

## Graph Theory; Third Set of assignment problems

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*Assume that we are dealing with simple graphs.*

1. (4 marks) Let  $G$  be a connected graph and let  $T$  and  $T'$  be two distinct spanning trees of  $G$ . Prove the following:
  - (a) Let  $e \in T - T'$ . Then show that  $\exists e' \in T' - T$  such that  $T - e + e'$  is a spanning tree.
  - (b) Let  $e \in T - T'$ . Then show that  $\exists e' \in T' - T$  such that  $T' + e - e'$  is a spanning tree.
2. (4 marks) Let  $G = K_{n_1, n_2}$  denote the complete bipartite graph with the first part having  $n_1$  vertices and the second having  $n_2$  vertices. Find  $\tau(G)$ , the number of spanning trees of  $G$ .