



Fundamental notions of graph theory

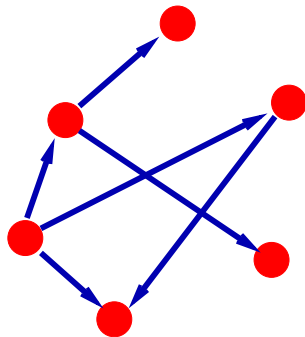
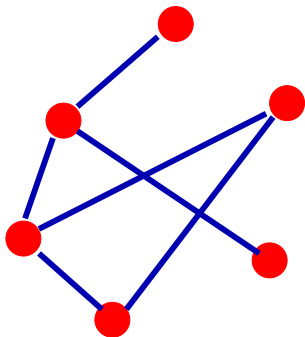
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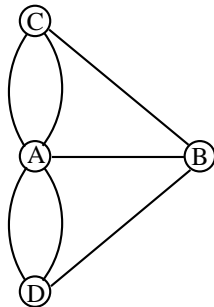
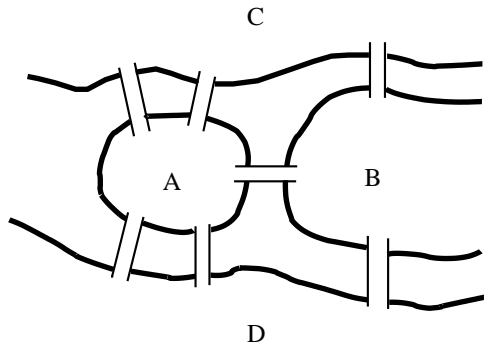
Graphs and digraphs





Problem of 7 bridges in Kaliningrad

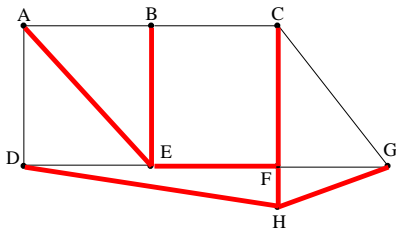
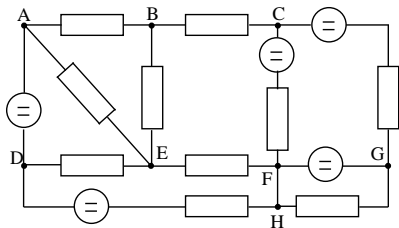
Problem of 7 bridges in Kaliningrad – Königsberg
Leonhard Euler – 1736





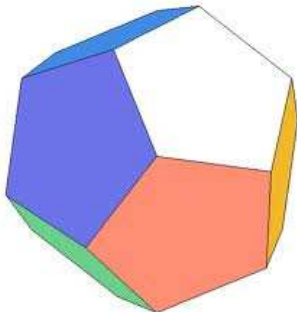
Solving of electric circuits

R. 1847 Kirchoff proposed how to solve complex electric circuits using its partial sub scheme which is in contemporary graph terminology called as spanning tree.



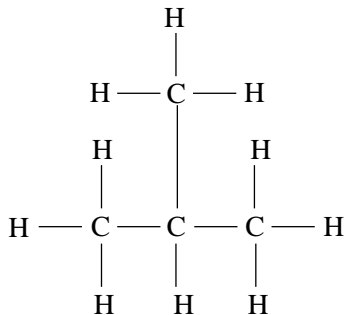
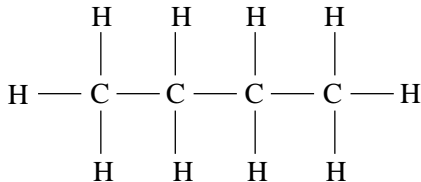
Hamiltonian paths

Irish mathematician R. W. Hamilton in 1859 studied problems how to travel along edges and vertices of dodecahedron in order to visit every vertex exactly one time. This problem is a predecessor of famous problem called travelling salesman problem.



1874 – Caley studied structure types of chemical formulas. He used a graphical pictures similar to todays graphs.

