

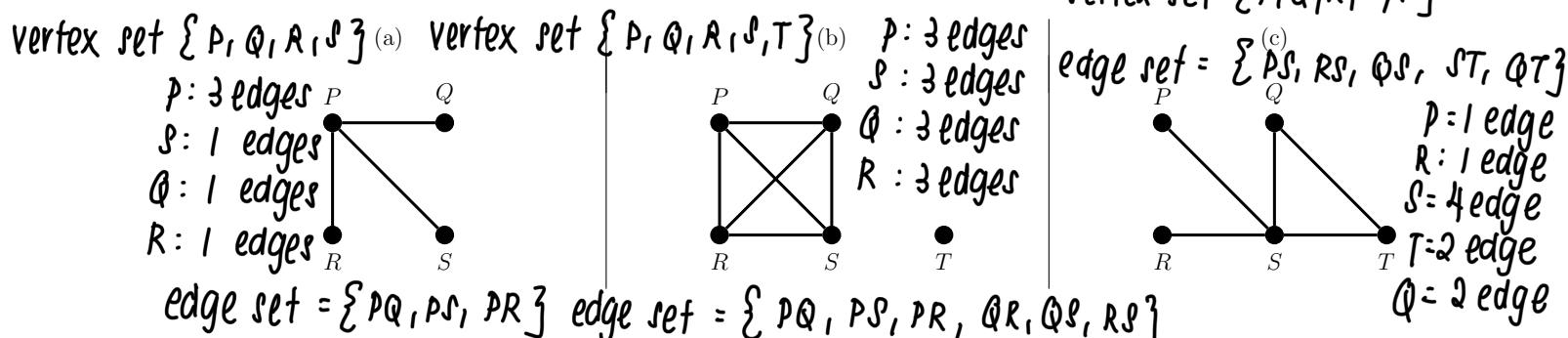
MAT1830 - Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science  
Tutorial Sheet #10 and Additional Practice Questions

### Tutorial Questions

1. Find recursive definitions for the following.

- (a) The sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  where  $a_n = 2^n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .
- (b) The sequence  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots$  where  $b_n = n^2$  for  $n \geq 0$ . (Your recurrence may involve  $n$ , but not  $n^2$ .)

2. Give the vertex sets and edge sets for the following graphs.



3. Let  $s_n$  be the number of ways (order being important) of writing  $n$  as a sum of 1s and 2s. For example  $s_4 = 5$  because 4 can be written in five ways:

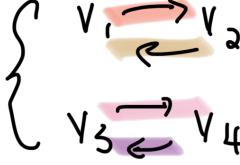
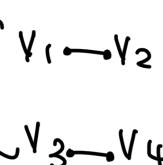
$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1, \quad 1 + 1 + 2, \quad 1 + 2 + 1, \quad 2 + 1 + 1, \quad 2 + 2.$$

Find a recurrence for  $s_n$ .

*mirror image: undirected "—"*

*disconnected graph*

4. (a) Draw the simple graph with adjacency matrix



$$M = \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & V_2 & V_3 & V_4 \\ V_1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ V_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ V_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ V_4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

"from" "to"  $4 \times 4 = 4$  vertices graph

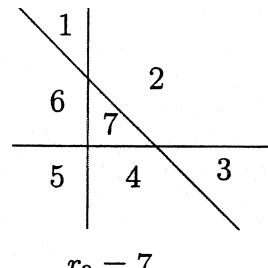
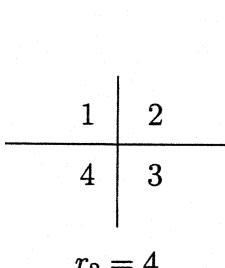
$\Rightarrow$  all 0, no loops

using  $V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4$  as the names for the vertices corresponding to columns 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively.

(b) Find the number of walks of length 3 from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  in the graph.

(c) Without any calculation show that the top row of  $M^n$  for any even  $n \geq 2$  is "1 0 0 0".

