1 Touring Hypercube

In the lecture, you have seen that if G is a hypercube of dimension n, then

- The vertices of G are the binary strings of length n.
- u and v are connected by an edge if they differ in exactly one bit location.

A *Hamiltonian tour* of a graph is a sequence of vertices $v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k$ such that:

- Each vertex appears exactly once in the sequence.
- Each pair of consecutive vertices is connected by an edge.
- v_0 and v_k are connected by an edge.

(a) Show that a hypercube has an Eulerian tour if and only if n is even. (*Hint: Euler's theorem*)

(b) Show that every hypercube has a Hamiltonian tour.

2 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 learned from the 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.

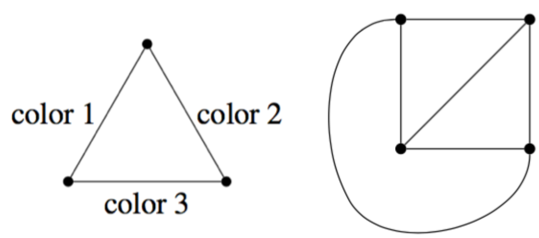
(b) Prove that adding any edge (not already in the graph) between two vertices of a tree creates a simple cycle.

Now you will show that if a graph satisfies this property then it must be a tree:

(c) 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.

3 Edge Colorings

An edge coloring of a graph is an assignment of colors to edges in a graph where any two edges incident to the same vertex have different colors. An example is shown on the left.



(a) Show that the 4 vertex complete graph above can be 3 edge colored. (Use the numbers $1,2,3$ for colors. A figure is shown on the right.)

(b) How many colors are required to edge color a 3-dimensional hypercube?

(c) Prove that any graph with maximum degree d can be edge colored with $2d-1$ colors.

(d) Show that a tree can be edge colored with d colors where d is the maximum degree of any vertex.