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Discussion 9 - Graphs and Tree introduction

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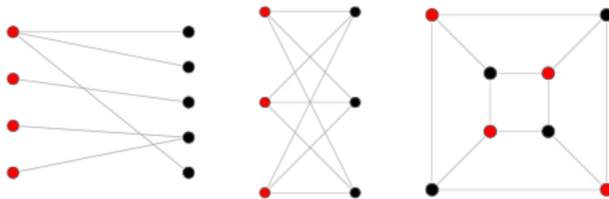
Definition 1.1

A simple graph G is called bipartite if its vertex set V can be partitioned into two disjoint sets V_1 and V_2 such that every edge in the graph connects a vertex in V_1 and a vertex in V_2 .

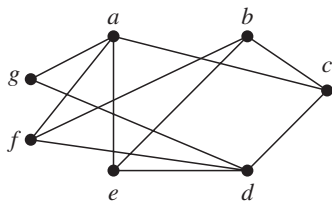
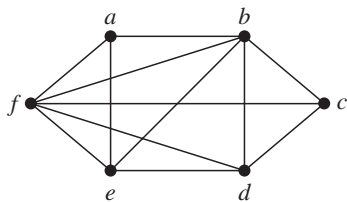
Bipartite graph

- ▶ Bipartite graphs are equivalent to two-colorable graphs.
- ▶ All acyclic graphs are bipartite.
- ▶ A cyclic graph is bipartite iff all its cycles are of even length.

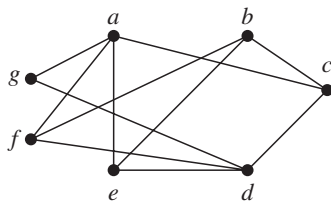
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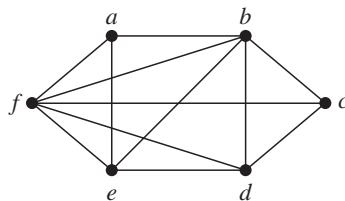
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G: Yes (See $\{a, b, d\}$ and $\{c, e, f, g\}$).

H: No (See $\{a, b, f\}$)

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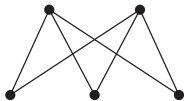
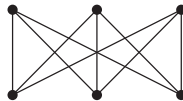
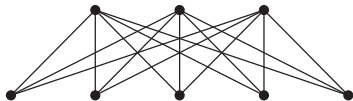
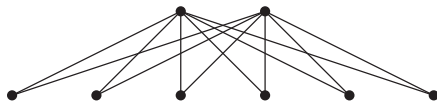

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Figure: Complete Bipartite Graphs.

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- ▶ A perfect matching of a graph is a matching (i.e., an independent edge set) in which every vertex of the graph is incident to exactly one edge of the matching.
- ▶ A perfect matching is therefore a matching containing $\frac{n}{2}$ edges (the largest possible)¹, meaning perfect matchings are only possible on graphs with an even number of vertices.

¹<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/PerfectMatching.html>

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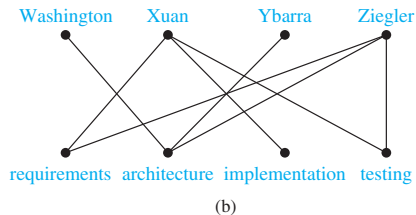
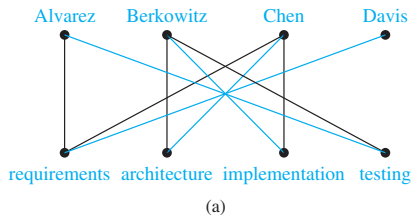


Figure: Modeling Job Assignments for Which Employees Have Been Trained.

