### Section 1.4: Graphs and Trees

A **graph** is a set of objects (called **vertices** or **nodes**) and **edges** between pairs of nodes.



A **path** from vertex  $x_0$  to  $x_n$  is a sequence of edges  $x_0, x_1, ..., x_n$ , where there is an edge from  $x_{i-1}$  to  $x_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ .

The **length** of a path is the number of edges in it.



A path from **Pe** to **Br** 

A **cycle** is a path that begins and ends at the same vertex and has no repeated edges.

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A planar graph can be drawn on a 2-D plane without edges crossing. **Theorem:** All planar graphs can be colored with 4 (or fewer) colors.



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## An algorithm to visit vertices in depth-first order

visit(v) – This function should be called when a vertex is first visited.

The function being defined is "D". Recursive: D calls itself



# Trees

A tree is a special kind of graph

**Connected** – a path between any two nodes

No cycles

Trees are drawn "upside down"

**Root** – the node at the top; Every tree has exactly one root.

Parent / Children – The parent is immediately above its children

Leaves – Nodes without children

Height (or depth) of the tree

- length of longest path from root to some leaf.

### Example:

Which node is the root? What are the children of A? Who is the parent of node G? Which nodes are leaves? What is the depth of this tree?



# Subtrees

Any node in a tree is the root of a subtree.

## **Representing Trees with Lists**

One way to represent a tree is as a list whose head is the root of the tree anad whose tail is a list of subtrees. Each subtree is represented the same way.



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This is the prefix form of the expression.
Note: Parentheses are never needed

in a prefix-form expression.

# **Binary Trees**

Each vertex either... is empty, denoted <> has two subtees that are binary trees. Left subtree, right subtree

Alternately: nodes have  $\leq 2$  children.

5 Representing binary trees with tuples empty: <> non-empty: <L,x,R> where x is the subtree's root, L and R are the two subtrees. A node with no children (a leaf): <<>,2,<>>

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A node with two children: <<<>,2,<>>,3, <<>,5,<>>>

A **binary search tree** represents ordered information. The predecessors of x are in the left subtree of x. The successors of x are in the right subtree of x.

**Example:** This is a binary search tree for the first 6 prime numbers.

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