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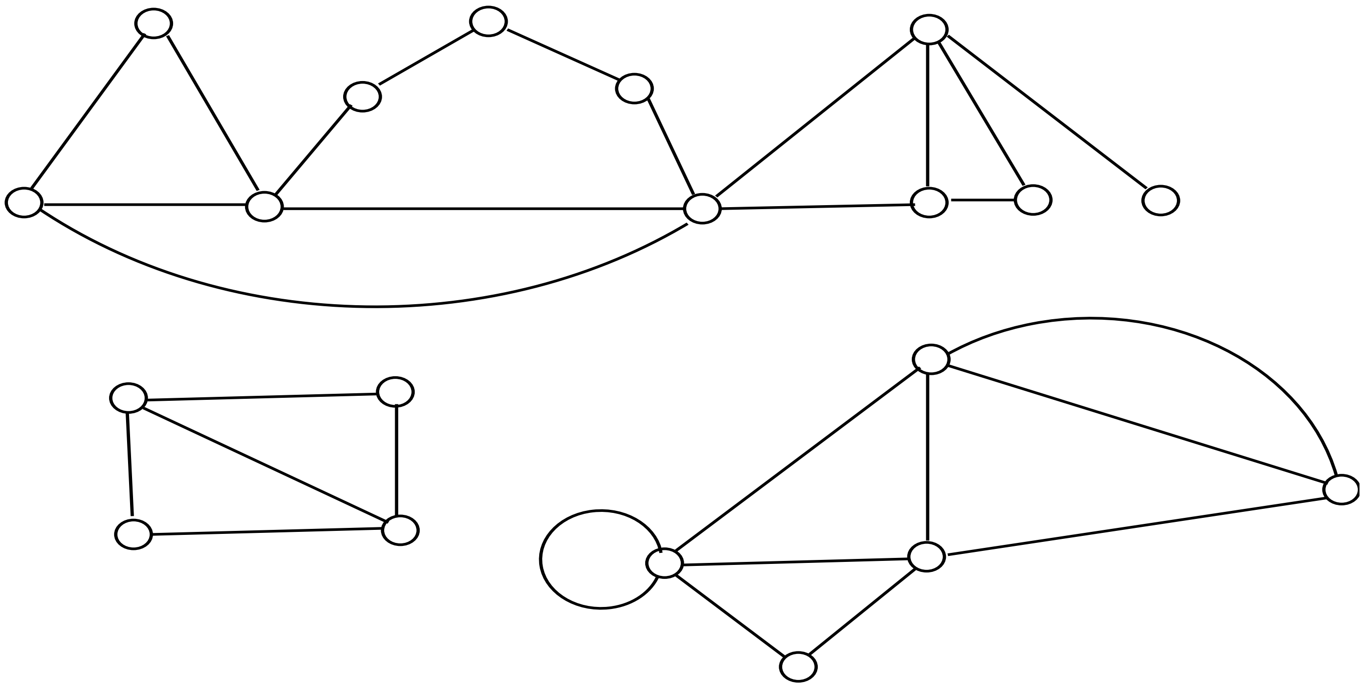
Undirected graph



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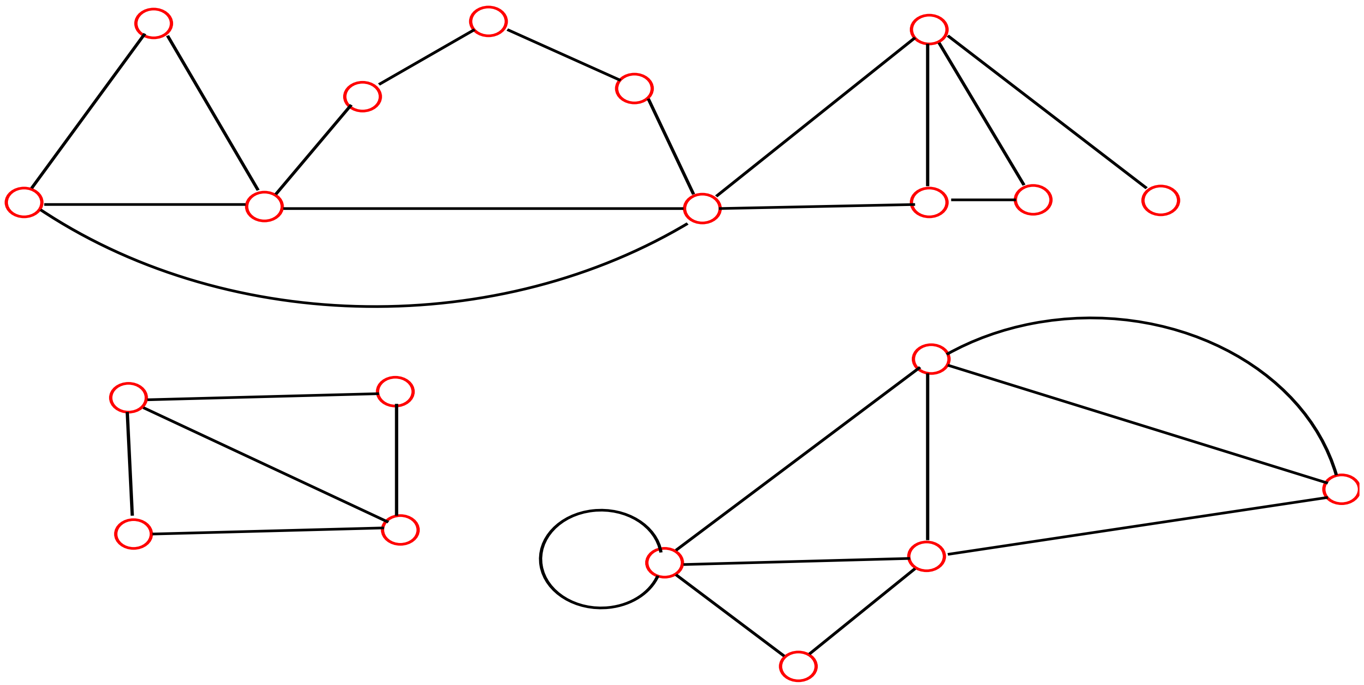
The vertices of a graph



