

CSI 35 LECTURE NOTES (Ojakian)

Topic 11: Walks in Graphs: Eulerian, Hamiltonian, and Counting

OUTLINE

(References: Wells: 157, 159, Rosen: 10.4, 10.5)

1. Traversing an entire graph

- (a) Why would you want to traverse an entire graph?
- (b) Any requirements and/or goals of such a traversal.

2. Ways to step through graph

For each, we have a start vertex and an end vertex (maybe start = end)

- (a) Walk: any repeats - of vertices and edges
- (b) Trail: no edge repeats, any amount of vertex repeats
- (c) Path: no repeats (even start and end may not repeat)
- (d) Shortest Path (and distance and diameter)

3. Eulerian

- (a) Suppose the vertices are intersections and the edges are streets. Your goal is to clean all the streets returning to your start. Can you do it without repeating a street?

PROBLEM 1. *Wells exercise 157.2.1 (Eulerian)*

- (b) Concept of “Necessary and Sufficient Conditions”
 - i. Example: Integer divisible by 3 and 4.
- (c) Eulerian: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions?
 - i. Try finding some necessary ones? some sufficient ones? both necessary and sufficient??
 - ii. Statement of Euler’s Theorem
- (d) Proof of Euler’s Theorem (via “iterations”)

PROBLEM 2. *For an Eulerian graph, find an Eulerian Circuit using the method from the proof of Euler’s Theorem. Do it so that in each iteration, a circuit is chosen that does not repeat vertices (and even better, try to make it the shortest circuit option at that point).*

4. Hamiltonian

- (a) Suppose there is a graph in which the vertices represent cities and the edges are roads. You are a salesperson and want to visit every city. Can you do it without repeating cities?

PROBLEM 3. *Wells exercise 157.3.3 (Hamiltonian)*

- (b) Hamiltonian: Necessary and Sufficient Conditions?
- Try finding some necessary ones? some sufficient ones? both necessary and sufficient??
 - Statement of Dirac's Theorem (note: converse false - Exercise 48)
- (c) Applications
- Gray codes and the hypercube

5. Comparing Eulerian and Hamiltonian

PROBLEM 4. *Wells exercise 157.4.2 and 157.4.3 (which Eulerian? which Hamiltonian?)*

6. Counting the walks (section 10.4)

- (a) How many walks between two vertices: vertex disjoint and not?
- Matrix product (just for square matrices)
 - Matrix product theorem FOR counting number of walks

PROBLEM 5. *For a small graph, finds its adjacency matrix, and various powers. Compare this to the vertex disjoint walks and the corresponding vertex connectivity.*

7. Exercises

- (a) Section 10.5. Euler. 1 - 8 (ignore "path" part), 10 (graph corresponding graph)
- (b) Section 10.5. Euler. 26, 28a.
- (c) Section 10.5. Ham. 30 - 36, 44, 45, 47 (skip "Ore" part ii), 55
- (d) Section 10.4: 19, 24, 25