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## A study of Characterization for Euler Graph

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### Abstract

*The concepts of Euler trails mainly deal with the nature of connectivity in graphs. These concepts have applications to the area of puzzle and games. In this paper we discuss the relation between a local property, namely, degree of a vertex and global properties like the existence of Euler graph.*

**Key Words** - Vertices, Edges, Graph, Trail, Walk, Paths, Circuit

### Introductions

Graph theory was born in 1736 with Euler's famous paper in which he solved the Konigsberg problem. Euler posed a more general problem that problem in which type of graph  $G$  is possible to find a closed walk running through every edge of  $G$  exactly once? A closed trail containing all points and lines is called an Euler trail. A graph having an Euler trail is called an Euler graph. Obviously in Euler graph, for every pair of points  $u$  and  $v$  there exist at least two edge disjoint  $u$ - $v$  trails and consequently there are at least two edge-disjoint  $u$ - $v$  paths.

The graph given in Fig. 1 and 2 is an Euler graph

### Properties of Euler Graph

First we prove a simple properties that is needed to study of Euler graph

**Properties1:** If  $G$  is a graph in which the degree of every vertex is at least two then  $G$  contains a cycle

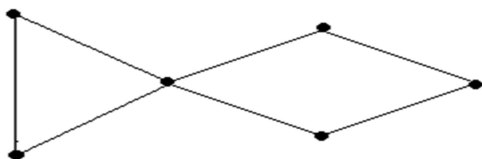


Fig. 1

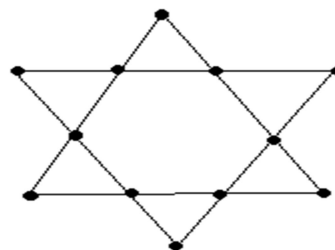


Fig. 2

**Proof.** Construct a sequence  $v, v_1, v_2, \dots$  of vertices as follows. Choose any vertex  $v$ . Let  $v_1$  be any vertex adjacent to vertex  $v$ . Let  $v_2$  be any vertex adjacent to  $v_1$  other than  $v$ . At any stage, if vertex

$v_i, i \geq 2$  is already chosen, then choose  $v_{i+1}$  to be any vertex adjacent to  $v_i$  other than  $v_{i-1}$ . Since degree of each vertex is at least 2, the existence of  $v_{i+1}$  is always guaranteed.

Since  $G$  has only a finite number of vertices, at some stage we have to choose a vertex which has been chosen before.

Let  $v_k$  be the first such vertex and let  $v_k = v_i$  where  $i < k$ . The  $v_i v_{i+1} \dots v_k$  is a cycle.

The following properties answer the problem. In what type of graph  $G$  is it possible to find a closed trail running through every edge of  $G$ ?

## Properties 2

The following statements are equivalent for a connected graph  $G$ .

- (a) If  $G$  is Euler graph
- (b) Every point of  $G$  has even degree.
- (c) The set of edges of  $G$  can be partitioned into cycles.

**Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) :** Let  $T$  be an Euler trail in  $G$ , with origin  $u$ . Every time a vertex  $v$  occurs in  $T$  in a place other than the origin and end, two of the edges incident with  $v$  are accounted for.

Since an Euler trail contains every edges of  $G$ ,  $d(v)$  is even for every  $v \neq u$ . For  $u$ , one of the edges incident with  $u$  is accounted for by the origin of  $T$ , another by terminus of  $T$  and others are accounted for in pairs.

Hence  $d(u)$  is also even.

**(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) :** Since  $G$  is connected and nontrivial every vertex of  $G$  has degree at least 2. Hence  $G$  contains a cycle  $Z$ . The removal of the lines of  $Z$  results in a spanning sub graph  $G_1$  in which again every vertex has even degree. If  $G_1$  has no edges, then all the lines of  $G$  form one cycle and hence (c) holds.

Otherwise,  $G_1$  has a cycle  $Z_1$ , Removal of the lines of  $Z_1$  from  $G_1$  results in spanning sub graph  $G_2$  in which every vertex has even degree. Continuing the above process, when a graph  $G_n$  with no edge is obtained, we obtain a partition of the edges of  $G$  into  $n$  cycles.

**(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) :** If the partition has only one cycle, then  $G$  is obviously Euler, since it is connected. Otherwise let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  be the cycles forming a partition of the lines of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is connected there exists a cycle  $Z_i \neq Z_1$  having a common point  $v_1$  with  $Z_1$ . Without loss of generality let it be  $Z_2$ . The walk beginning at  $v_1$  and consisting of the cycle  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  in succession is closed trail containing the edges of these two cycles. Continuing these process, we can construct the edges of these two cycles. Continuing this process, we can construct a closed trail containing all the edges of  $G$ . Hence  $G$  is euleiran.

**Note.** The above properties and its proof hold for pseudo graphs also. Even otherwise, a pseudo graph  $G^*$  becomes a graph  $G$  when we introduce two points of degree 2 on each loop and a point of degree 2 on every other edge. Every vertex of  $G$  is of even degree iff every vertex of  $G^*$  is of even degree. Also  $G$  has closed trail running through every edge if every vertex of  $G^*$  is of even degree.

