

Discrete Mathematics: Lecture 25

Matching, path, connected, disconnected, connected component,
cut vertex, vertex cut, nonseparable, vertex connectivity, k -connected,
cut edge, edge cut, edge connectivity

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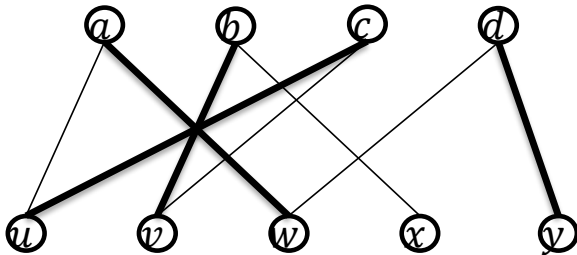
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Matching

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. $M \subseteq E$ is a **matching**_{匹配} if $e \cap e' = \emptyset$ for every $e, e' \in M$. A vertex $v \in V$ is **matched** in M if $\exists e \in M$ such that $v \in e$, otherwise, v is **not matched**.

- **maximum matching**_{最大匹配}: a matching with largest number of edges.
- In a bipartite graph $G = (A \cup B, E)$, $M \subseteq E$ is a **complete matching**_{完全匹配} from A to B if every $u \in A$ is matched.



- $M = \{au, bv\}$ is a matching
 - a, b, u, v are matched in M
 - c, d, x, y are not matched in M
 - M is not a maximum matching
- $M' = \{aw, bv, cu, dy\}$ is a maximum matching
- M' is a complete matching from V_1 to V_2
- $V = \{a, b, c, d, u, v, w, x, y\}$
- $V_1 = \{a, b, c, d\};$
- $V_2 = \{u, v, w, x, y\}$
- $E = \{au, aw, bv, bx, cu, cv, dw, dy\}$

Hall's Theorem

EXAMPLE: Marriage on an Island

- There are m boys $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ and n girls $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$
- $G = (X \cup Y, E = \{\{x_i, y_j\} : x_i \text{ and } y_j \text{ are willing to get married}\})$
- What is the largest number of couples that can be formed?

THEOREM (Hall 1935): A bipartite graph $G = (X \cup Y, E)$ has a complete matching from X to Y iff $|N(A)| \geq |A|$ for any $A \subseteq X$.

- \Rightarrow : Let $\{\{x_1, y_1\}, \dots, \{x_m, y_m\}\}$ be a complete matching from X to Y
 - For any $A = \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}\} \subseteq X$, $N(A) \supseteq \{y_{i_1}, \dots, y_{i_s}\}$
 - $|N(A)| \geq s = |A|$
- \Leftarrow : suppose that $|N(A)| \geq |A|$ for any $A \subseteq X$. Find a complete matching M .
 - By induction on $|X|$
 - $|X| = 1$: Let $X = \{x\}$.
 - $|N(X)| \geq 1$
 - $\exists y \in Y$ such that $e = \{x, y\} \in E$.
 - $M = \{e\}$ is a complete matching from X to Y

Hall's Theorem

- **Induction hypothesis:** “ $\forall A \subseteq X, |N(A)| \geq |A| \Rightarrow \exists$ complete matching” is true when $|X| \leq k$
- Prove that “ $\forall A \subseteq X, |N(A)| \geq |A| \Rightarrow \exists$ complete matching” when $|X| = k + 1$
 - Let $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}\}$.
 - **Case 1:** $\forall A \subseteq X$ with $1 \leq |A| \leq k, |N_G(A)| \geq |A| + 1$
 - $N_G(A)$: A 's neighborhood in G
 - Say $y_{k+1} \in N_G(\{x_{k+1}\})$.
 - Let $V' = (X \setminus \{x_{k+1}\}) \cup (Y \setminus \{y_{k+1}\})$; $E' = \{e \in E : e \subseteq V' \times V'\}$
 - Let $G' = (V', E') = G - \{x_{k+1}\} - \{y_{k+1}\}$.
 - $\forall A \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, |N_{G'}(A)| \geq |N_G(A)| - |\{y_{k+1}\}| \geq |A| + 1 - 1 = |A|$
 - \exists a complete matching M' from $X - \{x_{k+1}\}$ to $Y - \{y_{k+1}\}$ in G' (IH)
 - $M = M' \cup \{\{x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}\}\}$ is a complete matching from X to Y in G

