MAU22C00: TUTORIAL 13 PROBLEMS GRAPH THEORY

- 1) For what type of p and q does the complete bipartite graph $K_{p,q}$ have a Hamiltonian circuit? Justify your answer.
- 2) Let (V, E) be the graph with vertices a, b, c, d, e, and f and edges ab, ac, bc, bd, cd, de, df, and ef.
- (a) Does this graph have a Hamiltonian circuit? Justify your answer.
- (b) Is this graph a tree? Justify your answer.
- (c) If it is not a tree, how many distinct spanning trees does it have?
- 3) Consider the statement "A graph (V, E) is a tree \iff #(E) = #(V) 1." What hypothesis is needed for this equivalence to be true? Give an example to show why this hypothesis is necessary.

Recall that

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

read as "n choose k" gives the number of distinct combinations of k objects taken out of a possible n objects for $n \ge k \ge 0$ with the convention 0! = 1.

- 4) Consider the complete graph K_n for n = 2, 3, 4. In each of the three cases
- (a) Is this graph a tree? Justify your answer.
- (b) If it is not a tree, how many distinct spanning trees does it have? (Hint: How many edges does K_n have?)