

$u_1 f_1 u_2 f_3 u_3 f_4 u_2 f_3 u_3 f_5 u_4 f_6 u_4 f_7 u_2 f_3 u_3 f_5 u_4$

Definition

Let G be a graph, and let v and w be vertices in G .

A walk from v to w is a finite alternating sequence of adjacent vertices and edges of G . Thus a walk has the form

$$v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \dots v_{n-1} e_n v_n,$$

where the v 's represent vertices, the e 's represent edges, $v_0 = v$, $v_n = w$, and for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, v_{i-1} and v_i are the endpoints of e_i . The trivial walk from v to v consists of the single vertex v .

A trail from v to w is a walk from v to w that does not contain a repeated edge.

A path from v to w is a trail that does not contain a repeated vertex.

A closed walk is a walk that starts and ends at the same vertex.

A circuit is a closed walk that contains at least one edge and does not contain a repeated edge.

A simple circuit is a circuit that does not have any other repeated vertex except the first and last.

ex v_1 → trivial walk, closed walk, not a circuit
 ex $v_1 e_1 v_2 e_2 v_3 e_3 v_1$ → circuit
 not a trivial walk
 a closed walk, $s, v = e, v$
 Trail: repeated edges X
 path: repeated edges X, repeated vertices X
 circuits: $s, v = e, v$ ✓
 at least 1 edge ✓
 repeated edge X
 simple circuits: repeated vertices X + ✓

	Repeated Edge?	Repeated Vertex?	Starts and Ends at Same Point?	Must Contain at Least One Edge?
Walk	allowed	allowed	allowed	no
Trail	no	allowed	allowed	no
Path	no	no	! no → it means repeated vertex	no
Closed walk	allowed	allowed	yes ✓	no
Circuit	no	allowed	yes	yes
Simple circuit	no	first and last only	yes	yes

remember trivial walks v_1

All are walk →
 a. $v_1 e_1 v_2 e_3 v_4 e_5 v_4$
 d. $v_1 v_2 v_1 v_5 v_6 v_1$

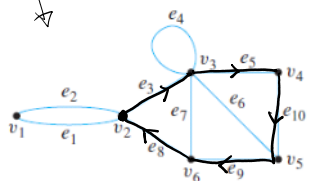
b. $e_1 e_3 e_5 e_5 e_6$ ← walk
 e. $v_1 e_1 v_1 e_1 v_1$

c. $v_3 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_3 v_4 v_2$
 f. v_1 → closed walk ✓

ex v_1 → trivial walk, closed walk, circuit

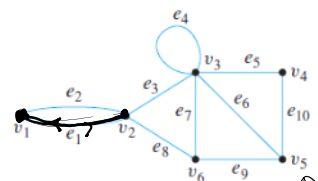
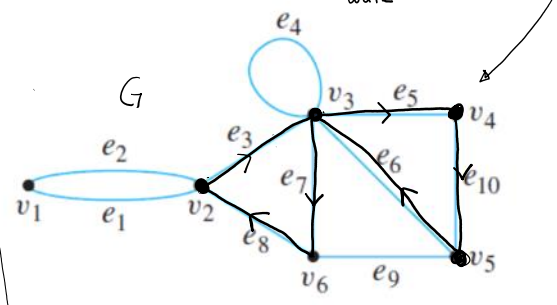
a. $v_1 e_1 v_2 e_3 v_3 e_4 v_4$
 d. $v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_6 v_2$

Closed walk ✓
 trail ✓
 path ✗
 circuit ✓
 simple circuit ✓



b. $e_1 e_3 e_5 e_6$
 e. $v_1 e_1 v_2 e_1 v_1$

Closed walk ✓



c. $v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_3 v_6 v_2$
 f. v_1

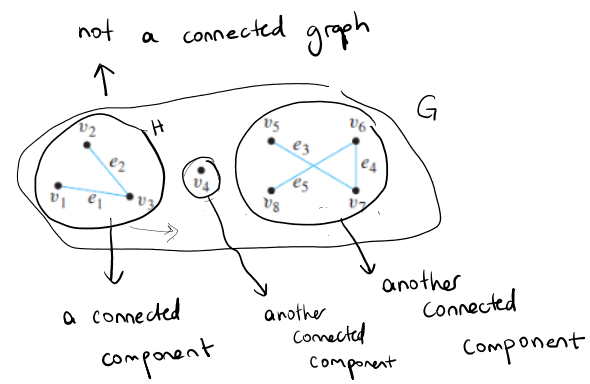
closed walk ✓
 trail ✓
 circuit ✓
 a trivial walk

ex v_1 trivial walk, closed walk, not a circuit
 ex $v_1 e_1 v_2 e_2 v_3 e_4 v_1$ circuit
 not a trivial walk
 ✗ a closed walk $s.v = e.v$

Trail: repeated edges ✗
 path: repeated edges ✗, repeated vertices ✗
 circuits: $s.v = e.v$ ✓, at least 1 edge ✓, repeated edge ✗
 simple circuits: repeated vertices ✗ + ✓

a connected graph.

Connectedness
 Two vertices v and w of G are connected if, and only if, there is a walk from v to w .
 The graph G is connected if, and only if, any two vertices in G are connected.



Connected Component
 H is a subgraph of G ✓
 H is a connected graph ✓
 There is no connected subgraph of G which contains H . ✓