

# Disc Math - §18 - Graphs

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Def: A **graph** is an ordered triple  $(N, A, g)$  where,

$N$  - is the (nonempty) set of nodes (vertices)

$A$  - is the set of arcs (edges)

$g: A \rightarrow$  unordered pairs of nodes;  $g(a)$  are the endpoints of the arc  $a$ .

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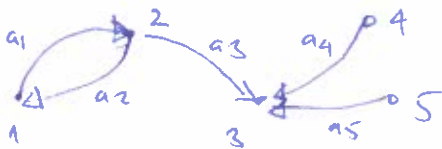
Def: A **directed graph (digraph)** is an ordered triple  $(N, A, g)$  where,

$N$  - nonempty set of nodes

$A$  - set of arcs

$g: A \rightarrow N \times N$ ,  $g(a) = (x, y)$ ,  $x$  - initial,  $y$  - terminal point of  $a$ .

Ex:



$$g(a_5) = (5, 3)$$

def extensions: **Labelled graph** has labels on the nodes; **Weighted graph** has numerical values on the arcs.



Def: Two nodes in a graph are **adjacent** if they are endpoints of the same arc. (1 and 3 are adjacent, but 1 and 4 are not)



A **loop** is an arc for which the two endpoints coincide ( $a_3$  is a loop).

A graph with no loops is **loop-free**.

Two arcs with the same endpoints are **parallel arcs** ( $a_1, a_2$  above).

A **simple graph** is one with no loops or parallel arcs.

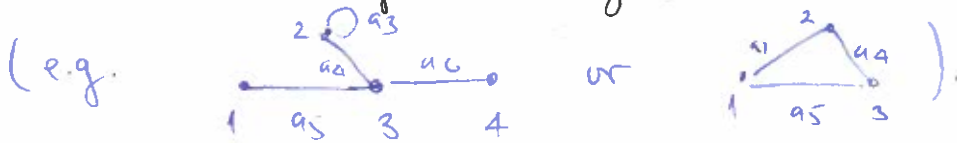
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An **isolated node** is a node adjacent to no other node (5).

The **degree** of a node is the number of arcs that end in that node:  
(1 has degree 3; 2 has degree 5; 5 has degree 0).

A **subgraph** consists of a subset of the nodes and a subset of the arcs with the same endpoints assignment as in the original graph.



Def: A **path** from a node  $u_0$  to a node  $u_k$  is a sequence

$$u_0, a_0, u_1, a_1, \dots, u_{k-1}, a_{k-1}, u_k$$

of nodes and arcs s.t.  $g(a_i) = (u_i, u_{i+1})$ . The **length** of a path is the number of arcs it contains.

(Ex: (2)  $a_1$  (1)  $a_5$  (3)  $a_4$  (2)  $a_3$  (2)  $a_4$  (3)  $a_6$  (4) is a path of length 6.

A graph is **connected** if there is a path from any node to any other node.

Def: A **cycle** is a closed path from a node  $u_0$  back to  $u_0$ , where  $u_0$  appears more than once,  $u_0$  occurs only at the ends and no other node appears more than once.

(Ex: (1)  $a_1$  (2)  $a_4$  (3)  $a_5$  (1) is a cycle; so is (2)  $a_3$  (2).

A graph with no cycles is called **acyclic**.

Def: A **complete graph** is one in which any two distinct nodes are adjacent.

(Ex: Here are the simple, complete graphs in  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$  vertices.



Def: A <sup>simple</sup> graph is a **bipartite complete graph** if its nodes can be partitioned into two disjoint nonempty sets  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  s.t. two nodes  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent iff  $x \in N_1$  and  $y \in N_2$ . If  $|N_1| = m$  and  $|N_2| = n$ , such a graph is denoted by  $k_{m,n}$ .

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Ex:

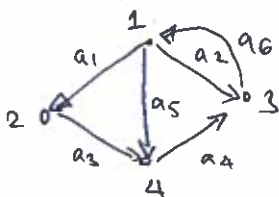


$K_{4,2}$ .

Std. draw  $K_{3,3}$ .

Def: In a directed graph, a path from node  $n_0$  to node  $n_k$  is a sequence  $n_0, a_0, n_1, a_1, \dots, n_{k-1}, a_{k-1}, n_k$  where  $n_i$  is the initial point and  $n_{i+1}$  is the terminal point of  $a_i$ . **Cycle** is a closed path with no repetitions except the endpoints.

Ex:



(1)  $a_1, (2) a_3, (4) a_4, (3) a_6, (1)$  is a cycle.

