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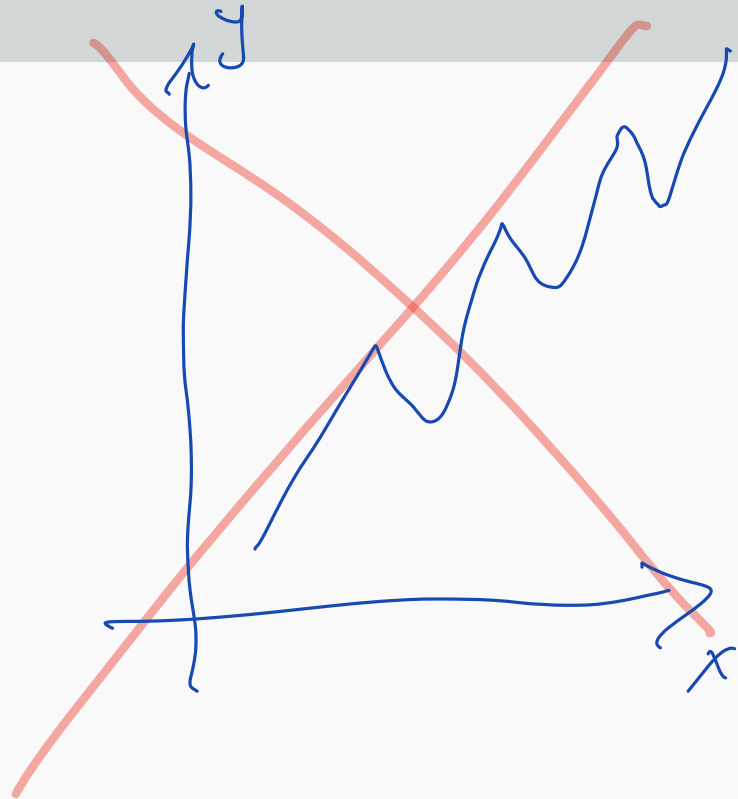
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Lecture 18: graph theory

