

# Basics

## Notations

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

## Graphs

- **Definition:**  $G = (V, E)$  with  $E \subseteq V^2, V \cap E = \emptyset$
- **Vertex:**  $v \in V$  for graph  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - $v$  incident with  $e \Leftrightarrow v \in e$
  - $v_1, v_2$  ends of  $e \Leftrightarrow e = v_1 v_2$
  - $v_1, v_2$  adjacent/neighbors  $\Leftrightarrow v_1 v_2 \in E$
- **Edge:**  $e = \{x, y\} \in E$  for graph  $G = (V, E)$  (short  $e = xy$ )
  - $e$  edge at  $v \Leftrightarrow v$  incident with  $e$
  - $e$  joins  $v_1, v_2 \Leftrightarrow e = v_1 v_2$
  - $xy$  is  $X$ - $Y$ -edge  $\Leftrightarrow x \in X \wedge y \in Y$
  - $e_1, e_2$  adjacent/neighbors  $\Leftrightarrow \exists v : v \in e_1 \wedge v \in e_2$
- **Vertex sets:**
  - $V(G) = V$  for graph  $G = (V, E)$
  - $X \subset V(G)$  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:**
  - $E(G) = E$  for graph  $G = (V, E)$
  - $E(X, Y)$ : set of edges between  $X \subset V(G)$  and  $Y \subset V(G)$
  - $E(x, Y)$ : set of edges between vertex  $x \in V(G)$  and  $Y \subset V(G)$
  - $E(v)$ : 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
- **Incidence graph** of  $G$ :  $IG = (V \cup E, \{\{v, e\} : v \in e, e \in E\})$
- **Isomorphic** ( $G_1$  to another graph  $G_2$ , write  $G_1 \cong G_2$  or even  $G_1 = G_2$ ):
  - $\exists$  bijection  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2 : \{u, v\} \in E_1 \Leftrightarrow \{f(u), f(v)\} \in E_2$
- **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  $G'$
  - $G'$  proper subgraph of  $G$ : if  $G' \subseteq G$  and  $G' \neq G$
  - $G'$  induced subgraph of  $G$ :  $G' \subseteq G$  and  $E(G')$  contains all edges of  $G$  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  $G \supseteq G'$ ): as above.
- **Vertex cover:**  $V' \subseteq V(G)$  s.t. any  $e \in E(G)$  is incident to a vertex in  $V'$
- **Graph subtraction:**
  - $G - U = G[V(G) \setminus U]$  for some vertex set  $U$
  - $G - v = G[V(G) \setminus \{v\}]$  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  $X$ 
  - $K_n$ : 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:  $d(v) = 1$
  - 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:**  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2|E(G)|$
- **Average degree** of graph  $G$ :  $d(G) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{v \in V} d(v)$ 
  - $\delta(G) \leq d(G) \leq \Delta(G)$
- **k-regular graph:**  $\forall v \in V(G) : d(v) = k$ 
  - cubic graph: 3-regular graph
- **Vertex-Edge-ratio** of graph  $G$ :  $\varepsilon(G) = \frac{\|G\|}{|G|}$ 
  - $\varepsilon(G) = \frac{1}{2}d(G)$
  - every graph with  $\|G\| \geq 1$  has  $H \subseteq G$  with  $\delta(H) > \varepsilon(H) \geq \varepsilon(G)$

## Paths

- **Path:**  $(\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}\})$  (read:  $v_0 v_n$ -path)
  - shorthand:  $v_1 \dots v_n$
  - $v_0, v_n$  linked by path
  - $v_0, v_n$  end-vertices/ends of path
  - $v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}$  inner vertices of path
- **Length:**  $|E(P)| \neq |V(P)|$
- **Shorthands** ( $0 \leq i \leq j \leq k$ ):
  - $P = x_0 \dots x_k, \hat{P} = x_1 \dots x_{k-1}$
  - $Px_i = x_0 \dots x_i, Px_i = x_0 \dots x_{i-1}$
  - $x_i P = x_i \dots x_k, \hat{x}_i P = x_{i+1} \dots x_k$
  - $x_i P x_j = x_i \dots x_j, \hat{x}_i P \hat{x}_j = x_{i+1} \dots x_{j-1}$
- **Path concatenation:**  $Px \cap xQy \cap yR = PxQyR$
- **A-B-path:**  $V(P) \cap A = \{x_0\} \wedge V(P) \cap B = \{x_n\}$
- **H-path:** graph  $H, P$  meets  $H$  exactly in its ends
- **Independent:** two  $ab$ -paths are independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  they only share  $a$  and  $b$
- **Path existence:** Every  $G$  with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  contains path of length  $\delta(G)$
- **Distance:**  $d_G(x, y) = \min(\{k : \exists xy\text{-path of length } k\} \cup \{\infty\})$
- **Central:**  $v \in V(G)$  where  $\text{cen} = \max\{d_G(v, x) : v \neq x \in V(G)\}$  is minimal
- **Radius:**  $\text{rad}(G) = \min_{x \in V(G)} \max_{y \in V(G)} d_G(x, y)$
- **Diameter** of  $G$ :  $\text{diam}(G) = \max\{d_G(x, y) : x, y \in V(G)\}$ 
  - radius-diameter-relation:  $\text{rad}(G) \leq \text{diam}(G) \leq 2\text{rad}(G)$
  - radius-degree-vertex-restriction:
 
