

Math 154, Winter 2019

Homework 4

Due: Monday, February 11 by 5PM in basement of AP&M

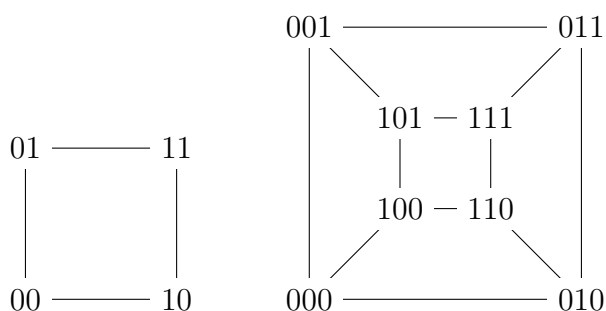
- (1) If  $G$  is a simple graph with  $n$  vertices, define its **degree sequence** to be the list of the degrees  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  of its vertices in weakly increasing order (so  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ ).
- Prove that  $(d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n)/2$  is the number of edges of  $G$ .
  - Prove that if  $G$  and  $H$  are isomorphic simple graphs, then their degree sequences are the same.
  - Show that the converse need not be true by finding two simple graphs on 6 vertices with degree sequence  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$  which are not isomorphic to each other.

- (2) Draw all isomorphism classes of simple graphs with 4 vertices. You may use the fact that there are 11: so just produce 11 graphs, but you should explain why your list doesn't have any repetitions.

- (3) Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Define a simple graph  $Q_n$  as follows:

- The vertices are  $n$ -tuples  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  with  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- There is an edge between  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  if they agree in exactly  $n - 1$  coordinates (i.e., there exists  $i$  such that  $x_j = y_j$  if  $j \neq i$  but  $x_i \neq y_i$ ).

Here are drawings of  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$ :



- Prove that  $Q_n$  is connected.
  - How many vertices does  $Q_n$  have? How many edges?
  - For what values of  $n$  does  $Q_n$  have a closed Eulerian trail?
  - Prove that if  $n \geq 2$ , then  $Q_n$  has a Hamiltonian cycle.
  - Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation of  $[n]$ . Show that the function  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)})$  is an automorphism of  $Q_n$ . Give an example (for all  $n$ ) of another automorphism of  $Q_n$  which is not of this form.
- (4) Let  $G$  be a graph and assume there is a walk from vertex  $A$  to vertex  $B$ . Prove that there is also a path from  $A$  to  $B$ . (Remember, a path is a walk that doesn't touch any vertex more than once.)

Hints:

2: Organize them by number of edges; #1(b) might be helpful

4: Among all walks from  $A$  to  $B$ , consider one whose length is as small as possible.