

Graph Theory - Comprehensive Topics

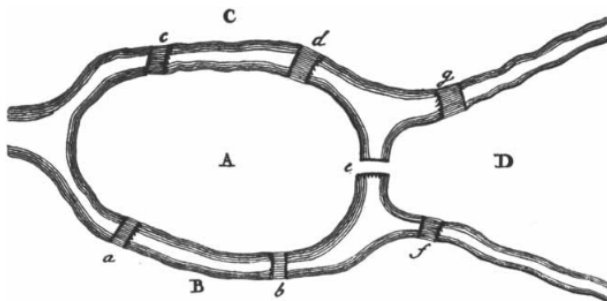
Detailed Concepts, Examples, and Exercises

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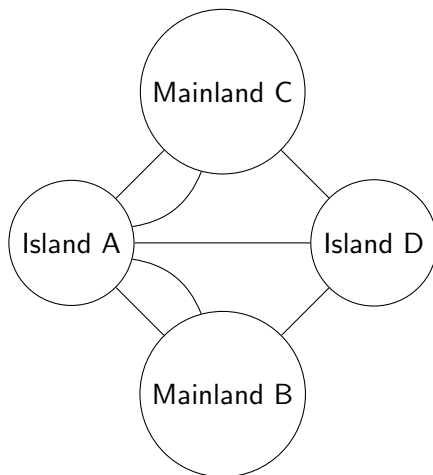
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Koenigsberg Bridges Problem - Original Scenario I

- The city of Koenigsberg (now Kaliningrad) was situated on both sides of the Pregel River.
- The river enclosed two islands connected to each other and the mainland by seven bridges.
- The challenge: Start at any point and traverse all bridges exactly once, returning to the starting point.



Koenigsberg Bridges Problem - Original Scenario II

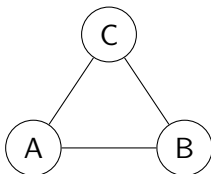


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Graph and Graph as Models

- A **Graph** $G = (V, E)$ consists of:
 - ▶ V : A set of vertices (nodes).
 - ▶ E : A set of edges (connections between vertices).
- Graphs are used to model relationships in various fields:
 - ▶ Social networks, transportation, communication, etc.



Exercise:

- Define a graph for your daily commute.
- List its vertices and edges.

Question to Ponder: Can all real-world problems be modeled using graphs?

Formal Definition of a Graph I

- A **graph** G is defined as an ordered pair:

$$G = (V, E)$$

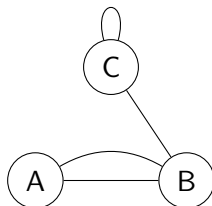
where:

- ▶ V is the set of vertices (nodes).
- ▶ E is the set of edges (connections) represented as a subset of $V \times V$.
- Each edge is a relation (u, v) , where $u, v \in V$.

Extensions:

- **Self-loop:** An edge of the form (v, v) where $v \in V$.
- **Parallel Edges:** Two or more edges connecting the same pair of vertices, represented as distinct elements in E .

Formal Definition of a Graph II



Exercise:

- Define the vertex set and the edge set for the above graph.

Question to Ponder: How do self-loops and parallel edges affect graph properties such as connectivity and cycles?

Basic Concepts in Graph Theory

- **Vertex (Node)**: A point in the graph, represented by a circle or a dot. The plural form of vertex is **vertices**, and it is also commonly referred to as **nodes** (with the plural form being **nodes**).
- **Edge (Arc)**: A line segment connecting two vertices, representing a relationship between them. The plural form of edge is **edges**, and it is also commonly referred to as **arcs** (with the plural form being **arcs**).



Figure: Vertex (Node) and Edge (Arc)

Note: Throughout this presentation, the terms vertex and node, as well as edge and arc, will be used interchangeably.

Degree of a Vertex

- **Degree of a Vertex:** The number of edges incident on a vertex; note that, it is also sometimes referred to as **valence** of a vertex.
- **Notation:** $d(v)$ or $\deg(v)$

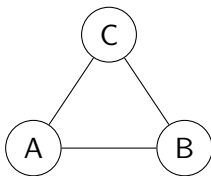


Figure: Degree of Vertices: $d(A) = 2$, $d(B) = 2$, $d(C) = 2$

Types of Degrees

- **Isolated Vertex:** A vertex with degree 0.
- **Pendant Vertex:** A vertex with degree 1.
- **Interior Vertex:** A vertex with degree greater than 1.

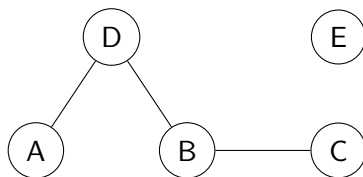


Figure: $d(A) = 1$, $d(B) = 2$, $d(C) = 1$, $d(D) = 2$, $d(E) = 0$

Adjacent Vertices

- **Adjacent Vertices:** Two vertices (nodes) are adjacent if they are connected by an edge (arc).
- **Notation:** $u \sim v$ or u is adjacent to v .

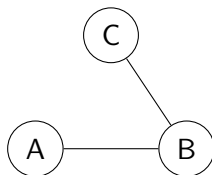


Figure: Adjacent Vertices: $A \sim B$, $B \sim C$, but $A \not\sim C$

Neighbors of a Vertex

- **Neighbors of a Vertex:** The set of all vertices adjacent to a given vertex.
- **Notation:** $N(v)$ or $N(v) = \{u \mid u \sim v\}$.

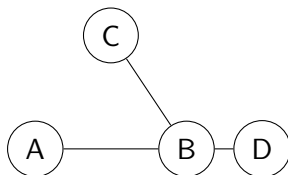


Figure: Neighbors of a Vertex: $N(B) = \{A, C, D\}$

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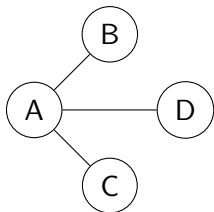
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Types of Graphs I

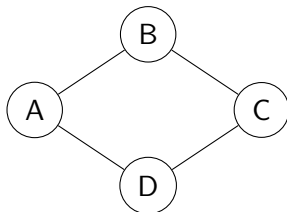
- Graphs can be categorized based on their structure and properties. Common types include:
 - ① **Star Graph:** One central vertex connected to all others.
 - ② **Cycle Graph:** A graph that forms a single closed loop.
 - ③ **Complete Graph:** Every pair of vertices is connected by an edge.
 - ④ **Bipartite Graph:** Vertices can be divided into two disjoint sets with edges only between the sets.
 - ⑤ **Tree:** A connected graph with no cycles.
 - ⑥ **Planar Graph:** A graph that can be drawn on a plane without any edge overlapping.

Types of Graphs II

Examples:



Star Graph($K_{1,n}$)



Cycle Graph(C_n)

Question to Ponder: How do different graph types model real-world problems?

Simple and General Graphs

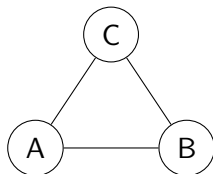
- **Simple Graph:**

- ▶ Contains no self-loops (edges that connect a vertex to itself).
- ▶ No multiple edges between any pair of vertices.

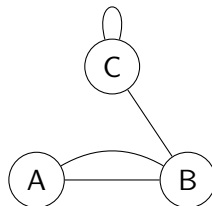
- **General Graph:**

- ▶ May contain loops and multiple edges between pairs of vertices.
- ▶ Represents more complex relationships compared to simple graphs.
- ▶ Also referred to as **Multigraph** (no self-loops) and **Pseudograph** (no restrictions). *See Appendix.*

Examples:



Simple Graph

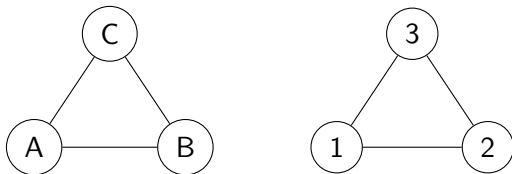


General Graph

Question to Ponder: How do loops and multiple edges change the properties of a graph?

Matrices and Isomorphism

- **Adjacency Matrix:** Represents edges between vertices as a matrix.
- **Isomorphism:** Two graphs are isomorphic if their structure can be mapped identically.



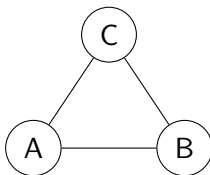
Exercise:

- Write the adjacency matrix for the above graphs.
- Prove their isomorphism.

Question to Ponder: Why is identifying isomorphism computationally challenging?

Complete Graphs

- A **complete graph** is a graph in which every pair of vertices is connected by an edge.
- Denoted as K_n , where n is the number of vertices.



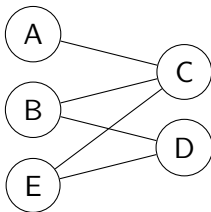
Exercise:

- Verify if a graph with n vertices and $n(n - 1)/2$ edges is complete.

Question to Ponder: How do complete graphs relate to real-world applications?

Bipartite Graphs

- A graph is **bipartite** if its vertices can be divided into two disjoint sets such that every edge connects a vertex from one set to the other.
- No edges exist between vertices of the same set.

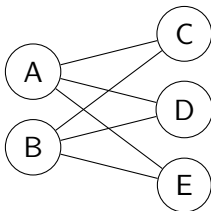


★ *Notice that cycle graphs with an even number of vertices are always bipartite.*

Question to Ponder: How can bipartite graphs be used in matching problems?

Complete Bipartite Graphs

- A **complete bipartite graph** is a bipartite graph where every vertex in one set is connected to every vertex in the other set.
- Denoted as $K_{m,n}$, where m and n are the sizes of the two sets.



★ Notice that a **Star Graph** with n vertices is basically $K_{1,n-1}$.

Exercise:

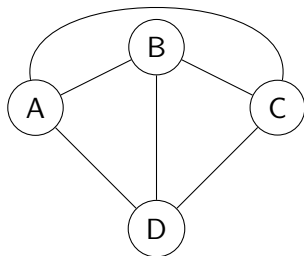
- Verify if the given graph is a complete bipartite graph.

Question to Ponder: How are complete bipartite graphs used in network design?

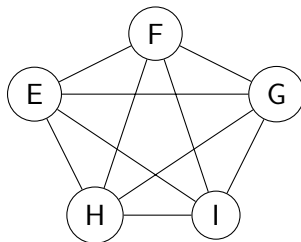
Planar Graphs I

- **Definition:** A graph is planar if it can be drawn on a plane without any edges crossing. - Such a drawing is called a plane embedding of the graph.
- Properties:
 - ▶ **Euler's Formula:** For a connected planar graph: $V - E + F = 2$, where V is the number of vertices, E the number of edges, and F the number of faces (including the outer face).
 - ▶ A **planar graph** must satisfy: $E \leq 3V - 6$ for $V \geq 3$.
 - ▶ A **bipartite planar graph** satisfies: $E \leq 2V - 4$.
- Examples:
 - ▶ Planar: K_4 , Cycle graphs (C_n).
 - ▶ Non-Planar: K_5 , $K_{3,3}$.

Planar Graphs II



Planar K_4



Non-Planar K_5

Exercise:

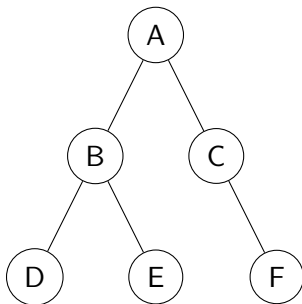
- Verify Euler's formula for the K_4 graph.
- Prove why K_5 is non-planar using edge and vertex counts.

Tree Graph I

- **Definition:** A tree is an undirected, connected, and acyclic graph. - Formally, a graph $T = (V, E)$ is a tree if:
 - ▶ T is connected (a path exists between any two vertices).
 - ▶ T contains no cycles.
- **Properties of Trees:**
 - ▶ A tree with n vertices has exactly $n - 1$ edges.
 - ▶ Adding one edge to a tree creates exactly one cycle.
 - ▶ Removing any edge from a tree disconnects it.
 - ▶ There is a unique path between any pair of vertices.
- **Examples of Trees:**
 - ▶ **Star Tree** ($K_{1,n}$): One central vertex connected to all others.
 - ▶ **Path Tree** (P_n): A tree where all vertices form a single path.
 - ▶ **Binary Tree:** A tree where each vertex has at most two children.

Tree Graph II

Visualization:



Exercise:

- Prove that a tree with n vertices has exactly $n - 1$ edges using induction.
- Identify the types of trees (binary, star, path) in the above visualization.

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Vertex Degrees and Counting

- The **degree** of a vertex is the number of edges incident to it.
- Sum of all vertex degrees equals twice the number of edges.

Exercise:

- Prove the Handshaking Lemma for a graph with n vertices and m edges.

Question to Ponder: How can vertex degrees help in identifying graph properties?

Graph Size and Order I

- **Definition:**

- ▶ **Order** ($|V|$): The order of a graph is the number of vertices it contains.
- ▶ **Size** ($|E|$): The size of a graph is the number of edges it contains.

- **Notation:** A graph G is represented as $G = (V, E)$, where:

- ▶ V is the vertex set.
- ▶ E is the edge set.
- ▶ $|V|$ is the graph's order, and $|E|$ is its size.

- **Examples:**

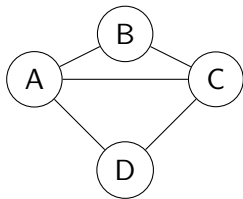
- ▶ For a complete graph K_n : Order: $|V| = n$, Size: $|E| = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.
- ▶ For a cycle graph C_n : Order: $|V| = n$, Size: $|E| = n$.
- ▶ For a path graph P_n : Order: $|V| = n$, Size: $|E| = n - 1$.
- ▶ For any tree: Order: $|V| = n$, Size: $|E| = n - 1$.

Graph Size and Order II

- **Properties:**

- ▶ The **size** of a graph is always bounded by: $0 \leq |E| \leq \binom{|V|}{2}$.
- ▶ **Sparse graph:** $|E| \ll |V|^2$, **Dense graph:** $|E| \approx |V|^2$.

Visualization:



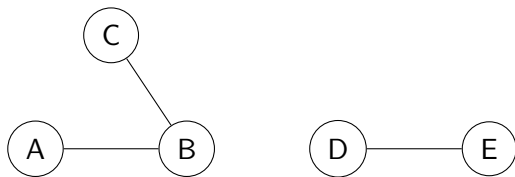
- Order: $|V| = 4$ (A, B, C, D).
- Size: $|E| = 5$ (five edges drawn).

Exercise:

- Determine the size and order of the complete bipartite graph $K_{3,2}$.
- Find the size of a tree with 10 vertices.

Connection in Graphs

- A graph is **connected** if there is a path between every pair of vertices.
- **Disconnected Graph**: Contains at least two components.



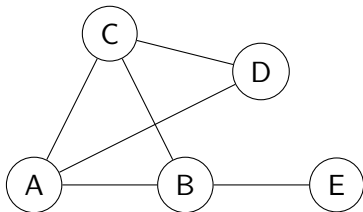
Exercise:

- Determine if the graph is connected.
- Identify its components.

Question to Ponder: How does connectivity impact graph algorithms?

Degree Sequence

- A **degree sequence** (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) is a list of vertex degrees in non-increasing order.
- Example: For the graph below, the degree sequence is $(3, 3, 3, 2, 1)$.
- Not all degree sequences are valid for simple graphs. Conditions must be satisfied to determine if a sequence is **graphic**.



Exercise:

- Determine the degree sequence of a star graph with 6 vertices.
- Verify if the sequence $(4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1)$ is graphic.

Question to Ponder: How can the degree sequence help in identifying graph properties?

Graphic Sequences

- A sequence of numbers, (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) , is **graphic** if it represents the degree sequence of a simple graph. Following conditions must be true.
 - ① The sequence must be made up of non-negative integers
 - ② The sum of all the degrees must be even
 - ③ d_i can be at most $n - 1$
- Example: $(3, 3, 2, 2)$ is graphic (construct the graph to verify).

Exercise:

- Verify if $(3, 2, 2, 1)$ is graphic.
- How about $(5, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1)$ and $(5, 3, 2, 1, 1)$?