Sylvester in 1878 used in this content term graph for the first time.



- 1936 – Hungarian mathematician D. König published the first monography about graph theory.
- 1975 Christofides published the first monography whole devoted to algorithmic graph theory
- 1983 – J. Plesník published Slovak book *Grafové algoritmy*

In 1965 Edmonds was the first to realize that there are two types of algorithms

- good – having polynomial complexity
- bad – complexity of which can not be limited from above with and polynomial

A new mathematical discipline originated. This discipline studies complexity of algorithms and complexity of problems.

Definition

An ordered couple (u, v) of elements u, v of the set V is such couple, where it is determined which of elements u, v is in the first and which is in the second place.

An ordered n -tuple of elements is such a n -tuple of elements (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) , where the order of elements is determined.

Definition

A graph is an ordered couple of sets $G = (V, H)$, where V is a nonempty finite set and H is a set of non ordered couples of the type $\{u, v\}$ such that $u \in V, v \in V$ and $u \neq v$, i. e.

$$H \subseteq \{\{u, v\} \mid u \neq v, u, v \in V\}. \quad (1)$$

Elements of the set V are called **vertices** and elements of the set H are called **edges** of the graph G .

Definition

A digraph is an ordered couple of sets $\vec{G} = (V, H)$, where V is a nonempty finite set and H is a set of ordered couples of the type (u, v) such that $u \in V, v \in V$ and $u \neq v$, i.e.

$$H \subseteq \{(u, v) \mid u \neq v, u, v \in V\}. \quad (2)$$

Elements of the set V are called **vertices** and elements of the set H are called **directed edges** or **arcs** of the digraph \vec{G} .

- There is enormous disorder in graph terminology
- Vertices are sometimes called as nodes
- Directed edges are sometimes called as arcs

Digraph – a set V with antireflexive relation

Graph – a set V with antireflexive symmetric relation

Definition

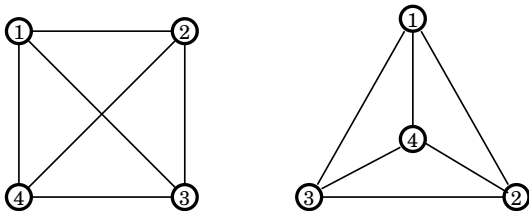
Diagram of a graph. Graph is often represented by a picture called *diagram of graph*. A **diagram of a graph** $G = (V, H)$ in some space \mathcal{P} is a set B of points and a set S of continuous (curved) lines in space \mathcal{P} such that

- Exactly one point $b_v \in B$ corresponds to exactly one vertex $v \in V$ such that if $u, v \in V$, $u \neq v$ then $b_u \neq b_v$.
- Exactly one line $s \in S$ corresponds to exactly one edge $h \in H$ such that if $h, k \in H$, $h \neq k$ then $s_h \neq s_k$.
- If $h = \{u, v\} \in H$, then the line s_h has end points b_u, b_v . None edge contains any point from B excepting end points.
- Moreover, two different lines can intersect at most once and no line can intersect itself.

Definition

Diagram of a graph or a digraph in a plane is called **planar** if its edges do not intersect one another nowhere else but in vertices of diagram.

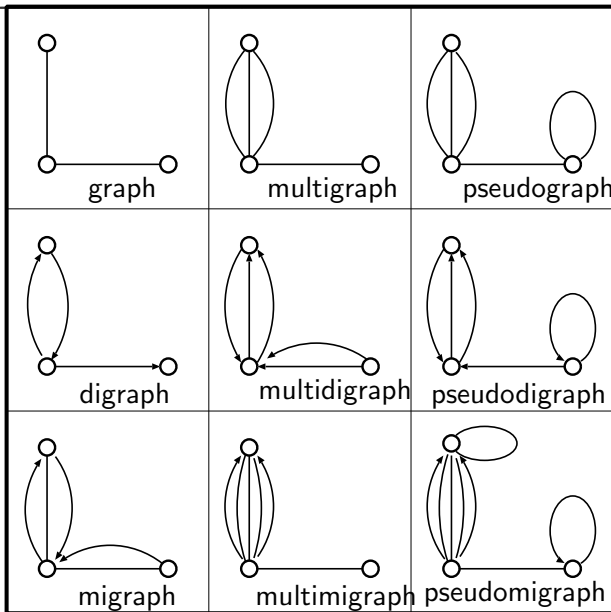
Graph $G = (V, H)$, resp. digraph $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ is called **planar**, if there exists its planar diagram.



