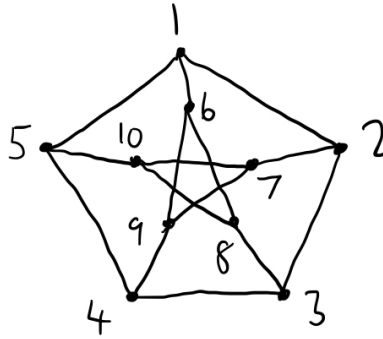


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Graph Theory Homework #5

5.1)



(i) $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10$

(ii) $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 8$

(iii) $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1$

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1$

$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1$

$1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1$

(iv) $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 5\}, \{1, 6\}\}$

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$\{\{1, 6\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 7\}, \{4, 5\}, \{5, 10\}\}$

5.2)

(i) 3

(ii) 4

(iii) 8

(iv) 3

(v) 4

(vi) 5

(vii) 5

5.3)

Lemma: If there is an odd length closed walk in a graph, then there is an odd length closed cycle.

Proof:

We will perform induction on the number of edges k of the odd length closed walk.

The base case $k = 1$, when the closed walk is a loop, holds trivially.

Assume that, for some positive integer $r > 1$, the lemma is true for all odd numbers $k \leq 2r - 1$.

Let $W = w_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_{2r+1} \rightarrow w_1$ be a closed walk of $2r + 1$ edges.

If there exists two identical vertices $w_i = w_j$ for $1 < i < j \leq 2r + 1$, then W can be written as $w_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_i \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_j \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_1$.

Thus, we now have two closed walks $W_1 = w_i \rightarrow w_{i+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_j$ and $W_2 = w_j \rightarrow w_{j+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w_i$.

The summation of the length of W_1 and W_2 is equal to the length of W . Since W is of odd length, one of W_1 or W_2 must be of odd length $\leq 2r - 1$.

By our assumption, there must be an odd cycle in W_1 or W_2 , and thus in W .

Proof of converse of Theorem 5.1:

Let G be an arbitrary graph whose cycles are all of even length.

Assume without loss of generality that G is connected. (If G was disconnected, then we would just perform the procedure described below for each connected component of G)

Choose an arbitrary vertex of G , which we will call v_0 .

Partition the set of vertices of G , V , into two sets A and B defined by the following:

$A = \{v \in V : \text{the shortest path from } v_0 \text{ to } v \text{ is even in length}\}$

$B = \{v \in V : \text{the shortest path from } v_0 \text{ to } v \text{ is odd in length}\}$

We must show that there are no edges between any two vertices in A or B .

Suppose for contradiction that there exists an edge $\{x, y\} \in E$ such that $x, y \in A$ or $x, y \in B$.

Then, we can construct the closed walk $v_0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x \rightarrow y \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_0$, which is of odd length.

By the lemma, G contains an odd cycle, which is a contradiction.

Therefore, G is a bipartite graph between A and B .

5.5)

(i) $\kappa(G) = 2, \lambda(G) = 2$

(ii) $\kappa(G) = 3, \lambda(G) = 3$

(iii) $\kappa(G) = 4, \lambda(G) = 4$

(iv) $\kappa(G) = 4, \lambda(G) = 4$

5.7)

(i) $\implies$ direction:

We will prove this using induction on the length of the shortest walk between two arbitrary vertices u, v in the graph.

Base case:

Let u, v be adjacent vertices.

Let z be any vertex in G distinct from u and v .

Since G is 2-connected, the removal of u or v does not disconnect G .

So, there exists a path from v to z that does not use u , which we will call P_1 , and a path from z to u that does not use v , which we will call P_2 .

So, the cycle containing u, v consists of $u \rightarrow v \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_2$.

Inductive step:

Assume that the proposition is true for all pairs of vertices with distance less than or equal to k , where $k \geq 1$.

Let the distance between u and v , $d(u, v)$ be $k + 1$.

Let w be the vertex adjacent to v on the shortest path from u to v .

