



Today we will discuss two sections:

**Section 10.3** *Representing Graphs and  
Graph Isomorphism*

**Section 10.4** *Connectivity*  
(up to paths and isomorphism, not including)

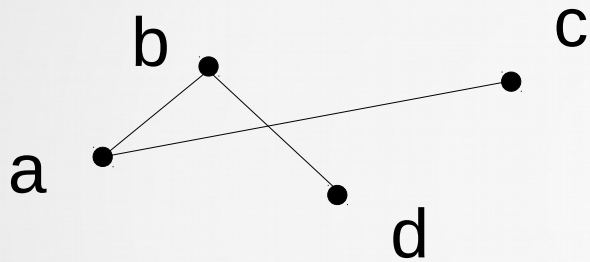
## 10.3 *Representing Graphs and Graph Isomorphism*

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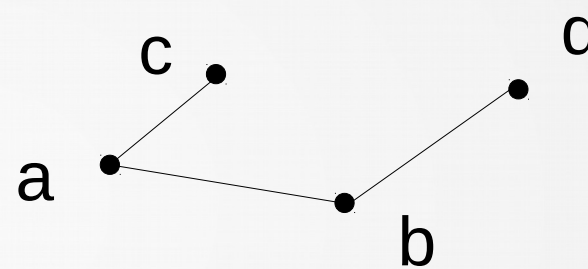
Therefore, there are several ways to *represent graphs* so that they could be easily “processed”.

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Another issue: the same graph can be “drawn” differently.



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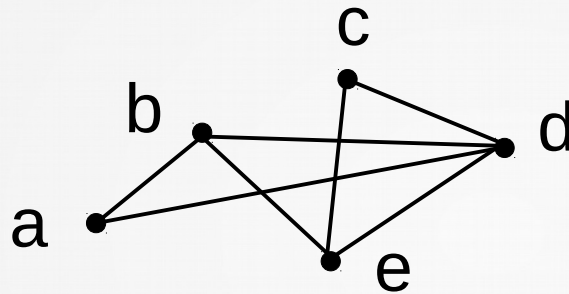
graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  have the same vertices and the same edges:  $V_1 = V_2$ ,  $E_1 = E_2$

In such case we say that *the graphs are isomorphic*. *Graph representation(s)* can help us with it.

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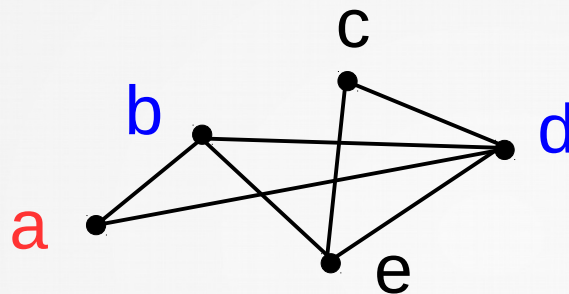
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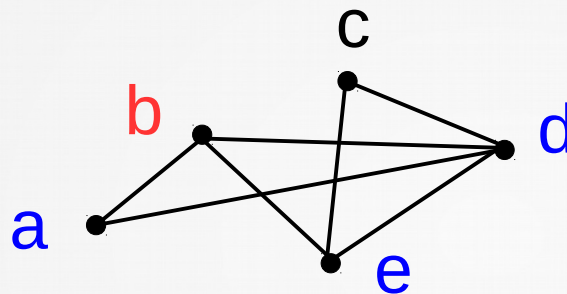
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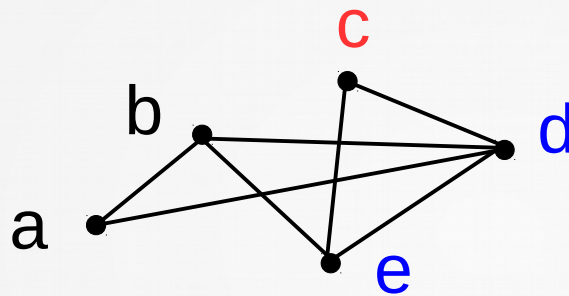
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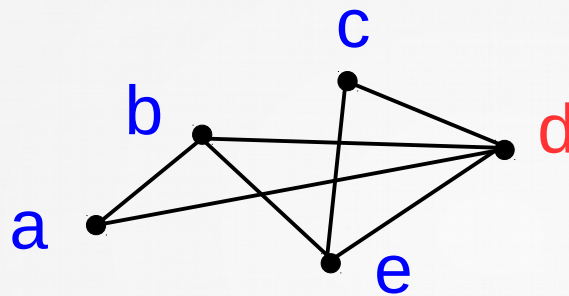
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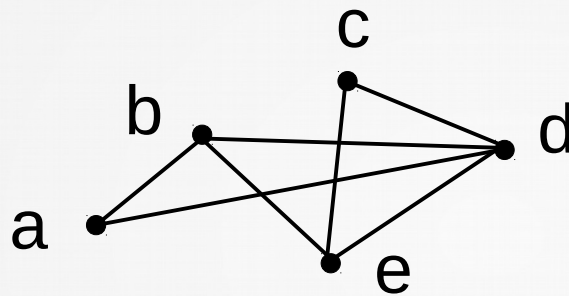
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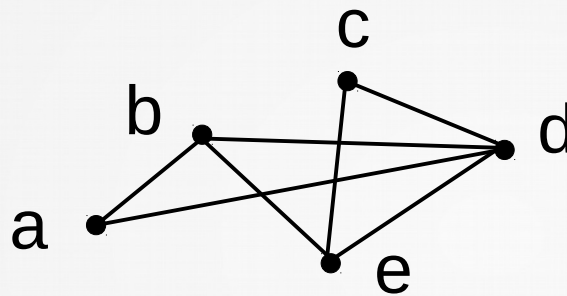
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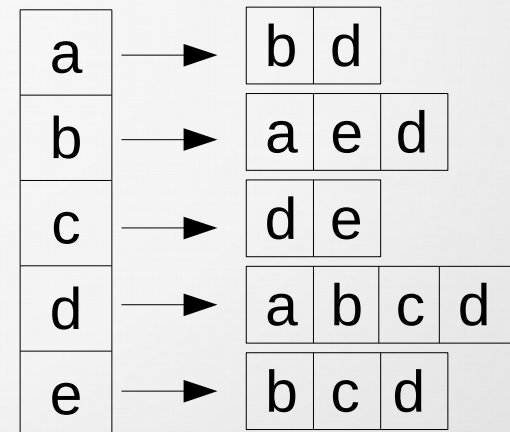
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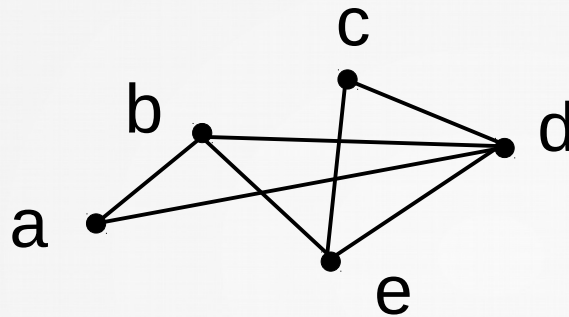


