

# MATH 222 Assignment 1

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1. Let  $n_2$  and  $n_3$  be the number of vertices in  $G$  of degree 2 and 3 respectively.

We know that the sum of the degrees of all vertices is twice the number of edges so:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) &= 2|E| \\ 5 \cdot 11 + 4 \cdot 14 + 3n_3 + 2n_2 &= 2 \cdot 78 \\ 3n_3 + 2n_2 &= 45\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

We can also sum the total number of vertices:

$$\begin{aligned}11 + 14 + n_3 + n_2 &= 45 \\ n_2 &= 20 - n_3\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Using (1) and (2) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}3n_3 + 2(20 - n_3) &= 45 \\ n_3 &= 5\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  There are 5 vertices in  $G$  with degree 3.

2. Since  $K_n$  is a complete graph, all vertices are adjacent to all other vertices so a path of length  $p$  is isomorphic to any order  $p$  subgraph of  $K_n$ , provided  $n \geq p$ .  
Since there are  $\binom{n}{p}$  order  $p$  sub-graphs of  $K_n$ , there will be  $\binom{7}{4} = 35$  sub-graphs of  $K_7$  that are isomorphic to  $P_4$ .

3. Assume the graph  $G$  is not connected.

Therefore there is at least 2 distinct connected subgraphs  $G_1, G_2$  of order  $n_1, n_2$ .

It follows that  $\forall v \in G_1, \deg(v) \leq n_1 - 1$  and  $\forall v \in G_2, \deg(v) \leq n_2 - 1$ .

If we choose vertices  $x \in G_1$  and  $y \in G_2$  then:

$$\begin{aligned}\deg(x) + \deg(y) &\geq 17 \\ n_1 - 1 + n_2 - 1 &\geq 17 \\ n_1 + n_2 - 2 &\geq 17 \\ 18 - 2 &\geq 17 \\ 16 &\geq 17\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

But  $16 \leq 17$ , so (3) is a contradiction.

$\therefore G$  must be connected.

4. a) Trivially for  $v = \{1\}$  the only  $u$  s.t.  $v \cup u = S$  is the complete set  $S$  and  $S \setminus \{1\}$ .

$$\therefore \deg(\{1\}) = 2$$

- b) More generally for  $v$  a subset of  $S$ ,  $v$  is adjacent to all  $u = S \setminus w$   $\forall w \subseteq S$ .

Therefore  $v$  is adjacent to  $2^{|v|}$  vertices when  $v \neq S$  and  $2^{|v|} - 1$  vertices when  $v = S$ . This is to stop the self loop on  $v$  when  $v = S$  so that  $G$  remains a graph.

$$\therefore \deg(\{1, 2\}) = 2^2 = 4$$

- c) Since:

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E| \quad (4)$$

And because there are  $\binom{|S|}{i}$  with the same degree  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $i \leq |S|$ :

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{|S|-1} \binom{|S|}{i} \cdot 2^i \right) + 2^{|v|} - 1 \quad (5)$$

Using (4) and (5):

$$1 + 12 + 60 + 160 + 240 + 192 + 63 = 2|E|$$

$$|E| = 364$$

5. a) A bipartite graph  $G$  on 5 vertices must have one partition that contains 3 vertices that are not adjacent.

Since the 3 vertices on that partition are not adjacent,  $\overline{G}$  will have those 3 vertices be all adjacent.

Since these 3 vertices are adjacent in  $\overline{G}$ , for  $\overline{G}$  to be bipartite, 2 of these vertices will be in the same partition, but since all 3 are adjacent, there will be an edge within the partition.

$\therefore$  There cannot be a graph  $G$  on 5 vertices s.t.  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$  are both bipartite.

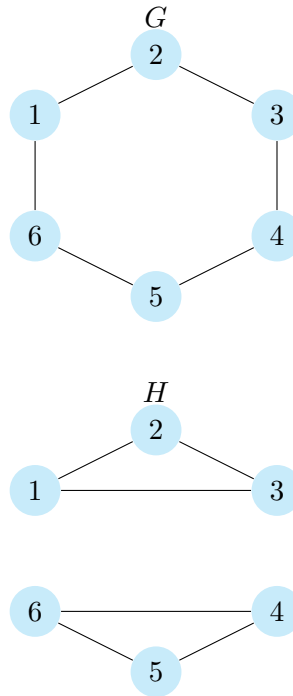
- b) Because the complement of  $G$  contains all edges in  $K_n$  that are not in  $E(G)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |E(G)| &= \frac{|E(K_n)|}{2} \\ |E(G)| &= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since  $|E(G)|$  must be an integer, from (6) we can see that  $n(n-1)$  must be divisible by 4.

It can easily be seen that this is only possible when either  $n = 4k$  or  $n - 1 = 4k \iff n = 4k + 1$  for some positive integer  $k$ .

6. As  $G$  is a connected graph, and  $H$  is not,  $G$  and  $H$  cannot be isomorphic.



$\therefore$  If  $G$  and  $H$  have the same number of vertices and the same number of edges and both are 2-regular,  $G$  and  $H$  are not necessarily isomorphic.

7. Lets assume that  $G$  does not have a cycle. Therefore we can start a path from any vertex and never repeat a vertex without repeating an edge.

Because every vertex has a degree greater than 2, and  $G$  does not have any cycles, there will always be an un-traversed edge to a new vertex at every vertex in the path.

This implies that the  $G$  must be infinite.// Since  $G$  is a graph and we consider graphs to be finite,  $G$  must contain a cycle if every vertex of  $G$  has degree of at least 2.

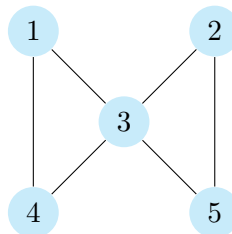
8. a) Since  $K_{m,n}$  is bipartite, for it to have a Hamiltonian cycle each vertex in the cycle must take a path to a node in the other partition before returning to the original vertex in the starting partition. It is clear that this requires that  $m = n$  for this to occur because if  $m \neq n$  the not all vertices could be in the cycle.

Since  $K_{m,n}$  has an Euler circuit, we know that every vertex has even degree.

For this to be true both  $m$  and  $n$  must be even as all vertices in  $K_{m,n}$  will have either degree  $m$  or  $n$ .

$\therefore$  If  $K_{m,n}$  has both a Euler circuit and a Hamilton cycle, then  $m = n$  and  $n$  is even.

- b) As we can draw a graph that contains a Euler circuit but not a Hamiltonian cycle, the proposition is disproven.



- c) The proposition is false as shown in (a),  $K_{3,3}$  has a Hamiltonian cycle but no Euler circuit because  $m = n$ , but  $n$  is not even.