Obr.: Two diagrams of the same graph $G = (V, H)$,

kde $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $H = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$.

More general graph structures



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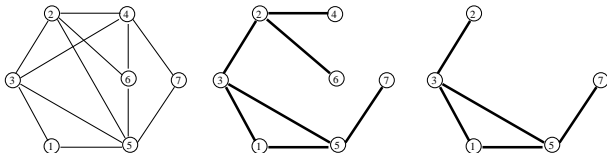
A graph $G' = (V', H')$ is a **subgraph** of a graph $G = (V, H)$, if it holds $V' \subseteq V$ and $H' \subseteq H$. In this case we will write $G' \subseteq G$.

A digraph $\vec{G}' = (V', H')$ is a **subgraph** of a digraph $\vec{G} = (V, H)$, if $V' \subseteq V$ and $H' \subseteq H$.^a

^a G' read as „G dashed“

Definition

We will say that a graph $G' = (V', H')$ is a **spanning subgraph** of a graph $G = (V, H)$, if it holds $V' = V$ and $H' \subseteq H$. Similarly we define a **spanning subdigraph** of a digraph \vec{G} .





Example

Let $G = (V, H)$ is a graph. If it holds $V' \subseteq V$, $H' \subseteq H$ for a couple $G' = (V', H')$ G' still need not be a subgraph of G .

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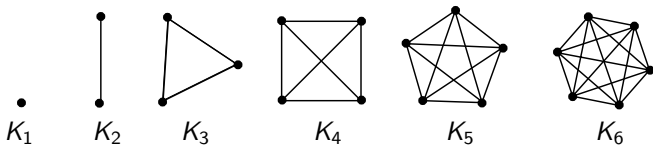
$G = (\{1, 2, 3\}, \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}\})$, $G' = (\{1, 2\}, \{\{1, 3\}\})$.

G' is not a graph because the edge $\{1, 3\}$ is not a couple of elements from $\{1, 2\}$.

Definition

A graph $G = (V, H)$ is called **complete**, if the set H contains all possible couples of the type $\{u, v\}$ where $u, v \in V$ and $u \neq v$. A complete graph with n vertices will be denoted by K_n .

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Obr.: Diagrams of complete graphs K_1 až K_6 .

Definition

A maximum subgraph G' of a graph G with a property \mathcal{V} is such a subgraph of G which

- 1 has the property \mathcal{V} ,
- 2 there does not exist a subgraph G'' of G with property \mathcal{V} such that $G' \subseteq G''$ and $G' \neq G''$.^a

A minimum subgraph G' of a graph G with property \mathcal{V} is such a subgraph of G which

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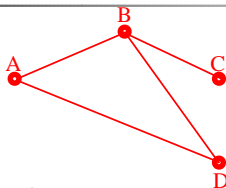
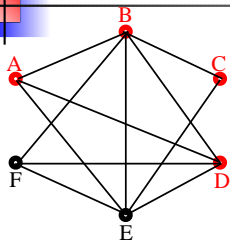
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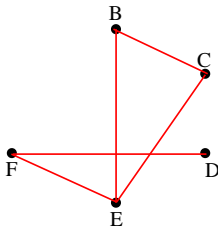
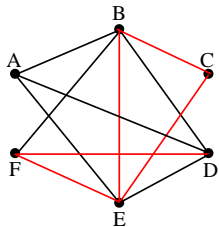
Let $G = (V, H)$ is a graph (digraph), $V' \subseteq V$. We will say that G' is a **subgraph of a graph (digraph) G induced by the set of vertices V'** , if G' is a maximum subgraph of G having V' as the set of vertices.