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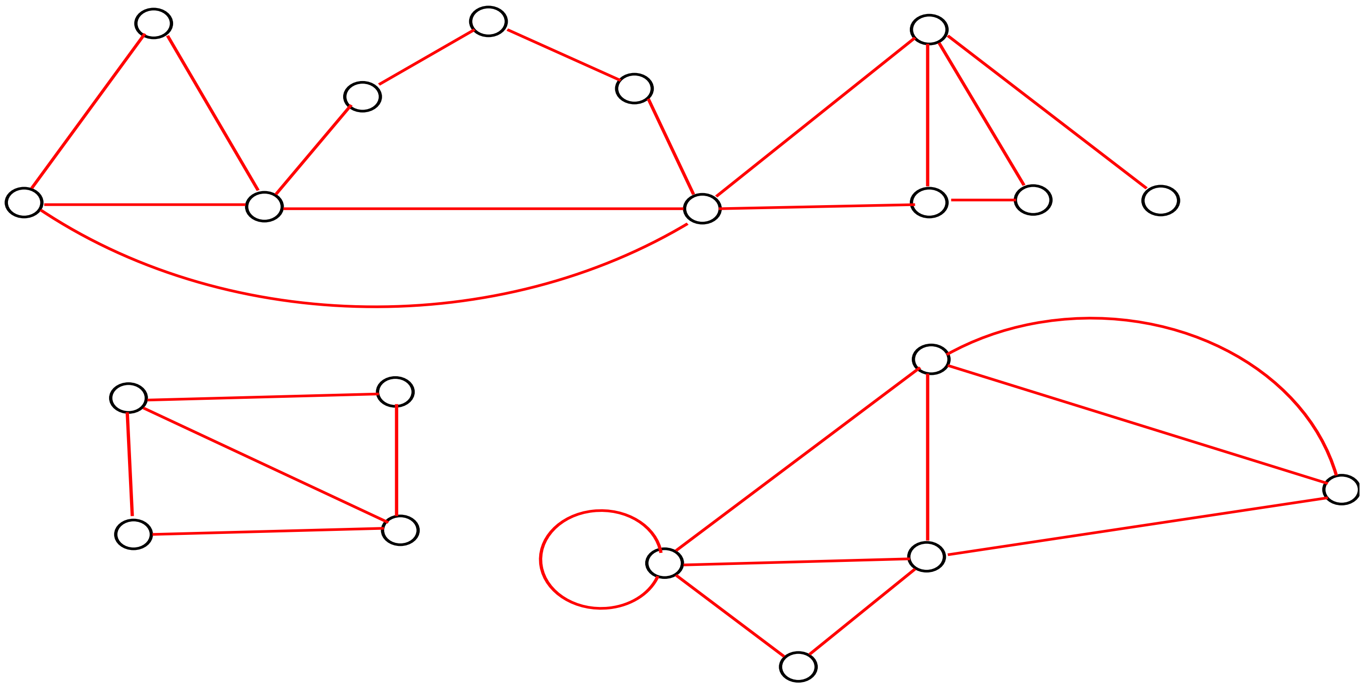

edge set E, $\alpha_1 := |E|$, $\longrightarrow$ Graph $G = (V, E)$

density $\varepsilon(G) = \frac{|E|}{|V|}$

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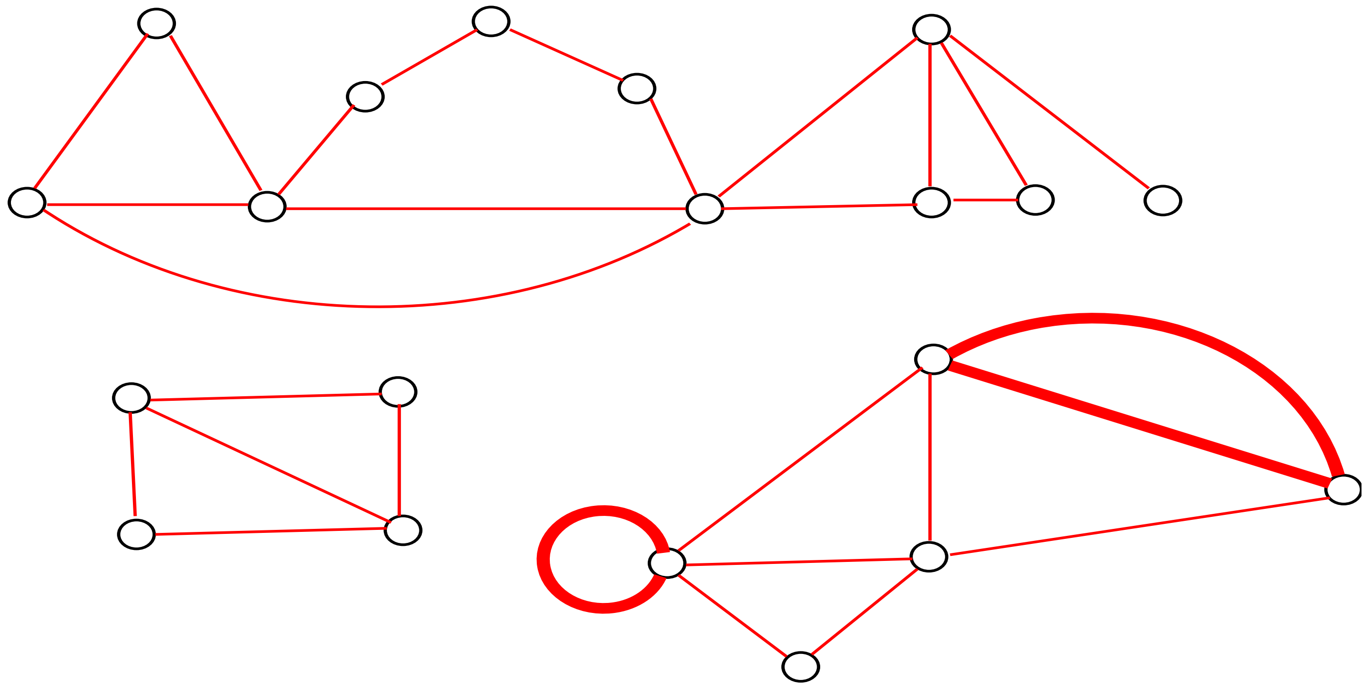
Special edges: loops and multiple edges