# PLAN

- Definition: graph
- Applications, theorems

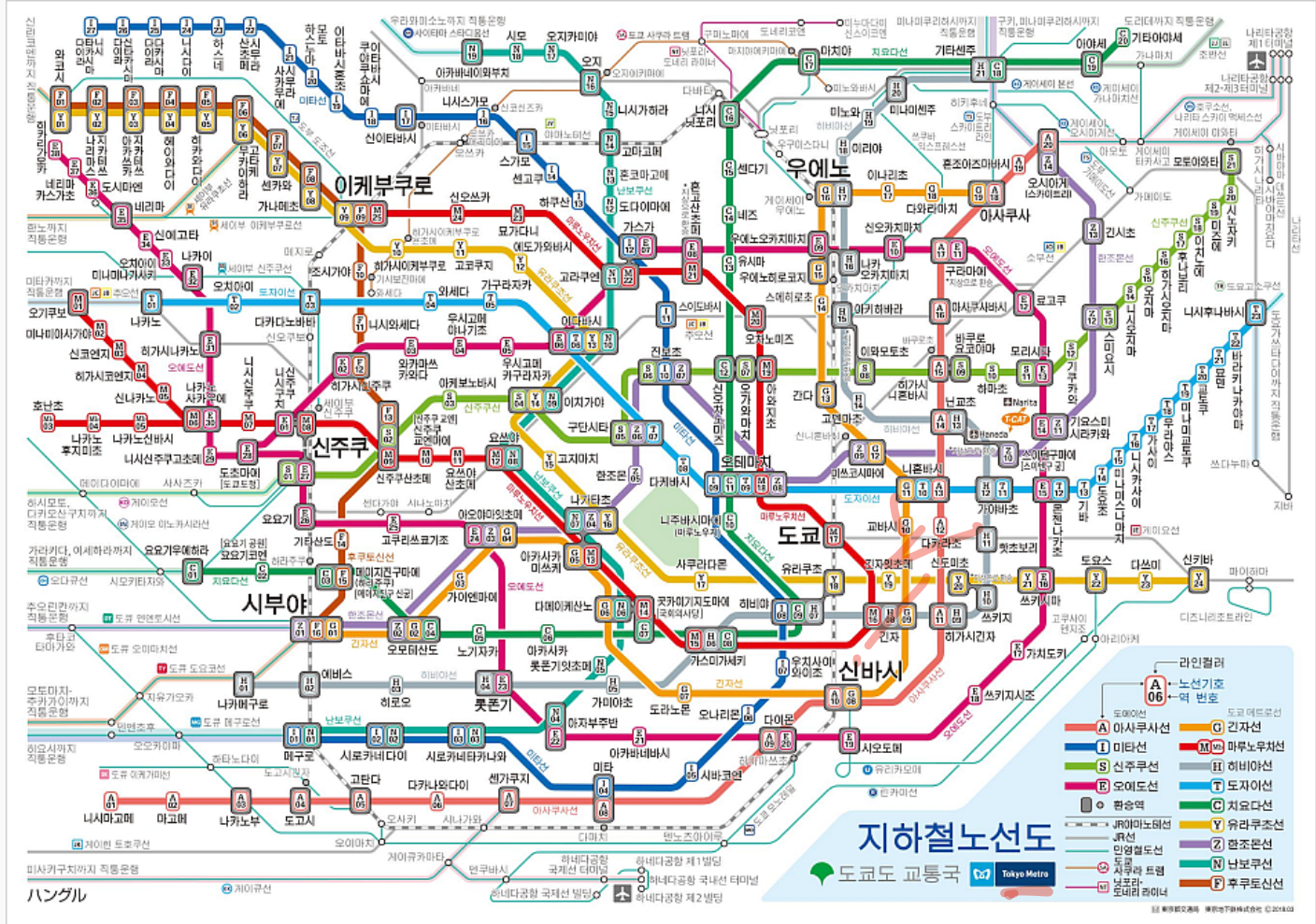


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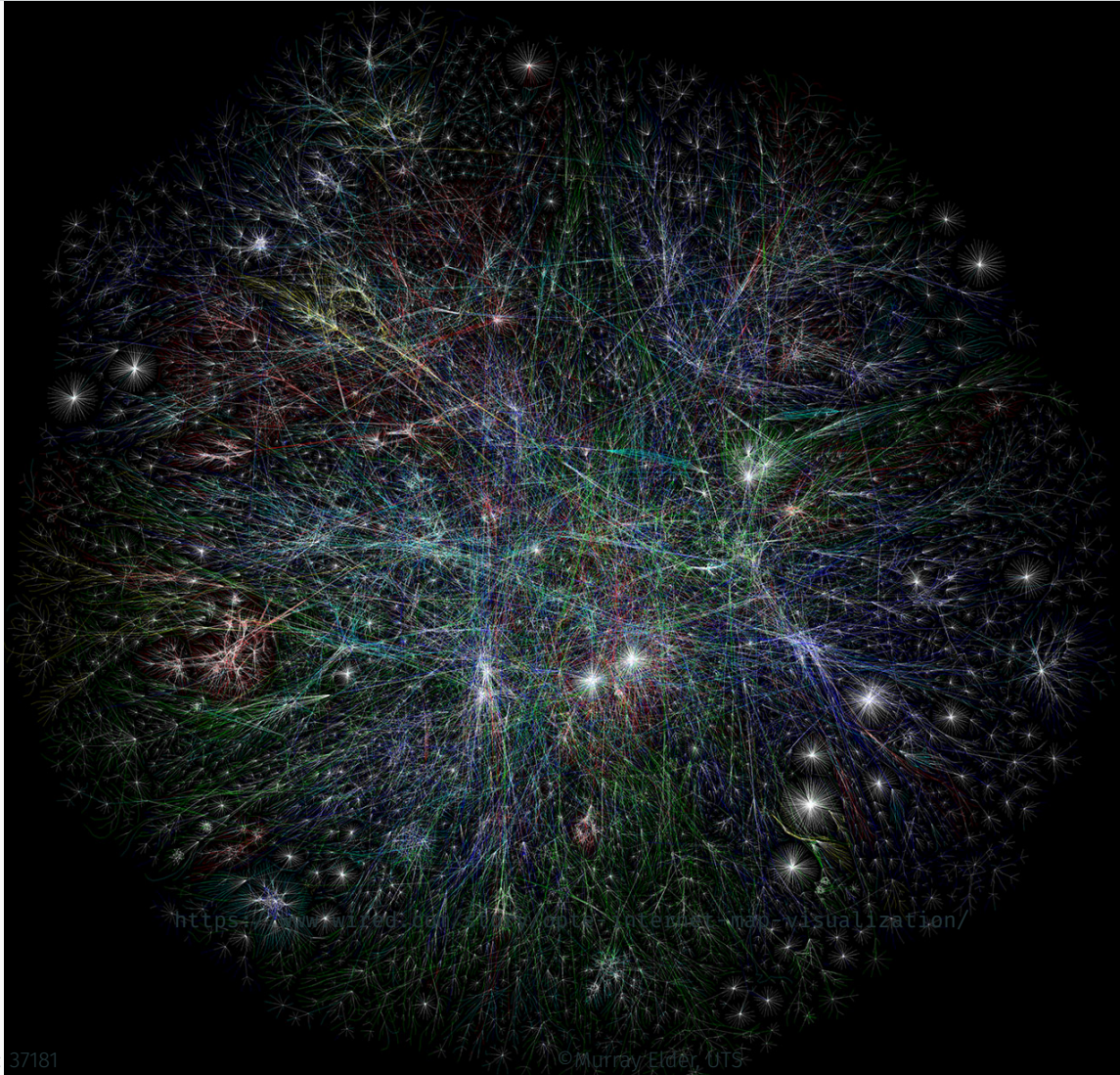




