

# Graphs

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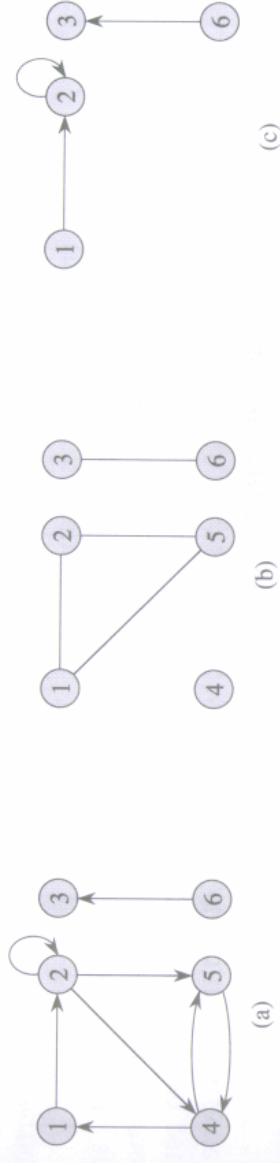
**Graph** is defined by  $G(V, E)$

A graph:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \text{ is an unordered finite set of vertices} \\ E \text{ is the set of edges} \end{array} \right.$

→ Self-loops are forbidden: an edge has 2 distinct vertices

A directed graph (digraph):  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V \text{ is a finite set of vertices} \\ E \text{ is a } \underline{\text{binary relation}} \text{ on } V \end{array} \right.$

→ Self-loops are possible



Vertices are represented as nodes

Edges are represented as arcs

Two vertices between an edge are the **endpoints** of the edge

## Incidence, adjacency

For  $(u, v)$  an edge in a directed graph  $G(V, E)$ :

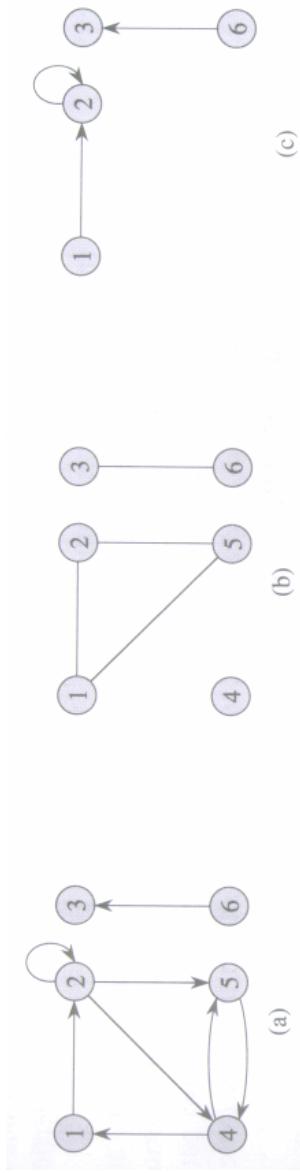
- $(u, v)$  is incident from (or leaves) vertex  $u$
- $(u, v)$  is incident to (or enter) vertex  $v$
- vertex  $v$  is adjacent to vertex  $u$ , but not vice versa

For  $(u, v)$  an edge in an undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ :

- $(u, v)$  is incident on vertices  $u$  and  $v$
- vertex  $v$  is adjacent to vertex  $u$  and vice versa

# Degree of a vertex

- Indirected graph: number of edges incident on vertex
- Directed graph: out-degree + in-degree
  - Out-degree: number of edges leaving it
  - In-degree: number of edges entering it

