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## Graph Terminology and Representation

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# GRAPH BASICS

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# Basic Graph Definitions

- A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  consists of a finite set of **vertices**,  $V$ , and a finite set of **edges**,  $E$ .
- Each edge is a pair  $(v, w)$  where  $v, w \in V$ .
  - $V$  and  $E$  are sets, so each vertex  $v \in V$  is unique, and each edge  $e \in E$  is unique.
  - Edges are sometimes called **arcs** or **lines**.
  - Vertices are sometimes called **nodes** or **points**.

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# Graph Applications

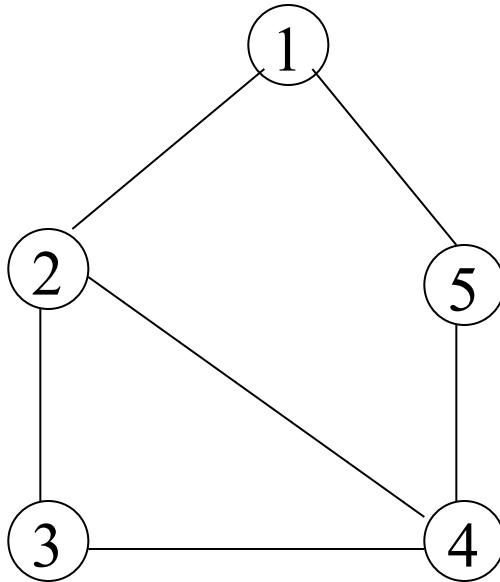
- Graphs can be used to model a wide range of applications including
- Intersections and streets within a city
- Roads/trains/airline routes connecting cities/countries
- Computer networks
- Electronic circuits

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## Basic Graph Definitions (2)

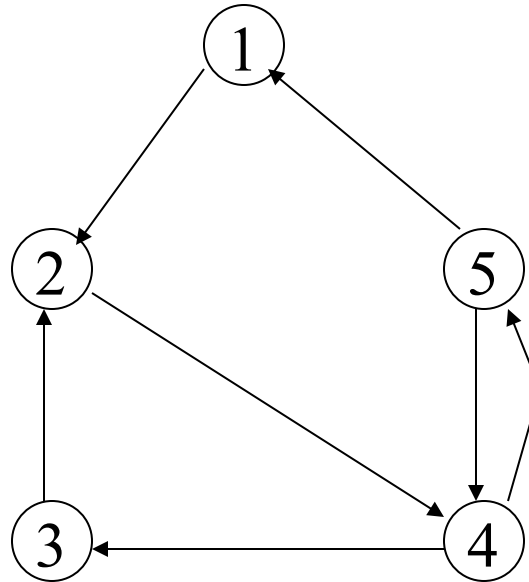
- A **directed graph** is a graph in which the edges are ordered pairs.  
That is,  $(u,v) \neq (v,u)$ ,  $u, v \in V$ .  
Directed graphs are sometimes called **digraphs**.
- An **undirected graph** is a graph in which the edges are unordered pairs.  
That is,  $(u,v) = (v,u)$ .
- A **sparse graph** is one with “few” edges.  
That is  $|E| = O(|V|)$
- A **dense graph** is one with “many” edges.  
That is  $|E| = O(|V|^2)$

# Undirected Graph



- All edges are two-way. Edges are unordered pairs.
- $V = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$
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# Directed Graph



- All edges are “one-way” as indicated by the arrows. Edges are ordered pairs.
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A: For undirected graphs, the number of pairs in  $V$ :

$$= C(n, 2) = n \cdot (n - 1) / 2$$

For directed graphs, the number of ordered-pairs in  $V$ :

$$= n^2 - n = n \cdot (n - 1)$$

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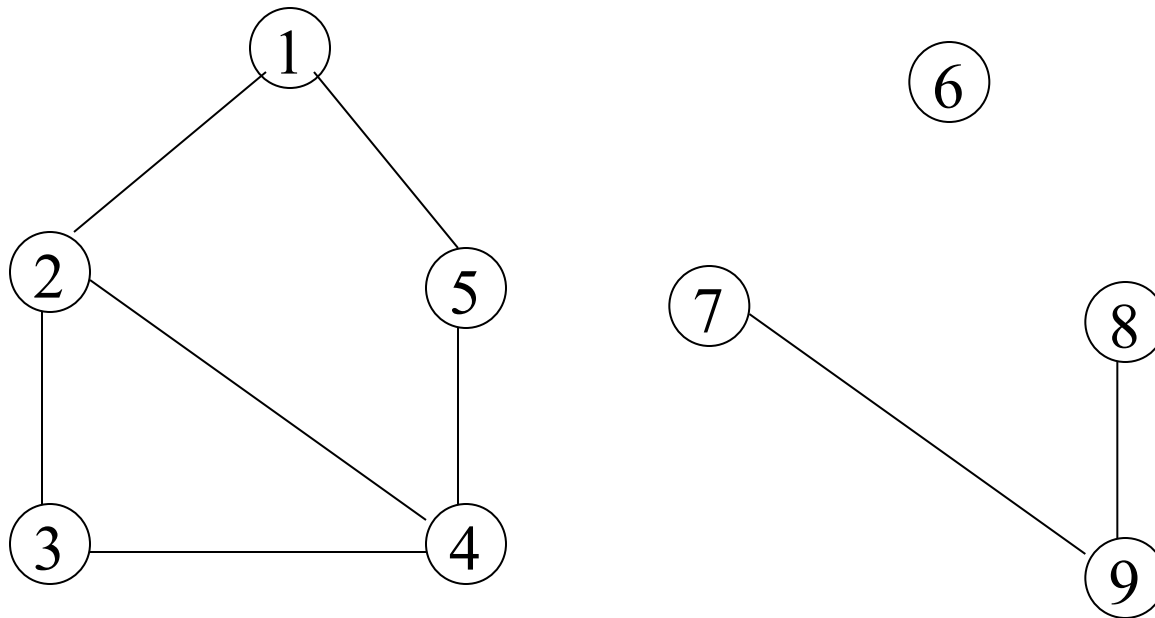
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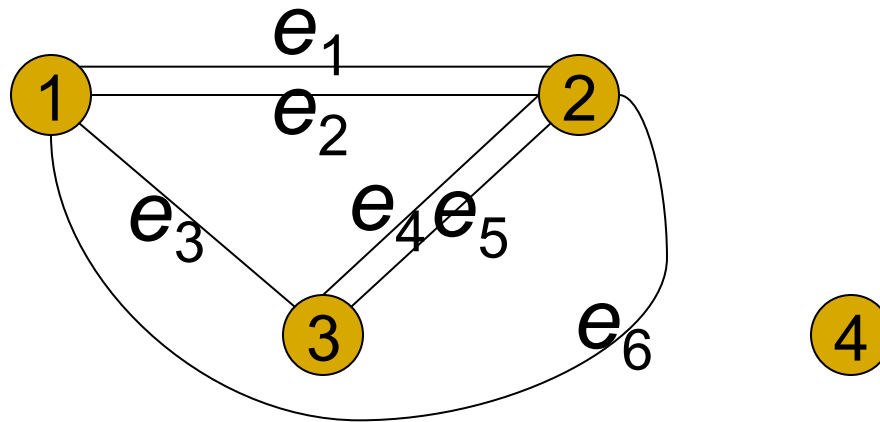
A: The number of subsets in the set of possible edges. There are  $n \cdot (n - 1) / 2$  possible edges, therefore the number of graphs on  $V$  is  $2^{n(n-1)/2}$

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# A Single Graph with Multiple Components



# Multigraphs



Edge-labels distinguish between edges sharing same endpoints.

Labeling can be thought of as function:

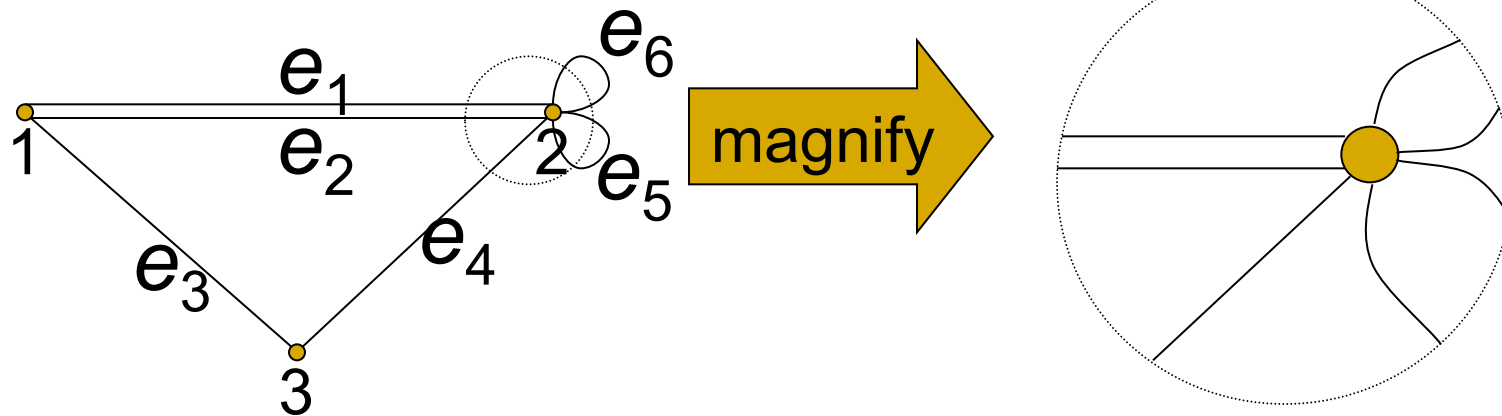
$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &\rightarrow \{1,2\}, & e_2 &\rightarrow \{1,2\}, & e_3 &\rightarrow \{1,3\}, \\ e_4 &\rightarrow \{2,3\}, & e_5 &\rightarrow \{2,3\}, & e_6 &\rightarrow \{1,2\} \end{aligned}$$

## Basic Graph Definitions (3)

- Vertex  $w$  is **adjacent to** vertex  $v$  if and only if  $(v, w) \in E$ .
- For undirected graphs, with edge  $(v, w)$ , and hence also  $(w, v)$ ,  $w$  is adjacent to  $v$  and  $v$  is adjacent to  $w$ .
- An edge may also have:
  - **weight** or **cost** -- an associated value
  - **label** -- a unique name
- We can define edge properties via a function  $f : E \rightarrow Y$ , where  $Y$  is the set of values for that property

# Degree

The **degree** of a vertex counts the number of edges that *seem* to be sticking out if you looked under a magnifying glass:

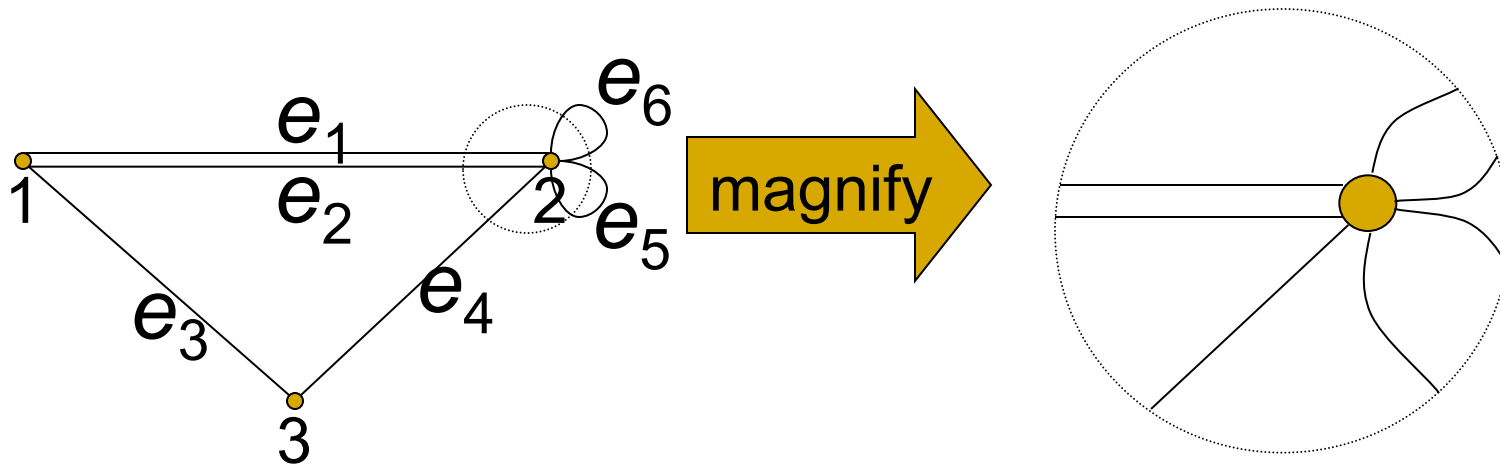


Thus  $\deg(2) = 7$  even though the vertex is only incident with 5 edges.

Q: How to define this formally?

# Degree

A: Add 1 for every regular edge incident with the vertex and 2 for every loop. Thus  $\deg(2) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 7$

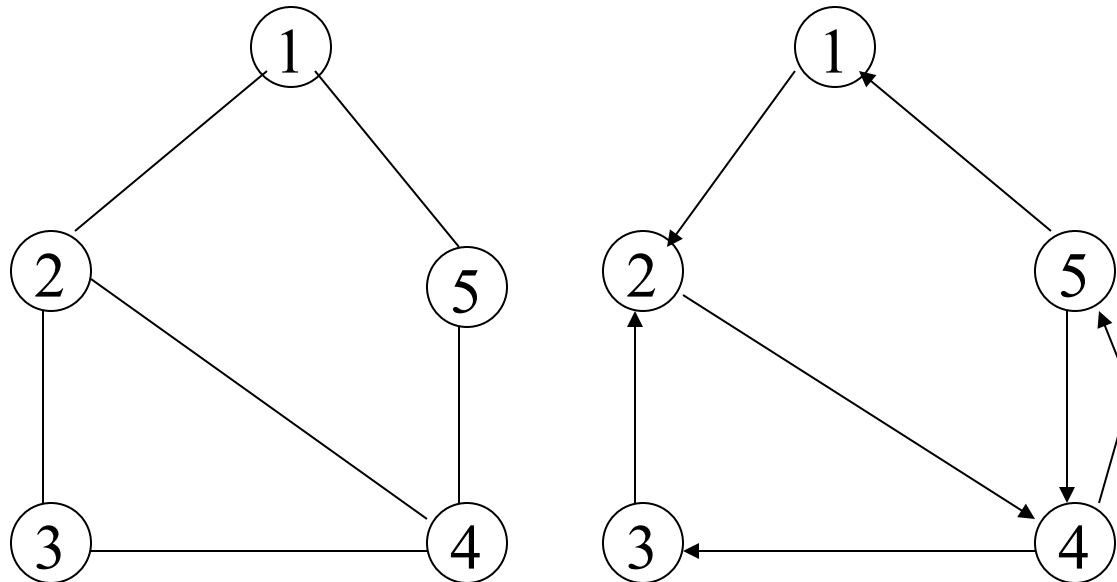


Degree is sometimes called *valence*.

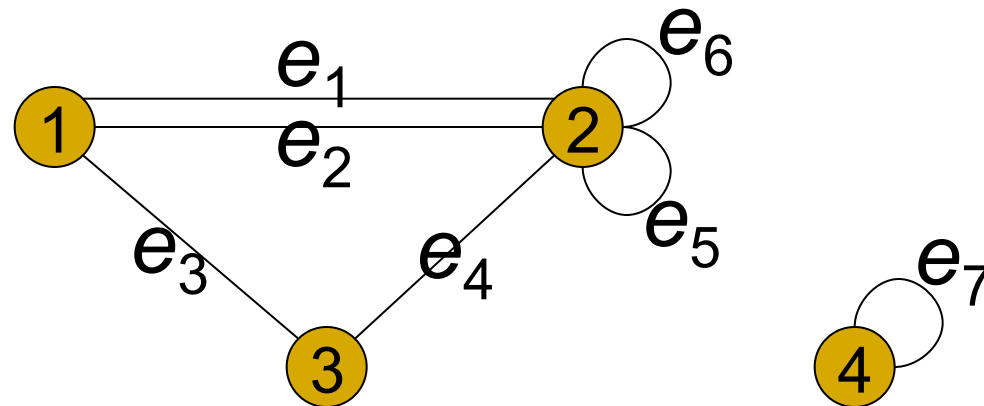


# Degree for Directed Graphs

- For directed graphs vertex  $w$  is **adjacent to** vertex  $v$  if and only if  $(v, w) \in E$ .
- **Indegree**  $\text{deg}^-(w)$  is the number of edges  $(v,w)$ .
- **OutDegree**  $\text{deg}^+(w)$  is the number of edges  $(w,v)$ .



# Handshaking Theorem



There are two ways to count the number of edges in the above graph:

1. Just count the set of edges: 7
2. Count *seeming* edges vertex by vertex and divide by 2 because double-counted edges:  
 $(\deg(1) + \deg(2) + \deg(3) + \deg(4)) / 2$   
 $= (3 + 7 + 2 + 2) / 2 = 14 / 2 = 7$

# Handshaking Theorem

THM: In an undirected graph

$$|E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e \in E} \deg(e)$$

In a directed graph

$$|E| = \sum_{e \in E} \deg^+(e) = \sum_{e \in E} \deg^-(e)$$

Q: In a party of 5 people can each person be friends with exactly three others?

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# Handshaking Theorem

A: Imagine a simple graph with 5 people as *vertices* and edges being undirected edges between friends (simple graph assuming friendship is symmetric and irreflexive). Number of friends each person has is the degree of the person.

Handshaking would imply that

$$|E| = (\text{sum of degrees})/2 \quad \text{or}$$

$$2|E| = (\text{sum of degrees}) = (5 \cdot 3) = 15.$$

Impossible as 15 is not even. In general:

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# Handshaking Theorem

Lemma: The number of vertices of odd degree must be even in an undirected graph.

*Proof (by contradiction):* Assume that this is false. Then, we'd have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{e \in E} \deg(e) = 2|E| = & \sum_{e \in E \text{ s.t. even}(\deg(e))} \deg(e) \\ & + \sum_{e \in E \text{ s.t. odd}(\deg(e))} \deg(e) \end{aligned}$$

The second term must be odd (since the sum of an odd number of odds is odd), and so we have  $2E = \text{even number} + \text{odd number}$ . This is impossible.

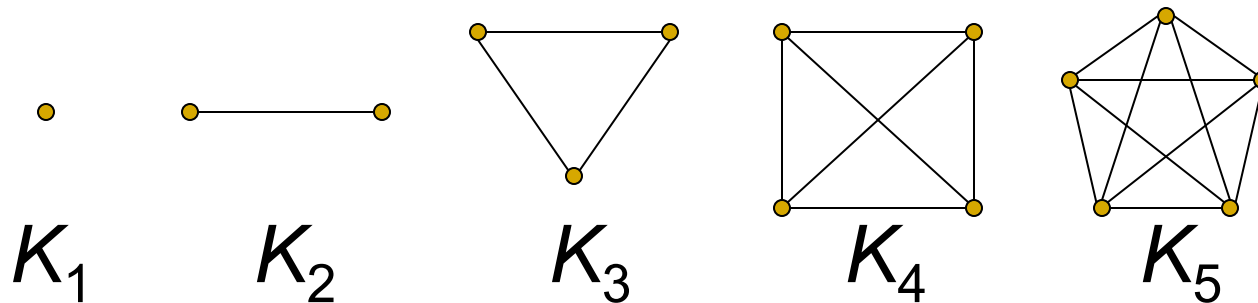
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# GRAPH PATTERNS

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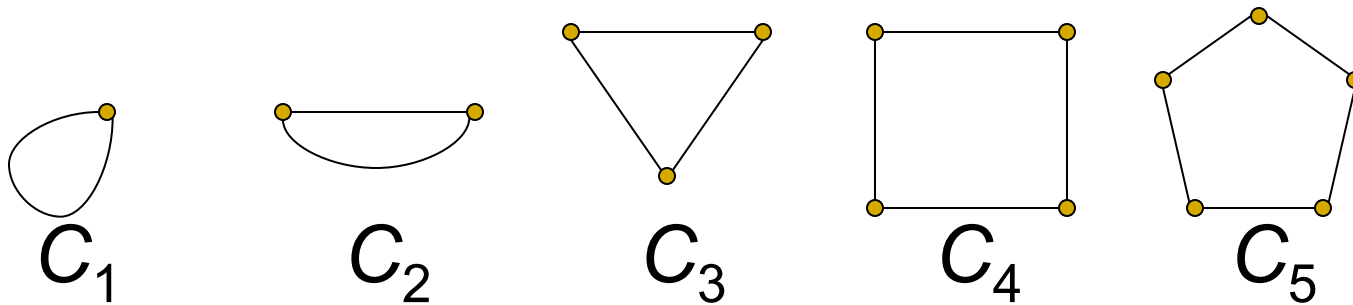
# Graph Patterns: Complete Graphs - $K_n$

A simple graph is **complete** if every pair of distinct vertices share an edge. The notation  $K_n$  denotes the complete graph on  $n$  vertices.