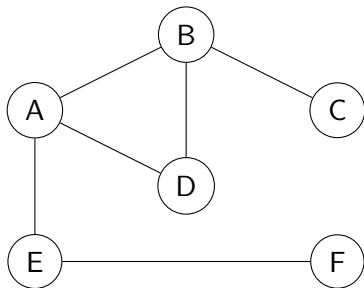
Question to Ponder: What conditions make a sequence graphic?

Degree Sequence to Graph Construction I

- **Problem Statement:** Given a degree sequence, construct a graph or determine if no graph exists.
- **Havel-Hakimi Algorithm:** A constructive method to check if a degree sequence is graphical and build the graph:
 - ① Sort the degree sequence in non-increasing order.
 - ② Remove the first vertex (highest degree) and decrease the degree of the next highest d vertices.
 - ③ Repeat until all degrees are 0 or a contradiction arises.

Degree Sequence to Graph Construction II

Example: Degree sequence: $\{3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1\}$.



Exercise:

- Determine if the sequence $\{4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2\}$ is graphical.
- Construct the graph if the sequence is valid.

Question to Ponder: Can there be more than one graph for a given degree sequence?

Walk, Trail, Circuit, Path and Cycle I

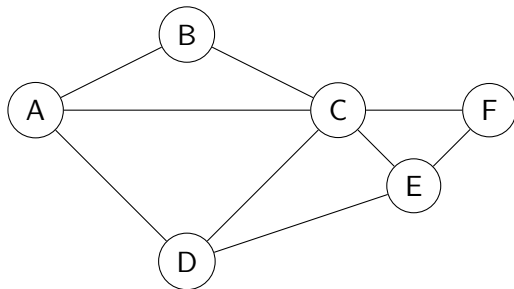
- **Walk:** A sequence of vertices and edges; vertices and edges may repeat: $W = v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, v_2, \dots, e_k, v_k$ where:
 $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k \quad e_i = \{v_{i-1}, v_i\}.$
- **Trail:** A walk in which all edges are distinct:
 $\forall i, j \quad i \neq j \quad e_i \neq e_j.$
- **Circuit:** A closed trail (first and last vertices are the same), where:
 $\forall i, j \quad i \neq j \quad v_0 = v_k, \quad e_i \neq e_j. \text{ a}$
- **Path:** A trail in which all vertices are distinct:
 $\forall i, j \quad i \neq j \quad v_i \neq v_j.$
- **Cycle:** A closed path (first and last vertices are the same), where:
 $\forall i, j \quad i \neq j, i, j \in [1, k-1] \quad v_0 = v_k, \quad v_i \neq v_j.$

Notes:

- Paths and cycles are subsets of trails and walks.
- Circuits allow repeated vertices but not edges, while cycles restrict both.

Walk, Trail, Circuit, Path and Cycle II

Example:



- Example Walk: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$.
- Example Trail: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow D$.
- Example Circuit: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$.
- Example Path: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow F$.
- Example Cycle: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow A$.

Walk, Trail, Circuit, Path and Cycle III

Exercise:

- Identify whether the following sequences in the graph are walks, trails, paths, circuits, or cycles:
 - ① $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow A$.
 - ② $F \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$.
 - ③ $A \rightarrow D \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow C \rightarrow B \rightarrow A$.
- Identify all cycles and circuits in the graph.
- Identify all paths between A and F in the graph.
- Identify all Walks between A and B in the graph.
- Identify all trails between A and D in the graph.

Diameter of a Graph I

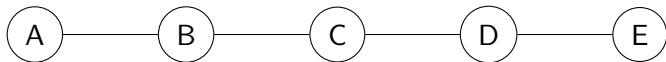
- The **diameter** of a graph is the longest shortest path between any two vertices.
- It measures the graph's "largest reachability" in terms of path length.
- The **diameter** of a graph G is defined as:

$$\text{diam}(G) = \max_{u,v \in V} d(u, v)$$

where:

- ▶ $d(u, v)$ is the shortest path distance between vertices u and v in G .
- ▶ The diameter is the largest shortest path distance between any two vertices in the graph.
- If the graph is disconnected, the diameter is considered infinite.

Example:



Diameter of a Graph II

Exercise:

- Compute the diameter of a star graph with 5 vertices.
- Determine the diameter of a cycle graph with 6 vertices.

Question to Ponder:

- How does the diameter relate to the efficiency of communication in a network?
- What is the relationship between the diameter and the connectivity of a graph?

Eccentricity of a Vertex I

- The **eccentricity** of a vertex v in a graph G is the maximum shortest path distance from v to any other vertex in G .
- Formally,

$$e(v) = \max_{u \in V(G)} d(v, u)$$

where $d(v, u)$ is the shortest path distance between v and u .

Note: *Eccentricity helps in understanding the structure of a graph. It is used in network analysis, shortest path algorithms, and centrality measures.*

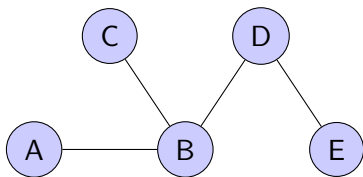
Properties of Eccentricity Definition:

- The vertex with the smallest eccentricity is called a **central vertex**.
- The largest eccentricity among all vertices is the **diameter** of the graph.
- The smallest eccentricity among all vertices is the **radius** of the graph.

Eccentricity of a Vertex II

Example:

- Consider the following graph:



- Compute $e(v)$ for each vertex and determine the radius and diameter.

Exercises

- Compute the eccentricity of each vertex in the given graph.
- Determine the central vertex (or vertices).
- Find the diameter and radius of the graph.
- Modify the graph by adding an edge and observe how the eccentricities change.

Components of a Graph I

- **Definition:** A component of a graph is a maximal connected subgraph, meaning that:
 - ▶ Any two vertices in the same component are connected by a path.
 - ▶ No additional vertices or edges can be added without breaking connectivity.
- **Properties:**
 - ▶ A graph may consist of one or more components.
 - ▶ The components of a graph are disjoint.
 - ▶ Every vertex belongs to exactly one component.
- **Types of Components:**
 - ▶ **Connected Component:** A subgraph where all vertices are connected.
 - ▶ **Isolated Component:** A single vertex with no edges.

Components of a Graph II



- In the above graph:
 - ▶ Component 1: $\{A, B, C\}$.
 - ▶ Component 2: $\{D, E\}$.
 - ▶ Component 3: $\{F\}$ (an isolated component).
- **Exercise:**
 - ▶ Identify all components in a complete bipartite graph $K_{2,3}$.
 - ▶ Prove: A graph with n vertices and no edges has n components.

Cut Edges and Cut Vertices I

- **Cut Edge (Bridge):**

- ▶ A cut edge (or bridge) is an edge whose removal increases the number of connected components in the graph.
- ▶ **Example:** In the graph below, edge $A \rightarrow B$ is a cut edge.

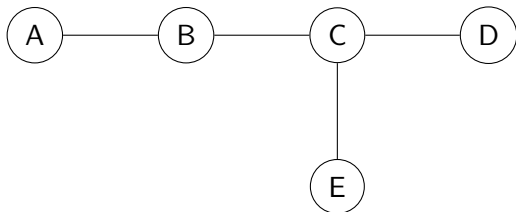
- **Cut Vertex (Articulation Point):**

- ▶ A cut vertex is a vertex whose removal increases the number of connected components in the graph.
- ▶ **Example:** In the graph below, vertex C is a cut vertex.

- **Properties:**

- ▶ An edge is a cut edge if and only if it does not belong to any cycle in the graph.
- ▶ In a complete graph, no vertex is a cut vertex.
- ▶ In a tree, all vertices with degree greater than 1 are cut vertices, and all edges are cut edges because removing any edge disconnects the tree.
- ▶ Removal of a cut vertex or cut edge isolates one or more subgraphs.

Cut Edges and Cut Vertices II



- In the above graph:
 - ▶ **Cut Edge:** Removing $B \rightarrow C$ disconnects A from the rest of the graph.
 - ▶ **Cut Vertex:** Removing C separates the graph into two disconnected components.
- **Exercise:**
 - ▶ Identify all cut edges and cut vertices in the graph above.
 - ▶ Prove that a tree with n vertices has at least $n - 1$ cut edges.

Complement Graph I

- **Definition:** The complement of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a graph $\overline{G} = (V, \overline{E})$, where:

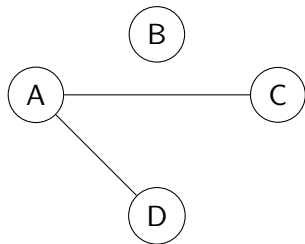
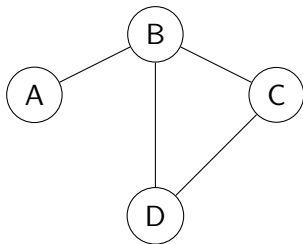
$$\overline{E} = \{(u, v) \mid u, v \in V, u \neq v, \text{ and } (u, v) \notin E\}.$$

- The complement graph \overline{G} contains all edges not present in G , with the same vertex set V .

- **Properties:**
 - ▶ G and \overline{G} together form a complete graph K_n .
 - ▶ If G is complete, then \overline{G} is empty.
 - ▶ If G is disconnected, \overline{G} is connected (for $|V| \geq 3$).

Complement Graph II

Example 1: Graph G :

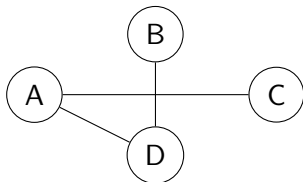
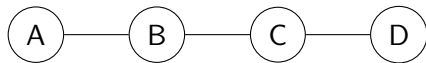


Explanation:

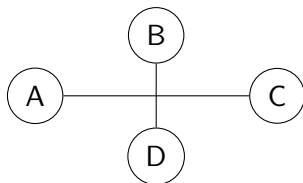
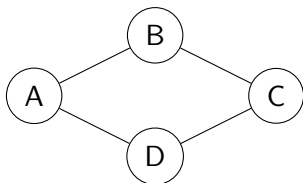
- Graph G :
 - ▶ Vertices: $\{A, B, C, D\}$.
 - ▶ Edges: $\{(A, B), (B, C), (C, D), (B, D)\}$.
- Complement Graph \overline{G} :
 - ▶ Vertices: $\{A, B, C, D\}$.
 - ▶ Edges: $\{(A, C), (A, D)\}$.

Complement Graph III

- **Example 2:** Complement of P_4 (Path graph with 4 vertices):



- **Example 3:** Complement of C_4 (Cycle graph with 4 vertices):



Complement Graph IV

- **Additional Properties:**

- ▶ The complement of the complement graph is the original graph:

$$\overline{\overline{G}} = G.$$

- ▶ If G is bipartite, \overline{G} may or may not be bipartite.
- ▶ If G is disconnected, \overline{G} is connected for $|V| \geq 3$.
- ▶ G and \overline{G} cannot share any edges, but they share the same vertex set.

- **Examples:**

- ▶ For K_3 (a complete graph with 3 vertices):

$$\overline{K_3} = K_3^c = \emptyset \quad (\text{no edges}).$$

- ▶ For a star graph $K_{1,n}$:

$$\overline{K_{1,n}} = K_n \setminus K_{1,n}.$$

Complement Graph V

- Applications of Complement Graphs:

- ▶ Graph Algorithms: Some problems on a graph G can be simplified by studying \overline{G} .
- ▶ Independent Sets: The complement graph helps find cliques in the original graph, as:

$A \text{ clique in } G \implies \text{an independent set in } \overline{G}.$

- ▶ Network Design: Designing complementary networks to optimize connectivity and minimize redundancy.

Exercise:

- Draw the complement graph of C_4 (a cycle with 4 vertices).
- Prove: The complement of a bipartite graph is not necessarily bipartite.
- Prove: If G has E edges, then \overline{G} has $\binom{|V|}{2} - E$ edges.
- Find the complement graph of $K_{2,3}$ and determine its properties.

Graph Connectivity I

Definition: A graph $G = (V, E)$ is connected if there exists a path between every pair of vertices. Otherwise, it is disconnected.

Types of Connectivity:

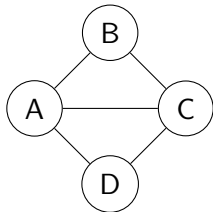
- **Vertex Connectivity ($\kappa(G)$):** The minimum number of vertices that must be removed to disconnect G .
 - If $\kappa(G) \geq k$, then G is k -connected.
- **Edge Connectivity ($\lambda(G)$):** The minimum number of edges that must be removed to disconnect G .
 - If $\lambda(G) \geq k$, then G is k -edge-connected.
- **Strong Connectivity (Directed Graphs):** A directed graph is strongly connected if there exists a directed path between every pair of vertices.
 - If for every $(u, v) \in V$, there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u , then the graph is strongly connected.

Graph Connectivity II

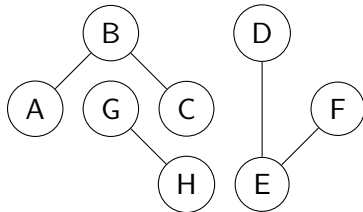
Key Theorems:

- **Menger's Theorem:** For any two non-adjacent vertices in a k -connected graph, there exist at least k vertex-disjoint paths between them.
- The minimum number of vertices needed to separate two vertices equals the maximum number of internally disjoint paths between them.

2-Connected Graph:



Disconnected Graph:



Graph Connectivity III

Graph Connectivity in Real-World Applications:

- Network Resilience: - A highly connected network is fault-tolerant since multiple paths exist between nodes.
- Transportation Systems: - Road and railway networks use connectivity analysis to prevent bottlenecks.
- Biological Networks: - Neuronal and protein interaction networks often rely on graph connectivity properties.

Exercise:

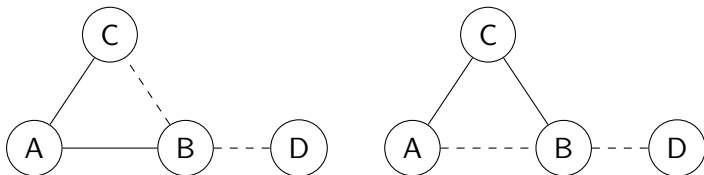
- Compute $\kappa(G)$ and $\lambda(G)$ for K_5 .
- Prove that every graph with $\kappa(G) \geq 2$ is 2-connected.
- Find a real-world example where connectivity analysis is important.

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Subgraphs

- A **subgraph** is a graph formed from a subset of the vertices and edges of a larger graph.
- The edges in the subgraph must exist in the original graph.



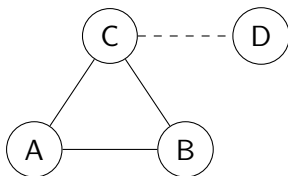
Exercise:

- Identify subgraphs in the given graph.

Question to Ponder: How do subgraphs help in graph decomposition?

Induced Subgraphs

- An **induced subgraph** is formed by a subset of the vertices of a graph and all edges between those vertices that are present in the original graph.
- Induced subgraphs are unique for a given vertex subset.



Exercise:

- Identify the induced subgraph for a given vertex subset.
- Compare it with non-induced subgraphs of the same vertex set.

Question to Ponder: How does the concept of induced subgraphs assist in graph theory proofs?

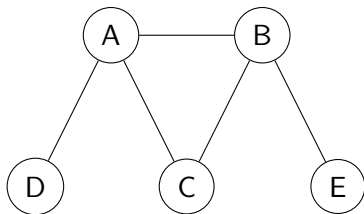
Graph Decomposition

A graph can be decomposed into smaller subgraphs to simplify its analysis and understanding. Decomposition techniques help in identifying the structure and properties of a graph.

- **Definition:** Graph decomposition involves partitioning a graph $G = (V, E)$ into subgraphs that satisfy specific properties.
- **Common Types of Decompositions:**
 - ▶ Vertex Decomposition: Partition the vertex set V into subsets.
 - ▶ Edge Decomposition: Partition the edge set E into subsets, forming edge-disjoint subgraphs.
 - ▶ Subgraph Decomposition: Divide G into subgraphs with specific structures.
- **Applications:**
 - ▶ Scheduling: Task assignments with dependencies.
 - ▶ Network Design: Subnetwork optimization.
 - ▶ Algorithm Design: Dynamic programming on decomposed structures.

