

Algorithmic Discrete Mathematics 3. Exercise Sheet



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Groupwork

Exercise G1

Let the algorithm CLIQUE be defined by:

input : A graph G and a natural number k .

output : 'yes', if G contains a clique of cardinality k . Otherwise 'no'.

Let the algorithm INDEPENDENT SET (IS) be defined by:

input : A graph G and a natural number k .

output : 'yes', if G contains an independent set consisting of k vertices. Otherwise 'no'.

Show that $\text{CLIQUE} \leq_p \text{IS}$.

Exercise G2 (Bipartite graphs)

Prove that a graph (V, E) is bipartite iff it contains no cycles of odd length.

Exercise G3 (Eulerian graphs)

A path in a Graph $G = (V, E)$ is called *Eulerian path*, if it contains every edge $e \in E$ exactly once. An Eulerian path which is a cycle is called *Eulerian cycle*. A graph is called *eulerian* if it contains an Eulerian cycle.

(a) Which of the given graphs in **Figure 1** are Eulerian graphs?

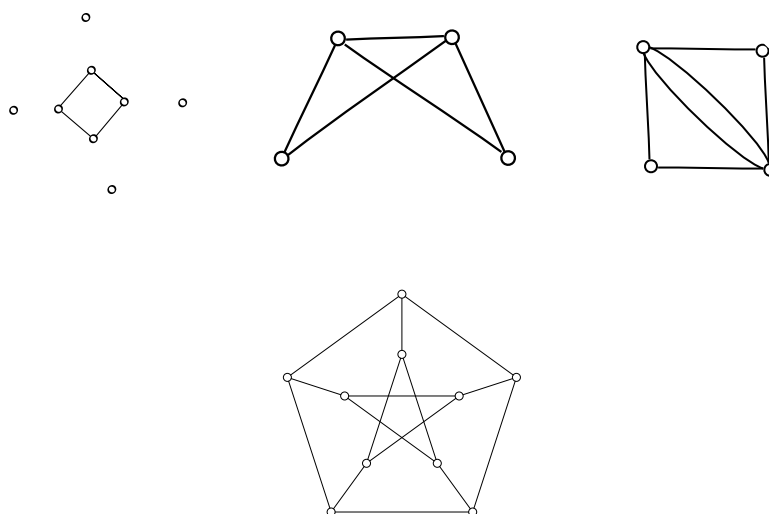


Figure 1: Eulerian graphs?

(b) Now let G be a connected graph. Name necessary conditions for G being eulerian.

(c) Are these conditions sufficient, too?

Exercise G4 (Primes and the class \mathcal{NP})

The class of problems whose complement is in \mathcal{NP} is called $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$. For the following exercise assume that the coding length of a natural number n is given by $\langle n \rangle = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$.²

- (a) Show that the problem PRIMES, to determine if a given natural number is prime, is a $\text{co-}\mathcal{NP}$ problem.
- (b) Why would it be much harder to show that this problem is also in the class \mathcal{NP} ?
- (c) Prove $\text{PRIMES} \in \mathcal{NP}$ under the assumption $\langle n \rangle = n$.

Homework

Exercise H7 (Trees)

(10 points)

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with $n \geq 2$ vertices. Proof that the following statements are equivalent:

- (a) G is a tree.
- (b) G is connected and contains $n - 1$ edges.
- (c) G contains $n - 1$ edges but no cycles.
- (d) G is minimally connected. That means for every edge $e \in E$ the graph $G \setminus \{e\} = (V, E \setminus \{e\})$ is not connected.
- (e) G contains no cycles and adding one edge generates exactly one cycle.
- (f) For every two nodes $u, v \in V$ there is exactly one $[u, v]$ -path in G .

Exercise H8 (The complement graph)

(10 points)

The complement graph \bar{G} of $G = (V, E)$ is the graph where two vertices are adjacent iff they are not adjacent in G . So formally speaking we have $\bar{G} := (V, \binom{[n]}{2} \setminus E)$ with $\binom{[n]}{2} \setminus E := \{(i, j) \mid i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, (i, j) \notin E\}$.

Let G be an undirected graph. Prove that G or \bar{G} is connected.

Exercise H9

(10 points)

Prove $\text{SUBSETSUM} \leq_p \text{PARTITION}$.

problem : SUBSETSUM

input : $a_1, \dots, a_n, b \in \mathbb{N}$

output : $T \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{k \in T} a_k = b$

problem : PARTITION

input : $a_1, \dots, a_l \in \mathbb{N}$

output : $T \subseteq \{1, \dots, l\}$ with $\sum_{k \in T} a_k = \sum_{k \notin T} a_k$

² This is the common binary representation of a natural number n . Hence you need $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ digits.