

1. If we consider the spanning tree T of the graph G defined with vertices being towns and edges being whether or not it is possible to fly between the two towns. We know that T has 100 vertices, and since it is a tree, it has 99 edges. If we double all edges of T , this new graph T' will have 198 edges, and also every vertex in T' will have even degree since doubling every edge in T would double the degree of each vertex. Therefore T' is eulerian. An eulerian path of T' corresponds to a flight around the country visiting all the towns in 198 flights since every vertex must be visited in an eulerian path of a connected graph and there are exactly 198 edges in a eulerian path of T' and we know every edge and vertex of T' is contained in G . Therefore there is always such a trip with exactly 198 flights.

2. We can consider a spanning tree of G , T . We know that T has a leaf v . Removing v from G would yield a connected graph G' . The reason being that T with v removed is still a tree T' (since T being a tree $\Leftrightarrow |V(T)| = |E(T)| + 1$ and removing v removes 1 from both $|V(T)|$ and $|E(T)|$ so the equality still holds for the resulting graph). And T' is a spanning tree of G' since all vertices in G are present in T' and vice-versa. Therefore since G' has a spanning tree, it is connected.

3.

- a. If $(7, 8) \notin E$ then there are 6 vertices with degree 1 that will accept 6 edges total, but 7 and 8 must pair up with 8 edges total which cannot happen
Therefore $(7, 8) \in E$. There are 6 vertices left with degree 1, and 6 edges that must come from 7 and 8. If any of these degree 1 vertices paired up then we would have the problem that 7 and 8 need to pair up with 3 vertices each (for a total of 6 edges), but there are only 4 vertices that will accept 4 edges total.
Therefore each of these degree 1 vertices must share an edge with either 7 or 8. There are $\binom{6}{3}$ ways to choose this.
- b. We know that the number of odd degree vertices must be even. For all the possible graphs with 8 vertices of degree 1, we know that none of them are connected since a connected graph must have a spanning tree which would mean the number of edges \geq number of vertices -1 , but number of edges $= \frac{1}{2} \sum \text{degrees} = 4 < \text{number of vertices} - 1$. Part a counts the number with 6 vertices of degree 1, however we must account relabeling vertices so we multiply by $\binom{8}{2}$. And the graphs with number of 4 degree vertices ≥ 4 are not trees, the reason being is that number of edges $= \frac{1}{2} \sum \text{degrees} \geq \frac{1}{2}(4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1) = 10 > \text{the number of vertices}$, and trees must have the property that number of vertices = number of edges + 1.
So the total number of trees is

$$\binom{6}{3} \binom{8}{2}$$

4. We can count the number of spanning trees of the K_{n-1} subgraph, and then attach the n th vertex with an edge to one of the vertices of this spanning tree. The resulting graph would be a spanning tree of K_n with n as a leaf. There are $n-1$ ways to attach n since there are $n-1$ vertices with which n can attach. These methods of coming up with such spanning trees account for all spanning trees of K_n with n as a leaf since for any spanning tree of K_n with n as a leaf, we can remove n to have a spanning tree of K_{n-1} , and so the method of adding n back to this spanning tree of K_{n-1} along with the edge that was removed will yield the original spanning tree. We also know that the images of these mappings don't intersect since the vertex n is attached is unique to each mapping. From Cayley's formula we have $(n-1)^{n-2}$ spanning trees of K_{n-1} , and there are $n-1$ of these mappings, there are

$$(n-1)(n-1)^{n-2} = (n-1)^{n-1}$$

total spanning trees with n as a leaf.

5. We can consider the connected component of 1. If the connected component has k vertices, there are $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ ways to choose these other vertices. Of these vertices, by Cayley's formula there are k^{k-2} possible trees of this connected component. The other connected component has the rest of vertices, so there are $(n-k)^{n-k-2}$ possible trees of this connected component. Therefore for a forest with two connected components with the connected component of 1 having size k we have, $\binom{n-1}{k-1} k^{k-2} (n-k)^{n-k-2}$ possible forests. To get all possible forests with two connected components, we can sum k from 1 to $n-1$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k-1} k^{k-2} (n-k)^{n-k-2}$$

6. Every pair $\{i, j\} \subset V$ appears as an edge in the same number of trees. The reason for this is because for any pair i, j there was nothing special about i or j and we can simply relabel the vertices to have any vertex pair take the places of i, j and recount the trees in the same way. We can let the number of times any of these pairs of vertices show up as an edge in a tree be k . We know that the total number of trees is n^{n-2} . Each of these trees has $n-1$ edges, and so there are $(n-1)n^{n-2}$ total edges of these trees. We know that the total number of edges of these trees must equal the total number of times each pair shows up as an edge in a tree multiplied by the total number of pairs. We know the number of pairs is $\binom{n}{2}$ and total number of times a pair shows up is k . So we have

$$\binom{n}{2} k = (n-1)n^{n-2}$$

$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} k = (n-1)n^{n-2}$, so $k = 2n^{n-3}$. And k is the number of times $(1, 2)$ shows up as an edge in a tree