

**NPTEL**  
**NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION COURSE**

**Discrete Mathematics**  
**Graph Theory - 1**

**Connecting connectedness and path**

**By**  
**Prof. S.R.S Iyengar**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
**IIT Ropar**

In maths, generally we observe that definitions are always complicated,  
(Refer Slide Time: 00:11)



but the exact meaning of the definition will be straight forward, here is one such situation, you know this graph is connected while this graph is disconnected,  
(Refer Slide Time: 00:20)

IIT Ropar

Connected graph

NPTEL

how do we define it properly, mathematically, we define it in a slightly roundabout way, because such a definition done in a very abstract way comes in very handy (Refer Slide Time: 00:33)

IIT Ropar

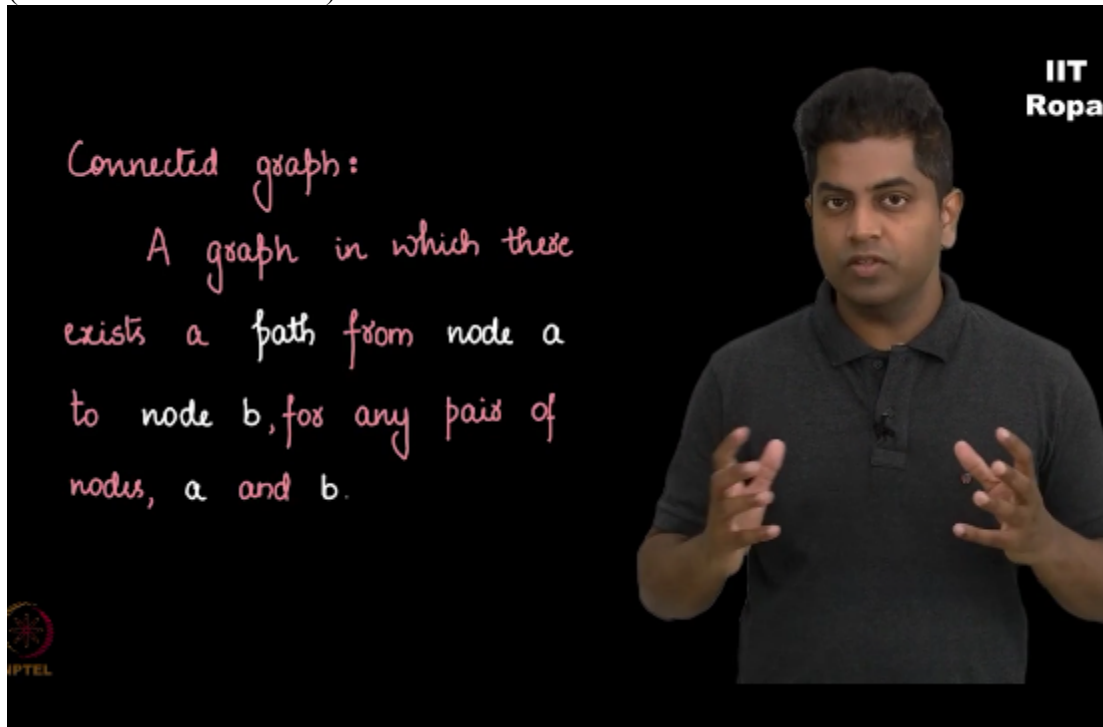
Disconnected graph

NPTEL

when we are solving some tough problems, so it is important to define things properly.

So how do you define a connected graph? The definition of a connected graph goes like this, a graph where any two vertices if you pick there exists a path from node A to node B, this should be true for any pair of nodes A and B then you say the graph is connected.

(Refer Slide Time: 00:58)



**IIT MADRAS PRODUCTION**

**Founded by  
Department of Higher Education  
Ministry of Human Resources Development  
Government of India**

[www.nptel.iitm.ac.in](http://www.nptel.iitm.ac.in)

**Copyrights Reserved**