Example - Vertex Decomposition

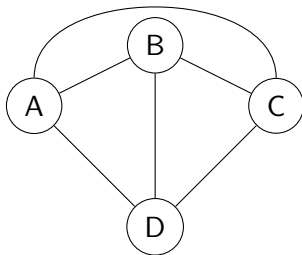
- **Vertex Decomposition:** Partition the vertex set into subsets such that subgraphs induced by these subsets meet certain criteria.
- **Example: Partition into Independent Sets**
 - ▶ A graph G can be decomposed into k independent sets V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k .
- **Example Graph:**



- Partition: $V_1 = \{A, E\}$, $V_2 = \{B, D\}$, $V_3 = \{C\}$.
- Resulting Subgraphs: Each subset induces a subgraph with no edges.

Example - Edge Decomposition

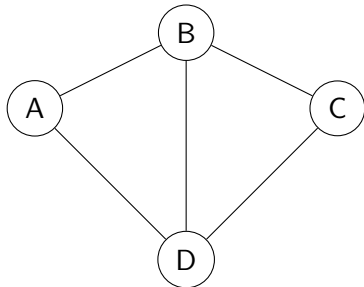
- **Edge Decomposition:** Partition the edge set into disjoint subsets E_1, E_2, \dots such that each subset forms a specific type of subgraph.
- **Example: Partition into Spanning Trees**
 - ▶ A connected graph can be decomposed into edge-disjoint spanning trees.
- **Example Graph:**



- Decompose edges into two spanning trees:
 - ▶ $E_1 = \{(A, B), (B, C), (C, D)\}$.
 - ▶ $E_2 = \{(D, A), (B, D), (A, C)\}$.

Subgraph Decomposition Example

- **Subgraph Decomposition:** Partition a graph into subgraphs, where each subgraph satisfies a specific property or structure.
- **Example: Partition into Cycles and Paths**
 - ▶ Given a graph G , decompose it into edge-disjoint subgraphs, where each subgraph is either a cycle or a path.
- **Example Graph:**



- Decompose G into the following subgraphs:
 - ① Cycle: $\{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow A\}$.
 - ② Path: $\{B \rightarrow C\}$.

Applications of Graph Decomposition

- Scheduling:
 - ▶ Decompose a task dependency graph into levels for parallel processing.
- Network Design:
 - ▶ Divide a communication network into subgraphs for efficient routing.
- Algorithm Design:
 - ▶ Use tree decompositions to solve problems like vertex cover, maximum clique.
- Real-World Examples:
 - ▶ Internet backbone networks.
 - ▶ Transportation systems with zone-wise management.
- **Exercise:**
 - ▶ Decompose a graph into 2 edge-disjoint spanning trees.

Graph Blocks (Biconnected Components) I

Definition: A block of a graph is a maximal 2-connected subgraph, meaning:

- It has no cut vertices (removing any single vertex does not disconnect it).
- It is maximal (adding any more edges/vertices introduces a cut vertex).

Key Theorems:

- A connected graph can be decomposed uniquely into blocks.
- If a graph has no cut vertices, it is a single block.
- If a graph has at least one cut vertex, it consists of multiple blocks, each connected through a cut vertex.

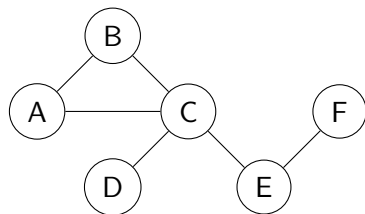
Block-Cut Tree Representation:

- A graph's block-cut tree represents its decomposition into blocks.
- Each block is a node in the tree.

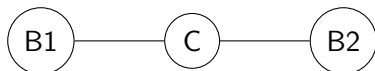
Graph Blocks (Biconnected Components) II

- Cut vertices form the links between these blocks.

Graph with Blocks:



Block-Cut Tree:



Exercise:

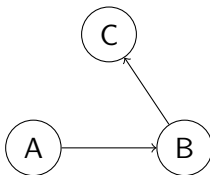
- Compute the block-cut tree for a cycle graph C_6 .
- Use Tarjan's algorithm to find the biconnected components in the example graph.

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Directed Graphs

- In a **directed graph** (also referred to as **digraph**), edges have a direction (e.g., $u \rightarrow v$).
- Applications: Representing tasks with dependencies.



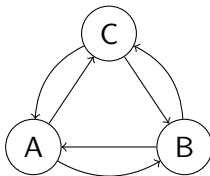
Exercise:

- Identify the in-degree and out-degree of vertices in the graph.

Question to Ponder: How does edge direction impact graph traversal algorithms?

Complete Directed Graph

- A **complete directed graph**, denoted as \vec{K}_n , is a directed graph where every pair of vertices has two directed edges, one in each direction.
- Total number of edges: $n(n - 1)$ for n vertices.



Exercise:

- Calculate the number of edges in \vec{K}_4 .

Question to Ponder: What real-world systems resemble complete directed graphs?

Directed Graphs: In-Degree and Out-Degree

- **In-Degree** ($d^-(v)$): The number of edges (arcs) entering a vertex.
- **Out-Degree** ($d^+(v)$): The number of edges (arcs) leaving a vertex.

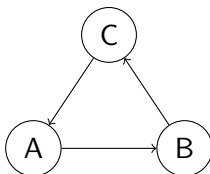


Figure: In-Degree and Out-Degree: $d^-(A) = 1$, $d^+(A) = 1$, $d^-(B) = 1$, $d^+(B) = 1$, $d^-(C) = 1$, $d^+(C) = 1$

Strongly Connected Digraphs I

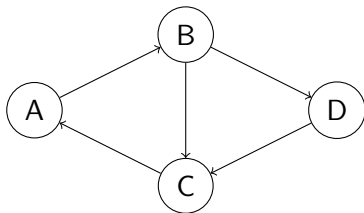
- **Definition:** A directed graph (digraph) $G = (V, E)$ is strongly connected if, for every pair of vertices $u, v \in V$:

There exists a directed path from u to v and from v to u .

- **Properties:**

- ▶ Strong connectivity implies that every vertex can reach every other vertex in both directions.
- ▶ The graph remains strongly connected if any strongly connected component is replaced by a single vertex.

- **Example:**

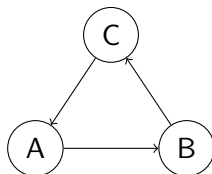


Strongly Connected Digraphs II

- In the above digraph:
 - ▶ There is a directed path from every vertex to every other vertex.
 - ▶ Therefore, the graph is strongly connected.
- **Exercise:**
 - ▶ Verify strong connectivity for the example above.
 - ▶ Provide an example of a digraph that is not strongly connected and explain why.

Orientation and Tournaments

- **Orientation:** Assigning a direction to edges in an undirected graph.
- **Tournament:** A directed graph where every pair of vertices is connected by a single directed edge.



Exercise:

- Verify if the given graph is a tournament.

Question to Ponder: What are the applications of tournament graphs?

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Weighted Graphs I

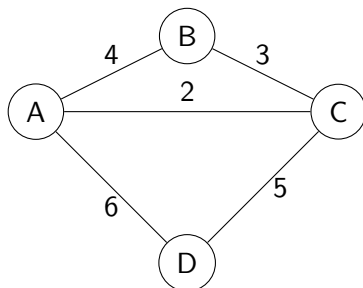
- **Definition:** A weighted graph is a graph where each edge has a numerical value (weight) associated with it. A **weighted graph** is a mathematical structure consisting of:
 - ▶ A set of **vertices**, denoted by $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.
 - ▶ A set of **edges**, denoted by $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$, where each edge e_i is a pair of vertices (v_i, v_j) .
 - ▶ A **weight function** $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which assigns a real number (called the **weight**) to each edge.

The weighted graph is often denoted by the triple $G = (V, E, w)$.

- **Applications:**
 - ▶ **Transportation Networks:** Travel distances or times between locations.
 - ▶ **Communication Networks:** Data transmission costs.
 - ▶ **Logistics:** Supply chain optimization.

Weighted Graphs II

Example:



Exercise:

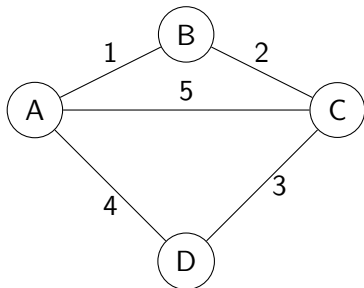
- Represent the above graph as an adjacency matrix with weights.
- Identify a practical scenario modeled by this graph.
- Create the mathematical definition equivalent for the above graph.

Dijkstra's Algorithm I

- **Goal:** Find the shortest path from a source vertex to all other vertices in a weighted graph.
- **Steps:**
 - ① Initialize distances to infinity and the source distance to 0.
 - ② Use a priority queue to repeatedly select the vertex with the smallest distance.
 - ③ Update distances to adjacent vertices.
 - ④ Repeat until all vertices are visited.

Dijkstra's Algorithm II

Example:



Exercise:

- Apply Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest paths from vertex A.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm I

- Goal: Compute shortest paths from a source to all vertices, even with negative edge weights.
- Steps:
 - ① Initialize distances to infinity, source to 0.
 - ② Relax all edges $V - 1$ times:

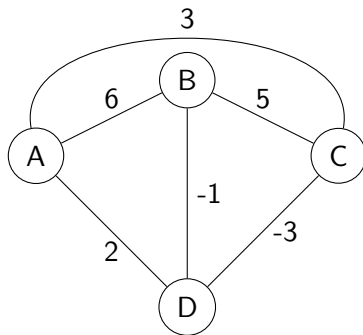
If $d[u] + w(u, v) < d[v]$, then $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)$.

- ③ Check for negative cycles on the V th iteration.
- Complexity:
 - ▶ Time: $O(VE)$.
 - ▶ Space: $O(V)$.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm II

- Exercise:

- ▶ Apply Bellman-Ford to the weighted graph below:



Complexity Analysis of Shortest Path Algorithms

- Dijkstra's Algorithm:
 - ▶ Using Priority Queue: $O((V + E) \log V)$.
 - ▶ Without Priority Queue: $O(V^2)$.
 - ▶ Limitation: Cannot handle negative weights.
- Bellman-Ford Algorithm:
 - ▶ Time Complexity: $O(VE)$.
 - ▶ Use Case: Handles negative weights and detects negative cycles.
- Comparison:

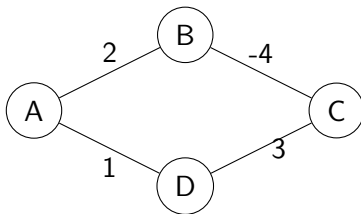
Algorithm	Time Complexity	Handles Negative Weights
Dijkstra's	$O((V + E) \log V)$	No
Bellman-Ford	$O(VE)$	Yes

Applications of Weighted Graphs

- Logistics:
 - ▶ Optimize delivery routes by minimizing transportation costs.
 - ▶ Example: Shortest paths in a road network for package delivery.
- Navigation Systems:
 - ▶ Google Maps and GPS use weighted graphs to find shortest routes.
 - ▶ Weights represent distances or travel times.
- Network Design:
 - ▶ Design cost-effective communication networks.
 - ▶ Example: Reducing data transmission costs in telecommunications.
- Exercise:
 - ▶ Model a real-world problem (e.g., warehouse logistics) as a weighted graph.

Negative Edge Weights

- Definition:
 - ▶ Negative edge weights represent costs, losses, or reductions.
- Challenges:
 - ▶ Dijkstra's algorithm fails with negative weights.
 - ▶ Negative cycles can result in infinite reductions.
- Solution: Bellman-Ford Algorithm
 - ▶ Handles graphs with negative weights.
 - ▶ Detects negative cycles.
- Example:



- Exercise:
 - ▶ Identify if the above graph contains a negative cycle.

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Introduction to Counting and Bijections

Why is Counting Important in Graph Theory?

- Counting methods help analyze the **number of possible graphs**, **spanning trees**, **matchings**, and **paths** in a given structure.
- Many combinatorial proofs in graph theory use **bijections** to establish equivalences between different sets.
- Applications include **enumerative combinatorics**, **graph isomorphism**, **network design**, and **probabilistic graph theory**.

Bijections in Graph Theory:

- A bijection is a **one-to-one and onto mapping** between two sets.
- Establishing bijections helps in counting problems by reducing complexity.
- Example: Counting the number of spanning trees in a complete graph using **Cayley's Formula**.

Exercise:

- Find a bijection between the set of paths in a graph and the set of subgraphs of a given structure.

Basic Counting Principles in Graphs

Fundamental Counting Principles:

- **Addition Principle:** If event A can occur in m ways and event B in n ways (mutually exclusive), total ways = $m + n$.
- **Multiplication Principle:** If task A has m choices and task B has n choices (independent), total ways = $m \times n$.

Examples in Graph Theory:

- Number of labeled graphs with n vertices = $2^{\binom{n}{2}}$.
- Number of different spanning trees in K_n (Cayley's Theorem) = n^{n-2} .
- Counting paths and cycles in different graph structures.

Exercise:

- How many simple graphs can be formed with 4 vertices?
- Prove that the number of labeled trees with 5 vertices is $5^3 = 125$.

Bijections and Counting Spanning Trees

Cayley's Theorem: Counting Trees

- The number of spanning trees of a complete graph K_n is given by:

$$T(K_n) = n^{n-2}$$

- Proof Idea: Use **Prüfer codes**, which establish a bijection between labeled trees and sequences of length $n - 2$ over n .

Bijection Between Prüfer Sequences and Labeled Trees:

- Each labeled tree corresponds uniquely to an $(n - 2)$ -length Prüfer sequence.
- This allows a counting argument using the **multiplication principle**.

Exercise:

- Construct the Prüfer sequence for some tree.

Counting Paths and Cycles in Graphs

Path and Cycle Counting in Graphs:

- Number of paths of length k in a graph can be found using **matrix exponentiation**:

$$A^k(i, j) = \text{number of paths of length } k \text{ from } i \text{ to } j.$$

- Counting cycles in graphs is difficult, but known results include:
 - ▶ Number of Hamiltonian cycles in $K_n = (n - 1)!/2$.
 - ▶ Counting cycles using **generating functions**.

Applications:

- Finding paths efficiently in **network routing**.
- Counting cycles in **circuit design and chemistry** (e.g., ring structures in molecules).

Exercise:

- Compute A^3 for the adjacency matrix of some graph.

Key Theorems and Proofs in Counting and Bijections

Theorem 1: Number of Spanning Trees in a Graph (Kirchhoff's Matrix-Tree Theorem)

- Let L be the Laplacian matrix of a graph.
- The number of spanning trees is given by:

$$T(G) = \text{any cofactor of } L.$$

Theorem 2: Counting Eulerian Circuits

- The number of Eulerian circuits in a graph is given by a determinant formula based on **BEST theorem**.
- **Proof Idea: Using Linear Algebra:** The determinant of a **reduced Laplacian matrix** gives the number of spanning trees.

Exercise:

- Compute the number of spanning trees for K_4 using Kirchhoff's theorem.

Introduction to Extremal Graph Theory

What is Extremal Graph Theory?

- Extremal graph theory studies the **maximum or minimum** values of graph properties under given constraints.
- It asks questions like:
 - ▶ What is the **largest** number of edges a graph can have while avoiding a specific subgraph?
 - ▶ What is the **smallest** number of edges required for a certain property to hold?

Famous Examples of Extremal Problems:

- **Turán's Theorem:** What is the maximum number of edges in a K_{r+1} -free graph?
- **Erdős-Stone Theorem:** Generalizing Turán's theorem for arbitrary forbidden subgraphs.
- **Mantel's Theorem:** Maximum edges in a triangle-free graph.

Exercise:

- Find the maximum number of edges in a bipartite graph with n vertices.
- Prove that any connected graph with n vertices must have at least $n - 1$ edges.

