

(undirected) simple graph  
no self loops

(undirected) graph



directed graph

multigraph



weighted graphs



"graph"

If a graph  $[G = (V, E)]$  is an ordered pair of a vertex set,  $V$ , and an edge set,  $E$ . For every edge  $e \in E$ , 2 associated vertices  $a, b \in V$ , called the endpoints. (For directed graphs, we want to know the start and end.)

### Undirected Graphs

$\forall e \in E, e \subseteq V$  is an 2-element subset of  $V$ .

(= undirected)



$$V = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$E = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}\}$$

- can't do directed, multigraphs w/ this model.  
(or some)

### Directed Graphs

$E \subseteq V \times V$ , i.e. each edge is of the form  $(a, b)$ ,  $a, b \in V$ .   $E = \{(1, 2), (3, 1)\}$   
- still can't do multigraphs.  
- can model undirected graphs: if  $a \sim b$ ,  $(a, b), (b, a) \in E$ .

### Common Graphs

Cycle graph on  $n^3$  vertices,  $C_n$



$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, E = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), \dots, (n-1, n), (n, 1)\}$$

Path graph on  $n$  vertices,  $P_n$



$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, E = \{(1, 2), \dots, (n-1, n)\} = E_n \setminus \{n, 1\}$$

Complete Graph on n vertices,  $K_n = K_{nn}$

$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, E = \{ \{i, j\} : i \neq j \}$$



$K_1$

$\longleftarrow$   
 $K_2$



$K_3$



$K_5$

Complete Bipartite Graph,  $K_{mn}$

vertex set  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$

$$V = \{(1,1), \dots, (1,m), (2,1), \dots, (2,n)\}$$



$V_1, V_2$

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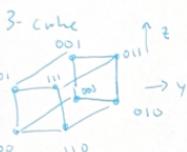
$K_{mn}$

$m$

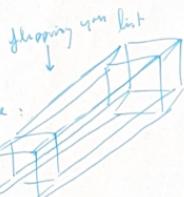
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$\downarrow$

HyperCube Graph,  $Q_n$



$\left. \begin{array}{l} V = \text{all } n\text{-bit strings} \\ E = \{ \{a, b\} \mid a \wedge b = k \ll 1, 0 \leq k \leq n \} \end{array} \right\}$



$\xrightarrow{\text{flipping your hand}}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{y-cube:}}$

Graph	# vertices	# edges
$C_n$	$n$	$n$
$P_n$	$n$	$n-1$
$K_n$	$n$	$\frac{(n-1)(n)}{2} = \binom{n}{2}$
$K_{mn}$	$m+n$	$m \cdot n$
$Q_n$	$2^n$	$\frac{n \cdot 2^n}{2} = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$
		$\curvearrowleft \text{ every vertex has } n \text{-edges}$

Some useful terms:

degree of a vertex: # of edges connected to vertex

connected vs disconnected



disconnected



connected



connected components

union of two graphs

$$G = (V, E), H = (V', E') \rightarrow G \cup H = (V \cup V', E \cup E')$$



complement of a graph



G



\bar{G}

$$V = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$E = E_{kn} \setminus E_G$$

Result: no self loops!

$$G = (V, E)$$

$$\bar{G} = (\bar{V}, \bar{E})$$

$$e \in E \Leftrightarrow e \notin \bar{E}$$

Theorem Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple undirected graph. Then

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

$$\deg(v) = \# \text{ of edges incident on } v. = \sum_{e \in E} \text{"does } e \text{ touch } v?"$$

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(commutativity of addition)

$$= \sum_{e \in E} 2$$

(each edge touches exactly 2 vertices)

$$= 2|E|. \quad \blacksquare$$

Q. How many edges does  $\bar{C}_n$  have?



$$\# \text{ edges in } C_4 + \bar{C}_4 =$$

$$\# \text{ edges in } K_4$$

$$\rightarrow$$

$$\# \text{ edges in } \bar{C}_n =$$

$$\# \text{ edges in } K_n - \# \text{ edges in } C_n$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - n = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$$

Remove an edge  $e \in E$ :

$$G' = G - e$$

$$V' = V$$

$$E' = E - e$$



Remove a vertex  $v \in V$ :

$$G' = G - v$$

$$V' = V - v$$

$$E' = E - \text{all edges incident on } v$$



Def:  $H = (V, E)$

Def:  $H = (V, E)$  is a subgraph of  $G$  if it is a graph w/  $V' \subseteq V$ ,  $E' \subseteq E$ .

