

Graph Theory I

Note 5

A graph $G = (V, E)$ consists of a set of vertices V and a set of pairs of vertices $(u, v) \in E$ with $u, v \in V$. In a directed graph, an edge $(u, v) \in E$ is directed from u to v . In an undirected graph the pair is unordered. Unless otherwise specified, graphs in this class are undirected and simple (no self-loops or multiple edges).

Degree: An edge (u, v) is incident to u and v . The degree of a vertex v is the number of edges incident to it, denoted $\deg(v)$.

Handshaking Lemma: $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|$. The total number of edge vertex incidences is the sum of the degrees by definition of degree, and also twice the number of edges as each edge is incident to 2 vertices. It's called handshaking since two people participate in a handshake just as two vertices are incident to an edge.

Connected: (u, v) are connected in $G = (V, E)$ if there is a path between u and v . Formally, there is a sequence of vertices $u = v_0, \dots, v_k = v$ where successive vertices are in an edge, i.e., $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$. A graph is connected if all pairs of vertices are connected.

Bipartite graph: A graph G with two groups of vertices such that all edges are incident to one vertex in each group.

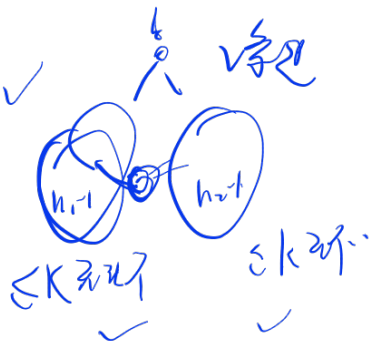
Tree: A graph is a tree iff it satisfies any of the following:

- ① • connected and acyclic
- ② • connected and has $|V| - 1$ edges
- ③ • connected, and removing any edge disconnects the graph
- ④ • acyclic, and adding any edge creates a cycle

① \Rightarrow ② : $n = 1$ ✓

$n = k$ 时 ✓

$n = k + 1$

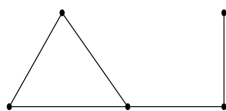


1 Degree Sequences

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The *degree sequence* of a graph is the sequence of the degrees of the vertices, arranged in descending order, with repetitions as needed. For example, the degree sequence of the following graph is $(3, 2, 2, 2, 1)$.

$$\sum \deg = 2 \cdot |E|$$

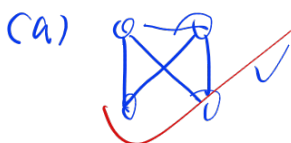


cd) 2 nodes have edges to every node.

so couldn't have a node with deg 1.

For each of the parts below, determine if there exists a simple undirected graph G (i.e. a graph without self-loops and multiple-edges) having the given degree sequence. Justify your claim.

- (a) $(3, 3, 2, 2)$
- (b) $(3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1)$
- (c) $(6, 2, 2, 2)$
- (d) $(4, 4, 3, 2, 1)$



(c) only 4 vertices, impossible to have 6 as degree

2 Build-Up Error?

(b) $\sum \deg = 3 + 1 \times 4 + 2 = 13$ is odd $\neq 2|E|$

the num of odd degree is even

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What is wrong with the following "proof"? In addition to finding a counterexample, you should explain what is fundamentally wrong with this approach, and why it demonstrates the danger of build-up error.

False Claim: If every vertex in an undirected graph with $|V| \geq 2$ has degree at least 1, then it is connected.

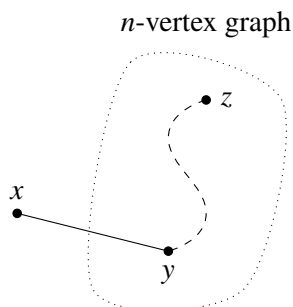
Proof? We use induction on the number of vertices $n \geq 2$.

Base case: The only valid graph has two vertices joined by an edge. This graph is connected, so the base case is true.

Inductive hypothesis: Assume the claim is true for some $n \geq 2$.

Inductive step: We prove the claim is also true for $n + 1$. Consider an undirected graph on n vertices in which every vertex has degree at least 1. By the inductive hypothesis, this graph is connected. Now add one more vertex x to obtain a graph on $(n + 1)$ vertices, as shown below.

"shrink down
grow back"



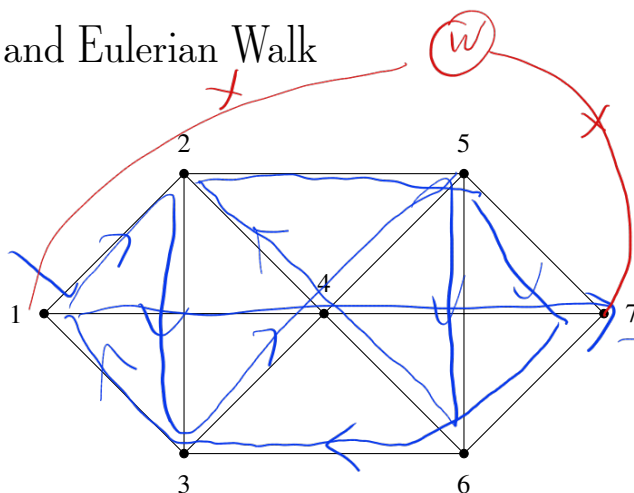
wrong direction!
(hypothesis to step)
we should construct hypothesis from step

All that remains is to check that there is a path from x to every other vertex z . Since x has degree at least 1, there is an edge from x to some other vertex; call it y . Thus, we can obtain a path from x to z by adjoining the edge $\{x, y\}$ to the path from y to z . This proves the claim for $n + 1$. \square

every edge exactly once

3 Eulerian Tour and Eulerian Walk

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(a) Is there an Eulerian tour in the graph above? If no, give justification. If yes, provide an example.

No, 1 and 7 have odd degree

(b) Is there an Eulerian walk in the graph above? An Eulerian walk is a walk that uses each edge exactly once. If no, give justification. If yes, provide an example.

Yes, $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 7$

(c) What is the condition that there is an Eulerian walk in an undirected graph? Briefly justify your answer.

connected and there are only 2 odd degree vertices, and the other are even

证明:

① 补一个连接两个奇度数的节点

② 类似 note

or all are even

iff: (except for isolated vertices) (connected) and at most 2 odd degree vertices, since there's no graph with one degree)

4 Coloring Trees

$$|Leaves| = L$$

$$n = |V|$$

(度为1的节点)

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- (a) Prove that all trees with at least 2 vertices have at least two leaves. Recall that a leaf is defined as a node in a tree with degree exactly 1.

≥ 2个

or:

$$\sum deg = 2(n-1)$$

$$= \sum_{leaves} deg + \sum_{not\ leaves} deg$$

$$\sum degree = 2(n-1)$$

a tree has $n-1$ edges

Suppose there are only < 2 leaves

$$\geq |L| + (n - |L|) \cdot 2$$

$$= 2n - |L|$$

then $degree \geq 1 + (n-1) \cdot 2 = 2n-1$, contradiction

- (b) Prove that all trees with at least 2 vertices are bipartite: the vertices can be partitioned into two groups so that every edge goes between the two groups.

[Hint: Use induction on the number of vertices.]

$|L| \geq 2$

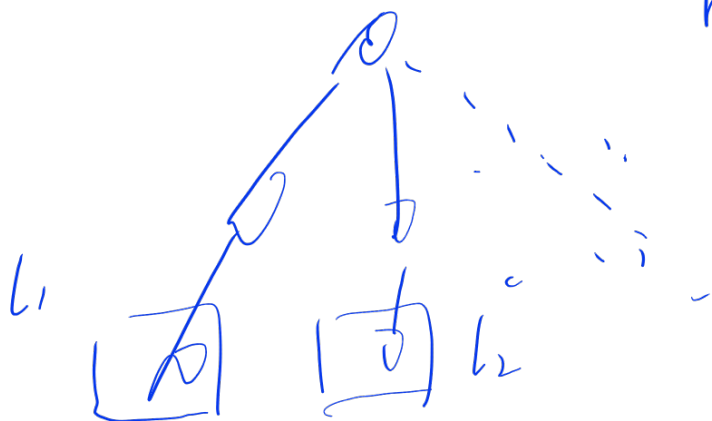
(or proof by

$n=2, n=3$

$k \Rightarrow k+1$)

Suppose $n \leq k$

when $n = k+1$: choose 2 leaves delete them, color the rest, since the two leaves is not incident, it could be easily colored.



if L_1 connect to root then $L_1 \in R$
if L_2 connect to root $L_2 \in L$