

Discrete Mathematics

LECTURE 11

Euler Circuits & Paths

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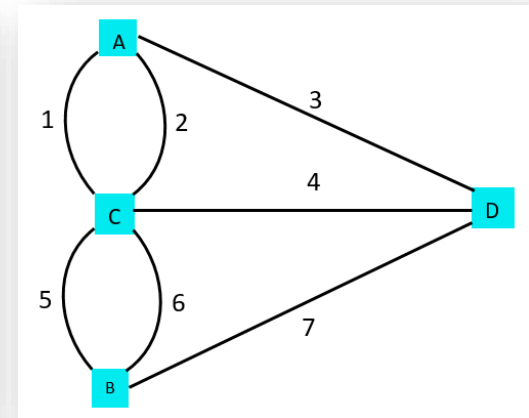
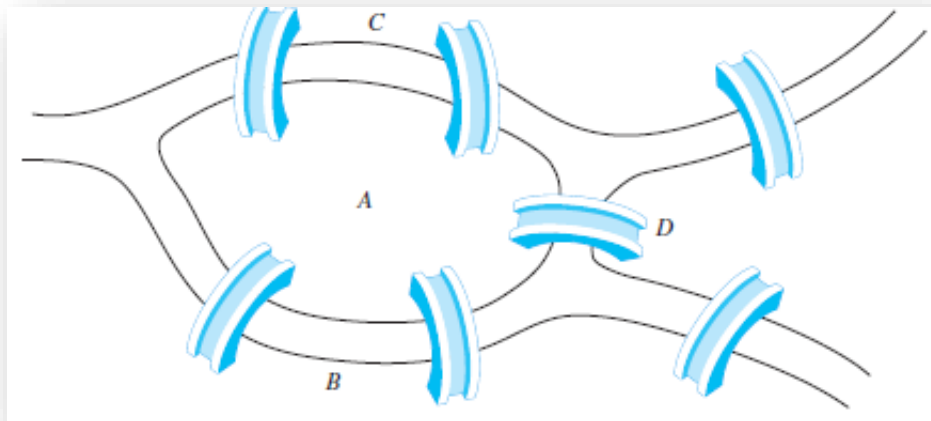
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Euler Circuits & Paths

- An **Euler circuit** in a graph G is a simple circuit containing every edge of G .
- The degrees of all the nodes of all the graphs are even



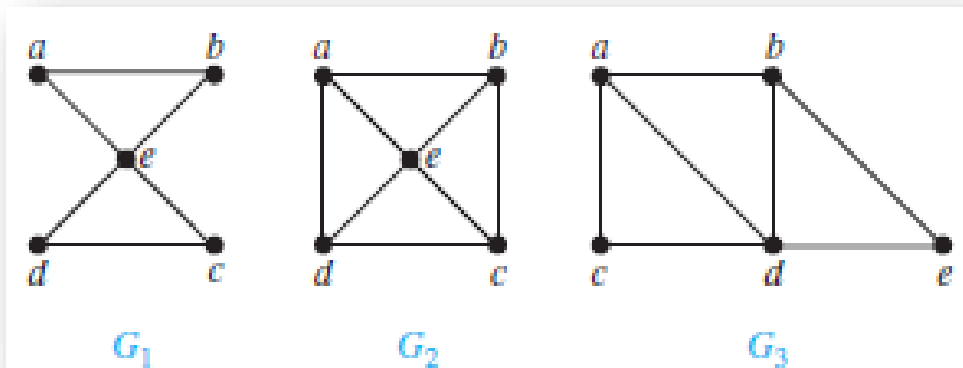
Königsberg bridges and related graph

Euler Circuits & Paths...

- An **Euler path** in a graph G is a simple path containing every edge of G .
 - The degrees of two nodes of the graph are odd, the others are even
 - The path is from one of the even degreed node to the other

Euler Circuits & Paths...

➤ Example: Which of the undirected graphs have an Euler circuit? Of those that do not, which have an Euler path?

