# Note on Graph and Network

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# **1** Notation of Graph

**Definition 1.1 (Graph (Network))** 

A network (graph) (N, A, G) consists of

- 1.  $N = \{1, ..., n\}$ : the node set (n nodes);
- 2. A: the arcs set (m arcs);
- 3. G:  $n \times n$  adjacency matrix, where  $g_{ij} = 1$  if i and j are connected, and  $g_{ij} = 0$  otherwise.

**Note on Network Flow** In network flow problem, the 1st node we call it source node, and the last node we call it sink node.

**Note on** Social Network Analysis In SNA, we assume that there is no self-loops, i.e.,  $g_{ii} = 0$ . For example,

- *1. Empty network:*  $g_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ ;
- 2. Complete network:  $g_{ij} = 1$  for all  $i \neq j$ ;
- 3. Directed network: there exists  $g_{ij}$  s.t.  $g_{ij} \neq g_{ji}$ ;
- 4. Weighted network: there exists  $g_{ij}$  s.t.  $0 < g_{ij} < 1$ .

**Definition 1.2 (Subgraph)** 

Suppose  $S \subseteq N$  is the subset of nodes set, then a subgraph based on S is defined as

 $G|_{S} = \{ij \mid g_{ij} = 1 \text{ and } i, j \in S\}.$ 

**Definition 1.3 (Degree)** 

Degree(i) is the total number of arc that are incident to node i.

indegree(i) + outdegree(i) = degree(i)

**Note on** Network flow We can always find a node with indegree=0 (source node) and a node with outdegree=0 (sink node).

Lemma 1.1

The sum of degrees is equal to twice the number of arcs, i.e.  $\sum_{i \in N} d_i(G) = 2m$ .

**Definition 1.4 (Walk)** 

A walk in G is a G' consisting of nodes and arcs  $i_1 - a_1 - i_2 - \dots - i_{r-1} - a_{r-1} - i_r$ satisfying that  $a_k = (i_k, i_{k+1}) \in A$  or  $a_k = (i_{k+1}, i_k) \in A$ .

#### **Definition 1.5 (Path)**

A path is a walk without repetition of nodes. A walk is more free and a path can not go back to points visited before.

## **Definition 1.6 (Loop)**

A loop is an arc whose tail node is the same as its head node.

**Definition 1.7 (Cycle)** 

A cycle is a path  $i_1 - i_2 - \dots - i_{r-1} - i_r$  together with arc  $(i_r, i_1)$  or  $(i_1, i_r)$ .

**Proposition 1.1 (Degree and cycle (Kanti, 2018))** 

A graph with all degrees greater than 2 contains a cycle.

**Definition 1.8 (Geodesic)** 

A geodesic between i and j is a shortest path between i and j.

#### **Definition 1.9 (Component)**

A component of (N, G) is its maximal connected subnetwork: (N', G') s.t.

- *1.* subnetwork:  $\emptyset \neq N' \subseteq N$  and  $G' \subseteq G$ ;
- 2. connectness: (N', G') is connected;
- *3. maximal: if*  $i \in N'$  *and*  $ij \in G$ *, then*  $j \in N'$  *and*  $ij \in G'$ *.*

**Note on** The set of components of a network (N, g) given N is denoted C(g), and the component containing a specific node *i* is denoted  $C_i(g)$ . Let  $\Pi(N, g)$  denote the partition of N induced by the network (N, g). For example, p48. In other words, a network is connected iff it consists of a single component, i.e.,  $\Pi(N, g) = \{N\}$ .

**Definition 1.10 (Bridge)** 

A link ij is a bridge in the network g if g - ij has more components than g.

#### **Definition 1.11 (Acyclic graph)**

A graph is acyclic if it contains no directed cycle.

## Definition 1.12 (Connectivity and Strong Connectivity)

A network is connected if every two nodes are connected by some path in the network. A connected graph is strongly connected if it contains at least one directed path from one node to every other node.

