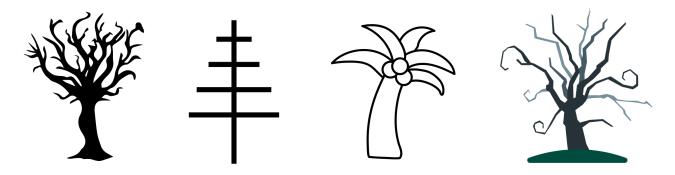
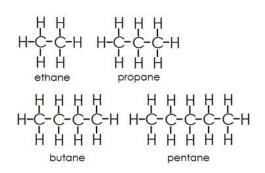
## **Introduction to Trees**



In nature, a **tree** is a plant with a single woody trunk, considerable height, and lateral branches suspended above the ground.

In math, a **tree** is an undirected graph in which any two vertices are connected by exactly one path.



#### **Fun Fact**

In chemistry, *alkanes* are trees of carbon and hydrogen atoms.

Can you draw methane, the alkane with 1 carbon atom?

	Is it a tree?	# Vertices	# Edges	Degrees
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7 9 1 3 4 5 8 (this one is <i>labeled</i> )				

# **Counting Trees**

Two trees are **isomorphic** if one can be rearranged to match the other without cutting any lines.

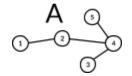
Which of these trees are isomorphic?

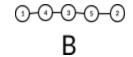


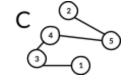
# Vertices	Drawings of Non-isomorphic Trees	# Non-isomorphic Trees
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

# **Counting Labeled Trees**

Which of these labeled trees are isomorphic?









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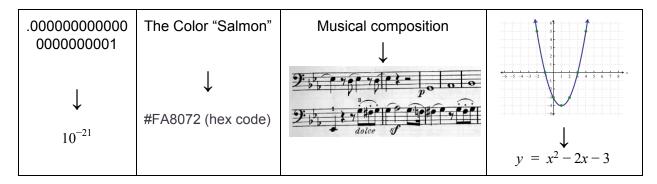
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### **Tree Codes**

In math, a **code** is an efficient way to describe an object using symbols.

In programming, code is (hopefully) an efficient way to describe instructions for a computer processor.

## **Examples of Objects and Codes**

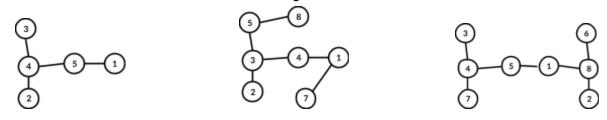


#### **Prüfer Codes**

To write down a Prüfer code for any labeled tree, do the following:

- write down the smallest leaf (vertex with only one edge), then cross out that leaf
- repeat

Write down the Prüfer codes for the following:



Can you think of a way to turn a Prüfer code into its graph?