

From now on, when I say "Graph" I mean an undirected graph, unless stated otherwise.

(usually, there won't be loops, but often that's OK)

Given a Graph (V, E) , we make a matrix A (called the adjacency matrix) - If $n = |V|$, we have an $n \times n$ matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

columns ↓

row → $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \end{pmatrix}$

$A_{23} = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row, } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ column of the matrix.}$

Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

← 5x5 matrix

$$A_{31} = 2$$

$$A_{35} = 4$$

In general $A_{ij} = i^{\text{th}} \text{ row, } j^{\text{th}} \text{ column entry of the matrix } A$.

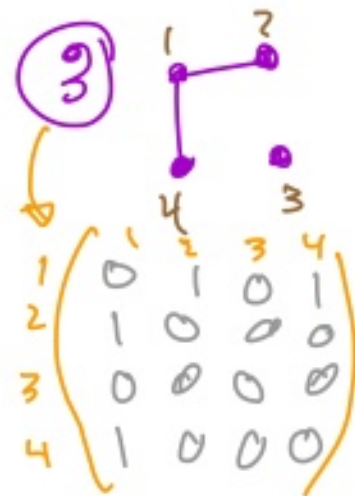
Adjacency matrix A of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is defined by

$$A_{ij} = \# \text{ of edges from } i \text{ to } j. \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} |V| = n \\ A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix} \end{array} \right)$$

(for directed graphs - the order is important.)

For undirected graphs, $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$.

Examples



Adjacency matrices:

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$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

or

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Given an adjacency matrix, we can make a graph:

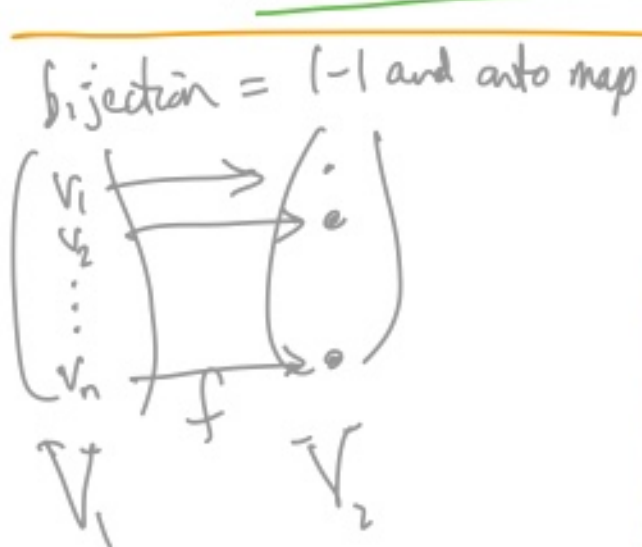
directed. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$



How do we tell if 2 graphs are the same (isomorphic)?

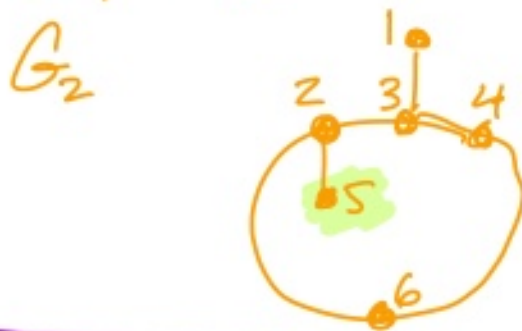
We say graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ are isomorphic if there exists a bijection

$f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that if $a, b \in V_1$, then a is connected to b in G_1 if and only if $f(a)$ is connected to $f(b)$ in G_2 .



$$\{a, b\} \in E_1 \iff \{f(a), f(b)\} \in E_2$$

Example Are these Graphs isomorphic?



Yes $G_1 \cong G_2$

(G_1 is isomorphic to G_2)

$$f(a) = 6$$

$$f(b) = 2$$

$$f(c) = 3$$

$$f(d) = 4$$

$$f(e) = 5$$

$$f(f) = 1$$

$$f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$$

$$E_1 = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, e\}, \{c, d\}, \{c, f\}\}$$

$$E_2 = \{\{6, 2\}, \{6, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 4\}, \{3, 6\}, \{5, 6\}\}$$

Harder: Proving graphs are not isomorphic.