Graph Theory

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Course program

- Basic definitions
- Connectivity in a graph
- Notable paths

    - Hamiltonian

    - and Eulerian

- Trees and arborescences
- Pathfinding
- Maximum flow problem

Chapter 1

Basic definitions

1.1 Motivation

- **Graph theory** (GT) falls within the field of **operations research** (OR), which serves as a crossroads where **economics**, **mathematics**, and **computer science** intersect.

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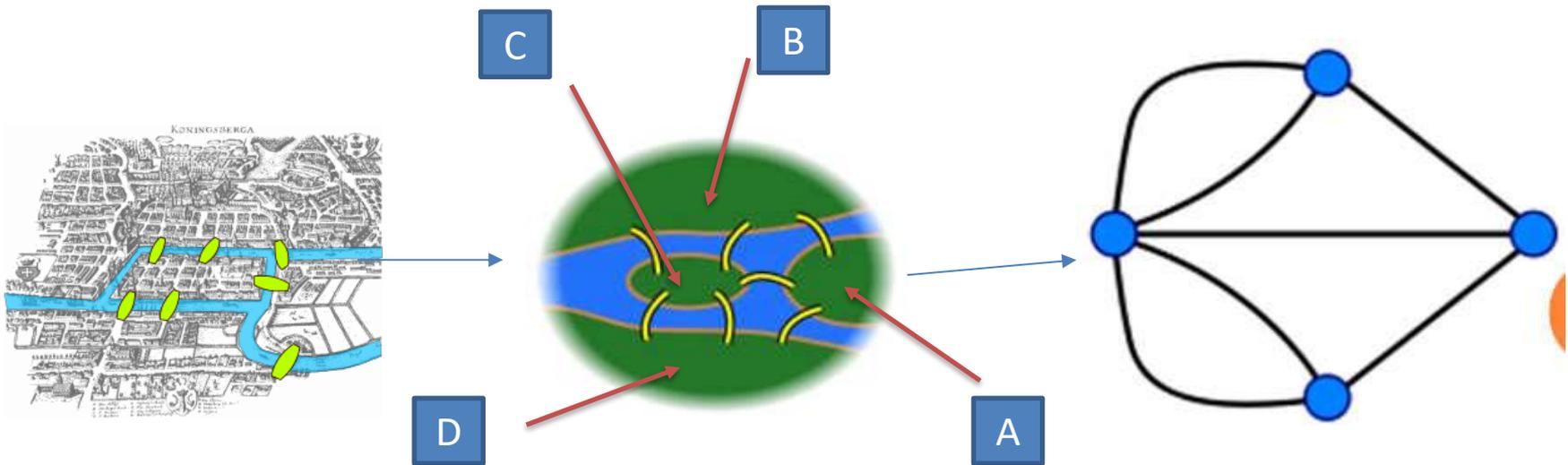
OR → Computer science
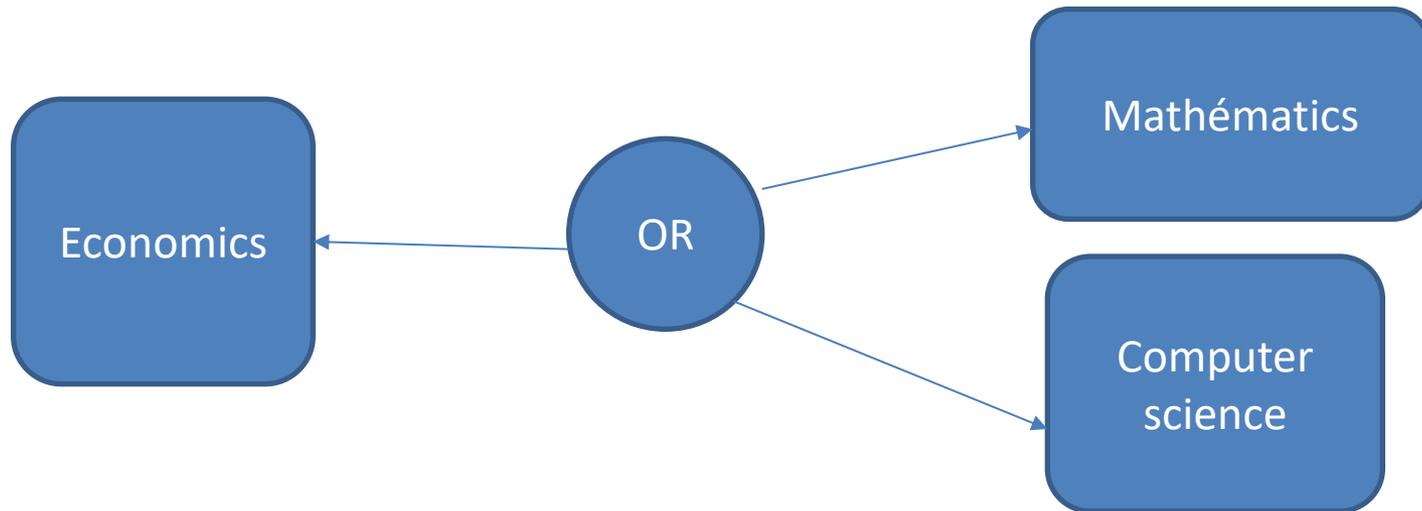
- The objective of **OR** is to find **optimal solutions** for economic problems using mathematical methods that can be programmed by computer.
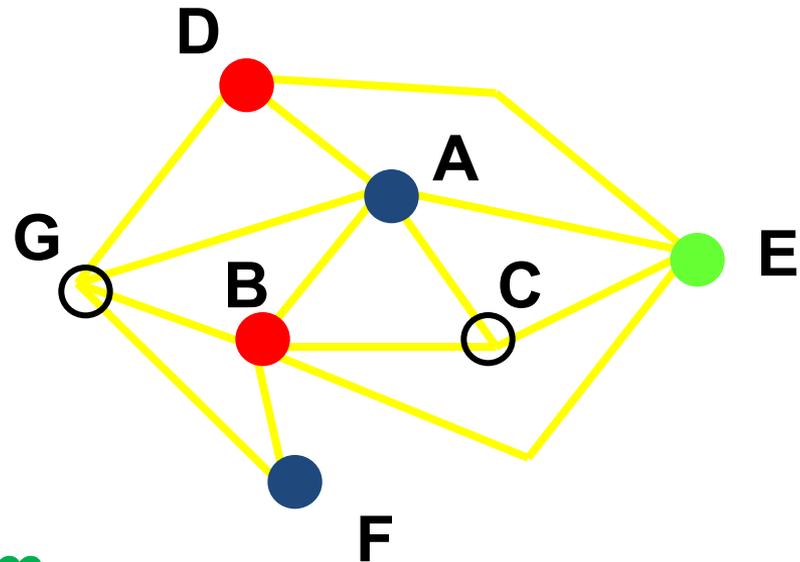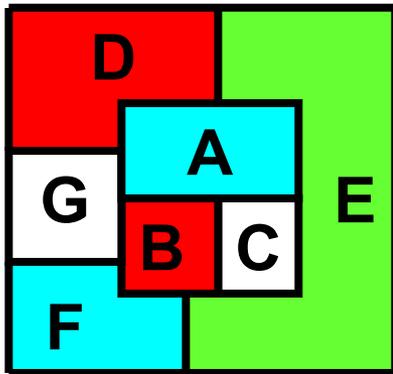
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Question:

- Is it possible to walk through the city of Königsberg in such a way as to cross each bridge exactly one time and return to the starting district?

- The German mathematician **L. Euler** (1736) provided an answer to the problem faced by the residents of the city of Königsberg: how to cross the seven bridges of this city without ever crossing the same one twice. **→ This marked the birth of graph theory**.

1.2 History

- In 1852, graph theory gained popularity thanks to the "**Four-Color Theorem.**"

- It was demonstrated that only four different colors are needed to color any geographical map in such a way that two adjacent regions (sharing a common boundary) always receive distinct colors.

- **The four-color problem...**

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- Starting in 1946, GT (Graph Theory) experienced significant development thanks to researchers motivated by solving practical problems. Among them:

- **Edsger Dijkstra (1959**) for the pathfinding problem,

- **Ford and Fulkerson (1956)** for the maximum flow problem,

- **Bernard Roy (1958)** developed the MPM method for the scheduling problem.

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- Graph theory has become essential in our daily lives for various networks:

- **Transportation networks**: road, air, rail, maritime, water, gas, electricity…

- **Data communication networks**: landline, mobile, WIFI…

- **Information networks**: databases, the web, social networks…
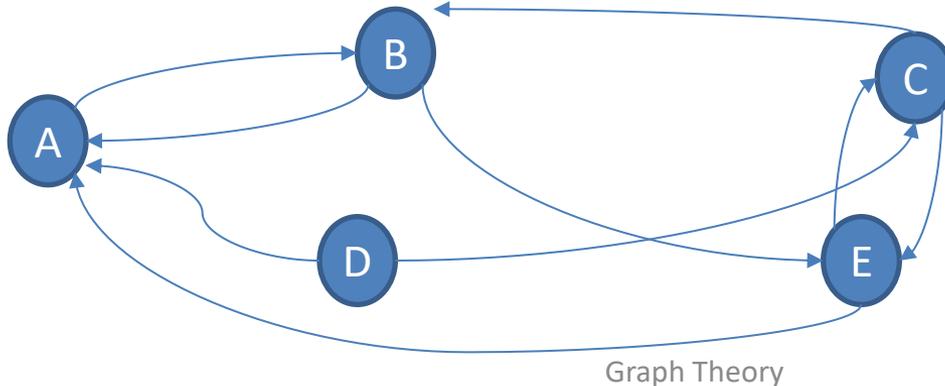
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1.3.1 definitions

-A graph G, denoted as G=(V, E), is defined as:

- A finite set of vertices V = { v1,v2,…vn }

- A finite set of edges (or arcs) E, where an edge (or arc) connects a pair of vertices from V,   E = { e1,e2,…em}

Each edge has two endpoints

It is not easy to visualize a given graph in this form → drawing it is more helpful.

Example: A one-way traffic plan of a city, where each locality (vertex) and each road are represented by a directed arc indicating the direction of traffic.
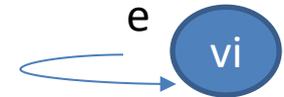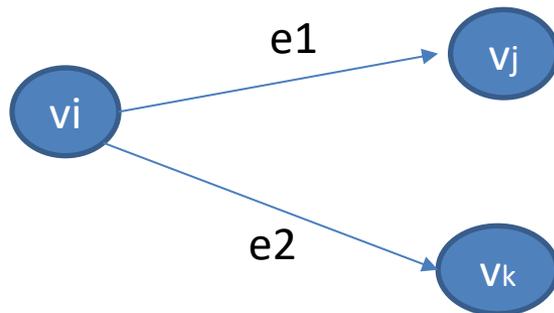
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1.3.2 Directed graph

A directed graph is a graph in which if e = (v_i, v_j), v_i is the origin of the arc e, and v_j is the destination of e.

A loop, denoted as b = (v_i, v_i), is an arc where the origin coincides with the destination.

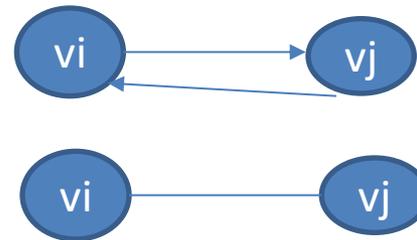Two arcs are adjacent if they have at least one common endpoint.

e_1 and e_2 are adjacent;   they have v_i in common
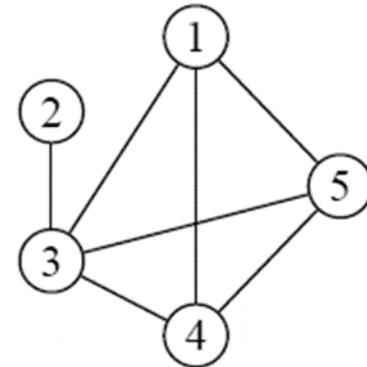
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1.3.2 Undirected graph

An undirected graph is a graph in which for all v_i, $v_j \in V$, if $(v_i, v_j) \in E$, then $(v_j, v_i) \in E$.

Example: G= (V, E),

V= (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)   E= {(1, 5), (1, 4), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 4) ; (4, 5), (3, 5)}.

The graph G is represented in a schematic way as follows:

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An edge e in E is defined by an unordered pair (v_1, v_2) of vertices called the endpoints of e.

If the edge e connects vertices v_1 and v_2, we can say that these vertices are adjacent or incident to e, or that the edge e is incident to vertices v1 and v2.

The order of a graph is the number of vertices **n** in that graph. |V| = n

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1.3.3 The degree of a vertex:

- The vertex A is the initial endpoint of 3 arcs; we say that the

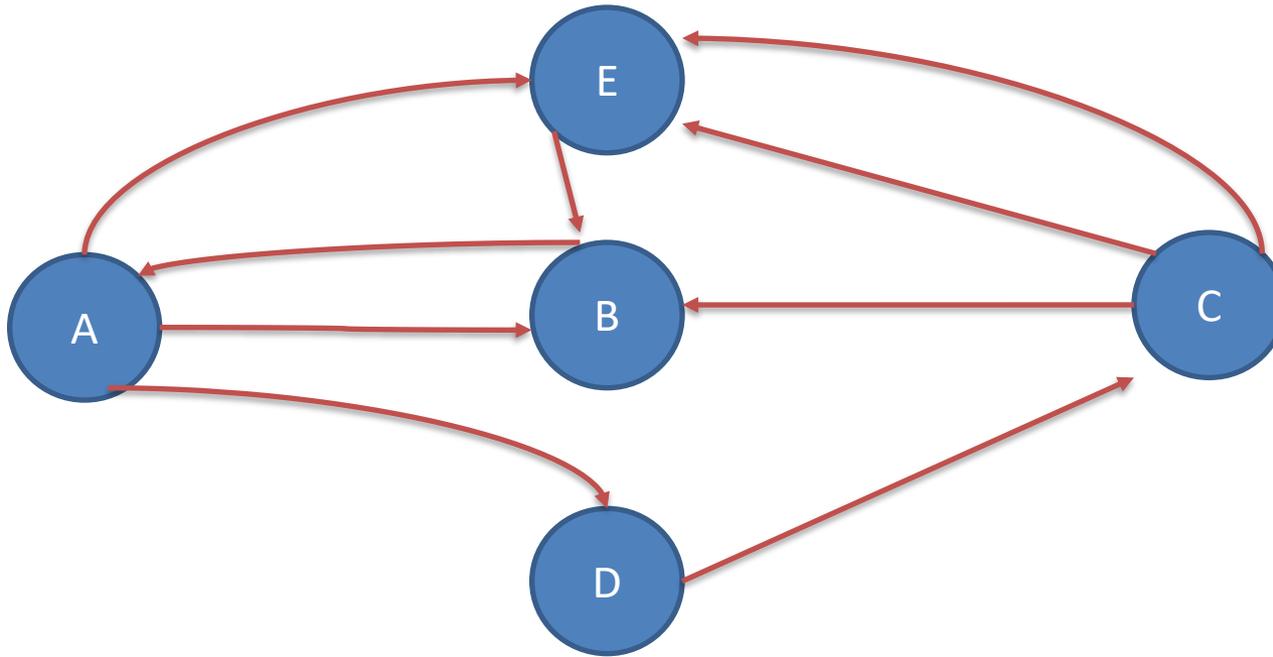**positive degree** of A is equal to 3, denoted by: $d^+_G (A) = 3$
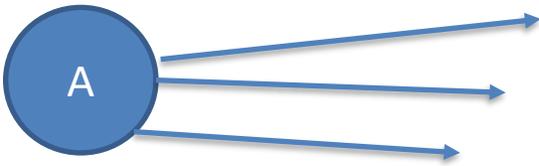
- The vertex A is the terminal endpoint of one arc; we say that
  the negative degree of A is equal to 1, denoted by: $d^-_G (A) = 1$

- The degree $d_G (A) = d^+_G (A) + d^-_G (A)$

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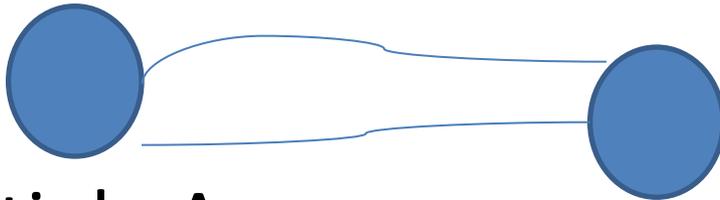
1.3.3 The degree of a vertex : Example

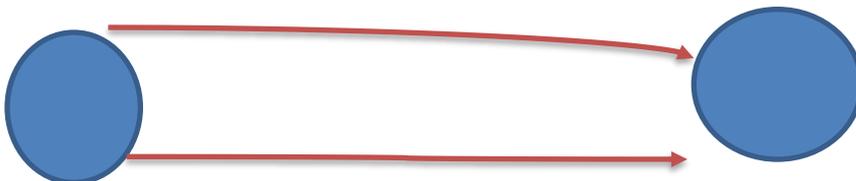|	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	
$d^+_G (x)$	3	1	3	1	1	9
$d^-_G (x)$	1	3	1	1	3	9
$d_G (x)$	4	4	4	2	4	18

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a) **Multiple Graph**: G = (V, E) is a graph in which the set E of edges may contain more than one edge connecting two given vertices.
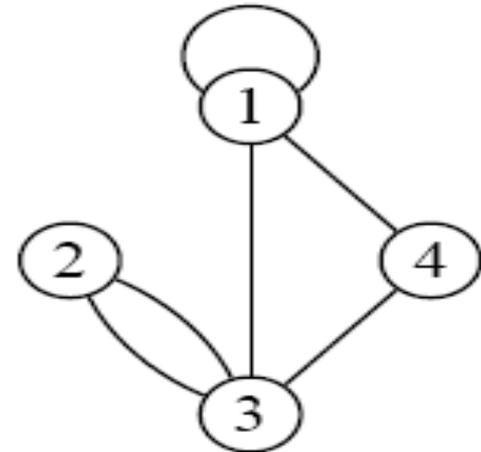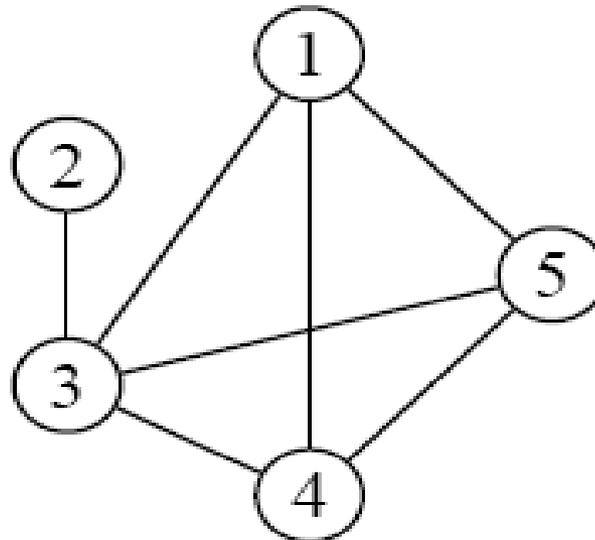
Multiple Edges

multiple graph

Multiple Arcs

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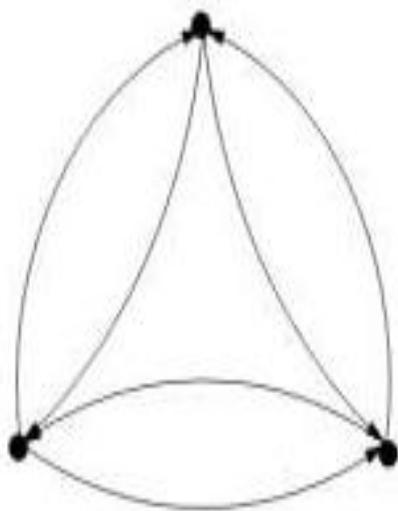
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b) **Simple Graph**: A graph without loops or multiple edges (arcs).
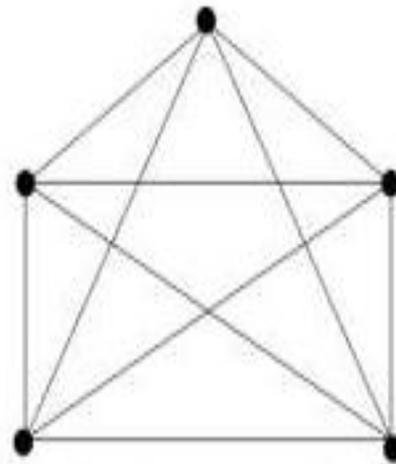
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c) **Complete Graph**: A graph in which every vertex is directly connected to every other vertex.
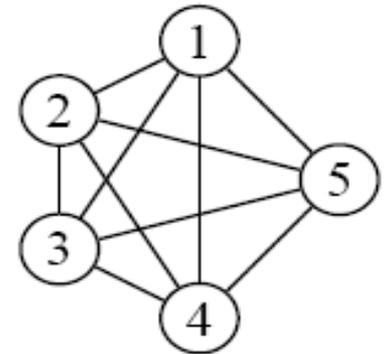

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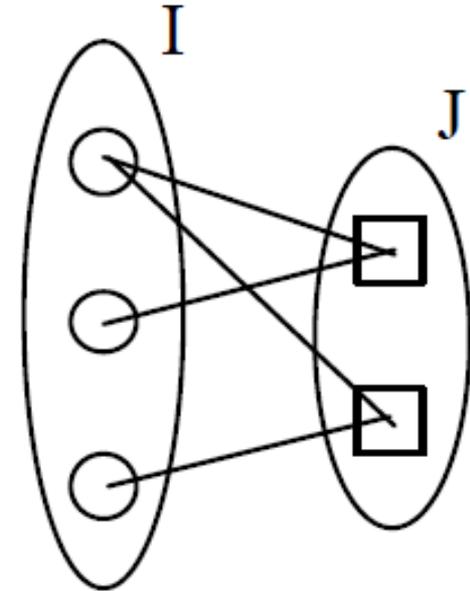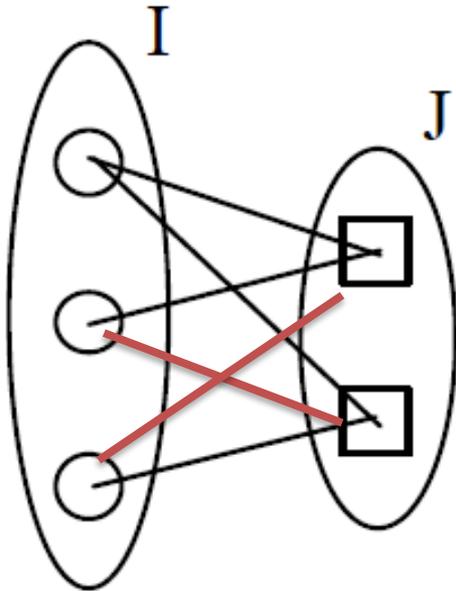(non-orienté)
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d) Bipartite Graph: If its set of vertices can be divided into two distinct subsets I and J such that each edge has one endpoint in I and the other in J.

e) Complete Bipartite Graph :

If every vertex in set I is connected to every vertex in set J.

