

Graph theory has a lot of definitions. The best way to learn the definitions is to do problems.

We can translate many problems into graph theory problems:

A campus department has ten faculty members $\{1, \dots, 10\}$. As part of the department, the faculty formed committees to discuss important issues. The following committees exist:

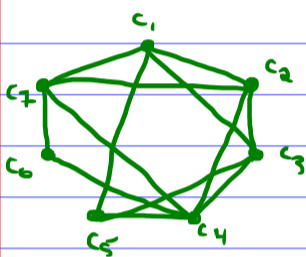
Student Engagement	$C_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$
Diversity and Inclusion	$C_2 = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$
Student Disability Accessibility	$C_3 = \{2, 5, 6, 7\}$
Student Mentorship	$C_4 = \{4, 7, 8, 9\}$
Academic Advising	$C_5 = \{2, 6, 7\}$
Undergraduate Research	$C_6 = \{8, 9, 10\}$
Professional Development	$C_7 = \{1, 3, 9, 10\}$

The only times when faculty are all available to meet during Fall 2021 is for three hours on Friday. Is it possible for all seven committees to meet?

Vertex Set: The set of committees.

Edge Set: An edge between vertices if they share at least one member.

Step 1:

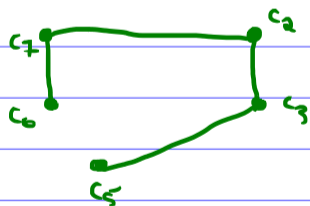


- Degree c_1 : 4
- Degree c_2 : 4
- Degree c_3 : 4
- Degree c_4 : 5
- Degree c_5 : 3
- Degree c_6 : 2
- Degree c_7 : 4

$\{c_1, c_7\} \in E$ because $c_1 \cap c_7 = \{1, 3\}$, $c_2 \cap c_1 = \{1, 3\}$
 $c_1 \cap c_4 = \emptyset$, $c_1 \cap c_2 = \{1, 3\}$
 $c_1 \cap c_3 = \{2, 3\}$
 $c_1 \cap c_5 = \{2, 3\}$
 $V = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7\}$
 $E = \{\{c_1, c_2\}, \{c_1, c_3\}, \{c_1, c_5\}, \{c_1, c_7\}, \dots\}$

Timeslot 1: c_1, c_4
 Timeslot 2:
 Timeslot 3:

Step 2:



- Degree c_2 : 2
- Degree c_3 : 2
- Degree c_5 : 1
- Degree c_6 : 1
- Degree c_7 : 2

Timeslot 1: c_1, c_4
 Timeslot 2: c_2, c_6, c_5
 Timeslot 3:

Step 3:

c_7

c_3

Degree c_3 : 0

Timeslot 1: c_1, c_4
 Timeslot 2: c_2, c_6, c_5
 Timeslot 3: c_3, c_7 Degree c_7 : 0

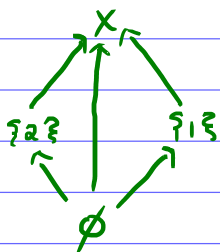
Is it possible, yes.

How many possibilities? ??

ambiguity with the term.

Recall that relations can be described by graphs. If X is a set, a relation \sim on X is a subset of $X \times X$. This is a directed graph since we are taking "ordered pairs."

Ex: Let $X = \{1, 2\}$, let the vertex set be the power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ and let (A, B) be in the edge set if $A \subset B$.

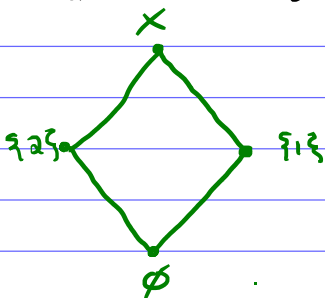


In-Degree $\{1, 2\}$: 3	Out-Degree $\{1, 2\}$: 0
In-Degree $\{1\}$: 1	Out-Degree $\{1\}$: 1
In-Degree $\{2\}$: 1	Out-Degree $\{2\}$: 1
In-Degree \emptyset : 0	Out-Degree \emptyset : 3

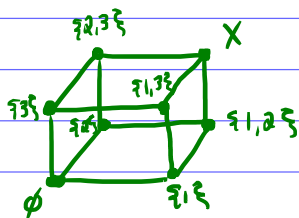
(The sum of the 'in' and 'out' degrees are same)

We can make a relation \sim into an undirected graph if $\{x, y\}$ is in the edge set if $x \sim y$ or $y \sim x$.

Ex: Let $X = \{1, 2\}$, let the vertex set be the power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ and let $\{A, B\}$ be in the edge set if $A \subset B$ or $B \subset A$ such that there does not exist $C \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $A \subset C \subset B$ or $B \subset C \subset A$.



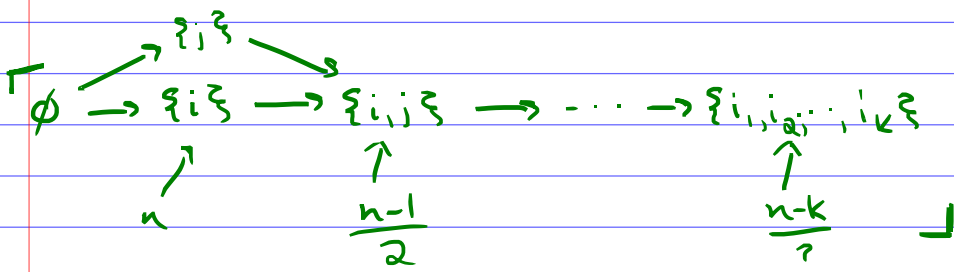
Ex: Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, let the vertex set be the power set $\mathcal{P}(X)$ and let $\{A, B\}$ be in the edge set if $A \subset B$ or $B \subset A$ such that there does not exist $C \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $A \subset C \subset B$ or $B \subset C \subset A$.



of vertices
 2^3

of edges
?

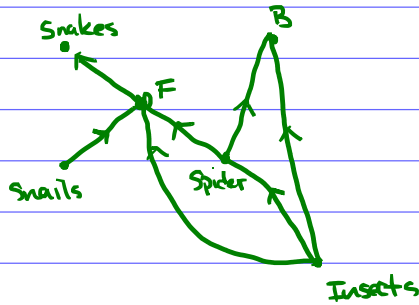
(You can use $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$ and the edge set relation on $\mathcal{P}(X)$ to define an n -dimensional cube!)



Graphs can also be used to describe natural phenomena such as a food cycle in an ecosystem. Let's say in an ecosystem we have:

- Snakes eat frogs.
- Birds eat spiders and insects
- Spiders eat insects.
- Frogs eat snails, spiders and insects.

Vertices will be species, edges follow the transfer of energy.



Or family trees. Let vertices be people and edges will follow the lineage of a family.

- Kyle has four children: Abigail, Brad, Chuck, Dean
- Abigail has two children: Fred, Grey
- Brad has one child: Heather
- Dean has two children: Isaac, John

