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Introduction to graph theory

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Chapitre 1

Definitions

1.1 General definitions

1.1.1 Graph

A graph is a pair (V, E) with a incidence relation \sim such that :

1. V, E are finite sets
2. $\forall e \in E, \exists! 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ element(s) } v \in V | e \sim v$

1.1.2 Vertex

A vertex of G is an element of $V=V(G)$

1.1.3 Edge

A edge of G is an element of $E=E(G)$

1.1.4 End of an edge

$$\begin{aligned} v \sim e &\iff v \text{ is incident with } e \\ &\iff v \text{ is an end of } e \end{aligned}$$

1.1.5 Parallelism

If 2 edges e and f have the same set of ends, e and f are parallels

1.1.6 Simple graph

A simple graph is a graph without any parallels edges or loop

1.1.7 Adjacent

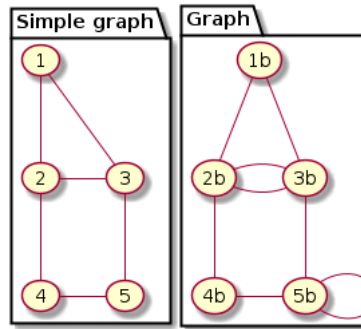
Two vertex v and w are adjacent if \exists one edge whose set of its ends is equal to v, w

1.2 Type of graph

1.2.1 Isomorphism

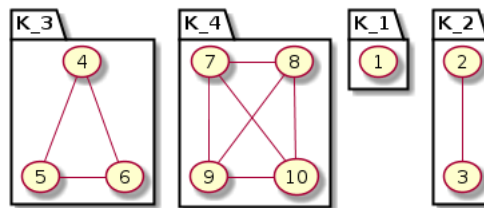
2 graphs G and H are isomorphic is $\exists \phi : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow V(H) \cup E(H)$ bijective, such that :

1. $\phi(v) \in V(H)$ with $v \in V(G)$
2. $\phi(e) \in E(H)$ with $e \in E(G)$
3. $e \underset{G}{\sim} v \iff \phi(e) \underset{H}{\sim} \phi(v)$

FIGURE 1.1 – Simple graph \Leftrightarrow Graph

1.2.2 Complete graph (K_n)

A complete graph is a simple graph with n vertex (for K_n) such that every pair of distinct vertex are adjacent

FIGURE 1.2 – Every complete graph from K_0 to K_4

1.2.3 Subgraph

A graph H is a subgraph of G if :

1. $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$
2. $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$
3. $\forall e \in E(H)$, the set of ends of e in H is equals to the set of ends in G

1.2.4 Spanning subgraph

A subgraph H of G is spanning if $V(H) = V(G)$

1.2.5 subgraph

A subgraph H of G is spanning if $V(H) = V(G)$

1.3 Operations

1.3.1 Deletion

1.3.2 Contraction

G/e is the subgraph obtained from G by deleting e and identifying the 2 ends of e

$$|E(G)| = |E(G/e)| - 1$$

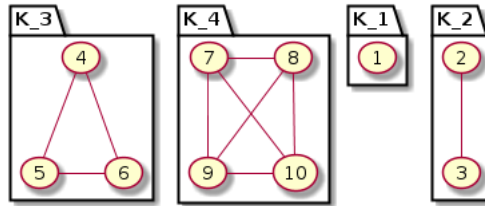
$$|V(G)| = |V(G/e)| - 1 \text{ (if } e \text{ is not a loop)}$$


FIGURE 1.3 – Every complete graph from K_0 to K_4

1.3.3 Minor

H is a **minor** of G if H can be obtained from G by deleting edges/vertices and contracting edges

1.3.4 Subdivision

H is a **subdivision** of G if H can be obtained by subdividing some edges of G

H is a **subdivision** of G if H can be obtained from G by replacing each edge with a path of length ≥ 1



FIGURE 1.4 – Every complete graph from K_0 to K_4

1.3.5 Topological minor

H is a **topological minor** of G if a subdivision of H is a subgraph of G

Subgraph \Rightarrow topological minor \Rightarrow minor
 \nRightarrow \nRightarrow

