

SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION 2024/25

ALGORITHMS AND ANALYSIS

Duration 120 mins (2 hours)

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Answer ALL parts of question 1 in part A (worth 40 marks each) and TWO questions in part B worth 30 marks each.

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Question	Mark	Arithmetic checked	Double Marked
A1	/40		
B2	/30		
B3	/30		
B4	/30		
B5	/30		
Total:	/100		

University approved calculators MAY be used.

A foreign language translation dictionary (paper version) is permitted provided it contains no notes, additions or annotations.

Section A

A 1

(a) If a program takes 1s on an input of size $n = 100$, how long will take on an input of size $n = 1000$ if the time complexity is

- (i) logarithmic, i.e. $\Theta(\log(n))$
- (ii) linear, i.e. $\Theta(n)$
- (iii) log-linear, i.e. $\Theta(n \log(n))$
- (iv) quadratic, i.e. $\Theta(n^2)$
- (v) cubic, i.e. $\Theta(n^3)$

[10 marks]

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- (b) Give the average time complexity for checking the time it takes to search for an item in a set implemented as a (1) a binary tree, (2) a hash table and (3) a trie. Discuss any assumptions being made and give the worst case complexity when the assumptions fail. [10 marks]

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- (c) Give the average (amortised) time complexity for a resizable array (e.g. `vector<T>`) and a doubly linked list (e.g. `list<T>`) for the following operations. [10 marks]

	<code>vector<T></code>	<code>list<T></code>
Adding an element to end of list		
Adding an element to beginning of list		
Accessing the i^{th} element		
Searching for an element		
Adding two lists of size n		

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(d) Compute a Huffman tree for the following alphabet.

Letter	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
Frequency	120	65	33	54	110	10	83

[7 marks]

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(e) How would the word “bagged” be coded in your Huffman tree (show the letter break with a hyphen). [3 marks]