Ex:  $G = (V, E)$

$v \in V$  is a subgraph of  $G \forall v \in V$

$e \in E$  is a subgraph of  $G \forall e \in E$   $\rightarrow$  Any subgraph can be obtained by removing edges & vertices.

$$(V, E) \subset (V', E')$$

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Def: The product graph  $G \times H = (V \times V', E \times E')$

$$\{(a, b) \mid a \in V, b \in V'\}$$

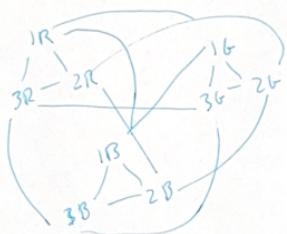
$$\{(a, x), (a, y) \mid \forall y (x, y) \in E' \}$$

$$V \cup \{(x, b), (y, b) \mid (x, y) \in E \}$$

$a \in V$

$b \in V'$

Ex:  $C_3 \times C_3$



Ex:  $K_2 \times K_2$

$$K_2 \times K_2 = \begin{array}{c} \bullet R \\ \times \\ \bullet B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} IR \rightarrow IB \\ | \\ 2R \leftarrow 2B \end{array}$$

Ex:  $K_2 \times K_2 \times K_2$

$$\begin{array}{c} IR \rightarrow IR \\ | \\ 2R \leftarrow 2B \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} X \rightarrow Y \\ | \\ A \leftarrow B \end{array} =$$

$$\begin{array}{c} IRX \rightarrow IBY \\ | \\ 2RX \leftarrow 2BX \\ IRY \rightarrow 1BY \\ | \\ 2RY \leftarrow 2BY \end{array}$$

How many vertices does  $G \times E$  have? edges?

$$|V \times V'| = |V| \cdot |V'|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &\# \text{ edges caused by } G + \# \text{ edges caused by } H \\ &= |E| \cdot |V'| + |E'| \cdot |V| \end{aligned}$$

Exercise! Using  $\prod_{i=1}^n K_2 = Q_n$ , prove #vertices in  $Q_n = 2^n$ , #edges in  $Q_n = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$ .

Def.  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph,  $v, w \in V$  be vertices.

Def:  $\textcircled{1}$  a walk from  $v$  to  $w$  is a sequence of vertices

$$v = v_0 - v_1 - v_2 - \dots - v_n = w,$$

such that each  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$ .

$\textcircled{2}$  the length of the walk is  $n$ .

ex



$1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3$  is a walk from 1 to 3 of length 5.

4 is a trivial walk (of length 0).

Def a closed walk starts and ends at the same vertex.

e.g.  $1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 1$ .

Def a trail is a walk where no edge is repeated (closed trail of length 3 = circuit)  
a path is a walk where no vertex is repeated (closed path of length 3 = cycle)



Def a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is connected if  $\forall u, v \in V$  Ja walk from  $u$  to  $v$ .

Theorem Let  $G = (V, E)$  with  $u, v \in V$ . Then if  $\exists$  a walk from  $u$  to  $v$ , - then  $\exists$  a path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

Pf (sketch)



$u - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - v$  is a walk from  $u$  to  $v$ .

$u - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - v$  is a path from  $u$  to  $v$ , which we obtained by removing closed loops from our walk.

Def Let  $G = (V, E)$ . The distance,  $d(u, v)$ , from  $u \in V$  to  $v \in V$  is the length of the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ . If no paths exist, write  $d(u, v) = +\infty$ .

- We define the geodesic from  $u$  to  $v$  to be the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

Theorem Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph.

- 1) For any  $a, b \in V$ ,  $d(a, b) \geq 0$  w/  $d(a, b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b$ .
- 2) For any  $a, b, c \in V$ ,  $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$
- 3) For any  $a, b \in V$ ,  $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$ .

$\Rightarrow d$  is a metric on  $V$ .

Pf (sketch) - Trivial.  $\square$

~~(length of path  $\geq$  distance.  $\rightarrow$ )~~  
~~If  $d(a, b) < d(a, c) + d(c, b)$ , then  $d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(c, b)$  is established~~

Theorem Let  $G = (V, E)$ . For  $a, b \in V$ , write  $a \sim b$  if  $\exists$  a path from  $a$  to  $b$ .

