

UNIT – III, Module – 1

Lecture 24: Graphs & Trees

[Vertex neighborhood, degree, independent set;
Regular graph; Subgraph; Union, intersection, ring
sum; Complement; Decomposition, deletion, fusion]

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Notation table

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.
$G \subset G$	Graph 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 .
$G \oplus G, G \setminus G$	Complement of subgraph G w.r.t. supergraph G .

Notation table (contd.)

Symbol / Notation	Meaning
$G - v$	Vertex deletion of vertex $v \in V$ from $G = (V, E)$.
$G - e$	Edge deletion of edge $e \in E$ from $G = (V, E)$.

Graph

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

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- Graph fundamentals:
 - Property:: **Degree** (also called **valency**) of vertex in undirected graph $G = (V, E)$: $\deg(v)$ = number of edges incident with vertex v ($v \in V$) of G , with self loops counted twice. Degree of graph G : $\deg(G)$.
 - 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 $G = (V, E)$: sequence of degrees of vertices of G in nonincreasing order, i.e., $\dots, \deg(v_i), \deg(v_j), \dots$, where $\deg(v_i) \geq \deg(v_j)$, $v_i, v_j \in V$, $1 \leq i, j \leq |V|$.

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

Graph

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

Graph

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

Graph

- Graph fundamentals examples:

- Example-1:: Degrees of vertices: for

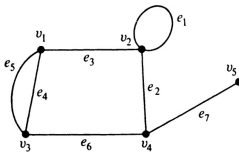
$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ in given graph

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 $v \in V$:

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

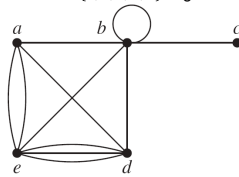
$N(c) = \{b\}$; $N(d) = \{a, b, e\}$;

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

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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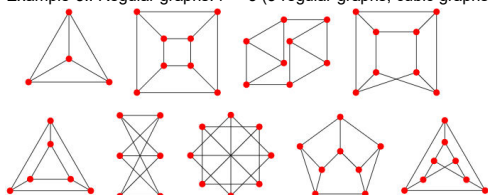
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- Graph fundamentals examples:

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



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

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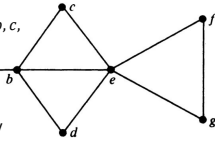
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- Graph fundamentals examples:

- 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, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2 \cdot |E| = \text{even number}$.

Considering vertices v_j with odd degrees and vertices v_k with even degrees separately, $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = \sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_j) + \sum_{\text{even}} \deg(v_k)$.

L.H.S. being even, and second expression on R.H.S. being even (due to sum of even numbers), $\sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_j) = \text{even number}$.

Each $\deg(v_j)$ being odd, total number of terms in $\sum_{\text{odd}} \deg(v_j) = \text{even}$, i.e. number of vertices of odd degree to be always even. ■

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- Graph fundamental theorems:
 - Property:: (Theorem): In simple graph $G = (V, E)$, where $|V| = n$, maximum value of $|E| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$, 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 $G = (V, E)$, where $|V| = n$, $|E| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n \cdot (n - 1)$. [Notation of n -vertex complete graph: K_n]
- Proof: Simple n -vertex graph with maximum edges = Complete graph.
For any vertex $v \in V$ in G or K_n , $\max(\deg(v)) = (n - 1)$.
So, maximum sum of degrees in G or K_n : $n \cdot (n - 1) = 2 \cdot |E|$.
Then, maximum value of $|E|$ in G (or $|E|$ 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 $G = (V, E)$, 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: $\mathcal{G} \subset G$. [Ref: Deo74.]
- Property:: Every graph to be its own subgraph.
- Property:: Subgraph of subgraph of G = subgraph of G .
- Property:: Single vertex in G = subgraph of G .

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

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- 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 —
 - (i) $(\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}) \wedge (\mathcal{G}' \subset \mathcal{G})$, and
 - (ii) $e \cap e' = \emptyset$.
 - Property: Possibility of $v \cap v' \neq \emptyset$ between edge-disjoint graphs \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}' .

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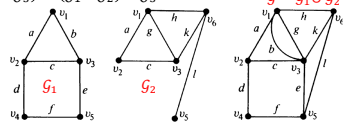
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 - Property: **Vertex-disjoint subgraph**: undirected graphs $\mathcal{G} = (v, e)$ and $\mathcal{G}' = (v', e')$ to be vertex-disjoint subgraphs of undirected graph \mathcal{G} , if —
 - (i) $(\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{G}) \wedge (\mathcal{G}' \subset \mathcal{G})$, and
 - (ii) $v \cap v' = \emptyset$.
 - 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 —
 - (i) $v \subseteq V$ and $e \subseteq E$,
 - (ii) $\forall u, v \in v \left(\exists e \in E \left((e = \{u, v\}) \wedge (\{u, v\} \notin e) \rightarrow (e \in e) \right) \right)$.