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d) **Example of a Bipartite Graph**: In a workshop with 5 workers, each capable of performing 1 to 4 tasks, we represent the possibilities of assigning workers to different tasks with a bipartite graph.
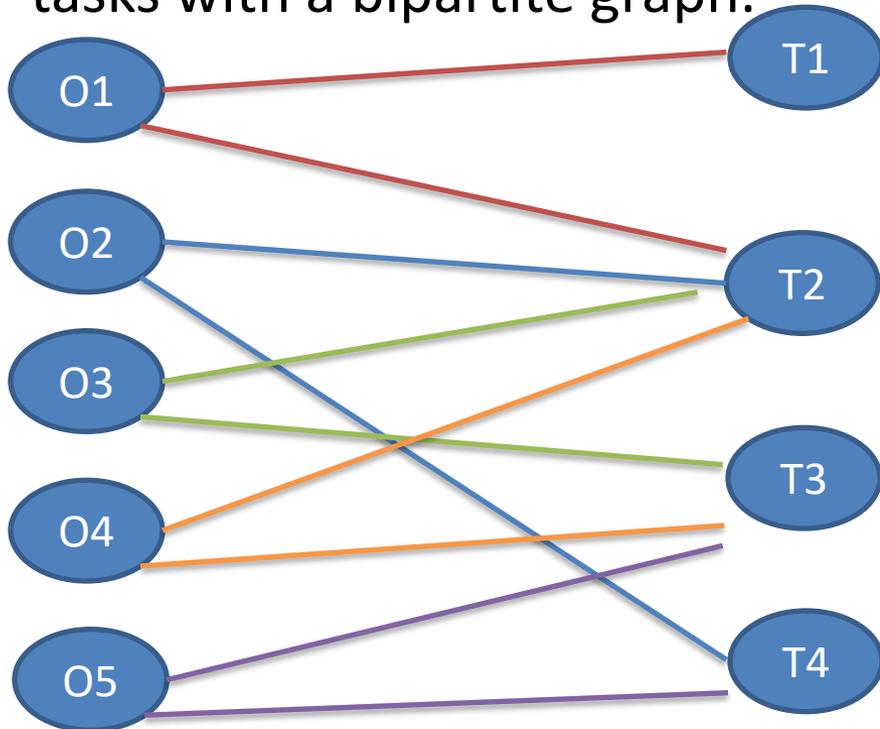
Note: If each worker can perform all tasks, a **complete bipartite graph** is obtained.

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f) Weighted Graph:

When the edges represent a cost, they are assigned a number, creating a **weighted graph**.
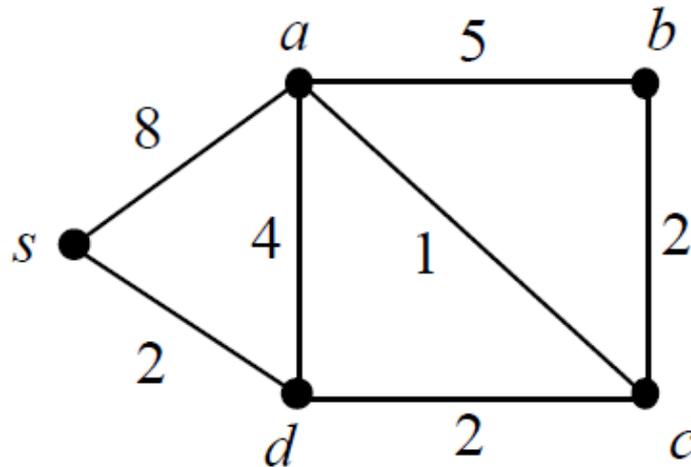
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g) Planar Graph:

If its edges do not intersect, in other words, if it can be drawn in a plane in such a way that its edges do not cross.
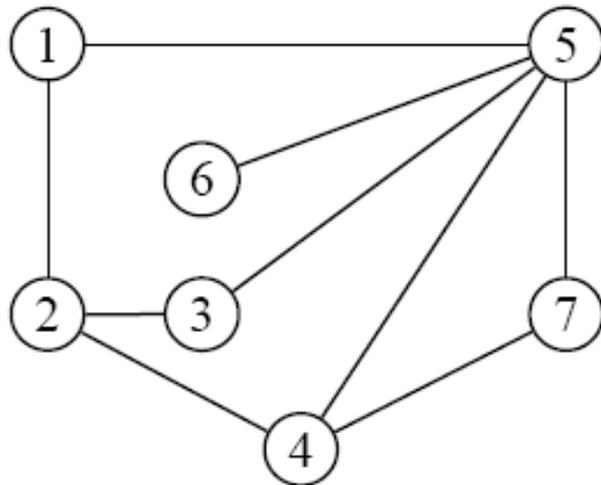
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Example 1: Complete graph with 4 vertices, it is planar if it can be transformed.
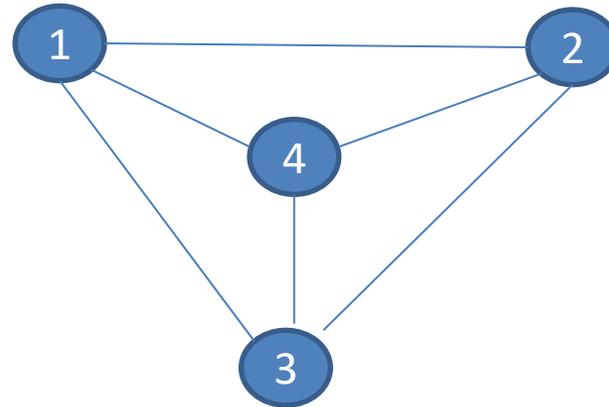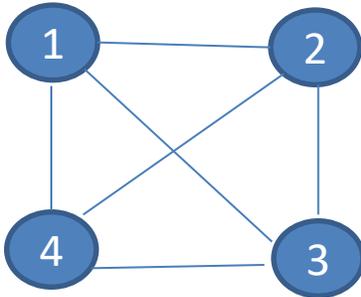
Example 2: Complete graph with 5 vertices, it is not planar, it cannot be transformed.
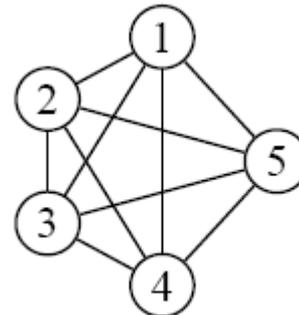
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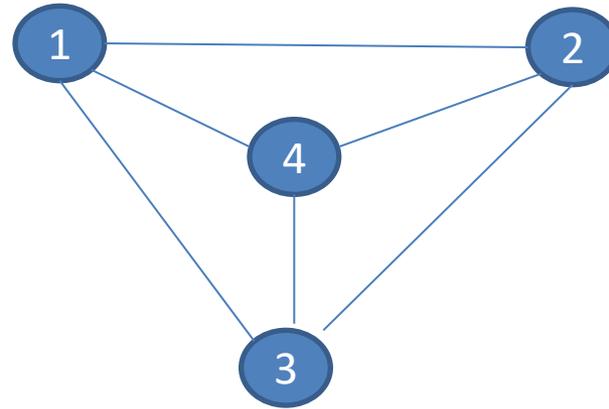
Note: Planar graphs satisfy the formula(Euler formula):

$|V| + F = |E| + 2$ **4 + 4 = 6 + 2**

$|V|$ number of vertices

$|E|$ number of edges

F   number of faces or regions
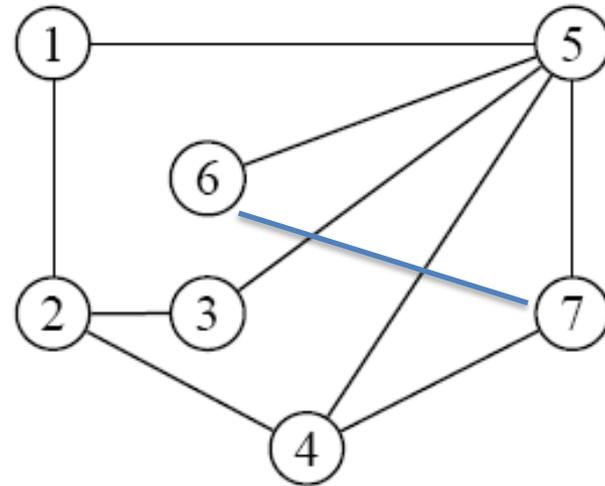
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h) Graph - Isomorphism

G1 = (V1, E2) and G2 = (V2, E2) are isomorphic if:

There is a one-to-one function f from V1 to V2 with the property that a and b are adjacent in G1 if and only if f (a) and f (b) are adjacent in G2, for all a and b in V1.

Function f is called **isomorphism**

G1 = (V1, E1) , G2 = (V2, E2)

$f(u1) = v1,$ $f(u2) = v4,$ $f(u3) = v3,$ $f(u4) = v2,$

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i)Graph – Isomorphism example 1

Representation example: G1 = (V1, E1) , G2 = (V2, E2)

$f(u_1) = v_1, f(u_2) = v_4, f(u_3) = v_3, f(u_4) = v_2,$
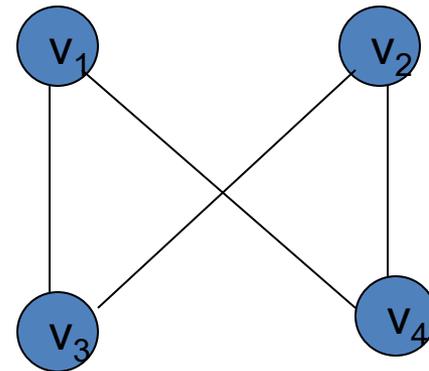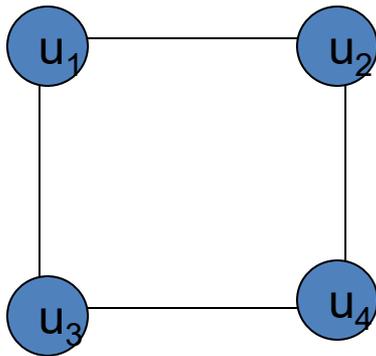
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i)Graph – Isomorphism (example 2)

f(a) = 1
f(b) = 6
f(c) = 8
f(d) = 3
f(g) = 5
f(h) = 2
f(i) = 4
f(j) = 7
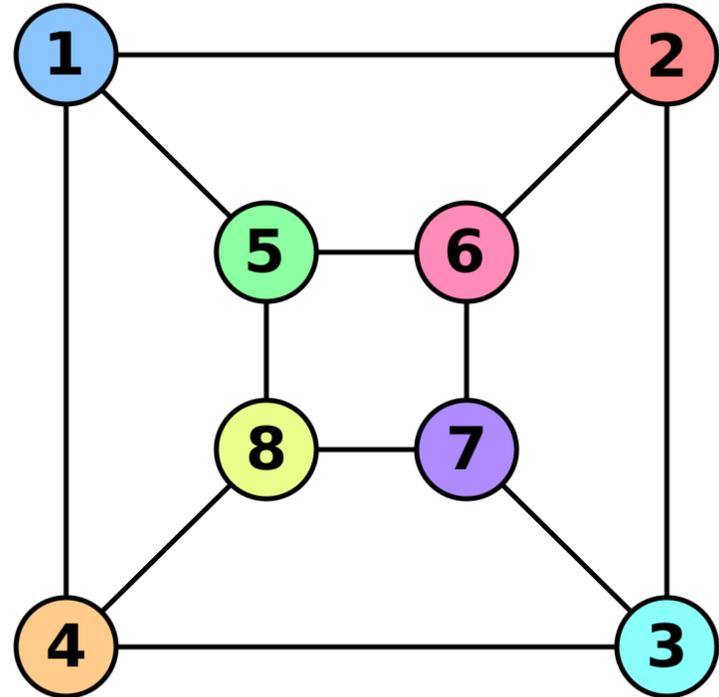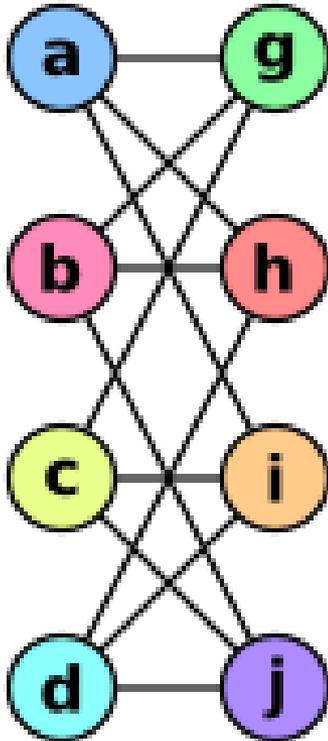
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j) Other graphs:

- A **reflexive** graph is a graph having a loop on each vertex

- A graph G = (V, E) is **symmetric** if,

$\forall$ arc e_1 = $(v_i, v_j) \in E$, the arc e_2 = $(v_j, v_i) \in E$.

- A graph G = (V, E) is **antisymmetric** if,

$\forall$ (For every) arc e_1 = $(v_i, v_j) \in E$, the arc e_2 = $(v_j, v_i) \notin E$.

- A graph G = (V, E) is **transitive** if,

$\forall$ arc e_1 = $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ and arc e_2 = $(v_j, v_k) \in E$ then the arc e_3 = $(v_i, v_k) \in E$.

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k) Isolated vertex:

A vertex of a graph that has no edges is a vertex with degree zero.
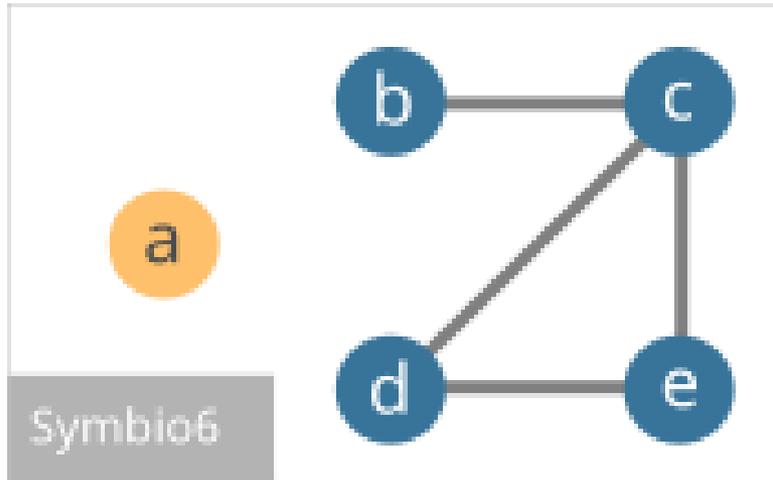
Graph with isolated vertex a.

Null Graph: A null graph is defined as a graph which consists only the isolated vertices

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l) Regular graph:

A graph is called regular graph if degree of each vertex is equal. A graph is called **K regular** if degree of each vertex in the graph is K.
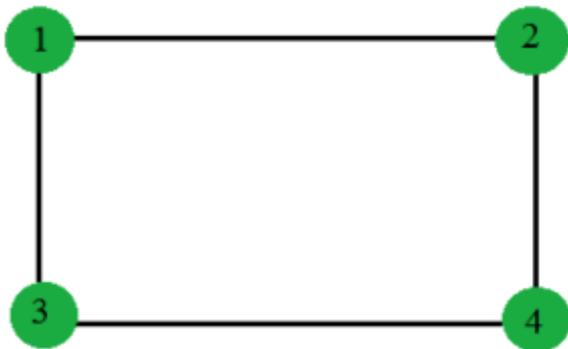
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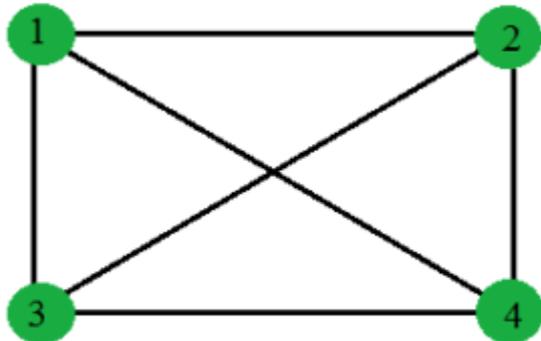
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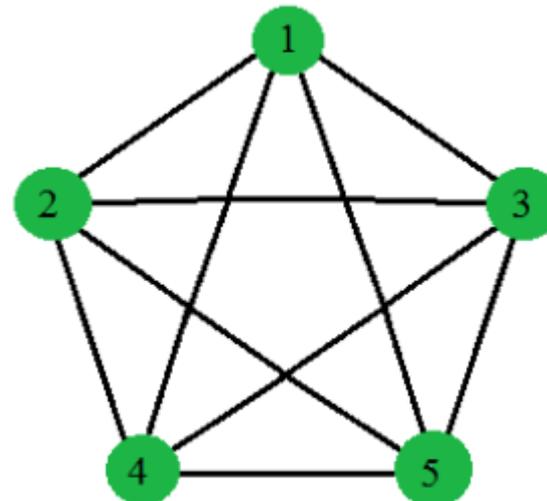
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a) Sagittal representation (drawing):

Vertices are represented by circles, and the relationships are represented by lines or arrows,
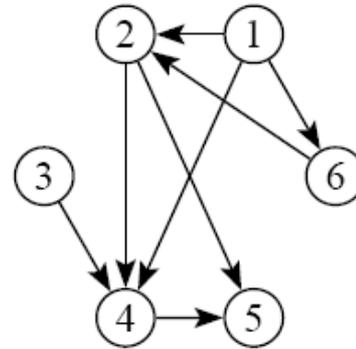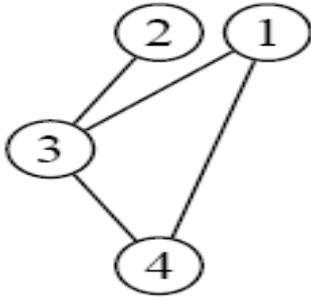
b) Matrix representation.

For a given graph G=(V,E) with |V|=n and |E|=m (n vertices and m edges), we associate 4 types of matrices:

Adjacency matrix, Incidence matrix, Arc matrix, Associated matrix

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1- Adjacency Matrix: (undirected graph):

Let G be an undirected graph with n vertices numbered from 1 to n. The adjacency matrix of the graph is called matrix A=(ai,aj), where $a_{i,j}$ is the number of edges connecting vertex i to vertex j.

Example: a graph and its corresponding adjacency matrix:

*Other definition: A square matrix where each row and column represent a vertex, and the entries indicate whether there is an edge between the vertices. It's often used for **simple graphs**.*
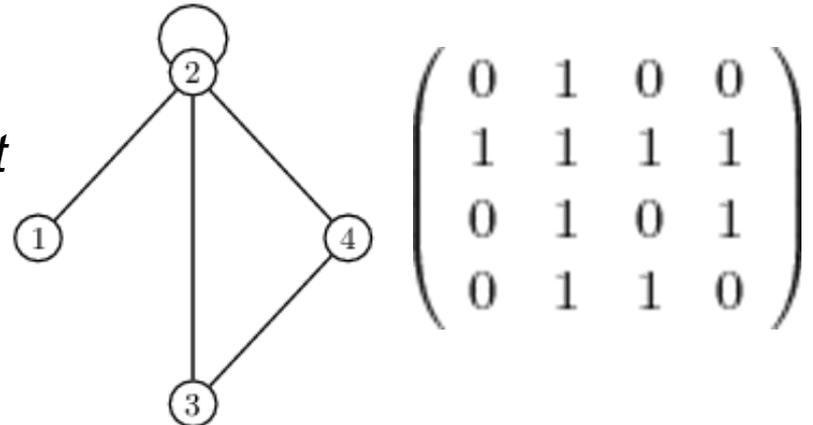
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is a symmetric matrix

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Adjacency Matrix: (directed graph)

We can also define the adjacency matrix of a directed graph. This time, the coefficient $a_{i,j}$ represents the number of arcs originating from vertex i and ending at vertex j.