Graphs without loops and multiple edges: **simple** graphs

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Adjacency and incidence

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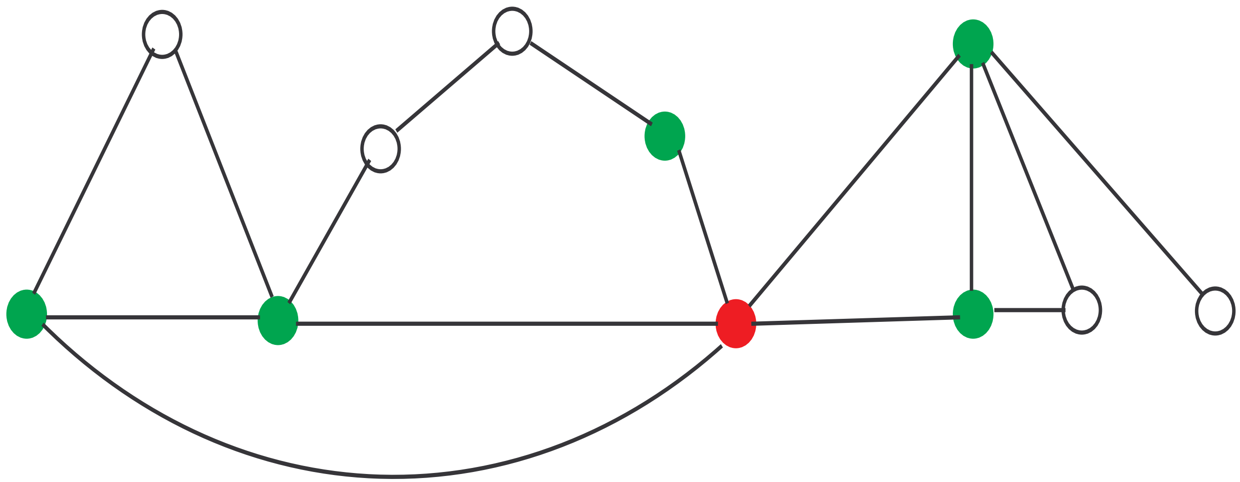
A vertex v and the set of its neighbours $\Gamma(v)$

$d(v) = d_G(v) = |\Gamma(v)| =$ the degree of v



$\delta(G) = \min_{v \in V} d(v), \qquad \Delta(G) = \max_{v \in V} d(v)$

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Directed case: successors $\Gamma^+(v)$ and predecessors $\Gamma^-(v)$
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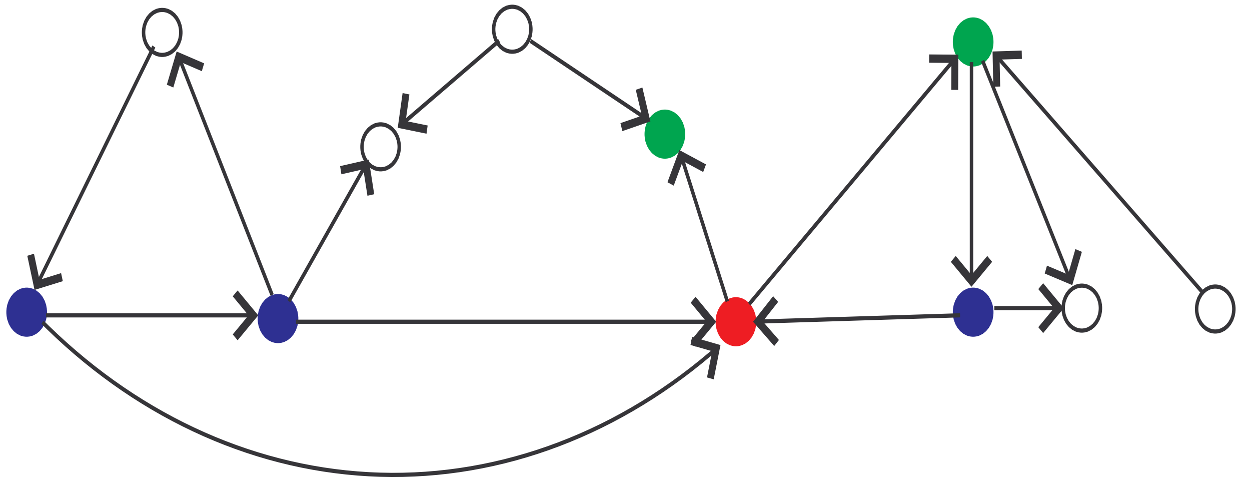

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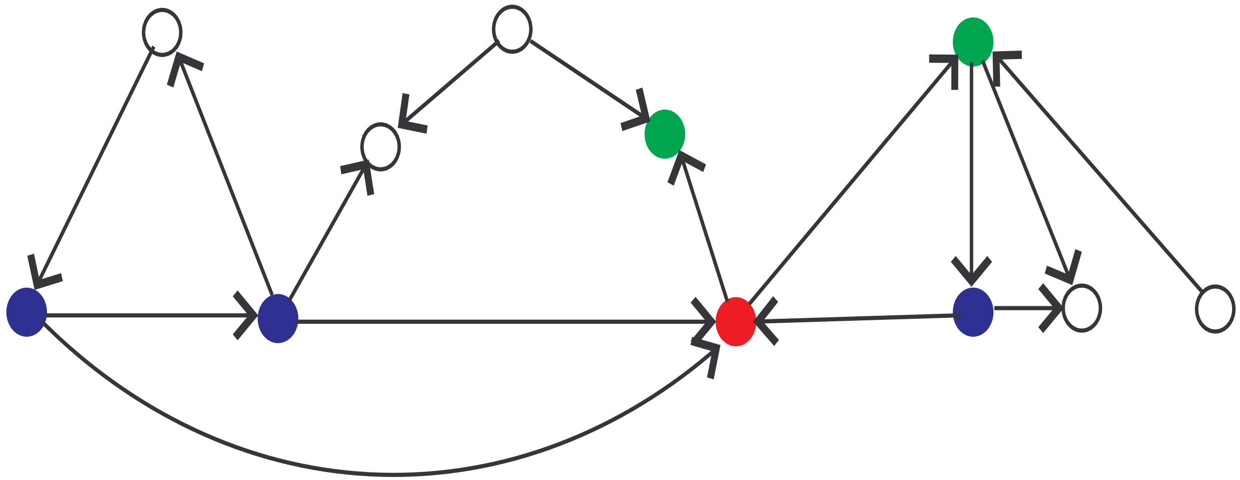

Theorem (Handshaking lemma)

$\sum_{x \in V(G)} d(x) = 2|E(G)|$, *directed case:* $\sum_{x \in V(G)} d^+(x) = \sum_{x \in V(G)} d^-(x) = |E(G)|$

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Example: Hypercube

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So,

$$|E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in V} d(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in V} n = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n2^n = n2^{n-1}$$

