**Decycling Toeplitz Graphs, Some Subgraphs, and Generalized Petersen Graphs** Peter Dragnev, Chip Vandell\*, Matt Walsh, Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne

Let *S* be a subset of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$ , the *Toeplitz graph*  $T_n^S$ , has vertex set  $V = Z_n$ , and two vertices *i* and *j* are adjacent when  $|i - j| \pmod{n}$  is in *S*. A special type of Toeplitz graph is the *Circulant* graph. Given a positive integer *n*, and a set *S* which is a subset of  $\{1, 2, 3, ..., \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ } the *circulant graph*  $C_n^S$  is the graph with vertex set  $V = Z_n$  and *ij* is in the

edge set if either (i - j)**mod** n or (j - i)**mod** n is in S. For  $n \ge 3$  and  $1 \le k \le \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ , the

*Generalized Petersen graph* GP<sub>*n*, *k*</sub> consists of an outer cycle  $C_n$  on the vertices { $v_0, v_1, ..., v_{n-1}$ } and an inner circulant graph  $C_n^{\{k\}}$  on the vertices { $v_0^*, v_1^*, ..., v_{n-1}^*$ }, with corresponding pairs of vertices ( $v_j^* \& v_j$ ) adjacent. In this talk we will look at the *decycling number* (the minimum number of vertices which must be removed to render the remaining graph acyclic) of these graphs and some of their subgraphs.

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