# Unit 5: Graph Theory

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### Definition of a Graph

**Definition (Graph).** A graph G consists of a finite or countable vertex set V := V(G) and an edge set  $E := E(G) \subseteq V \times V$ .

So a graph is a pair:

$$G = \{V, E\}$$

## Example: Fibonacci Graph

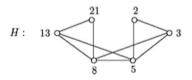
Consider the set  $S = \{2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21\}.$ 

Form all pairs  $(a, b) \in S \times S$  such that a + b or  $|a - b| \in S$ .

**Vertices:**  $V(H) = \{2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21\}$ 

Edges: E(H) =

 $\{\{2,3\},\{2,5\},\{3,5\},\{3,8\},\{5,8\},\{5,13\},\{8,13\},\{8,21\},\{13,21\}\}$ 



### Order and Size

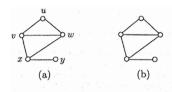
- The number of vertices in *G* is called the **order** *n*.
- The number of edges in *G* is called the **size** *m*.

**Example:** For the above Fibonacci graph,

Order n = 6, Size m = 9.

### **Graph Example:**

$$V(G) = \{u, v, w, x, y\}, \quad E(G) = \{uv, uw, vw, vx, wx, xy\}$$



: A labeled graph and an unlabeled graph



## Graph Terminology

- End vertices: Ends of an edge (u, v)
- Parallel edges: Edges that have the same end vertices
- **Loop:** Edge of the form (v, v)
- Simple graph: No loops or parallel edges
- Empty graph:  $E = \emptyset$
- Null graph:  $V = \emptyset$ ,  $E = \emptyset$
- **Trivial graph:** One vertex

## More Terminology

- Adjacent edges: Share a common end vertex
- Adjacent vertices: Connected by an edge
- **Degree:** Number of edges incident on a vertex
- Pendant vertex: Vertex with degree 1
- Pendant edge: Edge connected to pendant vertex
- Isolated vertex: Vertex with degree 0

### Degree of a Vertex

- Minimum degree of  $G: \delta(G)$
- Maximum degree of  $G: \Delta(G)$

If G is a simple graph of order n, then:

$$0 \le \delta(G) \le \deg(v) \le \Delta(G) \le n-1$$

## Theorem: Degree Sum Formula

### Theorem 2 (First Theorem of Graph Theory):

If G is a graph of size m, then

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2m$$

This is also called the handshaking lemma.

### Example: Degree Distribution

**Example 3.** A graph G has order 14 and size 27. Six vertices have degree 4. Find how many have degree 3 and how many have degree 5.

Let x = number of vertices with degree 3 Then,

$$3x + 4 \cdot 6 + 5(8 - x) = 2 \cdot 27 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

**Answer:** 5 vertices of degree 3, 3 vertices of degree 5

## Theorem 4: Even Number of Odd Degree Vertices

**Theorem.** Every graph has an even number of vertices with odd degree.

### **Proof Sketch:**

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg v = \sum_{v \in V_1} \deg v + \sum_{v \in V_2} \deg v = 2m$$

#### Where:

- V<sub>1</sub>: vertices with odd degree
- $V_2$ : vertices with even degree

Since both  $\sum \deg v$  and  $\sum_{v \in V_2} \deg v$  are even,

$$\sum_{v \in V_1} \deg v = \mathsf{even}$$

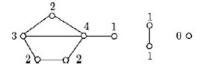
⇒ Number of odd-degree vertices is even.



### Degree Sequences

A sequence of vertex degrees of a simple graph is called a **degree sequence**.

Example: 
$$s = 4, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0$$
;  $s' = 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4$   $s'' = 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0$  are degree sequences of the given graph.



### Sequence types:

- s: non-increasing
- s': non-decreasing
- s'': neither



## **Example 5: Graphical Sequences**

A finite non-negative sequence is said to be graphical sequence if it is a degree sequence of some simple graph.