$$\text{rad}(G) \leq k \wedge \Delta(G) \leq d \geq 3 \Rightarrow |G| \leq \frac{d}{d-2} (d-1)^k$$
- **Walk:** alternating sequence  $v_0 e_0 \dots e_{k-1} v_k$  s.t.  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  ( $\forall i < k$ )
  - closed walk:  $v_k = v_0$
  - walk-path-relation: all vertices in walk distinct  $\leadsto$  path
  - walk-path-induction:  $\exists v_0 v_k\text{-walk} \Rightarrow \exists v_0 v_k\text{-path}$

## Cycles

- **Cycle:**  $C = P + x_{k-1} x_0$  with path  $P = x_0 \dots x_{k-1}$  ( $k \geq 3$ )
  - shorthand:  $x_0 \dots x_{k-1} x_0$
- **Length:**  $= |C| = \|C\|$
- **k-cycle:**  $C_k =$  cycle of length  $k$
- **Girth** of graph  $G$ :  $g(G) = \min(\{k : G \text{ contains } C_k\} \cup \{\infty\})$ 
  - girth-diameter-relation:  $g(G) \leq 2\text{diam}(G) + 1$
  - girth-vertex-relation:  $\delta(G) \geq 3 \Rightarrow g(G) < 2 \log |G|$
- **Circumference** of graph  $G$ :  $= \max(\{k : G \text{ contains } C_k\} \cup \{0\})$
- **Chord** of cycle  $C \subseteq G$ :  $= xy \in E(G)$  with  $xy \notin E(C)$ , but  $x, y \in V(C)$
- **Induced cycle:** induced subgraph of  $G$  that is a cycle (= cycle in  $G$  with no chords)
- **Cycle existence:** Every  $G$  with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  contains cycle of length  $\geq \delta(G) + 1$
- **Odd closed walk, odd cycle:**  $G$  has odd closed walk  $\Rightarrow G$  has odd cycle

## Connectivity

- **Connected** graph  $G$ :  $\forall x, y \in V(G) : \exists xy\text{-path}$ 
  - connected subset  $U \subseteq V(G)$ : if  $G[U]$  is connected
- **Vertex enumeration:**  $G$  connected  $\Rightarrow$  vertices can be enumerated  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  s.t.  $G_i := G[v_1, \dots, v_i]$  is connected ( $\forall i \leq n$ )
- **Component:** maximal connected subgraph
  - graph partitioning: components partition  $G$
- **Subgraph separation:**  $X \subset V(G)$  separates  $A, B \subset V(G) \Leftrightarrow$  any  $A$ - $B$ -path has vertex in  $X$
- separator  $X$
- **Cut-Vertex:** vertex separating two other vertices of the component
- **Bridge:** edge separating its ends (= edges of component not lying on any cycle)
- **k-connected:** if  $|G| > k \wedge G - X$  is connected  $\forall X \subseteq V(G)$  with  $|X| < k$ 
  - $\leadsto$  no two vertices in  $G$  are separated by fewer than  $k$  other vertices
  - $\leadsto$  any two vertices can be joined by  $k$  independent paths
- **k-linked:** if for any  $2k$  vertices  $(s_1, \dots, s_k, t_1, \dots, t_k) \exists$  pairwise disjoint  $s_i t_i$ -paths (note:  $k$ -connected  $\not\Rightarrow$   $k$ -linked)
- **Connectivity:**  $\kappa(G) = \max\{k : G \text{ is } k\text{-connected}\}$
- **l-edge-connected:** if  $|G| > 1 \wedge G - F$  is connected  $\forall F \subseteq E(G)$  with  $|F| < l$
- **Edge-connectivity:**  $\kappa'(G) = \max\{l : G \text{ is } l\text{-edge-connected}\}$
- **Connectivity and smallest degree:**  $\kappa(G) \leq \kappa'(G) \leq \delta(G)$
- **Connectivity and average degree:**  $d(G) \geq 4k \Rightarrow G$  has  $k$ -connected subgraph
- **Menger's theorem:** for  $A, B \subseteq V(G)$ :
  - $\min \#$  of vertices separating  $A$  and  $B = \max \#$  of disjoint  $A$ - $B$ -paths
  - edge corollary: minimum number of edges separating  $a$  and  $b = \max$  number of edge-disjoint  $a$ - $b$ -paths
- **Menger global:**
  - $k$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in V(G) \exists k$  pairwise independent  $ab$ -paths
  - $k$ -edge-connected  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in V(G) \exists k$  pairwise edge-disjoint  $ab$ -paths