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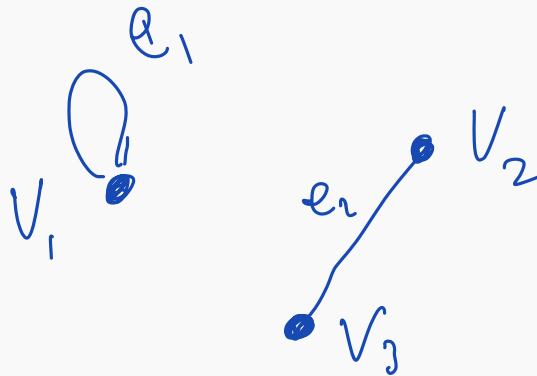
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$$E = \{e_1, e_2\}$$

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## Definition (Graph)

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a pair of sets  $V, E$  such that each  $e \in E$  is associated to some subset  $\{v_1, v_2\} \subseteq V$  of size 1 or 2.

The elements of  $V$  are called [plural: vertices, singular: vertex] or nodes, and the elements of  $E$  are called edges or arcs.

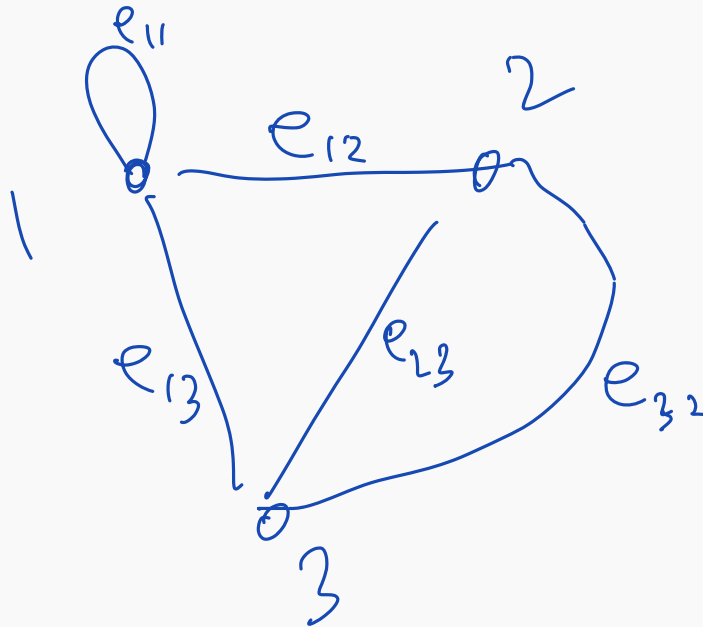


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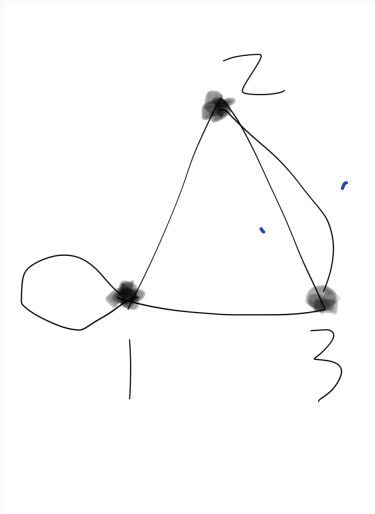
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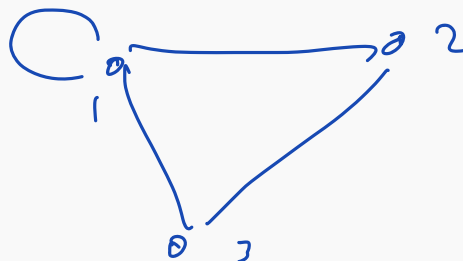
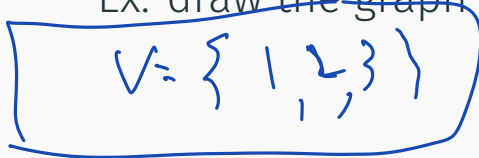
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Ex: draw the graph with edge set  $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$ .



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## Definition (Directed graph)

A *directed graph*  $G = (V, E)$  is a pair of sets  $V, E$  such that each  $e \in E$  is associated to some ordered pair  $(v_1, v_2) \in V \times V$ . If  $(u, v) \in E$  we call  $u \in V$  the source vertex and  $v$  the *terminal* vertex.

In this case when we visualise  $G$  as a picture, we draw arrows on the edges to indicate their *direction*, from source to terminal.

