

Defn We say  $v$  is Reachable from  $u$  iff  $G$  contains a  $u-v$  PATH.

Defn  $G$  is called CONNECTED iff for all  $u, v \in V(G)$   $v$  is Reachable from  $u$ . Otherwise  $G$  is called DISCONNECTED.

Defn Given  $u \in V(G)$

$$C(u) = \{v \in V(G) \mid v \text{ is Reachable from } u\}$$

Defn The CONNECTED COMPONENT of  $G$  containing  $u$  is the SUBGRAPH

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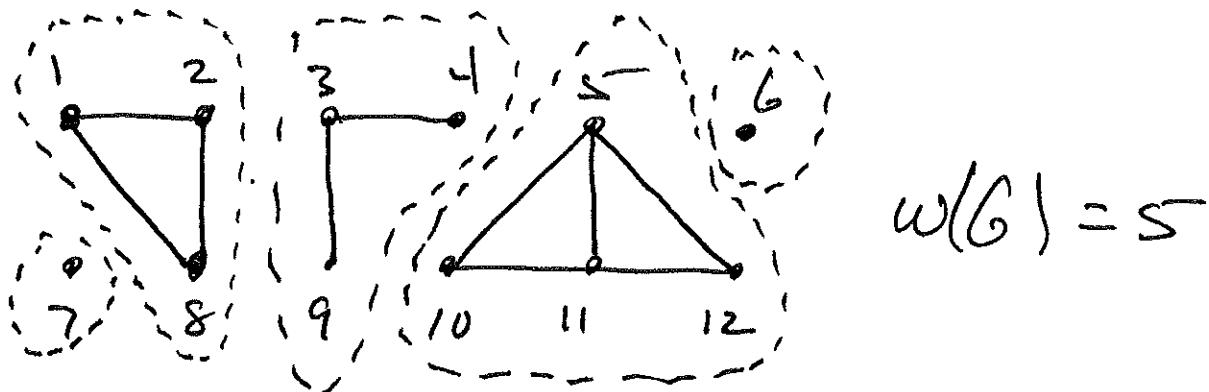
$G[C(u)]$ , the subgraph induced by  $C(u)$ .

EQUIVALENTLY : A CONNECTED COMPONENT is A SUBGRAPH OF  $G$  WHICH IS

(1) CONNECTED

(2) MAXIMAL W.R.T. (1)

Ex.



CONN BUT NOT MAXIMAL:  $\{f, 2, 8\}, \{12, 18\}$

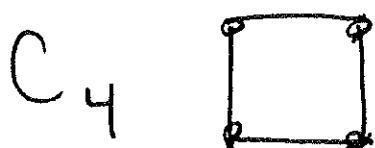
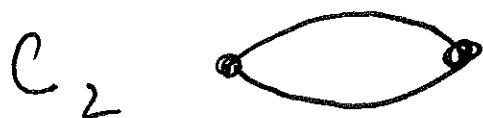
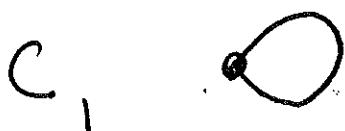
CONN & MAXIMAL:  $\{f, 2, 8\}, \{12, 18, 28\}$

NOTATION:  $w(G) = \# \text{ CONN. COMPS.}$

OBVIOUSLY  $G$  IS CONN. IFF  $w(G) = 1$ .