Trees and forests

- **Forest**: Graph with no cycle as subgraph
- **Tree**: Graph that is connected and acyclic
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  is connected and  $\forall e \in E(G) : G - e$  is disconnected (*minimal-connected*)
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  is acyclic and  $\forall xy \notin E(G) : G \cup xy$  has cycle (*maximal-acyclic*)
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  is connected and 1-degenerate ( $\forall G' \subseteq G : \delta(G') \leq 1$ )
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  is connected and  $\|G\| = |G| - 1$
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  is acyclic and  $\|G\| = |G| - 1$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \forall u, v \in V(G) \exists$  unique  $uv$ -path
- **Special trees**: path, star, spider, caterpillar, broom
- **Leaf existence**: Tree  $T, |T| \geq 2 \Rightarrow T$  has leaf
- **Edge count**: Tree  $T, |T| = n \Rightarrow \|T\| = n - 1$

Bipartite graphs

- **r-partite** graph  $G: V(G)$  allows partitioning in  $r$  classes s.t.  $\forall e = xy \in E(G) : x$  and  $y$  are in different classes
- **Bipartite** graph: 2-partite graph
  - $\Leftrightarrow G$  contains no cycles of odd length
    - *complete bipartite*:  $K_{m,n} = (A \cup B, \{a, b\} : a \in A, b \in B)$

Contraction and minors

- **Subdivision** of graph  $G$ : any graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing edges
- **Topological minor**:  $H$  is topological minor if  $TH \subseteq G$  where  $TH$  is built from  $H$  by subdividing edges
  - *branch vertices*: original vertices of  $H$
  - *subdividing vertices*: vertices placed on edges joining branch vertices
- **MH**:  $G \stackrel{(*)}{=} MH$  is *minor* of  $H$  if
  - $V(G) = V_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} V_n$  with  $n = |H|$
  - $G[V_i]$  connected ( $\forall i = 1, \dots, n$ )
  - If  $V(H) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $v_i v_j \in E(H)$ , 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  $H \preceq G$ ):  $\Leftrightarrow MH \subseteq G$ 
  - $\sim H \preceq G \Leftrightarrow H$  can be obtained by edge/vertex deletions + **contractions**.
- **Note**:  $TH \subseteq MH$
- **Edge contraction**:
$$G \circ xy = ((V \setminus \{x, y\}) \cup v_{xy}, (E \setminus \{e : x \in E \vee y \in e\}) \cup \{v_{xy}z : z \in (N_G(x) \cup N_G(y)) \setminus \{x, y\}\})$$
with  $xy \in E(G)$
- **De-contraction**: if  $\exists xy \in E(G) : \kappa(G \circ xy) \geq 3$   
(for  $G$  with  $\kappa(G) \geq 3, |G| \geq 5$ )

Euler tours

- **Definition**: closed walk with
  - no edges of  $G$  are repeatedly used
  - all edges of  $G$  are used
- **Eulerian graph**: graph containing an Euler tour  $\Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V(G) : d(v)$  even

Algebraic assets

- **Adjacency matrix**:  $A(G) = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \ni A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & ij \in E \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Other graph notions

- **Digraph**:  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E \subseteq \{(u, v) : u, v \in V, u \neq v\}$
- **Multigraph**:  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V$  and multiset  $E$  of  $V$ -pairs
- **Multigraph**:  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E \subseteq 2^V = \{A : A \subseteq V\}$

Matching, Covering, Packing

Matching in bipartite graphs

- **Vertex cover**:  $U \subseteq V(G)$  s.t. all edges in  $G$  are incident to a vertex  $\in U$

- **Matching**  $M$ : set of independent edges in a graph
  - *matching graph*:  $\delta(G) = \Delta(G) = 1$
  - *saturating*:  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  has matching saturating  $A$ 
    - $\Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq A : |N(S)| \geq |S|$  ( $N(S) := \{b \in B : ab \in E, a \in S\}$ )
  - *nearly*:  $G = (A \cup B, E), \forall S \subseteq A : |N(S)| \geq |S| - d$  ( $d \geq 1$ ).
    - $\Rightarrow \exists$  matching  $M$  saturating all but at most  $d$  vertices of  $A$
- **k-factor**:  $k$ -regular spanning subgraph
- **Matching vs vertex cover**: size of largest matching = size of smallest vertex cover (Königs theorem)
- **Matching existence**:
  - *neighbor-based*:  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  contains matching of  $A \Leftrightarrow |N(S)| \geq |S|$
  - *regular + bipartite*:  $G$  is  $k$ -regular + bipartite ( $k \geq 1$ )  $\Rightarrow G$  has 1-factor
  - *2k-regular*: graph  $2k$ -regular ( $k \geq 1$ )  $\Rightarrow$  has 2-factor
- **Marriages**: make matchings based on preferences
  - *preferences*: family  $(\leq_v)_{v \in V}$  of linear orderings  $\leq_v$  on  $E(v)$
  - *stable matching*  $M$ :
    - $\forall e \in E \setminus M \exists f \in M : e$  and  $f$  have common vertex  $v$  with  $e <_v f$
  - *stable matching existence*: For every set of preferences,  $G$  has stable matching
- **f-factor**: spanning subgraph  $H \subseteq G$  with  $\deg_H(v) = f(v)$ ,  
 $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots\}$  with  $f(v) \leq \deg(v)$  ( $\forall v \in V$ )
- **H-factor** (aka *perfect H-packing*): spanning subgraph s.t. each component is  $\cong H$ 
  - *existence*: if  $\delta(G) \geq (1 - \frac{1}{k})|V(G)|$  and  $k$  divides  $|G|$ , then  $G$  has  $K_k$ -factor

