Flows and cycles in graphs – Exercise 1

1. Find a cycle double cover of Petersen graph. Try to find one using just 5 cycles.



2. Let G be a digraph, Γ a group, $f : E(G) \to \Gamma$ any mapping. Let $v_0 \in V(G)$ be any vertex and suppose that Kirchhoff law is satisfied for all vertices in $V(G) \setminus \{v_0\}$. Then f is a flow.

3.

(a) Find the flow polynomial for (an orientation of) K_4 . Apply for groups \mathbb{Z}_4 and \mathbb{Z}_2^2 .

(b) Without using part (a), determine the number of NZ \mathbb{Z}_4 -flows in K_4 (with arbitrary orientation).

(c) Without using parts (a), (b), determine the number of NZ \mathbb{Z}_2^2 -flows in K_4 .

4. Find a NZ $\Gamma\text{-flow}$ for some orientation of the Petersen graph using as small group Γ as possible.