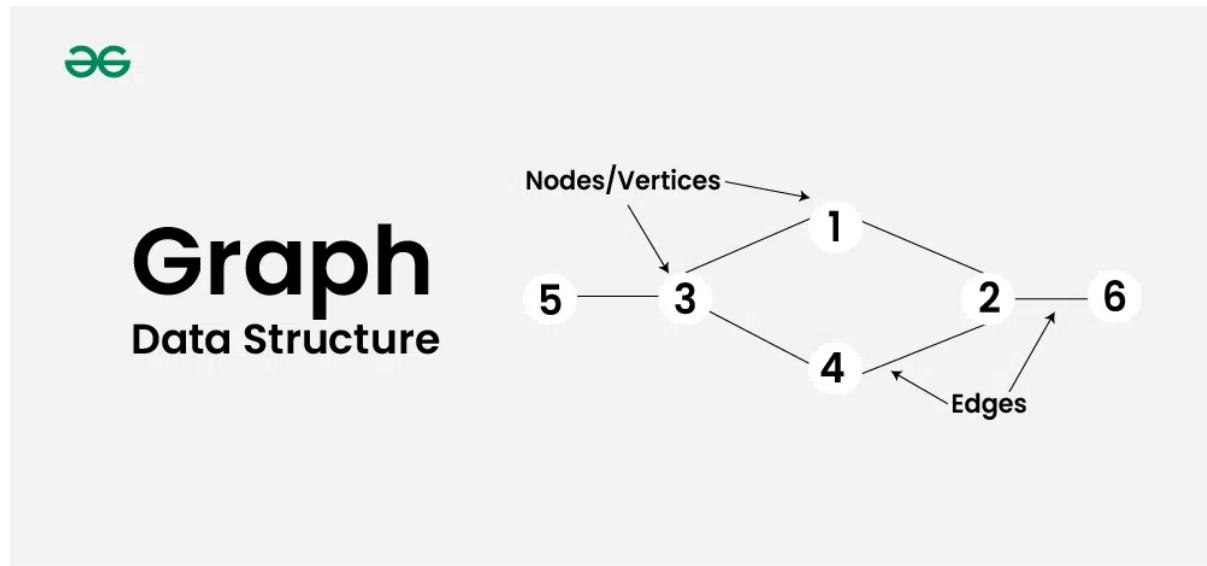


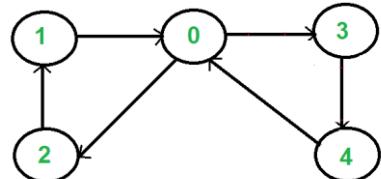
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## 1. Graph Definitions and Concepts



### Definition:

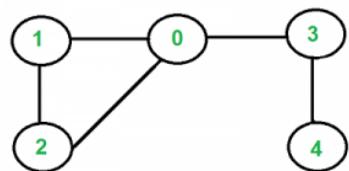
A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a set of **vertices** ( $V$ ) and **edges** ( $E$ ), where edges connect pairs of vertices.



### Types of Graphs:

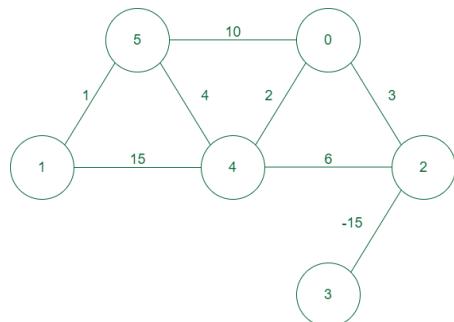
#### 1. Directed Graph (Digraph):

- Edges have a direction.
- Example: A->B.



#### 2. Undirected Graph:

- Edges have no direction.
- Example: A-B.

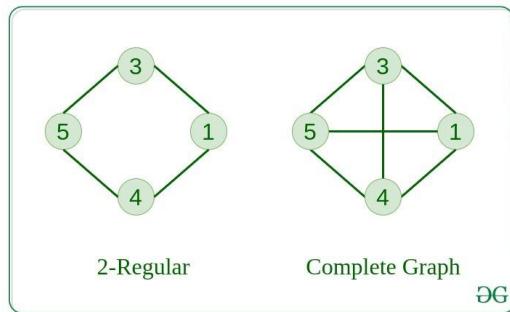


### Weighted Graph:

- Each edge has a weight.
- Example: Distance or cost.

