Basics

Notations

• $\binom{V}{k} := \{A : A \subseteq V \land |A| = k\}$ • $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ • Power set $2^X := \{A : A \subseteq X\}$

Graphs

- **Definition**: G = (V, E) with $E \subseteq V^2$, $V \cap E = \emptyset$
- Vertex: $v \in V$ for graph G = (V, E)
 - $\circ \ \ v \ \textit{incident with} \ e \Longleftrightarrow v \in e$
 - $\circ v_1, v_2$ ends of $e \Leftrightarrow e = v_1 v_2$
 - $\circ v_1, v_2 \ adjacent/neighbors \iff v_1v_2 \in E$
- Edge: $e = \{x, y\} \in E$ for graph G = (V, E) (short e = xy)
- $\circ \ e \ edge \ at \ v \iff v \ \text{incident with } e$
- \circ e joins $v_1, v_2 \Leftrightarrow e = v_1 v_2$
- $\circ \ \ xy \text{ is X-Y-edge} \Longleftrightarrow x \in X \land y \in Y$
- $e_1, e_2 \ adjacent/neighbors \iff \exists \ v : v \in e_1 \land v \in e_2$
- Vertex sets:
- $\circ V(G) = V \text{ for graph } G = (V, E)$
- o $X \in V(G)$ independent \Leftrightarrow no $x_1, x_2 \in X$ are adjacent
- neighborhood of $v \in V(G)$: $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G)\}$
- Edge sets:
- \circ E(G) = E for graph G = (V, E)
- E(X,Y): set of edges between $X \in V(G)$ and $Y \in V(G)$
- E(x, Y): set of edges between vertex $x \in V(G)$ and $Y \subset V(G)$
- \circ E(v): set of edges at $v \in V(G)$
- Order: = |V(G)|, short |G|
- Size: = |E(G)|, short ||G||
- Trivial graph: graph of order 0 or 1
- Isomorphic (G_1 to another graph G_2 , write $G_1 \cong G_2$ or even $G_1 = G_2$): $\exists \text{ bijection } f: V_1 \to V_2: \{u,v\} \in E_1 \Longleftrightarrow \{f(u),f(v)\} \in E_2$
- Graph union: $G \cup G' = (V(G) \cup V(G'), E(G) \cup E(G'))$
- Graph intersection: $G \cap G' = (V(G) \cap V(G'), E(G) \cap E(G'))$
- Graph multiplication: G * G': join all $v \in G$ with all $v' \in G'$ (with $V(G) \cap V(G') = \emptyset$)
- Subgraph G' of G (write $G' \subseteq G$): if $V(G') \subseteq V(G)$ and $E(G') \subseteq E(G)$
- G contains G'
- $\circ G'$ proper subgraph of G: if $G' \subseteq G$ and $G' \neq G$
- $\circ \ G' \ \textit{induced subgraph of } G \colon G' \subseteq G \ \text{and} \ E(G') \ \text{contains all edges of} \ G \ \text{with both}$ ends in V(G'), V(G') induces G', write G' = G[X] (with X = V(G'))
- Edge-induced subgraph: subgraph induced by $X \subseteq E(G)$, note G[X]
- G' spanning subgraph of G: V(G') = V(G)
- Supergraph: G of G' (write G ⊇ G'): as above.
- Vertex cover: $V' \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. any $e \in E(G)$ is incident to a vertex in V'
- · Graph subtraction:
- o $G U = G[V(G) \setminus U]$ for some vertex set U
- $\circ \ \ G v = G[V(G) \setminus \{v\}] \text{ for some vertex } v$
- $G G' = G[V(G) \setminus V(G')]$ for some graph G'
- Edge addition: $G+F=(V(G),V(E)\cup F)$ for some $F\subseteq V(G)^2$ Complement: $\overline{G}=(V(G),V^2\setminus E(G))$
- Line graph of $G:L(G)=(E(G),\{xy\in E(G)^2:x,y\text{ adjacent in }G\})$ Complete graph: (X,X^2) with vertex set X
- $\circ K_n$: complete graph on n vertices