Hall's Theorem

- **Case 2:** $\exists A \subseteq X, 1 \leq |A| \leq k$ such that $|N_G(A)| = |A|$
 - Say $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_j\}$ and $N_G(A) = \{y_1, \dots, y_j\}$, where $1 \leq j \leq k$
 - Let $V' = A \cup N_G(A)$, $E' = \{e \in E : e \subseteq V' \times V'\}$ and $G' = (V', E')$
 - $\forall A' \subseteq A, |N_{G'}(A')| = |N_G(A')| \geq |A'|$
 - There is a complete matching M' from A to $N_G(A)$ in G' (IH)
 - Let $V'' = (X \setminus A) \cup (Y \setminus N_G(A))$, $E'' = \{e \in E : e \subseteq V'' \times V''\}$,
 - Let $G'' = (V'', E'') = G - A - N_G(A)$
 - Then $\forall A'' \subseteq X \setminus A, |N_{G''}(A'')| \geq |A''|$.
 - Otherwise, $|N_G(A'' \cup A)| = |N_{G''}(A'')| + |N_G(A)| < |A''| + |A|$
 - \exists a complete matching M'' from $X \setminus A$ to $Y \setminus N_G(A)$ (IH)
 - $M = M' \cup M''$ is a complete matching from X to Y

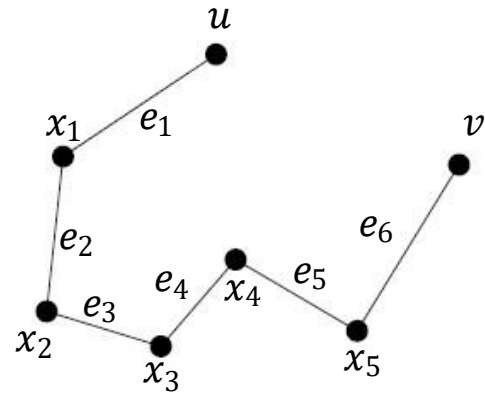
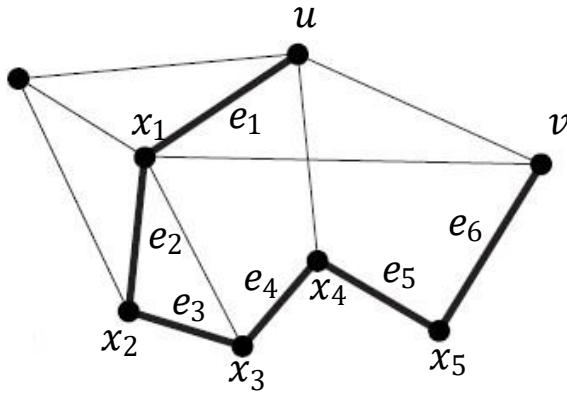
indirect

Path (Undirected)

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph and let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. A **path**_{路径} of **length k** from u to v in G is a sequence of **k edges** e_1, \dots, e_k of G for which there exist **vertices** $x_0 = u, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k = v$ such that $e_i = \{x_{i-1}, x_i\}$ for every $i \in [k]$. *$k > 0$. (loop not circuit)*

- The path is **circuit**_{回路} if $u = v$ and $k > 0$
- The path **passes through**_{经过} x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}
- The path **traverses**_{遍历} e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k
- The path is **simple**_{简单} if it doesn't contain an edge more than once.
- If G is simple, the path can be denoted as x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k

Example



- The right-hand side graph is a path from u to v
- The path is $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6$
- The path is simple
- The path can be denoted by $u, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, v$
- The path passes through x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5
- The path traverses $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6$
- $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7 = \{v, u\}$ is a (simple) circuit

