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Unit – 5: Graph Theory

Graph Theory: Graph, Directed Graph, Multi Graph, Degree of vertex and their properties, Adjacency Matrix, Cycle Graph, Bipartite graphs, Isomorphism and Sub graphs, Trees and their properties, Spanning trees: DFS, BFS, Kruskal's Algorithm for finding minimal Spanning tree (Sections 5.1-5.4 of text book 2).

Graph: A graph (or non directed graph) G is a pair of sets (V, E) , where (i) V is a set of elements called *vertices* or *points* or *nodes* of G and (ii) E is a set of unordered pairs of vertices called *edges* of G . In this case we write $G = (V, E)$.

Directed graph: A directed graph (or digraph) G is a pair of sets (V, E) , where (i) V is a set of elements called *vertices* or *points* or *nodes* of G and (ii) E is a set of ordered pairs of vertices called *directed edges* of G .

Note:

- (i) If G is a graph, then $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ denote its sets of vertices and edges respectively.
- (ii) In a graph G , an edge connected by the vertices u and v is denoted by $e = \{u, v\}$. In this case u and v are called *end points* of e . Also we say that e is *incident* on u and v .
- (iii) In a digraph G , an edge connected from the vertex u to the vertex v is denoted by $e = (u, v)$. In this case u and v are called *initial* and *terminal points* of e respectively. Also we say that e is incident from u , incident to v .

Pictorial notation of a graph (or a digraph): Every graph $G = (V, E)$ can be represented by a pictorial diagram. In this diagram, every vertex is represented by a dot (or a small circle) and each edge is represented by curve which connects its end points.

Similarly, every digraph $G = (V, E)$ can be represented by a pictorial diagram. In this diagram, every vertex is represented by a dot (or a small circle) and each directed edge is represented by a directed curve which connects its initial and terminal points.

Note: In the diagram of a graph (or a digraph) the curve representing an edge should not pass through any points that represent vertices of the graph other than the end points.

Finite Graph: A graph $G = (V, E)$ is called a *finite graph* if it contains finite number of vertices and edges. That is, $|V|$ and $|E|$ are finite. In this case $|V|$ and $|E|$ are respectively called *order* and *size* of the graph.

Loop: In a graph (or digraph) G , an edge between a vertex and itself is called a *loop* (*self-loop*).

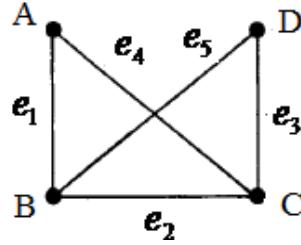
Multiple edges: Two or more edges of a graph are called *multiple edges* if they have same end points.

Multi graph: A graph G is called a *multi graph* if it may contain loops and multiple edges.

Simple graph: A graph without loops and multiple edges is called a *simple graph*.

Adjacent vertices or neighbors: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph (or directed graph). Then two vertices u, v are said to be *adjacent* or *neighbors* if there is an edge (or a directed edge) between u and v .

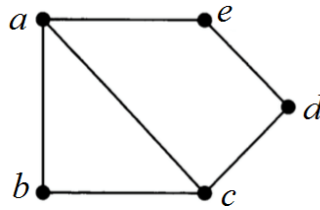
Example 1: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{A, B, C, D\}$ and $E = \{\{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}\}$



Here

- (i) A, B, C, D are vertices and $\{A, B\}, \{A, C\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}$ are non directed edges.
- (ii) $|V| = 4$ and $|E| = 5$
- (iii) G is a finite graph with order 4 and size 5
- (iv) A, B are the end points of the edge e_1 and A, B are adjacent vertices (or neighbors)
- (v) The edge e_1 incident on A and B
- (vi) A, C are the end points of the edge e_4 and A, C are adjacent vertices (or neighbors)
- (vii) The edge e_4 incident on A and C
- (viii) There are no loops and multiple edges and hence it is a simple graph

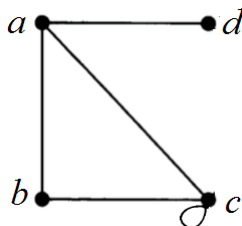
Example 2: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}\}$



Here

- (i) a, b, c, d, e are vertices and $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}$ are non directed edges.
- (ii) $|V| = 5$ and $|E| = 6$
- (iii) G is a finite graph with order 5 and size 6
- (iv) c, d are the end points of the edge $\{c, d\}$ and c, d are adjacent vertices (or neighbors)
- (v) The edge $\{c, d\}$ incident on c and d
- (vi) a and d are not adjacent vertices (or not neighbors)
- (vii) There are no loops and multiple edges and hence it is a simple graph

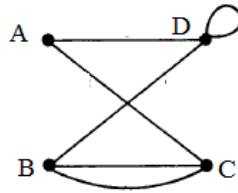
Example 3: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, c\}\}$



Here

- (i) a, b, c, d are vertices and $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, c\}$ are non directed edges.
- (ii) $|V| = 4$ and $|E| = 5$
- (iii) G is a finite graph with order 4 and size 5
- (iv) a, b are the end points of the edge $\{a, b\}$ and a, b are adjacent vertices (or neighbors)
- (v) The edge $\{a, b\}$ incident on a and b
- (vi) c and d are not adjacent vertices (or not neighbors)
- (vii) b and d are not adjacent vertices (or not neighbors)
- (viii) There is a loop at the vertex c
- (ix) There are no multiple edges
- (x) It is not a simple graph

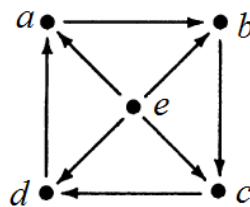
Example 4: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{A, B, C, D\}$ and $E = \{\{A, C\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, D\}, \{D, D\}\}$



Here

- (i) A, B, C, D are vertices and $\{A, C\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, C\}, \{B, D\}, \{D, D\}$ are non directed edges.
- (ii) $|V| = 4$ and $|E| = 6$
- (iii) G is a finite graph with order 4 and size 6
- (iv) There is a loop at the vertex D
- (v) There are multiple edges between the vertices B and C
- (vi) It is not a simple graph

Example 5: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, a), (e, a), (e, b), (e, c), (e, d)\}$

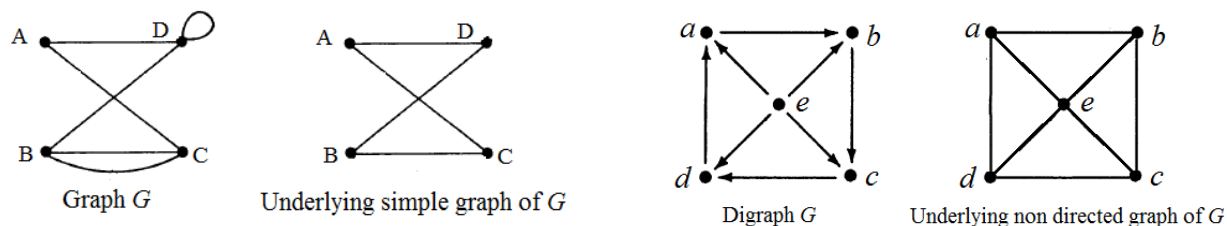


Here

- (i) a, b, c, d, e are vertices and $(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, a), (e, a), (e, b), (e, c), (e, d)$ are directed edges.
- (ii) $|V| = 5$ and $|E| = 8$
- (iii) G is a finite graph with order 5 and size 8
- (iv) a, b are the initial and terminal points of the directed edge (a, b) and a, b are adjacent vertices (or neighbors)
- (v) The edge (a, b) incident from a and incident to b
- (vi) There are no loops and multiple edges and hence it is a simple digraph

Underlying simple graph: If $G = (V, E)$ is a graph, then the graph obtained from G by ignoring all the loops and considering only one edge in case of multiple edges is called the *underlying simple graph* of G .

Underlying non directed graph: If $G = (V, E)$ is a digraph, then the non directed graph obtained from G by ignoring the direction of the edges is called the *underlying non directed graph* of G .



Degree of a vertex: The *degree* of a vertex v in a graph G is defined as the number of edges in G which contain v as an end point. It is denoted by $\deg(v)$. In the counting of the degree of a vertex v , a loop at v is considered twice.

In degree: The *in degree* of a vertex v in a digraph G is defined as the number of edges in G which contain v as a terminal point. It is denoted by $\deg^+(v)$.

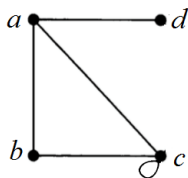
Out degree: The *out degree* of a vertex v in a digraph G is defined as the number of edges in G which contain v as an initial point. It is denoted by $\deg^-(v)$.

Isolated vertex: A vertex v of a graph G , is called an *isolated vertex* if $\deg(v) = 0$

Min degree and max degree: The minimum of all the degrees of the vertices of a graph G is called *min degree* of G and is denoted by $\delta(G)$. The maximum of all the degrees of the vertices of a graph G is called *max degree* of G and is denoted by $\Delta(G)$.

Degree sequence: In a graph G , the sequence of the degrees of the vertices in the increasing order is called the degree sequence of G . If $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ are the vertices of G in the increasing order of their degrees and $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n$ are respectively the degrees of the vertices; that is $\deg(v_i) = d_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ and $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3 \leq \dots \leq d_n$, then the degree sequence of G is denoted by $(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n)$

Example 6: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, c\}\}$



Here

(i) $\deg(a) = 3, \deg(b) = 2, \deg(c) = 4, \deg(d) = 1$

(ii) The degree sequence is $(1, 2, 3, 4)$

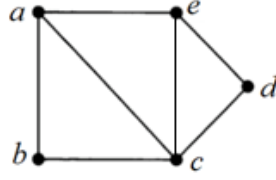
(iii) There is no isolated vertex

(iv) Minimum degree, $\delta(G) = 1$

(v) Maximum degree, $\Delta(G) = 4$

(vi) Sum of the degrees is equal to the twice the number of edges; that is, $\sum_{i=1}^4 \deg(v_i) = 2|E| = 10$

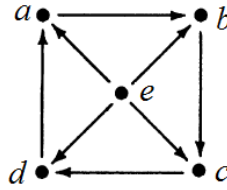
Example 7: Consider the graph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{c, e\}, \{d, e\}\}$



Here

- (i) $\deg(a) = 3, \deg(b) = 2, \deg(c) = 4, \deg(d) = 2, \deg(e) = 3$
- (ii) The degree sequence is $(2, 2, 3, 3, 4)$
- (iii) There is no isolated vertex
- (iv) Minimum degree, $\delta(G) = 2$
- (v) Maximum degree, $\Delta(G) = 4$
- (vi) Sum of the degrees is equal to the twice the number of edges; that is, $\sum_{i=1}^4 \deg(v_i) = 2|E| = 14$

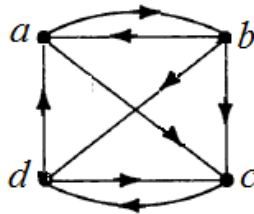
Example 8: Consider the digraph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, a), (e, a), (e, b), (e, c), (e, d)\}$



Here

- (i) In degrees: $\deg^+(a) = 2, \deg^+(b) = 2, \deg^+(c) = 2, \deg^+(d) = 2, \deg^+(e) = 0$
- (ii) Out degrees: $\deg^-(a) = 1, \deg^-(b) = 1, \deg^-(c) = 1, \deg^-(d) = 1, \deg^-(e) = 4$
- (iii) Sum of the in degrees, sum of the out degrees and the number of the directed edges are same; that is, $\sum_{i=1}^5 \deg^+(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \deg^-(v_i) = |E| = 8$

Example 9: Consider the digraph $G = (V, E)$, where $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $E = \{(a, b), (a, c), (b, a), (b, c), (b, d), (c, d), (d, a), (d, c)\}$



