

You must justify your answers.

1) For each of the following graph-theoretical properties, give an example of a real-world network satisfying it (so, for instance, in the first item, you are asked for a directed network and an undirected one):

- (1) Undirected vs directed
- (2) Weighted vs unweighted
- (3) Multigraph vs simple graph
- (4) Connected vs not necessarily connected
- (5) Bipartite vs non-bipartite

2) Extend the Handshaking Lemma and its corollary to digraphs and give some real-world application.

3) Why, in the proof of Hall's theorem, the graph  $G_2$  satisfies that  $|\text{Neigh}_{G_2}(S)| \geq |S|$  for every  $S \subsetneq V_1 \setminus V$ ?

4) We say that a node  $x$  is *pivotal* for a pair of nodes  $u, v$  when  $u \neq x$ ,  $v \neq x$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are connected by some path, and  $x$  belongs to every shortest path between them.

- (a) For every node in the graph in Fig. 1, find all pairs of nodes for which it is pivotal.
- (b) Give an example of a graph where each node is pivotal for some pair of nodes.
- (c) Give an example of a graph where each node is pivotal for at least two pairs of nodes.
- (d) Give an example of a graph containing a node that is pivotal for every pair of nodes not containing it.
- (e) Give an example of a graph with at least 4 nodes with no pivotal node for any pair of nodes.

5) Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , its dual  $G^* = (E, E^*)$  is the graph with set of nodes  $E$  and, for every  $e, e' \in E$ ,  $ee' \in E^*$  iff  $e$  and  $e'$  are incident in  $G$ .

- (a) Apply the dual construction to the graph in Fig. 1.
- (b) How is the degree of a node  $e = uv$  in  $G^*$  related to the degrees of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ ?
- (c) How is the size of  $G^*$  related to information (order, size, degrees, ...) of  $G$ ?
- (d) Find a graph  $G$  such that the dual of its dual  $G^*$  is isomorphic to  $G$ , and a graph  $H$  such that the dual of its dual  $H^*$  is *not* isomorphic to  $H$ . (There are small examples of both.)

6) Prove that if a graph  $G$  is not connected, then its complement  $\overline{G}$  is connected. Provide an example of a connected graph with at least 4 nodes whose complement is also connected.

7) Let  $G' = G \setminus e$ . Prove that: (a) every independent set in  $G$  is also independent in  $G'$ ; (b) there exists some independent set in  $G'$  that is not independent in  $G$ . Are (a) and (b) still true if we replace everywhere "independent" by "maximal independent"?

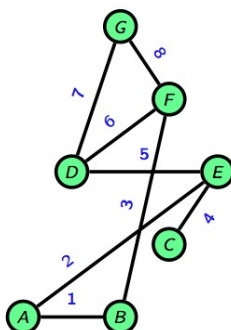


Figure 1.