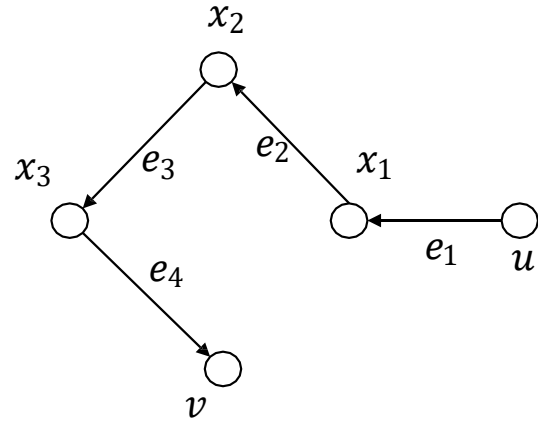
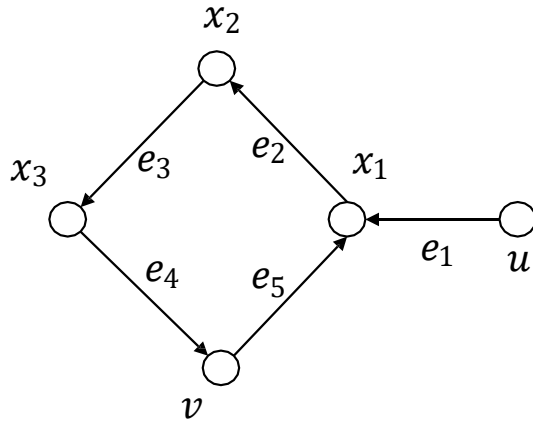
Path (Directed)

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph and let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. A **path of length k** from u to v in G is a sequence of k edges e_1, \dots, e_k of G for which there exist vertices $x_0 = u, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k = v$ such that $e_i = (x_{i-1}, x_i)$ for every $i \in [k]$.

- The path is a **circuit** if $u = v$ and $k > 0$
- The path **passes through** x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}
- The path **traverses** e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k
- The path is **simple** if it doesn't contain an edge more than once.
- If G has no multiple edges, the path can be denoted as x_0, \dots, x_k

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Example

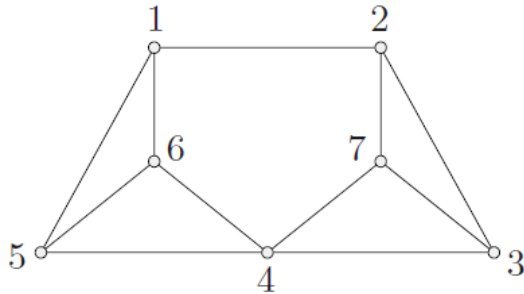


- e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is a path
- The path is simple
- The path can be denoted by u, x_1, x_2, x_3, v
- The path passes through x_1, x_2, x_3
- The path traverses e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4
- e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 is a (simple) circuit

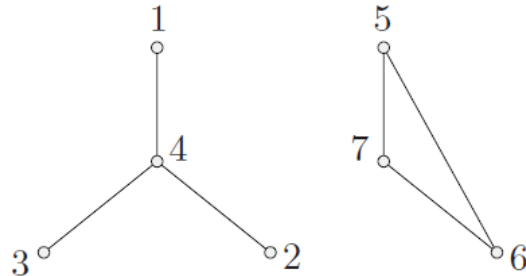
Connectivity

DEFINITION: An undirected graph G is said to be **connected**_{连通的} if there is a path between **any pair of distinct vertices**.

- Graph of order 1 is connected; the complete graph K_n is connected
- **disconnected**_{非连通的}: not connected
- **disconnect** G : remove vertices or edges to produce a disconnected subgraph



A Connected Graph



A Disconnected Graph

Connectivity

method

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected undirected graph. Then there is a simple path between any pair of distinct vertices.

