



## Introduction to Graphs

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## Summary

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- Related Definitions
- ▶ Applications

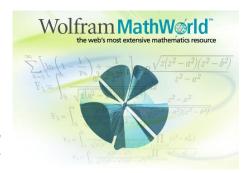


# Definition: Graph

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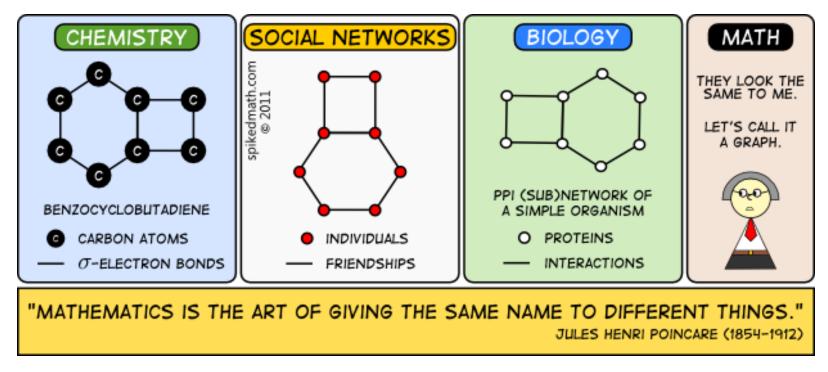
## Definition: Graph

- A graph is a collection of points and lines connecting some (possibly empty) subset of them.
- The points of a graph are most commonly known as graph vertices, but may also be called "nodes" or simply "points."
- The lines connecting the vertices of a graph are most commonly known as **graph edges**, but may also be called "arcs" or "lines."



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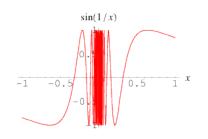
### What's in a name?

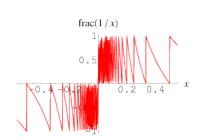


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## Big warning: Graph ≠ Graph ≠ Graph

# **Graph (plot)** (italiano: grafico)





# Graph (maths) (italiano: grafo)





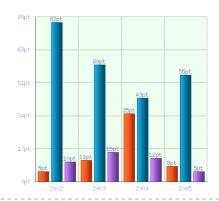
simple graph

nonsimple graph with multiple edges

nonsimple graph with loops



Graph (chart) (italiano: grafico)



## History

- The study of graphs is known as **graph theory**, and was first systematically investigated by D. König in the 1930s
- Euler's proof about the walk across all seven bridges of Königsberg (1736), now known as the Königsberg bridge problem, is a famous precursor to graph theory.
- In fact, the study of various sorts of paths in graphs has many applications in real-world problems.

## Königsberg Bridge Problem

Can the 7 bridges the of the city of Königsberg over the river Preger all be traversed in a single trip without doubling back, with the additional requirement that the trip ends in the same place it began?

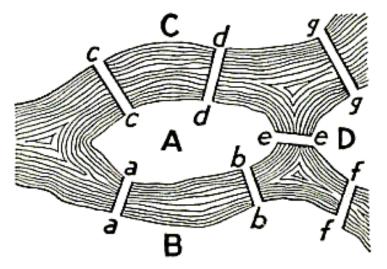


Figure 98. Geographic Map: The Königsberg Bridges.



Today: Kaliningrad, Russia

## Königsberg Bridge Problem

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trip with requends began NO YOU CAN'T

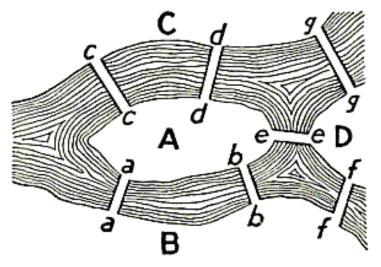
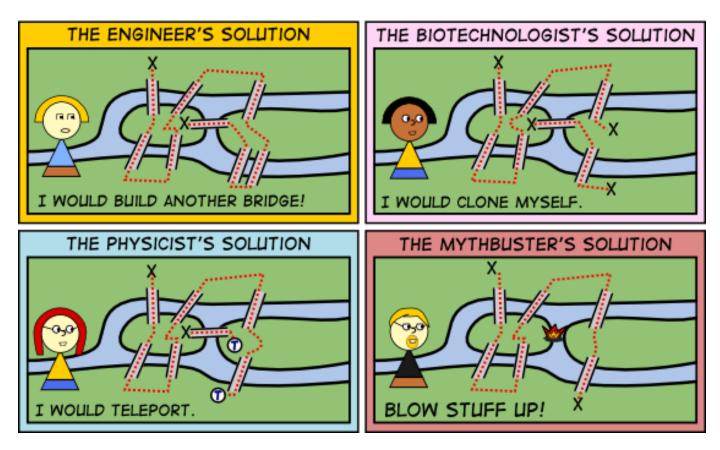


Figure 98. Geographic Map: The Königsberg Bridges.



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### Unless...



