

## Module-5

### GRAPH AND ITS PROPERTIES

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#### 5.1.1. Introduction to Graph

In a locality let there be eight poles forming a network of telephone. Let  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7$  and  $P_8$  be the poles. The poles are connected by cables in following way :

$P_1$  is connected with  $P_4$

$P_2$  is connected with  $P_3$

$P_1$  is connected with  $P_6$

$P_2$  is connected with  $P_5$

$P_1$  is connected with  $P_3$

$P_2$  is connected with  $P_8$  with double line

$P_1$  is connected with  $P_7$

$P_4$  is connected with  $P_8$

$P_3$  is connected with  $P_7$

$P_4$  is connected with  $P_6$

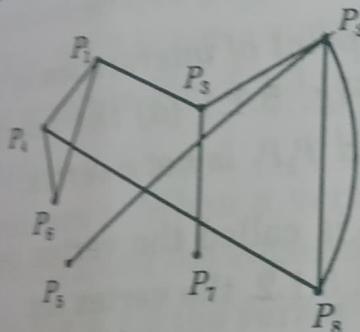


Fig. 5.1.1 (a)

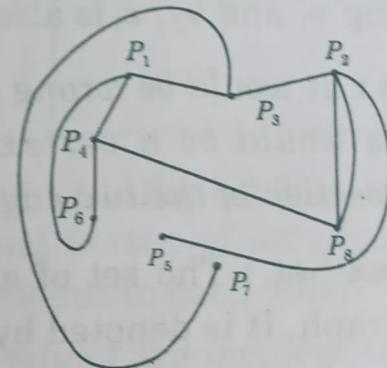


Fig. 5.1.1 (b)

We may represent this network by either of the two diagrams shown in Fig. 5.1.1 (a) or Fig. 5.1.1 (b). The dots ( $P_1, P_2$  etc.) represent the pole and the line joining two dots represent a cable connecting two poles. These lines may not be straight line. In Fig. 5.1.1 (a) all are straight lines whereas in Fig. 5.1.1 (b) some are curve. This diagram of Fig. 5.1.1(a) or Fig. 5.1.1(b) is known as *Graph*. The dots  $P_1, P_2$  etc. are known as vertices and the line joining any two dots are known as edge.

Thus we come to the formal definition of Graph and other related terms.

#### 5.1.2 Graph and Related Terms

**Graph :** A diagram consisting of a finite number of dots or points together with lines (not necessarily straight line) joining certain pairs of these dots is called Graph. Fig. 5.1.2 shows a graph.

**Vertex :** The dots used in a Graph are called vertices. These are denoted by  $v_1, v_2$ , etc. or any other letters.

**Note :** In fact the vertices are representation of some others, e.g., in the model stated in Art 5.1.1, the vertices are representation of pole.

**Edge :** The lines (not necessarily straight line) joining certain pair of the dots in a Graph are called edges. These are denoted by  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  or  $a, b, c, \dots$  etc.

In Fig. 5.1.2,  $e_1$  is an edge joining  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .  $e_1$  is also represented by  $(v_1, v_2)$  etc..

**Note :** It would be wrong to say the point of intersection of two edges would be a vertex; e.g. in Fig. 5.1.1 (a) the point of intersection of the two edges  $P_2P_5$  and  $P_3P_7$  is not a vertex.

**Vertex-Set :** The set of all vertices is called the vertex set of the graph. It is denoted by  $V$ . In Fig. 5.1.2, the vertex set

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}.$$

**Edge-Set :** The set of all edges is called the Edge-set of the graph. It is denoted by  $E$ . In Fig. 5.1.2,  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$ .

**Note :** (1) For convenience we write a graph as  $G(V, E)$

(2) In a graph it is immaterial whether the lines are drawn straight or curved, long or short.

In fact, from mathematical point of view a graph is defined in the following way :

### Formal Definition of Graph :

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of two finite sets  $V (\neq \emptyset)$  and  $E$ , such that each element (called edge) of  $E$  is assigned an unordered pair of elements (called vertices) of  $V$ .  $V$  is called vertex set and  $E$  is called edge set.

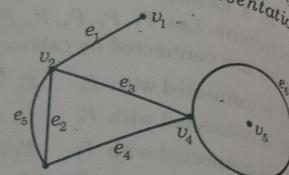


Fig. 5.1.2

**End vertices of an Edge :** Every edge would be associated with two vertices. The vertices associated with an edge are called the end vertices of the edge. In Fig. 5.1.2  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  are end vertices of the edge  $e_3$ .

**Self-loop or Loop :** An edge whose two end vertices are same is called a self loop or Loop. In Fig. 5.1.2 the edge  $e_6$  is a loop.

**Parallel Edges :** There may exist more than one edge associated with a given pair of vertices. Such edges are called parallel edges or parallels. In Fig. 5.1.2 the edges  $e_2$  and  $e_5$  are parallels.

**Simple Graph :** A graph having no parallel edges and no self loops is called simple graph. The graph in Fig. 5.1.2 is not a simple graph. The graph in Fig. 5.1.3 is a simple graph.

**Incidence :** When a vertex is an end vertex of an edge then the vertex and the edge are called incident to each other.

In Fig. 5.1.3 the vertex  $B$  and the edge  $f$  are incident to each other. We say also  $f$  is incident to  $E$ .

Note that in Fig 5.1.2 no edge is incident to the vertex  $v_5$ .

**Adjacent Vertices :** Two vertices are said to be adjacent if they are end vertices of the same edge. In Fig 5.1.3 the vertices  $C$  and  $D$  are adjacent;  $A$  and  $C$  are not adjacent. In Fig. 5.1.2 the vertex  $v_5$  is adjacent to no vertex.

**Adjacent Edges :** Two non parallel edges are said to be adjacent if they are incident to a common vertex. In Fig. 5.1.3 the edges  $c$  and  $d$  are adjacent since they are incident to the common vertex  $D$ . Here  $c$  and  $f$  are not adjacent.

**Degree of Vertex :** The number of edges incident to a vertex, with self-loops counted twice, is called degree of the vertex. It is denoted by  $\deg(v_i)$ . In Fig. 5.1.2  $\deg(v_3) = 3$  and  $\deg(v_4) = 4$  and  $\deg(v_2) = 4$ ;  $\deg(v_5) = 0$ .

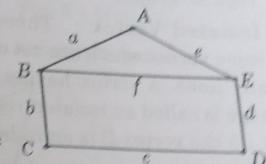


Fig 5.1.3

**Even and Odd Vertex :** A vertex is called odd or even depending on whether its degree is odd or even. In Fig. 5.1.3 the vertex  $B$  is odd vertex whereas the vertex  $C$  is even.

**Regular Graph :** A graph in which all vertices are of equal degree is called a regular graph. The graph in Fig 5.1.4 is regular of degree 3. Some time we call it 3-regular graph.

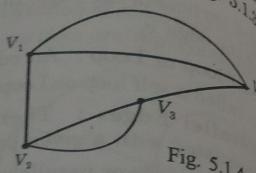


Fig. 5.1.4

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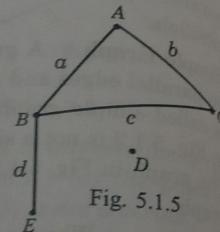


Fig. 5.1.5

**Note :** The degree of an isolated vertex is 0.

#### Pendant Vertex and Pendant Edge

**(or, End Vertex) :** A vertex whose degree is 1 is called pendant vertex. An edge incident to a pendant vertex is called a pendant edge. In Fig. 5.1.5 the vertex  $E$  is a pendant vertex ;  $d$  is pendant edge.

**Edges in Series :** Two adjacent edges are said to be in series if their common vertex is of degree 2. In Fig. 5.1.5 the edges  $a$  and  $b$  are in series whereas the edges  $a$  and  $d$  are not in series.

**Null Graph :** A graph may have no edge. A graph having no edges is called a Null Graph. Obviously every vertex in a null graph is an isolated vertex. In Fig. 5.1.6(a) we show such a null graph

**Note :** (1) The Edge set of a null graph is a null set.

(2) The vertex set of a graph cannot be empty set.

**Complete Graph :** A simple graph is called a complete graph if each pair of distinct vertices is joined by an edge.

A complete graph with  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ .

The graph shown in Fig. 5.1.6 (b) is not a complete graph because the two vertices  $C$  and  $D$  are not joined by any edge. The graph shown in Fig. 5.1.4 is not a complete graph also.

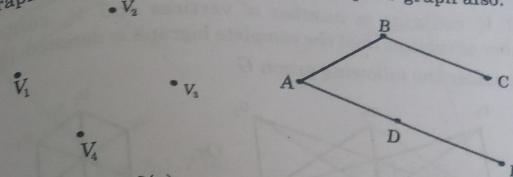


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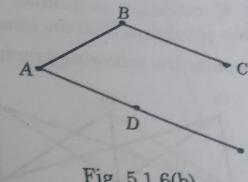


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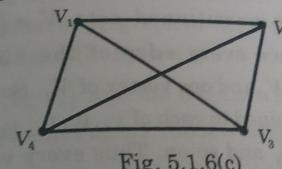


Fig. 5.1.6(c)

**Note :** A complete graph is always a regular graph.

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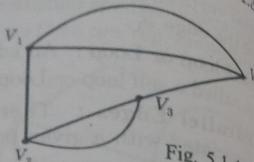


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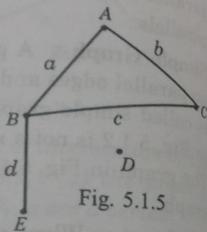


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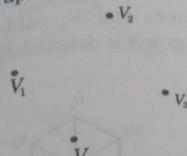


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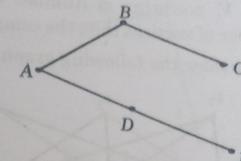


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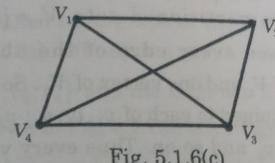


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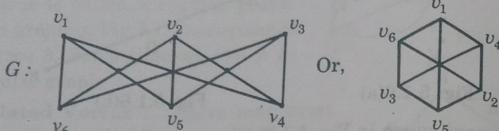
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**Complete Bipartite Graph :** A bipartite graph  $G$  with the two partitioned vertex set  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  is called complete bipartite graph if every vertex of  $V_1$  is joined to every vertex of  $V_2$ .

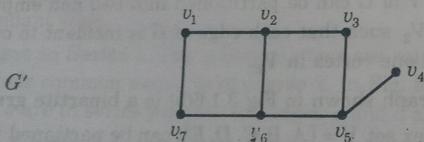
If  $V_1$  contains  $m$  number of vertices and  $V_2$  contains  $n$  number of vertices then the complete bigraph is denoted by  $K_{m,n}$

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Consider the two partitioned sets  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ . We see every edge of the above graph  $G$  connects one vertex of  $V_1$  and one vertex of  $V_2$ . So  $G$  is bipartite. Moreover we see  $v_1$  is joined to each of  $v_4, v_5, v_6$ ;  $v_2$  is also joined to each of  $v_4, v_5$  and  $v_6$  and so on. Thus every vertex of  $V_1$  is joined to every vertex of  $V_2$ . So  $G$  is a complete Bigraph which can be denoted as  $K_{3,3}$ .

Consider the following graph  $G'$



Here consider the two vertex set  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_6, v_3, v_4\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_7, v_2, v_5\}$ . We see every edge of  $G'$  connects one vertex of  $V_1$  with one vertex of  $V_2$ . So  $G'$  is bipartite graph. Observe that the vertex  $v_1$  of  $V_1$  is not joined with  $v_5$  of  $V_2$ . So we cannot say this graph  $G'$  is a complete Bigraph.

**Note :** (1) No two of the vertices in a partitioned vertex set of a bipartite graph are adjacent.

(2) A  $K_{m,n}$  complete Bi-graph has  $mn$  edges.

**Subgraph and Supergraph :** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$ .

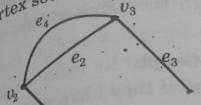


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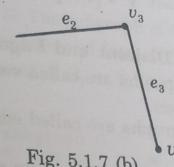


Fig. 5.1.7 (b)

A graph  $G_1(V_1, E_1)$  with vertex set  $V_1$  and edge set  $E_1$  is called subgraph of  $G$  if  $V_1 \subseteq V$  and  $E_1 \subseteq E$ .

Here  $G$  is called supergraph of  $G_1$ . We denote  $G_1 \subset G$ .

In Fig. 5.1.7 (a)  $G(V, E)$  is a graph where the vertex-set

$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  and the Edge set  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ .

The graph shown in Fig. 5.1.7(b) is a subgraph of  $G(V, E)$  because its vertex set  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\} \subseteq V$  and its edge-set  $\{e_2, e_3\} \subseteq E_G$ .

**Note :** (1) Every graph is its own subgraph

(2) A single vertex of a graph  $G$  may be considered as a subgraph of  $G$

(3) Any single edge of a graph  $G$  together with its end vertices is a sub-graph of  $G$ .

**Spanning Subgraph :** A subgraph  $G_1$  of a graph  $G$  is called a spanning subgraph of  $G$  if  $G$  and  $G_1$  have same vertex set.

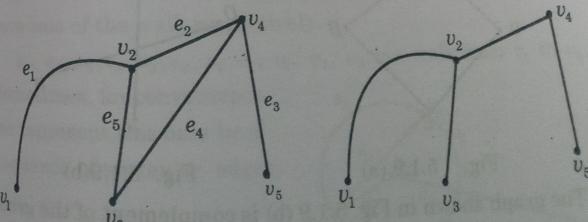


Fig. 5.1.8 (a)

Fig. 5.1.8 (b)

The graph in Fig. 5.1.8 (b) is a spanning subgraph of the graph shown in Fig 5.1.8(a) because both the graph have same vertex-set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  though the Edge-set are not same.

### Vertex Disjoint and Edge-disjoint Graph

Two graphs are called vertex disjoint if they have no vertex in common.

Two graphs are called edge-disjoint if they have no edge in common.

In Fig 5.1.8 (a) we show a graph  $G(V, E)$  where the vertex set  $v = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  and the edge set  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ . Consider the two subgraphs of  $G$ , viz.

$G_1(V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(V_2, E_2)$  where  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  ;

$E_1 = \{e_1, e_5\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ ;  $E_2 = \{e_2, e_5, e_4, e_3\}$ .

Then we see the two subgraphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are not disjoint.

Note : (1) Two edge disjoint graphs may not be vertex disjoint because they may have common vertices.

(2) Two vertex disjoint graphs are edge disjoint.

**Complement of a Graph :** Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Another graph say  $\bar{G}$  is said to be complement of  $G$  if  $\bar{G}$  has same vertex set as  $G$  and two vertices in  $\bar{G}$  would be adjacent if they are not adjacent in  $G$ .

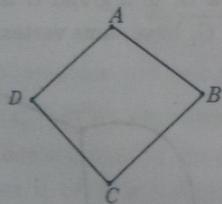


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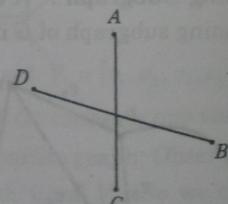


Fig. 5.1.9(b)

The graph shown in Fig. 5.1.9 (b) is complement of the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.9(a).

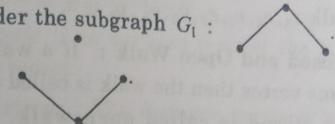
Note :  $G \cup \bar{G}$  is a complete graph.