Example : For the following graph:
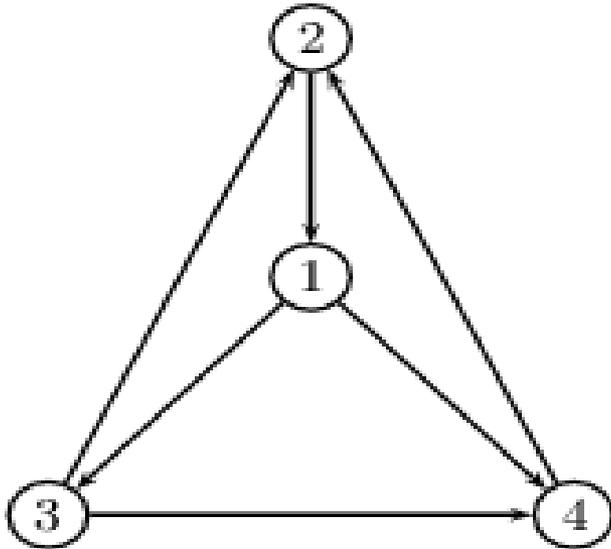
$$
\begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
$$

This matrix is no longer symmetric.

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2- Incidence matrix: (directed graph)

Let G be a directed graph with n vertices numbered from 1 to n, and m arcs numbered from 1 to m. The **incidence matrix** of the graph is called matrix $A=(a_{i,j})$ consisting of n rows and m columns such that:

- $a_{i,j}$ equals +1 if the arc numbered j has vertex i as its origin;

- $a_{i,j}$ equals -1 if the arc numbered j has vertex i as its destination;

- $a_{i,j}$ equals 0 in all other cases.   **A(vertex, arc)**
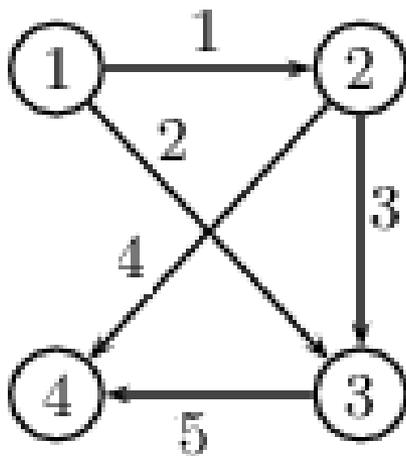
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Incidence matrix : Example: G=(V,E) of order 4 with 7 arcs.
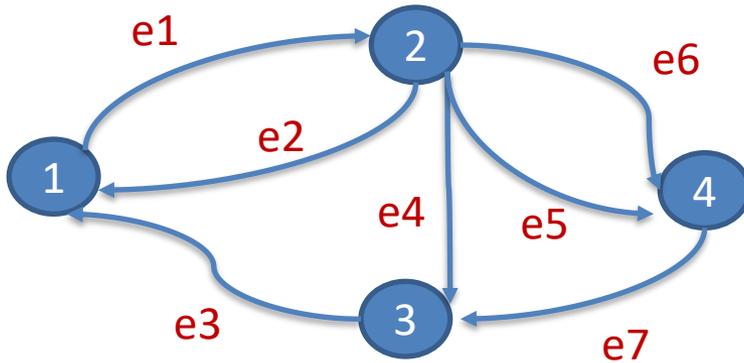
Note: *You should start filling the matrix by beginning with the arcs.*

Arc

	e1	e2	e3	e4	e5	e6	e7
1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
2	-1	1	0	1	1	1	0
3	0	0	1	-1	0	0	-1
4	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	1

Vertex

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Incidence matrix : One can also define the incidence matrix (vertex/edge) for an undirected graph.
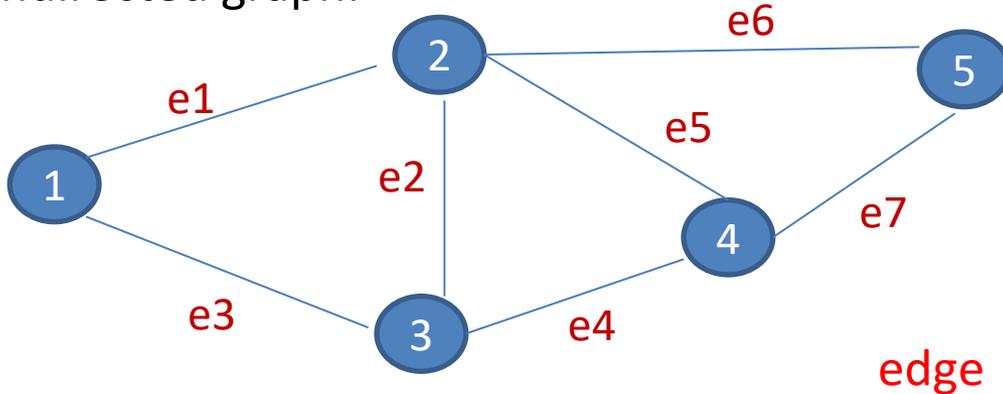
Vertex

	e1	e2	e3	e4	e5	e6	e7
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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3- Edge Matrix: It is defined from the adjacency matrix by replacing the value 1 (true) with the name of the edge.
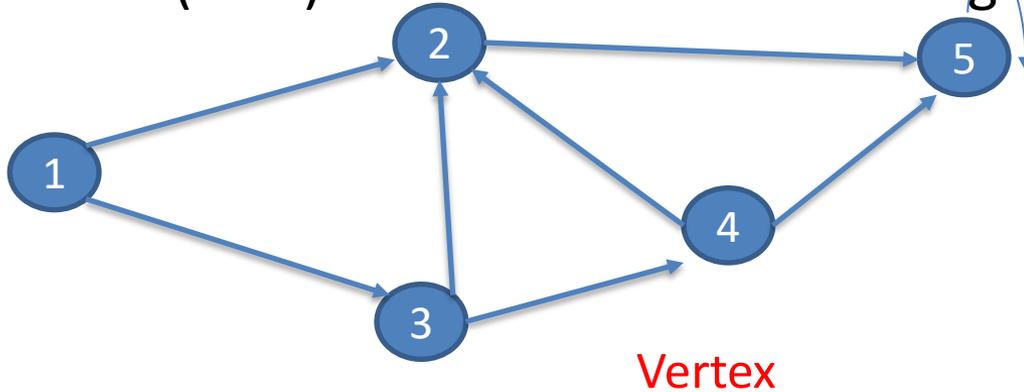
Vertex

Vertex

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	12	13	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	25
3	0	32	0	34	0
4	0	42	0	0	45
5	0	0	0	0	55

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4- Associated Matrix: We replace the name with the number of edges or arcs.

C) Representation by dictionaries:

The graph is represented by a table or dictionary of vertices. Each vertex has a list of **successor** (**predecessor**) vertices. We use a function Γ such that $Γ^+(x)$ is the list of successors and $Γ^-(x)$ is the list of predecessors.
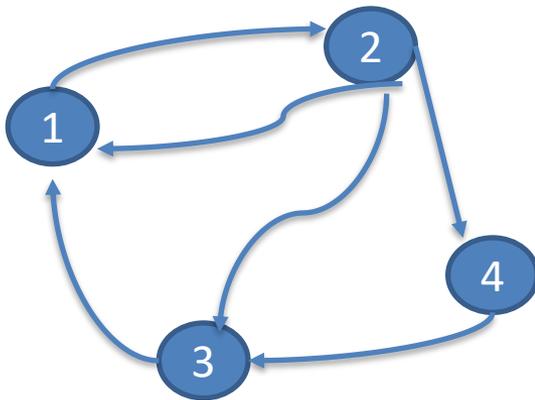
Vertice	Successor $Γ^+(x)$	Predecessor $Γ^-(x)$
1	2	2,3
2	1,3,4	1
3	1	2,4
4	3	2

Chapter 2

Connectivity in a graph

2.1 Paths in a graph

Definitions: Let G=(V,E) be any graph, C={e1, e2, …, ep} a sequence of arcs with cardinality p such that two consecutive arcs ei and ei+1 share a common endpoint.

C is called a **chain** (walk)of cardinality p.

A **path** is a chain(walk) where the arcs are oriented in the same direction.

A **cycle** is a closed chain (the first vertex coincides with the last vertex).

A **circuit** is a closed path (the first vertex coincides with the last vertex).

2.1 Paths in a graph

A path is a **chain** (walk)or a **cycle** or a **route(way)** or a **circuit**.

A **path** is called **elementary** if it visits each of its **vertices exactly once** (except for the first vertex in the case of a cycle and circuit).

A **path** is called **simple** if it traverses each of its **edges exactly once**.

A **path** is called **Hamiltonian** if it visits each and every vertex of the graph exactly once (except for the first vertex in the case of a cycle and circuit).

A **path** is called **Eulerian** if it traverses each and **every edge of the graph exactly once.**

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.1 Chain:

A chain connecting two vertices V0 and Vk in a graph G is a sequence of vertices connected by edges in such a way that two successive vertices share a common edge. It is denoted as (V0, V1, ..., Vk), and we refer to V0 and Vk as the endpoints of the chain.

Example: G=(V,E)
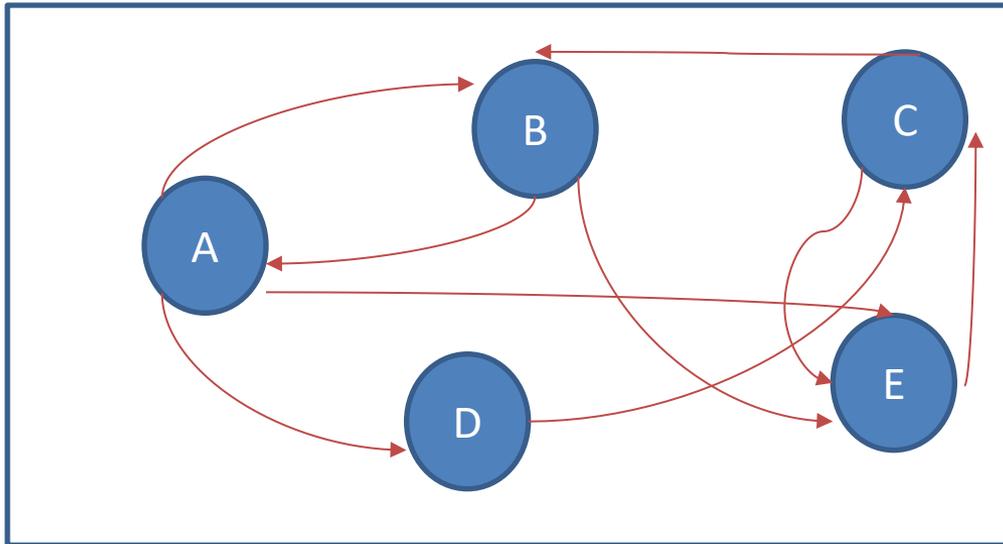
The sequence (A, B, C, D) is a **simple chain** connecting A to D.

The sequence (A, E, B, A, E) is a path connecting A to E that **is not simple**: the edge (A, E) is traversed twice.

The sequence (A, B, E) is a **simple path** connecting A to E.

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.1 Chain:

- The length of the path is equal to the number of edges,

- A path **is elementary** if none of the **vertices** that make up the path appear more than once.

- A path is said to **be simple** if none of the **edges** appear more than once.
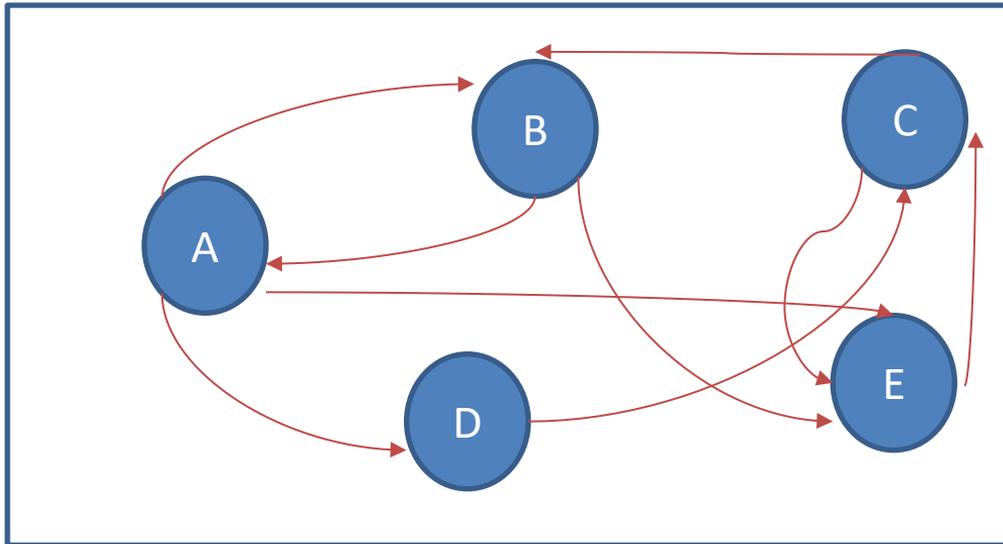
We call an **Eulerian path** of a graph G a path that passes **exactly once** through **each** of the edges of G.

We call a **Hamiltonian path** of a graph G a path that passes **exactly once** through **each** of the vertices of G.

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.2 Cycle:

A **cycle** is a path in which the endpoints coincide (e0, e1, ..., ek = e0), and it consists of a succession of **distinct edges**.

Example: (A, B, C, E, A) is a cycle.

A **loop** is a specific type of cycle. (B, B)

A cycle is **elementary** if, while traversing it, one does not encounter the **vertices** multiple times.
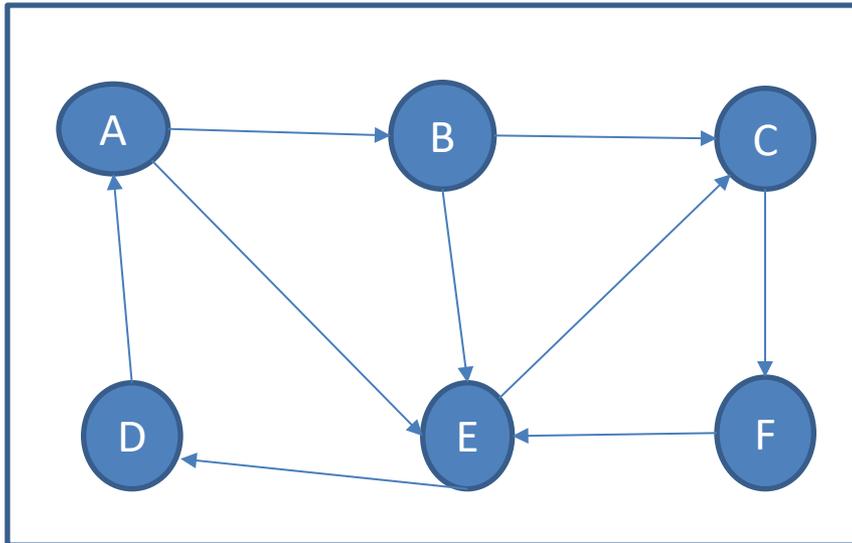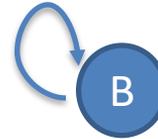
C1 = (A, B, E, A) elementary cycle of length 3.

C2 = (A, B, C, F, E, D, A) elementary cycle of length 5.

C3 = (D, A, E, F, C, E, D) cycle of length 6 that is not elementary.

C4 = (A, B, E, C, **B, E**, A) is not a cycle: the edge (B, E) is counted twice.

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.2 Cycle:

- We call a **Hamiltonian cycle** of a graph a cycle that passes exactly once through each of the vertices of the graph. C1 = (A, B, C, F, E, D, A) is a Hamiltonian cycle.

- A **graph is Hamiltonian** if it has a Hamiltonian cycle.

- We call an **Eulerian cycle** of a graph G a cycle that passes exactly once through each of the edges of G.

- A **graph is said to be Eulerian** if it has an Eulerian cycle.
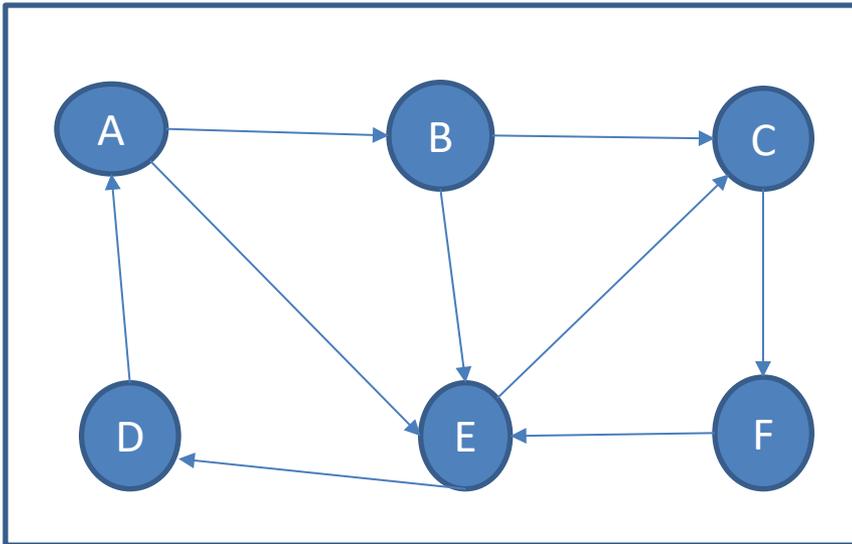
The **distance** between two vertices in a graph G is the **length** of the **shortest** path connecting them.
Example: Distance between (A, F) = 2.

The **diameter** of a graph G is the **maximum** of the **distances** between its different vertices.
Diameter(G) = 2 ?? To be verified.

A graph without cycles is called **acyclic**.

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.3 Path:

A path(a way) from vertex V0 to Vk in a graph G is a sequence of vertices connected successively by **directed edges** in the **same direction**.

Example: (A, E, C)

A path is called **elementary** if none of the **vertices** that make up the path appear more than once.
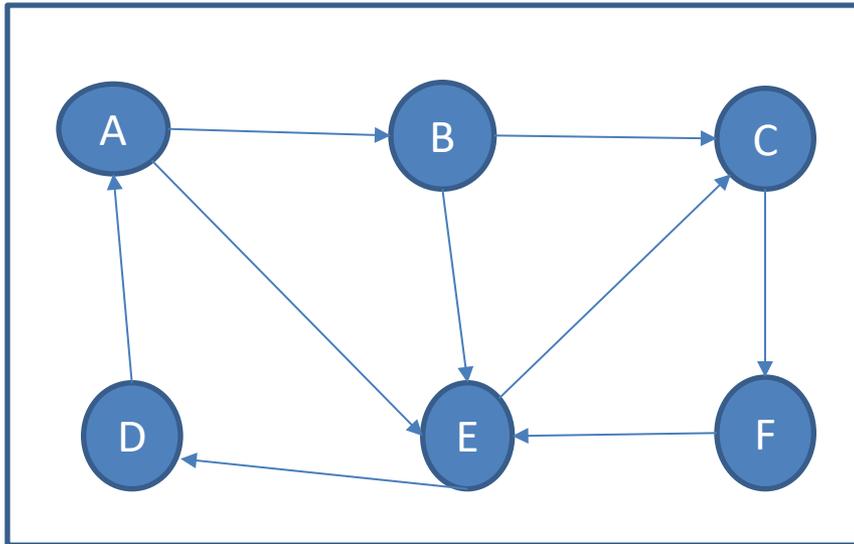
A path is called **simple** if none of the **edges** that make up the path appear more than once.

An **Eulerian path** is a simple path that passes exactly **once** through **each** edge of the graph.

A **Hamiltonian path** is a path that passes exactly **once** through each **vertex** of the graph.

2.1 Paths in a graph

2.1.4 Circuit:

A **circuit** is a path in which the initial and final endpoints coincide.

Examples:

The sequence (A, B, C, F): elementary path.

The sequence (A, B, C, F, E): elementary path.
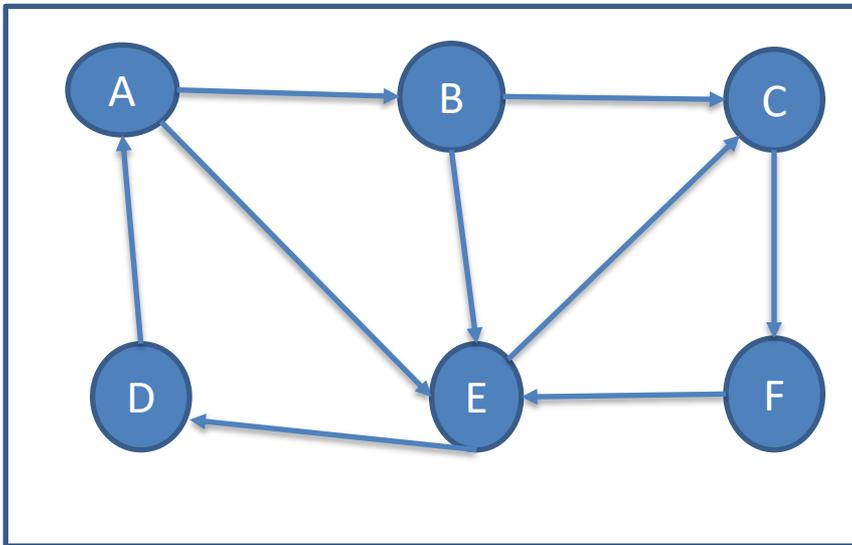
The sequence (A, B, E, A): elementary cycle.
The sequence (A, B, E, D, A): elementary circuit.
The sequence (A, B, C, F, E, D, A): Hamiltonian circuit.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.1 The concept of connectivity:

Two vertices x and y have a connectivity relationship if and only if there exists a path(chain) between x and y
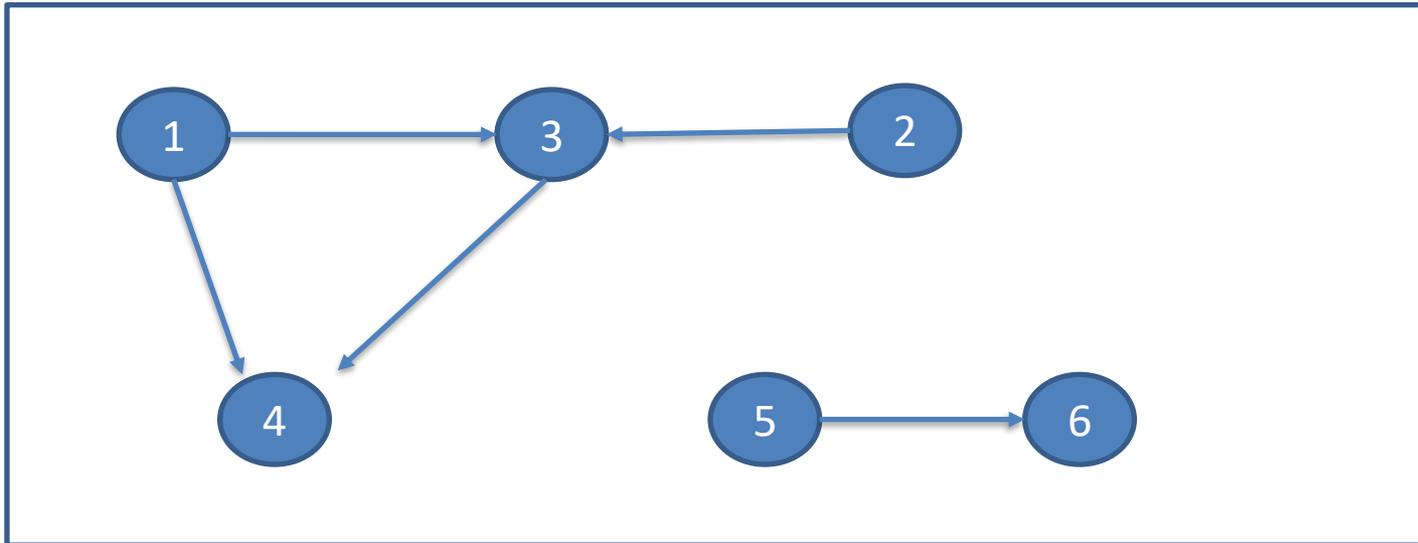
There exists a chain between 1 and 2 ⇒ C = (1, 3, 2) ⇒ 1 and 2 have a connectivity relationship.