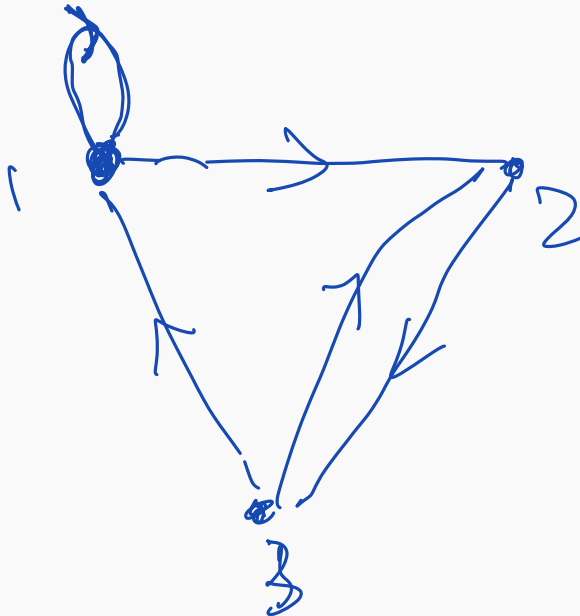


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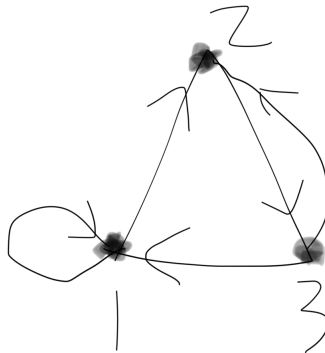


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$(2, 3)$

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~~multi-graph~~

Again if more than one edge is associated to the same ordered pair, we call them multi-edges. If  $G$  is directed with no multi-edges we can choose to label  $E$  by ordered pairs  $V \times V = V^2$ , and we write  $E \subseteq V^2$ . In our example there are no multi-edges, since  $(2, 3)$  and  $(3, 2)$  are different elements of  $V^2$ .

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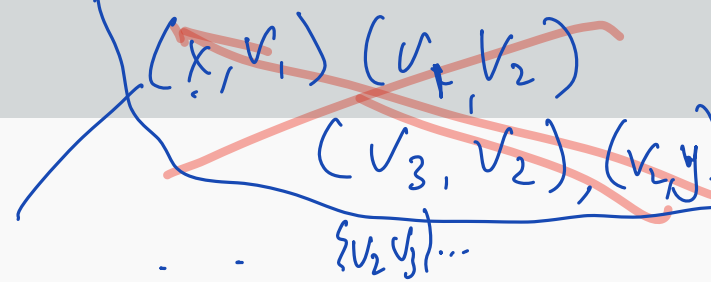


3. simple graph: a graph with no loops and no multi-edges



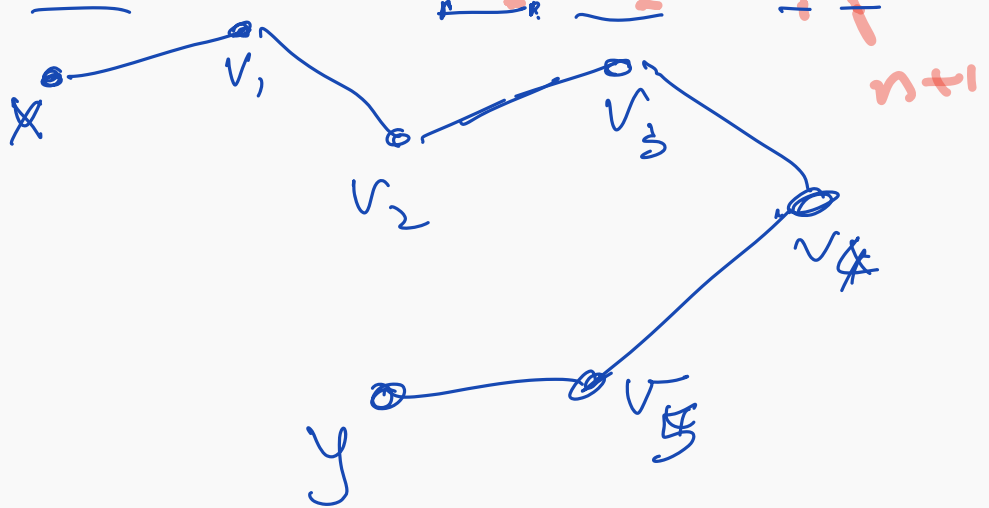
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/  
# edges  
in the  
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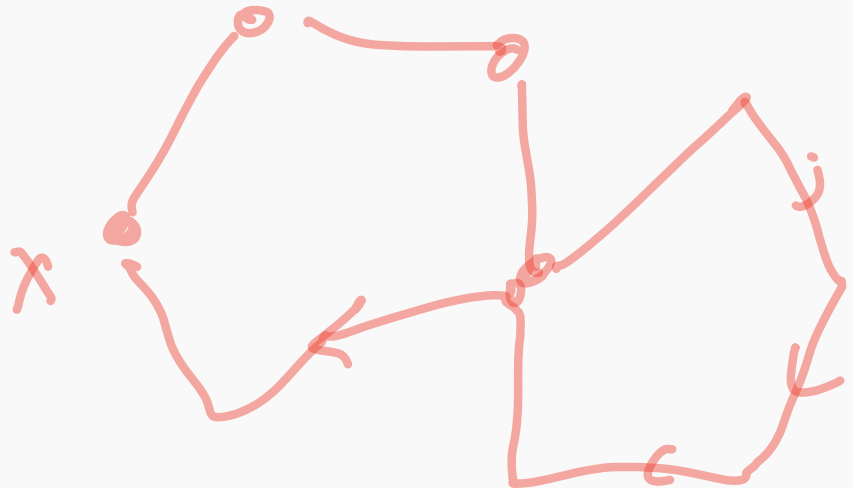
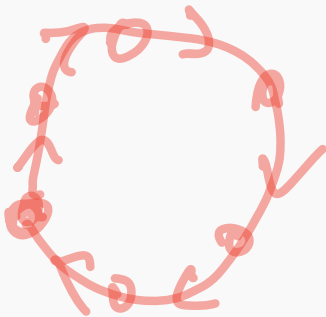
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6. circuit : a path where  $x = y$

