

Week 5

Kernel, tournaments, king of digraph and Distance, Diameter, Eccentricity*

5.1 Kernel of digraph

A kernel in the digraph D is a subset of vertices S such that S induces no edges (i.e. S is independent set) and every vertex outside S has a successor in S .

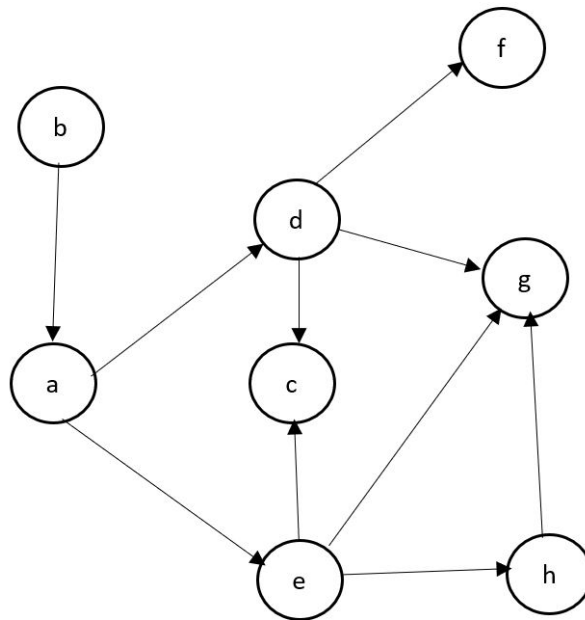


Figure 5.1: Example 1

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In the above graph the kernel is $S=\{a, f, g, c\}$

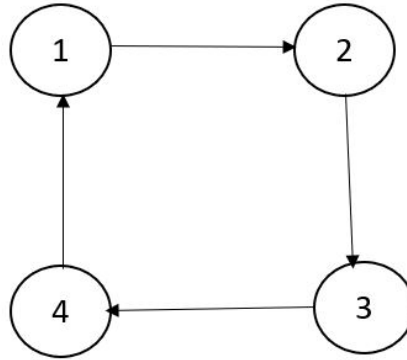


Figure 5.2: Example 2

In the above graph the kernels are $S1=\{1, 3\}$ and $S2=\{2, 4\}$

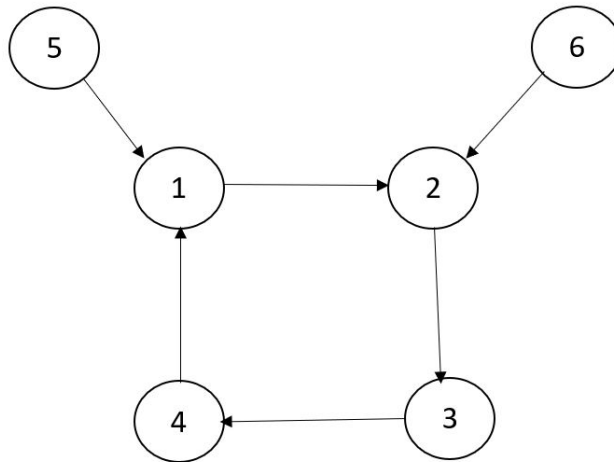


Figure 5.3: Example 3

In the above graph the kernels are $S1=\{1, 3, 6\}$ and $S2=\{2, 4, 5\}$

Q. Prove that a graph with odd cycles has no kernel

Proof. Let k be the kernel of cycle graph C_n that any $v \in k$ should have the following properties:

1. They should be independent

2. $w \notin k$ then w must have a successor in k

Here, every node has only one successor (i.e. alternate ones). In the case of a graph with odd cycles, the issue will come in the end as we have to choose the alternate nodes.

Thus, A graph with odd cycles has no kernel. \square

5.2 Outdegree and Indegree

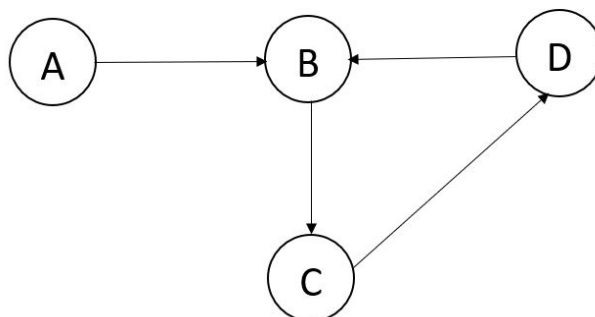


Figure 5.4: Example 1

In the above example, the indegrees and outdegrees are:

$$\begin{array}{ll} d^+(A) = 1 & d^+(C) = 1 \\ d^-(A) = 0 & d^-(C) = 1 \\ d^+(B) = 1 & d^+(D) = 1 \\ d^-(B) = 2 & d^-(D) = 1 \end{array}$$

In a digraph, the sum of all indegrees is equal to the sum of all outdegrees and it is equal to the number of edges. For $v \in V(G)$,

$$\sum d^+(v) = \sum d^-(v)$$

5.3 Orientation

An orientation of graph G is a digraph D obtained from F by choosing an orientation for each edge.