Which of the following are graphical?

$$s_1 = 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1$$

Yes

$$s_2 = 6, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2$$

No

$$s_3 = 7, 6, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3$$

No

$$s_4 = 3, 3, 3, 1$$

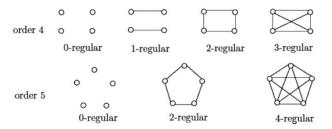
No

## Definition: Regular Graphs

**Regular Graph:** A graph where all vertices have the same degree.

$$\delta(G) = \Delta(G) \Rightarrow G$$
 is regular

If every vertex has degree r, then G is called **r-regular** Example:

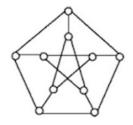


These are the only regular graphs of order 4 and 5.

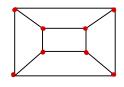


## Regular Graphs

- Odd-degree regular graphs of odd order are not possible
- A 3-regular graph is also called a **cubic graph**.
- Example: The Petersen graph is a well-known cubic graph.



· A loop free k-regular graph with 2k vertices is called K-dimension hypercube, denoted by BK.



A k-dimensional hypercube Ok has k.2<sup>k-1</sup> edges

Let Gr be a Cubic graph with 9 edges.
 Determine its order

Soln: Let n be no. of vertices and m be no. of edges.
We have

$$\sum deg(v) = 3n = 2m$$

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)  $3n = 2xq$ 

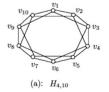
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  $n = \frac{18}{3} = 6$ .

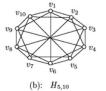
## Existence of r-Regular Graphs

**Theorem:** Let r and n be integers with  $0 \le r \le n-1$ .

There exists an r-regular graph of order n if and only if at least one of r and n is even.

 Examples of 4-regular and 5-regular graphs of order 10 are shown.





## Subgraphs

### Definition

A graph H is called a **subgraph** of a graph G, written  $H \subseteq G$ , if  $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$  and  $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$  and each edge of H has same end vertices as in G.

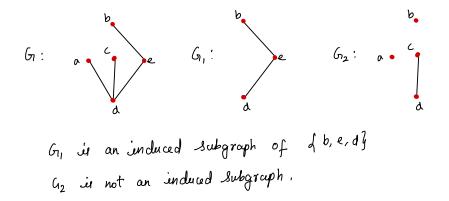
- If V(H) or E(H) is a proper subset, then H is a proper subgraph.
- If H has the same vertex set as G, it is a **spanning subgraph**.
- No. of spanning subgraph with size m is 2<sup>m</sup>.
   Since each edge may or may not be uncluded in the spanning subgraph.

### Induced Subgraphs

- A subgraph F of G is an **induced subgraph** if for every pair of vertices u, v in S,  $uv \in E(G)$  implies  $uv \in E(F)$ .
- If S is a non- empty subset of vertices of G, the induced subgraph by S is denoted  $\langle S \rangle$ .
- If X is a non- empty subset of edges of G,  $\langle X \rangle$  is the edge-induced subgraph, consisting of all edges in X and their endpoints.

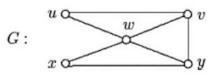
$$G: \quad w \bigcirc e \stackrel{v}{e} x \qquad H: \quad w \bigcirc x \qquad F: \quad w \bigcirc x$$

$$F': \quad \bigvee_{g} e \stackrel{v}{e'} x \qquad G-e: \quad w \bigcirc x$$



## Walks in Graphs

- A u v walk in a graph is a sequence of vertices  $W: u = v_0, v_1, ..., v_k = v$  such that  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E(G)$ .
- If u = v, the walk is **closed**; otherwise, it is **open**.
- The length of a walk is the number of edges in it.
- Walks may include repeated vertices or edges.
- A walk of length 0 is called trivial walk.
- In the below graph W: x, y, w, y, v, w is x w walk of length 5.
- Walk W : v is a trivial walk



### Trails and Paths

- A trail is a walk in which no edge is repeated. For example, T: u, w, y, x, w, v is a u v trail in G.
- A path is a walk in which no vertex is repeated. For example
   P: u, w, y, v is a path in G.
- If no vertex in a walk is repeated, then no edge is repeated.
   Hence every path is a trial.