# Graph Patterns: Cycles - $C_n$

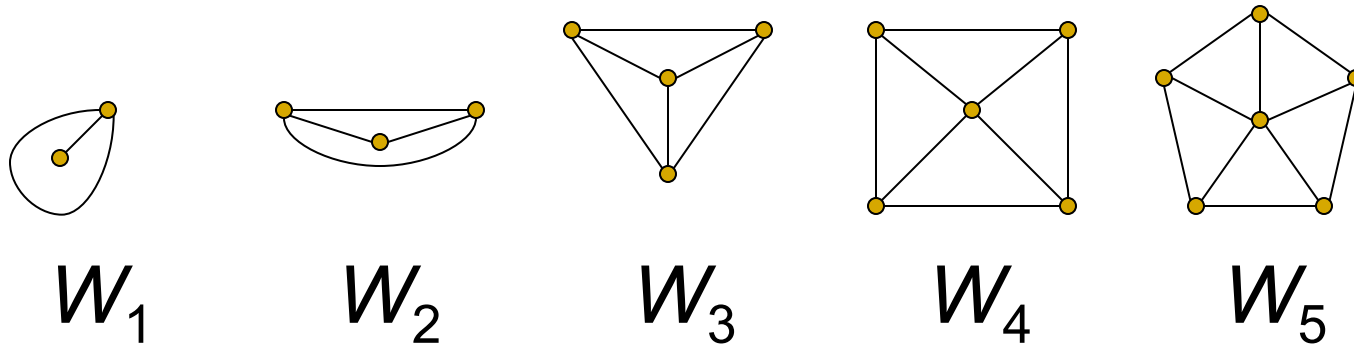
The **cycle graph**  $C_n$  is a circular graph with  $V = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  where vertex  $i$  is connected to  $i + 1 \bmod n$  and to  $i - 1 \bmod n$ . They look like polygons:





# Graph Patterns: Wheels - $W_n$

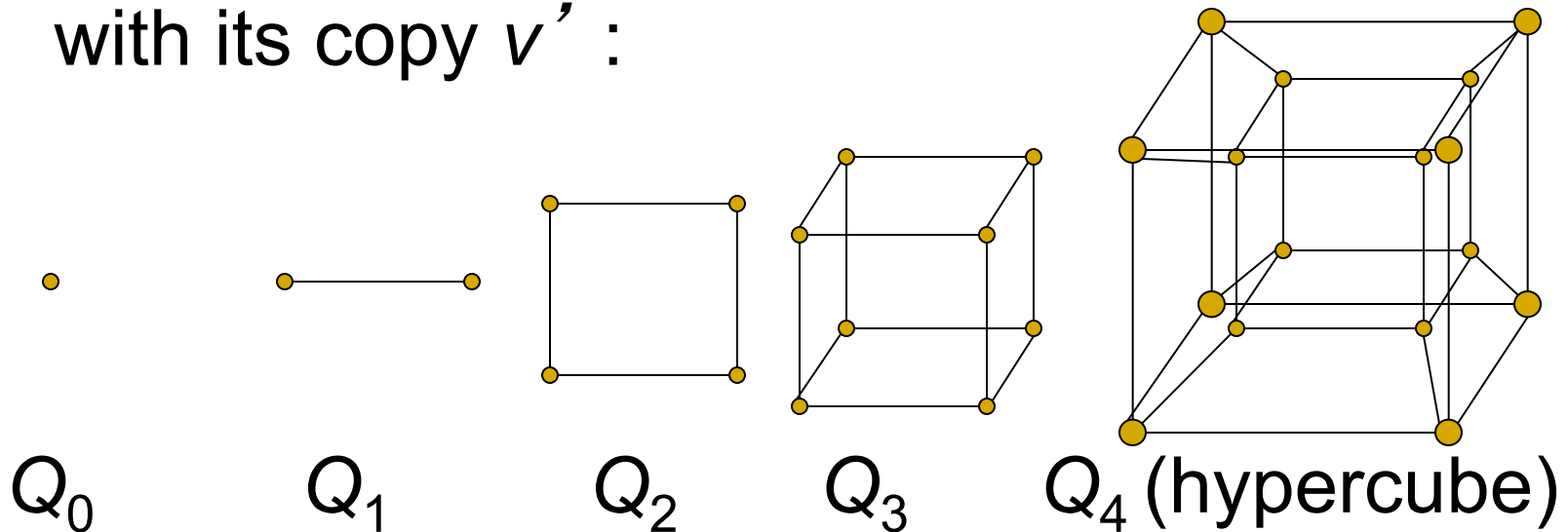
The **wheel graph**  $W_n$  is just a cycle graph with an extra vertex in the middle:



Usually consider wheels with 3 or more spokes only.

# Graph Patterns: Cubes - $Q_n$

The ***n-cube***  $Q_n$  is defined recursively.  $Q_0$  is just a vertex.  $Q_{n+1}$  is gotten by taking 2 copies of  $Q_n$  and joining each vertex  $v$  of  $Q_n$  with its copy  $v'$  :



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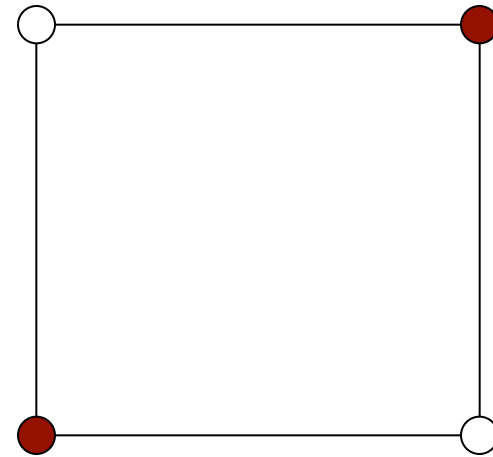
# Bipartite Graphs

A simple graph is **bipartite** if  $V$  can be partitioned into  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  so that any two adjacent vertices are in different parts of the partition.

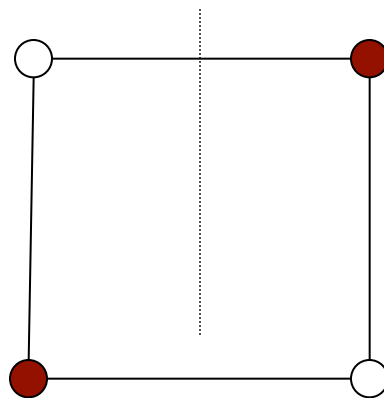
Another way of expressing the same idea is **bichromatic** : vertices can be colored using two colors so that no two vertices of the same color are adjacent.

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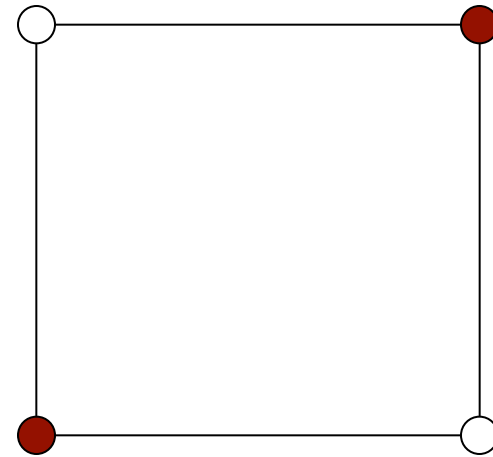


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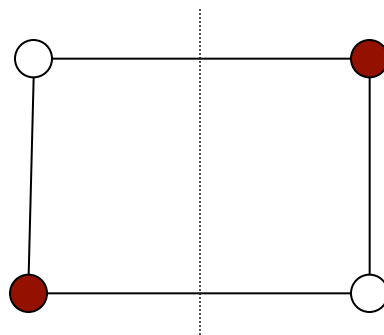


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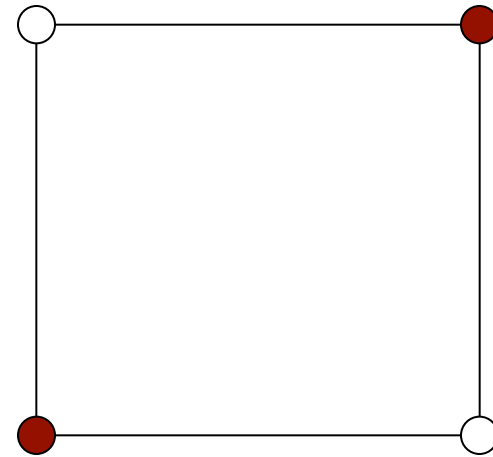


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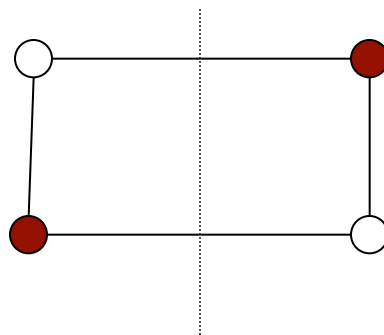


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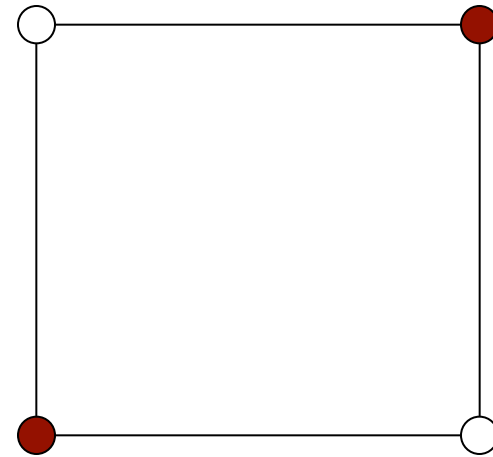


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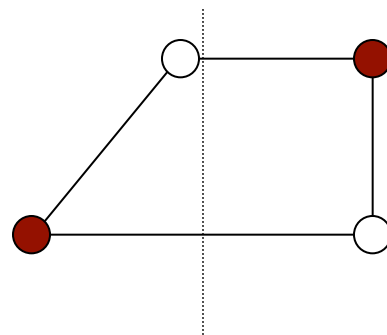


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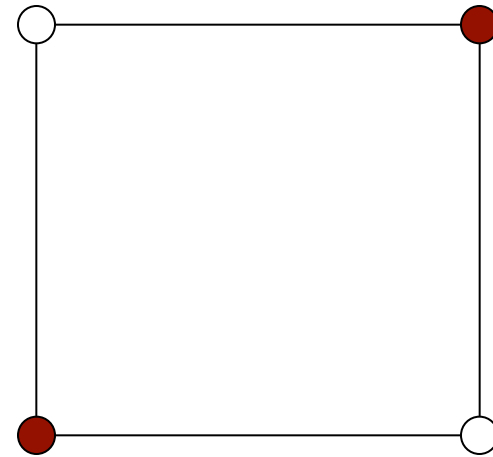


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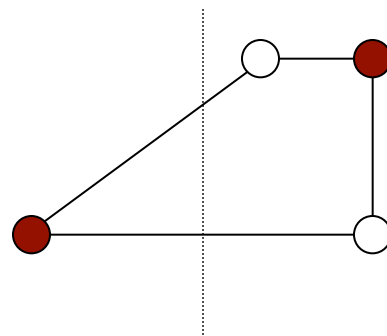