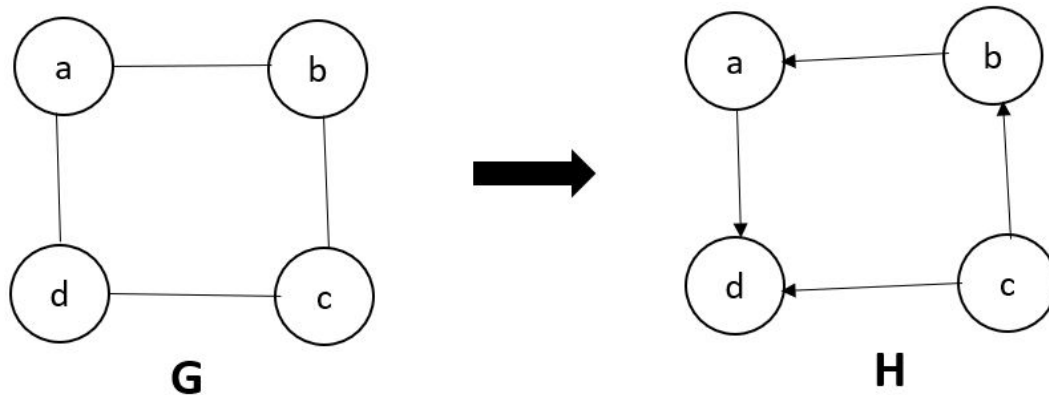


Figure 5.5: Example 1

Tournament is an orientation graph of complete graph. King of a tournament is a vertex from where all other vertices are reachable by a path of length at most 2.

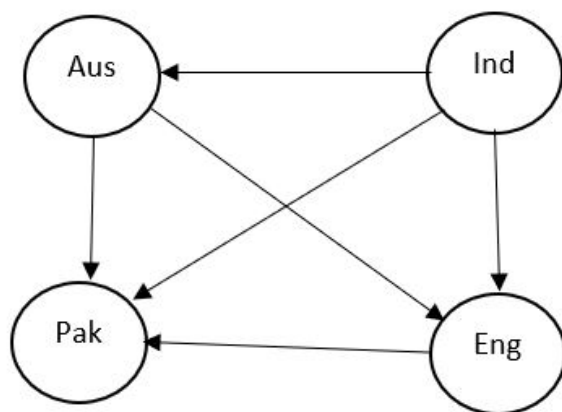


Figure 5.6: Example 1

In the above graph, King is India.

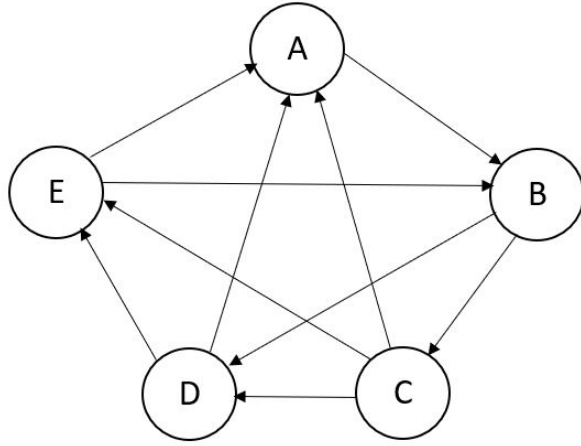


Figure 5.7: Example 2

In the above graph, $\text{King} = \{B, C, E\}$

Theorem 5.1. *Every tournament has a king*

Proof. Suppose u is a node with the highest outgoing degree.

Case 1:

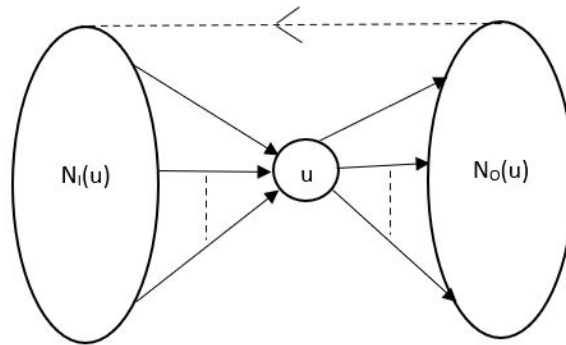


Figure 5.8: Example 1

$$|N_O(u)| + |N_I(u)| + 1 = |V(G)|$$

Thus, u is king

Case 2:

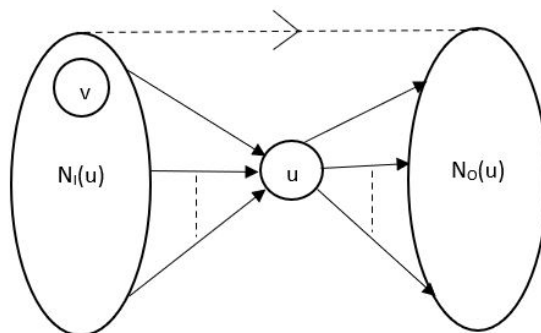


Figure 5.9: Example 2

Number of outgoing edge of node $v = 1 + |N_o(u)|$

Number of outgoing edge of node v is greater than number of outgoing edges of u .

This contradicts our assumption of you having highest outgoing degree.

Thus, u is king.

□

Q. Prove or disprove: If D is an orientation of a simple graph with 5 vertices then the vertices of D cannot have distinct outdegree.

Proof. Consider the following example:

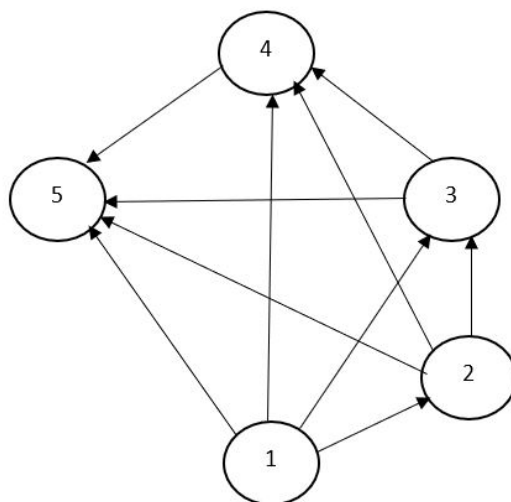


Figure 5.10: Example 1

In the above graph, if x is greater than y then there will be an edge from y to x .

$$d^+(1) = 4$$

$$d^+(2) = 3$$

$$d^+(3) = 2$$

$$d^+(4) = 1$$

$$d^+(5) = 0$$

Thus, the statement is incorrect. □

5.4 Trees

Properties:

1. *Deleting a leaf from an n -vertex tree produces an $n-1$ vertex tree.*
2. *Tree is connected and it has no cycle*
3. *An n -vertex tree contains $n-1$ edges*
4. *For any pair of vertex (u,v) there exists one and only one path*

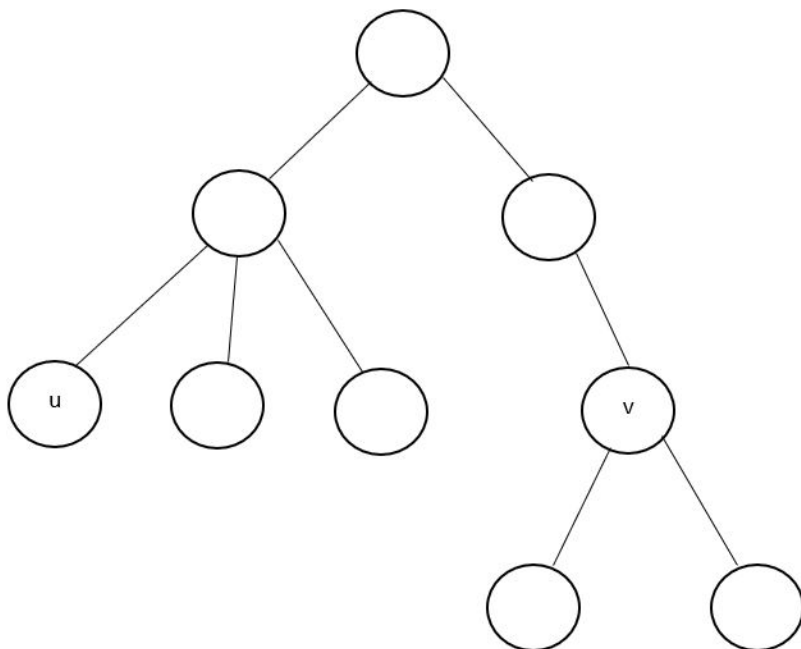


Figure 5.11: Example 1

5. Every edge of a tree is cut edge
6. Tree is bipartite graph

5.5 Distance, Diameter, radius, eccentricity of a graph

If graph G has a u - v path, then the distance between u to v is written as (u, v) is the least length of u - v path.