eg

$\{x, x\}$ .

loop  $\Rightarrow$  circuit.

$$\exists x, y \in V \\ \forall p \in \mathcal{P}$$

7. connected

$$\forall x, y \in V$$

$\exists$  path  $P$   
of the form  
 $\{x, v_1\} \dots \{v_n, y\}$ .



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*whole graph*

7. connected : if every two vertices  $x, y$  are joined by a path

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## 9. simple path

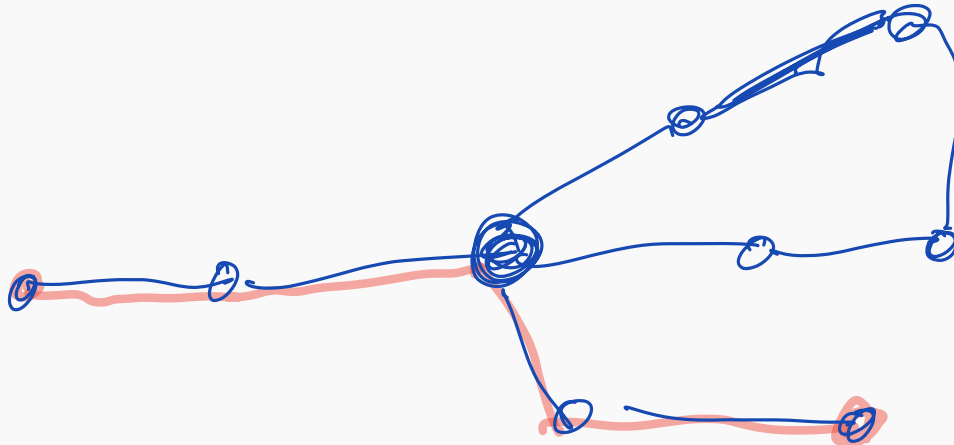
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and  $x$  and  $y$

10. endpoint(s) of an edge

$\{x, y\}$   
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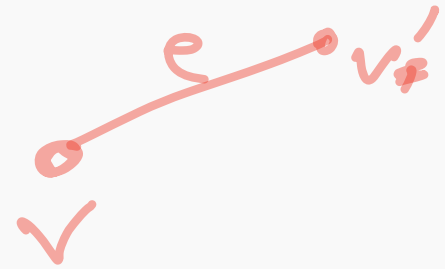
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"next to"





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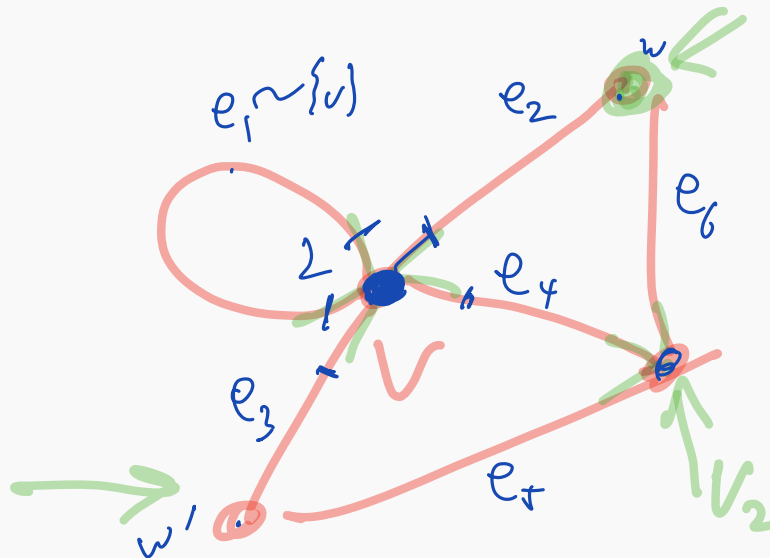
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associated to

