

Lemma 2.5: Let  $G$  be a graph. Let  $H \subseteq G$  be non-null and connected. Then  $H$  is a connected component of  $G$  iff for every  $e \in E(G)$  with an end in  $V(H)$  we have  $e \in E(H)$ .

For  $e \in E(G)$  a graph  $G \setminus e$  obtained from  $G$  by deleting  $e$  is a graph  $V(G \setminus e) = V(G)$  &  $E(G \setminus e) = E(G) - \{e\}$



For  $v \in V(G)$  a graph  $G \setminus v$  obtained from  $G$  by deleting  $v$  is a graph  $V(G \setminus v) = V(G) - \{v\}$  &  $E(G \setminus v)$  consisting of all edges of  $G$  not incident to  $v$ .

Let  $\text{comp}(G)$  be the number of connected components of  $G$ .  $\text{comp}(G) = 1 \iff G$  is connected.

For which  $e \in E(G)$  do we have  $\text{comp}(G \setminus e) = \text{comp}(G)$ ?

Def:  $e$  is a cut-edge of  $G$  if  $e$  is not an edge of any cycle in  $G$ .

Lemma 2.6 Let  $e = \{u, v\} \in E(G)$ . Then exactly one of following holds.

- $e$  is a cut-edge,  $\text{comp}(G \setminus e) = \text{comp}(G) + 1$   
 $u, v$  belong to different components of  $G \setminus e$
- $e$  is not a cut edge,  $\text{comp}(G \setminus e) = \text{comp}(G)$   
 $u \& v$  are in the same component of  $G \setminus e$

Proof: Suppose  $e$  is a cut-edge

Let  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$  be the connected components of  $G \setminus e$

If  $u$  and  $v$  belong to the same component  $H_i$  of  $G \setminus e$ ,  
then there exists a path  $P$  in  $H_i$  with ends  $u \& v$  and  
adding  $e$  to  $P$ , we get circle  $\gamma$

So we may assume  $u \in V(H_1), v \in V(H_2)$ .

Let  $H'_1 \subseteq G$  be obtained from  $H_1 \cup H_2$  by adding  $e$ .

We claim that  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$  are all components of  $G$   
which would imply  $\text{comp}(G) = \text{comp}(G \setminus e) - 1$

By Lemma 2.5  $\Rightarrow H'_1$  is connected

### 3. Trees and Forests

Forest is a graph with no cycles

Tree is a non-null connected forest.

- for any  $u, v \in V(T)$  there exists a unique path in  $T$  with ends  $u$  &  $v$
- $|E(T)| = |V(T)| - 1$
- every tree with  $|V(T)| \geq 2$  has a leaf vertex of degree 1

Lemma 3.1 : Let  $F$  be a non-null forest then

$$\text{comp}(F) = |V(F)| - |E(F)| \quad (\text{If } T \text{ is a tree, } \text{comp}(T) = 1 \\ \text{i.e. } |E(T)| = |V(T)| - 1)$$

Proof: Induction on  $|E(F)|$

Base Case ( $|E(F)| = 0$ ):  $\text{comp}(F) = |V(F)|$

every vertex is a component of  $F$

Induction Step ( $|E(F)| \geq 1$ ): Let  $e \in E(F)$  then  $e$  is a cut-edge so by 2.6  $\text{comp}(F \setminus e) = \text{comp}(F) + 1$

$$\text{LHS} = |V(F \setminus e)| - |E(F \setminus e)| = |V(F)| - |E(F)| + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{comp}(F) = |V(F)| - |E(F)|$$

A leaf in a graph  $G$  is a vertex with degree one.