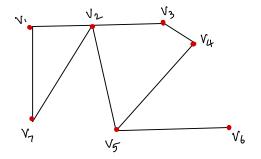
**Theorem:** If a graph G contains a u-v walk of length I, then it contains a u-v path of length at most I.

# Circuits and Cycles

#### Definition

A **circuit** is a closed trail of length  $\geq$  3. It starts and ends at the same vertex, with no repeated edges.

- A cycle is a circuit with no repeated vertices (except the first and last).
- A **k-cycle** is a cycle of length *k*.
- A 3-cycle is called a triangle.
- Odd-length cycles are called odd cycles; even-length ones are even cycles.
- If a vertex of a cycle is deleted, then a path is obtained. This
  is not true for circuits.



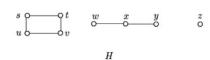
- · V, V2 V3 V4 V5 V2 V7 V, is a 8-circuit
- · V2 V3 V4 V5 V2 is a 5-ycle



## Connectivity in Graphs

- Two vertices u and v are connected if there is a u-v path in G.
- A graph is **connected** if every pair of vertices is connected.
- A graph is disconnected if it is not connected.
- A **component** is a maximal connected subgraph.
- A graph G is connected if and only if it has exactly one component.





## Distance in a Graph

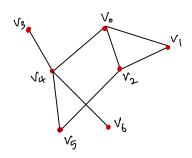
### **Definition:**

The **distance** between two vertices u and v, denoted d(u, v), is the length of the **shortest path** between them.

### **Properties:**

- d(u, v) = d(v, u) (Symmetric)
- d(u, v) = 0 if and only if u = v
- $d(u, v) = \infty$  if no path exists (disconnected graph)
- Triangle Inequality:  $d(u, w) \le d(u, v) + d(v, w)$
- · Shortest U-V patr is called a geodesic.





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$$d(V_1, V_5) = 2$$

Shortest

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$$d(V_1,V_3) = 3$$

Shortest

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## **Eccentricity**

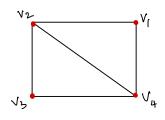
#### **Definition:**

The **eccentricity** of a vertex v, denoted e(v), is the **maximum distance** from v to any other vertex:

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

### Interpretation:

Measures how far a vertex is from the farthest vertex in the graph.



$$d(V_1,V_2) = 1$$

$$d(V_1, V_4) = 1$$

$$d(V_1,V_3)=2$$

$$\therefore \quad e(V_i) = 2$$

$$e(V_3) = 2$$

### Diameter

### **Definition:**

The **diameter** of a graph G, denoted diam(G), is the **maximum eccentricity** among all vertices:

$$\mathsf{diam}(G) = \mathsf{max}\{e(v) \mid v \in V(G)\}$$

### Interpretation:

Represents the longest shortest path between any two vertices in the graph.

If e(v) = diam(G), then v is a peripheral vertex. The set of all such vertices make the periphery of G.

### Radius

#### **Definition:**

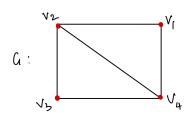
The **radius** of a graph G, denoted rad(G), is the **minimum eccentricity** among all vertices:

$$rad(G) = min\{e(v) \mid v \in V(G)\}$$

### Interpretation:

Represents the minimum distance needed to reach the farthest vertex from a central point.

If e(v) = rad(br), then v is a central vertex. The set of all such vertices make the center of brace b.



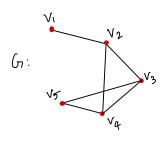
$$diam(bi) = 2$$

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$$e(V_1) = 2$$

$$e(V_2) = 1$$

periphery = 
$$\sqrt{V_1, V_2}$$
  
Center =  $\sqrt{V_2, V_4}$ 



$$\therefore diam(G) = 3$$

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$$e(v_i) = 3$$

$$e(V_4) = 2$$

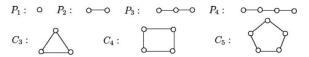
periphery is 
$$\{v_1, v_5\}$$
  
Center is  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ 

### Key Relationships

### For any connected graph:

## Common Classes of Graphs

- A path graph of order n is a sequence of vertices  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  with edges  $v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, \ldots, v_{n-1} v_n$ .
- A **cycle** graph of order  $n \ge 3$  is a closed path:  $v_1v_2, v_2v_3, \ldots, v_{n-1}v_n, v_nv_1$ .
- Path graphs are denoted by  $P_n$  and cycle graphs by  $C_n$ .



