

# Graph Theory Facts and Propositions

## General:

1. Handshake Theorem:  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E|$
2. Proposition: Every graph with  $\geq 2$  vertices has two vertices of the same degree
3. Proposition: the n-cube has  $2^n$  vertices and  $n * 2^{n-1}$  edges
4. Theorem: if there is a walk from vertex x to vertex y in G then there is a path from x to y in G.
5. Corollary: if there is a path from x to y in G and a path from y to z in G then there is a path from x to z in G.
6. Theorem: let G be a graph and let v be a vertex in G. If for each w in G there is a path from v to w, then G is connected. *For any vertex, you can get to any other vertex.*
7. Theorem: a graph G is **not connected** iff there exists a property subset of x of V(G) such that the **cut** induced by x is empty.
8. Proposition: if every vertex has degree  $\geq 2$  then G has a cycle.
9. Theorem (Dirac): if G is a graph on  $n > 3$  vertices where every vertex has degree  $\geq \frac{n}{2}$ , then G has a cycle containing every vertex. G is a **Hamiltonian Graph**.
10. Theorem (Chvatal '72): if G is a graph on n vertices with degree  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3 \dots \leq d_n$  then if  $d_i \geq i$  or  $d_{n-i} \geq n - i$  for all  $i \leq \frac{n}{2}$ , then G is Hamiltonian.
11. Theorem (Tutte): Every 4-connected graph that can be drawn in the plane without crossings is Hamiltonian.
12. Theorem: Every connected graph in which every vertex has even degree is *Eulerian*. An Eulerian graph has an Euler tour, which is a closed walk that contains every edge once.
13. Lemma: if  $e = \{x,y\}$  is a bridge of a connected graph G, then  $G-e$  has precisely two components. Furthermore, x and y are in different components.
14. Theorem: An edge is a bridge of a graph G iff it is not contained in a cycle of G
15. Corollary: If there are two distinct paths from u to v in G then G contains a cycle.

16. Lemma: There is a unique path between every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a tree.
17. Lemma: Every edge of a tree  $T$  is a bridge.
18. Theorem: A tree with at least 2 vertices has at least two vertices of degree 1.
19. Theorem: if  $T$  is a tree, then  $|E(T)| = |V(T) - 1|$ .
20. Proposition: Every edge of a tree is a bridge.
21. Proposition: If  $x, y$  are vertices of a tree  $T$ , then there is a unique path of  $T$  from  $x$  to  $y$ .
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25. Proposition: A graph  $G$  has a spanning tree iff it is connected.
26. Corollary: Every connected graph on  $n$  vertices has  $\geq n - 1$  edges.
27. Corollary: Every connected graph on  $n$  vertices,  $n-1$  edges is a tree.
28. Proposition: Every tree is bipartite.
29. Proposition: If  $G$  is a bipartite graph and  $u, v \in V(G)$  then if  $u$  and  $v$  are in the same part of a bipartition, then every walk from  $u$  to  $v$  has even length. If  $u, v$  are in different parts, then every walk from  $u$  to  $v$  has odd length.
30. Proposition: If  $G$  is a graph with no odd cycles, then  $G$  is bipartite.
31. Theorem: Prim's algorithm outputs a min-weight spanning tree.
32. Proposition: A graph is planar iff it has a spherical embedding.
33. Theorem: if there is a planar embedding of 2-connected graph  $G$  with faces  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  then  $\sum_{i=1} \deg(f_i) = 2|E(G)|$
34. Corollary: If the connected graph  $G$  has a planar embedding with  $f$  faces, then average degree of a face is  $\frac{2|E(G)|}{f}$ .
35. Theorem: let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $|V|$  vertices and  $|E|$  edges. If  $G$  has a planar embedding with  $|F|$  faces, then  $|V| - |E| + |F| = 2$ .
36. Theorem: There are exactly five non-isomorphic platonic solids.

37. Lemma: Let  $G$  be a planar embedding with  $|V|$  vertices,  $|E|$  edges and  $|F|$  faces. Then  $\{d,k\}$  is one of the five pairs of faces and vertices:  $\{3,3\}$ ,  $\{3,4\}$ ,  $\{4,3\}$ ,  $\{5,3\}$ ,  $\{3,5\}$
38. Lemma: If  $G$  is connected and not a tree then in a planar embedding of  $G$ , the boundary of each face contains a cycle.
39. Lemma: Let  $G$  be a planar embedding with  $|V|$  vertices and  $|E|$  edges. If each face has degree at least  $d$ , then  $(d-2)|E| \leq d(|V|-2)$ .
40. Corollary: In any planar embedding of a graph with at least 2 edges, each face has degree  $\geq 3$ .
41. Lemma (Test 1): If  $G = (V,E)$  is a planar graph and  $|E| \geq 2$ , then  $|E| \leq 3|V|-6$ .
42. Corollary:  $K_5$  is non-planar  $|V| = 5$ ,  $|E| = 10$ .
43. Corollary: A planar graph has a vertex of degree at most 5.
44. Lemma (Test 2): If  $G = (V,E)$  is a planar graph and every cycle has length  $\geq g$ , where  $g$  is the girth, the length of the smallest cycle, and  $|E| \geq \frac{1}{2}g$ , then  $|E| \leq \frac{g}{g-2}(|V| - 2)$
45. Corollary:  $K_{3,3}$  is non-planar because it has no triangles, so  $g = 4$  and it fails Test 2.
46. Kuratowski's Theorem: A graph is planar iff it has no subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$  or  $K_5$  as a subgraph.
47. Theorem: A graph is 2-colourable iff it is bipartite.
48. Theorem:  $K_n$  is  $n$ -colourable and not  $k$ -colourable for  $k < n$ .
49. Five-Colour-Theorem: Every planar graph is 5-colourable.
50. Theorem: Every planar graph is 4-colourable.
51. Lemma:  $M$  is not a maximum matching iff there exists an  $M$ -augmenting path.
52. Lemma: If  $M$  is a matching of  $G$  and  $C$  is a cover of  $G$  then  $|M| \leq |C|$ .
53. Lemma: If  $M$  is matching and  $C$  is a cover and  $|M| = |C|$  then  $M$  is a maximum matching and  $C$  is a minimum cover.
54. Theorem (Konig's Theorem): If  $G$  is bipartite, then the size of the maximum matching is equal to the size of the minimum cover.
55. Lemma: Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph with bipartition  $A,B$  where  $|A| = |B| = n$ . If  $G$  has  $|E|$  edges then  $G$  has a matching of at least size  $\frac{|E|}{n}$ .

56. Theorem (Hall's): An  $(A,B)$ -bigraph  $G$  has a matching that saturates  $A$  iff for every  $S$  subset of  $A$ ,  $|S| \leq |N(S)|$ .
57. Corollary: An  $(A,B)$  bigraph  $G$  has a perfect matching iff  $|A|=|B|$  and for  $S$  is a subset of  $A$ ,  $|S| \leq |N(S)|$ .