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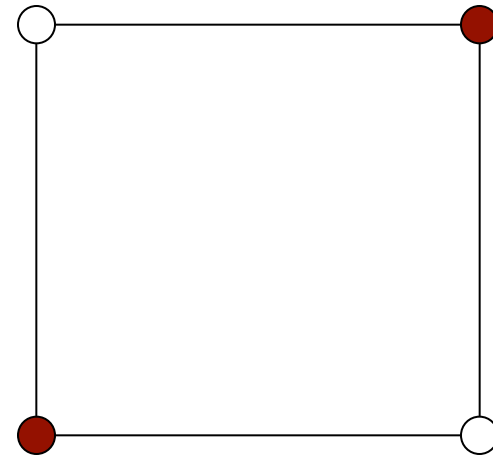
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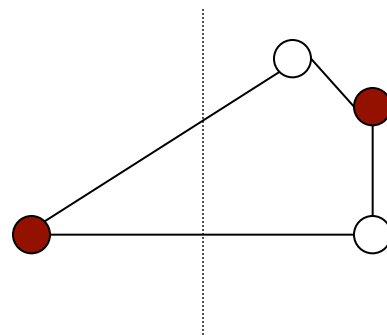


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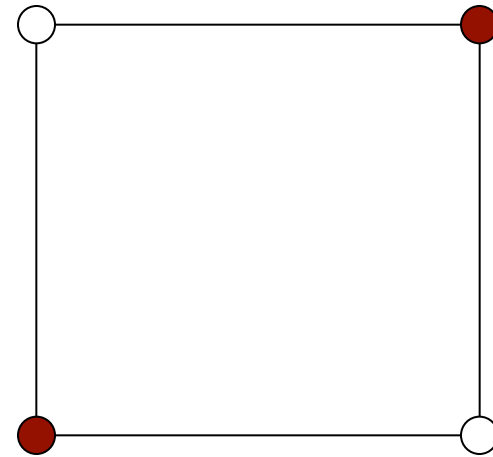


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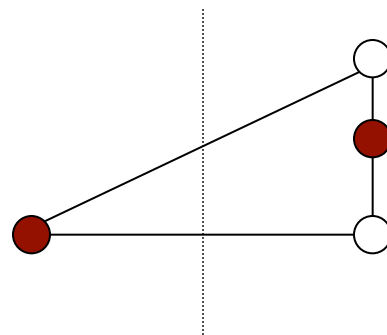


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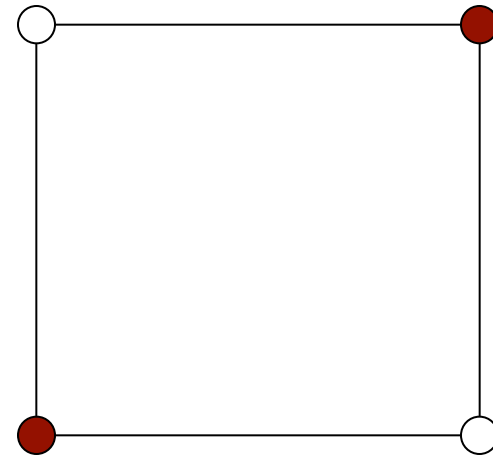


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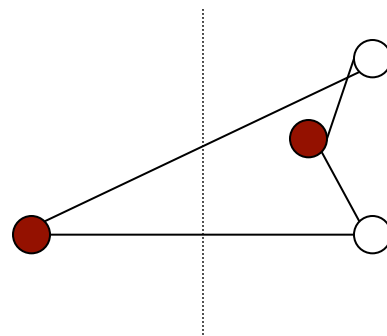


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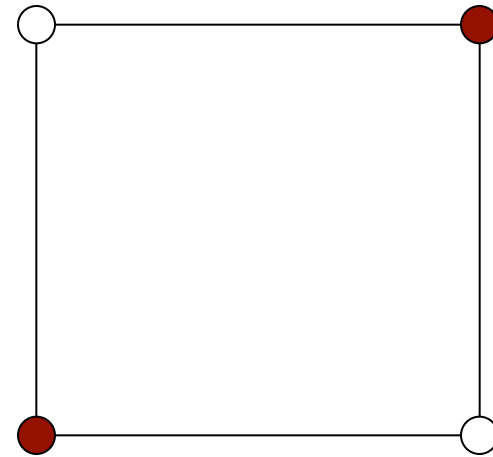


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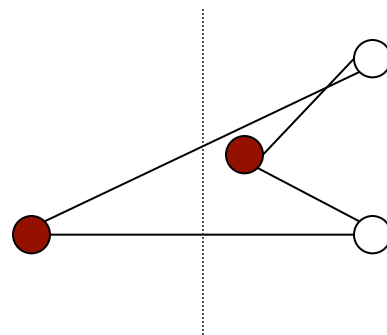


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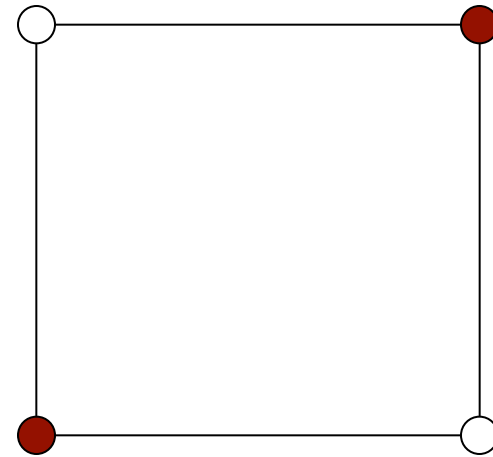


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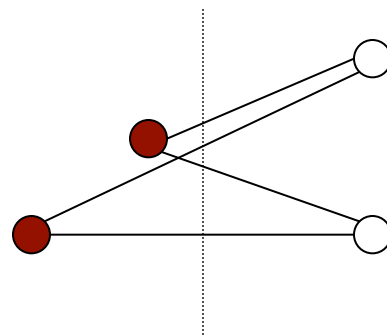


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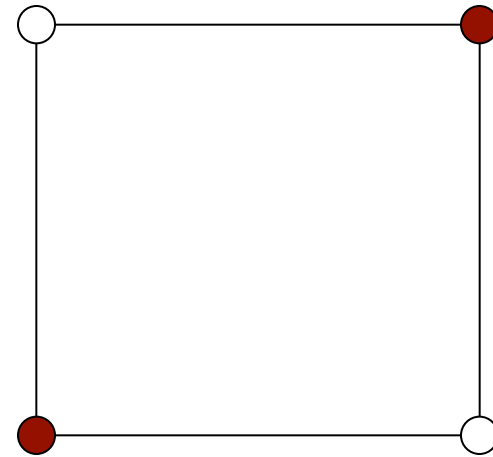


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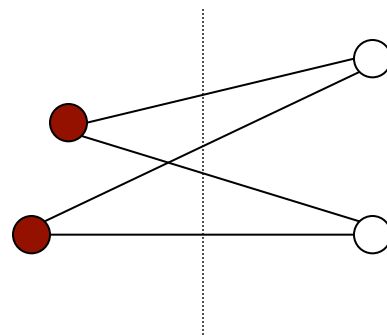


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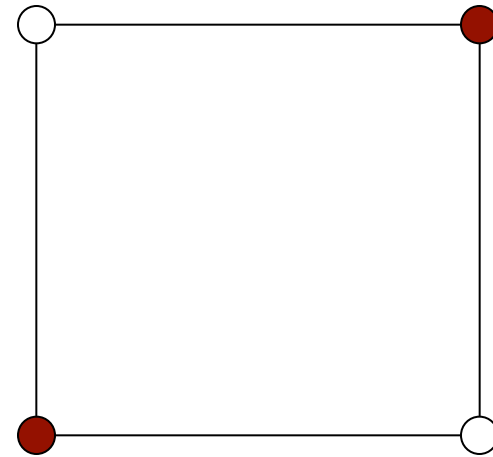


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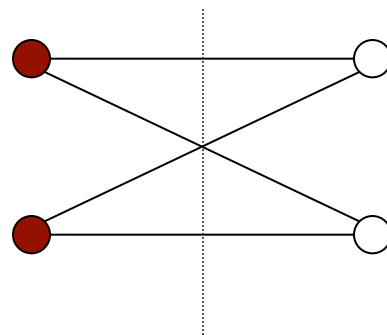


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A:  $C_n$  is bipartite when  $n$  is even. For even  $n$  color all odd numbers red and all even numbers green so that vertices are only adjacent to opposite color.

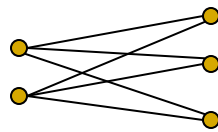
If  $n$  is odd,  $C_n$  is not bipartite. If it were, color 0 red. So 1 must be green, and 2 must be red. This way, all even numbers must be red, including vertex  $n-1$ . But  $n-1$  connects to 0  $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ .

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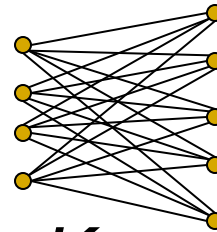
# Graph Patterns

## Complete Bipartite - $K_{m,n}$

When all possible edges exist in a simple bipartite graph with  $m$  red vertices and  $n$  green vertices, the graph is called **complete bipartite** and the notation  $K_{m,n}$  is used. For example,



$K_{2,3}$



$K_{4,5}$

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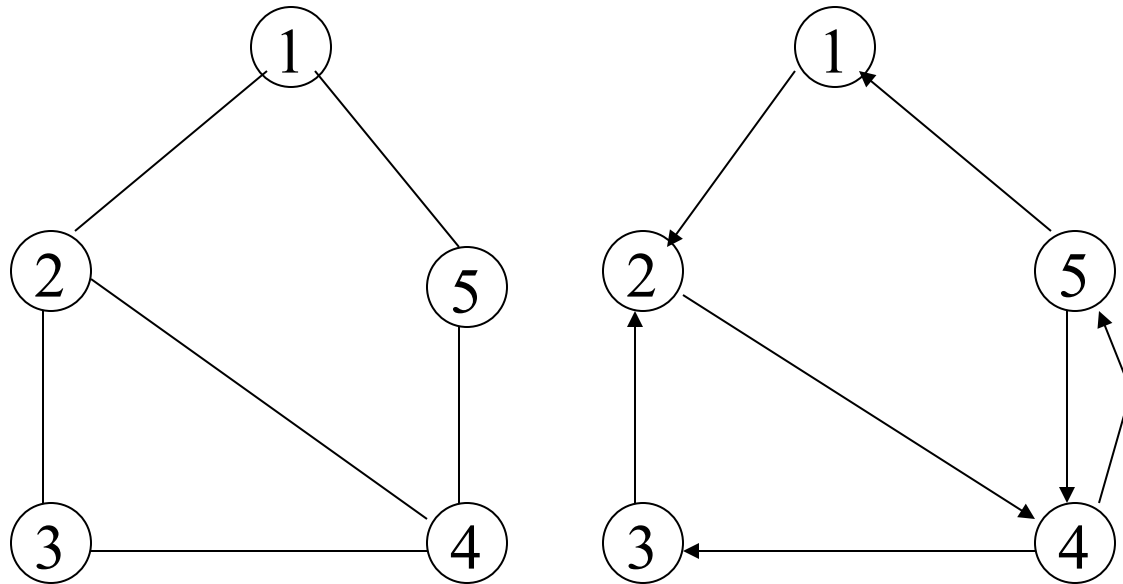
# **PATHS AND COMPONENTS**

# Paths in Graphs

- A **path** in a graph is a sequence of vertices  $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n$  such that  $(w_i, w_{i+1}) \in E$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ .
- The **length** of a path in a graph is the number of edges on the path. The length of the path from a vertex to itself is 0.
- A **simple path** is a path such that all vertices are distinct, except that the first and last may be the same.
- A **cycle** in a graph is a path  $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n, w \in V$  such that:
  - there are at least two vertices on the path
  - $w_1 = w_n$  (the path starts and ends on the same vertex)
  - if any part of the path contains the subpath  $w_i, w_j, w_i$ , then each of the edges in the subpath is distinct (i. e., no backtracking along the same edge)
- A **simple cycle** is one in which the path is simple.
- A directed graph with no cycles is called a **directed acyclic graph**, often abbreviated as DAG

## Paths in Graphs (2)

- How many simple paths from 1 to 4 and what are their lengths?