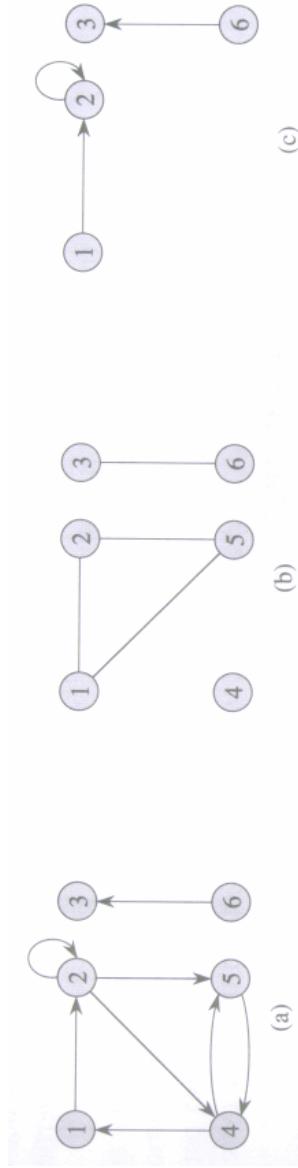


## Path (I)

- A path of length  $k$  from a vertex  $u_0$  to a vertex  $u_k$  in a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a sequence  $\langle u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$ , where  $(u_{i-1}, u_i) \in E$  (there is an edge in  $G$  incident on each two consecutive vertices)
- Length of path = number of edges in path
- The path contains:
  - vertices  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$
  - edges  $(u_0, u_1), (u_1, u_2), \dots, (u_{k-1}, u_k)$

## Path (II)

- If  $p = \langle u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$ ,  $u_k$  is reachable from  $u_0$ .  
In a directed graph:  $u_0 \xrightarrow{p} u_k$
- Simple path if all vertices are distinct (no crossing)



$\langle 1, 2, 5, 4 \rangle$  is a simple path of length 3  
 $\langle 2, 5, 4, 5 \rangle$  is not a simple path

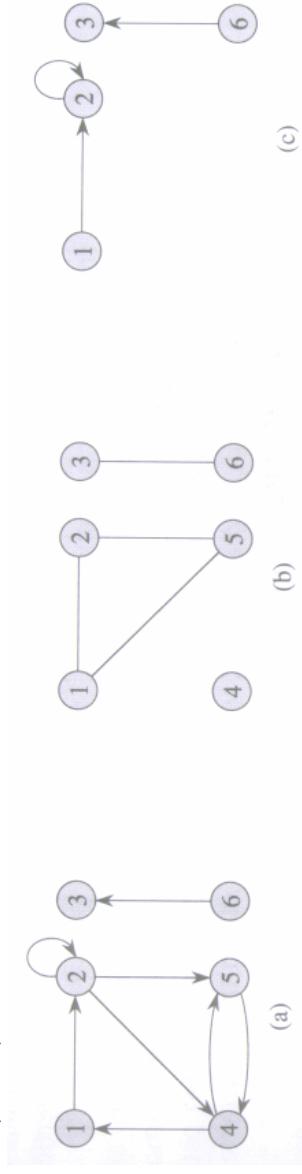
- A subpath of  $p = \langle u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$  is a continuous subsequence of vertices in  $p$ ,  $(\langle u_{i \leq 0}, \dots, u_{j \leq k} \rangle)$

## Cycle in a digraph

- A path  $\langle u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$  forms a cycle if  $u_0 = u_k$  and  $p$  has at least one edge
  - A cycle is simple if  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k$  are distinct
- Examples:  $\langle 1, 2, 4, 1 \rangle$ : yes;  $\langle 1, 2, 4, 5, 4, 1 \rangle$  no
- A self-loop is a cycle of length ...

- Two paths  $\langle u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$  and  $\langle u'_0, u'_1, \dots, u'_{k-1}, u'_k \rangle$  form the same cycle if  $\exists j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $u'_i = u^{(i+j) \bmod k}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$ .