Here

- (i) In degrees: $\deg^+(a) = 2, \deg^+(b) = 1, \deg^+(c) = 3, \deg^+(d) = 2$
- (ii) Out degrees: $\deg^-(a) = 2, \deg^-(b) = 3, \deg^-(c) = 1, \deg^-(d) = 2$
- (iii) Sum of the in degrees, sum of the out degrees and the number of the directed edges are same; that is, $\sum_{i=1}^5 \deg^+(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \deg^-(v_i) = |E| = 8$

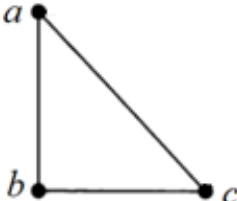
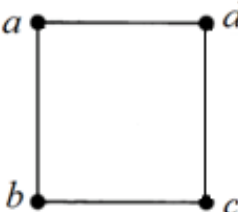
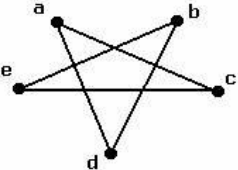
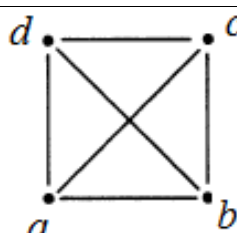
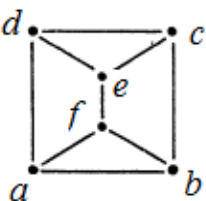
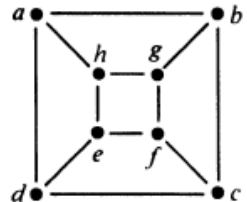
Regular & Cubic graphs: A graph G is called a *regular graph* of degree k (or k -regular) if the degree of every vertex is k , where k is non-negative integer. In particular a regular graph of degree 3 is called a *cubic graph*.

Complete graph: A simple graph G is called a *complete graph* if there is an edge between every pair of vertices of G . A complete graph with n vertices is denoted by K_n .



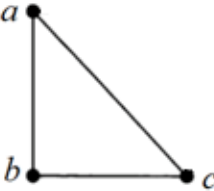
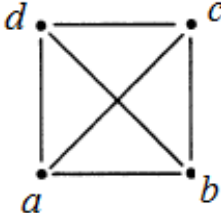
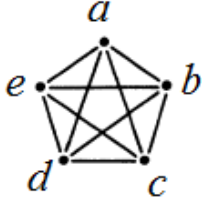
Note:

- (i) In a complete graph K_n , the degree of each vertex is $n-1$
- (ii) Every complete graph K_n is a regular graph of degree $n-1$
- (iii) The number of edges in a complete graph K_n is nC_2 or $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

Example 10: Examples for regular and cubic graphs

		
Degree of each vertex is 2	Degree of each vertex is 2	Degree of each vertex is 2
Regular graph of degree 2	Regular graph of degree 2	Regular graph of degree 2
Or 2-regular	Or 2-regular	Or 2-regular
		
Degree of each vertex is 3	Degree of each vertex is 3	Degree of each vertex is 3
Regular graph of degree 3	Regular graph of degree 3	Regular graph of degree 3
It is cubic graph	It is cubic graph	It is cubic graph

Example 11: Examples for complete graph K_n

				
Complete graph K_1	Complete graph K_2	Complete graph K_3	Complete graph K_4	Complete graph K_5

Theorem 1: (First theorem of graph theory or Sum of degrees theorem)

If $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ is the vertex set of a non directed graph G , then $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2|E|$

If G is a directed graph, then $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg^+(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \deg^-(v_i) = |E|$

Proof: **Non-directed graph case:**

Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertex set of a graph $G = (V, E)$ and $e = \{a, b\}$ be an edge.



Then the edge e contributes 1 time each in the computation of the degrees of a and b .

Therefore, every edge contributes 2 times in the computation of the sum of the degrees of all the vertices of G . Hence the sum of the degrees of all the vertices is same as the twice the number of edges. That is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2|E|.$$

Directed graph case:

Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertex set of a digraph $G = (V, E)$ and $e = (a, b)$ be a directed edge.



Then the edge e contributes 1 time each in the computation of the out degree of a and in degree of b .

Therefore, every edge contributes 1 time each in the computation of the sum of the in degrees and the sum of the out degrees of all the vertices of G . Hence the sum of the in degrees and sum of the out degrees of

all the vertices are same as the number of edges. That is $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg^+(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \deg^-(v_i) = |E|$.

Theorem 2: In any non directed graph there is even number of vertices of odd degree

Proof: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. Let V_E and V_O be sets of vertices of even and odd degrees respectively so that $V_E \cup V_O = V$ and $V_E \cap V_O = \emptyset$.

By the first theorem of graph theory, we have $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|$

But we can write, $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in V_E} \deg(v) + \sum_{v \in V_O} \deg(v)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \sum_{v \in V_O} \deg(v) &= \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) - \sum_{v \in V_E} \deg(v) \\ &= 2|E| - \sum_{v \in V_E} \deg(v) \end{aligned}$$

Since $2|E|$ and $\sum_{v \in V_E} \deg(v)$ are even numbers, we have $\sum_{v \in V_O} \deg(v)$ is also even number

If the number of elements in V_O is odd then the sum of odd number of odd integers is odd, which leads a contradiction. Therefore, the number of elements in V_O is even; that is, there are even number of vertices of odd degree.

Theorem 3: If G is a non directed graph, then

$$\delta(G) |V| \leq \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) \leq \Delta(G) |V| \quad \text{or} \quad \delta(G) |V| \leq 2|E| \leq \Delta(G) |V|.$$

In particular if G is k -regular graph, then $k|V| = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E|$.

Proof: We know that $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E|$

Also, $\delta(G) = \min\{\deg(v) | v \in V\}$ and $\Delta(G) = \max\{\deg(v) | v \in V\}$

So that we have $\delta(G) \leq \deg(v) \leq \Delta(G)$ for all $v \in V$

Therefore, $\sum_{v \in V} \delta(G) \leq \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \leq \sum_{v \in V} \Delta(G)$

That is, $\delta(G) |V| \leq \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) \leq \Delta(G) |V| \quad \text{or} \quad \delta(G) |V| \leq 2|E| \leq \Delta(G) |V|$

If G is k -regular graph, then $\deg(v) = \delta(G) = \Delta(G) = k$ for all $v \in V$

Therefore, $k|V| \leq 2|E| \leq k|V| \quad \text{or} \quad 2|E| = k|V|$

Hence $k|V| = 2|E| = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v)$

Path: In a graph G , a sequence of edges of the form $\{v_0, v_1\}, \{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \dots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ is called a *path* from v_0 to v_n . It is denoted by $v_0 - v_1 - v_2 - v_3 - \dots - v_{n-1} - v_n$ and simply designated as $v_0 - v_n$ path. Here the *end points* of the path v_0 and v_n are respectively called *initial* and *terminal points* of the path.

Note:

- (i) In a path of a graph, vertices and edges may be repeated.
- (ii) Every path in a graph is itself a graph.

Closed and Open paths: A path in a graph G is called a *closed path* if its end points are equal. Otherwise the path is called *open path*

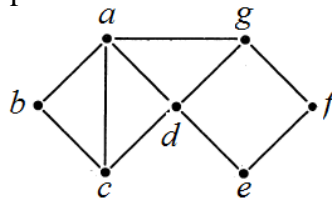
Length of a path: The number of edges in a path is called the *length* of the path

Simple path: A path in which all the edges and vertices are distinct except possibly the end points is called a *simple path*.

Note:

- (i) An open simple path of length n has $n+1$ distinct vertices and n distinct edges.
- (ii) A closed simple path of length n has n distinct vertices and n distinct edges.
- (iii) The *trivial path* is a simple closed path of length zero.

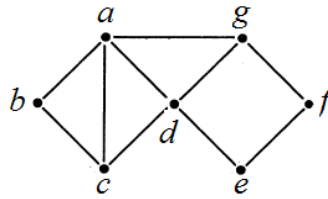
Example 12: Consider the following graph



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- (i) $P_1 : b - c - a - d - g$ is a path from b to g (or $b - g$ path)
- (ii) Number of edges in P_1 is 4, so that the length of P_1 is 4
- (iii) The initial and terminal points of P_1 are b and g
- (iv) The end points of P_1 are different, so that P_1 is an open path
- (v) All the edges and vertices of P_1 are distinct, so that P_1 is a simple path

- (vi) $P_2 : b-a-g$ is another path from b to g (or $b-g$ path)
- (vii) Number of edges in P_2 is 2, so that the length of P_2 is 2
- (viii) The end points of P_2 are different, so that P_2 is an open path
- (ix) All the edges and vertices of P_2 are distinct, so that P_2 is a simple path



- (x) $P_3 : b-a-d-c-a-g$ is another $b-g$ path of length 5
- (xi) The end points of P_3 are different, so that P_3 is an open path
- (xii) The vertices of P_3 are not distinct, so that P_3 is not a simple path
- (xiii) $P_4 : b-a-d-c-a-d-g$ is another $b-g$ path of length 6
- (xiv) The end points of P_4 are different, so that P_4 is an open path
- (xv) The vertices and edges of P_4 are not distinct, so that P_4 is not a simple path

Circuit: A closed path of length greater than 1 with no repeated edges is called a *circuit*.

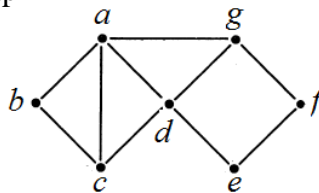
Note: A circuit may have repeated vertices other than the end points.

Cycle: A closed path of length greater than 1 with no repeated edges and with no other repeated vertices except the end points is called a *cycle*.

Note:

- (i) A circuit may have repeated vertices other than the end points but no repeated edges
- (ii) A cycle have no repeated vertices other than the end points and no repeated edges
- (iii) Every cycle is a circuit but a circuit may not be a cycle.
- (iv) A loop is a cycle of length 1
- (v) In a graph, a cycle that is not a loop must have length at least 3, but there may be cycles of length 2 in a multi graph.

Example 13: Consider the following graph



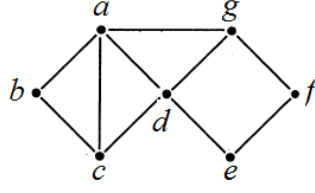
Here

- (i) $P_1 : b-a-d-c-b$ is a closed path of length 4
- (ii) All the edges and vertices (except the end points) of P_1 are distinct, so that P_1 is a cycle and hence it is a circuit
- (iii) $P_2 : b-a-d-g-a-c-b$ is a closed path of length 6
- (iv) All the edges of P_2 are distinct, so that P_2 is a circuit
- (v) The vertices of P_2 are not distinct (a is repeated), so that P_2 is not a cycle
- (vi) $P_3 : b-a-d-g-a-d-c-b$ is a closed path of length 7
- (vii) The edges of P_3 are not distinct, so that P_3 is not a circuit and hence it is not a cycle

Edge-disjoint paths: Two paths in a graph are said to be *edge-disjoint* if they do not share any common edges.

Vertex-disjoint paths: Two paths in a graph are said to be *vertex-disjoint* if they do not share any common vertices.

Example 14: Consider the following graph



Here

- (i) $P_1 : a - d - e - f$ is a $a - f$ path of length 3
- (ii) $P_2 : b - c - d - g$ is a $b - g$ path of length 3
- (iii) P_1 and P_2 have no common edges, so that P_1 and P_2 are edge disjoint paths
- (iv) P_1 and P_2 have a common vertex d , so that P_1 and P_2 are not vertex disjoint paths
- (v) $P_3 : b - c - d - e$ is a $b - e$ path of length 3
- (vi) $P_4 : a - g - f$ is a $a - f$ path of length 2
- (vii) P_3 and P_4 have no common edges, so that P_1 and P_2 are edge disjoint paths
- (viii) P_3 and P_4 have no common vertices, so that P_1 and P_2 are vertex disjoint paths
- (ix) $P_5 : a - d - e - f$ is a $a - f$ path of length 3
- (x) P_3 and P_5 have a common edge and common vertices, so that P_1 and P_2 are neither edge disjoint nor vertex disjoint paths

Theorem 4: In a graph G , every $u - v$ path contains a simple $u - v$ path

Proof: Let P be a $u - v$ path of length n .

