

1. {6 marks} Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph with bipartition  $(A, B)$ .

(a) {2 marks} Prove that

$$\sum_{v \in A} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in B} \deg(v).$$

For each edge in bipartite graph, one end is in  $A$ , and the other is in  $B$ . Thus the number of edge is equal to  $\sum_{v \in A} \deg(v)$  and  $\sum_{v \in B} \deg(v)$ . Thus,  $\sum_{v \in A} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in B} \deg(v)$ .

- (b) {2 marks} Let  $a, b$  be the number of odd-degree vertices in  $A, B$  respectively. Prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{2}$ .

From the corollary, we know "The number of vertices in a graph is even." So the sum of  $a+b$  must be even. of odd degree.

Thus both of  $a$  and  $b$  should be either odd or even. The difference between two different odd/even integers is the multiple of 2, thus  $a \equiv b \pmod{2}$ .

- (c) {2 marks} Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer. Prove that if  $G$  is  $k$ -regular, then  $|A| = |B|$ .

From (a), we know that  $\sum_{v \in A} \deg(v) = \sum_{v \in B} \deg(v)$ .

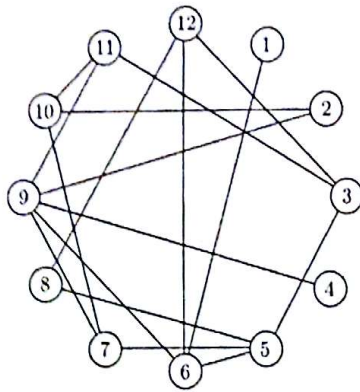
Since  $G$  is  $k$ -regular,  $\deg(v) = k \quad v \in A, \deg(u) = k \quad u \in B$ .

Thus 
$$\sum_{v \in A} k = \sum_{v \in B} k$$

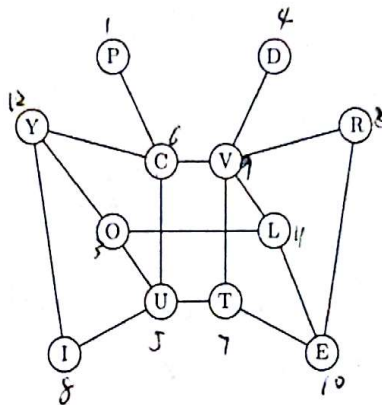
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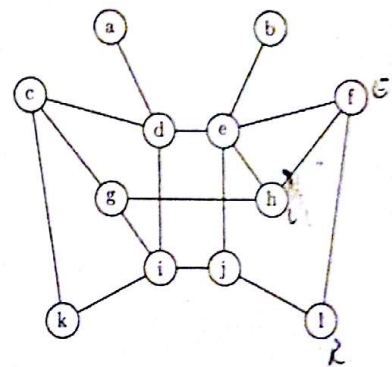
2. {6 marks} Consider the following three graphs.



Graph G



Graph H



Graph J

(a) {3 marks} Graphs G and H are isomorphic. Provide an isomorphism. (You do not need to prove that your mapping is an isomorphism.)

Thus G and H are isomorphic

$f(1) = P$   
 $f(2) = R$   
 $f(3) = D$   
 $f(4) = V$   
 $f(5) = U$   
 $f(6) = C$   
 $f(7) = T$   
 $f(8) = I$   
 $f(9) = Y$   
 $f(10) = E$   
 $f(11) = L$   
 $f(12) = O$

(b) {3 marks} Graphs H and J are not isomorphic. Explain why.

The difference between H and J is that  $\{L, E\}$  is deleted and  $\{I, R\}$  is added in H in order to get J

Thus  $\deg(E) = 3$   
 $\deg(R) = 2$   
 $\deg(f) = 3$   
 $\deg(I) = 2$

And we assume  $g(E) = f$ ,  $g(R) = i$ ,  $g(U) = e$ ,  $g(T) = j$  ... (just switch E and R, other vertices keep the same)

For e which is adjacent to f,  $\deg(e) = 5$  is different to  $\deg(T) = 3$

For j which is adjacent to i,  $\deg(j) = 3$  is different to  $\deg(U) = 5$

Thus, H and J are not isomorphic.



3. {4 marks} Prove that any graph with at least 2 vertices contains two vertices of the same degree. (Hint: Prove by contradiction.)

The possible degrees in a graph with  $n$  vertices are  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , and no graph with  $n$  vertices can contain both  $0$  degree and  $n-1$  degrees, so in each case there are only  $n-1$  possible degrees for  $n$  vertices. Thus, any graph with at least 2 vertices contains two vertices of the same degree.



4. {5 marks} Let  $G$  be a graph where the degrees of the vertices are either 1 or 3.

- (a) {2 marks} Prove that  $G$  has even number of vertices.

Handshaking Lemma:  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2|E(G)|$

$2|E(G)|$  is an even number and the degrees of the vertices are odd, thus the number of vertices is even.

- (b) {3 marks} Prove that if the number of vertices is equal to the number of edges in  $G$ , then the number of vertices of degree 1 is equal to the number of vertices of degree 3 in  $G$ .

Assume  $|V(G)| = |E(G)|$

According to the corollary, the average degree of a vertex in graph  $G$  is  $\frac{2|E(G)|}{|V(G)|} = 2$

$x$  vertices' degree is 1  
 $y$  vertices' degrees are 3.

$$x + 3y = 2(x + y)$$

$$x = y$$

Thus, the number of vertices of degree 1 is equal to that of degree 3 in  $G$ .