Chapitre 2

Connectedness

2.1 Definitions

2.1.1 Walk

For 2 vertices v and w , a **walk** from v to w is an alternating sequence $v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \cdots e_n v_n$ of vertices v_0, \dots, v_n and edges e_1, \dots, e_n such that the sets of ends of e_i is v_{i-1}, v_i and $v_0 = v, v_n = w, n \geq 0$

2.1.2 Trail

A **trail** is a walk without using the same edge twice

2.1.3 Path

A **path** is a walk not using any vertex twice

2.1.4 Closed trail

A walk from v to w is **closed** if $v = w$ A **circuit** is also a closed trail

2.1.5 Cycle

A **cycle** is a circuit $v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \cdots e_n v_n$ such that v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} are distinct

Circuit \Rightarrow cycle

Circuit $\not\Rightarrow$ cycle

2.2 Theorems

2.2.1 Lemma

Definition

If G has a walk from x to y , then G has a path from x to y

Proof

Induction on n

Let's call n the length of the walk W from x to y

1. If $n = 0$: trivial
2. If $n \neq 0$: We may assume W is not a path (Else, trivial)

W has a vertex z that is visited more than once.

$$x = v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \cdots z \cdots z \cdots e_n y$$

\Downarrow

$$W' = v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \cdots z \cdots e_n y$$

W' is a walk from x to y whose length is $< n$

By the induction hypothesis, G has a path from x to y
 G is connected $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in V(G), G$ has a path from x to y

2.2.2 \sim relation

Definition

$\forall x, y \in V(G), x \sim y \Leftrightarrow G$ has a path from x to y

Equivalent ?

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{symmetric : } x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x \\ \text{reflexive : } x \sim x \\ \text{transitive : } x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z \end{array} \right.$$

2.2.3 Connected component graph

A **connected component** of a graph G is a subgraph induced on an equivalence class of $(V(G), \sim)$
 i.e. : a component is a maximal connected subgraph

- If C, D are component, then $C = D$ or $V(C) \cap V(D) = \emptyset$
- G is disconnected $\Leftrightarrow V(G)$ can be partitionned into A and B (i.e. $A \cup B = V(G), A \cap B = \emptyset$) such that $A, B \neq \emptyset$ such that G has no edge having one end in A and another on B

2.2.4 Forest and tree

“Minimally connected” graph \sim tree

Tree

A **tree** is a connected graph with no cycle

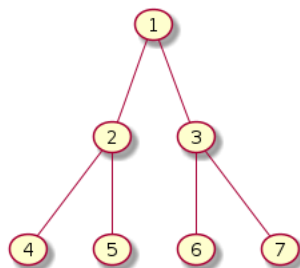


FIGURE 2.1 – A tree

Forest

A **forest** is a graph with no cycle

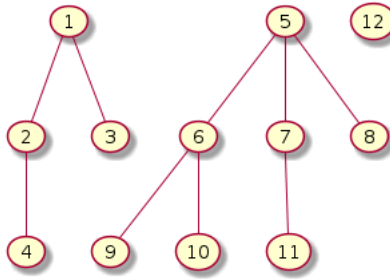


FIGURE 2.2 – A forest

Equivalence on trees

The following are equivalent :

1. T is a tree
2. T is loopless and for $v, w \in V(T)$, T has a UNIQUE path from v to w
3. T is connected and $T - e$ is disconnected from all $e \in E(T)$
4. T has no cycle and $T + xy$ (adding a new edge xy to T) has a cycle for any $x, y \in V(G)$

Lemma

If T is a tree with at least 1 vertex, then $|E(T)| = |V(T)| - 1$

Proof

Induction on $|E(T)|$

If $E(T) = \emptyset$, $\Rightarrow |V(T)| = 1 \Rightarrow 1 - 1 = 0$

Now let $e \in E(T)$

$T \setminus e$ has exactly 2 components T_1, T_2

$$|E(T_1)| = |V(T_1)| - 1$$

$$|E(T_2)| = |V(T_2)| - 1$$



FIGURE 2.3 – A bipartite graph (With its 2 parts)