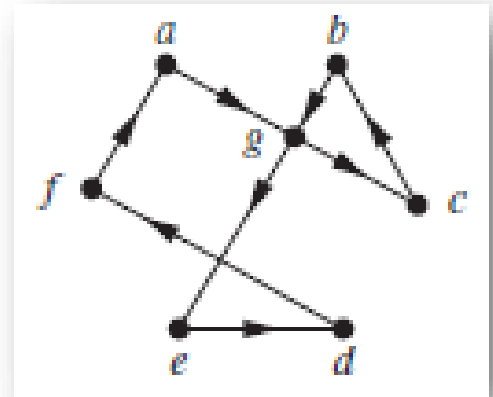


➤ Solution:

- The graph G_1 has an Euler circuit, because the degree of all nodes are even
- The graph G_2 has neither an Euler circuit nor path
- The graph G_3 has an Euler path, because the degrees of node a and b are odd, the others are even ✓

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➤ Example: Is the directed graph on the right have an Euler circuit or an Euler path?



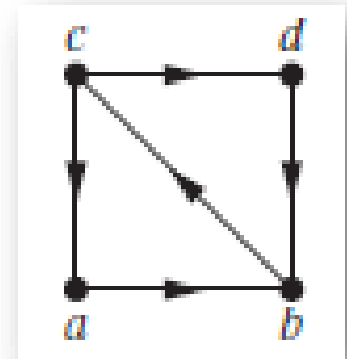
➤ Solution:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| $\deg^-(a) = 1$ | $\deg^+(a) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(b) = 1$ | $\deg^+(b) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(c) = 1$ | $\deg^+(c) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(d) = 1$ | $\deg^+(d) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(e) = 1$ | $\deg^+(e) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(f) = 1$ | $\deg^+(f) = 1$ |
| $\deg^-(g) = 2$ | $\deg^+(g) = 2$ |

The graph has an Euler circuit, because the total of all nodes are even ✓

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➤ Example: Is the directed graph on the right have an Euler circuit or an Euler path?



➤ Solution:

$$\deg^-(a) = 1 \quad \deg^+(a) = 1$$

$$\deg^-(b) = 2 \quad \deg^+(b) = 1$$

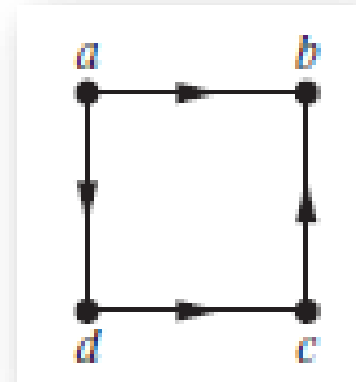
$$\deg^-(c) = 1 \quad \deg^+(c) = 2$$

$$\deg^-(d) = 1 \quad \deg^+(d) = 1$$

The graph has an Euler path from c to b, because the total of nodes b and c are odd and the out degree of c is one greater than the in degree of c, and it's vice verse for b ✓

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➤ Example: Is the directed graph on the right have an Euler circuit or an Euler path?



➤ Solution:

$$\deg^-(a) = 0 \quad \deg^+(a) = 2$$

$$\deg^-(b) = 2 \quad \deg^+(b) = 0$$

$$\deg^-(c) = 1 \quad \deg^+(c) = 1$$

$$\deg^-(d) = 1 \quad \deg^+(d) = 1$$

The graph has neither an Euler circuit nor a path, because the total of all nodes are even but the in and out degrees of nodes a and b either even or 0, but they should have at least one in/out degree ✓

Euler Circuits & Paths...

➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm

STEP 1 (starting path)

- a) Make E the set of edges of the graph g .
- b) Choose a node and assign C as the path containing this single node

STEP 2 (expand path)

WHILE (E is not empty)

STEP 2.1 (choose a starting point to expand)

- a) Set A to a node in C that is connected to an edge in E
- b) Assign P as the only path containing A

STEP 2.2 (expand P as a path from A to A)

- a) set $B = A$
- b) **WHILE** (E has an edge e connected to B)
 - a) Subtract e from E
 - b) Replace B with the other node of e
 - c) Add edge e and node B to P , respectively

END WHILE

STEP 2.3 (expand C)