If P is closed path, then P contains a trivial path of length 0

If P is open path, then we prove this theorem by applying induction on n

If $n = 0$ then P is a trivial path and hence it is simple

If $n = 1$ then P has only one edge and hence it is simple

Assume that every $u - v$ path of length less than n contains a simple $u - v$ path

Now we prove the theorem for a $u - v$ path of length n

Let $P : u = v_0 - v_1 - v_2 \cdots - v_i - v_{i+1} \cdots - v_j - v_{j+1} \cdots - v_{n-1} - v_n = v$ be a $u - v$ path of length n

If P is a simple path, then the theorem is proved

If P is not a simple path, then it has at least one repeated vertex

Suppose that $v_i = v_j$ for some $i < j$, then P has a closed path from v_i to v_j

If this closed path removed from P , then an open path P' is obtained with length less than n

Therefore by induction hypothesis, P' contains a simple $u - v$ path and hence P contains the same

Thus by the mathematical induction, every $u - v$ path of any length n contains a simple $u - v$ path

Edge labeling: If G is a graph then any mapping from $E(G) \rightarrow D$, where D is some domain of labels, is called an *edge labeling*.

Vertex labeling: If G is a graph then any mapping from $V(G) \rightarrow D$, where D is some domain of labels, is called a *vertex labeling*.

Subgraph, Spanning subgraph and Induced subgraph: Let G be a graph.

- (i) A graph H is called a *subgraph* of G if $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$ and $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$
- (ii) A graph H is called a *spanning subgraph* of G if $V(H) = V(G)$ and $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$
- (iii) A graph H is called a *subgraph of G induced by a set W* , where $W \subseteq V(G)$ if $V(H) = W$ and $E(H)$ is the set of all edges of G with end points belong to W

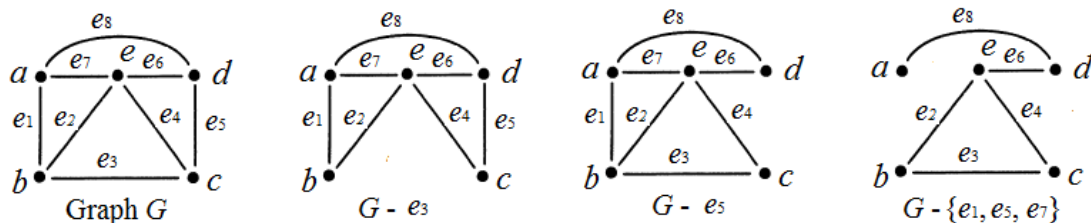
Example 15:

Graph G	Subgraph H_1	Spanning subgraph H_2	Induced subgraph H_3
	$V(H_1) \subseteq V(G)$ and $E(H_1) \subseteq E(G)$	$V(H_2) = V(G)$ and $E(H_2) \subseteq E(G)$	Induced by $W = \{a, b, c, e\} \subseteq V(G)$

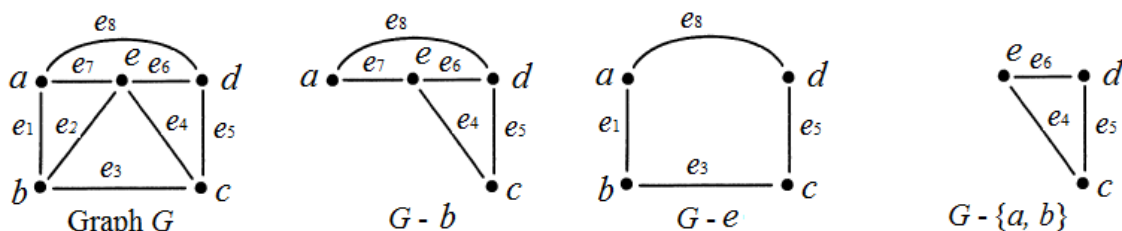
Removal of edges and vertices: Let G be a graph.

- (i) If $e \in E(G)$ then $G - e$ is the graph obtained from G by deleting the edge e
- (ii) In general if $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k \in E(G)$ then $G - \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}$ is the graph obtained from G by deleting the edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k
- (iii) If $v \in V(G)$ then $G - v$ is the graph obtained from G by removing the vertex v and all the edges connected to v
- (iv) In general if $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V(G)$ then $G - \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ is the graph obtained from G by removing the vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k and all the edges connected to these vertices

Example 16: Consider the graph G



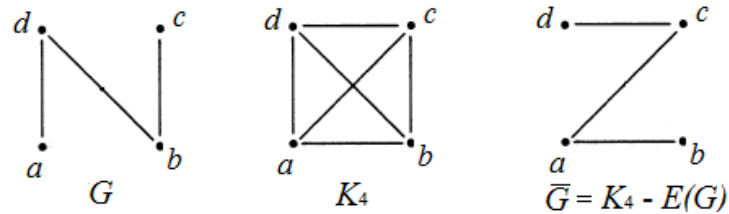
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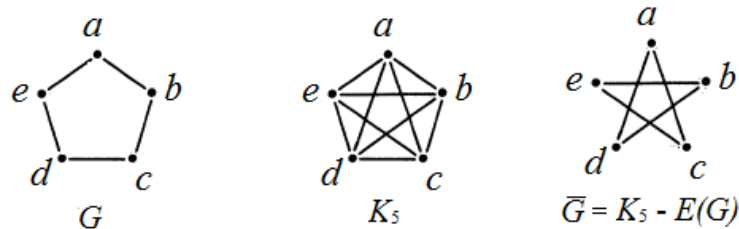
Complement of a graph: If G is a simple graph with n vertices, then the *complement* of G is denoted by \bar{G} and is given by $\bar{G} = K_n - E(G)$ where K_n is the complete graph with n vertices.

Complement of a subgraph: If H is a subgraph of a graph G , then the *complement* of H is denoted by \bar{H} and is given by $\bar{H} = G - E(H)$.

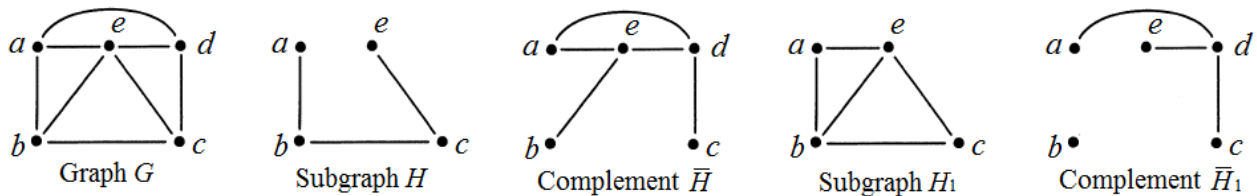
Example 18: Consider the following graph G and its complement \bar{G}



Example 19: Consider the following graph G and its complement \bar{G}



Example 20: Consider the subgraphs H and H_1 of the graph G and the complements \bar{H} and \bar{H}_1



Cycle graph: A *cycle graph* of order n is a graph whose edges form a cycle of length n . It is denoted by C_n .

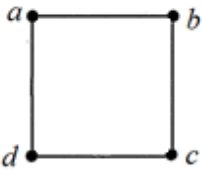
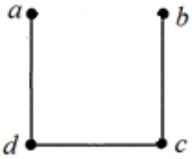
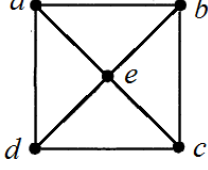
Wheel graph: A *wheel graph* of order n is a graph obtained by joining a single new vertex to each vertex of a cycle graph of order $n-1$. It is denoted by W_n .

Path graph: A *path graph* of order n is a graph obtained by removing an edge from a cycle graph of order n . It is denoted by P_n .

Null graph: A *null graph* of order n is a graph with n vertices and no edges. It is denoted by N_n .

Example 21:

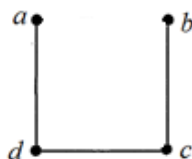
Cycle graph C_3	Path graph P_3	Wheel graph W_4

		
Cycle graph C_4	Path graph P_4	Wheel graph W_5

Bipartite graph: A graph G is called a *bipartite graph* if its vertex set $V(G)$ is partitioned in to two sets M and N in such a way that each edge joins a vertex in M to a vertex in N

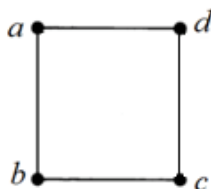
Complete bipartite graph: A graph G is called a *complete bipartite graph* if its vertex set $V(G)$ is partitioned in to two sets M and N in such a way that there is an edge between each vertex in M to each vertex in N . If $|M|=m$, $|N|=n$ and $m \leq n$ then the complete bipartite graph is denoted by $K_{m,n}$. In particular the complete bipartite graph $K_{1,n}$ is called a *star graph*.

Example 22: Consider the following graph



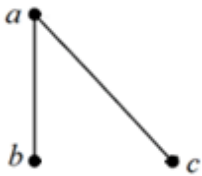
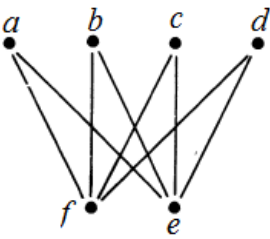
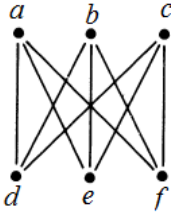
It is a bipartite graph with $M = \{a, c\}$ and $N = \{b, d\}$. Here each edge of G is connected between a vertex of M and a vertex of N

Example 23: Consider the following graph



It is a complete bipartite graph with $M = \{a, c\}$ and $N = \{b, d\}$. Here there is an edge in G between each vertex of M to each vertex of N . It is $K_{2,2}$

Example 24: The following are complete bipartite graphs

		
Complete bipartite graph with $M = \{a\}$ and $N = \{b, c\}$	Complete bipartite graph with $M = \{e, f\}$ and $N = \{a, b, c, d\}$	Complete bipartite graph with $M = \{a, b, c\}$ and $N = \{d, e, f\}$
$K_{1,2}$	$K_{2,4}$	$K_{3,3}$

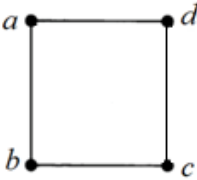
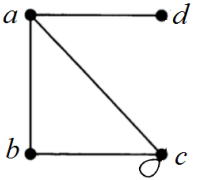
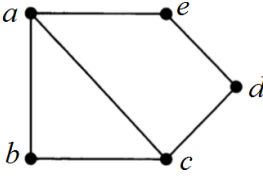
Adjacency matrix: Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of a graph G . Then the *adjacency matrix* for this ordering of the vertices of G is denoted by A_G and is defined as $A_G = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$, where

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \text{ and } v_j \text{ are adjacent} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note:

- (i) Adjacency matrix of a graph is always symmetric
- (ii) $a_{ii} = 1$ if and only if there is a loop at the vertex v_i
- (iii) If we change the ordering of the vertices, then the entries of the adjacency matrix will be rearranged

Example 25: Consider the graph G

Graph G			
Adjacency matrix of G	$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Isomorphism of graphs: Two graphs G and G' are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists a function

$f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that

- (i) f is one-one
- (ii) f is onto
- (iii) $\{u, v\} \in E(G)$ if and only if $\{f(u), f(v)\} \in E(G')$ for all $u, v \in V(G)$; that is,
There is an edge between u and v if and only if there is an edge between $f(u)$ and $f(v)$. In other words we say that preserves adjacency.