Matchings in general graphs

- **Perfect matching**: spanning + matching subgraph of  $G$  (aka *1-factor*)
  - *existence (Tutte)*:  $G$  has perfect matching  $\Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq V(G) : q(G - S) \leq |S|$  (Tutte's condition,  $q(G)$  = number of components in  $G$  with odd order)
  - *existence (Petersen)*:  $G$  bridgeless + cubic  $\Rightarrow G$  has 1-factor

Connectivity

2-connected graphs and subgraphs

- **2-connected construction**:  $G$  is 2-connected  $\Leftrightarrow$  it can be constructed by successively adding paths to a cycle (removing those paths: *ear-decomposition*)
- **Block**: maximal 2-connected subgraph or bridge
  - share  $\leq 1$  vertices with another
  - *cycles* of  $G$  = cycles of its blocks
  - *bounds* of  $G$  = minimal cuts of its blocks
- **Block-cut-vertex graph**
  - $V$  = set of blocks  $\cup$  set of vertices
  - $E = \{\{v, B\} : v \in V(B), \text{cut-vertex } v, \text{block } B\}$
  - block-cut-vertex graph of connected graph is tree

Structure of 3-connected graphs

- **3-connected + decontraction**: all 3-connected graphs can be built by iteratively de-contracting vertices of  $K_4$
- **3-connected + contraction**: 3-connected  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  separate  $G_0, \dots, G_k$  with
$$G_0 = K_4, G_k = G, G_i = G_{i+1} \circ xy$$
with  $\deg(x), \deg(y) \geq 3$

Rest

- **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.  $\sum_{i=1}^k d_i \leq k(k-1) + \sum i = k + 1^n \min(d_i, k)$  ( $\forall 1 \leq k \leq n$ )

Planar graphs

Basic definitions

- **Plane graph**: graph drawn without intersecting edges
- **Planar graph**: graph that *can be* dran as plane graph
- **Homeomorphism**:  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous s.t.  $f^{-1}$  is also continuous
- **Arc**: homeomorph image of  $[0, 1]$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  under  $f$ 
  - *endpoints*:  $f(0)$  and  $f(1) \rightsquigarrow$  arc “joins” endpoints
  - *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 ( $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ )
- **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  $\{\bar{x} : \text{dist}(\bar{x}, 0) = 1\}$  (*unit circle*), then  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus X$  has two regions  $R_1, R_2$  and  $\delta R_1 = X = \delta R_2$ .

## Plane graphs

- **Definition**: graph such that  $E(G)$  is set of arcs in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and endpoints of arcs in  $E(G)$  are vertices and:
  - $\forall e, e' \in E, e \neq e' : e$  and  $e'$  have distinct sets of edge sets
  - $\forall e \in E, \tilde{e} = e \setminus \{\text{endpoints}\}$  doesn't contain any vertices and points from other arcs
- **Faces**: regions of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (\bigcup_{e \in E} e \cup V)$ 
  - *face set* of graph  $G$ :  $F(G)$
- **Maximally plane**: no edges can be added without breaking planarity
  - *plane triangulation*: every face is bounded by triangle  $\Leftrightarrow$  graph is maximally plane
- **Edge limitation 1**: Plane graph:  $|G| \geq 3 \Rightarrow \|G\| \leq 3n - 6$
- **Edge limitation 2**: Plane graph with no  $\Delta$ :  $\|G\| \leq 2|G| - 4$
- **Properties**: Let  $G$  be plane graph and  $H \subseteq G$ .
  - *face inheritance*:  $\forall f \in F(G) \exists f' \in F(H) : f' \supseteq f$
  - *border inheritance*:  $\delta f \subseteq H \Rightarrow f' = f$
  - *edge-border relations*:  $e \in E(G), f \in F(G) \Rightarrow e \subseteq \delta f \vee \delta f \cap \tilde{e} = \emptyset$
  - *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*:  $f_1, f_2 \in F(G). f_1 \neq f_2 \wedge \delta f_1 = \delta f_2 \Rightarrow G$  is cycle
  - *cyclic boundaries*:  $\kappa(G) \geq 2 \Rightarrow$  each face is bounded by cycle
  - *plane forests*: plane forests have exactly 1 face
  - *2-connected*: 2-connected plane graph  $\Rightarrow \forall f \in F(G)$  bounded by cycle
  - *3-connected*: boundaries of 3-connected plane graph = its non-separating induced cycles
  - *order*  $\geq 3$ : plane graph of order  $\geq 3$  maximally plane  $\Leftrightarrow$  is plane triangulation
- **Euler's formula**: If  $G$  is connected plane graph with  $f$  faces, then  
 $|G| - \|G\| + f = 2$
- **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  $G^I$  of  $G$  (plane multigraph) $\leadsto$  faces of  $G$  properly  $k$ -colored  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  proper  $k$ -coloring of vertices of  $G^I$

