

### Administrivia

- Reminder: Homework 7 due Friday.

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### Minute Essay From Last Lecture

- Question: Given  $A$  and  $B$  as follows, compute  $A \cdot B$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Answer?

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### Graphs — Overview

- In some contexts, “graph” means a plot of a function, other pictorial representation of data.
- In other contexts, it’s an abstract idea meant to represent relationships among a set of things. Examples:
  - Hasse diagrams of chapter 4.
  - Airline route maps.
  - Simplified maps showing driving distances between cities.

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Common idea — set of things (set elements, cities) and a notion that some pairs of them are connected somehow. Details we don’t care about have been “abstracted out”.

### Graphs — Definition

- Formal definition (undirected graph):
  - Nonempty set  $N$  of nodes (vertices).
  - Set  $A$  of arcs (edges).
  - Function  $f : A \rightarrow \{\{x, y\} | x, y \in N\}$  (unordered pairs of nodes).Notice that we can have “loops” and also “parallel arcs”.
- Variations/extensions:
  - Directed graph — edges are ordered pairs (i.e., “one-way”).
  - Labeled graph — each vertex has some associated info (“label”).
  - Weighted graph — each edge has some associated info (“weight”).

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## Graphs — Terminology

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- Adjacent nodes (arc from one to the other).
- Loop, parallel arc.
- Simple graph (no loops or parallel arcs).
- Complete graph (every pair of nodes adjacent).
- Path (sequence of arcs), connected graph.
- Cycle, acyclic graph.

## Isomorphic Graphs

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- What we care about is the relationship between nodes and arcs, not exact visual representation.
- Can formalize this as “isomorphism” — two graphs are isomorphic if one is just a “relabeling” of the other.
- Formal definition is in terms of one-to-one functions, one from nodes of graph  $G_1$  to nodes of graph  $G_2$  and one from arcs of graph  $G_1$  to arcs of graph  $G_2$ . Idea is that if an arc connects two nodes in  $G_1$ , the corresponding arc in  $G_2$  connects the corresponding nodes.

### Computer-Friendly Representation of Graphs

- For humans, representing graphs pictorially usually works well. For computers, other representations work better.
- Key idea is to come up with a way to represent the essential information — set of nodes and which ones are connected.

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### Adjacency Matrices

- Idea is to put the  $n$  nodes in some (arbitrary) order and define an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A_{ij}$  is the number of arcs connecting node  $i$  and node  $j$ .
- For an undirected graph, what property does this matrix have? that it might or might not have for a directed graph?
- Variation: For a weighted graph with no parallel arcs, we could let  $A_{ij}$  be the weight of the arc from node  $i$  to node  $j$ .
- Example(s)?

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### Adjacency Lists

- Idea is to again put  $n$  nodes in some arbitrary order, but rather than a matrix define an array of  $n$  lists, one for each node, with the list for node  $i$  containing all nodes  $j$  that are adjacent to node  $i$ . Parallel arcs mean “duplicate” entries.
- Example(s)?

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### Adjacency Matrix Versus Adjacency List

- Which uses less space?
- Which makes it faster to answer the question “is node  $i$  adjacent to node  $j$ ?”

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## Minute Essay

- None — quiz.

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