### Complement of a Sub-Graph in the Graph.

Let  $G_1$  be a sub graph of a graph  $G$ . The subgraph of  $G$  which remains after all the edges of  $G_1$  are removed from  $G$  (keeping the vertices of  $G_1$ ) is called complement of  $G_1$  in  $G$ . It is denoted by  $G - G_1$ .

In the graph 5.1.9 (a) consider the subgraph  $G_1$  :

Then  $G - G_1$  is the graph



### Deletion of a vertex from a graph.

Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v$  be vertex of it. The subgraph of  $G$  obtained by deleting  $v$  and the edges incident on  $v$  is known as the graph obtained by deletion of  $v$ . It is denoted by  $G - v$ .

In the graph 5.1.9 (a) the graph obtained by deletion of the vertex  $C$  is  $G - C$



**Walk (or Chain) :** A finite alternating sequence of vertices and edges, beginning and ending with vertices, such that each edge is incident to its preceding and following vertices is called Walk. In Fig. 5.1.10 the sequence  $v_5, e_5, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is a walk in the graph. This is denoted by  $v_5 - v_3$  walk  $v_5$  and  $v_3$  are origin and terminus of the walk respectively.

$v_1, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_3, e_3, v_2, e_1, v_1, e_7, v_3$  is a walk from  $v_1$  to  $v_3$ .

Sometimes, for convenience, we represent this only by a sequence of vertex or edges, e.g.,

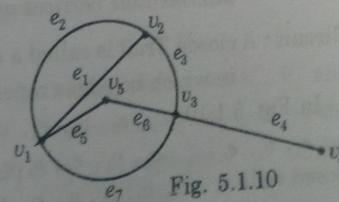


Fig. 5.1.10

- Note :** (1) The origin and terminus of a walk may be same. In this case we do not treat them as appearing twice.  
 (2) A vertex may appear twice or more in a walk.  
 (3) An edge may appear twice or more in a walk.  
 (4) A self-loop can be included in a walk.

**Length of Walk :** The number of edges in a walk is called the length of the walk. In the graph Fig. 5.1.10 the length of the walk  $v_5, e_6, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is 3.

**Closed and Open Walk :** If a walk begins and ends at the same vertex then the walk is called closed walk. A walk that is not closed is called open walk. In Fig. 5.1.10 the walk  $v_1, e_2, v_2, e_1, v_1$  is closed walk but the walk  $v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is an open walk.

**Trail :** A walk is called a trail if all the edges are distinct. In Fig. 5.1.10 the walk  $v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is a trail whereas the walk  $v_3, e_3, v_2, e_2, v_1, e_1, v_2, e_3, v_3, e_4, v_4$  is not a trail.

**Path (or simple path) :** A walk in which no vertex appears twice or more is called a path. In Fig. 5.1.10 the walk  $v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is a path; the walk  $v_1, e_2, v_2, e_1, v_1, e_5, v_5$  is not a path as  $v_1$  repeats twice.

- Note :** (1) Every path is a Trail but every Trail may not be a path.  
 (2) A single edge (having two adjacent vertices) is a path of length 1.  
 (3) A self loop is a closed path.  
 (4) Considering a path as a subgraph we see the terminal vertices of an open path are of degree one and the intermediate vertices are of degree 2.

**Circuit :** A closed Trail is called a circuit. i.e., it is a closed walk in which no edges repeat.

In Fig. 5.1.10.  $v_2, e_1, v_1, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_6, v_3, e_3, v_2$  is a circuit;  $v_2, e_1, v_1, e_5, e_6, v_3, e_7, v_1, e_2, v_2$  is also a circuit but the closed walk  $v_2, e_1, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3$  is not a circuit.

**Cycle :** A closed path is called a cycle; i.e., it is a closed walk in which no vertices except the two terminal vertices repeat.

In Fig. 5.1.10  $v_2, e_1, v_1, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_3, e_3, v_2$  is a cycle (it was a circuit also) but  $v_2, e_1, v_1, e_5, v_5, e_6, v_3, e_7, v_1, e_2, v_2$  is not a cycle though it was a circuit.

**Note :** (1) Every cycle is a circuit but every circuit may not be a cycle (seen from the above examples).

(2) A circuit is a cycle if no vertices (except the two terminal vertices) repeat.

**Distance between two vertices :** The distance between two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , denoted by  $d(v_i, v_j)$  is the length of the shortest path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ .

In Fig. 5.1.11 there exist path of lengths 2, 3, 4, 5 between  $v_2$  and  $v_7$ .

$$\text{So } d(v_2, v_7) = 2.$$

**Diameter of a Graph :** The maximum distance between any two points in a graph  $G$  is called Diameter of  $G$ . It is denoted by  $\dim(G)$ .

In Fig. 5.1.11 the distance between  $v_2$  and  $v_6$  is 3 which is greatest of all distances between any pair of vertices in  $G$ . So  $\dim(G) = 3$ .

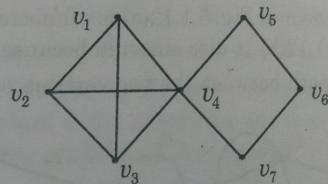


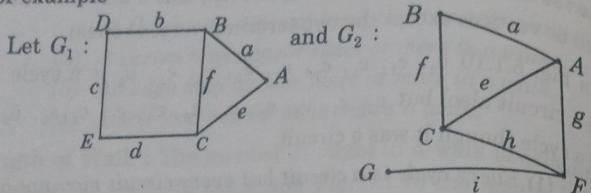
Fig. 5.1.11

### Union of two Graphs

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs having vertex set  $V_1, V_2$  and edge-set  $E_1, E_2$  respectively. Their union  $G = G_1 \cup G_2$  is the graph having vertex set  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and edge-set  $E = E_1 \cup E_2$ .

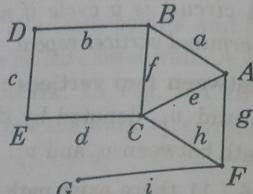
For example

Let  $G_1$  :



be two graphs. Then their union

$G_1 \cup G_2$  :



Note : (1)  $G \cup G = G$  and most of the properties of union on set are satisfied by this operation.

(2) Similarly Intersection of two graphs can be defined.

**Connected and Disconnected Graph** : A graph is called connected if there exists at least one path between every pair of vertices in the graph.

A graph is called disconnected if there exists at least two vertices having no path between them.

The graph shown in Fig. 5.1.12(a) is connected and the graph shown in Fig 5.1.12(b) is disconnected because in Fig 5.1.12(b) there exists no path between the two vertices  $v_3$  and  $v_5$ .

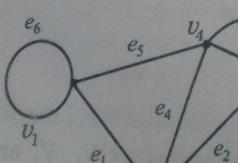


Fig. 5.1.12(a)

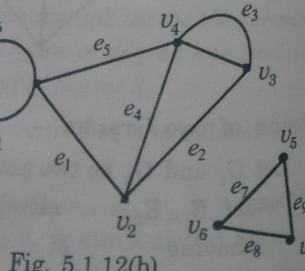


Fig. 5.1.12(b)

- Note : (1) A graph which is not connected is disconnected  
 (2) A disconnected graph is consisted of two or more connected graph.  
 (3) Obviously a complete graph is connected.

**Component** : We noted that a disconnected graph is formed by two or more connected graph. Each of these connected sub graph is called a component of the graph. In Fig. 5.1.12(b) the graph consists of two components.

#### Fundamental Number of a Graph :

Let  $G$  be a graph. The number of vertices  $n$ , number of edges  $e$  and number of component  $k$  are called Fundamental Number of  $G$ . These three numbers are independent.

Note : (1)  $n \geq k$

(2)  $e \geq n - k$

(3) The fundamental numbers alone are not enough to specify a graph.

(4)  $n - k$  is called rank of  $G$ ,  $e - n + k$  is called nullity of  $G$ .

**Euler line, Euler circuit and Euler graph** : A trail in a graph is called an Euler line if it includes every edge of the graph. A circuit that contains all the edges is called Euler circuit. A graph is called Euler graph if it has an Euler circuit.

In the graph shown in Fig 5.1.13 (a) the sequence of vertices and edges  $A, b, B, k, G, g, F, h, B, c, C, d, D, e, E, l, C, i, F, j, E, f, G, a, A$  is a closed Trail (a vertex may appear more than once in a Trail) containing all edges of the graph. So this is an Euler circuit of the graph and this graph is an Euler graph.

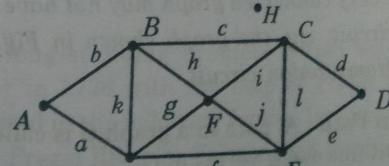


Fig. 5.1.13(a)

The graph found in Fig. 5.1.13(b) is itself an Euler circuit because  $A_1, a_1, A_2, a_2, A_3, a_3, A_1, a_4, A_4, a_5, A_5, a_6, A_1$  form a circuit consisting of all vertices and edges of the graph.

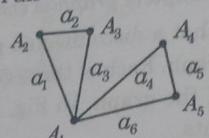


Fig. 5.1.13(b)

Note : (1) Every Euler graph is connected if the isolated vertices (if exists) are eliminated.

(2) The famous problem, Konigsberg bridge problem was solved by Euler in light of Euler graph.

(3) We often face Euler line in various puzzles.

**Hamiltonian Circuit :** A circuit in a connected graph  $G$  is said to be Hamiltonian circuit if it includes every vertex of  $G$  exactly once.

In the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.14 the circuit form a Hamiltonian circuit.

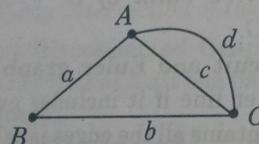


Fig. 5.1.14

Note : (1) A disconnected graph can not have Hamiltonian circuit.

(2) A Hamiltonian circuit in a graph of  $n$  vertices consists of exactly  $n$  number of edges.

(3) Every connected graph may not have a Hamiltonian circuit, e.g. the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.15 has no Hamiltonian circuit.

**Hamiltonian Path :** A path in a graph  $G$  is called Hamiltonian Path if it contains every vertex of  $G$ .

In Fig. 5.1.14 the path  $C, c, A, a, B$  is a Hamiltonian path.

Note : (1) If any one edge is removed from a Hamiltonian circuit then an open Hamiltonian path is obtained.

(2) Every graph having a Hamiltonian circuit has also a Hamiltonian Path.

(3) A graph may have a Hamiltonian path but no Hamiltonian circuit, e.g. the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.16 has a Hamiltonian Path but no Hamiltonian circuit.

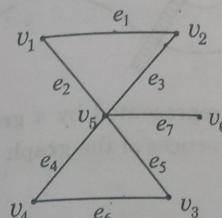


Fig. 5.1.15

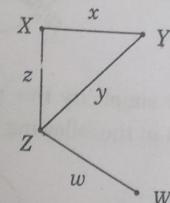


Fig. 5.1.16

(4) The length of an open Hamiltonian path in a connected graph of  $n$  vertices is  $n - 1$ .

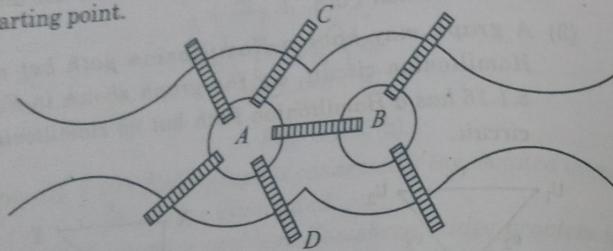
(5) A Hamiltonian circuit or Path cannot include a self loop or parallel edge. Because of this, to look for a Hamiltonian circuit in a graph we first remove all the loops and parallel edges.

**Hamiltonian Graph :** A graph is called Hamiltonian if it has a Hamiltonian Circuit. The Graph in Fig. 5.1.14 is a Hamiltonian graph.

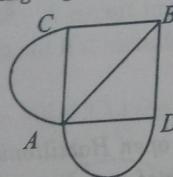
**A Best-known Example of Graph (Konigsberg Bridge Problem)**

This was a long-standing problem which was solved by Leonhard Euler in 1736 with the help of graph theory. The problem is depicted in the following figure. Two islands  $A$  and  $B$ , formed by the Pregel River in Kaliningrad (earlier known as Konigsberg; in West Soviet Russia) are connected to each other and to the banks  $C$  and  $D$  with seven bridges.

For some purpose (maintenance or etc.) a problem was faced starting from any of the four lands (A, B, C and D) walk over each of the seven bridges exactly once and come back to the starting point.



For simplicity this problem was represented by a graph as shown in the following Figure. The vertices of the graph



represents the land and the edges represent the bridges, e.g. the edge AD represents the bridge connecting the two lands A and D. Note that there are two bridges connecting A and D. Hence, there are two parallels between A and D.

Here we are not giving the solution of this problem ; but we like to mention that Euler proved that a solution for this problem does not exist, i.e., it is not possible to walk over each of the seven bridges exactly once and return to the starting point.

### 5.1.3. Isomorphic Graphs

Two graphs  $G = (V, E)$  and  $G' = (V', E')$  are said to be isomorphic if there exists an injective mapping  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  such that there is an edge between  $f(v_1)$  and  $f(v_2)$  in  $G'$  if and only if there is an edge between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in  $G$ . That is two graphs  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic if (i) we get one and only one vertex in  $G'$  corresponding to each vertex of  $G$  (ii) we get one and only

one edge in  $G'$  corresponding to each edge of  $G$  (iii) the incidence relationship between vertex and edge is preserved.

If two graphs are non-isomorphic then we say they are distinct.

More precisely, suppose  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are two vertices joined by an edge  $e_1$  in the graph  $G$ . Then we would get two vertices  $u'_1$  and  $u'_2$  in  $G'$  corresponding to  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  and edge  $e'_1$  in  $G'$  such that  $e'_1$  will be incident to  $u'_1$  and  $u'_2$ .

In Fig. 5.1.17 two graphs  $G$  and  $G'$  are

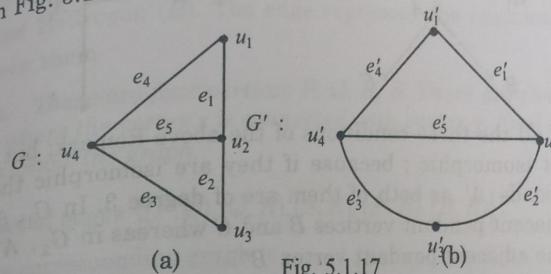


Fig. 5.1.17

shown. Vertex  $u_i$  of  $G$  corresponds vertex  $u'_i$  of  $G'$  ; edge  $e_i$  of  $G$  corresponds edge  $e'_i$  of  $G'$ . Then we see, as an example,  $e'_5$  is incident to  $u'_4$  and  $u'_2$  where  $e'_5$ ,  $u'_4$  and  $u'_2$  are obtained in  $G'$  corresponding to  $e_5$ ,  $u_4$  and  $u_2$  in  $G$  where  $e_5$  is incident to  $u_4$  and  $u_2$ . Thus we get one and only one vertex in  $G'$  corresponding to each vertex in  $G$  and the incidence relationship is preserved. So in Fig. 5.1.17 the two graph  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic.

**Note :** (1) Two isomorphic graphs are supposed to be same graph, drawn differently only.

(2) In Art 5.1.1 we see a problem can be graphed in different ways [As shown by Fig. 5.1.1(a) and (b)] but they are isomorphic.