- 1)  $u \sim u$   $\forall u \in V$ . (reflexive)
- 2)  $u \sim v \Leftrightarrow v \sim u \quad \forall u, v \in V$ . (symmetric)
- 3)  $u \sim v, v \sim w \Rightarrow u \sim w \quad \forall u, v, w \in V$  (transitive)

Pf (Trivial  $\square$ )

$\hookrightarrow$  Every graph is the union of its connected components

Pf Partition  $V$  by  $\sim$  from above; equivalence classes are connected components.  $\checkmark$

Bipartition

Def an undirected simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  is bipartite if  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$  where  $e = (a, b)$ ,  $a \in V_1, b \in V_2 \quad \forall e \in E$ .

$\checkmark$  can "color" vertices w/ two different colors where adjacent vertices are different colors

Theorem (Book):  $G$  bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow G$  doesn't contain any odd cycles.

2) The diameter  $d(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is  $\max_{a,b \in V} \text{dist}(a,b)$

ex

$$1) \text{diam}(K_n) = 1 \text{ for } n \geq 2$$



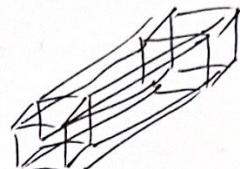
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(with cone, need to flip  
n bits)

$$4) \text{diam}(Q_n) = n$$



Claim  $G$  is bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow G$  has no odd cycles.

Pl ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $G$  has an odd length cycle:  $v_0 - \dots - v_{2k+1} = v_0$ . If  $G$  bipartite,

$V = V_1 \cup V_2$  w/  $E = \{(a,b) \mid a \in V_1, b \in V_2\}$ . WLOG,  $v_0 \in V_1$ . Then  $v_i \in V_2$ ,  $v_{i+1} \in V_1$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $v_{2k+1} \in V_2$ . By induction,  $v_0 \in V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ .

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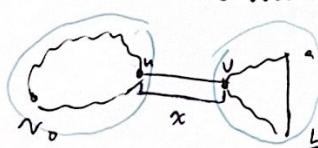
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$$V_1 = \{v \in V \mid \text{dist}(v, v) \text{ even}\}, \quad V_2 = \{v \in V \mid \text{dist}(v, v) \text{ odd}\}.$$

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# of edges from  $v_0 - b$  (odd)

+ # of edges from  $a - v_0$  (even)

+ ~~dist(a, b)~~ ~~odd~~ odd

$$= 2x + l(v_0 - u - v_0) + l(v_0 - b - v_0) \text{ is even. Thus } l(v_0 - u - v_0) + l(u, v) + l(v_0 - b - v_0) + l(v, v) \text{ is even odd. So one of either cycle is odd. } \blacksquare$$

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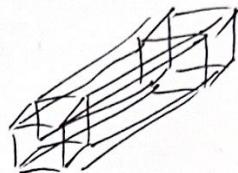
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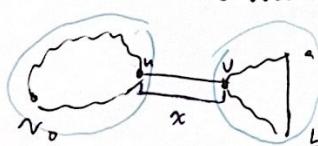
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Theorem - For  $G = (V, E)$  have  $n$  vertices. Suppose  $\min_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Then  $G$  is connected.

Pf

Follow immediately from previous example.

B If we say  $G = (V, E)$  is  $k$ -regular if  $\forall v \in V, \deg(v) = k$ .

ex

$K_n$  is  $(n-1)$ -regular

$C_n$  is  $2$ -regular

$Q_n$  is  $n$ -regular

$P_n$  is not  $k$ -regular.

ex Any  $3$ -regular graph on at most  $7$  vertices must be connected

Pf If  $n \leq 2$ ,  $\frac{n-1}{2} \leq 3 \Rightarrow \min_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$

Q are there  $3$ -regular graphs on:

4 vertices?



$K_4$

5 vertices?

$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 15 = 2|E|$  requires  $7.5$  edges.

6 vertices?



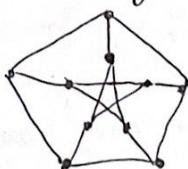
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$\sum_v \deg(v) = 21 \Rightarrow$  impossible!