## Planar graphs

- **Definition**: graph s.t.  $\exists$  plane graph  $G^I$  and bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G^I)$  s.t.  
 $\forall u, v \in V(G), uv \in E(G) : f(u), f(v)$  are endpoints of arc in  $G^I$
- **Planar embedding** of  $G$ :  $f$  from the definition
- **Planar because of minors**: The following statements are equivalent:
  - $G$  is planar
  - $G \not\preceq MK_5 \wedge G \not\preceq MK_{3,3}$
  - $G \not\preceq TK_5 \wedge G \not\preceq TK_{3,3}$
- $\delta(G)$  **limitation**: Planar graph  $\delta(G) \leq 5$
- **Non-planar graphs**:  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$  are not planar
- **Kuratowski's lemmas**:
  1.  $(TK_5 \subseteq G \vee TK_{3,3} \subseteq G) \Leftrightarrow MK_5 \subseteq G \vee MK_{3,3} \subseteq G$
  2.  $\kappa(G) \geq 3 \wedge MK_5 \not\subseteq G \wedge MK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G \Rightarrow G$  is planar
  3.  $\kappa(G) \geq 3, G$  edge-maximal wrt not containing  $TX$ . If  $S$  is vertex-cut of  $G$ ,  $|S| \leq 2 \wedge G = G_1 \cup G_2, S = V(G_1) \cap V(G_2)$ , then  $G_i$  is edge-maximal with no  $TX$  and  $S$  induces an edge
  4.  $|G| \geq 3, G$  edge-maximal wrt not containing  $TK_5$  and  $TK_{3,3} \Rightarrow \kappa(G) \geq 3$
- **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  $S \Rightarrow n - e + f = \text{Euler characteristic}$  is invariant
- **Euler genus**:  $n - e + f = 2 - 2\gamma \leadsto \text{Euler genus } 2\gamma \text{ of } S$
- **Heawood's formula**:  $\chi(G) \leq \underbrace{\left\lfloor \frac{7 + \sqrt{1 + 48\gamma}}{2} \right\rfloor}_{f(\gamma), \text{Heawoods number}}$   
 (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*

## Algebraic planarity criteria — Posets

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

- **Poset dimension in planar graphs**:  $G$  planar  $\Leftrightarrow \dim(\text{incidence poset}) \leq 3$

# Coloring

## Base definitions

- **Vertex coloring**: map  $c : V(G) \rightarrow S$  with  $c(v) \neq c(w)$  for adjacent  $v, w$ 
  - *color set*  $S$
  - *k-coloring*: coloring  $c : V(G) \rightarrow S$  with  $|S| = k$
- **(Vertex) chromatic number**:  $= \chi(G) := \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : G \text{ has } k\text{-coloring}\}$ 
  - $\chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$
  - $\chi(G) \geq \frac{|G|}{\alpha(G)}$
  - $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  (*greedy coloring*)
  - $G$  connected, not complete, no odd cycles  $\Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq \Delta(G)$
  - *k-chromatic* graph:  $\chi(G) = k$
  - *k-colorable* graph:  $\chi(G) \leq k$
- **Color classes**: partitions of  $V(G)$  with same color
- **Equitable coloring**: proper coloring + color classes have almost  $(\pm 1)$  equal size
  - *existence*: any graph has equitable coloring in  $(\Delta(G) + 1)$  colors
- **ij-flip**:  $c' : V(G) \rightarrow [k]$  is *ij-flip* at  $v \in V(G)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow c'$  obtained by flipping colors  $i$  and  $j$  in max. conn. component containing  $v$
- **Edge coloring**: map  $c : E(G) \rightarrow S$  with  $c(e) \neq c(f)$  for adjacent  $e, f$ 
  - edge coloring of  $G \Leftrightarrow$  vertex coloring of  $L(G)$
  - *k-edge-coloring*: edge-coloring  $c : E(G) \rightarrow S$  with  $|S| = k$
- **Edge chromatic number**:  $= \chi'(G) := \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : G \text{ has } k\text{-edge-coloring}\}$

## Coloring maps and planar graphs

- **4-color-theorem**: every planar graph is 4-colorable
- **3-color-theorem**: every triangle-free planar graph is 3-colorable

## Coloring vertices

- **Chromatic number upper bound**:  $\chi(G) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{2\|G\| + \frac{1}{4}}$
- **Greedy coloring**: sort vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , color them with the smallest possible color starting at  $v_1$   
 $\leadsto$  never uses more than  $\Delta(G) + 1$  colors
- **coloring number** of graph  $G$ :  $\text{col}(G) := \text{smallest } k \text{ s.t. } G \text{ has vertex enumeration where each vertex is preceded by } < k \text{ neighbors}$

## Coloring edges

- **Vizing's theorem**: for every graph  $G, \chi'(G) \in \{\Delta(G), \Delta(G) + 1\}$
- **Bipartite graphs**:  $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$

## List coloring

- **L-list-colorable**: if  $\exists c : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \forall v \in V : c(v) \in L(v)$   
 (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**:  $\chi_l(G) = \text{ch}(G)$   
 $= \min\{k : G \text{ is } L\text{-colorable } \forall L : V \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}} : |L(v)| = k \forall v \in V(G)\}$ 
  - $\chi_l(G) \geq \chi(G)$  because we can choose  $L(v) = \{1, \dots, k\} (\forall v \in V(G))$
  - often  $\chi_l(G) \gg \chi(G)$  (see  $K_{m,n} : \chi = 2, \chi_l \approx \log n$ )
- **Planar graphs**:  $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$
- **Locally planar graphs**:  $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$

