

### terminology and notation

1.1 graph, vertex set, edge set, endpoints, loop, multiple edges, adjacent, neighbors, complement, clique, independent set, stable set, bipartite graph, subgraph, connected, disconnected, isomorphism, isomorphism class

1.2 walk, trail, path, internal vertices of a walk/trail/path, endpoints of a walk/trail/path, length, closed, components, isolated vertex, cut-edge, cut-vertex, induced subgraph, bipartition,  $X, Y$ -bigraph, Eulerian circuit, Eulerian graph, even graph, maximal path, maximum path,  $C_k, P_k, K_n, K_{n,m}$ , biclique, Petersen graph

1.3 degree of a vertex,  $d_G(v), \Delta(G), \delta(G)$ , maximum degree, minimum degree,  $k$ -regular graph,  $N_G(v)$ , order, size,  $n(G), e(G)$ , degree sequence, graphic sequence

2.1 acyclic, forest, tree, leaf, pendant vertex, spanning subgraph, spanning tree, star, distance,  $d_G(u, v)$ , diameter,  $diam(G)$ , eccentricity,  $\epsilon(v)$ , radius,  $rad(G)$ , center

### major theorems / useful results

1.2

Every  $uv$ -walk contains a  $uv$ -path.

Every graph with  $n$  vertices and  $k$  edges contains at least  $n - k$  components.

An edge is a cut-edge iff it lies on a cycle.

A graph is bipartite iff it has no odd cycle.

A graph is Eulerian iff it has at most one nontrivial component and all vertices have even degree.

Even graphs decompose into cycles.

Every graph with a nonloop edge has at least two vertices that are not cut-vertices.

1.3

The Degree-Sum Formula

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

If the  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  has  $\delta(G) \geq (n - 1)/2$ , then  $G$  must be connected.

The minimum number of edges in an  $n$ -vertex graph is  $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$ .

For every degree sequence with an even sum, there is a (multi)graph that realizes that sequence.

Havel-Hakimi Theorem and implied algorithm

2.1

Every tree with at least two vertices has at least two leaves.

Deleting a leaf from a tree on at least two vertices gives a tree on  $n - 1$  vertices.

A list of equivalent definitions of a tree.

Adding a single edge to a tree produces a unique cycle.

Every connected graph contains a spanning tree.

If  $G$  is a simple graph with  $diam(G) \geq 3$ , then  $diam(\overline{G}) \leq 3$

The center of a tree is  $K_1$  or  $K_2$ .

If  $H \subseteq G$ , then for every  $u, v \in V(H)$   $d_H(u, v) \geq d_G(u, v)$ .

Taking a test in a proof-centric course

- **Know the formal definitions.** You will need these to start any proof. Example: Show that if the graph  $G$  is connected, then ...
- **Know the major results and homework problems.** You are allowed to use these *unless explicitly directed not to*. Example: Show the graph  $G$  is bipartite. OR Use the definition of bipartite to show the graph  $G$  is bipartite.
- It is better to not complete a proof/question than to draw what is obviously an incorrect conclusion. Example: Show  $G$  is connected. Answer: Here is a path from the vertex  $u$  to the vertex  $v$ , so  $G$  is connected.
- When in doubt, work the ends against the middle. Example: If  $X$ , then  $Y$ .
- **Know major proof techniques.**