Vertex degrees

- Degree of $v \in V$: $d(v) = \deg(v) = |N(v)|$
 - $v \in V(G)$ isolated: d(v) = 0
 - $v \in V(G)$ leaf: d(v) = 1
- o number of vertices of odd degree is even
- Minimum degree of graph $G:\delta(G)=\min\{d(v):v\in V(G)\}$
- Maximum degree of graph $G: \Delta(G) = \max\{d(v) : v \in V(G)\}$
- Degree sum: $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E(G)|$
- Average degree of graph $G: d(G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{v \in V} d(v)$
 - \circ $\delta(G) \leq d(G) \leq \Delta(G)$
- k-regular graph: $\forall v \in V(G) : d(v) = k$
- o cubic graph: 3-regular graph
- Vertex-Edge-ratio of graph $G: \varepsilon(G) = \frac{||G||}{|G|}$
 - $\circ \ \varepsilon(G) = \frac{1}{2}d(G)$
 - every graph with $||G|| \ge 1$ has $H \subseteq G$ with $\delta(H) > \varepsilon(H) \ge \varepsilon(G)$

Paths and Cycles

- Path: $(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}\})$ (read: v_0v_n -path)
 - \circ shorthand: (v_1, \ldots, v_n)
 - $\circ v_0, v_n$ linked by path
 - $\circ v_0, v_n$ end-vertices/ends of path
 - $\circ \ v_1, \ldots, v_{n-1}$ inner vertices of path
- Length (of path): = $|E(P)| \neq |V(P)|$
- Shorthands $(0 \le i \le j \le k)$:
- $P = (x_0, \dots, x_k), \check{P} = (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1})$
- $Px_i = (x_0, \dots, x_i), P\mathring{x_i} = (x_0, \dots, x_{i-1})$
- $x_i P = (x_i, \dots, x_k), \dot{x_i} P = (x_{i+1}, \dots, x_k)$
- $\circ \ x_i P x_j = (x_i, \ldots, x_j), \mathring{x_i} P \mathring{x_j} = (x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_{j-1})$ • Path concatenation: $Px \cap xQy \cap yR = PxQyR$
- A-B-path: $V(P) \cap A = \{x_0\} \land V(P) \cap B = \{x_n\}$
- **H-path**: graph H, P meets H exactly in its ends
- **Independent**: two ab-paths are independent \Leftrightarrow they only share a and b
- Subgraph separation: $X \in V(G)$ separates $A, B \in V(G) \Leftrightarrow$ any A-B-path has vertex in X

Rest

- Degree sequence: multiset of degrees of vertices in V(G)
- \circ graphic: deg. seq. (d_1,\ldots,d_n) , iff
- 1. $d_1 + \cdots + d_n$ even 2. $\sum_{i=1}^k d_i \le k(k-1) + \sum_i i = k+1^n \min_i (d_i, k)$ $(\forall 1 \le k \le n)$
- Adjacency matrix: $A(G) = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \ni A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & ij \in E \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$
- Incidence graph of G: IG = $(V \cup E, \{\{v,e\} : v \in e, e \in E\})$
- Eulerian: if it contains an Eulerian tour
- Connected: for any two vertices there is a link between them
- \circ spanning tree: if G is connected, then it has a spanning tree
- \circ peeling leaves: vertices can be ordered v_1, \ldots, v_n s.t. $G[\{v_1, \ldots, v_i\}]$ is connected for $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$

Digraph

• **Definition**: G = (V, E) with vertex set V and edge set $E \subseteq \{(u, v) : u, v \in V\}$ $V, u \neq v$

Multigraph

• **Definition**: G = (V, E) with vertex set V and multiset E of V-pairs

Hypergraph

• **Definition**: G = (V, E) with vertex set V and edge set $E \subseteq 2^V = \{A : A \subseteq V\}$