There is no relationship between 1 and 5 ⇒ 1 and 5 do not have a connectivity relationship.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.2 Connected graph

An undirected graph is connected if every vertex is reachable from any other vertex.
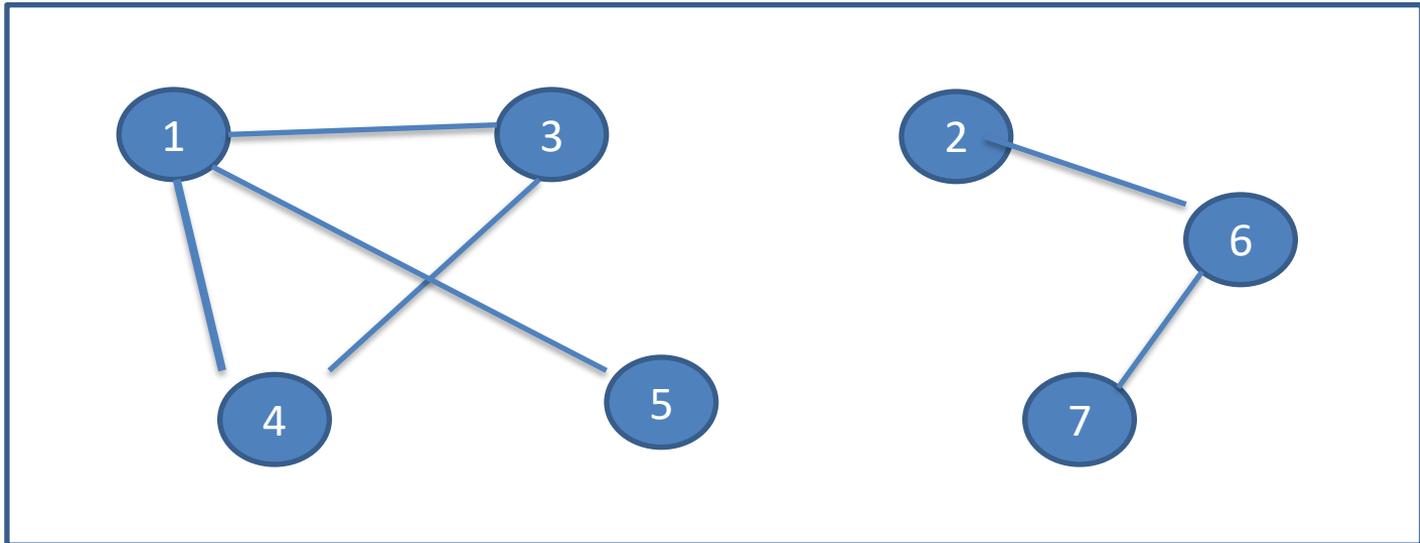
The graph is not connected.

Note: If we add an edge between 5 and 7, the graph becomes connected.

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2.2.3 Connected component:

We call a **connected component** a set of vertices that are pairwise connected.
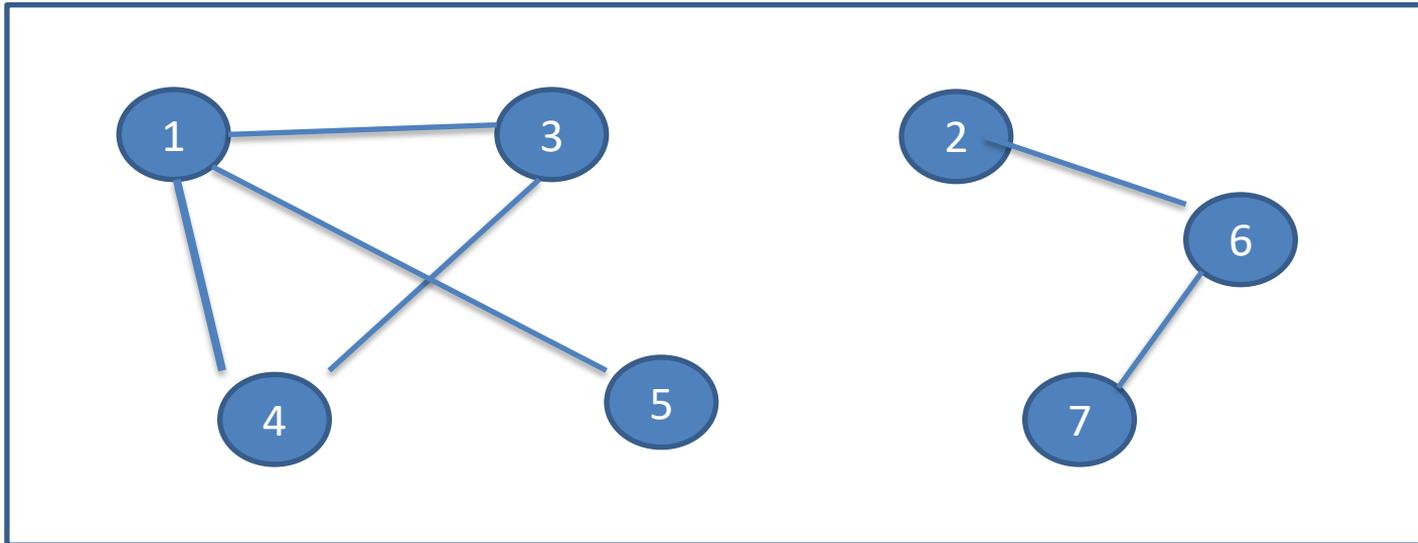
- The vertices (1, 3, 4, 5) form the first connected component.
- The vertices (2, 6, 7) form the second connected component.

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2.2.4 Articulation point:

An **articulation point** is a vertex whose removal increases the number of connected components.
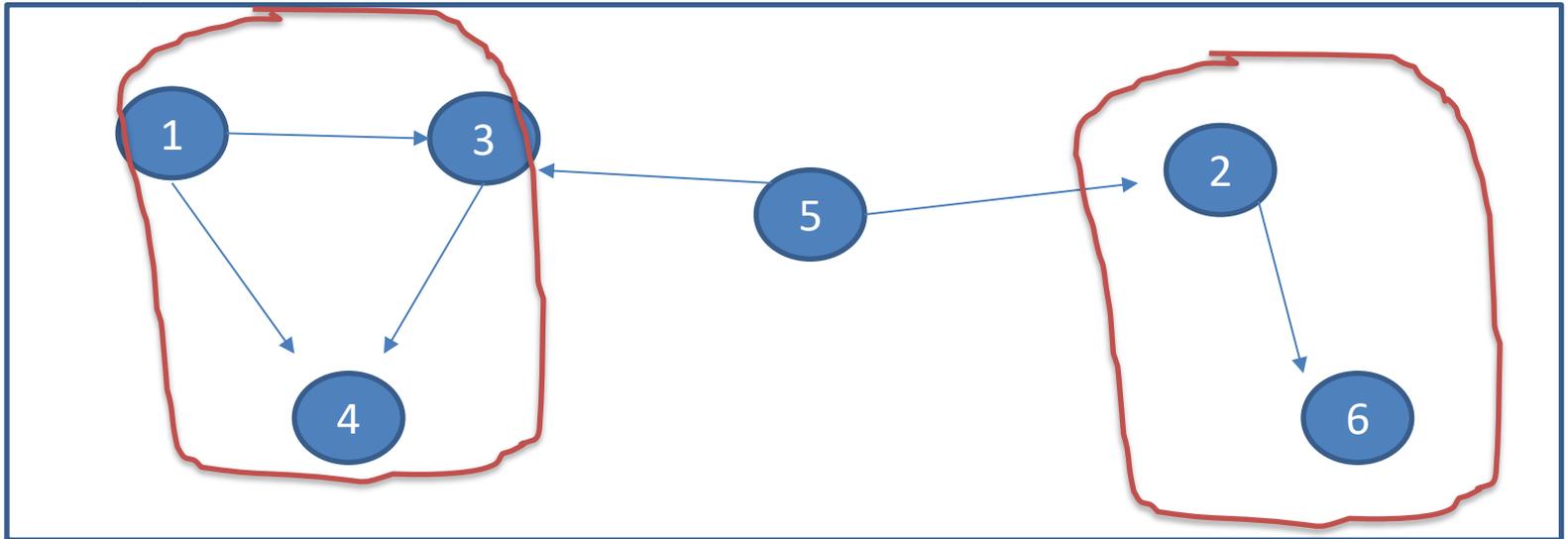
An **isthmus** is an edge whose removal has the same effect. Vertex 5 is an articulation point. Edge (5,2) is an isthmus.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.5 Strongly connected graph

We talk about **strong connectivity** in directed graphs.

Strong connectivity in a graph is defined as the relationship between two vertices as follows:

x and y are strongly connected ⟺ there exists a **path** from x to y **and** a **path** from y to x
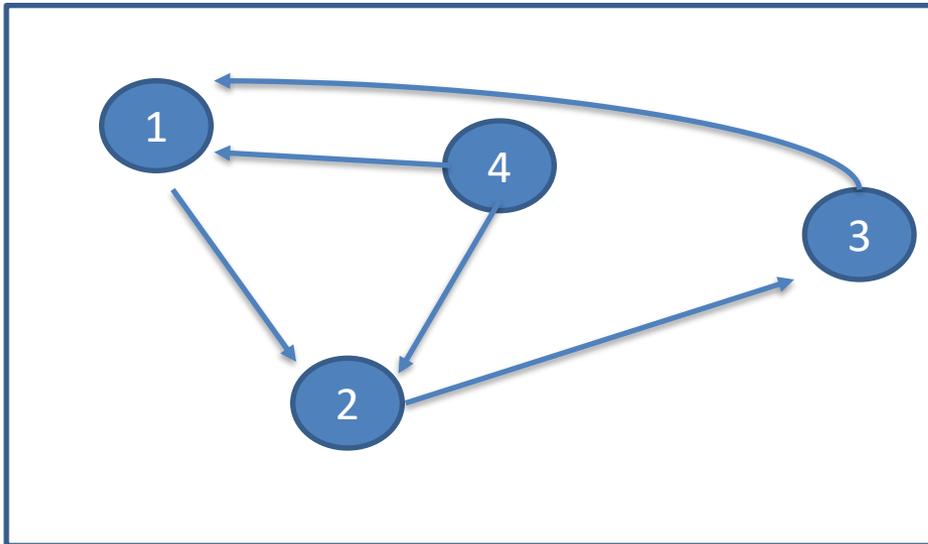
Vertices 1 and 3 have a strong connectivity relationship.
We have a path from 1 to 3 and a path from 3 to 1.

Vertices 4 and 3 do not have a strong connectivity relationship. There is a path from 4 to 3, but there is no path from 3 to 4

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

b) Strongly connected component:

We call a **strongly connected component** a set of vertices that are pairwise strongly connected.

- The set {1, 2, 3} forms a strongly connected component C1.

- The set {4, 5} forms another strongly connected component C2.

- The vertices in C1 do not have a strong connectivity relationship with the vertices in C2.

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2.2.5 Strongly connected graph

c) Application:

Traffic plan in a city, it is interesting to know if one can move from or to any point. One way to verify is to take the plan and check if it is strongly connected or not.
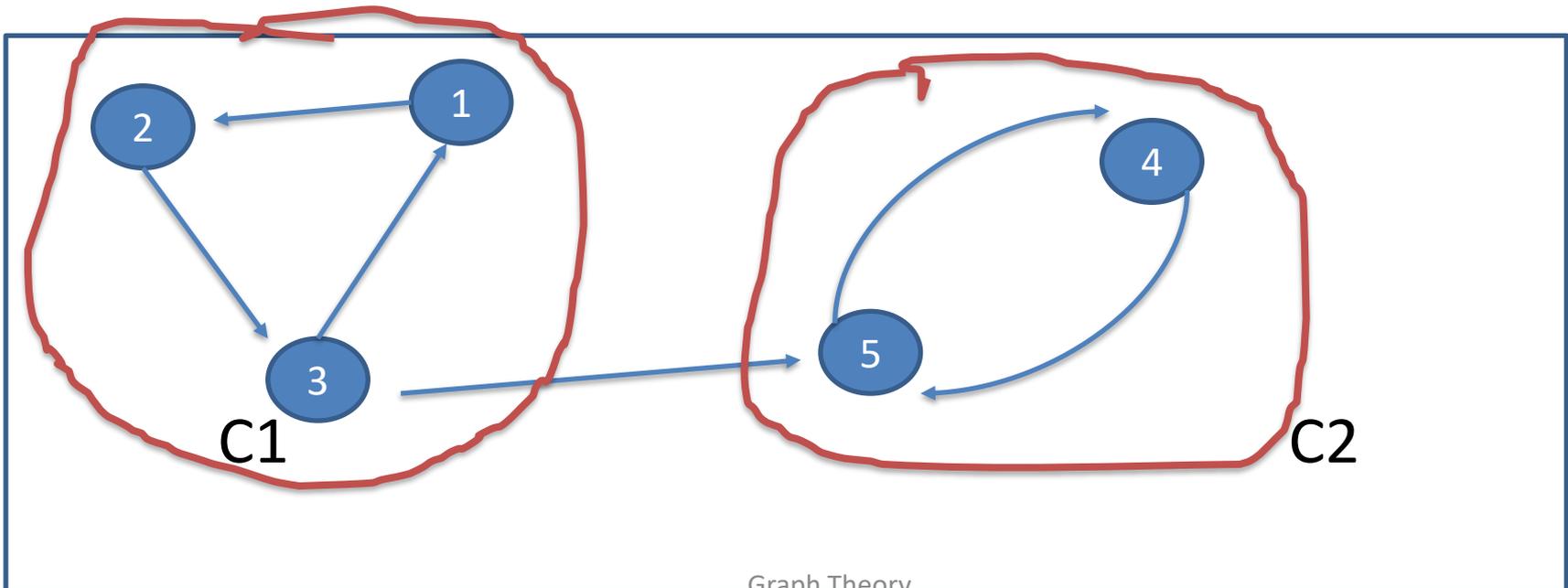
2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.6 Reduced graph:

The vertices are represented by the strongly connected components.

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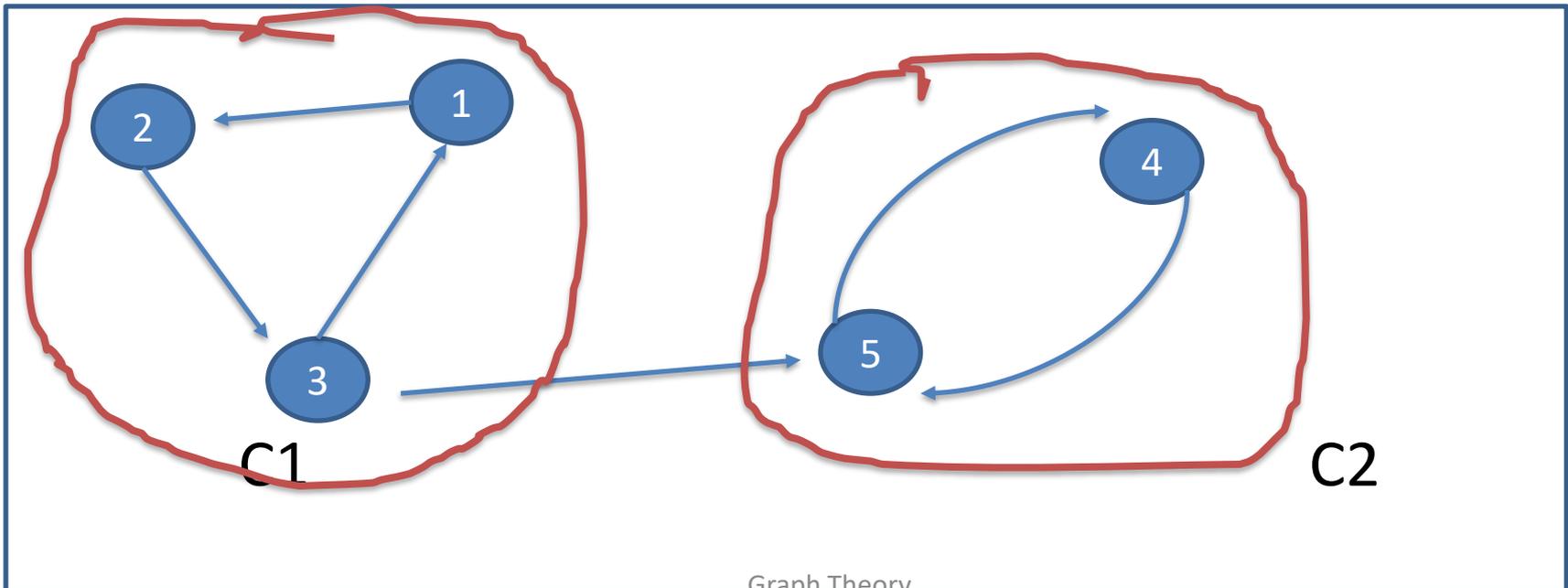
2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.7 Strongly connected graph:

A graph G is said to be strongly connected if all its vertices are pairwise strongly connected, in other words, G contains a single strongly connected component.

This graph is not strongly connected; it contains 2 strongly connected components.