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## Types of graphs: edge cardinality

### Simple graph:

 At most one edge (i.e., either one edge or no edges) may connect any two vertices

## Multigraph:

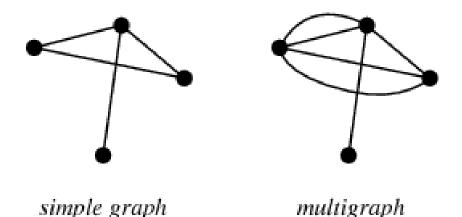
 Multiple edges are allowed between vertices

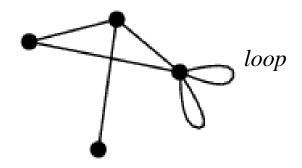
### Loops:

Edge between a vertex and itself

### Pseudograph:

Multigraph with loops





pseudograph

## Types of graphs: edge direction

#### Undirected

#### Oriented

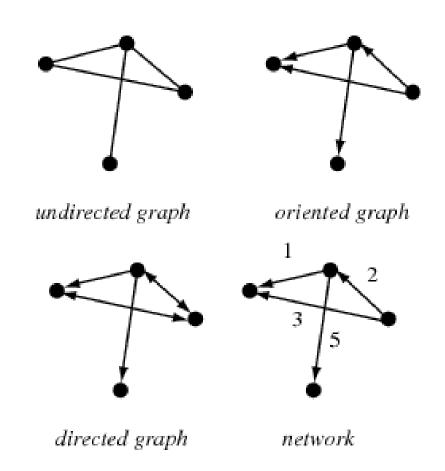
Edges have one direction (indicated by arrow)

#### Directed

Edges may have one or two directions

#### Network

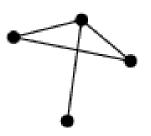
Oriented graph with weighted edges



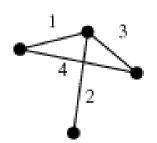
## Types of graphs: labeling

#### Labels

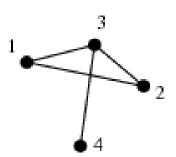
- None
- On Vertices
- On Edges
- Groups (=colors)
  - Of Vertices
    - no edge connects two identically colored vertices
  - Of Edges
    - adjacent edges must receive different colors vertex-colored graph
  - Of both



