

Handshaking Theorem (For simple graph): (5)

The sum of the degree of the vertices of a graph is equal to twice of the number of edges.

Proof: Let G be a graph with ' m ' number of edges and ' n ' number of vertices. Therefore,

$$|V| = n, |E| = m.$$

Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be the set of vertices. We have to find degree of v_i for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$, i.e., $\deg(v_i)$ is the number of edge incident on v_i .

Let e be an edge, then e is either a loop or incident with two distinct vertices. If e is a loop then e contributes degree of vertex '2'. If e is incident with two distinct vertices it also contributes sum of degree of vertices is two. Similarly, for m numbers of edge we have sum of degree of vertices $\approx 2 + 2 + \dots + 2$ (up to m -times) $= 2m$,

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2m = 2 \times \text{Number of edges.}$$

~~Therefore~~ This completes the proof of the theorem.

Theorem

In a graph, the number of odd degree vertices is always even.

Proof: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with n numbers of vertices. (6)

Let us assume that the degree of first k vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be even and the rest $(n-k)$ vertices $v_{k+1}, v_{k+2}, \dots, v_n$ are of odd degree.

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k \deg(v_i) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2m,$$

(By Handshaking

where m is the number of edges. Theorem)

$$\Rightarrow 2\ell + \sum_{i=k+1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2m$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=k+1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2(m-\ell),$$

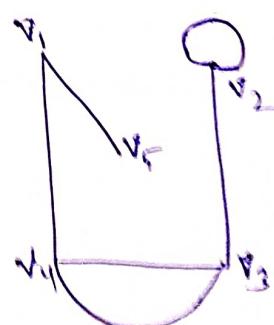
which is an even number.

Therefore, in a graph the number of odd degree vertices is always even.

Ex: Here $\deg(v_1) = 2$, $\deg(v_2) = 3$

$\deg(v_3) = 3$, $\deg(v_4) = 3$

$\deg(v_5) = 1$.



\therefore The number of odd degree vertices in the above graph is 4 which is even number.

In degree and Out degree of a vertex:

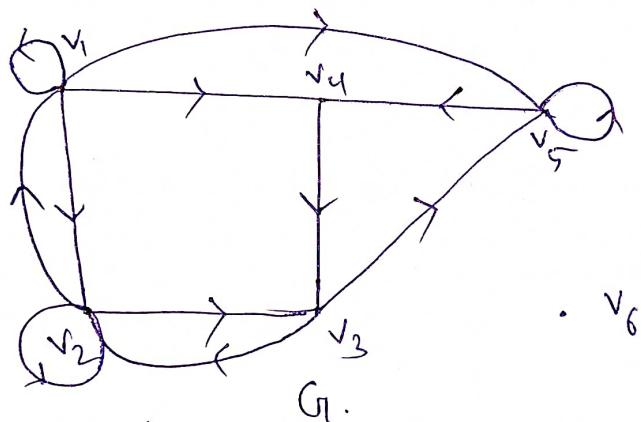
In a directed graph the in-degree of a

vertex v , denoted by $\deg^-(v)$ is the number of edges as their terminal vertex. ⑦

The out degree of v denoted by $\deg^+(v)$ is number of edges with v as their initial vertex.

Note: A loop at a vertex contributes 1 to both indegree & out degree of this vertex.

Ex: Find the in degree and out degree vertices of the following graph.



Sol: The in degree of G_1 are

$$\deg^-(v_1) = 2, \deg^-(v_2) = 3, \deg^-(v_3) = 2,$$

$$\deg^-(v_4) = 2, \deg^-(v_5) = 3, \deg^-(v_6) = 0.$$

The out degree of G_1 are

$$\deg^+(v_1) = 4, \deg^+(v_2) = 2, \deg^+(v_3) = 2, \deg^+(v_4) = 1$$

$$\deg^+(v_5) = 3, \deg^+(v_6) = 0.$$

(*) Find the in degree and out degree