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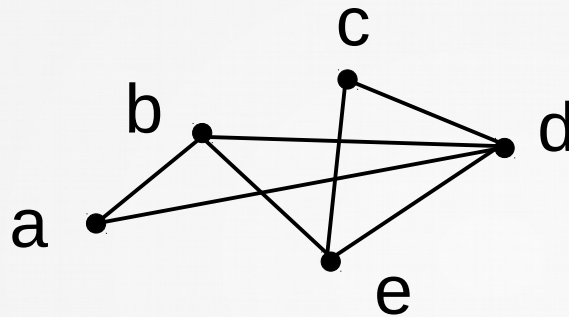
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Therefore, the total time will be proportional to  $\sum_{v \in V} \text{deg}(v)$

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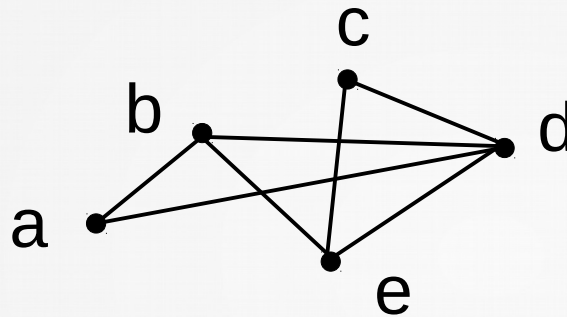
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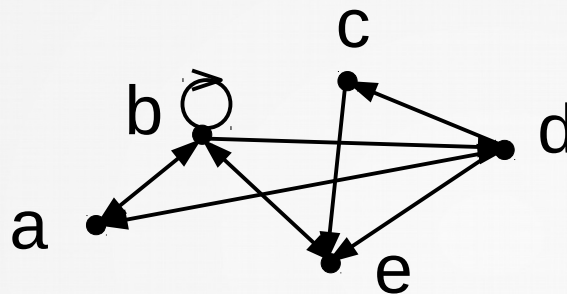
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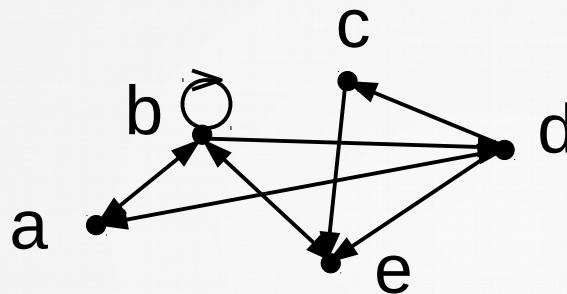
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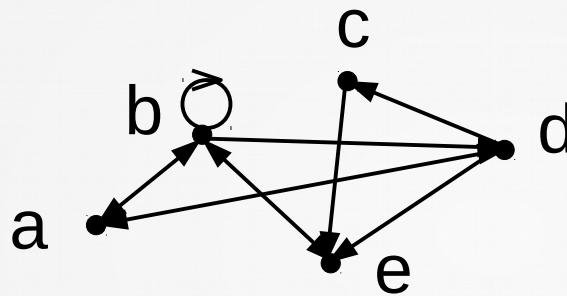
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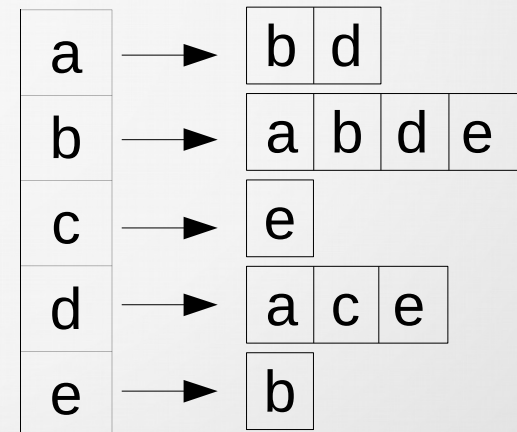
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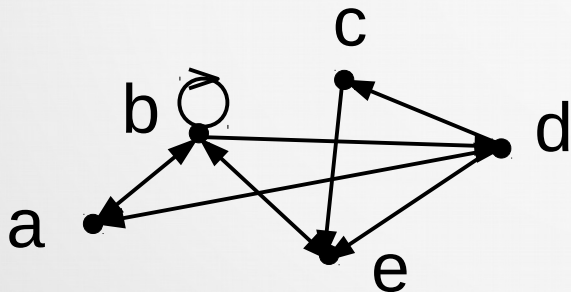
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### Practice

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Is every zero-one square matrix that is symmetric and has zeros on the diagonal the adjacency matrix of a simple graph?

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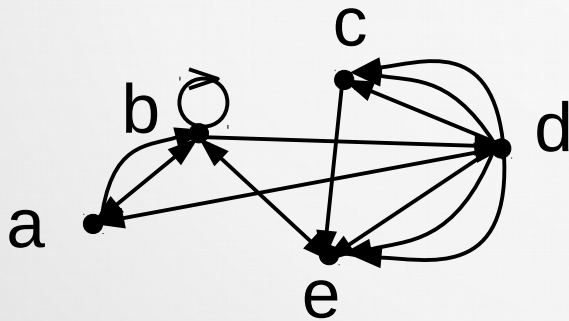
### Graphs with multiple edges:

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similarly for  
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	a	b	c	d	e
a	0	2	0	1	0
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c	0	0	0	0	1
d	1	0	3	0	3
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  - Matrices: just examine  $a_{ij}$  entry
  - Lists: can require up to  $C|V|$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  comparisons



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### Incidence matrices

is another common way to represent undirected graphs.

Incidence matrices can be used to represent undirected graphs with multiple edges.

