

# Classes of Graphs

- Read 1.3, pages 19-24

- What graph do we call a **path**? How is it denoted?
  - \* What relation must there be between the order and the size in a path graph?
  - \* Is a graph that has this order-size relation necessarily a path graph? What about if it is a connected graph?
  - \* How many paths are there in the path graph of order  $n$ ?
- What graph do we call a **circle**? How is it denoted?
  - \* What relation must there be between the order and the size in a cycle graph?
  - \* Is a graph that has this order-size relation necessarily a cycle graph? What about if it is a connected graph?
- What graph do we call **complete**? How is it denoted?
  - \* What relation must there be between the order and the size in a complete graph?
  - \* Is a graph that has this order-size relation necessarily a complete graph?
- What is the **complement** of a graph? How is it denoted?
  - \* How many edges does the complement of a graph have?
  - \* Prove theorem 1.11: If  $G$  is a disconnected graph, then  $\bar{G}$  is connected.
  - \* If  $G$  is a connected graph, is it necessary that  $\bar{G}$  be disconnected?
  - \* If  $\bar{G}$  is connected, is it necessary that  $G$  be disconnected?
- What graph do we call **bipartite**? What graph do we call **complete bipartite**?
  - \* How many complete bipartite subgraphs does the complete graph on 5 vertices have? Can you extend this to  $n$  vertices?
  - \* Prove or disprove: Every path graph of order at least 2 is bipartite.
  - \* When can a cycle graph be bipartite? Prove your answer.
  - \* Prove theorem 1.12: a nontrivial graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd cycles.
- Two ways to construct new graphs from two existing graphs are the **join** and the **cartesian product**. Explain what those are and demonstrate for  $C_3$  combined with  $C_3$ .
  - \* The join of two empty graphs has another name. What is that name?
- Define the  $n$ -cube graphs  $Q_n$ , and draw the graphs for  $n \leq 4$ .
- Practice problems: 1.24, 1.25, 1.27, 1.28

- Read 1.4, pages 26-28

- How does a **multigraph** differ from a “normal” graph?
- How does a **pseudograph** differ from a multigraph and from a “normal” graph?
- What is a **digraph**, and how does it differ from a “normal” graph?
  - \* When is such a graph called **oriented**?
  - \* We can define many of the terms from graphs to this context. For instance define what a **walk**, **path**, a **cycle** would mean in a *digraph*, and what **geodesic arcs** would mean, and what the **diameter** would be.