

## [8.4] Shortest-Path Algorithm

Let  $w(i, j)$  denote the weight of edge  $(i, j)$  in a weighted graph  $G$ .

In this section  $G$  will always be a connected, weighted graph.

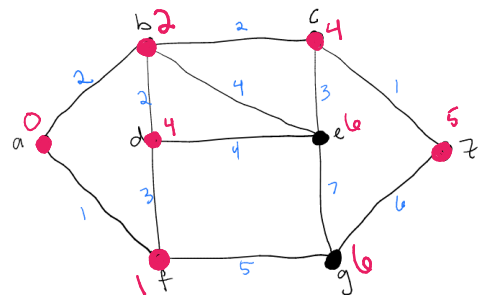
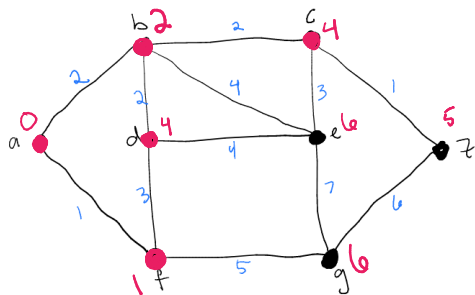
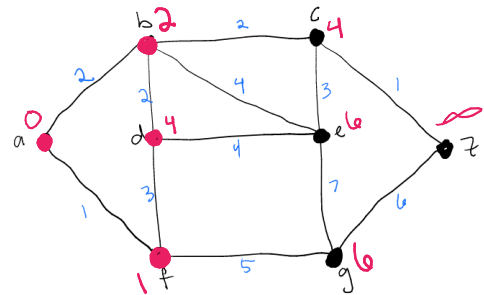
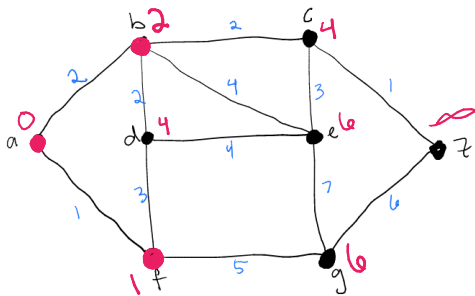
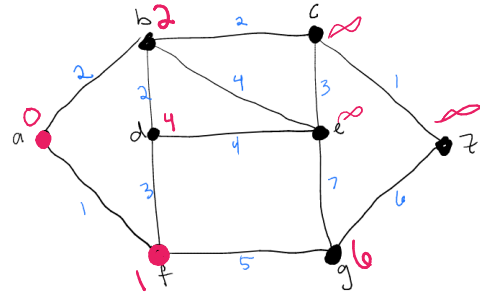
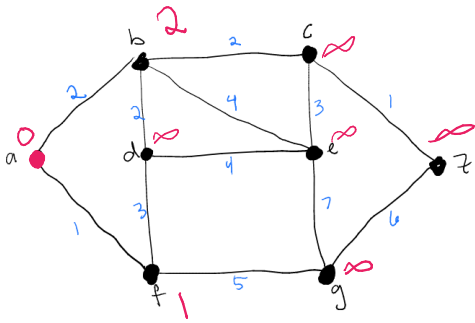
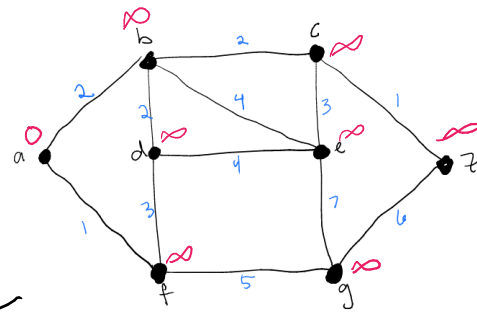
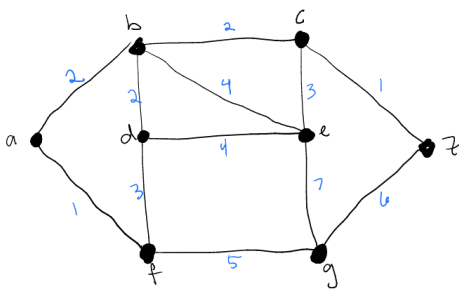
Algorithm (Dijkstra) The following finds the length  $L(z)$  of the shortest path from vertex  $a$  to  $z$  in  $G$ .  
The weight of edge  $e(i, j)$  is  $w(i, j) > 0$  & the label of  $x \in V(G)$  is  $L(x)$ .

