

CS34110 Discrete Mathematics and Graph Theory

UNIT – III, Module – 1

Symbol / Notation	Meaning
$N(v)$	Neighborhood of vertex v in graph.
$\deg(v)$	Degree (or valency) of vertex v in graph.
$\deg(G)$	Degree of all vertices in graph G .
$\delta(G)$	Minimum degree among vertices in graph $G = (V, E)$.
$\Delta(G)$	Maximum degree among vertices in graph G .
$\beta(G)$	Independence number of graph G .
K_n	Complete graph of n vertices.
$\mathcal{G} \subset G$	Graph \mathcal{G} to be subgraph of graph G .
$G_1 \cup G_2$	Union of two graphs G_1 and G_2 .
$G_1 \cap G_2$	Intersection of two graphs G_1 and G_2 .
$G_1 \oplus G_2$	Ring sum of two graphs G_1 and G_2 .
$\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G} \setminus \mathcal{G}$	Complement of subgraph \mathcal{G} w.r.t. supergraph G .

Graph

- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Adjacent** (or **neighbor**) **vertices** in undirected $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: distinct vertices u and v (i.e., $u \neq v$) connected by $e = \{u, v\}$, $u, v \in \mathbf{V}$, $e \in \mathbf{E}$.
 - Property:: **Adjacent** (or **neighbor**) **edges** in undirected $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: nonparallel edges e_1 and e_2 incident on common vertex u , i.e. $e_1 = \{u, v_1\}$, $e_2 = \{u, v_2\}$, $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbf{E}$, $u, v_1, v_2 \in \mathbf{V}$.
 - Property:: **Neighborhood** of vertex in undirected $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: (denoted as $N(v)$) set of all neighbor vertices of vertex v , other than v ($v \in \mathbf{V}$), of \mathcal{G} , i.e., $N(v) = \{u \in \mathbf{V} \mid v \neq u, \exists e \in \mathbf{E} (e = \{u, v\})\}$.

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Degree** (also called **valency**) of vertex in undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: $\deg(v)$ = number of edges incident with vertex v ($v \in \mathbf{V}$) of \mathcal{G} , with self loops counted twice. Degree of graph \mathcal{G} : $\deg(\mathcal{G})$.
 - Property:: Degree of isolated vertex = zero degree.
 - Property:: **Pendant** vertex (also end vertex): vertex of degree one.
 - Property:: **Regular graph**: undirected graph with all vertices of equal degree r .
 - Property:: **n -regular graph**: undirected graph with all vertices of same degree n .

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Even graph**: undirected graph with all vertices of even degree.
 - Property:: Two adjacent edges in series: if their common vertex (on which both edges incident on) having degree two.
 - Property:: **Degree sequence** of undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: sequence of degrees of vertices of \mathcal{G} in nonincreasing order, i.e., $\dots, \deg(v_i), \deg(v_j), \dots$, where $\deg(v_i) \geq \deg(v_j)$, $v_i, v_j \in \mathbf{V}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq |\mathbf{V}|$.

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Minimum degree** among vertices in undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: $\delta(\mathcal{G}) = \min\{\deg(v) \mid v \in V\}$.
 - Property:: **Maximum degree** among vertices in undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: $\Delta(\mathcal{G}) = \max\{\deg(v) \mid v \in V\}$.
 - Property:: For regular graph \mathcal{G} , $\delta(\mathcal{G}) = \Delta(\mathcal{G}) = r = \deg(\mathcal{G})$.

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Independent set** of vertices (or simply, independent set) in undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: set of non-adjacent vertices of \mathcal{G} ; also called internally stable set, or coclique or anticlique.
 - Property:: Isolated vertex = independent set.
 - Property:: **Maximal independent set** of vertices (or simply, maximal independent set) in undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: independent set of \mathcal{G} to which adding at least one more vertex of \mathcal{G} destroyed its independence property; also called maximal internally stable set.
 - Property:: Multiple maximal independent sets of graph \mathcal{G} possible.

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Independence number** (or coefficient of internal stability) of undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: denoted by $\beta(\mathcal{G})$, where $\beta(\mathcal{G})$ = number of vertices in largest independent set of \mathcal{G} .

