

# Eulerian Graphs

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is **Eulerian** if it has a circuit that covers every edge exactly once. Note – vertices can be repeated, but not edges. Such a circuit is called an *Eulerian Circuit*.

**Theorem:** A connected simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  is Eulerian if and only if every vertex in  $G$  has even degree. (Note we assume  $G$  is simple and finite.)

**Proof:** (Will be done later in the semester.)

Notes:

- ▶ Determining if a graph  $G$  is Eulerian can be performed in polynomial time.
- ▶ We also are interested in graphs that have *Eulerian walks*, i.e., walks that cover every edge exactly once.
- ▶ Finding Eulerian Circuits and Eulerian Walks is used in Assembling Genomes!