If we add an edge (5,3), it becomes a strongly connected graph

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.8 Search for strongly connected components:

Algorithm: Marking

Data: G=(V,E), directed graph

Results: the number K of strongly connected components and the list C1, C2, ..., Ck of strongly connected components

Step 0: Initialization K ← 0 W ← V

Step 1:

- Choose a vertex from W and mark it with a + and -

- Mark all direct and indirect successors with +

- Mark all direct and indirect predecessors with −
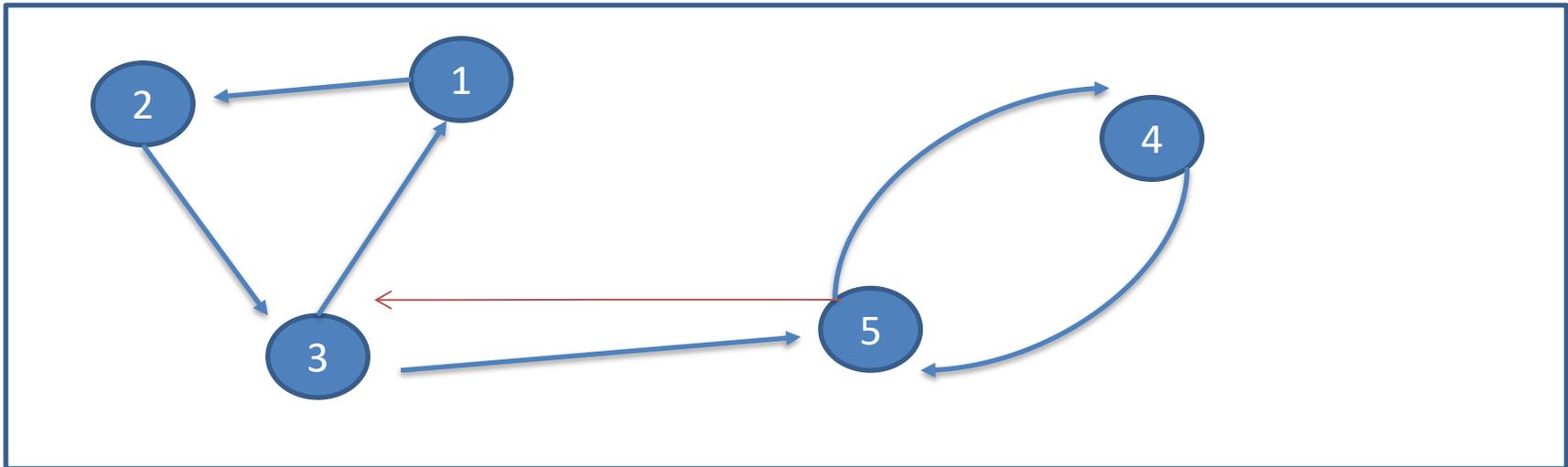
- Set K = K + 1 and Ck as the set of vertices marked with + and −

- Remove the vertices in Ck from W (W = W - Ck) and clear all marks

- **If** W = ∅ **then** finish and proceed to **step 2**, otherwise go to **step 1**

Step 2:

K is the number of strongly connected components, and each Ci is a component.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.8 Search for strongly connected components: Example

0 : Initialisation: K = 0   W = V= {a,b,c,d,e,f}
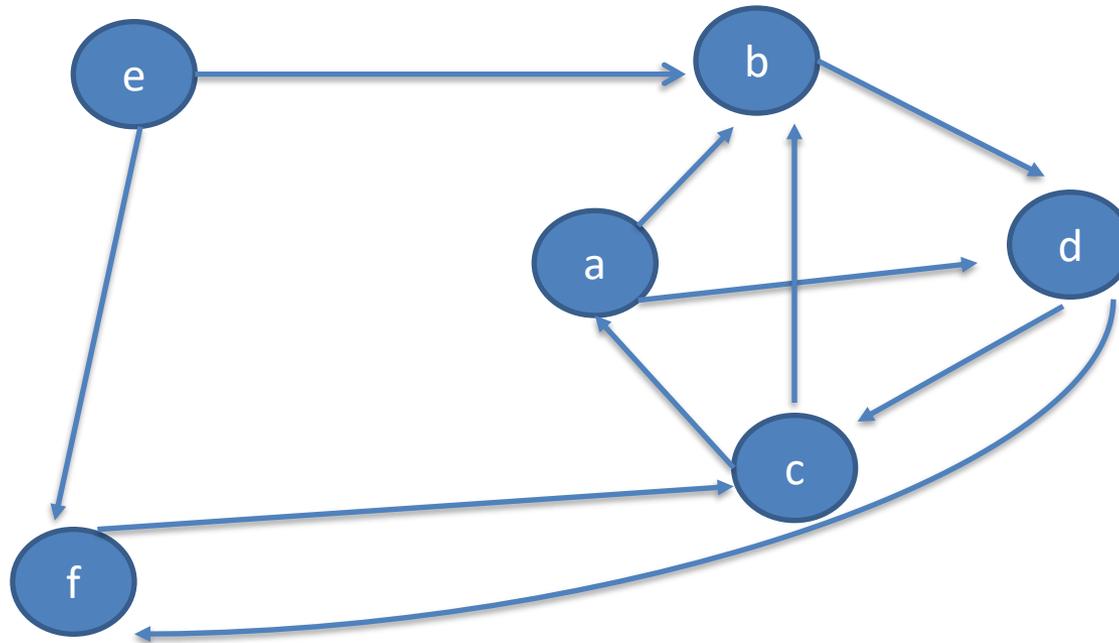
1: We choose 'a', calculate the successors and predecessors of 'a', marked with + and -, we find C1 = {a, b, c, d, f}, and W = W - C1 = {e}.

W ≠ ∅, proceed to step 1 and continue.

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2.2.8 Search for strongly connected components: Example

Iteration 2: We mark vertex 'e' with + and -, so C2 = {e}.

No other vertices are marked.

G:
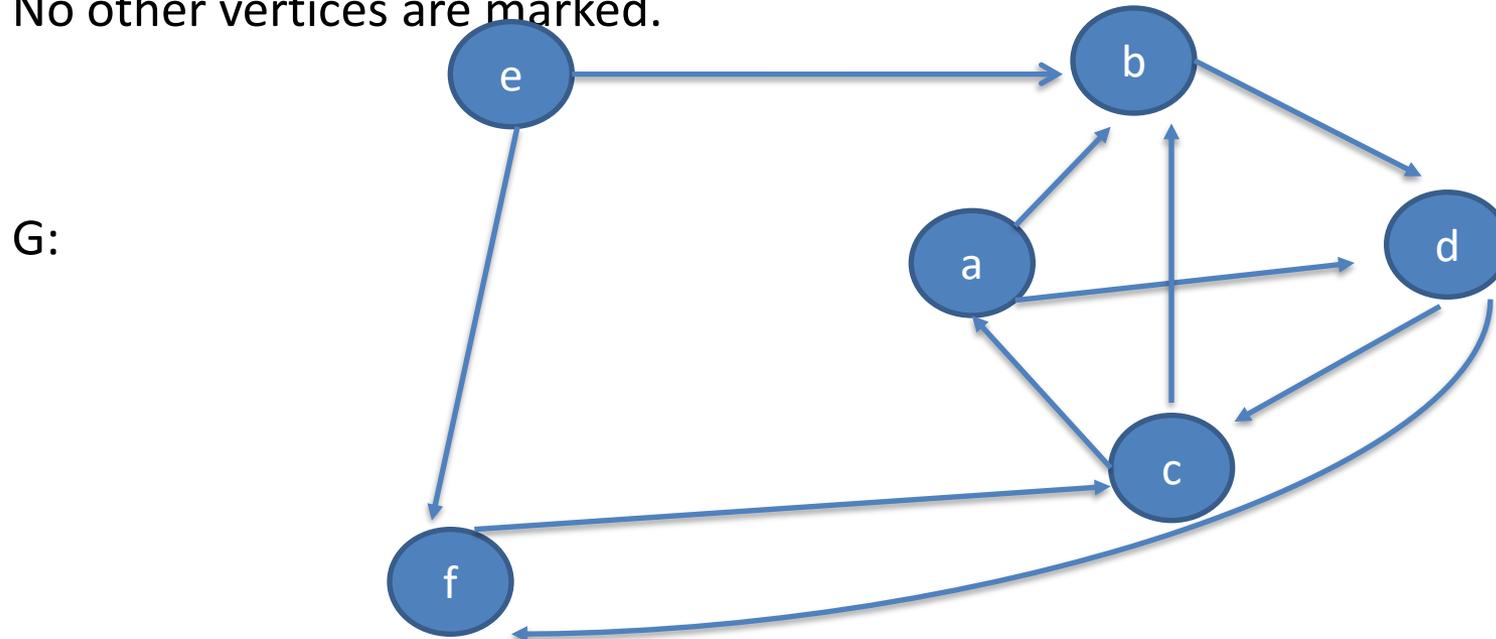
W = W - C2 = Ø, so finish, the number of strongly connected components = 2

C1 = {a, b, c, d, f} and C2 = {e}. The graph G is associated with a reduced graph Gr represented by:

Gr :

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.9 Graph Scheduling:

This is the arrangement of a connected graph.

Principle: Scheduling a graph involves arranging its vertices in a specific order such that the edges follow the same direction.

Different levels of vertices are defined.

Algorithm: Graph Scheduling

Data: A connected directed graph G=(V,E)

Results: The different **levels** of vertices and the **scheduled graph**

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2.2.9 Graph Scheduling: (Algorithm Continuation)

(0) Determine the dictionary of predecessors for G formed by $(V, \Gamma^-(x))$.

(1) Identify the vertices in $\Gamma^-(x)$ that have no predecessors. $\Gamma^-(x) = \emptyset$.

  (1.1) Define N_0 as the set of vertices in G with no predecessors; this set is called **level 0.**

  (1.2) Cross out in the column of $\Gamma^-(x)$ all the vertices from level 0, resulting in a new column $\Gamma_1(x)$ and the subgraph G_1 with vertices V/N_0.

(2) Identify in the column $\Gamma^-(x)$ the vertices with no predecessors; $\Gamma^-(x) = \emptyset$.
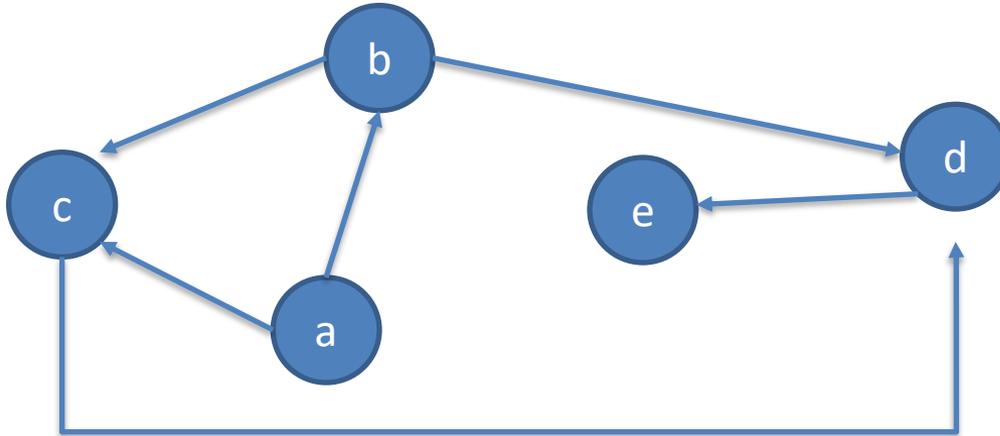
  (2.1) Define N1 as the set of vertices in the graph with no predecessors.

  (2.2) Cross out in the cell of $\Gamma 1(x)$ all the vertices at level N1, resulting in a new column $\Gamma 2(x)$ and the subgraph G2 generated by $V/(N0 \cup N1)$.

Continue this process until you complete the graph, and represent the ordered graph by levels of G.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.9 Graph Scheduling: (example)

V	$\Gamma^-(x)$
a	$\emptyset$
b	a
c	a,b
d	c,b
e	d

a: has no predecessor
N0={a}
Cross out vertex 'a' in Γ-(x)
And we obtain Γ-1(x)

V	$\Gamma^-1(x)$
a	/
b	$\emptyset$
c	b
d	c,b
e	d

b: has no predecessor
N1={b}
Cross out vertex 'b' in Γ-1(x)
And we obtain Γ-2(x)

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2.2.9 Graph Scheduling: (example)
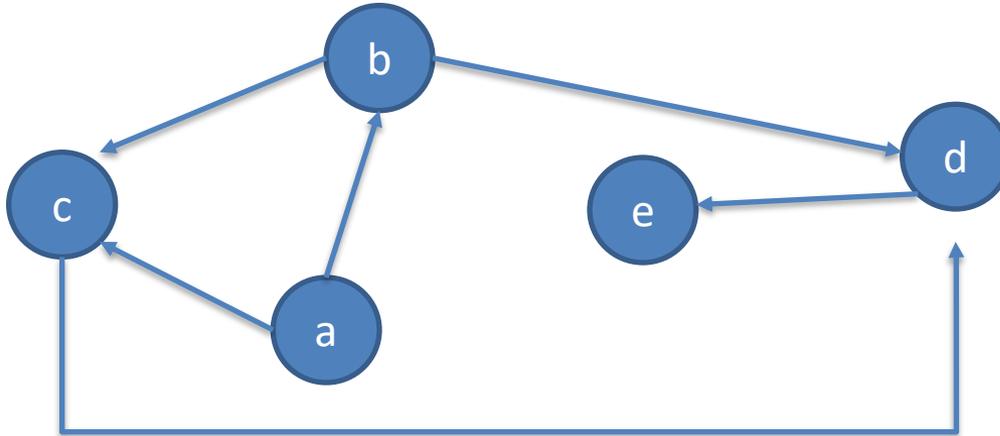
V	$\Gamma^- 2(x)$
a	/
b	/
c	∅
d	~~c~~
e	d

c: has no predecessor
N2={c}
Cross out vertex 'c' in
Γ-2(x)
And we obtain Γ-3(x)

V	$\Gamma^- 3(x)$
a	/
b	/
c	/
d	∅
e	~~d~~

d: has no predecessor
N3={d}
Cross out vertex 'd' in Γ-3(x)
And we obtain Γ-4(x)

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2.2.9 Graph Scheduling: (example)
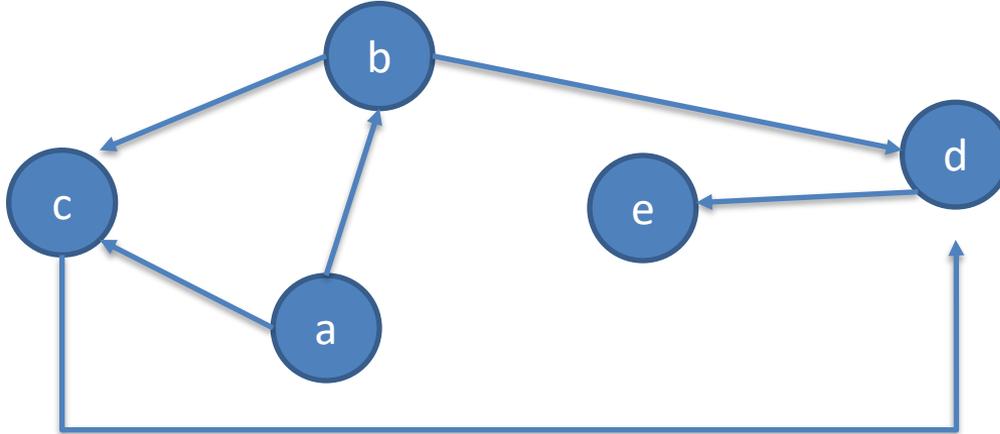
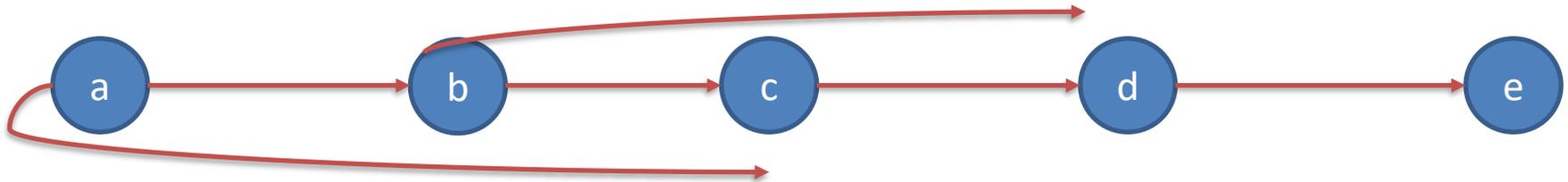| V	Γ^{-} 4(x)
a	/
b	/
c	/
d	/
e	∅

e: has no predecessor N4={e}

We have examined all the vertices of the graph, and thus, we have the ordered graph:
N0={a}, N1={b}, N2={c}, N3={d}, N4={e}

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2.2.9 Graph Scheduling: (example)

N0   N1   N2   N3   N4

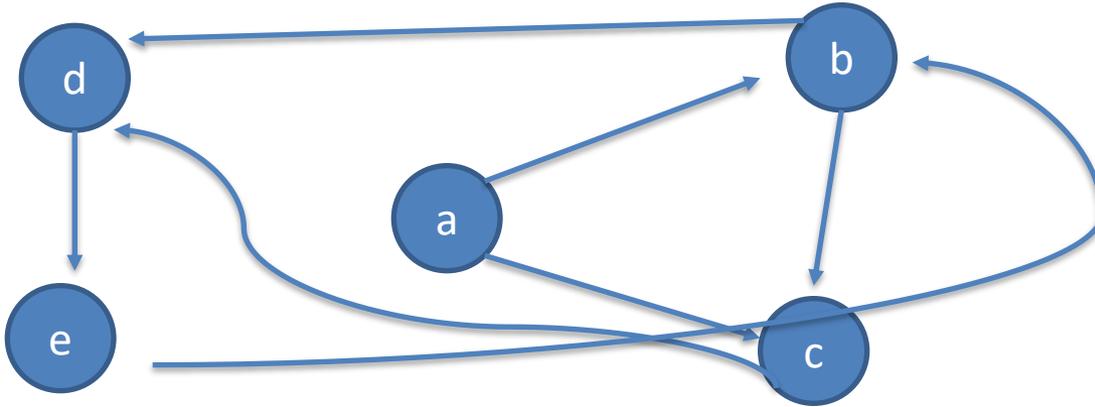## **This is an ordered graph**

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.10 Searching for a circuit in a connected graph:

At a certain stage of scheduling a graph, the definition of levels becomes stuck (there are no vertices without predecessors).

➔ Consequently, ordering the graph is impossible, and we say that the graph contains a circuit.

V	$\Gamma^-(x)$
a	$\emptyset$
b	a̶,e
c	a,b
d	c,b
e	d

a: has no predecessor
N0={a}
We cross out vertex 'a' in Γ-(x)
And we obtain
Γ1(x)

V	$\Gamma^-1(x)$
a	/
b	e
c	b
d	c,b
e	d

We cannot determine level N1; there are no vertices without predecessors.
⇨ G cannot be ordered.
⇨ G contains a **circuit**.

2.2 Connectivity in a graph

2.2.10 Searching for a circuit in a connected graph: (application)
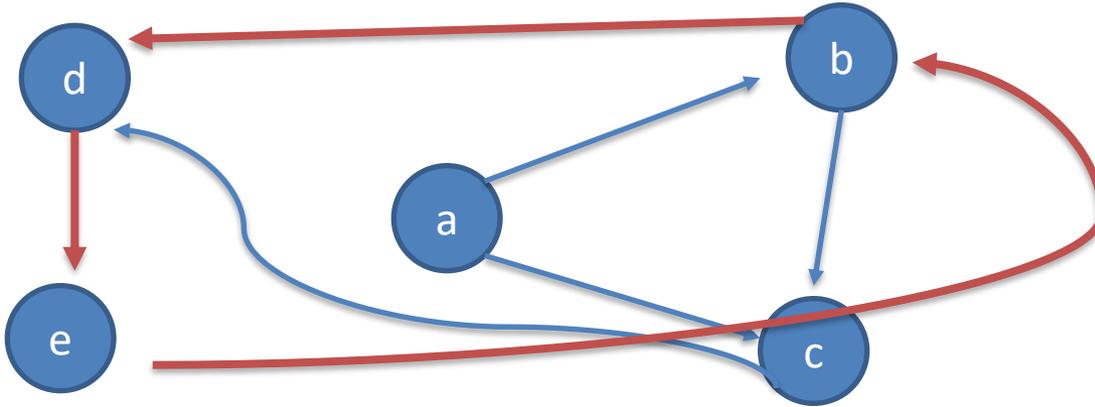
V	$\Gamma^- 1(x)$
a	/
b	e
c	b
d	c,b
e	d

To determine this circuit, we choose a vertex in $\Gamma 1(x)$. Let e be this vertex; it leads us back to a line in V, and we stop because the vertex e has repeated.
⇨ The sequence (e, d, b, e)
⇨ The reverse sequence forms a circuit (e, b, d, e).
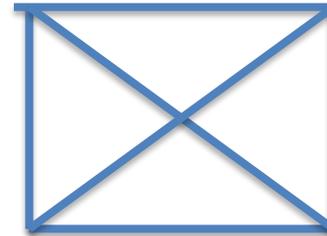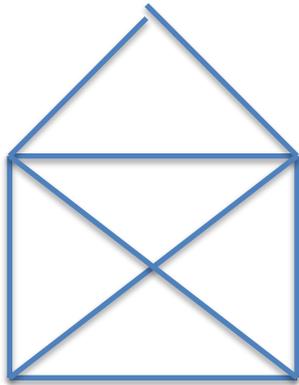
Chapter 3 : Remarkable Paths

1- Eulerian paths
2- Hamiltonian paths
3- Graph Coloring

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.1 Eulerian Cycles and chains in a Multigraph:

We ask two questions?

Question 1: Is it possible to draw these drawings without lifting the pencil or retracing any line?

After several attempts, we can make the first drawing; the second one is impossible.

3.1 Eulerian Paths
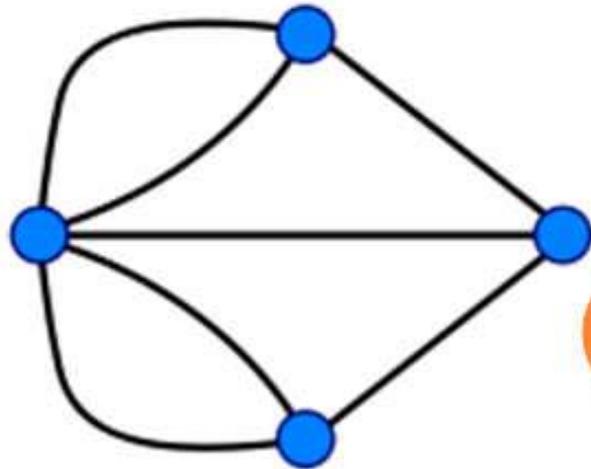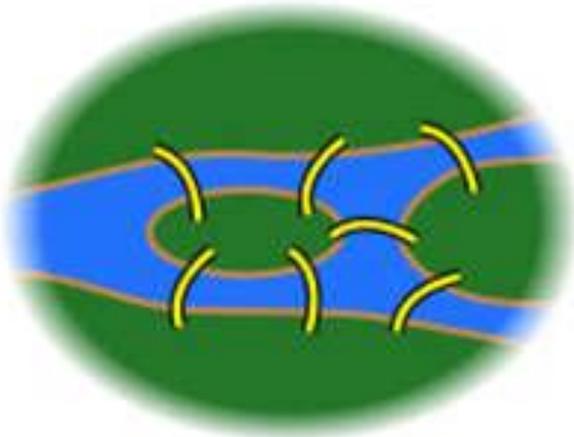
3.1.1 Eulerian Cycles and chains in a Multigraph:

We ask two questions?

Question 2: The inhabitants of the city of Königsberg were seeking to determine if it was possible to find a route that crosses each bridge once and only once.

The problem is to find an Eulerian path or cycle.

Definition: An Eulerian chain(cycle) is a chain (cycle) that uses each edge exactly once.