Lemma 3.2. Let  $T$  be a tree with  $|V(T)| \geq 2$  Let  $X$

be the set of leaves of  $T$ , let  $Y$  be the set of all

vertices of  $T$  of degree  $\geq 2$  Then  $|X| \geq |Y| + 2$

Proof:

$$\text{By 1.1} \quad \sum_{v \in V(T)} \deg(v) = 2|E(T)| \stackrel{3.1}{=} 2(|V(T)| - 1) = 2|V(T)| - 2$$

$$-2 = \sum_{v \in V(T)} (\deg(v) - 2) = \sum_{v \in X} (\deg(v) - 2) + \sum_{v \in Y} (\deg(v) - 2) + \sum_{v \in V(T) - X - Y} (\deg(v) - 2) \geq |Y|$$

$$\sum_{v \in V(T) - X - Y} (\deg(v) - 2) = 0 \geq |Y| - |X|$$

$$\Rightarrow |X| \geq |Y| + 2$$

Lemma 3.3: Let  $T$  be a tree with exactly two leaves  $u$  &  $v$   
 Then  $T$  is a path with ends  $u$  &  $v$

Proof: Let  $P \subseteq T$  be a path with ends  $u$  &  $v$  By 3.2

$\deg_T(w) = 2$  for every  $w \in V(P) \setminus \{u, v\}$ . So  $\deg_T(w) = \deg_P(w)$   
 so no vertex  $v \in V(P)$  is incident to an edge  $E(T) \setminus E(P)$ . So  $P$  is a connected component of  $T$ , but  $T$  is connected, so  $T = P$

Lemma 3.4: Let  $T$  be a tree,  $v \in V(T)$  be a leaf Then  $T \setminus v$  is a tree.

Proof:  $T$  had a path between two vertices in  $V(T) - v$   
 $\rightarrow T \setminus v$  is connected

$v$  has neighbor  $\rightarrow$  non-null

no cycles  $\rightarrow$  obvious

Lemma 3.5: Let  $G$  be graph  $v \in V(G)$  be a leaf. If  $G \setminus v$  is tree, so is  $G$

Lemma 3.6: Let  $T$  be tree,  $u, v \in V(T)$ . Then  $T$  contains a unique path with ends  $u$  &  $v$

Proof: Induction on  $|V(T)|$

Base Case  $|V(T)| = 1$

Induction Step

#### 4. Spanning Tree

Let  $G$  be a graph. A subgraph  $T \subseteq G$  is a spanning tree of  $G$  if  $T$  is a tree and  $V(T) = V(G)$

Lemma 4.1: Let  $G$  be a connected non-null graph. Let  $H \subseteq G$  chosen minimal such that  $V(H) = V(G)$  and  $H$  is connected. Then  $H$  is a spanning tree of  $G$ .

Proof: no cycle: If  $H$  has a cycle  $C$

Let  $e \in E(C)$ . Then  $H \setminus e$  is connected by 2.6  $\not\subseteq$  minimal

Lemma 4.2: Let  $G$  be the connected non-null graph. Let  $H \subseteq G$  be chosen maximal such that  $H$  contains no cycles. Then  $H$  is a spanning tree of  $G$

Proof: Show that  $V(H) = V(G)$ ,  $H$  is connected.

If  $\exists v \in V(G) \setminus V(H)$  adding  $v$  to  $H$   $\nsubseteq$  maximality

Suppose  $H$  is not connected. Then by 2.2 there exists a partition  $(X, Y)$  of  $V(H) = V(G)$  s.t.  $X, Y \neq \emptyset$  and no edge of  $H$  has one end in  $X$  and another in  $Y$ . But as  $G$  is connected there exists an edge  $\{u, v\} \in E(G)$  s.t.  $u \in X, v \in Y$ . Adding the edge to  $H$ , produces  $H' \subseteq G$  which contradicts maximality of  $H$  as  $\{u, v\}$  belongs to no cycle in  $H$ , because  $H$  has no path from  $u$  to  $v$ .  $\square$

Let  $T$  be a spanning tree of  $G$

Let  $f$  be  $E(G) \setminus E(T)$

Then the subgraph  $T + F$  of  $G$  obtained by adding  $f$  to  $T$ , contains exactly one cycle by 3.6

Called fundamental cycle of  $f$  with respect to  $T$ , denoted  $FC(T, f)$

Lemma 4.3. Let  $T$  be a spanning tree of  $G$ ,  $f \in E(G) \setminus E(T)$ , let  $C = FC(T, f)$ , let  $e \in E(C)$ . Then  $(T + f) \setminus \{e\}$  is a spanning tree of  $G$ .