Turán's Theorem I

Statement: The maximum number of edges in an n -vertex graph that does not contain a complete subgraph K_{r+1} is:

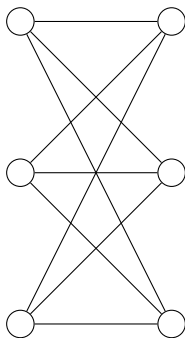
$$\text{ex}(n, K_{r+1}) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right) \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

Proof Idea:

- Construct the **Turán graph** $T_r(n)$, an **r -partite complete graph** with partitions of nearly equal size.
- Show that adding any extra edge introduces a K_{r+1} .
- Use combinatorial counting to verify the edge bound.

Turán's Theorem II

Visual Example:



Exercise:

- Construct $T_3(6)$ and count its edges.
- Prove that the Turán graph $T_r(n)$ minimizes the number of edges needed to contain a K_{r+1} .

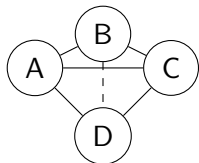
Mantel's Theorem (Triangle-Free Graphs)

Statement: A triangle-free graph with n vertices has at most $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$ edges.

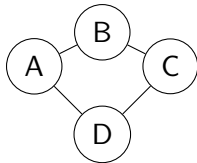
Proof (Extremal Argument):

- Consider a bipartite graph with equal partition sizes.
- Any triangle-free graph with maximum edges must be bipartite.
- The largest bipartite graph is **complete bipartite** $K_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \lceil n/2 \rceil}$, which has $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$ edges.

General Graph (with triangles)



Maximal Triangle-Free Graph



Exercise:

- Prove Mantel's Theorem using an adjacency matrix approach.
- Show that a maximal triangle-free graph must be bipartite.

Real-World Applications of Extremal Problems

Where Are Extremal Graphs Used?

- **Network Design:** Ensuring robustness while minimizing resource usage.
- **Biology:** Studying evolutionary relationships using extremal trees.
- **Coding Theory:** Help in error correction code design.
- **Social Networks:** Modeling influence networks with extremal properties.

Example: Internet Backbone Network

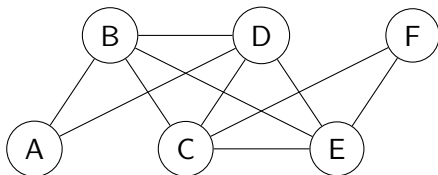
- Designing an internet routing graph with **maximum connectivity** while minimizing redundancy.
- Ensuring the **minimum number of links** required for a stable network.

Exercise:

- Find a real-world scenario where limiting triangle formation is beneficial.
- Research how extremal graph theory helps in wireless sensor network optimization.

Eulerian Graphs

- A graph is **Eulerian** if it contains an Eulerian cycle (a cycle visiting every edge exactly once).
- Necessary and Sufficient condition: All vertices have an even degree.



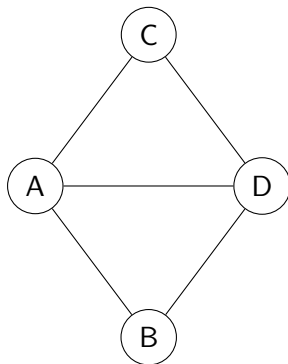
Exercise:

- Determine if a given graph is Eulerian.

Question to Ponder: Can a graph with an odd-degree vertex be Eulerian?

Koenigsberg Bridges Problem I

- The Koenigsberg Bridge Problem (posed in 1736) is a historical problem in graph theory.
- Goal: To determine if it is possible to traverse all seven bridges in the city of Koenigsberg exactly once and return to the starting point.



Koenigsberg Bridges Problem II

Key Insight: Euler proved it is impossible to traverse the graph in such a way, as all vertices in the graph have an odd degree.

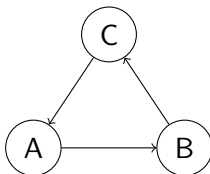
Exercise:

- Analyze the graph to identify the vertex degrees.
- Prove why it is not Eulerian.

Question to Ponder: How did this problem shape the foundations of graph theory?

Eulerian Digraphs

- A **directed graph** is Eulerian if it has a directed Eulerian cycle.
- Necessary and Sufficient condition: In-degree equals out-degree for every vertex.



Exercise:

- Verify the Eulerian property for the above graph.

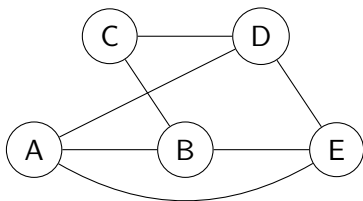
Question to Ponder: How does the Eulerian condition differ in directed graphs?

Hamiltonian Graphs I

- A **Hamiltonian graph** contains a Hamiltonian cycle, which is a cycle that visits each vertex exactly once and returns to the starting vertex.
- Not all graphs are Hamiltonian.
- Sufficient conditions for a graph to be Hamiltonian:
 - ▶ **Dirac's Theorem:** If a graph with n vertices ($n \geq 3$) has $\deg(v) \geq n/2$ for all vertices v , it is Hamiltonian.
 - ▶ **Ore's Theorem:** If $\deg(u) + \deg(v) \geq n$ for all non-adjacent vertices u and v , the graph is Hamiltonian.

Hamiltonian Graphs II

Example:



Exercise:

- Determine if the given graph satisfies Dirac's or Ore's condition.
- Verify if a complete graph K_n is Hamiltonian.

Question to Ponder: How do Hamiltonian graphs differ from Eulerian graphs in terms of edge and vertex traversal?

Comprehensive Summary I

- **Basic Concepts:**

- ▶ Graph types: Simple, directed, undirected, complete, bipartite, etc.
- ▶ Graph properties: Degrees, adjacency, connectivity.
- ▶ Graph representations: Adjacency matrix, adjacency list.

- **Core Topics:**

- ▶ Paths, cycles, walks: Definitions and examples.
- ▶ Subgraphs, cut vertices, cut edges: Importance in connectivity.
- ▶ Degree sequences: Understanding graph properties.
- ▶ Graph operations: Union, intersection, and complement.

- **Advanced Topics:**

- ▶ Weighted graphs:
 - ★ Definition and real-world applications (logistics, navigation, networks).
 - ★ Adjacency matrix for weighted graphs.
- ▶ Shortest path algorithms:
 - ★ Dijkstra's algorithm: Fast and efficient for positive weights.
 - ★ Bellman-Ford algorithm: Handles negative weights and detects cycles.

Comprehensive Summary II

- **Additional Insights:**

- ▶ Complexity analysis of algorithms:
 - ★ Dijkstra's: $O((V + E) \log V)$.
 - ★ Bellman-Ford: $O(VE)$.
- ▶ Limitations of negative weights in shortest path problems.

- **Key Takeaways:**

- ▶ Graph theory provides powerful tools to model and solve real-world problems.
- ▶ Weighted graphs and their algorithms are foundational for optimization.
- ▶ Algorithm selection depends on graph properties, such as the presence of negative weights.

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Adjacency Matrix and Incidence Matrix I

- **Adjacency Matrix:**

- ▶ A square matrix A of size $n \times n$, where $n = |V|$ (number of vertices).
- ▶ The entry $A[i][j]$ represents the number of edges between vertices v_i and v_j :

$$A[i][j] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \in E \text{ (undirected);} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ **Properties:**

- ★ For undirected graphs: A is symmetric.
- ★ For simple graphs: Diagonal entries $A[i][i] = 0$.
- ★ For weighted graphs: $A[i][j]$ stores the weight of edge (v_i, v_j) .

- **Incidence Matrix:**

- ▶ A matrix I of size $n \times m$, where $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$.
- ▶ The entry $I[i][j]$ indicates the relationship between vertex v_i and edge e_j :

$$I[i][j] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is incident to } e_j \text{ (directed start);} \\ -1, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is incident to } e_j \text{ (directed end);} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

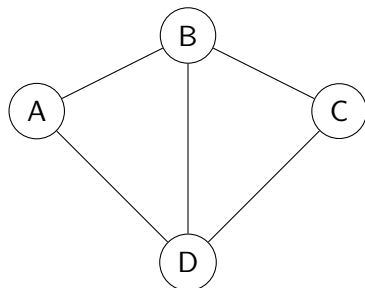
Adjacency Matrix and Incidence Matrix II

► Properties:

- ★ For undirected graphs: $I[i][j] = 1$ for all vertices incident to e_j .
- ★ Sum of entries in each column equals 0 for directed graphs.

Adjacency Matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Incidence Matrix:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjacency Matrix and Incidence Matrix III

Exercise:

- Construct the adjacency and incidence matrices for a complete graph K_4 .
- Prove: The sum of each row in the adjacency matrix equals the degree of the corresponding vertex.

Path Matrix I

- **Definition:** A path matrix P is an $n \times n$ matrix where $n = |V|$ (number of vertices).
 - The entry $P[i][j]$ represents whether there is a path from vertex v_i to vertex v_j :

$$P[i][j] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if there exists a path from } v_i \text{ to } v_j; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- **Construction:**

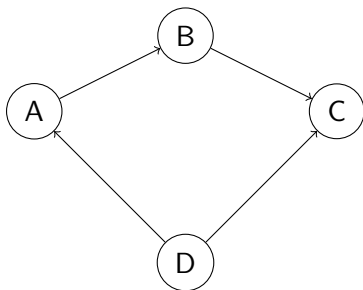
- ▶ Compute the powers of the adjacency matrix A :

$A^k[i][j]$ represents the number of paths of length k from v_i to v_j .

- ▶ The path matrix P is obtained by summing the binary forms of A, A^2, A^3, \dots :

$$P[i][j] = 1 \text{ if } (A + A^2 + \dots + A^n)[i][j] > 0.$$

Path Matrix II



Path Matrix:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

- Compute the path matrix for a graph with $|V| = 3$ and edges: $\{(A, B), (B, C)\}$.
- Prove that for a strongly connected graph, $P[i][j] = 1$ for all i, j .

Adjacency Matrix for Directed and Weighted Graphs I

- **Directed Graphs:**

- ▶ In a directed graph, $A[i][j] = 1$ if there is a directed edge from v_i to v_j , otherwise $A[i][j] = 0$.
- ▶ The adjacency matrix is generally not symmetric.

- **Weighted Graphs:**

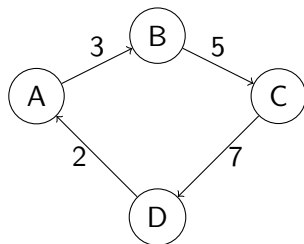
- ▶ In a weighted graph, $A[i][j]$ represents the weight of the edge (v_i, v_j) :

$$A[i][j] = \begin{cases} w, & \text{if edge } (v_i, v_j) \text{ exists with weight } w; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ For directed weighted graphs, weights depend on edge direction.

Adjacency Matrix for Directed and Weighted Graphs II

Graph:



Adjacency Matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

- Compute the adjacency matrix for a directed acyclic graph (DAG) with 4 vertices.
- Verify that the adjacency matrix for a directed graph is not symmetric unless all edges are bidirectional.

Incidence Matrix for Directed and Weighted Graphs I

- **Directed Graphs:**

- ▶ In a directed graph, $I[i][j] = 1$ if vertex v_i is the start of edge e_j , and $I[i][j] = -1$ if v_i is the end of edge e_j .
- ▶ All other entries are 0.

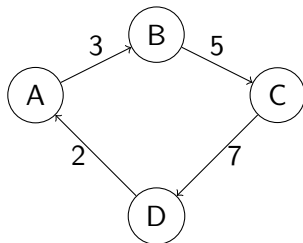
- **Weighted Graphs:**

- ▶ For weighted graphs, the weight of edge e_j is included:

$$I[i][j] = \begin{cases} w, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is the start of } e_j; \\ -w, & \text{if } v_i \text{ is the end of } e_j; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Incidence Matrix for Directed and Weighted Graphs II

Graph:



Incidence Matrix:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

- Construct the incidence matrix for a directed cycle graph with 3 vertices.
- Prove that the sum of each column in the incidence matrix equals zero for directed graphs.

Path Matrix for Directed and Weighted Graphs

- **Directed Graphs:**

- ▶ $P[i][j] = 1$ if there exists a directed path from vertex v_i to v_j ; otherwise, $P[i][j] = 0$.

- **Weighted Graphs:**

- ▶ $P[i][j]$ stores the weight of the shortest path between v_i and v_j :

$$P[i][j] = \begin{cases} \text{min weight of paths from } v_i \text{ to } v_j, & \text{if path exists;} \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- **Applications:**

- ▶ Determining connectivity in directed graphs.
- ▶ Computing shortest paths in weighted graphs (Floyd-Warshall Algorithm).

Exercise:

- Compute the path matrix for a weighted graph with weights $\{3, 5, 7, 2\}$ as shown earlier.
- Verify the Floyd-Warshall Algorithm to compute the shortest path matrix for a directed graph.

Other Graph Matrices

- **Distance Matrix:**

- ▶ A matrix D where $D[i][j]$ represents the shortest distance (number of edges or weights) between vertices v_i and v_j .
- ▶ For unconnected vertices, $D[i][j] = \infty$.

- **Laplacian Matrix:**

- ▶ A matrix $L = D - A$, where D is the degree matrix (diagonal entries are vertex degrees) and A is the adjacency matrix.
- ▶ Used in spectral graph theory to study properties like connectivity.

- **Transition Probability Matrix (for Random Walks):**

- ▶ A matrix P where $P[i][j]$ represents the probability of transitioning from vertex v_i to v_j in a random walk.
- ▶ Entries: $P[i][j] = \frac{1}{\deg(v_i)}$ if $(i, j) \in E$; otherwise, 0.

Exercise:

- Construct the Laplacian matrix for a star graph $K_{1,4}$.
- Compute the distance matrix for a path graph P_4 .

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Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) I

- **Definition:** A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) is a directed graph with no directed cycles.

$G = (V, E)$ where no sequence of edges forms a cycle.

- **Properties:**

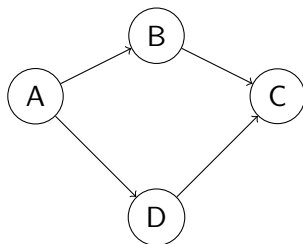
- ▶ DAGs have a topological ordering of vertices: For every edge (u, v) , vertex u appears before v in the ordering.
- ▶ Every DAG has at least one source (a vertex with in-degree 0) and one sink (a vertex with out-degree 0).
- ▶ DAGs are used to model dependencies, where cycles are not allowed.

- **Applications:**

- ▶ Task Scheduling: Representing tasks with dependencies (e.g., job scheduling, build systems).
- ▶ Dataflow Analysis: Representing computation pipelines.
- ▶ Shortest Path in Weighted Graphs: DAGs allow efficient shortest path computation using topological sorting.

Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) II

DAG Visualization:



Key Observations:

- Sources: A (in-degree 0).
- Sinks: C (out-degree 0).
- Topological Order: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow C$.

Exercise:

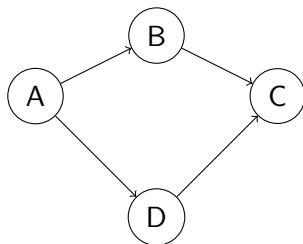
- Verify that the given graph is a DAG.
- Construct the topological ordering for the graph.
- Prove that a graph with a cycle cannot be a DAG.

Topological Sorting: DFS-Based Algorithm I

- **Purpose:** Produces a topological ordering of vertices in a DAG using Depth-First Search (DFS).
- **Algorithm Steps:**
 - ① Initialize an empty stack S and mark all vertices as unvisited.
 - ② For each vertex v : If v is unvisited, perform a DFS starting from v :
 - ① Mark v as visited.
 - ② For each neighbor u of v , recursively perform DFS if u is unvisited.
 - ③ Push v onto S after processing all its neighbors.
 - ③ Once all vertices are visited, the stack S contains the topological order in reverse.
- Time Complexity: $O(V + E)$.