Another famous graph

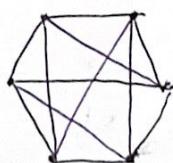
The Petersen Graph is a  $3$ -regular graph on  $10$  vertices:



+ Famously serves as a counterexample to many different hypotheses  $\Rightarrow$

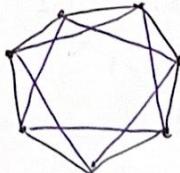
Q are there  $4$ -regular graphs on:

5 vertices?



6 vertices?

7 vertices?



connect each vertex  
i to  $i \pm 1, i \pm 2$ .

Theorem If  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ , then if a  $k$ -regular graph on  $n$  vertices  $\Leftrightarrow$   $k_n$  is even.

Pf

$\Leftrightarrow$  Assume  $\exists$   $k$ -regular graph on  $n$  vertices  $G = (V, E)$ . Then

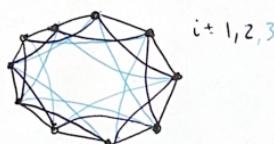
$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|$$

$$\sum_{v \in V} k = k|V| = kn$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Suppose  $kn$  even.

so  $kn$  is even. Note ~~topo~~ Thus  $k$  or  $n$  (or  $k|V|$ ) is even. If  $k$  even, connect  $i$  to  $i+1, i+2, \dots, i+\frac{k}{2}$  (mod  $n$ ). Otherwise, connect  $0$  to  $i+1, i+2, \dots, i+\frac{k-1}{2}, i+\frac{n}{2}$  (mod  $n$ ).  $\square$

ex:  $k=6, n=10$ .



$$i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$k=5, n=8$$

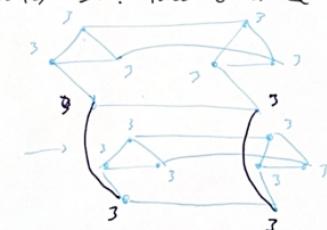
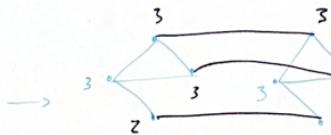
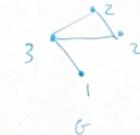


$$i = 1, 2$$

$$k=4, n=4$$

Theorem Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph w/ max degree of any vertex  $s_r$ . Then  $G$  is a subgraph of some  $r$ -regular graph.

Pf (Sketch)



"copy the graph and connect deficient vertices"

$$\left( \{V' := V \mid v \notin G\} . \{ \text{copy } e' := e \mid e \in E(G) \} \right)$$

$G = (V, E)$        $\max_{v \in V} \deg(v) = r$        $H :=$   
 $\min_{v \in V} \deg(v) = r-k$        $\rightarrow G \cup G'$ , where  $(v, v') \in H$  if  $\deg(v) < r$   
 $\rightarrow H : \min_{v \in V(H)} \deg(v) = r$

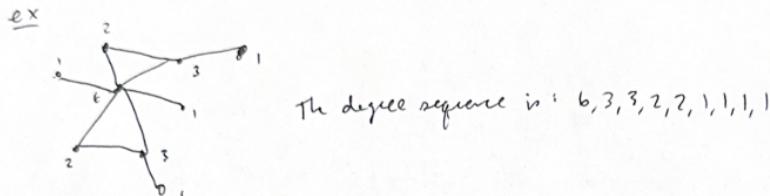
$$\min_{v \in V(H)} \deg(v) = r-k+1.$$

Repeat this process for  $H', H''$ , ...  $\square$

Notation:  $\delta(G) = \min_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ ,  $\Delta(G) = \max_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ .

$G$  is  $r$ -regular  $\Leftrightarrow \Delta(G) = \Delta(G) = r$ .

Q) Let  $G = (V, E)$ . The degree sequence of  $G$  is a list of degrees  $\deg(v)$  for  $v \in V$  (with repeats as needed). Often, the list is written in non-increasing order.



Ex Does any graph have degree sequence 4, 4, 2, 2, 1

Note:  $\sum_v \deg(v) = 15$ , odd but sum of degrees must be even. (Sono.)  
"this sequence is not graphical"

Ex Does any graph have degree sequence 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 1, 1 ?