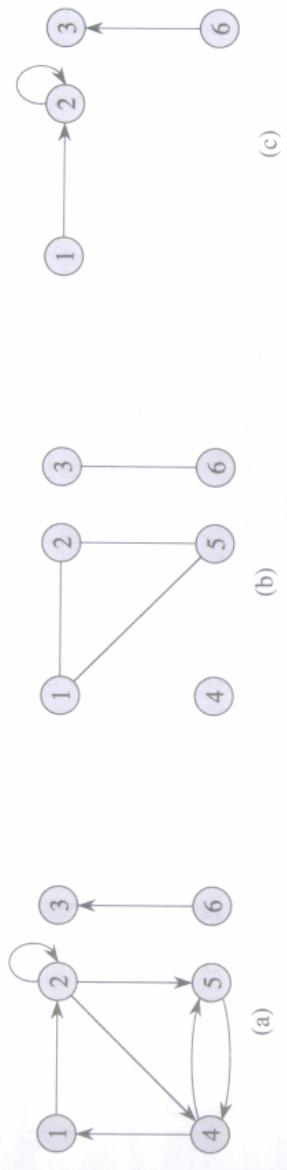
Example:  $\langle 2, 2 \rangle$



Example:  $\langle 1, 2, 4, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 4, 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 4, 1, 2, 4 \rangle$ ,

## Cycle in a undirected graph:

A path  $\langle u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, u_k \rangle$  forms a cycle if  $u_0 = u_k$  and all other vertices are distinct



An acyclic graph is a graph with no cycle

A directed graph that is acyclic is denoted dag

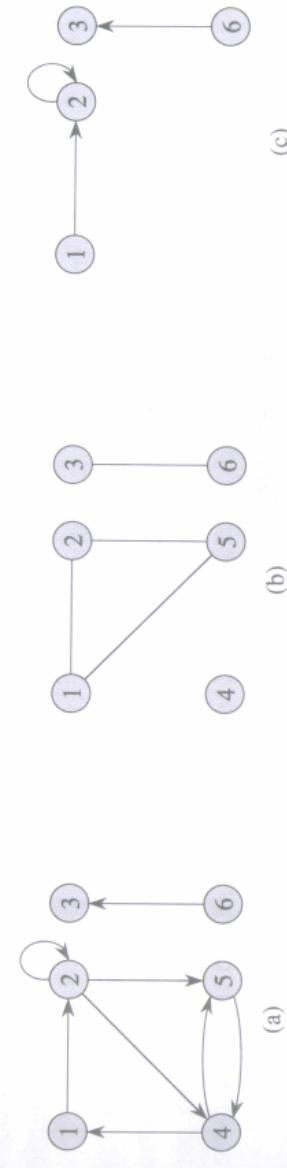
# Connected graph

Undirected graph:

- An undirected graph is connected if every two vertices are connected by a path

- The connected components form equivalence classes of vertices under the "is reachable from" relation

Graph (b) has 3 connected components

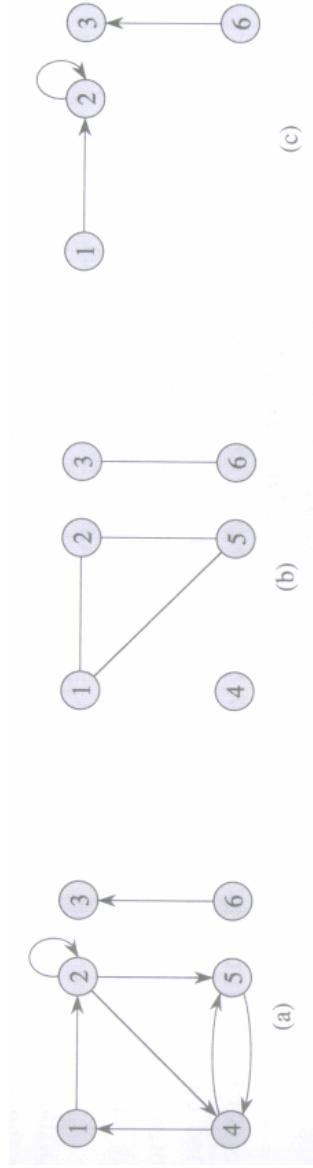


- An indirected graph is connected if it has exactly one connected component: every vertex is reachable from every other vertex
- Equivalence relation?

