

# Basics

## Notations

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

## Graph

- **Definition:**  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E \subseteq \{\{u, v\} : u, v \in V, u \neq v\}$
- **Vertex set:**  $V(G)$
- **Edge set:**  $E(G)$
- **Isomorphic** ( $G_1$  to another graph  $G_2$ ): if  $\exists$  bijection  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  with  $\{u, v\} \in E_1 \Leftrightarrow \{f(u), f(v)\} \in E_2$
- **Order:**  $|V(G)|$ , short  $|G|$
- **Size:**  $|E(G)|$ , short  $\|G\|$
- **Degree sequence:** multiset of degrees of vertices in  $V(G)$ 
  - *graphic*: deg. seq.  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ , iff
    1.  $d_1 + \dots + d_n$  even
    2.  $\sum_{i=1}^k d_i \leq k(k-1) + \sum i = k+1^n \min(d_i, k) \quad (\forall 1 \leq k \leq n)$
- **Degree sum:**  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E(G)|$
- **Minimum degree:**  $\delta(G)$  = degree of  $v \in V(G)$  with smallest degree
- **Maximum degree:**  $\Delta(G)$  = degree of  $v \in V(G)$  with largest degree
- **Adjacency matrix:**  $A(G) = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \ni A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & ij \in E \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$
- **Eulerian:** if it contains an Eulerian tour

## Digraph

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

## 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  $E \subseteq 2^V = \{A : A \subseteq V\}$

## Vertex

- **Incident** to  $e \in E(G)$  if  $v \in e$
- **Adjacent** to  $\tilde{v} \in V(G)$  if  $\{v, \tilde{v}\} \in E(G)$
- **Neighborhood:**  $N(v) = \{u : uv \in E(G)\}$
- **Degree:**  $\deg(v) = d(v) = |N(v)|$
- **Isolated:** vertex with  $\deg(v) = 0$
- **Leaf:** vertex with  $\deg(v) = 1$

## Edge

## Subgraph

- **Definition:**  $H$  subgraph of  $G$  (write  $H \subseteq G$ ) if  $V(H) \subseteq V(G) \wedge E(H) \subseteq E(G)$
- **Induced subgraph:**  $H$  induced subgraph of  $G$  (write  $H \subseteq_{\text{ind}} G$ ), if  $H \subseteq G$  and  $E(H)$  contains all edges from  $E(G)$  between vertices in  $V(H)$
- **Edge-induced subgraph:** subgraph induced by  $X \subseteq E(G)$ , note  $G[X]$

## Spanning graph

- **Definition:** Subgraph with same vertex set as supergraph

## Cycle

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

## Path

- **Definition:**  $(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}\})$
- **Shorthand:**  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$

- **Length** (of path):  $|E| \neq |V|$
- $v_0 v_k$ -**path**: path starting at  $v_0$  and ending at  $v_k$

## Walk

- **Definition:** non-empty alternating sequence of vertices and edges
 
$$v_0 e_0 \dots e_{k-1} v_k$$
 with  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$ , length  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ 
  - *closed*: if  $v_0 = v_k$
  - *even*: if  $k$  is even
  - *odd*: if  $k$  is odd
- **Eulerian tour:**
  - *Definition*: closed walk with
    - no edges of  $G$  are repeatedly used
    - all edges of  $G$  are used
  - *Even degrees*:  $G$  connected has Euler tour  $\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V(G) : \deg(v)$  even
- $v_0 v_k$ -**walk**: walk starting at  $v_0$  and ending at  $v_k$
- **Induces path**:  $\exists uv$ -walk  $\Rightarrow \exists uv$ -path
- **Odd closed walk, odd cycle**:  $G$  has *odd* closed walk  $\Rightarrow G$  has odd cycle

## Connected component

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

## Acyclic graph, Forest

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

## Tree

- **Definition:** Graph that is connected and acyclic
- **Special trees**: path, star, spider, caterpillar, broom

## k-regular graph

- **Definition:** Graph with  $\deg(v) = k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \quad (\forall v \in V(G))$