Cycle

- Definition: $C_n \coloneqq (\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}, \{v_n, v_1\}\})$
- Shorthand: (v_1, \ldots, v_n, v_1)
- Length (of cycle): = $|V| \equiv |E|$
- Cyclic subgraph: If $\delta(G) \ge 2$, then G has cycle with length $\ge \delta + 1$

Walk

· Definition: non-empty alternating sequence of vertices and edges

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 e_0 \dots e_{k-1} v_k \\ \text{with } e_i = v_i v_{i+1}, \text{length } k \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

- \circ closed: if $v_0 = v_k$
- \circ even: if k is even
- \circ odd: if k is odd
- · Eulerian tour:
 - o Definition: closed walk with
 - no edges of ${\cal G}$ are repeatedly used
 - all edges of G are used o Even degrees: G connected has Euler tour $\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V(G) : \deg(v)$ even
- v_0v_k -walk: walk starting at v_0 and ending at v_k • Induces path: $\exists uv$ -walk $\Rightarrow \exists uv$ -path

Connected component

• Definition: maximal connected subgraph (connected, but any supergraph isn't)

• Odd closed walk, odd cycle: G has odd closed walk \Rightarrow G has odd cycle

Block

- · Block: maximal 2-connected subgraph or bridge
- \circ share ≤ 1 vertices with one another
- · Block-cut-vertex graph
- $\circ V = \text{set of blocks} \cup \text{set of vertices}$
- $\circ E = \{\{v, B\} : v \in V(B), \text{ cut-vertex } v, \text{ block } B\}$
- o block-cut-vertex graph of connected graph is tree

Acyclic graph, Forest

• **Definition**: Graph with no cycle as subgraph

Tree

- **Definition**: Graph that is connected and acyclic
- $\circ \iff G$ is connected and $\forall e \in E(G) : G e$ is disconnected (minimal-connected)
- $\circ \iff G$ is acyclic and $\forall xy \notin E(G) : G \cup xy$ has cycle (maximal-acyclic)
- $\circ \iff G$ is connected and 1-degenerate $(\forall G' \subseteq G : \delta(G') \le 1)$
- $\circ \Leftrightarrow G$ is connected and ||G|| = |G| 1
- $\circ \iff G$ is acyclic and ||G|| = |G| 1
- $\circ \iff \forall u, v \in V(G) \exists \text{ unique } uv\text{-path}$
- · Special trees: path, star, spider, caterpillar, broom
- Leaf existence: Tree T, $|T| \ge 2 \Rightarrow T$ has leaf
- Edge count: Tree T, $|T| = n \Rightarrow ||T|| = n 1$

Bipartite graph

- **Definition**: G is bipartite \iff G contains no cycles of odd length $\circ \ \ \textit{complete bipartite} \colon K_{m,n} = (A \cup B, \{a,b\} : a \in A, b \in B)$
- saturating: $G = (A \cup B, E)$ has matching saturating A $\Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq A : N(S) \ge |S| \ (N(S) \coloneqq \{b \in B : ab \in E, a \in S\})$
- \circ nearly: $G = (A \cup B, E), \forall S \subseteq A : |N(S)| \ge |S| d \quad (d \ge 1).$ $\Rightarrow \exists$ matching M saturating all but at most d vertices of A
- Matching vs vertex cover: size of largest matching = size of smallest vertex cover

Matching

- **Definition**: graph with $\delta(G) = \Delta(G) = 1$
- ${\bf Perfect\ matching}:$ spanning + matching subgraph of G (aka 1-factor)
 - existence: G has perfect matching $\Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq V(G) : q(G S) \leq S$ (q(G) = number of components in G with odd order)

Factors

- **k-factor**: spanning *k*-regular subgraph (easy to find)
- **f-factor**: spanning subgraph $H \subseteq G$ with $\deg_H(v) = f(v)$, $f: V(G) \to \{0, 1, \dots\} \text{ with } f(v) \le \deg(v) \quad (\forall v \in V)$
- **H-factor** (aka perfect H-packing): spanning subgraph s.t. each component is $\cong H$ • existence: if $\delta(G) \ge \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} |V(G)|\right)$ and k divides |G|, then G has K_k -factor

