

$G' = (V', E')$ is a subgraph of $G = (V, E)$ if $V' \subset V$, $E' \subset E$, and G' is a graph.

$G[V'] = (E', V')$ the subgraph of G induced or spanned by V' if $E' = \{xy \in E \mid x, y \in V'\}$.

$G' = (V', E')$ is a spanning subgraph of $G = (V, E)$ if $V' = V$.

$G - W = G[V - W]$, $G - E' = (V, E - E')$, $G + xy = (V, E \cup \{xy\})$ where x, y are nonadjacent vertices in V .

$|G| = \text{order of } G = |V(G)| = \text{number of vertices.}$

$e(G) = \text{size of } G = |E(G)| = \text{number of edges.}$

G^n is a graph of order n , $G(n, m)$ is a graph of order n and size m .

$E(U, V) = \text{set of } U - V \text{ edges} = \text{set of all edges in } E(G) \text{ joining a vertex in } U \text{ to a vertex in } V \text{ where } U \cap V = \emptyset.$

The complement of $G = (V, E) = \overline{G} = (V, V^{(2)} - E)$

$K_n = \text{complete graph on } n \text{ vertices. } E_n = \overline{K_n} = \text{empty graph with } n \text{ vertices. } K_1 = E_1 \text{ is trivial.}$

$\Gamma(x) = \Gamma_G(x) = \{y \mid xy \in E(G)\}.$

$d(x) = d_G(x) = \text{deg}(x) = \text{degree of } x = |\Gamma(x)|.$

$\delta(G) = \min\{d(x) \mid x \in V(G)\}.$

$\Delta(G) = \max\{d(x) \mid x \in V(G)\}.$

v is an isolated vertex if $d(v) = 0$.

$\sum_{x \in V} d(x) = 2e(G).$

A walk in a graph, $W = v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, v_n$, where $v_i \in V$ and $e_i = v_{i-1}v_i \in E$.

length of $W = n$.

trail = walk with distinct edges.

circuit = closed trail.

path = walk with distinct vertices (= trail with distinct vertices).

cycle = circuit with distinct vertices.

A set of vertices (edges) is independent if no two elements in the set are adjacent

A set of paths is independent if no two paths share an interior vertex.

$d(x, y) = \text{length of shortest } x - y \text{ path. If there is no } x - y \text{ path, then } d(x, y) = \infty.$

A graph is connected if given any pair of distinct vertices, x, y , there is an $x - y$ path.

A component of a graph = a maximal connected subgraph.

A cutvertex = a vertex whose deletion increases the number of components.

A bridge = an edge whose deletion increases the number of components.

A forest = an acyclic graph = a graph without any cycles.

A tree = a connected forest.

$G = (V, E)$ is bipartite if there exists vertex classes, V_1, V_2 , such that $V_1 \cup V_2 = V$, $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$, and $xy \in E$, $x \in V_i$ implies $y \notin V_i$ (i.e., no edge joins two vertices in the same class).

$K(n_1, \dots, n_r)$ = complete r-partite graph. $K_{p,q} = K(p, q)$, $K_r(t) = K(t, t, \dots, t)$

Thm 3: Suppose that $C = (W, E')$ is the component of $G = (V, E)$ containing the vertex x . Then $W = \{y \in V \mid G \text{ contains an } x - y \text{ path}\} = \{y \in V \mid G \text{ contains an } x - y \text{ trail}\}$
 $= \{y \in V \mid d(x, y) < \infty\}$ = equivalence class of x where we take the smallest equivalence relation on V such that u is equivalent to v if $uv \in E$.

If $G = (V, E)$ connected, $W \subset V$, $G - W$ disconnected, then W separates G .

If $s, t \in V - W$ and s and t in different components of $G - W$, then W separates s from t .

Thm 5 (Menger 1927)

(i) Let s, t distinct nonadjacent vertices in G .

$\min\{|W| \mid W \subset V(G), W \text{ separates } s \text{ from } t\}$ = maximum number of independent $s - t$ paths.

(ii) Let s, t distinct vertices in G .

$\min\{|E'| \mid E' \subset E(G), E' \text{ separates } s \text{ from } t\}$ = maximum number of edge-disjoint $s - t$ paths.

Cor 6: For $k \geq 2$, G is k -connected iff $V(G) \geq 2$ and any two vertices can be joined by k independent paths. G is k -edge-connected iff $V(G) \geq 2$ and any two vertices can be joined by k edge disjoint paths.

If G_1, G_2 k -connected, $|V(G_1) \cap V(G_2)| \geq k$, then $G_1 \cup G_2$ is k -connected.

Pf: If $|W| \leq k - 1$, then $G_1 \cup G_2 - W = (G_1 - W) \cup (G_2 - W)$

A subgraph B of G is a *block of G* if B is a bridge or if B is a maximal 2-connected subgraph of G .

If B_1 and B_2 are blocks, then $|V(B_1) \cap V(B_2)| \leq 1$.

If $x, y \in V(B)$, a block, and $x \neq y$ then $G - E(B)$ does not contain an $x - y$ path.

A vertex v belongs to at least two blocks iff v is a cutvertex.

$E(G) = \cup_{i=1}^p E(B_i)$ where $E(B_i) \cap E(B_j) = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$ and B_i 's are blocks.

Suppose G nontrivial connected graph where $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is the set of cutvertices of G .
 $bc(G)$ = block-cutvertex graph of $G = (V', E')$ where $V' = \{v_1, \dots, v_n, B_1, \dots, B_p\}$ and
 $E' = \{(v_i, B_j) \mid v_i \in B_j\}$.

$bc(G)$ is a tree.

An endvertex of $bc(G)$ is a block of $G = \text{endblock of } G$.

$G = (V, E)$ be a finite directed graph.

$$\Gamma^+(x) = \{y \in V \mid xy \in E\}$$

$$\Gamma^-(x) = \{y \in V \mid yx \in E\}$$

A *flow* f is a function $f : E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ where $f(xy) = f(x, y)$.

A *flow* f from vertex s (the *source*) to a vertex t (the *sink*) is a function $f : E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ where $f(xy) = f(x, y)$ such that if $x \in V - s, t$,

$$\sum_{y \in \Gamma^+(x)} f(x, y) = \sum_{z \in \Gamma^-(x)} f(z, x)$$

The *value of f* or the *amount of flow from s to t* = the net current leaving $s = \sum_{y \in \Gamma^+(s)} f(s, y) = \sum_{z \in \Gamma^-(t)} f(z, t)$ = the net current flowing into t .

The capacity of an edge $c(x, y)$ is a non-negative number such that the current flowing through $xy = f(x, y) \leq c(x, y)$.

The set of directed $X - Y$ edges = $E(X, Y) = \{xy \in E \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$.

If $g : E \rightarrow R$ is a function, $g(X, Y) = \sum_{xy \in E(X, Y)} g(x, y)$.

$E(S, E - S)$ is a *cut* separating s from t if $s \in S$ and $t \in E - S$.

The *capacity* of a cut $E(S, E - S) = c(S, E - S)$.