# Connected graph

Directed graph:

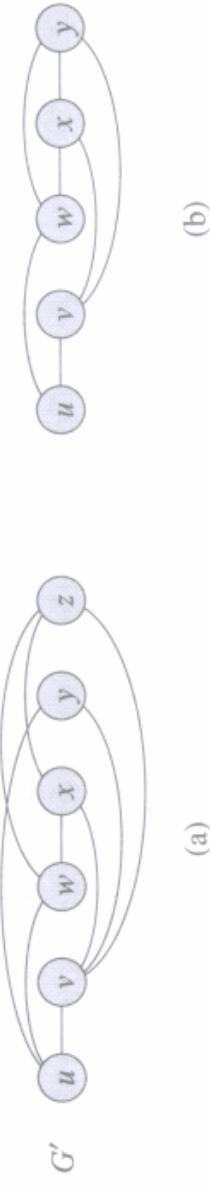
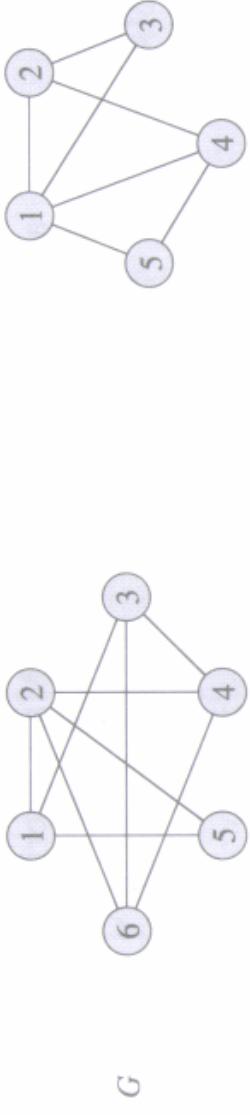
- An directed graph is strongly connected if every two vertices are reachable from each other
- The strongly connected components of a graph are equivalence classes of vertices under the "are mutually reachable" relation.
- A directed graph is strongly connected if it has only one strongly connected component



3 strongly connected components:  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}, \{3\}, \{6\}$ .

## Isomorphic graphs

Two graphs  $G(V, E)$  and  $G'(V', E')$  are isomorphic if  $\exists$  a bijection  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  such that  $(u, v) \in E$  iff  $((f(u), f(v)) \in E'$



(b)

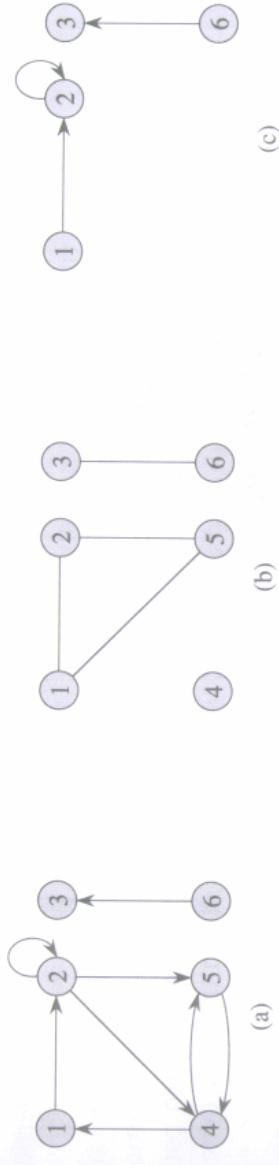
(a)

## Subgraph, induced graph

$G'(V', E')$  is a subgraph of  $G(V, E)$  if  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$

Given  $V' \subseteq V$ , the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $V'$  is  $G'(V', E')$   
where  $E' = \{(u, v) \in E : u, v \in V'\}$