Place P in place of A in C

END WHILE

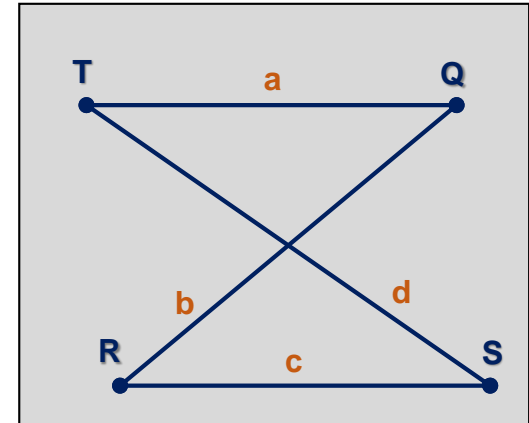
ADIM 3 Path C is the Euler Circuit

Euler Circuits & Paths...

➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Example: Is there an Euler circuit in the graph given on the right? If yes, find it by applying Euler's algorithm.

➤ Solution:



The degrees of T, Q, R and S are all even, so there is an Euler circuit in this graph ✓

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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

STEP 1 Set E as the set of all edges of the graph

$E = \{a, b, c, d\}$

Choose a node and assign C as the path containing this single node

$C \leftarrow T$

STEP 2 (expand path)

WHILE (1) (E is not empty)

STEP 2.1 (choose a starting point to expand)

set A to a node in C that is connected to an edge in E

$A \leftarrow T$

assign P as the only path containing A

$P \leftarrow T$

STEP 2.2 (expand P as the path from A to A)

set B to A

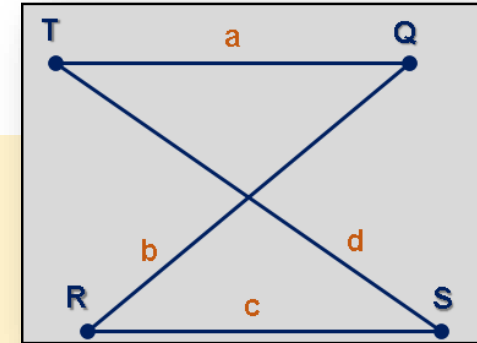
$B \leftarrow T$

WHILE (1) (E has an edge connected to B , namely a and d , select a)

$E = \{b, c, d\}$ (subtract e from E)

$B \leftarrow Q$ (replace B with the other node of e)

$P \leftarrow TaQ$ (add edge e and node B to P)



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

WHILE (2) (E has an edge connected to B, namely b)
 $E = \{c, d\}$, $B \leftarrow R$, $P \leftarrow TaQbR$

WHILE (3) (E has an edge connected to B, namely c)
 $E = \{d\}$, $B \leftarrow S$, $P \leftarrow TaQbRcS$

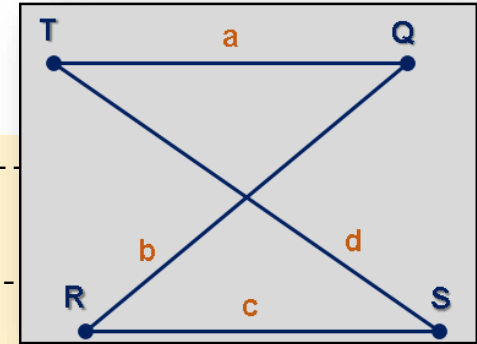
WHILE (4) (E has an edge connected to B, namely d)
 $E = \emptyset$, $B \leftarrow T$, $P \leftarrow TaQbRcSdT$