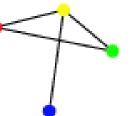
unlabeled graph



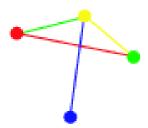
edge-labeled graph



vertex-labeled graph



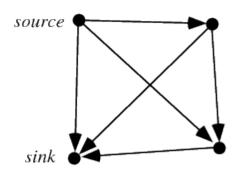
edge-colored graph

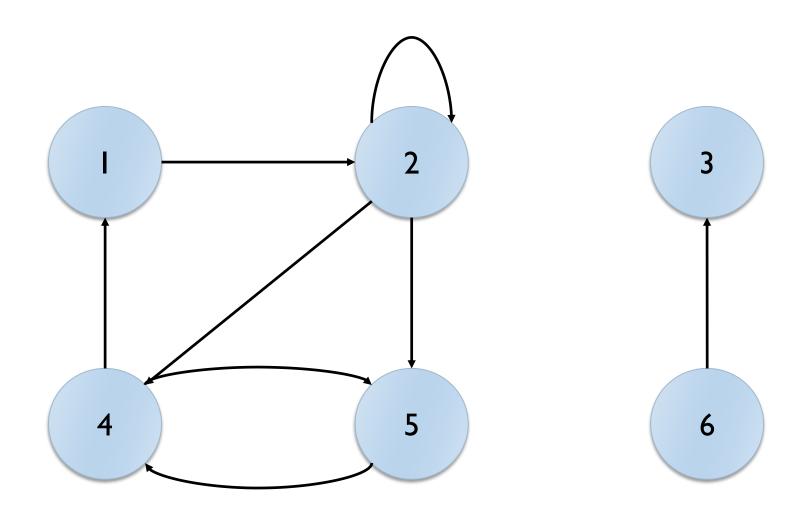


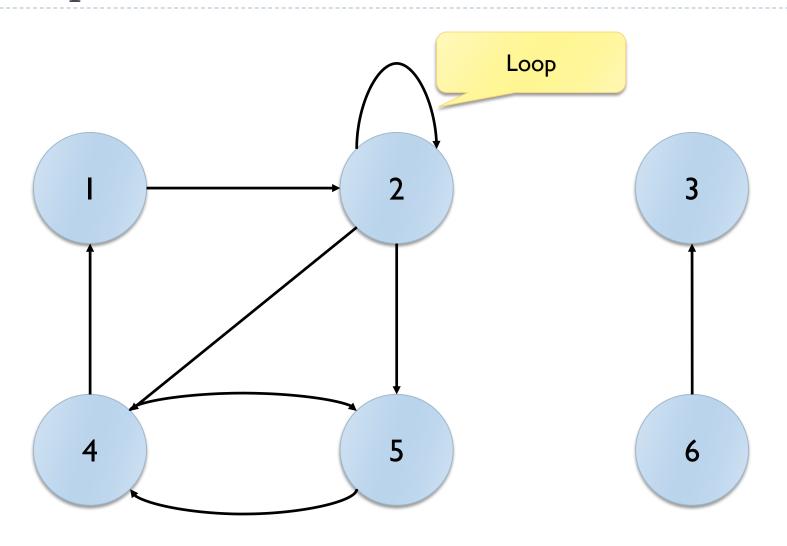
vertex- and edgecolored graph

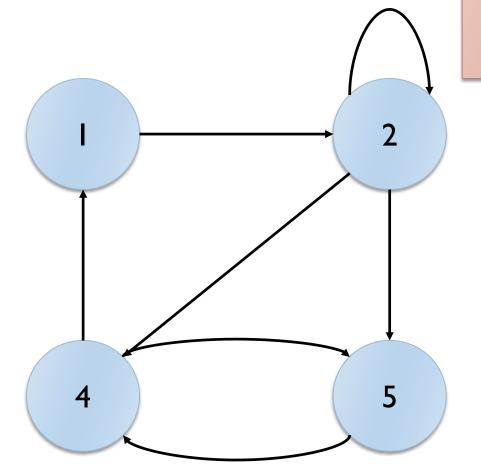
## Directed and Oriented graphs

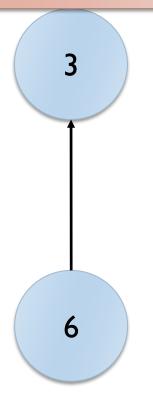
- ▶ A Directed Graph (di-graph) G is a pair (V,E), where
  - V is a (finite) set of vertices
  - E is a (finite) set of edges, that identify a binary relationship over V
    - $E \subseteq V \times V$





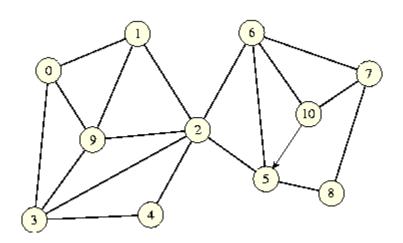






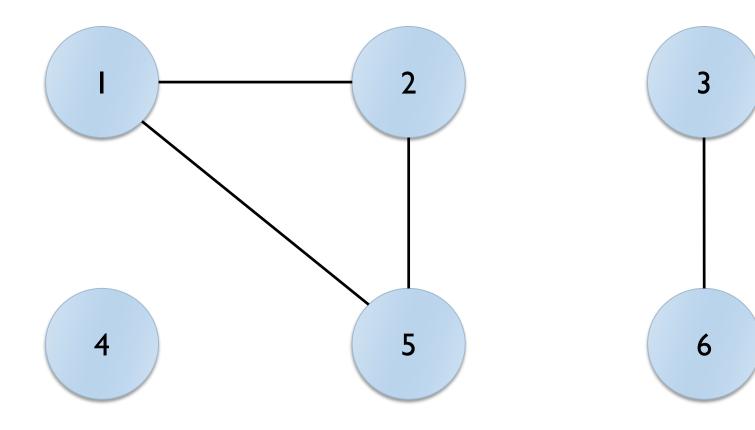
## Undirected graph

Ad **Undirected** Graph is still represented as a couple G=(V,E), but the set E is made of **non-ordered pairs** of vertices



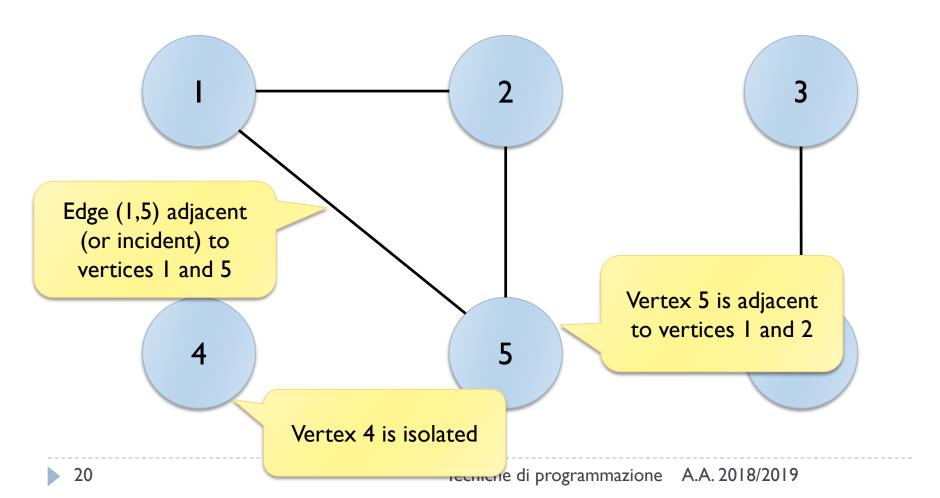
V={1,2,3,4,5,6}

 $E=\{\{1,2\},\{2,5\},\{5,1\},\{6,3\}\}$ 



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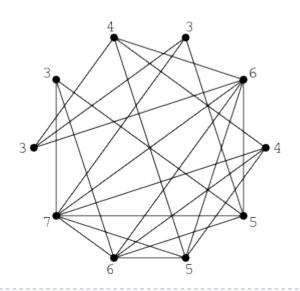