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# Connectedness in Graphs

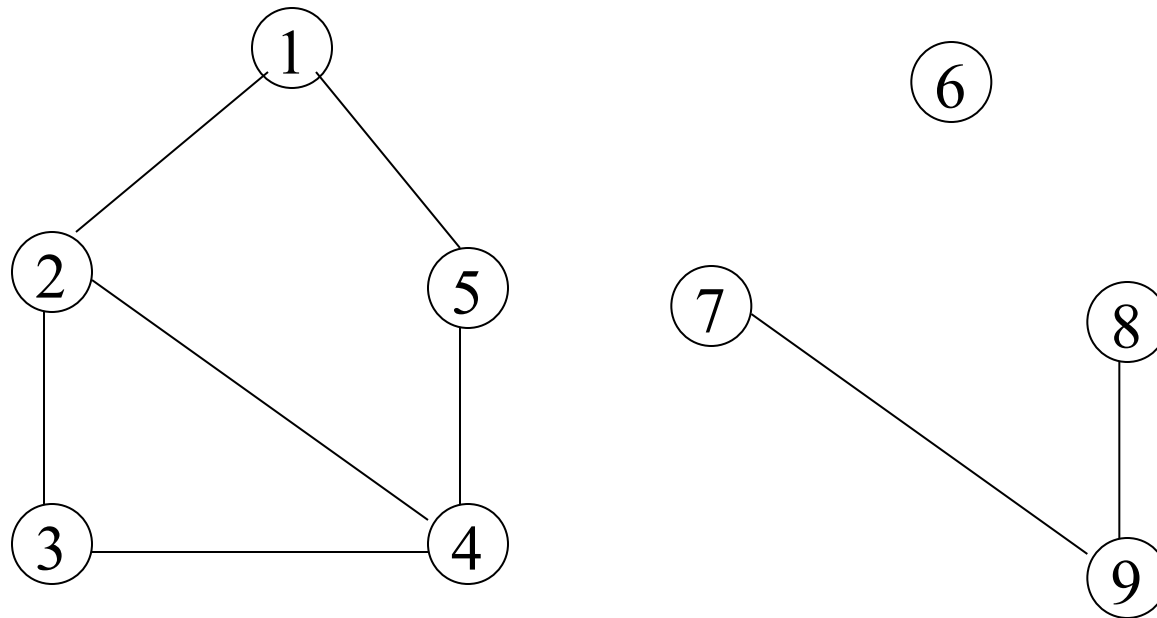
- An undirected graph is **connected** if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex.
- A directed graph is **strongly connected** if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex.
- A directed graph is **weakly connected** if there would be a path from every vertex to every other vertex, disregarding the direction of the edges.
- A **connected component** of a graph is any maximal connected subgraph. Connected components are sometimes simply called **components**.

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# Disjoint Sets and Graphs

- Disjoint sets can be used to determine connected components of an undirected graph.
- For each edge, place its two vertices ( $u$  and  $v$ ) in the same set -- i.e.  $\text{union}(u, v)$
- When all edges have been examined, the forest of sets will represent the connected components.
- Two vertices,  $x, y$ , are connected if and only if  $\text{find}(x) = \text{find}(y)$

# Undirected Graph/Disjoint Set Example



Sets representing connected components

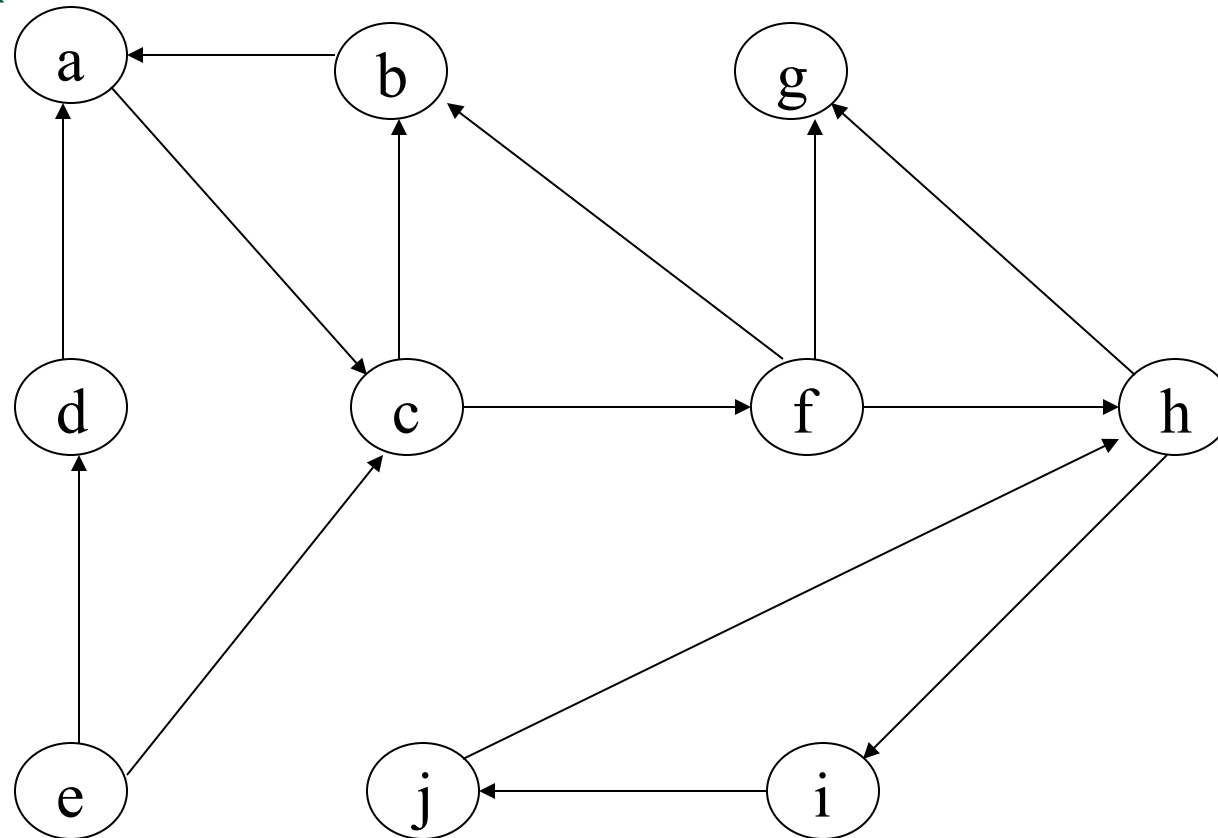
$\{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$

$\{ 6 \}$

$\{ 7, 8, 9 \}$



# DiGraph / Strongly Connected Components



# Subgraphs

Notice that the 2-cube  occurs

inside the 3-cube . In other

words,  $Q_2$  is a subgraph of  $Q_3$  :

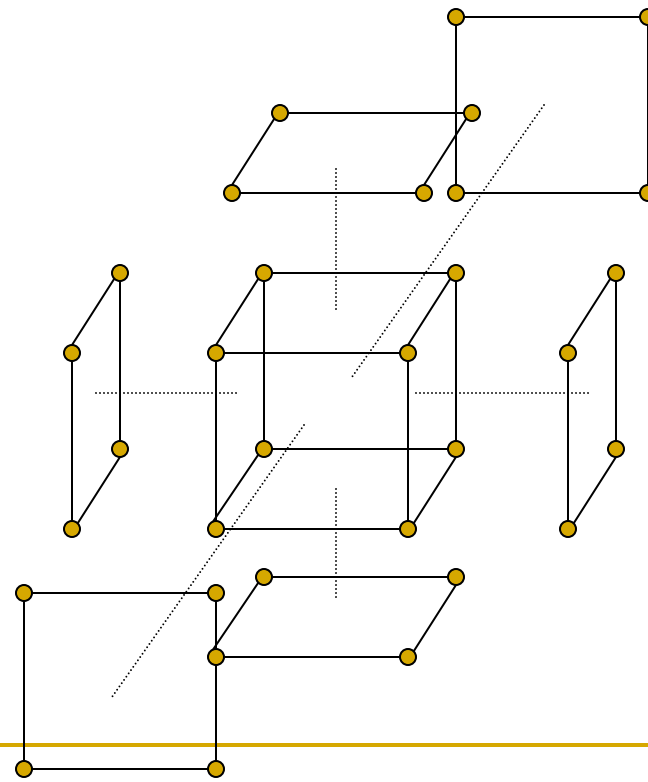
DEF: Let  $G = (V, E)$  and  $H = (W, F)$  be graphs.

$H$  is said to be a **subgraph** of  $G$ , if  $W \subseteq V$  and  $F \subseteq E$ .

Q: How many  $Q_2$  subgraphs does  $Q_3$  have?