Corrolary

If T is a tree with at least 2 vertices, then T has a leaf

2.2.5 Bipartite graphs

G is a **bipartite** graph if G has a **bipartition** (A, B) such that $A \cup B = V(G)$, $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and every edge has 1 end on A , and another end on B

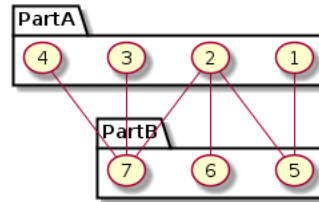


FIGURE 2.4 – A bipartite graph (With its 2 parts)

2.2.6 Bipartite \Leftrightarrow no odd cycle

Definition

G is bipartite $\Leftrightarrow G$ has no odd cycle

Proof

- \Rightarrow : trivial
- \Leftarrow : Induction on $|E(G)|$
 - If $|E(G)| = 0$, trivial
 - Let $e \in E(G)$
 - $G \setminus e$ has no odd cycle $\Rightarrow G \setminus e$ is bipartite
 - $G \setminus e$ has a bipartition (A, B)
 - We may assume both ends are in A
 - If $G \setminus e$ has a path P from x to y , length of P is even.
 - $P + e :=$ odd cycle

Chapitre 3

Bipartite graph

3.1 Complete bipartite graph

Let's call $K_{m,n}$ a complete bipartite graph

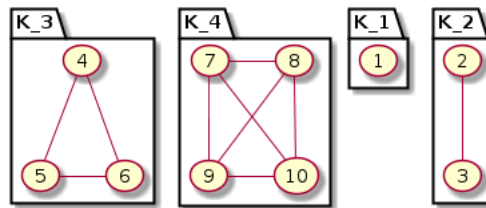


FIGURE 3.1 – Every complete graph from K_0 to K_4

3.2 Euler tours

3.2.1 Definition

A circuit is **Eulerian** if it contains every edge

3.2.2 Theorem

G has a Eulerian circuit $\Leftrightarrow G \setminus \{ \text{isolated vertices} \}$ is connected and every vertex has even degree

3.2.3 Proof

- \Rightarrow : We may assume G has no isolated vertices $\Rightarrow C$ contains a walk from v to w
- \Leftarrow : Induction on $|V(G)| + |E(G)|$
 - We may assume G is connected (by removing isolated vertices)
 - We may assume $|V(G)| > 1$
 - G contains a cycle C (Else, it would be a tree)
 - By the induction hyp, each non trivial component of H has an Eulerian circuit

Chapitre 4

Matchings

A **matching** of a graph G is a set of non-loop edges such that no 2 edges share an end.
 \emptyset is a matching

4.1 Matching in a bipartite graph

$\nu(G)$: max size (number of edge) of a matching of G

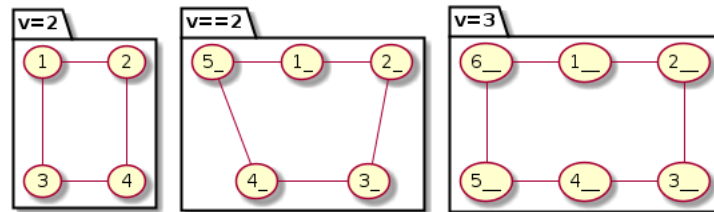


FIGURE 4.1 – Examples of $\nu(G)$

$\tau(G)$: min number vertices that meet every edge
 ($\min|x| : x \subseteq V(G)$ every edge has at least 1 end in X)

M -alternating path is a path $P = v_0e_1v_1e_2v_2e_3v_3e_4 \cdots e_nv_n$ such that $e_2, e_3, \dots \in M$

M -augmenting path is a path $P = v_0e_1v_1e_2v_2e_3v_3e_4 \cdots e_nv_n$ such that P is M -alternating and V_0V_n are not incident with any edge in M