The subgraph of (a) induced by the vertex set  $\{1, 2, 3, 6\}$  is (c):



with  $V' = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (6, 3)\}$

## Directed $\longleftrightarrow$ undirected graph

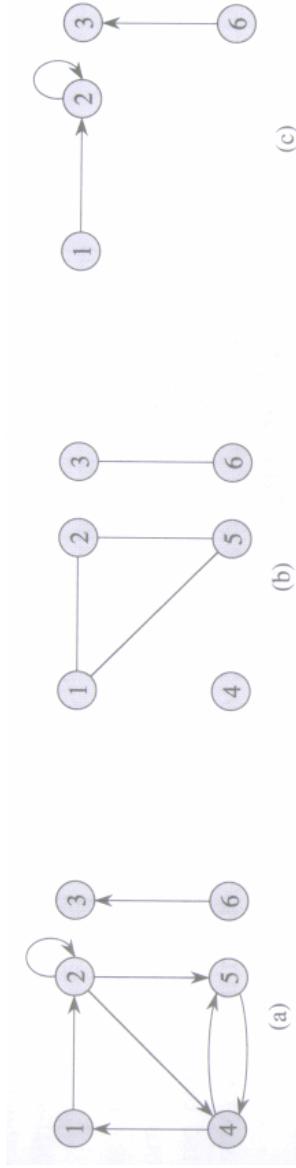
- Undirected graph  $G(V, E) \longrightarrow$  directed graph  $G'(V, E')$   
Every edge  $(u, v)$  is replaced by two directed edges  $(u, v)$  and  $(v, u)$ 
  - $V$ : same
  - $E'$ :  $(u, v) \in E' \Leftrightarrow (u, v) \in E$
- Directed graph  $G(V, E) \longrightarrow$  undirected graph  $G'(V, E')$   
Eliminate self-loops, keep edges, remove directions, remove duplicates
  - $V$ : same
  - $E'$ :  $(u, v) \in E' \Leftrightarrow u \neq v$  and  $(u, v) \in E$

Exercise: 5.4-6

# Neighbor

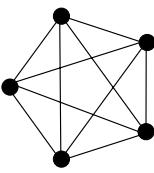
Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are neighbors

- Undirected graph:  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent
- Directed graph:  $u$  and  $v$  are neighbors in directed version of graph (i.e., either  $(u, v)$  or  $(v, u)$  are neighbors)

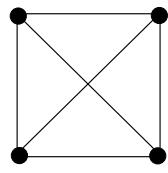


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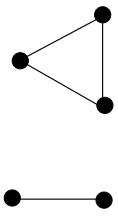
Complete graph  $K_n$ : undirected graph in which every pair of edge are adjacent



