COMP9020 20T1
Week 5
Graphs

- Textbook (R & W) - Ch. 3, Sec. 3.2
  Ch. 6, Sec. 6.1-6.5
- A. Aho & J. Ullman. Foundations of Computer Science in C, p. 522–526 (Ch. 9, Sec. 9.10)
- Problem set 5 + quiz
- **Mid-term test on Friday Week 6**

Mid-term Test

1 hour online test
Friday, 27 March between 2:30pm and 3:35pm

Format:

- 7 questions, each worth between 2 and 5 marks
  maximum marks: 20
- mix of multiple choice (with ≥ 1 correct answers), numerical answer, *open answer*

NB

The test will be manually marked, unlike the quizzes.

Practice test with 3 sample questions available in Moodle

- 1hr time limit, opens Friday, closes Thursday at 10am
- sample solutions to open questions will be provided

Mid-term Test

If you
... are uncertain about how to interpret a question
... are unsure about how to answer a question
... find a question too difficult

$\Rightarrow$ do answer to the best of your understanding
$\Rightarrow$ do focus on the questions that you find easier
$\Rightarrow$ do not agonise about a question or your answer after you've submitted

Graphs

Terminology (the most common; there are many variants):

(Undirected) Graph — pair (V, E) where
V – set of vertices
E – set of edges

Every edge $e \in E$ corresponds uniquely to the set (an unordered pair) $\{x_e, y_e\}$ of vertices $x_e, y_e \in V$.

A *directed* edge is called an *arc*; it corresponds to the ordered pair (x_a, y_a). A **directed graph** consist of vertices and arcs.

NB

Edges $\{x, y\}$ and arcs (x, y) with $x = y$ are called *loops*.
We will only consider graphs without loops.

NB. Binary relations on finite sets correspond to directed graphs.
Symmetric relations correspond to undirected graphs.

Graphs in Computer Science

Examples

1. The WWW can be considered a massive graph where the nodes are web pages and arcs are hyperlinks.
2. The possible states of a program form a directed graph.
3. The map of the earth can be represented as an undirected graph where edges delineate countries.

NB

Applications of graphs in Computer Science are abundant, e.g.

- route planning in navigation systems, robotics
- optimisation, e.g. timetables, utilisation of network structures
- compilers using "graph colouring" to assign registers to program variables

Vertex Degrees

- **Degree** of a vertex

$$\deg(v) = |\{ w \in V : (v, w) \in E \}|$$

  i.e., the number of edges attached to the vertex

- **Regular graph** — all degrees are equal
- *Degree sequence* $D_0, D_1, D_2, \ldots, D_k$ of graph $G = (V, E)$, where D_i = no. of vertices of degree i

Question

What is $D_0 + D_1 + \ldots + D_k$?

- $\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2 \cdot e(G)$; thus the sum of vertex degrees is always even.
- There is an even number of vertices of odd degree ($\boxed{6.1.8}$)

Paths

- A **path** in a graph (V, E) is a sequence of edges that link up

$$v_0 \xrightarrow{\{v_0, v_1\}} v_1 \xrightarrow{\{v_1, v_2\}} \ldots \xrightarrow{\{v_{n-1}, v_n\}} v_n$$

  where $e_i = \{v_{i-1}, v_i\} \in E$
- **length** of the path is the number of edges: n
  neither the vertices nor the edges have to be all different
- Subpath of length r: $(e_m, e_{m+1}, \ldots, e_{m+r-1})$
- Path of length 0: single vertex v_0
- **Connected graph** — each pair of vertices joined by a path
- Connected **component** of G — a connected subgraph of G that is not contained in a larger connected subgraph of G

Examples

Exercise

$\boxed{6.1.13(a)}$ Draw a connected, regular graph on four vertices, each of degree 2

$\boxed{6.1.13(b)}$ Draw a connected, regular graph on four vertices, each of degree 3

$\boxed{6.1.13(c)}$ Draw a connected, regular graph on five vertices, each of degree 3