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- Graph fundamentals examples:

Example-1:: Degrees of vertices: for $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ in given graph with $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7\}$, degree of each $v \in V$:

$$\deg(v_1) = 3; \deg(v_2) = 4;$$

$$\deg(v_3) = 3; \deg(v_4) = 3; \deg(v_5) = 1.$$

[Ref: Narsingh Deo, *Graph Theory with Applications to Engineering and Computer Science*, Prentice-Hall, 1974.]

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- Graph fundamentals examples:

Example-2:: Neighborhoods of vertices: for $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ in given graph, neighborhood of each $v \in V$:

$$N(a) = \{b, d, e\}; N(b) = \{a, b, c, d, e\};$$

$$N(c) = \{b\}; N(d) = \{a, b, e\};$$

$$N(e) = \{a, b, d\}.$$

Also, $\deg(a) = 4$; $\deg(b) = 6$;
 $\deg(c) = 1$; $\deg(d) = 5$;
 $\deg(e) = 6$.

[Ref: Kenneth H. Rosen, *Discrete Mathematics and its Applications*, Eighth edition, McGraw-Hill Education, 2019.]

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- Graph fundamentals examples:

Example-3:: Regular graphs: $r = 3$ (3-regular graphs, cubic graphs).

[Ref: <https://mathworld.wolfram.com/CubicGraph.html>]

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- Graph fundamentals examples:
 - Example-4:: Independent set: for $V = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ in given graph, all maximal independent sets: $\{a, c, d, f\}$; $\{a, c, d, g\}$; $\{b, f\}$; $\{b, g\}$; $\{a, e\}$. Further, $\beta(\text{given graph}) = 4$, as cardinality of largest independent sets (either $\{a, c, d, f\}$ or $\{a, c, d, g\}$) to be 4.

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- Graph fundamental theorems:
 - Property:: (**Handshaking Theorem**): In undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2 \cdot |E|$, i.e., sum of degrees of all vertices same as twice number of edges.

Proof: Each edge $e \in E$ contributing two degrees in G .
 Total number of edges = $|E|$.
 So, all edges in E contributing total $(2 \cdot |E|)$ degrees in G . ①
 Again, sum of degrees of v_1, \dots, v_n in G , i.e., $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i)$ also contributing same value. ②
 Combining ① and ②, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2 \cdot |E|$. ■

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- Graph fundamental theorems:
 - Property:: (**Theorem**): Number of vertices of odd degree in undirected graph to be always even.

Proof: From previous theorem, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2 \cdot |E|$ = even number.
 Considering vertices v_j with odd degrees and vertices v_k with even degrees separately, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = \sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_i) + \sum_{\text{even}} \deg(v_i)$. L.H.S. being even, and second expression on R.H.S. being even (due to sum of even numbers), $\sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_i)$ = even number.
 Each $\deg(v_j)$ being odd, total number of terms in $\sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_i)$ = even, i.e. number of vertices of odd degree to be always even. ■

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- Graph fundamental theorems:
 - Property.: **(Theorem)**: In simple graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$, where $|\mathbf{V}| = n$, maximum value of $|\mathbf{E}| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$, i.e., maximum number of edges in simple graph with n vertices to be $\frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$.
 - Property.: **(Alternate theorem)**: In complete graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$, where $|\mathbf{V}| = n$, $|\mathbf{E}| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$. [Notation of n -vertex complete graph: K_n]

Proof: Simple n -vertex graph with maximum edges = Complete graph.

For any vertex $v \in \mathbf{V}$ in \mathcal{G} or K_n , $\max(\deg(v)) = (n - 1)$.

So, maximum sum of degrees in \mathcal{G} or K_n : $n \cdot (n - 1) = 2 \cdot |\mathbf{E}|$.

Then, maximum value of $|\mathbf{E}|$ in \mathcal{G} (or $|\mathbf{E}|$ in K_n): $\frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$.

