

# Your first metric graph

## Creating a metric graph

Let us first create a combinatorial star graph  $G$  with 5 vertices and 4 edges using [Graphs.jl](#)

```
using Graphs
G = star_graph(5)
```

```
{5, 4} undirected simple Int64 graph
```

In order to extend  $G$  to an equilateral metric graph, we define the edge length  $\ell$

```
 $\ell$  = pi + pi/2
```

```
4.71238898038469
```

$G$  can now be represented as metric graph  $\Gamma$  by applying the function [metric\\_graph](#)

```
 $\Gamma$  = metric_graph(G,  $\ell$ )
```

```
{n=5,m=4, $\ell$ =4.71238898038469} equilateral metric graph
```

For a small example like the star graph, vertex coordinates can be assigned that will later allow to visualize  $\Gamma$  in 3d.

```
coords = [[0, 0],
           [ $\ell$ , 0],
           [- $\ell$ , 0],
           [0,  $\ell$ ],
           [0, - $\ell$ ]]
```

```
5-element Vector{Vector{Float64}}:
 [0.0, 0.0]
 [4.71238898038469, 0.0]
```

```
[-4.71238898038469, 0.0]
[0.0, 4.71238898038469]
[0.0, -4.71238898038469]
```

The function `metric_graph` takes the optional input `vertex_coords` to specify the vertex coordinates.

```
 $\Gamma$  = metric_graph(G,  $\ell$ , vertex_coords = coords)
```

```
{n=5,m=4, $\ell$ =4.71238898038469} equilateral metric graph
```

We may now plot  $\Gamma$  using `plot_graph_3d`

```
{n=5,m=4, $\ell$ =1} equilateral metric graph
```

### Note

The previous example graph can be assembled using the constructor `metric_star_graph` `metric_star_graph( $\ell$  = pi + pi/2)`. Several other example graphs are implemented..

## Functions on metric graphs

A function  $u$  on a metric graph is represented by a vector of functions  $u_e$ , specifying  $u$  on each edge  $e$ .

```
u = [ x -> -3*sin(x),
      x -> sin(x),
      x -> sin(x),
      x -> sin(x)
      ]
```

```
4-element Vector{Function}:
 #1 (generic function with 1 method)
 #2 (generic function with 1 method)
 #3 (generic function with 1 method)
 #4 (generic function with 1 method)
```

If vertex coordinates are assigned to  $\Gamma$ , a function can be plotted on  $\Gamma$  with

```
4-element Vector{Function}:  
 #1 (generic function with 1 method)  
 #2 (generic function with 1 method)  
 #3 (generic function with 1 method)  
 #4 (generic function with 1 method)
```

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