## CHAPTER 2 PRELIMINARIES

The aim of this chapter is to give some definitions, notations and dealing with some preliminaries and give some useful results that will be recalled in later chapters.

## 2.1 Basic Concepts on Graph

**Definition 2.1.1** A graph G consists of a finite nonempty set V of elements, called vertices, and a list E of unordered pairs of distinct vertices, the set V and E are the vertex set and edge set of G, respectively, so a graph G is a pair of two sets V and E for this reason, some write G = (V, E). At times, it is useful to write V(G)and E(G) rather than V and E to emphasize that these are the vertex and edge sets of a particular graph G. If v and w are vertices of G, then an edge e of the form  $\{v, w\}$  or  $\{w, v\}$ , also e incidents with v (or w). If  $e = \{v, w\}$  or  $\{w, v\}$  is an edge of G, then v and w are joined by the edge e, the vertex v and the edge e (as well as w and e) are incident with each other the vertices v and w are endpoints of the edge e. We usually write  $\{v, w\}$  or  $\{v, w\}$  as vw wv.

A graph H is a subgraph of a graph G if  $V(H) \subseteq V(G)$  and  $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$ .

It is common to represent a graph by a diagram in the plane where the vertices are represented by points or small cycles and whose edges are indicated by the presence of a line segment or curve between the two points in the plane corresponding to the appropriate vertices.





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**Definition 2.1.4** Let x, y be a vertices of a graph G, The x - y walk of G is meant a finite, alternating sequence  $x = v_0, a_1, v_1, a_2, ..., v_{n-1}, a_n, v_n = y$  of vertices and edges, begining with the vertex x and ending with the vertex y such that  $a_i = \{v_{i-1}v_i\}$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n the number of n is called length of walk.

**Definition 2.1.5** A x - y path in a graph G is a x - y walk in which no vertices are repeated. A path  $P_n$  with n vertices, denoted by  $P_n$  is a graph where  $V(P_n) =$  $\{v_0, v_1, ..., v_{n-1}\}$  and  $E(P_n) = \{\{v_i v_{i+1}\} | i = 0, 1, ..., n-2\}.$  **Example 2.1.6** The path  $P_5$ .



**Definition 2.1.7** A graph G is said to be connected if, for each pair of vertices x, y of G there exist a x - y path. A maximal connected subgraph of a graph G is called a component.

**Definition 2.1.8** Let G be a graph, and let v be a vertex of G. The degree of v, is denoted by d(v) of edges incident with v. If d(v) = 0 then v is called isolated point.

**Example 2.1.9** Consider the following graph G.



**Definition 2.1.10** We say a graph G is regular if all vertices of G have the same degree.

**Definition 2.1.11** Let G be a graph. We called G have an isolated edge if a component of G is the path  $P_2$ .

**Definition 2.1.12** A cycle of length n, denoted by  $C_n$  is a graph where  $V(C_n) = \{v_0, v_1, ..., v_{n-1}\}$  and the edge set is  $E(C_n) = \{\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} | i = 0, 1, ..., n-2\} \cup \{\{v_0, v_{n-1}\}\}.$ 

**Example 2.1.13** The cycle of length 6,  $C_6$ .



**Definition 2.1.14** Let G be a graph. For a vertex  $x \in V(G)$ , we called  $N(x) = \{y \in G | \{x, y\} \in E(G)\}$  the neighbourhood of x in G.

**Example 2.1.15** The neighbourhood of  $v_i$  in the following graph G where i = 1, 2,...,6 are



 $N(v_1) = \{v_2\}, \quad N(v_2) = \{v_1, v_3, v_4\}, \quad N(v_3) = \{v_2, v_4, v_5\}, \\ N(v_4) = \{v_2, v_3, v_5\}, \quad N(v_5) = \{v_3, v_4, v_6\}, \quad N(v_6) = \{v_5\}.$ 

**Definition 2.1.16** A graph G = (V, E) is called bipartite graph if its vertex set can be partitioned into two parts  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edges has one endpoint in  $V_1$  and another one in  $V_2$ .

In addition, if  $d(v_i) = r$  for all  $v_i \in V_1$  and  $d(w_i) = s$  for all  $w_i \in V_2$  then the graph G = (V, E) is called (r, s)-semiregular bipartite graph.

**Example 2.1.17** The following graph G is (2, 1)-semiregular bipartite graph with  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ .



Let G = (V, E) be a graph where  $V = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} d(v_i) = 2|E|$ .

**Definition 2.1.19** A complete graph is a graph in which every two distinct vertices are joined by exactly one edge. The complete graph with n vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ .

**Example 2.1.20** The complete graph  $K_4$ .





**Definition 2.1.22** Let  $G_1, G_2$  be a graph where  $V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = \emptyset$  the disjoint union of  $G_1, G_2$  is a graph with  $V(G) = V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and  $E(G) = E(G_1) \cup E(G_2)$ . If a graph G consists of  $n(\geq 2)$  disjoint copies of a graph H, Then we write G = nH.