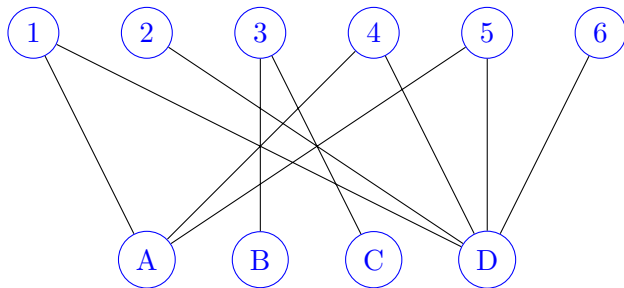
Hall's Theorem²

Theorem 1

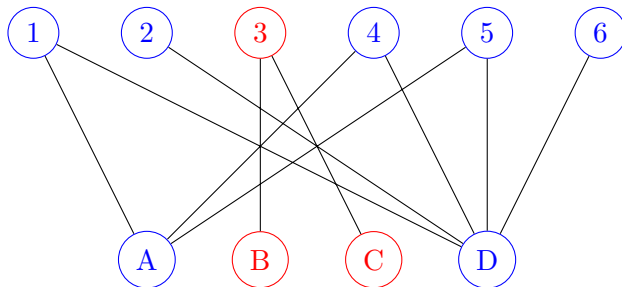
Let $G = (X, Y)$ be a bipartite graph. Then X has a perfect matching into Y iff for all $T \subseteq X$, the inequality $|T| \leq |N(T)|$ holds. Where $N(T)$ is the set of all neighbors of the vertices in T . In other words, $y \in Y$ is an element of $N(T)$ iff there is a vertex $x \in T$ so that (x, y) is an edge.

²Proof available at [Rosen, 2015. pg 660].

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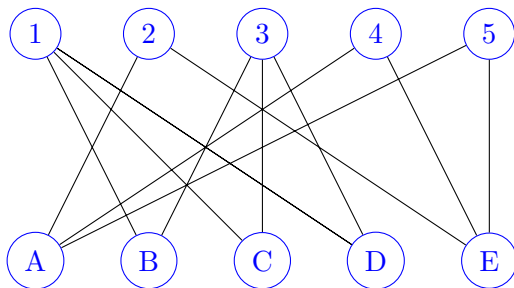


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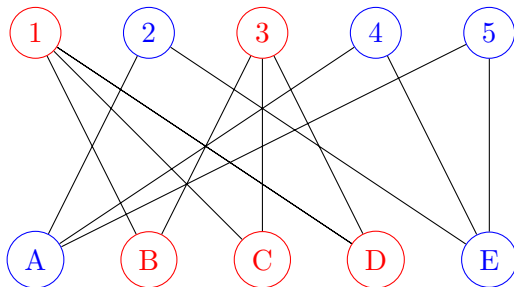


Let $T = \{B, C\}$, $N(T) = \{3\}$, $|T| = 2$ and $|N(T)| = 1$.
Violates Hall's theorem.

Example



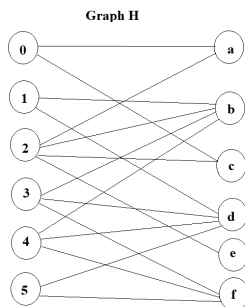
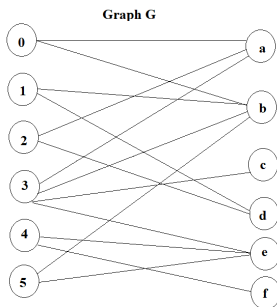
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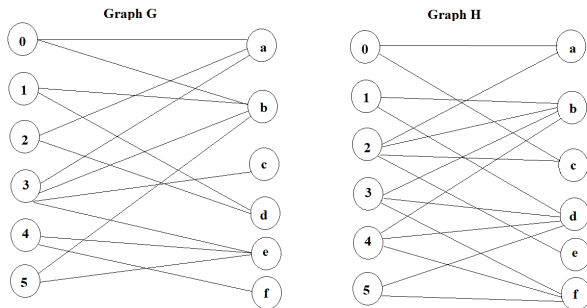
Let $T = \{B, C, D\}$, $N(T) = \{1, 3\}$, $|T| = 3$ and $|N(T)| = 2$.
Violates Hall's theorem.

Example

You are given two bipartite graph G and H below. For each graph determine whether it has a perfect matching. Justify your answer, either by listing the edges that are in the matching or use Hall's Theorem to show that the graph does not have a perfect matching.



