HOMEWORK 20 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS II DUE 04-15 (NOT 04-17)

- (1) Suppose that you pick some simple path in a graph G that is not a cycle.
 - (a) Show that, if every vertex of G is even, then it is possible to extend the path to a longer one that is still simple. (HINT: First draw a picture to see what this means. Be sure *not* to use Euler's theorem (Theorem 10.5.1), since this problem is part of the proof of that theorem!)
 - (b) Give an example to show that (a) can fail if G has one or more vertices of odd degree.
- (2) Suppose that you pick some path in a graph G that does *not* include all edges of G, and delete from G all edges occurring in that path.
 - (a) Show that, if the original graph G was connected, then there is some vertex that is part of the path and that is still incident with one or more (undeleted) edges.
 - (b) Give an example to show that (a) can fail if G is *not* connected.
 - Four book problems: #10.5.1, 14, 18, 26. The graphs C_n , W_n , and Q_n referenced in #10.5.26 are defined in Examples 10.2.6–8 on p. 655.