## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

## CS1231 DISCRETE STRUCTURES

(Semester 1: 2021/2022)

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

## INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

- 1. Write your Student Number only. Do not write your name.
- 2. This assessment paper contains **FIVE** questions and comprises **EIGHT** printed pages.
- 3. Answer **ALL** questions. The marks for each question are indicated in brackets.
- 4. Write your solutions in the spaces provided.
- 5. This is an **OPEN** book examination.

EXAMINER'S USE ONLY		
Question	Marks	Score
Q1	5	
Q2	4	
Q3	8	
Q4	10	
Q5	13	
Total	40	

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- 1. Let A be a countable set with at least 2 different elements. Define  $B = \{X \subseteq A : X \text{ is finite and } |X| = 2\}.$ 
  - (a) Define a set  $B_2 \supseteq B$  and a surjection  $h: \mathbb{Z}_{\geqslant 0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{\geqslant 0} \to B_2$ .

[2 marks]

(b) Prove that the h you defined in (a) is indeed surjective.

[1 mark]

(c) Use this h to show that B is countable.

[2 marks]

(Hint: Tutorial 7 Question 9 tells us that a nonempty set S is countable if and only if there is a surjection  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \to S$ .)

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- 2. Let C be an uncountable set. Define  $D = \{Y \subseteq C : Y \text{ is finite and } |Y| = 2\}$ . We use Corollary 9.3.1 in the notes to prove the uncountability of D as follows.
  - (a) Define an uncountable set  $C_1$  and an injection  $f: C_1 \to D$ .

[2 marks]

(b) Explain why the  $C_1$  you defined in (a) is indeed uncountable.

[1 mark]

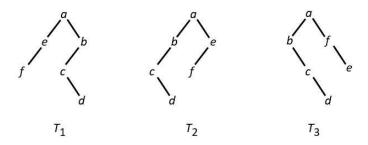
(c) Prove that the f you defined in (a) is indeed injective.

[1 mark]

(Hint: Tutorial 8 Question 5(b) tells us that if S is an uncountable set and  $S_0$  is a countable set, then  $S \setminus S_0$  is uncountable.)

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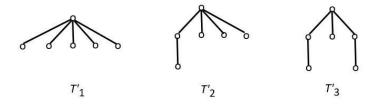
3. Consider the rooted trees  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  below (a is the root):



(a) Explain why (i)  $T_1 = T_2$  and (ii)  $T_2 \neq T_3$ .

[2 marks]

(b) In (a), we say  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  are two different ways of using  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  to label the vertices of the same tree (whereas  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are the same tree labeled the same way). Consider the rooted trees  $T_1'$ ,  $T_2'$  and  $T_3'$  below.

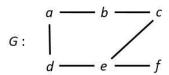


For each tree, calculate the number of different ways of using  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  to label the tree. [6 marks]

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[2 marks]

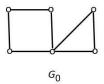
4. Consider the following undirected graph G:

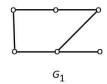


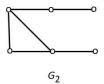
- (a) Draw all spanning trees for G.
- (b) For your answer to (a), identify 4 different spanning trees  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$  such that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are isomorphic  $(S_1 \simeq S_2)$ , and  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  are isomorphic  $(S_3 \simeq S_4)$ . [4 marks]
- (c) For your choice of  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  and  $S_4$  in (b), define a permutation  $\pi$  of  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$  that shows  $S_1 \simeq S_2$ , and a permutation  $\pi'$  that shows  $S_3 \simeq S_4$ . [4 marks]

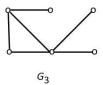
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5. For an undirected graph without loops, a vertex  $\ell$  is called a *leaf* if and only if there is exactly one edge containing  $\ell$ . In the following examples,  $G_0$  has 0 leaves,  $G_1$  has 1 leaf,  $G_2$  has 2 leaves and  $G_3$  has 3 leaves:









- (a) Let  $H_0, H_1, H_2$  and  $H_3$  be undirected and loopless connected graphs with 5 vertices each;  $H_0$  has 0 leaves,  $H_1$  has 1 leaf,  $H_2$  has 2 leaves and  $H_3$  has 3 leaves. Draw one example each for  $H_0, H_1, H_2$  and  $H_3$ . [4 marks]
- (b) Which of your examples in (a) are cyclic, and which are acyclic?

[2 marks]

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(c) Let (V, E) be an (unrooted) tree, and  $\{b, c\} \in E$ . Prove that  $(V, E \setminus \{\{b, c\}\})$  is a forest with two trees. [3 marks]

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(d) Using (c) and induction, or otherwise, prove that a nontrivial (unrooted) tree must have at least two leaves. [4 marks]