

### Problem Set 3: Written Part

Q1) Listing vertices of a negative cycle:

We know that the Bellman-Ford algorithm detects ~~whether~~ whether there is a negative cycle but does explicitly name it.

Once the Bellman-Ford is performed (i.e. all edges have been relaxed), if can still lower the distance to a node, then a negative cycle is present. In order to find the lists of vertices in the negative cycle, we look at the predecessors of edge that lower the ~~weight~~ weight. The list of vertices in the cycle will be all the predecessors that we trace back to until we reach a node already present in the list (i.e. detect a cycle).

We know this algorithm find a negative cycle because ~~if~~ total distance between two edges can be lowered after relaxation, there has to be a negative weighted edge.

Q2) The part of the algorithm that breaks down is the assumption that when you relax find a relaxed path, this path is minimal, thus adding a number to this will keep the path minimal. ~~By~~ This assumption only holds for positive numbers and not negative numbers.



### 3) Eulerian circuits

Prove that every even graph decomposes into cycles:

Suppose  $G$  is even.

Proof by induction:

Base case:  $|E(G)| = 0$

- In this case, all vertices are isolated, thus they are decomposed into cycles.

IH: Suppose that  $\forall$  even graph for  $|E(G)| < m$ , there exists a cycle decomposition.

IS: Consider a graph  $G$  with  $|E(G)| = m$ .

If we only ~~consider~~ consider a subgraph of  $G$ ,  $H$  such that  $H$  ~~contains~~ contains all the vertices of degree non-zero. Therefore all the vertices of  $H$  have degree greater than 2.

Given that all the vertices have degree ~~at least~~ at least 2, there must exist ~~in~~ a cycle ~~in~~  $C$  in  $H$ .

If we take a subgraph  $F$  of  $H$ , such that we remove the edges present in the cycle  $C$ .

As  $F$  has  $|E(F)| < m$ , we know that it contains a cycle decomposition  $C'$  by the inductive hypothesis.

Therefore  $G$  has a cycle decomposition ~~of~~ of  $C' \cup C$ .

Thus we have ~~proved~~ proved every even graph decomposes into cycles.



Q4) Graph coloring

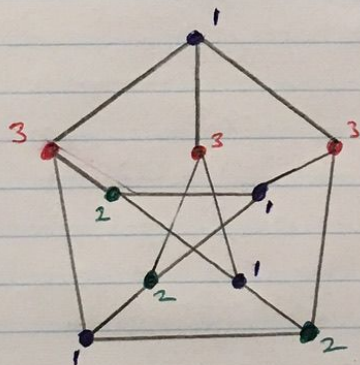
a) A complete bipartite graph is 2-colourable

Given that there are 5 independent sets, the chromatic number is 3.

(Not sure about this question)

b) The graph is not a 2-colourable as there are many vertices which are connected at and at the same depth (in a DFS tree).

The smallest possible  $k$  is 3.



Let :

Colour 1 = Blue

Colour 2 = Green

Colour 3 = Red