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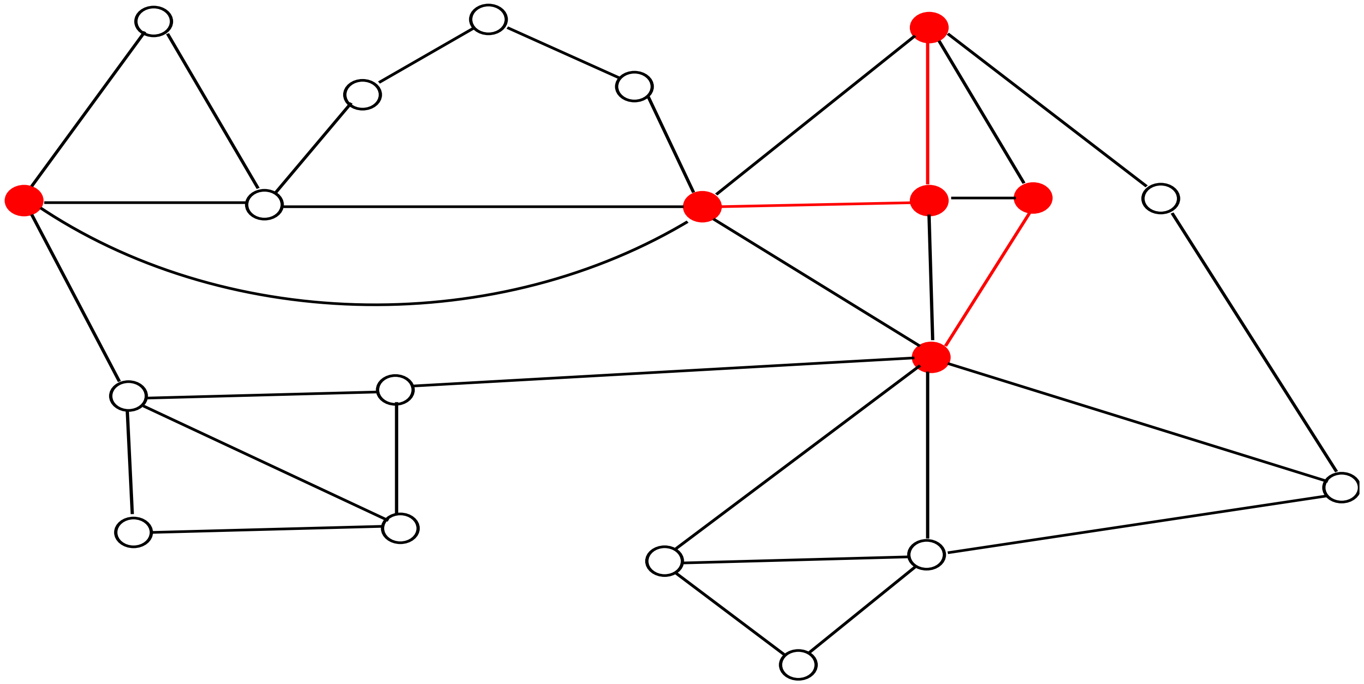
A graph G and one of its subgraphs, G'



$$G' = (V', E'), \qquad V' \subseteq V, \quad E' \subseteq E$$

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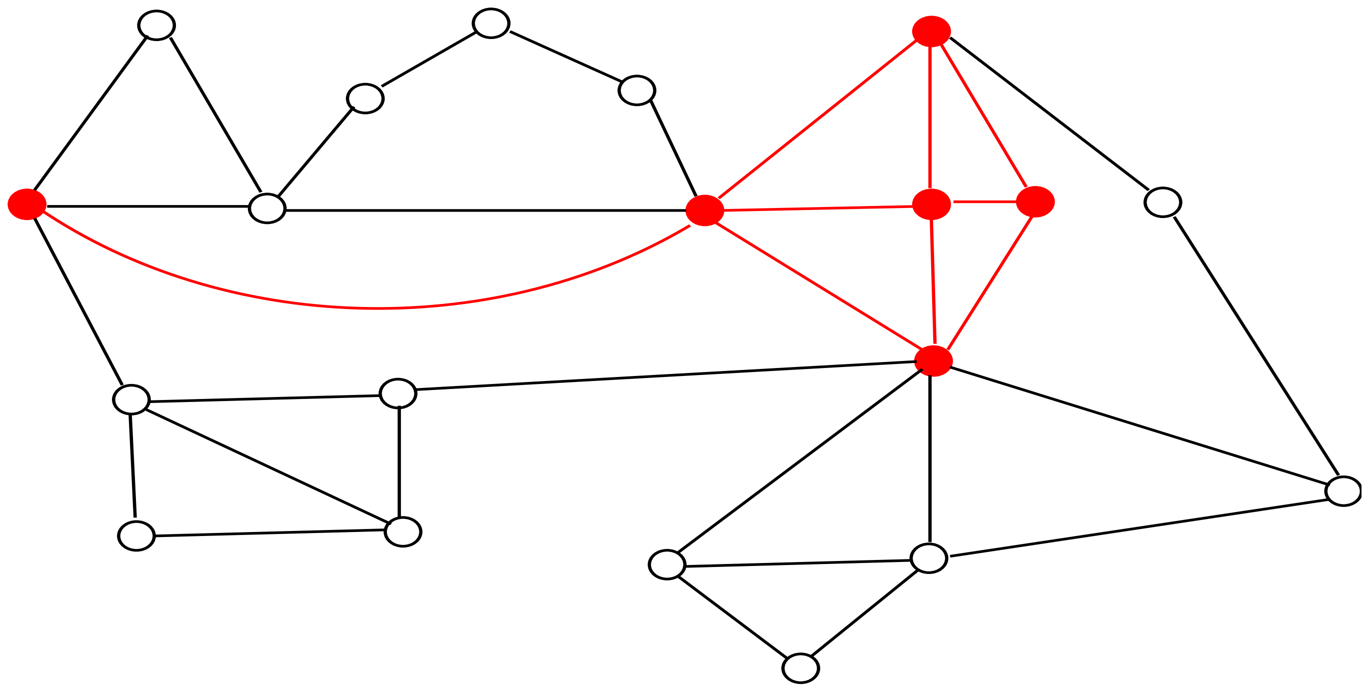
Induced subgraphs of $G = (V, E)$: $G[V_0]$ determined by its vertex set $V_0 \subseteq V$