Note:

- (i) A function f satisfying the above three conditions is called an *isomorphism* from G to G'
- (ii) If G and G' are isomorphic graphs then there may be more than one isomorphisms from G to G'
- (iii) If G and G' contains n elements each, then there are $n!$ bijection (one-one and onto) functions from G to G' . Not every bijection function satisfies the above condition (iii). If at least one bijection satisfies the condition (iii) then G and G' are isomorphic.

Deductions from isomorphic graphs: If G and G' are isomorphic graphs with an isomorphism f from G to G' , then we have following necessary properties.

- (i) $|V(G)| = |V(G')|$ that is, number of vertices of G and G' are equal
- (ii) $|E(G)| = |E(G')|$ that is, number of edges of G and G' are equal

- (iii) The degree sequences of G and G' are equal
- (iv) The number of loops in G and G' are equal
- (v) The number k – cycles in G and G' are equal
- (vi) The subgraphs induced by the vertices of degree k in each graph are isomorphic
- (vii) $\deg(v) = \deg[f(v)]$ for all $v \in V(G)$
- (viii) There is a loop at v if and only if there is a loop at $f(v)$ for all $v \in V(G)$
- (ix) $v_0 - v_1 - v_2 - \dots - v_{k-1} - v_k$ is a cycle of length k in G if and only if $f(v_0) - f(v_1) - f(v_2) - \dots - f(v_{k-1}) - f(v_k)$ is a cycle of length k in G'
- (x) The adjacency matrix A_G of G in the vertex ordering v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n is equal to the adjacency matrix $A_{G'}$ of G' in the vertex ordering $f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_n)$ which is equivalent to the edge preserving condition

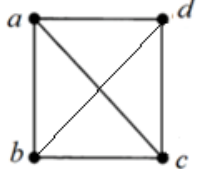
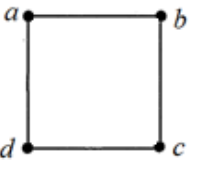
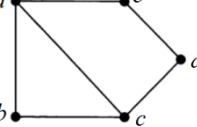
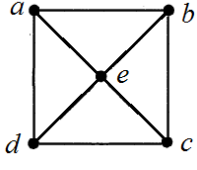
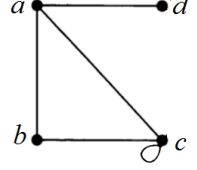
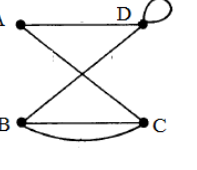
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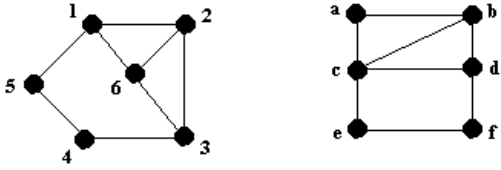
- (i) If any one of the properties from (i) to (vi) fails, then the graphs are not isomorphic.
- (ii) If any one of the properties from (vii) to (x) fails, then the function f is not an isomorphism. In this case we need to find another bijection for an isomorphism.

Alternate definitions for isomorphism of graphs:

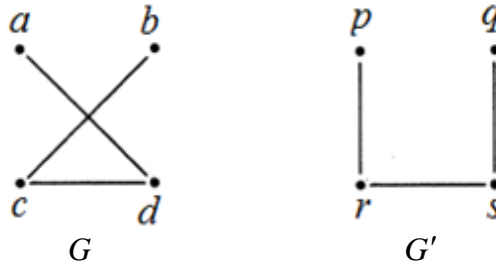
1. Two graphs G and G' are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that
 - (i) f is one-one and onto
 - (ii) The adjacency matrix A_G of G in the vertex ordering v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n is equal to the adjacency matrix $A_{G'}$ of G' in the vertex ordering $f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_n)$
2. Two graphs G and G' are said to be *isomorphic* if and only if the complement graphs of G and G' are isomorphic

Example 26: The following graphs are not isomorphic

	Graph G	Graph G'	
1			(i) $ V(G) = 4, V(G') = 4$ (ii) $ E(G) = 6, E(G') = 4$ not equal Not isomorphic
2			(i) $ V(G) = 5, V(G') = 5$ (ii) $ E(G) = 6, E(G') = 6$ (iii) Degree sequences: (2,2,2,3,3) and (3,3,3,3,4) not equal Not isomorphic
3			(i) $ V(G) = 4, V(G') = 4$ (ii) $ E(G) = 5, E(G') = 5$ (iii) There is a vertex in G of degree 1, but there is no vertex in G' of degree 1 Not isomorphic

4		<p>(i) $V(G) = 6, V(G') = 6$</p> <p>(ii) $E(G) = 8, E(G') = 8$</p> <p>(iii) There is no vertex in G of degree 4, but there is a vertex in G' of degree 4</p> <p>Not isomorphic</p>
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Example 27: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



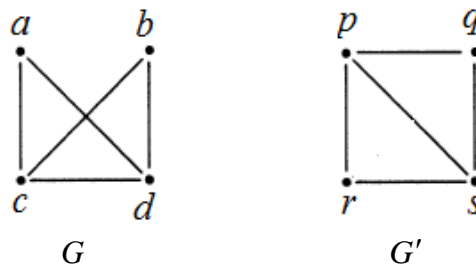
Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 4$ and $|V(G')| = 4 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
- (ii) $|E(G)| = 3$ and $|E(G')| = 3 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$
- (iii) In G , $\deg(a) = 1, \deg(b) = 1, \deg(c) = 2, \deg(d) = 2$ and the degree sequence is $(1, 1, 2, 2)$
In G' , $\deg(p) = 1, \deg(q) = 1, \deg(r) = 2, \deg(s) = 2$ and the degree sequence is $(1, 1, 2, 2)$
 \therefore The degree sequences are equal
- (iv) Define $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that $f(a) = p, f(b) = q, f(c) = r, f(d) = s$
Then f is one-one and onto
- (v) In G and G' , for the vertex ordering a, b, c, d and $f(a), f(b), f(c), f(d)$ respectively, the adjacency matrices are given by

$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{G'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $A_G = A_{G'}$. Hence G and G' are isomorphic

Example 28: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 4$ and $|V(G')| = 4 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
- (ii) $|E(G)| = 5$ and $|E(G')| = 5 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$
- (iii) In G , $\deg(a) = 2, \deg(b) = 2, \deg(c) = 3, \deg(d) = 3$ and the degree sequence is $(2, 2, 3, 3)$

In G' , $\deg(p) = 3$, $\deg(q) = 2$, $\deg(r) = 2$, $\deg(s) = 3$ and the degree sequence is $(2, 2, 3, 3)$

\therefore The degree sequences are equal

(iv) Define $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that $f(a) = q$, $f(b) = r$, $f(c) = s$, $f(d) = p$

Then f is one-one and onto

(v) In G and G' , for the vertex ordering a, b, c, d and $f(a), f(b), f(c), f(d)$ respectively, the adjacency matrices are given by

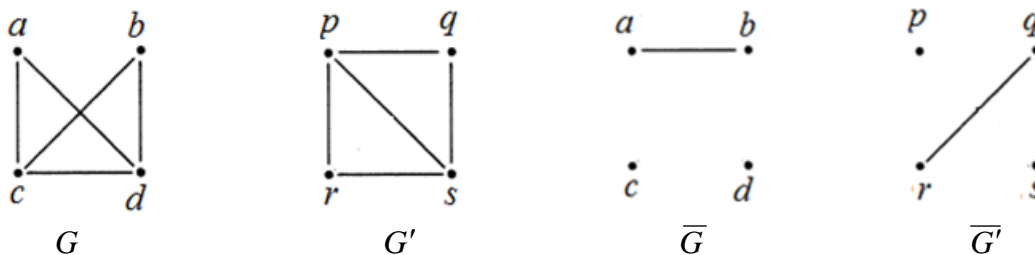
$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{G'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $A_G = A_{G'}$. Hence G and G' are isomorphic

Note: Alternately we can do the above problem using the following.

Two graphs G and G' are isomorphic if and only if the complement graphs of G and G' are isomorphic

Consider the complements of the given graphs G and G'



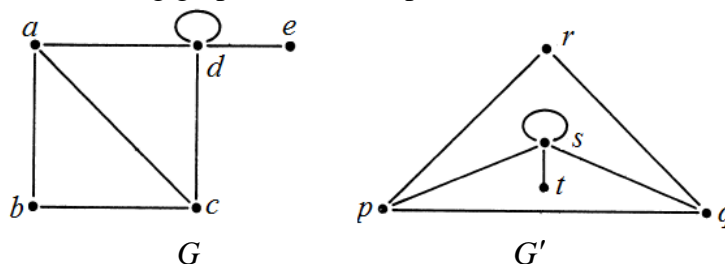
Define $f : V(\overline{G}) \rightarrow V(\overline{G'})$ such that $f(a) = q$, $f(b) = r$, $f(c) = s$, $f(d) = p$

Then f is one-one, onto and edge preserving.

Therefore, the graphs \overline{G} and $\overline{G'}$ are isomorphic

Hence the graphs G and G' are isomorphic

Example 29: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



Solution: Here

(i) $|V(G)| = 5$ and $|V(G')| = 5 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$

(ii) $|E(G)| = 7$ and $|E(G')| = 7 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$

(iii) In G , $\deg(a) = 3$, $\deg(b) = 2$, $\deg(c) = 3$, $\deg(d) = 5$, $\deg(e) = 1$ and the degree sequence is $(1, 2, 3, 3, 5)$

In G' , $\deg(p) = 3$, $\deg(q) = 3$, $\deg(r) = 2$, $\deg(s) = 5$, $\deg(t) = 1$ and the degree sequence is (1, 2, 3, 3, 5)

\therefore The degree sequences are equal

- (iv) Define $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that $f(e) = t$, $f(b) = r$, $f(d) = s$, $f(a) = p$, $f(c) = q$

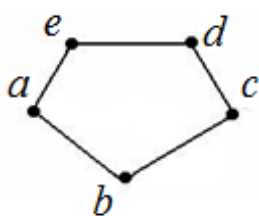
Then f is one-one and onto

- (v) In G and G' , for the vertex ordering a, b, c, d, e and p, r, q, s, t respectively, the adjacency matrices are given by

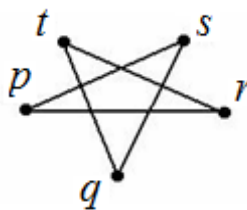
$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{G'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $A_G = A_{G'}$. Hence G and G' are isomorphic

Example 30: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



G



G'

Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 5$ and $|V(G')| = 5 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$

- (ii) $|E(G)| = 5$ and $|E(G')| = 5 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$

- (iii) In G , $\deg(a) = 2$, $\deg(b) = 2$, $\deg(c) = 2$, $\deg(d) = 2$, $\deg(e) = 2$ and the degree sequence is (2, 2, 2, 2, 2)

In G' , $\deg(p) = 2$, $\deg(q) = 2$, $\deg(r) = 2$, $\deg(s) = 2$, $\deg(t) = 2$ and the degree sequence is (2, 2, 2, 2, 2)

\therefore The degree sequences are equal

- (iv) G is a cycle $a-b-c-d-e-a$ of length 5 and G' is also a cycle $p-r-t-q-s-p$ of length 5

- (v) Define $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that $f(a) = p$, $f(b) = r$, $f(c) = t$, $f(d) = q$, $f(e) = s$

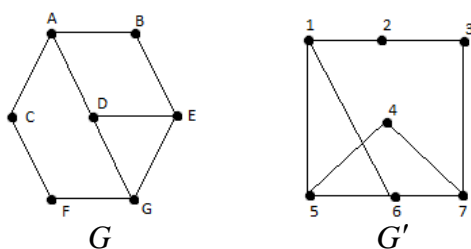
Then f is one-one, onto and edge preserving.