Connectivity

- k-connected: if |G| > k and deleting < k vertices does not disconnect G
- k-linked: if for any 2k vertices $(s_1,\ldots,s_k,t_1,\ldots,t_k)$ \exists pairwise disjoint s_it_i paths (*note*: k-connected $\Rightarrow k$ -linked)
- Vertex-connectivity: $\kappa(G) = \max\{k : G \text{ is } k\text{-connected}\}$
- l-edge-connected: if deleting < l edges does not disconnect G
- Edge-connectivity: $\kappa'(G) = \max\{l : G \text{ is } l\text{-edge-connected}\}$
- Vertex- vs Edge-connectivity: $\kappa(G) \le \kappa'(G) \le \delta(G)$
- Three-connected + contraction: 3-connected $\iff \exists$ separate G_0, \ldots, G_k with $G_0 = K_4, G_k = G, G_i = G_{i+1} \circ xy$ with $deg(x), deg(y) \ge 3$
- Three-connected + decontraction: all 3-connected graphs can be built by iteratively de-contracting vertices of K_4
- Average degree ≥ 4 : has k-connected subgraph ($k \geq 2$)

Cuts

- Cut-Set: $X \subseteq V(G) \cup E(G)$ s.t. #components in (G X) greater than in G
- · Cut-Vertex: Cut-Set consisting of single vertex
- Cut-Edge (or bridge): Cut-Set consisting of single edge
- Menger's theorem: for $A, B \subseteq V(G)$:
 - \min # of vertices separating A and B = \max # of disjoint A-B-paths
- Menger global:
- 1. k-connected $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in V(G) \exists k$ pairwise independent ab-paths

2. k-edge-connected $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in V(G) \exists k$ pairwise edge-disjoint ab-paths

Ear-decomposition

- **Definition**: G has ear-decomposition $\iff \exists$ sequence of graphs G_0, \ldots, G_k with $G_k = G, G_0 = \text{cycle}, G_{i+1}$ obtained from G_i by attaching "ear" (path that shares only endpoints with G_i)
- 2-connected $\Leftrightarrow \forall$ cycles C in G there is ear-decomposition starting at C

Edge contraction

· Contraction:

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G \circ xy = ((V \setminus \{x, y\}) \cup v_{xy},
(E \setminus \{e : x \in E \lor y \in e\}) \cup \{v_{xy}z : z \in (N_G(x) \cup N_G(y)) \setminus \{x, y\}\})
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• De-contraction: if $\exists xy \in E(G) : \kappa(G \circ xy) \ge 3$ (for G with $\kappa(G) \ge 3$, $|G| \ge 5$)

Planar graph tools

- Homeomorphism: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ continuous s.t. f^{-1} is also continuous
- Arc: homeomorphic image of [0,1] in \mathbb{R}^2 under f
- \circ endpoints: f(0) and $f(1) \rightarrow$ arc "joins" endpoints
- o polynomial arc: arc that is union of finitely many straight line segments
- **Region** $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus X$: any two points $\in Y$ could be joined by arc and Y is maximal
- Boundary of $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$:

 $\delta X = \{y \mid \forall \varepsilon > 0 : B(y,\varepsilon) \text{ contains points of } X \text{ and not of } X\}$ • Jordan curve theorem: If $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ and homeomorphic to $\{\overline{x} : \operatorname{dist}(\overline{x},0) = 1\}$ (unit circle), then $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus X$ has two regions R_1 , R_2 and $\delta R_1 = X = \delta R_2$.