Let $H' \subseteq H$. We will say that G' is a **subgraph of a graph (digraph) G induced by the set of edges H'** , if G' is a minimum subgraph of G having H' as the set of edges.

Subgraphs induced by a set of vertices resp. by a set of edges



Subgraph induced by the set of vertices $\{A, B, C, D\}$



Subgraph induced by the set of edges $\{\{B, C\}, \{B, E\}, \{C, E\}, \{E, F\}, \{F, D\}\}$

Definition

Let $G = (V, H)$ be a graph, resp. digraph, $v \in V$, $h \in H$.

Vertex v is **incident with edge** h , if v is one of vertices of the edge h .

Edges $h, k \in H$, $h \neq k$ are **adjacent**, if they have one vertex in common.

Vertices u, v are **adjacent**, if $\{u, v\} \in H$, i.e. if $\{u, v\}$ is an edge, (resp. if $(u, v) \in H$ or $(v, u) \in H$).

Vertices u, v are called **endpoints of the edge** $h = \{u, v\} \in H$.

Remark

Vertices u, v are adjacent, if they are "joined" with an edge.

We will denote by $H(v)$ the set of all edges of graph G incident with vertex v .

We will denote by $V(v)$ the set of all vertices adjacent to vertex v .

Definition

Let $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ be a digraph, $u \in V$, $v \in V$, $h = (u, v) \in H$. We will say that **the directed edge h is outgoing from vertex u and the directed edge h is incoming into vertex v .**

Vertex u is called **head of h** and vertex v is called **tail of h** .

Vertices u , v are called **endpoints of the edge $h = (u, v)$.**

$H^+(v)$ – the set of all arcs outgoing from vertex v

$H^-(v)$ – the set of all arcs incoming to vertex v

$V^+(v)$ – the set of all tails of all arcs outgoing from vertex v

$V^-(v)$ – the set of all heads of all arcs incoming to vertex v

$$H(v) = H^+(v) \cup H^-(v) \quad V(v) = V^+(v) \cup V^-(v)$$



Definition

Let $G = (V, H)$ is a graph or digraph, $v \in V$.

Neighborhood of the vertex v is a graph, (resp. digraph)

$$O(v) = (V(v) \cup \{v\}, H(v)),$$

i. e. a graph, vertex set of which consist from vertex v and from all vertices adjacent with v and edge set of which is the set of all edges incident with vertex v .

Definition

Let $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ is a digraph, $v \in V$.

Forward star of the vertex v is a digraph

$$Fstar(v) = (V^+(v) \cup \{v\}, H^+(v)),$$

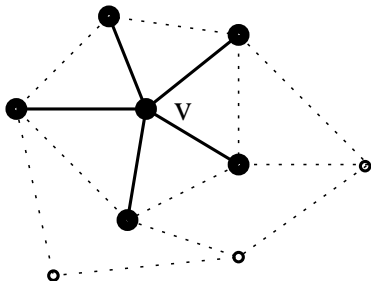
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Backward star of the vertex v is a digraph

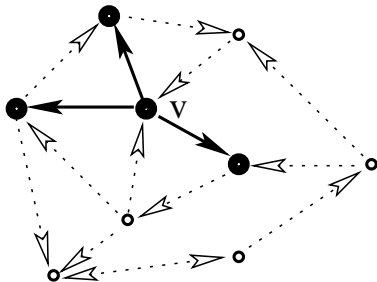
$$Bstar(v) = (V^-(v) \cup \{v\}, H^-(v)),$$

i.e. a digraph, vertex set of which consists from vertex v and from all heads of all arcs incoming to vertex v and edge set of which is the set of all arcs incoming to vertex v .

