

1. (5 points) If  $\mathbf{G} = (V, E)$  is a graph, its *degree sequence* is the list of the degrees of its vertices. That is, if  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , the degree sequence of  $\mathbf{G}$  is  $(\deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_1), \deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_2), \dots, \deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_n))$ . (By convention, we assume that the vertices are arranged such that  $\deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_1) \geq \deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_2) \geq \dots \geq \deg_{\mathbf{G}}(v_n)$ .) Below are five sequences of integers (along with  $n$ , the number of integers in the sequence). Identify

- the *one* sequence that **cannot be the degree sequence of any graph**;
- the *two* sequences that could be the degree sequence of a **planar** graph;
- the *one* sequence that could be the degree sequence of a **tree**;
- the *one* sequence that is the degree sequence of an **eulerian** graph; and
- the *one* sequence that is the degree sequence of a graph that must be **hamiltonian**.

Be sure to explain your answers. (Note that one sequence will get two labels from above.)

- (a)  $n = 10$ : (4, 4, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)

**Solution:** This is the only degree sequence that could be a **tree**, as it is the only one that has at least two vertices of degree one, and we know that a tree has at least two leaves. It is also one of the two that can be **planar**, since it has  $18/2 = 9 < 3 \cdot 10 - 6 = 24$  edges.

- (b)  $n = 9$ : (8, 8, 8, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4)

**Solution:** This is the only sequence in which all degrees are even, so it is the **eulerian** graph. It cannot be planar since it has  $50/2 = 25 > 3 \cdot 9 - 6 = 21$  edges.

- (c)  $n = 7$ : (5, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0)

**Solution:** Such a graph would have three vertices of odd degree, and since a graph cannot have an odd number of vertices of odd degree, there is **no such graph**.

- (d)  $n = 10$ : (7, 7, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5)

**Solution:** This graph cannot be planar, since it would have  $58/2 = 29 > 3 \cdot 10 - 6 = 24$  edges. However, since each vertex has degree at least  $n/2 = 5$ , the graph is **hamiltonian** by Dirac's Theorem.

- (e)  $n = 6$ : (5, 4, 3, 2, 2, 2)

**Solution:** This graph is not eulerian, since it has vertices of odd degree. It has no vertices of degree one, so it is not a tree. It has vertices of degree  $2 < 3 = 6/2$ , so it need not be hamiltonian. However, it has  $9 < 3 \cdot 6 - 6 = 12$  edges, so it could be the degree sequence of a **planar** graph.