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**LARSON—MATH 353—HOMEWORK WORKSHEET 05**  
**Conjecturing in CoCalc/SAGE.**

1. Sign in to your CoCalc account.
  - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
  - (b) Go to `https://cocalc.com`
  - (c) Log in to your account.
  - (d) You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
  - (e) Make sure you are in your Home directory (if you put files in the Handouts directory they could be overwritten.)
  - (f) Click “New”, then “Jupyter Notebook”, then call it **353-h05**.
  - (g) Make sure you have SAGE as the *kernel*.

**Review: setting up Conjecturing**

- (a) We set up the conjecturing program by following the steps at:  
`http://nvcleemp.github.io/conjecturing/`
- (b) Check that you have a `conjecturing.py` file and an `expressions` file in your Home directory.

**Facts about the Produced Conjectures**

- (1) **Truth.** They are TRUE for every input object.
- (2) **Significance.** Each conjecture, when added to the list of conjectures, was “better” for at least one input object than any previously stored conjecture.

The **motivation** for this exercise is to practice using the Conjecturing program, and to demonstrate that it can be used for *any* kinds of objects which can be represented to a computer. Here we will use graphs as an example.

For background, read the Wikipedia page on *graph theory*: `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph_theory`.

2. Make a text cell in your Jupyter notebook. Explain what a *complete graph* is.
3. Code and run.

```
1 K5 = graphs.CompleteGraph(5)
2 K5.show()
```

4. Define  $K_4$  to be the complete graph with 4 vertices and make a picture of it.
5. Define  $K_3$  to be the complete graph with 3 vertices and make a picture of it.

6. What is the *order* of a graph? Make a new text cell in your Jupyter notebook and explain. What is the order of  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ ?
7. What is the *size* of a graph? Make a new text cell in your Jupyter notebook and explain. What is the size of  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ ?
8. What is the *degree* of a vertex? Make a new text cell in your Jupyter notebook and explain. What is the degree of every vertex of  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ ?
9. Code and test each of the following procedures.

```
1 def size(g):  
2     return g.size()  
3  
4 def order(n):  
5     return g.order()  
6  
7 def max_degree(g):  
8     return max(g.degree())
```

10. Here is a minimal test for generating upper-bound conjectures for a the size of a graph.

```
1 invariants = [size, order, max_degree]  
2 objects = [K3, K4, K5]  
3 invariant_of_interest = invariants.index(size)  
4 conjectures = conjecture(objects, invariants, invariant_of_interest,  
    upperBound = True, debug = True)
```

If a conjecture is true, the only way to be certain is to *prove* it. If it is false, the only way to be certain of that is to find an example that demonstrates falsity (a *counterexample*).

11. What conjectures do you get? (Are they true? If not find a counterexample and add it to Sage. Then re-run to get new conjectures.)
12. We can get better conjectures by adding more graph invariants. What can we add?
13. Now generate lower-bound conjectures for the size of a graph.

### Getting your classwork recorded

When you are done, before you leave class...

- (a) Click the “Print” menu choice (under “File”) and make a pdf of this worksheet (html is OK too).
- (b) Send me an email (clarson@vcu.edu) with an informative header like “Math 353 - h05 worksheet attached” (so that it will be properly recorded).
- (c) Remember to attach today’s classroom worksheet!