

**CS201: Discrete Math for Computer Science**  
**2021 Fall Semester Written Assignment # 6**  
**Due: Dec. 29th, 2021, please submit at the beginning of class**

Q.1 Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Show that the relation  $R$  on the set of vertices of  $G$  such that  $uRv$  if and only if there is an edge associated to  $\{u, v\}$  is a symmetric, irreflexive relation on  $G$ .

Q.2 The complement of a simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  is the graph  $(V, \{(x, y) : x, y \in V, x \neq y\} \setminus E)$ . A graph is *self-complementary* if it is isomorphic to its complement.

- (a) Prove that no simple graph with two or three vertices is self-complementary, without enumerating all isomorphisms of such simple graphs.
- (b) Find examples of self-complementary simple graphs with 4 and 5 vertices.

Q.3 Let  $G$  be a *simple* graph with  $n$  vertices. Show that if the degree of any vertex of  $G$  is  $\geq (n - 1)/2$ , then  $G$  must be connected.

Q.4 Let  $n \geq 5$  be an integer. Consider the graph  $G_n$  whose vertices are the sets  $\{a, b\}$ , where  $a, b \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $a \neq b$ , and whose adjacency rule is *disjointness*, that is,  $\{a, b\}$  is adjacent to  $\{a', b'\}$  whenever  $\{a, b\} \cap \{a', b'\} = \emptyset$ .

- (a) Draw  $G_5$ .
- (b) Find the degree of each vertex in  $G_n$ .

Q.5 Suppose that  $G$  is a graph on a finite set of  $n$  vertices. Prove that if  $G$  is disconnected, then its complement is connected.

Q.6 In an  $n$ -player *round-robin tournament*, every pair of distinct players compete in a single game. Assume that every game has a winner – there are no ties. The results of such a tournament can then be represented with a *tournament directed graph* where the vertices correspond to players and there is an edge  $x \rightarrow y$  iff  $x$  beats  $y$  in their game.

- (a) Explain why a tournament directed graph cannot have cycles of length 1 or 2.

- (b) Is the “beats” relation for a tournament graph always/sometimes/never: antisymmetric? reflexive? irreflexive? transitive?
- (c) Show that a tournament graph represents a total ordering iff there are no cycles of length 3.

Q.7 Let  $G$  be a connected simple graph. Show that if an edge in a connected graph is not traversed by any simple cycle, then this edge is a *cut edge*.

Q.8 Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , an edge  $e \in E$  is said to be a *bridge* if the graph  $G' = (V, E \setminus \{e\})$  has more connected components than  $G$ . Prove that if all vertex degrees in a graph  $G$  are even, then  $G$  has no bridge.

Q.9 Let  $G$  be a connected graph, with the vertex set  $V$ . The *distance* between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , denoted by  $\text{dist}(u, v)$ , is defined as the *minimal* length of a path from  $u$  to  $v$ . Show that  $\text{dist}(u, v)$  is a metric, i.e., the following properties hold for any  $u, v, w \in V$ :

- (i)  $\text{dist}(u, v) \geq 0$  and  $\text{dist}(u, v) = 0$  if and only if  $u = v$ .
- (ii)  $\text{dist}(u, v) = \text{dist}(v, u)$ .
- (iii)  $\text{dist}(u, v) \leq \text{dist}(u, w) + \text{dist}(w, v)$ .

Q.10 Show that isomorphism of simple graphs is an equivalence relation.

Q.11 Suppose that  $G_1$  and  $H_1$  are isomorphic and that  $G_1$  and  $H_2$  are isomorphic. Prove or disprove that  $G_1 \cup G_2$  and  $H_1 \cup H_2$  are isomorphic.

Q.12 Given a graph  $G$ , its *line graph*  $L(G)$  is defined as follows: every edge of  $G$  corresponds to a unique vertex of  $L(G)$ ; any two vertices of  $L(G)$  are adjacent if and only if their corresponding edges of  $G$  share a common endpoint. Prove that if  $G$  is regular (all vertices have the same degree) and connected, then  $L(G)$  has an Euler circuit.

Q.13 Show that if  $G$  is simple graph with at least 11 vertices, then either  $G$  or its complement graph  $\overline{G}$ , the complement of  $G$ , is nonplanar.

Q.14 Suppose that a connected planar simple graph with  $e$  edges and  $v$  vertices contains no simple circuits of length 4 or less. Show that  $e \leq (5/3)v - (10/3)$  if  $v \geq 4$ .

Q.15 The **distance** between two distinct vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of a connected simple graph is the length (number of edges) of the shortest path between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . The **radius** of a graph is the *minimum* over all vertices  $v$  of the maximum distance from  $v$  to another vertex. The **diameter** of a graph is the maximum distance between two distinct vertices. Find the radius and diameter of

- (1)  $K_6$
- (2)  $K_{4,5}$
- (3)  $Q_3$
- (4)  $C_6$

Q.16 Let  $G$  be a graph in which all vertices have degree at least  $d$ . Prove that  $G$  contains a path of length  $d$ .

Q.17 Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Construct a **connected** graph with  $2n$  vertices, such that there are *exactly two* vertices of degree  $i$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . (You can sketch some pictures, but your graph has to be described by a concise adjacency rule. Remember to prove that your graph is connected.)

Q.18 Consider the two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ . Answer the following three questions, and explain your answers.

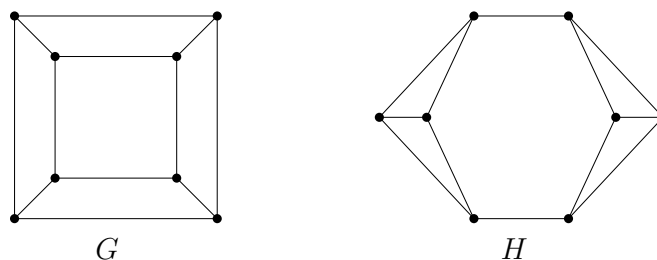


Figure 1: Q.18

- (1) Which of the two graphs is/are *bipartite*?
- (2) Are the two graphs *isomorphic* to each other?

(3) Which of the two graphs has/have an *Euler circuit*?

Q.19 Prove that  $G = (V, E)$  is a tree if and only if  $|V| = |E| + 1$  and  $G$  has no cycles.

Q.20 The **rooted Fibonacci trees**  $T_n$  are defined recursively in the following way.  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are both the rooted tree consisting of a single vertex, and for  $n = 3, 4, \dots$ , the rooted tree  $T_n$  is constructed from a root with  $T_{n-1}$  as its left subtree and  $T_{n-2}$  as its right subtree. How many vertices, leaves, and internal vertices does the rooted Fibonacci tree  $T_n$  have, where  $n$  is a positive integer? What is its height?

Q.21

What is the value of each of these postfix expressions?

(a)  $5\ 2\ 1\ -\ -\ 3\ 1\ 4\ +\ +\ *$

(b)  $9\ 3\ /\ 5\ +\ 7\ 2\ -\ *$

Q.22

Use Prim's algorithm to find a minimum spanning tree for the given weighted graph.

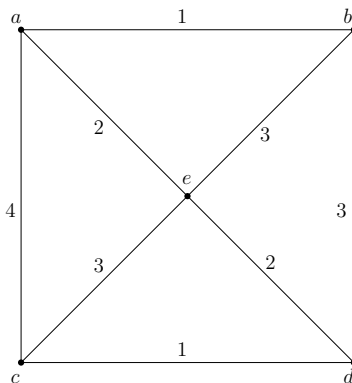


Figure 2: Q.22

Q.23

Use Kruskal's algorithm to find a minimum spanning tree for the weighted graph in Q.22.