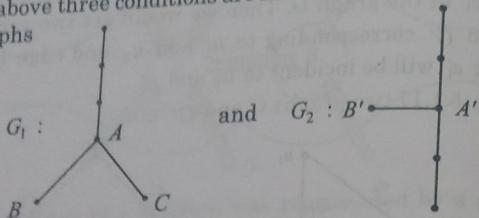
(3) Just by looking at two graphs we cannot always tell that they are isomorphic or not.

(4) If the two subgraphs obtained from the two graph  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  by deleting one or more vertices of same degree are distinct then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are non-isomorphic.

**Remark :** It is immediately seen (from the definition of isomorphism) that two isomorphic graphs must have

- the same number of edges.
- the same number of vertices.
- an equal number of vertices with a given degree.

The above three conditions are not sufficient. For example the two graphs

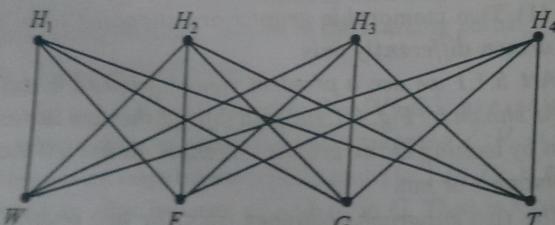


satisfy all the three conditions of the above Remark; but they are not isomorphic ; because if they are isomorphic then  $A$  corresponds  $A'$  as both of them are of degree 3. In  $G_1$ ,  $A$  has two adjacent pendant vertices  $B$  and  $C$  whereas in  $G_2$ ,  $A'$  has only one adjacent pendant vertex  $B'$ .

### Illustrative Examples

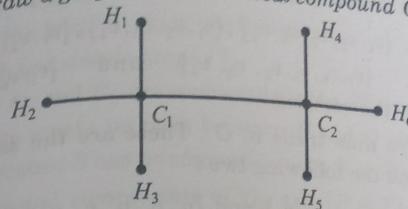
**Ex. 1.** Draw a graph representing four houses and four utilities : water, electricity, gas and telephone. Keep a problem, if possible.

Let  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  and  $H_4$  represents four houses ;  $W, E, G$  and  $T$  represents supply-point of water, electricity, gas and telephone service. The above figure represents a graph showing an way of connecting the houses to the four utilities. Here we see every house is connected to every utility.



**A proposed problem :** Is it possible to make connections without crossing over the lines ?

**Ex. 2.** Draw a graph of the chemical compound  $C_2H_6$ .

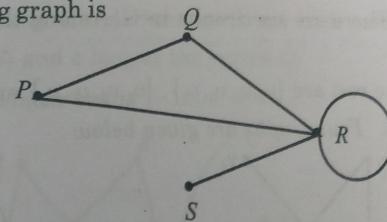


We draw the graph where the vertices are atoms of Carbon ( $C$ ) and Hydrogen ( $H$ ). The edge represent the chemical bond between them

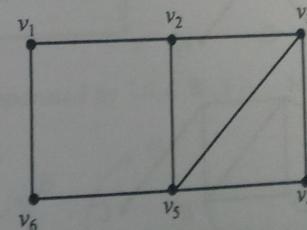
**Ex. 3.** There are four vertices  $P, Q, R, S$ . There are five pairs  $(x, y)$  where the vertex  $x$  is connected with vertex  $y$ . Find a set of edges. Show the graph.

A set of edges  $\{(P, Q), (Q, R), (S, R), (P, R), (R, R)\}$ .

The corresponding graph is



**Ex. 4.** You are given a graph,  $G$  below :



Find the followings :

- all paths from  $v_1$  to  $v_4$
- all trails from  $v_1$  to  $v_4$
- the distance between  $v_1$  and  $v_4$
- $\dim(G)$
- all cycles which include vertex  $v_1$
- all cycles in  $G$ .

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(i) There are seven paths between  $v_1$  and  $v_4$ . These are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_5, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_5, v_3, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_6, v_5, v_4\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_6, v_5, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_6, v_5, v_3, v_4\}$  (shown only by the vertices)

(ii) There are nine trails in  $G$ . These are the seven paths shown in (i) and the following two :

$\{v_1, v_6, v_5, v_2, v_3, v_5, v_4\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_6, v_5, v_3, v_2, v_5, v_4\}$ .

(iii) We see the path  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  from  $v_1$  to  $v_4$  is of length 3. There are no other shorter path from  $v_1$  to  $v_4$ .

$$\text{So } d(v_1, v_4) = 3.$$

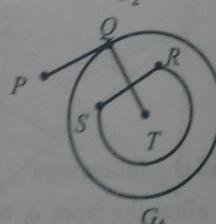
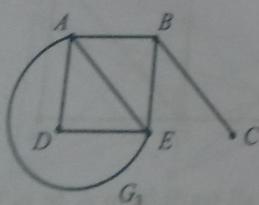
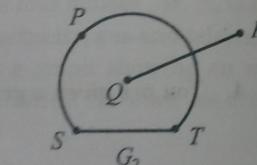
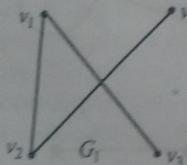
(iv) The distance between any two vertices of  $G$  is  $\leq 3$  where  $d(v_1, v_4) = 3$ . Hence  $\dim(G) = 3$ .

(v) There are three cycles which include  $v_1$ . These are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_5, v_6, v_1\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5, v_1\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_1\}$ .

(vi) There are six circuits in  $G$ . Among these three are shown in (v).

The rest are  $\{v_2, v_3, v_5, v_2\}$ ,  $\{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_3\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_2\}$ .

Ex. 5. Four graphs are given below :



(i) Among those find which one of these are connected? Find the connected components of those which are not connected.

(ii) Find the graphs having no circuit.

(iii) Find the graphs which are loop-free.

(iv) Which are simple graphs?

(i) Only  $G_1$  and  $G_3$  are connected graphs.  $G_2$  is disconnected because there exists no path between  $P$  and  $Q$  etc.  $G_4$  is not connected because  $S$  has no connection with  $T$  or  $Q$  etc.

The connected components of  $G_2$  are  $\{P, S, T\}$  and  $\{Q, R\}$  [shown only by vertex set]. The two connected components of  $G_4$  are  $\{P, Q, T\}$  and  $\{S, R\}$ .

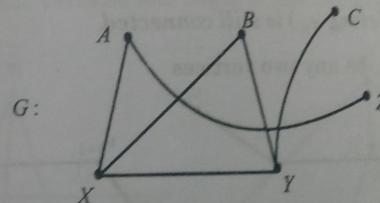
(ii)  $G_2$  has the circuit  $\{P, S, T, P\}$  and  $G_3$  has the circuit  $\{A, B, E, A\}$ . The loop  $\{S, R\}$  is circuit in  $G_4$ . The graph  $G_1$  has no circuit.

(iii) Only  $G_4$  has a loop.

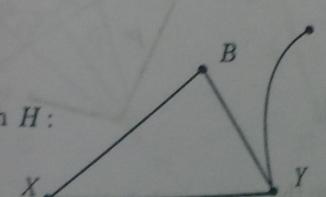
(iv)  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are simple graph.

$G_3$  is not simple because there are two parallels between  $A$  and  $E$  vertices.  $G_4$  is not simple because it has both parallel edges (joining  $R$  and  $S$ ) and a loop at the vertex  $Q$ .

Ex. 6. A graph  $G$  is shown below :



Find a subgraph of  $G$  spanned by  $\{B, C, X, Y\}$ .



The graph  $H$ :

is a required sub graph.

**Ex. 7.** Let  $G$  be a finite graph with at least one edge and without having any circuit. Prove that  $G$  has at least two vertices of degree 1.

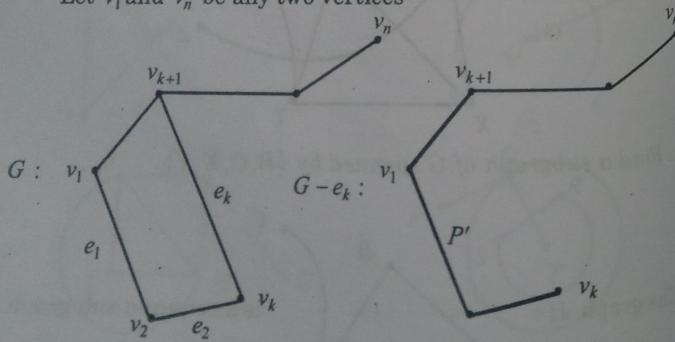
Since  $G$  has no circuit so we must get a vertex, say  $v_1$  at which only one edge is incident, i.e.  $\deg(v_1) = 1$ . Let  $e_1$  be this edge which is incident at  $v_1$ . Since  $G$  has no circuit so other end of  $e_1$  is not  $v_1$ . Let it be  $v_2$ . If there exist no other edge which is incident at  $v_2$  then  $\deg(v_2) = 1$ ; otherwise let  $e_2$  be the edge which is incident at  $v_2$ . Arguing similar way and proceeding in this way we get a vertex  $v_k$  having degree 1 and  $v_k \neq v_1$ .

**Ex. 8.** If  $v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_k, e_k, v_{k+1}, e_{k+1}, \dots, v_n, e_n, v_{n+1} = v_1$  constitute a cycle (where  $v_i$  are vertices and  $e_i$  are corresponding incident edges) then prove that if  $e_k$  is deleted, the two end vertices ( $v_k$  and  $v_{k+1}$ ) of  $e_k$  are connected by a path.

If  $e_k$  is deleted then obviously the sequence  $v_{k+1}, e_{k+1}, \dots, v_n, e_n, v_{n+1} = v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_k$  constitute the path. Hence proved.

**Ex. 9.** If  $G$  be a connected graph, prove that if  $G$  contains a circuit which contains an edge  $e_k$  then  $G - e_k$  (i.e. the subgraph obtained by deleting  $e_k$ ) is still connected.

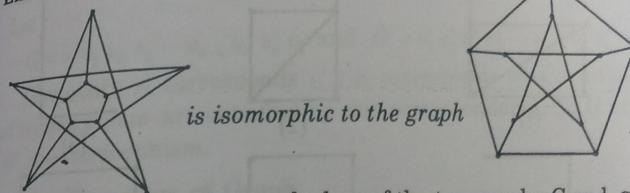
Let  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  be any two vertices



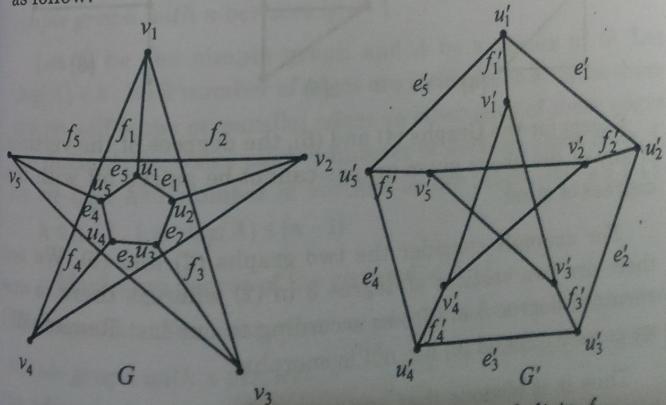
Since  $G$  is connected so there is a path between  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ .

Say  $P$  be this path. If  $e_k$  is not included in  $P$  then deletion of  $e_k$  from  $G$  cannot disconnect  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . They would be also connected by the path  $P$  in the graph  $G - e_k$ . If  $e_k$  is included in  $P$  then after deletion of  $e_k$  its two end vertices  $v_k$  and  $v_{k+1}$  would be connected by a path, say  $P'$  (shown in bold in the example figure of  $G - e_k$ ). If  $v_1$  is included in  $P'$  then obviously  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are connected by a path (comprising of a part of  $P$  and a part of  $P'$ ). If  $v_1$  is not included in  $P'$  then suppose  $P_1$  is the part of  $P$  connecting  $v_{k+1}$  and  $v_n$ ;  $P_2$  is the part of  $P$  connecting  $v_k$  and  $v_1$  (or  $v_1, v_n$  and  $v_{k+1}, v_k$ ). Then the path joined by  $P_1, P$  and  $P_2$  connects  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . Thus two arbitrary vertices of  $G - e_k$  are connected by a path. So  $G - e_k$  is connected.

**Ex. 10.** Prove that the graph



We name the vertices and edges of the two graphs  $G$  and  $G'$  as follow:



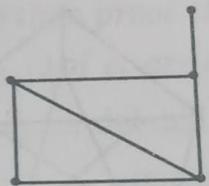
We correspond  $u'_i$  to  $u_i$ ,  $v'_i$  to  $v_i$ ;  $e'_i$  to  $e_i$  and  $f'_i$  to  $f_i$ .

We get one  $u'_i$  in  $G'$  corresponding to one  $u_i$  in  $G$ , one  $v'_i$  in  $G'$  corresponding to one  $v_i$  in  $G$ ; one  $e'_i$  in  $G'$  corresponding to one  $e_i$  in  $G$  and one  $f'_i$  corresponding to one  $f_i$  in  $G$ .

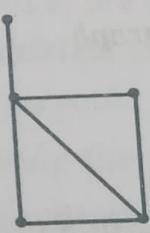
We also see when two end vertices of  $e_i$  are  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1}$ , two end vertices of  $e'_i$  are  $u'_i$  and  $u'_{i+1}$ ; when two end vertices of  $f_i$  are  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ , two end vertices of  $f'_i$  are  $u'_i$  and  $v'_i$ .

Thus the incidence relationship between vertex and edge is preserved under the given correspondence from  $G$  to  $G'$ . So,  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic.

**Ex. 11.** Prove that the following six graphs are distinct (i.e. no two of them are isomorphic)



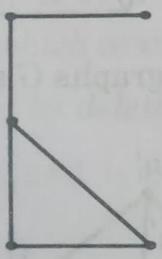
(1)



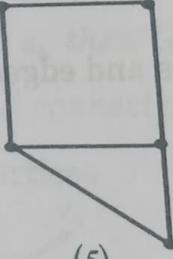
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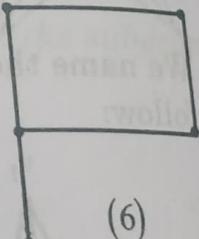
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(4)



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(6)

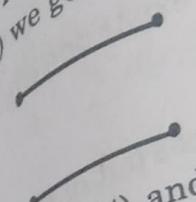
Except for the Graphs (4) and (6), the degrees of the vertices of any of the above given graphs cannot be paired off with the degrees of other.

For example consider the two graphs (2) and (6). We see there are two vertices of degree 3 in (2) whereas there is one vertex of degree 3 in (6); so according to our last Remark (iii) we can say (2) and (6) are not isomorphic.

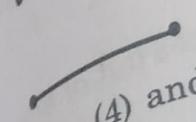
Thus it is obvious that any two of the given six graphs are non-isomorphic except possibly (4) and (6).

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Now, if we delete the 3-degree vertex  
(6) we get the following two subgraphs



and



graphs (4) and (6) are also non-isomorphic.  
Hence all the six given graphs are non-isomorphic.

**Ex. 12.** Prove that two simple graphs with the same number of vertices, all of degree two, are isomorphic.

Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be the two graphs with the same number of vertices. Since they are connected graphs, so each of them is nothing but a cycle.

Let  $G = v_1 e_1 v_2 e_2 \dots e_{n-1} v_n e_n v_1$ .  
Obviously  $v_i$  corresponds to  $v'_i$ .  
Conditions of isomorphism are satisfied.  
 $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic.