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 $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$:
 $G = (V, E)$, where $G = G_1 \cup G_2$, such that $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $E = E_1 \cup E_2$.
- Property:: $G = G_1 \cup (G_2 \cup G_3) = (G_1 \cup G_2) \cup G_3$.
- Property:: $G = G_1 \cup G_2 = G_2 \cup G_1$.



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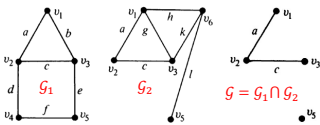
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- Graph operation:
- Intersection property:: **Intersection** of two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: $G = (V, E)$, where $G = G_1 \cap G_2$, such that $V = V_1 \cap V_2$ and $E = E_1 \cap E_2$.
- Property:: Intersection of two graphs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



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

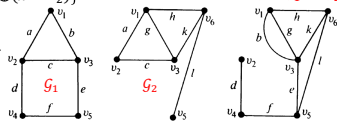
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- Graph operation:
 - Ring sum property: Ring sum [also called, disjoint union or vertex-disjoint union] of two graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$: $G = (V, E)$, where $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$, such that $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $E = E_1 \Delta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



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

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- Graph operation:
 - Property: For edge-disjoint undirected graphs G_1 and G_2 —
 - (i) $G_1 \cup G_2 = G_1 \oplus G_2$.
 - (ii) $G_1 \cap G_2 = \text{null graph}$.
 - Property: For vertex-disjoint undirected graphs G'_1 and G'_2 —
 - (i) $G'_1 \cap G'_2 = \text{null graph}$.
 - Property: For any undirected graph G —
 - (i) $G \cup G = G \cap G = G$.
 - (ii) $G \oplus G = \text{null graph}$.

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- Graph operation:
 - Property: Complement of subgraph $g = (v, e)$, where $g \subseteq G = (V, E)$: denoted by $(G \oplus g)$ or $(G \setminus g)$, where $(G \oplus g) = (v, \bar{e})$, $(G \oplus g) \subseteq G$, such that $\bar{e} = E \setminus e = \{e \in E \mid e \notin e\}$.
 - Property: Complement of subgraph of given graph = another subgraph of given graph, remaining after all edges in specified subgraph being removed from given graph.

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- Graph operation:
 - Decomposition property: **Decomposition** of graph G into two subgraphs $G_1 \subseteq G$ and $G_2 \subseteq G$: possible, if —
 - (i) $G_1 \cup G_2 = G$, and
 - (ii) $G_1 \cap G_2 = \text{null graph}$.
 - Property: Every edge of G to be present after decomposition either in G_1 or in G_2 , but not in both. However, possibility of common vertices (of G) in G_1 and G_2 .

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- 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 G_1, G_2 .

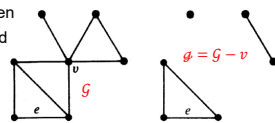
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- Graph operation:
 - Property: **Vertex deletion** of $v \in V$ from $G = (V, E)$: subgraph $G = G - v$, where $G = (V, E)$, such that $V = V \setminus \{v\}$, and $E = \{e \in E \mid (e = \{u_i, u_j\}) \wedge (u_i, u_j \in V)\} = E \setminus \{e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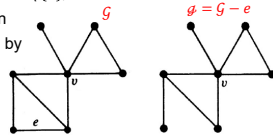
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- Graph operation:
 - Property: **Edge deletion** of $e \in E$ from $G = (V, E)$: subgraph $g = G - e$, where $g = (v, e)$, such that $e = E \setminus \{e\}$, and $v = V$.
 - Property: Edge deletion of given edge from given graph obtained by removing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



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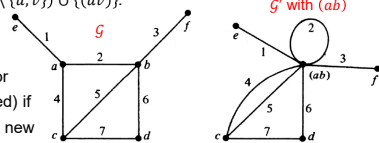
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- Graph operation:
 - Property: **Fusion** of $u, v \in V$ in $G = (V, E)$: modified graph $G' = (V', E)$ such that $V' = (V \setminus \{u, v\}) \cup \{(uv)\}$.
 - Property: Two vertices in graph said to be fused (or merged or identified) if replaced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



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

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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.

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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