

Directions: Solve 5 of the following 6 problems. All written work must be your own, using only permitted sources. See the “General Guidelines and Advice” on the homework page for more details.

1. [IGT 1.1.10] Prove or disprove: the complement of a disconnected graph is connected.
2. [IGT 1.1.12] Determine whether the Petersen graph is bipartite, and find the size of its largest independent set.
3. [IGT 1.1.14] Prove that removing opposite corner squares from an 8-by-8 checkerboard leaves a subboard that cannot be partitioned into 1-by-2 and 2-by-1 rectangles. Hint: use a bipartite graph to model the problem.
4. [IGT 1.1.27] Prove that the Petersen graph has no cycle of length 7.
5. [IGT 1.1.26] Let G be a graph with girth 4 in which every vertex has degree k . Prove that G has at least $2k$ vertices. Determine all such graphs with exactly $2k$ vertices.
6. [IGT 1.1.31] Prove that a self-complementary graph with n vertices exists if and only if $n = 4k$ or $n = 4k + 1$ for some integer k . Hint: When n is divisible by 4, generalize the structure of P_4 by splitting the vertices into four groups. For n of the form $n = 4k + 1$, add one vertex to the graph constructed for $n = 4k$.