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.1 Eulerian Cycles and chains in a Multigraph:

a) Eulerien chain:

Let G = (V, E) be a multigraph.

A multigraph G has an Eulerian chain connecting the vertices V_0 and V_k of V if and only if G is **connected**, and **all its** vertices have **even degrees** except for V_0 and V_k.

Example 1:

d(A)=3
d(B)=4
d(C)=4
d(D)=5
An Eulerian path connecting vertices A and D is defined as follows:
C=(A,B,C,A,D,B,D,C,D)

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.1 Eulerian Cycles and chains in a Multigraph:

a) Eulerien chain:

Example 2:
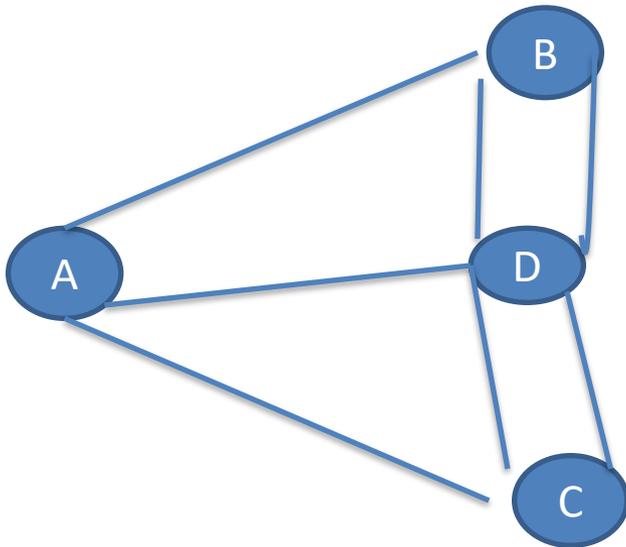
d(A)=3
d(B)=3
d(C)=3
d(D)=5
All vertices have odd degrees
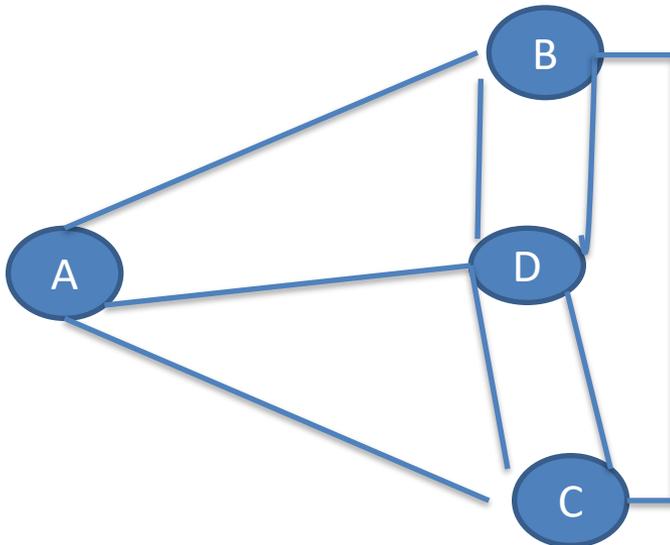→ G does not have any
Eulerian chain.

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.1 Eulerian Cycles and chains in a Multigraph:

b) Eulerien Cycles:

Let G = (V, E) be a multigraph.

A multigraph G has an **Eulerian cycle** if and only if G is **connected**, and **all its** vertices have **even degrees**.

Exemple :

d(A)=4
d(B)=4
d(C)=4
d(D)=6
All degrees are even → there exists a cycle.
C=(A,B,D,C,B,D,A,C,D,A)

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.2 Eulerian Paths and circuits in a Graph:

a) Eulerien paths:

Let G = (V, E) be a directed graph.

A directed graph G has an Eulerian path connecting vertices X_0 and X_k in V if and only if: 1- G is connected

2- $d^+(X_0) = d^-(X_0)+1$ $d^+(X_k) = d^-(X_k)-1$

3- $d^+(X) = d^-(X)$ $\forall$ $X \in V / (X_0, X_k)$
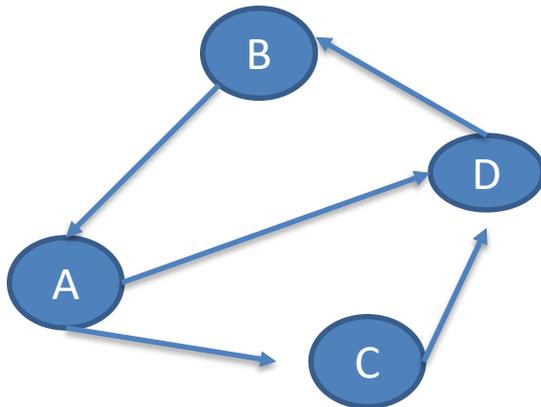
G is connected
$d^+(A) = d^-(A)+1$ $2 = 1 + 1$
$d^+(D) = d^-(D)-1$ $1 = 2 - 1$
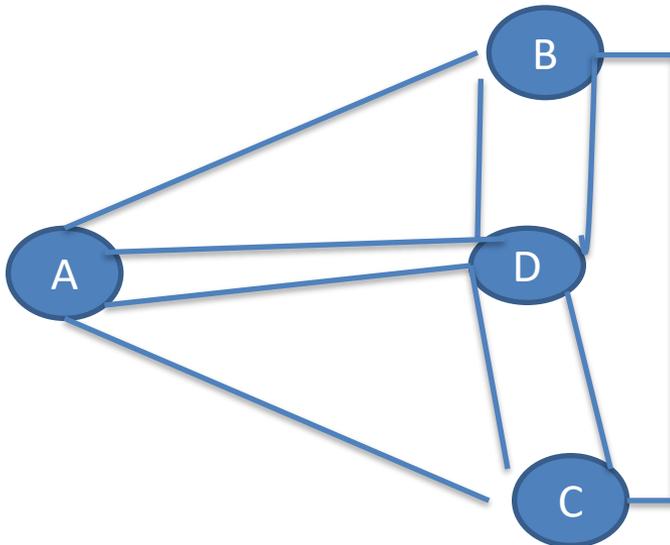$d^+(B) = d^-(B)$ $= 1$
$d^+(C) = d^-(C)$ $= 1$

➔ G has an Eulerian path between A and D

C=(A,C,D,B,A,D)

3.1 Eulerian Paths

3.1.2 Eulerian Paths and circuits in a Graph:

d) Eulerien Circuits:

Let G = (V, E) be a directed graph.

A directed graph G has an Eulerian circuit if and only if:

1- G is connected

2- $d^+(X) = d^-(X) \quad \forall \ X \in V$
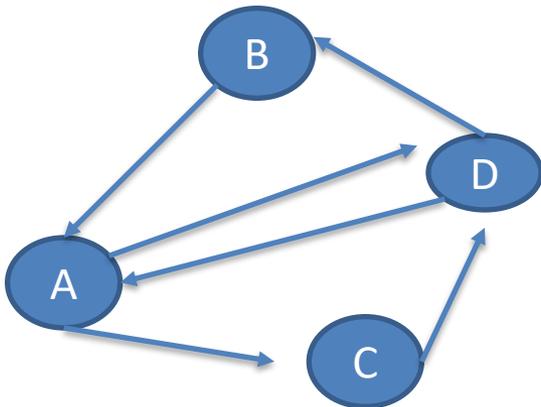
G is connected
$d^+(A) = d^-(A) \qquad = 2$
$d^+(B) = d^-(B) \qquad = 1$
$d^+(C) = d^-(C) \qquad = 1$
$d^+(D) = d^-(D \ ) \quad = 2$

➔ G has an Eulerian circuit.
➔ C=(A,D,B,A,C,D,A)

3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

a) Problem:

The traveling salesman problem consists of finding a route to visit all cities exactly once and return to the starting point.

In graph theory, it involves finding a Hamiltonian path with coinciding endpoints.

b) Definition: A path is said to be Hamiltonian if it passes through all the vertices exactly once.
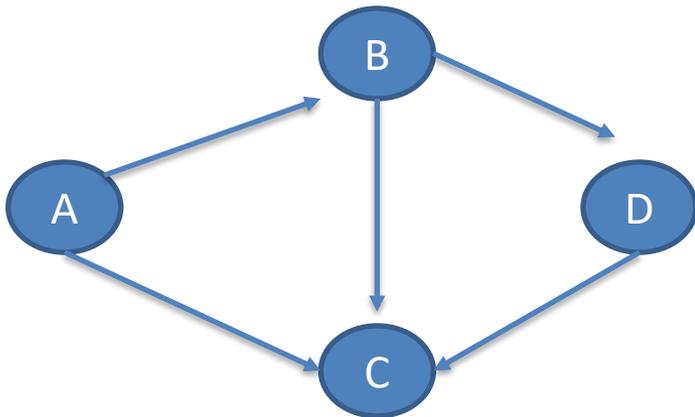
Hamiltonian path :   C=(A,B,D,C)

3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

c) Algorithms:

It is not easy to verify whether a graph contains a Hamiltonian cycle, unlike the Eulerian cycle. This problem is NP-complete, which guarantees that there is no polynomial-time algorithm to solve it.

However, there are **necessary or sufficient conditions** for the existence of a Hamiltonian cycle

Example(traveling salesman problem):

for 20 (cities) vertices, ➔ 19!/2 = 6 10^{16} possibilities

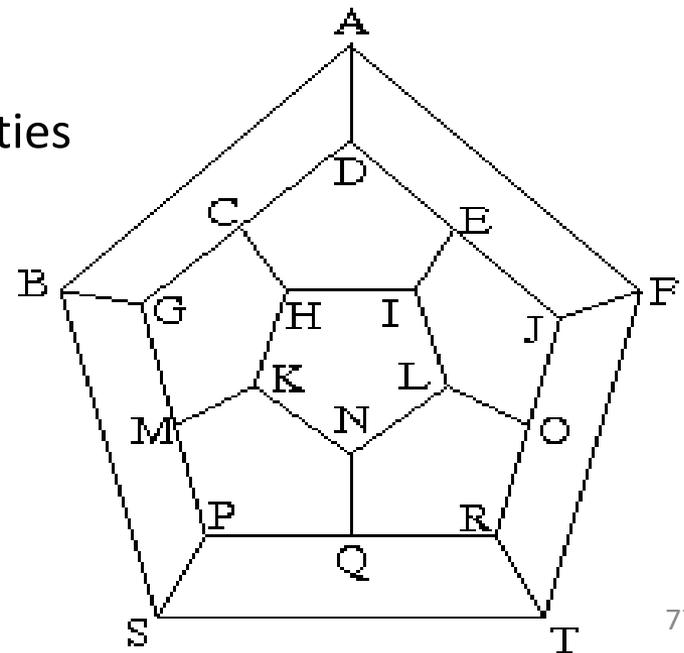# 3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

c-1)Dirac's Theorem (1952): For a simple graph G = (V, E) with N vertices, if the degree of every vertex is greater than or equal to N/2, then G contains a Hamiltonian cycle.

c-2)Ore's Theorem (1960): For a simple graph G = (V, E) with N vertices, if for every pair of non-adjacent vertices x and y, the inequality d(x) + d(y) ≥ N is satisfied, then G contains a Hamiltonian cycle.
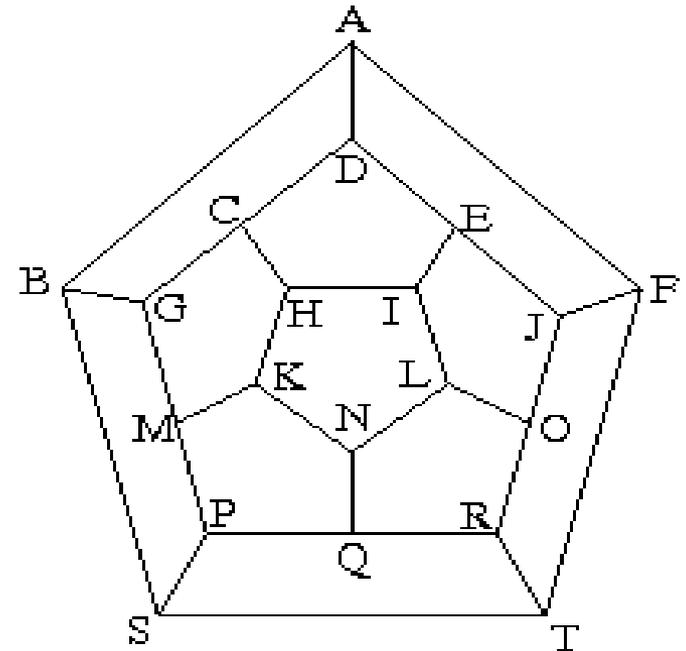
3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

c-3)The Pósa's Theorem: A simple graph with n vertices, where n ≥ 3, is Hamiltonian if:

1- For every integer k such that $1 \leq k < (n-1)/2$, the number of vertices with a degree less than or equal to k is less than k.

2- The number of vertices with a degree less than or equal to $(n-1)/2$ is less than or equal to $(n-1)/2$.
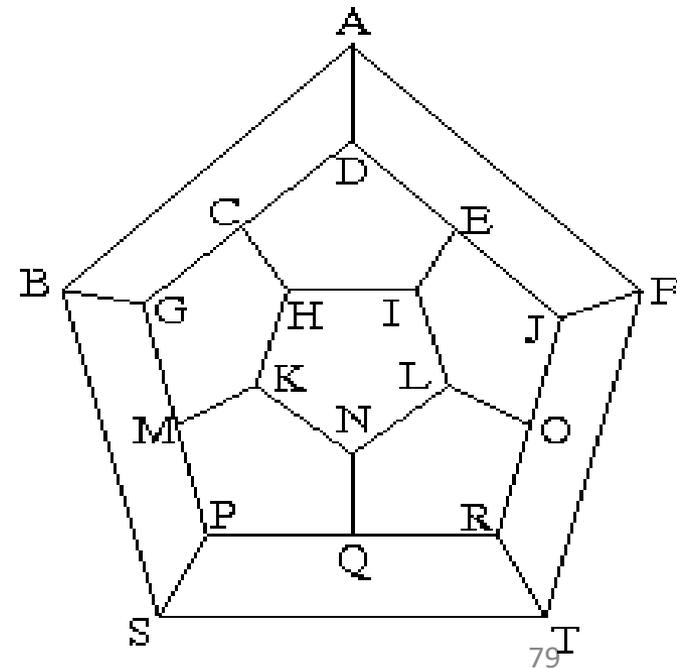
3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

c-4)Chvátal-Erdős Theorem (1972):

If the degree of each vertex in a simple graph G is at least n/2 (n is the number of vertices), and G is not bipartite, then G is Hamiltonian.
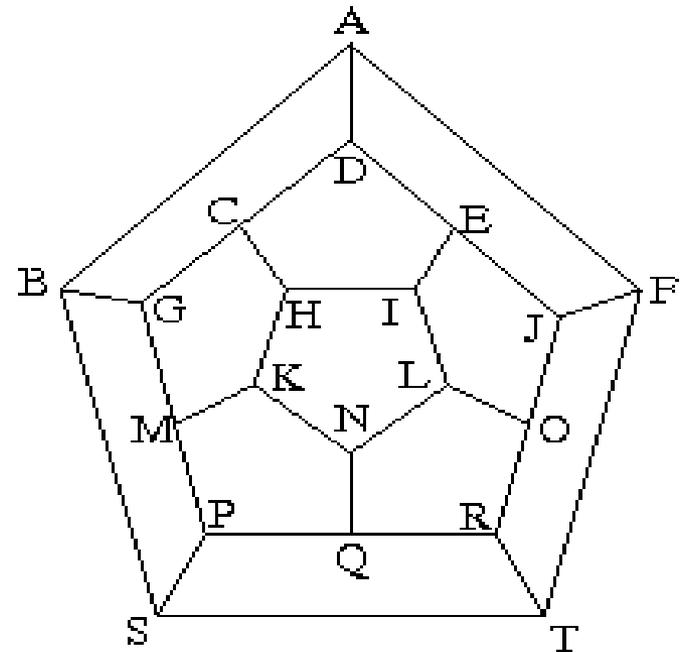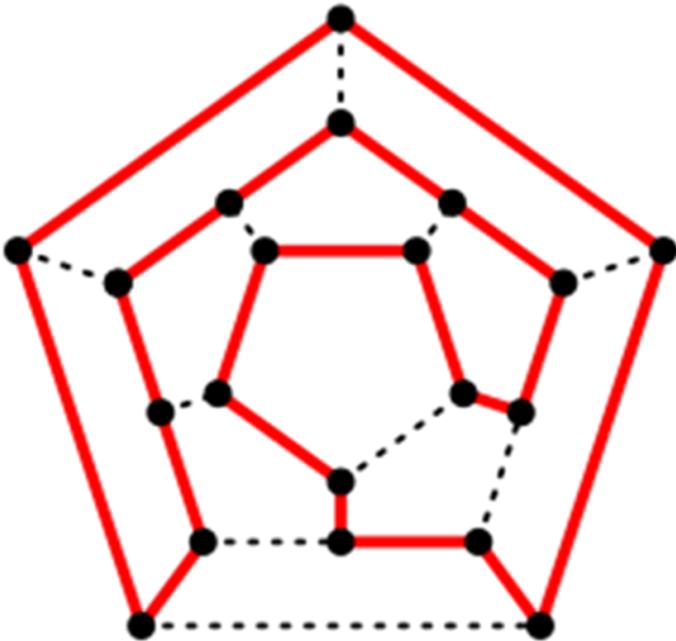
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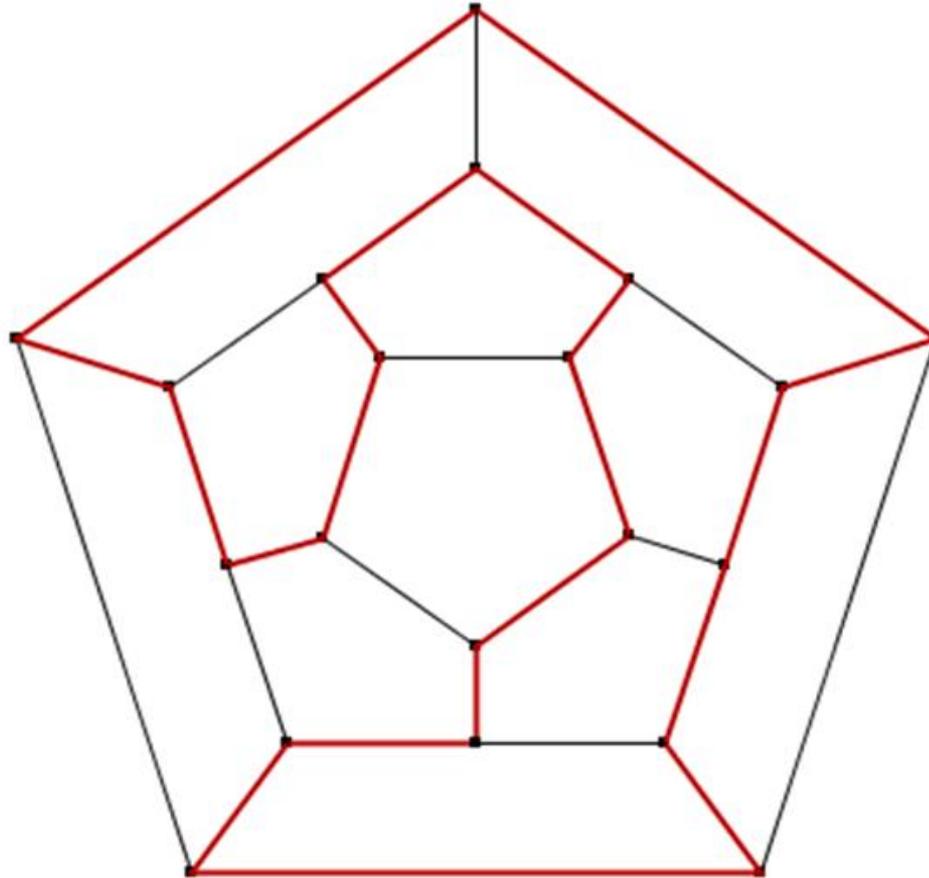
Un graphe hamiltonien (un cycle hamiltonien est tracé en rouge)

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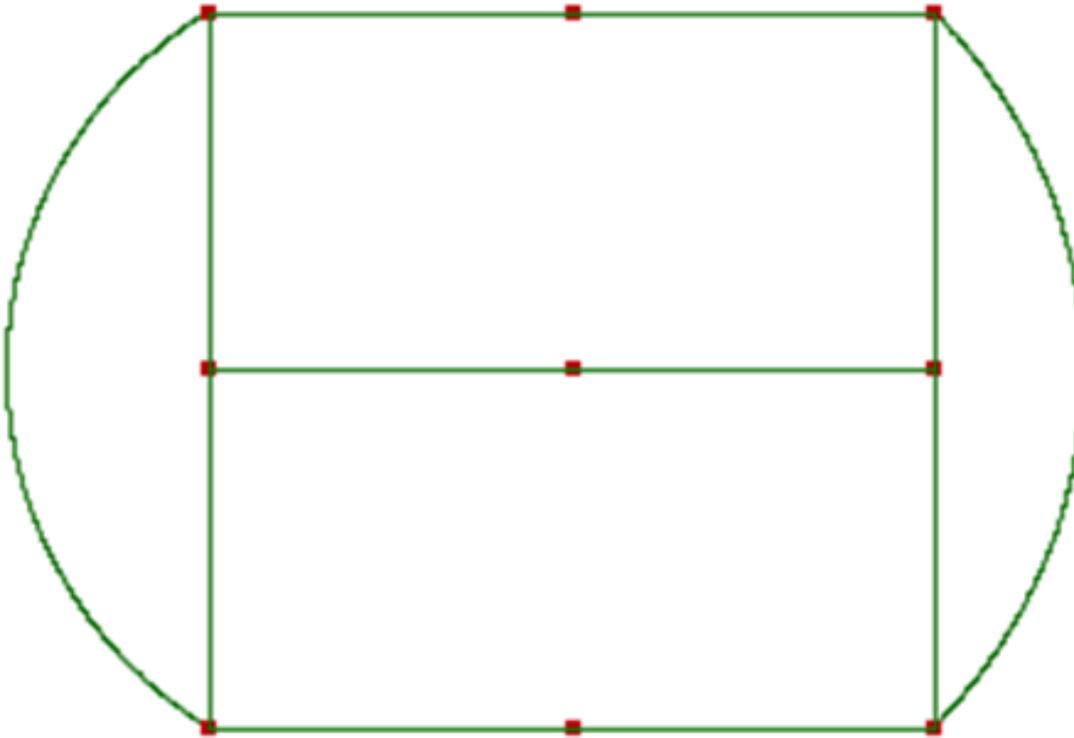
Un graphe qui ne possède pas de cycle hamiltonien

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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

- A complete graph with more than two vertices is Hamiltonian.

