

1. Use Rolle's theorem to show that the equation $x^3 + x + c = 0$ where c is a constant cannot have more than one real zero.

$f(x) = x^3 + x + c$ is continuous and differentiable for all real numbers.

According to Rolle's theorem, if $f(a) = f(b)$, then there's a $c \in]a, b[$ that $f'(c) = 0$.

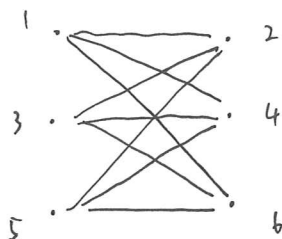
$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ which is positive for all real x values, so $f'(x) \neq 0$. (contrapositive).

Hence, there's no pair of values $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ that satisfies $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

Therefore, there can't be more than one real zero.

2. Let $G = (V, E)$ be the graph with $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $uv \in E$ if $|u - v|$ is odd. To which well known graph is G isomorphic?

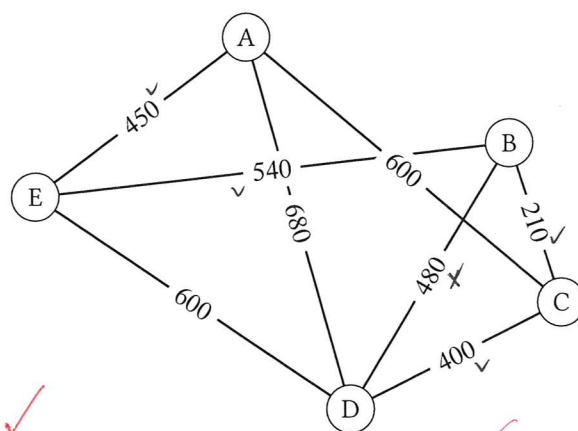
$$E = \{12, 14, 16, 23, 25, 34, 36, 45, 56\}.$$



Hence, $G \cong K_{3,3}$.

3. Use Kruskal's algorithm in table form to find a minimum spanning tree and its weight in the weighted graph below.

n	edge	weight
1	BC	210
2	CD	400
3	AE	450
4	BE	540



$$W(MST) = 210 + 400 + 450 + 540 = 1600.$$

4. Let X and Y be independent random variables with $X \sim \text{Po}(3)$ and $Y \sim \text{Po}(2)$.

(a) Find $E(2X + 3Y)$ and $\text{Var}(2X + 3Y)$.

$$E(2X + 3Y) = 2E(X) + 3E(Y) = 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 2 = 12.$$

$$\text{Var}(2X + 3Y) = 4\text{Var}(X) + 9\text{Var}(Y) = 4 \times 3 + 9 \times 2 = 30.$$

(b) Hence state with a reason whether or not $2X + 3Y$ has a Poisson distribution.

Poisson Distribution have characteristic of $E(X) = \text{Var}(X)$ but $E(2X + 3Y) \neq \text{Var}(2X + 3Y)$, so it isn't a Poisson Distribution.

5. Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \right]^{1/x}$.

Approach 1

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln \left[\frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \right]} \rightarrow M$$

$$M = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \left[\frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \right]}{x} \rightarrow N$$

$$N = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+x} = 1$$

$$M \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x}{\ln(1+x)} \cdot \frac{\frac{x}{1+x} - \ln(1+x)}{x^2}}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - (1+x)\ln(1+x)}{(x^2+x)\ln(1+x)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \frac{1+x}{1+x} - \ln(1+x)}{(2x+1)\ln(1+x) + \frac{x^2+x}{x+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\ln(1+x)}{(2x+1)\ln(1+x) + x}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{1}{1+x}}{\frac{2x+1}{x+1} + 2\ln(1+x) + 1} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$L = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

is there an easier way?
ok there's the second solution

Approach 2.

taylor series

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{x - \frac{x^2}{2} + O(x^3)} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2) \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{O(x^2)}{1 - \frac{x}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \right)^n \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{O(x^2)}{1 - \frac{x}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \right)^n \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{O(x^2)}{O(1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{n} \right)^n \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + O(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Very fast

法三 $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{x - \frac{x^2}{2} + O(x^3)}{x} \right]^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2) \right]^{\frac{1}{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= M. \quad M = \frac{\ln \left[1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2) \right]}{x} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \frac{1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2)}{1} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2)} \right]' \\ &= 1 \cdot \left[-\frac{1}{2} + O(x) \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$L = e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\ln(1 - \frac{x}{2} + O(x^2))}{x} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$