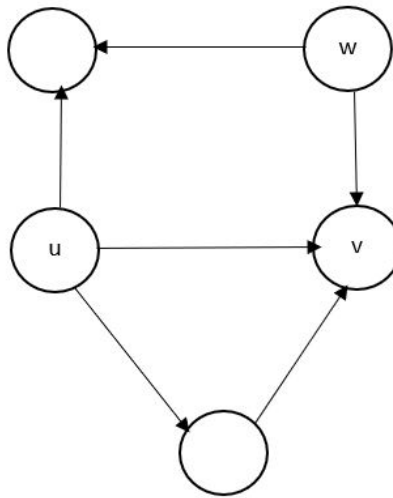


Figure 5.12: Example 1

In the above example, $d(u, v)=1$ $d(u, w)=\infty$

Diameter: It is maximum of distances between any two pairs of vertices.

Eccentricity: Eccentricity of a vertex u is the maximum of distances it has with any node in the graph.

Radius: Radius is the minimum of eccentricity of all nodes.

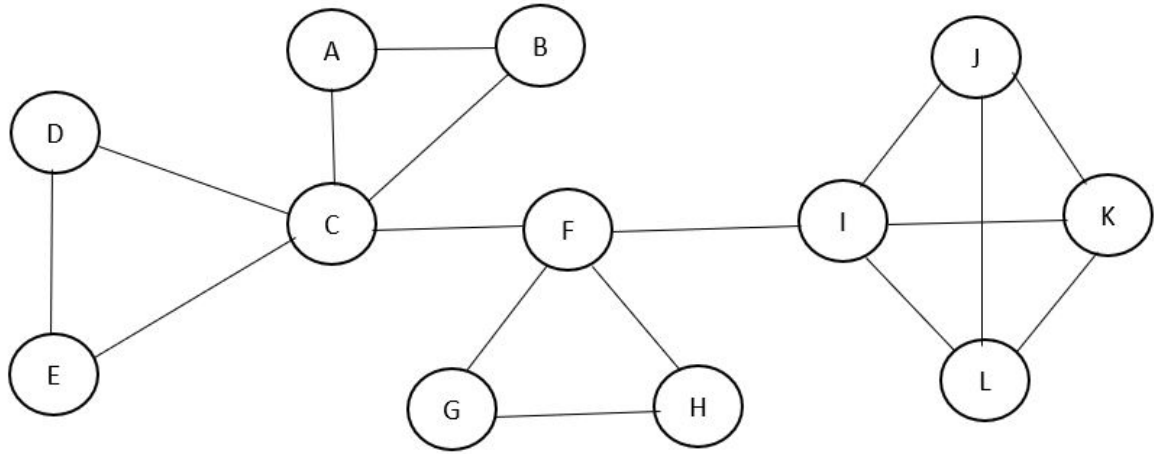


Figure 5.13: Example 2

In the above graph, $d(D, K)=4$

Eccentricity of the nodes are as follows:

A - 4 E - 4 I - 3

B - 4 F - 2 J - 4

C - 3 G - 3 K - 4

D - 4 H - 3 L - 4

Diameter is 4

Radius is 2

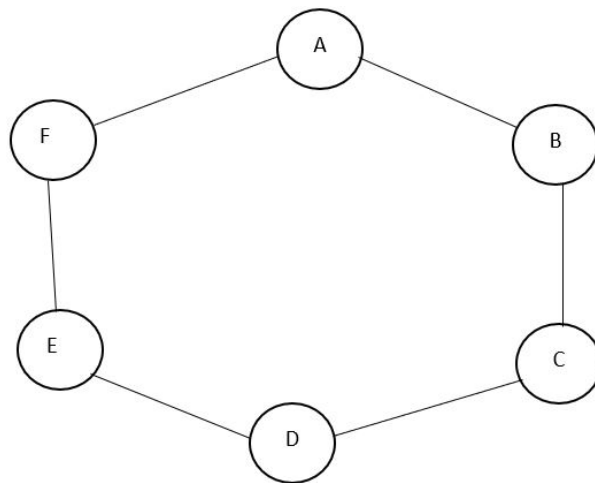


Figure 5.14: Example 3

In the above graph, Eccentricity of the nodes are as follows:

A - 3 D - 3

B - 3 E - 3

C - 3 F - 3

Diameter is 3

Radius is 3

Q. Compute Diameter and Radius of $K_{m,n}$

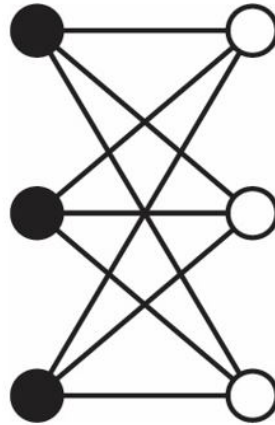


Figure 5.15: Example 4

In the above graph, Eccentricity of each node=2

Diameter of the graph=2

Radius of the graph=2