The proof of the above properties gives a method for finding a Eulerian trail when such a trail exists.

### 1.3 Konigsberg Bridge Problem

The "graph" of the Konigsberg bridges has vertices of odd degree. Hence it cannot have a closed trail running through every edge. Hence one cannot walk through each of the Konigsberg bridges exactly once and come back to the starting place.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G$  be connected graph with exactly  $2n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) odd vertices. Then the edge set of  $G$  can be portioned into  $n$  open trails.

**Proof.** Let the odd vertices of  $G$  be labeled  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in any arbitrary order. Add  $n$  edges to  $G$  between the vertex pairs  $(v_1, w_1), (v_2, w_2), \dots, (v_n, w_n)$  to form a new graph  $G$ . No two of these  $n$  edges are incident with the same vertex. Further every vertex of  $G$  is of even degree and hence  $G$  has an Eulerian trail  $T$ . If then edges that we added to  $G$  are now removed from  $T$ , it will split into  $n$  open trails. These are open trails in  $G$  and form a partition of the edges of  $G$ .

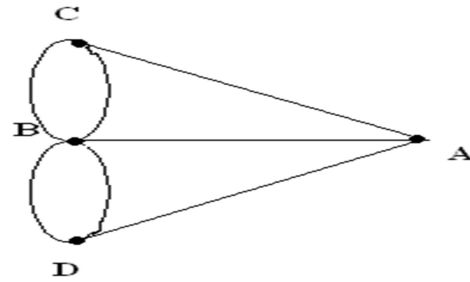


Fig 3

**Proof.** This is only a particular case of Lemma 1.

Obviously the open trail mentioned in Lemma 1 begins at one of the odd vertices and ends at the other.

Lemma 1 answers the question: Which diagrams can be drawn without lifting one's pen from the paper not covering any line segment more than once?

#### 1.4 Arbitrarily Traversable Graph

A graph is said to be arbitrarily traversable from a vertex  $v$  if the following procedure always results in a Eulerian trail.

Start at  $v$  by traversing any incident edge. On arriving at a vertex  $u$  depart through any incident edge not yet traversed and continue until all the lines are traversed. If a graph is arbitrarily traceable from a vertex  $3$  then it is obviously Eulerian. For example the graph Fig 4 is arbitrarily traceable from vertex  $3$ . but start with vertex  $1$ , and trace  $1, 2, 3$ . Now at the vertex  $3$  we have three choices going to  $1, 4$ , or  $5$ . Now we took the first choice (ie, going to vertex  $1$ ), we are left with a circuit  $1, 2, 3, 1$  not an Euler line, so this graph is not arbitrarily traceable from vertex  $1$ . Graph shown in fig 5 is arbitrarily traceable graph from all vertex and graph in fig 6 is not arbitrarily traceable from any vertex. One can draw the observation by seeing the graph in fig 4 & fig 5 that a graph can arbitrarily traceable from a vertex  $v$  if every circuit in  $G$  contains  $v$ .

The graph in Fig 1 is arbitrarily traversable from  $v$ . From no other point it is arbitrarily traversable.

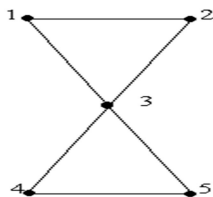


Fig. 4

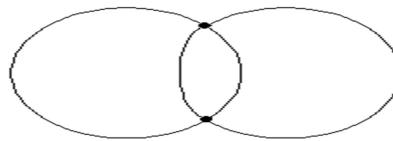


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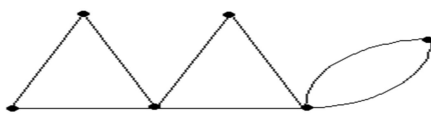


Fig. 6

The following theorem due to Ore (1951) tell just when a given graph is arbitrarily traversable

**Theorem 1.1** An Euler form a chosen point graph  $G$  is arbitrary traversable from a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  if every cycle in  $G$  contains  $v$ .

## 1.5 Fleury's Algorithm

There is a good algorithm, due to Fleury, to construct an Eulerian trail in an Eulerian graph. Algorithm approach is to construct a trail that grows to desired Euler line, the Algorithm says.

**Step 1.** Choose an arbitrary vertex  $V_0$  and set  $W_0 = v_0$ .

**Step 2.** Suppose that trail  $W$  has been chosen. Then choose an edge from in such a way that

- (i)  $e_{i+1}$  is incident with  $v_i$
- (ii) Unless there is no alternative,  $e_{i+1}$  is not a bridge of  $G - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i)$

**Step 3.** Stop when step 2 can no longer be implemented.

Obliviously, Fleury's algorithm construct a trail in  $G$ . It can be proved that if  $G$  is Euler, then any trail in  $G$  constructed by Fleury's algorithm is an Euler trial in  $G$ .

## Conclusion

In this paper we discussed about a very important graph called Euler graph with special properties. Many physical problem can be represent by graph and solved by observing the relevant properties of the corresponding graph. If any system like as Euler graph then using of above properties we can find the optimize many thing . Chinese Postman problem is an example. There are many algorithm aviable to constructing an Euler path in Euler graph, one of them is Fleury's algorithm. This type of apporch is to construct a trail that grows to the desired Euler path.

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