Since $d(u, w) = k$, there is a cycle containing u and w , which consists of two paths, one from u to w , which we will call P_1 , and a path from w to u , which we will call P_2 .

Since G is 2-connected, there is a path from u to v that does not contain w , which we will call P_3 .

If P_3 shares vertices with P_1 or P_2 (assume without loss of generality that it is P_1) let z be the shared vertex closest to v . Then, the cycle containing u and v consists of: the portion of P_1 that goes from u to $z \rightarrow$ the portion of P_3 that goes from z to $v \rightarrow w \rightarrow P_2$.

If P_3 does not share vertices with P_1 and does not share vertices with P_2 , then the cycle containing u and v consists of: $P_3 \rightarrow w \rightarrow P_2$.

In both cases, we were able to construct a cycle containing u and v .

$\Leftarrow$ direction:

If every pair of vertices u, v is in a cycle $u \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow u$, with w being some other vertex, if w is removed, the path $v \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow u$ still exists, since the cycle is a path which does not repeat vertices.

So, the removal of any one vertex does not disconnect G .

So, G is 2-connected.

- (ii) A graph is 2-edge-connected if and only if each pair of edges is contained in a closed trail.

5.8)

$$(i) \ A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{ij}^2 = A_{i1}A_{1j} + \cdots + A_{in}A_{nj}$$

The k th term of this summation is equal to the number of walks of length 2 from v_i to v_j via v_k . So, A_{ij}^2 is equal to the number of 2-length walks from v_i to v_j .

(ii) A_{ii}^2 = the number of 2-length walks from v_i to v_i . In other words, this is counting the number of edges incident to v_i or the degree of v_i . So, $\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}^2$ = the sum of the degrees of the vertices = $2m$

(iii) $A_{ij}^3 = A_{i1}^2 A_{1j} + \cdots + A_{in}^2 A_{nj}$

The k th term of this summation is equal to the number of 3-length walks from v_i to v_j , via a 2-length walk from v_i to v_k then crossing the edge between v_k and v_j .

So, the entire sum is the number of 3-length walks from v_i to v_j .

$A_{ii}^3 = 2 \cdot \#$ of 3-length walks from v_i to v_i (i.e. triangles with v_i) in them. There is a factor of 2 because both directions of the triangle are counted. For example, $v_i \rightarrow v_j \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow v_i$ and $v_i \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow v_j \rightarrow v_i$ are both counted, for some i, j, k .

$\sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}^3 = 6t$. The factor of 6 is there because each triangle is counted 3 times for each vertex in the triangle, and for each of those times, it is counted twice for both directions.

5.9)

(i) Let the shortest path from v to w be $v \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow z \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow w$, where z is some vertex distinct from v and w .

Call the fragment of the path we just described from v to z P and the fragment from z to w Q .

The sum of the lengths of P and Q is $d(v, w)$.

We claim that P and Q are the shortest paths from v to z and z to w , respectively.

Suppose for contradiction that P is not the shortest path from v to z . Call the shortest path from v to z R . Then, the path $R \rightarrow Q$ is a shorter path from v to w . This is a contradiction, so P must be the shortest path from v to z .

We can use a similar proof to show the same for Q .

So, $d(v, z) + d(z, w) = d(v, w)$.

(ii) Choose an arbitrary vertex x . Since the Petersen graph is regular of degree 3, x has 3 neighbors, call them u, v, w . Since the Petersen-graph is 3-regular, u, v, w each have exactly 2 other neighbors besides x . Since the Petersen graph has no triangles, none of the vertices in $\{u, v, w\}$ are adjacent to each other. So, the six other neighbors are distinct from x, u, v, w .

$|\{x\}| \cup |\{u, v, w\}| \cup |\{\text{six other neighbors}\}| = 1 + 3 + 6 = 10$.

The Petersen graph has 10 vertices, so all vertices are exhausted.

Every vertex distinct from x is either one of its neighbors (distance 1) or one of the six vertices at distance 2 from x .

So, for every pair of vertices in the Petersen graph v, w , $d(v, w) = 1$ or 2