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What we would like to be true is

$v$  a cut vertex  $\Leftrightarrow \{v\}$  is a vertex cut

But the following example shows this is false



$v$  is a cut vertex ( $E_1 = \{e\} \rightarrow E_2 = \{f\}$ ) but  $G - v$  is connected so  $\{v\}$  isn't a vertex cut.

Lemma 1: If  $G$  is connected,  $v$  is a cut vertex and no loops are incident at  $v$ , Then  $\{v\}$  is a vertex cut.

Lemma 2: If  $G$  is connected,  $\{v\}$  is a vertex cut, then  $v$  is a cut vertex.

Lemma 3: If  $G$  is connected,  $\nu(G) \geq 3$  and  $e$  is a cut edge of  $G$ , then one of the ends of  $e$  is a vertex cut [hence a cut vertex by Lemma 2]

Proof of 1: Let  $E_1$  &  $E_2$  be a partition of  $E(G)$  so that  $G[E_1] \notin G[E_2]$  only have  $v$  in common as required by  $v$  being a cut vertex. Since  $v \in G[E_1]$ , there is an edge  $e_1 \in E_1$  incident to  $v$ . Since  $e_1$  can't be a loop, there is another vertex  $x_1 \neq v$  with  $x_1$  the other end of  $e_1$  & hence  $x_1 \in G[E_1]$ . Similarly there is  $x_2 \in V(G[E_2]) - v$ .

Since  $G$  is connected

If  $\{v\}$  isn't a vertex cut, then  $G - v$  is still connected and hence there is a path  $P$  from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$  say  $(x_i = u_0) f_1 u_1 f_2 \dots f_n (u_n = x_2)$ . Now  $f_1 \in E_2$  or else  $x_1 \in G[E_2]$  and  $G[E_1] \cap G[E_2]$  wouldn't just be  $v$ . Similarly  $f_n \notin E_1$ . Thus for some  $i$ ,  $f_i \in E_1$  &  $f_{i+1} \in E_2$ . But this too implies  $u_i \in G[E_1] \cap G[E_2]$  and  $u_i \neq v$  since  $P$  is in  $G - v$ .

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Pf of lemma 2:

Let  $V_1$  be the vertices of one of the components and  $V_2 = V(G) - V_1 - v$ . For each  $e \in E(G)$  put  $e$  into  $E_1$  if both ends of  $e$  are in  $V_1$  or both ends of  $e$  are  $v$  or one end of  $e$  is  $v$  and the other end is in  $V_1$ . Let  $E_2 = E(G) - E_1$ .

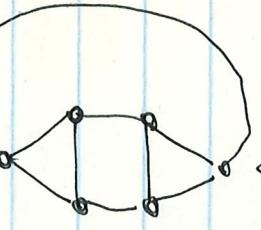
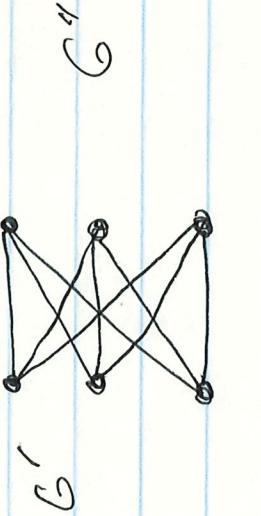
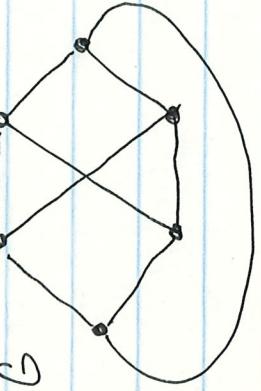
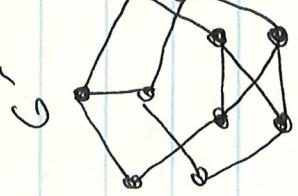
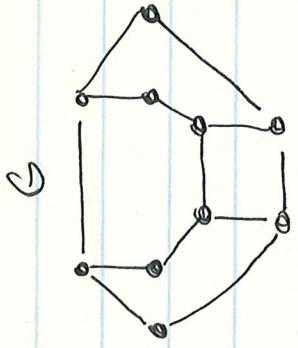
We know  $V_1, V_2$  are non-empty (since  $G - v$  is disconnected). Let  $P$  be a path in  $G$  connecting some point in  $V_1$  with some point in  $V_2$ . This  $P$  doesn't exist in  $G - v$  (since  $V_1$  is the set of vertices of one component). It follows that  $v$  is on  $P$  and a section of  $P$  has the form  $x-v-y$  with  $x \in V_1, e \in E_1, y \in E_2$ ,  $y \in V_2$ . Thus  $v$  is a vertex in  $G[E_1] \cap G[E_2]$ .