$\boxed{6.1.14(a)}$ Graph with 3 vertices and 3 edges

$\boxed{6.1.14(b)}$ Two graphs each with 4 vertices and 4 edges

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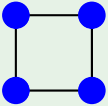
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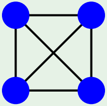
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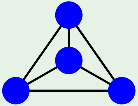
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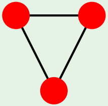
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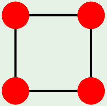
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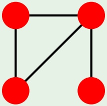
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NB

We use the notation
$v(G) = |V|$ for the no. of vertices of graph $G = (V, E)$
$e(G) = |E|$ for the no. of edges of graph $G = (V, E)$

Exercise

$\boxed{\text{6.1.20(a)}}$ Graph with $e(G) = 21$ edges has a degree sequence
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Find $v(G)$!

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$\sum_v \deg(v) = 2|E|$; here
$7 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 + 7 \cdot 3 + x \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot 21$ giving $x = 2$, thus
$v(G) = \sum D_i = 19$.

$\boxed{6.1.20(b)}$ How would your answer change, if at all, when $D_0 = 6$?
No change to D_4; $v(G) = 25$.

Cycles

Recall paths $v_0 \xrightarrow{e_1} v_1 \xrightarrow{e_2} \ \ldots \ \xrightarrow{e_n} v_n$

- *simple path* — $e_i \neq e_j$ for all edges of the path $(i \neq j)$
- *closed path* — $v_0 = v_n$
- **cycle** — closed path, all other v_i pairwise distinct and $\neq v_0$
- *acyclic path* — $v_i \neq v_j$ for *all* vertices in the path $(i \neq j)$

NB

1. $C_n = (e_1, \ldots, e_n)$ is a cycle *iff* removing *any* single edge leaves an acyclic path. (Show that the 'any' condition is needed!)
2. C is a cycle if it has the same number of edges and vertices and *no* proper subpath has this property.
   (Show that the 'subpath' condition is needed, i.e., there are graphs G that are **not** cycles and $|E_G| = |V_G|$; every such G must contain a cycle!)

Trees

- **Acyclic graph** — graph that doesn't contain any cycle
- **Tree** — connected acyclic graph
- A graph is acyclic *iff* it is a *forest* (collection of unconnected trees)

NB

Graph G is a tree

$\Leftrightarrow$ G is acyclic and $|V_G| = |E_G| + 1$.
(Show how this implies that the graph is connected!)

$\Leftrightarrow$ there is exactly one simple path between any two vertices.

$\Leftrightarrow$ G is connected, but becomes disconnected if any single edge is removed.

$\Leftrightarrow$ G is acyclic, but has a cycle if any single edge on already existing vertices is added.

Exercise

$\boxed{\text{6.7.3 (supp)}}$ Tree with n vertices, $n \geq 3$.

Always true, false or could be either?

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NB

A tree with one vertex designated as *root* is called a **rooted tree**. It imposes an ordering on the edges: 'away' from the root — from parent nodes to children. This defines a *level number* of a node as its distance (= path length) from the root.
The *height* of a rooted tree is the largest level number of a vertex.

Another very common notion in Computer Science is that of a *DAG* — a *directed, acyclic graph*.

Graph Isomorphisms

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(i) $\iota : V_G \longrightarrow V_H$ is 1–1 and onto (a so-called *bijection*)

(ii) $\{x, y\} \in E_G$ iff $\{\iota(x), \iota(y)\} \in E_H$

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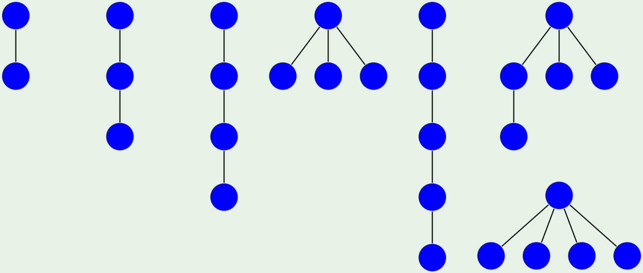
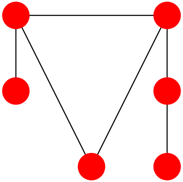


Automorphisms and Asymmetric Graphs

An isomorphism from a graph to itself is called *automorphism*.
Every graph has at least the trivial automorphism
(trivial means: $\iota(v) = v$ for all $v \in V_G$)

Graphs with no non-trivial automorphisms are called *asymmetric*.
The smallest non-trivial asymmetric graphs have 6 vertices.