## Related Definitions

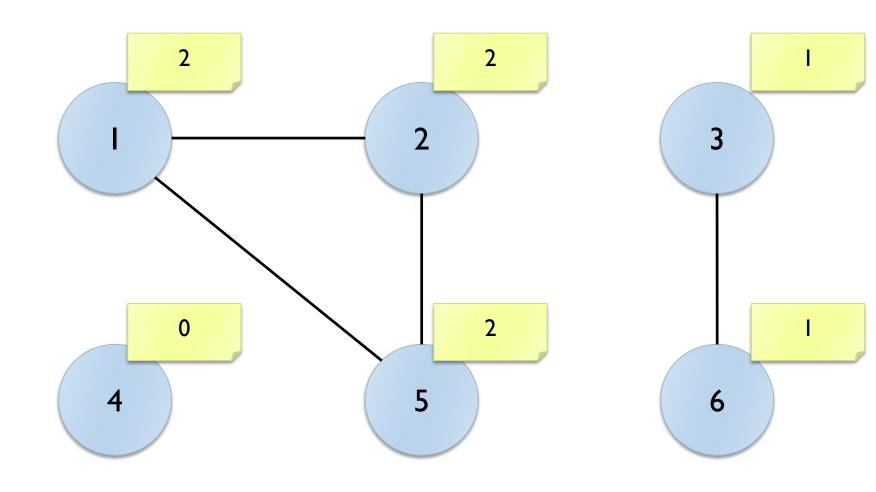
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## Degree

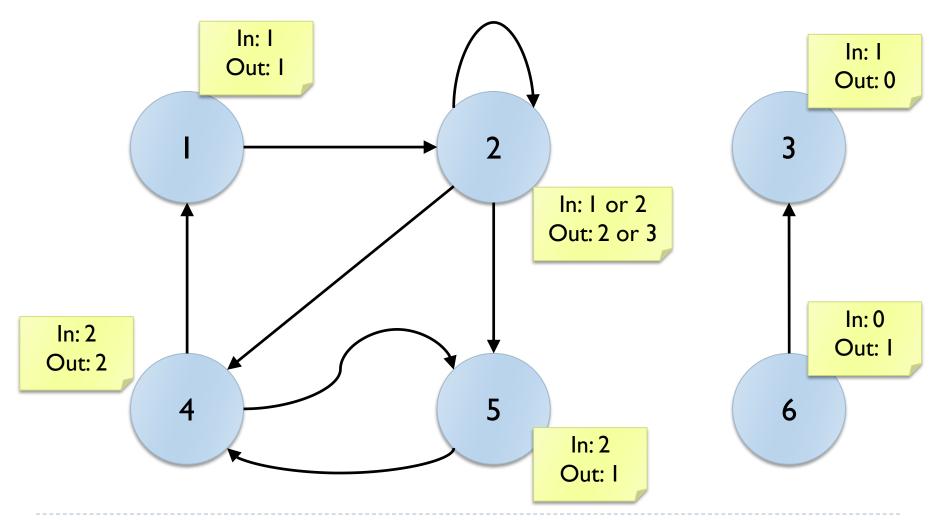
- In an undirected graph,
  - the degree of a vertex is the number of incident edges
- In a directed graph
  - ▶ The **in-degree** is the number of incoming edges
  - The **out-degree** is the number of departing edges
  - The degree is the sum of in-degree and out-degree
- ▶ A vertex with degree 0 is isolated