Topological Sorting: DFS-Based Algorithm II

DAG:



Steps:

- ① Start DFS at A : Process B, D, C recursively.
- ② Push vertices to stack after processing: Stack = $[C, D, B, A]$.
- ③ Topological Order: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow C$.

Exercise:

- Implement the DFS-based algorithm for a DAG with 5 vertices.
- Prove that the algorithm outputs a valid topological order for all DAGs.

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Multigraph and Pseudograph I

- Graph theory extends beyond simple graphs to include structures like **pseudographs** and **multigraphs**.
- These generalized graphs allow loops and multiple edges between the same pair of vertices.

Definition of a Multigraph

- A **multigraph** is a graph that allows multiple edges (parallel edges) between the same pair of vertices.
- However, it does not allow self-loops.

Definition of a Pseudograph

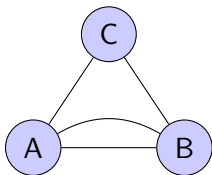
- A **pseudograph** is a generalization of a multigraph that allows both multiple edges and self-loops.
- Self-loops are edges that connect a vertex to itself.

Multigraph and Pseudograph II

Comparison: Multigraph vs. Pseudograph

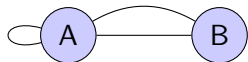
- **Multigraph:** Multiple edges allowed, but no self-loops.
- **Pseudograph:** Multiple edges and self-loops allowed.
- Both are useful in modeling real-world networks with redundant connections.

Multigraph Example:



The above diagram represents a multigraph with multiple edges between vertices.

Pseudograph Example:



The above diagram represents a pseudograph with a self-loop at vertex A.

Multigraph and Pseudograph III

Exercises

- Draw a multigraph with four vertices and at least one pair of parallel edges.
- Construct a pseudograph with three vertices, at least one self-loop, and one pair of parallel edges.
- Identify real-world scenarios where multigraphs and pseudographs are useful.

Conclusion

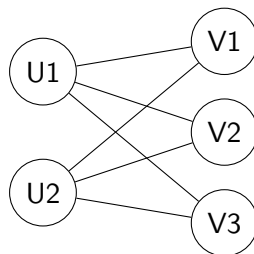
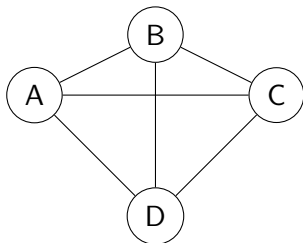
- Understanding these generalized graphs expands the applicability of graph theory.
- They provide more flexibility in modeling complex systems with repeated interactions.

Types of Complete Graphs I

- **Definition:** A complete graph K_n is a simple graph in which every pair of distinct vertices is connected by a unique edge.
- **Types of Complete Graphs:**
 - ▶ **Undirected Complete Graph K_n :**
 - ★ Contains n vertices and $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ edges.
 - ★ All edges are bidirectional.
 - ▶ **Directed Complete Graph (Tournament Graph):**
 - ★ Every pair of distinct vertices is connected by two directed edges (one in each direction).
 - ★ Contains $n(n-1)$ edges.
 - ▶ **Complete Bipartite Graph $K_{m,n}$:**
 - ★ Bipartite graph where every vertex in set U is connected to every vertex in set V .
 - ★ Contains $m \cdot n$ edges.

Types of Complete Graphs II

- **Examples:**



Undirected Complete Graph K_4 Complete Bipartite Graph $K_{2,3}$

- **Exercise:**

- ▶ Calculate the number of edges in K_5 and $K_{3,4}$.
- ▶ Prove: A complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ is 2-colorable.

Extended Types of Complete Graphs I

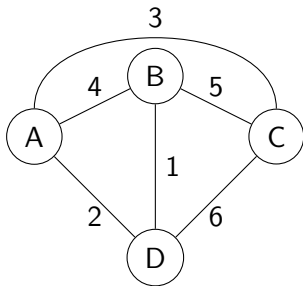
- **Weighted Complete Graph:**

- ▶ A complete graph where each edge is assigned a numerical weight.
- ▶ Used in optimization problems like Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) and network design.

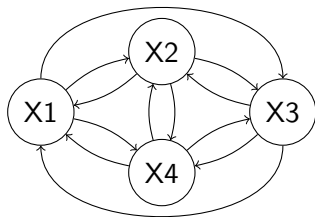
- **Applications of Complete Graphs:**

- ▶ Communication Networks:
 - ★ Fully connected networks where every device communicates with every other device.
- ▶ Optimization Problems:
 - ★ Solve TSP to find the shortest route visiting all nodes exactly once.
- ▶ Tournament Scheduling:
 - ★ Directed complete graphs model round-robin tournaments where each team plays every other team.

Extended Types of Complete Graphs II



Weighted Complete Graph K_4



Directed Complete Graph \vec{K}_4

● Exercise:

- ▶ Compute the total weight of the minimum spanning tree in the weighted graph above.
- ▶ Verify if the directed graph satisfies strong connectivity.

Solving the Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) I

- **Problem Statement:** Given a weighted complete graph K_n , find the shortest possible route that visits each vertex exactly once and returns to the starting vertex.
- **Mathematical Formulation:** Minimize the total weight of the cycle:

$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{(u,v) \in E} w(u,v) \cdot x_{uv},$$

where $x_{uv} = 1$ if edge (u,v) is in the solution, and 0 otherwise.

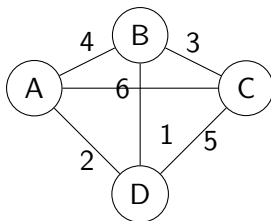
- **Approximation Algorithms:**
 - ▶ Nearest Neighbor Algorithm: Start at a vertex and repeatedly visit the nearest unvisited vertex.
 - ▶ Christofides Algorithm: Produces a solution at most $1.5\times$ the optimal solution for metric graphs.

Solving the Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP) II

- **Applications:**

- ▶ Logistics: Optimizing delivery routes.
- ▶ Circuit Design: Minimizing wire lengths in chip design.

Example:



Exercise:

- Use the Nearest Neighbor Algorithm to find an approximate solution for the TSP.
- Verify the total weight of the solution.

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Walks and Paths – Existence of a Path

Theorem: If there is a walk between two vertices u and v , then there is a path between them.

Proof:

- Suppose there exists a walk W from u to v .
- If W is already a path, we are done.
- Otherwise, W contains repeated vertices.
- Remove the segment between the first and second occurrence of any repeated vertex.
- Repeat this process until no vertex appears more than once.
- The resulting sequence is a path.

Corollary: Any two vertices in a connected graph are linked by at least one path.

Real-World Application:

- **Transportation Networks:** If a city map allows reaching one location from another, then a direct, non-redundant route can always be extracted.
- **Internet Routing:** Any redundant communication path can be reduced to a simpler direct route.

Closed Walks and Cycles

Theorem: If there is a closed walk in a graph, then the graph contains a cycle.

Proof:

- Suppose there is a closed walk W that starts and ends at vertex v .
- If W is already a cycle, we are done.
- Otherwise, W contains repeated vertices.
- The sub-walk from the first occurrence of a repeated vertex to its next occurrence forms a cycle.

Corollary: Any graph containing a closed walk also contains at least one cycle.

Real-World Application:

- **Electrical Circuits:** If a current follows a closed walk in a circuit, then some component forms a repeating cycle.
- **Airline Networks:** Any round-trip flight route implies the existence of a repeating flight cycle.

Trails and Eulerian Subgraphs

Theorem: If a graph has a closed trail, then it contains an Eulerian subgraph.

Proof:

- A closed trail visits vertices and edges without repeating edges.
- If a vertex appears more than once, its incident edges form cycles.
- The edge set of any closed trail can be decomposed into a union of cycles.
- Thus, the graph contains an Eulerian subgraph.

Corollary: Any graph with a closed trail must contain a cycle.

Real-World Application:

- **Postal Delivery Routes (Chinese Postman Problem):** If a mail carrier's route follows a closed trail, they must visit each location in a structured cycle.
- **Urban Planning:** Road networks must ensure Eulerian subgraphs exist for traffic flow optimization.

Eulerian Circuits and Degree Conditions

Theorem: A connected graph has an Eulerian circuit if and only if every vertex has even degree.

Proof:

- Suppose a graph has an Eulerian circuit.
- Each visit to a vertex must have a corresponding exit.
- Since edges must be used in pairs, each vertex must have an even degree.

Corollary: Any graph with an Eulerian circuit must be connected and have all even-degree vertices.

Real-World Application:

- **Network Packet Routing:** Ensuring all servers receive equal traffic distribution requires Eulerian circuits.
- **Manufacturing and Robotics:** Automated machines following Eulerian paths minimize repetitive movements.

Hamiltonian Cycles and Spanning Paths

Theorem 5: A Hamiltonian cycle implies multiple spanning paths.

Proof:

- Suppose a graph has a Hamiltonian cycle.
- Any removal of one edge from the cycle results in a spanning path.
- Multiple spanning paths can be constructed by considering different edge deletions.

Corollary: Any Hamiltonian graph has a spanning subgraph with at least one path covering all vertices.

Real-World Application:

- **Traveling Salesperson Problem:** Finding optimal routes that visit all cities efficiently.
- **Genome Sequencing:** Constructing DNA fragment sequences using Hamiltonian paths.

Key Takeaways

Key Results:

- **Walk to Path:** If there is a walk, there is a path.
- **Closed Walk to Cycle:** Every closed walk contains a cycle.
- **Trail to Eulerian Subgraph:** Every closed trail contains an Eulerian subgraph.
- **Eulerian Circuit Condition:** A connected graph has an Eulerian circuit if and only if all vertices have even degree.
- **Hamiltonian Cycle to Paths:** Every Hamiltonian cycle implies multiple spanning paths.

Real-World Applications:

- **Transportation & Routing:** Eulerian and Hamiltonian properties optimize delivery and travel.
- **Data Networks:** Packet routing, redundancy minimization, and internet traffic balancing.
- **Circuit Design:** Electrical networks use Eulerian paths for efficient wiring.
- **AI & Machine Learning:** Graph-based search optimization in AI applications.

Further Study:

- Research extremal graph properties for Hamiltonian and Eulerian graphs.
- Explore computational complexity of finding Eulerian and Hamiltonian paths.

Properties of Tournaments I

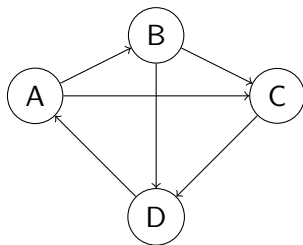
- **Definition:** A tournament is a directed graph (digraph) where every pair of vertices is connected by exactly one directed edge. - For every pair of vertices u and v , either $(u \rightarrow v) \in E$ or $(v \rightarrow u) \in E$.
- **Properties of Tournaments:**
 - ▶ **Hamiltonian Path:** Every tournament has at least one Hamiltonian path (a directed path visiting all vertices exactly once).
 - ▶ **Strong Connectivity:** A tournament is strongly connected if and only if for every pair of vertices $u, v \in V$, there exists a directed path from u to v and vice versa.
 - ▶ **Score Sequence:** The out-degree sequence of vertices (also known as the score sequence) uniquely determines the tournament up to isomorphism.
 - ▶ **Transitivity:** A tournament is transitive if there exists an ordering of vertices such that all edges point in the same direction according to the ordering.
 - ▶ **Cycles:** Any non-transitive tournament contains directed cycles.

Properties of Tournaments II

- **Special Types of Tournaments:**

- ▶ **Regular Tournament:** A tournament is regular if all vertices have the same in-degree and out-degree.
- ▶ **Strong Tournament:** A tournament is strong if it is strongly connected.

Visualization:



- Hamiltonian Path: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$.

Properties of Tournaments III

Exercise:

- Prove that every tournament has at least one vertex with out-degree $\lfloor (n - 1)/2 \rfloor$.
- Find the number of directed cycles in a tournament with 4 vertices.
- Verify if the example tournament graph is strongly connected.
- Find a Hamiltonian path for the tournament.

Algorithms for Tournaments I

● Finding a Hamiltonian Path:

- ▶ Input: A tournament $T = (V, E)$ with $|V| = n$.
- ▶ Output: A Hamiltonian path.
- ▶ Algorithm (Greedy):
 - ① Start with any vertex as the first in the path.
 - ② Iteratively insert each remaining vertex into the current path:
 - ③ Place it after the last vertex u if there is a directed edge $u \rightarrow v$.
 - ④ Otherwise, place it before u .
 - ⑤ Continue until all vertices are included.

● Strong Connectivity Check:

- ▶ Use DFS or BFS from any vertex v :
 - ★ If all vertices are reachable, the tournament is strongly connected.
 - ★ Otherwise, it is not strong.

● Applications of Algorithms:

- ▶ Scheduling problems (e.g., round-robin tournaments).
- ▶ Ranking systems (e.g., sports or voting results).

Algorithms for Tournaments II

Exercise:

- Write a Python program to find a Hamiltonian path in a tournament using the greedy algorithm.
- Prove the time complexity of the greedy algorithm for finding a Hamiltonian path is $O(n^2)$.

Applications of Tournaments I

- **Sports Scheduling:**

- ▶ Representing a round-robin tournament where each team plays against every other team exactly once.
- ▶ Directed edges indicate the winner of each match.

- **Ranking Systems:**

- ▶ Modeling pairwise comparisons in voting or ranking systems.
- ▶ Use the Hamiltonian path to infer a ranked order.

- **Decision-Making:**

- ▶ Modeling preferences in decision-making processes.
- ▶ Example: Comparing alternatives in a decision tree.

Applications of Tournaments II

- **Social Networks:**

- ▶ Modeling dominance or influence between individuals.

- **Computational Problems:**

- ▶ Solving problems like finding minimal feedback arc sets to convert tournaments into directed acyclic graphs (DAGs).

Exercise:

- Create a tournament graph for a 6-team round-robin sports league. Indicate the results of matches using directed edges.
- Describe how a Hamiltonian path could be used to rank the teams.

Connected, Disconnected, Strongly Connected Graphs I

- **Connected Graph:** A graph is connected if there is a path between every pair of vertices.

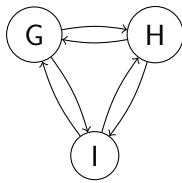
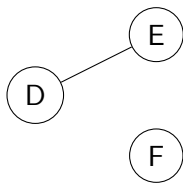
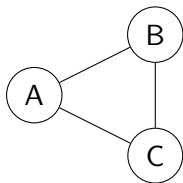
$\forall u, v \in V$, there exists a path from u to v .

- **Disconnected Graph:** A graph is disconnected if it has two or more components (i.e., not all vertices are reachable from each other).
- **Strongly Connected Graph (Directed Graphs):** A directed graph is strongly connected if there is a directed path between every pair of vertices:

$\forall u, v \in V$, there exists a path $u \rightarrow v$ and $v \rightarrow u$.

Connected, Disconnected, Strongly Connected Graphs II

Examples:



Exercise:

- Determine whether the graphs above are connected, disconnected, or strongly connected.
- Provide a real-world example of each type.

List of Special Graphs

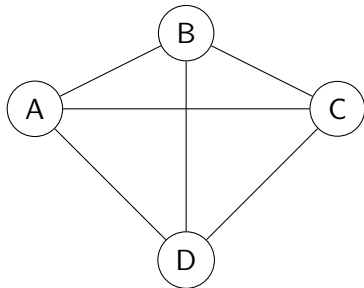
- **Complete Graph (K_n):** Every pair of vertices is connected by an edge. - n vertices, $\binom{n}{2}$ edges.
- **Bipartite Graph:** Vertex set can be divided into two disjoint subsets U and V such that no edge connects vertices within the same subset.
- **Complete Bipartite Graph ($K_{m,n}$):** Every vertex in U is connected to every vertex in V . - $m \cdot n$ edges.
- **Star Graph ($K_{1,n}$):** A complete bipartite graph with one vertex in U and n vertices in V .
- **Cycle Graph (C_n):** A graph that forms a single cycle with n vertices and n edges.
- **Wheel Graph (W_n):** A cycle graph with an additional central vertex connected to all others.
- **Path Graph (P_n):** A graph consisting of a single path with n vertices.
- **Tree:** A connected acyclic graph.