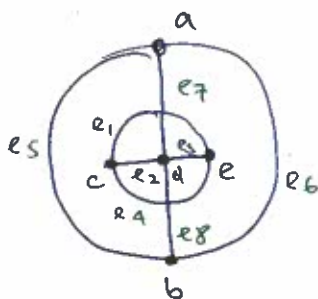
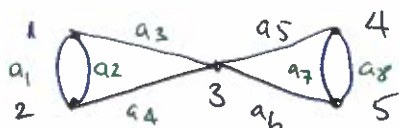
Is (2) reachable from (3)? Yes, along the path (3)  $a_6, (1) a_1, (2)$ .

Ex: These two graphs are presented differently, but they are not different:



Def: Two graphs  $(N_1, A_1, g_1)$  and  $(N_2, A_2, g_2)$  are **isomorphic** if there are bijections  $f_1: N_1 \rightarrow N_2$  and  $f_2: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  st.  $\forall a \in A_1, g_1(a) = (x, y)$  iff  $g_2[f_2(a)] = (f_1(x), f_1(y))$ .

Ex: Find the isomorphism:



$f_1: 1 \rightarrow c; 2 \rightarrow e; 3 \rightarrow d;$   
 $4 \rightarrow b; 5 \rightarrow a$

$f_2: a_1 \rightarrow e_1, a_2 \rightarrow e_4, a_3 \rightarrow e_2;$   
 $a_4 \rightarrow e_3, a_5 \rightarrow e_8, a_6 \rightarrow e_7,$   
 $a_7 \rightarrow e_5, a_8 \rightarrow e_6.$

Th: (Isomorphism for simple graphs). Two simple graphs  $(N_1, A_1, g_1)$  and  $(N_2, A_2, g_2)$  are isomorphic if there is a bijection  $f: N_1 \rightarrow N_2$  st.  $\forall u_1, u_2 \in N_1, u_1$  and  $u_2$  are adjacent iff  $f(u_1)$  and  $f(u_2)$  are adjacent.

Pr: There is at most one arc between any pair of nodes.  $\square$

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Ex: The following two graphs are not isomorphic.



(The 1<sup>st</sup> has parallel arcs and the second one doesn't).

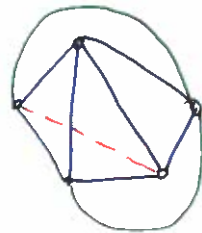
## Planar Graphs.

Def: A graph is **planar** if it can be drawn on a plane so that arcs intersect only at nodes.

Ex:  $K_4$  is planar:



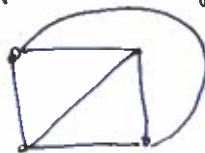
Ex:  $K_5$  is not planar:



(Maybe it can be done in some other way. We need a rigorous proof!).

Th: (Euler) For a (simple) connected planar graph with  $n$  nodes and  $a$  arcs, if the planar representation divides the plane into  $r$  regions, then  $n - a + r = 2$ . (Euler's formula).

Ex: Before presenting the proof let's look at an example.



$$n = 4, a = 6, r = 4$$

$$4 - 6 + 4 = 2.$$

Pr: By Induction on the number of arcs  $a$ .

Base case  $a = 0$ . Then  $n = 1, r = 1$ . ✓

Assume the formula holds for the planar representation of any (simple) connected planar graph with  $k$  arcs. Consider such a graph with  $k+1$  arcs.

Case 1: The  $k+1$  arc graph has a node of degree 1: 

Erasing this node leaves a graph with  $k$  arcs for which  $n - a + r =$

For the  $k+1$  arc graph  $(n+1) - (k+1) + r = 2$  is then true.

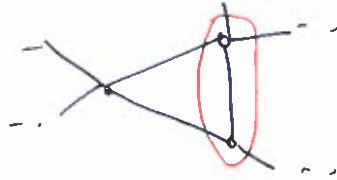
Case 2: The  $k+1$  arc graph has no node of degree 1. Then we erase an

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Inductive Hyp.

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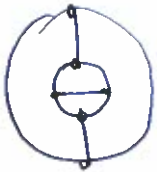
are like this:



From  $u - a + r = 2$  we have  
 $u - (a+1) + (r+1) = 2.$

□

Ex:



$u=6, a=9, r=5$

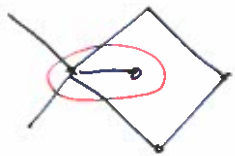
$6 - 9 + 5 = 2.$

Cor: For a simple, connected, planar graph with  $u \geq 3$  nodes and  $a$  arcs:

i)  $a \leq 3u - 6$

ii) If there are no cycles of length 3, then  $a \leq 2u - 4.$

Pr: In a planar representation of such a graph we will count the number of boundary arcs to each region. Arcs which are wholly interior to a region contribute twice as boundary arcs for that region



