

Lab 9

1. Show that for any simple graph G (not necessarily connected) having n vertices and m edges, if $m \geq n$, then G contains a cycle.
 - Suppose G has $m \geq n$ and G is acyclic. Then G must be a tree and $m = n-1$ (so $m < n$) contradicting the fact that $m \geq n$.
Therefore, $m \geq n$ implies G contains a cycle.
2. Suppose $G = (V, E)$ is a connected simple graph. Suppose $S = (V_S, E_S)$ and $T = (V_T, E_T)$ are subtrees of G with no vertices in common (in other words, V_S and V_T are disjoint). Show that for any edge (x,y) in E for which x is in V_S and y is in V_T , the subgraph obtained by forming the union of S , T and the edge (x,y) (namely, $U = (V_S \cup V_T, E_S \cup E_T \cup \{(x,y)\})$) is also a tree.
 - We have G is a connected graph and V_S & V_T are disjoint. So there is only edge (x, y) that connect V_S & V_T . If exist more than one edge between V_S & V_T , it will create a cycle, thus making V_S & V_T no longer subtrees.
And because S & T are subtrees, they do not contain cycle. Therefore, union between S & T through (x, y) do not create a cycle. Since the union has no cycle, it is a tree.
5. Prove that if T is a tree with at least two vertices, T has at least two vertices having degree 1.
Hint. Let v be any vertex in T and think of T as a rooted tree with vertex v . Create the usual levels for the tree. Then use properties of such a tree to solve the problem.
 - Let T as a rooted.
We have every rooted tree with one or more vertices has at least one vertex of degree 1.
And every vertex other than the root has a unique parent.
So T has at least two vertices having degree 1.