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Fourth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2011

Graph Theory and Combinatorics

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.

PART - A

- 1 a. Define the following terms: i) Spanning subgraph ii) K-regular graph
 iii) Complement of G where G is a loop-free undirected graph on n vertices.
 iv) Euler circuit. (04 Marks)
- b. Prove that the sum of the degrees of all vertices in a graph is twice the number of edges. Deduce that the number of vertices of odd degree in a graph must be even. (06 Marks)
- c. Is it possible to have a graph G with 15 edges, 4 vertices each have degree 2 and the remaining vertices each have degree 4? Justify your answer. (04 Marks)
- d. A graph G is said to be a self dual graph if G is isomorphic to its dual. Prove that the complete graph on 4 vertices is a self dual graph. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. Let G be a directed graph on n vertices. If the associated undirected graph for G is K_n (complete graph on n vertices), then prove that $\sum_{v \in V} [\text{od}(v)]^2 = \sum_{v \in V} [\text{id}(v)]^2$ where id(v) denotes the indegree of v and od(v) denotes the out degree of v. (08 Marks)
- b. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected planar graph or multigraph with v vertices, e edges and r regions. Prove that $r = e - v + 2$. Deduce that in a loop-free connected planar graph with v vertices, $e > 2$ edges and r regions, $3r \leq 2e$ and $e \leq 3v - 6$. (12 Marks)
- 3 a. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a loop-free undirected graph consisting of $n \geq 3$ vertices. If $\text{deg}(x) + \text{deg}(y) \geq n$ for all non adjacent $x, y \in V$, prove that G contains a Hamilton cycle. (08 Marks)
- b. If $T = (V, E)$ is a tree where $|V| \geq 2$, prove that T has at least two pendant vertices. (06 Marks)
- c. Construct an optimal prefix code for the symbols a, 0, q, u, y, z which occur in a given sample with frequencies 20, 28, 4, 17, 12, 7 respectively. (06 Marks)
- 4 a. Define the following : i) Transport network ii) Matching
 iii) Complete matching iv) Maximal matching (04 Marks)
- b. With usual notations, prove that in bipartite graph $G = (V, E)$ where V is partitioned as $X \cup Y$, the maximum number of vertices in X which can be matched with those in Y is $|X| - \delta(G)$. (08 Marks)
- c. Using Kruskal's algorithm, obtain a minimum cost spanning tree for the graph given below: (08 Marks)

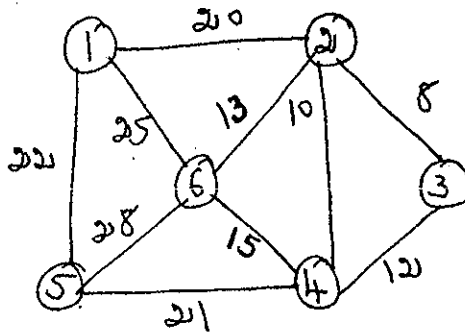


Fig. Q4 (c)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
 2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and /or equations written eg, $42+8=50$, will be treated as malpractice.

PART – B

- 5 a. Verify that for each integer $n \geq 1$,
- $$\binom{2n}{n} - \binom{2n}{n-1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \quad (06 \text{ Marks})$$
- b. Define $S(m, n)$, sterling number of the second kind. If m and n are positive integers with $1 < n \leq m$, then prove that $S(m+1, n) = S(m, n-1) + nS(m, n)$. (08 Marks)
- c. Show that if any 14 integers are selected from the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 25\}$, there are at least two whose sum is 26. (06 Marks)
- 6 a. Determine the number of positive integers n ($1 \leq n \leq 2000$), which are not divisible by 2, 3 or 5. (07 Marks)
- b. Prove that the number of partitions of a positive integer n into distinct summands is the same as the number of partitions of n into odd summands. (07 Marks)
- c. If a set X has $2n+1$ elements, find the number of subsets of X with at most n elements. (06 Marks)
- 7 a. In a_n ($n \geq 0$) is a solution of the recurrence relation $a_{n+1} - da_n = 0$, where $a_3 = 49$, $a_5 = 81$, determine d . (04 Marks)
- b. For $n \geq 0$, let $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ where $n = 0$, take $S = \phi$. Let a_n denote the number of subsets of S which contain no consecutive integers. Find a recurrence relation for a_n and solve. (08 Marks)
- c. Solve the recurrence relation $a_r + 5a_{r-1} + 6a_{r-2} = 42 \times 4^r$ with the boundary conditions $a_2 = 278$, $a_3 = 962$. (08 Marks)
- 8 a. Obtain the exponential generating function for each of the following sequences:
- $1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots$
 - a, a^3, a^5, a^7, \dots where a is a real number. (04 Marks)
- b. Let D_n denote the number of derangements of $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Obtain an expression for D_n . Hence determine D_4 and D_5 . (08 Marks)
- c. Consider the members 1, 2, 3 and 4. Suppose forbidden positions are 1 in the second position, 2 in the third position, 3 in the first or fourth position, 4 in the fourth position. Using the method of rook polynomials, determine the following:
Number of permutations of 1, 2, 3, 4 in which
- None of the integers is in a forbidden position.
 - Exactly one integer is in a forbidden position.
 - Exactly two integers are in forbidden positions.
 - Exactly three integers are in forbidden positions.
 - Exactly four integers are in forbidden positions. (08 Marks)
