

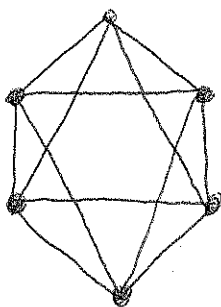
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**Directions:** Show all work. No credit for answers without work. Unless specifically asked for a numerical answer, you may leave your answers in terms of exponentials, factorials, permutation numbers, and binomial coefficients.

1. [2 parts, 5 points each] Prove or find a counterexample for the following. Recall that a graph  $G$  is  $k$ -regular if every vertex in  $G$  has degree  $k$ .

(a) If  $G$  is a 4-regular graph, then the number of vertices in  $G$  is odd.

False: Counterexample:



6 vertices

4-regular

- (b) If  $G$  is a 5-regular graph, then the number of vertices in  $G$  is even.

True. Proof: <sup>Let  $G$  be a 5 regular graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.</sup> By the degree sum formula,

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) = 2m$$

$$5n = 2m$$

Therefore  $5n$  is divisible by 2, and it follows that  $n$  is even. ~~QED~~