

Problem 1

Proof. Suppose $G = (V, E)$ is a simple connected graph which is not a tree. Then G is cyclic with a cycle C that has at least 3 edges. Observe that for $x, y \in V$, if it uses an edge of C , we can replace that edge with $C - e$ which would create a new path between x and y . More importantly deleting that edge in C does not make G disconnected. Since there is a cycle with at least 3 edges, we have

$$C = x_0, e_1, x_1, \dots, e_n, x_n = x_0$$

Let G_1, \dots, G_n be the subgraphs of G obtained by deleting e_1, \dots, e_n respectively. G_1, \dots, G_n are connected so they contain a spanning tree: T_1, \dots, T_n . But that spanning tree must also be in G since it shares the same set of vertices as G . Since $n \geq 3$, G has at least 3 spanning trees. \square

Problem 2

Proof. Suppose G has 10 connected components H_1, \dots, H_{10} each containing an Eulerian circuit. Since we want G to have an Eulerian circuit, we must make G connected. That is, for $v_i \in H_i, v_j \in H_j, i \neq j$, there must be a path between v_i and v_j . If we add such an edge $\{v_i, v_j\}$, we observe that $H_i \cup H_j$ is now a connected component of $G + \{v_j, v_i\}$. We do this until $H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_{10}$ is a connected component. So we need to add 9 edges. Let this new graph be G' . Consider the subgraph of G' , G'' which contains the 9 added edges and their incident vertices. Since G'' is connected and has 10 vertices, 10-1 edges, G'' is acyclic (by the problem). Then it has at least 2 leaves: v_0, v_p . Since these have odd degree, we must ~~have~~ add an edge $\{v_0, v_p\}$ to give them even degree. Since G'' has 2 leaves (minimum case), the other 8 vertices must have degrees summing to $18 - 2 = 16$. So each vertex has degree 2 which is even. So 10 edges are necessary to make G connected and have $\deg(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ for all $v \in G$. \square