**Definition 1.13 (Cut, s-t Cut)** 

A cut is a partition of the nodes in N into two parts: S and  $\overline{S} = N - S$ .

# 2 Special Network

#### **Definition 2.1 (Tree Network)**

A tree is a connected graph that contains no cycles.

## Lemma 2.1

- A tree on n nodes contains n 1 arcs.
- A tree has at least two leaf nodes (degree=1).
- Every two nodes in a tree are connected by a unique path.

#### **Definition 2.2 (Forest)**

A forest is a network such that each component is a tree. Thus any network that has no cycles is a forest.

#### **Definition 2.3 (Cayley Tree)**

Each node besides leaves has degree d.

#### **Definition 2.4 (Rooted tree)**

A rooted tree is a tree with a specifically designated node, called its root. Arcs in a rooted tree define predecessor-successor relationships.

#### **Definition 2.5 (Direct-out tree)**

A direct-out tree is a tree rooted in s, where the unique path in the tree from node s to every other node is a directed path.



Figure 1: Instances of directed out-tree and directed in-tree.

**Definition 2.6 (Spanning tree)** 

A tree T is a spanning tree of G if T is a spanning subgraph of G.

#### Theorem 2.1

Let  $G = (N, \epsilon)$  be a connected undirected graph and let  $\epsilon_0$  be some subset of the set  $\epsilon$  of arcs. Suppose that the arcs in  $\epsilon_0$  do not form any cycles. Then, the set  $\epsilon_0$  can be augmented to a set  $\epsilon_1 \supset \epsilon_0$  so that  $(N, \epsilon_1)$  is a spanning tree.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Bertsimas (1997). Introduction to linear optimization

#### **Definition 2.7 (Fundamental cycle)**

Addition of any non-tree arc to the spanning tree T creates exactly one cycle–fundamental cycle. Since a graph has m - n + 1 non-tree arcs, it has m - n + 1 fundamental cycles.

**Definition 2.8 (Star Network)** 

(N,G) is a star network if it is a tree that has a "center" node *i* such that every link in the network involves node *i*.

**Note on** *Star network is a special case of tree.* 

**Definition 2.9 (Complete Network)** 

The complete network is a graph where all possible links are present, i.e.  $g_{ij} = 1$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

**Definition 2.10 (Neighborhood (friends))** 

- 1. The neighborhood (friends) of node *i* is the set of nodes that *i* is linked:  $N_i(G) = \{j : g_{ij} = 1\}$ ;
- 2. All the nodes that can be reached from *i* by paths of length no more than *k* is the *k*-neighborhood of *i*, *i.e.*

$$N_i^k(g) = N_i(g) \cup \left(\bigcup_{j \in N_i(g)} N_j^{k-1}(g)\right)$$

3. Given a set of nodes S, the neighborhood of S is the union of the neighborhoods of its members, i.e.

$$N_S(g) = \bigcup_{i \in S} N_i(g) = \{j : \exists i \in S, g_{ij} = 1\}.$$

#### **Definition 2.11 (Circle Network)**

(N,G) is a circle network if it has a "single" cycle and each node in the network has exactly two neighbors.

# **3** Statistics of Network

#### **Definition 3.1 (Degree distribution)**

The degree distribution of a network is a description of the relative frequencies of nodes that have different degrees.

#### **Definition 3.2 (Distance, diameter, Average path length)**

- 1. The distance between two nodes is the length of the shortest path or geodesic between them.
- 2. The diameter of a network is the largest distance between any two nodes in the network.
- 3. Average path length is the average taken over geodesics.

#### **Definition 3.3 (Cliquishness)**

 $S \subseteq N$  is clique if

- *1.*  $G|_S$  is a complete network;
- 2. for any  $i \in N \setminus S$ ,  $G|_{S \cup \{i\}}$  is not complete.