5. Let  $r_n$  be the number of regions created when the plane is divided by  $n$  straight (infinite) lines, with no two lines parallel and no three meeting in a single point. For example,

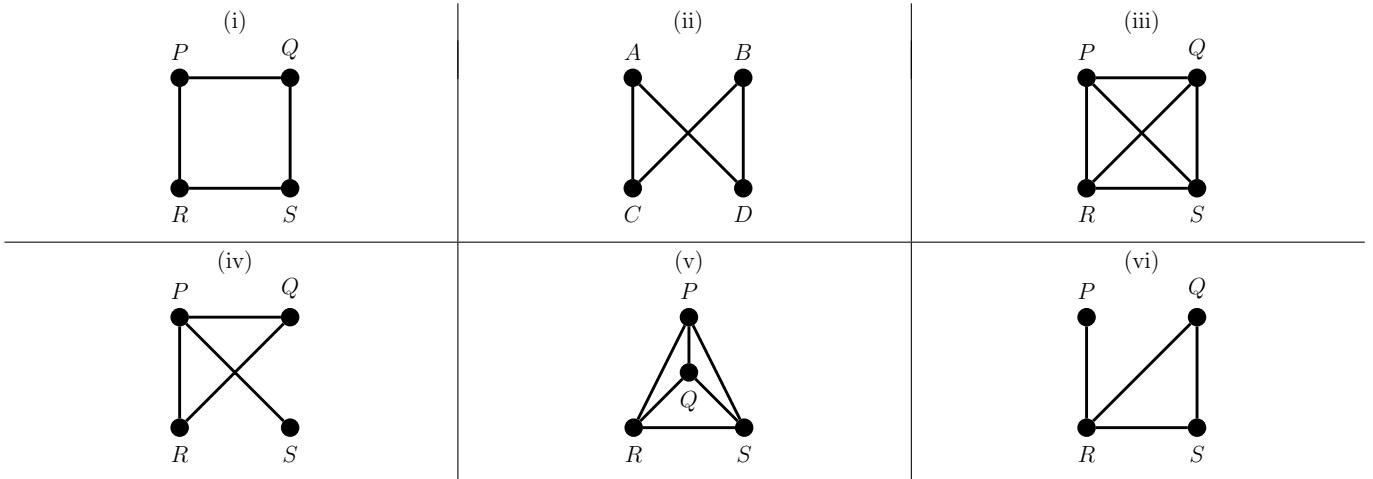


Find a recurrence for  $r_n$ .

(See over for practice questions.)

## Practice Questions

1. Two graphs are equal if they have exactly the same vertex and edge sets. They are isomorphic if we can “rename” the vertices of one graph to make it equal to the other. Which of the following graphs are equal? Which are isomorphic? How would you prove this?



2. How would you change the definition of isomorphic graphs given above to make it more formal?
3. (a) What would you do if you saw someone drive past in a car that was isomorphic to yours?  
 (b) What would you do if you saw someone drive past in a car that was equal to yours?
4. Suppose you want to network some computers together in such a way that
- each computer is directly connected to at most three others; and
  - any two computers are either directly connected or are both directly connected to some third computer.

Can you find a way to network 7 computers like this? 8? 9? 10?

(For a way to do this for 10 computers, google “Petersen graph”)

5. Let  $S(n, k)$  be the number of equivalence relations on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  with exactly  $k$  (non-empty) equivalence classes. Prove that  $S(n, k) = kS(n-1, k) + S(n-1, k-1)$  for all integers  $n$  and  $k$  such that  $n > k > 1$ .

( $S(n, k)$  are sometimes called *Stirling numbers of the second kind*.)

### 31.1 The handshaking lemma

In any graph,  
sum of degrees =  $2 \times$  number of edges.

The reason for the name is that if each edge is viewed as a handshake,



then at each vertex  $V$

$\text{degree}(V) = \text{number of hands.}$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum of degrees} \\ = \text{total number of hands} \\ = 2 \times \text{number of handshakes} \end{aligned}$$

### An important consequence

The handshaking lemma implies that in any graph the sum of degrees is even (being  $2 \times$  something). Thus it is impossible, e.g. for a graph to have degrees 1,2,3,4,5.

