

1. Consider a parity game in which every vertex is controlled by Player 1. Does he win from every vertex?
2. Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  is a parity game such that the winning region of Player 0 is the entire vertex set  $V$ . Does this imply that every positional strategy for Player 0 is a winning strategy for him in  $V$ ?
3. A (positional) strategy graph for Player 1 is a game graph in which every Player 1 vertex has exactly one outgoing edge. Design a polynomial time algorithm to decide if Player 1 wins the parity game starting from a given vertex  $v$  in this strategy graph.
4. Consider a parity game  $G$  whose arena is finite. Pick a vertex  $v_0$  in  $G$  (need not necessarily be Player 1 vertex). We will now define a new game  $G'$  starting from  $v_0$  where all plays are finite. The game stops as soon as a vertex is visited twice. A play is thus a finite path  $v_0, \dots, v_n$  such that  $v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}$  are pairwise distinct and  $v_n = v_j$  for some  $j < n$ . Player  $P_1$  wins if the maximum colour in the loop:  $\max\{\chi(v_j), \chi(v_{j+1}), \dots, \chi(v_n)\}$  is odd.

Show that the parity game  $G$  starting in  $v_0$  and the game  $G'$  are equivalent (that is,  $P_1$  wins in  $G$  from  $v_0$  iff she wins  $G'$ ):

- i) Show that if  $P_1$  has a winning strategy in  $G$  starting from  $v_0$ , then she has a winning strategy in  $G'$ .
- ii) Show that if  $P_1$  has a winning strategy in  $G'$ , then she has a winning strategy in  $G$  starting from  $v_0$ .