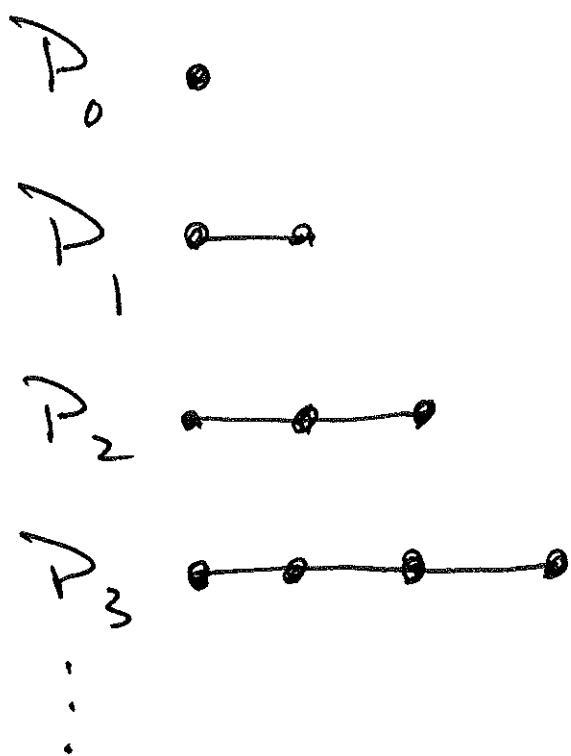
Defn The length of a path  
is total # of edges (clockwise for  
a cycle).

Defn A  $k$ -cycle is a cycle of  
length  $k$ . Up to isomorphism  
there is just one  $k$ -cycle,  
denoted  $C_k$ .



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$P_k$  denotes a path of length  $k$ .



THM LET  $G$  BE A GRAPH  
 WITH  $|V(G)| \geq 2$ . THEN  $G$  IS  
 BI PARTITE IFF  $G$  CONTAINS NO  
 ODD LENGTH CYCLES.

PROOF

( $\Rightarrow$ ) SUPPOSE  $G$  IS BI PARTITE WITH  
 BI PARTITION  $V(G) = X \cup Y$ .

LET  $C = v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  BE A

CYCLE IN  $G$ . MUST SHOW THAT  
ITS LENGTH,  $K$ , IS EVEN.

SUPPOSE  $v_0 \in X$  (~~THE CASE  $v_0 \in Y$~~ )

IS SIMILAR, AND WE Omit IT.)

THEN  $v_1 \in Y$ , AND  $v_2 \in X$ , AND  $v_3 \in Y$

Evidently  $v_i \in X$  IF  $i$  IS EVEN  
( $0 \leq i \leq k$ ). BUT

$$v_k = v_0 \in X$$

$\therefore K$  IS EVEN.

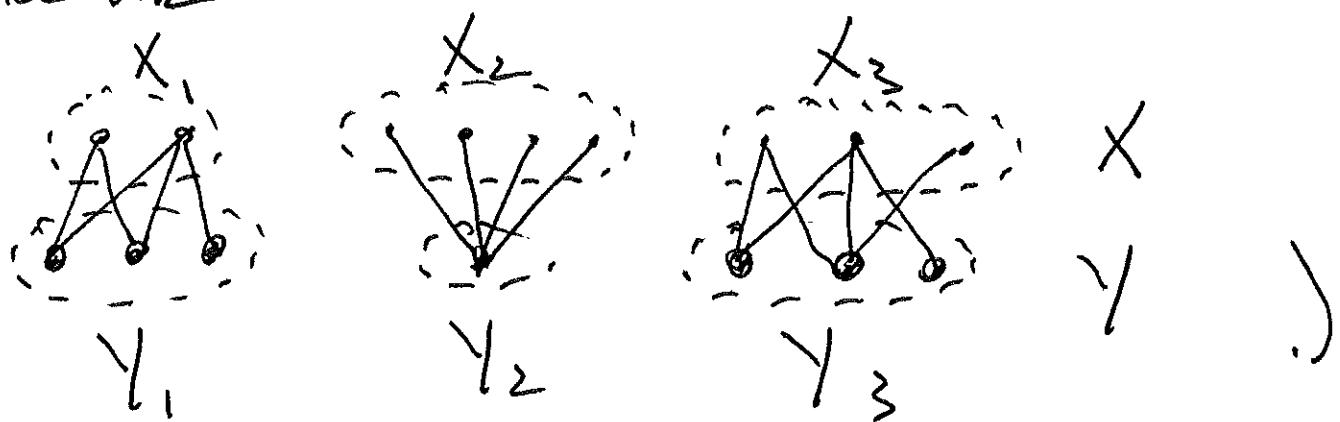
( $\Leftarrow$ ) SUPPOSE  $G$  CONTAINS NO ODD CYCLES.

