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# Lecture (2) Graph Theory Introduction to Graphs (2) 

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## Outlines

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Definition: (Degree Sequence) The degree sequence of a graph of order $n$ is the $n$-term sequence (usually written in descending order) of the vertex degrees.

Degree Sequence $=(4,4,4,3,3,3,3,3,3)$


Definition: (Graphical Sequence) An integer sequence is said to be graphical if it is the degree sequence of some graphs.

Example 1: Is the sequence $S=(9,9,8,7,7,6,6,5,5)$ graphical? Justify your answer.
Solution: The sequence $S=\left(a_{i}\right)$ is graphical if every element of $S$ is the degree of some vertex in a graph. For any graph, we know that $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)=2 E$, an even integer. Here, $\sum a_{i}=62$, an even number. But note that the maximum degree that a vertex can attain in a graph of order $n$ is $n-1$. If $S$ were graphical, the corresponding graph would have been a graph on 9 vertices and have $\Delta(G)$ $\neq 9$. Therefore, the given sequence is not graphical.

Example 2: Is the sequence $S=(9,8,7,6,6,5,5,4,3,3,2,2)$ graphical? Justify your answer.
Solution: The sequence $S=\left(a_{i}\right)$ is graphical if every element of $S$ is the degree of some vertex in a graph. For any graph, we know that $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)=2 E$, an even integer. Here, we have $\sum a_{i}=60$, an even number. Also, note that the all elements in the sequence are less than the number of elements in that sequence. Therefore, the given sequence is graphical.

Example 3: Is the sequence $S=(5,4,3,3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1)$ graphical? Justify your answer.
Solution: The sequence $S=\left(a_{i}\right)$ is graphical if every element of $S$ is the degree of some vertex in a graph. For any graph, we know that $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v)=2 E$, an even integer. Here, $\sum a_{i}=25$, not an even number. Therefore, the given sequence is not graphical.

Havel Hakimi Theorem: The non-negative integer sequence $D=\left[d_{i}\right]_{1}^{n}$ is graphic if and only if $D$ is graphic, where $D$ is the sequence (having $n-1$ elements) obtained from $D$ by deleting its largest element $\Delta$ and subtracting 1 from its $\Delta$ next largest elements.

## Havel Hakimi Algorithm (HHA)

The Havel Hakimi algorithm gives a systematic approach to answer the question of determining whether it is possible to construct a simple graph from a given degree sequence.

Take as input a degree sequence $S$ and determine if that sequence is graphical That is, can we produce a graph with that degree sequence?

Assume the degree sequence is $S$

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\begin{aligned}
& S=d_{1}, d_{2}=d_{3} \cdots, d_{n} \\
& d_{i} \geq d_{i+1}
\end{aligned}
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1. If any $d_{i} \geq n$ then fail
2. If there is an odd number of odd degrees then fail
3. If there is a $d_{i}<0$ then fail
4. If all $d_{i}=0$ then report success

5 . Reorder S into non - increasing order
6 . Let $k=d_{1}$
7. Remove $d_{1}$ from $S$.

8 . Subtract 1 from the first $k$ terms remaining of the new sequence
9. Go to step 3 above

## Example 1:

Consider the degree sequence: $S=7,5,5,4,4,4,4,3$
Where $\mathrm{n}=8$ (no. of vertices)
Step 1. Degree of all vertices is less than $n$ (no.of vertices)
Step 2. Odd number vertices are four.
Step 3. There is no degree less than zero.
Step 4. Remove ' 7 ' from the sequence and subtract 1 from the remaining new sequence and arrange again in non-increasing order to get
$S=4,4,3,3,3,3,2$
Step 5. Now remove the first ' 4 ' from the sequence and subtract 1 from the remaining new sequence to get:
$S=3,2,2,2,3,2$
rearrange in non-increasing order to get:
$S=3,3,2,2,2,2$
Repeating the above step we get following degree sequences:
$S=2,2,2,1,1$
$S=1,1,1,1$
$S=1,1,0$
$S=0, O$
Step 6. Since all the deg remaining in the sequence is zero, the given sequence is graphical (or in other words, it is possible to construct a simple graph from the given degree sequence).

## Example 2:

$S=4,3,3,3,1$
Where $\mathrm{n}=5$ (no. of vertices)
Step 1. Degree of all vertices is less than
( no.of vertices)
Step 2. Odd number vertices are four.
Step 3. There is no degree less than zero.
Step 4. Remove ' 4 ' from the sequence and subtracting 1 from the remaining new sequence and arrange again in non-increasing order we get
$\mathrm{S}=2,2,2,0$
Step 5. Again Remove ' 2 ' from the sequence and subtracting 1 from the remaining new sequence and arrange in non-increasing order we get
$S=1,1,0$
Repeating the above step
$S=0,0$
Step 6. Since all the deg remaining in the sequence is zero, the given sequence is graphical.

## 9) Neighbourhoods

Definition: (Neighbourhood of a Vertex) The neighbourhood (or open neighbourhood) of a vertex $v$, denoted by $N(v)$, is the set of vertices adjacent to $v$. That is, $N(v)=\{x \in V: v x \in E\}$. The closed neighbourhood of a vertex $v$, denoted by $N[v]$, is simply the set $N(v) \cup\{v\}$.

Then, for any vertex $v$ in a graph $G$, we have $d(v)=|N(v)|$. A special case is a loop that connects a vertex to itself; if such an edge exists, the vertex is said to belong to its own neighbourhood.

Given a set $S$ of vertices, we define the neighbourhood of $S$, denoted by $N(S)$, to be the union of the neighbourhoods of the vertices in $S$. Similarly, the closed neighbourhood of $S$, denoted by $N[S]$, is defined to be $S \cup N(S)$.


Let $S=\{a, b, c\}$, then $N(S)=\{e, d\} \cup\{c, e, g\} \cup\{b, f\}=\{e, d, c, g, b, f\}$

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N[S]=\{e, d\} \cup\{c, e, g\} \cup\{b, f\} \cup\{a\} \cup\{b\} \cup\{c\}=\{e, d, c, g, b, f, a\} .
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## H. W.

1) Verify whether the integer sequences $(7,6,5,4,3,3,2)$ and $(6,6,5,4,3,3,1)$ are graphical. (Hint: Use Havel Hakimi Algorithm)
2) For the following graph $G$, find: $\delta(G), \Delta(G), \mathrm{N}\left[v_{5}\right]$ and degree sequence.


Thank You

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