  The number of different Hamiltonian cycles on an **undirected complete** graph with n vertices is (n-1)! / 2,
  and on a **directed complete** graph with n vertices is (n-1)!

- For any **bipartite** graph G=(V,E)   with   V=XUY

  If |X| ≠ |Y| then the graph cannot have a Hamiltonian cycle,

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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

Example of application:

This graph has 6 vertices. It is Hamiltonian: the vertices have been ordered to highlight a Hamiltonian cycle, which is the red outer cycle H
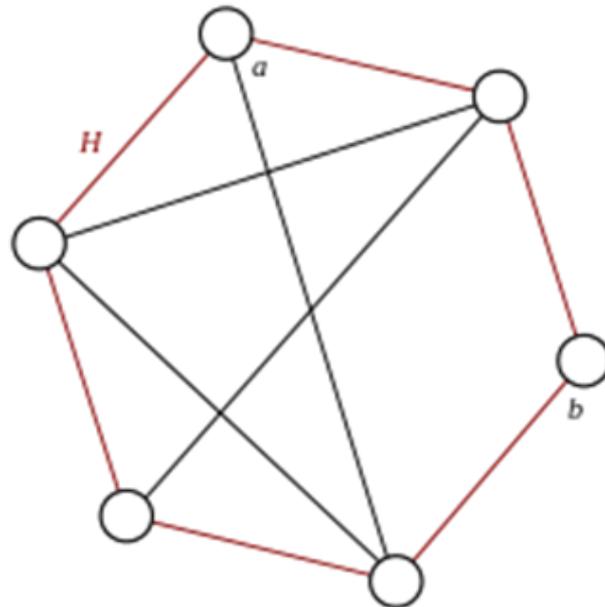
3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

- **Dirac's theorem** does not prove that it is Hamiltonian. To do so, all vertices should have a degree of at least 3, but there is one vertex with a degree of 2.

- **Ore's theorem** is not more helpful because non-adjacent vertices a and b satisfy deg(a) + deg(b) = 3 + 2 = 5, while there should be at least 6.

- On the other hand, **Pósa's theorem** allows us to determine that the graph is Hamiltonian because there is 0 vertex with a degree of 1 and 1 vertex with a degree of 2: condition 1 is met (0 < 1), and 0 + 1 < 2.
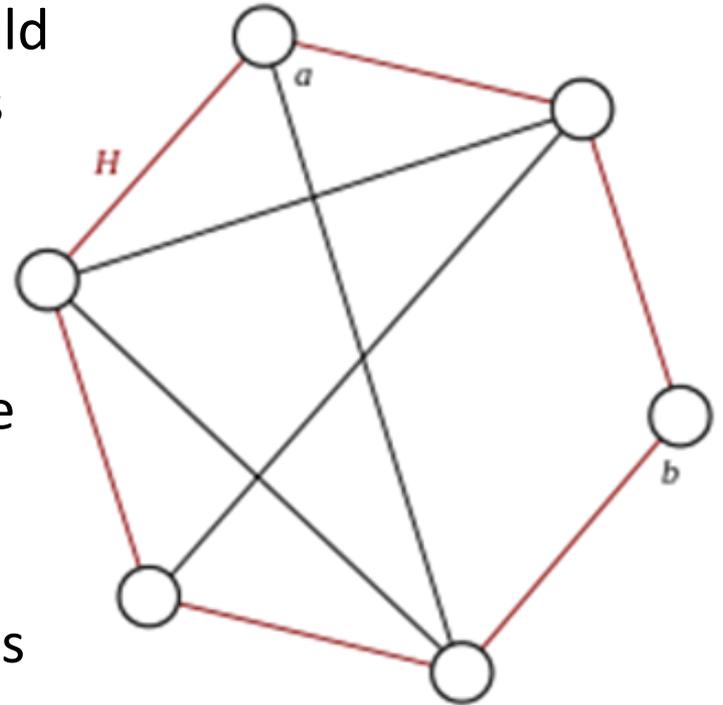
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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

A Hamiltonian graph can contain multiple Hamiltonian cycles. For example, Chvátal's graph has 12 vertices, 24 edges, and 370 distinct Hamiltonian cycles.
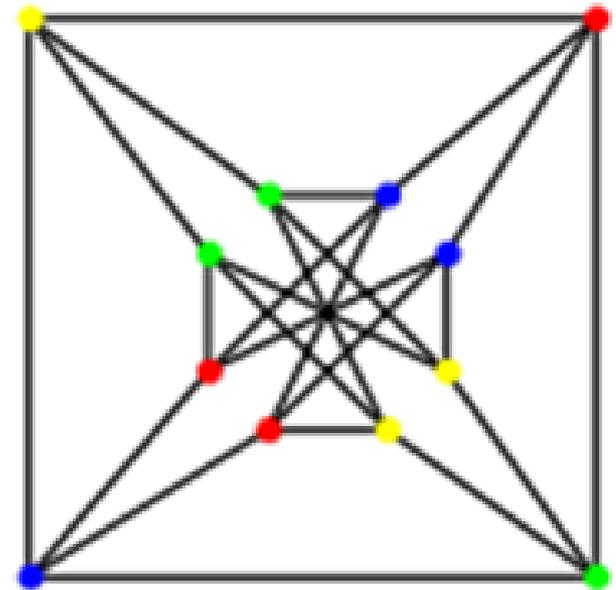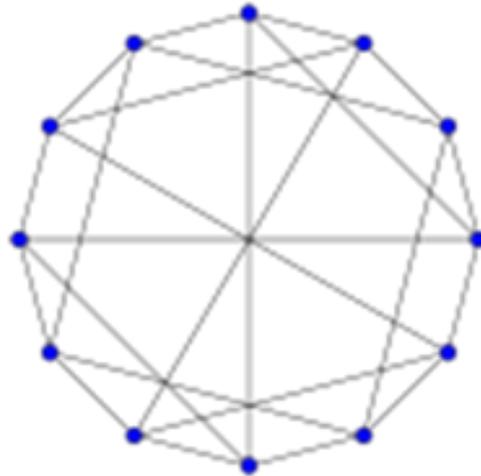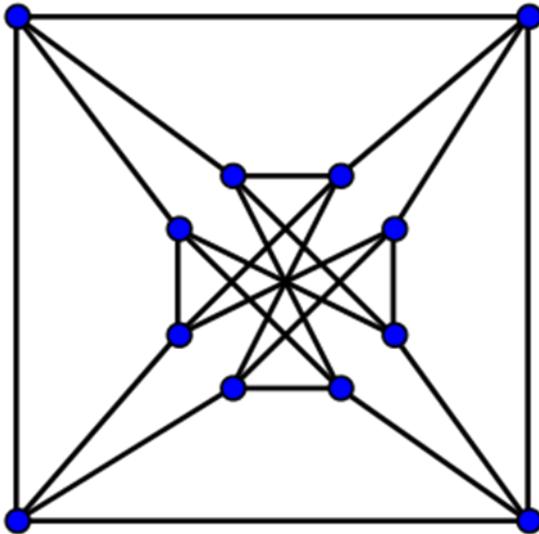
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3.1.2 Hamiltonian Path Algorithm: How it Works:

The goal of this algorithm is to incrementally build paths and backtrack as soon as that a current path won't result in a Hamiltonian path.

The algorithm in action:

1- Begin at an arbitrary vertex.

2- Move to an adjacent, unvisited vertex, adding the edge to the path.

3- If all vertices have been visited, a Hamiltonian path has been found.

4- If no adjacent unvisited vertex can be found, backtrack to the previous vertex and try another path.

Note: we use a stack to save the previous vertices

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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

d) Algorithms: Search for a Hamiltonian Path using degrees

Principle: Using the maximum out-degree (d^+)

Input: A graph G

Output: A Hamiltonian path in G

$W \leftarrow \emptyset$

(0): Choose a vertex with the maximum out-degree, let it be X_0. $W = W \cup \{X_0\}$

(1): Consider the subgraph G_1 generated by $V - \{X_0\}$ and choose a vertex with the maximum out-degree, X_1. $W = W \cup \{X_1\}$

(2): Consider the subgraph G_2 generated by $V - \{X_0, X_1\}$, and $W = W \cup \{X_0, X_1\}$ with **X_1 as a successor of X_0**.

Continue this process until G is exhausted, obtaining a sequence of vertices in W that defines a Hamiltonian path $C = (X_0, X_1, \ldots X_{k-1})$.

Note: It's possible to have multiple Hamiltonian paths.

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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

d) Algorithms: Search for a Hamiltonian Path (Application)

G
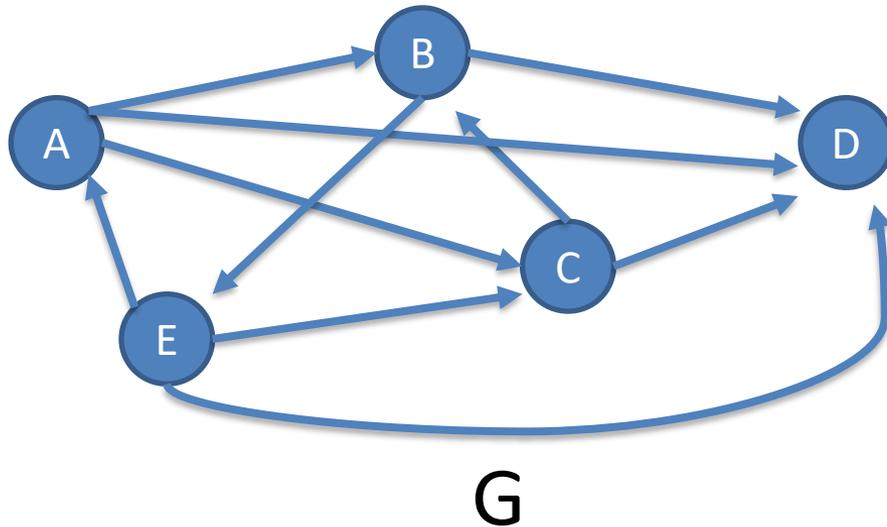
(0)
$d^+ (A)= 3$
$d^+ (B)= 2$
$d^+ (C)= 2$
$d^+ (D)= 0$
$d^+ (E)= 3$

Max(3,2,2,0,3) = 3
We choose the vertex A or the vertex E
We choose A

$X_0 = A$ et   C=(A)

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3.1.2 Chemins hamiltoniens d'un graphe:

d) Algorithms: Search for a Hamiltonian Path (Application)
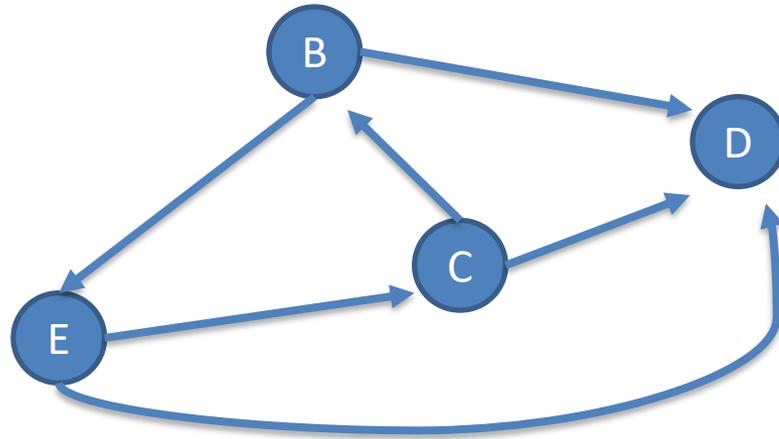
G1

$d^+ (B)= 2$
$d^+ (C)= 2$
$d^+ (D)= 0$
$d^+ (E)= 2$

Max(2,2,0,2) = 2
We choose les vertices B,C,E

E is not successor of A
We choose B or C

$X_1 = C$ et   C=(A,C)

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3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

d) Algorithms: Search for a Hamiltonian Path (Application)

B

D

E
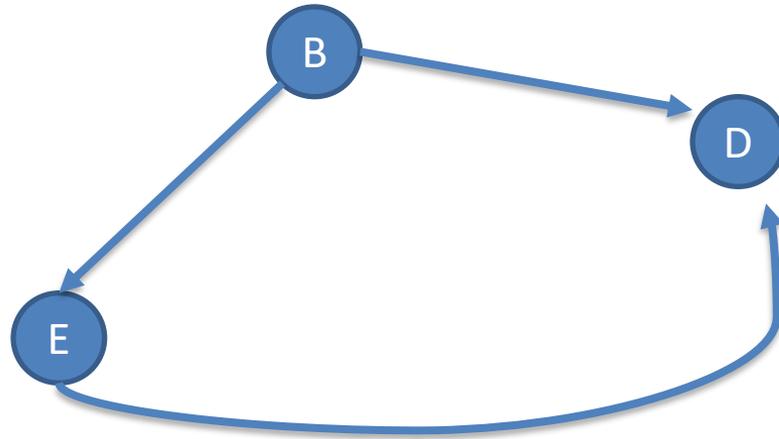
$d^+ (B) = 2$
$d^+ (D) = 0$
$d^+ (E) = 1$

$Max(2,0,1) = 2$
We choose le vertex B

$X_2 = B$ et   C=(A,C,B)

G2

3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

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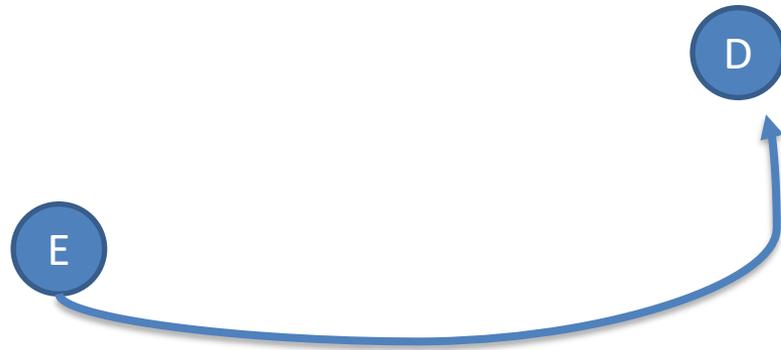
$d^+ (D) = 0$
$d^+ (E) = 1$

$Max(0,1) = 1$
We choose the vertex E

$X_3 = E \quad et \quad C = (A,C,B,E)$

G3

3.2 Hamiltonian Paths

3.1.2 Hamiltonian paths of a graph:

d) Algorithms: Search for a Hamiltonian Path (Application)

$X_4 = D$ et $C=(A,C,B,E,D)$

D

G4

hamiltonian path is $C=(A,C,B,E,D)$

A → C → B → E → D

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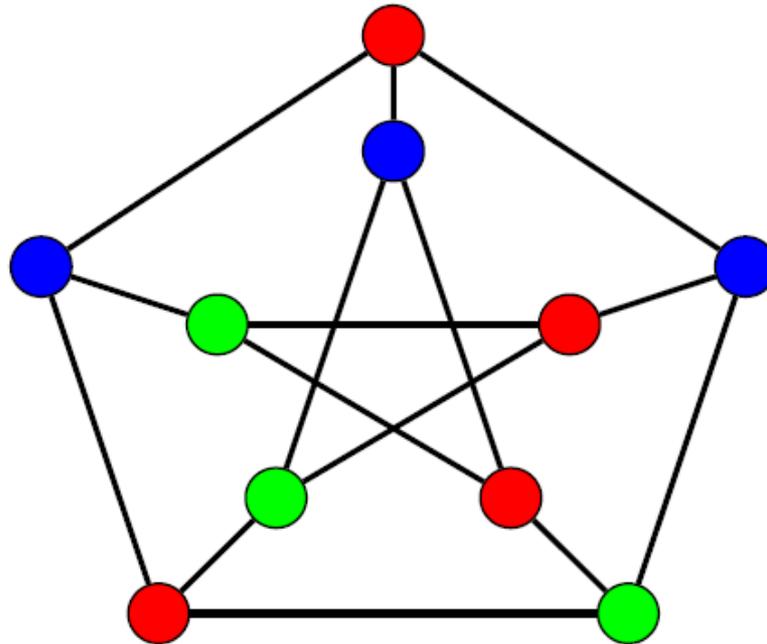
Une coloration du graphe de Petersen avec 3 couleurs

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Definition 1:

Coloring a graph G is the act of coloring its vertices in such a way that two distinct, adjacent vertices always have <u>different</u> colors.
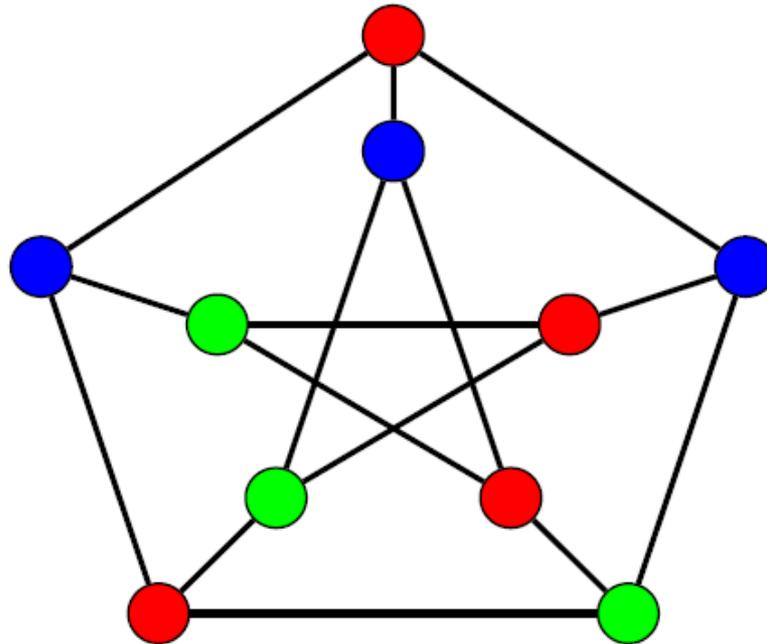
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Definition 2:

Let G = (V, E) be a graph, and let Cv be the color of each vertex v, for all w ∈ V. For every (v, w) ∈ E then Cv ≠ Cw.
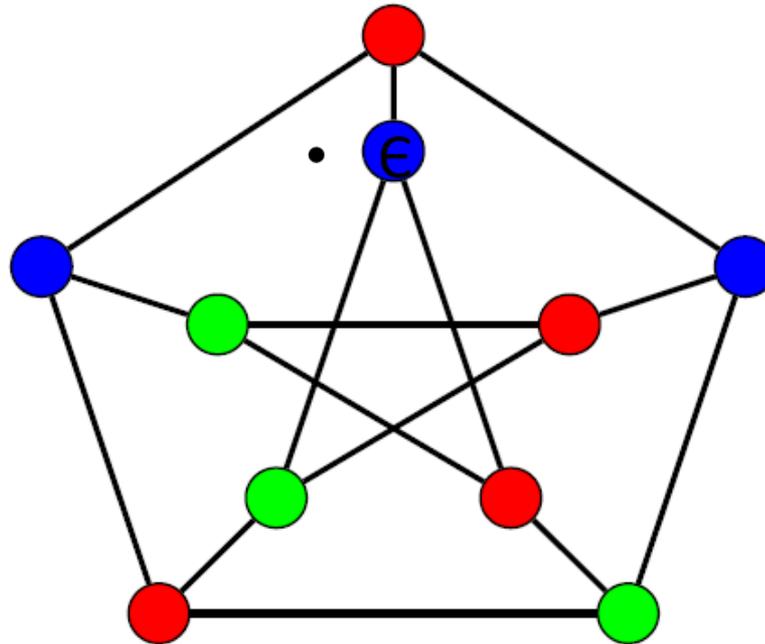
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3.3 Graph Coloring (Applications)

Vertex coloring has numerous practical applications:

1. **Graph Theory and Combinatorics:** Vertex coloring is a fundamental concept in graph theory, and it helps solve problems related to graph coloring, chromatic numbers, and more.

2. **Circuit Design and VLSI Layouts**: In electronic chip design, vertex coloring is used to minimize the number of tracks and routes required for interconnections, reducing cost and improving efficiency.

3. **Map Coloring**: In cartography, vertex coloring is used to determine the minimum number of colors needed to color regions on a map so that no adjacent regions share the same color.

4. **wireless networks** where coloring forms the basis of protocols like MAC TDMA.

5. **In** general, vertex coloring is used as a means to break symmetries, a central theme in distributed computing **(operating systems).**

6. **Register allocation in compilation.**

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7 - Graph Coloring Games: Some puzzles and games, like Sudoku and graph coloring puzzles, are based on vertex coloring concepts.

8- Course Scheduling: In educational institutions, vertex coloring can be applied to schedule classes, ensuring that no two classes with conflicting schedules are held simultaneously.

