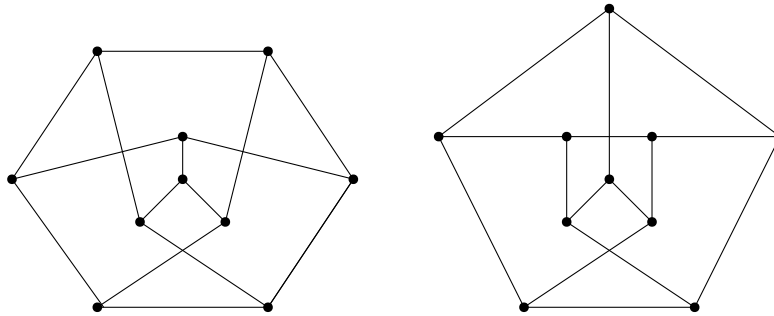


Problem 1. *Decide whether the graphs in pictures are isomorphic.*



Solution. Yes, these are 2 representations of the Petersen graph. \square

Problem 2. *Decide whether sequences $(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5)$ and $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6)$ are degree sequences of a simple graph and try to construct the graph.*

Solution. Start with the vertex of largest degree and join it with the vertices of the next largest degree. (If the largest degree is D , then we join that point with the “next” D vertices.) Repeat this procedure for the shorter degree sequence. If we arrive at the all-zero degree sequence, then the algorithm produces a simple graph with the given degree sequence. If we cannot continue without loops or multiple edges (e.g. because we get $(0, 0, 2, 0, 0, \dots)$ or $(0, 2, 2, 0, \dots)$), then there is no simple graph with the given degree sequence. \square

Problem 3. *For a graph G , we say that a map $f : V(G) \rightarrow V(G)$ is an automorphism if it's a graph isomorphism. Find a nontrivial graph whose only automorphism is the identity map and prove that it is such.*

Problem 4. *Let G, H, I be three graphs and $g : G \rightarrow H$, $f : H \rightarrow I$ isomorphisms. Prove that $f \circ g : G \rightarrow I$ is an isomorphism as well.*

Solution. Let $\{u, v\} \in E(G)$, then $\{g(u), g(v)\} \in E(H)$ and $\{f(g(u)), f(g(v))\} \in E(I)$. For the other direction, just start from $\{u, v\} \in E(I)$ and work with the inverses of f, g . \square

Problem 5. *Let \mathbb{G} be the set of all graphs on finite number of vertices and let \leq be a relation on \mathbb{G} defined by $H \leq G$ iff G contains an induced subgraph isomorphic to H . Show that $H \leq G \wedge G \leq H \implies G \simeq H$.*

Solution. If $H \leq G$, then there is an induced subgraph G' of G such that $G' \simeq H$. Now if also $G \leq H$ then there is an induced subgraph G'' of H such that $G'' \simeq G$. But since $H \simeq G'$, then G'' is also isomorphic to an induced subgraph of G and G itself, so the result follows. \square

Problem 6. *Show that \simeq is an equivalence relation on the set of graphs on n vertices. Show that \simeq has at least $\frac{2^{\binom{n}{2}}}{n!}$ equivalence classes.*

Problem 7. (*) Let $G(V, E)$ be a graph. The excentricity of a vertex $V \in V$ – denoted by $\text{ex}(v)$ – is defined to be $\max_{w \in V} d_G(v, w)$, where $d_G(x, y)$ denotes the length of a shortest path in G between x and y . The center of a graph G – denoted by $\text{CT}(G)$ – is the set $\{v \mid \text{ex}(v) \leq \text{ex}(w) \forall w \in V\}$.

1. Compute $\text{CT}(K_n), \text{CT}(K_{m,n}), \text{CT}(C_n), \text{CT}(P_n)$.
2. Show that if G is a tree than $|\text{CT}(G)| \leq 2$.

Problem 8. (HW) For a graph G on n vertices, we define the adjacency matrix $A(G)$ to be the matrix which has n rows and n columns corresponding to the vertices of G . We define $M(G)_{ij} = 1$ if there is an edge between vertices i and j and $M(G)_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Show that if $M(G) = M(H)$ then $G \sim H$.

Problem 9. (HW) Describe all automorphisms of K_n and $K_{n,m}$ where $n \neq m$.