- Let $u, v \in V$ and $u \neq v$. Find a simple path from u to v .
- G is connected \Rightarrow there are paths from u to v .
 - Let $x_0 = u, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k = v$ be one that has least length k .
 - This path must be simple.
 - otherwise, the path contains some edge more than once
 - $\exists i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$, say $i < j$, such that $x_i = x_j$
 - $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_j, \dots, x_k$ is a shorter path from u to v
 - The contradiction shows that the path must be simple

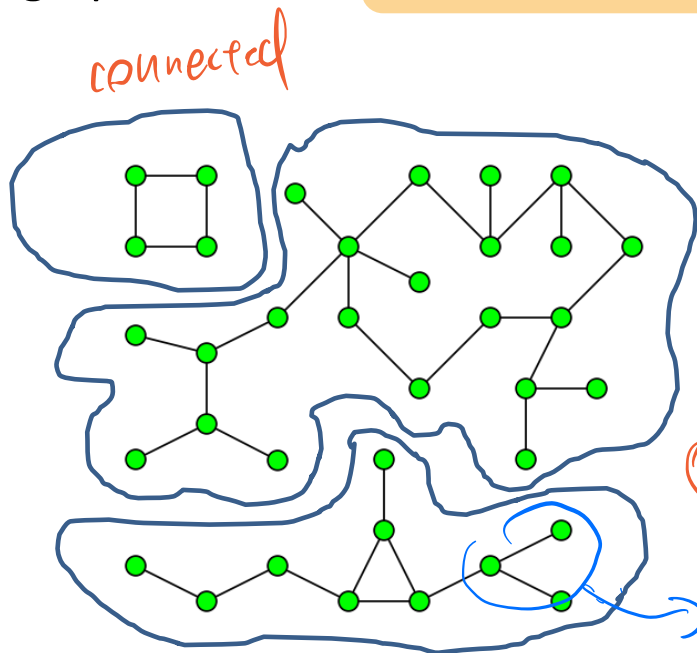
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Connected Component

DEFINITION: A **connected component** 连通分支 of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a connected subgraph of G that is not a proper subgraph of a connected subgraph of G . //i.e., maximal 极大 connected subgraph



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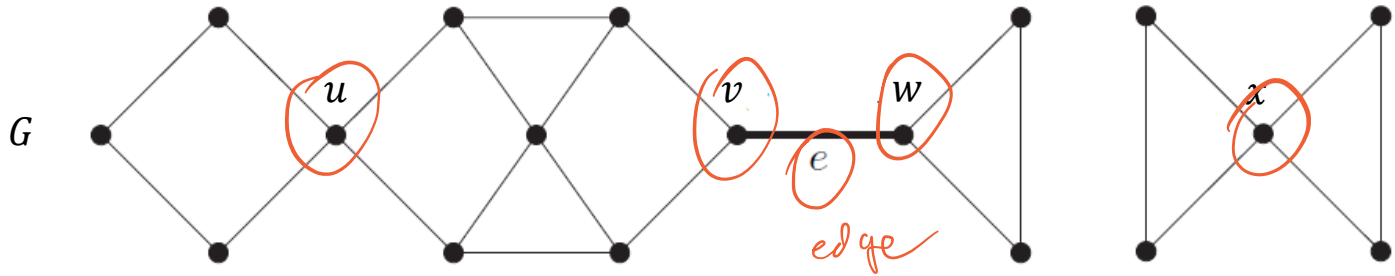
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- $v \in V$ is a **cut vertex** 割点 if $G - v$ has **more** connected components than G
- $e \in E$ is a **cut edge** 割边、**bridge** 桥 if $G - e$ has **more** connected components than G



- There are 2 connected components in the graph G
- cut vertices: u, v, w, x
- cut edge: e