WHILE (5) (E has not got an edge connected to B)
END WHILE

STEP 2.3 (place P in place of A in C)
 $C \leftarrow TaQbRcSdT$

WHILE (2) (E is empty)
END WHILE

STEP 3 path C is the Euler circuit
 $C = TaQbRcSdT$

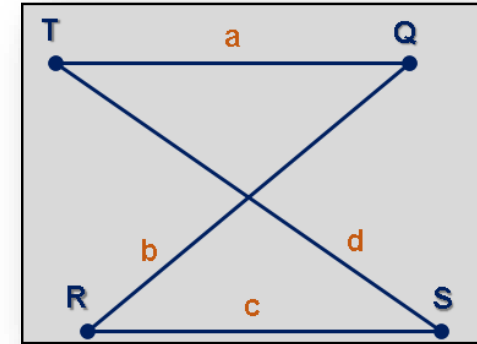


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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

| E | A | B | P | C |
|------------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| $\{a, b, c, d\}$ | T | T | T | T |
| $\{b, c, d\}$ | T | Q | TaQ | T |
| $\{c, d\}$ | T | R | TaQbR | T |
| $\{d\}$ | T | S | TaQbRcS | T |
| \emptyset | T | T | TaQbRcSdT | TaQbRcSdT |

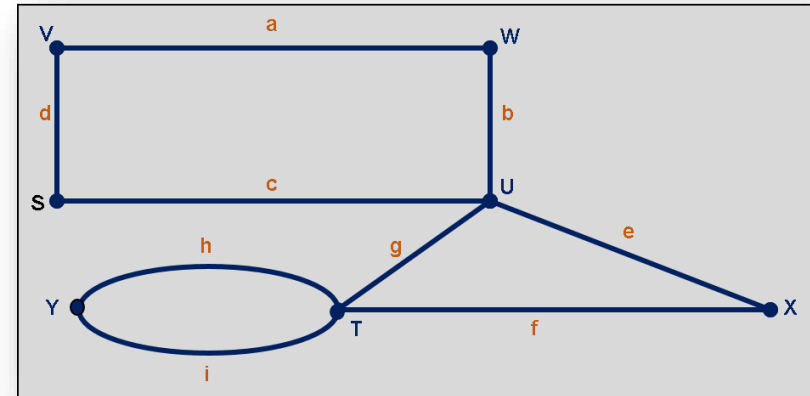


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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

STEP 1 Set E as the set of all edges of the graph

$E = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$

Choose a node and assign C as the path containing this single node

$C \leftarrow V$

STEP 2 (expand path)

WHILE (1) (E is not empty)

STEP 2.1 (choose a starting point to expand)

set A to a node in C that is connected to an edge in E

$A \leftarrow V$

assign P as the only path containing A

$P \leftarrow V$

STEP 2.2 (expand P as the path from A to A)

set B to A

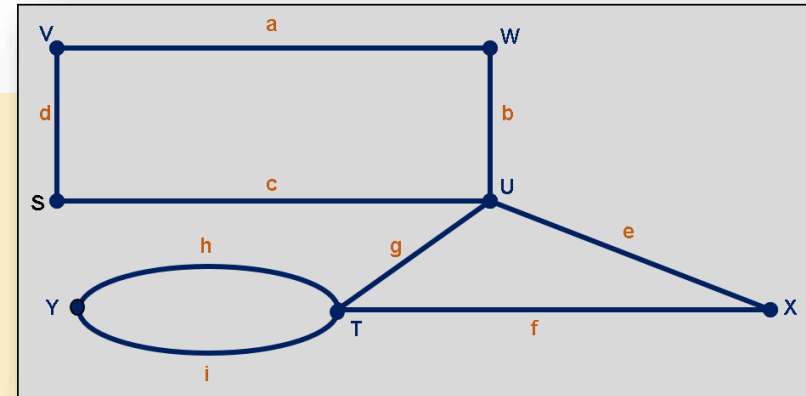
$B \leftarrow V$

WHILE (1) (E has an edge connected to B , namely a and d , select a)

$E = \{b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$ (subtract e from E)

$B \leftarrow W$ (replace B with the other node of e)

$P \leftarrow VaW$ (add edge e and node B to P)



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

WHILE (2) (E has an edge connected to B,
namely b)

$E = \{c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow R$, $P \leftarrow VaWbU$

WHILE (3) (E has an edge connected to B,
namely c, e and g, select c)

$E = \{d, e, f, g, h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow S$, $P \leftarrow VaWbUcS$

WHILE (4) (E has an edge connected to B, namely d)