(Can you find another one with 6 nodes? There are seven more.)

Edge Traversal

Definition

- **Euler path** — path containing every edge exactly once
- **Euler circuit** — closed Euler path

(Named after Leonhard Euler (Switzerland), 1707–1783)

Characterisations

- G (connected) has an Euler circuit iff $\deg(v)$ is even for all $v \in V$.
- G (connected) has an Euler path iff either it has an Euler circuit (above) or it has exactly two vertices of odd degree.

NB

- These characterisations apply to graphs with loops as well
- For directed graphs the condition for existence of an Euler circuit is $indeg(v) = outdeg(v)$ for all $v \in V$

Special Graphs

- **Complete graph** K_n
  n vertices, all pairwise connected, $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ edges.

- **Complete bipartite graph** $K_{m,n}$
  Has $m + n$ vertices, partitioned into two (disjoint) sets, one of n, the other of m vertices.
  All vertices from different parts are connected; vertices from the same part are disconnected. No. of edges is $m \cdot n$.

- **Complete** k**-partite graph** $K_{m_1,\dots,m_k}$
  Has $m_1 + \ldots + m_k$ vertices, partitioned into k disjoint sets, respectively of $m_1, m_2, \ldots$ vertices. All vertices from different sets are connected; vertices from the same set are disconnected. No. of edges is $\sum_{i<j} m_i m_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} m_i m_j$
  - These graphs generalise the complete graphs $K_n = K_{\underbrace{1,\ldots,1}_{n}}$

Example

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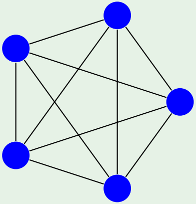

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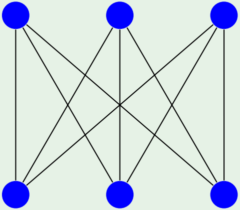

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When do bipartite, 3-partite complete graphs have an Euler circuit?

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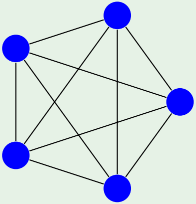

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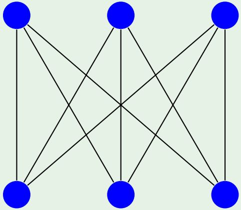

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Definition

- **Hamiltonian path** visits every vertex of graph exactly once
- **Hamiltonian circuit** visits every vertex exactly once except the last one, which duplicates the first

(Named after Sir William Rowan Hamilton (Ireland), 1805–1865)

NB

Finding such a circuit, or proving it does not exist, is a *difficult* problem — the worst case is NP-complete.

Examples (when the circuit exists)

- n-cube; Hamiltonian circuit = *Gray code*
- K_m for all $m \geq 3$; $K_{m,n}$ iff $m = n$ and $m, n \geq 2$
- Knight's tour on a chessboard (incl. rectangular boards)

Exercise

$\boxed{6.5.5(a)}$ How many Hamiltonian circuits does $K_{n,n}$ have?

Let $V = V_1 \dot{\cup} V_2$

- start at any vertex in V_1
- go to any vertex in V_2
- go to any *new* vertex in V_1
- $\ldots\ldots$

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Given a graph it is nontrivial to verify that there is no Hamiltonian circuit: there is nothing obvious to specify that could assure us about this property.
In contrast, if a circuit is given, it is immediate to verify that it is a Hamiltonian circuit.
These situations demonstrate the often enormous discrepancy in difficulty of 'proving' versus (simply) 'checking'.

Colouring

Informally: assigning a "colour" to each vertex (e.g. a node in an electric or transportation network) so that the vertices connected by an edge have different colours.
Formally: A mapping $c : V \longrightarrow [1\,..\,n]$ such that for every $e = \{v, w\} \in E$

$$c(v) \neq c(w)$$

The minimum n sufficient to effect such a mapping is called the **chromatic number** of a graph $G = (E, V)$ and is denoted $\chi(G)$.

NB

This notion is extremely important in operations research, esp. in scheduling.
There is a dual notion of 'edge colouring' — two edges that share a vertex need to have different colours. Curiously enough, it is much less useful in practice.

Properties of the Chromatic Number

- $\chi(K_n) = n$
- If G has n vertices and $\chi(G) = n$ then $G = K_n$

Proof.

Suppose that G is 'missing' the edge $\{v, w\}$, as compared with K_n. Colour all vertices, except w, using $n-1$ colours. Then assign to w the same colour as that of v. $\square$

- If $\chi(G) = 1$ then G is totally disconnected: it has 0 edges.
- If $\chi(G) = 2$ then G is bipartite.
- For any tree $\chi(T) = 2$.
- For any cycle C_n its chromatic number depends on the parity of n — for n even $\chi(C_n) = 2$, while for n odd $\chi(C_n) = 3$.

Cliques

Graph (V', E') *subgraph* of (V, E) — $V' \subseteq V$ and $E' \subseteq E$.

Definition

A **clique** in G is a *complete* subgraph of G. A clique of k nodes is called k*-clique*.
The size of the largest clique is called the *clique number* of the graph and denoted $\kappa(G)$.

Theorem

$\chi(G) \geq \kappa(G)$.

Proof.

Every vertex of a clique requires a different colour, hence there must be at least $\kappa(G)$ colours. □

However, this is the only restriction. For any given k there are graphs with $\kappa(G) = k$, while $\chi(G)$ can be arbitrarily large.

NB

This fact (and such graphs) are important in the analysis of parallel computation algorithms.

- $\kappa(K_n) = n$, $\kappa(K_{m,n}) = 2$, $\kappa(K_{m_1,\ldots,m_r}) = r$.
- If $\kappa(G) = 1$ then G is totally disconnected.
- For a tree $\kappa(T) = 2$.
- For a cycle C_n
  $\kappa(C_3) = 3, \quad \kappa(C_4) = \kappa(C_5) = \ldots = 2$

The difference between $\kappa(G)$ and $\chi(G)$ is apparent with just $\kappa(G) = 2$ — this does not imply that G is bipartite. For example, the cycle C_n for any odd n has $\chi(C_n) = 3$.

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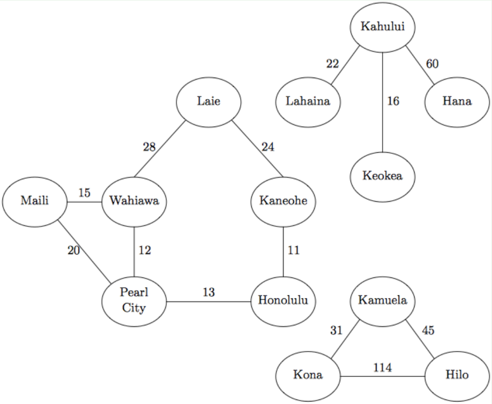

$\chi(G)$? $\kappa(G)$? A largest clique?

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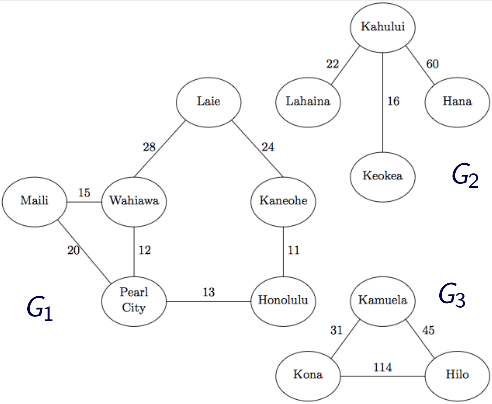

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Planar Graphs

Definition

A graph is **planar** if it can be embedded in a plane without its edges intersecting.

Theorem

If the graph is planar it can be embedded in a plane (without self-intersections) so that all its edges are straight lines.

NB

This notion and its related algorithms are extremely important to VLSI and visualising data.

Two minimal nonplanar graphs

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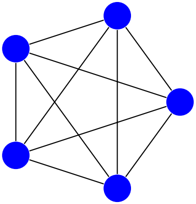

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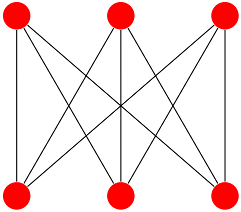

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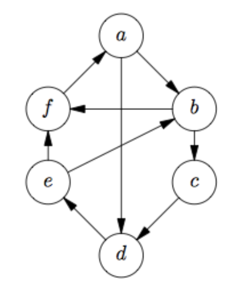

Is (the undirected version of) this graph planar? Yes

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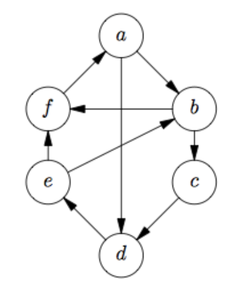

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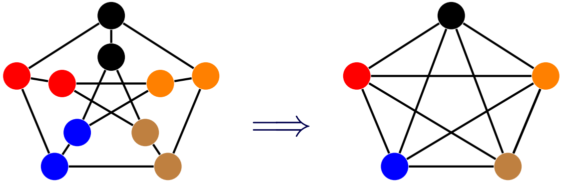
Theorem

If graph G contains, as a subgraph, a nonplanar graph, then G itself is nonplanar.

A *minor* of a graph is any graph obtained by repeatedly deleting vertices, deleting edges and merging *adjacent* vertices.



Theorem

A graph is nonplanar iff it contains K_5 or $K_{3,3}$ as a minor.

Theorem

K_n for $n \geq 5$ is nonplanar.

Proof.

It contains K_5: choose any five vertices in K_n and consider the subgraph they define. $\square$

Theorem

$K_{m,n}$ is nonplanar when $m \geq 3$ and $n \geq 3$.

Proof.

They contain $K_{3,3}$ — choose any three vertices in each of two vertex parts and consider the subgraph they define. $\square$

Question

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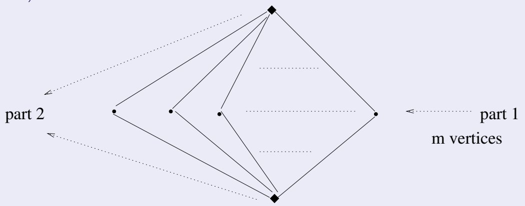
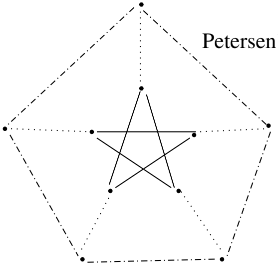
Yes; they can be represented by "glueing" together two such trees at the leaves.
Sketching $K_{m,2}$:



Also, among the k-partite graphs, planar are $K_{2,2,2}$ and $K_{1,1,m}$.
The latter can be depicted by drawing one extra edge in $K_{2,m}$, connecting the top and bottom vertices.

NB

Finding a 'basic' nonplanar obstruction is not always simple.



(Julius Petersen (Denmark), 1839–1910)

It contains both $K_{3,3}$ and K_5 as a minor (cf. Slide 39) while it does not directly contain either of them.

Summary

- Graphs, trees, vertex degree, connected graphs, connected components, paths, cycles C_n
- Graph isomorphisms, automorphisms
- Special graphs: complete K_n, complete bi-, k-partite $K_{m_1,\ldots,m_k}$
- Traversals
  - Euler paths and circuits (edge traversal)
  - Hamiltonian paths and circuits (vertex traversal)
- Graph properties:
  chromatic number $\chi(G)$, clique number $\kappa(G)$, planarity

Coming up ...

- Ch. 4, Sec. 4.2-4.6 (Induction and Recursion)