

Homework 5

Problem 1. Consider the graph Q_n , the n -dimensional cube for $n \geq 1$. Find $v(Q_n)$, $e(Q_n)$, $\delta(Q_n)$, and $\Delta(Q_n)$. What is the distance from \emptyset to $[n]$? And what is the number of shortest paths from \emptyset to $[n]$? What is the size of $\text{Aut}(Q_n)$?

Problem 2. Let G be a graph on n vertices ($n > 3$) with no vertex of degree $n-1$. Suppose that for any two vertices of G , there is a unique vertex adjacent to both of them.

(a) If u and v are not adjacent, prove that they have the same degree. (Hint: Construct a bijection between the two sets of neighbors.)

(b) Show that G is k -regular for some k .

(c) Express n in terms of k .

Problem 3. Let G_n be the graph with $2n$ ($n \geq 3$) vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n , where $v_1v_2\dots v_n$ form a cycle, and u_i is only adjacent to v_i for each i . Compute the chromatic polynomial for G_n .

Problem 4. Suppose G is a graph on n vertices and $G \cong \overline{G}$. Prove that (a) G is connected; (b) Either n or $n-1$ is a multiple of 4; (c) If $n = 4k+1$ for some integer k , then there is a vertex v such that $\deg(v) = 2k$.

Problem 5. Color the edges of K_n by yellow and blue. A cycle is called monochromatic if all its edges have the same color. Prove that, if there is a monochromatic cycle of length $2k+1$ for some $k > 2$, then there is also a monochromatic cycle of length $2k$.

Problem 6. Prove that there exists a constant $c > 0$ and $N > 0$, such that the number of isomorphic classes of trees on $[n]$ is at least c^n whenever $n > N$.