







**Exercise 1.** An *Eulerian circuit* of  $G$  is a sequence of vertices  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_\ell$  (a vertex may appear more than once) so that every edge  $uw \in E(G)$  appears as  $v_i v_{i+1}$  for some  $i$  in the sequence, and so that  $v_1 = v_\ell$ . A Eulerian graph is one which has a Eulerian circuit.


A *Hamiltonian cycle* of graph  $G$  on at least three vertices is an sequence  $v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$  such that each  $u \in V(G)$  appears exactly once,  $v_1 = v_n$  and each  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E(G)$ . A graph is Hamiltonian if it has a Hamiltonian cycle.

- (a) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the set of Eulerian graphs. Show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is not monotone.
- (b) Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of Hamiltonian graphs. Is  $\mathcal{B}$  monotone?

**Exercise 2.** A graph  $G$  with  $n \geq 3$  vertices, denoted  $C_n$ , is a cycle if its vertices can be (re)-labelled  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  such that  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1} : i \in [n]\}$  where the subscript addition is taken modulo  $n$ . For example a cycle on 3 vertices is  and there are three cycles on four vertices , , .

A *connected graph* is one in which any two vertices  $uv$  are connected by a sequence of vertices  $v_1 \dots v_\ell$  so that  $u = v_1$ ,  $v = v_\ell$  and each  $v_i v_{i+1}$  is an edge. For example  is connected but  is not connected.

- (a) A graph with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges must contain a cycle as a subgraph.
- (b) A connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges must contain exactly one cycle.
- (c) Give an example to show that the assumption of connectivity is needed for part b.

**Exercise 3. (Covered in lectures)** Let  $\mathcal{A}_\Delta$  be the set of all graphs which contain  as a subgraph.

- (a) Show that  $\mathbb{P}(G(n, 1/2) \in \mathcal{A}_\Delta) \rightarrow 1$ .
- (b) (optional) Fix a constant  $0 < p \leq 1$ , and show that  $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{A}_\Delta) \rightarrow 1$ .

**Exercise 4. (Covered in lectures)** Prove the following:



Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of random variables each taking non-negative values. If  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n = 0) \rightarrow 1,$$

and if  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] > 0$  for each  $n$ , and  $\mathbb{V}[X_n]/\mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\mathbb{P}(X_n = 0) \rightarrow 0.$$

**Exercise 5.** Show whp  $np \rightarrow \infty$  implies whp  $G_n$  contains  i.e. a 3-cycle<sup>1</sup>.

Let  $Y_n$  count the number of  in  $G_n$  and for any 3-subset of vertices  $S \subset V(G)$  let  $A_S$  be the event that  $G_n$  restricted to the vertices  $S$  is a .

- (a) Show by linearity of expectation that:

$$\mathbb{V}(Y_n) = \sum_{S, T \in \binom{[n]}{3}} \left( \mathbb{P}(A_S \& 1_{A_T}) - \mathbb{P}(A_S)\mathbb{P}(A_T) \right).$$

<sup>1</sup>This exercise demonstrates a different way to prove the second part of Theorem ???. In the proof we showed that whp  $e(G_n) \geq n$  for  $np \rightarrow \infty$  and from this and Q 2a we concluded that  $np \rightarrow \infty$  implies whp  $G_n$  has a cycle.

- (b) Notice that when the sets of vertices  $S$  and  $T$  don't intersect that the events  $A_S$  and  $A_T$  are independent. What about when they intersect on one vertex? Using (a) show that:

$$\mathbb{V}(Y_n) \leq \sum_{|S \cap T|=\{2,3\}} \mathbb{P}(A_S \& A_T).$$

- (c) After some case analysis and from (b) show:  $\mathbb{V}(Y_n) \leq n^4 p^5 + n^3 p^3$ .  
 (d) From (c) conclude that whp  $Y_n > 0$ . *Hint: use Chebyshev's inequality.*

**Exercise 6.** Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{P}_k$  be the set of graphs which have a path on  $k$  vertices as a subgraph.

- (a) (Covered in lectures) Find the threshold function for  $\mathcal{P}_3$  (notice  $\mathcal{P}_3$  is the set of graphs containing the path  $\bullet\text{---}\bullet\text{---}\bullet$  as a subgraph).  
 (b) Find the threshold for  $\mathcal{P}_4$ .  
 (c) (optional) Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be a constant. Find the threshold for  $\mathcal{P}_k$  in terms of  $k$  and  $n$ .

**Exercise 7.** For each of the following boolean functions  $f$ , aka voting schemes, find a set  $S$  such that the function is expressible in terms of that character, i.e.  $f(x) = \chi_S(x)$  or  $f(x) = -\chi_S(x)$ .

- (a) The dictator function,  $Dict_n^1(x) = x_1$ .  
 (b) The parity function,  $Par(x)$ .  
 (c) The XOR function of the first two inputs,  $f(x) = XOR(x_1, x_2)$ .  
 (d) The constant function  $f(x) = 1$ .

**Exercise 8.** We can define an iterated majority function for  $n = 3^k$ . The base case is  $\text{Imaj}_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \text{Maj}_3(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and

$$\text{Imaj}_k(x) = \text{Maj}_3(\text{Imaj}_{k-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{3^{k-1}}), \text{Imaj}_{k-1}(x_{3^{k-1}+1}, \dots, x_{2 \cdot 3^{k-1}}), \text{Imaj}_{k-1}(x_{2 \cdot 3^{k-1}+1}, \dots, x_{3^k})).$$

For example, for  $k = 2$ ,  $\text{Imaj}_2(x_1, \dots, x_9) = \text{Maj}_3(\text{Maj}_3(x_1, x_2, x_3), \text{Maj}_3(x_4, x_5, x_6), \text{Maj}_3(x_7, x_8, x_9))$ .

- (a) Calculate the influence of the  $i$ -th bit  $I_i(\text{Imaj}_2)$  and total influence  $I^p(\text{Imaj}_2)$ .  
 (b) Can you calculate  $I_i^p(\text{Imaj}_k)$  and  $I^p(\text{Imaj}_k)$ ? You may take  $p = 1/2$  if you like.