Graph stability

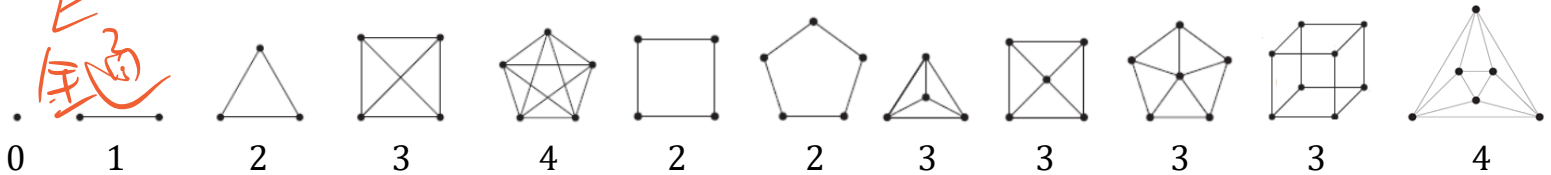
Vertex Connectivity

DEFINITION: A connected undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be **nonseparable** 不可分的 if G has no cut vertex. *no edge is a vertex*

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected simple graph.

- **vertex cut** 点割集: A subset $V' \subseteq V$ such that $G - V'$ is disconnected
- **vertex connectivity** 点连通度 $\kappa(G)$: the minimum number of vertices whose removal disconnect G or results in K_1 ; equivalently,

- if G is disconnected, $\kappa(G) = 0$; //additional definition
- if $G = K_n$, $\kappa(G) = n - 1$ // K_n has no vertex cut
- else, $\kappa(G)$ is the minimum size of a vertex cut of G

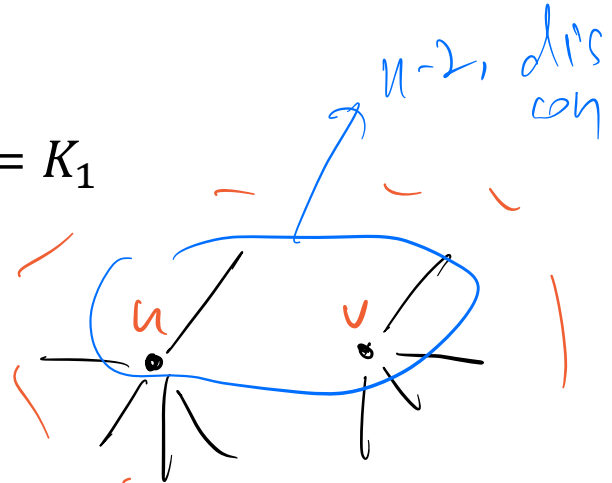


These graphs are all nonseparable

Vertex Connectivity

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph of order n . Then

- $0 \leq \kappa(G) \leq n - 1$
 - Removing $n - 1$ vertices gives K_1
 - $\kappa(G) \leq n - 1$
- $\kappa(G) = 0$ iff G is disconnected or $G = K_1$
 - trivial
- $\kappa(G) = n - 1$ iff $G = K_n$ ($n \geq 2$)
 - If: obvious
 - Only if:
 - $n = 2: \kappa(G) = 1 \Rightarrow G = K_2$
 - $n \geq 3$: Prove by contradiction. Suppose that $G \neq K_n$.
 - There exist distinct $u, v \in V$ such that $u \neq v$ and $\{u, v\} \notin E$
 - Let $X = V - \{u, v\}$. Then $G - X$ is disconnected.
 - $\kappa(G) \leq |X| = n - 2 < n - 1$.
 - This contradicts the condition $\kappa(G) = n - 1$.



contradiction: $\kappa(G) < n - 1$

Vertex Connectivity

DEFINITION: A simple graph $G = (V, E)$ is called **k -connected** k 点连通的 (**k -vertex-connected**) k 点连通的 if $\kappa(G) \geq k$.

