SVSM/Combinatorics Assignment 4B One Pile Nim DiGraphs

- 1. Consider the game G_1 which starts with one pile of 10 counters. The rules allow a player to take 1, 3, or 5 counters on each turn. The player who makes the last move wins. Denote this game by N(10; 1, 3, 5). Construct the directed graph version of this game. It has 11 vertices labeled 0 through 10, and a directed edge from a vertex u to a vertex v if and only if u - 1 = v, u - 3 = v, or u - 5 = v. Show that you can partition the 11 vertices into two groups S and U so that each edge from a member of S goes to one in U, and some edge from each member of U goes to one in S, and the vertex labeled 0 belongs to S.
- 2. Consider the game G_2 which starts with one pile of 20 counters. The rules allow a player to take 1, 2, or 5 counters on each turn. Denote this game by N(20; 1, 2, 5). Do the same analysis with this game.