

CONDITION FOR HAMILTONIANCITY

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ABSTRACT

A Hamiltonian path is a spanning path in a graph i.e. a path through every vertex. The problem of determining if a graph is Hamiltonian is well known to be NP-complete while there are several necessary condition for a hamiltonianicity, the search continue for sufficient conditions in this paper I shall prove that every simple graph of order $(2n+1)$ and degree of each vertex is $2n$ respectively $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ then G is Hamiltonian. In fact it has n edge-disjoint Hamiltonian circuits.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PREVIOUS WORK

A graph is said to be Hamiltonian if it contains a spanning cycle. The spanning cycle is called a Hamiltonian cycle of G and G is said to be a Hamiltonian graph. A Hamiltonian path is a path that contains all the vertices in $V(G)$ but does not return to the vertex in which it began. No characterization of Hamiltonian graph exists, yet these many sufficient conditions (see [3] pp 30-37) see [5] PP (18-24). We begin our investigation of sufficient conditions for hamiltonianicity with early results like Dirac and ore. Both results consider this intuitive fact the more edges a graph has the more likely it is that a Hamiltonian cycle will exists.

Theorem 1.1: (Dirac, 1952 [2]) if G is a graph of order $n \geq 3$ such that $\delta \geq \frac{n}{2}$ then G is Hamiltonian

As an illustration of Dirac's theorem consider the Graph on three vertices (fig 1.1) in this graph $\delta = 2 \geq \frac{3}{2}$, so it is Hamiltonian, traversing the vertices in numerical order 1-3 and back to 1 yields a Hamiltonian cycle

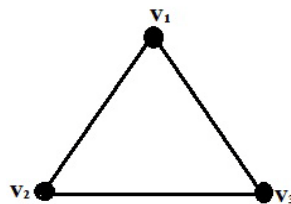


Figure: 1.1

Theorem 1.2: (Ore, 1960 [4]) if G is a graph of order $n \geq 3$ such that for all distinct non-adjacent pairs of vertices U and V $\deg(u) + \deg(v) \geq n$ then G is Hamiltonian.

As an Illustration of ore, theorem consider a graph of six vertices in figure (1.2)

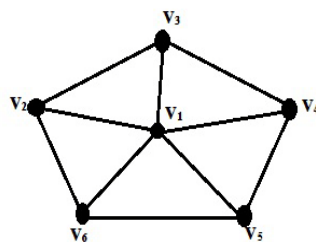


Figure: 1.2

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The sum of the degree of non adjacent vertices i.e $\{\deg(V_2) + \deg(V_3), \deg(V_3) + \deg(V_6), \deg(V_3) + \deg(V_5) \text{ etc}\}$ is the order of the Graph.

Theorem 1.3: (Bondy-chvatu 1979[1]) if G is a simple graph with n vertices, then G is Hamiltonian if and only if its closure is Hamiltonian.

The Hamiltonian closure of a graph G , denoted by $C(G)$ is the super graph of G on $V(G)$ obtained by it iteratively adding edges between pairs of nonadjacent vertices whose degree sum is at least n , until no such pair remains. Fortunately the closure does not depend on the order in which we choose to add edges more than one is available i.e. the closure of G is well defined

Theorem 1.4: (Nash-Williams, 1971) let G be a 2 connected graph of order n with $\delta(G) \geq \left\{ \frac{n+2}{3}, \beta \right\}$

Then G is Hamiltonian.

As an illustration of Nash-Williams theorem consider to following graph.

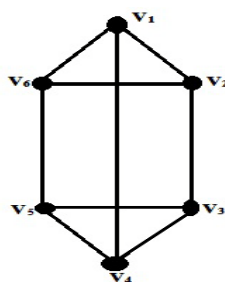


Figure: 1.3

The graph in figure demonstrates the Nash-Williams result in this connected graph on six vertices

$\delta = 3, \beta = 3$ and $\delta \geq \left[\frac{6+2}{3}, 2 \right]$ implying Hamiltoncity.

Theorem 1.5 [3] In a complete graph with n vertices there are $\frac{n-1}{2}$ edge-disjoint-Hamiltonian circuits if n is an odd number ≥ 3 .