# Degree

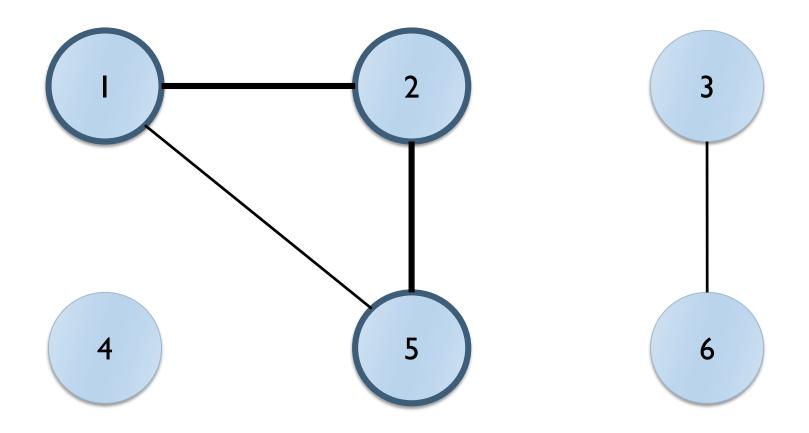


## Degree



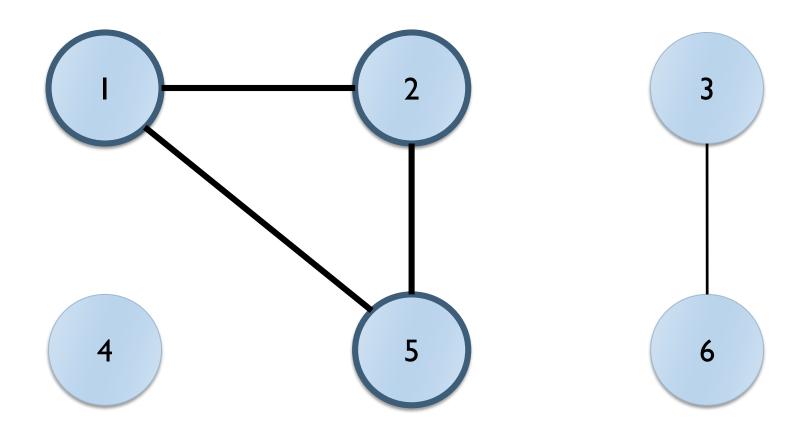
## Paths

- A **path** on a graph G=(V,E) also called a trail, is a sequence  $\{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  such that:
  - $v_1, ..., v_n$  are vertices:  $v_i \in V$
  - $(v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), ..., (v_{n-1}, v_n)$  are graph edges:  $(v_{i-1}, v_i) \in E$
  - v<sub>i</sub> are distinct (for "simple" paths).
- ▶ The length of a path is the number of edges (n-1)
- If there exist a path between  $v_A$  and  $v_B$  we say that  $v_B$  is reachable from  $v_A$



## Cycles

- A cycle is a path where  $v_1 = v_n$
- ▶ A graph with no cycles is said acyclic



## Reachability (Undirected)

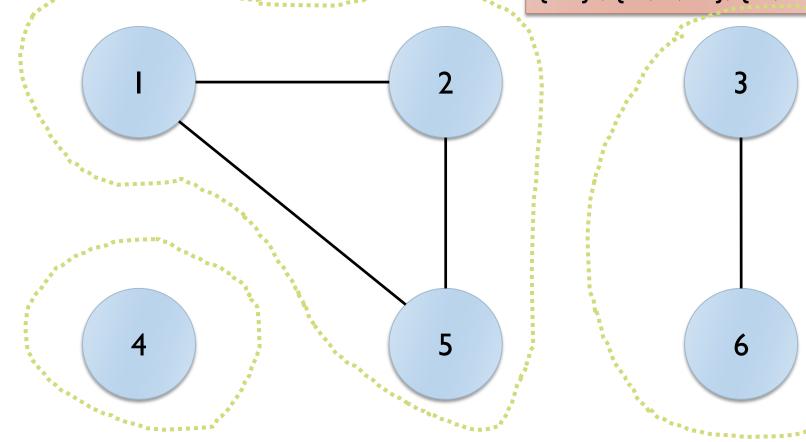
- An undirected graph is **connected** if, for every couple of vertices, there is a path connecting them
- The connected sub-graph of maximum size are called connected components
- A connected graph has exactly one connected component

## Connected components

The graph is **not** connected.

Connected components = 3

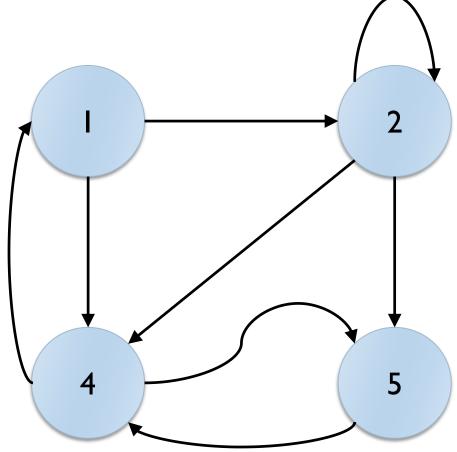
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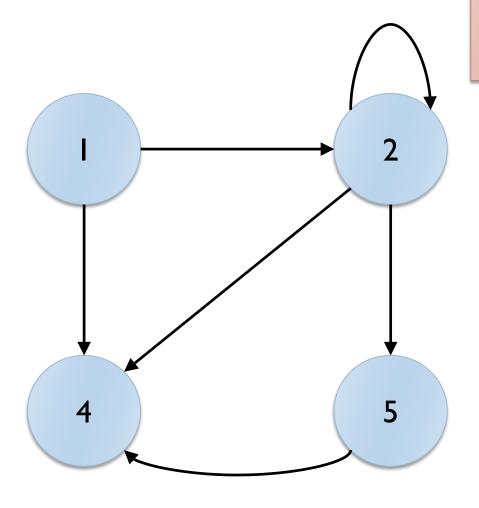
## Reachability (Directed)

A directed graph is **strongly connected** if, for <u>every</u> ordered pair of vertices (v, v'), there exists at least one path connecting v to v'

The graph is **strongly connected** 

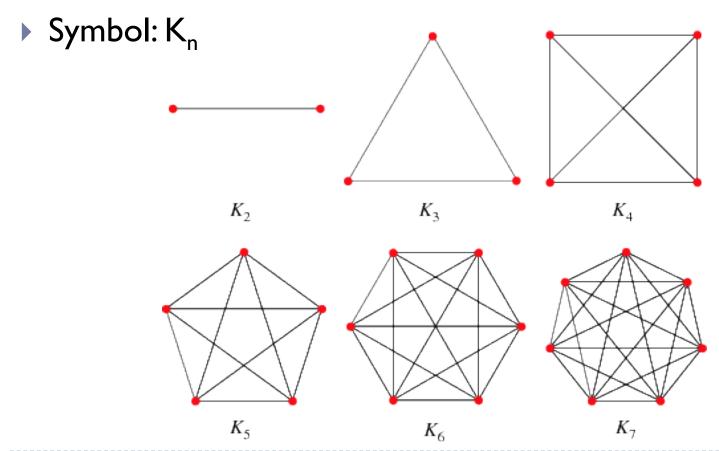


The graph is **not** strongly connected



## Complete graph

A graph is complete if, for every pair of vertices, there is an edge connecting them (they are adjacent)



