

1. If the graph  $G$  is a connected then, by the Theorem from the lecture (lecture-9 p. 18 "Suppose  $G$  is a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then  $G$  contains a cycle if and only if  $m \geq n$ ." )  $G$  would contain a cycle if  $m \geq n$ .

If the graph  $G$  is not connected. Let us use the Theorem from the lecture (lecture-9 p.23 "Suppose  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $F$  be a spanning forest for  $G$  ( $F$  is the union of the spanning trees inside each component of  $G$ ). Let  $m_F$  denote the number of edges in  $F$ . Then  $G$  has a cycle if and only if  $m > m_F$ ") it would contain a cycle.

Assume each tree in forest has a  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$  vertices. Then  $n = F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_k$ , and since tree each tree  $F_i$  has  $F_i - 1$  edges  $m_F = F_1 - 1 + F_2 - 1 + \dots + F_k - 1 = F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_k - k = n - k$ . Hence, the graph  $G$  has  $m \geq n \geq n - k = m_F$  property and it would contain a cycle by the theorem.

2. Since,  $S$  and  $T$  are a tree and we are connecting this 2 trees with any edge  $(x, y)$  in  $E$  for which  $x$  is in  $V_S$  and  $y$  is in  $V_T$ . Then the total number of the edges in  $U = (V_S \cup V_T, E_S \cup E_T \cup \{(x, y)\})$  is  $|E_S| + |E_T| + 1 = |V_S| - 1 + |V_T| - 1 + 1 = |V_S| + |V_T| - 1$ . Now if we prove that  $U$  is connected then by the theorem we learned in lecture (lecture-9 p. 18 "Suppose  $G$  is a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Then  $G$  contains a cycle if and only if  $m \geq n$ ." ) it will not contain any cycle and it would prove  $U$  is a tree.

Let  $(a, b)$  be 2 distinct vertices from  $U$ . If  $(a, b)$  both belongs to either  $V_S$  or  $V_T$  there should exists a path between them. If  $(a, b)$  belongs to  $V_S$ , and  $V_T$ , we can safely assume  $a$  belongs to  $V_S$  and  $b$  belongs to  $V_T$ . Then there should a path exists  $a \rightarrow x \rightarrow y \rightarrow b$  which shows  $U$  is a connected graph.

3. Code attached

4. Code attached

5. Way 1: Prove it by contradiction. Let  $T$  be a tree with all vertices have a more than 1 degree.

Then the total number of edges  $\geq 2 * N / 2 = N$  by the theorem it is not a valid tree, hence it is proved by contradiction.

Way 2: Let  $v$  be any vertex in  $T$  and think of  $T$  as a rooted tree with vertex  $v$ . If the tree has more the 2 leaf vertex then the leaf vertices would have degree of 1. If it has only 1 leaf then the root should have 1 degree.