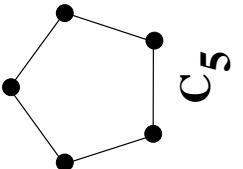
$K_5$



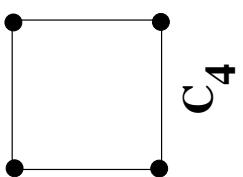
$K_4$



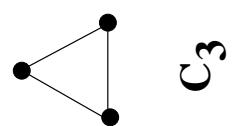
$K_2$      $K_3$



$C_5$



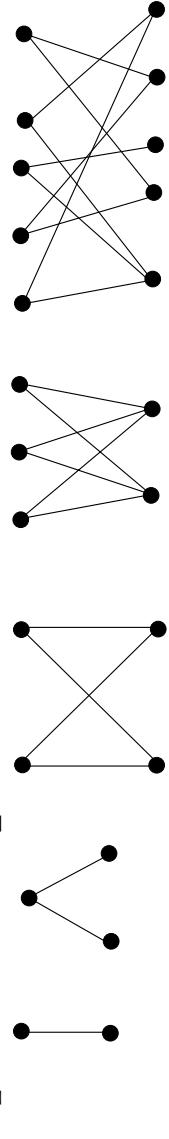
$C_4$



$C_3$

## Special graphs (II)

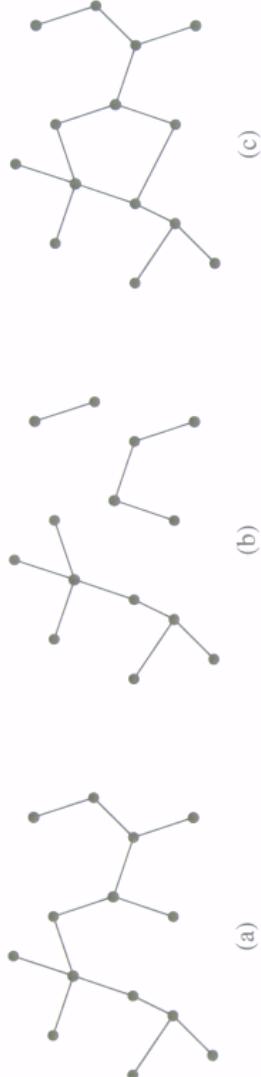
**Bipartite graph**  $G(V, E)$ : undirected graph in which  $V$  is partitioned in  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ :  $(u, v) \in E \Rightarrow u \in V_1$  and  $v \in V_2$  OR  $v \in V_1$  and  $u \in V_2$



**DAG**: directed acyclic graph

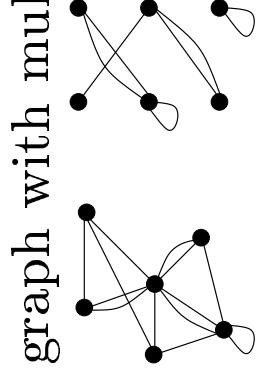
(Free) **tree**: connected acyclic undirected graph

**Forest**: possibly disconnected acyclic undirected graph

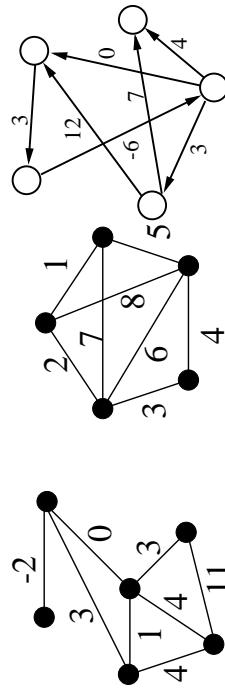


## Special graphs (III)

**Multigraph:** undirected graph with multiple edges and self-loops



**Weighted graph:** a graph (or digraph) with the additional property that each edge  $e$  has associated with it a real number  $w(e)$  called its *weight*.



**Hypergraph:** undirected graph with hyperedges, edges connecting an arbitrary number of vertices (instead of only 2)

## Some Theorems: Exercise 5.4-1

*Courtesy of C. Cusack*

- **Theorem 1:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph with  $e$  edges.

$$\text{Then } 2e = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v).$$

- **Proof:** Let  $X = \{(e, v) : e \in E, v \in V, e \text{ and } v \text{ are incident}\}$ . We will compute  $X$  in two ways. Each edge  $e \in E$ , is incident with exactly 2 vertices. Thus,  $X = 2e$ .

Also, each vertex  $v \in V$  is incident with  $\deg(v)$  edges.

Thus, we have that  $X = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ .

Setting these equal, we have the result ■

- **Corollary 2:** An undirected graph has an even number of vertices of odd degree.

## New terms:

Graph (hypergraph), vertex (vertices), edge (hyperedge), endpoint, directed graph, undirected graph, dag, self-loop, incidence, adjacency, degree of a vertex, out-degree, in-degree, path, path length, subpath, cycle, acyclic, connected graph, connected components, strongly connected (digraph), isomorphic graphs, subgraph, induced graph, neighbor, complete graph, bipartite graph, dag, (free) tree, multigraph, weighted graph,