

### 1. Trees

Recall that a *tree* is a connected acyclic graph (graph without cycles). In the note, we presented a few other definitions of a tree, and in this problem, we will prove two fundamental properties of a tree, and derive two definitions of a tree we learn from lecture note based on these properties. Let's start with the properties:

- (a) Prove that any pair of vertices in a tree are connected by exactly one (simple) path.
- (b) Prove that adding any edge between two vertices of a tree creates a simple cycle.

Now you will show that if a graph satisfies either of these two properties then it must be a tree:

- (c) Prove that if every pair of vertices in a graph are connected by exactly one simple path, then the graph must be a tree.
- (d) Prove that if the graph has no simple cycles and has the property that the addition of any single edge (not already in the graph) will create a simple cycle, then the graph is a tree.

### 2. Hypercubes

The vertex set of the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $G = (V, E)$  is given by  $V = \{0, 1\}^n$ , where recall  $\{0, 1\}^n$  denotes the set of all  $n$ -bit strings. There is an edge between two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  differ in exactly one bit position. These problems will help you understand hypercubes.

- (a) Draw 1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional hypercubes.
- (b) Show that the edges of an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube can be colored using  $n$  colors so that no pair of edges sharing a common vertex have the same color.
- (c) Show that the vertices of an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube can be colored using 2 colors so that no pair of adjacent vertices have the same color. (This is equivalent to showing that a hypercube is *bipartite*: the vertices can be partitioned into two groups (according to color) so that every edge goes between the two groups.)

### 3. Planarity

Consider graphs with the property  $T$ : For every three distinct vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  of graph  $G$ , there are at least two edges among them. Prove that if  $G$  is a graph on  $\geq 7$  vertices, and  $G$  has property  $T$ , then  $G$  is nonplanar.

#### 4. Graph Coloring

Prove that a graph with maximum degree at most  $k$  is  $(k + 1)$ -colorable.

#### 5. Modular decomposition of modular arithmetic

Complex systems are always broken down into simpler modules. In this problem you will learn how this might be done in modular arithmetic.

- (a) Write down the addition and multiplication table for modular-6 arithmetic (the rows and columns should be labeled 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
- (b) Each number 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 has a remainder mod 2 and a remainder mod 3. For each number write down the pair  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  is its remainder mod 2 and  $y$  is its remainder mod 3. Obviously  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ . Out of all possible pairs  $(x, y)$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ , how many times do you see each pair appear?
- (c) Again write down the addition and multiplication table you wrote in part 1, but this time replace each number with its corresponding pair (when a number appears as a row/column label and also when it appears somewhere in the table). Describe how one can add or multiply two pairs without looking at the original numbers.

#### 6. Does it Exist?

Can you find a number that is a perfect square and is a multiple of 2 but not a multiple of 4? Either give such a number or prove that no such number exists.