Even though  $\sum \deg(v)$  even, still impossible because such a graph would have 7 vertices so each vertex has degree  $\leq 6$ .  $\square$

Ex Does any graph have degree sequence 3, 7, 3, 1.  
Such a graph would have  $A, B, C, D$

$A, B, C, D$  each connected to all 3 vertices other than themselves. In particular,  $D$  would be connected to each of them, contradicting  $\deg(D) = 1$ .

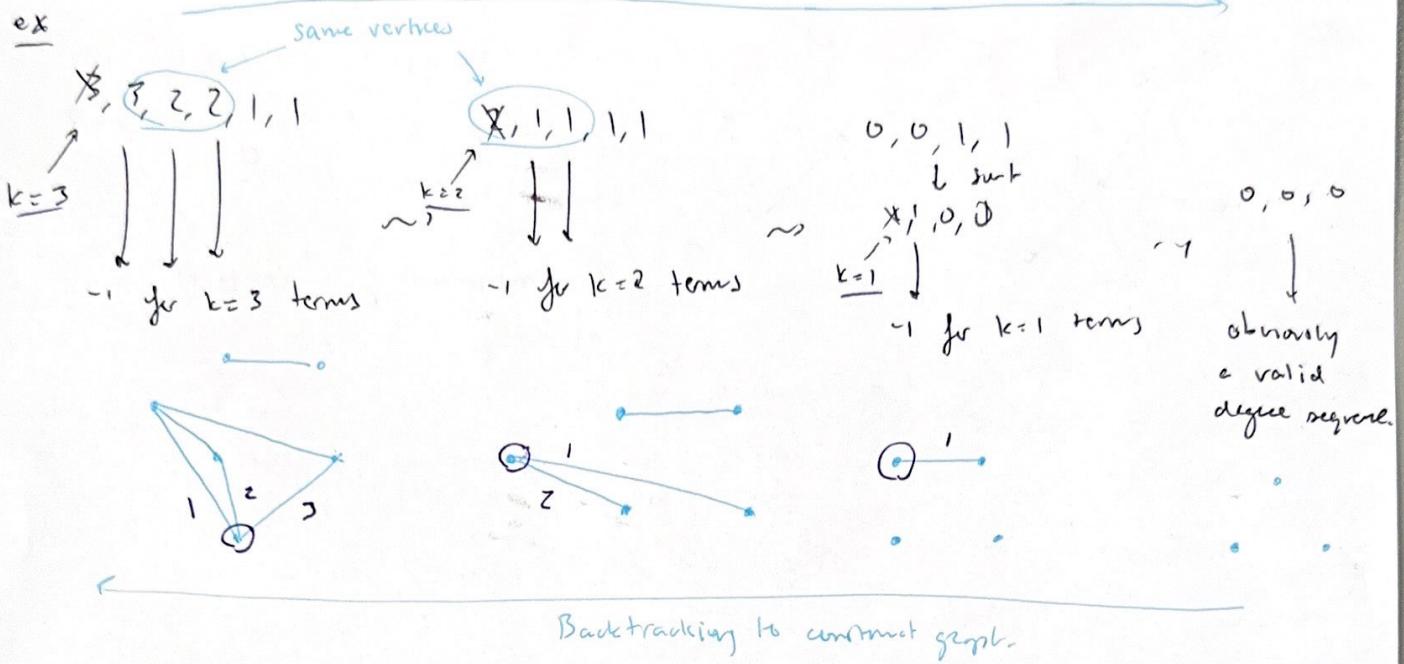
Then for  $n > 2$  and consider the non-increasing sequence of non-negative integers

$$s: d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$$

Then  $s$  is a degree sequence for some graph  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$s' = d_2-1, d_3-1, \dots, d_{k+1}-1, d_{k+2}, \dots, d_n$$

$s'$  is a degree sequence for some graph. In particular,  $k \leq n-1$ .



