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For a graph G, the set of vertices adjacent to a vertex $x \in G$, the neighborhood of x, is denoted by $\Gamma(x)$. Occasionally one calls $\Gamma(x)$ the open neighborhood of x, and $\Gamma \cup \{x\}$ the closed neighborhood of x.

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