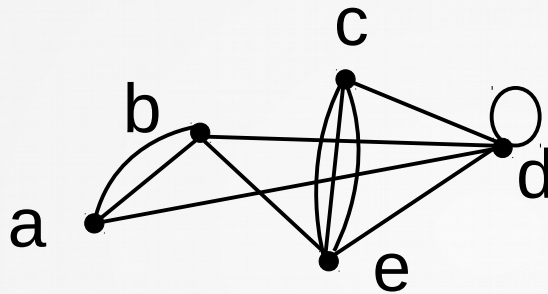
For vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and edges  $e_1, \dots, e_m$ , the incidence matrix with respect of ordering  $V$  and  $E$  is  $n \times m$  matrix  $M = [m_{ij}]$ , where

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when edge } e_j \text{ is incident with } v_i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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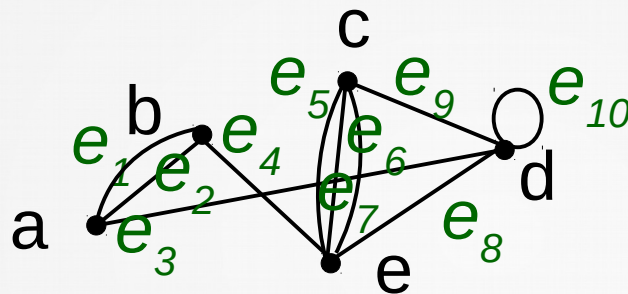
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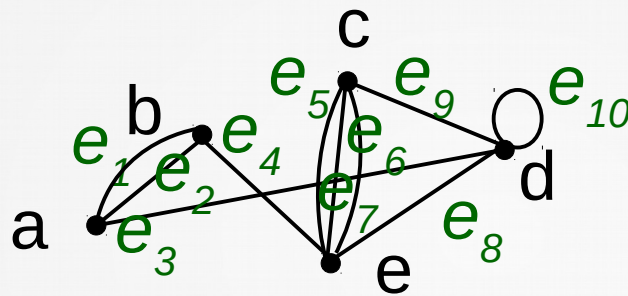
vertices order:  
a,b,c,d,e

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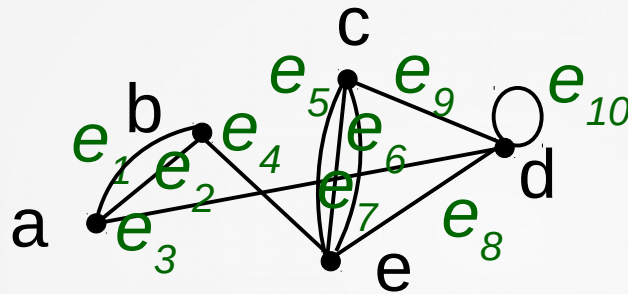
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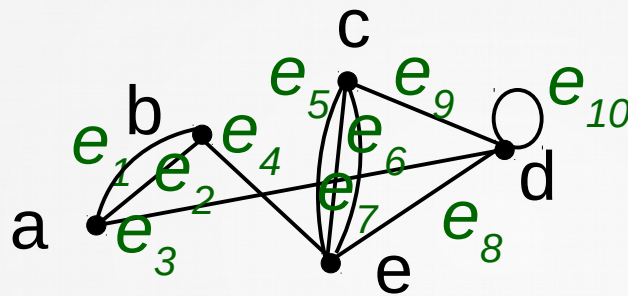
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multiple  
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### Practice

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What is the sum of the entries in a row of the incidence matrix for an undirected graph?