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## 1) Recursive definition

(a) sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots ; a_n = 2^n$  for  $n \geq 0$

$$a_n = 2^n$$

$$a_{n+1} = 2^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n}$$

$$= 2$$

HENCE,  $\underbrace{2a_{n+1}}_{\text{recursive relationship (homogeneous)}} = 2a_n$



"first order"

(b)  $b_n = n^2; n \geq 0$

$$b_{n+1} = (n+1)^2 = n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$b_{n+1} = b_n + 2n + 1$$

$$b_{n+2} = b_{n+1} + 2(n+1) + 1$$

$$b_{n+2} - b_{n+1} = b_{n+1} - b_{n+2}$$

$$b_{n+2} = 2b_{n+1} - b_{n+2}$$

$$b_{n+1} = 2b_n - b_{n-1} + 2$$

$$b_{n+2} - b_{n+1} = 2b_{n+1} - 2b_n - b_{n-1} + b_{n-1}$$

$$b_{n+2} = 3b_{n+1} - 3b_n + b_{n-1}$$

$$b_0 = 0; b_1 = 1; b_2 = 4$$

\* All versions  
are correct

3rd order



$S_n$  = number of ways to write  $n$  as sum of 1s and 2s

\* Order is important: Q: Find recurrence for  $S_n$

$n=4$

$S_4 = 1+1+1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 1+2+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 1+1+2 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2+1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2+2$

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HENCE,  $S_4 = 5$

e.g.  $n=1; S_1 = 1$

$n=2; S_2 = 1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2$

$n=3; S_3 = 1+1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 1+2$

$n=4; S_4 = 1+1+1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2+1+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 1+2+1 \quad \text{kk} \quad 1+1+2 \quad \text{kk} \quad 2+2$

HENCE,  $n=1; S_1 = 1$

$n=2; S_2 = 2$

$n=3; S_3 = 3$

$n=4; S_4 = 5$

Type 1  $\rightarrow S_{n-1}$

Type 2  $\rightarrow S_{n-2}$

$$S_n = (S_{n-1}) + (S_{n-2})$$

$S_1 = 1$

$S_2 = 2$

In the Tower of Hanoi game, you are given 3 identical vertical stands where circular disks of different sizes can be slotted onto the vertical pole of the stand.

At the start of the game, you have  $n$  disks ( all of them of different sizes ) stacked on one of the pole, smallest disk on top and largest disk at the bottom of the stack.

You are asked to ultimately "transfer" the entire stack of disks onto any of the other 2 poles, but every one move you make can only move one disk at a time, AND a larger disk must not be placed on top a smaller disk at any time.

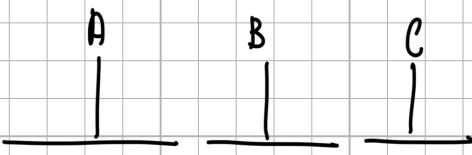
- (i) Using recursive reasoning, show that we can do the transfer for any number of disks on the original stack given us.

Work out the recursive relationship applicable to move  $n$  disks.

- (ii) Propose a closed form formula to move  $n$  disks

rules : • only small on top of big, not big on top of small

- 1 move 1 disk



move disks from A to C

$t_n$  = num of moves to shift a stack (?) of  $n$  disks

propose close form formula

$$t_{n+1} = 2t_n + 1 \Rightarrow t_1 = 1, t_2 = 2$$



$t_n$  = # of moves to shift a stack of  $n$  disks

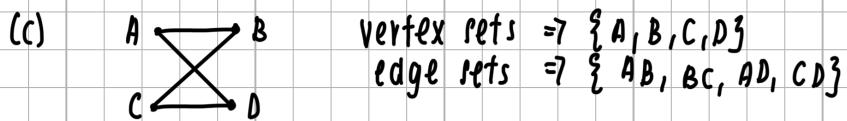
$$[t_{n+1} = 2t_n + 1, t_1 = 1]$$

$$t_n = ?$$

$n$	$t_n$
1	1
2	3
3	7
4	15

## Lecture 29 : Graphs

Question 29.1 :



HENCE, (b) and (c) are the same graphs

Question 29.2 :

(a) vertex  $\Rightarrow \{A, B, C, D\}$ ; edge  $\Rightarrow \{AB, BC, BD\}$



(b) vertex  $\Rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ ; edge  $\Rightarrow \{AB, BC, CA, DE\}$

