

Basic definitions-I

Introduction

Network topology deals with concepts involving inter connections in the networks, rather than the actual nature of the elements.

Basic Definitions

(i) **Graph:** It is a representation of a network in which all network elements are replaced with either a straight line/curved line/ dotted line.

While constructing a graph from the given network all passive elements and the ideal voltage sources are replaced by short circuit, and all the ideal current sources are replaced by open circuit.

Ex: A network and its related graph is shown in fig (a) and fig (b)



figure(a)



figure(b)



- (ii) **Directed graph:** A graph in which each branch is assigned with a direction is called a directed or oriented graph.
- (iii) Complete graph (or) Standard graph: For a standard graph, between any pair of nodes only one branch is connected for all combination.



Ex: The no. of edges in a complete graph with n - nodes is ${}^{n}C_{2}$. $\Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = b.$

(iv) Connected graph: In a connected graph all the nodes are connected by at least one branch, other wise it is said to be unconnected.

Ex:



(i) (ii) Connected graph Unconnected graph

(v) Sub graph: It is a graph with less no. of branches as compared with the original graph.

Ex:

Sub graph