Suppose  $u$  is also in  $G[E_1] \cap G[E_2]$ . We know  $G[V_1]$  and hence  $G[E_1]$  is connected. Hence  $u \in V_1$  or  $u = v$ . But if  $u \in G[E_2] \neq u \neq v$  then  $u \in V_2$  since  $G[V_2 + v] \supseteq G[E_2]$ . But  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  by construction.

Pf of lemma 3: Let  $e$  be a cut edge of  $G$  with ends  $x \neq y$  and let  $z$  be another ( $z \neq x, y$ ) vertex of  $G$ . One of  $x$  or  $y$  isn't in the same component of  $G - e$ , say it is  $x$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there's paths  $x$  to  $z$ . But since  $x \notin e$  and hence  $g$ , each such path uses  $e$  and hence  $g$ . Thus  $x \notin z$  are not connected in  $G - y$ . i.e.  $yz$  is a vertex cut of a cut vertex.

Old Discrete Tests

- Either produce an isomorphism between  $G$  and  $G'$  or prove none exists.
- Prove a cut-edge of a connected graph is in no ~~or~~ closed cycle
- Prove a graph is connected if and only if it has a spanning tree.
- Prove a connected graph  $G$  with  $k = \epsilon - v + 2$  then  $G$  has at least  $k$  spanning trees. [Hint induction on  $k$  (delete an edge in a circuit)]
- Draw all trees with 5 edges. No two trees in your list can be isomorphic
- Between all pairs  $G, G', G''$  below, either produce an isomorphism or show none exists



loop-free

- Give examples. A. Two non-isomorphic graphs with degree sequence  $(1, 1, 2, 2, 3)$

B. A maximal disconnected subgraph of graph  $H$  with 5 edges

- Give counterexamples! A. Each connected

graph with a cut-edge has a cut-vertex. B. A tree with 5 or more edges has either at least 4 vertices of degree 1 or 2/1 vertices of degree  $\leq 2$

- Find an Euler tour and a Hamilton cycle in  $G$

- Carefully show  $G'$  has no Hamilton cycle



Other Problems

11. Find a 3-regular graph with  $\kappa = 2$  (Draw it)
12. Prove  $e$  is a cut edge of  $G$  if and only if there exist vertices  $x$  and  $y$  s.t. every path  $P$  from  $x$  to  $y$  uses  $e$ .
13. Prove a connected graph with only cycles of even length is bipartite.
14. Give an example of a 2-connected graph with an even number of vertices and with a maximal matching which isn't a perfect matching.
15. ~~Derive~~ Derive a formula between  $\varepsilon, \nu, w$  for a forest.
16. Draw all blocks with 5 edges.
17. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with ~~one edge~~,  $x \notin y$  two vertices which are non-adjacent in  $G$ . Define
 
$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{xy} &= \min \{d(x), d(y)\}, \\ k_{xy} &= \min \text{ number of vertices in } V - \{x, y\} \text{ whose removal disconnects } x \text{ from } y. \end{aligned}$$

$k_{xy}' = \min$  number of edges whose removal disconnects  $x$  from  $y$ .

Prove  $k_{xy} \leq k_{xy}' \leq \delta_{xy}$

Give examples to show  $k_{xy} < k_{xy}'$  and  $k_{xy}' < \delta_{xy}$  are possible.
18. Show a graph is 2-edge connected if and only if any two vertices are connected by at least two edge-disjoint paths.
19. Give an example to show if  $P$  is a  $(u, v)$ -path in a 2-connected graph  $G$ , then  $G$  does not necessarily contain a  $(u, v)$ -path  $Q$  internally disjoint from  $P$ .
20. Give counter examples: A. If for each  $v \in V$ ,  $w(G) = w(G-v)$ , then  $G$  is connected. B. If there are two distinct paths in  $G$  then  $x$  and  $y$  lie on a common cycle. C. Every loop-free graph is a subgraph of some  $K_n$ . D. A tree

If  $e \notin f$  are edges of a connected graph, then there is a path  $P$  whose first edge is  $e$  and whose last edge is  $f$ .

Disprove:

A vertex on a cycle isn't a cut vertex  
A vertex on a cycle with degree 2 isn't a cut - vertex.

A  $k$ -regular bipartite graph is ~~not~~ 2-connected for  $n \geq 2$  ( $1$ -connected.)

Draw a graph which isn't  $K_n$

If  $G$  has  $n$  vertices, and one