

Trees,

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An *isomorphism* between graphs G and H is a one-to-one correspondence between the vertices of G and of H such that two vertices in G are joined by an edge if and only if their corresponding vertices in H are. If there is an isomorphism between G and H then we say that they are *isomorphic*.

1. If T is a tree and G is isomorphic to T , must G also be a tree?
2. What's the biggest collection of pairwise non-isomorphic trees on 4 vertices you can find? On 5 vertices? If you're feeling bored: on 6?

The *degree sequence* (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) of a graph G on n vertices is the sequence of degrees $\deg_G(v)$ for all vertices v of G , written in non-increasing order: $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n$.

3. Explain why isomorphic trees have the same degree sequences.
4. Find two non-isomorphic trees with the same degree sequences.
5. Explain why the degree sequence (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) of a tree T on n vertices is a non-increasing sequence of integers between 1 and $n - 1$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n - 1)$.
6. **Challenge:** show that any non-increasing sequence (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) of integers between 1 and $n - 1$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n - 1)$ is the degree sequence of a tree on n vertices.

Recall that a *spanning tree* of a connected graph G is a subgraph that's a tree which contains all the vertices of G .

7. Find all the spanning trees of:

