

Lecture 11 - Graphs Contd

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Recap

- Graphs – finite/infinite graphs, simple/multigraphs, directed/undirected graphs
- Neighbours of a vertex
- Basic but important results:
 - Handshaking theorem – the sum of the degrees of the vertices is twice the number of edges.
 - An undirected graph has an even number of vertices of odd degree.
 - In-degree of a vertex v is denoted by $\deg^-(v)$, Out-degree of a vertex v is denoted by $\deg^+(v)$.
 - Complete graphs, Cycles, Wheels
 - Bipartite graphs – 2-colourable.

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- A vertex that is the endpoint of an edge of a matching M is said to be **matched** in M ; otherwise it is said to be **unmatched**.
- A **maximum matching** is a matching with the largest number of edges.

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- **A perfect matching is therefore a matching containing $n/2$ edges (the largest possible), meaning perfect matchings are only possible on graphs with an even number of vertices.**

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Ex - Read up on this!

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- Ex: $0 \leq \lambda(G) \leq n - 1$ and $\lambda(G) = n - 1$ iff $G = K_n$
- Ex: When $G = (V, E)$ is a noncomplete connected graph with at least three vertices, $\kappa(G) \leq \min_{v \in V} \deg(v)$ and $\lambda(G) \leq \min_{v \in V} \deg(v)$
- For all graphs $\kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \min_{v \in V} \deg(v)$