2. THE MAIN RESULT

Theorem 2.1

Statement: Every simple graph G of order $(2n + 1)$ and degree of each vertex is $2n$ respectively $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ then G is Hamiltonian in fact it is exactly n edge – disjoint Hamiltonian circuits

Proof: For the proof we first show that graph must be simple in considering the existence of a Hamiltonian circuit we need only consider simple graphs. This is because Hamiltonian circuit travels every vertex exactly once. Hence it can't include a self loop or a set of parallel edges. Thus for looking weather the given graph is Hamiltonian we have to remove parallel edges and self loops for the purpose to make a graph simple.

Now first of all I shall prove that order of G must be $2n + 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ if it is less than $2n + 1$ then graph is not Hamiltonian consider a graph of order two

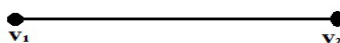


Figure: 2.1

Graph in Figure 2.1 is not Hamiltonian thus order musty be $2n + 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

It is not necessary that if the order of graph is $2n + 1$ it is Hamiltonian for this considers the following figures 2.2 order of graph is 3, it is not Hamiltonian.



Figure: 2.2

To prove that if the order of graph is $2n + 1$ and degree $2n$ respectively $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ then G is Hamiltonian and contain n disjoint-Hamiltonian cycles. For this purpose we first show that it is Hamiltonian contain at least one Hamiltonian cycle

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected Graph with $2n + 1$ vertices and let P be a longest path in G if P is contained in a cycle then P is a Hamiltonian path We choose this path from any vertex say V_r Let us suppose that $P = \{U = U_0, U_1, U_2, \dots, U_t = V\}$ of length t and p is contained in a cycle $C = \{U = U_0, U_1, \dots, U_t = V\}$ since vertices of " C " and vertices of " P " are equal i.e., $V(C) = V(P)$ since otherwise p would be a part of a longest path a contradiction assume for the sake of contradiction $t < 2n$ i.e. P is not Hamiltonian path since G is connected there must be an edge of the form $(\alpha\beta)$ such that $\alpha \in V(p) = V(c)$ and $\beta \in V(G) - V(C)$

Let $\alpha \in U_i$ then there is a path $P' = \{\beta, \alpha = U_i, U_{i+1}, \dots, U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{i-1}\}$ with length $t + 1$ which is contradiction, since P is the longest path in G . since degree of each vertex is $2n$ i.e. every vertex has a path to reach other vertices, because the degree of each vertex is at most $2n$ thus the given path p can be reached to the beginning vertex thus path p is Hamiltonian cycle in G thus G is Hamiltonian

Now we shall prove that the graph G has exactly N edged disjoint Hamiltonian circuits. Since the order of graph is $2n + 1$ and degree is $2n$. As in a graph of order $2n + 1$ a vertex can be joined to at most $2n$ other vertices therefore the maximum degree a vertex can have is $2n$ in our case the degree of each vertex is $2n$ thus there exists an edge between every pair of vertices. Thus the numbers of edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits in G are the sub graph of a complete graph of $2n+1$ vertices is a Hamiltonian circuit. Keeping the vertices fixed on circle; rotate the polygonal pattern clockwise by

$\frac{360}{2n}, \frac{2 \cdot 360}{2n}, \frac{3 \cdot 360}{2n} \dots \frac{360}{2n}$ Degrees. We observe that each rotation produces the Hamiltonian circuit that has no edge in common with any of the previous lines. Thus we have $\left(\frac{2n+1-1}{2}\right) = \frac{2n}{2} = n$ new Hamiltonian circuits. That proves the theorem

CONCLUSION

In this paper I present a new condition for a graph to possess a Hamiltonian cycle in fact it has n edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits. My condition in this form of theorem 2.1 seems to be significant and interesting the condition I present explores a new idea since the condition is applied on the degree of vertex and finally I have proved that every simple graph G of order $(2n + 1)$ and degree of each vertex is $2n$ respectively $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$ than G is Hamiltonian in fact it has n edge disjoint Hamiltonian circuits.

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