### 5.1.5. Theorems of Graph Theory

**Theorem 1** Prove that the number of edges in a simple graph with  $n$  vertices is at most  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .

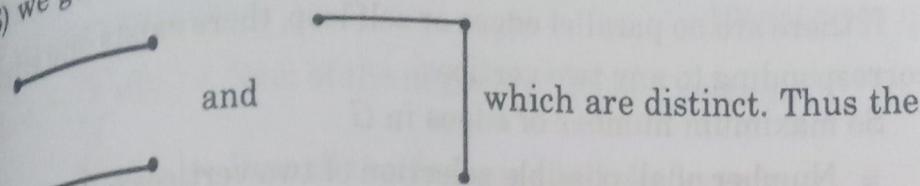
Let  $G$  be the simple graph with  $n$  vertices. Let  $\deg(A) = k$ . So  $k$  number of edges incident to  $A$  are  $\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ . There are no self loops or parallel edges. So the edges are distinct. So there exist  $n$  such edges. So we find  $k+1$  numbers of edges.  $\therefore k \leq n-1$ , i.e.  $\deg(A) \leq n-1$ .

$\therefore$  Maximum degree of a vertex in a simple graph is  $n-1$ .

**Theorem 2** The maximum number of edges in a simple graph with  $n$  vertices is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .

Let  $G$  be the connected simple graph with  $n$  vertices. Then

Now, if we delete the 3-degree vertex in the graphs (4) and (6) we get the following two subgraphs



which are distinct. Thus the graphs (4) and (6) are also non-isomorphic (See last Note (4)). Hence all the six given graphs are mutually non isomorphic, i.e. all are distinct.

**Ex. 12.** Prove that two simple connected graphs with same number of vertices, all of degree two, are isomorphic.

Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be the two graphs. Let each has  $n$  number of vertices. Since they are connected and every vertex has degree 2 so each of them is nothing but a closed path of same length,  $n$ . Let

$$G = v_1 e_1 v_2 e_2 \cdots e_{n-1} v_n e_n v_1 \text{ and } G' = v'_1 e'_1 v'_2 e'_2 \cdots e'_{n-1} v'_n e'_n v'_1$$

Obviously  $v_i$  corresponds  $v'_i$ ;  $e_i$  corresponds  $e'_i$ . Conditions of isomorphism are satisfied by this correspondence. So  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphism.

### 5.1.5. Theorems of Graph.

**Theorem 1** Prove that the maximum degree of any vertex in a simple graph with  $n$  vertices is  $n - 1$ .

Let  $G$  be the simple graph and  $A$  be a vertex of  $G$ . Let  $\deg(A) = k$ . So  $k$  number of edges are incidence to  $A$ . Since there are no self loops or parallel edges so other ends of these edges are distinct. So there exist  $k$  number of vertices apart from  $A$ . So we find  $k+1$  number of vertices in the graph. So,  $n \geq k+1$   
 $\therefore k \leq n-1$ , i.e.  $\deg(A) \leq (n-1)$

$\therefore$  Maximum degree of the vertex  $A$  is  $n - 1$ .

**Theorem 2** The maximum number of edges in a connected simple graph with  $n$  vertices is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . [W.B.U.T 2006]

Let  $G$  be the connected simple graph.

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**Theorem 4**  
*Proof:* Let in a  
 of all even vertices  
 Let,  $\sum_{v_i}^o d(v_i)$   
 and  $\sum_E d(v_j)$

Now maximum number of edges in  $G$

= Number of edges joining any two vertices of  $G$

If there are no parallel edges or self loop, there exists one edge corresponding to any two vertices.

So maximum number of edges in  $G$

= Number of all possible selection of two vertices out of  $n$

$$= {}^n C_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

**Theorem. 3. (First Theorem of Graph Theory) :** The sum of the degrees of all vertices in a graph is twice the number of edges in the graph.

*Proof:* Let  $G$  be a graph. Let  $e$  be an edge of  $G$ . If  $e$  is a self-loop then it contributes 2 to 'sum of degrees of all vertices'. If  $e$  is not a self-loop, it would be incident to two distinct vertices say  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Then  $e$  contributes 1 to the degrees of  $v_1$  and 1 to the degree of  $v_2$ , that is  $e$  contributes 2 to the 'sum of degrees of all vertices'. Therefore  $2 \times (\text{Number of all edges}) = \text{Sum of the degrees of all vertices}$ . Thus

Sum of the degrees of all vertices = Twice the number of edges in the graph.

**Illustration :** For the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.19 sum of the degrees of all vertices

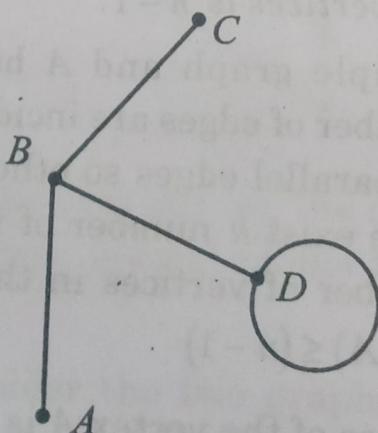


Fig. 5.1.18

$$= \deg(A) + \deg(B) + \deg(C) + \deg(D)$$

$$= 1 + 3 + 1 + 3 = 8 = 2 \times 4 = 2 \times \text{Number of edges.}$$

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**Theorem 4** The number of odd vertices in any graph is even.

*Proof:* Let in a graph,  $O$  = Set of all odd vertices and  $E$  = Set of all even vertices. [WBUT 2011]

Let,  $\sum_{O} d(v_i)$  = Sum of the degrees of all odd vertices

and  $\sum_{E} d(v_j)$  = Sum of the degrees of all even vertices  
= An even number

[ $\because d(v_j)$  is even for every  $v_j$  in  $E$ ]

$\therefore \sum_{O} d(v_i) + \sum_{E} d(v_j)$  = Sum of the degrees of all vertices

=  $2 \times$  Number of edges [ From the previous theorem ]

= An even number.

$\therefore \sum_{O} d(v_i)$  = difference of two even numbers

= An even number (1)

Now,  $d(v_i)$  is odd for every vertex  $v_i$  in  $O$ .

Since only a sum of even number of some odd numbers is even, so, we can say there are even number of terms in the summation of LHS of (1).

That is the number of odd vertices in the graph is even.

**Note :** The number of even vertices may be odd or even. (See the following two examples)

#### Illustration :

- (i) In the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.19 (a) the number of odd vertex = 2 (which are  $v_1$  and  $v_5$ )

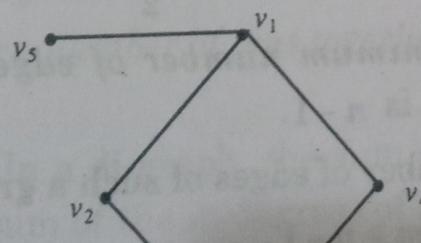


Fig. 5.1.19 (a)

Here the number of even vertices = 3 = odd.

- (ii) In the graph shown in Fig. 5.1.19 (b) the number of odd vertex = 2 (A and B).

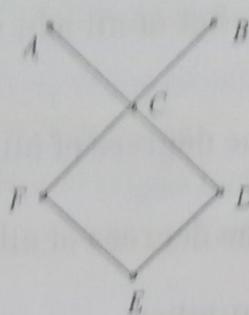


Fig. 5.1.19 (b)

Here the number of even vertices = 4 = even (C, D, E, F)

- (iii) Draw a graph with seven vertices having degrees 3, 5, 2, 7, 4, 6, 8.

We see there are three odd vertices in the graph. But we know any graph contains an even number of odd vertices. So it is not possible to draw such a graph.

**Theorem. 5** Prove that a complete graph with  $n$  vertices consists of  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  number of edges. [W.B.U.T. 2010, 2008]

*Proof :* Since the graph is complete and since there is no loop/parallel edge so every vertex of the graph has  $n-1$  adjacent vertices, i.e. degree of each vertex is  $n-1$ .

$$\therefore \text{Sum of all degrees of the graph} = n(n-1).$$

$$\text{or, } 2 \times \text{No. of edges of the graph} = n(n-1)$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of edges of the graph} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}.$$

**Theorem.6** The minimum number of edges in a connected graph with  $n$  vertices is  $n-1$ . [W.B.U.T. 2005]

*Proof :* Let  $m$  = number of edges of such a graph.

We have to show  $m \geq n-1$ .

We prove this by method of induction on  $m$ . If  $m=0$  then obviously  $n=1$  (otherwise  $G$  will be disconnected).

Clearly then  $m \geq n-1$  (as  $0 \geq 1-1$ ).

Let the result be true for  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$ . We shall show that the result is true for  $m = k + 1$ . Let  $G$  be a graph with  $k+1$  edges. Let  $e$  be an edge of  $G$ . Then the subgraph  $G - e$  (i.e. the graph obtained by deleting only  $e$  from  $G$ ) has  $k$  edges and  $n$  number of vertices. If  $G - e$  is also connected then by our hypothesis  $k \geq n - 1$ , i.e.  $k + 1 \geq n > n - 1$ .

If  $G - e$  becomes disconnected then it would have two connected components. Let the two components have  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  number of edges and  $n_1, n_2$  number of vertices respectively.

So, by our hypothesis  $k_1 \geq n_1 - 1$  and  $k_2 \geq n_2 - 1$ .

These two imply  $k_1 + k_2 \geq n_1 + n_2 - 2$  that is,

$$k \geq n - 2 \quad (\because k_1 + k_2 = k, n_1 + n_2 = n) \text{ i.e., } k + 1 \geq n - 1.$$

Thus the result is true for  $m = k + 1$ .

**Theorem. 7** The minimum number of edges in a simple graph (not necessarily connected) with  $n$  vertices is  $n - k$ , where  $k$  is the number of connected components of the graph.

*Proof:* Left to the reader.

### Illustration

(i) Let a connected simple graph has 7 vertices.

$$\text{Then } 7 - 1 \leq \text{No. of edges} \leq \frac{7(7 - 1)}{2};$$

i.e.  $6 \leq \text{No. of edges} \leq 21$ .

So, minimum and maximum number of edges of this graph are 6 and 21 respectively.

(ii) To short  $n$  number of pins together, we need at least  $n - 1$  pieces of wire.

**Theorem. 8** In a di-graph, the sum of the out-degrees of all vertices = the sum of the in-degrees of all vertices = number of edges in the di-graph.

*Proof:* In a di-graph every edge is incident into at least some vertex. So every edge contributes in-degree 1 in the di-graph. So sum of all in-degrees = Number of edges.

Similarly every edge is incident out of at least some vertex.  
So sum of all out degrees = Number of edges.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 9** A graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V$  is disconnected if and only if there exist two non-empty disjoint sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and there exists no edge in  $G$  whose one end vertex belongs to  $V_1$  and other end belongs to  $V_2$ .

*Proof :* First, let where  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  and  $V_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $V_2 \neq \emptyset$  and there exists no edge in  $G$  whose one end vertex belongs to  $V_1$  and other end belongs to  $V_2$ . Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two arbitrary vertices of  $G$  such that  $a \in V_1$  and  $b \in V_2$ .

Let, if possible, there exists a path

$P = \{a, e_1, u_1e_2, \dots, u_ke_k, u_{k+1}e_{k+1}, \dots, b\}$  joining  $a$  and  $b$  [ $u_i$ 's are vertices,  $e_i$ 's are edges] where  $u_k \in V_1$  and  $u_{k+1} \in V_2$ . Then  $e_k$  is the edge joining  $u_k$  and  $u_{k+1}$ , contradicting our hypothesis. So there exists no path between  $a$  and  $b$ . So  $G$  is disconnected.

Conversely, let  $G$  be disconnected. So there exist at least two vertices say  $a$  and  $b$  which are not connected by any path. Let  $V_1$  be the set of all vertices of  $G$  which are connected to  $a$  by a path. Let  $V_2 = G - V_1$  (Set of all vertices of  $G$  which are not in  $V_1$ ). Since  $b \notin V_1$  so  $b \in V_2$ .  $\therefore V_2 \neq \emptyset$

By definition of  $V_1$  we can say no vertex in  $V_1$  is joined to any vertex in  $V_2$ . So, no vertex of  $V_1$  is connected to any vertex of  $V_2$  by an edge. Hence the converse part is proved.

**Theorem 10** If a graph has exactly two vertices of odd degree there must be a path joining these two vertices. [i.e. the two vertices are connected]

*Proof :* Let  $G$  be the graph with all even vertices except the two say  $a$  and  $b$  which are the only two odd-vertices. If  $G$  is a connected graph then there exists a path joining  $a$  and  $b$  (by

definition of connected graph) and the theorem is proved. If  $G$  is not connected then suppose  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two of the components of  $G$  such that  $a \in G_1$  and  $b \in G_2$ . Then  $G_1$  itself becomes a graph having only one odd vertex ( $a$ ). But we know number of odd vertex in a graph is even. So, this is not possible. So both of  $a$  and  $b$  must belong to same component, say  $G_1$ . Since component  $G_1$  is itself a connected graph so there is a path joining  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Theorem 11** A simple graph with  $n$  number of vertices and  $k$  number of components can have maximum  $\frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$  number of edges.

[W.B.U.T. 2008]

*Proof:* Let each of the  $k$  number of components of the graph contains  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  number of vertices respectively.

So,  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$  and  $n_i \geq 1$ .

Now we shall prove the following inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 \leq n^2 - (k-1)(2n-k) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i - 1) = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i - \sum_{i=1}^k 1 = n - k \quad \therefore \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i - 1) \right\}^2 = n^2 + k^2 - 2nk$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i - 1)^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} (n_i - 1)(n_j - 1) = n^2 + k^2 - 2nk$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i^2 - 2n_i + 1) + \sum_{i \neq j} (n_i - 1)(n_j - 1) = n^2 + k^2 - 2nk$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^k n_i + \sum_{i=1}^k 1 + \sum_{i \neq j} (n_i - 1)(n_j - 1) = n^2 + k^2 - 2nk$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 - 2n + k + \sum_{i \neq j} (n_i - 1)(n_j - 1) = n^2 + k^2 - 2nk$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 - 2n + k \leq n^2 + k^2 - 2nk \quad [\because n_i - 1 \geq 0, n_j - 1 \geq 0]$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 \leq n^2 + k^2 - 2nk + 2n - k$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i^2 \leq n^2 - (k-1)(2n-k), \text{ thus (1) is proved.}$$

Let  $G_i$  be the component of  $G$  having  $n_i$  number of vertices.  
Now maximum number of edges in  $G_i$  = Number of possible edges joining any two vertices.

Since there are no parallel edges or self loop ( $\because$  the graph is simple) so there exists exactly one possible edge corresponding to any two vertices of  $G_i$ .

$\therefore$  Max number of edges in  $G_i$

= Number of selection of two vertices from  $n_i$

$$= n_i C_2 = \frac{n_i(n_i - 1)}{2}$$

$\therefore$  the maximum number of edges in  $G$  is

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i(n_i - 1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i^2 - n_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum n_i^2 - \sum n_i \right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ n^2 - (k-1)(2n-k) - n \right\}, \text{ by (1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (n-k)(n-k+1).$$

**Theorem 12.** A bipartite graph cannot contain a cycle of odd length.

*Proof:* Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph.  $V$  be its vertex set.

We can express  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  where  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are disjoint. Each edge connects one vertex of  $V_1$  with one vertex of  $V_2$ .