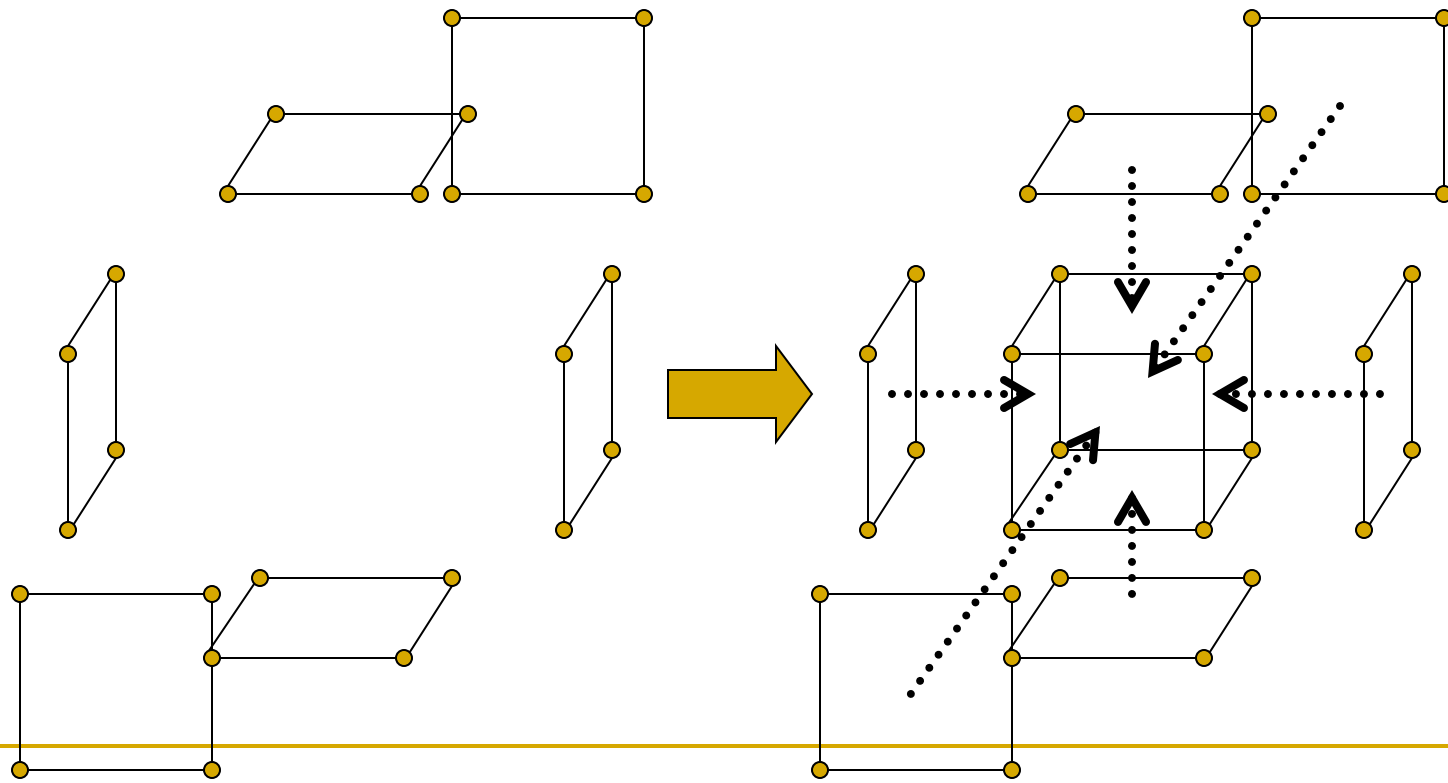
# Subgraphs

A: Each face of  $Q_3$  is a  $Q_2$  subgraph so the answer is 6, as this is the number of faces on a 3-cube:



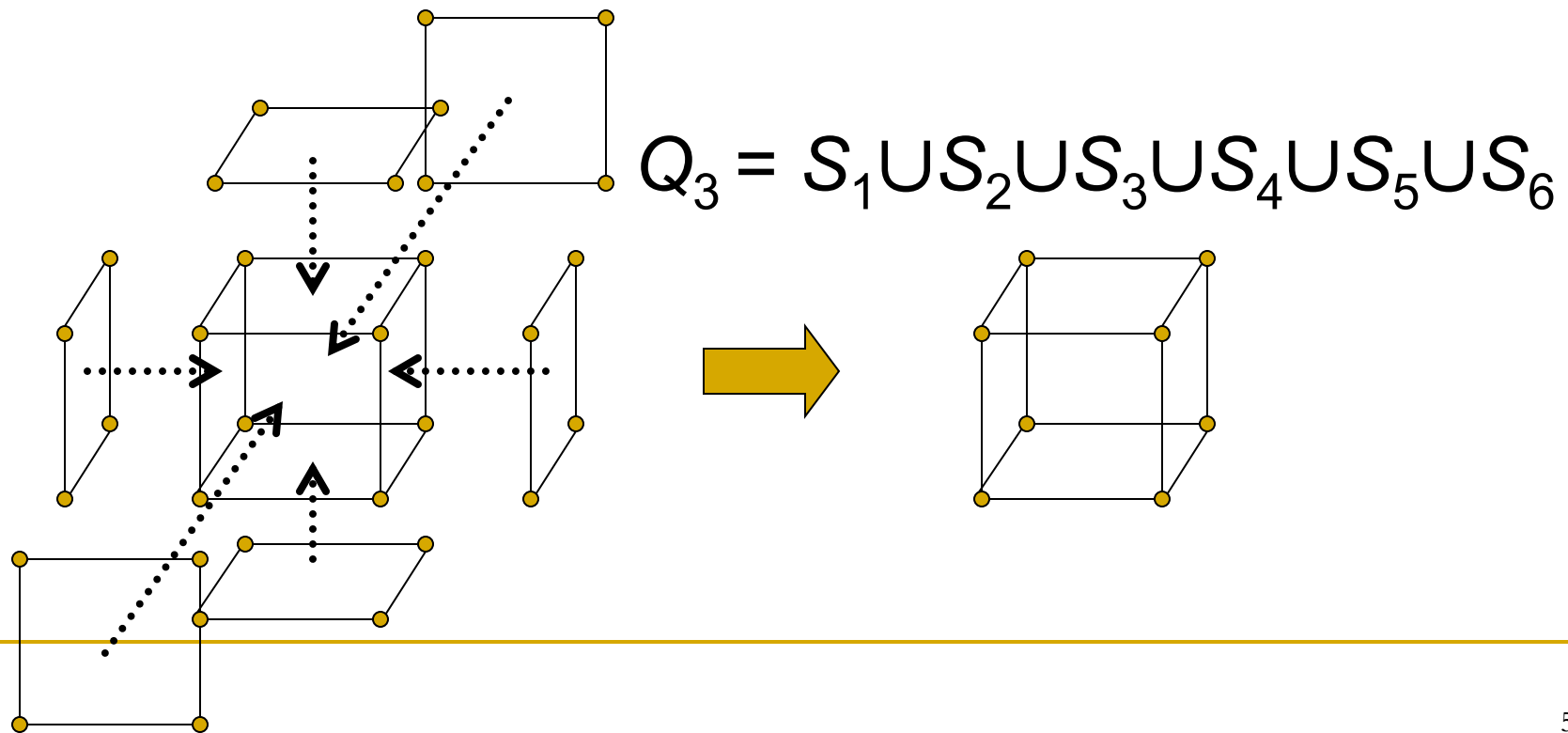
# Unions

In previous example can actually reconstruct the 3-cube from its 6 2-cube faces:



# Unions

If we assign the 2-cube faces (aka Squares) the names  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6$  then  $Q_3$  is the union of its faces:



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# Unions

DEF: Let  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  be two simple graphs (and  $V_1, V_2$  may or may not be disjoint). The **union** of  $G_1, G_2$  is formed by taking the union of the vertices and edges. That is,  $G_1 \cup G_2 = (V_1 \cup V_2, E_1 \cup E_2)$ .

A similar definitions can be created for unions of digraphs, multigraphs, pseudographs, etc.

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# GRAPH REPRESENTATION

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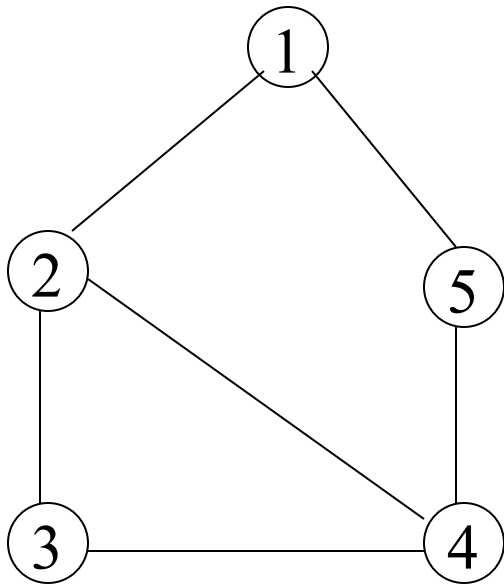
- Data elements:
  - Vertices and Edges
- Operations:
  - `getDegree( u )` -- Returns the degree of vertex `u` (outdegree of vertex `u` in directed graph)
  - `getAdjacent( u )` -- Returns a list of the vertices **adjacent to** vertex `u` (list of vertices that `u` points to for a directed graph)
  - `isAdjacentTo( u, v )` -- Returns `TRUE` if vertex `v` is adjacent to vertex `u`, `FALSE` otherwise.
- Has some associated algorithms to be discussed.



# Adjacency Matrix Implementation

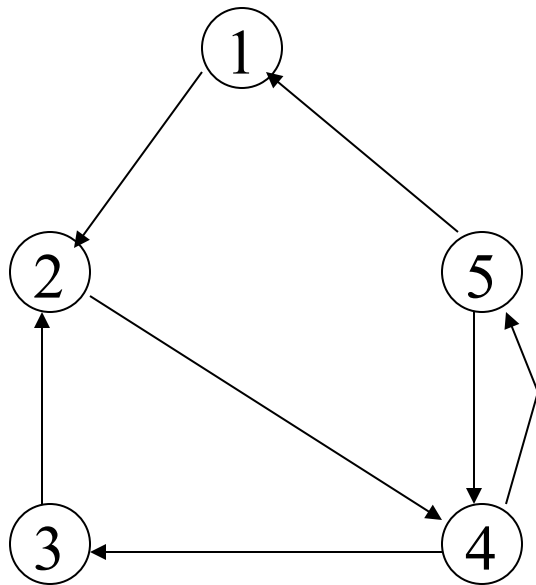
- Uses array of size  $|V| \times |V|$  where each entry  $(i, j)$  is boolean
  - TRUE if there is an edge from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$
  - FALSE otherwise
  - store weights when edges are weighted
- Very simple, but large space requirement =  $O(|V|^2)$
- Appropriate if the graph is dense.
- Otherwise, most of the entries in the table are FALSE.
- For example, if a graph is used to represent a street map like Manhattan in which most streets run E/W or N/S, each intersection is attached to only 4 streets and  $|E| < 4 * |V|$ . If there are 3000 intersections, the table has 9,000,000 entries of which only 12,000 are TRUE.