Plane graph

- **Definition**: graph such that E(G) is set of arcs in \mathbb{R}^2 and endpoints of arcs in E(G) are vertices and:
 - $\lor \forall e, e' \in E, e \neq e' : e \text{ and } e' \text{ have distinct sets of edge sets}$
- $\forall e \in E, e = e \setminus \{\text{endpoints}\}\ \text{doesn't contain any vertices and points from}$
- Faces: regions of $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \left(\bigcup_{e \in E} e \cup V \right)$
- · Maximally plane: no edges can be added without breaking planarity
- o plane triangulation: every face is bounded by triangle ⇔ graph is maximally plane
- Edge limitation 1: Plane graph: $|G| \ge 3 \Rightarrow ||G|| \le 3n 6$
- Edge limitation 2: Plane graph with no \triangle : $||G|| \le 2|G| 4$
- **Properties**: Let G be plane graph and $H \subseteq G$.
 - face inheritance: $\forall f \in F(G) \exists f' \in F(H) : f' \supseteq f$
- \circ border inheritance: $\delta f \subseteq H \Rightarrow f' = f$
- $\circ \ \textit{edge-border relations} : e \in E(G), f \in F(G) \Rightarrow e \subseteq \delta f \vee \delta f \cap \mathring{e} = \varnothing$
- o edges in circles:
 - $e \in E(G)$ is edge of a cycle $\Rightarrow e$ is on boundary of exactly 2 faces

not edge of a cycle $\Rightarrow e$ is on boundary of exactly 1 face

- faces in cycles: $f_1, f_2 \in F(G)$. $f_1 \neq f_2 \land \delta f_1 = \delta f_2 \Rightarrow G$ is cycle
- cyclic boundaries: $\kappa(G) \ge 2 \Rightarrow$ each face is bounded by cycle
- $\circ \ \ \mathit{plane forests}$: plane forests have exactly 1 face
- **Dual multigraph**: Given plane G:
- 1. Insert vertex in each face
- 2. Put edge \tilde{e} between vertices if respective faces share e (s.t. \tilde{e} and e cross once)
- 3. Result: Dual graph G' of G (plane multigraph)
- \rightarrow faces of G properly k-colored $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ proper k-coloring of vertices of G'

Planar graph

- **Definition**: graph s.t. \exists plane graph G' and bijection $f:V(G)\to V(G')$ s.t. $\forall u, v \in V(G), uv \in E(G) : f(u), f(v)$ are endpoints of arc in G'
- Planar embedding of G: f from the definition
- Planar because of minors: The following statements are equivalent:
 - G is planar
 - $\circ \ G \not\supseteq MK_5 \wedge G \not\supseteq MK_{3,3}$
 - \circ $G \not\supseteq TK_5 \land G \not\supseteq TK_{3,3}$
- Euler's formula: If G is connected plane graph with f faces, then |G| - ||G|| + f = 2
- $\delta(G)$ limitation: Planar graph $\delta(G) \leq 5$
- Non-planar graphs: K_5 and $K_{3,3}$ are not planar
- Kuratowski's lemmas:
- 1. $(TK_5 \subseteq G \vee TK_{3,3} \subseteq G) \Longleftrightarrow MK_5 \subseteq G \vee MK_{3,3} \subseteq G$
- 2. $\kappa(G) \ge 3 \land MK_5 \not\subseteq G \land MK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G \Rightarrow G$ is planar

- 3. $\kappa(G) \geq 3$, G edge-maximal wrt not containing TX. If S is vertex-cut of G, $|S| \leq 2 \land G = G_1 \cup G_2, S = V(G_1) \cap V(G_2)$, then G_i is edge-maximal with no TX and S induces an edge
- 4. $|G| \ge 3$, G edge-maximal wrt not containing TK_5 and $TK_{3,3} \Rightarrow \kappa(G) \ge 3$
- 2-cell (embedding of G on surface S): any closed simple curve in any region of S-G is continuously contractible into a point
- Euler characteristic: G embedded on surface $S \Rightarrow n-e+f$ = Euler characteristic is invariant
- Euler genus: $n-e+f=2-2\gamma \Rightarrow$ Euler genus 2γ of S
- Heawood's formula: $\chi(G) \le \left| \frac{7 + \sqrt{1 + 48\gamma}}{2} \right|$