- (vi) In G and G' , for the vertex ordering a, b, c, d, e and p, r, t, q, s respectively, the adjacency matrices are given by

$$A_G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{G'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $A_G = A_{G'}$. Hence G and G' are isomorphic

Example 31: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 7$ and $|V(G')| = 7 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
- (ii) $|E(G)| = 9$ and $|E(G')| = 9 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$
- (iii) In G , $\deg(A) = 3, \deg(B) = 2, \deg(C) = 2, \deg(D) = 3, \deg(E) = 3, \deg(F) = 2, \deg(G) = 3$ and the degree sequence is $(2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3)$
 In G' , $\deg(1) = 3, \deg(2) = 2, \deg(3) = 2, \deg(4) = 2, \deg(5) = 3, \deg(6) = 3, \deg(7) = 3$ and the degree sequence is $(2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3)$
 \therefore The degree sequences are equal
- (iv) Consider the vertices of degree 2 in two graphs B, C, F and $2, 3, 4$
 Since C, F are adjacent and $2, 3$ are adjacent, we should have $B \rightarrow 4$
 Other vertex adjacent to C is A which is adjacent to vertices of degree 2 and 3
 In G' , other vertex adjacent to 3 is 7 which is adjacent to vertices of degree 2 and 3
 So, $C \rightarrow 3, A \rightarrow 7, F \rightarrow 2$
 A is adjacent to D which is of degree 3 and in G' , 7 is adjacent to 6 which is of degree 3 So,
 $D \rightarrow 6$
 F is adjacent to G which is of degree 3 and in G' , 2 is adjacent to 1 which is of degree 3 So, $G \rightarrow 1$
 The remaining vertex $E \rightarrow 5$

Define $f: V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ such that

$$f(A) = 7, f(B) = 4, f(C) = 3, f(D) = 6, f(E) = 5, f(F) = 2, f(G) = 1$$

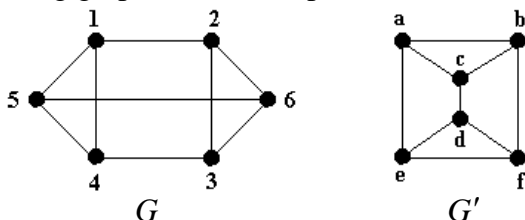
Then f is one-one and onto

- (v) In G and G' , for the vertex ordering A, B, C, D, E, F, G and $7, 4, 3, 6, 5, 2, 1$ respectively, the adjacency matrices are given by

$$A_G = \quad A_{G'} =$$

Therefore, $A_G = A_{G'}$. Hence G and G' are isomorphic

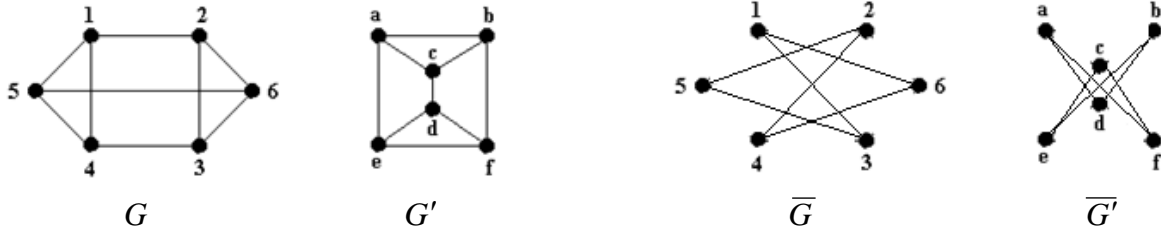
Example 32: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



Solution: Here

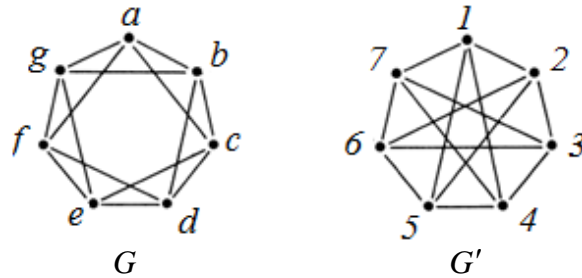
- (i) $|V(G)| = 6$ and $|V(G')| = 6 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
- (ii) $|E(G)| = 9$ and $|E(G')| = 9 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$

- (iii) The degree sequence of G and G' are equal to $(3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)$
 (iv) Consider the complements \overline{G} and $\overline{G'}$ of the graphs G and G' respectively



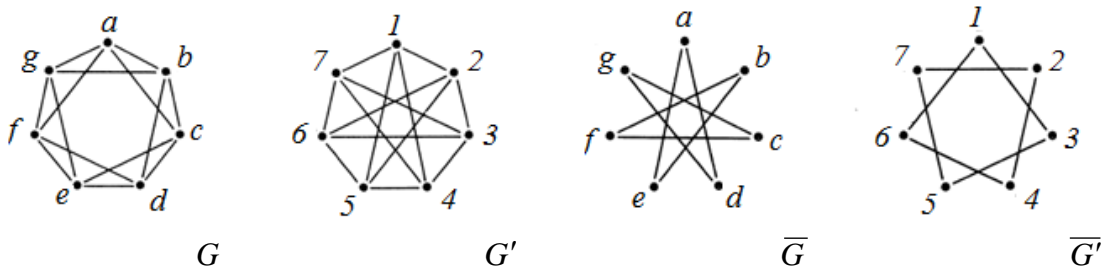
- (v) We can observe that \overline{G} is a cycle $1-3-5-2-4-6-1$ of length 6 and $\overline{G'}$ is also a cycle $a-d-b-e-c-f-a$ of length 6
 (vi) Define $f : V(\overline{G}) \rightarrow V(\overline{G'})$ such that $f(1) = a, f(3) = d, f(5) = b, f(2) = e, f(4) = c, f(6) = f$
 Then f is one-one, onto and edge preserving.
 Therefore, the graphs \overline{G} and $\overline{G'}$ are isomorphic
 Hence the graphs G and G' are isomorphic

Example 33: Show that the following graphs are isomorphic



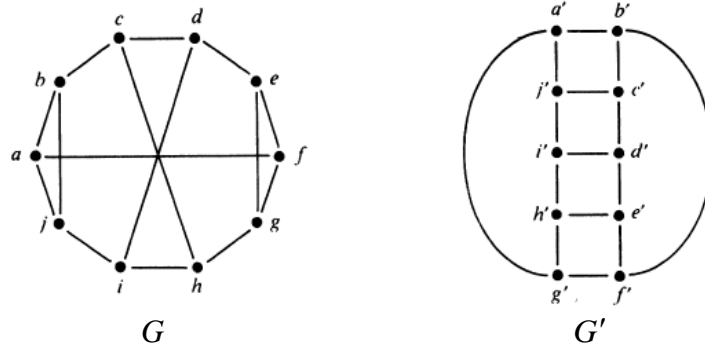
Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 7$ and $|V(G')| = 7 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
 (ii) $|E(G)| = 14$ and $|E(G')| = 14 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$
 (iii) All the vertices of G and G' are of degree 4
 (iv) Consider the complements \overline{G} and $\overline{G'}$ of the graphs G and G' respectively



- (v) We can observe that \overline{G} is a cycle $a-d-g-c-f-b-e-a$ of length 7 and $\overline{G'}$ is also a cycle $1-3-5-7-2-4-6-1$ of length 7
 (vi) Define $f : V(\overline{G}) \rightarrow V(\overline{G'})$ such that $f(a) = 1, f(d) = 3, f(g) = 5, f(c) = 7, f(f) = 2, f(b) = 4, f(e) = 6$
 Then f is one-one, onto and edge preserving.
 Therefore, the graphs \overline{G} and $\overline{G'}$ are isomorphic
 Hence the graphs G and G' are isomorphic

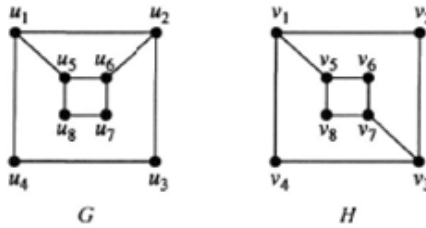
Example 34: Show that the following graphs are not isomorphic



Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 10$ and $|V(G')| = 10 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(G')|$
 - (ii) $|E(G)| = 15$ and $|E(G')| = 15 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(G')|$
 - (iii) All the vertices of G and G' are of degree 3
 - (iv) Observe that the graph G has a cycle of length 3, where as the graph G' has no cycles of length 3
- Therefore, G and G' are not isomorphic

Example 35: Show that the following graphs are not isomorphic

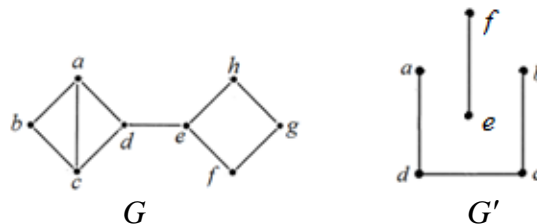


Solution: Here

- (i) $|V(G)| = 8$ and $|V(H)| = 8 \quad \therefore |V(G)| = |V(H)|$
 - (ii) $|E(G)| = 10$ and $|E(H)| = 10 \quad \therefore |E(G)| = |E(H)|$
 - (iii) The degree sequence of G and H are equal to $(2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3)$
 - (iv) Observe that in the graph G there are adjacent pairs of vertices $\{u_3, u_4\}$ and $\{u_7, u_8\}$ of degree 2, where as in the graph H there are no adjacent pairs of vertices of degree 2
- Therefore, G and H are not isomorphic

Connected graph: A graph G is called *connected* if there is a path between every pair of vertices

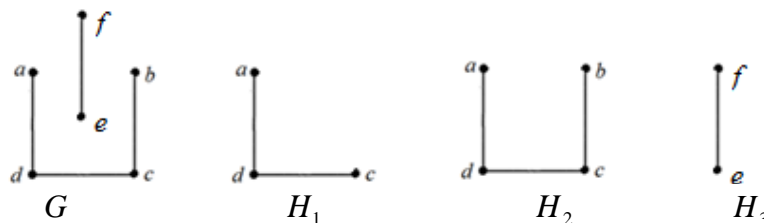
Example 36: Consider the following graphs G and G'



Here in the graph G , there is a path between every pair of vertices. Therefore, G is a connected graph. In the graph G' there is no path between the vertices a and e . Therefore, G' is not a connected graph

Connected component: A connected subgraph H of a graph G is called *connected component* or *component* if H is not contained in a larger connected subgraph of G

Example 37: Consider the following graphs G and the subgraphs H_1 , H_2 and H_3



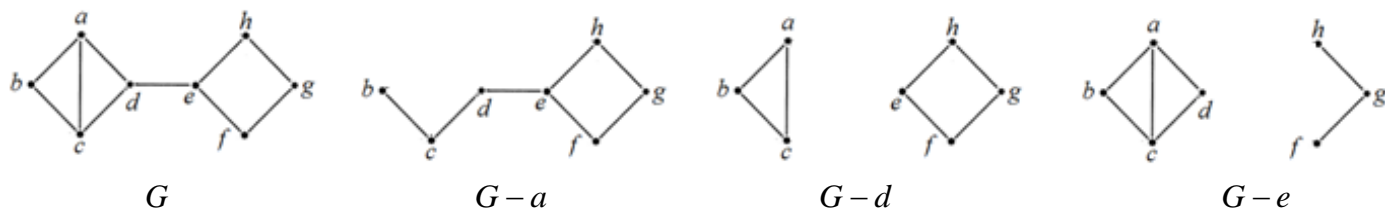
Here

- (i) G is not a connected graph
- (ii) H_1 , H_2 and H_3 are connected subgraphs of G
- (iii) H_1 is not a connected component (since H_1 is contained in the larger connected subgraph H_2)
- (iv) H_2 is a connected component (since it is not contained in any larger connected subgraph)
- (v) H_3 is a connected component (since it is not contained in any larger connected subgraph)
- (vi) H_2 and H_3 are the only connected components (components) of G