- · In a path graph,
  - Previoust exactly one path between any pay of vukces.
  - Degree of each vertice, except terminal vertices, is 2.

#### Complete Graphs

- A graph G is complete if every pair of distinct vertices is adjacent. (i.e. There exist an edge between every pair of vertices)
- A complete graph on n vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ .
- Number of edges in  $K_n$ :  $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .

$$K_1$$
: O  $K_2$ :  $K_3$ :  $K_4$ :  $K_5$ :

The graphs can be drawn in different ways.

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#### Radius and Diameter

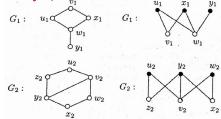
- For complete graphs:  $diam(K_n) = rad(K_n) = 1$ , for  $n \ge 2$ .
- For paths on *n* vertices:
  - $\operatorname{diam}(P_n) = n 1$
  - $\operatorname{rad}(P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$
- For cycles on *n* vertices:
  - diam $(C_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$
  - $\operatorname{rad}(C_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$

#### Bipartite Graphs

#### Definition

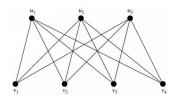
A graph G is **bipartite** if V(G) can be partitioned into two sets U and W such that every edge connects a vertex in U to one in W.

- $G_1$  and  $G_2$  shown are bipartite.
- A graph is bipartite if and only if each component is bipartite.
- C<sub>5</sub> is **not** bipartite.
- · A nontrivial graph or is bipartite iff or contain no odd cycles.



#### Complete Bipartite Graphs

- A graph is a complete bipartite graph if every vertex in U is connected to every vertex in W.
- Denoted by  $K_{p,q}$ . (where p and q are number of vertices in partite set U and W, respectively)
- Diameter: diam $(K_{p,q}) = 2$  (if  $p, q \ge 2$ )
- Number of vertices of  $K_{p,q}$ : n = p + q
- Number of edges of  $K_{p,q}$ : m = pq

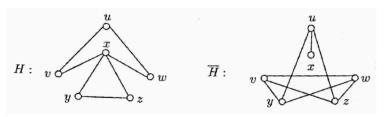


## Complement of a Graph

#### Definition

The **complement**  $\overline{G}$  of a graph G is the graph whose vertex set is V(G) such that for each pair u, v of vertices of G, uv is an edge of  $\overline{G}$  if and only if uv is not an edge of G.

#### A graph H and its complement $\overline{H}$ are shown below:



#### Size of Complement of *G*

- If G is a graph of order n and size m, then  $\overline{G}$  is a graph of order n and size  $\binom{n}{2} m$ .
- The graph K<sub>n</sub> has n vertices and no edges it is called the empty graph of order n.

## Computer Representation of Graphs

#### Definition:

• The adjacency matrix of a graph  $G_1$  is the nxn matrix  $A=(a_{ij})$ , where

$$\alpha_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } V_i V_j \in E(G) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The incidence matrix of G is the nxn matrix
 A = (bij), where

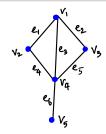
#### Computer Representation of Graphs

# Example: For the graph

· Adjacency matrix

· Incidence matrix

$$B = \begin{array}{c} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 \\ v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 \\ v_4 & v_5 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 \\ v_5 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 & v_6 \\ \end{array}$$



\* Arrangement of V1, V2, V3, V4, V6
must be some in both
words and columns.

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Let G and H be simple graphs. A map \phi: G_7 \to H
is an isomorphism if
i) For any u, v \in V(G_7),
uv \in E(G_7) \text{ iff } \phi(u) \phi(v) \in E(H_7).
ii) \phi is bijective. It says that adjacancy is preserved.
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- If there exist an isomosphism from G to H, then
  we say G is isomosphic H, denoted by G= H.
- If G = H means They have some graph structure.

