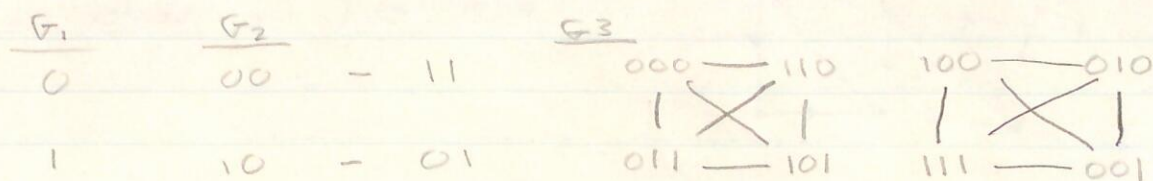


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Recall: G is not connected if and only if there exists a nonempty proper subset X of $V(G)$ that induces an empty cut.

Example: Let G_n be a graph where vertices are all binary strings of length n , where two strings are adjacent if and only if they differ in 2 bits (similar to n -cubes).



• They're all disconnected!

Prove that G_n is connected.

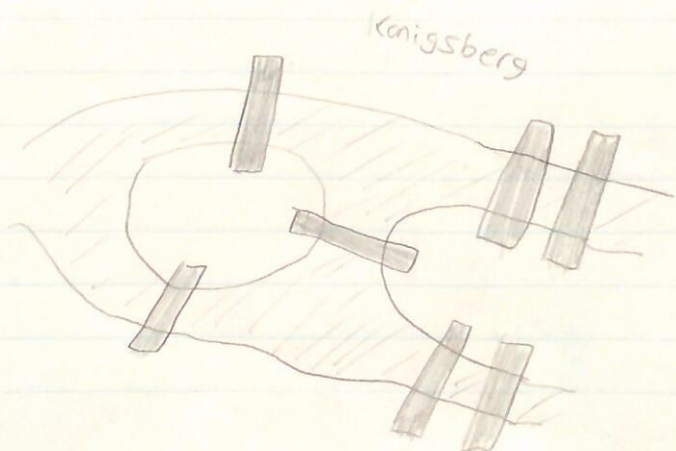
• Each half is either even parity of 1's or odd parity.

Proof: Let X be the set of all strings of length n with an even # of 1's. This is a nonempty proper subset of $V(G_n)$.

Suppose uv is an edge where $u \in X$. We get v from u by changing two bits. Changing one bit alters the parity of the # of 1's, so by changing two bits, the parity of 1's in v is the same as u .

So $v \in X$, and no edge is in the cut induced by X . Thus, G_n is not connected. \square

Eulerian:
Circuits



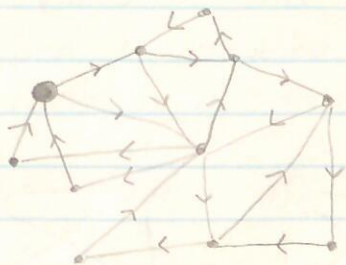
• Can you cross every bridge only once and get back to where you started?

No!

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Definition: An Eulerian circuit of G is a closed walk that uses each edge of G exactly once.

Assume G is connected. Suppose G has an E.C.



- Every time you visit a vertex, you must exit the vertex as well!

Every vertex has an even degree: we must enter and leave a vertex using distinct edges.

\Rightarrow Impossible to get an E.C. in Königsberg.

Theorem: Suppose G is connected. Then G has an E.C. if and only if every vertex of G has even degree.

See Eulerian circuit example slides.