Cut vertex: A vertex v of a graph G is called a *cut vertex* if the graph $G - v$ is not connected

Cut edge: An edge e of a graph G is called a *cut edge* or a *bridge* if the graph $G - e$ is not connected

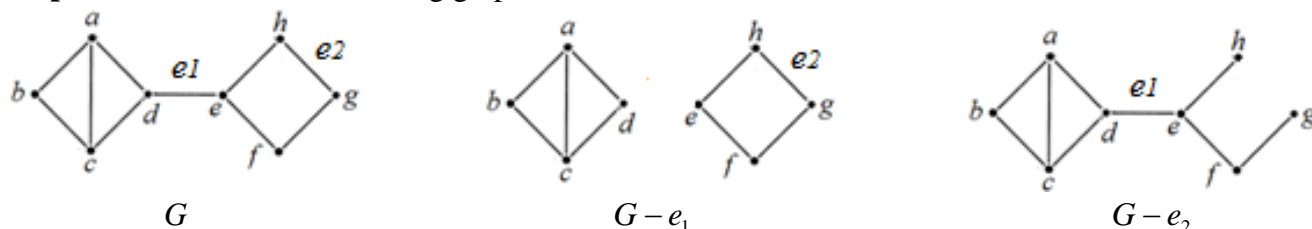
Example 38: Consider the following graphs G



Here

- (i) G is a connected graph
- (ii) a is not a cut vertex (since $G - a$ is connected)
- (iii) d is a cut vertex (since $G - d$ is not connected)
- (iv) e is a cut vertex (since $G - e$ is not connected)
- (v) d and e are the only cut vertices

Example 39: Consider the following graphs G



Here

- (i) G is a connected graph
- (ii) $G - e_1$ is a cut edge or bridge (since $G - e_1$ is not connected)
- (iii) $G - e_2$ is not a cut edge (since $G - e_2$ is connected)
- (iv) e_1 is the only cut edge of G

Tree: A simple graph in which there is a simple unique path between every pair of vertices is called a *tree*. A tree with only one vertex is called a *trivial tree*.

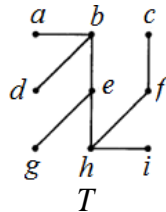
Rooted tree: A tree with a designated vertex as a root is called a *rooted tree*

Level of a vertex: In a rooted tree the length of the path from a vertex v to the root is called the *length of the vertex v*

Note: Let G be graph with n vertices and $n > 1$. Then the following are equivalent

- (i) G is a tree
- (ii) G is connected and has no cycles
- (iii) G has no cycles with $n-1$ edges
- (iv) G is connected with $n-1$ edges

Example 40: Consider the following graph T



Here

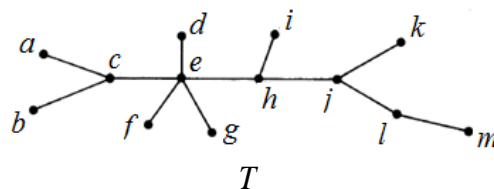
- (i) T is connected and has no cycles, so T is a tree
- (ii) T has 9 vertices and 8 edges
- (iii) If the vertex a is designated as the root, then it becomes a rooted tree. In this case,

Level	1	2	3	4	5
Vertices	b	d, e	g, h	i, f	c

- (iv) If the vertex e is designated as the root, then also it becomes a rooted tree. In this case,

Level	1	2	3
Vertices	b, g, h	a, d, i, f	c

Example 41: Consider the following graph T



Here

- (i) T is connected and has no cycles, so T is a tree
- (ii) T has 13 vertices and 12 edges
- (iii) If the vertex c is designated as the root, then it becomes a rooted tree. In this case,

Level	1	2	3	4	5
Vertices	a, b, e	d, f, g, h	i, j	k, l	m

- (iv) If the vertex k is designated as the root, then also it becomes a rooted tree. In this case,

Level	1	2	3	4	5
Vertices	j	h, l	e, i, m	c, d, f, g	a, b

Theorem 5: A simple non directed graph G is a tree if and only if G is connected and has no cycles

Proof: Suppose that G is a tree. Then by the definition of tree there is a simple unique path between every pair of vertices. Therefore, G is connected.

If G contains a cycle, then any two vertices on this cycle have at least two distinct simple paths which leads to a contradiction. Therefore G has no cycles.

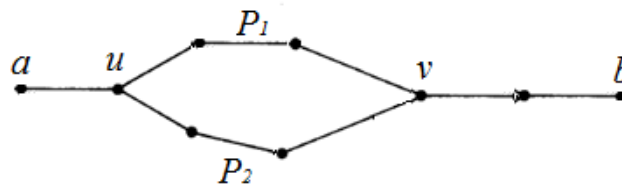
Conversely suppose that G is connected and has no cycles.

Then there is a path between every pair of vertices.

Suppose that there are two simple paths P_1 and P_2 between a pair of vertices a and b

Since P_1 and P_2 are different paths, there exists a vertex u (say) on both the paths such that the vertex following u on P_1 is different from the vertex following u on P_2

Since P_1 and P_2 terminates at b , there exists first vertex after u say v which is a common vertex on both P_1 and P_2 .



Therefore, the $u-v$ path along P_1 together with the $v-u$ path along P_2 forms a cycle in G , which contradicts that G has no cycles.

Therefore there is a simple unique path between every pair of vertices and hence G is a tree

Theorem 6: Every non trivial finite tree contains at least one vertex of degree one

Proof: Let T be a non trivial finite tree. Choose a vertex v_1 in T

If $\deg(v_1) = 1$, then the theorem is proved. Otherwise choose a vertex v_2 other than v_1 and adjacent to v_1

If $\deg(v_2) = 1$, then the theorem is proved. Otherwise choose a vertex v_3 other than v_2 and adjacent to v_2

Continuing this process, we have a path of the form $v_1 - v_2 - v_3 - v_4 - \dots$

In this path no vertex is repeated as T does not contain cycles.

Now since T is finite, this path is terminated at a vertex say v_k

Then obviously $\deg(v_k) = 1$

Therefore, T contains at least one vertex of degree one

Theorem 7: A tree with n vertices has exactly $n-1$ edges

Proof: Let T be a tree with n vertices.

We prove this theorem by applying mathematical induction on n

If $n = 1$, then the tree contains only one vertex but no edges and therefore the theorem is proved

Assume that the theorem is true for $n = k$; that is tree with k vertices has exactly $k-1$ edges

Now we prove the theorem for $n = k+1$

Suppose that T has $k+1$ vertices. Then a known theorem T has at least one vertex v of degree 1

Now consider the graph $T - v$

Then $T - v$ is a tree with k vertices and one edge less than that of T

Therefore, by the induction assumption $T - v$ has exactly $k-1$ edges and hence T has exactly k edges

Thus the theorem is proved for $n = k+1$

Therefore, every tree with n vertices has exactly $n-1$ edges

Theorem 8: Every non trivial tree contains at least two vertices of degree one

Proof: Let T be a non trivial tree with n vertices. Let $V(T) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

Then T has $n-1$ edges and by the sum of degrees theorem, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i) = 2|E| = 2(n-1) = 2n-2 \quad \dots \quad (i)$$

Suppose that T has only one vertex say v_1 of degree 1, then $\deg(v_i) \geq 2$ for $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$

Consider, $\sum_{i=2}^n \deg(v_i) = \deg(v_2) + \deg(v_3) + \dots + \deg(v_n)$

$$\geq 2 + 2 + \dots (n-1) \text{ times}$$

$$= 2(n-1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \deg(v_i) \quad \because \deg(v_1) = 1$$

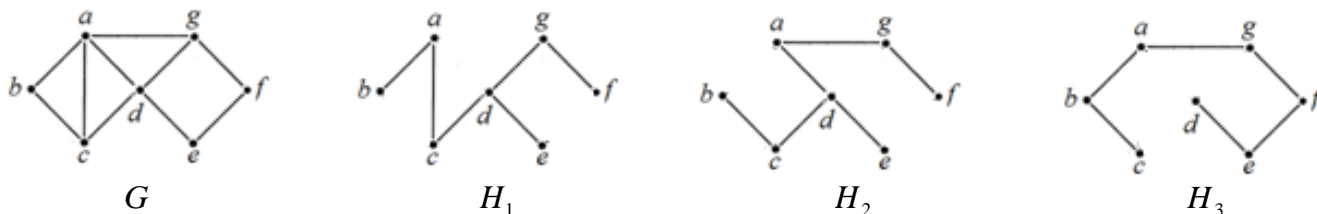
This implies that $0 \geq 1$, a contradiction

Therefore, T contains at least two vertices of degree one

Spanning tree: A subgraph H of a graph G is called a spanning tree of G if H is a tree and contains all the vertices of G

Note: A graph G is connected if and only if G contains a spanning tree

Example 42: Consider the following graph G and spanning trees H_1 , H_2 and H_3



BFS and DFS algorithms: There are two algorithms for finding a spanning tree from a connected graph are known as Breadth-first search (BFS) and Depth-first search (DFS)

Note: The idea of BFS is to visit all the vertices sequentially on a given level before going to the next level where as the idea of DFS proceeds successively to higher levels at the first opportunity

BFS algorithm for a Spanning Tree:

Algorithm 5.4.1. Breadth-First Search for a Spanning Tree.

Input: A connected graph G with vertices labeled v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .

Output: A spanning tree T for G .

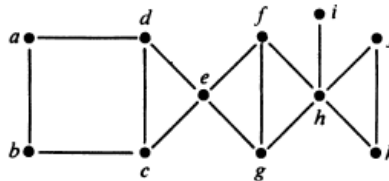
Method:

1. (Start) Let v_1 be the root of T . Form the set $V = \{v_1\}$.
2. (Add new edges.) Consider the vertices of V in order consistent with the original labeling. Then for each vertex $x \in V$, add the edge $\{x, v_k\}$ to T where k is the minimum index such that adding the edge $\{x, v_k\}$ to T does not produce a cycle. If no edge can be added, then stop; T is a spanning tree for G . After all the vertices of V have been considered in order, go to Step 3.
3. (Update V .) Replace V by all the children v in T of the vertices x of V where the edges $\{x, v\}$ were added in Step 2. Go back and repeat Step 2 for the new set V .

Algorithm 8.6 (Breadth-first Search): This algorithm executes a breadth-first search on a graph G beginning with a starting vertex A .

- Step 1.** Initialize all vertices to the ready state (STATUS = 1).
- Step 2.** Put the starting vertex A in QUEUE and change the status of A to the waiting state (STATUS = 2).
- Step 3.** Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until QUEUE is empty.
- Step 4.** Remove the front vertex N of QUEUE. Process N , and set STATUS (N) = 3, the processed state.
- Step 5.** Examine each neighbor J of N .
 - (a) If STATUS (J) = 1 (ready state), add J to the rear of QUEUE and reset STATUS (J) = 2 (waiting state).
 - (b) If STATUS (J) = 2 (waiting state) or STATUS (J) = 3 (processed state), ignore the vertex J .
 [End of Step 3 loop.]
- Step 6.** Exit.