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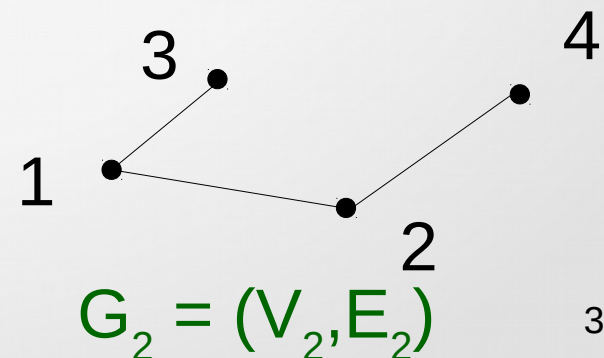
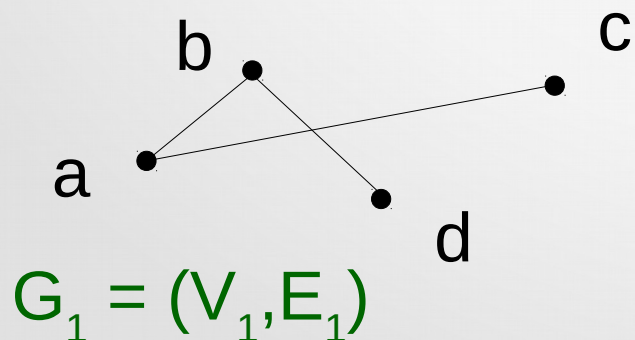
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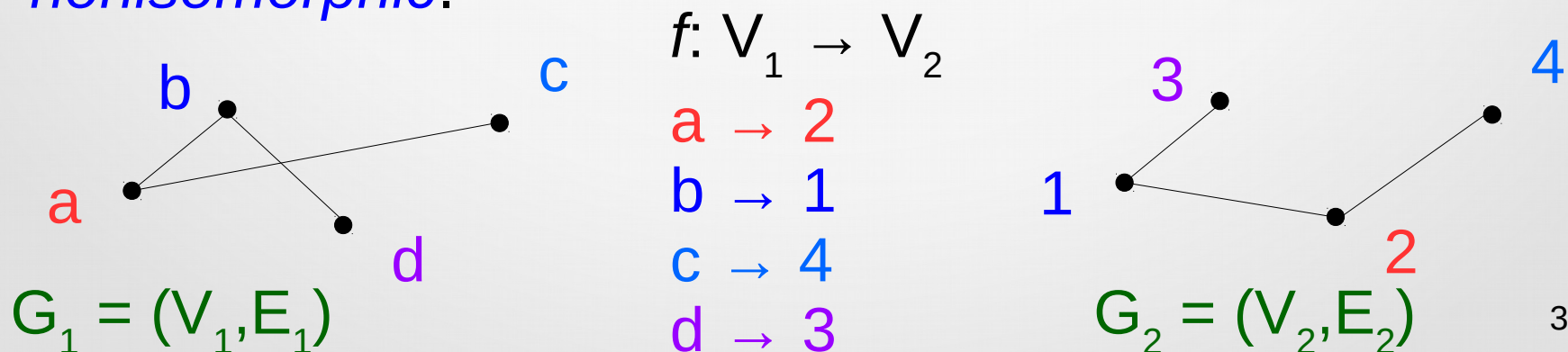
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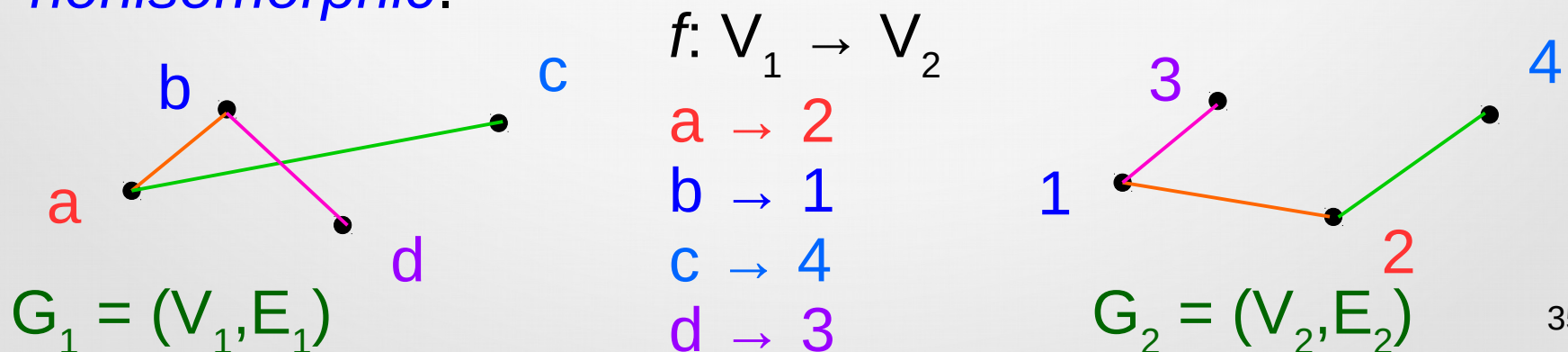
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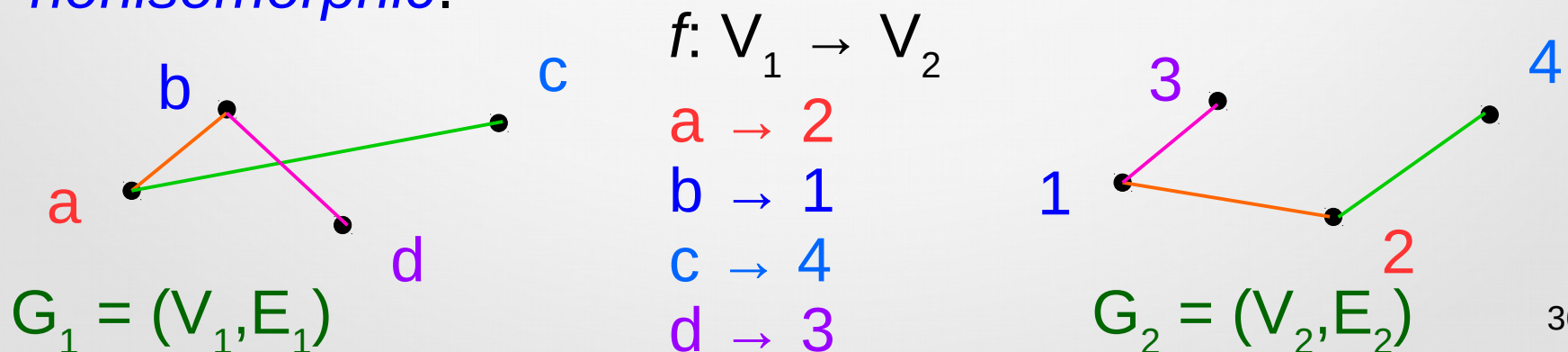
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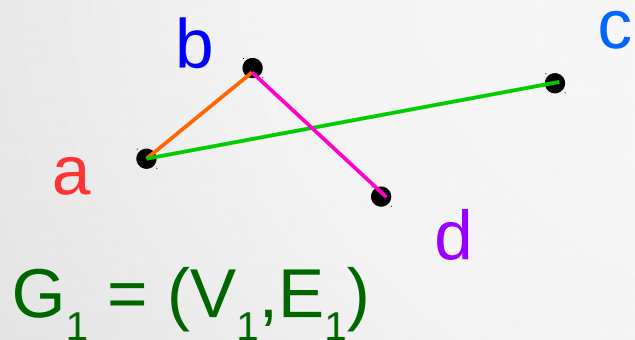
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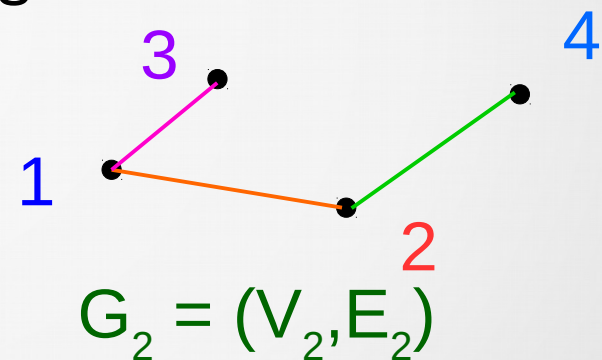
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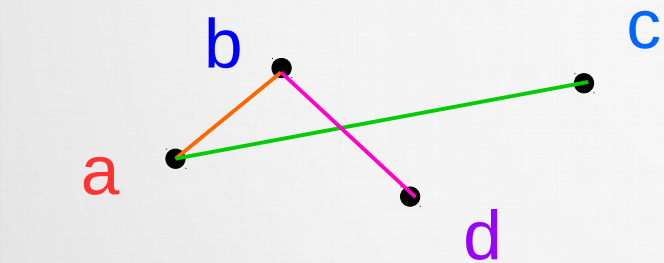


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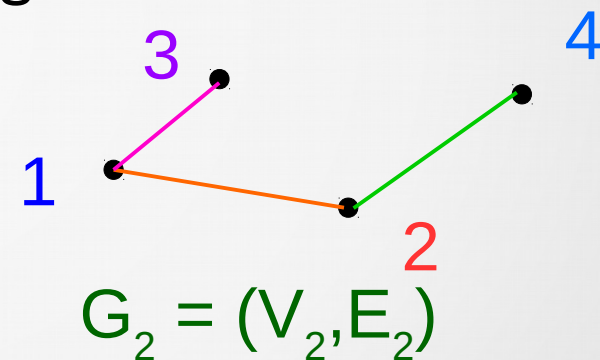
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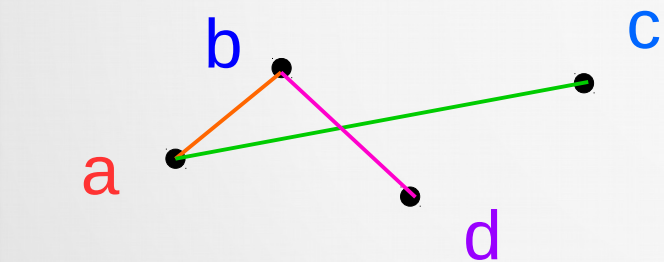
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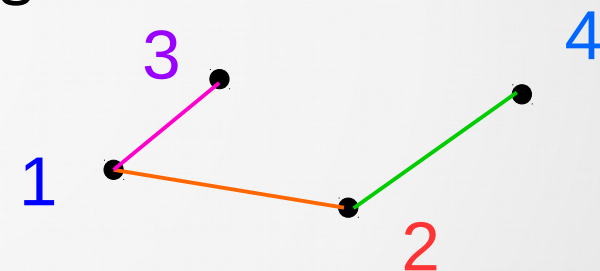
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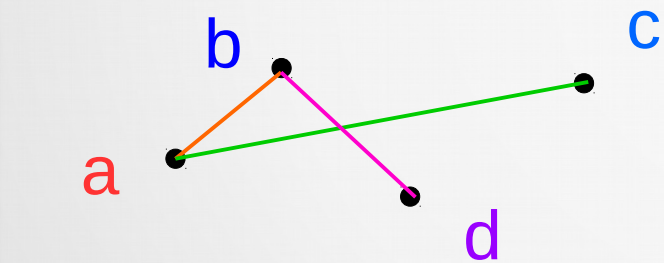