$u \neq v$   
and  $w \neq v$

14. in-degree and out-degree (for directed graphs)



$$\begin{aligned} & p(e_1) + p(e_2) \\ & + p(e_3) + p(e_4) \\ & = 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\ & + 0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

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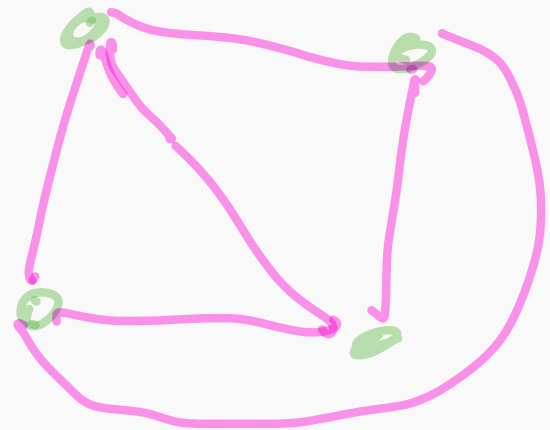
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*exercise*

15. complete graph  $K_n$  on  $n$  vertices

*(simple) and no multiedges*  
*no loops*  
 $\{x\} = \{x, x\}$   
 $n = 4$



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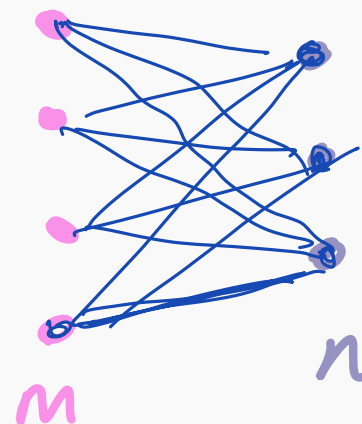
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eg.:  $K_{3,4}$



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Note that all our definitions are given (precisely) in terms of set theory, rather than some picture-description.

You should know now that this is important for when it comes time to proving facts about graphs. If we have imprecise definitions, we will have trouble in our proofs.

I often use the word node instead of *vertex* to make the English simpler. Remember plural: vertices, singular: vertex.

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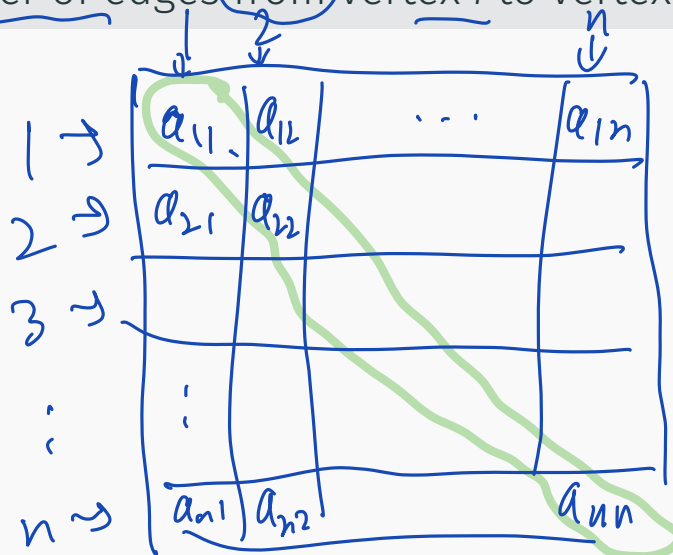
finite

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between (undirected)

