

**Bond percolation via the belief propagation algorithm and spectra of Hashimoto matrices**

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**Qualifying exercises** (it suffices to solve two of them):

1. Find the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the following graphs:
  - (a)  $K_n$ : the complete graph on  $n$  vertices,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
  - (b)  $C_4$ : the cycle of length 4.

Please, derive those by hand calculations, numerical results without explanation are not accepted.

2. Show that if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are arbitrary  $n \times n$  symmetric, positive definite real matrices, then  $\mathbf{AB}$  (usually not symmetric) has positive real eigenvalues. (Note that  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  usually do not commute, so their eigenvalues are not multiplied together.)
3. With the help of the Euler formula ( $e^{it} = \cos t + i \sin t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ) compute the following complex number:  $5^{2+3i}$ .

(Here  $i$  is the imaginary unit and  $e$  is the base of the natural logarithm.  $5^{2+3i} = 5^{(2+3i)}$ , the exponent is a complex number in algebraic form, and give the result in a closed algebraic form.)