Example



G: Yes, see $\{0, a\}, \{1, b\}, \{2, d\}, \{3, c\}, \{4, f\}$ and $\{5, e\}$.

H: No, Let $T = \{a, c, e\}$, then $N(T) = \{0, 2\}$, therefore $|T| \not\leq |N(T)|$ which violates Hall's theorem.

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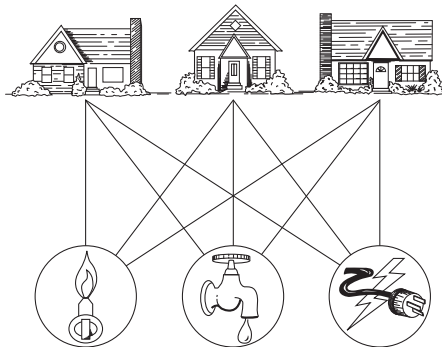
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Is it possible to join these houses and utilities so that none of the connections cross?



Planar graphs

Definition 3.1

A graph is called planar if it can be drawn in the plane without any edges crossing. Such a drawing is called a planar representation of the graph.

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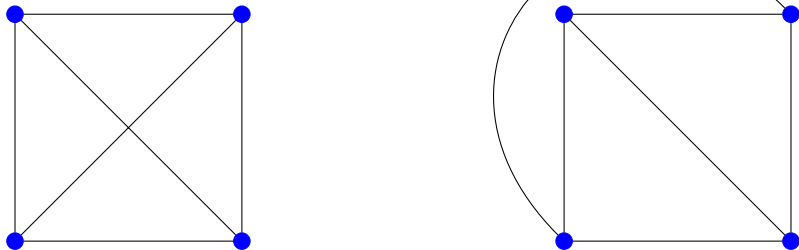


Figure: The K_4 graph and its drawn with no crossings.

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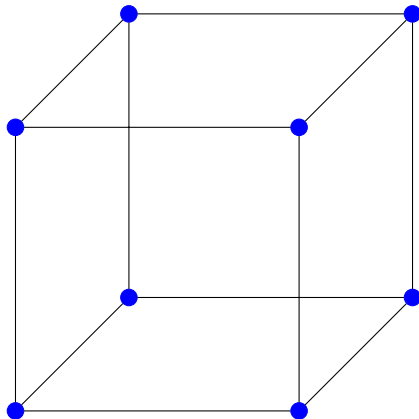


Figure: A Q_3 graph.

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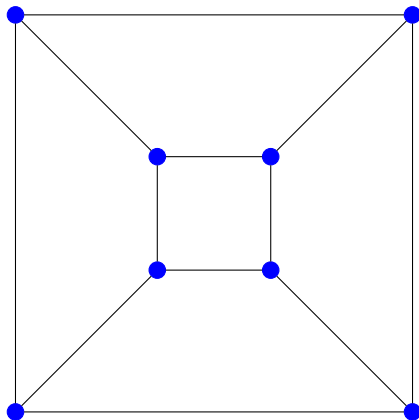


Figure: The planar representation of a Q_3 graph.

Euler's Formula

- ▶ A planar representation of a graph splits the plane into regions³ (including an unbounded region.)
- ▶ Euler showed that all planar representations of a graph split the plane into the same number of regions.
- ▶ There is a relationship between the number of regions, vertices and edges.

³regions = faces.

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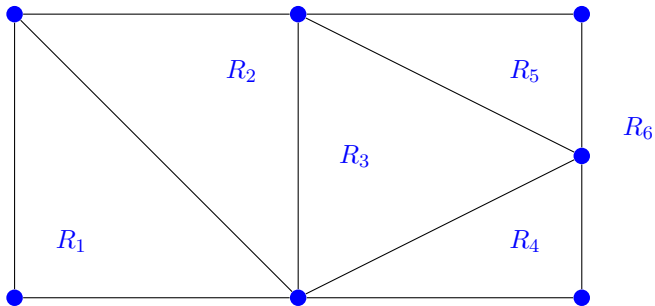


Figure: The Regions of the Planar Representation of a Graph.

