

# Math 322

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10.4 Paths, Isomorphism (still), # of paths using  
Connectivity  $A_G^n$

**Def** path: seq of edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$   
length(path) =  $n$  (# of edges)

undirected  $e_i = \{v_{i-1}, v_i\}$

directed  $e_i = (v_{i-1}, v_i)$

if no confusion on which edge to take, just list vertices

$v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$   
↑  
edge

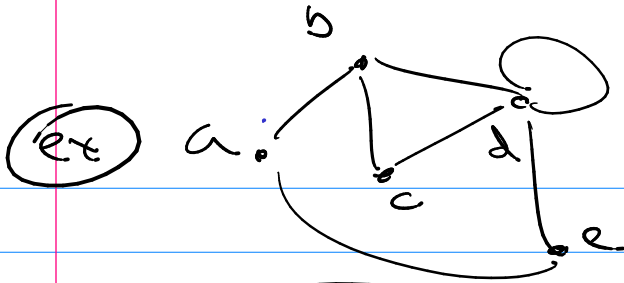
terms: simple path: no repeated edge  
circuit:  $v_0 = v_n$  ( $n \geq 1$ )

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Counting paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  of length  $n$

**Th<sup>n</sup>**  $A_G^n = \{a_{ij}\}$

$a_{ij} = \#$  of paths from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$   
of length  $n$ .



$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A^2$   
ans = 2 paths of length 2

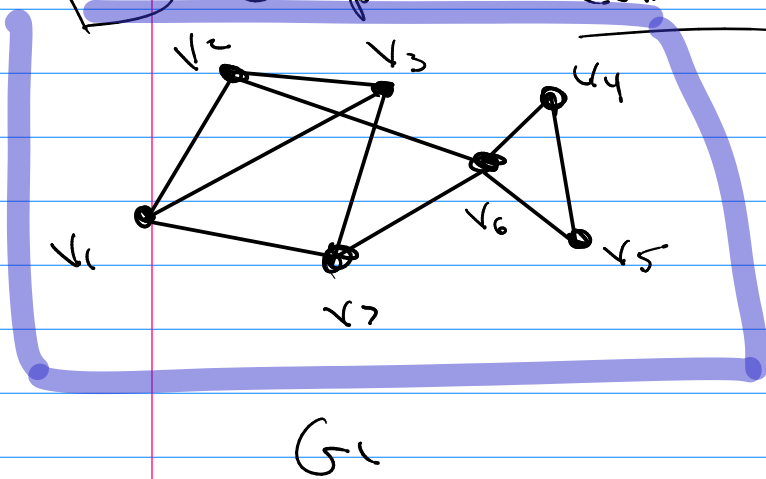
2	0	1	2	0
0	3	1	2	2
1	1	2	2	1
2	2	2	4	1
0	2	1	1	2

from a to c  
2 paths of length 2 from a to d.

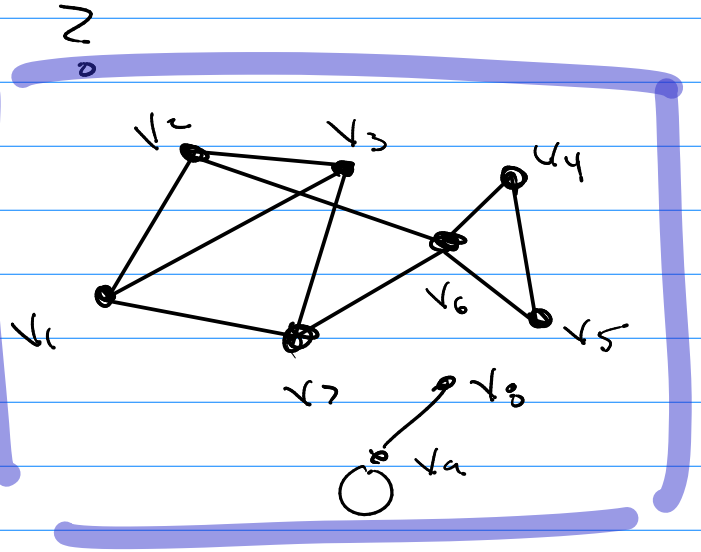
$A^3$   
ans = <sup>1, 2</sup>

0	5	2	3	4
5	3	5	8	2
2	5	3	6	3
3	8	6	9	6
4	2	3	6	1

ex Concept of "connected"

