

**10.32** for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , show that  $2^k - 1$  and  $2^k + 1$  are relatively prime.

- If two num are relatively prime, then  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$
- By definition, we know  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , making  $2^k - 1$  and  $2^k + 1 = 1, 3$  respectively when  $k = 1$ . We state that  $\gcd(a, b)$  is also in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Which means  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- We know that  $\gcd(2^k - 1, 2^k + 1) = d$ , now we must prove  $d = 1$  by direct proof.

$d|2^k - 1$  tells us  $2^k - 1 = pd$  for  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$

$d|2^k + 1$  tells us  $2^k + 1 = qd$  for  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

rearranging  $2^k - 1 = pd$ , we can get  $2^k = pd + 1$

plugging in, we get  $pd + 1 + 1 = qd$

moving everything around, we get  $2 = d(q - p)$ .

This tells us that, to satisfy this equation, we only have 2 possibilities of what  $d$  can be  
 $\rightarrow d = 1, d = 2$  since  $d \in \mathbb{N}$

We can show that  $d \neq 2$  by contradiction:

We know that  $2^k$  is an even number, we can write  $2^k = 2i$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

Both numbers  $2^k - 1$  and  $2^k + 1$  are odd numbers, we can rewrite it as  $2^k + 1 = 2i + 1$  and  $2^k - 1 = 2i - 1$

To prove  $\gcd(2i + 1, 2i - 1) \neq 2$ , we contradict it and say  $\gcd(2i + 1, 2i - 1) = 2$

We can say  $2|2i + 1$  and  $2|2i - 1$ , which means that  $2i + 1 = 2z$  and  $2i - 1 = 2h$ , respective, where  $z, h \in \mathbb{Z}$  that satisfy the equation

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 1 = 2z - 2i & -1 = 2h - 2i \\ 1 = 2(z - i) & -1 = 2(h - i) \\ \frac{1}{2} = (z - i) & -\frac{1}{2} = (h - i) \end{array}$$

Oops, the sum of the two integers can never result in a fraction! We have derived a contradiction, proving that  $d \neq 2$

This leaves us with  $d = 1$ , proving that  $\gcd(2^k - 1, 2^k + 1) = d$ , where  $d = 1$ . Showing that these two numbers are relatively prime.

**11.17** A graph  $G$  has  $n$  vertices

- (a) What is the maximum number of edges  $G$  can have and not be connected? Prove it.

Consider a graph  $G$  with multiple connected components. Let's call the different connected components  $G'$  and  $G''$  and so on... Each of the connected components are disconnected from each other. In short,  $G$  is a connected graph with multiple connected components.

We prove that there exist a maximum number of edges a graph may have by deriving first a formula.

Assume a connected components  $G'$  in  $G$ . We can say the number of vertices in this connected component is  $n'$ . Considering the question is asking for the maximum number of edges possible, we can consider back to the Handshaking Theorem, and introduce a unique handshake to each of the vertices with all other vertices. With this, we create a complete graph of  $n'$  vertices.

Now we know that for a connected component to contain the maximum number of edges

possible, it must be a complete graph.

We prove now the number of vertices per component that yield the highest number of edges overall.

In  $G'$ , we can have at most  $n' - 1$  degrees per vertex, assuming  $n' \geq 1$ . Each vertex can be connected to every other vertex other than itself, then we derive  $n'(n' - 1)$  for all possible edged. We exclude the duplicates by dividing by 2, leaving us with  $e' = \frac{n'(n'-1)}{2}$

In  $G''$ , we can use the same logic to derive  $e'' = \frac{n''(n''-1)}{2}$

The maximum number of edges we can have in a disconnected graph  $G$  is  $e = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$

Therefore, the following must be true:

$$\begin{aligned} e' + e'' &= e \\ \frac{n'(n' - 1)}{2} + \frac{n''(n'' - 1)}{2} &= \frac{(n - 1)(n - 2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We can simplify  $n'' = n - n'$ , where

$$\frac{n'(n' - 1)}{2} + \frac{(n - n')(n - n' - 1)}{2} = \frac{(n - 1)(n - 2)}{2}$$

expand both sides and simplify

$$\frac{2(n')^2 + n^2 - 2n'n - n}{2} = \frac{n^2 - 2n - n + 2}{2}$$

discard redundant components, leaving us with

$$\begin{aligned} -2n'n + 2(n')^2 &= -2n + 2 \\ 2(-n'n + (n')^2) &= 2(-n + 1) \\ -n'n + (n')^2 &= -n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

We must find values  $n'$  that satisfy this statement

$$\begin{aligned} -n'n + (n')^2 + n - 1 &= 0 \\ (n')^2 - n'n + n' - n' + n - 1 &= 0 \\ (n' - 1)(n' - n + 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The only values of  $n'$  that achieves this equality are  $n' = 1$  and  $n' = n - 1$ , proving that for  $G$  to contain the maximum number of edges but remain disconnected. It must contain 2 different components where one must contain 1 vertex and other must contain  $n - 1$  vertices ■

- (b) What is the minimum number of edges  $G$  can have and be connected? Prove it.

For a connected graph  $G$  to contain a minimum number of edges between vertices  $n$ , it must be interpreted as a single line where each of the endpoints connect to only one single vertex. The formula is  $e = n - 1$ , for  $e$  the minimum edges for  $n$  vertices.

We prove by contradiction that there exist no smaller number of edges for  $n$  number of vertices

Assume  $e = n - k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k > 1$

Assume  $G$  is a graph where its endpoints are connected to one other vertex

A connected graph must satisfy the following condition: you may traverse from vertex  $u$  to  $v$  for any  $u, v \in G$ .

Assume vertex  $u, v, z \in G$ , where  $v$  is connected to both  $u$  and  $v$ . An increase in  $k$  removes one of the edges in  $G$  such that  $u, v \in G'$  and  $z \in G''$ . By our definition of a connected graph, now there exist no path from  $z$  to  $v$  or  $z$  to  $u$ , rendering it a disconnected graph.

We prove by contradiction that there exists no connected graph with less edges  $e$  than  $n - 1$ , or  $e = n - 1$  ■