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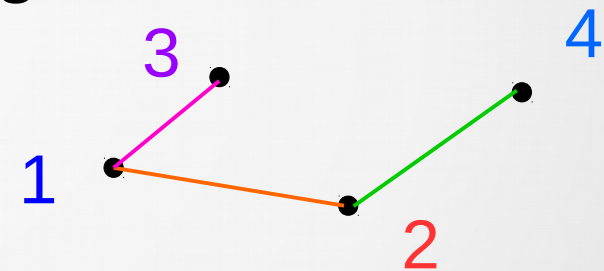
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If we are not given a correspondence (function  $f$ ) to check, then there are  $|V|!$  possible *bijections* (*one-to-one correspondences*) to check, which is impractical for large  $|V|$ .

Let  $|V| = n$

$V_1 \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$   
n options

$V_2 \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$   
(n-1) options

...

$V_n \rightarrow \underline{\quad}$   
1 option

Therefore, we get  
 $n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$



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*graph invariant* – is a property preserved by isomorphism. Properties above are graph invariants.

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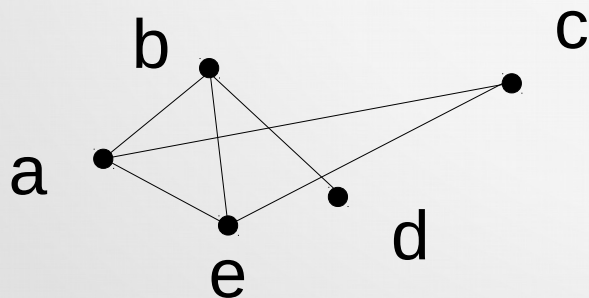
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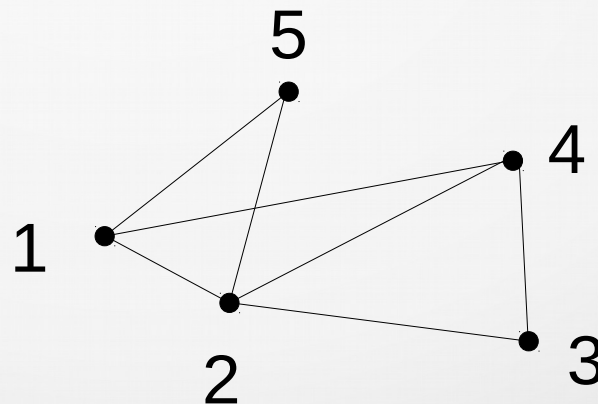
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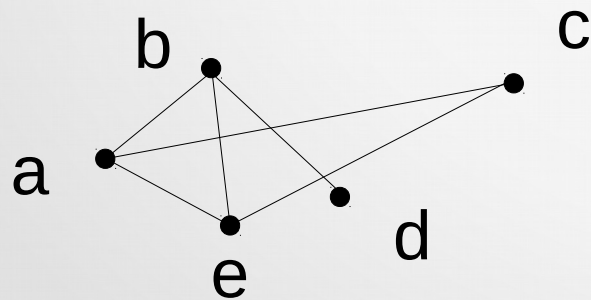
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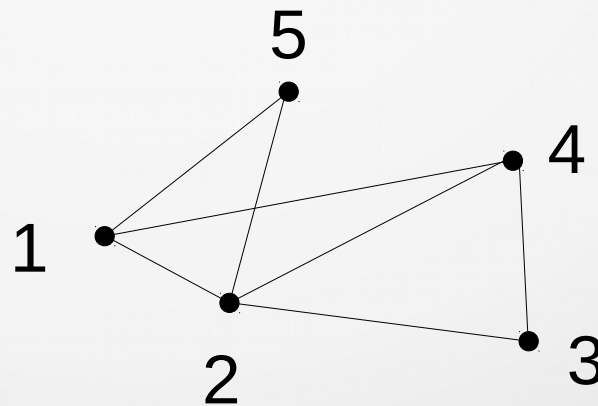
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### Practice

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Are the simple graphs with the following adjacency matrices isomorphic?

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### Practice

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Show that isomorphism of simple graphs is an equivalence relationship.

*(recall that* equivalence relation if it is *reflexive, symmetric and transitive.*)

## 10.3 Representing Graphs and Graph Isomorphism

### Applications of graph isomorphisms

#### Chemistry:

To model chemical compounds chemists use multigraphs, known as *molecular graphs*.

**vertices:** atoms

**edges:** chemical bounds between the atoms

Two structural isomers, molecules with identical molecular formulas but with atoms bonded differently, have non-isomorphic molecular graphs.

When a potentially new chemical compound is synthesized, a database of molecular graphs is checked to see whether the molecular graph of the compound is the same as one already known.