Proof: Let  $T' = (T + f) \setminus \{e\}$ .  $T + f$  is connected,  $e$  is not a cut edge of  $T + f$  so  $T'$  is connected.  $C$  is a unique cycle in  $T + f$  so  $T'$  contains no cycle.

Let  $G$  be a graph, let  $w: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

For a subgraph  $H \subseteq C$  let

$$w(H) = \sum_{e \in E(H)} w(e)$$

The minimum spanning tree of  $(G, w)$

$MST(G, w)$  is a spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$  s.t.  $w(T)$  is min.

THM 4.4- Let  $G$  be a connected non-null graph,

$$w: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

Let  $T = MST(G, w)$ , let  $E(T) = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$

$$w(e_1) \leq w(e_2) \leq \dots \leq w(e_k)$$

Then for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$  the edge  $e_i$  is an edge

of minimum weight subject to

- $e_i \notin \{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$  and

- $\{e_1, \dots, e_i\}$  does not contain an edge set of a cycle in  $G$ .

## Kruskal's algorithm

Input: connected non-null graph  $G$ ,  $w: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Steps : For each  $1 \leq i \leq |V(G)| - 1$

Let  $e_i \in E(G)$  be chosen with  $w(e_i)$  minimum  
subject to  $e_i \notin \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$

&  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}, e_i\}$  does not contain  
edges set of circles.

Output : A graph  $T$  s.t.  $V(T) = V(G)$  ,  $E(T) = \{e_1, \dots, e_{|V(G)|-1}\}$

THM 4.5 Kruskal's Alg outputs  $MST(G, w)$

Proof: If all edges of  $G$  have pairwise different weights then

4.4. implies the  $MST(G, w)$  is unique and outputted by  
Kruskal's algorithm.

(complete graph of

How many spanning trees are there in  $K_n$ ?  $n$  vertices)

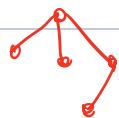
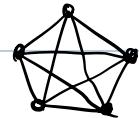
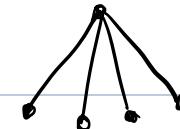
$$n^{n-2}$$

How many spanning tree of  $K_n$  are paths

$$\frac{n!}{2}$$

How many spanning tree of  $K_n$  are stars (have a vertex of degree of  $n-1$ )  
 $n$

| $n$ |  |
|-----|--|
| 1   | 1  |
| 2   | 1  |
| 3   | 3  |
| 4   | $\frac{4!}{2} + 4 = 16$                      |
| 5   | $\frac{5!}{2} + 5 + 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 125$ |



### Theorem 4.6

The complete graph  $K_n$  has  $n^{n-2}$  spanning trees  
(Cayley's Theorem)

Proof: We will count spanning rooted forests in  $K_n$

with  $k$  components

↓ in every component one vertex  
is designated as a root.

Let  $T_k$  be such set of rooted forest with  $k$  components in  $K_n$ . ( $T_1 = n^{n-1} = n^{n-2}$ .  $\textcircled{N}$  each vertex can be a root)

We will orient all the edges of our forests

s.t. each root has no edges directed towards it,

and every other vertex has exactly one.

Claim 1. There is a unique way of directing edges of a rooted forest in such way.

Proof: For a tree, one can prove it by induction by deleting a non-root leaf in induction step,

Claim 2.  $|T_n| =$

Claim 3  $n(k-1)|T_k| = (n-k+1)|T_{k-1}|$

Proof: A forest  $F$  with  $k_1$  components is a parent of a forest  $F'$  with  $k$  components. if  $F' = F \setminus e$  for some  $e \in E(F)$  and in the component of  $F'$  containing no root of  $F'$  the end of  $e$  is chosen as a root.

$F'$  is a child of  $F$

We will count the num of (parent, child) pairs.

