

The dollar game

* solution to exercise 1.4

Vocabulary

graph: $G = (V, E)$.
 ↗ multiset of edges.

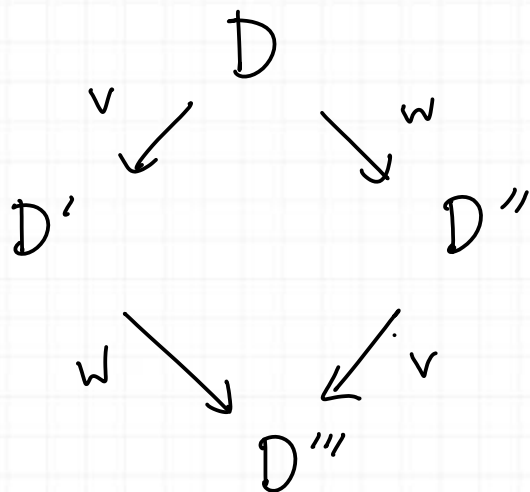
divisors: $\text{Div}(G) = \mathbb{Z}V = \left\{ \sum_{v \in V} a_v v : a_v \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$.

degree: If $D = \sum a_v v$, then $\deg(D) = \sum a_v$.

lending move by $v \in V$: $D \xrightarrow{v} D - \sum_{vw \in E} (v - w)$.

borrowing move by v : $D \xrightarrow{-v} D + \sum_{vw \in E} (v - w)$.

Abelian property
(diamond lemma)



set firings: $W \subseteq V$ $D \xrightarrow{W} D'$ if D' results from
firing all vertices in W .

Prop. Lending and borrowing moves do not change the degree
of a divisor.

Picard group

$$D, D' \in \text{Div}(G)$$

* D is linearly equivalent to D' , denoted $D \sim D'$, if

D' may be obtained from D by a sequence of lending and borrowing moves.*

* $\sim$ is an equivalence relation

* if D' is obtainable through a sequence of lending and borrowing moves, then it's obtainable through a sequence of lending moves alone.

* divisor class $[D] = \{ D' \in \text{Div}(G) : D' \sim D \}$

* Picard group $\text{Pic}(G) = \text{Div}(G) / \sim$

* $\text{Div}^k(G) := \{ D \in \text{Div}(G) : \deg(D) = k \}$

* $\text{Div}^0(G)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Div}(G)$

* $\text{Jac}(G) := \text{Div}^0(G) / \sim$. This makes sense since $D \sim D' \Rightarrow \deg(D) = \deg(D')$

Converse does not hold. Example?

* Complete linear system

$$|D| := \{ D' \in \text{Div}(G) : D' \sim D \text{ and } D' \geq 0 \}.$$

* D is **winnable** if $|D| \neq \emptyset$.

* $\text{Pic}(G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{Z} \times \text{Jac}(G)$ (fix $q \in V$)
 $[D] \mapsto (\deg(D), [D - (\deg(D))q])$

* Laplacian matrix

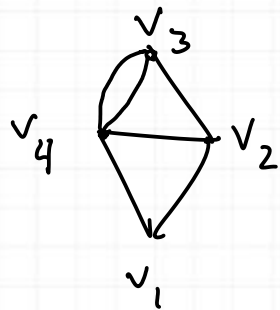
Order vertices: $v_1, \dots, v_n$

$$D = \text{diag}(\deg_G(v_1), \dots, \deg_G(v_n)).$$

$$A = \text{adjacency matrix}; \quad A_{ij} = \# \text{ edges } v_j v_i \in E$$

$$L = D - A.$$

Example



$$L = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

★ The columns of L encode vertex borrowing moves.