

Last time:

Definition. Let G be a multigraph.

- An **Eulerian circuit** is a circuit in G that traverses each edge exactly once and uses all vertices.
- An **Eulerian trail** is an open trail in G that traverses each edge exactly once and uses all vertices.

Lemma. Let G be a multigraph, and let

$$T = (v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, \dots, v_{k-1}, e_k, v_k)$$

be a trail in G . Fix v any vertex in T .

- (1) If T is a circuit (i.e. $v_0 = v_k$), then T contains an even number of edges incident to v .
- (2) If T is open and $v \neq v_0, v_k$, then T contains an even number of edges incident to v .
- (3) If T is open and $v = v_0, v_k$, then T contains an odd number of edges incident to v .

Theorem (6.1). Let G be a multigraph. Then G is Eulerian if and only if G is connected and all vertices have even degree.

Theorem (6.2). *Let G be a multigraph. Then G has an Eulerian trail if and only if G is connected and has exactly two odd-degree vertices.*

Definition. Let G be a graph.

- A **Hamiltonian cycle** is a cycle in G that uses all vertices.
- A **Hamiltonian path** is a path in G that uses all vertices.
- G is a **Hamiltonian graph** if it contains a Hamiltonian cycle.

Example. Decide if the following graphs contain a Hamiltonian cycle or a Hamiltonian path.

Some first remarks: Assume G is a graph on $n \geq 3$ vertices and C is a Hamiltonian cycle in G . Then

- (a) Deleting any edge of C gives a Hamiltonian path in G .
- (b) $C \cong C_n$ is a cycle of length n . Thus G is obtained from C_n by adding some additional edges.
- (c) $C \cong C_n$ contains no cycles of length less than n .
- (d) Each $v \in V(G)$ has exactly two neighbors in C .
- (e) If $v \in V(G)$ has $\deg_G v = 2$, then both edges incident to v lie on C .

Example. *The following graph is non-Hamiltonian:*

Example. *The Petersen graph is non-Hamiltonian:*

Next: Unlike Eulerianity, deciding if a graph is Hamiltonian is *hard*.
We give several sufficient conditions for Hamiltonianity.

Theorem (6.5). *If G is a Hamiltonian graph, then for every nonempty proper set $U \subsetneq V(G)$ we have*

$$\text{Number of components of } G - U \leq |U|$$

Example. *The following graph is non-Hamiltonian*

Corollary. *If G contains a cut vertex, then it is non-Hamiltonian.*

Exercise. *Write down the contrapositive to Theorem 6.5. Prove the Corollary*

Theorem (6.6, Ore's condition). *Let G be a graph on $n \geq 3$ vertices. If*

$$\deg u + \deg v \geq n$$

for each pair u, v of nonadjacent vertices, then G is Hamiltonian.

Corollary (6.7, Dirac's condition). *Let G be a graph on $n \geq 3$ vertices. If $\deg v \geq n/2$ for each vertex v , then G is Hamiltonian.*

Exercise. *If $n \geq 3$, then the clique K_n is Hamiltonian.*

Exercise. *Let $s, t \geq 2$. The complete bipartite graph $K_{s,t}$ is Hamiltonian if and only if $s = t$.*

Exercise (The bound in Ore's condition is sharp). *For any n , show that there is a non-Hamiltonian graph G on n -vertices such that $\deg u + \deg v \geq n - 1$ for each pair u, v of nonadjacent vertices.*

Theorem (6.8, Bondy-Chvátal condition). *Let G be a graph on $n \geq 3$ vertices. Assume u, v are nonadjacent vertices such that $\deg u + \deg v \geq n$. Then G is Hamiltonian if and only if $G + uv$ is Hamiltonian.*

Definition. Let G be a graph on n vertices. The closure $C(G)$ of G is the graph obtained from G by recursively adding edges uv whenever u, v are nonadjacent vertices such that $\deg u + \deg v \geq n$, until no such vertices exist.

Example.

Corollary (6.9). A graph is Hamiltonian if and only if its closure is Hamiltonian.

For the last theorem, let us denote

$$N_j(G) = |\{v \in V(G) : \deg v \leq j\}| = \text{number of vertices with degree at most } j$$

Theorem (6.11, Pósa's condition). *Let G be a graph on $n \geq 3$ vertices.*

If for each integer j with $1 \leq j < n/2$ we have

$$N_j(G) < j$$

then G is Hamiltonian.