$F \in T_{k-1}$  has  $|E(F)|$  children

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$$|V(F)| - \text{comp}(F) = n - (k-1) = n - k + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-k+1)|T_{k-1}| \text{ pairs}$$

For  $F' \in T_k$  we can obtain a parent by adding an edge from any edge from a vertex to a root of any of  $(k-1)$  components not containing it

Any child has  $n(k-1)$  parent.  $|T_k| \cdot n \cdot (k-1)$

Claim 4.  $|T_k| = \binom{n}{k} k n^{n-k}$

Proof

Induction on  $n-k$

Base case ( $n-k=0$ ) Claim 2 ✓

Induction Step ( $k \rightarrow k-1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{k-1}| &\stackrel{\text{Claim 3}}{=} \frac{n(k-1)}{n-k+1} |T_k| \stackrel{\text{hyp}}{\underset{\text{ind}}{=}} \frac{n(k-1)}{n-k+1} \binom{n}{k} k n^{n-k} \\ &= \binom{n}{k-1} (k-1) n^{n-1-(k-1)} \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Euler's Theorem & Hamiltonian cycles

A walk in a graph  $G$  is a sequence  $(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k)$  of vertices of  $G$  (perhaps with repetitions)

s.t.  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E(G)$  for all  $i=0, \dots, k-1$

A walk uses an edge  $e$  if  $e = v_i v_{i+1}$  for some  $i=0, \dots, k-1$

A trail is a walk that uses every edge at most once,

so  $\{v_0, \dots, v_k\}$  is a trail if  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} \neq \{v_j, v_{j+1}\}$  for  $i \neq j$

An Eulerian trail is a trail which uses every edge exactly once

An Euler tour in  $G$  is a closed Eulerian trail

What does a graph have an Euler tour?

- All degrees must be even
- All edges have to belong to the same component.

Goal: Show that it is sufficient.

Lemma 5.1. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $E(G) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $G$  has no leaves then  $G$  has a cycle.

Proof Suppose not. Then  $G$  is a forest. Let  $C$  be a component with  $E(C) \neq \emptyset$  then  $C$  is tree with  $|V(C)| \geq 2$ .  
Then  $C$  has leaves  $\Leftarrow$

Lemma 5.2 Let  $G$  be a graph with all degrees even. Then there exist cycles  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  in  $G$  s.t.  $(E(C_1), E(C_2), \dots, E(C_k))$  is a partition of  $E(G)$

Proof: By induction on  $|E(G)|$ .

Base case  $|E(G)| = 0$

Induction Step ( $|E(G)| \geq 1$ ) By 5.1 there exists a cycle  $C_1$  in  $G$ . Let  $G' = G \setminus E(C_1)$  Then all degree in  $G'$  are even so by induction hypothesis there exist  $C_2 \dots C_k$  s.t.

$(E(G_2), \dots, E(G_k))$  are partitions  $E(G') = E(G) \setminus E(C_1)$ . So  $C_1, C_2 \dots C_k$  satisfies lemma.

THM 5.3:

(Euler Theorem)

Proof: Let  $W = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k)$  be a closed trail in  $G$  of maximum length. If we use all edges of  $G$ , then we're done.

Otherwise, let  $H \subseteq G$  :  $e \in E(H)$  if  $e \in E(G)$  and  $e \notin E(W)$

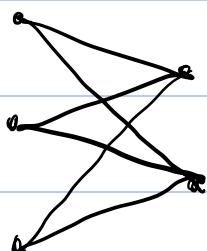
Then all degrees in  $H$  are even.

Let  $H'$  be a subgraph of  $G$  consisting of edges and vertices used by  $W$

Then  $H'$  is not a component of  $G$ , so by 2.5 there exists  $e \in E(G) - E(H')$  with an end  $w \in V(H')$ . By 5.2 there exists  $C \subseteq H$  a cycle s.t.  $e \in E(C)$ , adding vertices of  $C$  in order at the occurrence of  $w$  in  $W$  (a closed trail longer than  $W$ )

Corollary 5.4. Let  $G'$  be a connected graph with at most 2 vertices of odd degree. Then  $G$  contains a Euler trail.

Hamiltonian cycle in  $G$  is a cycle  $C \subseteq G$  s.t.  $V(C) = V(G)$



Lemma 5.5. Let  $G$  be a graph,  $X \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $X \neq \emptyset$ . If  $|X| < \text{comp}(G \setminus X)$  then  $G$  has no Hamiltonian cycle.