

From last time

Prop: The following are equivalent for a graph $G=(V,E)$:

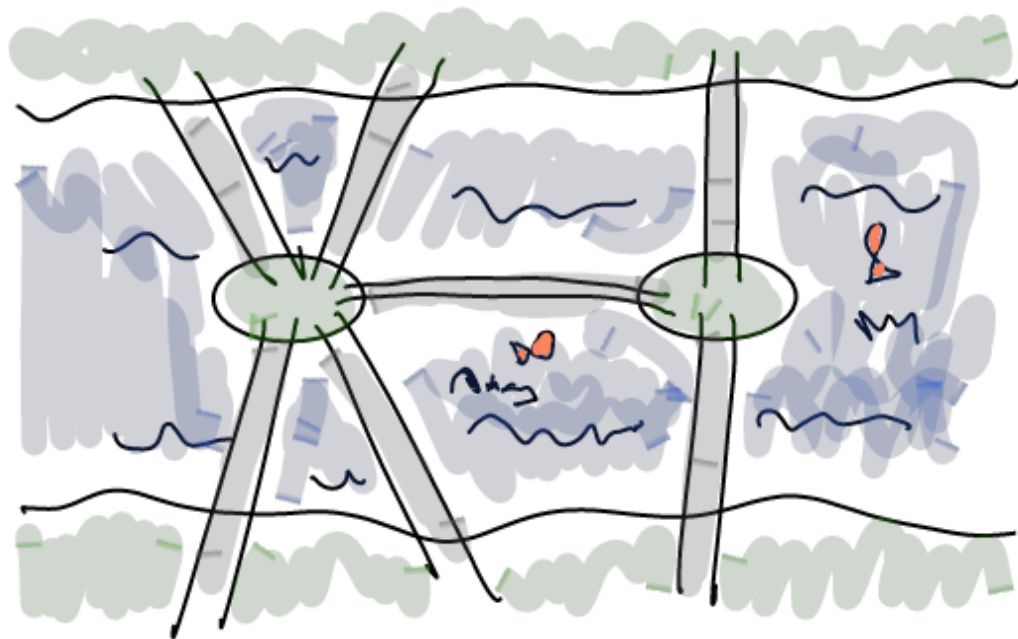
- G is connected
- There is no partition (A,B) of V such that $A \neq \emptyset$, $B \neq \emptyset$ and (A,B) reduces an empty cut.

pf: If G is connected, then no such (A,B) exists (last time).

If G is disconnected, let C be a component of G .

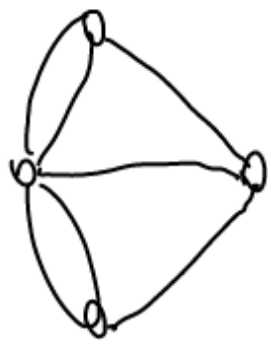
Let V_C be the vertex set of C . Since C is connected and G is not, we know that $V_C \subsetneq V$ and $V_C \neq \emptyset$

so $(V_C, V \setminus V_C)$ is a partition of V into nonempty parts. Since C is a maximal connected subgraph, there is no edge from a vertex in V_C to one in $V \setminus V_C$.



Königsberg
(1736)

Can we walk around Königsberg, crossing each bridge once, and returning to the start?



An Euler Tour in a graph is a closed walk containing each edge exactly once. A graph with an Euler Tour is Eulerian.

Prop. If G has an Euler tour, then every vertex of G has even degrees.

pf. Let $v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, \dots, v_{k-1}, e_k, v_k = v_0$ be an Euler Tour. let v be a vertex to G . Each occurrence of v in the sequence v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} has an edge both before and after it in the tour (where we consider e_k to be before v_0). Since the tour includes each edge exactly once, this means that every such v has even degree.

Thm. If G is a connected graph in which every vertex has even degree, then G is Eulerian.