## Complete graph: edges

- In a complete graph with n vertices, the number of edges is
  - ▶ n(n-1), if the graph is directed
  - ▶ n(n-1)/2, if the graph is undirected
  - If self-loops are allowed, then
    - ▶ n² for directed graphs
    - ▶ n(n-1) for undirected graphs

## Density

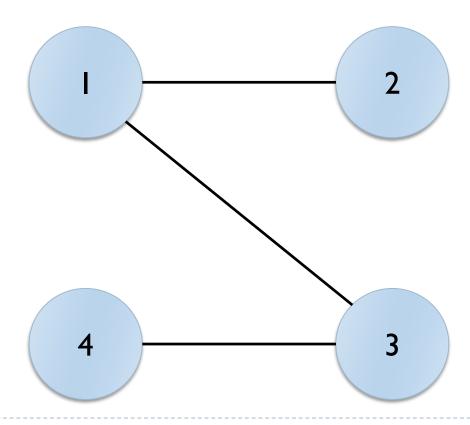
The density of a graph G=(V,E) is the ratio of the number of edges to the total number of possible edges

$$d = \frac{|E(G)|}{|E(K_{|V(G)|})|}$$

## Esempio

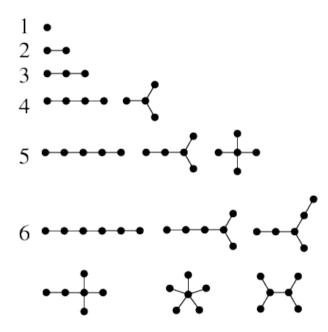
Density = 0.5

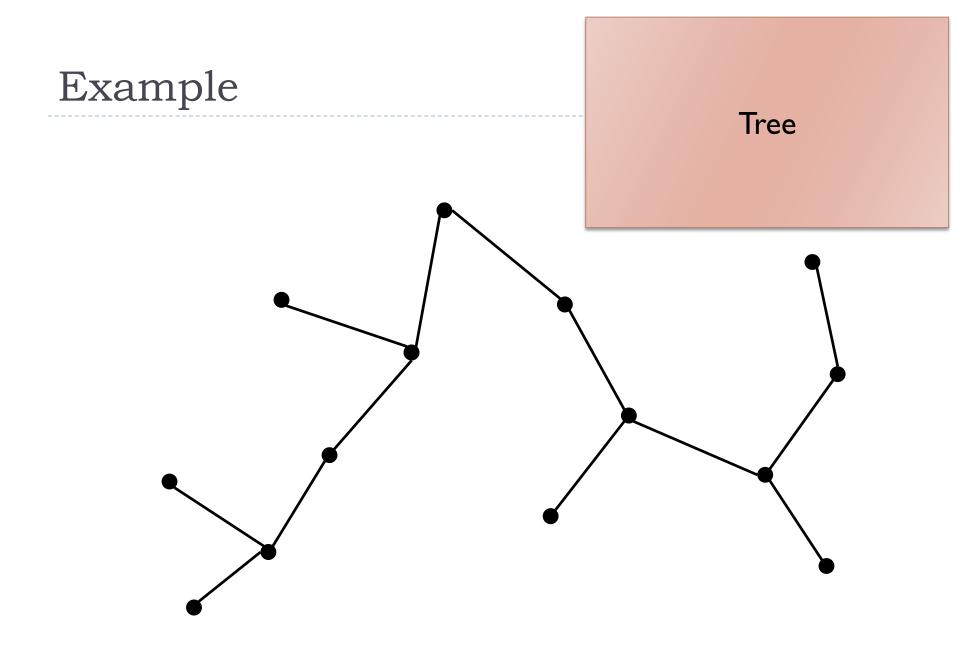
Existing: 3 edges
Total: 6 possible edges



#### Trees and Forests

- An undirected acyclic graph is called forest
- An undirected acyclic connected graph is called tree

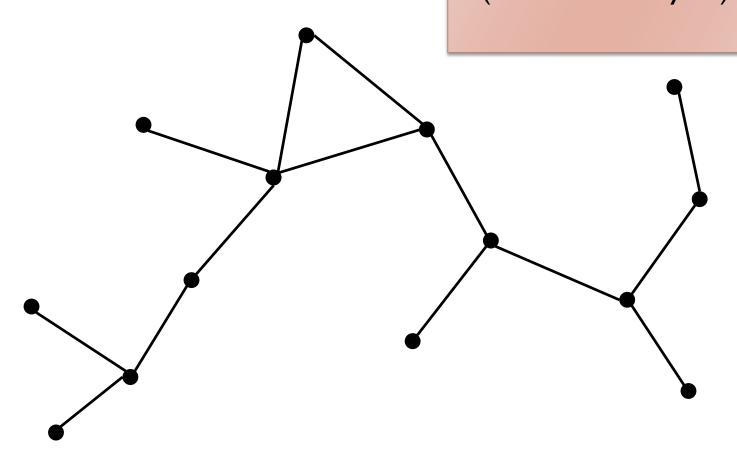




# Example **Forest**

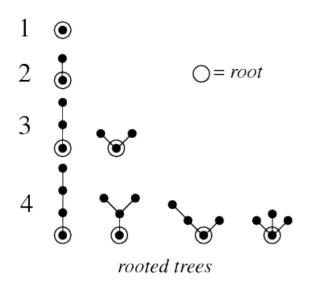
## Example

This is not a tree nor a forest (it contains a cycle)