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Graph containment

- Graph containment: one graph being contained in (or, part of) another graph.
 - Property:: **Subgraph**: undirected graph $\mathcal{g} = (v, e)$ to be **subgraph** of another undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$, if and only if —
 - (i) $v \subseteq V$, and
 - (ii) $(e \subseteq E) \wedge ((\{u, v\} \in e) \rightarrow ((\{u, v\} \in E) \wedge (u, v \in V)))$.
 - Property:: Notation of subgraph: $\mathcal{g} \subset \mathcal{G}$. [Ref: Deo74.]
 - Property:: Every graph to be its own subgraph.
 - Property:: Subgraph of subgraph of \mathcal{G} = subgraph of \mathcal{G} .
 - Property:: Single vertex in \mathcal{G} = subgraph of \mathcal{G} .

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Graph containment

- Graph containment:
 - Property: Single edge in \mathcal{G} (with its end vertices) = subgraph of \mathcal{G} .
 - Property: $(\mathcal{G} - v) \subset \mathcal{G}$, where undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$ and $v \in \mathbf{V}$, obtained by deleting v from \mathcal{G} and deleting all corresponding edges in \mathcal{G} containing v .
 - Property: $(\mathcal{G} - e) \subset \mathcal{G}$, where undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$ and $e \in \mathbf{E}$, obtained by deleting e from \mathcal{G} .
 - Property: **Spanning subgraph** of undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$: graph $\mathcal{G}' = (\mathbf{V}', \mathbf{E}')$ with same vertex set of \mathcal{G} , so that $(\mathcal{G}' \subset \mathcal{G})$, i.e., subgraph of \mathcal{G} containing every vertex of \mathcal{G} .

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Graph containment

- Graph containment:
 - Property:: **Edge-disjoint subgraph**: undirected graphs $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ and $\mathcal{G}' = (V', E')$ to be edge-disjoint subgraphs of undirected graph \mathcal{G} , if —
 - $(\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}) \wedge (\mathcal{G}' \subset \mathcal{G})$, and
 - $E \cap E' = \emptyset$.
 - Property:: Possibility of $V \cap V' \neq \emptyset$ between edge-disjoint graphs \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}' .

Graph containment

- Graph containment:
 - Property:: **Vertex-disjoint subgraph**: undirected graphs $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ and $\mathcal{G}' = (V', E')$ to be vertex-disjoint subgraphs of undirected graph \mathcal{G} , if —
 - $(\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}) \wedge (\mathcal{G}' \subset \mathcal{G})$, and
 - $V \cap V' = \emptyset$.
 - Property:: Vertex-disjoint graphs \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}' to also satisfy $E \cap E' = \emptyset$.

Graph containment

- Graph containment:
 - Property:: **Induced subgraph**: undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ to be induced subgraph of undirected graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$, induced by V of \mathcal{G} , if —
 - $V \subseteq V$ and $E \subseteq E$,
 - $\forall u, v \in V \left(\exists e \in E \left((e = \{u, v\}) \wedge (\{u, v\} \notin E) \rightarrow (e \in E) \right) \right)$.

Graph operations

- Graph operation: Property of combined graph, to be derived from properties of combining graphs.

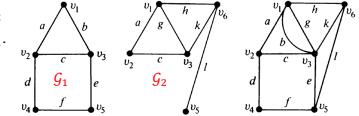
- Union property:: **Union** of two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$:

$\mathcal{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$, where $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2$, such that $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}_1 \cup \mathbf{V}_2$ and $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_1 \cup \mathbf{E}_2$.

- Property: $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \cup (\mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_3) = (\mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2) \cup \mathcal{G}_3$.

- Property:: $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2$

$$= \mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_1$$



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- Graph operation:
 - Intersection property:: **Intersection** of two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$, where $\mathcal{G} = G_1 \cap G_2$, such that $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $E = E_1 \cap E_2$.
 - Property:: Intersection of two graphs = graph consisting only of those vertices and edges present in both given graphs.

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Graph operations

- Graph operation:
 - Property:: $G = G_1 \cap G_2 \equiv G_2 \cap G_1$.