4.1.1 König's theorem

G bipartite $\Rightarrow \nu(G) = \tau(G)$

4.1.2 Proof

4.1.3 Lemma

Let M be a matching of a graph G
 M is a maximum matching $\Leftrightarrow G$ has no M -augmenting path

4.1.4 Proof

\Rightarrow If P is an M -augmenting path
 Let $M' = M \Delta E(P)$ ($X \Delta Y = (X - Y) \cup (Y - X)$)

\Leftarrow : $\tau(G) \geq \nu(G)$: Trivial (Even works for all graphs)
 $\tau(G) \leq \nu(G)$: Let $k = \nu(G)$
 Let M be a matching of size k .

We want to find a set of k vertices meeting every edges Let (A, B) be a bipartition of H
 G has no M -augmenting path

Let $A' = A - V(M)$

Let B_0 be the subset of B that can be reached from A' by an M -alternating path.

Let A_0 =subset of A incident with an edge in M

Let $A_1 = A - A_0 - A'$

CLAIM : Every edge is incident with a vertex in $A_1 \cap B_0 \Rightarrow$ **TRUE**

4.1.5 Hall's theorem

Let G be a bipartite graph with a bipartition (A, B)
 G has a matching M covering $A \Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq A, |N_G(S)| \geq |S|$ (With $N_G(S)$ =set of all neighbours of G vertices in S)

4.1.6 Proof

\Leftarrow : König's theorem show that $\nu(G) = |A| \Rightarrow \tau(G) = |A|$

\Rightarrow :

4.1.7 Other proof

Induction on $|A|$

Case 1 : $|N_G(S)| > |S|$

$\forall \phi \in S \subsetneq A$, let's choose $x \in A, y \in B$ such that x and y are adjacents

Let $H = G \setminus x \setminus y$

For $\phi \neq S \subseteq A - \{x\}$

$$|N_H(S)| \geq |N_G(S)| - 1$$

$\geq (|S| + 1) - 1 = |S|$ By induction, H has a matching M covering $A - \{x\}$

$M \cup \{xy\}$ is a matching of G covering A

Case 2 : There is a set $A_0 \subsetneq A$ such that $|N_G(A_0)| = |A_0|$

By induction, there is a matching M_1 covering A_0

Let $S \subseteq A - A_0$

Let $H = G \setminus A_0 \setminus N_G(A_0)$

Goal : $|N_H(S)| \geq |S|$?

$$\begin{aligned} |N_G(A_0 \cup S)| &= |N - G(A_0)| \\ &= |A_0| + |N_H(S)| \\ &\geq |A_0| + |S| \end{aligned}$$

4.1.8 Def : k -regular

G is **k -regular** if every vertex has degree k

4.1.9 Def : Perfect matching

A matching is **perfect** if it covers every vertex

4.1.10 Corollary

Every k -regular bipartite graph has a perfect matching

4.1.11 Proof

4.1.12 Petersen's corollary

k : even, ≥ 2

Every k -regular graph has a spanning 2-regular subgraph.

4.1.13 Proof

G has an Eulerian circuit C .

We orient edges according to C .

Construct a bipartite graph on $V \cup V'$ (Where V' is a copy of V)

4.2 Matching in a general graph

When do we have a perfect matching ?

- $|V(G)|$ is even
- No isolated vertices
- No odd components

4.2.1 Tutte theorem

G has a perfect matching $\Leftrightarrow \text{odd}(G \setminus S) \leq |S| \forall S \subseteq V(G)$

(Where $\text{odd}(G)$ is the number of odd component of G)

4.2.2 Proof

\Rightarrow : trivial

\Leftarrow : Induction on $|V(G)|$

1. $|V(G)|$ is even

Proof : $\text{odd}(G) \leq 0$

Let's call X critical if $\text{odd}(G \setminus X) = |X|$

G has a critical set (\emptyset)

2. If $\text{odd}(G \setminus X) \geq |X| - 1$, then X is critical

Proof : $0 \cong |V(G)| \cong \text{odd}(G \setminus X) + |X| \pmod{2}$

Choose a maximal critical set X

$C_1 \cdots C_K$: odd components of $G \setminus X$

$D_1 \cdots D_K$: even components of $G \setminus X$

$k = |X|$

3. $G \setminus X$ has no even component

Proof : Otherwise, let $v \in V$ (even component D)

$\text{odd}(G \setminus (X \cup v)) \geq |X|$

4. $\forall i \in 1, \dots, k$, each $v \in V(C_i)$, $C_i \setminus v$ has a perfect matching.

