

Key Terms

Incident

Adjacent/Neighbors

Degree of a vertex

Path, walk, cycle, tour

Eulerian tour

Tree

Hypercube

I. Graph Theory

Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph. Match the term with the definition.

Word Bank.

Walk

Cycle

Tour

Path

Walk that starts and ends at the same node

Sequence of edges.

Sequences of edges with possibly repeated vertex or edge.

Sequence of edges that starts and ends on the same vertex and does not repeat vertices (except the first and last)

What is a simple path?

Exercises

1. Given a graph G with n vertices, where n is even, prove by induction that if every vertex has degree $n/2+1$, then G must contain a 3-cycle.

II. Trees

If complete graphs are “maximally connected,” then trees are the opposite: Removing just a single edge disconnects the graph! Formally, there are a number of equivalent definitions of when a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a tree, including:

What are four ways to describe trees?

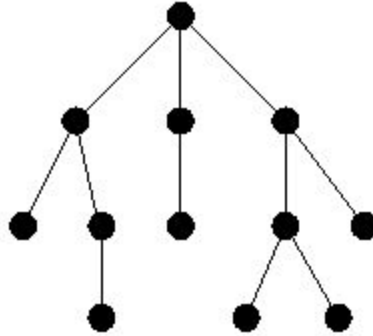
- 1) G is _____ and contains _____
- 2) G is _____ and has _____
- 3) G is _____ and _____
- 4) G has no _____ and _____ creates

Theorem: G is connected and contains no cycles if and only if G is connected and has $n - 1$ edges.

We saw in the notes on page 8 that 1 and 2 above were saying the same thing- that is, stated rigorously, $1 \Leftrightarrow 2$. We will now prove that $1 \Leftrightarrow 3$:

Recall from the notes that a **rooted tree** is a tree with a particular node designated as the root, and the other nodes arranged in levels, “growing down” from the root. An alternative, recursive, definition of rooted tree is the following:

A rooted tree consists of a single node, the root, together with zero or more “branches,” each of which is itself a rooted tree. The root of the larger tree is connected to the root of each branch



A rooted tree.

2. Prove that given any tree, selecting any node to be the root produces a rooted tree according to the definition above.

A **spanning tree** of a graph G is a subgraph of G that contains all the vertices of G and is a tree.

3. Prove that a graph $G = (V, E)$ is connected if and only if it contains a spanning tree.

4. How many distinct spanning trees does K_3 have? How many does K_4 have?

III. Hypercubes

What is an n dimensional hypercube?

The bit definition: Two _____ x and y are _____ if and only if _____ and _____ differ in _____ bit position.

Recursive definition: Define the 0-_____ as the $(n-1)$ dimensional _____ with vertices labeled $0x$ (x is _____ (hint: how many remaining bits are there?)). Do the same for the 1-_____ with vertices labeled _____. Then an n dimensional _____ is created by placing an edge between _____ and _____ in the _____ and _____ respectively.

Exercises

1. How many vertices does an n dimensional hypercube have?
2. How many edges does an n dimensional hypercube have?
3. How many edges do you need to cut from a hypercube to isolate one vertex in an n -dimensional hypercube?

4. The hypercube is a popular architecture for parallel computation. Let each vertex of the hypercube represent a processor and each edge represent a communication link. Suppose we want to send a packet for vertex x to vertex y . Consider the following “bit-fixing” algorithm:

In each step, the current processor compares its address to the destination address of the packet. Let's say that the two addresses match up to the first k positions. The processor then forwards the packet and the destination address on to its neighboring processor whose address matches the destination address in at least the first $k+1$ positions. This process continues until the packet arrives at its destination.

Consider the following example where $n = 4$: Suppose that the source vertex is (1001) and the destination vertex is (0100) . Give the sequence of processors that the packet is forwarded to using the bit-fixing algorithm.

Bonus Exercises:

Let v be an odd degree node. Consider the longest walk starting at v that does not repeat any edges (though it may omit some). Let w be the final node of the walk. Show that $v \neq w$.

Prove that undirected connected graph with $|V| \geq 2$, 2 nodes have same degree

Prove that every undirected finite graph where every vertex has degree of at least 2 has a cycle.

Prove that every undirected finite graph where every vertex has degree of at least 3 has a cycle of even length.