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Graph operations

- Graph operation:
- Ring sum property:: **Ring sum** [also called, **disjoint union** or **vertex-disjoint union**] of two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: $G = (V, E)$, where $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$, such that $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $E = E_1 \Delta E_2 = E_1 \oplus E_2 = \{x \mid (x \in E_1) \oplus (x \in E_2)\}$
 $= (E_1 \setminus E_2) \cup (E_2 \setminus E_1)$
 $= (E_1 \cup E_2) \setminus (E_1 \cap E_2)$.
- Property:: $G = G_1 \oplus G_2 = G_2 \oplus G_1$.

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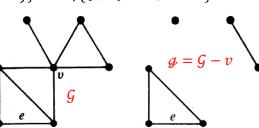
- Graph operation:
 - Decomposition property:: **Decomposition** of graph \mathcal{G} into two subgraphs $\mathcal{G}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ and $\mathcal{G}_2 \subseteq \mathcal{G}$: possible, if —
 - $\mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2 = \mathcal{G}$, and
 - $\mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{G}_2 = \text{null graph}$.
 - Property:: Every edge of \mathcal{G} to be present after decomposition either in \mathcal{G}_1 or in \mathcal{G}_2 , but not in both. However, possibility of common vertices (of \mathcal{G}) in \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 .

Graph operations

- Graph operation:
 - Property:: (**Theorem**): A graph containing m edges $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ to be decomposed in total $2^{m-1} - 1$ different ways into pairs of subgraphs $\mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2$.

Graph operations

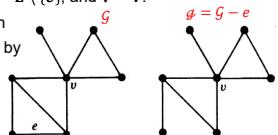
- Graph operation:
 - Property:: **Vertex deletion** of $v \in V$ from $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: subgraph $\mathcal{G}' = \mathcal{G} - v$, where $\mathcal{G}' = (V', E')$, such that $V' = V \setminus \{v\}$, and $E' = \{e \in E \mid (e = \{u_i, u_j\}) \wedge (u_i, u_j \in V) \} = E \setminus \{\{v, u\} \in E \mid u \in V\}$.
 - Property:: Vertex deletion of given vertex from given graph obtained by removing said vertex and removing all edges incident on that vertex from said graph.



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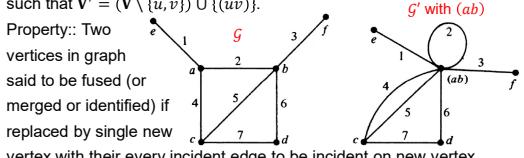
- Property: **Edge deletion** of $e \in E$ from $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: subgraph $\mathcal{G}' = \mathcal{G} - e$, where $\mathcal{G}' = (v, e)$, such that $e \in E \setminus \{e\}$, and $v = V$.
 - Property: Edge deletion of given edge from given graph obtained by removing said edge only from said graph (and not removing end vertices of that edge).
 - Property: $\mathcal{G} - e = \mathcal{G} \oplus e$.



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Graph operations

- Property:: **Fusion** of $u, v \in V$ in $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$: modified graph $\mathcal{G}' = (V', E')$ such that $V' = (V \setminus \{u, v\}) \cup \{(uv)\}$.
 - Property:: Two vertices in graph said to be fused (or merged or identified) if replaced by single new vertex with their every incident edge to be incident on new vertex.



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Graph operations

- Graph operation:
 - Property: Fusion of two vertices in graph not to alter number of edges, but to reduce number of vertices by one.

Summary

- Focus: Graph fundamentals and operations.
- Graph neighborhood and vertex/edge adjacency.
- Degree of vertex in graph, with examples.
- Neighborhood, and independent sets, with examples.
- Regular graph, with examples.
- Graph related theorems, with proofs.
- Graph containment and subgraph, with properties.
- Edge-disjoint subgraphs, vertex-disjoint subgraphs.
- Graph operations.
- Union, intersection and ring sum of two graphs.

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Summary

- Properties of graph operations.
- Complement of subgraph, and properties.
- Decomposition of graphs into two subgraphs.
- Vertex deletion, edge deletion from graph, with examples.
- Fusion of two vertices in graph, with examples.

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