Complete Graphs - Example and Properties

- **Properties of Complete Graphs (K_n):**

- ▶ Number of edges: $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.
- ▶ Chromatic number: n (each vertex requires a unique color).
- ▶ Diameter: 1 (for $n \geq 2$) since every vertex is directly connected.

- **Example (K_4):**



Exercise:

- Draw K_5 . Verify the number of edges and chromatic number.

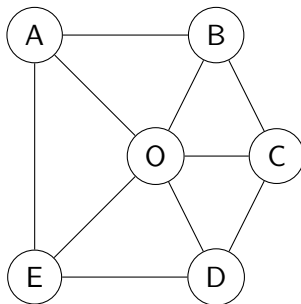
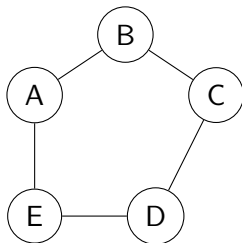
Cycle Graphs and Wheel Graphs

- **Cycle Graph (C_n):**

- ▶ Consists of n vertices and n edges, forming a single cycle.
- ▶ Even cycles are bipartite, odd cycles are not.

- **Wheel Graph (W_n):**

- ▶ Formed by adding a central vertex to a cycle graph and connecting it to all other vertices.
- ▶ Total edges: $2n - 2$.



Exercise:

- Prove that W_n is not bipartite for $n \geq 4$.

Real-World Applications of Special Graphs

- **Complete Graphs:**

- ▶ Social Networks: Modeling complete interaction between individuals.
- ▶ Network Design: Representing fully connected networks for communication.

- **Cycle Graphs:**

- ▶ Traffic Systems: Modeling circular routes in cities.
- ▶ Periodic Processes: Representing cyclic phenomena.

- **Wheel Graphs:**

- ▶ Hub-and-Spoke Networks: Representing airline routes or logistics hubs.
- ▶ Star Topology: Centralized communication networks.

- **Path Graphs:**

- ▶ Linear Pipelines: Modeling linear workflows or transport routes.

- **Bipartite Graphs:**

- ▶ Job Assignment Problems: Matching jobs with workers.
- ▶ Recommendation Systems: Linking users with products.

Graph Isomorphism I

- **Graph Isomorphism:** A bijective function between the vertices of two graphs that preserves the adjacency of vertices.
- Two graphs are **isomorphic** if there exists an isomorphism between them.

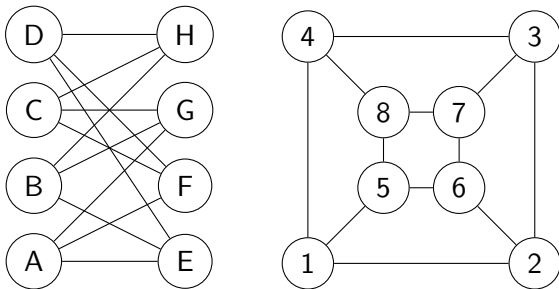


Figure: Isomorphic Graphs

Graph Isomorphism II

Properties of Graph Isomorphism:

- **Reflexive:** A graph is isomorphic to itself.
- **Symmetric:** If G_1 is isomorphic to G_2 , then G_2 is isomorphic to G_1 .
- **Transitive:** If G_1 is isomorphic to G_2 and G_2 is isomorphic to G_3 , then G_1 is isomorphic to G_3 .

Graph Isomorphism Theorem:

- Two graphs are isomorphic if and only if they have the same:
 - ▶ Number of vertices
 - ▶ Number of edges
 - ▶ Degree sequence
 - ▶ Adjacency matrix

Note: Examples of Graph Isomorphism

- **Same Graph, Different Drawings:** Two graphs that are drawn differently but have the same structure are isomorphic.
- **Renaming Vertices:** Two graphs that differ only in the names of their vertices are isomorphic.

Applications of Complement Graphs I

- **Graph Algorithms:**

- ▶ Problems on cliques and independent sets can be interchanged using the complement graph:

$$\text{Clique in } G \implies \text{Independent Set in } \overline{G}.$$

- ▶ Example: To find the maximum independent set in G , find the largest clique in \overline{G} .

- **Network Design:**

- ▶ Use \overline{G} to study alternative connectivity patterns in a network.
- ▶ Example: Minimizing redundant connections by analyzing edges not in G .

- **Graph Coloring:**

- ▶ The chromatic number of \overline{G} can give insights into the graph coloring of G :

$$\chi(G) + \chi(\overline{G}) \geq |V|.$$

Applications of Complement Graphs II

- Real-World Applications:
 - ▶ **Social Networks:** \overline{G} represents pairs of individuals who do not share a direct connection.
 - ▶ **Logistics:** Complement graphs help identify critical connections by studying the missing edges.

Exercise:

- Prove that for a complete graph K_n , $\overline{K_n} = \emptyset$.
- Show that G and \overline{G} cannot both be disconnected.
- Verify that P_4 and its complement $\overline{P_4}$ together form K_4 .
- Prove that for any cycle graph C_n , its complement $\overline{C_n}$ is disconnected when $n > 4$.

Proofs of Complement Graph Properties I

- Property 1: G and \overline{G} together form a complete graph K_n .

Proof.

Let $G = (V, E)$ and $\overline{G} = (V, \overline{E})$. For every pair of vertices $u, v \in V$:

- ▶ If $(u, v) \in E$, it is an edge in G .
- ▶ If $(u, v) \notin E$, it is an edge in \overline{G} .

Since every pair of vertices is either connected in G or in \overline{G} :

$$E \cup \overline{E} = E(K_n).$$

Hence, $G \cup \overline{G} = K_n$.



Proofs of Complement Graph Properties II

- Property 2: The number of edges in \overline{G} is $\binom{|V|}{2} - |E|$.

Proof.

The total number of edges in a complete graph K_n is $\binom{|V|}{2}$. Since G and \overline{G} share no edges:

$$|\overline{E}| = \binom{|V|}{2} - |E|.$$



Proofs of Complement Graph Properties III

- Property 3: $\overline{\overline{G}} = G$.

Proof.

By definition, $\overline{E} = \{(u, v) \mid (u, v) \notin E\}$. Taking the complement again gives:

$$\overline{\overline{E}} = \{(u, v) \mid (u, v) \notin \overline{E}\} = E.$$

Hence, $\overline{\overline{G}} = G$.



Applications of Complement Graphs in Algorithms

- **Clique and Independent Set Problems:**

- ▶ Finding a maximum independent set in G is equivalent to finding a maximum clique in \overline{G} .
- ▶ Complement graphs simplify problems in computational graph theory.

- **Planarity Testing:**

- ▶ Complement graphs are used to test if a graph is planar by analyzing edge density.

- **Network Analysis:**

- ▶ Designing complementary networks to explore missing connectivity.
- ▶ Example: Redundant link placement in communication networks.

- **Graph Coloring:**

- ▶ Complement graphs help in studying chromatic properties:

$$\chi(G) + \chi(\overline{G}) \geq |V|.$$

Exercise:

- Prove: If G is a tree, \overline{G} is a disconnected graph.
- Determine if the complement graph of a bipartite graph can have odd-length cycles.

Advanced Counting Techniques in Graph Theory

Why Advanced Counting?

- Traditional counting methods may become inefficient for large graphs.
- Advanced techniques like **generating functions** and **probabilistic counting** help in handling complex structures.
- Applications include **network reliability**, **molecular chemistry**, **social network analysis**, and **combinatorial optimization**.

Topics Covered:

- **Generating functions** for counting labeled and unlabeled graphs.
- **Probabilistic counting methods** in random graphs.
- **Real-world applications** in **network topology**, **data clustering**, and **statistical physics**.

Exercise:

- Why is generating function analysis useful in counting spanning trees?
- How does probability help in estimating large combinatorial counts?

Generating Functions for Graph Counting I

Definition: A generating function is a formal power series that encodes combinatorial structures:

$$G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

where a_n represents the number of structures of size n .

Application in Graph Theory:

- Counting the number of simple graphs, trees, or subgraphs using coefficient extraction.
- Example: Counting labeled graphs with n vertices:

$$G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{\binom{n}{2}}}{n!} x^n$$

Generating Functions for Graph Counting II

Example: Counting Paths Using Generating Functions

- Let A be the adjacency matrix of a graph.
- The number of paths of length k between vertices i and j is given by:

$$A^k(i, j) = \text{coefficient of } x^k \text{ in } (I - xA)^{-1}.$$

Exercise:

- Find the number of walks of length 3 in a given graph using matrix exponentiation.
- Compute the coefficient of x^3 in the expansion of $(1 - 3x)^{-1}$.

Probabilistic Counting in Graph Theory I

Why Use Probability in Counting?

- Many graphs are too large to count explicitly.
- Probabilistic methods provide **approximate counts** with high accuracy.
- Used in **random graph theory, network models, and large-scale data analysis**.

Example: Counting Large Graphs Using the Erdős–Rényi Model

- A random graph $G(n, p)$ is constructed by including each edge independently with probability p .
- Expected number of edges:

$$E[|E|] = p \binom{n}{2}.$$

- Expected number of spanning trees can be estimated using **Markov's inequality**.

Probabilistic Counting in Graph Theory II

Monte Carlo Estimation for Counting Subgraphs

- Instead of explicit enumeration, use random sampling.
- Example: Estimate the number of triangles in a graph by sampling vertex triples.

Exercise:

- Compute the expected number of Hamiltonian cycles in a random graph $G(n, 1/2)$.
- Design a Monte Carlo algorithm to estimate the number of 4-cycles in a large graph.

Real-World Applications of Counting and Bijections I

Where Do Counting and Bijections Matter?

- **Network Topology Analysis:** Counting the number of possible network configurations.
- **Molecular Chemistry:** Counting chemical isomers using graph enumeration.
- **Statistical Physics:** Modeling states in quantum and lattice systems.
- **Social Networks:** Counting possible connections in dynamic networks.

Example: Chemical Compound Enumeration

- Many molecules can be represented as **graph structures**.
- Counting distinct chemical structures is equivalent to counting **non-isomorphic graphs**.

Real-World Applications of Counting and Bijections II

Example: Counting Data Clustering Methods

- The number of ways to partition a dataset of size n into k clusters is given by **Stirling numbers**.

Exercise:

- Compute the number of different spanning trees in a network of 6 nodes.
- How many unique chemical structures exist for a given molecular formula using graph enumeration?

Erdős-Stone Theorem

Statement: If H is a non-bipartite graph with chromatic number $\chi(H)$, then the maximum number of edges in an H -free graph on n vertices is:

$$\text{ex}(n, H) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H) - 1}\right) \frac{n^2}{2} + o(n^2).$$

Significance:

- Generalizes **Turán's Theorem** for arbitrary forbidden subgraphs.
- Asymptotically determines extremal numbers for all non-bipartite graphs.

Proof Idea:

- Extends the idea of **Turán graphs** to any graph H .
- Uses probabilistic methods and the **Regularity Lemma**.
- Shows that large graphs avoiding H must resemble **Turán-type structures**.

Exercise:

- Show that Erdős-Stone theorem reduces to Turán's theorem when $H = K_{r+1}$.
- Explain why bipartite graphs do not follow Erdős-Stone bound.

Ramsey Theory – Finding Order in Chaos I

Statement (Ramsey's Theorem): For any integers r, s , there exists a number $R(r, s)$ such that any edge-coloring of the complete graph K_n with two colors contains:

- A red clique of size r , or
- A blue clique of size s .

Key Properties:

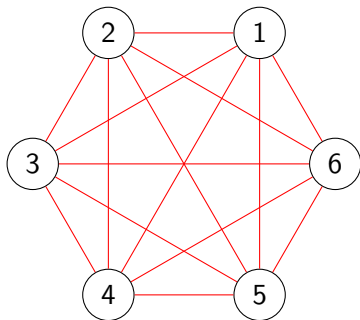
- Ensures that large enough graphs must contain ordered substructures.
- Fundamental to **graph colorings, combinatorics, and logic**.

Small Cases:

- $R(3, 3) = 6$: Every 2-coloring of K_6 has a monochromatic triangle.
- Bounds on $R(4, 4)$: Known to be between **18 and 25**.

Ramsey Theory – Finding Order in Chaos II

Example: Ramsey Number $R(3,3) = 6$



Exercise:

- Prove that $R(3,3) = 6$ using exhaustive cases.
- Research bounds for $R(5,5)$.

Real-World Applications of Extremal Graph Theory I

Applications in Different Fields:

- **Communication Networks:** Avoiding **network congestion** by limiting cliques.
- **Computational Biology:** Analyzing **protein interaction networks**.
- **Social Networks:** Ensuring efficient influence spread while avoiding redundant connections.
- **Data Storage & Compression:** Encoding optimal **error-correcting codes**.

Example: Avoiding Congestion in Wireless Networks

- In wireless communication, avoiding large **fully connected subgraphs** prevents interference.
- Extremal graph theory helps in designing **optimal network structures**.

Real-World Applications of Extremal Graph Theory II

Example: Ramsey Theory in Decision Problems

- In scheduling, extremal problems help determine the **minimum resources needed to avoid conflicts**.
- **Example:** Finding a clique-free graph ensures no subset of jobs requires the same resource.

Exercise:

- How does extremal graph theory help in **parallel computing**?
- What extremal properties are useful in designing **secure cryptographic networks**?

Introduction to Probabilistic Methods in Extremal Graph Theory I

Why Use Probability in Extremal Graph Theory?

- Some extremal problems are too complex for **constructive proofs**.
- The **probabilistic method** helps prove existence results without explicitly constructing an object.
- Often used to **find lower bounds** for extremal graph problems.

Key Idea:

- Construct a random graph and show that it has the desired properties **with positive probability**.
- If such a graph exists with nonzero probability, then at least one such graph must exist.

Introduction to Probabilistic Methods in Extremal Graph Theory II

Examples of Use:

- **Lower bounds on Ramsey numbers.**
- **Existence of graphs with large girth and high chromatic number.**
- **Random constructions for sparse graphs with high independence number.**

Exercise:

- Why is probability useful for proving existence rather than explicit construction?
- Research how randomness helps in designing efficient network topologies.

Erdős's Probabilistic Method I

Core Idea: Erdős introduced a **non-constructive proof technique** where:

- A randomly chosen structure is shown to have a desired property **with positive probability**.
- Since probability is positive, **such a structure must exist**.

Example: Lower Bounds on Ramsey Numbers

- Consider a random graph $G(n, 1/2)$ where each edge is included **independently** with probability $1/2$.
- Expected number of monochromatic K_r cliques in a **2-coloring** is:

$$E(X) \leq \binom{n}{r} 2^{1-\binom{r}{2}}.$$

- For large enough n , $E(X) < 1$, which means there exists at least one coloring without a monochromatic K_r .

Erdős's Probabilistic Method II

Why is This Important?

- Provides **lower bounds** for Ramsey numbers where exact values are unknown.
- Introduces randomness in **graph constructions**, leading to optimal network designs.

Exercise:

- Show that $R(4, 4) > 17$ using Erdős's method.
- Research how random graphs help in machine learning and AI applications.

Lower Bounds on Ramsey Numbers Using Probability I

Ramsey's Theorem: Every edge-colored complete graph contains a **monochromatic clique** of a certain size.

Using Probability to Bound Ramsey Numbers:

- Erdős's method provides an **exponential lower bound** on Ramsey numbers:

$$R(r, r) \geq 2^{r/2}.$$

- This shows that Ramsey numbers grow **faster than polynomial functions**, proving why computing exact values is hard.

Proof Sketch:

- Consider a **random 2-coloring** of K_n .
- Compute the probability of a **monochromatic** K_r appearing.
- Show that for large n , such an event occurs with low probability.

Lower Bounds on Ramsey Numbers Using Probability II

Applications:

- **Network robustness** – ensuring redundancy while avoiding excessive connections.
- **Parallel processing** – scheduling large-scale computations to avoid bottlenecks.

