

Infinite graph theory II: exercises on 12/05/2022

1. Show that for every locally finite G the cycle space \mathcal{C} is a closed subspace of the edge space $\mathcal{E} = \mathbb{F}_2^E$ where \mathbb{F}_2 carries the discrete topology and \mathcal{E} the product topology.
2. Prove that the characteristic vectors of cuts together with the null vector is a subspace of \mathcal{E} .
3. Show that the cut space \mathcal{B} can be generated via thin sums by the cuts of the form $\delta(v)$.
4. Let $k \geq 2$ be fixed, $I = \{0, \dots, 2k - 1\}$, $I_e = \{i \in I : i \text{ is even}\}$, $I_o = I \setminus I_e$. Denote by I^* the set of finite sequences from I . Let the vertex set V of the digraph is the union of the disjoint sets $\{s_\mu : \mu \in I^*\}$ and $\{t_\mu : \mu \in I^*\}$. The edge set E of the digraph consists of the following edges. For all $\mu \in I^*$ there are k edges in both directions between the two elements of the following pairs: $\{s_\mu, t_{\mu 1}\}$, $\{s_{\mu i}, t_{\mu(i+2)}\}$ ($i = 0, \dots, 2k - 3$), $\{s_{\mu(2k-2)}, t_\mu\}$. Simple directed edges are $(s_\mu, t_{\mu 0})$, $(t_{\mu i}, s_{\mu(i+1)})_{i \in I_e}$, $(s_{\mu i}, t_{\mu(i+1)})_{i \in I_o \setminus \{2k-1\}}$, $(s_{\mu(2k-1)}, t_\mu)$ for all $\mu \in I^*$. Finally $D := (V, E)$ (see figure 1). Prove that D is k -edge-connected and every st -path shares some edge with every ts -path in D . (10 points)

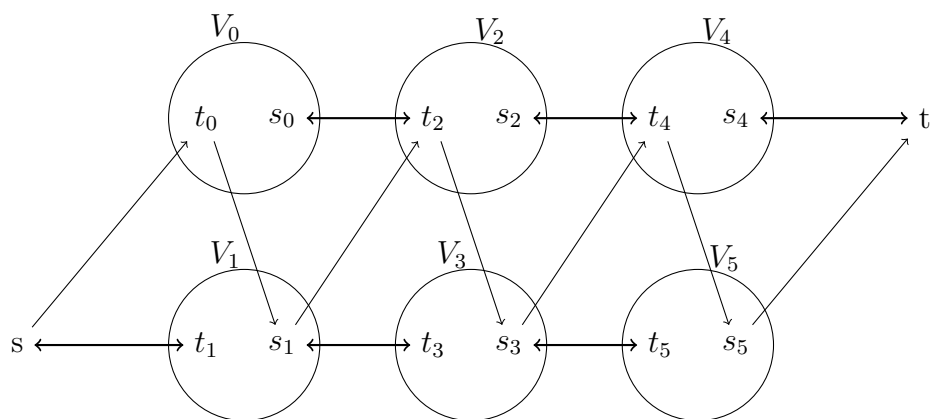


Figure 1: The digraph D in the case $k = 3$. Thick, two-headed arrows stand for k parallel edges in both directions. The (just partially drawn) $D[V_i]$'s are isomorphic to the whole D .