

- 3.1** Because (1),(2),(3),(4) are equivalent, we only need to prove that (5),(6) are equivalent with one of (1) \sim (4).

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (5) : G is a tree, i.e. G is connected and has no cycle. Because G is connected, a path $x-y$ exists between x and y . We can add an arbitrary edge $e : xy$. Then a cycle will be formed. (5) \Rightarrow (1) : G has no cycle. With an arbitrary edge $e : xy$, a cycle is formed. That means a path $x-y$ exists in G . $\Rightarrow G$ is connected $\Rightarrow G$ is a tree. \square

Proof. (4) \Rightarrow (6) : Delete an arbitrary edge $e : xy$. Because only one path exists between two arbitrary vertices x and y . The path between x and y will be xey . So deleting the edge e , no path exists between x and y . G will be unconnected.

(6) \Rightarrow (4) : First prove (6) \Rightarrow (1), then because (1) and (4) are equivalent, (6) \Rightarrow (4) is proved. Following is proof of (6) \Rightarrow (1).

Deleting an arbitrary edge $e : xy$, G will be unconnected. $\Rightarrow G$ has no cycle (**Property 3.4**). What's more, G is connected, so G is a tree. So (6) \Rightarrow (1) is proved. \square

- 3.3** Deleting an arbitrary vertex, G will be a tree. $\Rightarrow G$ has a cycle. (**Thm 3.7(5)**).

If G has other vertices except cycles, remove these vertices, G still have cycles, not a tree. That will be a contradiction. Therefore, G is just a cycle, containing n edges.

- 3.5** *Proof.* " \Rightarrow ": d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n is a degree sequence of a tree. The tree has $n-1$ edges (textbf{Thm 3.7(2)}). Therefore, $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n-1)$.

" \Leftarrow ": $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n-1) \Rightarrow G$ has $n-1$ edges. Prove with induction on n .

$n = 2$, because $d_i \leq 1$, $d_1 = d_2 = 1$. G with two vertices and one edge, is of course a tree.

Assume $n = k$, there is a tree T satisfying sequence d , then when $n = k + 1$, G has one more vertex and one more edge than tree T . Adding a vertex and an edge to tree T will form a new tree T' . Therefore, G is T' , a tree. \square

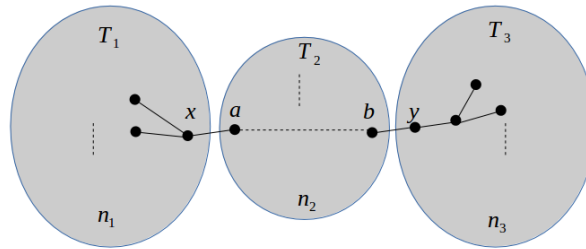


Figure 1: Three components of Tree T

- 3.10** *Proof.* If there exist two non-adjacent medians, x, y . tree T can be grouped into three groups, two groups rooting at x, y respectively and a group between x and y , T_1, T_2, T_3 as in Figure 1. T_1, T_2, T_3 have n_1, n_2, n_3 vertices respectively, and $n_2 \geq 2$.

In tree T_2 , vertexes a, b are directly connected with x, y respectively. We have

$$\begin{aligned} S_T(x) &= S_{T_1}(x) + S_{T_2}(a) + S_{T_3}(y) + n_2 + n_3(2 + d(a, b)) \\ S_T(y) &= S_{T_1}(x) + S_{T_2}(b) + S_{T_3}(y) + n_2 + n_1(2 + d(a, b)) \\ S_T(a) &= S_{T_1}(x) + S_{T_2}(a) + S_{T_3}(y) + n_1 + n_3(1 + d(a, b)) \\ S_T(b) &= S_{T_1}(x) + S_{T_2}(b) + S_{T_3}(y) + n_3 + n_1(2 + d(a, b)) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (S_T(x) + S_T(y)) - (S_T(a) + S_T(b)) &= 2n_2 > 0 \\ S_T(x) + S_T(y) &> S_T(a) + S_T(b) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction of definition of median. Therefore x, y are adjacent.

When $n_2 = 1$, in the same way, we can find that vertex a in T_2 , $S_T(a) < S_T(x) = S_T(y)$. So only one median exists.

Above all, only one median or two adjacent medians exist in tree T . \square

3.11 *Proof.* Assume $|e(G)| = m$. To find a spanning tree T_i , $|e(T_i)| = n - 1$, we need to remove $m - n + 1$ edges of G . Two spanning trees are adjacent if they share $n - 2$ edges. That means if two spanning trees are adjacent, they have only one different edge.

Let $\Delta(V_x, V_y)$ denote the number different edges between two spanning trees. When $\Delta(V_x, V_y) = 1$, two spanning trees V_x, V_y are adjacent. Now, prove $d(V_x, V_y) = \Delta(V_x, V_y)$ by inducting on Δ .

When $\Delta(V_x, V_y) = 1$, $d(V_x, V_y) = 1$. It is true. Assume $\Delta(V_x, V_y) = k$ is right, $d(V_x, V_y) = k$. When $\Delta(V_x, V_y) = k + 1$, according to induction, we can find a vertex V_z , such that $\Delta(V_x, V_z) = k$, $\Delta(V_y, V_z) = 1$, and V_x, V_z are connected, $d(V_x, V_z) = k$. V_z, V_y are directly connected. Then $d(V_x, V_y) = k + 1$. Therefore, G' is connected.

From above definition, a spanning tree is formed by removing $m - n + 1$ edges from G . Therefore, the longest distance will be $m - n + 1$, i.e. diameter will be $m - n + 1$. \square