Exercise:

- Prove that $R(5, 5) > 43$ using probability.
- Research why exact Ramsey numbers are difficult to compute.

Probabilistic Constructions in Graph Theory I

Key Idea:

- Instead of deterministic methods, construct graphs using **randomized rules**.
- Ensure the desired properties hold **with high probability**.

Example: Sparse Graphs with High Chromatic Number

- Erdős showed that there exist graphs with **large chromatic number** and **arbitrarily large girth**.
- Construction:
 - ▶ Start with an empty graph on n vertices.
 - ▶ Add edges **randomly** while ensuring no small cycles appear.
 - ▶ The resulting graph has a **high chromatic number**, proving its existence.

Probabilistic Constructions in Graph Theory II

Application: Random Graphs in Network Design

- Designing networks with **minimum edge density** while maximizing robustness.
- Using probabilistic models to **simulate real-world social networks**.

Exercise:

- Construct a random graph with $n = 10$ vertices and find its chromatic number.
- Explain why sparse graphs can have arbitrarily large chromatic numbers.

Real-World Applications of Probabilistic Methods

Why Use Random Graphs?

- Many real-world networks are **randomly evolving** (e.g., internet topology, social networks).
- Randomized algorithms **improve efficiency** in large-scale computations.

Applications:

- **Wireless Networks:** Random graphs help model **signal interference** in large-scale wireless networks.
- **Cryptography & Hashing:** Probabilistic methods are used in **randomized hashing techniques** for security.
- **Machine Learning & AI:** Randomized graph models are used in **deep learning architectures**.

Exercise:

- Research how random graphs model **brain neural networks**.
- Design a simple randomized **load-balancing algorithm** for networks.

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Independent Set, Vertex Cover, and Clique I

● Independent Set:

- ▶ A set of vertices $S \subseteq V$ in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is independent if no two vertices in S are adjacent.
- ▶ *Maximum Independent Set*: The largest independent set in a graph.
- ▶ The Maximum Independent Set of a graph G is referred to as $MIS(G)$. The independence number (aka adjacency number) of G is defined as $\alpha(G) = |MIS(G)|$.

● Vertex Cover:

- ▶ A set of vertices $C \subseteq V$ such that every edge in the graph is incident to at least one vertex in C .
- ▶ *Minimum Vertex Cover*: The smallest vertex cover in a graph.
- ▶ The Minimum Vertex Cover of a graph G is referred to as $MVC(G)$. The size of $MVC(G)$ is denoted as $\beta(G)$, i.e., $\beta(G) = |MVC(G)|$.

● Clique:

- ▶ A set of vertices $K \subseteq V$ that induces a complete subgraph.
- ▶ *Maximum Clique*: The largest clique in a graph.
- ▶ The size of the maximum clique of a graph G is denoted as $\omega(G)$.

Independent Set, Vertex Cover, and Clique II

Properties:

- *Independent Set and Vertex Cover Relation:*

$$S = V \setminus C,$$

where S is an *independent set* and C is a *vertex cover*.

- *Independent Set and Clique Relation:*

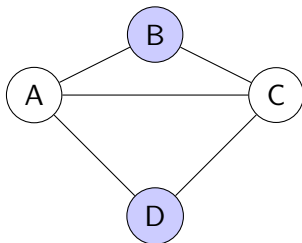
S is an *independent set* in $G \iff S$ is a *clique* in \overline{G} .

Exercise:

- Identify all independent sets, cliques, and vertex covers in the graph above.
- Prove that finding a maximum independent set is NP-complete.

Example and Visualization - Independent Set

- **Definition Recap:** An independent set is a set of vertices in which no two vertices are adjacent.
- **Consider the graph G below:**



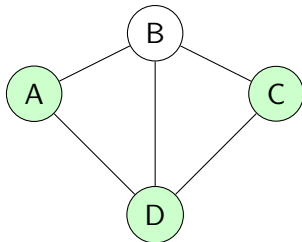
- **Independent Set:** $S = \{B, D\}$ (highlighted in blue) is an independent set because no edges exist between B and D .

Exercise:

- Identify all independent sets in the graph.
- Prove that no independent set in the graph has more than 2 vertices.

Example and Visualization - Vertex Cover

- **Definition Recap:** A vertex cover is a set of vertices such that every edge in the graph is incident to at least one vertex in the set.
- **Consider the graph G below:**



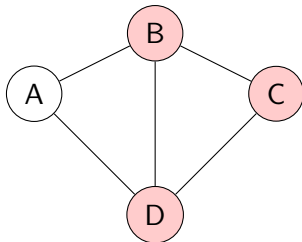
- **Vertex Cover:** $\mathbb{C} = \{A, C, D\}$ (highlighted in green) is a vertex cover because all edges are incident to at least one vertex in \mathbb{C} .

Exercise:

- Find the minimum vertex cover for the graph.
- Prove that the size of a vertex cover plus the size of a maximum independent set equals the total number of vertices.

Example and Visualization - Clique

- **Definition Recap:** A clique is a subset of vertices that forms a complete subgraph.
- **Consider the graph G below:**



- **Clique:** $K = \{B, C, D\}$ (highlighted in red) is a clique because all pairs of vertices are connected.

Exercise:

- Identify all cliques in the graph and find the maximum clique.
- Prove that the size of a maximum clique in a graph is equal to the chromatic number of its complement graph.

Applications of Independent Set, Vertex Cover, and Clique

- **Independent Set Applications:**

- ▶ Wireless Networks: Non-interfering stations in a frequency allocation graph.
- ▶ Scheduling: Selecting non-conflicting tasks in a dependency graph.

- **Vertex Cover Applications:**

- ▶ Network Monitoring: Ensuring every link in a network is monitored.
- ▶ Power Distribution: Selecting substations to cover all transmission lines.

- **Clique Applications:**

- ▶ Social Networks: Detecting tightly connected groups of individuals.
- ▶ Bioinformatics: Identifying highly interacting protein complexes.

Exercise:

- Solve the vertex cover problem for a bipartite graph using the Hopcroft-Karp algorithm.
- Prove that a maximum independent set in a tree can be found in polynomial time.

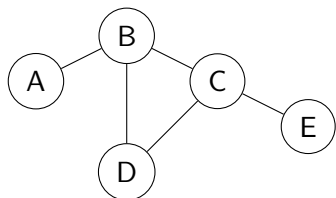
Maximal vs. Maximum & Minimal vs. Minimum I

Key Concepts:

- **Maximum/Minimum:** These are the absolute, global extremes in a set.
 - ▶ *Example:* A **maximum independent set** is an independent set of the largest possible size in the graph.
 - ▶ *Example:* A **minimum spanning tree** is the spanning tree with the least total weight.
- **Maximal/Minimal:** These are local extremes, meaning they cannot be extended (or reduced) further while preserving the property, though they may not be the best overall.
 - ▶ *Example:* A **maximal independent set** is an independent set that cannot have any additional vertex added to it without losing its independence, but it might not have the largest possible number of vertices.
 - ▶ *Example:* A **minimal vertex cover** is a vertex cover such that removing any vertex from it would cause it to cease being a vertex cover, yet it might not be the smallest possible vertex cover.

Maximal vs. Maximum & Minimal vs. Minimum II

Visual Illustration:



Independent Sets:

- **Maximal Independent Set:** For instance, $\{A, C\}$ is an independent set that cannot be extended (if adding any other vertex violates independence).
- **Maximum Independent Set:** The largest independent set in this graph is $\{A, D, E\}$.

Note: In this particular drawing, you would need to verify edge incidences; the idea is to illustrate that every maximum independent set is maximal, but a maximal one (like $\{A, C\}$) might be smaller than the absolute maximum.

Maximal vs. Maximum & Minimal vs. Minimum III

Key Observations:

- Every maximum (or minimum) solution is also maximal (or minimal), but not vice versa.
- In optimization problems, "optimal" solutions are those that achieve the global best, while "maximal" or "minimal" can refer to local, irreducible configurations.

Exercise:

- Given a cycle graph C_6 , list all maximal independent sets and determine which is maximum.
- In a bipartite graph, distinguish between a maximal matching and a maximum matching.

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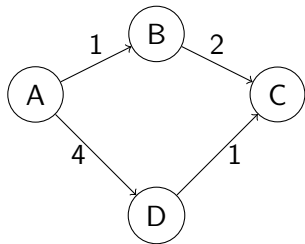
Dijkstra's Algorithm I

- **Purpose:** Computes the shortest path from a single source vertex to all other vertices in a weighted graph.
- **Input:** A graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative edge weights and source vertex s .
- **Output:** An array of shortest path distances $d[v]$ for all $v \in V$.
- **Algorithm:**
 - ① **Initialize** $d[s] = 0$, and $d[v] = \infty$ for all other vertices.
 - ② **Set** all vertices as unvisited. Use a priority queue for efficient edge relaxation.
 - ③ **While** there are unvisited vertices:
 - ★ **Extract** the vertex u with the smallest $d[u]$.
 - ★ **For each** neighbor v of u , update:

$$d[v] = \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{weight}(u, v)).$$

Dijkstra's Algorithm II

Graph:



Distances from A:

$$d[A] = 0, d[B] = 1, d[C] = 3, d[D] = 4.$$

Exercise:

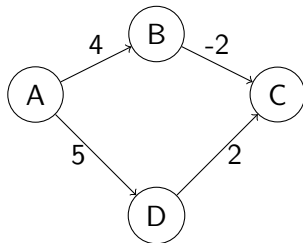
- Implement Dijkstra's Algorithm for a weighted graph with 5 vertices.
- Explain why Dijkstra's Algorithm fails with negative edge weights.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm I

- **Purpose:** Computes shortest paths from a single source vertex to all others, handling negative edge weights.
- **Input:** A graph $G = (V, E)$ with edge weights (may include negative weights) and source vertex s .
- **Output:** An array of shortest path distances $d[v]$ for all $v \in V$. Detects negative weight cycles.
- **Algorithm:**
 - ① **Initialize** $d[s] = 0$, and $d[v] = \infty$ for all other vertices.
 - ② **Repeat** $|V| - 1$ times:
 - ★ For each edge $(u, v) \in E$, **update**:
$$d[v] = \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{weight}(u, v)).$$
 - ③ **Check for negative cycles:** For each edge $(u, v) \in E$, if $d[v] > d[u] + \text{weight}(u, v)$, report a negative weight cycle.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm II

Graph:



Distances from A:

$$d[A] = 0, d[B] = 4, d[C] = 2, d[D] = 4.$$

Exercise:

- Use Bellman-Ford to compute shortest paths in a graph with 5 vertices and negative weights.
- Prove that Bellman-Ford detects negative weight cycles in $O(|V| \cdot |E|)$ time.

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm I

- **Purpose:** Computes the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices in a weighted graph.

- **Input:** A graph $G = (V, E)$ with adjacency matrix A , where:

$$A[i][j] = \begin{cases} \text{Weight of edge } (i, j), & \text{if } (i, j) \in E; \\ \infty, & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \notin E; \\ 0, & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

- **Output:** Matrix D , where $D[i][j]$ is the shortest path distance from i to j .
- **Algorithm:**

① **Initialize** $D^{(0)} = A$.

② **For each** vertex $k \in V$, update:

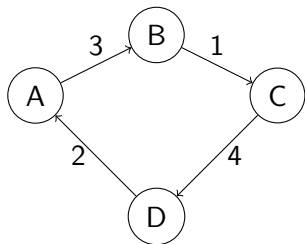
$$D^{(k)}[i][j] = \min \left(D^{(k-1)}[i][j], D^{(k-1)}[i][k] + D^{(k-1)}[k][j] \right).$$

③ **Repeat** for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm II

Adjacency Matrix:

Graph:



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & 1 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

After applying Floyd-Warshall:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise:

- Apply Floyd-Warshall to a triangle graph with weights $\{1, 5, 3\}$.
- Prove that Floyd-Warshall correctly handles negative edge weights (but no negative cycles).

Chinese Postman Problem I

Definition: The Chinese Postman Problem (CPP) seeks the shortest closed path that visits every edge at least once in an undirected graph.

Applications:

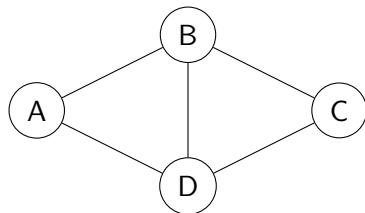
- Mail delivery and garbage collection.
- Road network optimization.
- Logistics and transportation planning.

Algorithm:

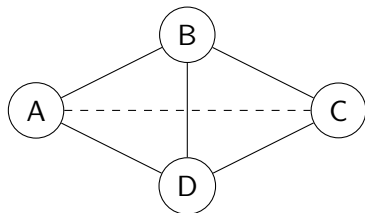
- ① Identify vertices with odd degree.
- ② Pair these vertices optimally using shortest paths.
- ③ Add the necessary edges to make all degrees even.
- ④ Find an Eulerian circuit in the modified graph.

Chinese Postman Problem II

Graph Before Modification:



After Adding Necessary Edges:



Exercise:

- Solve the Chinese Postman Problem for C_6 .
- Find a real-world example where the CPP is useful.

Solving the Chinese Postman Problem I

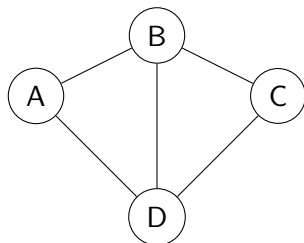
Definition Recap: The Chinese Postman Problem (CPP) seeks the shortest closed path covering all edges at least once.

Algorithm to Solve CPP:

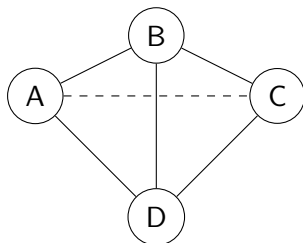
- ① **Identify Odd-Degree Vertices:** If all vertices have even degree, an Eulerian circuit exists. Otherwise, find all odd-degree vertices (they must be paired).
- ② **Pair Odd-Degree Vertices:** Find the shortest paths between all odd-degree vertices. Compute the optimal pairing to minimize added path length.
- ③ **Duplicate the Shortest Paths:** Add edges to make all degrees even.
- ④ **Find an Eulerian Circuit:** Use Fleury's algorithm or Hierholzer's algorithm.

Solving the Chinese Postman Problem II

Original Graph:



After Adding Extra Edges:



Key Observations:

- Odd-degree vertices: $\{A, C\}$ and $\{B, D\}$.
- Shortest paths added: (A, C) to make all degrees even.
- Eulerian circuit now exists.

Exercise:

- Solve the CPP for a small road network graph.
- Find an Eulerian circuit after adding the required edges.

Overview of Shortest Path Algorithms in Graphs I

Algorithm	Best Suited For	Time Complexity
Dijkstra's	Graphs with non-negative weights	$O((V + E) \log V)$
Bellman-Ford	Graphs with negative weights (but no negative cycles)	$O(VE)$
Floyd-Warshall	Dense graphs, all-pairs shortest paths	$O(V^3)$
Johnson's	Sparse graphs with negative weights (no cycles)	$O(V^2 \log V + VE)$
A* Search	Graphs with heuristic-based pathfinding (e.g., maps)	$O(E)$ (depends on heuristic)
Bidirectional Dijkstra	Large graphs with few goal vertices	$O((V + E) \log V)$ (faster in practice)
Yen's k-Shortest Paths	Finding multiple shortest paths	$O(k(V + E) \log V)$
Thorup's	Planar graphs with positive weights	$O(V)$
BFS (for Unweighted Graphs)	Unweighted graphs (unit weights)	$O(V + E)$
Dial's	Graphs with integer weights in a small range	$O(V + C)$ (where C is max edge weight)
Fringe Search	AI pathfinding (optimized for real-time systems)	$O(E)$ (depends on heuristic)
ALT (A*, Landmarks, Triangle)	Road networks (precomputed heuristics)	$O(E)$ (efficient in practice)
Hirschberg and Larmore's	Special cases in dynamic programming	$O(VE)$

Overview of Shortest Path Algorithms in Graphs II

Brief Reasoning for Suitability:

- **Dijkstra's Algorithm** – Efficient for graphs with non-negative weights due to priority queue optimization.
- **Bellman-Ford Algorithm** – Works even with negative weights by relaxing edges $V - 1$ times.
- **Floyd-Warshall Algorithm** – Best for small, dense graphs since it computes all-pairs shortest paths.
- **Johnson's Algorithm** – Handles negative weights efficiently by re-weighting edges using Bellman-Ford.
- **A* Search Algorithm** – Uses heuristics for directed graphs like road maps, reducing unnecessary searches.
- **Bidirectional Dijkstra** – Searches forward from the source and backward from the target, improving efficiency.
- **Yen's Algorithm** – Used when multiple shortest paths are needed, common in routing problems.

