

Graph Theory: Lecture No. 24

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Some classes which are known to be perfect:

- 1 Bipartite Graphs**
- 2 Complements of Bipartite Graphs**
- 3 Line graphs of Bipartite Graphs.**
- 4 Complements of Bipartite Graphs.**
- 5 Comparability Graphs.**
- 6 Co-comparability Graphs.**
- 7 Interval Graphs**
- 8 Co-Interval Graphs.**
- 9 Chordal Graphs.**
- 10 Co-Chordal Graphs.**

Can you think of some non-perfect graphs ?

- **Odd cycles of length at least 5. (Odd holes)**
- **Their complements. (Odd anti-holes.)**

Berge's Strong Perfect Graph Conjecture (1964): A graph is perfect if and only if it has no induced hole or anti-hole.

**Chudnovsky, Robertson, Seymour, Thomas,
2002: A Graph G is perfect if and only if
neither G nor \overline{G} contains an odd cycle of
length at least 5 as an induced subgraph**

A graph is perfect if and only if its complement is perfect

Any graph obtained from a perfect graph by expanding a vertex is again perfect