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph of order n . Then

- G is 1-connected iff G is connected and $G \neq K_1$.
 - **Only if:** G disconnected or $G = K_1 \Rightarrow \kappa(G) = 0$
 - **If:** $G \neq K_1 \Rightarrow n \geq 2$; G is connected \Rightarrow removing 0 vertex cannot disconnect G or give $K_1 \Rightarrow \kappa(G) \geq 1$
- G is 2-connected iff G is nonseparable and $n \geq 3$.
 - **Only if:** $n \leq 2 \Rightarrow \kappa(G) \leq 1$; G not nonseparable $\Rightarrow G$ has cut vertex $\Rightarrow \kappa(G) \leq 1$.
 - **If:** $n \geq 3 \Rightarrow$ removing ≤ 1 vertex cannot result in K_1 ; G nonseparable \Rightarrow removing ≤ 1 vertex cannot disconnect G ; Hence. $\kappa(G) \geq 2$.
- G is k -connected iff G is j -connected for all $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$
 - **Only if:** $\kappa(G) \geq k \Rightarrow \kappa(G) \geq j$ for all $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\} \Rightarrow G$ is j connected
 - **If:** G is obviously k -connected

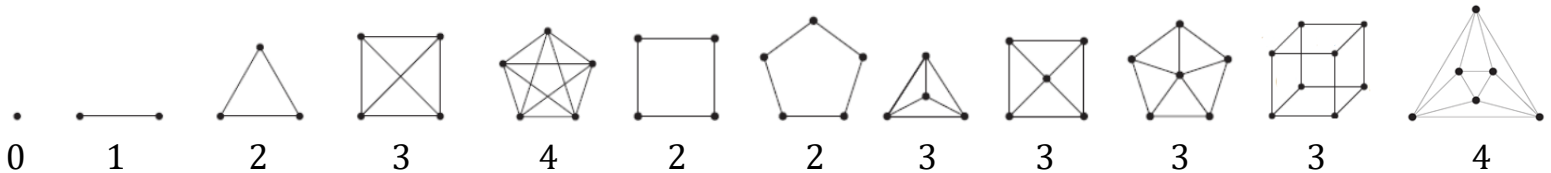
Edge Connectivity

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected simple graph. $E' \subseteq E$ is an **edge cut** 边割集 of G if $G - E'$ is disconnected.

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a **simple graph**.

The **edge connectivity** 边连通度 ($\lambda(G)$) of G is defined as below:

- G disconnected: $\lambda(G) = 0$
- G connected:
 - $|V| = 1$: $\lambda(G) = 0$
 - $|V| > 1$: $\lambda(G)$ is the minimum size of edge cuts of G .



Edge Connectivity

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph of order n . Then

- $0 \leq \lambda(G) \leq n - 1$
 - $n = 1$: $G = K_1$ and $\lambda(G) = 0$
 - $n > 1$: $\deg(u) \leq n - 1$ for every $u \in V$
 - By removing $\{u, x\}$: $\{u, x\} \in E$, we can disconnect G .
 - Hence, $\lambda(G) \leq n - 1$.
- $\lambda(G) = 0$ iff G is disconnected or $G = K_1$
 - Only if: $n > 1$ and G connected $\Rightarrow \lambda(G) \geq 1$;
 - If: definition
- $\lambda(G) = n - 1$ iff $G = K_n$ ($n \geq 2$)
 - Only if: if $G \neq K_n$, then $\deg(u) < n - 1$ for some $u \in V$.
 - Remove $\{u, x\}$: $\{u, x\} \in E$. Then G is disconnected. $\lambda(G) < n - 1$
 - If: $\lambda(K_n) \geq \kappa(K_n) = n - 1$. (see the next theorem)