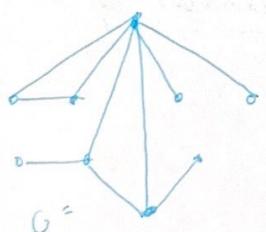
Pf of theorem

too long. look it up online.

ex  
6, 3, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1

$$2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1 \rightarrow 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0$$

$$1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0 \rightarrow 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0$$



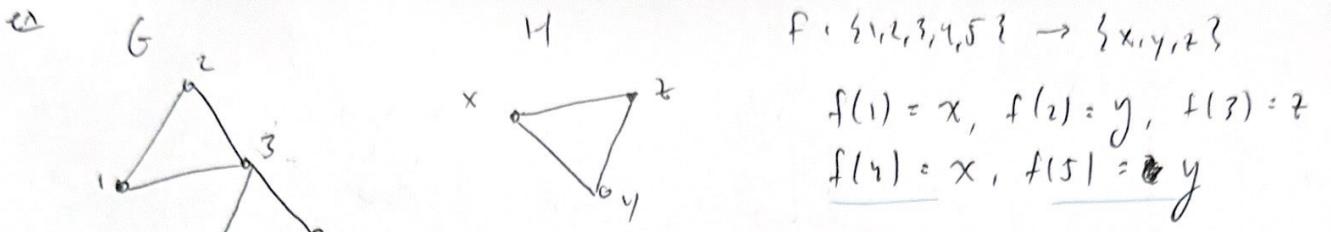
Def let  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $H = (V', E')$  be graphs. A morphism from  $G$  to  $H$  is a relabeling of  $G$ 's vertices in such a way that all the edges are still valid. That is, a morphism from  $G$  to  $H$  denotes

$$f: V \rightarrow V'$$

which also induces a function on the edges

$$f: E \rightarrow E'$$

$$\{a, b\} \mapsto \{f(a), f(b)\},$$



$$f: \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{x, y, z\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= x, \quad f(2) = y, \quad f(3) = z \\ f(4) &= x, \quad f(5) = y \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  a morphism from  $G$  to  $H$ .

Why? Check all the edges:

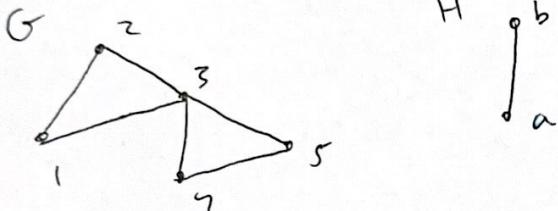
$$\{1, 2\} \rightarrow \{x, y\} \quad \{3, 4\} \rightarrow \{x, z\}$$

$$\{1, 3\} \rightarrow \{x, z\} \quad \{3, 5\} \rightarrow \{y, z\}$$

$$\{2, 3\} \rightarrow \{y, z\} \quad \{4, 5\} \rightarrow \{x, y\}$$

all mentioned edges are valid edges.

ex



Is there a morphism  $G \rightarrow H$ ?

No... 1 has to go to either  $a$  or  $b$ .

WLOG,  $f(1) = a$ . Then since  $(1, 2) \in E(G)$ ,  $f(2) = b$  to preserve the edge. However,

$$f(3) = b \Rightarrow \{2, 3\} \rightarrow \{b, b\} \times$$

$$\text{but } f(3) = a \Rightarrow \{1, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, a\} \times$$

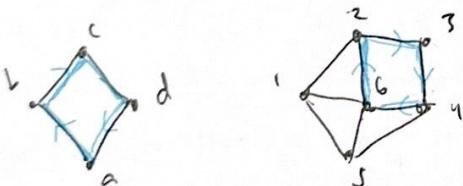
ex

If  $G = (V, E)$  is a subgraph of  $H = (V', E')$  then we have an embedding of  $G$  into  $H$ . That is, we have  $f: G \rightarrow H$  for which

$$f: V \rightarrow V', \quad f: E \rightarrow E'$$

are both injective.

ex



The morphism  $f: G \rightarrow H$  via

$$a \mapsto 6$$

$$b \mapsto 2$$

$$c \mapsto 7$$

$$d \mapsto 4$$

$\Rightarrow$  an embedding.

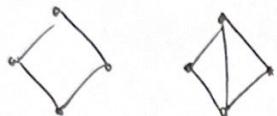
Def  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is an isomorphism of graphs if the resulting maps

$$f: V \rightarrow V'$$

$$f: E \rightarrow E'$$

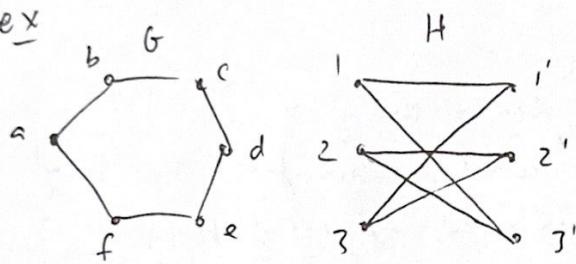
are both bijective.

ex



can not be isomorphic. (different number of edges)

ex



Are  $G \cong H$  isomorphic?