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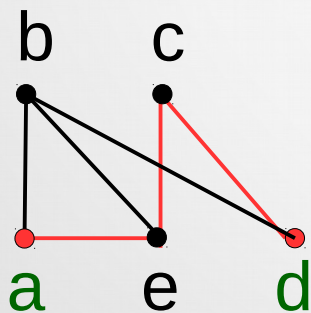


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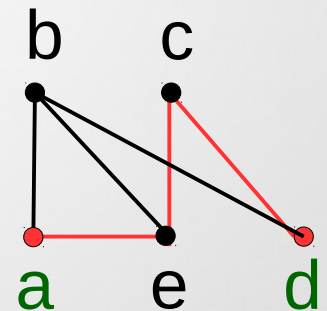
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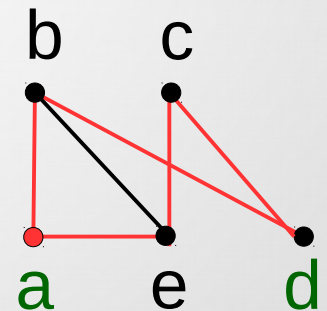
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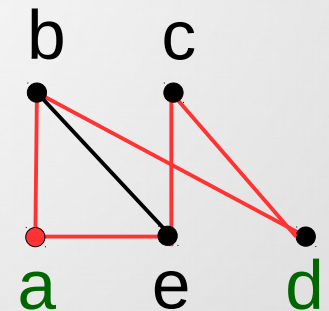
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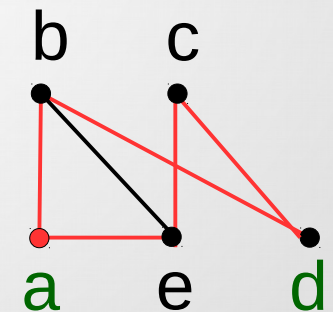
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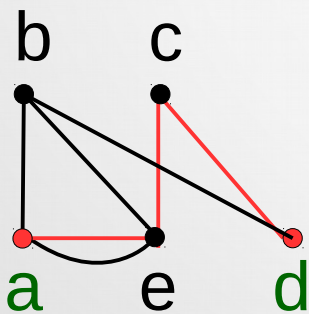
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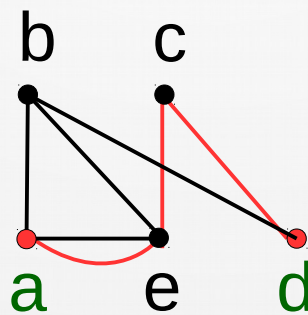
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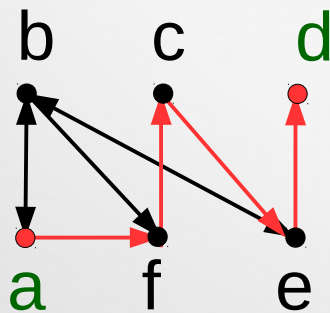
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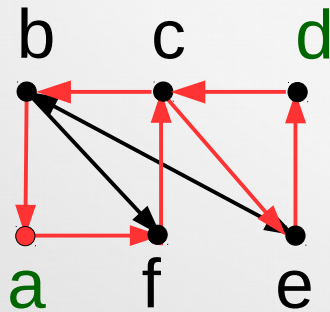
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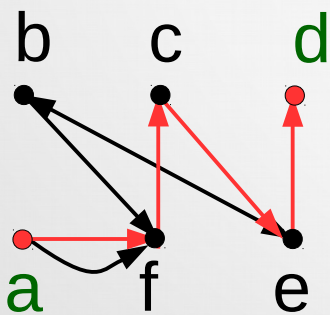
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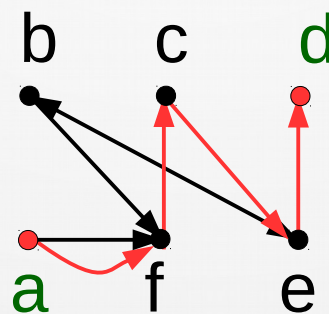
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Many problems can be modeled with paths formed by traveling along the edges of the graphs.

### **Examples:**

- message exchange between two computers
- planning efficiency routes for deliveries, garbage pickup, and so forth.

## 10.4 *Connectivity*

More examples:

### **Paths in *acquaintanceship graphs*:**

There is a path between two people if there is a chain of people linking them.

Many social scientists have conjectured that almost every pair of people in the world are linked by a small chain of people, perhaps containing just 5 or fewer people.

The play ***Six Degrees of Separation***, written by American playwright John Guare that premiered in 1990, explores the existential premise that everyone in the world is connected to everyone else in the world by a chain of no more than six acquaintances, thus, "six degrees of separation".

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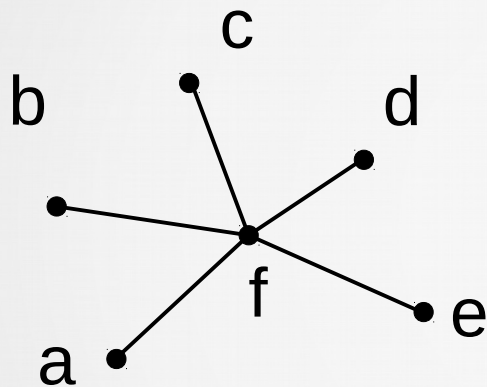
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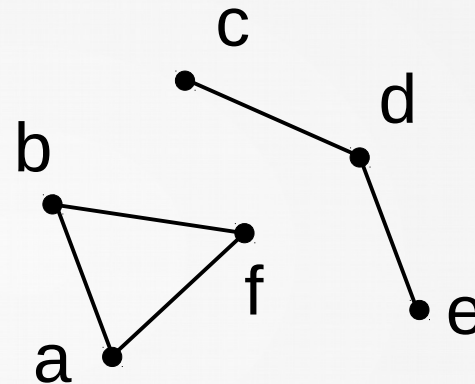
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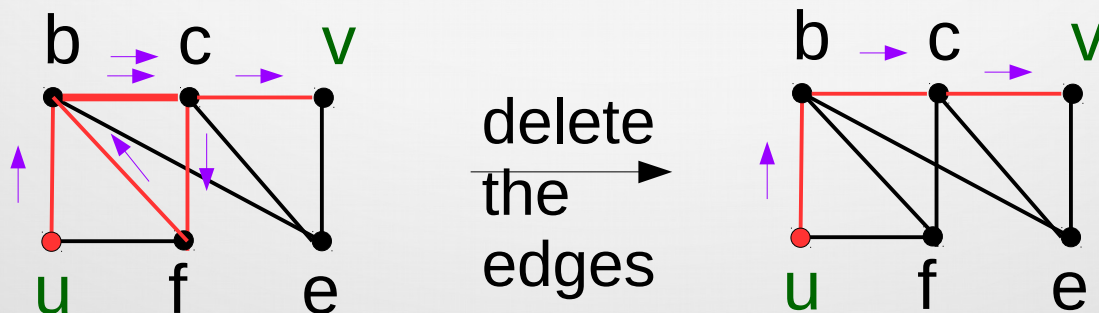
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q.e.d.