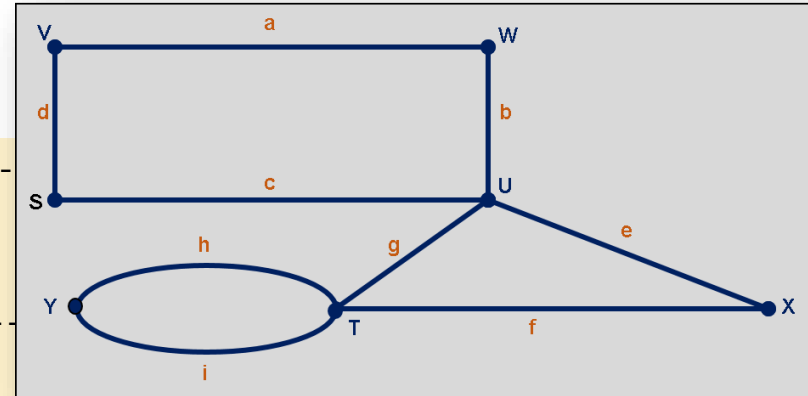
$E = \{e, f, g, h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow T$, $P \leftarrow VaWbUdV$

WHILE (5) (E has not got an edge connected to B)

END WHILE

STEP 2.3 (place P in place of A in C)

$C \leftarrow VaWbUdV$



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

WHILE (2) (E is not empty)

STEP 2.1 (choose a starting point to expand)

 set A to a node in C

 that is connected to an edge in E

$A \leftarrow U$

 assign P as the only path containing A

$P \leftarrow U$

STEP 2.2 (expand P as the path from A to A)

 set B to A

$B \leftarrow U$

WHILE (1) (E has an edge connected to B, namely g and e, select e)

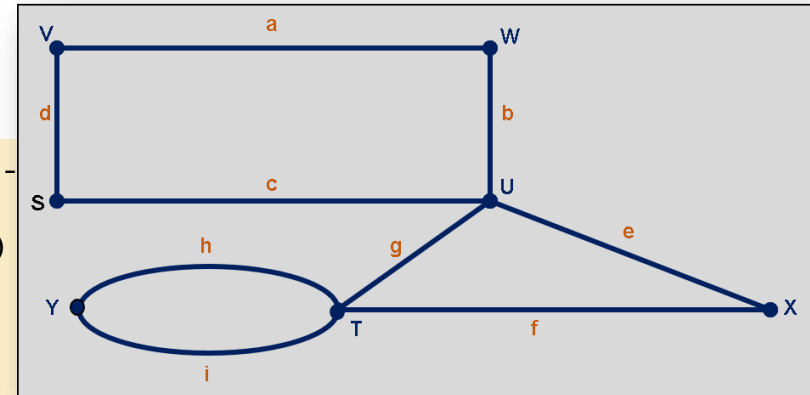
$E = \{f, g, h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow X$, $P \leftarrow UeX$

 WHILE (2) (E has an edge connected to B, namely f)

$E = \{g, h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow T$, $P \leftarrow UeXfT$

 WHILE (2) (E has an edge connected to B, namely g, h and i, select g)

$E = \{h, i\}$, $B \leftarrow U$, $P \leftarrow UeXfTgU$



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

WHILE (4) (E has not got an edge connected to B)

END WHILE

STEP 2.3 (place P in place of A in C)
C \leftarrow **V**a**W**b**U**e**X**f**T**g**U**d**V**

WHILE (3) (E is not empty)

STEP 2.1 (choose a starting point to expand)

