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girth

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The *girth* of a graph G is the length of the shortest cycle in G .¹

For instance, the girth of any grid \mathbb{Z}^d (where $d > 2$) is 4, and the girth of the vertex graph of the dodecahedron is 5.

¹There is no widespread agreement on the girth of a forest, which has no cycles. It is also extremely unimportant.