

# Introduction

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A Leavitt Path Algebra (abbreviated LPA ) denoted by  $L_{\mathbb{F}}\Gamma$ , is an associative algebra whose generators and relations are determined by a directed graph  $\Gamma$ . The first day's lectures will start with the definitions of a directed graph, the pre-order "leads to" on the vertices, sinks, cycles, loops, finite and infinite paths, hereditary and saturated subsets of vertices, conditions K and L on  $\Gamma$ . Also, the semigroup of  $\Gamma$  will be explained and the definition of LPA will be given, basic properties will be proven. Examples of some well-known algebras (such as matrix algebras, Laurent polynomial algebra, Jacobson-Toeplitz algebra, Leavitt algebras  $L(1, n)$ ) will be realized as LPAs. Finally, a dictionary between combinatorial properties of  $\Gamma$  and algebraic properties of  $L_{\mathbb{F}}\Gamma$  will be given. We will be working with finite digraphs and coefficients of algebra will be a field  $F$ .