

*Instructions:* The exam is 3 hours long and contains 6 questions. Write your answers clearly in the notebook provided. You may quote any result/theorem seen in the lectures without proving it. **Justify all your answers.**

**Q1** Let  $G$  be the graph pictured on Figure 1.

- a) Is  $G$  planar?
- b) Find  $\nu(G)$  and  $\tau(G)$ .
- c) Find  $\chi(G)$  and  $\chi'(G)$ .

**Q2** Let  $G$  be the graph with weights  $w : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$  pictured on Figure 2.

- a) Find the min-cost spanning tree in  $G$ .
- b) Find a shortest path spanning tree for the vertex  $A$ .

**Q3** Let  $k \geq 3$  be an integer. Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph such that

$$3 \leq \deg(v) \leq k \quad \text{for every } v \in V(G).$$

Show that  $G$  contains a matching of size at least  $\frac{3|V(G)|}{2k}$ .

**Q4** Let  $G$  be a loopless graph, such that  $G$  does not contain  $K_{2,3}$  as a minor. Show that either  $\chi(G) \leq 3$ , or  $G$  contains  $K_4$  as a subgraph.

**Q5** Let  $G$  be a non-planar graph such that every subgraph of  $G$ , except for  $G$  itself, is planar. Show that  $|E(G)| - |V(G)| = 3$ , or  $|E(G)| - |V(G)| = 5$ .

**Q6** Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $|V(G)| \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $G$  does not contain  $P_4$  (the path on 4 vertices) as an *induced* subgraph.

- a) Prove that either  $G$  is not connected or the complement of  $G$  is not connected. (*Hint:* Use induction on  $|V(G)|$ . Show that, if  $G \setminus v$  has at least two components and  $v$  is adjacent to a vertex in every component of  $G \setminus v$ , then  $v$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $G \setminus v$ .)
- b) Deduce from a) that  $G$  is perfect. You are allowed to use the weak perfect graph theorem, but not the strong perfect graph theorem.

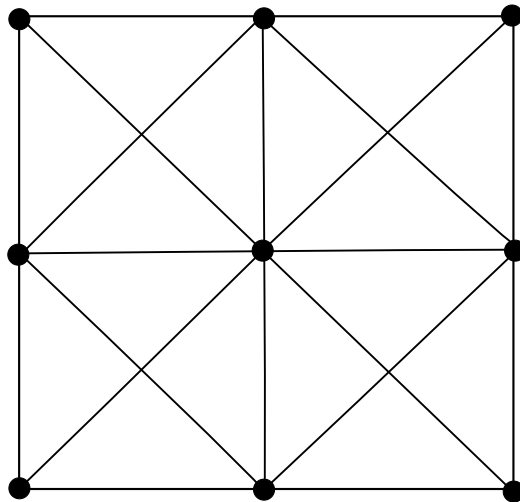


Figure 1: The graph in the question Q1.

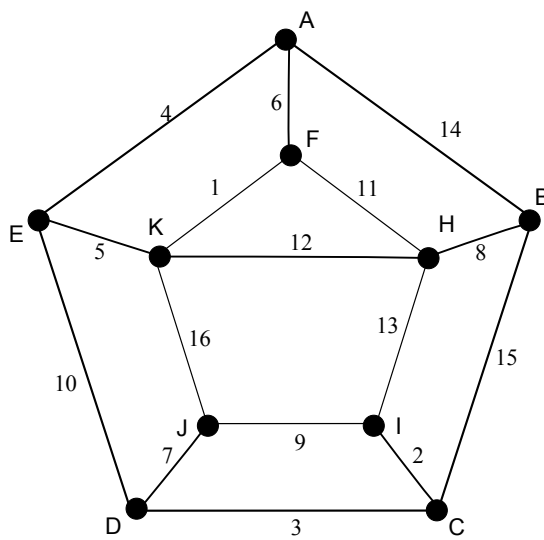


Figure 2: The graph in the question Q2.