

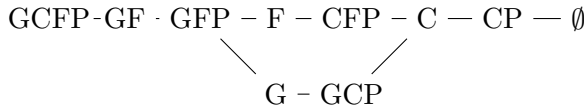
Math 443 Homework 1

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Question 1a. Yes, G is bipartite. The two components are the set of vertices containing P and those that don't. This is because the person is always on the paddleboard, so you can't go between two configurations that do or don't have the person on one side.

Question 1b.



Question c. Yes.

Question 1d. The solution will look like a path from with one endpoint $\{G, C, F, P\}$ and the other endpoint \emptyset . This path represents a sequence of paddleboard trips to solve the problem.

Question 1e. From the graph in part b, there are two possible solutions:

$$\text{GCFP} \rightarrow \text{GF} \rightarrow \text{GFP} \rightarrow \text{F} \rightarrow \text{CFP} \rightarrow \text{C} \rightarrow \text{CP} \rightarrow \emptyset$$

and

$$\text{GCFP} \rightarrow \text{GF} \rightarrow \text{GFP} \rightarrow \text{G} \rightarrow \text{GCP} \rightarrow \text{C} \rightarrow \text{CP} \rightarrow \emptyset.$$

Question 2a. The statement is false. A counterexample is $i = 5, j = 8$. Then as shown in the given sub graph, $v_i = v_5$ is created on the 4th iteration whereas $v_j = v_8$ was created on the 3rd iteration.

Question 2b. The statement is true. The second part is easy: since i is even it can be represented by $i = 2j$, so $\frac{3i+1}{2} = 3j + \frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{N}$, whereas each vertex is labeled with a natural number. Thus it is impossible that v_i is adjacent to $v_{(3i+1)/2}$.

For the first part, note that v_i must have preceding neighbor that generated it (or else it would be either v_1 or not be in the graph, and 1 isn't even). There are only two ways to generate subsequent vertices as described in the problem statement. It will be shown that the second method of generating vertices will never generate even vertices, so the preceding neighbor of v_i is $v_{\frac{i}{2}}$. Let $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, m = 3n + 2$, then $\frac{2i-1}{3} = \frac{6n+3}{3} = 2n + 1$, which is odd. Thus it can't be that v_i was generated this way, so it must have been generated by the first method which implies that v_i is adjacent to $v_{i/2}$. \square

Question 2c. The statement is true. We will use proof by contradiction, so suppose that v_i is created twice in the graph. Note that both methods of generating new vertices are reversible, i.e. if $v_i \in G, i \neq 1$ then either $v_{\frac{3i+1}{2}} \in G$ or $v_{\frac{i}{2}} \in G$. Since we assume v_i is created twice, it must be that $v_{\frac{3i+1}{2}} \in G$ and $v_{\frac{i}{2}} \in G$.

Since all vertices in G are indexed by natural numbers as mentioned above, $v_{\frac{i}{2}} \in G \implies i = 2j, j \in \mathbb{N}$. Using our results from part b, this means that v_i is not adjacent to $v_{\frac{3i+1}{2}}$, which contradicts the fact that it must be to have fulfilled our original hypothesis. Thus our assumption must have been wrong and v_i isn't generated twice. \square

Question 2d. The statement is true. Again we will use proof by contradiction, so suppose that there exists a finite cycle C in G . Let v_i be a youngest vertex in C , i.e. a vertex that is generated after or in the same iteration as every other vertex in C . Since C is a cycle every vertex within it has exactly two neighbors also in C . By part c of this question v_i has only one preceding neighbor, so v_i must generate at least one vertex below it that is in C (more specifically either $v_{2i} \in C$ or $v_{\frac{2i-1}{3}} \in C$). However this contradicts our assumption that v_i is a youngest vertex in C , since we've just generated an newer one, so our assumption that cycle exists must be incorrect and there are no cycles in G . \square

Question 2e. $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, v_i \in G$.

Question 3. The statement is false, for example consider the graph G with vertex set $V = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and edge set $E = \emptyset$. Let $H \subset G$ have vertex set $\{v_1\}$ and edge set \emptyset . Then $V(H) \neq V(G)$ so H is proper, but $|E(H)| = |E(G)| = 0$ so the definition isn't equivalent.

Question 4.

One vertex:



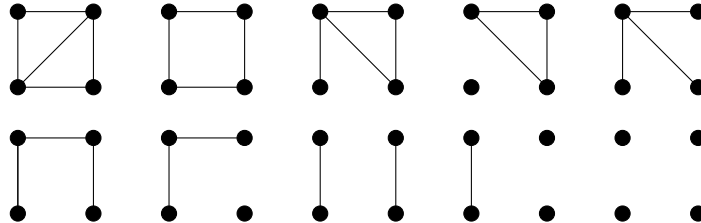
Two vertices:



Three vertices:



Four vertices:



Question 5a. The statement is true. Note that $|G| \geq 3$ and u, v fulfill the requirements for the theorem stated at the beginning of the question, so G is connected by this theorem (i.e. the statement to be proved is strictly weaker than the theorem proved in class). \square

Question 5b. The statement is false. Let G be a graph with vertex set $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ and edge set $\{\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}\}$. Then letting $u = v_1$ and $v = v_4$ work for u, v , but w must then be either v_2 or v_3 which separates either v_1 or v_4 from the rest of the graph, so it won't be connected.