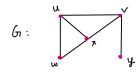
In general, for any graph (simple or non-simple graph)

An isomorphism from 61 to H is a bijective  $\phi$  that maps V(G) to V(H) and E(G) to E(H) such that each edge of G with endpoints U and V is mapped to an edge with endpoints  $\phi(U)$  to  $\phi(V)$ .

• If  $\phi:G\to H$  is isomorphism, then for any  $u\in G$   $\deg(u)=\deg(\phi(u))$ 

Example 1: Show that the following graphs Grand H are isomorphic.

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Define a map  $\phi$ :  $\phi = \begin{pmatrix} y & w & v & x \\ t & p & q & s & r \end{pmatrix}$  such that
bijechion.

$$deg (u) = 3 deg (P) = 2$$

$$deg (v) = 3 deg (v) = 3$$

$$deg (x) = 3 deg (w) = 3$$

$$deg (w) = 1 deg (g) = 1$$

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$$\phi(y \ v) = \pm s = \phi(y) \phi(s)$$
 $\phi(w \ u) = p_0 = \phi(\omega) \phi(u)$ 
 $\phi(w \ x) = p_1 = \phi(\omega) \phi(x)$ 
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 $\phi(v \ x) = s_1 s = \phi(v) \phi(x)$ 

Thus, G=H

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Define a bijective map: 
$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} u & v & w & x & y \\ v & s & p & r & t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \alpha & \vee & \omega & \times & \vee \\ \alpha & s & p & r & r \end{array} \right)$$

find adjacent matrices of Grand H que follows:

$$M_{0} = \begin{matrix} u & v & w & x & y \\ u & o & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & o & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & o & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}, \qquad \begin{matrix} u & w & x & y & y & y & y \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

Example 2. Show that the following graphs are not isomorphic.

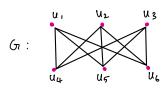
Gr: u<sub>1</sub> u<sub>2</sub> u<sub>3</sub> u<sub>4</sub> u<sub>6</sub>

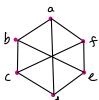
V<sub>1</sub> V<sub>2</sub> V<sub>3</sub> V<sub>5</sub> V<sub>4</sub>

Soln: In  $(r_1, deg(u_5) = deg(u_6) = 1, deg(u_4) = 3$ and  $u_5$  and  $u_6$  are adjacent to  $u_4$ . But in H, There is no two vertices of degree 1 which is adjacent to a vertex of degree 3.

i. G is not isomorphic to H.

#### Example 3: S.T GEH.

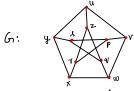




Soln: Each has 6 vultus and 9 edges.

$$M_{H} = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1$$

#### Example 4: S.T G=H



Each has 10 vertices and 15 edges. Solu:

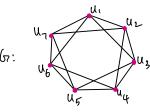
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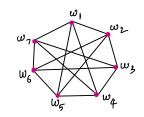
$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} u & v & w & x & y & 3 & p & q & r & s \\ + & g & h & i & j & a & b & c & d & e \end{pmatrix}$$
 under this map

adjacency is preserved. For instance uv + E(G) = tgtE(H) xy t E (a) = ) ij t E(H) zg/ tE(G) =) ac EE(H) etc.

Show that adjacency matrice of G and H

## Example 5: Show that G=H





Soln: Both (1 and H have 7 vertices and 14 edges.

Define a map

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & u_4 & u_6 & u_6 & u_7 \\ w_1 & w_4 & w_7 & w_3 & w_6 & w_2 & w_5 \end{pmatrix},$$

under sies map we shall s.T adajency is preserved by constructing adjacency matrices

$$M_{A} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} & u_{2} & u_{3} & u_{4} & u_{5} & u_{6} & u_{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ u_{6} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ u_{7} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus adjacency is preserved.

Thus  $G \cong H$ 

Example 6: Check whether following pair is isomorphic or not.

