

# 1 Degrees

As mentioned previously, we're going to use variables  $n$  and  $m$  regularly as:

$$n = |V(G)|, m = |E(G)|$$

The **degree** of a vertex is the number of incident edges. We write degree of vertex  $v_i$  as  $d(v_i)$  or sometimes  $d_i$ . For a graph  $G$ , the maximum degree is  $\Delta(G)$  and the minimum degree is  $\delta(G)$ . A graph is **regular** if  $\Delta(G) = \delta(G)$ . A graph is  **$k$ -regular** if  $k = \Delta(G) = \delta(G)$ .

The degree sum formula shows that the sum of the degrees of all vertices in a graph is always even:

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2m$$

So it follows that there can only be an even number of vertices of odd degree in  $G$ .

The average degree of a graph  $G$  is  $\frac{2m}{n}$ . Therefore:

$$\delta(G) \leq \frac{2m}{n} \leq \Delta(G)$$

A **hypercube**, or  **$k$ -dimensional hypercube**  $Q_k$  is a simple graph whose vertices are  $k$ -tuples of  $\{0, 1\}$  and whose edges are the pairs of  $k$ -tuples that differ by one.

Prove a hypercube is a (regular) bipartite graph.

Prove that any  $k$ -regular bipartite graph has the same number of vertices in each partite set.

# 2 Extremal Problems

An **extremal problem** asks for the maximum or minimum value of a function over a class of objects. We'll do a couple extremal proofs related to degrees and connectivity.

Prove the minimum number of edges in a connected graph is  $(n - 1)$ .

Prove a graph must be connected if  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{(n-1)}{2}$ .

### 3 Graphic Sequences

The **degree sequence** of a graph is the list of vertex degrees, usually in decreasing order:  $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n$ .

A **graphic sequence** is a list of nonnegative numbers that is the degree sequence of a simple graph. A simple graph  $G$  with degree sequence  $S$  *realizes*  $S$ .

A sequence  $S = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$  is a graphic sequence iff sequence  $S' = \{d_2 - 1, \dots, d_{d_1 + 1} - 1, d_{d_1 + 2}, \dots, d_n\}$  is a graphic sequence, where  $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n$  and  $n \geq 2$  and  $d_1 \geq 1$ . This is called the **Havel-Hakimi Theorem**. We can use this general idea to also create (*realize*) a graph using a given graphic sequence.

For time consideration, we're not going to go over the proof in class, so go through the book or use other online resources to understand it. A couple relevant youtube videos are also listed below. They're also linked to on the course website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNKO4ttWmcU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQJ1PFZ4gh0>

### 4 Directed Graphs

Before we were only considering graphs with symmetric relations in the edges. Now we're considering **directed graphs** or **digraphs**, where the edges have a defined directionality. The vertex where an edge starts is the **tail** and the vertex that is pointed to is the **head**. These together are the **endpoints**. We also term the tail as the **predecessor** of the head and the head as the **successor** of the tail.

Like with our undirected graphs. We can consider digraphs as **simple digraphs** if they don't have repeated edges or loops. Note that a simple digraph can have two edges between the same two vertices as long as they point in opposite directions.

We have similar definitions in directed graphs for **walks**, **paths**, **trails**, and **cycles**. Likewise, we have the same concepts of **subgraphs**, **isomorphism**. The **adjacency** matrix is created in a similar row-wise fashion, except now it is now longer symmetric.

Instead of just degree, digraphs consider both **out degree** ( $d^+(v)$ ) or **in degree** ( $d^-(v)$ ). We also have the out neighborhood ( $N^+(v)$ ) or successor set and the in neighborhood ( $N^-(v)$ ) or predecessor set. Likewise minimum and maximum out and in degrees:

$$\delta^-(v), \delta^+(v), \Delta^+(v), \Delta^-(v)$$

And our degree sum formula:

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d^+(v) = |E(G)| = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d^-(v)$$

## 5 Directed Connectivity

For digraphs, we have the concepts of **strong connectivity** and **weak connectivity**. The definition of strong connectivity is similar to connectivity in undirected graphs: for any  $u, v$  is a strongly connected component, there exists a directed path from  $u$  to  $v$ . Weak connectivity of a directed graph is equivalent to connectivity of its underlying graph, where the **underlying graph** of a digraph is the undirected representation created by removing directionality from the directed edges.

### 5.1 Connectivity Algorithms

The optimal (serial algorithm) for detecting the maximal strongly connected components in a graph is Tarjan's Algorithm. The algorithm completes one DFS of the graph, labeling each vertex with two labels. The first label is the *index*, or the DFS order. The second label, *lowlink* is the *index* of the lowest index vertex that a given vertex can reach following its out edges. The algorithm is given below (note the similarity of the outer loop to our connectivity algorithms):

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for all  $v \in V(G)$  do
     $\text{index}(v) \leftarrow -1$             $\triangleright$  Assume all arrays and variables are globally accessible
     $\text{lowlink}(v) \leftarrow -1$ 
     $\text{onstack}(v) \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
 $\text{curIndex} \leftarrow 1$             $\triangleright$  DFS order counter
 $\text{Stack} \leftarrow \emptyset$             $\triangleright$  DFS stack
 $\text{SCC} \leftarrow \emptyset$             $\triangleright$  Sets of SCCs
for all  $v \in V(G)$  do
    if  $\text{index}(v) < 0$  then
         $\text{tarjan}(v)$ 
return  $\text{SCC}$ 

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There is also **Kosaraju's Algorithm**, which is also optimal in terms of work complexity. However, this algorithm requires two traversals of all edges (or one of both out edges and in edges) so it isn't as efficient in practice. For weak connectivity, undirected connectivity algorithms can be used but with the edges mirrored (an out edge becomes out and in edges between same vertex endpoints) to create the underlying graph.

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procedure TARJAN( $v$ )
   $\text{index}(v) \leftarrow \text{curIndex}$ 
   $\text{lowlink}(v) \leftarrow \text{curIndex}$ 
   $\text{onstack}(v) \leftarrow \mathbf{true}$ 
   $\text{curIndex} \leftarrow \text{curIndex} + 1$ 
   $\text{Stack.push}(v)$ 
  for all  $u \in N^+(v)$  do
    if  $\text{index}(u) = -1$  then
       $\text{tarjan}(u)$ 
       $\text{lowlink}(v) = \min(\text{lowlink}(u), \text{lowlink}(v))$ 
    else if  $\text{onstack}(u) = \mathbf{true}$  then
       $\text{lowlink}(v) = \min(\text{index}(u), \text{lowlink}(v))$ 
  if  $\text{lowlink}(v) = \text{index}(v)$  then
    while  $(w = \text{Stack.pop}(v)) \neq v$  do
       $\text{onstack}(w) \leftarrow \mathbf{false}$ 
       $\text{SCC}(\text{index}(v)) \leftarrow w$ 
    ▷  $v$  is root of new SCC
  return

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