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**Directions:** Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. [15 points] Let  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  be a list of domino tilings of a  $(2 \times 8)$ -grid. (Note that each entry in the list is a complete tiling, so for example  $T_1$  might be the tiling that places all  $n$  dominos vertically.) What is the minimum  $n$  such that two tilings on the list must be identical?

2. [2 parts, 5 points each] The *triangular lattice*  $G_n$  is the graph whose vertices are arranged in rows of sizes  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , with the midpoints of the rows centered on a common vertical line. Consecutive vertices in the same row are adjacent, and the  $j$ th vertex in row  $i$  is adjacent to the  $j$ th and  $(j + 1)$ st vertex in row  $i + 1$ . No other pairs of vertices are adjacent. See below.



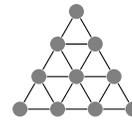
$G_1$



$G_2$



$G_3$



$G_4$

Note that  $G_n$  has  $\binom{n+1}{2}$  vertices.

- (a) Find a formula for the number of edges in  $G_n$ .

- (b) Let  $d_n$  be the average of the degrees of vertices in  $G_n$ . Find a formula for  $d_n$ . What is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n$ ? Does this make sense?

3. Let  $n$  be a positive integer and suppose that  $A \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 5n\}$ .

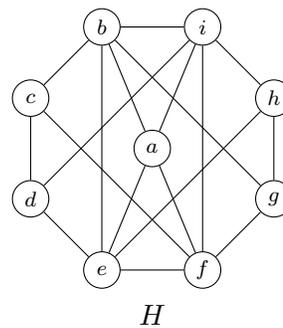
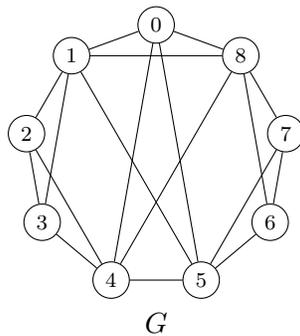
(a) [**15 points**] Show that if  $|A| > 2n$ , then there exists  $x, y \in A$  such that  $y - x = 2$  or  $y - x = 3$ . (Hint: partition  $\{1, \dots, 5n\}$  into  $n$  intervals, each of size 5.)

(b) [**10 points**] Show that if  $|A| = 2n$ , then the conclusion in part (a) need not hold.

4. [10 points] Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Prove that there exists a  $2n$ -vertex graph with  $n$  vertices of degree  $n$  and  $n$  vertices of degree  $n + 1$  if and only if  $n$  is even.

5. [5 points] Give the definition of a *bipartite graph*.

6. [10 points] Are the following graphs isomorphic? Either give an isomorphism or explain why not.



7. [25 points] Recall that  $P_3$  is the path on 3 vertices. Show that  $r(P_3, K_5) = 9$ . Be sure to show both that  $r(P_3, K_5) > 8$  and  $r(P_3, K_5) \leq 9$ .