Neighborhood of a vertex



Neighborhood of vertex v



Forward star of vertex v

Obr.: Neighborhood and forward star of vertex v are drawn with thick lines.

Definition

Degree $\deg(v)$ of a vertex $v \in V$ in a graph $G = (V, H)$ is the number of edges incident with vertex v .

Output degree $\text{odeg}(v)$ of a vertex $v \in V$ in a digraph $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ is the number of arcs of \vec{G} outgoing from vertex v .

Input degree $\text{ideg}(v)$ of a vertex $v \in V$ in a digraph $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ is the number of arcs of \vec{G} incoming into vertex v .

Theorem

(Euler.) The sum of the degrees of all vertices in any graph $G = (V, H)$ is twice the number of edges, i.e.

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2 \cdot |H|.$$



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$\sum_{v \in V_1} \deg(v)$ is the sum of k odd numbers.

Let $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$, let k is a odd number.

Then

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The **complement of graph** $G = (V, H)$ is graph $\overline{G} = (\overline{V}, \overline{H})$ with the vertex set \overline{V} , $V = \overline{V}$ and with the edge set \overline{H} for which it holds:

$$\{u, v\} \in H \text{ if and only if } \{u, v\} \notin \overline{H}.$$

^a.

Complement of a digraph is defined by the same way.

Let \overline{G} be a complement of G . We will say that G and \overline{G} are **complementary graphs**.

^a \overline{G} read as „G bar“

Obz.: Pair of complementary graphs and pair of complementary digraphs.

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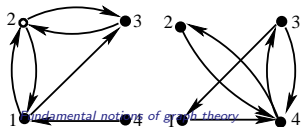
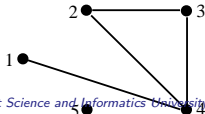
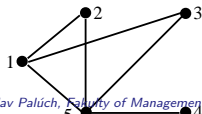
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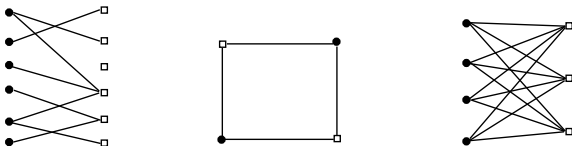
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Definition

A **bipartite graph** is such a graph $G = (V, H)$, whose vertex set V is union of two disjoint sets – parts V_1, V_2 so that no two vertices from the same part are adjacent.

A **complete bipartite graph** K_{mn} is a bipartite graph with parts V_1, V_2 in which $|V_1| = m, |V_2| = n$ and in which every vertex from V_1 is adjacent to every vertex from V_2 .



Obr.: Diagrams of bipartite graphs.

Vertices of parts V_1 are illustrated by balls,
vertices of V_2 are represented by squares.

Diagram in the middle represents bipartite graph $K_{2,2}$,
the third diagram from the left is a diagram of bipartite graph $K_{4,3}$.



Definition

Let $G = (V, H)$ be a graph. **An edge graph** of G is a graph $L(G) = (H, E)$, whose vertex set is the edge set of G and whose edge set E is defined as follows: $\{h_1, h_2\} \in E$ if and only if the edges h_1, h_2 are adjacent.

Definition

A graph, resp. digraph $G = (V, H)$ is **edge weighted**, if a real function $c : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ assigning a real number $c(h)$ to every edge $h \in H$ is defined. Real number $c(h)$ assigned to an edge $h \in H$ is called **weight** or **cost** of the edge h .

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Definition

Graph $G = (V, H)$ is **isomorphic with graph** $G' = (V', H')$, if there exists a one to one mapping (bijection) $f : V \leftrightarrow V'$, such that for every two vertices $u, v \in V$ it holds:

$$\{u, v\} \in H \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \{f(u), f(v)\} \in H'. \quad (7)$$

The mapping f is called **isomorphism of graphs** G and G' .

