# A Graph is a Thingy...



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- *E* is a set of **edges** (pairs of vertices).

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### More Important Graphs

# Empty GraphComplete Graph $(K_n)$ a...dcb...

#### Some Questions

- How many edges can a graph with |V| = n have?  $\frac{h(n-1)}{2} = \binom{h}{2} = \binom{h}{2}$
- If we have |*E*| = *n*, what is the smallest number of vertices we can have? The largest?

Smallest:

## Walks and Paths

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#### Definition (Cycle)

A cycle in a graph G = (V, E) is a walk  $(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n)$  with no repeated vertices except  $v_0 = v_n$ .



#### Definition (Connected Graph)

We say a graph is connected if for every pair of vertices,  $u, v \in V$ , there is a path from u to v.



# A "Worklist"

A very common type of algorithm on graphs is a worklist algorithm.

Recall the WorkList ADT:

WorkList ADT

add( <b>v</b> )	Notifies the worklist that it must handle ${\bf v}$
next()	Returns the next vertex to work on
hasWork()	Returns true if there's any work left and false otherwise

Importantly, we **do not care how** the worklist manages the work. (Okay, we do, but not when coming up with the algorithm.)

Worklist algorithms will always look like the following: