CS/MATH 111, Discrete Structures - Fall 2018. Discussion 9 - Graphs

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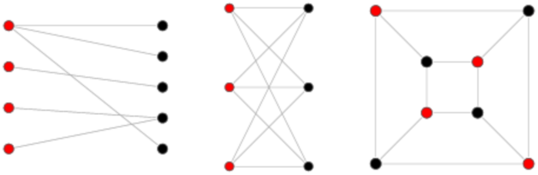
Outline

Bipartite graph

- A bipartite graph, also called a bigraph, is a set of graph vertices decomposed into two disjoint sets such that no two graph vertices within the same set are adjacent.
- Bipartite graphs are equivalent to two-colorable graphs.
- All acyclic graphs are bipartite.
- A cyclic graph is bipartite iff all its cycles are of even length

Bipartite graph



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Perfect matching

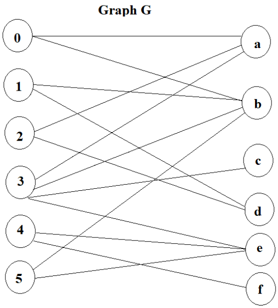
A perfect matching of a graph is a matching (i.e., an independent edge set) in which every vertex of the graph is incident to exactly one edge of the matching.
A perfect matching is therefore a matching containing $\frac{n}{2}$ edges (the largest possible), meaning perfect matchings are only possible on graphs with an even number of vertices.

Perfect matching

Halls Theorem: Let G = (X,Y) be a bipartite graph. Then X has a perfect macthing into Y if and only if for all $T \subseteq X$, the inequality $|T| \leq |N(T)|$ holds. Where N(T) is the set of all neighbors of the vertices in T. In other words, $y \in Y$ is an element of N(T) if and only if there is a vertex $x \in T$ so that xy is an edge.

Perfect matching

You are given two bipartite graph G and H below. For each graph determine whether it has a perfect matching. Justify your answer, either by listing the edges that are in the matching or use Hall's Theorem to show that the graph does not have a perfect matching.



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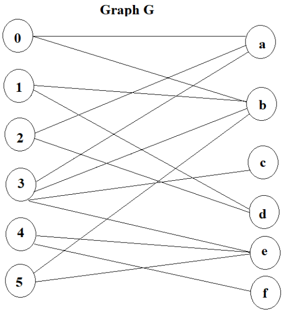

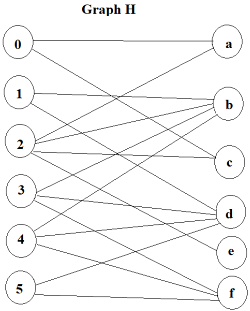

T={1,2,3,4}

N(T)={a,b,c,d,e,f}

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Trees

Lemma 1

It T is a tree, and has n vertices, then its number of edges is $m = n - 1$.

Proof (by induction)

1. Basis step:
   - When $n = 1$, a tree with $n = 1$ vertex has no edges. Indeed, $n - 1 = 0$.
2. Assumption step:
   - Let's assume that every tree with k vertices has $k - 1$ edges, where k is a positive integer.

Proof (cont.)

3. Inductive step:
   - Suppose that a tree T has $k+1$ vertices and that v is a leaf[1] of T. Let w be the parent of v.
   - Remove v from T and the edge connecting w to v. It produces a tree T' with k vertices[2].
   - By the assumption hypothesis, T' has $k-1$ edges. It follows that T has k edges because it has one more edge than T' (the edge connecting v and w).

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[1] It must exist because the tree is finite

[2] T' is still connected and has no simple circuits.

