

# NDMI012: Combinatorics and Graph Theory 2

## Tutorial 12

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**Exercise 5 from Tutorial 11.** *Let  $G$  be a Hamiltonian bipartite graph, and let  $x, y \in V(G)$ . Prove that  $G \setminus \{x, y\}$  has a perfect matching if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are on the opposite sides of the bipartition of  $G$ . Apply this to prove that deleting two unit squares from an  $8 \times 8$  chessboard leaves a board that can be partitioned into  $1 \times 2$  rectangles if and only if the two missing squares have opposite colors.*

**Exercise 1.** *A graph is cubic if all its vertices are of degree three. Construct a 2-connected cubic bipartite graph that is not Hamiltonian.*

**Exercise 2.**

- (a) *Using Burnside's lemma, find the number of non-isomorphic graphs on four vertices.*

**Hint:** *This is similar to (but easier than) Example 3.2 from Lecture Notes 11.*

- (b) *Draw all non-isomorphic graphs on four vertices. (You do not have to prove that they are non-isomorphic.)*

**Definition.** *For an integer  $n \geq 3$ , the dihedral group  $D_{2n}$  is the group of symmetries of the regular  $n$ -gon. Its elements are the identity function,  $n - 1$  rotations about the center of the  $n$ -gon (by  $\frac{i}{n} \cdot 360^\circ$ , for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$ ), and  $n$  reflections. The group operation is the composition of functions.*

**Exercise 3.** *Let  $k$  be a positive integer, and let  $P_k$  be the set of all colorings of the edges of the regular pentagon using the color set  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ . Two colorings in  $P_k$  are equivalent if one can be transformed into another by a symmetry in  $D_{10}$ . Using Burnside's lemma, compute the number of non-equivalent colorings in  $P_k$ .*

**Hint:** This is similar to (but easier than) Example 3.1 from Lecture Notes 11.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $k$  be a positive integer, and let  $H_k$  be the set of all colorings of the edges of the regular hexagon using the color set  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ . Two colorings in  $H_k$  are equivalent if one can be transformed into another by a symmetry in  $D_{12}$ . Using Burnside's lemma, compute the number of non-equivalent colorings in  $H_k$ .

**Hint:** This is similar to (but easier than) Example 3.1 from Lecture Notes 11.