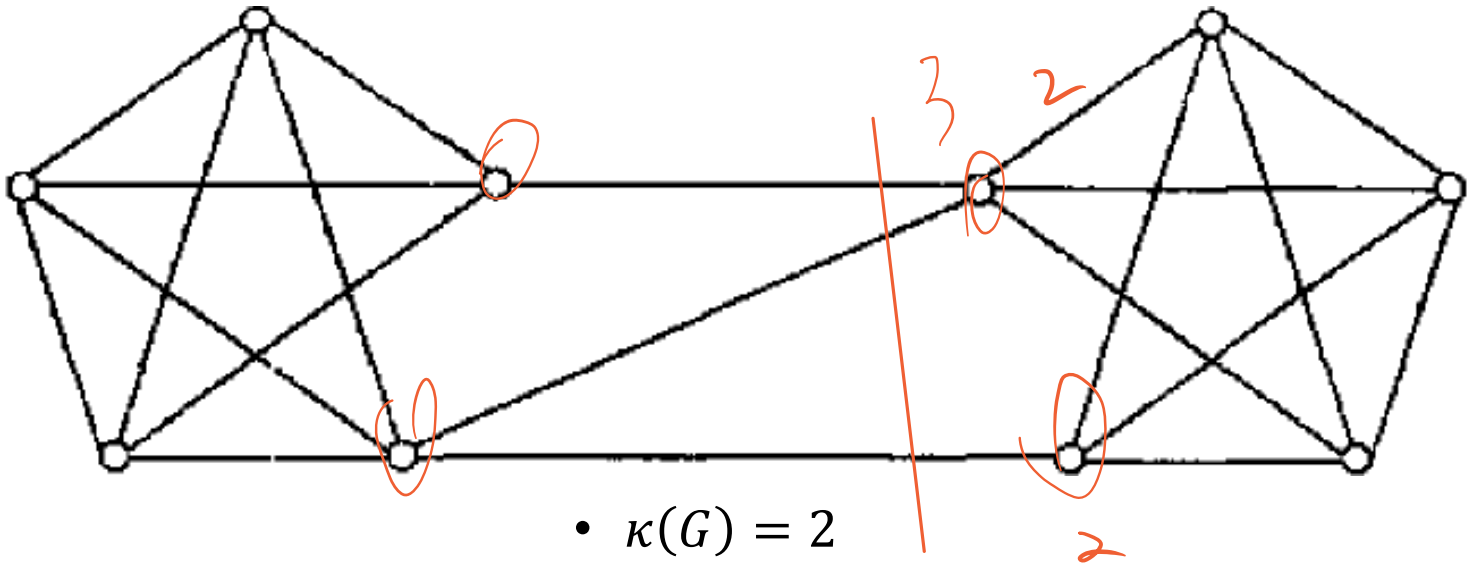
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$\lambda \geq \kappa$

Connectivity

least
degree

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. Then $\kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$, where $\delta(G) = \min_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ is the least degree of G 's vertices.



- $\kappa(G) = 2$
- $\lambda(G) = 3$
- $\delta(G) = 4$

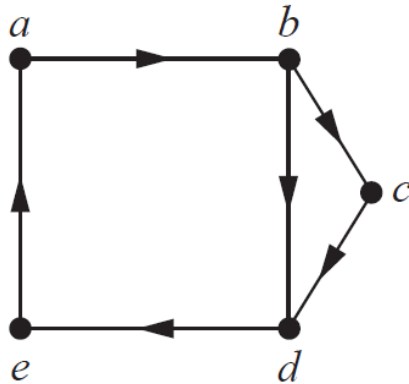
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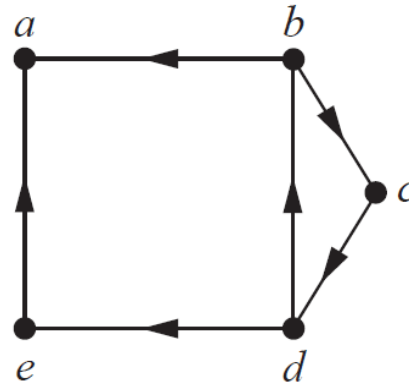
Connected Directed Graphs

DEFINITION: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph. G is said to be **strongly connected** if there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u for all $u, v \in V$ ($u \neq v$).

- **weakly connected:** the graph is connected if we remove the directions of all direct edges.



Strongly connected



Weakly connected

$u \rightarrow v$ or $v \rightarrow u$

2. (10 points) Is the graph G below connected? Give the connected components of G .