INPUT: connected, weighted graph w/ all positive weights, vertices  $a, z$

OUTPUT:  $L(z)$

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dijkstra( $w, a, z, L$ ) {  
     $L(a) = 0$   
    for all vertices  $x \neq a$   
         $L(x) = \infty$   
     $T = \text{set of all vertices}$  } \text{ vert. whose shortest dist from } a \text{ hasn't been computed}  
    while ( $z \in T$ ) {  
        choose  $v \in T$  with min  $L(v)$   
         $T = T - \{v\}$   
        for each  $x \in T$  adjacent to  $v$   
             $L(x) = \min \{L(x), L(v) + w(v, x)\}$   
    }  
}
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$\Rightarrow L(z) = 5$  using the path  $(a, b, c, z)$

Thm Dijkstra's Algorithm correctly finds a path from  $a$  to  $z$  of minimal length

Pf by induction on  $i$

We will prove that the during the  $i^{\text{th}}$  time entering the while loop,  $L(v)$  is the shortest path from  $a$  to  $v$ .

Base case:  $i=1$ .

Then in this case  $L(a)=0$  and all other values are  $\infty$ . Thus in the  $1^{\text{st}}$  loop,  $a$  is the chosen vertex & is the length of the shortest path from  $a$  to  $a$ .

Ind Assume: Assume for all  $k < i$ , the  $k^{\text{th}}$  time we arrive in while loop,  $L(v)$  is length of shortest path  $a$  to  $v$ .

Suppose we are now entered loop for  $i^{\text{th}}$  time. Choose  $v \in T$  with minimal  $L(v)$ .

Suppose there is a path  $P$  from  $a$  to  $w$  less than  $L(v)$  where  $w \in T$ . (arguing towards a contradiction).

Let  $P$  be a shortest path from  $a$  to  $w$ . Let  $x \in T$  be the nearest vertex to  $a$  on  $P$ . Let  $u$  precede  $x$  on  $P$ . Then  $u \notin T \Rightarrow u$  was chosen at  $i-1$  step. By ind. assumpt,  $L(u)$  is length of shortest path  $a$  to  $u$ . Then

$$L(x) \leq L(u) + (u, x) = \text{length of } P < L(v)$$
  
but then  $v$  was not a vertex in  $T$  with  $L(v)$  minimal  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$   
( $L(x)$  was a smaller choice)