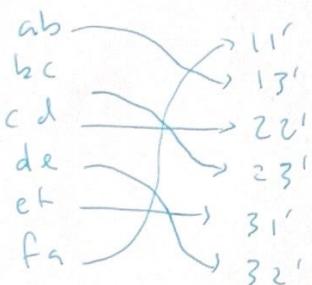
Hint: they're both  $C_6$   $\therefore$

$$f: G \rightarrow H, \text{映射}, \text{是}$$

$$f(a) = 1, f(b) = 1', f(c) = 2, f(d) = 2'$$

$$f(e) = 3, f(f) = 3'$$

$\Rightarrow$  is an isomorphism. (Bijection on vertices  $\Rightarrow$  edges)

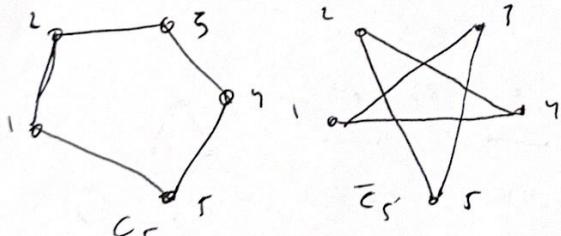


$$\therefore G \cong H$$

"is isomorphic"

ex

Are  $C_5 + \overline{C}_5$  isomorphic?



$$1 \mapsto 1$$

$$\text{yes } 2 \mapsto 3$$

$$\hookrightarrow 3 \mapsto 5$$

$$4 \mapsto 2$$

$$5 \mapsto 4$$

will give a bijection on vertices + edges.

Note :

When  $G, H$  isomorphic, we write  $G \cong H$ .

## Equivalence Relation Properties.

If  $G, H$  be graphs.

- Clearly,  $G \cong G$  (id map)
- $G \cong H \Rightarrow H \cong G$  (bijectors are invertible)
- If  $K$  be a graph.  $G \cong H, H \cong K \Rightarrow G \cong K$

$\cong$  is an equivalence relation.

## Basic Properties

1) If  $G = (V, E), H = (V', E')$ ,  $G \cong H$ , then

- $|V| = |V'|$
- $|E| = |E'|$

- the degree sequence of  $G$  is the same as that of  $H$ .

2) If  $G \cong H$ , then  $G$  connected  $\Leftrightarrow H$  connected. (In fact, the # of connected components of  $G$  is the # of connected components of  $H$ ).

3) If  $G \cong H$ , then  $G$  bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow H$  bipartite.

4)  $G \cong H \Leftrightarrow \bar{G} \cong \bar{H}$

These are all pretty intuitive... ■

## Counting Isomorphism Classes

Up to isomorphism, how many (simple, undirected) graphs are there on  $n$  vertices?

$\overbrace{\quad}^{n=1}$   
(1 total)

$\overbrace{\quad}^{n=2}$   
(2 total)

$\overbrace{\quad}^{n=3}$   
(4 total)

1)

2)

$K_1$

1)  $\circ$     2)  $\circ \circ$

$K_2 \cong P_2$

$\overbrace{\quad}^{n=3}$   
(4 total)

1)

2)

$K_1 \cup K_1 \cup K_1$

$K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_1$

3)

$\circ$     3)

$\square$

$K_3$

4)

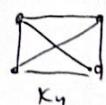
$\triangle$

$K_3 \cong C_3$

$\overbrace{\quad}^{n=4}$   
(11 total)

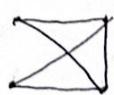
0 edges:    :    :

6 edges:



1 edge:    :    :

5 edges:



$K_2 \cup K_1 \cup K_1$

complement.

Theorem A tree on  $n$  vertices has  $n-1$  edges.