Proof : If not, then there is a set $Y \subseteq V(C_i) - \{v\}$

$\text{odd}(V_i - v - Y) > |Y|$

Let $X' = X \cup Y \cup v$

$\text{odd}(G \setminus X') \geq (|X| - 1) + (|Y|_1)$

4.2.3 Cut edge

An edge e is a **cut-edge** if $G \setminus e$ has more components than G

4.2.4 Petersen's Corollary (1891)

Q : Does every 3-regular graph have a perfect matching ?

A : False, we can find some counter-example

But... If G is a **simple** 3-regular graph, with at most 2 cut-edges, then G has a perfect matching

4.2.5 Proof

Suppose $X \subseteq V(G)$.

$$\text{odd}(G \setminus X) > |X|$$

— Each component of G has even number of vertices.

— Let's take a look at one particular component.

If C is an odd component of $G \setminus X$, then the number of edges from X to C is odd

$$3|V(C)| = 2|E(C)| + (\text{number of edges from } X \text{ to } C)$$

Let's go back to every component.

$$3(K-2) + 2 \leq (\text{Number of edges from } X \text{ to odd components}) \leq 3|X|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |X| \leq k \leq |X+1| \Leftrightarrow k = |X+1|$$

But, we also have :

$$\text{odd}(G \setminus X) + |X| \equiv |V(G)| \pmod{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |V(G)| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |V(G)| \equiv |X| \pmod{2}$$

Contradiction

4.2.6 Tutte-Berge formula

$$|V(G)| - 2\nu(G) = \max_{X \subseteq V(G)} (\text{odd}(G \setminus X) - |X|)$$

4.2.7 Proof

— \geq : trivial

— \leq : Let $k = \max(\text{odd}(G \setminus X) - |X|)$

Goal : find a matching of size $\frac{|V(G)| - k}{2}$

G' is obtained from G by adding a complete graph on k vertices and making new vertices adjacent to all new vertices.

Enough to show that G' has a perfect matching.

$$\text{odd}(G' \setminus X) \leq 1$$

If X does not contain all new vertices, then $\text{odd}(G') = 0$

If X contains all new vertices,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{odd}(G' \setminus X) &= \text{odd}(G \setminus (X \cap V(G))) \\ &\leq |X \cap V(G)| + k \\ &\leq |X| \end{aligned}$$

4.2.8 Other proof

Let $f_G(U) :=$ number of vertices in odd components of $G \setminus U$

Choose U such that :

- $|V(G)| + 2\nu(G) = \text{odd}(G \setminus U) - |U|$
- Minimizing $f_G(U)$

4.2.9 Properties

- All even components of $G \setminus U$ have perfect matchings.
- **CLAIM** : If C is a component of $G \setminus U$, and $v \in V(C)$, then $C \setminus v$ has a perfect matching.
If not, then there is $X \subseteq V(C) - \{v\}$ such that $\text{odd}(C \setminus X \setminus V) > |X|$
- By the parity, $\text{odd}(C \setminus X \setminus V) \geq |X| + 2$.