9- Job Scheduling and Task Assignment: In resource allocation problems, such as job scheduling and task assignment, vertex coloring can help allocate resources or tasks efficiently.

10- Social Network Analysis: In the analysis of social networks or complex networks, vertex coloring can be used to identify and analyze patterns of connections or interactions between individuals or entities.

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Main use is Incompatibility Problems:

- Organizing an exam based on the subjects each student must take. How to schedule multiple exams in parallel without disadvantaging any candidate?

- Optimizing the use of work machines. How to schedule multiple manufacturing processes using several machines in parallel?

- How to accommodate people or animals while considering their incompatibility?

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Coloring Problem:

The usual coloring problem consists of attempting to color a graph using as few colors as possible, where the number of colors used is equal to its chromatic number.

The chromatic number χ(G):

is the **smallest number** of colors needed to color the graph.

Coloring a planar map:

Coloring a planar map involves coloring the faces of the map in such a way that two faces that share an edge do not have the same color.

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- **Four-Color Theorem**

The faces of a planar map can be colored with at most four colors.

The proof of this theorem is historical. Initially, many researchers proved it for numerous specific cases,

THEOREM 1: Every simple planar graph is 6-colourable.

THEOREM 2: Every simple planar graph is 5-colourable.

and later, researchers used computer programs to verify that this theorem held true for all graphs.

THEOREM 3: (Appel and Haken, 1976).

Every simple planar graph is 4-colourable.

Coloring the United States Map **in four colors**.

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Important Remarks:

- If a graph has n vertices, then **χ(G) ≤ n**.

 (Different colors can be assigned to different vertices.)

- If a graph with n vertices is complete (K(n)), then **χ(G) = n**.

(Distinct vertices must have different colors, so at least n colors are needed.)

- If the maximum degree of a vertex is d, then **χ(G) ≤ d + 1**.

 (Select a vertex of degree d along with the vertices connected to it, and color these d + 1 vertices with d + 1 different colors.)

- When the graph is planar, then **χ(G) ≤ 4**.

- If a graph G of order n has a **complete** subgraph **with m** vertices,
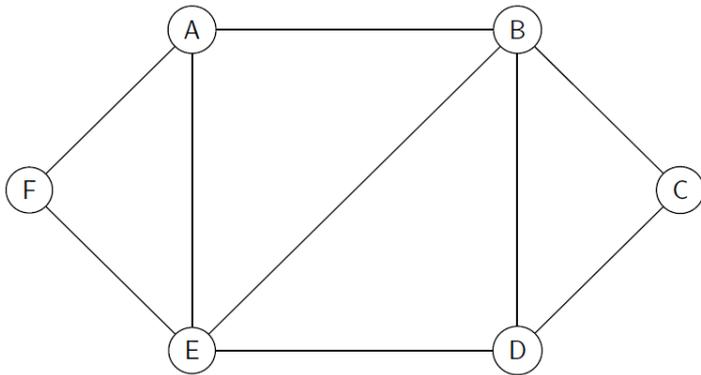
   then **m ≤ χ(G) ≤ n.**
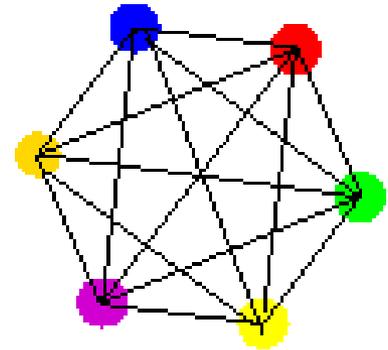
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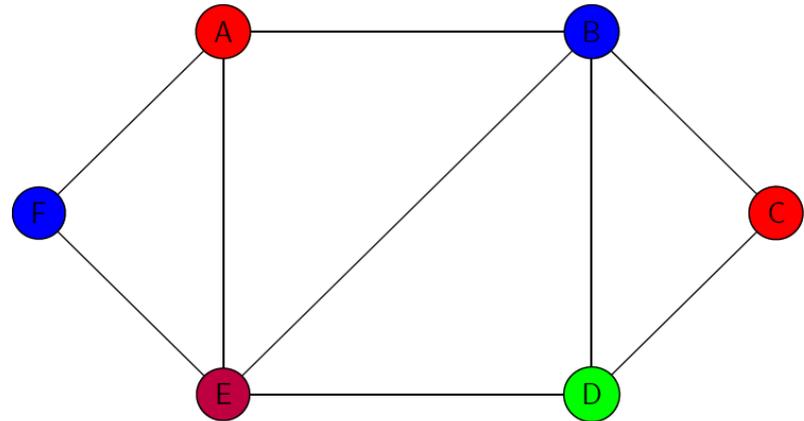**Chromatic Number Search:**

Algorithm 1: Greedy Algorithm

While there is an uncolored vertex v, **do**

Color v with the minimum color that does not conflict with its neighbors.

End while

Couleurs : 1 2 3 4

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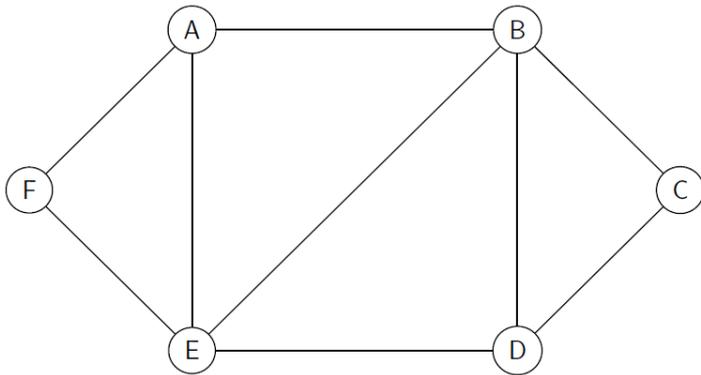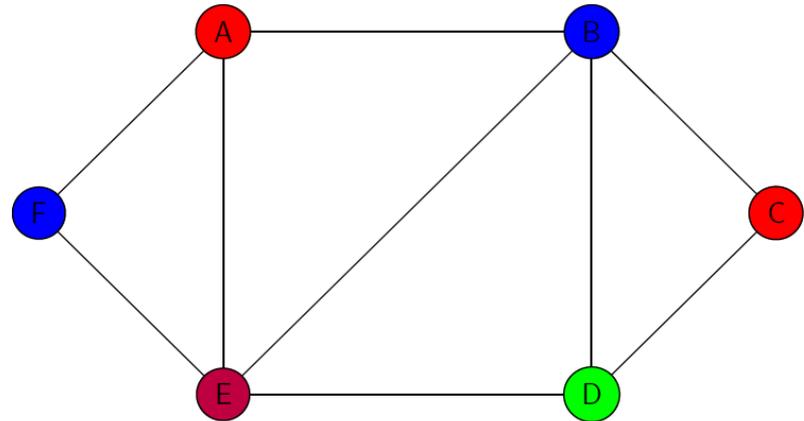
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Chromatic Number Search:

Algorithm 1: Greedy Algorithm

The greedy algorithm does not always find the minimum number of colors (the chromatic number).

Its performance depends on the vertex ordering.

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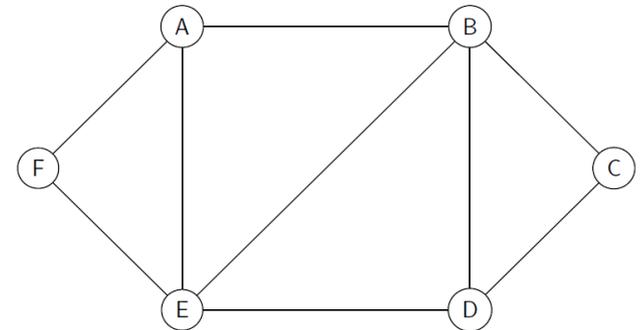
Chromatic Number Search:

Algorithm 2: Welsh-Powel

1. Arrange the vertices in <u>descending</u> order of their <u>degrees</u>.
2. Choose a color.
3. Assign this color to the first uncolored vertex in the list.
4. Continue down the list, assigning the same color to any vertex that:
   * is not yet colored.
   * is not adjacent to a vertex colored with this color.
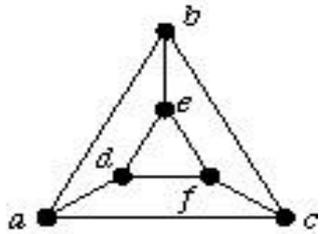Continue until the list is completed.
If not all vertices are colored, choose a color that has not been used yet and repeat steps 3 and 4.

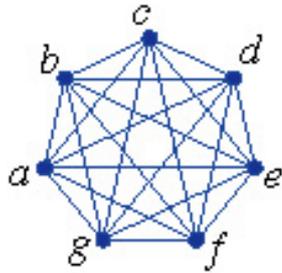**Note**: By changing the order of the vertices in the list, you can sometimes achieve a lower number of colors.

Couleurs : ① ② ③ ④

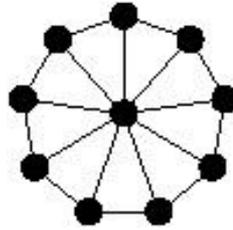# 3.3 Graph Coloring
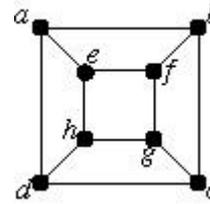
G1(3 to 4)   **G2 (7)**   **G3   (3 to 4)**   **G4   (2)**   **G5(2 to3)**
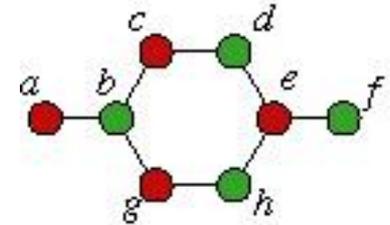
To be verified for these 5 graphs:

　　　1- Descending order of degrees

　　　2- Numerical order

　　　3- Arbitrary order

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Exercises:

1- Calculate the chromatic number of a bipartite graph.

2- Provide an algorithm to determine if a graph is bipartite.

3- Given the following connected graph:
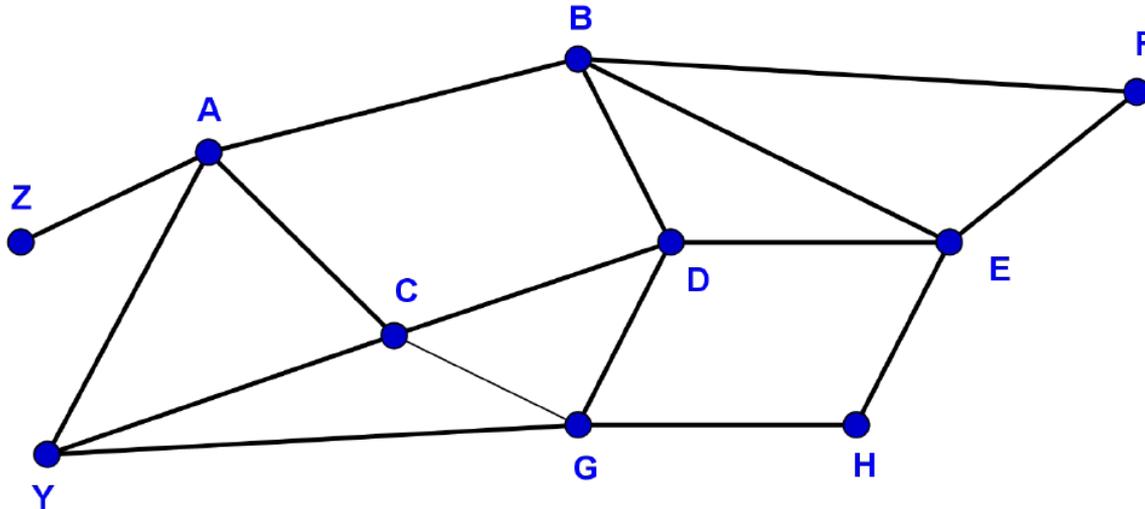
a- Determine an upper bound (encadrement) on the chromatic number of this graph.

b- Show that the chromatic number is equal to 3.

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Exercices:
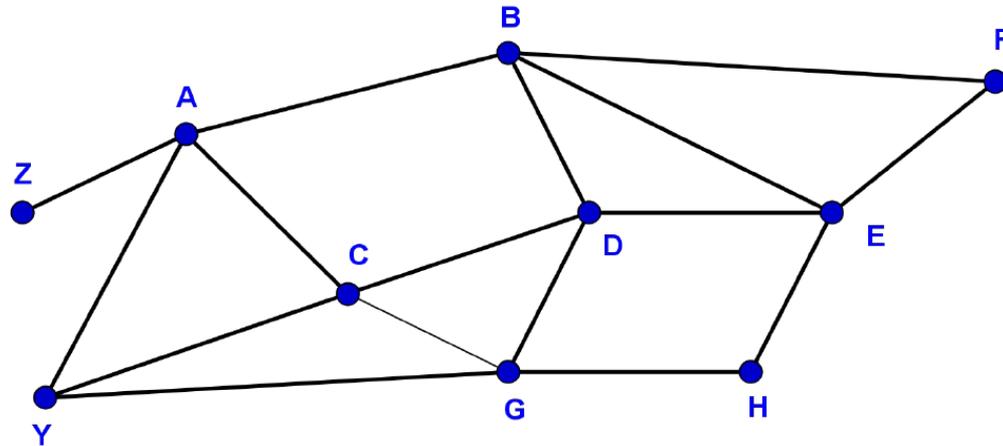
a) Δ is the largest degree of the vertices in the graph.

Δ=4 and Δ+1=5.

There are complete subgraphs of order 3, and there are no complete subgraphs of order 4 contained in this graph. So, m=3.

The chromatic number is therefore between 3 and 5.

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Exercises:

b. To color the graph, we use the previous algorithm. (**Welsh-Powel**)

degré	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1
Vertex	A	B	C	D	E	G	Y	H	Z

List of vertices: A; B; C; D; E; G; Y; F; H; Z

List of colors: Red; Green; Yellow; Blue

We have used four colors, so we can assert that the chromatic number is **between 3 and 4**, but we cannot claim that the chromatic number is 4.
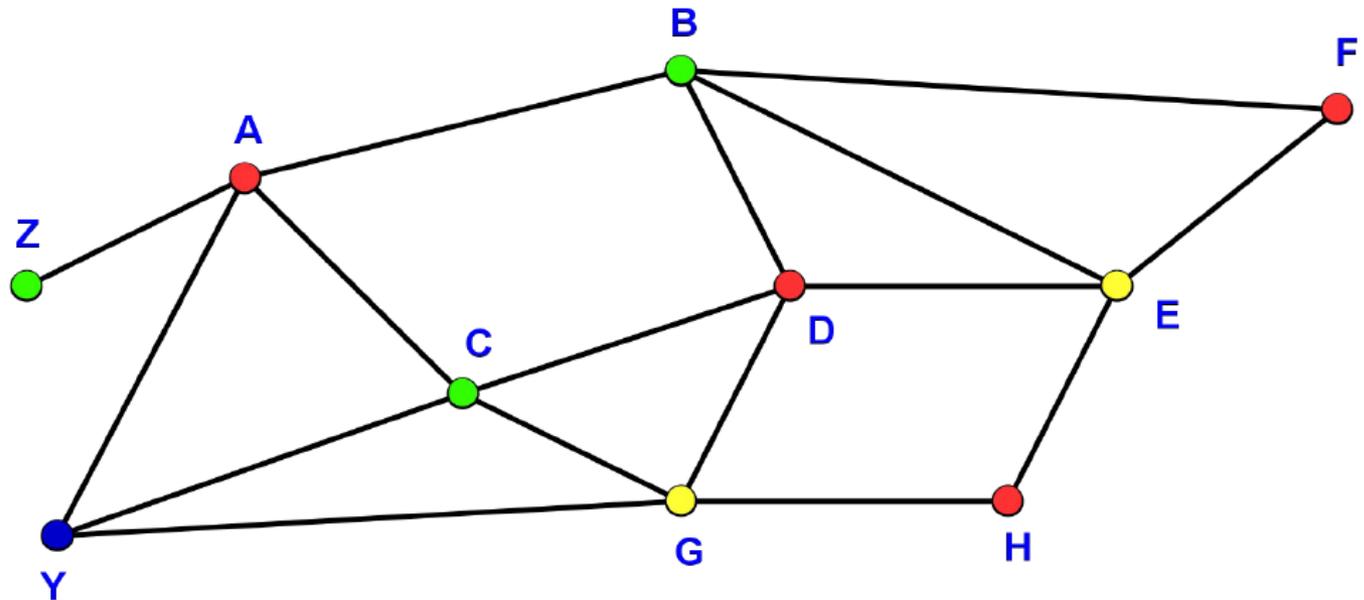
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Note

If we change the order of the list of vertices (**we swap C and G**).

List of vertices: A; B; **G**; D; E; **C**; Y; F; H; Z

List of colors: Red; Green; Yellow
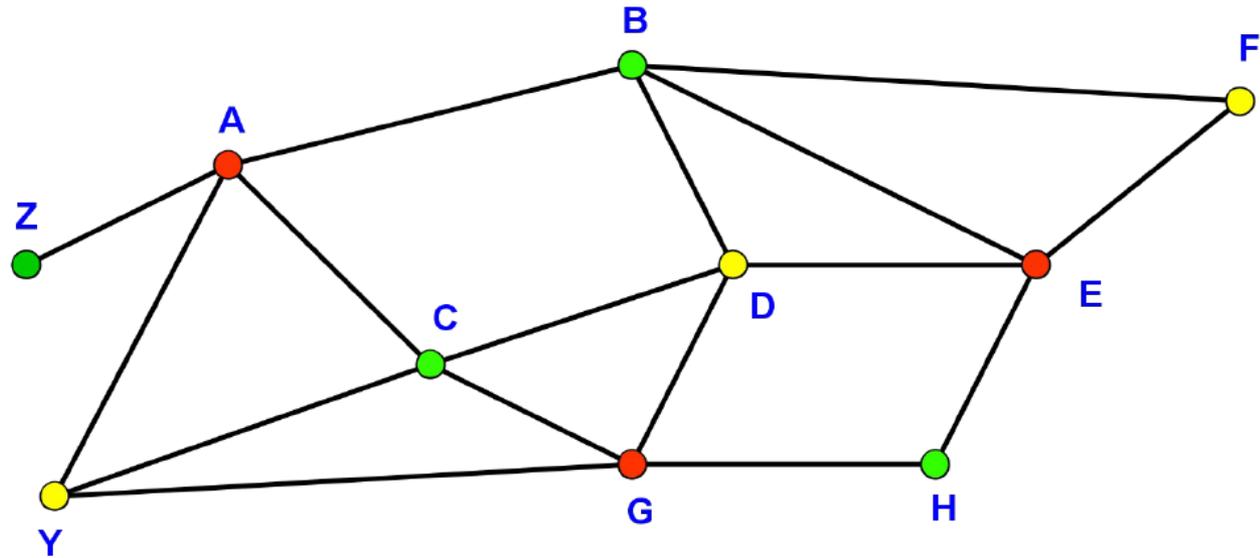
We have used 3 colors, so now, we can say that the chromatic number of this graph is 3.

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|V| = n   if n is **even** then χ(G) = **2**   else (n is **odd**) χ(G) = **3**
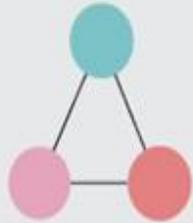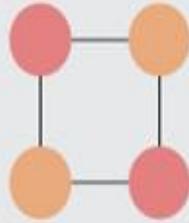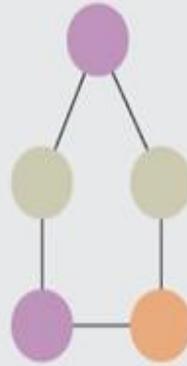
Chromatic number = 3   Chromatic number = 2   Chromatic number = 3   Chromatic number = 2

Example of Chromatic number in a cyclic graph.

Chromatic Number

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Example:

The computer science department offering 8 courses. The table shows with an X which pairs of courses have one or more students in common.

Only 2 air-conditionned lecture halls are available for use at any one time.

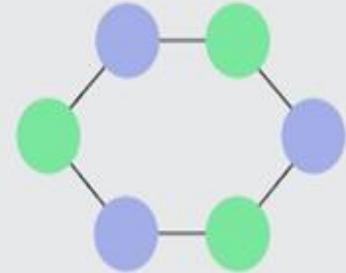|	F	M	H	P	E	I	S	C
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H						X	X	X
P	X							X
E	X	X				x		
I	X	X	X		X		X	
S			X			X		
C	X		X	X				

To design efficient way to schedule the final examinations, represent the inforations in this table by using a graph. In the graph, represent courses by vertices and join two courses by an edge if there is any student enrolled in both courses.

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Example:

- We have used 4 colours

- Time slot 1 : F, H

- Time slot 2 : P, I

- Time slot 3 : C, M, S

- Time slot 4 : E

- We remark that the second condition not verified (we have just 2 air-condionned)

- W swap S from slot 3 to slot 4

	F	M	H	P	E	I	S	C
F		X		X	X	X		X
M	X				X	X		
H						X	X	X
P	X							X
E	X	X			X			
I	X	X	X		X		X	
S			X			X		
C	X		X	X				

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Example: homework ?

9 groups of students are learning 5 courses in a semester.

The course C1 is taken by groups 1,2,3

The course C2 is taken by groups 6,7

The course C3 is taken by groups 1,2,7,9

The course C4 is taken by groups 4,6,8

The course C5 is taken by groups 2,3,4,5

We want to schedule the exams such that no group will have more than one exam in one day, and the length of the exam period will be as short as possible.

Solution idea:

Create a graph where each group is a vertex, and there is an edge between two vertices if the corresponding groups share at least one course.