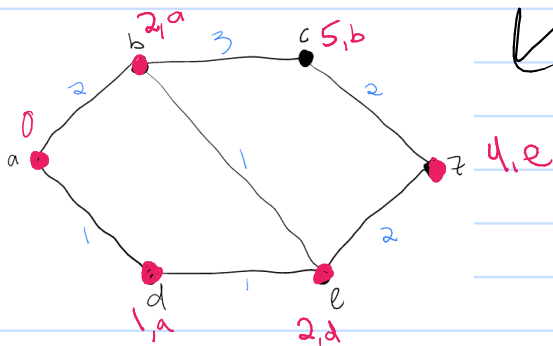
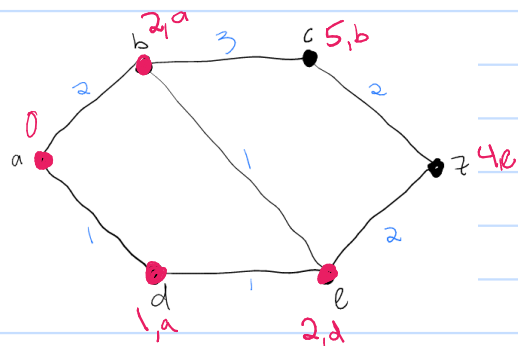
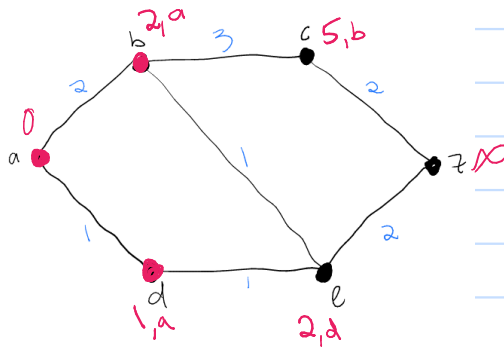
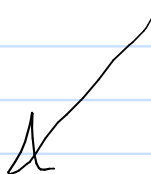
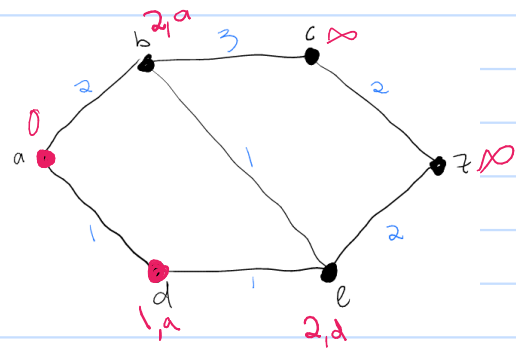
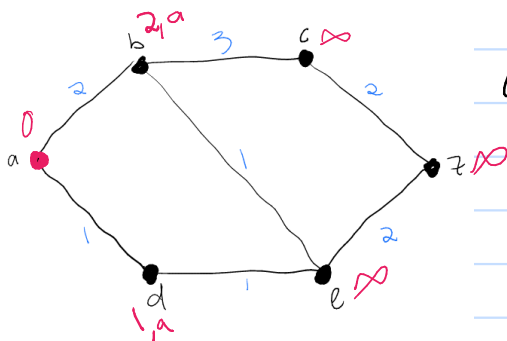
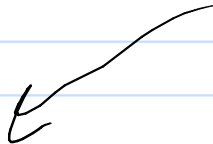
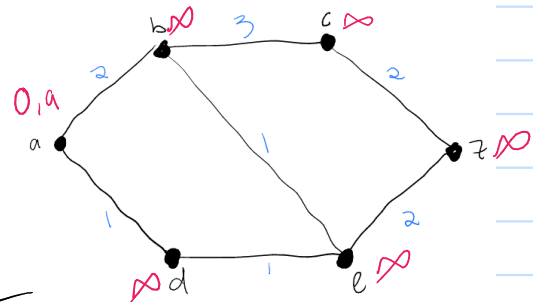
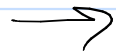
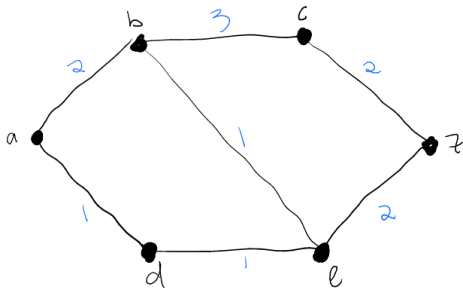
Therefore it must be that  $w \notin T$ .

$\Rightarrow$  if there is a path from  $a$  to  $v$  of length less than  $L(v)$ ,  $v$  would have been already selected & removed from  $T$  prior.  
 $\therefore$  every path has length  $\geq L(v)$

Since we have a path of len.  $L(v)$  it must be min.

Ex) Find shortest path a to z + find its length

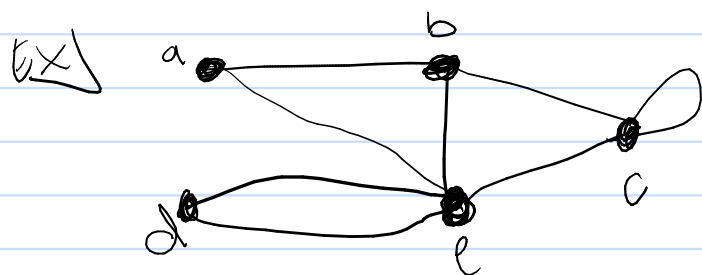
We will label the neighbors of the newly added v as we go.



(a, d, e, z) length 4

## 8.5 Representations of Graphs

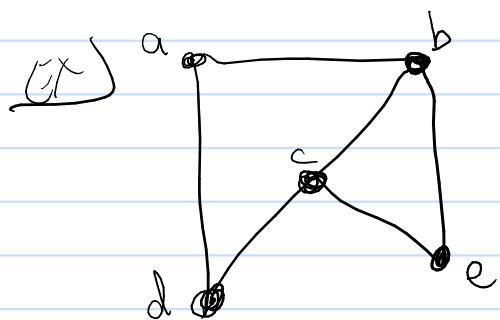
We want to use matrices called adjacency matrices.