4.2.10 Claim

For every non empty subset W of U , number of odd components of $G \setminus U$ having neighbours in $W \geq |W| + 1$

4.2.11 Gallai-Edmonds Structure Theorem

Define D, A, C as :

- $D(G)$ = Vertices in odd component of $G \setminus U$
- $A(G) = U$
- $C(G)$ = vertices in even components of $G \setminus U$

Then :

1. For each component C of $G[D(G)]$ and each vertex v of C , $C \setminus v$ has a perfect matching.
2. $G[C(G)]$ has a perfect matching
3. For all $\phi \neq S \subseteq A(G)$, S has $\geq |S| + 1$ components of $G[D(G)]$ having neighbours of S .
4. $|V(G)| - 2\nu(G) = \text{odd}(G \setminus A(G)) - |A(G)|$

4.2.12 Lemma

Let P be a path from x to y in G , where y is adjacent to a vertex z not covered by M
Then one of the followings holds :

1. G has a M -augmenting path from x to z
2. G has a M -flower from x

A M -flower is an M -alternating walk $P = v_0 v_1 \cdots v_n$ such that v_0, \dots, v_{n-i} are distinct, and $v_n = v_i$ for some $i < n$

4.2.13 Cycle shrinking Lemma

Let G be a simple graph.
 M be a matching.
 C be a cycle with $2k + 1$ edges such that exactly k edges of C are in M
And 1 vertex is not covered by M
Then :

M is a maximum matching of $G \Leftrightarrow M - E(C)$ is a maximum matching of $G \setminus E(C)$

4.2.14 Stable matching

For each vertex x of G , let us give a linear ordering \leq_v of the edges incident with v (i.e. : $e \leq_v f \Rightarrow v$ prefers f to e)

M is **stable** if there is no edge $e \in E(G) \setminus M$ such that for each end v , there is $f \in M$ incident with v and $f \leq_v e$

4.2.15 Gale-Shapley theorem

Every simple bipartite graph has a stable matching

4.2.16 \Rightarrow Algorithm for Gale-Shapley theorem

Step 2i Every single boy proposes to the best girl tha he never proposed to

Step 2i+1 Each girl chooses the best boy among all boys who proposed to her at state $2i$, and the current partener

And we loop to step $2i + 2$

Chapitre 5

Connectivity

5.1 Definition

5.1.1 k -connected

A graph is k -connected if :

1. $|V(G)| > k$
2. $G \setminus X$ is connected for all $X \subseteq V(G)$ with $|X| < k$

5.1.2 Cut edge

If $G \setminus v$ has more components than G , then v is a **cut-vertex** if G

5.1.3 k -edge-connected

$\delta_G(X)$ = set of all edges having one end in X and another end in $V(G) \setminus X$ If G is a k -edge-connected graph, then $|\delta_G(X)| \geq k \forall \emptyset \neq X \subsetneq V(G)$

5.1.4 2-edge-connected

Lemma

Let $x, y \in E(G)$

If G has a cycle D containing y and z , then G has a cycle containing x and z

Theorem

Let G be a connected graph with >2 vertices

The following are equivalent :

1. G is 2-connected
2. If e, f are non-loop edges, then G has a cycle containing e and f
3. If v, w are vertices of G , then G has a cycle containing v and w

Property

Let e be an edge of a 2-connected graph G

Then, either $G \setminus e$ is 2-connected, unless $|V(G)| = 3$

Theorem

Menger's theorem

G has at least k disjoint paths from S to T

\Leftrightarrow

G has no $X \subseteq V(G)$ such that $|X| < k$ and $G \setminus X$ has no path from $s \in S$ to $t \in T$

Menger's theorem corollary

Let a, b be non-adjacent pair of distinct vertices of G .
 G has k internally distinct path from a to b
 \Leftrightarrow
 G has no set S , $|S| < k$, $S \subseteq V(G) - \{a, b\}$, such that $G \setminus S$ has no path from a to b

Corollary

Let G be a graph with $>k$ vertices :
 G is k -connected
 \Leftrightarrow
 \forall pairs a, b of distinct vertices, G has k internally paths from a to b

5.1.5 3-connected**Theorem**

If G is 3-connected and $|V(G)| > 4$, then G has an edge e such that G/e is 3-connected

Tutte's chain theorem

Let G be a simple 3-connected graph.
 Then, there exists an edge e such that either $G \setminus e$ or G/e is simple 3-connected (unless G is the "Wheel")
 (The "Wheel" is a cycle + a vertex adjacent to every other vertex)

Seymour's splitter theorem

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