Euler's Formula

Theorem 2

Let G be a connected planar simple graph with e edges and v vertices. Let r be the number of regions in a planar representation of G . Then $r = e - v + 2$.

Euler's Formula

Corollary 3

If G is a connected planar simple graph with m edges and n vertices, and $n \geq 3$ and no circuits of length 3, then $m \leq 2n - 4$.

Proof

- ▶ G divides the plane into regions, say r of them.
- ▶ The degree of each region is at least four⁴.
- ▶ Note that the sum of the degrees of the regions is exactly twice the number of edges in the graph⁵.
- ▶ Because each region has degree greater than or equal to 4, it follows that: $2m = \sum \deg(R) \geq 4r$.
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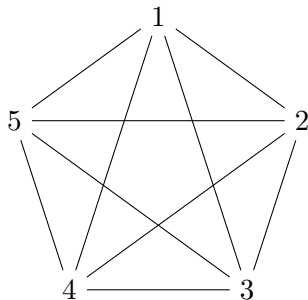
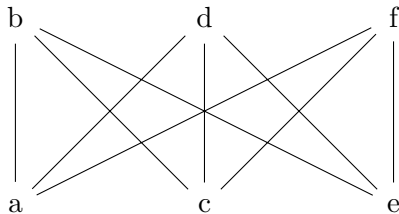
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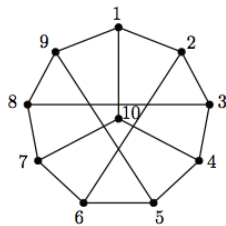
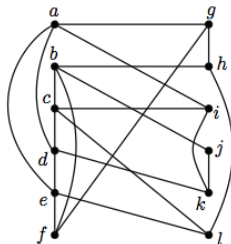
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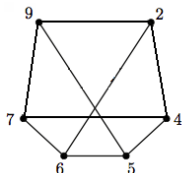
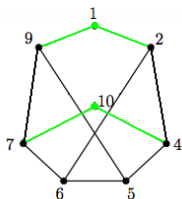
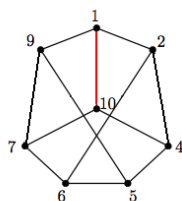
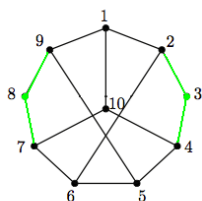
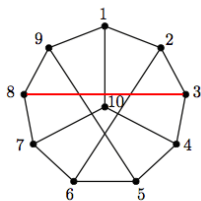
A graph is nonplanar if and only if it contains a subgraph homeomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ or K_5 .