Note on A clique is a maximal completely connected subnetwork.

Definition 3.4 (Clustering measure)

If i is a friend of j and k, CL measures how likely is it on average j and k are friend:  $CL(G) = \frac{\sum_{i} \# \{jk \in G \mid j \neq k, j, k \in N_{i}(G)\}}{\sum_{i} \# \{jk \mid j \neq k, j, k \in N_{i}(G)\}}$ 

Note on The most common way to measure some aspect of cliqueshness.

**Definition 3.5 (Degree centrality)** 

Degree centrality of *i* is  $\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j \in N} g_{ij}$ .

**Note on** *Clustering measure is in macro level, and degree centrality is in micro level. It tells us how well a node is connected, in terms of direct connections.* 

**Definition 3.6 (Decay centrality)** 

Decay centrality of *i* is  $\sum_{j \neq i} \delta^{l(i,j)}$ , where  $\delta \in (0,1)$  is the decay parameter, and l(i,j) is the number of links in the shortest path between *i* and *j*.

**Definition 3.7 (Betweenness centrality)** 

Betweenness centrality of *i* is  $\sum_{k \neq j: i \notin \{k,j\}} \frac{P_i(kj)/P(kj)}{(n-1)(n-2)/2}$ , where  $p_i(kj)$  is the number of geodesics between *k* and *j* that involves *i*, and P(kj) is the number of geodesics between *k* and *j*.

# **4** Network Representation

**Definition 4.1 (Node-Arc incidence matrix)** 

- Arc (i, j) has +1 in row i and -1 in row j.
- Storage efficiency  $\frac{2m}{nm}$  and becomes inefficient when n is large.
- Sum of all rows is zero, it means these rows are not independent.

Let us now focus on the ith row of A (node-arc incidence matrix), denoted by  $a'_i$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{a}'_i \mathbf{f} = \sum_{j \in O(i)} f_{ij} - \sum_{j \in I(i)} f_{ji} = b_i \quad \text{or} \quad Af = b$$

**Definition 4.2 (Node-Node adjacency matrix)** 

**Proposition 4.1 (Power of Adjacency matrix)** 

Let A denotes the node-node adjacency matrix of a network G. Then the ijth entry of the matrix  $A^k$ , k = 1, ..., n is the number of walks of length k from node i to node j.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Finding path-lengths by the power of Adjacency matrix of an undirected graph

**Proof** By induction,

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**Proposition 4.2 (Adjacency matrix and strongly connected<sup>1</sup>)** 

Let A denotes the node-node adjacency matrix of a network G. Then G is strongly connected iff the matrix  $A + A^2 + ... + A^n$  has no zero entry.

**Definition 4.3 (Forward Star Representation)** 

**Definition 4.4 (Backward Star Representation)** 

# **5** Hall's theorem and Bipartite Graphs

# 6 Set coverings and Independent Sets

**Definition 6.1 (Independent set)** 

An independent set of nodes  $A \subseteq N$  is a set such that if  $i \in A$ ,  $j \in A$ , and  $i \neq j$ , then  $ij \notin G$ .

**Definition 6.2 (Maximal Independent set)** 

An independent set of nodes A is maximal if it is not a proper subset of any other independent set of nodes.

Lemma 6.1

Consider a network (N,g) and a network (N,g') such that  $g \subset g'$ . Any independent set A of g' is an independent set of g, but if  $g' \neq g$  then there exist (maximal) independent sets of g that are not (maximal) independent sets in g'.

# 7 Colorings

# 8 Eulerian Tours and Hamiltonian Cycles

**Definition 8.1 (Eulerian Cycles)** 

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**Theorem 8.1 (Eulerian Cycles theorem)** 

A graph (N, G) has an Eulerian cycle iff each node must have an even degree.

Proof

**Definition 8.2 (Hamiltonian cycle)** 

Lemma 8.1 (Hamiltonian cycle theorem)

Proof

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