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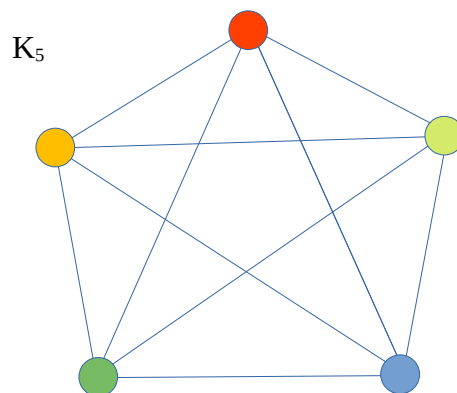
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Q1. Give an example of a graph G for which $\chi(G) = 1 + \Delta(G)$.

Ans:

Any complete graph with n vertices follows above property. It comes from the Brook's theorem.

We will consider a complete graph G with $n = 5$ vertices, then there will be $n(n-1)/2 = 10$ edges.



Here Maximum degree of a vertex is 4 (as graph is complete it is also regular meaning all vertices has same degree) and chromatic number of graph is 5.

Q2. Prove or disprove: Orthogonal equivalence among $n \times n$ matrices is equivalence relation.

Ans:

Consider a graph G and let G' be its complement. Then these two graphs (G and G') being isomorphic means in particular that we have a bijective vertex map

$f: V(G) \rightarrow V(G')$ so there are equally many edges between u and v in G as there are between $f_1(u)$ and $f_1(v)$ in G' . If now $V(G) = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ and $V(G') = \{u'_1, \dots, u'_n\}$ then there must be a permutation σ such that $f_1(u_i) = u'_{\sigma(i)}$ for each i belongs to $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Then graphs G and G' are isomorphic. This also means that adjacency matrices $A(G)$ and $A(G')$ are orthogonally equivalent with respect to any labelling of their vertices. Hence, orthogonal equivalence among $n \times n$ matrices is equivalence relation

Q3. Let G be a simple graph with vertex labeling $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$. Let k be a natural number greater than zero. Prove that the entry a_{ij}^k in $A^k(G)$ is the number of distinct walks from u_i to u_j of length k in G .

Ans:

Let G be a graph with adjacency matrix A , and vertices u_1, \dots, u_n . We proceed by induction on k to obtain the result.

Base Case:

Let $k = 1$. $A^1 = A$. $a_{ij} =$ the number of edges from u_i to $u_j =$ the number of walks of length 1 from u_i to u_j .

Inductive Step:

Assume true for k . Let b_{ij} be the ij^{th} entry of A^k , and let a_{ij} be the ij^{th} entry of A . By the inductive hypothesis b_{ij} is the number of walks of length k from u_i to u_j .

Consider the ij^{th} entry of $A^{k+1} = A * A^k = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{in}b_{nj} = \sum a_{im}b_{mj}$ (where m goes from 1 to n)

Consider $a_{i1}b_{1j} =$ number of walks of length k from u_i to u_1 times the number of walks of length 1 from u_1 to u_j
 $=$ the number of walks of length $k+1$ from u_i to u_j , where u_1 is the second vertex. This argument holds for each m , i.e. $a_{im}b_{mj}$
 $=$ number of walks from u_i to u_j in which u_m is the second vertex

So the sum is the number of all possible walks from u_i to u_j . Hence proved.

Q4. Write an algorithm to construct a graph G for which $\kappa(G) = a$, $\lambda(G) = b$ and $\delta(G) = c$, where a, b and c are integers such that $0 < a \leq b \leq c$.

Ans:

Algorithm:

Given integers k, ℓ, d with $1 \leq k \leq \ell \leq d$, here's how you can construct a graph G with $\kappa(G)=a$, $\lambda(G)=b$, and $\delta(G)=c$.

Take five disjoint sets V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5 with $|V_1| = 1$, $|V_2| = c$, $|V_3| = b$, $|V_4| = a$, $|V_5| = c$, and take a surjection $f: V_3 \rightarrow V_4$.

The vertex set of G is $V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3 \cup V_4 \cup V_5$.

For the edge set of G take all edges xy where $\{x, y\} \subseteq V_1 \cup V_2$ or $\{x, y\} \subseteq V_2 \cup V_3$ or $\{x, y\} \subseteq V_4 \cup V_5$, and all edges xy where $x \in V_3$ and $y = f(x) \in V_4$.

We get a graph G with above mentioned constraints, such that G can be disconnected by removing either the a -vertices in V_4 or the b -edges between V_3 and V_4 , and that the vertex in V_1 has degree c .