#### Rooted trees

- In a tree, a special node may be singled out
- ▶ This node is called the "root" of the tree
- Any node of a tree can be the root

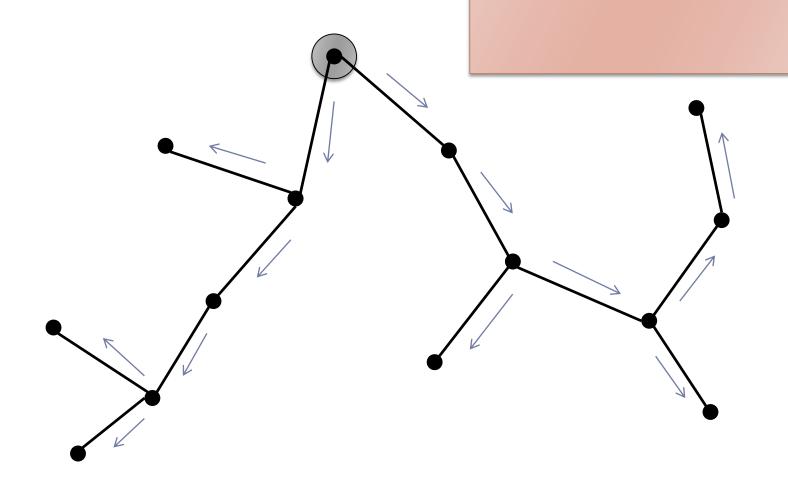


## Tree (implicit) ordering

- The root node of a tree induces an ordering of the nodes
- ▶ The root is the "ancestor" of all other nodes/vertices
  - "children" are "away from the root"
  - "parents" are "towards the root"
- The root is the only node without parents
- All other nodes have exactly one parent
- The furthermost (children-of-children-of-children...) nodes are "leaves"

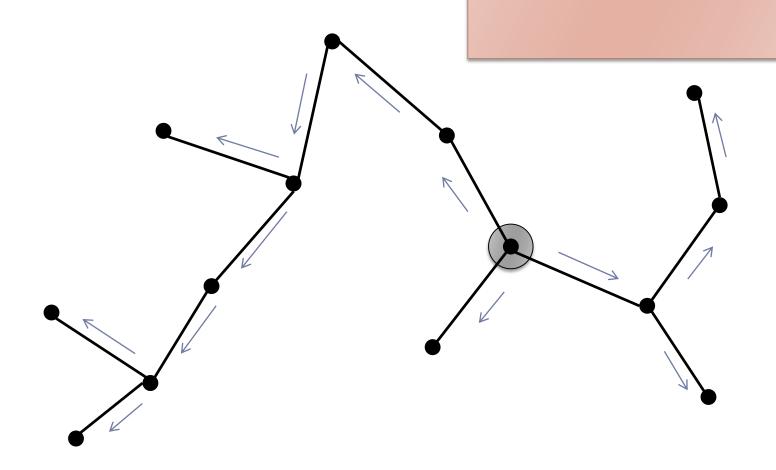
# Example

#### **Rooted Tree**



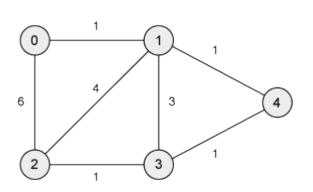
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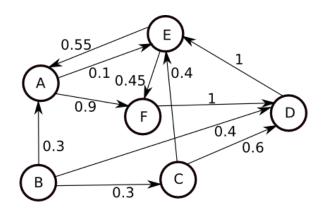
#### **Rooted Tree**



## Weighted graphs

- A weighted graph is a graph in which each branch (edge) is given a numerical weight.
- A weighted graph is therefore a special type of labeled graph in which the labels are numbers (which are usually taken to be positive).







# Applications

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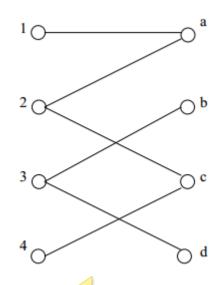
## Graph applications

#### Graphs are everywhere

- Facebook friends (and posts, and 'likes')
- Football tournaments (complete subgraphs + binary tree)
- Google search index (V=page, E=link, w=pagerank)
- Web analytics (site structure, visitor paths)
- Car navigation (GPS)
- Market Matching

## Market matching

- $\rightarrow$  H = Houses (1, 2, 3, 4)
- ▶ B = Buyers (a, b, c, d)
- $V = H \cup B$
- ▶ Edges:  $(h, b) \in E$  if b would like to buy h
- Problem: can all houses be sold and all buyers be satisfied?
- Variant: if the graph is weighted with a purchase offer, what is the most convenient solution?
- Variant: consider a 'penalty' for unsold items



This graph is called "bipartite":

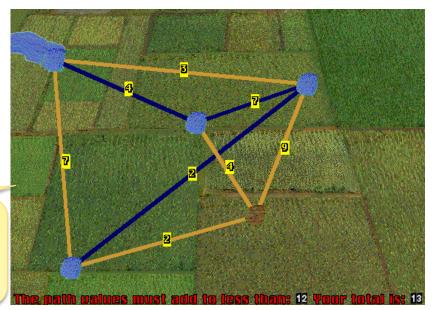
 $H \cap B = \emptyset$ 

## Connecting cities

- We have a water reservoir
- We need to serve many cities
  - Directly or indirectly
- What is the most efficient set of inter-city water connections?