edge set of $G[V_0]$ maximal w.r.t. inclusion

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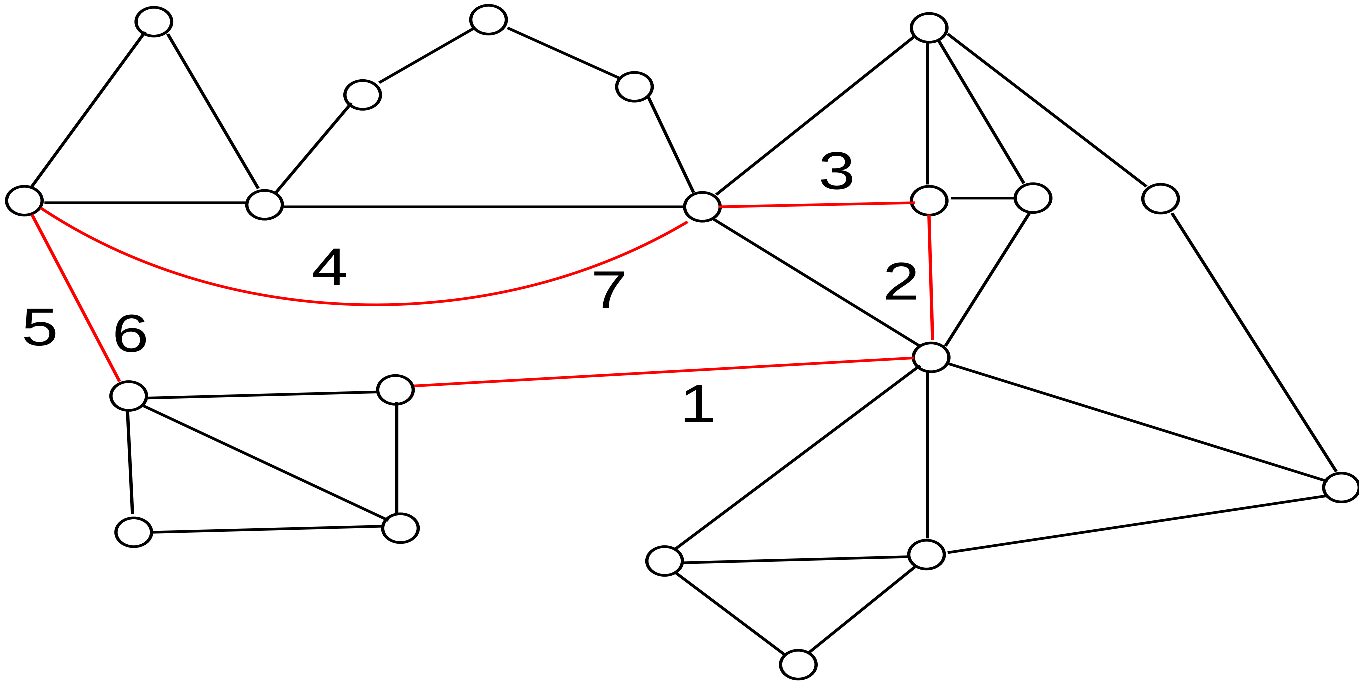
sequences of edges with "no jumps" = walks



trails: no edge repetition allowed

paths: no edge and no vertex repetition allowed
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Particular walks: cylces (no edge and no vertex repetition allowed)
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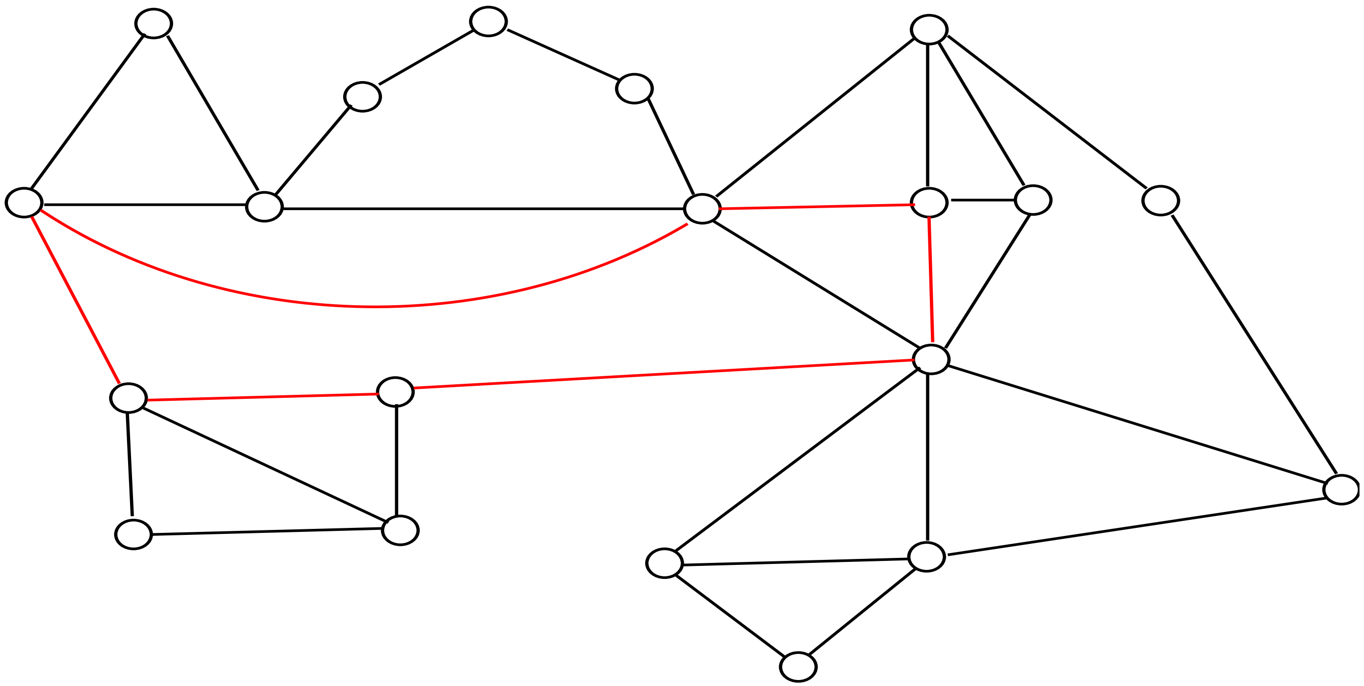

circuits (tours): no edge repetition, but vertex repetition allowed,
(circuits are therefore closed trails, but can also be seen as subgraphs)

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Theorem *If there is a walk from v to w, then there is a path from v to w as well.*

Theorem *If in an undirected graph there exist two different paths from v to w, then there is a cycle (of positive length).*

If in a directed graph there exists a closed walk, then there is a cycle (of positive length).

