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## LEC 8. Graph Theory II 3.5

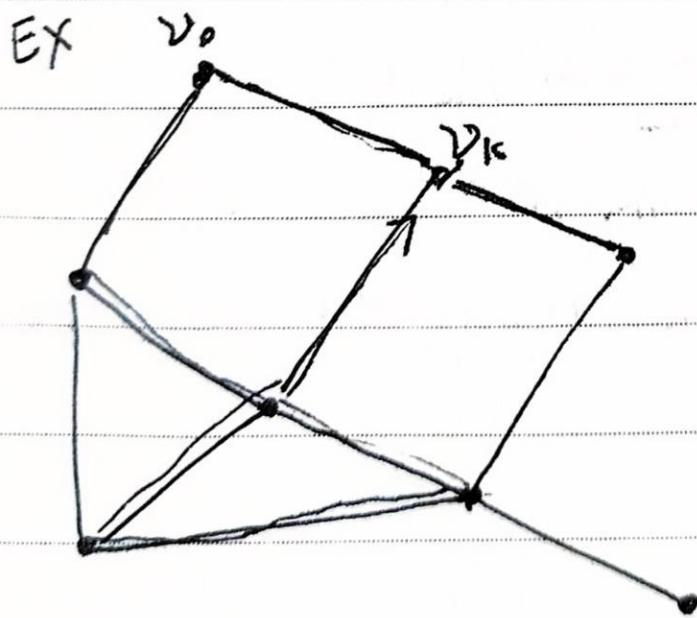
### Tree !!

- Walks & Paths
- Cycles & closed walks
- Minimum-weight spanning tree (MST)
- Connectivity
- Spanning Tree (ST)

1. Walks & Paths

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Def A walk is a sequence of vertices connected by edges : { $v_0 - v_1 - \dots - v_k$ } length = k





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① Lemma 1: If  $\exists$  walk from  $u$  to  $v$ , then  $\exists$  path from  $u$  to  $v$

pf  $\exists$  walk from  $u$  to  $v$

By well ordering principle: walk of min length

$$u = v_0 - v_1 - \dots - v_k = v$$

case  $k=0$  ✓

$$k=1 u-v \checkmark$$

$k \geq 2$  : suppose walk is not a path

$$\text{so } \exists i \neq j, v_i = v_j$$

$$u = v_0 - \dots - \underline{v_i} = v_j - \dots - v_k = v$$

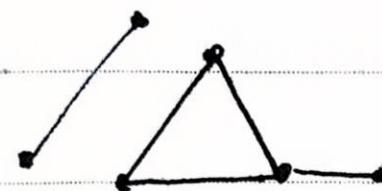
is a shorter walk  $x$   $\square \checkmark$

contradiction to suppose, it's a path

## 2. Connectivity

Def.  $u$  and  $v$  are connected if there is path from  $u$  to  $v$

Def A graph is connected when every pair of vertices are connected



disconnected

### 3. Cycles & closed Walks

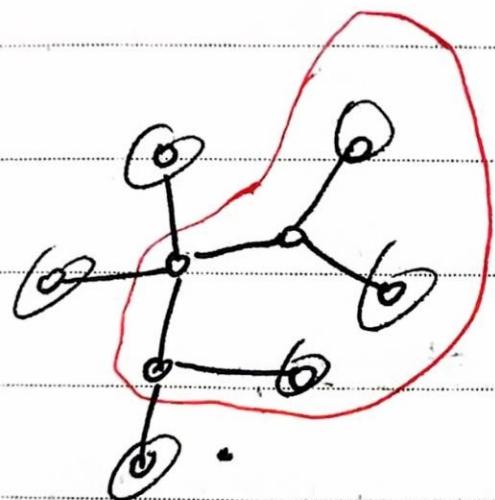
Def A closed walk is a walk which starts and ends at the same ~~vertex~~ vertex

vertex :  $v_0 - v_1 - \dots - v_k = v_0$  (loop)

Def ↓

If  $k \geq 3$ , and  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$  are different, then it is called a circle

4. Tree



Def A connected and <sup>no</sup> cyclic graph is called a tree

Def A leave is a node with degree 1 in the tree  
leave : degree = 1 in tree



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Lemma Any connected subgraph of a tree is a tree

Pf By contradiction. Suppose the connected subgraph is not a tree: has a cycle,  $\Rightarrow$  whole graph has this circle  
tree

$\Rightarrow$  contradiction ✓

Lemma:

A tree with  $n$  vertices has  $n-1$  edges

Pf By induction in  $n$

$P(n)$  = "There are  $n-1$  edges in any  $n$  vertex tree"

Base case:  $P(1)$ , 0 edges ✓

Inductive step: Inductive step:

Suppose  $P(m)$ , let  $T$  be a tree with  $n+1$  vertices

$\Rightarrow$  let  $v$  be the leave of the tree, Delete  $v$ :

this created a connected subgraph  $\rightarrow$  tree

By  $P(n)$ : it has  $n-1$  edges, then reattach

$v$ :  $T$  has  $(n-1)+1=n$  edges,  $P(n+1)=n$  ✓



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## 4. Spanning tree

Def A spanning tree (ST) of a connected graph is actually a subgraph that is tree with the same vertices as the graph

Theorem: every connected graph has a spanning tree

Pf: By contradiction: Assume a connected graph  $G$  has no spanning tree (ST)

let  $T$  be a connected subgraph of  $G$  and assume with the same vertices as  $G$  and with the smallest ~~edges~~ number of edges possible

$\Rightarrow T$  is not a ST  $\Rightarrow T$  must have a ~~cycle~~ cycle



"If we still have a connected graph  
remove"

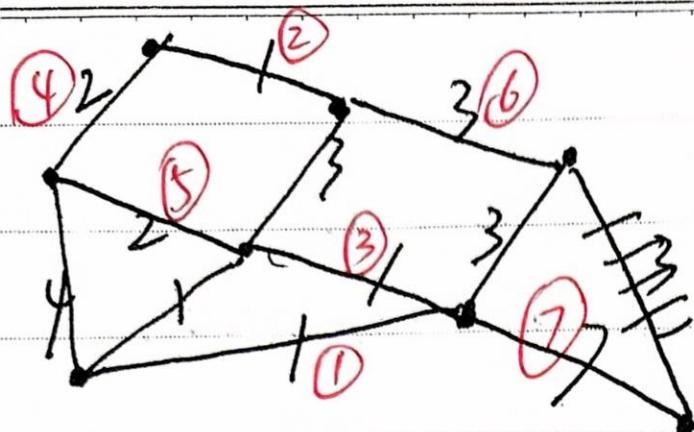
All vertices in  $G$  are still connected after removing e from cycle in  $T \Rightarrow$  construct with  $T$  ~~has~~ has the smallest number of edges ✓



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Weight of ST: 19 → Minimum weight spanning tree

Def The MST of an edge-weight

graph  $G$  is the ST of  $G$  with the smallest possible sum of edge weights.

Alg: Grow a subgraph ST one edge at a time  
at each step:

Add the minimum weight edge that keeps  
the graph no cycle

Proof:

(lemma): Let  $S'$  consist of the first  $m$  edges

selected by the Alg. Then  $\exists$  MST  $T = (V, E)$

for  $G$  such that  $S' \subseteq E$



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the Theorem we want to show: For any connected weight graph  $G$ , the Aleg produce a MST

Pf of theorem: #  $V = n$ .

- 1) If  $< n-1$  edges are picked, then  $\exists$  edges in  $E - S$  that can be added without creating cycle
- 2) Once  $m = n-1$ , we know  $S'$  is an MST  
 $\Rightarrow$  theorem is true from Lemma

Pf of Lemma: (By induction)

$P(m)$  = "A  $G$  A  $S'$  consisting of the first  $m$  selected edges,  $\exists$  mST  $T = (V, E)$  of  $G$  such that  $S'$  is Subgraph of  $T$  ( $S' \subseteq E$ )"

Base case:  $m=0$ ,  $P(0) \Rightarrow S' = \emptyset, S' \subseteq E$  for any MST

$T = (V, E) \checkmark$

Inductive step: Assume  $P(m)$

let  $e$  denote the  $(m+1)$  st selected edges

let  $S'$  denote the first  $m$  selected edges

By  $P(m)$ : Let  $T^{\frac{1}{2}} = (V, E^{\frac{1}{2}})$  be aMST such that  $S' \subseteq E^{\frac{1}{2}}$

1 case e  $\in E^{\frac{1}{2}}$ :  $S' \cup e \subseteq E^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow P(m+1) \checkmark$



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2) Case  $e \notin T^*$ :  
Alg  $\Rightarrow S' \setminus \{e\}$  has no cycle ✓  
 $T^*$  is tree  $\Rightarrow (V, E^* \cup \{e\})$  has a cycle ✓  
 $\rightarrow$  this cycle has an edge  $e' \in E^* - S'$  ✓

Alg could have selected  $e$  or  $e' \Rightarrow$  weight of  $e \leq$  weight of  $e'$

So Swap  $e$  and  $e'$  in  $T$ :

Let  $T^{**} = (V, E^{**})$ ,  $E^{**} = E^* - \{e'\} + \{e\}$

$T^{**}$  is no cycle because removed  $e'$  from the only cycle in  $E^* \setminus \{e\}$   
 $T^{**}$  is connected since  $e'$  was connected  
 $\Rightarrow T^{**}$  contains all vertices in  $G$

$T^{**}$  is a ST of  $G$

{ Weight  $T^{**} \leq T^*$  }  $\Rightarrow$  {  $T^{**}$  is a MST }  
{  $T^*$  is a MST }  $\Rightarrow$  ✓