Also for telephony, gas, electricity, ...

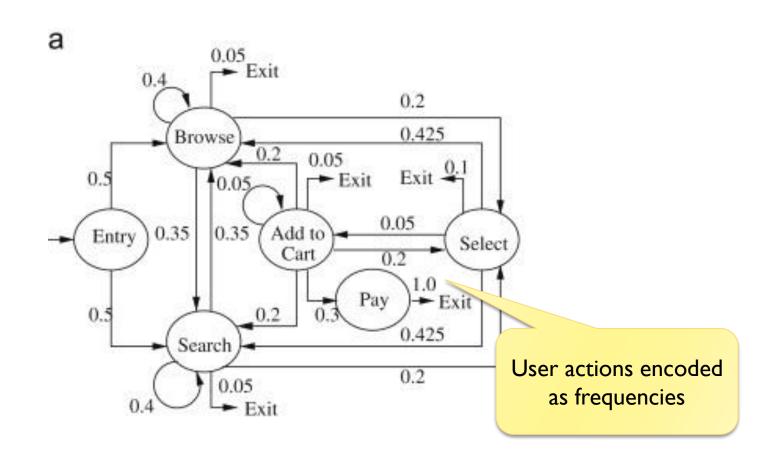
We are searching for the "minimum spanning tree"



## Google Analytics (Visitors Flow)



#### Customer behavior



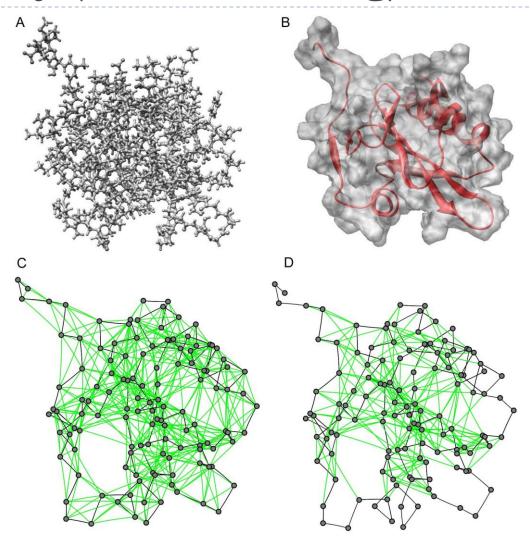
## Street navigation



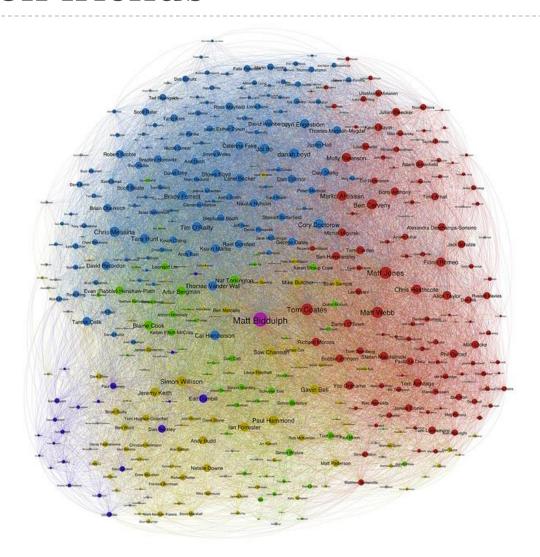
## Train maps



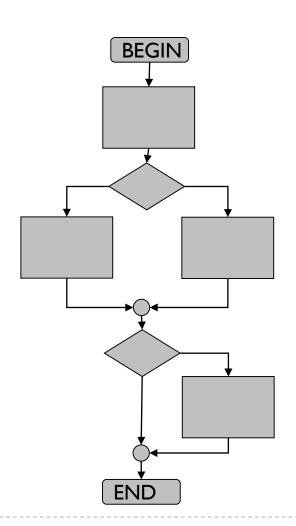
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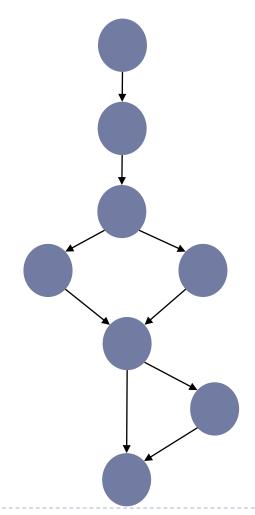


## Facebook friends



### Flow chart





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