

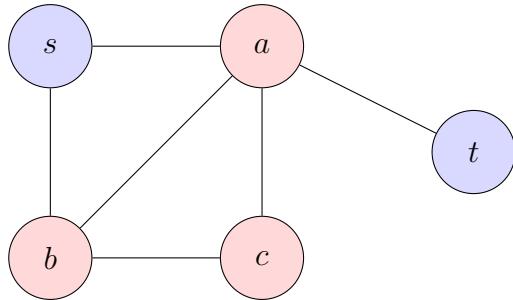
# Walking

This is a **regular task**. You must submit a PDF, which can be produced using the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X template on Moodle, exported from a word processor, hand-written or any other method.

You have a simple, unweighted, undirected and connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. You are also given two particular vertices  $s$  and  $t$  and an integer  $k$ . A *walk* of length  $r - 1$  is a sequence of vertices  $[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r]$  such that  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} \in E$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r - 1$ . A walk may include the same vertices or the same edges multiple times.

Design and analyse an  $O(km)$  algorithm that counts the number of walks from  $s$  to  $t$  that use exactly  $k$  edges. You do **not** need to list the walks.

For example, if  $G$  is the graph shown below and  $k = 4$ , the answer is 6. The 6 walks from  $s$  to  $t$  using 4 edges have vertex sequences  $sasat$ ,  $sbsat$ ,  $sbcat$ ,  $sabat$ ,  $sacat$ , and  $satat$ .



**Note:** All graphs in this course are assumed to be simple and connected, and provided as an adjacency list (unless otherwise stated).

## Advice.

See the advice for previous weeks regarding what to include in a solution using dynamic programming.

**Expected length:** about half a page.