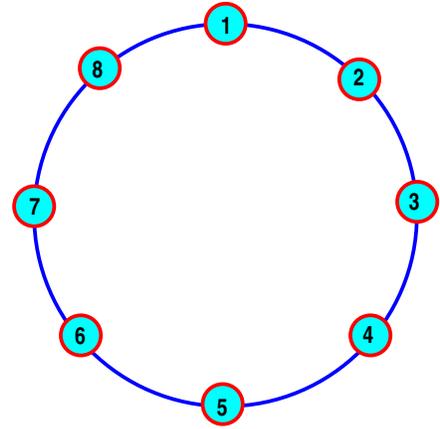


1 What is the graph Laplacean associated with the graph shown on the right for the case  $n = 8$ ? (Assume all weights are equal to one).



2 Show that for any indicator (i.e., partition) vector  $x \in \{+1, -1\}^n$  that is  $\neq \pm \mathbf{1}$  we have

$$8 \leq x^T Lx \leq 4n$$

3 Show that the largest eigenvalue of  $L$  is equal to 4. What is an associated eigenvector?

4 What is (are) the optimal partition vector (s) in this case? [optimal in the sense of yielding equal size partitions with the smallest # edge-cuts]