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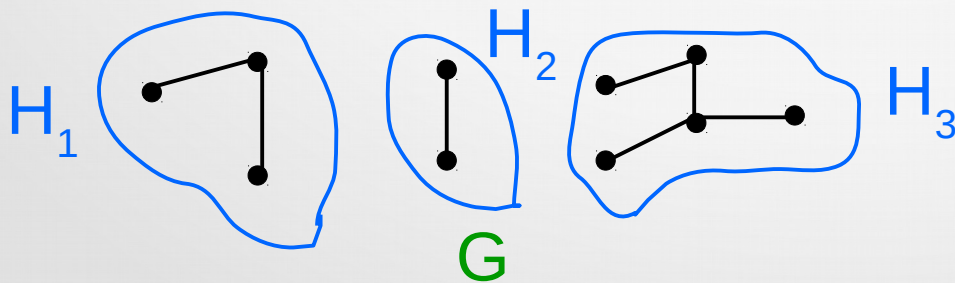
### Connected components

**[Def]** a *subgraph of a graph*  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $H = (W, F)$  where  $W \subseteq V$ , and  $F \subseteq E$ .

Graph  $H$  is a *proper subgraph* of  $G$  if  $H \neq G$ .

**[Def]** A *connected component* of a graph  $G$  is a connected subgraph of  $G$  that is not a proper subgraph of another connected subgraph of  $G$ .

i.e. maximal connected subgraph of  $G$ .



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## 10.4 *Connectivity*

How connected is the graph ?

Imagine a graph representing computer network.

If it is connected, then any two computers can communicate.

However, we need to know how reliable the network is.

If one communication link fails, will all computer still be able to communicate with each other?

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If a vertex and all incident edges are removed from the graph, and the produced subgraph has more connected components, then such a vertex is called *cut vertex* or *articulation point*.

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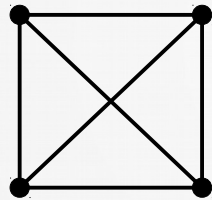
In a computer network graph, a *cut vertex* and a *cut edge* represent an *essential router* and an *essential link* that cannot fail for all computers to be able to communicate.

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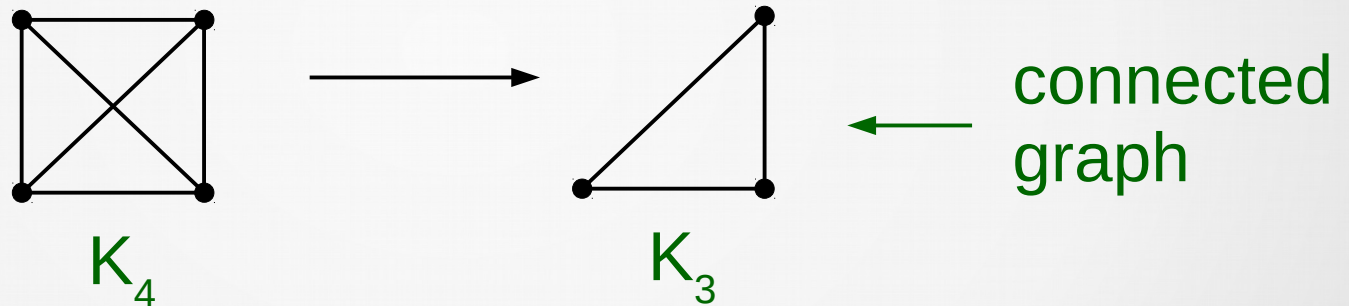
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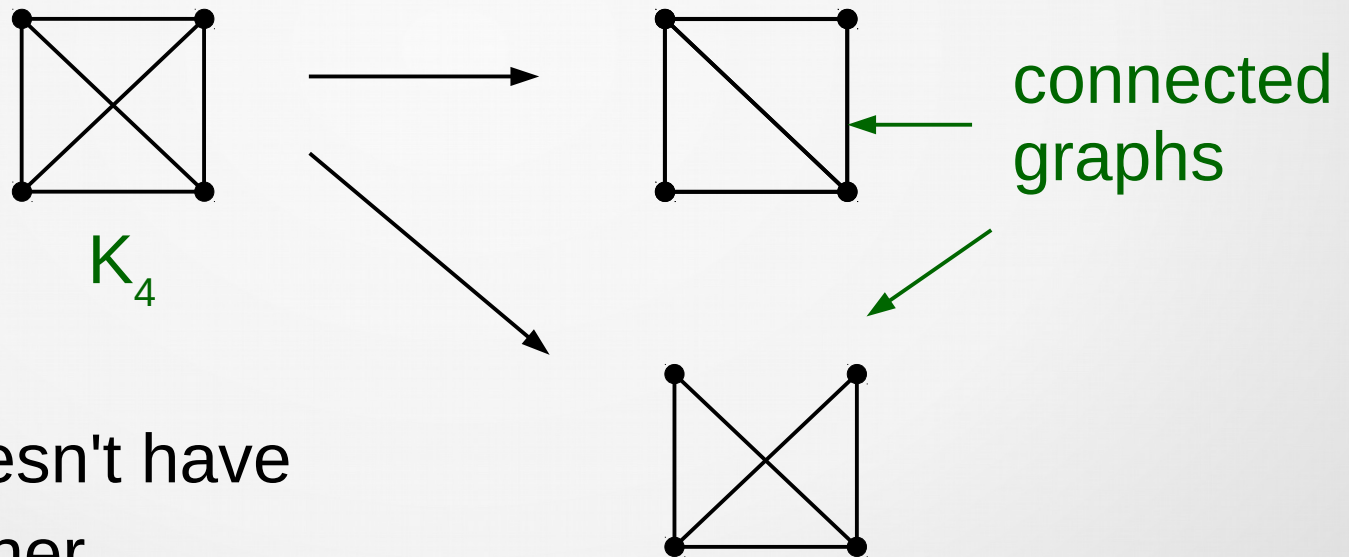


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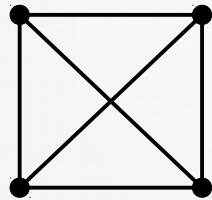


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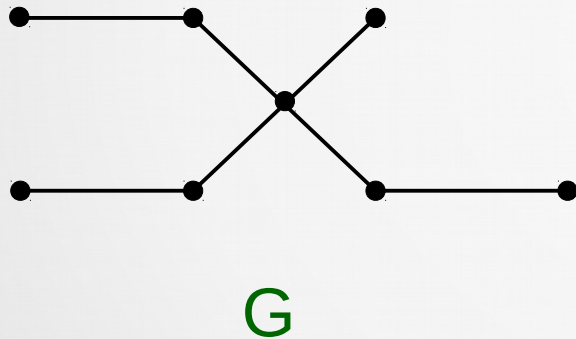
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## 10.4 *Connectivity*

How connected is the graph ?

