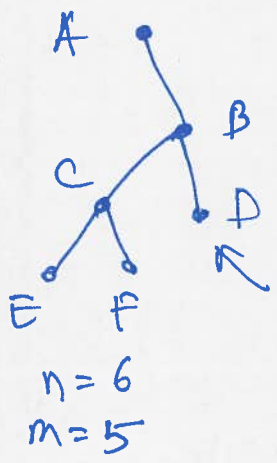


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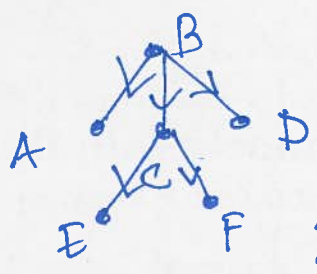
Def: An undirected graph  $T = (V, E)$  is a tree if  
 (1)  $T$  is connected & (2)  $T$  has no cycles

THEOREM: A tree on  $n$  nodes has EXACTLY  $n-1$  edges



Pf idea: Pick a root  $r \in V$   
 Root  $T$  at  $r$

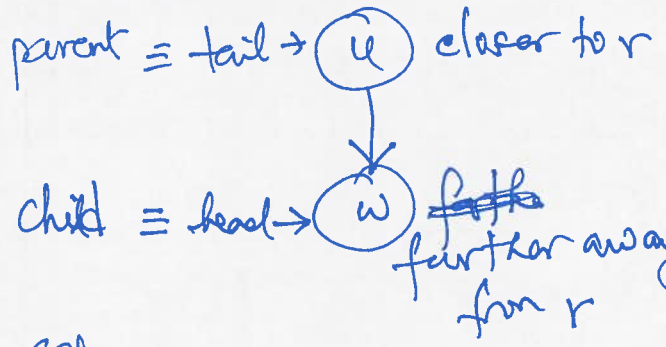
- (1) Direct edges "away" from  $r$
- (2) Every edge has a unique child
- (3) ~~Root~~  $r$  is the only node that is not a child of any other node



$\Rightarrow |E| = |V \setminus \{r\}|$

$A \setminus B = \{a \in A \mid a \notin B\}$

Pf details Pick a ~~root~~  $r \in V$  & root  $T$  at  $r$



Ex: For every  $(u, w) \in E$  one of them is closer to  $r$  than the other  
 distance

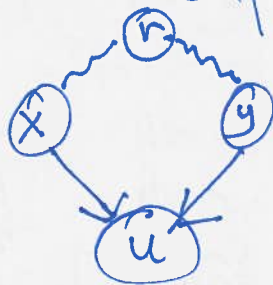
- Claim 1:  $r$  is not the head of any directed edge
- Claim 2: Every directed edge has a unique head
- Claim 3: Every non-root vertex is the head of some edge
- Claim 4: Every non-root vertex is the head of  $\leq 1$  edge.

Claims 1-4  $\Rightarrow$  1-to-1 correspondence between  $E$  &  $V \setminus \{r\}$   
 $\Rightarrow |E| = |V \setminus \{r\}| = n-1$

Idea of Claim 4: For sake of contradiction assume  $u$  is a non-root that is the head of two edges

$T$  is connected

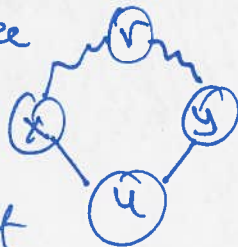
$\Rightarrow \exists$   $r-x$  path  
&  $r-y$  path



Now consider the original tree

$\Rightarrow \exists$  a cycle in  $T$

$\Rightarrow$  contradicts the fact that  $T$  is a tree  $\square$



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THEOREM 2: Let  $T$  be an undirected graph. Then

any 2 of the following properties  $\Rightarrow$  the 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1)  $T$  is connected
- 2)  $T$  has no cycles
- 2)  $T$  has  $n-1$  edges

Just proved

$1+2 \Rightarrow 3$

Proof:

$1+3 \Rightarrow 2$
$2+3 \Rightarrow 1$