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End of question A1

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Section B

B 2 The Towers of Hanoi problem is solved by the program

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hanoi(n, A, B, C)
{
    if (n>0) {
        hanoi(n-1, A, C, B);
        move(A, C);
        hanoi(n-1, B, A, C);
    }
}

```

- (a) Let $T(n)$ be the number of times `move` is called to solve the Hanoi problem of size n . Write down a recurrence relation for $T(n)$. [5 marks]

$T(n) =$

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- (b) Write down the boundary condition $T(1)$ and use the recurrence relation to compute $T(2)$, $T(3)$, and $T(4)$ [5 marks]

$T(1) =$

$T(2) =$

$T(3) =$

$T(4) =$

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(c) Prove by induction that, $f(n) = 2^n - 1$ satisfies the recurrence relation in part (a) [20 marks]

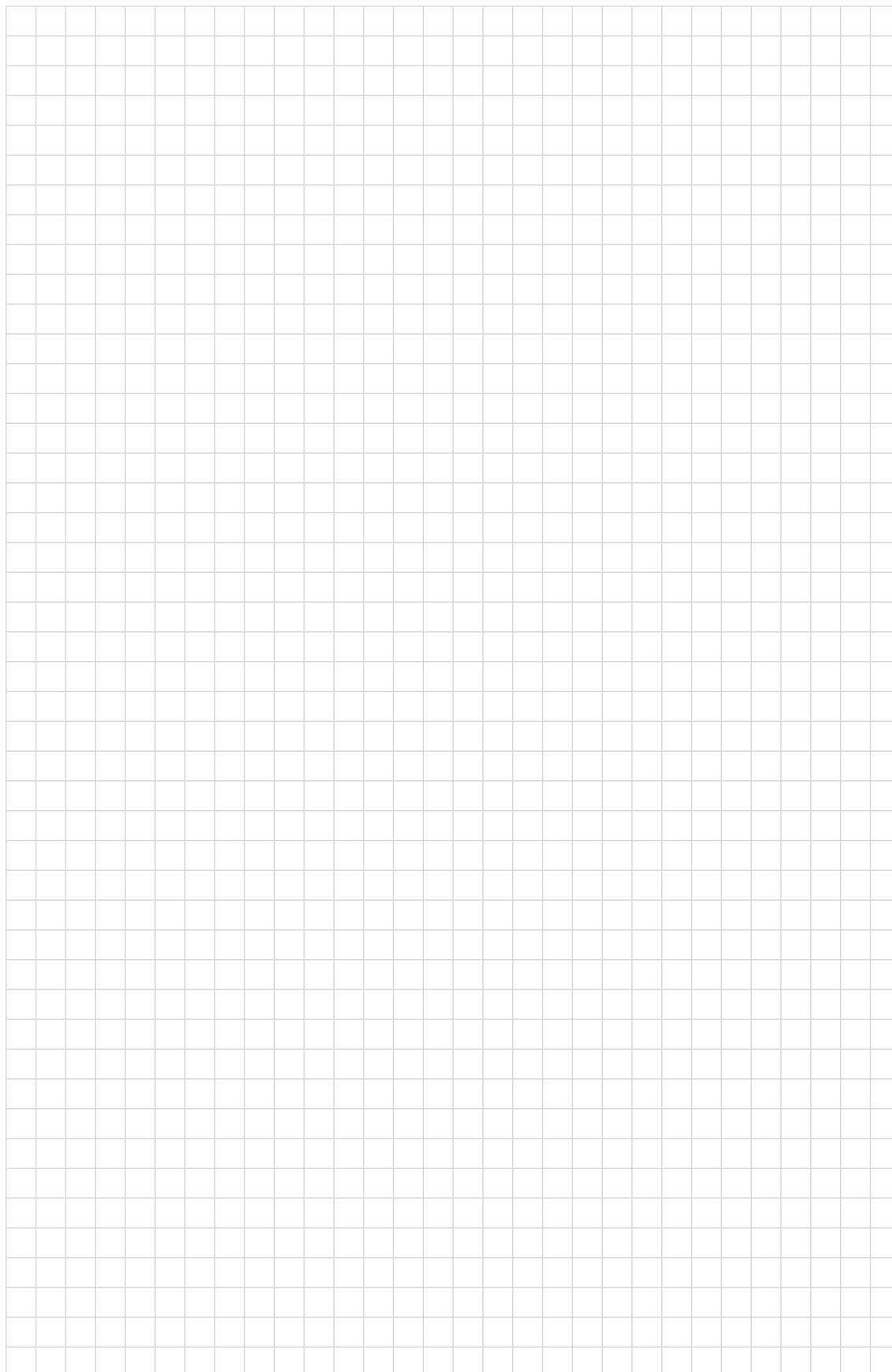
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B 3

(a) Briefly describe Prim's algorithm.

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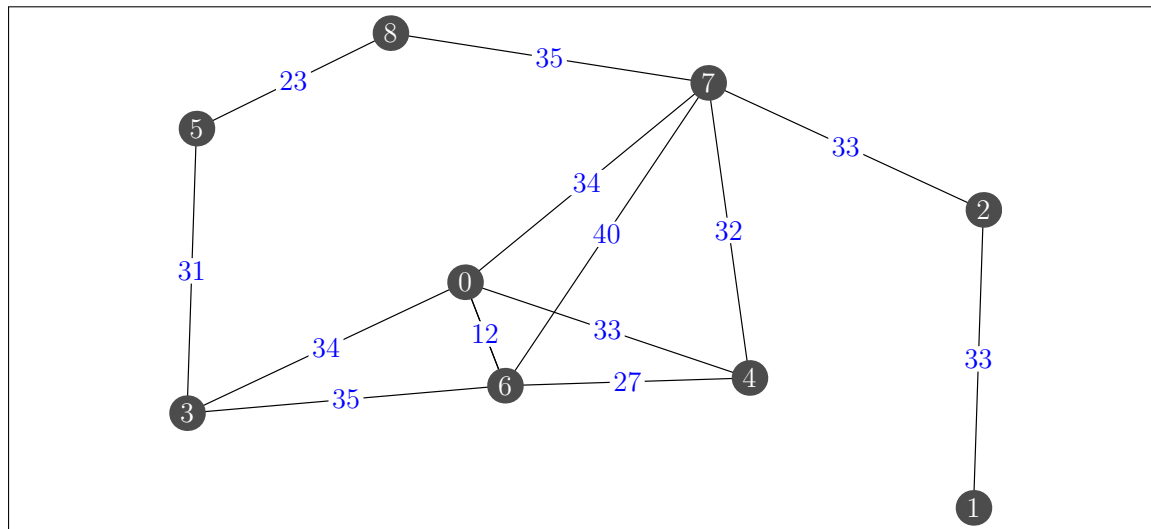
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(b) What is the time complexity of Prim's algorithm for constructing a minimum spanning tree.

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- (c) In the graph below draw the minimum spanning tree (by highlighting the edges) and write down the order in which the edges would be found by Prim's algorithm. [15 marks]



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| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. |

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End of question B3

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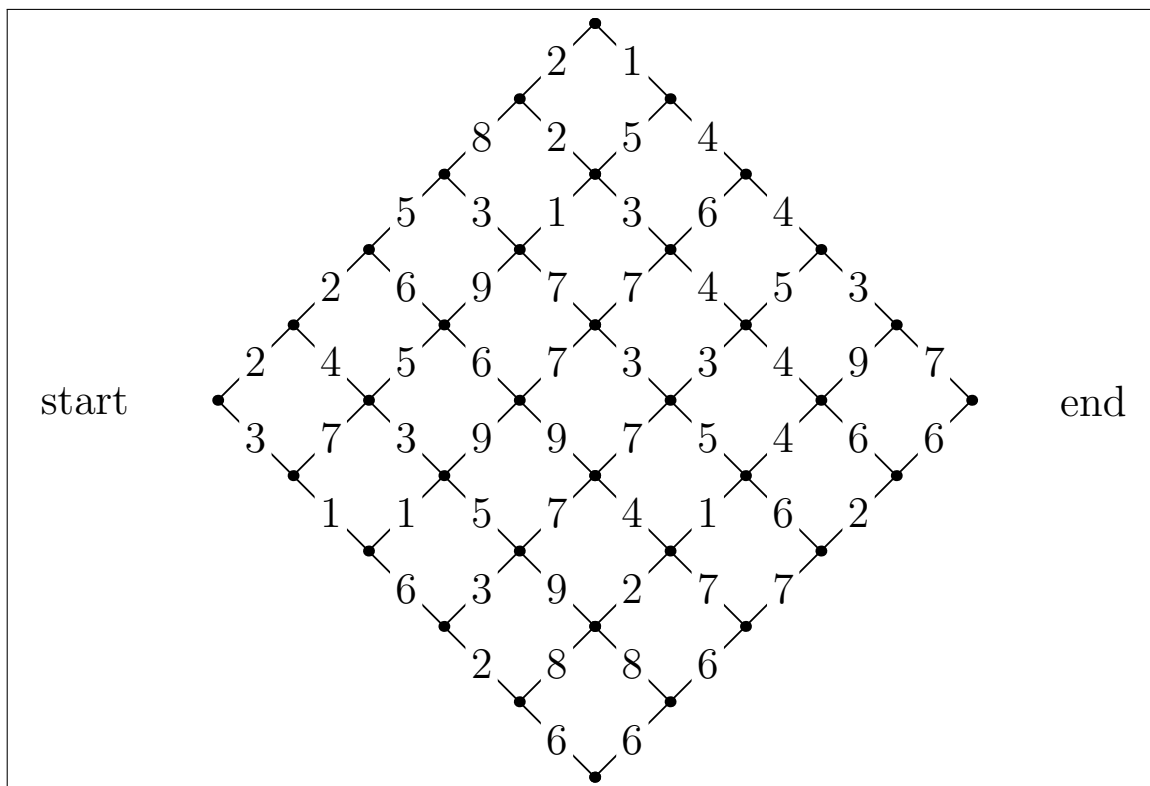