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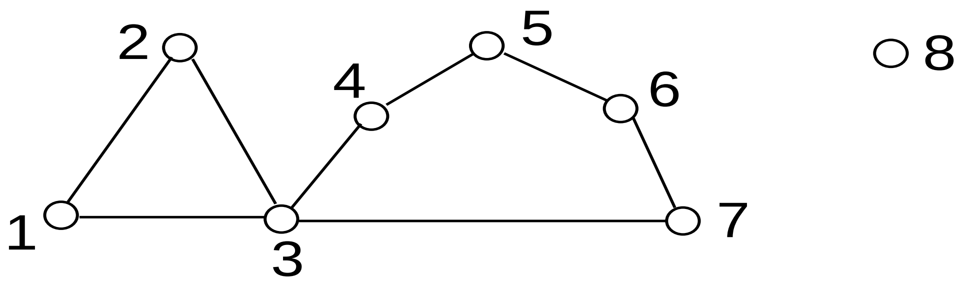
The adjacency matrix of $G = (V, E)$:

$V = \{v_1 \ldots, v_n\}$, $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1,\ldots,n}$ with $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$



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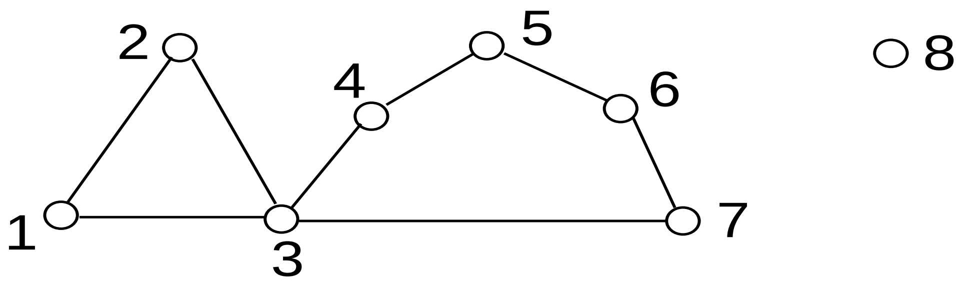

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We have: $d(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ji}$

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Matrix of the relation $\sim$ (undirected case): Let $G = (V, E)$ be undirected with $|V| = n$ and $|E| = m$.

$$M = (m_{i,j})_{i,j=1,\ldots,n}, \text{ where } m_{i,j} = \mathrm{sgn}(c_{i,j})$$

and

$$C = \sum_{k=0}^{\min(m,n-1)} A^k.$$

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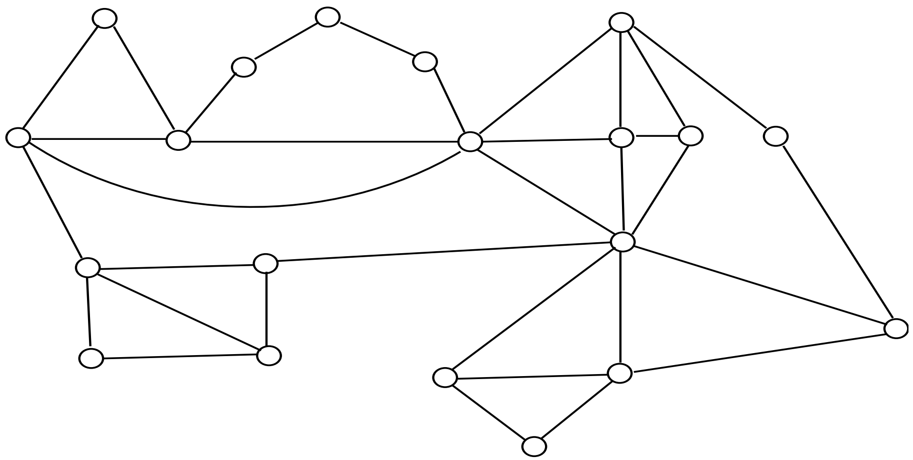
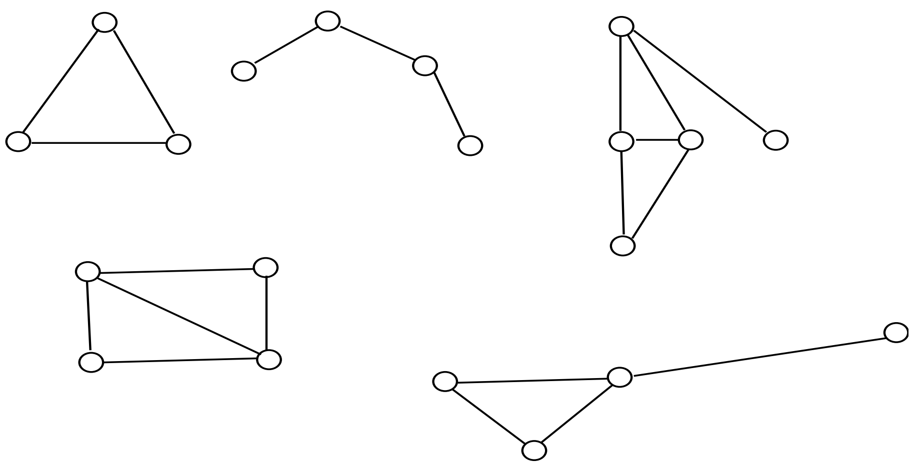
connected graph