Arcs which separate two regions also contribute twice (once for each region). Therefore the number of boundary arcs is  $2a.$

There are no regions with exactly one boundary arc since there are no loops. There are no regions with exactly two boundary arcs since there are no parallel arcs. Thus each region has at least 3 boundary arcs, so  $3r$  is the minimum number of boundary arcs  $\Rightarrow 2a \geq 3r.$

$2a \geq 3(2 - u + a) = 6 - 3u + 3a \Rightarrow a \leq 3u - 6$

ii) If there are no cycles of length 3, then each region has at least 4 adjacent boundary edges so  $2a \geq 4r \Rightarrow a \leq 2u - 4.$  □

Ex:  $K_5$  is not planar:



$u=5, a=10$

$a \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3u - 6, 10 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 3(5) - 6 = 9. \text{ False.}$

Ex:  $K_{3,3}$  is not planar:



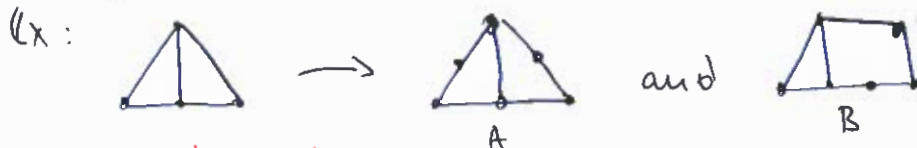
$u=6, a=9.$  No cycles of length 3.

$a \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2u - 4, 9 \leq 2 \cdot 6 - 4 = 8. \text{ False.}$

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Def: Two graphs are **homeomorphic**, if they both can be obtained from the same graph by a sequence of elementary subdivisions, in which a single arc  $x-y$  is replaced by two new arcs  $x-z$  and  $z-y$  where  $z$  is a new node.

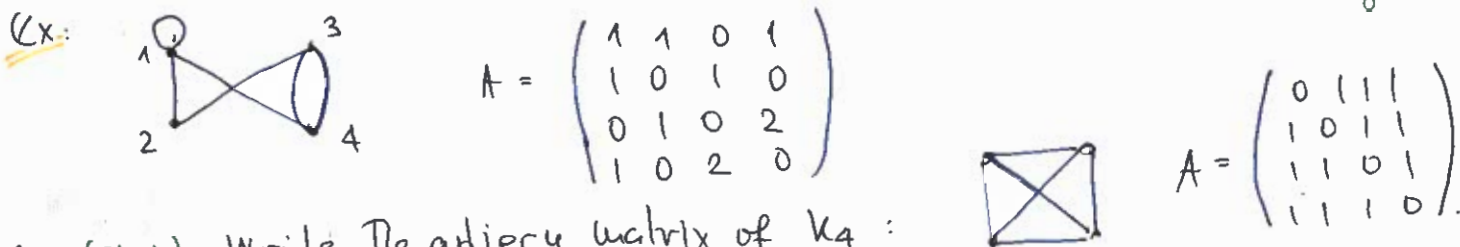


Th: (Kuratowski) A graph is nonplanar if it contains a subgraph that is homeomorphic to  $K_5$  or  $K_{3,3}$ .

Computer representations of graphs  $\rightarrow$  **Adjacency Matrix**.

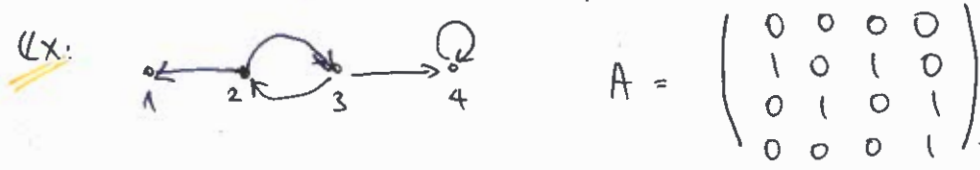
Def: Consider a graph with  $n$  nodes ordered as  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . The **adjacency matrix** of the graph wrt this ordering has

$a_{ij} = p$ , where  $p$  is the number of arcs between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ . (symmetric)



Ex: (stud). Write the adjacency matrix of  $K_4$ :

Def: For a directed graph the adjacency matrix is:   
 $a_{ij} = p$ , where  $p$  is the number of arcs from node  $i$  to node  $j$ .



rem: large sparse adjacency matrices can be compactified to adjacency lists as in:   
  
 $1 \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4\}$      $2 \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$    
 $3 \rightarrow \{2, 4, 4\}$      $4 \rightarrow \{1, 3, 3\}$ .

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