- (a) Briefly describe dynamic programming (both forward and backward algorithms).
[10 marks]

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- (b) Give an example of where dynamic programming is used. [5 marks]

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- (c) Use the dynamic programming forward algorithm to compute the minimum cost of each path from the left most node to each other node, where the cost of moving along an edge is equal to the number shown. An edge can only be traversed from left to right. Use the backwards algorithm to find the minimum cost path across the graph. [15 marks]

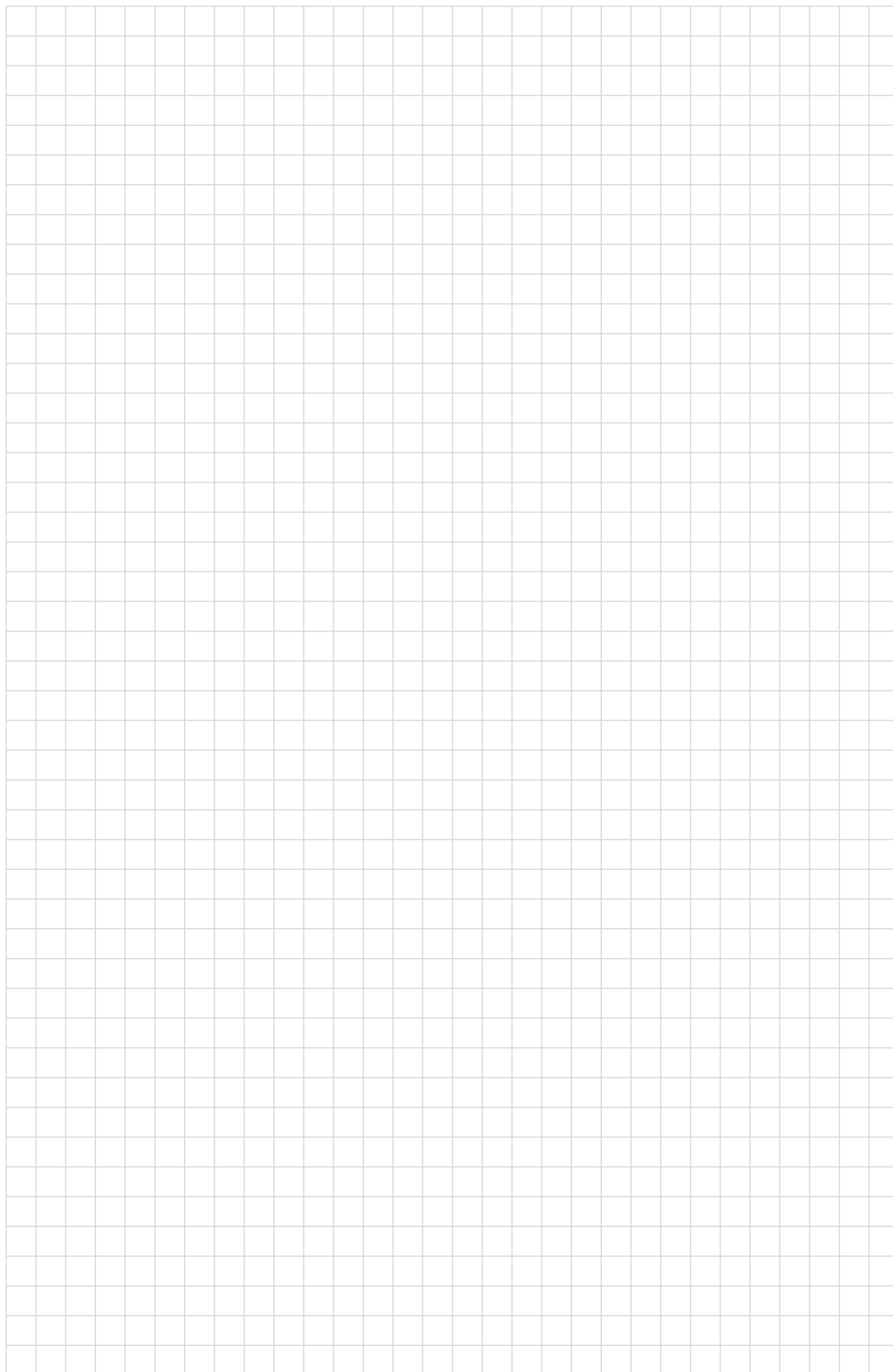


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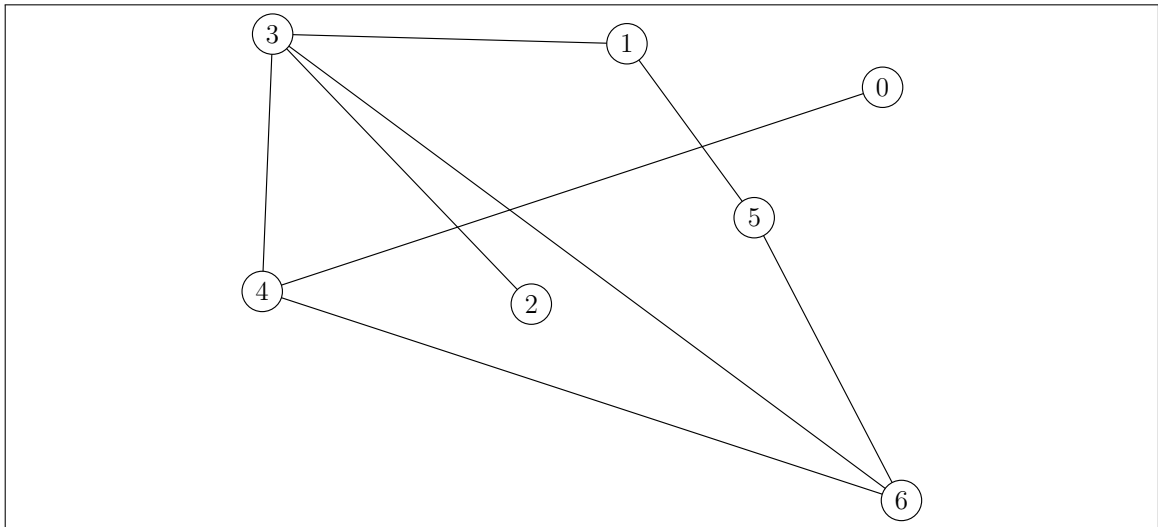
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B 5

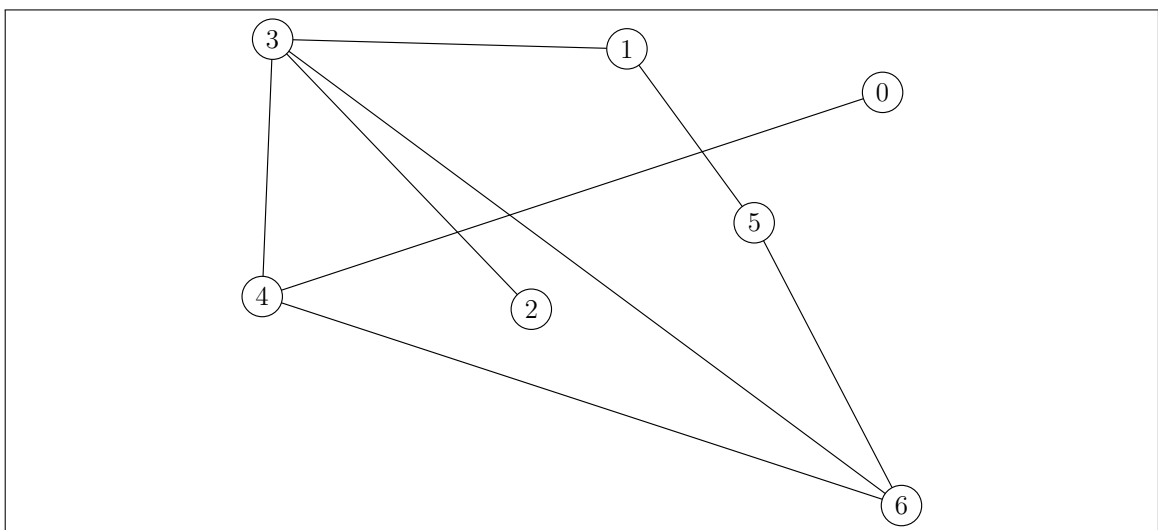
- (a) Draw the edges on the graph used to find the vertices using **breadth first search** starting from vertex 0 where the lower numbered vertices are searched first. Write the order in which the vertices are discovered. [10 marks]



bfs order = _____

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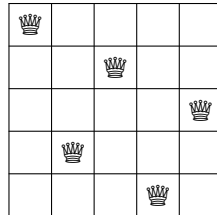
- (b) Draw the edges on the graph used to find the vertices using **depth first search** starting from vertex 0 where the lower numbered vertices are searched first. Write the order in which the vertices are discovered. [10 marks]



dfs order = _____

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- (c) The n -queens problem is to put n queens on a chess board such that no queen is in the same row, column or diagonal as any other queen. Either write pseudo code or describe in outline an algorithm to solve the n -queens problem.



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