

No more worksheets... :-( but TAs will answer  
questions on recent ones... Also FE 2017,

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# graph connectivity

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## Web page:

<http://www.teach.cs.toronto.edu/~heap/165/F19/>

## Using Course notes: graphs



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must be connected  $|V| = n$   $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists M \in \mathbb{N}, \forall G = (V, E), (|V| = n \wedge |E| \geq M) \Rightarrow G \text{ is connected?}$

## maybe connected

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists G = (V, E), |V| = n \wedge |E| = n - 1 \wedge G$  is connected

$\exists$  path  $P$  with  $n$  vertices and  $n-1$  edges. Ex Show  $P$  is connected.  
choose 2 vertices in  $P$ , show there is a path.

$|V| \geq 2 \cdot 4^l B$  could  
create  $P$  with  $2 \cdot 4^l B - 1$  edges.

$$\frac{(2 \cdot 4^l B - 1)(2 \cdot 4^l B - 2)}{2} + 1$$

# must be disconnected

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall G = (V, E), (|V| = n \wedge |E| \leq n - 2) \Rightarrow G \text{ is not connected}$

steps:

- ▶ natural to reason by removing an edge from a connected graph with  $n - 1$  edges...
- ▶ first need some results about which components of connected graphs have redundant edges (cycles)...
  - ▶ then need some results about connected graphs without cycles (trees)...
    - ▶ then reason about reducing an arbitrary connected graph to a tree...

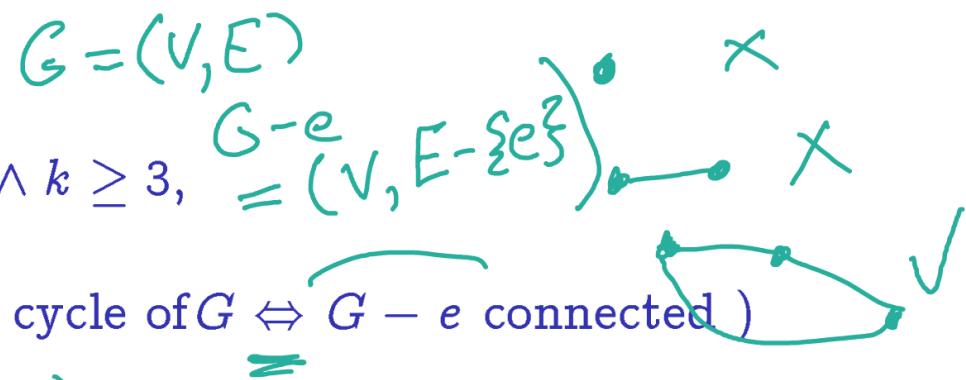
whew!

## cycle

consecutively adjacent vertices  $v_0, \dots, v_k \in V \wedge k \geq 3$ ,

all distinct except  $v_0 = v_k$

$\forall G = (V, E), \forall e \in E, G$  connected  $\Rightarrow (e \text{ in a cycle of } G \Leftrightarrow G - e \text{ connected})$

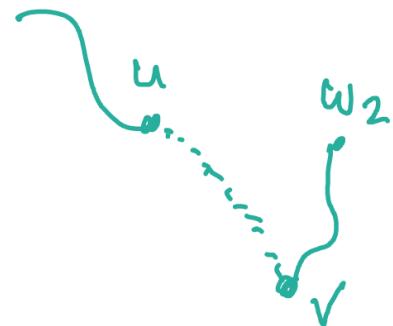


Proof  $\Rightarrow$  Set  $G = (V, E)$  be a conn graph and  $e \in E$  be an edge in some cycle in  $G$ . WTS That  $G' = G - e$  is also connected. Let  $w_1, w_2 \in V$ . By assumption,  $\exists$  path  $P = w_1, \dots, w_2$  in  $G$ . In  $G'$  there are 2 cases.

Case 1  $e$  is not in  $P$ . Then  $P$  is also a path in  $G'$ , so  $w_1$  is connected to  $w_2$  in  $G'$ .

Case 2  $e = (u, v)$  is in  $P$ . WLOG, assume that  $u$  is closer to  $w_1$  than  $v$  is in  $P$ .

Then  $w_1, \dots, u$  is part of  $P$  that connects  $w_1$  to  $u$  in  $G'$ , and  $v, \dots, w_2$  is part of  $P$  and connects  $v$  to  $w_2$  in  $G'$ .  
 Thanks to clever boffins working on PS4,  $u$  is connected to  $v$  in  $G'$ . So, by transitivity,  $w_1$  is connected to  $v$ , and  $w_1$  (trans again) is connected to  $w_2$ .



$$P - e = w_1, \dots, u$$

$$v, \dots, w_2$$

Proof  $\Leftarrow$  Let  $G = (V, E)$ . Assume  $G$  connected and  $\exists e \in E, G - e = G'$  is connected. WTS  $\exists$  cycle  $C$  in  $G$  with  $e$  an edge in  $C$ .

If  $e = (u, v)$ , then since  $G'$  is connected, there is a path  $u, \dots, v$  connecting  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G'$ . This path has length  $> 1$ , since the edge from  $u$  to  $v$  was removed. But then  $u, \dots, v, u$  is a cycle in  $G$  containing  $e$  

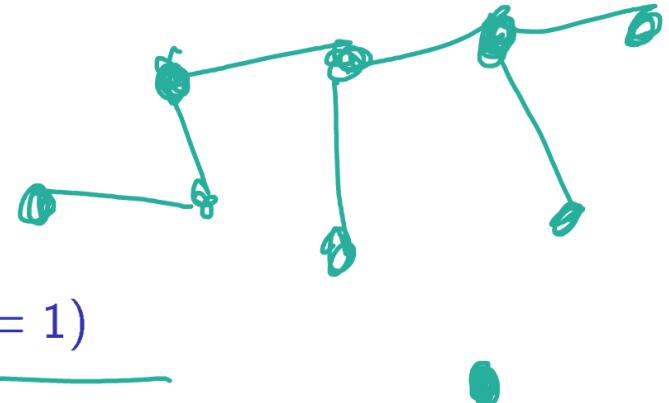
tree: connected, acyclic graph

removing any edge from a tree disconnects it

$$\forall G = (V, E), G \text{ is a tree} \Rightarrow |E| = |V| - 1$$

but first...

$$\forall G = (V, E), (G \text{ is a tree} \wedge |V| \geq 2) \Rightarrow (\exists v \in V, d(v) = 1)$$



Exercise proved in notes -

# main result...

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+, \forall G = (V, E), (G \text{ is a tree} \wedge |V| = n) \Rightarrow |E| = |V| - 1$$

cannot  
be  
connected

|  
 $n-1$   
edges

?

must  
be connec-  
ted  
 $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1$   
edges

# big picture...

## Notes