Let  $C = \{v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, e_n, v_1\}$  be a cycle contained in  $G$ .

We shall show that  $C$  contains even number of edges i.e.  $n$  is even.

As  $e_1$  connects  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  so  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  cannot belong to same set of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

Suppose  $v_1 \in V_1$  and  $v_2 \in V_2$ .

Similarly, as  $e_2$  connects  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ ,  $v_2 \in V_2$  and  $v_3 \in V_1$

Similarly, as connects  $v_3$  and  $v_4$ ,  $v_3 \in V_1$  and  $v_4 \in V_2$

Similarly,  $v_4 \in V_2$  and  $v_5 \in V_1$  and so on

Thus we see if  $v_r \in V_2$  then  $r$  is even.

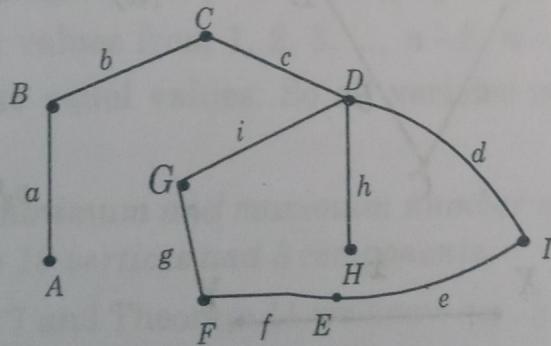
Now since  $e_n$  connects  $v_n$  and  $v_1$  and since  $v_1 \in V_1$  therefore  $v_n \in V_2$ . So  $n$  is even. Hence proved.

**Theorem 13** (Converse of the above theorem)

If a simple graph does not contain any cycle of odd length then the graph is a bipartite graph.

*Proof:* Beyond the scope of this book.

**Illustration.** Using the above two theorems we can say that the following simple graph cannot be a bipartite graph as it contains the cycle  $\{D, i, G, g, F, f, E, e, I, d, D\}$  of length 5 (odd)



**Theorem 14** Every vertex, except the origin and terminus vertices of a walk whose all edges are distinct (i.e. Trail) is even vertex.

*Proof:* Let  $u-v$  be a walk. Let  $v_k$  be a vertex of this walk such that  $v_k \neq u$  and  $v_k \neq v$ . If  $v_k$  occurs only once in the walk then there must exist one edge preceding  $v_k$  and one edge succeeding  $v_k$ .

Clearly then  $v_k$  becomes a 2-degree vertex. Next let  $v_k$  occurs more than once in the walk, say  $p$  times. At each time of occurrence  $v_k$  gets 2-degree (since no edge repeats) and so the degree of  $v_k$  is  $2p$ . Thus in any case any vertex has degree even. (In the adjacent example figure  $v_k$  has degree  $2 \times 3 = 6$ .)

**Theorem 15** Every  $u-v$  Trail contains a  $u-v$  path.

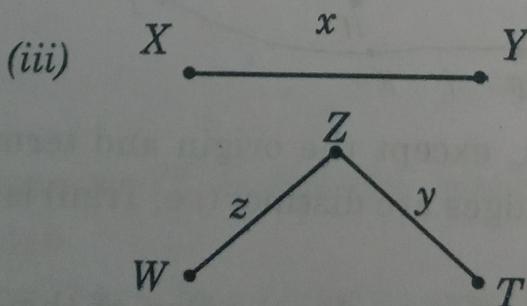
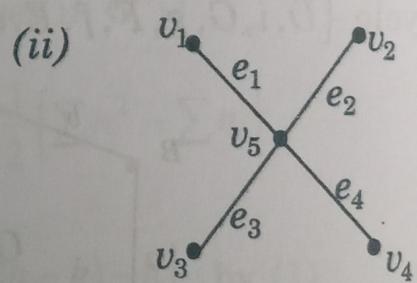
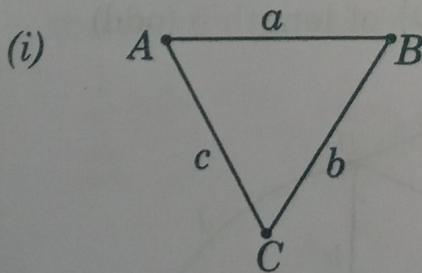
*Proof:* In the  $u-v$  Trail,  $u$  is the origin and  $v$  is terminus. Both  $u$  and  $v$  are of 1-degree. We know every vertex, except  $u$  and  $v$  is of even-degree. So the  $u-v$  Trail contains only two odd vertices. By Theorem 10, the  $u-v$  trail has a path joining  $u$  and  $v$  because we can think the trail  $u-v$  itself as a graph ( $\because$  the vertices and edges other than those in  $u-v$  trail have no influence in this proof)

**Theorem 16** A connected graph is an Euler graph if and only if all vertices of  $G$  are of even degree. [W.B.U.T. 2013]

*Proof:* Beyond the scope.

#### 5.1.6. Illustrative Examples

**Ex. 1.** State which of the following graphs are bipartite graph:



- (i) This graph cannot be a bipartite graph. Let this be a bipartite graph. Then the vertex set  $V = \{A, B, C\}$  can be partitioned into two sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

Since the edge  $a$  connects  $A$  and  $B$  so  $A$  and  $B$  cannot belong to same set. Suppose  $A \in V_1$  and  $B \in V_2$ . Again since the edge  $b$  connects  $B$  and  $C$  so they cannot belong to same set. Since  $B \in V_2$  therefore  $C$  belongs to  $V_1$ . Again since the edge  $c$  connects  $A$  and  $C$  therefore they cannot belong to same set. Since  $C \in V_1$  so  $A \in V_2$ . This contradicts the fact that  $A \in V_1$ .

(ii) This is a bipartite graph because the vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  can be partitioned into two sets  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_5\}$  and we see each edge of the graph is incident to one vertex of  $V_1$  and one vertex of  $V_2$ .

(iii) This is a bipartite graph since its vertex set  $V = \{X, Y, Z, W, T\}$  can be partitioned into two sets  $V_1 = \{Y, Z\}$  and  $V_2 = \{X, W, T\}$  and each edge joins a vertex of  $V_1$  to a vertex in  $V_2$ .

**Ex. 2.** Does there exist a simple graph with two or more vertices such that all the vertices are of different degree?

Let there be  $n$  number of vertices. Then from Theorem 1 we see the maximum degree of any vertex is  $n - 1$ . If  $n$  vertices have to take  $n$  integral values from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 2, n - 1$  then two vertices must take equal values. So all vertices cannot have different degree.

**Ex. 3.** Find the minimum and maximum number of edges of a simple graph with 10 vertices and 3 components.

From Theorem 7 and Theorem 11 we know  $10 - 3 \leq \text{Number of edges} \leq \frac{(10 - 3)(10 - 3 + 1)}{2}$

$$\text{or, } 7 \leq \text{Number of edges} \leq \frac{7 \times 8}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } 7 \leq \text{Number of edges} \leq 28$$

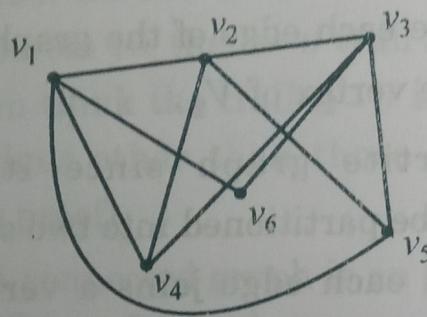
So, minimum number of edges = 7 and  
Maximum number of edges = 28.

**Ex. 4.** Draw a connected graph with 10 vertices (i) having 7 edges (ii) having 50 edges.

(i) Impossible ; since, by Th 6., the minimum number of edges is  $10 - 1 = 9$ .

(ii) Impossible ; Since, by Th 2., the maximum number of edges is  $\frac{10(10 - 1)}{2} = 45$ .

**Ex. 5.** Draw a simple graph having a vertex of degree 2, two vertices of degree 3 each and three vertices of degree 4 each.



The graph is drawn above.

Here  $\deg(v_1) = \deg(v_2) = \deg(v_3) = 4$ ;  $\deg(v_4) = \deg(v_5) = 3$  and  $\deg(v_6) = 2$ .

**Ex. 6.** Prove that there exist no simple graph with five vertices having degrees 4, 4, 4, 2, 2.

Let, if possible, there exists a graph having vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_5$  such that  $\deg(v_1) = \deg(v_2) = \deg(v_3) = 4$  and  $\deg(v_4) = \deg(v_5) = 2$ . Since the graph has no parallel edge or loop so each of  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  has four adjacent vertices.

So both of  $v_4$  and  $v_5$  must be adjacent vertex of  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ . So,  $\deg(v_4)$  is at least 3. ( $\deg(v_5)$  is also so).

This contradicts our hypothesis. Hence there exists no such graph.

**Ex. 7.** Prove that there exists no graphs with four edges having vertices of degree 4, 3, 2, 1.

Let, if possible, there exists a graph,  $G$  with the given properties.

Then the sum of degrees of all vertices =  $4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 10$ .  
 But we know the sum of degrees of all vertices =  $2 \times$  Number of edges =  $2 \times 4 = 8$ . This is a contradiction.

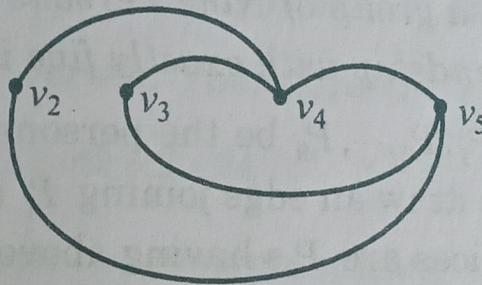
**Ex. 8.** Draw, if possible, a simple graph with five vertices having degrees 2, 3, 3, 3, 3.

Let,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  be the vertices where  $\deg(v_1) = 2$ . Since there is no loop so  $v_1$  must be connected with two of the rest, say  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ .

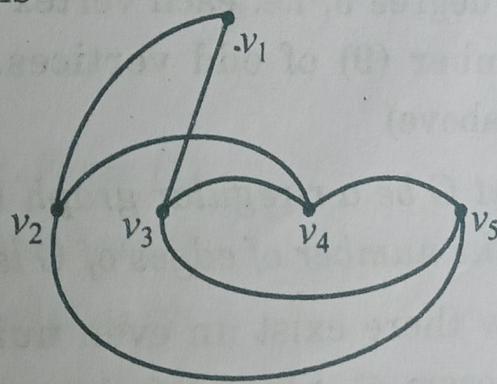
So removing  $v_1$  with all its incidence edges we are left with the graph with vertices  $v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  where

$$\deg(v_2) = \deg(v_3) = 2; \deg(v_4) = \deg(v_5) = 3.$$

This can be drawn as follow



So, the required graph is



where  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 3, \deg(v_3) = 3, \deg(v_4) = 3, \deg(v_5) = 3$ .

**Ex. 9.** Find the number of vertices in a graph with 15 edges if each vertex has degree 2.

Let  $n$  = number of vertices. So, sum of the degree of all vertices =  $2n$ , By Theorem 3,  $2n = 2 \times$  Number of edges.

$$n = 15$$

∴ Number of vertices is 15.

**Ex. 10.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $e$  edges. Prove that  $G$  has a vertex of degree  $m$  such that  $m \geq \frac{2e}{n}$ .

By Theorem 3 we have,

$$\text{Sum of the degrees of all vertices} = 2 \times \text{Number of all edges} = 2e \quad (1)$$

Let  $v_k$  be that vertex of  $G$  whose degree is maximum, say  $m$ .  
 $\therefore$  Sum of the degrees of all vertices  $\leq m + m + \dots + m$  ( $n$  times)  
 $= mn$

$$\therefore \text{from (1) we get } mn \geq 2e, \text{ i.e., } m \geq \frac{2e}{n}$$

where  $m = \deg(v_k)$ , greatest of all degrees.

**Ex. 11.** In a group of Nine Persons it is impossible that every one has friendship with exactly five in the group - Prove it.

Let  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_9$  be the persons. If  $P_i$  has friendship with  $P_j$  then we draw an edge joining  $P_i$  and  $P_j$ . Consider the graph whose vertices are  $P_i$ 's having above type of edges. If every one has friendship with exactly five then in the graph each vertex would have degree 5, i.e. each vertex is odd. So this graph has an odd number (9) of odd vertices. This is impossible (by Theorem 4 above)

**Ex. 12.** Let  $G$  be a  $r$ -regular graph where  $r$  is an odd integer. Show that the number of edges of  $G$  is a multiple of  $r$ .

We know there exist an even number of odd vertices in a graph (Theorem 4). Since this is  $r$ -regular so each vertex has degree  $r$  which is odd. So number of vertices is even say  $2k$ ,  $k$  is an integer. Therefore  $2kr =$  Sum of degrees of all vertices of  $G = 2 \times$  Number of edges. Thus, Number of edges  $= k \times r =$  A multiple of  $r$ .

**Ex. 13.** Let  $G$  be graph having  $n$  number of vertices and  $n-1$  number of edges. Prove that  $G$  has either a pendant vertex or an isolated vertex.

If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices then by Th 3,  $\sum d(v_i) = 2(n-1)$   
 Let, if possible,  $G$  has no vertex whose degree is 1 or 0.

$$\text{So; } \deg(v_i) \geq 2 \text{ for all } i. \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n d(v_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n 2 = 2n$$

So, from above,  $2(n-1) \geq 2n$ ,

i.e.,  $-2 \geq 0$ , which is a contradiction.

Thus  $G$  would have at least one vertex whose degree is either 1 or 0; i.e.,  $G$  would have at least one vertex which is pendant or isolated.

Ex. 14. If a simple regular graph has  $n$  vertices and 24 edges, find all possible values of  $n$ . Draw a graph against each of such values.

[ W.B.U.T. 2015, 2005 ]

Let  $k$  = degree of every vertex. Therefore the sum of the degrees of all vertices =  $nk$ . So  $nk = 2 \times 24 \quad \therefore n = \frac{48}{k} \quad \dots \quad (1)$

On the other hand we know the maximum number of edges

$$\text{in a simple graph is } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad \therefore \quad \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \geq 24$$

$$\therefore n(n-1) \geq 48. \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Now  $k$  is positive integer. From (1)

$$k=1 \Rightarrow n=48 \text{ and this satisfies (2)}$$

$$k=2 \Rightarrow n=24 \text{ and this satisfies (2)}$$

$$k=3 \Rightarrow n=16 \text{ and this satisfies (2)}$$

$$k=4 \Rightarrow n=12 \text{ but this satisfies (2)}$$

$$k=5 \Rightarrow n \text{ is not integer.}$$

$$k=6 \Rightarrow n=8 \text{ and this satisfies (2) and so on.}$$

$$k=7 \Rightarrow n \text{ is not integer}$$

$$k=8 \Rightarrow n=6 \text{ but this does not satisfy (2) and so on.}$$

$\therefore$  the possible values of  $n$  are 48, 24, 16, 12, 8.

**Ex. 15.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $G'$  be its complement. For an arbitrary vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , prove that  $\deg(v)$  in  $G$  +  $\deg(v)$  in  $G' = n - 1$ .

Let  $\deg(v)$  in  $G = k$ . So there are  $k$  adjacent vertices of  $v$  in  $G$  ( $\because G$  is simple). So in the graph  $G$  there are  $(n-1)-k$  number of vertices which are not adjacent to  $v$ . So, in the graph  $G'$  these  $n-k-1$  number of vertices would be adjacent to  $v$ . So, in the graph  $G'$ ,  $\deg(v) = n - k - 1$ . Hence proved.

