

Special Graphs and Intermediate Definitions

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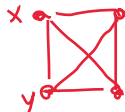
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$$K_n : |V| = n, |E| = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

$$n = |V|$$



K_4

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$$|V| = n, |E| = n$$

K_n



C_6

C_3



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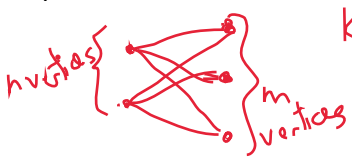
$$W_n : |V| = n+1, |E| = n+n = 2n$$



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- two separate sets of vertices and every possible edge between?



$$K_{n,m} : \begin{aligned} |V| &= n+m \\ |E| &= n \cdot m \end{aligned}$$

$$K_{2,3}$$

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$\{a, b\}$

$P_1: ab-bc-cd$

$W_1: ab-bc-cd-dc-cb-be$



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$H = (V', E')$ is a subgraph of $G = (V, E)$ if

$$V' \subseteq V$$

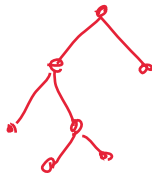
$$E' \subseteq E$$

and E' only uses vertices in V' .



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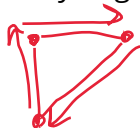


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- **Euler circuit**: closed walk that travels every edge exactly once

"Oil"-er

ends where
it starts



K_3 (same as C_3)

\exists Euler ckt. in $G \iff G$ is connected and all degrees are even.

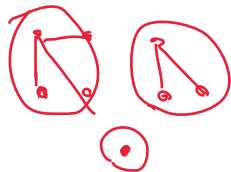
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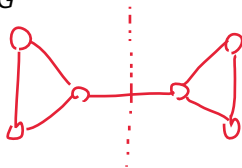
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- **cut edge**, if removed, would disconnect G



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- The **diameter** is the max distance over all pairs of vertices

$$\max_{u,v \in V} \overline{\{d(u,v)\}}$$

$$d(u,u) = 0$$

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