not connected graph



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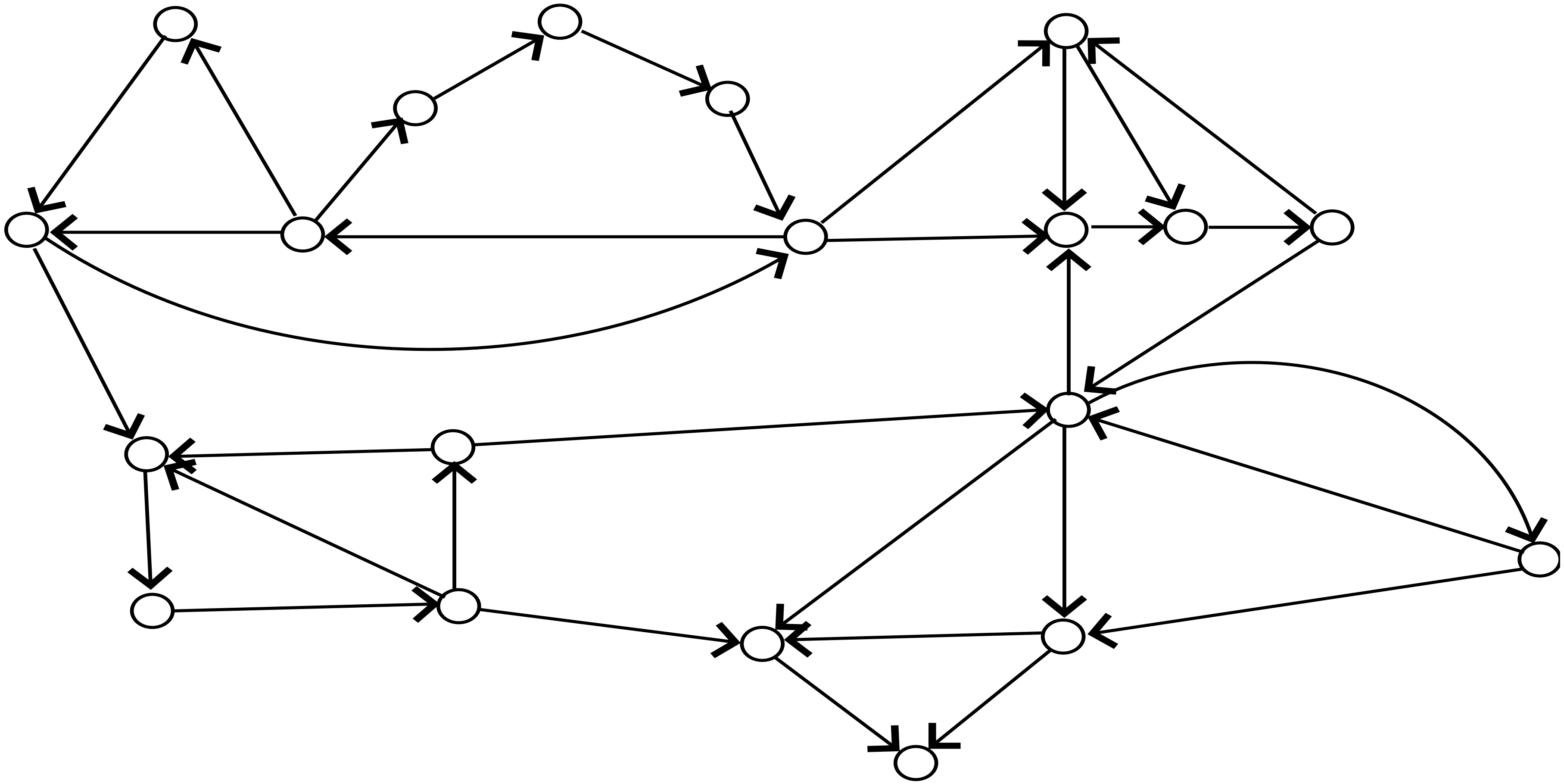
A weakly, but not strongly connected graph



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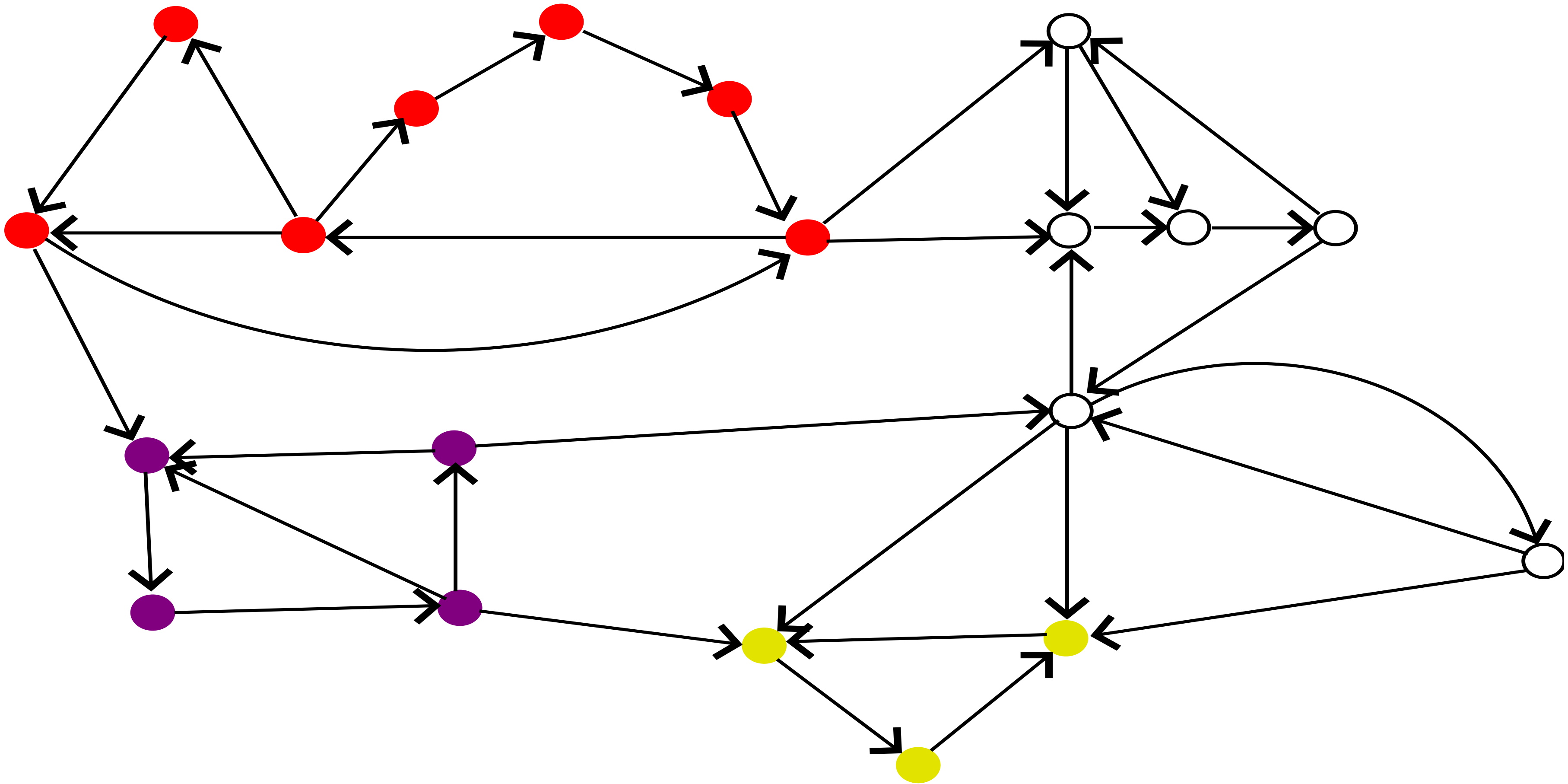
The strongly connected components



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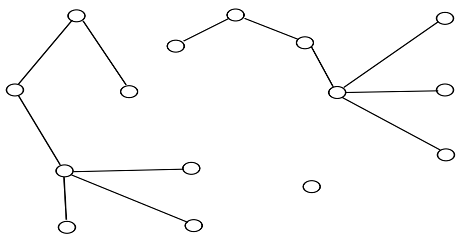
Trees and Forests

A simple undirected graph without cycles of positive length is called *forest*.

A connected forest is called *tree*.