ALSO ASSUME  $G$  IS

CONNECTED. (IF RESULT IS PROVED)

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for Conn. Graphs, it follows for  
 Disconn. Graphs. Why? If  $G$   
 is Disconn. & has no odd cycles,  
 then each component has no odd  
 cycles. So each component is  
 Bipartite.



Defn Given  $u, v \in V(G)$

$d(u, v) = \text{length of a shortest } u-v \text{ PATH.}$

This # is well defined for all  $u, v \in V(G)$   
 since  $G$  is conn.

Fix  $s \in V(G)$ . Define □

$$X = \{u \in V(G) \mid d(s, u) \text{ is even}\}$$

$$Y = \{u \in V(G) \mid d(s, u) \text{ is odd}\}$$

Clearly  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$  and  $X \cup Y = V(G)$

Claim: If  $G$  contains an edge  $uv$  with  $u \in X \setminus v \in X$  or  $u \in Y$  and  $v \in Y$ , then  $G$  contains an odd cycle.

Note: Result follows since  $G$  has no odd cycles, so no such edge exists, so  $X, Y$  is a bipartition of  $V(G)$ .

PROOF OF claim: Suppose  $uv \in E(G)$  with  $u \in X$ ;  $v \in X$ . (The case where  $u \in Y$ ;  $v \in Y$  is similar.)

LET  $\rightarrow$   $P$  BE A SHORTEST  $s-u$  PATH, AND  $Q$  BE A SHORTEST  $s-v$  PATH

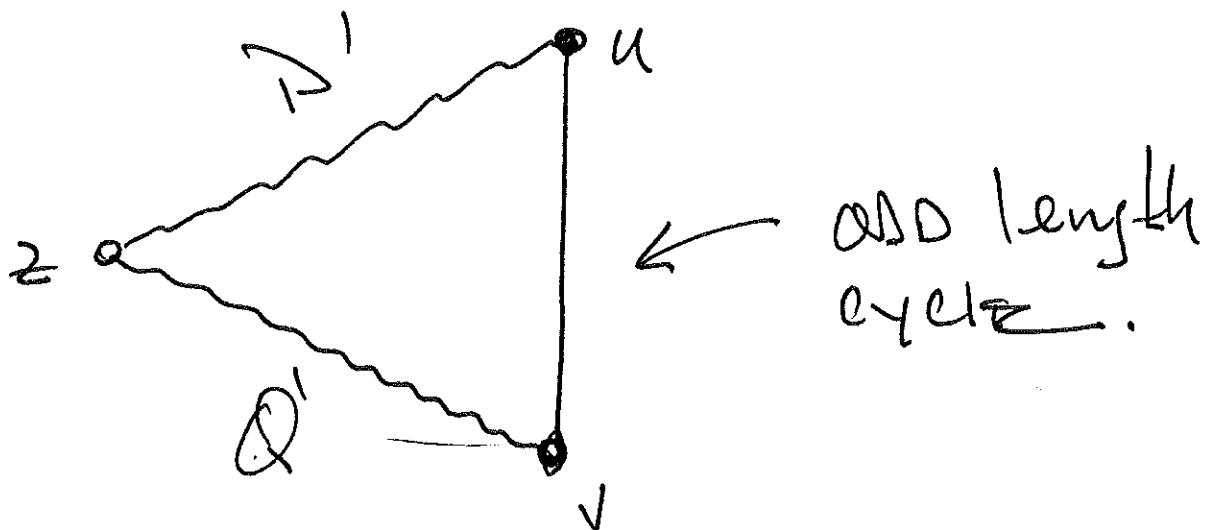
$$\begin{array}{c} d(s,z) \\ \nearrow \\ P: s - z - u \in X \\ \searrow \\ Q: s - \underbrace{d(s,z)}_{z} - \overbrace{Q'}^{v} - v \in X \end{array}$$

LET  $z$  BE THE LAST (FURTHER FROM  $s$ ) VERTEX COMMON TO  $P$  AND  $Q$ .

