



Theorem

Prove that a connected graph G is Eulerian if and only if all the vertices are of even degree.

Proof

Let G be any graph having an Eulerian circuit and let C be an Eulerian circuit of G with origin (and terminus) vertex as u . Each time a vertex v occurs as an



internal vertex of C , then two of the edges incident with v are accounted for degree.

We get, for internal vertex $v \in V(G)$

$$d(v) = 2 \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{number of times } v \text{ occur} \\ \text{inside the Euler circuit } C \end{array} \right.$$

= even degree .



and since an Euler circuit C contains every edge of G and C starts and ends at u .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore d(u) &= 2 + 2 \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{number of times} \\ u \text{ occur inside } C \end{array} \right. \\ &= \text{even degree}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore G$ has all the vertices of even degree.

Conversely, assume that each of its vertices has an even degree.

Claim: G has an Euler circuit.

Suppose not,

i) Assuming G be a connected graph.



all vertices of even degree and less number edges. \Rightarrow any graph having less no. of edges than G_1 , then it has an Eulerian circuit.
Since each vertex of G_1 has degree least two, therefore G_1 contains closed path.
let C be a closed path of maximum possible length in G_1 .



By assumption, C is not an Eulerian circuit in G and $G - E(C)$ has some component G' with $|E(G')| > 0$. C has less no. of edges than G . Therefore C itself is an Eulerian circuit, and C is a closed path in G as all the vertices of even degree, thus the connected graph G' also has all the vertices of even degree.

Since $|E(G')| < |E(G)|$, therefore G has an Euler circuit C' . Because G is connected, there is a vertex v in both C and C' . Now join C and C' and traverse all the edges of C and C' with common vertex v , we get CC' is a closed path in G and $|E(CC')| > |E(C)|$

which is not possible for the choices of C .

$\therefore G$ has an Eulerian circuit.

$\therefore G$ is a Euler Graph.



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