$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Def The adjacency matrix of  $G$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, where  $|V(G)| = n$  with rows + columns labeled by  $V(G)$  (after fixing an order). The entry in position  $i, j$  records the number of edges between the  $i^{\text{th}}$  +  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertices. (We count a loop as 2 edges)

Because adjacency is a symmetric condition, this matrix will be symmetric.



$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

What will powers of  $A$  tell us?

Ex)  $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Idea:  $a \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{pmatrix} = 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 = 2$

## Theorem

If  $A$  is the adjacency matrix of a simple graph, the  $ij$ -th entry of  $A^n$  is equal to the number of paths from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  of length  $n$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$

Ex

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^4, A^2 \cdot A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

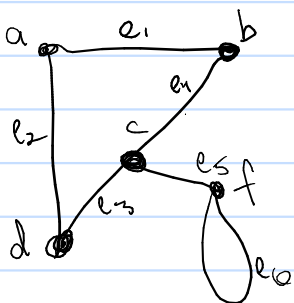
$$= \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 & 11 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 15 & 7 & 11 & 8 \\ 11 & 7 & 15 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 11 & 3 & 9 & 6 \\ 6 & 8 & 8 & 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  there are 6 paths of length 4 from  $d$  to  $e$ .

Def

The incidence matrix of  $G$  has its rows labeled by  $V(G)$  + cols by  $E(G)$ . We store a 1 in row  $v$  and col  $e$  if  $e$  is incident to  $v$  and 0 otherwise.

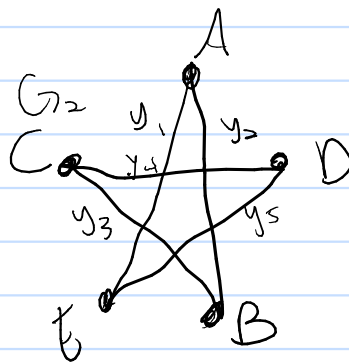
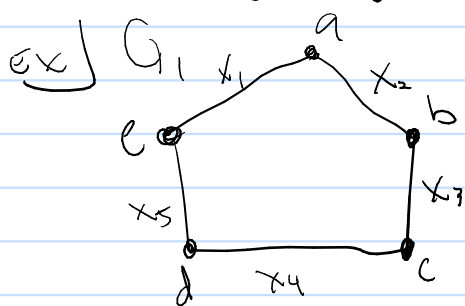
EX



$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ f \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## 18.6 Isomorphisms of Graphs

Idea: We can draw the graph  $G$  defined by  
 $V(G) = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  +  $E(G) = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, e), (a, e)\}$   
many ways



we want to think of these as the  
"same" graph

Def Graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic if there is a one-to-one, onto function  $f: V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$  and a one-to-one + onto function  $g: E(G_1) \rightarrow E(G_2)$  such that  
$$e = (v, w) \text{ for } v, w \in V(G_1) \iff g(e) = (f(v), f(w))$$

We call this pair of functions  $f, g$  an isomorphism of  $G_1$  onto  $G_2$ .

ex) For the above  $G_1, G_2$ , for  $f, g$  defined by  
 $f(a) = A, f(b) = B, \dots, f(e) = E$  and  
 $g(x_i) = y_i \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$   
give an isomorphism of  $G_1$  onto  $G_2$ .

Note: We can define a relation  $R$  on the set of graphs where  $G_1 R G_2$  when  $G_1 + G_2$  are isomorphic.  
This is an equivalence relation.

Thm Graphs  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  are isomorphic  $\Leftrightarrow$

for some ordering of their vertices, their adjacency matrices are equal.

Corollary

Let  $G_1, G_2$  be simple graphs.  
The following are equivalent:

- 1)  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  are isomorphic
- 2) There is a 1-1 and onto function  $f: V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$  such that  $v, w$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \Leftrightarrow f(v), f(w)$  are adjacent in  $G_2$ .

Ex For running examples,

$$\begin{matrix} & a & b & c & d & e \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & A & B & C & D & E \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \\ E \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

This again shows  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  are isomorphic.

Simple graphs

Q: How can we show  $G_1$  &  $G_2$  are not isomorphic?