**Ex. 16.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices and  $G'$  be its complement. If  $G$  has exactly one even vertex, how many odd vertices does  $G'$  have?

Now  $G$  has exactly  $n-1$  number of odd vertices. So,  $n-1$  must be even. So  $n$  must be odd.

We get,  $\deg(v)$  in  $G' = n-1 - \deg(v)$  in  $G$ . (from the previous example)

So, we get  $\deg(v)$  in  $G' = \text{an even No.} - \deg(v)$  in  $G$ .

So a vertex which is odd in  $G$  is odd in  $G'$ ; a vertex which is even in  $G$  is even in  $G'$  and  $(n-1)$  No. of odd vertices.

So,  $G'$  has exactly one even vertex.

**Ex. 17.** Prove that if the number of edges in a connected graph having at least two vertices, is less than the number of vertices, the graph has pendant vertex.

Let, if possible, the graph  $G$  has no pendant vertex, i.e. no vertex having degree 1. Since,  $G$  is connected so it has no vertex having degree 0. So degree of every vertex  $\geq 2$ .

Let  $G$  has  $n$  number of vertices and  $d_i$  is degree of  $i$ -th vertex.

$$\therefore \text{Sum of all degrees} = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i,$$

$$\text{or, } 2 \times \text{No. of edges} \geq \sum_{r=1}^n 2 \quad (\because d_i \geq 2)$$

$$\therefore 2 \times \text{No. of edges} \geq 2n$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of edges} \geq n$$

This contradicts the hypothesis that the No. of edges is less than  $n$ .

Ex. 18. Show that a connected graph is a cycle if the degree of each vertex is 2.

Let  $G$  be the connected graph each of whose vertices is of degree 2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two arbitrary vertices of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is connected there is a path from  $A$  to  $B$ .

Let  $G_1$  be the sub graph consisting of all the vertices and edges of this path. Similarly if we take any other distinct pair of vertices  $C, D$  we get a path from  $D$  to  $C$ .

Let  $G_2$  be the subgraph formed by this path. Since  $G$  is connected so,  $C, A$  and  $B, D$  are connected by path, say  $G_3$  and  $G_4$  respectively.

Now,  $G_1, G_4, G_2$  and  $G_3$  togetherly form a closed walk  $A - A$ . So there exists a cycle from this walk. Now we shall prove that every vertex of  $G$  belongs to this cycle say  $X$ .

Let  $v$  be any vertex of  $G$  that does not belong to  $X$ . Since  $G$  is connected so there is an edge whose one end is  $v$  and other end is a vertex of  $X$ , say  $u$ . So degree of  $u$  becomes  $2+1=3$ , which contradicts our hypothesis. So every vertex, consequently every edge of  $G$  is included in the cycle, i.e. the graph  $G$  becomes itself a cycle.

Ex. 19. Suppose  $G$  is a non-directed graph with 12 edges. If  $G$  has 6 vertices each of degree 3 and the rest have degree less than 3, find the minimum number of vertices  $G$  can have.

[W.B.U.T. 2003, 2006]

Let the number of vertices =  $6+k$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  be the degrees of rest of the vertices respectively.

$\therefore$  Sum of degrees of all vertices =  $6 \times 3 + x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k$

$$\therefore 2 \times 12 = 18 + x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k$$

$$\text{or, } x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = 6 \quad \text{or, } 6 = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k$$

$$\text{or, } 6 < 3 + 3 + \dots + 3 \text{ (} k \text{ times)} \quad [\because x_i < 3 \quad \forall i]$$

$$\text{or, } 6 < 3k \quad \therefore k > 2.$$

Since  $k$  can get only integral values so the minimum value of  $k$  is 3.

$\therefore$  the minimum number of vertices =  $6+3=9$ .

**Ex. 20.** Show that a simple graph having  $n$  number of vertices must be connected if it has more than  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$  edges.

Let  $G$  be the graph. By problem

$$\text{the number of edges of } G > \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}.$$

Let  $G$  has  $k$  number of components.

We know  $G$  can have at most  $\frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$  number of edges (see Th 11)

$$\text{So, } \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} < \frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$$

i.e.,  $(n-1)(n-2) < (n-k)(n-k+1)$ , where  $k$  must be a positive integer. We see this inequality is satisfied only for  $k=1$ . This is not satisfied for  $k=2, 3, \dots$  etc. Thus number of component of  $G$  is one. So  $G$  is a connected graph.

**Ex. 21.** Let  $G$  be a graph with 15 vertices and 4 components. Show that  $G$  has at least one component having at least 4 vertices. Find the largest number of vertices that a component of  $G$  can have.

If the four components contain  $n_1, n_2, n_3$  and  $n_4$  number of vertices then  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 = 15$  ... (1)

If each of  $n_1, n_2, n_3$  and  $n_4$  is  $\leq 3$  then  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 \leq 12$  which contradicts (1). So at least one of  $n_1, n_2, n_3$  and  $n_4$  must be 4.

If one component contains exactly 4 vertices then the other components togetherly contain  $15 - 4 = 11$  vertices. So, component among the remaining three must contain at least 4 vertices (can be discussed as above).

If one component of those three contains exactly 4 vertices then the remaining two components togetherly contains  $15 - (4 + 4) = 7$  vertices.

Now these two components would share between themselves  $(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2)$  and  $(6, 1)$  number of vertices.

So the maximum number of vertices in a component is 6.

**Ex. 22.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph having atmost  $2n$  vertices. If the degree of every vertex of  $G \geq n$  then prove that  $G$  is connected.

Let, if possible,  $G$  be not connected. Then  $G$  would have a finite number of components, say  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m$ ;  $m$  must be  $\geq 2$ .

Since degree of each vertex is at least  $n$  and since the graph has no loop or parallel edges so each vertex has at least  $n$  number of adjacent vertices. So each component has at least  $n+1$  number of vertices. So  $G$  has at least  $m(n+1)$  number of vertices.

Now since  $m \geq 2$ , so  $m(n+1) \geq 2(n+1) > 2n$ . Thus  $G$  has more than  $2n$  number of vertices. This contradicts a given condition. So the graph is connected.

**Ex. 23.** Prove that if  $A$  be an odd vertex of a graph then there exists an another odd vertex,  $B$  in  $G$  which is connected with  $A$  by a path.

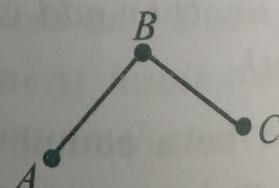
Let  $G'$  be a component of  $G$  containing  $A$  as one of its vertices.  $G'$  is a connected graph itself.

Since  $A$  is an odd vertex in  $G'$ , so the graph  $G'$  contains at least one more odd vertex, say  $B$  because the number of odd vertices in a graph is even.

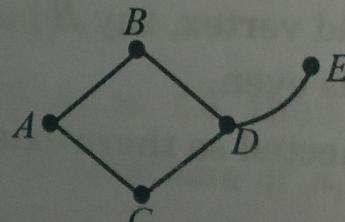
Since  $G'$  is connected so there exists a path connecting the vertices  $A$  and  $B$ .

**Exercise****[I] Short Answer Questions**

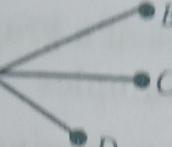
1. Define vertex-set of a graph. Give an example.
2. Define edge-set of a graph. Give an example.
3. Define parallel edges. Draw a graph showing three parallel edges.
4. Define simple graph. Give an example.
5. Define adjacent edges in a graph. Draw a graph showing four adjacent edges.
6. Draw a graph showing the existence of no adjacent edges.
7. Define even and odd vertices of a graph.
8. Draw a regular graph with five vertices.
9. Draw a graph, which is not simple, having two isolated vertices.
10. Draw a regular graph having at least one isolated vertex.
11. Draw a non-simple regular graph with three vertices.
12. Define pendant vertex. Draw a graph with five vertices having four pendant vertices. Indicate the pendant edges.
13. When two edges are said to be in series. Explain with an example.
14. Define complete graph. Give an example with five vertices.
15. Draw a graph which is regular but not complete.
16. Draw a supergraph of the graph



17. Draw a graph which is a spanning subgraph of the graph

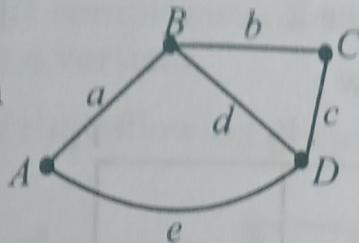


18. Draw, with explanation, two edge disjoint graphs which are not vertex disjoint

19. If  $G$  be the graph  then find

20. Define a walk in a graph. Show an example.

21. In the graph



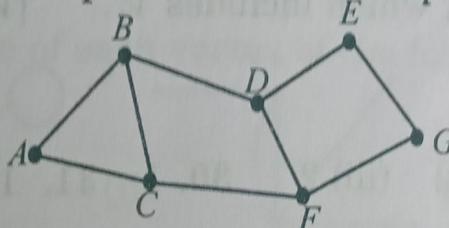
find a walk which is not

a path whose origin and terminus are  $A$  and  $C$  respectively.

22. Give an example of a walk which is not a Trail.

23. Define path. Give an example of a walk which is not a path.

24. Define length of a path. Give an example of a path of length 4.

25. In the graph  (i) construct a path

with origin  $A$  and terminus  $C$  of length 4. Give another path with same length.

(ii) find the distance between  $A$  and  $F$

(iii) find the distance between  $D$  and  $C$

26. Draw a graph with four vertices and three components.

27. Define connected graph. Draw a connected graph which is not complete.

28. Construct two graphs which are not isomorphic. Give reasons.

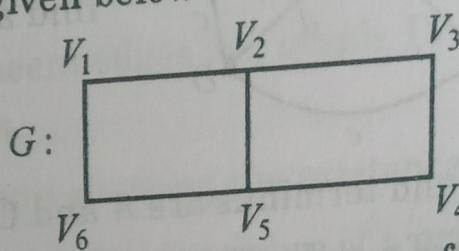
29. Prove that the maximum degree of any vertex in a simple graph with 3 vertices is 2. [Hint : Theorem 1]

30.  $G$  be a simple connected graph having 5 vertices. Find the maximum number of edges of  $G$ . [Hint : Follow Theorem 2]

31. Find the number of edges in a complete graph with 6 vertices [Hint : Follow Th 3]

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32. Prove that the sum of the degrees of all vertices in a graph with 10 edges is 20. [See the proof of Theorem 6.]
33. The number of even vertices of a graph may be even or odd. Show this by exhibiting two examples.
34. Draw a graph with 9 vertices having degree 3.
35. Determine the number of edges with 6 nodes (vertices), two of degree four and 4 of degree 2. [W.B.U.T. 2005]
36. A graph  $G$  is given below :



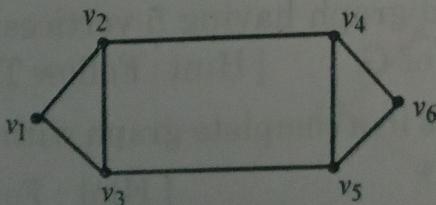
- (a) Find the distance between  $V_1$  and  $V_4$  of  $G$ .  
 (b) Find the dim ( $G$ )  
 (c) Find one circuit which includes  $V_1$ . [W.B.U.T. 2006]

### Answers

19. •B  
 •C  
 •D  
 25. (ii) 2 (iii) 2  
 30. 1 31. 15 34. Impossible  
 35. 8 36. (a) 3 (b) 3 (c) one is  $\{V_1, V_2, V_5, V_6, V_1\}$ ,  
 another one is  $\{V_1, V_2, V_3, V_5, V_6, V_1\}$  etc.

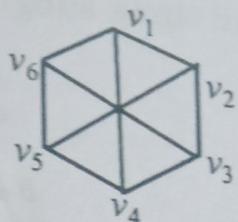
### [II] Long Answer Questions

- Draw a graph representing two houses and four utilities : gas, telephone, water and electricity.
- Draw a simple graph with (i) three (ii) one (iii) four vertices.
- Draw graphs of the following chemical compounds  
 (i)  $C_6H_6$       (ii)  $CH_4$ .
- (a) Draw the complement of the following graph :



[W.B. U. T. 2003]

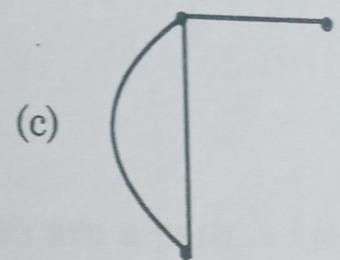
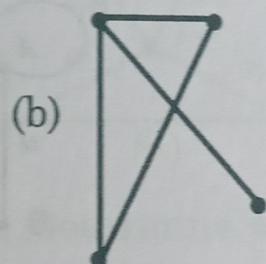
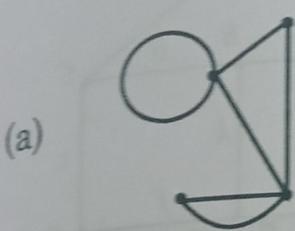
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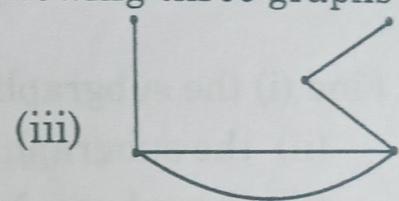
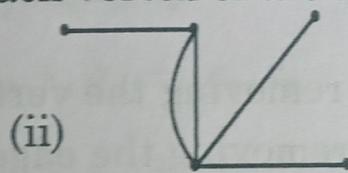
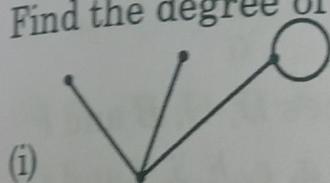
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(c) Draw a self complementary graph (i.e., isomorphic to its complement) with 4 vertices.

5. State which of the following graphs are simple



6. Find the degree of each vertex of the following three graphs



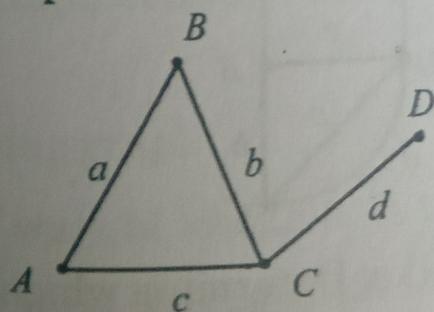
7. (i) Draw a simple graph having four vertices each of degree 2

(ii) Draw a connected graph with 3 vertices and 4 edges.

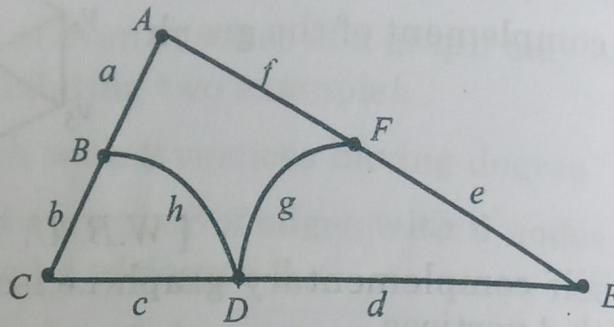
(iii) Find the minimum No. of connected component of a simple graph with 16 vertices and 10 edges.

