



UNIT 3- GRAPHS

Euler and Hamilton Graphs

Theorem: 6

A connected graph is Eulerian iff every vertex is of even degree.

Proof:

Let G be an Eulerian graph.
We've to prove, all the vertices are of even degree.
Since G is Eulerian, G contains an Euler circuit
 $v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 v_2 \dots e_{n-1} v_{n-1} e_n v_0$.

Both the edges e_1 and e_n that contribute 1 to the degree of v_0 and so degree of v_0 is at least 2.

In tracing this circuit, we can find an edge enters the vertex and another edge leaves the vertex, contribute 2 to the degree of vertex.

This is true for all the vertices and so each vertex is of degree 2, which is an even no.

If G is an Eulerian graph, then each vertex of the graph is of even degree.

Conversely, let G be a graph such that all the vertices are of even degree.

To prove: G is an Euler graph.

We shall construct an Euler circuit and to prove G is an Euler graph.

Let v be the arbitrary vertex in G .
Beginning with v form a circuit $C: v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, v$.

This is possible because each vertex is of even degree, we can leave a vertex along an edge not used to enter it.

This tracing stops only at the vertex because v is also of even degree and we started from v . Thus we get a circuit.

If C includes all the edges of G , then C is an Euler circuit.

Hence G is Eulerian.



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Suppose C does not contain all the edges of G .
Consider the subgraph H of G by deleting all the edges of C from G and vertices not incident with the remaining edges.

Note that all the vertices of H are of even degree.

Since G is connected, H and C must have a common vertex u .

Beginning with u , construct a circuit C_1 for H . Now combine C and C_1 to form a larger circuit C_2 . If it contains all the edges of G , then G is Eulerian.

Otherwise continue this process until we get an Eulerian circuit.

Since G is finite, this procedure will come to the end with an Eulerian circuit.

Hence G is Eulerian.