Def A property of graphs that is preserved under isomorphism is called an invariant.  
This means a property  $P$  is an invariant when  $G_1$  has property  $P \Rightarrow G \in [G_1]$  has property  $P$ .

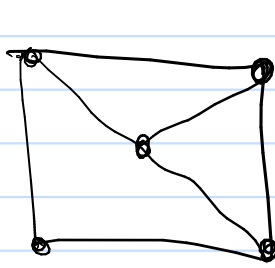
Idea: use invariants to detect when graphs are not isomorphic



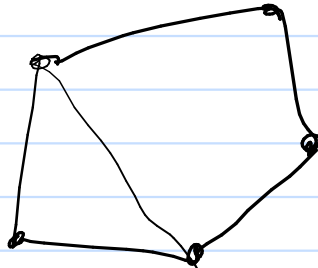
EX  $G$  has  $n$  vertices,

$G$  has  $m$  edges are invariants.

EX



$G_1$



$G_2$

$$|E(G_1)| = 7$$

$$|E(G_2)| = 6 \text{ so}$$

$G_1$  cannot be isomorphic to  $G_2$

EX

Suppose  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ . Then the property of having a vertex of degree  $k$  is an invariant.

PF

Suppose  $G_1, G_2$  are isomorphic in terms of  $f: V(G_1) \rightarrow V(G_2)$  +  $g: E(G_1) \rightarrow E(G_2)$ .

Suppose  $x \in V(G_1)$  s.t.  $\delta(x) = k$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\} \subseteq E(G_1)$  be the edges incident to  $x$ .

Then  $f(x)$  is incident to  $\{g(e_1), g(e_2), \dots, g(e_k)\} \Rightarrow \delta(f(x)) \geq k$   
These are distinct since  $g$  is injective.

We will show this is all edges incident to  $f(x)$ .

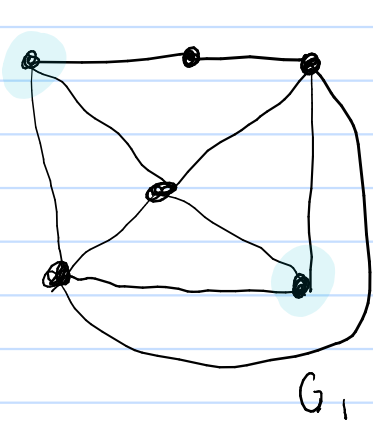
Consider  $e \in E(G_2)$  incident to  $f(x)$ .

Then by surjectivity of  $g$ , there is some  $e' \in E(G_1)$  where  $g(e') = e$ .

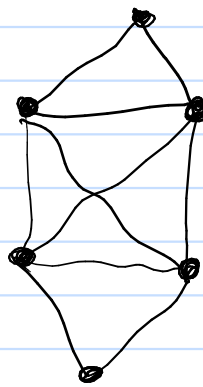
By the def of  $f$  and  $g$ , we know  $e'$  must be incident to  $x$ . Therefore  $e' \in \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow e \in \{f(e_1), \dots, f(e_k)\}$

$\Rightarrow \delta(f(x)) = k$ , so we are done

EX Using this theorem,



$G_1$



$G_2$

$$|V(G_1)| = |V(G_2)|$$

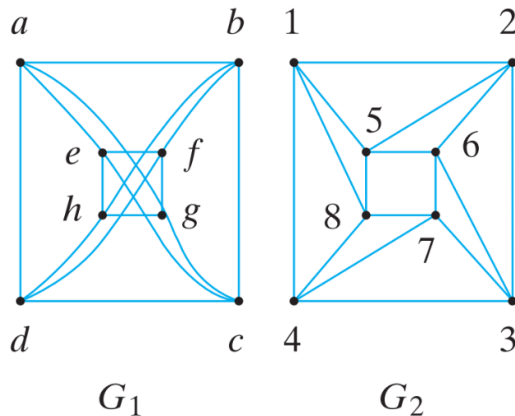
$$|E(G_1)| = |E(G_2)|$$

$G_1$  has 2 vertices of degree 3 +  $G_2$  has none. This tells us  $G_1, G_2$  are not isomorphic

Another property:

Proposition The property of having a <sup>simple</sup> cycle of length  $k$  is an invariant.

EX



$G_1$

$G_2$

$G_2$  has simple cycles of length 3, but  $G_1$  does not.

Therefore  $G_1 \neq G_2$  are not isomorphic.