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Reachability: exploring a maze

Which vertices of the graph are reachable from a given vertex?

2.3 Connectivity

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Path \subset Trail \subset Walk **Cycle \subset Circuit \subset Closed Walk**

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Definition 2.10: A subgraph H of G is called a **component** of G if H is connected and not contained in a connected subgraph of G with more vertices or edges. The number of components of G is denoted as $\omega(G)$.

Definition 2.11: For a graph G let $V^* \subset V(G)$ and $E^* \subset E(G)$. V^* is called a **vertex cut** if $\omega(G - V^*) > \omega(G)$. If V^* consists of a single vertex v , then v is called a **cut vertex**. Likewise, if $\omega(G - E^*) > \omega(G)$ then E^* is called an **edge cut**. If E^* consists of only a single edge e , then e is known as a **cut edge**.