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$$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$$

$$a_{ii}$$



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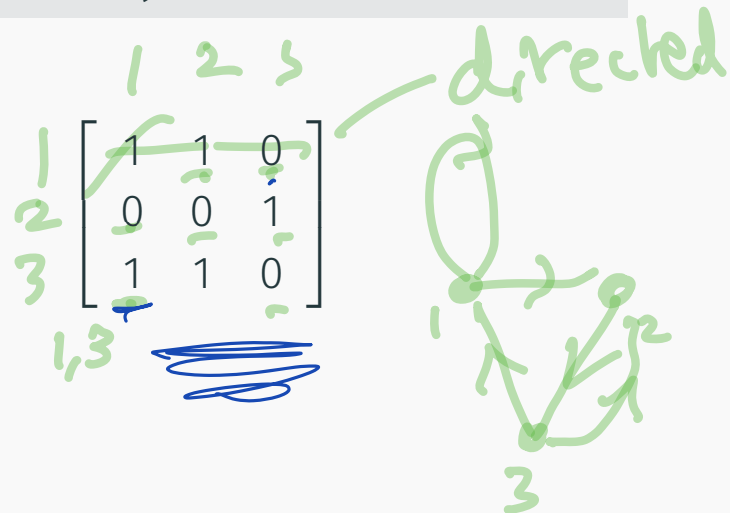
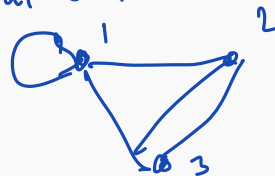
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Eg:

natural  
numbers  
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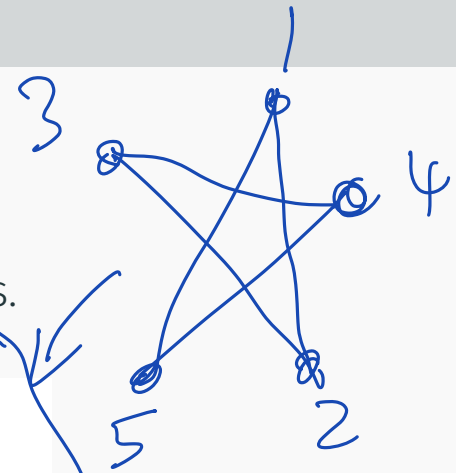
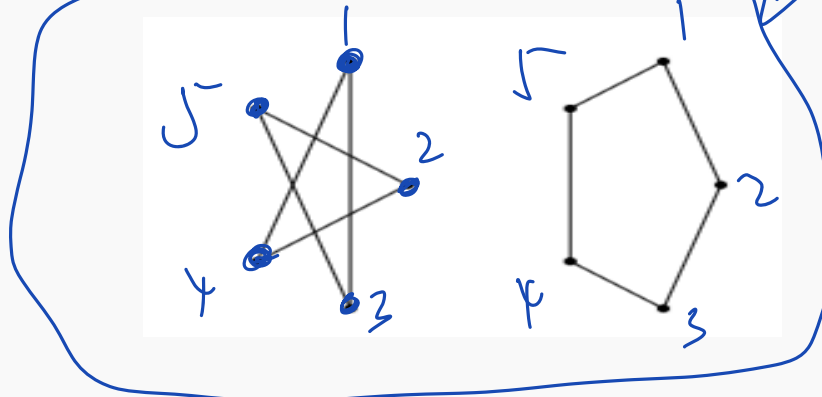
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Undirected:



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Ex: Give the adjacency matrices for these graphs.



(In set notation:  $V_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $E_1 = \{\{1, 3\}, \{3, 5\}, \{5, 2\}, \{2, 4\}, \{4, 1\}\}$  and  $V_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\}, \{5, 1\}\}$ .)

0	0	1	1	0
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1	0	0	0	1
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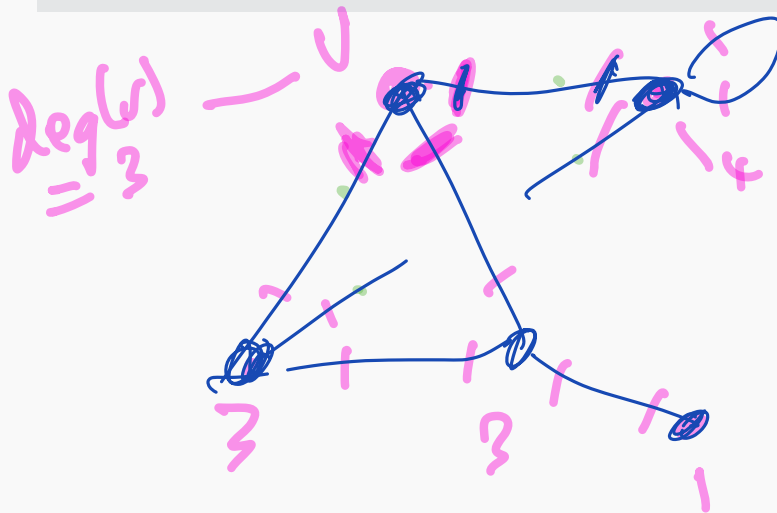
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$V$  finite

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2n.$$



LHS counts  
# pink  
dashes.

~~RHS is~~  
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## Proof.

Imagine drawing a mark on your picture of  $G$  for each pair  $(v, e)$  where  $v$  is an endpoint of  $e$  (and draw it close to  $v$ ). Then the number of marks you have drawn is  $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ . Now if each edge has exactly two marks drawn on it, we have our theorem.  $\square$

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Ex: What would be the corresponding statement for directed graphs?  
Can you prove it?