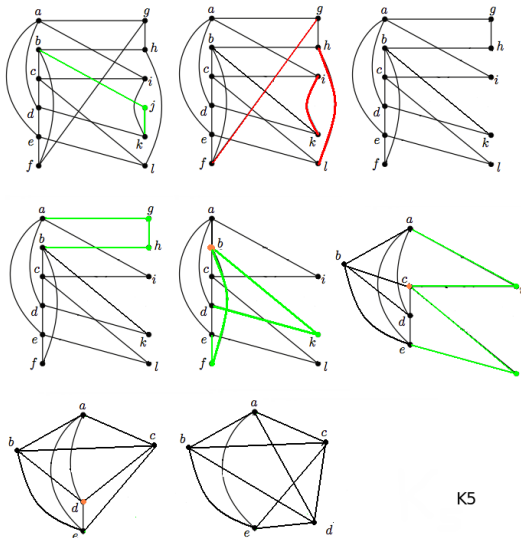
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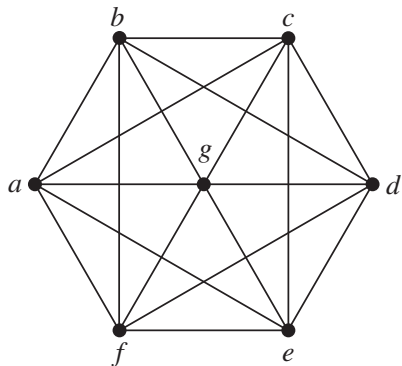
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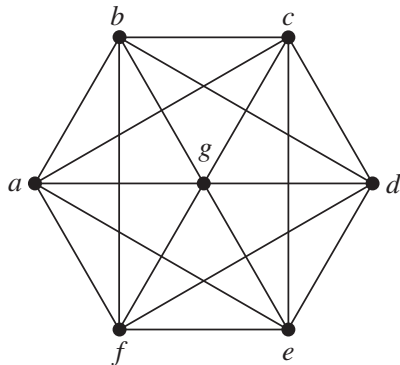
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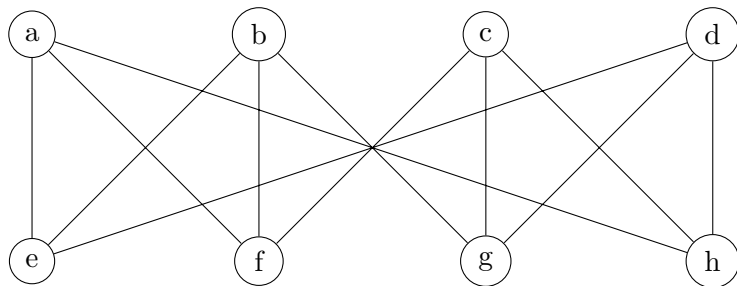
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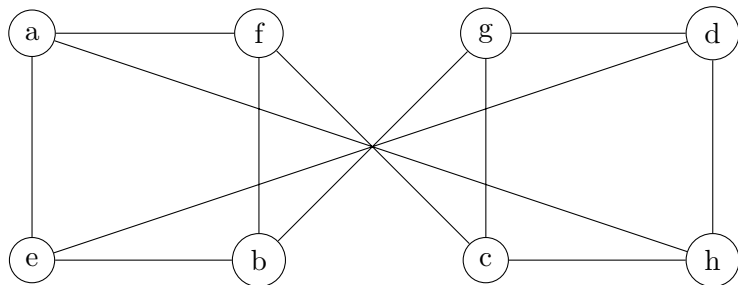
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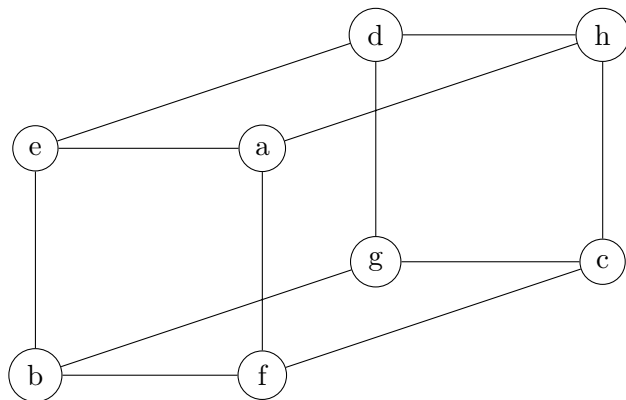
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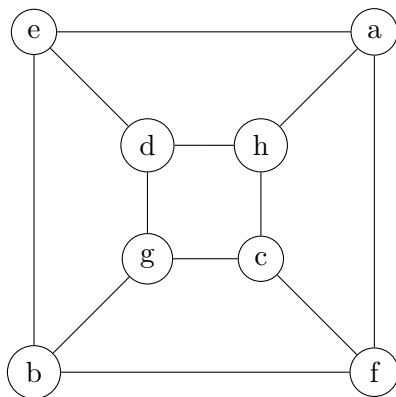


This graph is nonplanar, since it contains $K_{3,3}$ as a subgraph: the parts are $\{a, g, d\}$ and $\{b, c, e\}$.

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If T is a tree, and has n vertices, then its number of edges is $m = n - 1$.

Proof

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- ▶ When $n = 1$, a tree with $n = 1$ vertex has no edges. Indeed, $m = n - 1 = 0$.

2. Assumption step:

- ▶ Let's assume that every tree with $n = k$ vertices has $m = k - 1$ edges, where k is a positive integer.

3. Inductive step:

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