Theorem *In a tree $T = (V, E)$ any two vertices $v, w \in V$ are connected by a unique path $W(v, w)$.*

The length of $W(v, w)$ is denoted by $d_T(v, w)$ and called the *distance* between v and w

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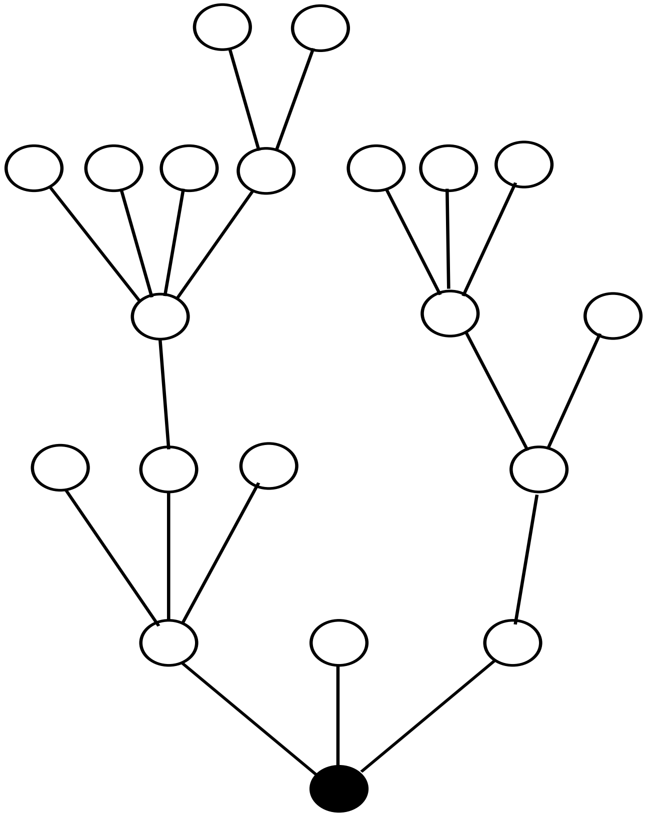
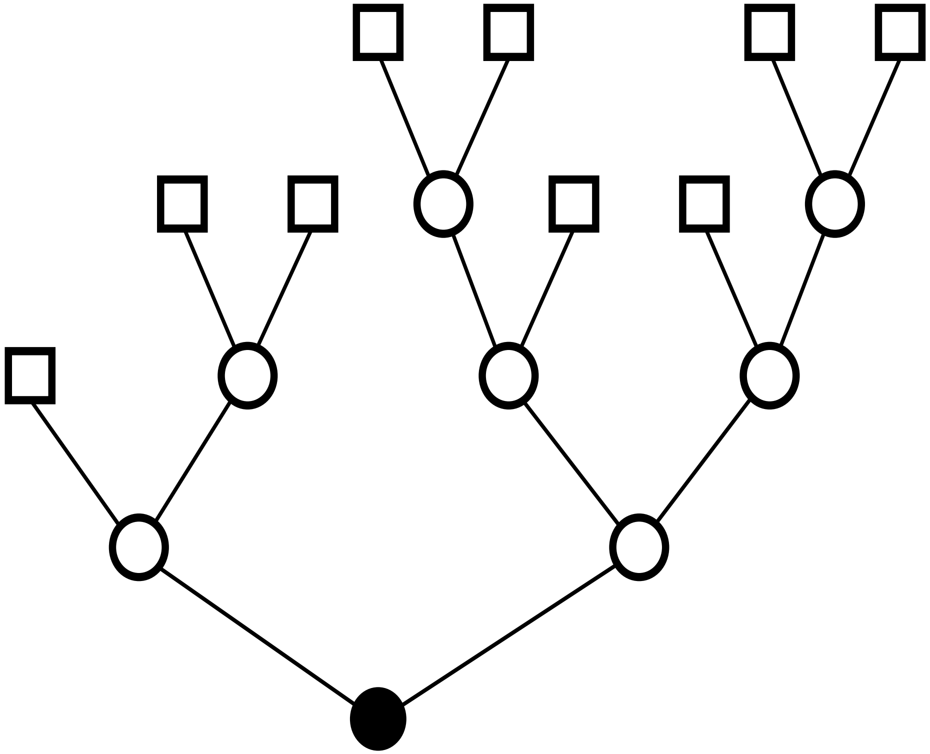
Particular classes of trees: rooted trees, plane rooted trees, binary trees, . . .





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A vertex v with $d(v) = 1$ is called a *leaf*.

Theorem *A tree with at least two vertices has at least two leaves.*

Proof: Consider a path

$$v - v_1 - v_2 - v_3 - \cdots\cdots - v_k - w$$

of maximal length. Then v and w must be leaves.

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Theorem *Let* $T = (V, E)$*. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

(1) T *is a tree.*

(2) For all $v, w \in V(T)$ *there is a unique path from* v *to* w*.*

(3) T *is connected and* $|V| = |E| + 1$*.*

(4) T *is a minimal connected graph (every edge is a bridge)*

(5) T *is a maximal acyclic graph.*

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Proof: (1)$\Longrightarrow$(3), that is

"If $T = (V, E)$ is a tree, then it is connected and satisfies $|V| = |E| + 1$."

We prove the state by induction on $n = \alpha_0(T) = |V(T)|$.

Induction start: $\alpha_0(T) = 1$, $\alpha_1(T) = |E(T)| = 0$.

Now consider a tree $T = (V, E)$ with $n + 1$ vertices. Then there is a leaf v and let e be the edge incident to v. Let $T' = (V \setminus \{v\}, E \setminus \{e\})$.

As $\alpha_0(T') = n$, we can apply the induction hypothesis to T'.

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(3)$\Longrightarrow$(1), that is

"$T = (V, E)$ connected and $|V| = |E| + 1 \Longrightarrow T$ is a tree."

Set $n = |V|$.
If T has no cycle, we are done.

If T has a cycle, then remove an edge from the cycle. $\longrightarrow$ graph T'.

T' is connected and cycle-free and has $n - 2$ edges.

But every connected graph on n vertices has at least $n - 1$ edges $\lightning$
(proof by induction)

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A *spanning tree* of a connected graph $G = (V, E)$ is a subgraph T of G such that T is a tree, $V(T) = V(G)$, $E(T) \subseteq E(G)$.

A *spanning forest* of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a subgraph F of G such that F is a forest, $V(F) = V(G)$, $E(F) \subseteq E(G)$, each connected component of F is a spanning tree of a connected component of G.

Remark: If a subgraph H of G satisfies $V(H) = V(G)$, then it is called a spanning subgraph.

Theorem *Every connected graph contains a spanning tree.*