LET  $\rightarrow$   $P$  BE THE SEGMENT OF  $P$  FROM  $z$  TO  $u$ , likewise for  $Q'$ .

Thus

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OBSERVE THAT length  $P'$  & length  $Q'$  HAVE SAME PARITY (i.e. BOTH even, OR BOTH odd). Thus THE CYCLE:

$$P' + uv + Q'$$

HAS ODD LENGTH.

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## (1.7) MATRIX REPRESENTATION

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Defn: ADJACENCY MATRIX. Let

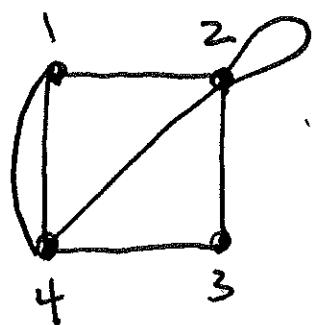
$$V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$A(G) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_{ij} = \# \text{ of edges joining } v_i \text{ to } v_j$   
 $(1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n)$

NOTE  $A = A(G)$  is necessarily symmetric,  
i.e.  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ .

Ex.



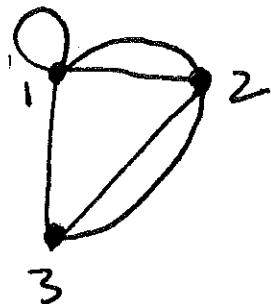
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

OBSERVE: If  $G$  has no loops, then  
 $A(G)$  has all 0's on diagonal.

If  $G$  has no parallel edges,  
then  $A(G)$  contains only 0's & 1's.

Thm Let  $G$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices  $V(G) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and let  $A = A(G)$ . Then for any  $k \geq 0$ , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry in  $A^k$  is the # of  $v_i - v_j$  walks in  $G$  of length  $k$ .

Ex.



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow 0$

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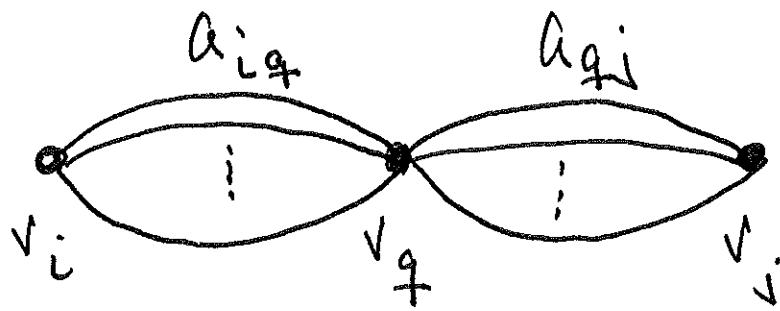
$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

→  $\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, 1, 3) \times 1 \\ (1, 2, 3) \times 4 \end{array} \right\} = 5$

Proof:

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$ , so  $a_{ij} = \# \text{ of edges joining } v_i \text{ to } v_j$ . Start with case  $k=2$ . Let  $1 \leq g \leq n$ . Observe

$a_{ig} a_{gj} = \# \text{ of walks of length 2 from } v_i \text{ to } v_j \text{ which pass through } v_g$ .



If we sum over all possible intermediate vertices, we get the total # of walks from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  of length 2,  
i.e.

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# of } v_i - v_j \text{-walks} \\ \text{of length 2} \end{array} \right) = \sum_{q=1}^n a_{iq} a_{qj}$$

But  $R_{11}$  is just the  $i,j^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $A^2$ .