set A to a node in C

that is connected to an edge in E

A \leftarrow T

assign P as the only path containing A

P \leftarrow T

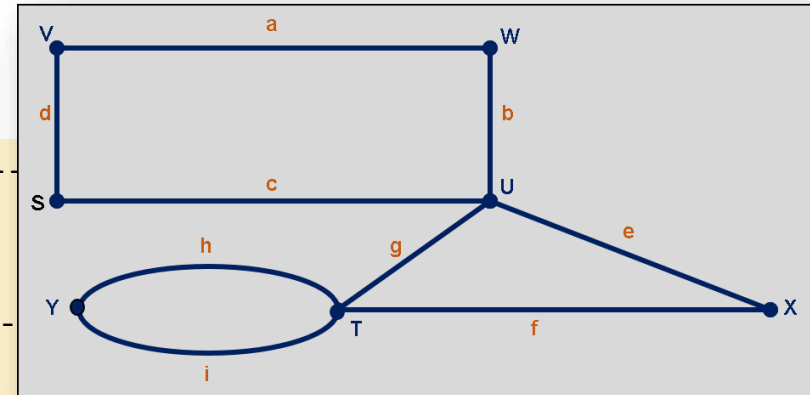
STEP 2.2 (expand P as the path from A to A)

set B to A

B \leftarrow T

WHILE (1) (E has an edge connected to B, namely h and i, select h)

E = {i}, B \leftarrow Y, P \leftarrow ThY



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...

WHILE (2) (E has an edge connected to B,
namely i)

$E = \emptyset$, $B \leftarrow T$, $P \leftarrow ThYiT$

WHILE (3) (E has not got an edge
connected to B)

END WHILE

STEP 2.3 (place P in place of A in C)

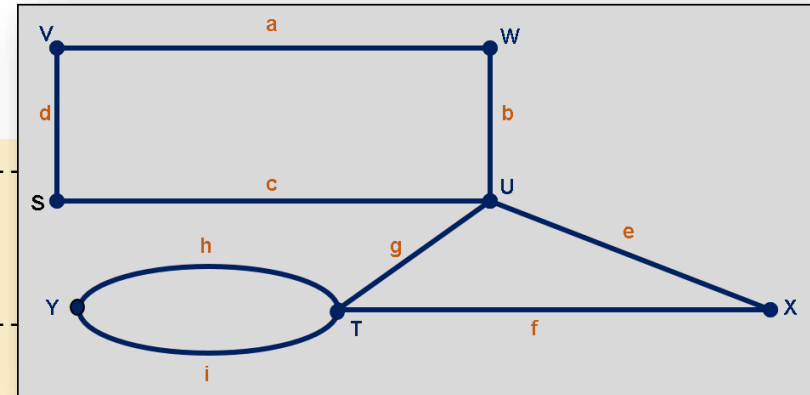
$C \leftarrow \text{VaWbUeXfThYiTgUdV}$

WHILE (2) (E is empty)

END WHILE

STEP 3 path C is the Euler circuit

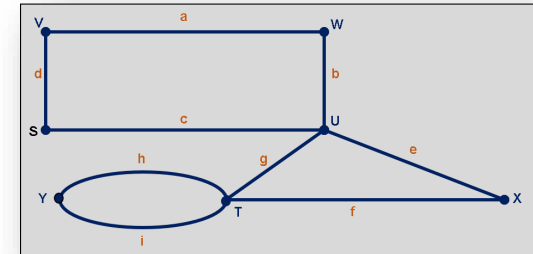
$C = \text{VaWbUeXfThYiTgUdV}$



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➤ Euler Circuit Algorithm...

➤ Solution:...



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|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|---------------------|
| $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$ | V | V | V | V |
| $\{b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$ | V | W | TaW | V |
| $\{c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$ | V | U | TaWbU | V |
| $\{d, e, f, g, h, i\}$ | V | S | TaWbUcS | V |
| $\{e, f, g, h, i\}$ | V | T | TaWbUcSdT | VaWbUcSdV |
| $\{e, f, g, h, i\}$ | U | U | U | VaWbUcSdV |
| $\{f, g, h, i\}$ | U | X | UeX | VaWbUcSdV |
| $\{g, h, i\}$ | U | T | UeXfT | VaWbUcSdV |
| $\{h, i\}$ | U | U | UeXfTfU | VaWbUeXfTfUcSdV |
| $\{h, i\}$ | T | T | T | VaWbUeXfTfUcSdV |
| $\{i\}$ | T | Y | ThY | VaWbUeXfTfUcSdV |
| \emptyset | T | T | ThYiT | VaWbUeXfThYiTfUcSdV |

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