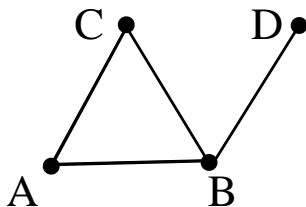
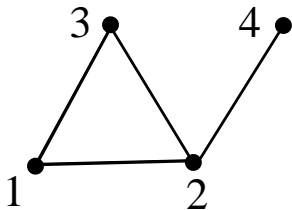
Digraph $\vec{G} = (V, H)$ is **isomorphic with digraph** $\vec{G}' = (V', H')$, if there exists an one to one mapping (bijection) $f : V \leftrightarrow V'$, such that for every two vertices $u, v \in V$ it holds:

$$(u, v) \in H \quad \text{if and only if} \quad (f(u), f(v)) \in H'. \quad (8)$$

The mapping f is called **isomorphism of digraphs** \vec{G} and \vec{G}' .



An example of isomorphic graphs



Obr.: A pair of isomorphic graphs.

Mapping f defined by equations:

$f(1) = A, f(2) = B, f(3) = C, f(4) = D$ is isomorphism.

Remark

Isomorphism of graphs is a reflexive, symmetric and transitive binary relation – isomorphism is an equivalence relation on the class of all graphs.

Two isomorphic graphs G , G' have all graph characteristics equal – e.g. number of vertices, number of edges, degrees of vertices, number of components, number of bridges and articulations, etc.

Such characteristics are called **invariants of isomorphism**.

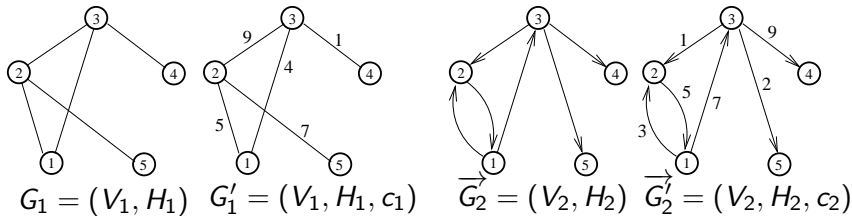
Invariants of isomorphism can be applied to prove that two graphs G , G' are not isomorphic – if graph G has a property different from G' , then such two graphs cannot be isomorphic.

To prove that two graphs are isomorphic it is necessary to design a concrete mapping f fulfilling (7), resp. (8).

The only known way in present days how to do it is to try all bijections of $f : V \rightarrow V'$. The number of such mappings is $n!$ (where $n = |V|$).

The graph isomorphism problem is to design a general algorithm which would decide whether two graphs are or are not isomorphic, or to prove that such algorithm does not exist.

1. Representation by diagram of graph



Obr.: Diagrams of a graph and of an edge weighted graph, digraph and of an edge weighted digraph.

2. Representation by vertex set and edge set

Let $V_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $H_1 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 4\}\}$. Graph $G_1 = (V_1, H_1)$ is uniquely defined by two sets V_1 a H_1 .

Similarly: Leth $V_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $H_2 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$, the two sets V_2, H_2 uniquely define digraph $\vec{G}_2 = (V_2, H_2)$.

Vertex set V can be represented in a computer by an one dimensional array $V[]$ with $n = |V|$ elements where $V[i]$ is the i -th vertex.

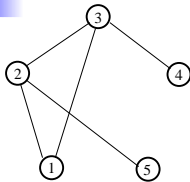
Edge set can be stored in a two dimensional array $H[][]$ of the type $(m \times 2)$ ($m = |H|$) where $H[j][1], H[j][2]$ are endpoints of j -th edge. This way allows us to store also directed edges – $H[j][1]$ as the head and $H[j][2]$ as the tail of directed edge j .

If we store an edge weighted graph, we can store the weight of an edge j in parallell one dimensional array $C[]$ as $C[j]$, or to use two dimensional array $H[][]$ fo the type m where $H[j][3]$ is the weight of the edge j .

Remark

This way is suitable for multigraphs and miltidigraphs, too.