8. (i) Draw a simple graph with five vertices having degree 4, 3, 3, 3, 3

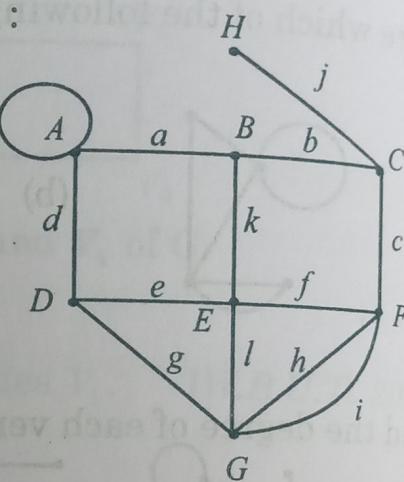
9. Find three subgraphs of the following graph



10. Find three subgraphs of the following graph



11. Consider the following graph :



Find (i) the subgraph removing the vertices  $D, G, B$  and  $F$

(ii) the subgraph removing the edges  $g, e, k, i, f$  and  $j$ .

(iii) the subgraph *induced* by the vertices  $A, G, E$ , and  $F$  (i.e. the subgraph having vertices  $A, G, E, F$  and those edges of the given graph that have both ends as the given vertices)

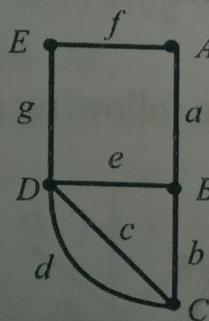
(iv) the subgraph *induced* by the edges  $d, g, i$  and  $c$

(v) the subgraph which is complete with three vertices

(vi) the isomorphic graph (if exists) to the subgraph of  $G$  which is complete with four vertices.

(vii) a simple subgraph ; all possible simple subgraphs.

12. From the graph :



You are given some walks. Determine which are (a) path (b) trail

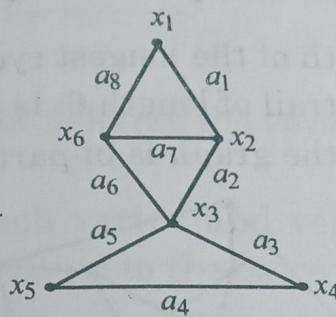
(c) a closed walk (d) a circuit  
 (i)  $A, a, B$

(ii)  $B, b, C, c, D, d, C$

(iii)  $B, b, C, c, D, d, C, b, B$

(iv)  $D, d, C, c, D, e, B, a, A, f, E, g, D$

13.(a) From the graph :



You are given some walks. Determine which are a path, a trail, a closed walk, a circuit ;

(i)  $x_1, a_1, x_2, a_2, x_3, a_5, x_5 a_4, x_4$

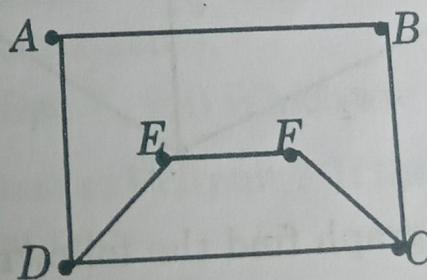
(ii)  $x_2, a_7, x_6, a_6, x_3, a_3, x_4 a_4, x_5, a_5, x_3$

(iii)  $x_6, a_7, x_2, a_2, x_3, a_3, x_4 a_4, x_5, a_5, x_3, a_6, x_6$

(iv)  $x_1, a_1, x_2, a_2, x_3, a_6, x_6$

(v)  $x_2, a_2, x_3, a_6, x_6, a_8, x_1 a_1, x_2$

(b) Find all the cycles in the following graph. Hence find whether it is a bipartite graph :



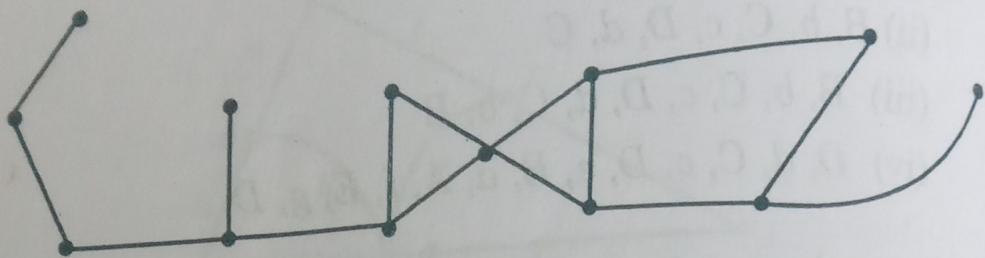
[Hint : Since the graph contains no cycle of odd length so it is a bipartite graph]

14. From the following graph

(a) find a closed walk of length 6. Is this walk a trail ?

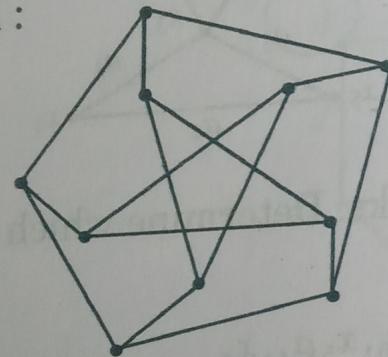
(b) find an open walk of length 12. Is it a path ?

(c) Find the length of the longest path in the graph. Find if possible, another path in the graph having the same length.



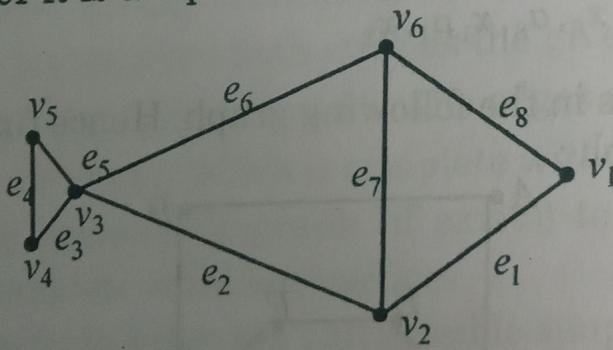
- (d) Find the length of the longest cycle (circuit) in the graph.  
 (e) Find a closed trail of length 6. Is your trail a circuit?  
 (f) Find whether the graph is bi-partite.

15. From the graph :



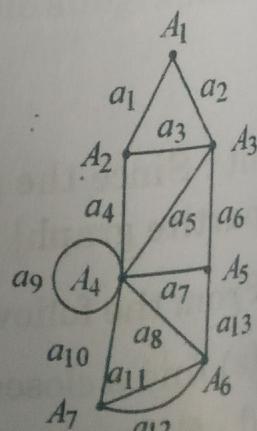
- find (i) a path of length 9 (ii) a trail of length 5  
 (iii) a circuit of length 8 (iv) a cycle of length 6.

16. Find three cycles from  $v_3$  to  $v_3$  in the following graph. Hence find whether it is a bipartite graph

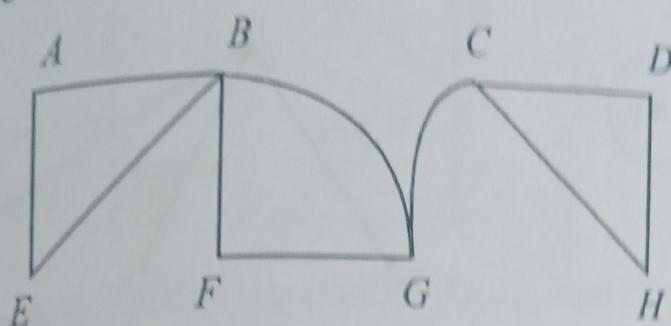


17. In the following graph find the following :

- (a) a walk of length 5 from  $A_3$  to  $A_4$ .  
 (b) a trail of length 9 from  $A_1$  to  $A_3$ .  
 (c) a cycle of length 7 from  $A_5$  to  $A_5$ .  
 (d) Whether the graph is bi-partite graph.



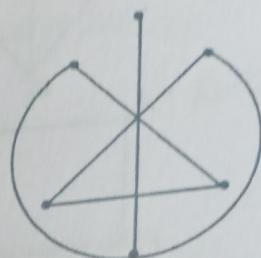
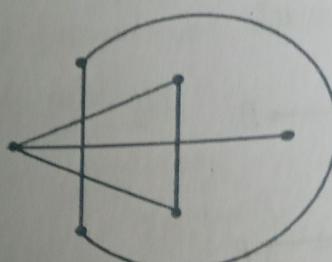
18. From the following graph, find



- (a) the subgraph after deleting the vertex  $F, G$  and the edge  $(A, B)$
- (b) the degree of each vertex and verify that the sum of degrees of all vertices is equal to twice the number of edges.
- (c) all simple paths from  $A$  to  $G$
- (d) all trails from  $B$  to  $C$
- (e) the distance between  $A$  and  $C$
- (f) the diameter of the graph
- (g) all cycles
- (h) Find the subgraph spanned by
  - (i)  $\{B, C, D, E, F\}$
  - (ii)  $\{A, C, E, G, H\}$
  - (iii)  $\{B, D, E, H\}$
  - (iv)  $\{C, F, G, H\}$ .

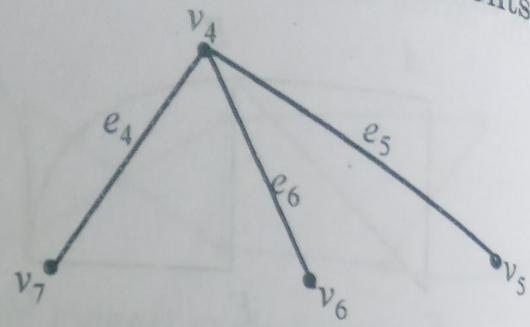
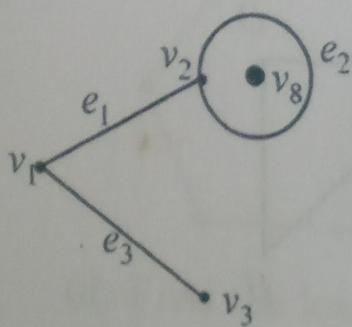
19. Among the following three graphs find

- (i) which are connected ? For dis-connected graph find the number of connected components.
- (ii) Which are loop-free ? (iii) Which are simple graphs ?
- (iv) Which are without any circuit ? If they have circuit, then find the number of circuit.

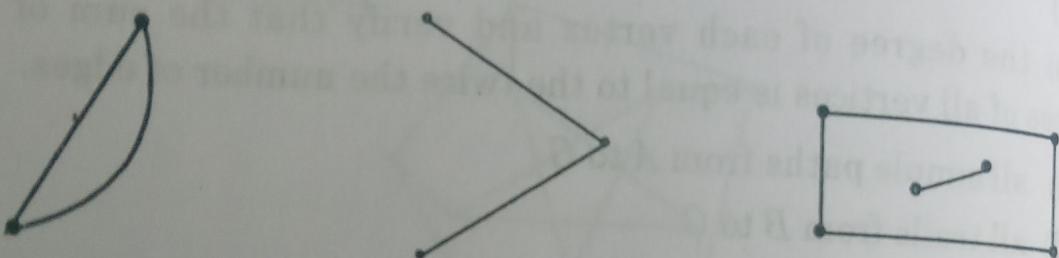


20. Draw a connected graph that becomes disconnected when any edge is removed from it.

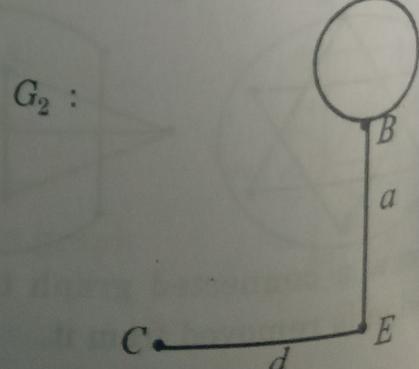
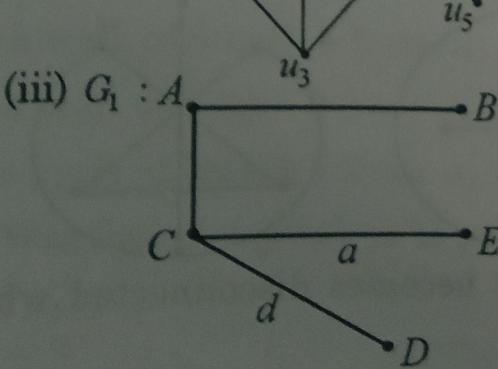
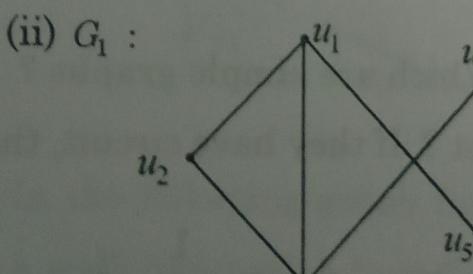
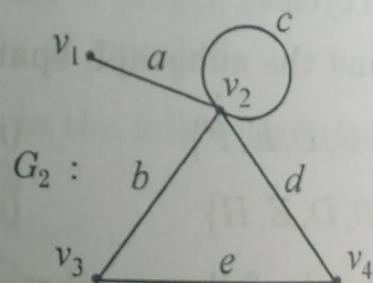
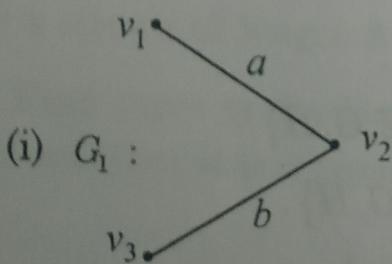
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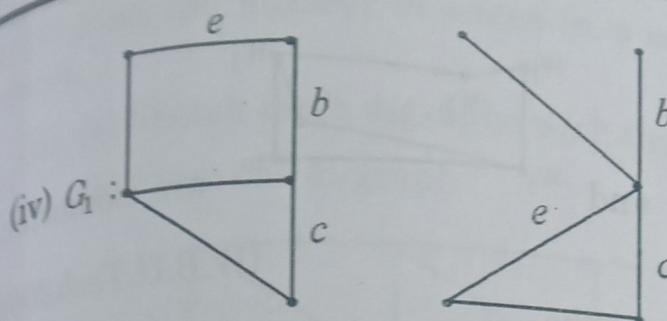


(b) Below you are given a graph. Find its components :

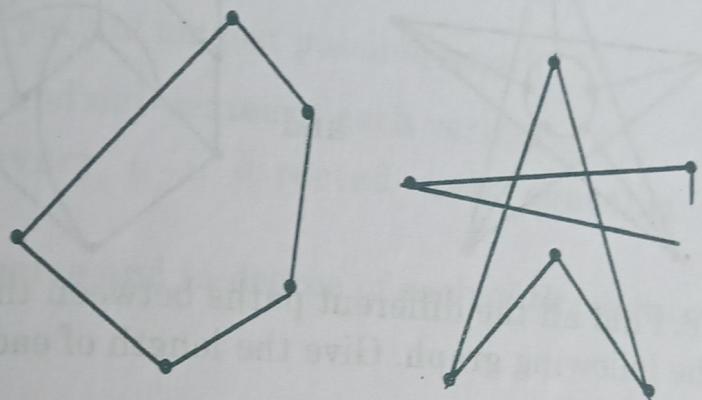


22. Find the union  $G_1 \cup G_2$  when





23. You are given the following graphs :  $G_1, G_2$  and  $G_3$  as



- Find the complement of  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ .
- Find which of the graphs are *self complementary* (i.e. isomorphic to its own complement)

24. (a) Find the maximum number of vertices in a connected graph having 17 edges  $[n-1 \leq 17 \Rightarrow n \leq 18]$ .

