Please remember that your work is graded on the quality of your writing and explanation as well as the validity of the calculations.

(1) (12 points) Consider the following recurrence relation

$$a_n = 6 a_{n-1} - 9 a_{n-2}, \quad \text{for} \quad n \ge 2$$

alongside the initial conditions  $a_0 = -1$  and  $a_1 = 1$ .

(a) (2 pts) Write out the first five terms of the sequence  $a = \{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ 

$$a_{v} = -1$$

$$a_{1} = 1$$

$$a_{2} = 6a_{1} - 9a_{0} = 6 + 9 = 15$$

$$a_{3} = 6a_{2} - 9a_{1} = 81$$

$$a_{4} = 8a_{3} - 9a_{2} = 35$$

$$\therefore The first five terms are -1, 1, 15, 81, 351$$

(b) (10 pts) Find a closed formula (not a recurrence) for the sequence a of the form

$$a_{n} = f(n).$$
song  $a_{n} = t^{n}$   $t^{n} = 6t^{n-1} - 9t^{n-2}$   
 $t^{n} - 6t^{n-1} + 9t^{n-2} = 0$   
 $t^{n-2} \cdot (t^{2} - 6t + 9) = 0 \cdot - t^{2} - 6t + 9 = 0$   
 $(t-3)^{2} = 0$   
 $t = tz = 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \therefore & a_{1} = b \cdot 3^{n} + dn \\ a_{0} = -l &= b \cdot 3^{n} + d \cdot 0 \cdot 3^{n} = b \\ a_{1} = l &= b \cdot 3 + d \cdot 3 = -3 + 3d \\ \vdots &= 5^{b} = -l \\ l d = \frac{4}{3} \\ \vdots &\\ a_{n} = -3^{n} + \frac{4}{3}n \cdot 3^{n} \end{array}$$

(2) (8 points) Consider the following graph, G.



(a) (4 pts) Is G bipartite? Justify your answer.

Suppose G is bipartite:  

$$\exists V_1, V_2 \text{ s.t.} \quad V_1 \cap V_2 = \& V_1 \cup V_2 = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{10}\}$$
  
Say  $V_2 \in V_1$ , then  $V_8 \in V_2$ , then  $V_2 \in V_1$ , then  $V_1 \in V_2$ ,  
then  $V_5 \in V_1$ , then  $V_6 \in V_2$   $\bigotimes$   
(Vo is in both V\_1 and  $V_2$ , which is a contradiction  
since V\_1 and V\_2 are disjoint),  
i G is nor bipartite.

(b) (4 pts) Does this graph have a *simple* cycle of length 6? If YES, you must provide an explicit cycle. If NO, you should briefly explain why.

(HINT: The length of a path is its number of edges.)

Yes,  

$$(V_1, V_2, V_8, V_{10}, V_4, V_5, V_1)$$
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 $(V_{21}, V_3, V_9, V_6, V_5, V_1, V_2)$   
 $(V_3, V_4, V_{10}, V_7, V_1, V_{2}, V_9)$   
 $(V_4, V_5, V_6, V_8, V_8, V_8, V_4)$ ,  
 $(V_6, V_1, V_7, V_9, V_3, V_4, V_5)$ .