

## Homework 5

**Problem 1.** Which of the following statements about graph  $G$  and  $H$  are true?

1.  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic if and only if for every map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  and for any two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , we have  $\{u, v\} \in E(G) \Leftrightarrow \{f(u), f(v)\} \in E(H)$ .
2.  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic if and only if there exists a bijection  $f : E(G) \rightarrow E(H)$ .
3. If there exists a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  such that every vertex  $u \in V(G)$  has the same degree as  $f(u)$ , then  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic.
4. If  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic, then there exists a bijection  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  such that every vertex  $u \in V(G)$  has the same degree as  $f(u)$ .
5. If  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic, then there exists a bijection  $f : E(G) \rightarrow E(H)$ .
6.  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic if and only if there exists a map  $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  such that for any two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ , we have  $\{u, v\} \in E(G) \Leftrightarrow \{f(u), f(v)\} \in E(H)$ .
7. Every graph on  $n$  vertices is isomorphic to some graph on the vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
8. Every graph on  $n \geq 1$  vertices is isomorphic to infinitely many graphs.

*Solution.*

- (1) False, not for every map, definition only require that there exist a bijective function.
- (2) False, because the number of vertices may not equal.
- (3) False, definition require edges' mapping relation.
- (4) True, isomorphic graphs must have the same degree sequence.
- (5) True, according to origin definition.
- (6) True, according to origin definition.

- (7) False, definition require edges' mapping relation.
- (8) True, we can re-define all the graphs' vertices to get a totally new isomorphic graph, so it's infinite for all the possible isomorphic graphs.

**Problem 2.** Two simple graphs  $G = (V, E)$  and  $G' = (V', E')$ . A map  $f : V \rightarrow V'$ . Now if  $f$  satisfies:

- i) It is a bijective function;
- ii)  $\{x, y\} \in E$  if and only if  $\{f(x), f(y)\} \in E'$ ;

Then we say that graph  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic to each other. We use  $G \cong G'$  to stand for the isomorphism relation.

Consider the following questions:

1.  $G = K_n$  (Recall:  $K_n$  is a clique with  $n$  vertices),  $g : V \rightarrow V'$  is a function which only satisfies requirement ii). Prove that  $G'$  must contain a subgraph which is a clique with  $n$ -vertices.
2.  $G = K_{n,m}$  (Recall:  $K_{n,m}$  is the so-called complete bipartite graphs),  $g$  is the same as in question 1. What will be the simplest  $G'$  that is related to  $G$  under the new relation.

*Solution.*

- (1) Now that we have  $n$  points and  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  edges in  $G$ . according to ii, we will know  $G'$  have  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  edges at most. So our aim can be to prove  $G'$  have  $n$  points. According to ii, we know for every point in  $G'$ , it's linked to all other points. It means, for a  $k$  - point clique in  $G'$ , it has  $E'(k) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + k - 1 = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ . Therefore,  $G'$  must have a clique with  $n$  point.
- (2) Once we define, for  $x \in V$ , there exist  $\{x, x\} \in E$ . Therefore, we have a simplest graph  $G'$  only have two separate points.

**Problem 3.** How many graphs on the vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  are isomorphic to the graph consisting of  $n$  vertex-disjoint edges (i.e. with edge set  $\{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \dots, \{2n-1, 2n\}\}$ )?

*Solution.* There is a one to one correspondence between graphs which are isomorphic to the given graph and the number of possible partitions of  $[1, 2n] = \{1, 2, 3 \dots 2n\}$  into  $n$  sets each of size 2.

To create such a partition, we can choose the first two elements in  $\binom{2n}{2}$  ways

The next two elements can be chosen in  $\binom{2n-2}{2}$  ways and so on till  $\binom{2n-(2n-2)}{2}$  is the number of ways of choosing the last pair of adjacent edges

Thus, the number of such sets is  $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n-2i}{2}$

But this also accounts for the relative order of the 2-sets themselves which is irrelevant

Thus, the correct number of partitions is

$$\frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n-2i}{2}$$

And so, we have

$$\frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n-2i}{2} = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (2n-2i-1) = (2n-1) \cdot (2n-3) \dots 1 = (2n-1)!!$$

Which can also be written as

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (2n-2i-1) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n(n)!}$$

**Problem 4.** Construct an example of a sequence of length  $n$  in which each term is some of the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and which has an even number of odd terms, and yet the sequence is not a graph score. Show why it is not a graph score.

*Solution.*

- If  $n$  is odd, we can get a sequence with  $n-1$  of 1 and 1 of 3, therefore, the sum of all vertices' degree is odd, which is impossible.

- If  $n$  is even, we can get a sequence with  $n - 2$  of 1, 2 of  $n - 2$ , therefore, 2 of  $n - 2$  can't be satisfied because there only have  $n - 2$  of 1 vertices.

**Problem 5.** Let  $G$  be a graph with 9 vertices, each of degree 5 or 6. Prove that it has at least 5 vertices of degree 6 or at least 6 vertices of degree 5.

*Solution.*

Define  $G$  a graph with  $k$  vertices of degree 6.

Then we can suppose  $k < 5$ , it means either  $k = 4$  or  $k \leq 3$ . For the former case, it implies that there exist  $9 - k = 5$  vertices of degree 5 in  $G$ , it means sum of degree is odd, which is contradictory to fundamental theory. For the latter case, it implies that  $G$  contains six or more vertices of degree 5, as original problem required.