Overview of Shortest Path Algorithms in Graphs III

- **Thorup's Algorithm** – Fastest known algorithm for planar graphs with positive weights.
- **BFS (for Unweighted Graphs)** – Finds shortest path in unit weight graphs in linear time.
- **Dial's Algorithm** – Works well when weights are small integers (bucket-based).
- **Fringe Search** – Optimized version of A* for real-time AI and robotics.
- **ALT Algorithm** – Uses precomputed landmarks for fast route-finding in road networks.
- **Hirschberg and Larmore's Algorithm** – Applied in dynamic programming shortest path cases.

Overview of Shortest Path Algorithms in Graphs IV

Exercise:

- Compare Dijkstra's and Bellman-Ford algorithms on a weighted directed graph.
- Implement Floyd-Warshall for a 6-vertex graph and verify the all-pairs shortest paths.
- Research which algorithm is used in *Google Maps*, *GPS navigation*, or *AI game pathfinding*.

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Complement of a Disconnected Graph is Connected

Statement: The complement of a simple disconnected graph must be connected.

Proof Sketch:

- Let G be a simple disconnected graph. Then, G has at least two components.
- For any two vertices u, v in G , there exists no edge uv in G if u and v are in different components.
- In \overline{G} , u and v are adjacent because uv is not an edge in G .
- Therefore, every pair of vertices from different components in G is connected in \overline{G} , making \overline{G} connected.

Odd Edge Appearance Implies a Cycle

Statement: If edge e appears an odd number of times in a closed walk W , then W contains the edges of a cycle through e .

Proof Sketch:

- Let $e = uv$, and assume e appears $2k + 1$ times in W .
- Each traversal of e contributes to entering and exiting u and v .
- Focus on the first traversal of e and trace the path $u \rightarrow v$ without repeating e .
- This subpath forms a cycle containing e since W is closed.

Two Distinct u, v -Paths Contain a Cycle

Statement: If P and Q are two distinct u, v -paths in G , then G contains a cycle.

Proof Sketch:

- Let P and Q be two distinct u, v -paths.
- Combine P and Q to form a closed walk W .
- The closed walk W must include a cycle, as it contains redundant edges or vertices.
- Extract the cycle by tracing the paths until they overlap.

Connectivity via One Vertex

Statement: A graph is connected if and only if some vertex is connected to all other vertices.

Note: *'Connected' does not necessarily mean 'adjacent'.*

Proof Sketch:

- (If direction) If v is connected to all other vertices, every pair of vertices is connected via v .
- (Only if direction) If G is connected, there exists a spanning tree with v connected to all vertices.
- Thus, G is connected if and only if some vertex connects to all others.

Partitioning a Closed Trail into Cycles

Statement: The edge set of every closed trail can be partitioned into edge sets of cycles.

Proof Sketch:

- Let T be a closed trail in G .
- Identify the first repeated vertex v in T . Trace the subpath from v back to itself, forming a cycle C .
- Remove C from T , leaving a new closed trail.
- Repeat the process until T is empty, producing a partition of T into cycles.

Bipartite Graphs and Odd Cycles

Statement: Every graph G with no odd cycles is bipartite.

Proof Sketch:

- Assume G has no odd cycles.
- Assign vertices to two sets X and Y based on their distances (even/odd) from a starting vertex.
- Since there are no odd cycles, no edge connects vertices within the same set.
- Thus, G is bipartite.

Graph of Permutations is Connected

Statement: If G_n is the graph whose vertices are the permutations of $[n]$ and two permutations are adjacent if one results from switching two elements, then G_n is connected.

Proof Sketch:

- Any permutation can be transformed into another by a sequence of adjacent transpositions (swapping neighboring elements).
- Starting from any permutation, repeatedly swap adjacent elements to reach the identity permutation.
- Thus, any two permutations are connected via a series of transpositions, proving G_n is connected.

Biclique Characterization

Statement: A connected simple graph not having P_4 or C_3 as an induced subgraph is a biclique.

Proof Sketch:

- Assume G is connected and does not have P_4 or C_3 as induced subgraphs.
- Absence of P_4 implies that every pair of vertices has a common neighbor.
- Absence of C_3 ensures no three vertices form a triangle.
- These properties force G to be a complete bipartite graph (biclique).

Components of G_k

Statement: Show that the graph G_k whose vertices are the k -tuples of bits has at most two components.

Proof Sketch:

- Two k -tuples are adjacent if they differ in exactly one bit.
- All k -tuples with an even number of 1s form one component, and all k -tuples with an odd number of 1s form another component.
- If k is odd, flipping a single bit changes the parity, connecting the components.
- Thus, G_k has at most two components.

Connectivity and Reachability

Statement: A graph G is connected if, for any vertex x , the set of vertices reachable by paths from x is the set of all vertices.

Proof Sketch:

- (*If direction*) If G is connected, every vertex can be reached from x by definition.
- (*Only if direction*) If all vertices are reachable from x , there exists a path between any pair of vertices.
- Therefore, G is connected if and only if all vertices are reachable from any single vertex.

Path Between Odd-Degree Vertices

Statement: Let G be a graph with only two vertices of odd degree u and v . Then there exists a u, v -path.

Proof Sketch:

- By the Handshaking Lemma, the sum of degrees in G is even.
- If u and v are the only odd-degree vertices, all other vertices have even degree.
- Starting from u , construct an Eulerian trail, which must end at v .
- Thus, there exists a u, v -path.

Odd Edge Subgraph is Even

Statement: If C is a closed walk in a simple graph G , then the subgraph consisting of the edges appearing an odd number of times in C is an even graph.

Note: *A graph where every single vertex has an even degree, is called even graph.*

Proof Sketch:

- Let C be a closed walk in G .
- Construct a subgraph H consisting of edges appearing an odd number of times in C .
- Each vertex in H has even degree since every entry into a vertex in C is paired with an exit.
- Thus, H is an even graph.

Degree List of a Graph

Statement: Every list of nonnegative integers with an even sum is the degree list of some graph (*not necessarily a simple graph*).

Proof Sketch:

- Let d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n be a list of nonnegative integers with an even sum.
- Use the Havel-Hakimi algorithm to iteratively construct a graph:
 - ▶ Arrange the degrees in non-increasing order.
 - ▶ Remove the largest degree d_1 and reduce the next d_1 degrees by 1.
 - ▶ Repeat until all degrees are zero or invalid.
- Since the sum of the degrees is even, the process succeeds, yielding a graph.

Graphic n -Tuple Characterization

Statement: An n -tuple of nonnegative integers with largest entry k is graphic if the sum is even, $k < n$, and every entry is k or $k - 1$.

Proof Sketch:

- Let d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n be the n -tuple.
- (*Sum Condition*) The sum of degrees must be even to ensure edge pairing.
- (*Largest Entry Condition*) $k < n$ ensures enough vertices for k edges.
- (*Value Range Condition*) Entries k or $k - 1$ guarantee a realizable graph structure.
- Using these conditions, construct a graph using iterative degree reduction (e.g., Havel-Hakimi).

Independent Set in Loopless Digraph

Statement: Every loopless digraph has an independent set S such that every vertex not in S has a path of length at most 2 to S .

Proof Sketch:

- Use a greedy algorithm to construct S :
 - ▶ Start with $S = \emptyset$.
 - ▶ Iteratively add a vertex v to S if v has no incoming edges from S .
- Every vertex not in S is either adjacent to a vertex in S or has a neighbor adjacent to S (path of length at most 2).
- Thus, S satisfies the conditions.

Components After Removing an Edge

Statement: If e is an edge of G , then $G - e$ has at most one more component than G .

Proof Sketch:

- Removing edge e can only disconnect vertices that were connected by e .
- If e is a cut-edge, $G - e$ has one more component than G .
- If e is not a cut-edge, $G - e$ has the same number of components as G .
- Thus, $G - e$ has at most one more component than G .

Sum of Degrees Equals Twice the Edges

Statement: The number of edges in a graph is the sum of the degrees divided by 2.

Proof Sketch:

- Each edge contributes 1 to the degree of each of its endpoints.
- Summing over all vertices counts each edge twice.
- Let d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n be the degrees of the vertices.
- Total degree sum is $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2e(G)$.
- Dividing by 2 gives $e(G) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$.

Odd-Degree Vertices

Statement: The number of vertices of odd degree in a graph is even.

Proof Sketch:

- Total degree sum $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i$ is even since it equals $2e(G)$.
- Odd-degree vertices contribute an odd sum to $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i$.
- To ensure the total sum is even, the number of odd-degree vertices must be even.

Edge Bound in a Simple Graph

Statement: If a simple graph G has n vertices and k components, then
$$e(G) \leq \frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}.$$

Proof Sketch:

- Each component of G has at most $\frac{v_i(v_i-1)}{2}$ edges, where v_i is the number of vertices in the i -th component.
- The function $\frac{x(x-1)}{2}$ is maximized when x is as large as possible.
- Distribute vertices evenly among components to maximize edges.
- Total edge count is bounded by $\frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$.

Components in $G + H$

Statement: If G has k components and H has l components, then $G + H$ has $k + l$ components.

Proof Sketch:

- The union $G + H$ does not add edges between G and H .
- Components of G and H remain separate.
- Thus, the number of components in $G + H$ is $k + l$.

Maximum Degree in $G + H$

Statement: The maximum degree of $G + H$ is $\max\{\Delta(G), \Delta(H)\}$.

Proof Sketch:

- $G + H$ overlays the edges of G and H on the same vertex set.
- A vertex's degree in $G + H$ is the sum of its degrees in G and H .
- The maximum degree is therefore $\max\{\Delta(G), \Delta(H)\}$.

P_n is Bipartite

Statement: P_n , the path graph, is bipartite.

Proof Sketch:

- Partition vertices of P_n into two sets based on parity of their distance from an endpoint.
- No two vertices in the same set are adjacent.
- Thus, P_n is bipartite.

Largest Bipartite Subgraph of C_n

Statement: The largest bipartite subgraph of C_n has n edges if n is even, and $n - 1$ edges if n is odd.

Proof Sketch:

- A cycle C_n is bipartite if and only if n is even.
- For even n , the entire C_n is bipartite with n edges.
- For odd n , remove one edge to make the graph acyclic and bipartite.
- This results in a subgraph with $n - 1$ edges.

Largest Bipartite Subgraph of K_n

Statement: The largest bipartite subgraph of K_n has $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$ edges.

Proof Sketch:

- Divide n vertices into two sets of sizes $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ and $\lceil n/2 \rceil$.
- Connect every vertex in one set to all vertices in the other set.
- Edge count is $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$.

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Extremal Problems in Graph Theory

Classic Extremal Graph Theory Problems

- **Turán's Theorem** - Maximum edges in a graph avoiding K_r .
- **Erdős-Stone Theorem** - Asymptotic version of Turán's theorem.
- **Mantel's Theorem** - Maximum edges in a triangle-free graph.
- **Zarankiewicz Problem** - Maximum edges in a bipartite graph avoiding $K_{s,t}$.
- **Kővári-Sós-Turán Theorem** - Bipartite analogue of Turán's theorem.

Ramsey-Type Problems

- **Ramsey's Theorem** - Existence of monochromatic subgraphs in edge-colored graphs.
- **Erdős-Rado Sunflower Theorem** - Combinatorial extremal result related to Ramsey theory.

More Extremal Graph Problems

Cycle & Path Extremal Problems

- **Erdős-Gallai Theorem** - Minimum edge count for containing a long path or cycle.
- **Dirac's Theorem** - Sufficient degree condition for a Hamiltonian cycle.
- **Bondy-Chvátal Theorem** - Closure concept for Hamiltonian graphs.
- **Ore's Theorem** - Hamiltonicity based on degree sum conditions.

Matching & Covering Extremal Theorems

- **Hall's Marriage Theorem** - Condition for perfect matchings in bipartite graphs.
- **König's Theorem** - Relation between maximum matching and minimum vertex cover in bipartite graphs.
- **Gallai-Edmonds Decomposition** - Structure of matchings in general graphs.
- **Tutte's Theorem** - Condition for a perfect matching in general graphs.

Advanced Graph Problems

Connectivity & Expansion Theorems

- **Menger's Theorem** - Maximum number of independent paths between two vertices.
- **Whitney's Theorem** - Characterization of 2-connected graphs.
- **Cheeger's Inequality** - Connection between expansion and eigenvalues of adjacency matrix.

Graph Coloring & Partition Theorems

- **Brook's Theorem** - Upper bound on chromatic number.
- **Hajnal-Szemerédi Theorem** - Equitable colorings of graphs.
- **Erdős-Ko-Rado Theorem** - Bounds on intersecting families of sets related to graphs.
- **Mycielski's Theorem** - Constructing triangle-free graphs with high chromatic number.

Problems Proven Impossible Using Graphs I

Certain problems that appear plausible at first glance can be shown to be impossible using graph theory:

① **Koenigsberg Bridges Problem:**

- ▶ Traversing all seven bridges exactly once is impossible due to odd-degree vertices.

② **Three Utilities Problem:**

- ▶ Connecting three houses to three utilities without crossing lines is impossible because $K_{3,3}$ is non-planar.

③ **Four Color Problem:**

- ▶ Proves that no map can be colored with fewer than four colors without adjacent regions sharing the same color.

④ **Domino Tiling Problem:**

- ▶ A $2 \times n$ chessboard with opposite corners removed cannot be tiled due to color imbalances.

Problems Proven Impossible Using Graphs II

⑤ Handshake Problem:

- ▶ If the number of people is odd, it's impossible for everyone to pair up for handshakes.

⑥ Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP):

- ▶ Finding the shortest path visiting all vertices is computationally infeasible for large graphs (NP-hard).

Question to Ponder: How does graph theory help simplify and formalize seemingly complex problems?

Famous Open Problems in Graph Theory I

1. Hamiltonian Cycle Problem (HCP)

- NP-complete for general graphs.
- Special cases like **Tait's Conjecture** remain unresolved.

2. Longest Path Problem

- NP-hard: Finding the longest simple path in a graph is computationally difficult.
- No known efficient algorithm for general graphs.

3. Gallai's Path Decomposition Conjecture

- Every connected graph can be decomposed into at most $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ paths.
- Proven for some special graph classes, but remains open in general.

4. Lovász' Hamiltonicity Conjecture

- Are all connected vertex-transitive graphs Hamiltonian?
- Still open for Cayley graphs and some families of graphs.

Famous Open Problems in Graph Theory II

5. Erdős–Gyárfás Conjecture

- Every triangle-free graph of minimum degree d has a cycle of length $\leq 2^d$.
- Partially solved but remains open for general graphs.

6. Chvátal's Toughness Conjecture

- Is there a constant t such that every t -tough graph is Hamiltonian?
- Open for general graphs.

7. Barnette's Conjecture

- Every 3-connected cubic bipartite planar graph is Hamiltonian.
- Open, but proven for some small cases.

8. Graceful Tree Conjecture

- Every tree can be labeled gracefully (distinct edge differences).
- Still an unsolved problem in combinatorial graph theory.

Famous Open Problems in Graph Theory III

9. Erdős-Pósa Property for Paths

- If a graph has many disjoint paths, does it always contain a bounded-size hitting set?
- Known for cycles, but open for general paths.

10. Alon-Saks-Seymour Conjecture

- The chromatic number of a graph is at most logarithmic in the number of edge-disjoint paths.
- Open in the general case.