### Connected Graph:

- Every vertex is reachable from every other vertex.



**Define a graph and explain its types with an example.**

*Answer:* A graph is a collection of vertices and edges.

Types include directed, undirected, weighted, and connected graphs, as explained above.

## Adjacency Matrix Representation

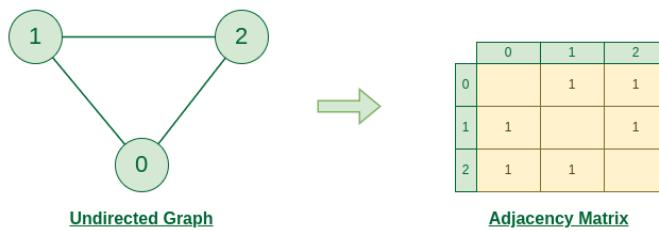
An adjacency matrix is a way of representing a graph as a matrix of boolean (0's and 1's)

Let's assume there are **n** vertices in the graph So, create a 2D matrix **adjMat[n][n]** having dimension  $n \times n$ .

- *If there is an edge from vertex  $i$  to  $j$ , mark **adjMat[i][j]** as **1**.*
- *If there is no edge from vertex  $i$  to  $j$ , mark **adjMat[i][j]** as **0**.*

### **Representation of Undirected Graph as Adjacency Matrix:**

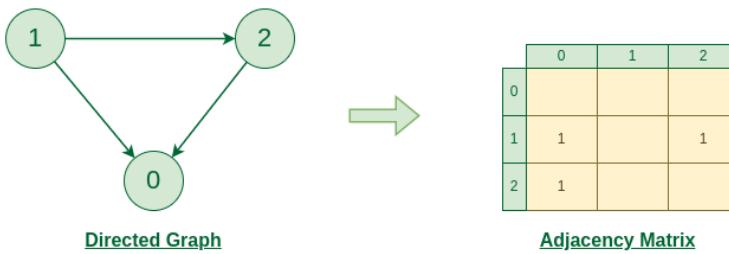
The below figure shows an undirected graph. Initially, the entire Matrix is initialized to **0**. If there is an edge from source to destination, we insert **1** to both cases (**adjMat[destination]** and **adjMat[destination]**) because we can go either way.



[Graph Representation of Undirected graph to Adjacency Matrix](#)

### **Representation of Directed Graph as Adjacency Matrix:**

The below figure shows a directed graph. Initially, the entire Matrix is initialized to **0**. If there is an edge from source to destination, we insert **1** for that particular **adjMat[destination]**.



[Graph Representation of Directed graph to Adjacency Matrix](#)

## Incidence Matrix Representation of Matrix

The *incidence matrix*  $A$  of an *undirected* graph has a row for each vertex and a column for each edge of the graph. The element  $A_{[i][j]}$  of  $A$  is 1 if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex is a vertex of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  edge and 0 otherwise.

The *incidence matrix*  $A$  of a *directed* graph has a row for each vertex and a column for each edge of the graph. The element  $A_{[i][j]}$  of  $A$  is  $-1$  if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex is an initial vertex of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  edge, 1 if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex is a [terminal vertex](#), and 0 otherwise.

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## Graph Traversal in Detail

Graph Traversal is the process of visiting each vertex of a graph systematically. The goal is to explore the graph structure fully, either to find paths, search elements, or process vertices.

Traversal is broadly divided into two types:

1. **Depth First Search (DFS)**
2. **Breadth First Search (BFS)**

## 1. Depth First Search (DFS)

### Definition:

DFS explores a graph by starting at a vertex and moving as deep as possible along each branch before backtracking. It uses a stack data structure (or recursion).

### Algorithm (Recursive DFS):

1. Start from the initial vertex  $u$  and mark it as **visited**.
2. Recursively visit all **unvisited neighbors** of  $u$ .
3. If no neighbors remain, **backtrack** to the previous vertex and repeat.

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## 2. Breadth First Search (BFS)

### Definition:

BFS explores the graph level by level. It uses a queue data structure.