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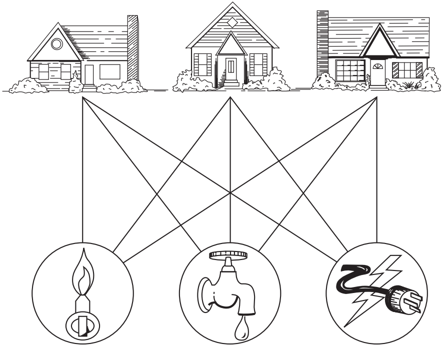
Is it possible to join these houses and utilities so that none of the connections cross?



Planar graphs

Definition 4.1

A graph is called planar if it can be drawn in the plane without any edges crossing. Such a drawing is called a planar representation of the graph.

Examples

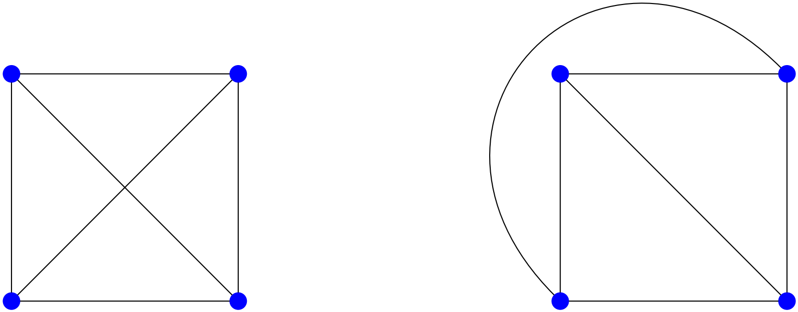


Figure: The K_4 graph and its drawn with no crossings.

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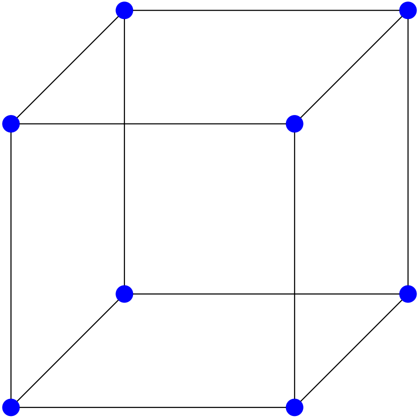

Figure: A Q_3 graph.

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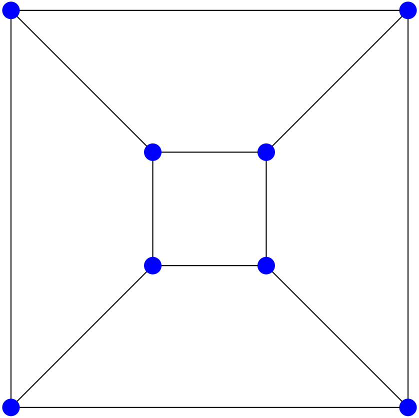

Figure: The planar representation of a Q_3 graph.

Euler's Formula

- A planar representation of a graph splits the plane into regions (including an unbounded region.)
- Euler showed that all planar representations of a graph split the plane into the same number of regions.
- There is a relationship between the number of regions, vertices and edges.

Euler's Formula

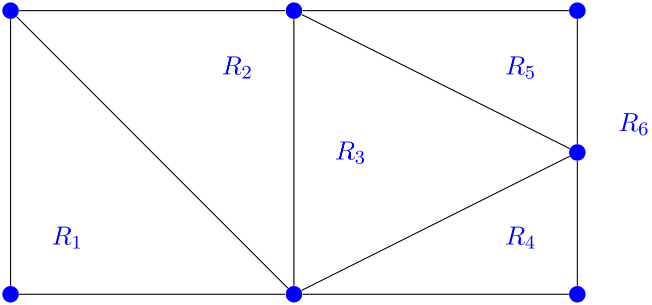

Figure: The Regions of the Planar Representation of a Graph.

Euler's Formula

Theorem 2 (EULER'S FORMULA)

Let G be a connected planar simple graph with e edges and v vertices. Let r be the number of regions in a planar representation of G. Then $r = e - v + 2$.

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    Section 11.1: Introduction to Trees.