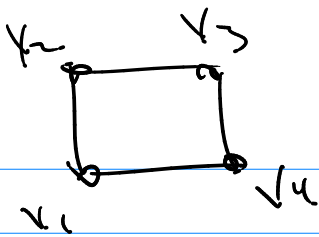


is connected



is not connected

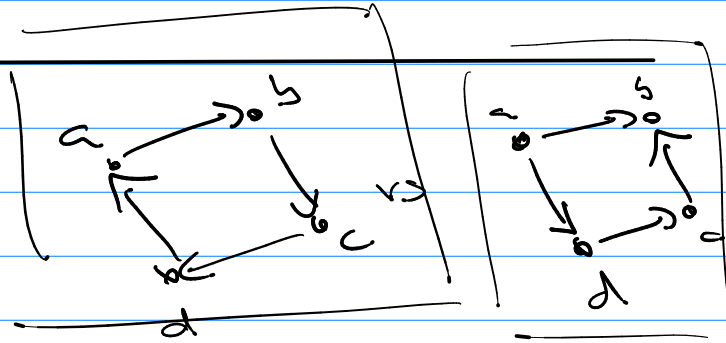
Def  $G$  is connected if between any  $v_i, v_j$  there exists some path. (undirected)



$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(connected) if trans. closure has no zeros.

## Directed Graph



①  $G$  is strongly connected

if there is path to and from any two vertices

②  $G$  is weakly connected

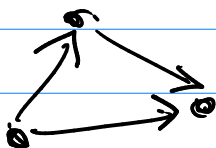
if ignoring direction the underlying undirected graph is connected.

given any directed graph we have 3 possible answers

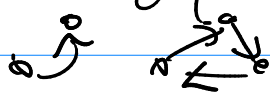
①  $G$  is strongly and weakly connected.



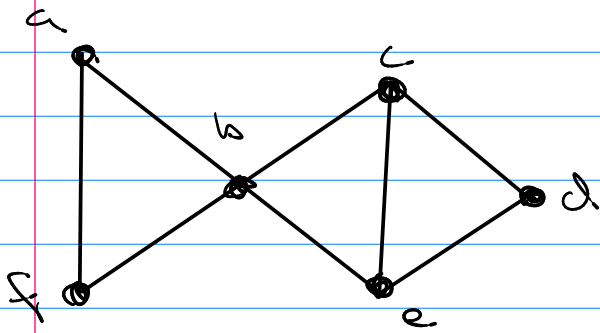
②  $G$  is not strongly and is weakly connected



③  $G$  is not strongly and not weakly connected



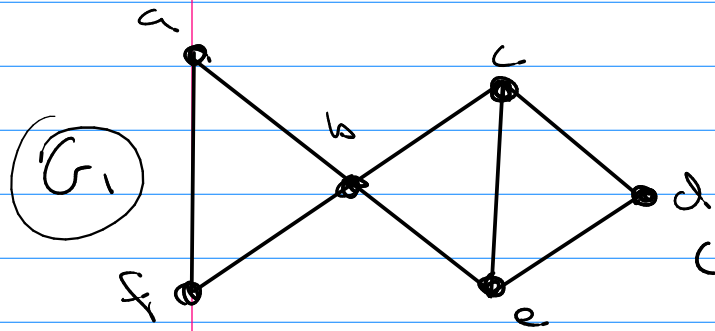
is there a metric for "quality" of connectedness?



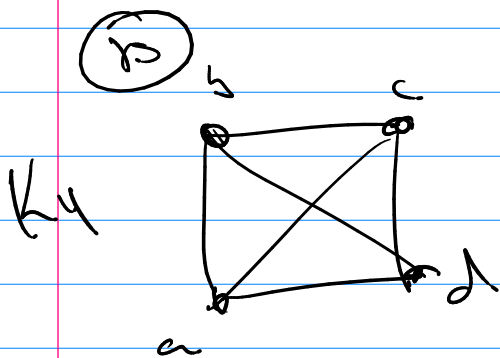
→ (connected components)  
largest sets of a graph that are connected.

Vertex cut = set of vertices that when removed (with corresp. edges) inc. # of connected components

edge cut = set of edges that when removed inc. # of connected components.



