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This exercise continues our exploration of graphs, with the *powers* and *derivatives* of graphs, and *Hamiltonian circuits*.

- 1. List the members of your group below:
- 2. The *kth power* of a graph G = (V, E) is the graph  $G^k = (V, F)$  where F contains precisely those pairs of vertices that are connected in G by a path of length at most k. Depict  $G^k$  for k = 1, 2, 3 for each of the following choices for G:  $K_5$ ,  $K_{4,5}$ ,  $P_5$ ,  $C_5$ ,  $W_5$ , and  $S_5$ . (Recall the definitions from the homework.)

[additional space for answering the earlier question]

3. The *derivative* of a graph G is the graph  $G^{(\prime)}$  obtained from G by removing all vertices of degree 1, along with the edges incident on them. (Recall that the degree of a vertex is the number of edges incident on it.)

Depict  $G^{(\prime)}$  for each of the following choices for G:  $K_5$ ,  $K_{4,5}$ ,  $P_5$ ,  $C_5$ ,  $W_5$ , and  $S_5$ .

4. A *Hamiltonian circuit* in a graph is a closed path that visits each vertex exactly once (not counting the return to the origin as a visit). A graph is called *Hamiltonian* if it admits a Hamiltonian circuit.

For each of the graphs of Questions 3 and 2, determine whether the graph is Hamiltonian. If so, exhibit a Hamiltonian circuit; otherwise, explain why no Hamiltonian circuit exists.