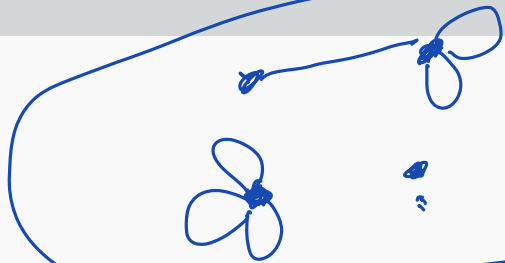


in-deg

out-degree.



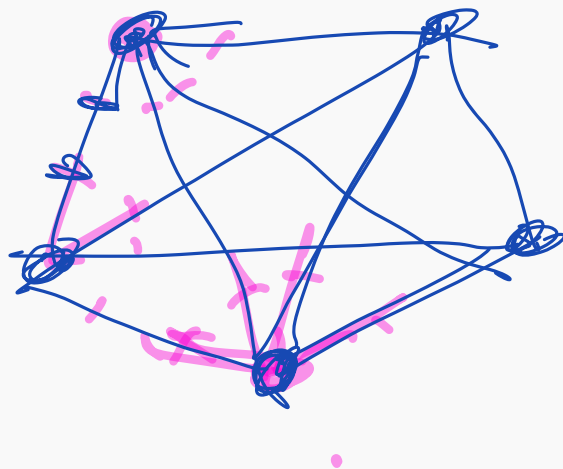
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Eg: ~~draw~~ draw  
graph with degree  
sequence  
1, 3, 5, 6

Ex: How many edges does the complete graph on  $n$  vertices have?

$$\begin{aligned} &K_n \\ \sum_{v \in K_n} \deg(v) &= \\ (n-1) \cdot n &/ 2 \end{aligned}$$



## RECALL: MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & & \\ & & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$





# COUNTING PATHS IN A GRAPH

undirected

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$= A$$

paths of length 1

$a_{12}$

True for

$n=1$ .

by definition of adjacency matrix.

Assume statement is true for  $n=k$   $A^{k+1}$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \underline{A} \cdot A^k \rightarrow i, j\text{-th entry of}$$

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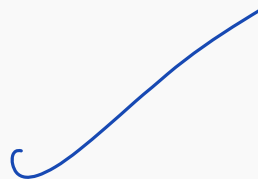
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This is a statement about paths of length  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$  so maybe *induction* is appropriate.

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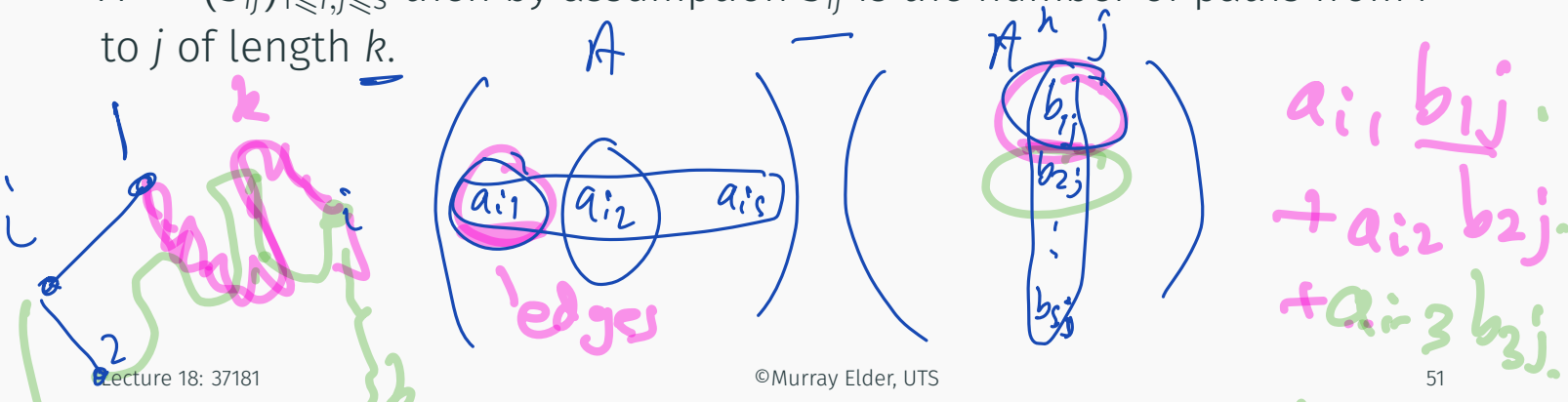
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Application: <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/92555/counting-the-number-of-paths-on-a-graph>

How many different ways are there to unlock an android phone?



## NEXT TIME

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