# Undirected Graph / Adjacency Matrix



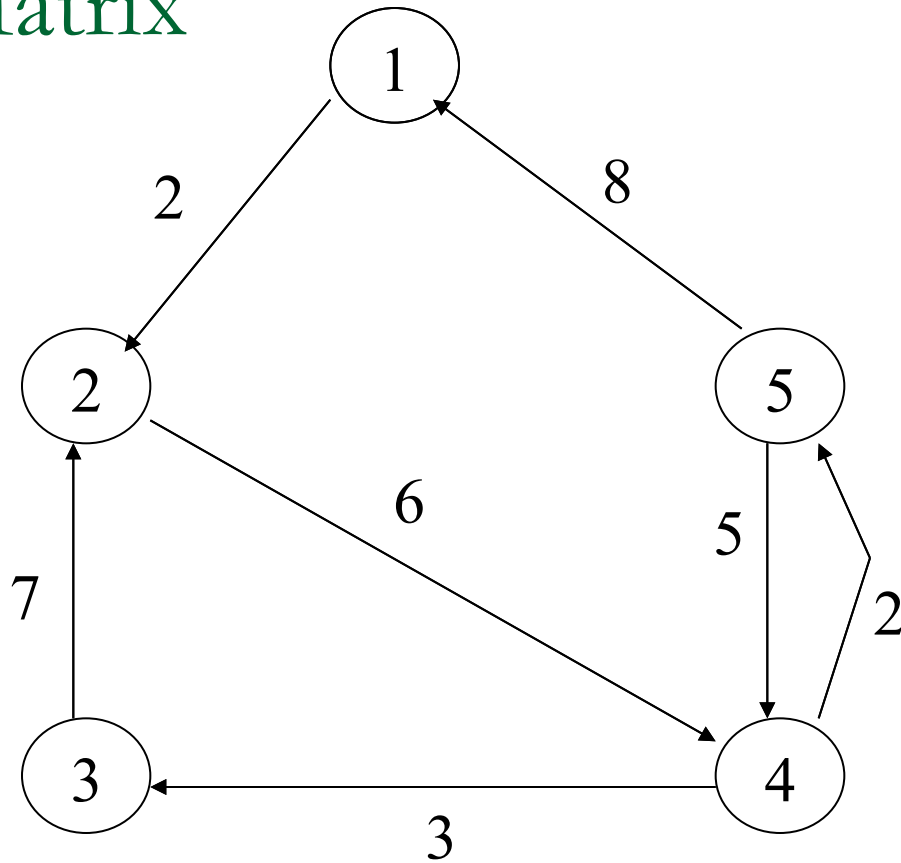
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>	0	1	0	0	1
<b>2</b>	1	0	1	1	0
<b>3</b>	0	1	0	1	0
<b>4</b>	0	1	1	0	1
<b>5</b>	1	0	0	1	0

# Directed Graph / Adjacency Matrix



	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	1	0	1
5	1	0	0	1	0

# Weighted, Directed Graph / Adjacency Matrix



	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1</b>	0	2	0	0	0
<b>2</b>	0	0	0	6	0
<b>3</b>	0	7	0	0	0
<b>4</b>	0	0	3	0	2
<b>5</b>	8	0	0	5	0

# Adjacency Matrix Performance

- Storage requirement:  $O(|V|^2)$
- Performance:

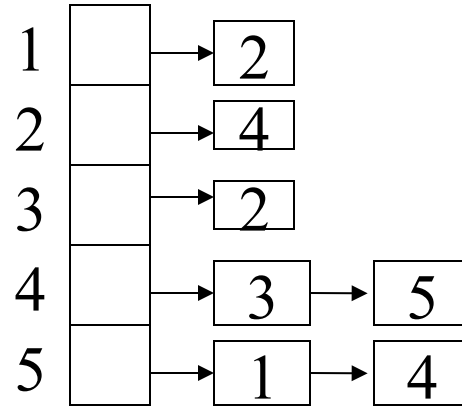
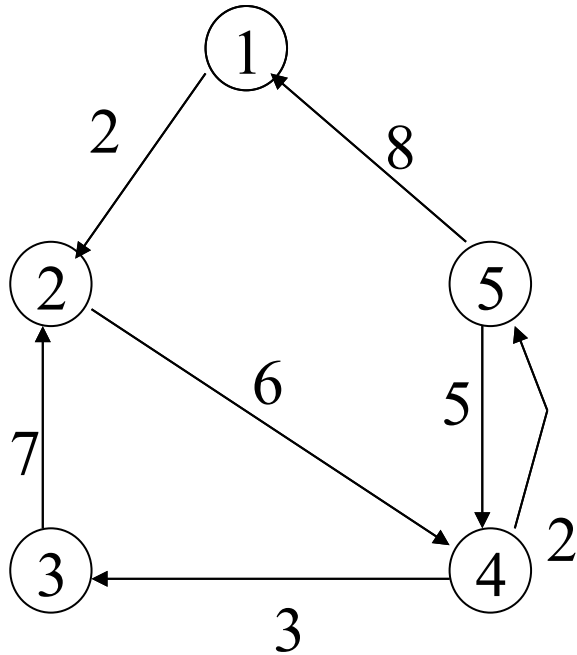
getDegree ( u )	
isAdjacentTo( u, v )	
getAdjacent( u )	

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# Adjacency List Implementation

- If the graph is sparse, then keeping a list of adjacent vertices for each vertex saves space. Adjacency Lists are the commonly used representation. The lists may be stored in a data structure or in the Vertex object itself.
  - **Vector of lists:** A vector of lists of vertices. The  $i$ -th element of the vector is a list,  $L_i$ , of the vertices adjacent to  $v_i$ .
- If the graph is sparse, then the space requirement is  $O(|E| + |V|)$ , “linear in the size of the graph”
- If the graph is dense, then the space requirement is  $O(|V|^2)$

# Vector of Lists



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# Adjacency List Performance

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# GRAPH ISOMORPHISM

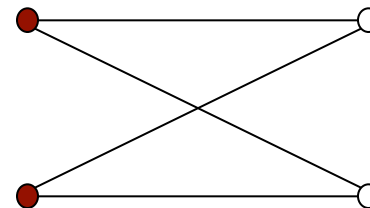
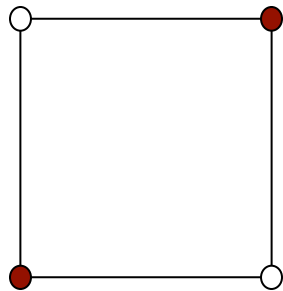
# Graph Isomorphism

Intuitively, two graphs are isomorphic if can bend, stretch and reposition vertices of the first graph, until the second graph is formed.

Etymologically, *isomorphic* means “same shape”.

EG: Can twist or relabel:

to obtain:



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# Graph Isomorphism

DEF: Suppose  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  are undirected or directed multigraphs.

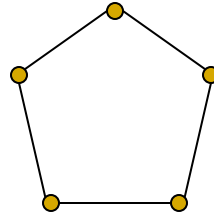
Let  $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  be a function s.t.:

- 1)  $f$  is bijective
- 2) for all vertices  $u, v$  in  $V_1$ , the number of edges from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G_1$  is the same as the number of edges from  $f(u)$  to  $f(v)$  in  $G_2$ .

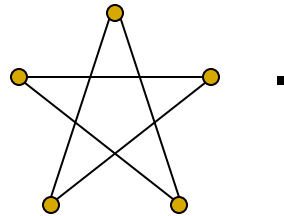
Then  $f$  is called an ***isomorphism*** and  $G_1$  is said to be ***isomorphic*** to  $G_2$ .

# Graph Isomorphism - Example

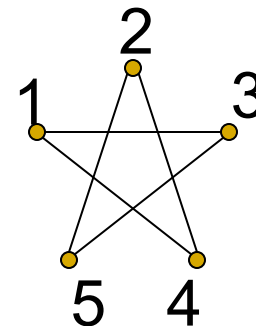
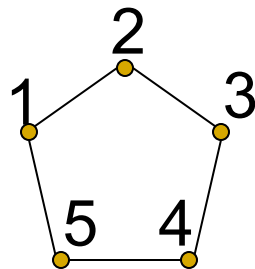
EG: Prove that



is isomorphic to

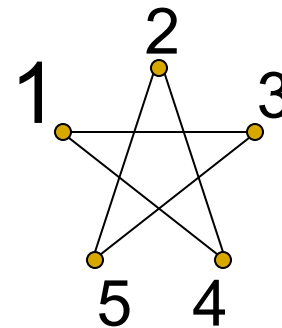
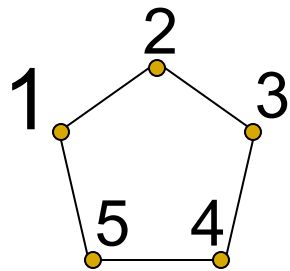


First label the vertices:



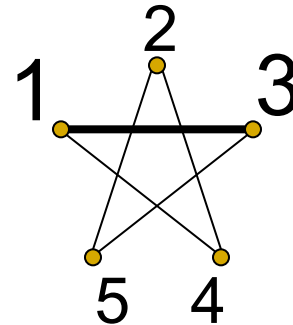
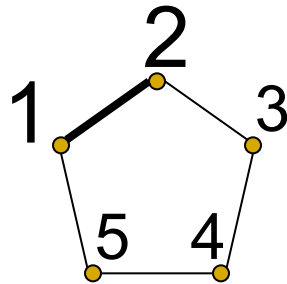
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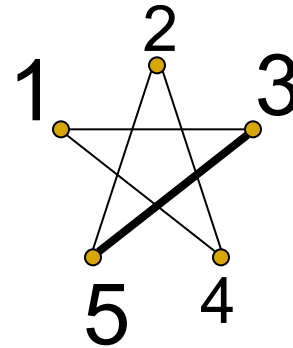
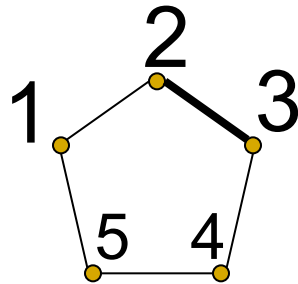
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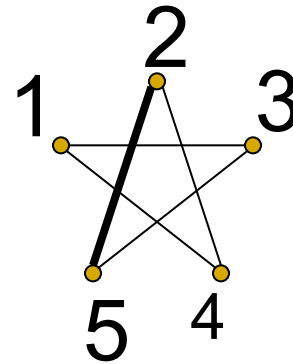
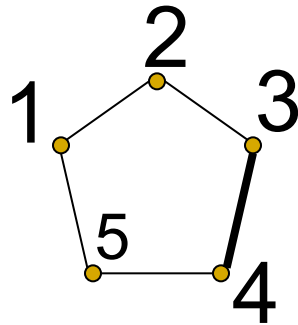
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# Graph Isomorphism - Example

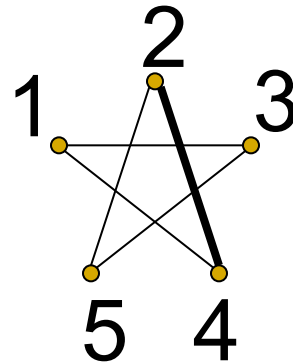
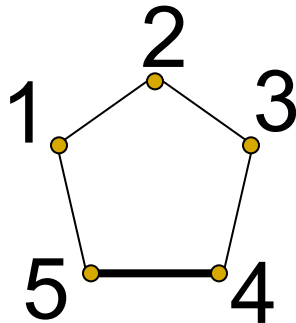
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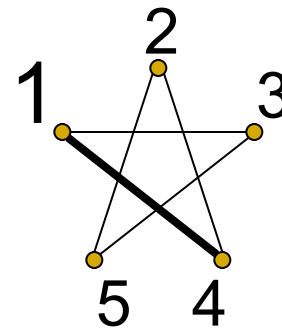
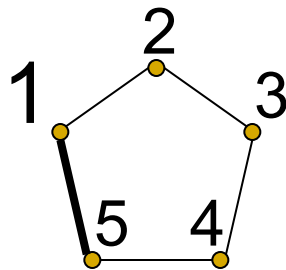
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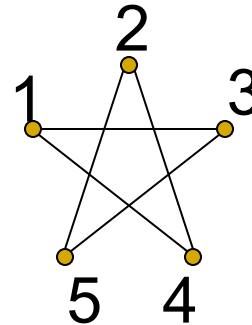
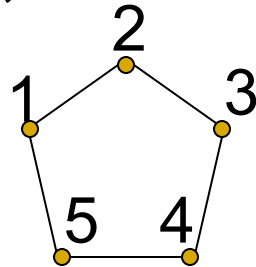
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# Properties of Isomorphisms

Isomorphic graphs have the same:

- number of vertices and edges
- degrees at corresponding vertices
- types of possible subgraphs
- any other property defined in terms of the basic graph theoretic building blocks!

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# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

Once you see that graphs are isomorphic, it is easy to prove it.

To prove that two graphs are not isomorphic is usually more difficult.

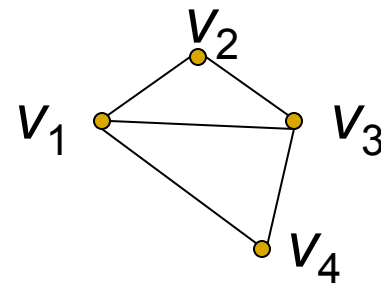
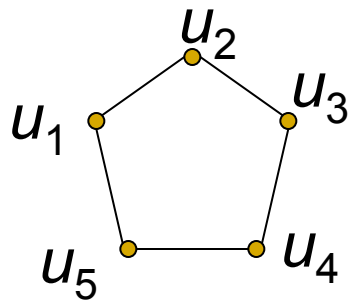
- ❑ Need to show that no function can exist that satisfies defining properties of isomorphism.
- ❑ In practice, you try to find some intrinsic property that differs between the 2 graphs in question.

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# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

A: Why are the following non-isomorphic?

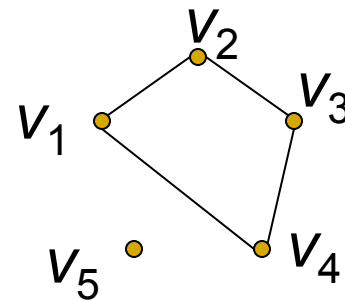
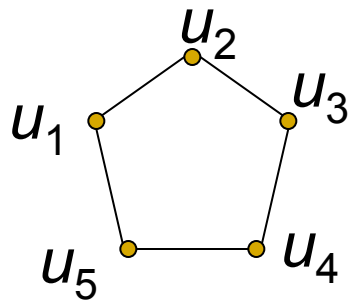


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A: 1<sup>st</sup> graph has more vertices than 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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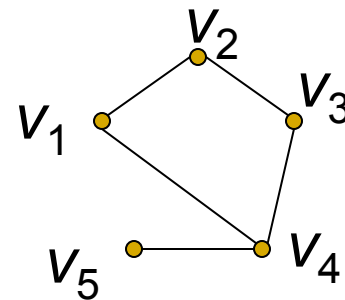
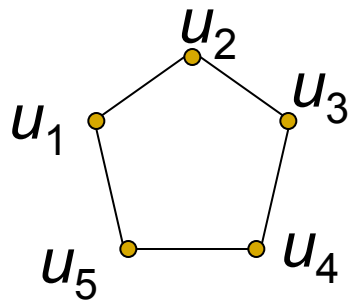


# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

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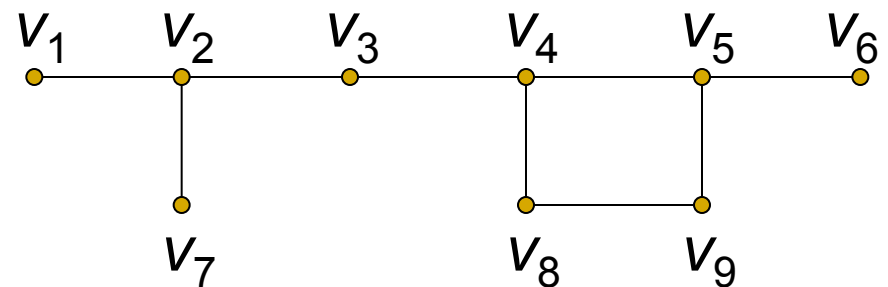
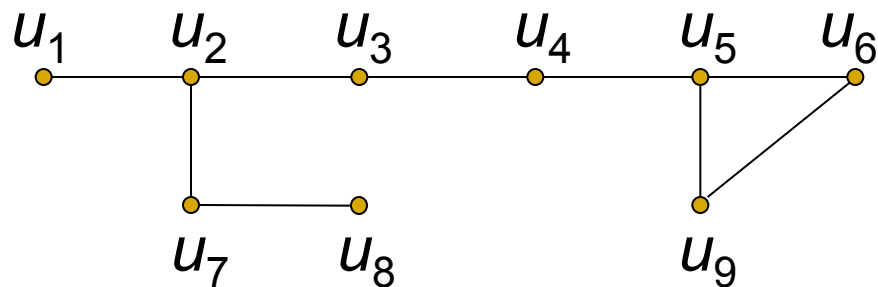


# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

A: 2<sup>nd</sup> graph has vertex of degree 1, 1<sup>st</sup> graph doesn't.

Q: Why are the following non-isomorphic?

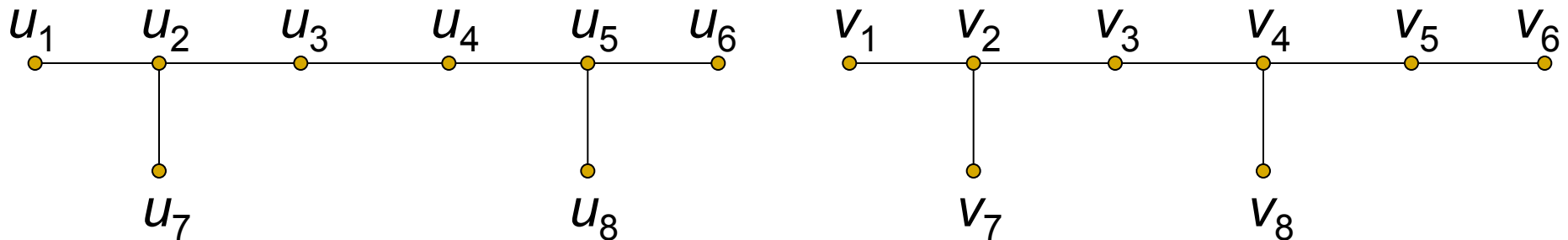


# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

A: 1<sup>st</sup> graph has 2 degree 1 vertices, 4 degree 2 vertex and 2 degree 3 vertices. 2<sup>nd</sup> graph has 3 degree 1 vertices, 3 degree 2 vertex and 3 degree 3 vertices.

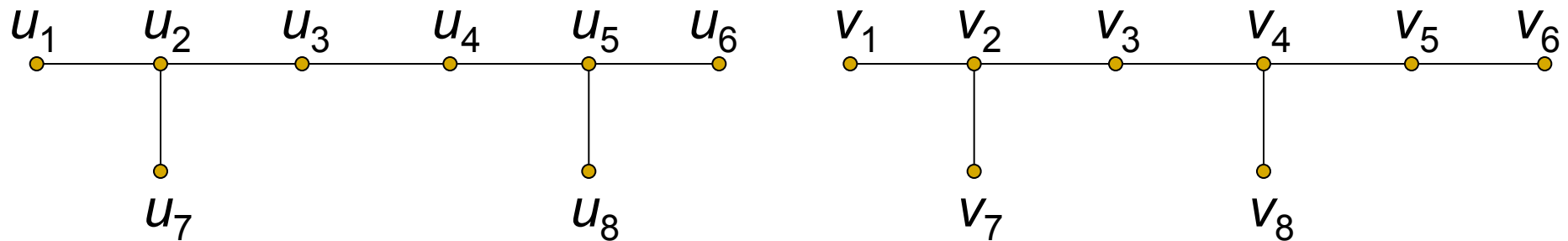
Q: Why are the following non-isomorphic?



# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

A: None of the previous approaches work as there are the same no. of vertices, edges, and same no. of vertices per degree.



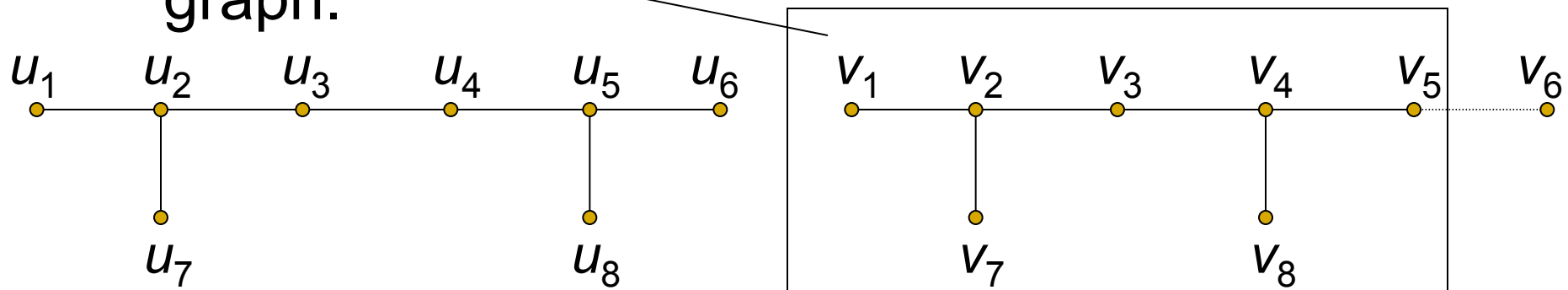
LEMMA: If  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic, then any subgraph of  $G$  will be isomorphic to some subgraph of  $H$ .

Q: Find a subgraph of 2<sup>nd</sup> graph which isn't a subgraph of 1<sup>st</sup> graph.

# Graph Isomorphism

## -Negative Examples

A: This subgraph is not a subgraph of the left graph.



Why not? Deg. 3 vertices must map to deg. 3 vertices. Since subgraph and left graph are symmetric, can assume  $v_2$  maps to  $u_2$ . Adjacent deg. 1 vertices to  $v_2$  must map to degree 1 vertices, forcing the deg. 2 adjacent vertex  $v_3$  to map to  $u_3$ . This forces the other vertex adjacent to  $v_3$ , namely  $v_4$  to map to  $u_4$ . But then a deg. 3 vertex has mapped to a deg. 2 vertex  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  ②