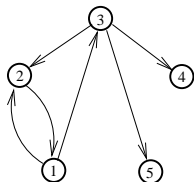
Example



$$G_1 = (V_1, H_1)$$

i	1	2	3	4	5
$V[i]$	1	2	3	4	5

	j	1	2	3	4	5
$H[j, 1]$		1	1	2	2	3
$H[j, 2]$		2	3	3	5	4
$C[j] = H[j, 3]$		5	4	9	7	1



$$\vec{G}_2 = (V_2, H_2)$$

i	1	2	3	4	5
$V[i]$	1	2	3	4	5

	j	1	2	3	4	5	6
$H[j, 1]$		1	1	2	3	3	3
$H[j, 2]$		2	3	1	2	4	5
$C[j] = H[j, 3]$		3	7	5	1	9	2

Tabuľka:

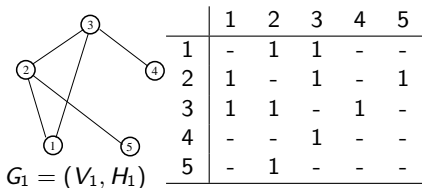
Representation of graph G_1 and digraph \vec{G}_2 .

3. Representation by adjacency matrix

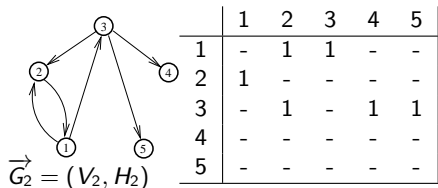
- An adjacency matrix $\mathbf{M} = (m_{ij})$ is a square matrix of the type $n \times n$, where $n = |V|$ is the number of vertices of graph, resp. digraph G . Elements of adjacency matrix are defined as follows:

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \{i, j\} \in H \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in H \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$



Adjacency matrix of graph G_1 .



Adjacency matrix of digraph \vec{G}_2 .

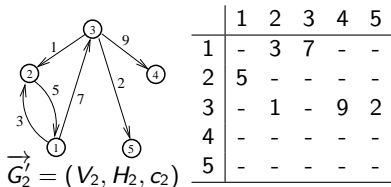
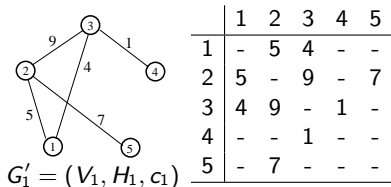
Remark

Adjacency matrix can not be used for multigraphs.

4. Representation by edge weight matrix

An edge weight matrix $M = (m_{ij})$ of a graph G is a square matrix of the type $n \times n$, where $n = |V|$ is the number of vertices of graph, resp. digraph G . Elements of adjacency matrix are defined as follows:

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} c(\{i,j\}) & \text{if } \{i,j\} \in H \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad m_{ij} = \begin{cases} c((i,j)) & \text{if } (i,j) \in H \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$



Remark

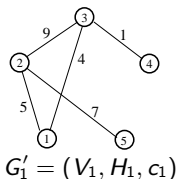
Edge weight matrix can not be used for edge weighted multigraphs.

5. Representation by list of neighbors

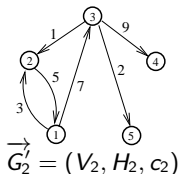
Every graph can be stored in such a way that we cite the list of neighbors $V(v)$ for every vertex v .

Similarly a digraph can be represented in such a way that we specify the set $V^+(v)$ of all tails of arcs outgoing from every vertex v .