Example 42: Using BFS algorithm, determine a spanning tree from the following graph



Solution: Let T be the required spanning tree or BFS tree

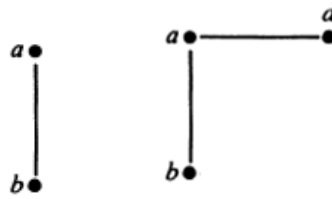
- (i) Fix the order of the vertices as $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k$
- (ii) **Step 1:** Fix the vertex a as root
At this stage T contains only one element, $T = \{a\}$

$a \bullet$

- (iii) **Step 2:** Add to T all edges $\{a, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edges first $\{a, b\}$ and then $\{a, d\}$. These two edges are tree edges of the BFS tree.

At this stage $T = \{a, b, d\}$ with b, d are at level 1 vertices



(iv) **Step 3: Repeat the step 2** for all the level 1 vertices b, d in the specified vertex order

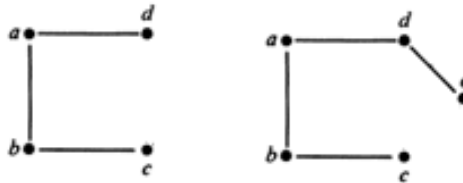
Add to T all edges $\{b, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{b, c\}$ as a BFS tree edge

Now add to T all edges $\{d, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{d, e\}$ as a BFS tree edge

At this stage $T = \{a, b, d, c, e\}$ with b, d are at level 1 vertices and c, e are at level 2 vertices



(v) **Repeat the step 2** for all the level 2 vertices c, e in the specified vertex order

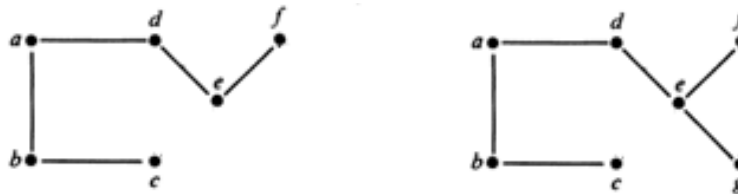
Add to T all edges $\{c, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

No edge is added as a BFS tree edge

Now add to T all edges $\{e, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edges first $\{e, f\}$ and then $\{e, g\}$ as BFS tree edges.

At this stage $T = \{a, b, d, c, e, f, g\}$ with b, d are at level 1 vertices; c, e are at level 2 vertices and f, g are at level 3 vertices



(vi) **Repeat the step 2** for all the level 3 vertices f, g in the specified vertex order

Add to T all edges $\{f, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{f, h\}$ as a BFS tree edge

Now add to T all edges $\{g, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

No edge is added as a BFS tree edge

At this stage $T = \{a, b, d, c, e, f, g, h\}$ with b, d are at level 1 vertices; c, e are at level 2 vertices; f, g are at level 3 vertices and h is at level 4 vertex



(vii) **Repeat the step 2** for the level 4 vertex h in the specified vertex order

Now add to T all edges $\{h, x\}$ such that each x is not in T , x in the specified vertex order and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edges first $\{h, i\}$ then $\{h, j\}$ and then $\{h, k\}$ as BFS tree edges.

At this stage $T = \{a, b, d, c, e, f, g, h, i, j, k\}$ with b, d are at level 1 vertices; c, e are at level 2 vertices; f, g are at level 3 vertices; h is at level 4 vertex and i, j, k are at level 5 vertices



Since T contains all the vertices of the given graph, the above graph is the required BFS spanning tree

Note:

1	Status 1: Ready State	$a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k$
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	-
	Status 3: Processed State	-
2	Status 1: Ready State	$b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k$
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	a
	Status 3: Processed State	
3	Status 1: Ready State	c, e, f, g, h, i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	b, d
	Status 3: Processed State	a
4	Status 1: Ready State	e, f, g, h, i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	d, c
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b
5	Status 1: Ready State	f, g, h, i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	c, e
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d
6	Status 1: Ready State	f, g, h, i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	e
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d, c
7	Status 1: Ready State	h, i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	f, g
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d, c, e
8	Status 1: Ready State	i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	g, h

	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d, c, e, f
9	Status 1: Ready State	i, j, k
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	h
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d, c, e, f, g
10	Status 1: Ready State	
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	i, j, k
	Status 3: Processed State	a, b, d, c, e, f, g, h
11	Status 1: Ready State	
	Status 2: Waiting state (Queue)	
	Status 3: Processed State	$a, b, d, c, e, f, g, h, i, j, k$

DFS algorithm for a Spanning Tree:

Algorithm 5.4.2. Depth-First Search for a Spanning Tree.

Input: A connected graph G with vertices labeled v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n .

Output: A spanning tree T for G .

Method:

1. (Visit a vertex.) Let v_1 be the root of T , and set $L = v_1$. (The name L stands for the vertex last visited.)
2. (Find an unexamined edge and an unvisited vertex adjacent to L .) For all vertices adjacent to L , choose the edge $\{L, v_k\}$, where k is the minimum index such that adding $\{L, v_k\}$ to T does not create a cycle. If no such edge exists, go to Step 3; otherwise, add edge $\{L, v_k\}$ to T and set $L = v_k$; repeat Step 2 at the new value for L .
3. (Backtrack or terminate.) If x is the parent of L in T , set $L = x$ and apply Step 2 at the new value of L . If, on the other hand, L has no parent in T (so that $L = v_1$) then the depth-first search terminates and T is a spanning tree for G .

Algorithm 8.5 (Depth-first Search): This algorithm executes a depth-first search on a graph G beginning with a starting vertex A .

Step 1. Initialize all vertices to the ready state (STATUS = 1).

Step 2. Push the starting vertex A onto STACK and change the status of A to the waiting state (STATUS = 2).

Step 3. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until STACK is empty.

Step 4. Pop the top vertex N of STACK. Process N , and set STATUS (N) = 3, the processed state.

Step 5. Examine each neighbor J of N .

(a) If STATUS (J) = 1 (ready state), push J onto STACK and reset STATUS (J) = 2 (waiting state).

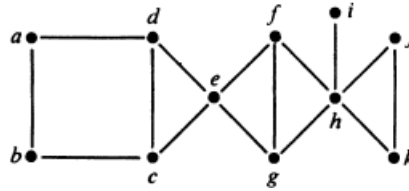
(b) If STATUS (J) = 2 (waiting state), delete the previous J from the STACK and push the current J onto STACK.

(c) If STATUS (J) = 3 (processed state), ignore the vertex J .

[End of Step 3 loop.]

Step 6. Exit.

Example 43: Using DFS algorithm, determine a spanning tree from the following graph



Solution: Let T be the required spanning tree or DFS tree

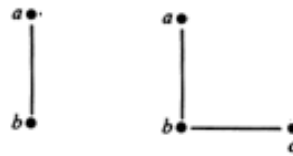
- (i) Fix the order of the vertices as $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k$
(ii) **Step 1:** Fix the vertex a as root. Here a is called visited vertex
At this stage T contains only one element, $T = \{a\}$



- (iii) **Step 2:** Add to T an edge $\{a, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .
We add the edge $\{a, b\}$ as DFS tree edge. Here a is called the parent of b and b is called the child of a . Also b becomes next visited vertex.

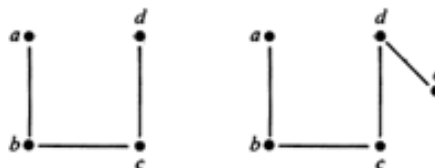
At this stage $T = \{a, b\}$

- (iv) **Step 3:** Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex b
Add to T an edge $\{b, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .
We add the edge $\{b, c\}$ as DFS tree edge so that c is the next visited vertex
At this stage $T = \{a, b, c\}$



- (v) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex c
Add to T an edge $\{c, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .
We add the edge $\{c, d\}$ as DFS tree edge so that d is the next visited vertex
At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d\}$

- (vi) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex d
Add to T an edge $\{d, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .
We add the edge $\{d, e\}$ as DFS tree edge so that e is the next visited vertex
At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$



- (vii) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex e
Add to T an edge $\{e, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{e, f\}$ as DFS tree edge so that f is the next visited vertex

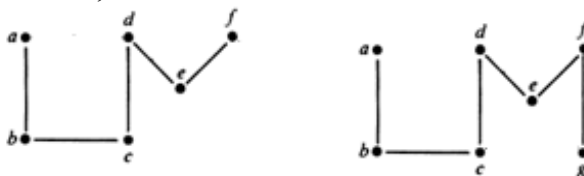
At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$

(viii) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex f

Add to T an edge $\{f, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{f, g\}$ as DFS tree edge so that g is the next visited vertex

At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$



(ix) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex g

Add to T an edge $\{g, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{g, h\}$ as DFS tree edge so that h is the next visited vertex

At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$



(x) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex h

Add to T an edge $\{h, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{h, i\}$ as DFS tree edge so that i is the next visited vertex

At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$



(xi) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex i

Add to T an edge $\{i, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

No edge can be added as DFS tree edge and in this case go to Step 4.

Step 4: Go back to the parent vertex h of i . Here the process of returning to the parent vertex is called back tracking.

Now repeat step 2 with parent vertex h

Add to T an edge $\{h, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

We add the edge $\{h, j\}$ as DFS tree edge so that j is the next visited vertex

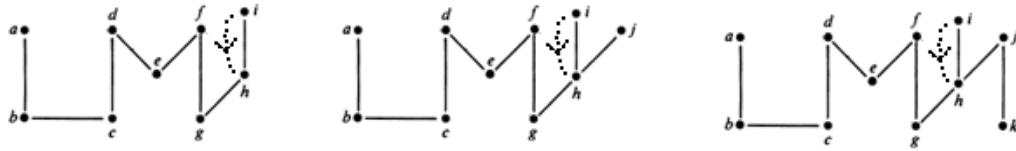
At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j\}$

(xii) Repeat step 2 with last visited vertex j

Add to T an edge $\{j, x\}$ such that x is not in T , x is the first vertex in the specified vertex order and the addition of this edge does not produce a cycle in T .

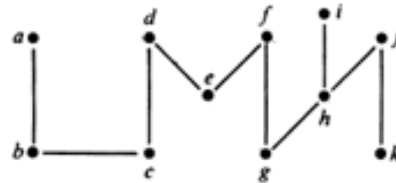
We add the edge $\{j, k\}$ as DFS tree edge so that k is the next visited vertex

