

**Ex. 1**

- (i) Using the Handshaking Lemma prove that  $m \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  for every graph, and give an example to show that equality can occur (for every  $n$ ).
- (ii) Show by drawing it that the graph  $G$  formed from the vertices and edges of a cube is bipartite.
- (iii) (more difficult) The graph  $G$  of (ii) is isomorphic to the graph  $H$  obtained from the vector space  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$  by defining  $\{u, v\}$  to be an edge in  $E(H)$  if and only if  $u$  and  $v$  differ in *exactly* one coordinate. So  $(0, 0, 0)$  is adjacent to  $(0, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1, 1)$  is adjacent to  $(1, 1, 0)$  etc. By considering the graph formed from the vector space  $\mathbb{Z}_2^4$  in the same manner, show that it too is bipartite, whence so is the edge graph of a hypercube, i.e. a four-dimensional cube.

**Ex. 2**

- (i) Define two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  with ten vertices as follows:
- (a) For  $G$  draw a regular decagon (a regular 10 - sided polygon) and join the opposite vertices. So if the vertices are labelled with numbers  $0, 1, 2, \dots, 9$  clockwise, join  $0$  to  $5$ ,  $1$  to  $6$ , etc.
- (b) For  $H$  draw a pentagon with its edges (i.e. a cycle), then another smaller pentagon inside aligned in the same way (as in the Petersen Graph) and join the corresponding vertices. Each of these graphs should have  $n = 10$  and  $m = 15$ . Are they isomorphic to each other, and is either isomorphic to the Petersen Graph?
- (ii) Give an isomorphism between the two forms of the Petersen Graph.  
Hint: Find a 5 - cycle in the second form as shown Figure 1.2.2 (b); see Exercises 1, Question 1 (ii).

**Ex. 3**

If  $G = G(V, E)$  is a graph on  $n$  vertices, its complement  $\overline{G} = (\overline{V}, \overline{E})$  is the graph obtained by taking  $\overline{V} = V$  and defining  $\{u, v\} \in \overline{E} \iff \{u, v\} \notin E$ . Thus contains all the edges between the vertices of  $V$  which were not included in  $G$ .

Example:  $K_n$  is the complement of  $N_n$ .

- (i) If  $|E| = m$ , how many edges does  $\overline{G}$  have? If the valency numbers of  $G$  are  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n$ , what are the valency numbers of  $\overline{G}$ ?
- (ii) Show that the two graphs in Figure 1.4.3 are complements.
- (iii) Find the one graph with 4 vertices which is isomorphic to its complement (see Exercises 1, Q4(ii)).
- (iv) Find a graph with 5 vertices which is isomorphic to its complement.

**Ex. 4**

- (i) How many non-isomorphic trees are there with (a) 6 , (b) 8 vertices?
- (ii) How many of the trees in (i) (b) have  $\rho \leq 4$  for every vertex  $v$ ? (If the vertices denote Carbon atoms, these trees correspond to the isomers of the paraffin Octane,  $C_8H_{18}$ .)