## Perfect graphs

- **Clique number** of graph  $G$ :  $\omega(G) := \max\{k \in \mathbb{N} : K_k \subseteq G\}$
- **Independence number** of graph  $G$ : size of largest independent vertex set
- **Perfect graph**:  $\forall H \subseteq G : \chi(H) = \omega(H)$
- **Perfect complement**:  $G$  is perfect  $\Leftrightarrow \overline{G}$  is perfect
- **Perfect graph conjecture**:  $G$  is perfect  $\Leftrightarrow C_{2k+1} \not\subseteq G$  for  $k \geq 2 \wedge \overline{C_{2k+1}} \not\subseteq G$

# Extremal Graph Theory

## Base definitions

- **Sparse graph**:  $\|G\| \sim |G|$
- **Dense graph**:  $\|G\| \sim |G|^2$
- **Density**:  $\|X, Y\| := \# \text{ edges between } X \text{ and } Y, d(X, Y) := \frac{\|X, Y\|}{|X||Y|}$
- **Edge density** of graph  $G$ :  $\|G\| / \binom{|G|}{2}$
- $\varepsilon$ -**regular pair**  $(X, Y)$ : if  $|d(X, Y) - d(A, B)| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and all  $A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y$  with  $|A| \geq \varepsilon|X|, |B| \geq \varepsilon|Y|$
- $\varepsilon$ -**regular partition**:  $= V_0 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} V_k = V$  with
  1.  $|V_0| \leq \varepsilon|V|$
  2.  $|V_1| = \dots = |V_k|$
  3. all but at most  $\varepsilon k^2$  of  $(V_i, V_j)$ -pairs ( $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ ) are  $\varepsilon$ -regular

## Subgraphs

- **Extremal number**:  $\text{ex}(n, H) := \max\{\|G\| : |G| = n \wedge H \not\subseteq G\}$
- **Extremal set**:  $\text{EX}(n, H) := \{G : |G| = n \wedge \|G\| = \text{ex}(n, H) \wedge H \not\subseteq G\}$
- **Turán graph**:  $T(n, r) =$  unique complete  $r$ -partite graph with  $|T(n, r)| = n$ , partite sets differing at most by 1 ( $1 \leq r \leq n$ )
  - $K_{r+1} \not\subseteq T(n, r)$
  - **size**:  $\|T(n, r)\| =: t(n, r)$
  - **special Turán graph**:  $K_r^s := T(n, r)$  if  $n = r * s$
  - **Turán-graphs edge-maximal**: among all  $r$ -partite graphs of order  $n$ ,  $T(n, r)$  has largest size
  - $t(n, r) = t(n - r, r) + (n - r)(r - 1) + \binom{r}{2}$
  - **size difference to complete graph**:  

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t(n - r)}{\binom{n}{2}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)$$
- **Turán's theorem**:  $\forall r > 1, n \geq 1$ , any graph  $G$  with  $|G| = n, \|G\| = \text{ex}(n, K_r)$  and  $K_r \not\subseteq G$  is a  $T(n, r - 1)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{EX}(n, K_r) = \{T(n, r - 1)\}$
- **Szemerédi's regularity lemma**:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \forall 1 \leq m \in \mathbb{N} \exists M \in \mathbb{N}$  : every graph  $G$  with  $|G| \geq m$  has  $\varepsilon$ -regular partition  $V_0 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} V_k$  with  $m \leq k \leq M$ .
- **Erdős-Stone theorem**:  $\forall$  integers  $r > s \geq 1$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  : every graph with  $|G| = n \geq n_0$  and  $\|G\| \geq t(n, r - 1) + \varepsilon n^2$  has  $K_r^s \subseteq G$ .
  - **corollary**: the theorem together with the size difference to complete graph yields  

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{ex}(n, H)}{\binom{n}{2}} = \frac{\chi(H) - 2}{\chi(H) - 1}$$
- **Chvátal-Szemerédi theorem**:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  and any integer  $r \geq 3$ , any graph with  $|G| = n$  and  $\|G\| \geq (1 - \frac{1}{r-1} + \varepsilon) \binom{n}{2}$  has  $K_r^t \subseteq G$  with  $t = \frac{\log n}{500 \log(\frac{1}{\varepsilon})}$ 
  - **existence**:  $\exists G$  with  $|G| = n$  and  $\|G\| = (1 - \frac{1+\varepsilon}{r-1}) \binom{n}{2}$  with  $G \not\subseteq K_r^t$  for  $t = \frac{5 \log n}{\log(\frac{1}{\varepsilon})}$
- **Zarankiewicz function**:  $z(m, n; s, t) =$  maximum # of edges that bipartite graph with parts of size  $m$  and  $n$  can have without containing  $K_{s,t}$
- **Kővári-Sós-Turán**:  $z(m, n; s, t) \leq (s - 1)^{\frac{1}{t}} (n - t + 1) m^{1 - \frac{1}{t}} + (t - 1)m$ 
  - $m = n, t = s$ :  $z(n, n; t, t) \leq c_1 n n^{1 - \frac{1}{t}} + c_2 n = \mathcal{O}(n^{2 - \frac{1}{t}})$
- **Bound for ex**( $n, K_{t,s}$ ):  $\leq \frac{1}{2} z(n, n; s, t) \leq c n^{2 - \frac{1}{s}} (t \geq s \geq 1)$ 
  - $t = s = 2$ :  $\text{ex}(n, C_4) \leq \frac{n}{4} (1 + \sqrt{4n - 3})$
- **Bound for ex**( $n, K_{r,r}$ ):  $\geq c n^{2 - \frac{2}{r+1}} (\forall n, r \in \mathbb{N})$
- **Bound for ex**( $n, P_{k+1}$ ):  $\leq \frac{n(k-1)}{2}$