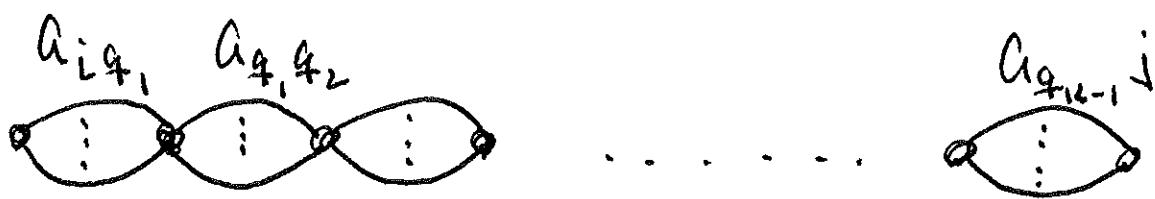
Now the General case. Consider  
 $k-1$  vertices:  $v_{q_1}, v_{q_2}, \dots, v_{q_{k-1}}$

OBSERVE that

$$a_{i,q_1} a_{q_1, q_2} a_{q_2, q_3} \cdots a_{q_{k-1}, j}$$

= #  $v_i - v_j$  walks which pass through

$$v_{q_1}, v_{q_2}, \dots, v_{q_{k-1}}$$



By summing over all possible intermediate vertices  $v_{q_1}, \dots, v_{q_{k-1}}$ , we obtain total # of  $v_i - v_j$  walks of length  $k$ .

But

$$c_{ii} = \sum_{q_1} \sum_{q_2} \cdots \sum_{q_{k-1}} a_{i,q_1} a_{q_1, q_2} \cdots a_{q_{k-1}, i}$$

is the  $i^{th}$  entry of  $A^k$ , i.e.

$$A^k = (c_{ii}).$$

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Theorem Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , and  $A = A(G)$ . Let

$$B = A + A^2 + \dots + A^{n-1}$$

Then  $G$  is connected iff all off-diagonal entries in  $B$  are non-zero. i.e. if  $B = (b_{ij})$  then  $i \neq j$  implies  $b_{ij} \neq 0$ .

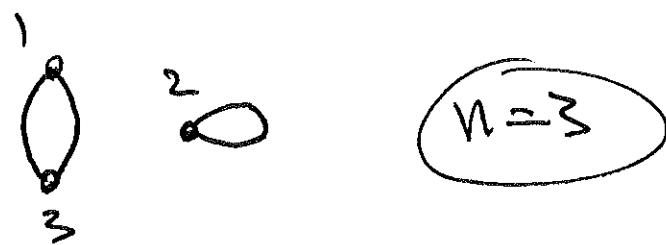
Proof: Let  $a_{ij}^{(k)}$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry in  $A^k$ , which by Prop. Thm is #  $v_i - v_j$  walks of length  $k$ . Then  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry in  $B$  is

$$b_{ij} = a_{ij}^{(1)} + a_{ij}^{(2)} + a_{ij}^{(3)} + \dots + a_{ij}^{(n-1)}$$

so  $b_{ij} = \# \text{ of } v_i - v_j \text{ walks of length less than } n$ .

- If  $G$  is connected, then for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $G$  contains a  $v_i - v_j$  PATH. SINCE  $G$  has  $n$  vertices, AND SINCE NO VERTEX IS REPEATED IN A PATH, SUCH A  $v_i - v_j$  PATH HAS LENGTH AT MOST  $n-1$ . Thus  $b_{ij} \neq 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .
- If  $b_{ij} \neq 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , THEN EACH PAIR OF DISTINCT VERTICES ARE JOINED BY A WALK (HENCE ALSO A PATH) OF LENGTH LESS THAN  $n$ . Thus  $v_i$  is REACHABLE from  $v_j$  for all  $i \neq j$ .  
 $\therefore G$  is CONNECTED.

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Ex.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = A + A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Defn Incidence matrix. Let

$$V(G) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$E(G) = \{e_1, \dots, e_t\}$$

$$M = M(G) = (m_{ij}) \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq t \end{matrix}$$

$m_{ij} = \# \text{times } v_i \text{ is incident with } e_j$

i.e.

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$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & v_i \text{ not incident with } e_j \\ 1 & v_i, e_j \text{ are incident, } e_j \text{ not loop} \\ 2 & v_i, e_j \text{ are incident, } e_j \text{ is loop.} \end{cases}$$