(for G embedded on S with Euler char $2-2\gamma$)

• Klein bottle: $K_{f(\gamma)}$ is embeddable on S, unless S is klein bottle

Minors

- MH: $G \stackrel{(\star)}{=} MH$ is minor of H if $V(G) = V_1 \cup \cdots \cup V_n$ with n = |H|

 - $\circ G[V_i]$ connected $(\forall i = 1, \dots, n)$
- o If V(H) = $\{v_1,\dots,v_n\}$ and $v_iv_j\in E(H)$, then \exists edge between V_i and V_j
- (★): Notation abuse: MH is class of graphs
- Branch sets: V_i 's from above
- · Extended branch graph: Branch set together with incident edges
- Minor (H of G, noted $H \leq G$): $\iff MH \subseteq G$
- \rightarrow $H \leq G \Leftrightarrow H$ can be obtained by edge/vertex deletions + contractions.
- Topological minor: H is topological minor if $TH \subseteq G$ where TH is built from H by subdividing edges
- Note: $TH \subseteq MH$

Coloring

- Co-clique number: $\alpha(G)$ = size of largest independent set
- Clique number: $\omega(G)$ = size of largest clique
- Proper coloring: = $c: V(G) \rightarrow [k]$ with $c(u) \neq c(v) \quad (\forall uv \in E(G))$
- Equitable coloring: proper coloring + color classes have almost (± 1) equal size \circ existence: any graph has equitable coloring in $(\Delta(G)+1)$ colors
- 4-color-theorem: G planar $\Rightarrow \chi(G) \le 4$
- ij-flip: $c':V(G) \to [k]$ is ij-flip at $v \in V(G)$

 $\Longleftrightarrow c'$ obtained by flipping colors i and j in max. conn. component containing v

Chromatic number

- **Definition**: $\chi(G) = \min\{k : G \text{ has proper coloring with } k \text{ colors}\}\$
- Examples: $\chi(C_{2n}) = 2$, $\chi(C_{2n+1}) = 3$
- Properties:
 - $\circ \ \chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$
 - $\circ \ \chi(G) \ge \frac{|G|}{\alpha(G)}$
 - $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$ (greedy coloring)
 - o G connected, not complete, no odd cycles $\Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq \Delta(G)$

Perfect graph

- **Definition**: $\forall H \subseteq G : \chi(H) = \omega(H)$
- Perfect complement: G is perfect $\Longleftrightarrow \overline{G}$ is perfect
- Perfect graph conjecture: G is perfect \Leftrightarrow $C_{2k+1} \not\subseteq G$ for $k \ge 2 \land \overline{C_{2k+1}} \not\subseteq G$

Posets

- **Definition**: antisymmetric, reflexive, transitive relation on X(write $x \le y$ instead of (x, y))
- Incidence poset of G: poset whose cover diagram is represented by IG with vertices all below the edges
- **Poset dimension**: $\dim(R)$ = smallest $k \in \mathbb{N}$: R is intersection of k total orders
- Poset dimension in planar graphs: G planar \Leftrightarrow dim(incidence poset) ≤ 3

List-colorings

- L-list-colorable: if $\exists c: V \to \mathbb{N} \ \forall v \in V : c(v) \in L(v)$
 - (for *list of colors* $L(v) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ for each vertex, adjacent vertices receive different colors)
- **k-list-colorable/-choosable**: if G is L-list-colorable for each list L
- List chromatic number: $\chi_l(G) = \operatorname{ch}(G)$
 - $= \min \left\{ k : G \text{ is L-colorable } \forall L : V \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}} : |L(v)| = k \forall v \in V(G) \right\}$
- $\chi_l(G) \ge \chi(G)$ because we can choose $L(v) = \{1, \dots, k\} (\forall v \in V(G))$
- $\circ \ \text{ often } \chi_l(G) \gg \chi(G) \, (\text{see } K_{m,n} \colon \chi = 2, \chi_l \approx \log n)$

- Planar graphs: $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$
- Locally planar graphs: $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$