Graph Labellings
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Definition
A labelling of a graph is an assignment of numbers, set elements, or group elements to the vertices or edges of the graph that satisfies some properties.

In this presentation, we will take graphs to be finite, simple, and connected.
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$$f : E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \ldots, |E|\}$$

such that, for any two distinct vertices $v_1, v_2 \in V$, we have

$$\sum_{e_i \in E \text{ incident to } v_1} f(e_i) \neq \sum_{e_j \in E \text{ incident to } v_2} f(e_j)$$

We call a graph **antimagic** if it admits an antimagic labelling.
Example Antimagic Labelling

Figure: $K_4$: The complete graph on 4 vertices
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Figure: A labelling of $K_4$...
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Figure: A labelling of $K_4$ which is antimagic
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  ![Graph $K_2$](image)

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- Any others?
What graphs are antimagic?

Conjecture

All finite, simple, connected graphs except $K_2$ are antimagic. (Hartsfield and Ringel, 1990)

My research with antimagic labellings has been towards proving this conjecture, specifically for regular graphs.
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![Petersen Graph](image)

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I would like to extend this work to loosen the above conditions and see whether all 3-regular graphs with perfect matchings are antimagic.
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For what graphs and what $k$ do we have that $I_k(G) = \mathbb{Z}_k$?
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**Theorem**

Let $G$ be a regular graph. If $G$ admits a perfect matching, then $I_k(G) = \mathbb{Z}_k$ for all $k \geq 3$. (Lin and Wang 2009)
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We ask whether the above implication can be reversed. If a graph $G$ is regular and $l_k(G) = \mathbb{Z}_k$ for all $k \geq 3$, then does $G$ admit a perfect matching?
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Theorem

Let $G$ be a connected $2m$-regular graph, with $m > 1$ odd, with an even number of vertices. Then $I_k(G) = \mathbb{Z}_k$ for all $k \geq 3$. 

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An edge-antimagic labelling of a graph is a bijective assignment of the numbers \(\{1, \ldots, |V|\}\) to the vertices such that the sum of the labels of the endpoints of each edge is different.
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- $W_n - e$ for $n \geq 7$
Deficiency of Graphs

Definition
The deficiency of a graph is the minimum number of additional isolated vertices needed to make the graph edge-antimagic.
Deficiencies of Various Graphs

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- $d(K_3) = 0$ (1,2,3)
- $d(K_4) = 1$ (1,2,3,5)
- $d(K_5) = 3$ (1,2,3,5,8)
- $d(K_6) = 7$ (1,2,3,5,8,13)
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