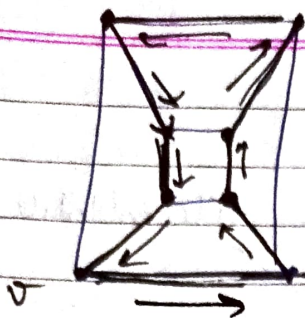


## HAMILTONIAN GRAPHS! -

- Hamiltonian Circuit! - A Hamiltonian circuit in graph is a closed path that visits every vertex in the graph exactly once. (Such a closed loop must be a cycle.)
- A Hamiltonian circuit ends up at the vertex from where it started
- This type of problem is often referred to as the traveling salesman or postman problem.
- Hamiltonian Graph! - If a graph has a Hamiltonian circuit, then the graph is called a Hamiltonian graph.



Dodecahedron.

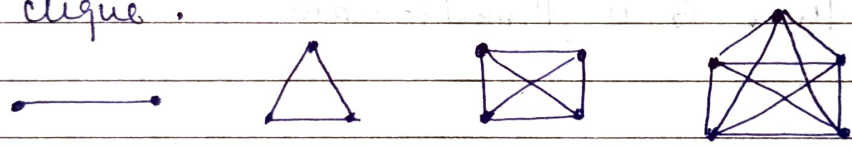
The length of a Hamiltonian path (if it exists) in a connected graph of  $n$  vertices is  $n-1$ .

It can not include parallel edges or self loop.

What general class of graphs is guaranteed to have a Hamiltonian circuit?

Complete Graphs of three or more vertices constitute one such class.

→ Complete Graphs! - A graph  $G$  is said to be complete if every vertex in  $G$  is connected to every other vertex in  $G$ . Therefore, a complete graph  $G$  must be a connected graph. Sometimes referred to as universal graph or a clique.



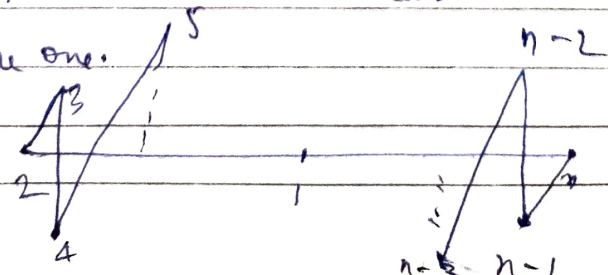
→ Every vertex of a complete graph of  $n$  vertices has  $(n-1)$  degree.

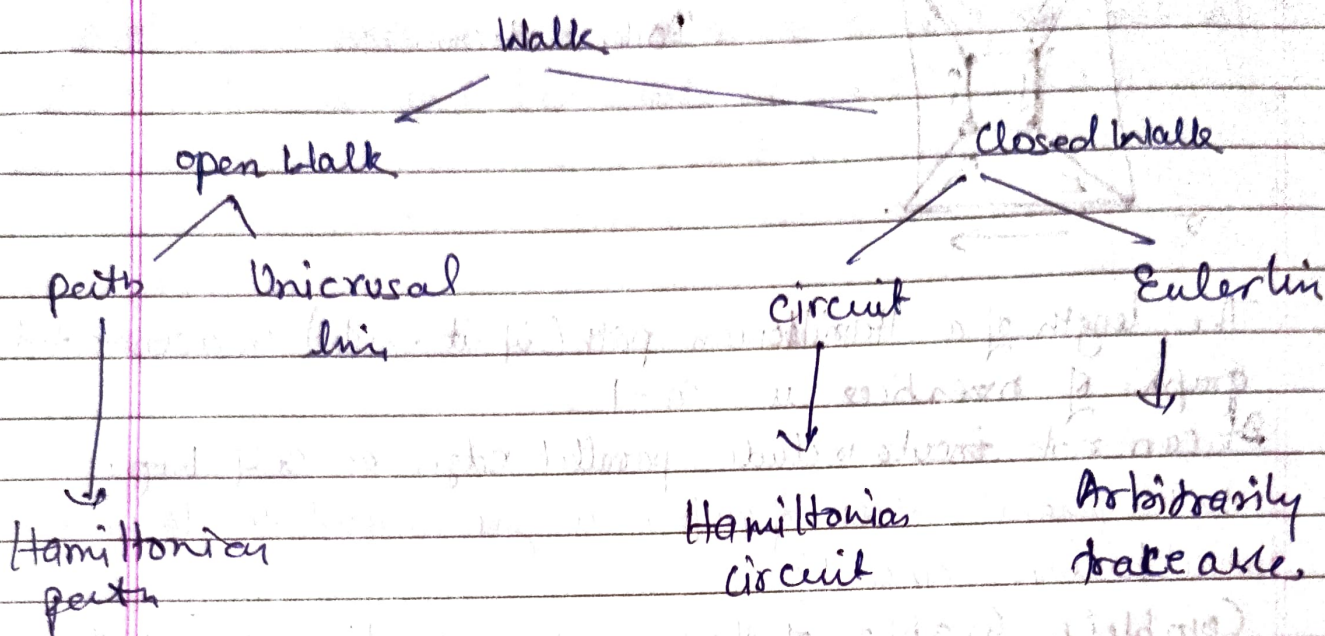
→ Every complete graph is a regular.

→ The total no. of edges in  $G$  is  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ .

**Theorem:-** In a complete graph with  $n$  vertices there are  $(n-1)/2$  edge-disjoint Hamiltonian circuits, if  $n$  is an odd no  $\geq 3$ .

→  $(n-3)/2$  new Hamiltonian circuits, all edge disjoint from the one.





Dirac's Theorem →

Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices where  $n \geq 3$  if  $\deg(v) \geq \frac{n}{2}$  for each vertex  $v$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.

Ore's Theorem →

Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices where  $n \geq 2$  if  $\deg(v) + \deg(w) \geq n$  for each pair of non adjacent vertices  $v$  &  $w$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.

ex- Gray Code, TSP, Hamiltonian