Ex

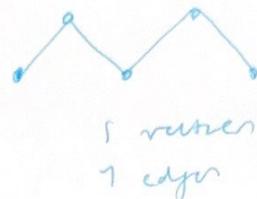
1 vertex  
0 edges



3 vertices  
2 edges



6 vertices  
5 edges



5 vertices  
4 edges

Pf

Proceed by induction on  $n$ .

- Base case trivial. Any tree on  $n=1$  vertex must have  $n-1=0$  edges.

- Pick a  $k \geq 2$  leaf node.

- Fix  $k \geq 2$ . Suppose any tree on  $n=k-1$  vertices has  $n-1 = k-2$  edges.

Let  $T$  be a tree on  $n=k$  vertices. Since  $k \geq 2$ ,  $T$  is a tree w/ 2+ vertices, so it has 2+ leaves. Let  $v$  be a leaf node of  $T$ .

(i.e.  $v \in V(T)$ ,  $\deg(v)=1$ ).

$T-v$  is a tree

- Clearly,  $T-v$  doesn't have cycles ( $T$  acyclic, we deleted a node).

- Let  $u, w \in V(T-v)$  be two arbitrary vertices. Since  $T$  connected,

$\exists$  a path  $u-w$  in  $T$ , say  $u=v_0-v_1-\dots-v_m=w$ . Note  $v_0, v_m \neq v$

since  $u, w \in V(T-v)$ , and if  $v_i = v$  for some  $i$  then  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  would both be neighbors of  $v$ , so  $\deg(v) \geq 2 \Rightarrow \text{contradiction}$

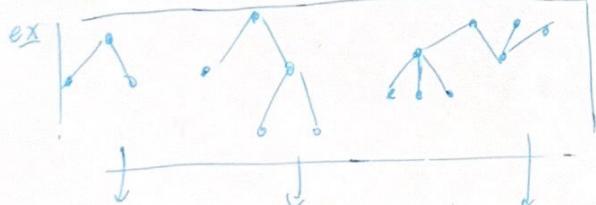
This shows  $T-v$  is a connected tree on  $n-1 = k-1$  vertices, thus

by induction hypothesis,  $T-v$  has  $n-2$  edges. Thus  $T$  has  $n-1$  edges  $\checkmark$

By Induction, the proof is complete.  $\square$



Theorem A forest with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges has  $n-m$  connected components.



3 vertices + 2 edges = 5 vertices + 4 edges = 8 vertices + 7 edges = 16 vertices + 13 edges

"each tree gets a -1 penalty"

Pt If  $F$  is a forest of  $n$  trees, no edges. Write  $F = T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_k$ .  
 $\{T_i\}$  are trees. Let  $n_i$  # vertices of  $T_i$ . Then  $\sum_i n_i = n$ . Now,  
 $m = \# \text{ edges in } F = (\# \text{ edges of } F_1) + \dots + (\# \text{ edges of } F_k)$   
 $= (n_1 - 1) + \dots + (n_k - 1)$   
 $= n - k$

Thus  $k = n - m$ .  $\square$

Corollary If  $G$  acyclic w/ ~~at~~  $n$  vertices, then  $G$  has at most  $n-1$  edges.

Pt  $G$  acyclic  $\Rightarrow$  forest. So # vertices of  $G$  - # edges of  $G$  =  
# connected components of  $G$   $\geq 1$ .

So # edges in  $G \leq$  # vertices in  $G - 1 = n - 1$ .  $\square$

Theorem Every connected graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices has a subgraph  $T \subseteq G$  on  $n$  vertices, which is a tree.

Def  $T$  is called a spanning tree for  $G$ .

Pt

Induct on the # of edges =  $m$ .

- Base cases:  $m=0, 1, 2$ . straightforward.  $\checkmark$
- Suppose every connected graph with  $m=k-1$  edges contains a spanning tree ( $\forall k \geq 3$ ). If  $G$  be a connected graph w/  $k$  edges.  
E. then  $G$  has no cycles. (we're done  $\checkmark$ ) or it has at least one cycle.  
Then remove an edge from its cycle. The resulting graph is connected w/  $k-1$  edges, so we're done by induction hypothesis.  $\square$

Corollary If  $G$  be any connected graph on  $n$  vertices. Then  $|V(G)| \geq n-1$ .

Pt

$G$  connected  $\rightarrow G$  contains a spanning tree, which has  $n-1$  edges.  $\square$