At this stage $T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k\}$

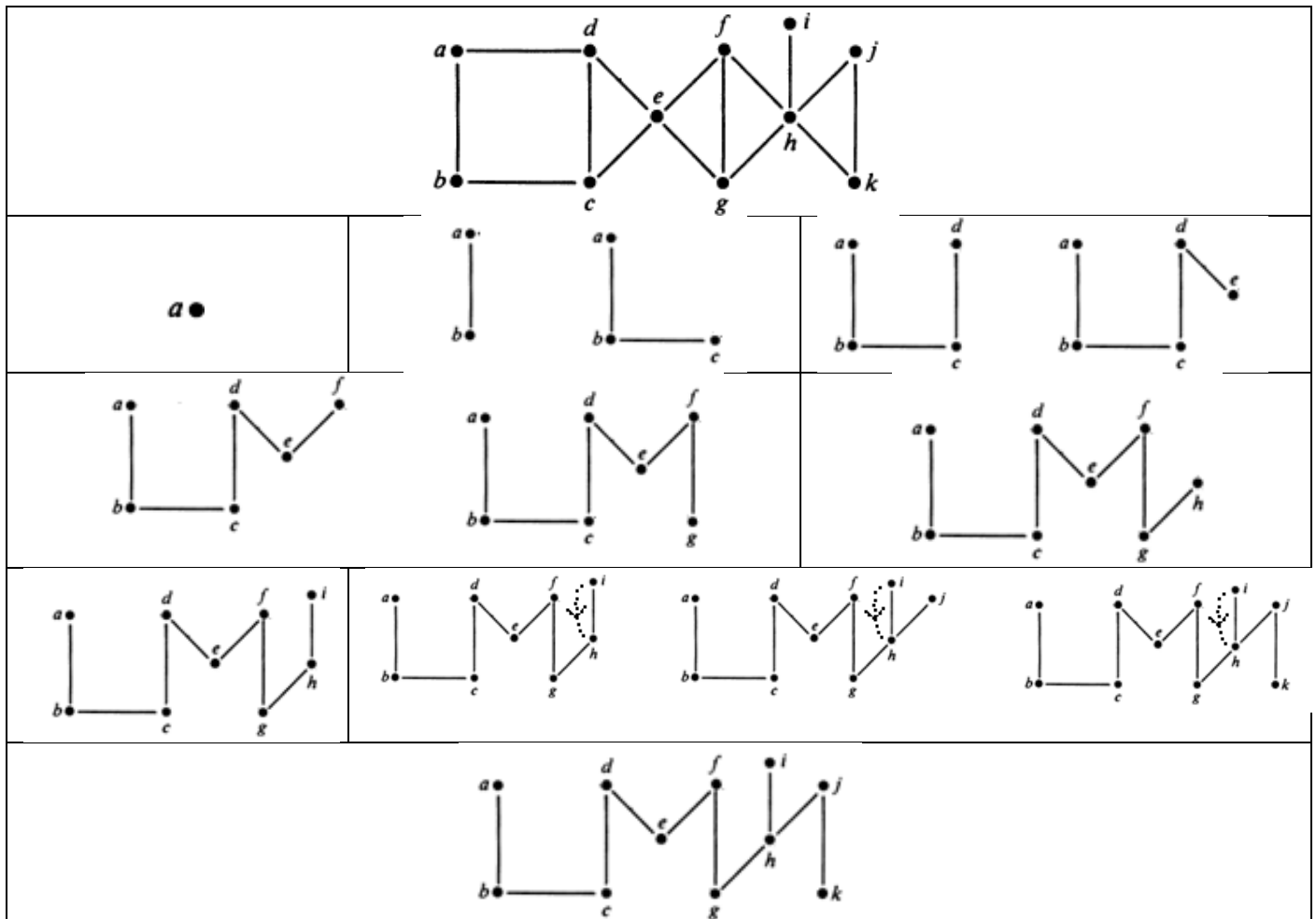


Here the dotted line represents back tracking.

Since T contains all the vertices of the given graph, the above graph is the required DFS spanning tree



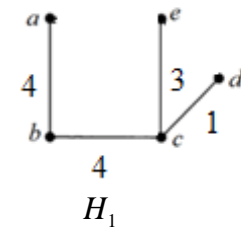
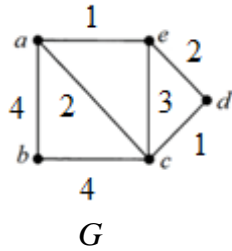
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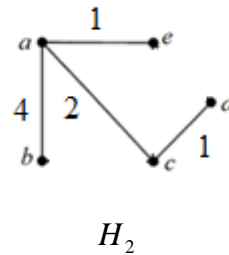
Weighted Graph: A graph in which every edge is assigned a non negative value or a weight is called a weighted graph

Minimal Spanning Tree: A spanning tree T of a weighted graph G is called a minimal spanning tree of G if the sum of all the weights of the edges of T is minimal.

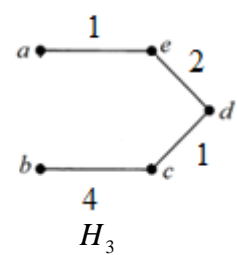
Example 44: Consider the weighted graph G and spanning trees H_1 , H_2 and H_3



Total weight: 12



Total weight: 8



Total weight: 8

Kruskal's Algorithm:

Algorithm 5.4.3. Kruskal's Algorithm for Finding a Minimal Spanning Tree.

Input: A connected graph G with nonnegative values assigned to each edge.

Output: A minimal spanning tree for G .

Method:

1. Select any edge of minimal value that is not a loop. This is the first edge of T . (If there is more than one edge of minimal value, arbitrarily choose one of these edges.)
2. Select any remaining edge of G having minimal value that does not form a circuit with the edges already included in T .
3. Continue Step 2 until T contains $n-1$ edges, where n is the number of vertices of G .

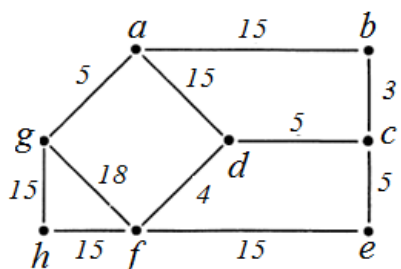
Algorithm 8.3 (Kruskal): The input is a connected weighted graph G with n vertices.

Step 1. Arrange the edges of G in order of increasing weights.

Step 2. Starting only with the vertices of G and proceeding sequentially, add each edge which does not result in a cycle until $n - 1$ edges are added.

Step 3. Exit.

Example 45: Using Kruskal's algorithm, determine a minimal spanning tree from the following graph

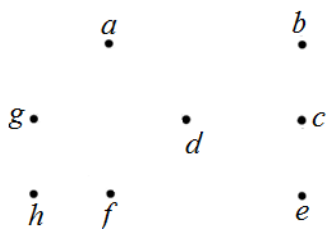


Solution: Let T be the required minimal spanning tree (MST).
Since the given graph contains 8 vertices, T contains 7 edges

(i) Consider the edges of the given graph with increasing order of their weights

Edge	$\{b, c\}$	$\{d, f\}$	$\{a, g\}$	$\{c, d\}$	$\{c, e\}$	$\{a, b\}$	$\{a, d\}$	$\{e, f\}$	$\{f, h\}$	$\{g, h\}$	$\{f, g\}$
Weight	3	4	5	5	5	15	15	15	15	15	18

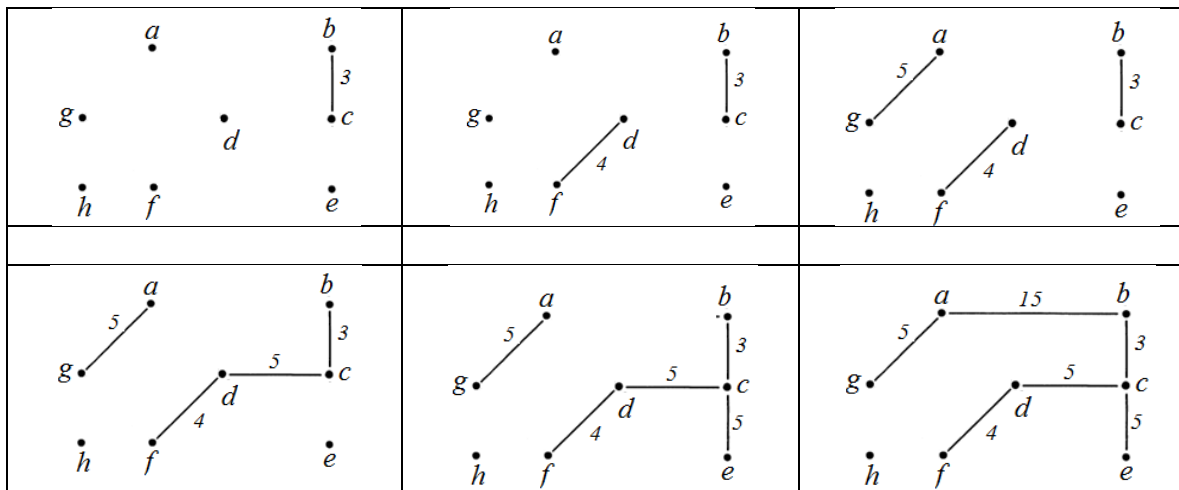
(ii) Step 1: Start with the null graph formed by the vertices of the given graph.
At this stage T has no edges and is as follows.



(iii) Step 2: Add edges sequentially in increasing order of their weights and addition of an edge does not produce a cycle. Repeat the Step 2 until we add 7 edges.

We add the edges $\{b, c\}$, $\{d, f\}$, $\{a, g\}$, $\{c, d\}$, $\{c, e\}$, $\{a, b\}$ to T .

At this stage T has 6 edges and is modified as follows.

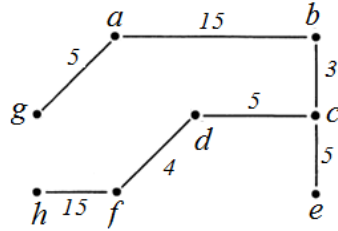


- (iv) If we add an edge $\{a, d\}$ or $\{e, f\}$, then it produce a cycle in the required MST and hence go to next edge $\{f, h\}$

Now we add edge $\{f, h\}$ to T and with the addition of this edge T has 7 edges, the required number of edges.

Stop the process.

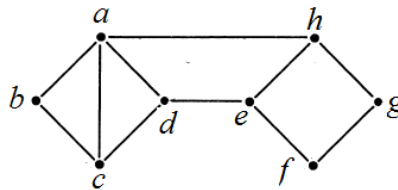
Finally T has 7 edges and is given as follows.



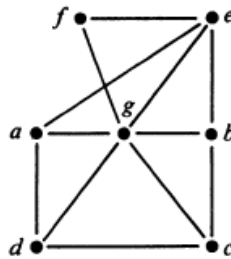
The total weight of the MST T is $3 + 4 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 15 + 15 = 52$

Exercise:

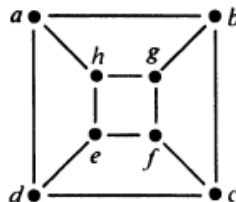
1. Determine a spanning tree from the following graph by using (i) BFS algorithm (ii) DFS algorithm



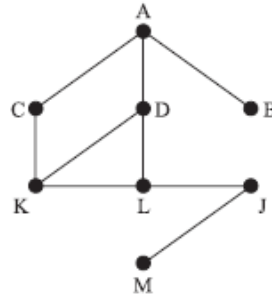
2. Determine a spanning tree from the following graph by using (i) BFS algorithm (ii) DFS algorithm



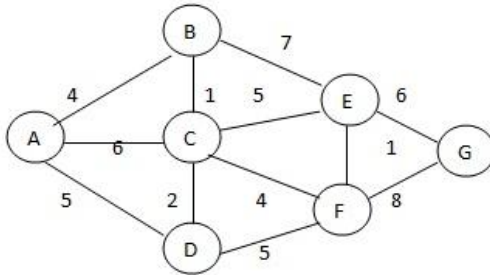
3. Determine a spanning tree from the following graph by using (i) BFS algorithm (ii) DFS algorithm



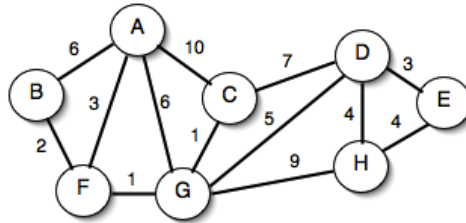
4. Determine a spanning tree from the following graph by using (i) BFS algorithm (ii) DFS algorithm



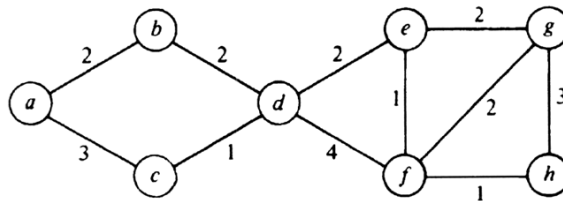
5. Using Kruskal's algorithm, determine a minimal spanning tree from the following graph



6. Using Kruskal's algorithm, determine a minimal spanning tree from the following graph



7. Using Kruskal's algorithm, determine a minimal spanning tree from the following graph



8. Using Kruskal's algorithm, determine a minimal spanning tree from the following graph