**Example 2.1.23** The disjoint union of 2 copies of  $K_1$  and 3 copies of  $P_2$ ,  $2K_1 \cup 3P_2$  is show below.



**Definition 2.1.24** Let  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ ,  $G = (V_2, E_2)$  be graphs. The product of  $G_1$  with  $G_2$ , denote by  $G_1 \square G_2$ , is a graph with  $V(G_1 \square G_2) = V_1 \times V_2$  and  $E(G_1 \square G_2) = \{(x, y), (x, y')\} | x \in G_1, \{y, y'\} \in E_2\} \cup \{\{(x, y), (x', y)\} | y \in G_2, \{x, x'\} \in E_1\}$ 

**Example 2.1.25** The graph  $P_2 \Box P_2 \Box P_2$ .



**Definition 2.1.26** The ladder graph  $L_k$  is a graph  $K_2 \Box P_k$ .

**Example 2.1.27** The ladder graph  $L_k$  where k=1,2,3.

k = 1







**Definition 2.1.28** Let  $m \ge 2$  be a positive integer. The graph G is called  $m \times m$  square lattice if  $G = P_m \Box P_m$ , where  $P_m$  is a path of m vertices.

We denote vertices of  $P_m \Box P_m$  by (i, j) where i, j = 0, 1, ..., m - 1

**Example 2.1.29** The  $4 \times 4$  square lattice graph,  $P_4 \Box P_4$ 



**Definition 2.1.30** The 1- ladder square lattice of k- step is the graph obtained from  $P_{k+1} \Box P_{k+1}$  by deleting the set of vertices  $\{(r,r_j)|r = 0, 1, ..., k-2, j = 2, 3, ..., k-r\}$  and all edges incident with them.

Note that the number of vertices of the 1- ladder square lattice of k- step is  $\frac{k^2+5k+2}{2}$  and the number of edges is  $k^2 + 3k$ .

**Example 2.1.31** The 1- ladder square lattice of 3- step.



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Definition 2.1.32} \ \ The \ graph \ G \ is \ called \ the \ k- \ level \ of \ Q_3 \ is \ a \ graph \ where \ V(G) = \\ \{(1,0,j),(0,0,j),(0,1,j),(1,1,j)|j=0,1,...,k-1\} \ \ and \\ E(G) = \{\{(0,0,j),(0,1,j)\},\{(0,1,j),(1,1,j)\},\{(1,1,j),(1,0,j)\},\{(1,0,j),(0,0,j)\}|j=0,1,...,k-1\} \cup \{\{(0,0,j),(0,0,j+1)\},\{(0,1,j),(0,1,j+1)\},\{(1,1,j),(1,1,j+1)\}, \\ \{(1,0,j),(1,0,j+1)\}|j=0,1,...,k-2\}. \end{array}$ 

Note that the number of vertices of the k- level of  $Q_3$  is 4k and the number of edges is 8k - 4.



**Definition 2.1.34** Let  $1 \leq a_1 < a_2 < ... < a_k \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ , where n and  $a_i(i = 1, 2, ..., k)$  are positive integers. A circulant graph  $C_n(a_1, a_2, ..., a_k)$  is a regular graph whose set of vertices is  $V = \{v_0, v_1, ..., v_{n-1}\}$  and whose set of edges is

$$E = \{\{v_i, v_{i+a_j}\} (mod \ n) : i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1, j = 1, 2, ..., k\}$$

Note that if  $a_k < \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  then  $C_n(a_1, a_2, ..., a_k)$  is a 2k-regular graph.

ลิ<mark>ปสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่</mark> Copyright<sup>©</sup> by Chiang Mai University All rights reserved **Example 2.1.35** The graph  $C_6(2,3)$ .



## 2.2 Basic Concepts on Labelling.

**Definition 2.2.1** Let G = (V, E) be a graph, where |V| = n and |E| = e and  $\lambda$  be a 1-1 mapping from  $V \cup E$  to  $\{1, 2, ..., n + e\}$ . For each  $x \in V$ , define the weight of the vertex x by  $w_{\lambda}(x)$  where

$$w_{\lambda}(x) := \lambda(x) + \sum_{y \in N(x)} \lambda(xy)$$

Then  $\lambda$  is called vertex-magic total labeling of G if there exists  $h \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w_{\lambda}(v_i) = h$  for all  $v_i \in V$  and h is called magic number for  $\lambda$ .

**Definition 2.2.2** Let G = (V, E) be a graph where |V| = n and |E| = e and  $\lambda$  a labeling of G. Then  $\lambda$  is called super vertex-magic total labeling of G if  $\lambda(V) = \{e+1, e+2, ..., e+n\}$  and G is called a super vertex-magic graph.





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