## Minors

- **Hadwiger conjecture**:  $\chi(G) \geq r \Rightarrow MK_r \subseteq G$ 
  - $r \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ : easy to see
  - $r \in \{5, 6\}$ : proven using 4-color theorem
  - $r \geq 7$ : still open
- **Bollobás-Thomason theorem**:  $d(G) \geq c r^2 \Rightarrow TK_r \subseteq G$
- **Minimum degree + girth = minor**:  $\delta(G) \geq d, g(G) \geq 8k + 3 (d, k \in \mathbb{N}, d \leq 3)$ . Then  $MH \subseteq G$  with  $\delta(H) \geq d(d - 1)^k$ .
- **Thomassen's theorem**:  $\forall r \in \mathbb{N} \exists f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  s.t. every  $G$  with  $\delta(G) \geq 3$  and  $g(G) \geq f(r)$  has  $K_r$  minor
- **Kühn-Osthus theorem**:  $\forall r \in \mathbb{N} \exists g \in \mathbb{N} : TK_r \subseteq G$  for all  $G$  with  $\delta(G) \geq r - 1$  and  $g(G) \geq g$

# Ramsey theory

## Base definitions

- **Monochromatic** edge coloring: all edges have same color
- **Rainbow** edge coloring: no two edges have same color
- **Lexical** edge coloring: two edges have same color  $\Leftrightarrow$  have same lower endpoint in some vertex ordering
- **Ramsey number**  $R(k) \in \mathbb{N}$ : smallest  $n$  s.t. every 2-edge-coloring of  $K_n$  contains monochromatic  $K_k$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )
- **Asymmetric Ramsey number**  $R(k, l)$ : smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. every 2-edge-coloring of  $K_n$  contains red  $K_k$  or blue  $K_l$  ( $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ )
- **Graph Ramsey number**  $R(G, H)$ : smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. every 2-edge-coloring of  $K_n$  contains red  $G$  or blue  $H$
- **Hypergraph Ramsey number**  $R_r(l_1, \dots, l_k)$ : smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. for every  $k$ -coloring of  $\binom{[n]}{r} \exists i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  and a  $V \subseteq [n]$  with  $|V| = l$  s.t. all sets in  $\binom{V}{r}$  have color  $i$
- **Induced Ramsey number**  $R_{\text{ind}}(G, H)$ : smallest  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\exists$  graph  $F$  with  $|F| = n$  with every 2-coloring of it containing red  $G$  or blue  $H$
- **Anti Ramsey number**  $AR(n, H)$ : maximum number of colors that edge-coloring on  $K_n$  can have without containing rainbow copy of  $H$
- **r-regular matrix**: if there is a monochromatic solution of  $Ax = 0$  for any  $r$ -coloring  $c : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [r]$  of  $\mathbb{N}$
- **column condition**: matrix fulfills it if there is partition  $C_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} C_l$  of  $A$ -columns s.t. the following holds:  
 Let  $s_i := \sum_{c \in C_i} c$  for  $i \in [l]$ . Then  $s_1 = 0$  and every  $s_i$  is linear combination of columns in  $C_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} C_{i-1}$  ( $2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4$  fulfills:  $2 + 1 + 1 - 4 = 0$ )

## Observations

- $R(3) = 6$
- $R(2, k) = R(k, 2) = k$
- **Ramsey theorem**:  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \sqrt{2}^k \leq R(k) \leq 4^k$   
 $\rightarrow$  (Asymmetric) Ramsey numbers and graph Ramsey numbers are finite
- **Induction theorem**:  $\forall k, l \in \mathbb{N} : R(k, l) \leq R(k - 1, l) + R(k, l - 1)$   
 $\rightarrow R(k, l) \leq \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$
- **Hypergraph recursion**:  
 $\forall r, p, q \in \mathbb{N} : R_r(p, q) \leq R_{r-1}(R_r(q - 1, q), R_r(p, q - 1)) + 1$
- **2-Hypergraph boundary**:  $c_1 2^k \leq R_2(\underbrace{3 * \dots * 3}_{k \text{ times}}) \leq c_2 k!$  for some  $c_1, c_2 > 0$