⊗ vertex cuts  
cut vertex  
 $\{b\}$ ,  $\{b, e\}$ ,  $\{b, c\}$   
 $\{e, c\}$ ,  $\{e, c, b\}$   
 etc

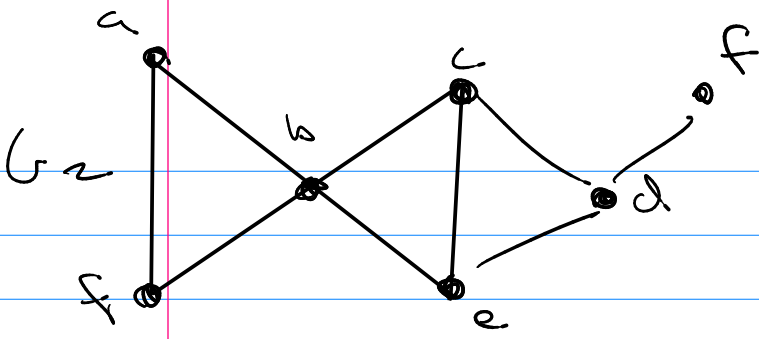


Def  $\kappa(G) = | \text{smallest vertex cut} |$

⊗  $\kappa(G_1) = 1$

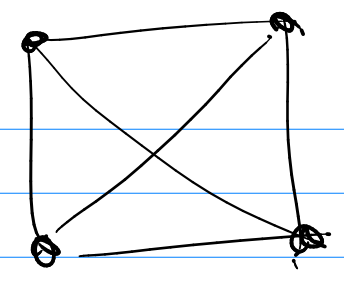
$\kappa(K_4) = 3$  (by def)

$\kappa(G)$  is the vertex connectivity



vs

$K_4$



→ remove edges

edge cut = set of edges to remove to h.c. connected components

ex) on  $G_1$   $\{ \{c,d\}, \{d,e\} \}$  an edge cut

$\{ \{d,f\} \}$  an edge cut

def  $\lambda(G)$  = minimal number of edges to remove and h.c. connect. comp.

ex)  $\lambda(G_2) = 1$        $\lambda(K_4) = 3$

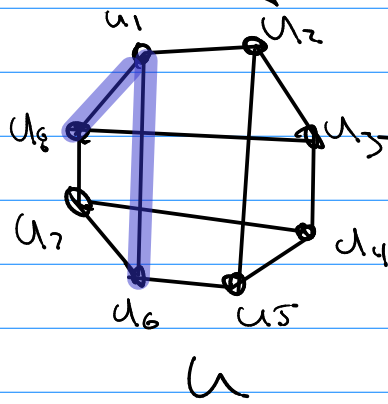
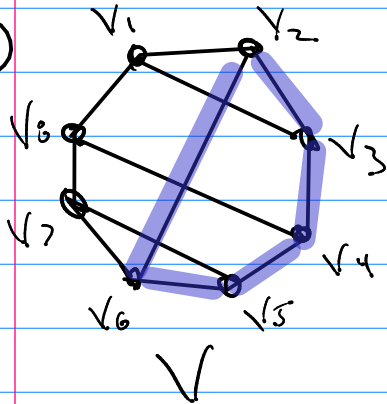
$\lambda(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \min_{v \in V} \text{deg}(v)$

Directed

↳ Strongly connected components.

# Application Isomorphism

ex



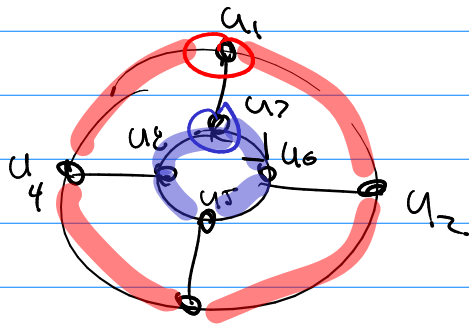
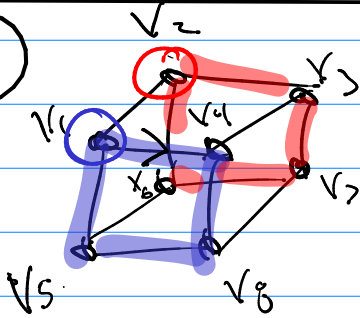
isomorphic?

- no? → find broken invariant
- yes? → find the bijection

no, b/c V has a simple circuit of length 5, U does not

$v_i \rightarrow u_i$   
 $A_V = A_U$

ex



bijection ↓

- $v_1 \rightarrow u_7$
- $v_2 \rightarrow u_1$
- $v_3 \rightarrow u_2$
- $v_4 \rightarrow u_6$
- $v_5 \rightarrow u_8$
- $v_6 \rightarrow u_4$
- $v_7 \rightarrow u_3$
- $v_8 \rightarrow u_5$

$A_V = \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$

$A_U = \begin{matrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & \dots \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} ? \\ ? \\ ? \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$