Both mentioned ways for graph G_1 and digraph \vec{G}_2 are apparently visible on following tables:



$V(1)$	2	3	-
$V(2)$	1	3	5
$V(3)$	1	2	4
$V(4)$	3	-	-
$V(5)$	2	-	-

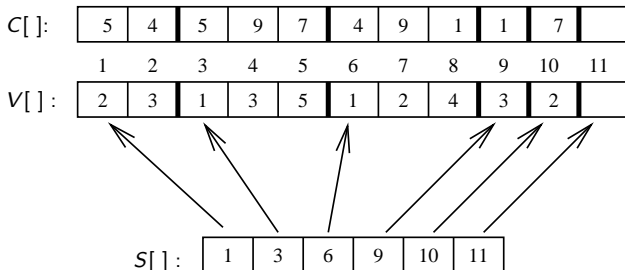


$V^+(1)$	2	3	-
$V^+(2)$	1	-	-
$V^+(3)$	2	4	5
$V^+(4)$	-	-	-
$V^+(5)$	-	-	-

An Example of Effective Storage

Lists of neighbors resp. lists of tails of outgoing arcs can be implemented very effectively in the following way:

- 1 Create one dimensional array $V[]$.
- 2 Store into array $V[]$ all neighbors of vertex 1, then all neighbors of vertex 2, e.t.c., then all neighbors of last vertex n .
- 3 Create one dimensional array $S[]$.
- 4 For every vertex i set $S[i]$ equal to the first index k in array $V[]$ where $V[k]$ is a neighbor of i .
- 5 Set $S[n + 1]$ (where $n = |V|$) equal to the first unused place in $V[]$.
- 6 For edge weighted graph store adequate edge weights in array $C[]$ parallel with array $V[]$.



6. Representation by Incidence Matrix

An incidence matrix is a matrix \mathbf{B} of the type $n \times m$, where $n = |V|$ is the number of vertices and $m = |H|$ is the number of edges of represented graph.

Every element b_{ij} of matrix \mathbf{B} says about a way of incidence of vertex i with edge j as follows:

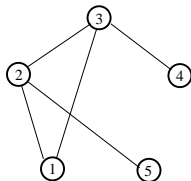
$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vertex } i \text{ is incident with edge } j \text{ in graph } G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vertex } i \text{ is head of arc } j \text{ in digraph } \vec{G} \\ -1 & \text{if vertex } i \text{ is tail of arc } j \text{ in digraph } \vec{G} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This way is suitable for multigraphs and multidigraphs
It is possible to define $b_{ii} = 2$ for loops $\{i, i\}$ in pseudographs and $b_{ii} = -2$ for directed loops (i, i) in pseudodigraphs.



Example



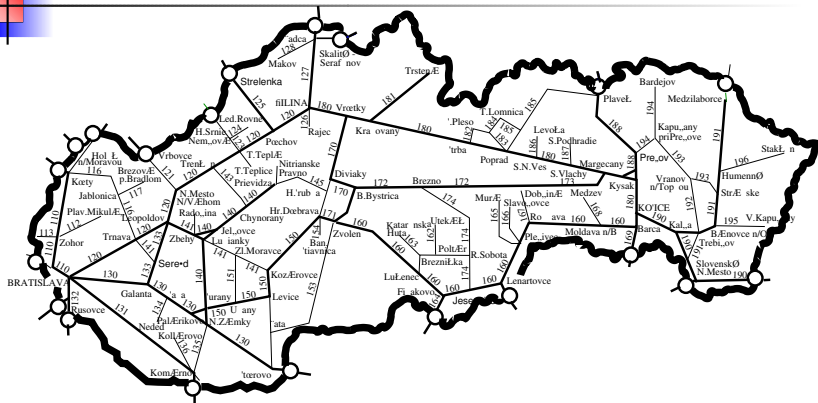
$G_1 = (V_1, H_1)$

v	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{2, 5\}$	$\{3, 4\}$
1	1	1			
2	1		1	1	
3		1	1		1
4					1
5				1	

Tabuľka: Incidence matrix of graph $G_1 = (V_1, H_1)$

$(V_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, H_1 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 4\}\})$.

Application – Model of Slovak Railway Network



Obr.: Model of Slovak railway network.

This picture can be considered as a diagram of an edge weighted graph G . Edge weights represents belonging of corresponding modeled segment to railway line and are used to easy determining of trips traveling along corresponding edge.