**Example:** Find the cut vertices and cut edges in the graph below.



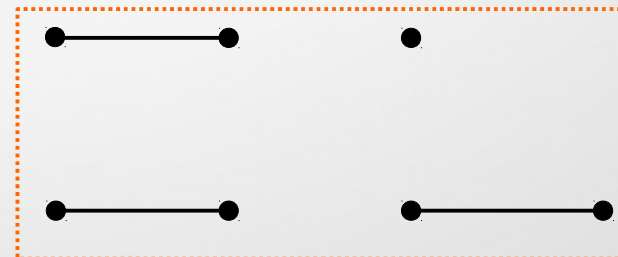
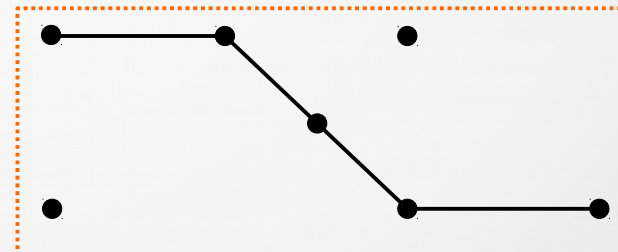
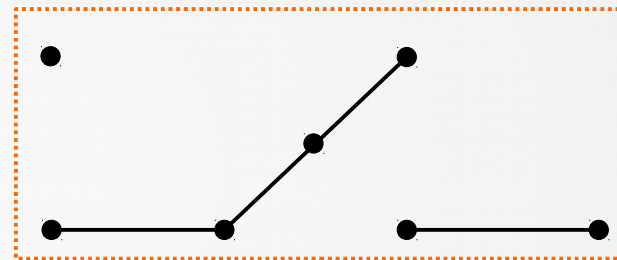
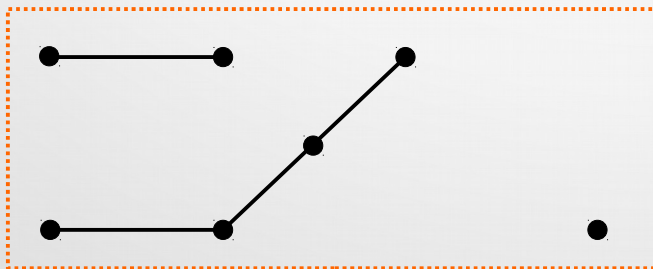
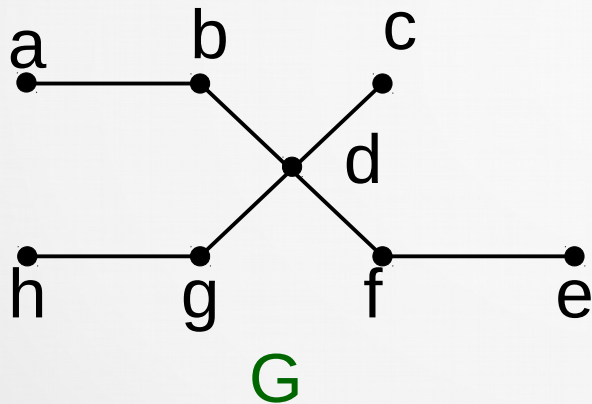


## 10.4 Connectivity

How connected is the graph ?

**Example:** Find the cut vertices and cut edges in the graph below.

cut vertices: b,c,d,f,g

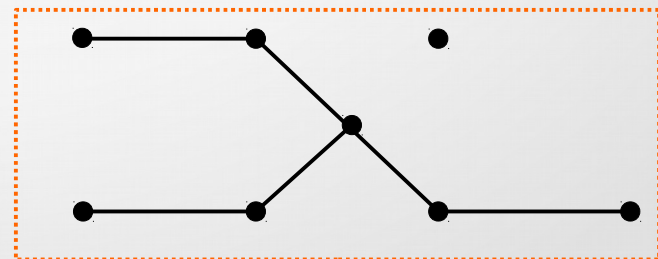
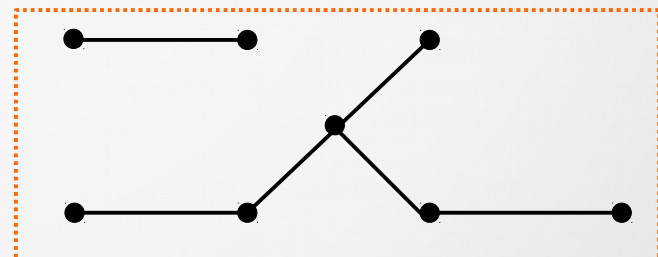
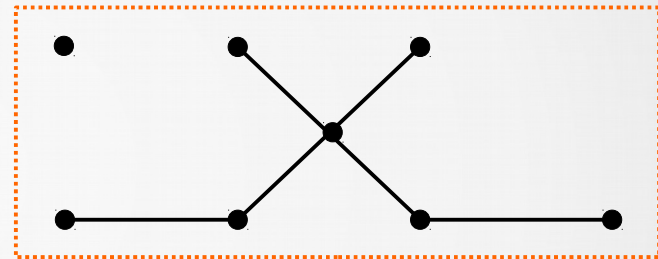
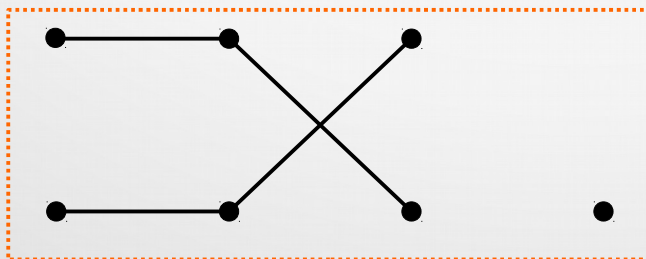
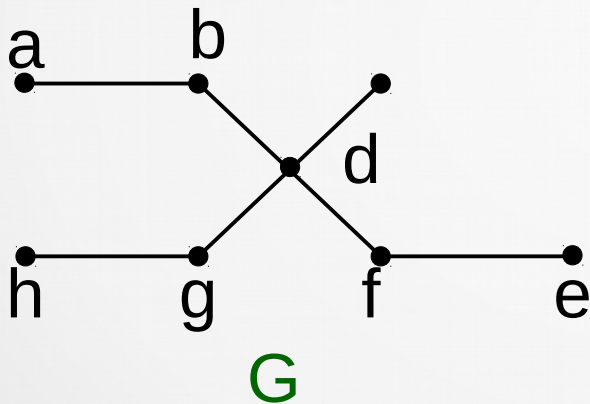


## 10.4 Connectivity

How connected is the graph ?

**Example:** Find the cut vertices and cut edges in the graph below.

cut edges: (a,b), (b,d), (c,d), (f,e),



## 10.4 Connectivity

How connected is the graph ?

**Example:** Find the cut vertices and cut edges in the graph below.

cut edges: ..., (f,d), (d,g), (g,h)