### Algorithm (Iterative BFS):

1. Start from the initial vertex  $U$  and mark it as visited.
2. Add  $U$  to the queue.
3. While the queue is not empty:

Remove the front vertex  $V$  and process it.

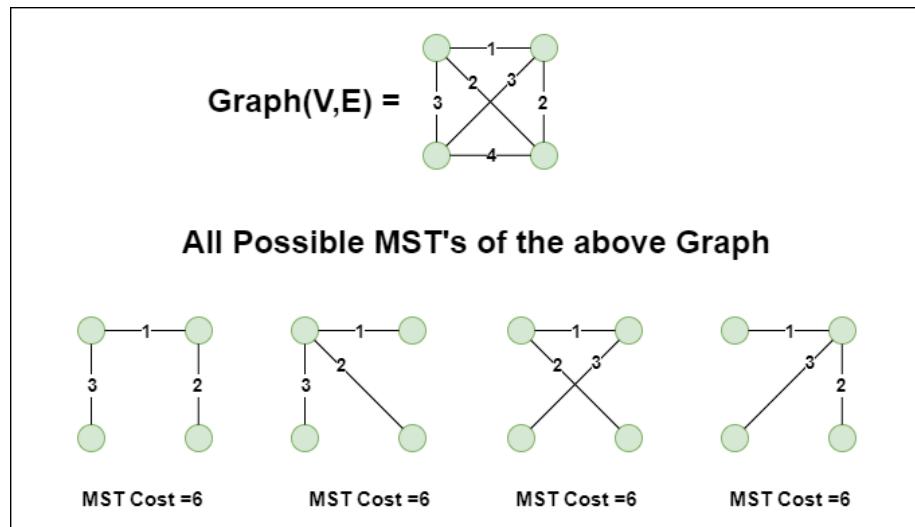
Add all unvisited neighbors of  $V$  to the queue and mark them as visited.

## Spanning Tree

A **Spanning Tree** is a subgraph of a connected, undirected graph that includes all the vertices of the original graph with  $V-1$  edges (where  $V$  is the number of vertices). It does not contain cycles and connects all vertices.

- **Key Features:**

- It is a tree (connected and acyclic).
- It spans all vertices of the graph.
- For a graph with  $V$  vertices, the spanning tree has  $V-1$  edges.
- A graph can have multiple spanning trees.



## Minimum Cost Spanning Tree (MCST)

An MCST is a spanning tree with the minimum possible total edge weight. It ensures efficient connectivity, minimizing cost.

### Applications:

- Designing communication or transportation networks.
- Minimizing cost in network design (e.g., power grids, road networks).

## **Prim's Algorithm (MCST)**

Prim's Algorithm grows the spanning tree **vertex by vertex**.

### **Working:**

1. Select an arbitrary starting vertex.
2. Add the smallest weight edge connecting the tree to a new vertex.
3. Repeat until all vertices are included.

### **Advantages:**

- Best for dense graphs (many edges).
- Simple to implement using priority queues.

### **Complexity:**

- Using adjacency matrix:  $O(V^2)$
- Using adjacency list and min-heap:  $O(E \log V)$ , where  $E$  is the number of edges.

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## **Kruskal's Algorithm (MCST)**

Kruskal's Algorithm grows the spanning tree **edge by edge**.

### **Working:**

1. Sort all edges by weight in ascending order.
2. Add the smallest edge to the tree if it doesn't form a cycle.
3. Repeat until  $V-1$  edges are included.

### **Advantages:**

- Best for sparse graphs (few edges).
- Efficient when edges are pre-sorted or small in number.

### **Complexity:**

- Sorting edges:  $O(E \log E)$ .
- Union-Find operations:  $O(E \log V)$ .

## Differences Between Prim's and Kruskal's Algorithm

Feature	Prim's Algorithm	Kruskal's Algorithm
Approach	Greedy: Adds the smallest edge connecting a vertex	Greedy: Adds the smallest edge globally
Structure Used	Priority Queue	Disjoint Set (Union-Find)
Best for	Dense Graphs	Sparse Graphs
Cycle Detection	Implicit (through visited vertices)	Explicit (Union-Find)

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