## Ramsey theory applications

- **Erdős-Szekeres subsequences**: Any sequence of  $(r - 1)(s - 1) + 1$  distinct real numbers contains increasing subsequence of length  $r$  or a decreasing subsequence of length  $s$
- **Erdős-Szekeres m-gons**:  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N} \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  : every set of  $\geq N$  points in general position in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  contains the vertex set of a convex  $m$ -gon
- **Schur**: Let  $c : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [r]$  be coloring of the natural numbers with  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  colors. Then there are  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$  of same color with  $x + y = z$
- **Rado theorem**:  $A$  fulfills column condition  $\Rightarrow A$  is  $r$ -regular  $\forall r \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times k}$ )
- $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $s \geq t \geq 1$ :  $R(sK_2, tK_2) = 2s + t - 1$
- $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $s \geq t \geq 1$ :  $R(sK_3, tK_3) = 3s + 2t$
- **Chvátal-Harary**:  $R(G, H) \geq (\chi(G) - 1)(c(H) - 1) + 1$  ( $c(H)$  order of largest component of  $H$ )
- $R_{\text{ind}}(G, H)$  is finite for all graphs  $G, H$
- **Canonical Ramsey theorem**:  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  : any edge coloring of  $K_n$  with arbitrarily many colors contains monochromatic, rainbow or lexical  $K_k$
- $\forall \Delta \in \mathbb{N} \exists c \in \mathbb{N}$  : for every graph  $H$  with  $\Delta(H) = \Delta$  we have  $R(H, H) \leq c|V(H)|$
- For any  $n$ -vertex graph  $H$  with  $\Delta(H) = 3$  we have  $R(H, H) \leq cn$  for some  $c > 0$ , which grows way slower than  $R(K_n, K_n) \geq \sqrt{2}^n$
- **Anti-Ramsey theorem**:  
 $\forall n, r \in \mathbb{N} : AR(n, K_r) = \binom{n}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-2}\right) (1 - o(1))$

# Flows

## Circulations

- **Circulation**:
  - $H :=$  abelian semigroup,  $G$  multigraph,  $\widetilde{E} := \{(x, y) : xy \in E(G)\}$
  - $f : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow H, X, Y \subseteq V \rightsquigarrow f(X, Y) := \sum_{(x, y) \in (X \times Y) \cap \widetilde{E}} f(x, y)$

- $f : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow H$  is circulation on  $G \Leftrightarrow$ 
  1.  $f(x, y) = -f(y, x) \ (\forall xy \in E(G))$ ,
  2.  $f(v, V) = 0 \ (\forall v \in V)$ .
- **H-flow**: circulation  $f : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow H$  with abelian group  $H$
- **nowhere-zero-flow**:  $\forall xy \in E : f(x, y) \neq 0$
- **k-flow**:  $\mathbb{Z}$ -flow  $f$  with  $\forall xy \in E : 0 < |f(x, y)| < k$
- **flow number**  $\varphi(G)$ :  $\min \{k \in \mathbb{N} : G \text{ has } k\text{-flow}\}$

## Networks

- **Network**:
  - $s, t \in V, s \neq t, c : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$
  - *network*  $(G, s, t, c)$  with
    - source  $s$
    - sink  $t$
    - capacity function  $c$
- **Network flow**:  $f : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\forall x, y \in V$ :
  1.  $f(x, y) = -f(y, x)$
  2.  $x \notin \{s, t\} \Rightarrow f(x, V) = 0$
  3.  $f(x, y) \leq c(x, y)$
- **Cut**:  $(S, V \setminus S)$  with  $s \in S, t \notin S$  (for any  $S \subseteq V$ )
  - capacity  $c(S, V \setminus S)$
- **Value** of  $f$ :  $|f| := f(s, V)$
- **Basic network properties**:
  - $\forall$  circulation  $f, X \subseteq V$ :  $f(X, X) = f(X, V) = f(X, V \setminus X) = 0$
  - $\forall$  network flow  $f$ , cut  $S, \bar{S}$ :  $f(S, \bar{S}) = |f|$
- **Ford-Fulkerson**:  $\forall$  networks:
  - max value of a flow = min capacity of a cut
  - $\exists$  integral flow  $f : \widetilde{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  with max flow value
- **Tutte**:  $\forall$  multigraph  $G \exists$  polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X] : \forall$  finite Abelian group  $H$ :  
 number of nowhere-zero  $H$ -flows on  $G$  is  $P(|H| - 1)$
- **Abelian group can be exchanged**:  $H$ -flow on  $G$  exists (Abelian group  $H$ )  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\exists \widetilde{H}$ -flow on  $G$  ( $\forall$  finite Abelian groups  $\widetilde{H}$  with  $|\widetilde{H}| = |H|$ )  
 $\leadsto \mathbb{Z}_4$ -flow exists  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ -flow exists
- **Flow can be  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -substituted**: multigraph admits  $k$ -flow  $\Leftrightarrow$  admits  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -flow
- **Flows in planar graphs**: planar graph  $G$ , dual  $G^*$ :  $\chi(G) = \varphi(G^*)$
- **2-flow only on even degrees**: graph has 2-flow  $\Leftrightarrow$  all degrees are even
- **3-flow on bipartite graphs**: 3-regular graph has 3-flow  $\Leftrightarrow$  bipartite
- **Tutte on 5-flows**: every bridgeless multigraph has flow number  $\leq 5$
- **Seymour on 6-flows**: every bridgeless graph has flow number  $\leq 6$