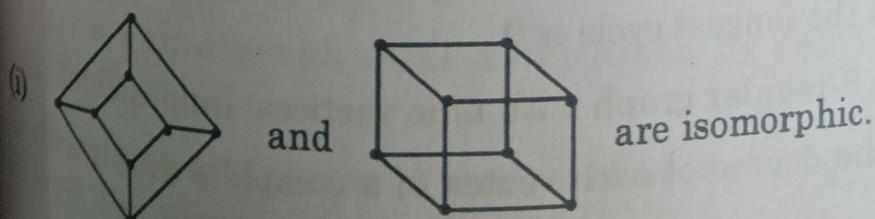
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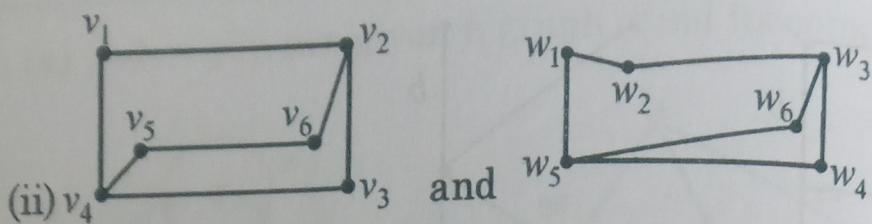
(b) Find the minimum number of edges in a connected graph having 21 vertices [ see a previous theorem ]

(c) Let  $G$  be a graph with 4 connected components and 24 edges. Find the maximum number of vertices  $G$  may have.

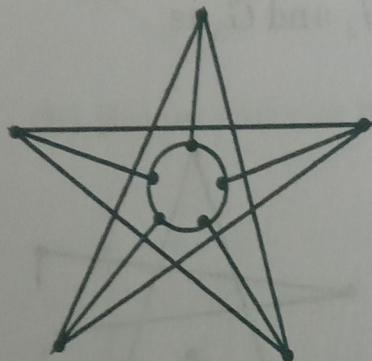
25. Draw two 3-regular graphs with eight vertices. Find whether these two are same or distinct (i.e. isomorphic or not)

26. Prove that the two graphs

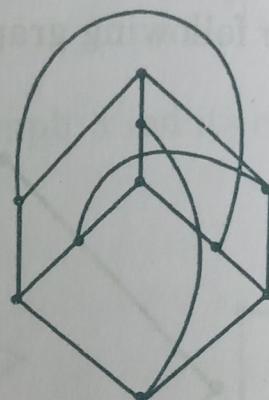




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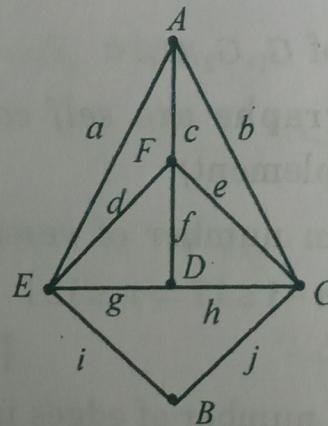


and



are isomorphic

28. Find all the different paths between the vertices  $A$  and  $B$  in the following graph. Give the length of each of these path:



29. Let  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  be three distinct vertices of a graph  $G$ . Prove that there exists a path from  $v_1$  to  $v_3$  if there exists a path from  $v_1$  to  $v_2$  and from  $v_2$  to  $v_3$ .

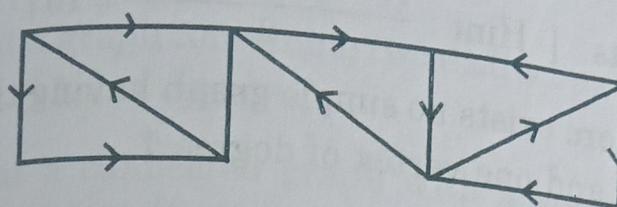
30. What about the degree of a simple graph in which there is no pair of adjacent edges.

31. Draw a graph in which the length of the shortest cycle is 4 and that of the longest cycle is 9.

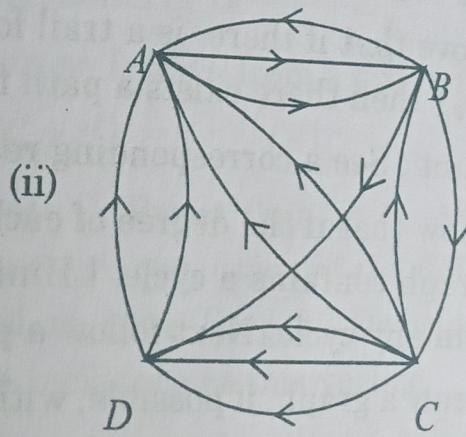
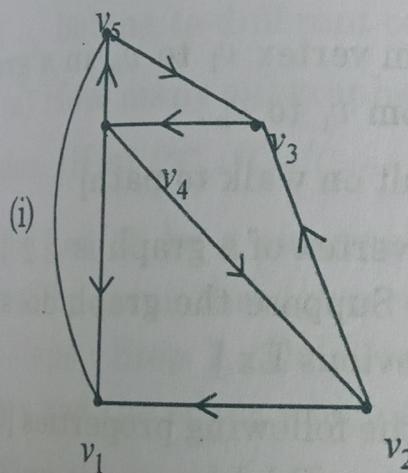
32. Draw a 3-regular graph with nine vertices. [impossible]

33. Find the degree of each vertex of a complete graph with  $n$  vertices.

34. (A) Find the number of edges in a complete graph with  $n$  vertices.  
 (B) (a) Sketch three digraphs with three vertices  
 (b) From the di-graph



- (i) Find a directed trail of length 10  
 (ii) find a directed path of longest possible length  
 (iii) find in-degree and out-degree of each vertex.  
 (c) Prove that every  $u-v$  directed walk contains a  $u-v$  directed path.  
 (d) Find the out-degree and in-degree of each of the vertices of the given di-graphs :



- (e) The vertex set and edge-set of a digraph,  $G$  are

$$V = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$E = \{(A, A), (B, E), (A, E), (E, B), (G, C), (A, E), (D, F), (D, B), (G, G)\}.$$

Find

- (i) any parallel or loops

- (ii) a sub-digraph of  $G$  determined by the vertex set  $\{A, B, C, D\}$

35. Find the least number of vertices of a complete graph having at least 500 edges.

36. (a) Find the number of edges in a complete graph with 5 vertices.

(b) Find the max number of edges of a graph with 7 vertices

and 3 components. [ Hint :  $\frac{(7-3) \times (7-3+1)}{2} = 10$  ]

37. Show that there exists no simple graph having three vertices of degree 3 each and one vertex of degree 1.

38. If  $G$  be a simple graph having more than one vertices then prove that  $G$  has two vertices whose degree are equal. [OR, Prove that a simple graph with at least two vertices has at least two vertices of same degree]

39. Prove that the complement of a disconnected graph is connected.

40. Find the number of edges of a graph with seven vertices having degrees 4, 1, 2, 2, 3, 5, 5.

41. Prove that if there is a trail form vertex  $v_1$  to  $v_k$  in a graph ( $v_1 \neq v_k$ ) then there exists a path from  $v_1$  to  $v_k$ .

[Hint : See a corresponding result on walk to path]

42. Show that if the degree of each vertex of a graph is  $\geq 2$  then the graph contains a cycle. [ Hint : Suppose the graph does not contain any cycle. Next follow a previous Ex.]

43. Draw a graph, if possible, with the following properties [Give explanation where the graph is not possible]

(i) Five vertices each of degree 4.

(ii) Five vertices each of degree 2

(iii) Simple graph, has 7 edges, 9 vertices each of degree at least 1.

(iv) Simple graph, six vertices having degrees 5, 5, 4, 2, 2, 2

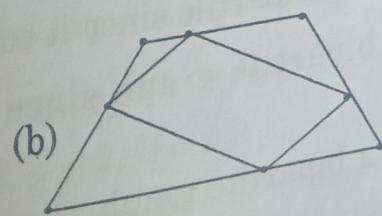
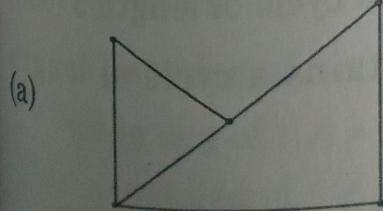
(v) Simple graph, six vertices having degree 5, 5, 4, 2, 1, 1

(vi) Six vertices, four edges.

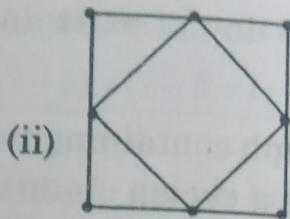
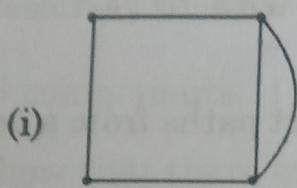
(vii) Five vertices having degree 1, 2, 2, 4, 5

(viii) Four edges, four vertices with degree- sequence 1, 2, 3, 4

44. Find the number of vertices in a graph with 20 edges if each vertex is of degree 4.
45. Show that there do not exist any graph with 10 vertices and 22 edges.
46. Prove that a graph containing two distinct paths from a vertex A to a vertex B has a cycle.
47. Prove that a connected graph with  $n$  vertices has at least  $n-1$  edges.
48. Two islands, C and D, formed by a river are connected to each other and to the banks A and B with seven bridges. Represent this by means of a graph (Konigsberg Bridge problem)
49. Let  $G$  be a connected graph. If  $e$  is an edge whose two vertices are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $G - e$  (i.e. the subgraph obtained from  $G$  by deleting the edge  $e$  from  $G$ ) is disconnected. Then prove that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  belong to different components of  $G - e$
50. (a) How many subgraphs can be formed from a graph having  $e$  sides. [Hint :  ${}^eC_0 + {}^eC_1 + {}^eC_2 + \dots + {}^eC_e = 2^e$ ]
- (b) Let  $G'$  be a subgraph of  $G$ . Prove that  $G'$  is obtained from  $G$  by going through a sequence consisting of the following two steps : Step 1 : Deletion of an edge. Step 2 : Deletion of a vertex and the edges which are incidence at this vertex.
51. Find the number of vertices in a graph with 15 degrees if each vertex has degree 3.
52. Let  $v$  be a vertex in a graph and  $T$  be a closed trail from  $v$  to  $v$ . Prove that  $T$  contains a cycle from  $v$  to  $v$ .
- [Hint : This is modification of a theorem ]
53. Find out which one of the following two graphs is Euler graph.



54. Determine whether the following figures are Euler cycle or not



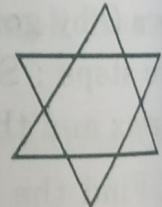
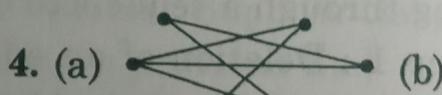
55. P.T a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $e$  edges contains a unique cycle if  $n = e$ .

**56.** Show that if a connected graph is decomposed into two subgraphs then there exists at least one vertex common between the two subgraphs.

[Hint :  $G = G_1 \cup G_2$ . Let  $u \in G_1$ ,  $v \in G_2$ .  $P$  is a path connecting  $u$  and  $v$ .

Let  $p = \{u, e_1, u_1, e_2, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1}, e_k, u_k, \dots, u_{n-1}, e_n, v\}$  be the path where  $u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1} \in G_1$  and  $u_k, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_{n-1}, v \in G_2$ . Proved  $u_{k+1} \equiv u_k$ .]

## Answers






21. (a) There are 3

24 (a) 18

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30. at most 1. 32.

$$34. A. \quad {}^nC_r \quad n(n -$$

$$34. A. {}^nC_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

(d)

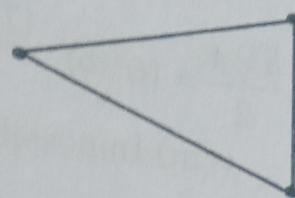
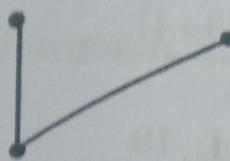
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18. (a)



(b)  $2, 4, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2$

(c)  $ABG, ABFG, AEBG, AEBFG$

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(c)  $ABG, ABFG, AEBG, AEBFG$

(d)  $BGC, BFGC, BAEBGC, BAEBFGC$  (e) 3

(f) 4 (g)  $ABEA, BFGB, CDHC$

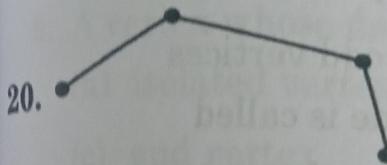
(h) (i)  $\{BE, BF, CD\}$

(ii)  $\{AE, FG, GC\}$  (iii)  $\{BE, DH\}$  (iv)  $\{FG, GC, CH\}$

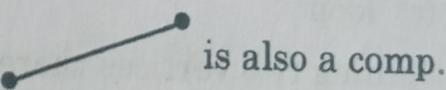
19. (i) 3rd is connected, 1st and 2nd have two connected components

(ii) 2nd and 3rd (iii) 3rd

(iv) none.

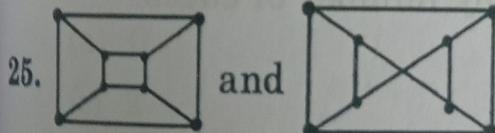
21. (a) There are 3 components. Note that  $\{V_8\}$  is a component.

(b) There are 4 comp. Note that



24. (a) 18

(b)  $21 - 1 = 20$ .



These are not isomorphic since the latter has a cycle of length 5 and the former has no such.

30. at most 1. 32. impossible

33.  $n - 1$

34. A.  ${}^n C_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  remembering that a complete graph is simple(d) (i) in deg of:  $v_1 = 2, v_2 = 2, v_3 = 2, v_4 = 2, v_5 = 0$ out deg of:  $v_1 = 1, v_2 = 2, v_3 = 1, v_4 = 1, v_5 = 3$ (ii) in deg of:  $A = 6, B = 1, C = 2, D = 2$ out deg of:  $A = 1, B = 5, C = 5, D = 2$

35. 33

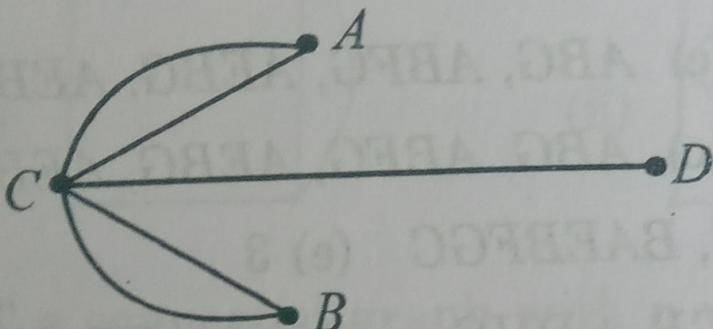
36. (a)  $\frac{5 \times 4}{2} = 10$  (b)  $\frac{(7-3)(7-3+1)}{2} = 10$

43. (vi) possible

(viii) Impossible

44. 10

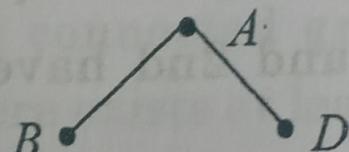
48.



51. 10

### [III] Multiple Choice Questions

1. In the graph



the vertices A, B are

(a) end vertices of an edge

(b) pendant vertices