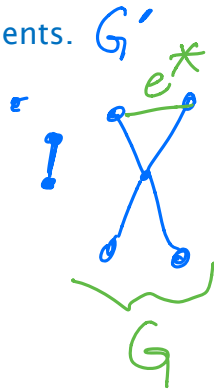
Proof (continued): Inductive step

(Transform  $G'$  back to  $G$  and show claim holds)

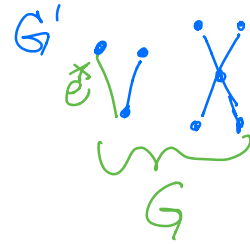
Add  $e^*$  to  $G'$  to form  $G$  again.

case 1:  $e^*$  is added within a connected component of  $G'$

Since  $G'$  has  $\geq v-k$  connected components and  $v-k \geq v-(k+1)$   
 $\Rightarrow G$  has  $v-k$  connected components & claim holds



case 2:  $e^*$  connects 2 connected components of  $G'$  in recreating  $G$



Since  $G'$  has  $\geq v - k$  connected components

$\Rightarrow G$  has  $v - k - \underline{1} \geq v - (k+1)$  connected components so claim holds

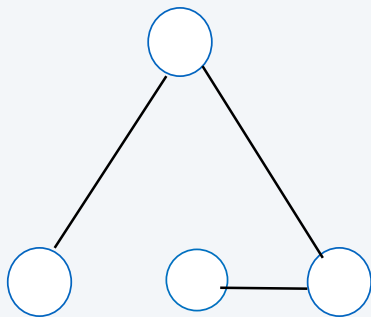
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## Trees

An undirected graph is a **tree** if it is connected and has no cycles.

Trees are bipartite and two-colorable.



## Rooted M-ary Trees

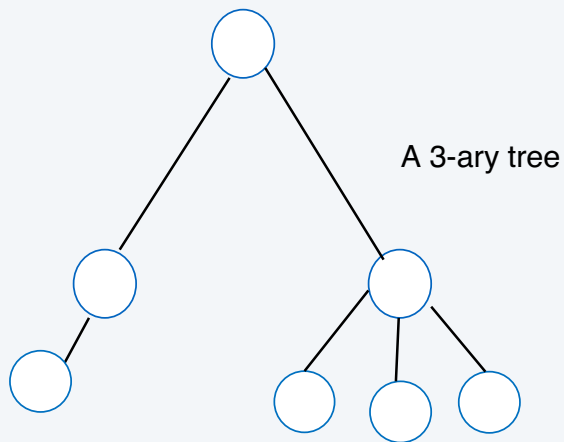
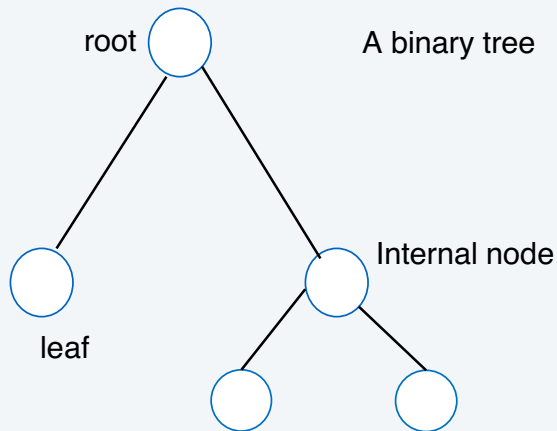
A **root node**: Node designated as start of the tree

**Leaf node**: A node with no children (More generally a leaf node in a tree has degree 1.)

**Internal nodes**: Nodes with at least one child node

Internal nodes have at most  $m$  children

If  $m=2$ , **binary tree**



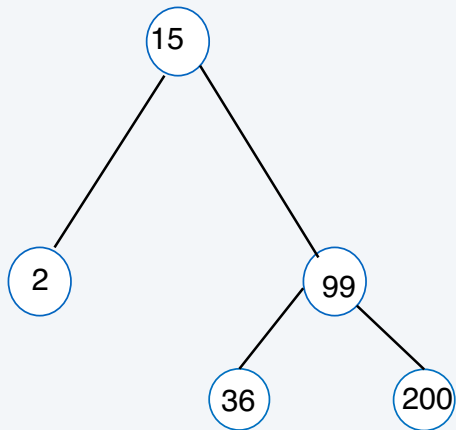
## Binary Search Trees

A **binary search tree (BST)** is a binary tree with the **binary search tree (BST) property**.

A BST is empty or two disjoint BSTs a left and right.

The **BST property** is that every node has a key value,  $x$ , such that

- i) Every value of nodes in its left subtree are less than  $x$
- ii) Every value of nodes in its right subtree are greater than  $x$



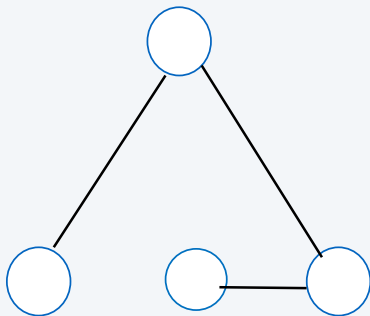
## Theorems on Trees

Theorem: If a tree has at least two vertices, then it has at least two leaf nodes.

Theorem: A tree on  $n$  vertices has exactly  $n-1$  edges for all  $n$  greater than or equal to 1.

Theorem: We can show that any two of the following properties imply the third:

- $G$  is connected
- $G$  has no cycles
- $G$  has  $n-1$  edges



Theorem: The number of edges of a tree

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Base case:  $P(1)$ : A tree with 1 vertex, has no edges so claim holds.

Assume the claim holds for some fixed arbitrary number  $n$  ( $\geq 1$ ), i.e.  $P(n)$  holds for some fixed  $n \geq 1$ .

Show the claim holds for  $n+1$ , i.e. a tree on  $n+1$  vertices has  $n$  edges.



## Theorem: The number of edges of a tree (cont.)

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Let  $G$  be graph w/  $n+1$  vertices.  $G$  tree - acyclic & connected,  $G$  has at least 2 vertices  $\Rightarrow G$  has a leaf node,  $v^*$ .

- Remove  $v^*$  and edge incident to it  $e^*$  to construct  $G'$

- Consider  $G'$   $\Rightarrow G'$  has  $n$  vertices

$\Rightarrow G'$  is acyclic (since  $G$  is and removing edge & vertex cannot create cycle)

$\Rightarrow G'$  is connected (because removed leaf node  $b$  unique edge connected to it)

$\Rightarrow G'$  is a tree on  $n$  vertices

$\Rightarrow$  by 14  $G'$  has  $n-1$  edges

Add  $v^*$  and  $e^*$  back to  $G'$  to reconstruct  $G \Rightarrow$  (since  $v^*$  is leaf and  $e^*$  its unique incident edge  $G$  still tree)  $\Rightarrow G$  has  $n$  edges