Question 6. The statement is true. The proof will be constructive, so let G be a graph with a shortest cycle $C = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{|C|}\}$ of length $\|C\| = g(G)$ and we will find two vertices of sufficient distance. Let v_i be an arbitrary vertex of C , and $v_j \in C$ be a vertex in C such that $j \equiv 2i \pmod{\|C\|}$. Consider the paths $P_1 = \|v_i v_{i+1} \dots v_{j-1} v_j\|$ and $P_2 = \|v_j v_{j+1} \dots v_{i-1} v_i\|$. $P_1 P_2 = C$ so they are related by $\|P_1\| + \|P_2\| = \|C\| \implies \|P_1\| \geq \frac{\|C\|-1}{2}$ and $\|P_2\| \geq \frac{\|C\|-1}{2}$. Without loss of generality assume that $\|P_1\| \leq \|P_2\|$.

Note that it must be that P_1 is a shortest path between v_i and v_j . To see why, assume that it wasn't, i.e. assume there exists a path P' with endpoints v_i, v_j with $\|P_1\| > \|P'\|$ ($P' \neq P_2$ since $\|P_1\| \leq \|P_2\|$). Then the walk $P'P_2$ is a closed walk, and theorem 1.6 tells us that there exists a cycle C' s.t. $\|C'\| \leq \|P'P_2\| < \|P_1P_2\| = \|C\|$. However by assumption C was the smallest cycle in G , so therefore P_1 must have been the shortest path between $v_i v_j$. Thus the distance between v_i, v_j is $\|P_1\| \geq \frac{\|C\|-1}{2}$, so the diameter G is at least $\text{diam}(G) \geq \frac{\|C\|-1}{2} \implies g(G) \leq 2\text{diam}(G) + 1$, so we're done. \square

Question 7a. Let $P' = P - \{a, b\}$ and $Q' = Q - \{a, b\}$. Then $V(P') \cap V(Q') = \emptyset$, and consider the walk $w = aP'bQ'a$. w is closed since it starts and ends on the same vertex, and note that it contains no repeated vertices since $V(P') \cap V(Q') = \emptyset$. Thus w is in fact a cycle, and has order $1 + |P'| + 1 + |Q'| = 2 + |P| - 2 + |Q'| \geq |P|$. The length of a cycle is its order, so we're done. \square

Question 7b. If $\|C\| > \sqrt{k}$ then we're done since we can just choose C as our cycle, so assume that $\|C\| < \sqrt{k}$. Consider the following method of generating subpaths of P : start by letting v_i to be the first vertex in P s.t. $v_i \in V(C)$ (this is always possible since $v_k \in V(C)$), so $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_i \dots v_k$, and let $P' = v_1 v_2 \dots v_{i-1} v_i$ and $P'' = v_i v_{i+1} \dots v_{k-1} \dots v_k$. Repeat this process except with P'' as P , this is guaranteed to terminate since P has finite length and each iteration reduces the length of the remaining path. Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n to be the list of P' generated this way in order. Because this process repeatedly splits P into subpaths, $P_1 P_2 \dots P_n = P$.

Since there are no repeated vertices in P since it's a path and each P_i contains a new vertex from C not contained in P_j for all $j < i$, $n \leq |C| = \|C\| < \sqrt{k}$. We also know that $\|P\| = \|P_1\| + \|P_2\| + \dots + \|P_n\| = \|P\| = k$ because each P_i was generated by splitting P into subpaths. Since we have n paths to divide a total length of k , at least one path $P^* \in \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$ must have length $\|P^*\| \geq \frac{k}{n} > \frac{k}{\sqrt{k}} = \sqrt{k}$. The endpoints of $P^* = a \dots b$ are on a cycle, so there exists a path Q from a to b s.t. $Q \subset C$. By construction $P^* \cap Q = \{a, b\}$, so applying what was proven in part a we can conclude there exists a cycle C' in G of length at least

$$\|C'\| \geq |P^*| > \sqrt{k}. \quad \square$$

Question 8. Consider a longest path $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$ in G . The neighbors of v_1 must be in P , or else it wouldn't be a longest path since you could append them to P to make a longer one. Since $\delta(G) \geq 3$, there are at least 3 neighbors, $v_2, v_i, v_j \in P$. WLOG assume $i < j$. Now consider the cycle $C = v_1 v_2 \dots v_i \dots v_j v_1$ and the edge $e = v_1 v_i$. e added to C forms a chorded cycle, so we're done. \square