

Solutions to Test 2

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1. In how many ways can the 26 letters of the alphabet be permuted so that none of the patterns man, log or site occurs. (10 marks)

Answer:

Total number of permutations possible with 26 alphabets, $N = 26!$

Total number of permutations possible with 26 alphabets where 'man' occurs always, $N(A) = (26 - 3 + 1)! = 24!$

Similarly, for 'log', $N(B) = (26 - 3 + 1)! = 24!$,

For 'site', $N(C) = (26 - 4 + 1)! = 23!$

Total number of permutations possible with 26 alphabets where 'man' and 'log' occur always, $N(AB) = (26 - 3 - 3 + 2)! = 22!$

Similarly, for 'man' and 'site', $N(AC) = (26 - 3 - 4 + 2) = 21!$

For 'log' and 'site', $N(BC) = (26 - 3 - 4 + 2) = 21!$

Total number of permutations possible with 26 alphabets where 'man', 'log' and 'site' occur always, $N(ABC) = (26 - 3 - 3 - 4 + 3)! = 19!$

Now we can apply the principle of Inclusion and Exclusion to calculate the number of possible permutations where none of the given pattern occur.

The required number of permutations = $N - [N(A) + N(B) + N(C)] + [N(AB) + N(AC) + N(BC)] - N(ABC)$

$$= 26! - (24! + 24! + 23!) + (22! + 21! + 21!) - 19!$$

2. Define the following with an example each: Euler Trail, Hamilton Path, Isomorphic graphs. (10 marks)

Answer:

- (a) **An Euler trail** is a trail in a graph which visits every edge exactly once.

Not every graph has an Euler trail. A graph contains an Euler trail if all its vertices have even degree or exactly two vertices have odd degree, which will be the start and the end vertices of the trail. For example, in Fig. 1, there is no Euler Trail, whereas ADBFEAFDEB is a trail in Fig. 2.

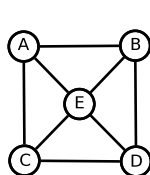


Fig. 1

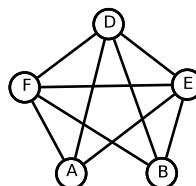


Fig. 2

- (b) **Hamilton Path** in a graph is a path that visits each vertex exactly once. For example, afedcb is a Ham Path in Fig. 3

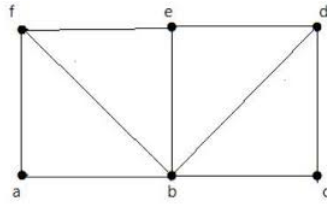


Fig. 3

- (c) **Isomorphic Graphs:** Two graphs G_1 and G_2 are said to be isomorphic if there exists a function f from vertices of G_1 to vertices of G_2 , i.e. $[f: V(G_1) \Rightarrow V(G_2)]$, such that

- i. f is a bijection (both one-one and onto)
- ii. f preserves adjacency of vertices, i.e., if the edge $U, V \in G_1$, then the edge $f(U), f(V) \in G_2$

As an example, graphs G and G' in Fig. 4 are isomorphic, given the bijection $\{v_1 \rightarrow v'_1, v_2 \rightarrow v'_2, v_3 \rightarrow v'_3, v_4 \rightarrow v'_4, v_5 \rightarrow v'_5\}$

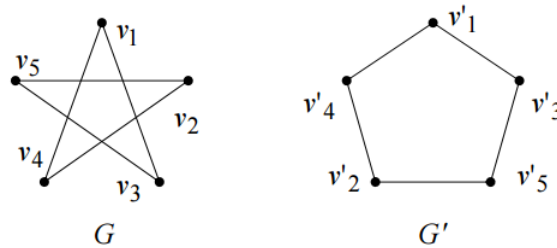


Fig. 4

3. State and prove the absorption law using truth tables (10 marks)

Answer:

Absorption Law is the following:

$$p \vee (p \wedge q) = p$$

Proof by truth table:

p	q	$(p \vee q)$	$p \vee (p \wedge q)$
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

4. Consider the following argument. If the argument is valid, identify the rule of inference that establishes its validity. If not, indicate what is the logical error: “If Raj’s computer program is correct, then he’ll be able to complete his computer science assignment in at most two hours. It takes Raj over two hours to complete his computer science assignment. Therefore Raj’s computer program is incorrect”. (10 marks)

Answer:

Let p = Raj’s computer program is correct

and q = Raj will be able to complete his computer science assignment in less than two hours

Now, it is given that $p \rightarrow q$.

Further, it is given that Raj takes more than two hours to complete the assignment, i.e. q is False, i.e. $\neg q$ is True.

By **Rule of contraposition**, we know that $a \rightarrow b$ and $\neg b \rightarrow \neg a$ are different ways of expressing the same thing. Therefore, we have $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$. Since it is given that $\neg b$ is true, we get $\neg p$ is true, i.e. p is false.

i.e. Raj's computer program is incorrect

5. **Show that the Peterson's graph is non-planar. Prove every single statement without assuming anything.(20 marks)**

Answer:

For Petersen graph, we have, $v = 10$ and $e = 15$. Inspecting the graph, we see that

- Each edge is included in exactly two faces, and
- Each cycle has a length of 5 or greater.

Combining these two facts yields $5r \leq 2v$.

Putting $v = 10$, we get, $r \leq 6$

Now, substituting the values of v and e into Euler's formula $v - e + r = 2$, we get $r = 7$.

Both the observations lead to a contradiction. Hence Petersen graph is non-planar.

6. **Find the number of ways to arrange the letters in LAPTOP so that none of the letters L, A, T, O is in its original position and the letter P is not in the third or sixth position. (20 marks)**

Answer:

Let us first consider the two P's in LAPTOP as two different characters, i.e. the characters are L, A, P_1, T, O, P_2 . Let d_6 denote the number of derangements of these six letters.

However, it is also required that P should not be in the third or sixth position. In the above d_6 derangements, P_1 will not be in third position, but P_2 may be. Similarly, P_2 will not be in sixth position, but P_1 may be. Therefore, we need to remove such cases.

Number of derangements where P_2 is in third position (but P_1 is not in sixth position) = d_5

Number of derangements where P_1 is in sixth position (but P_2 is not in third position) = d_5

Number of derangements where P_2 is in third position and P_1 is in sixth position = d_4

Therefore, the total number of derangements of the characters L, A, P_1, T, O, P_2 with the given conditions are $d_6 - 2d_5 - d_4$. However, we are interested in knowing the number of derangements of the characters in LAPTOP, where the arrangements like P_1LAP_2TO and P_2LAP_1TO will be considered similar. Hence we will divide the outcome of L, A, P_1, T, O, P_2 by two to get the outcome for L, A, P, T, O, P , i.e. $(1/2)(d_6 - 2d_5 - d_4)$.

Approximated values of d_6, d_5 and d_4 are 265, 44 and 9 respectively as per the formula $d_n = n!/e$. Therefore, the answer is : $(1/2)(265 - 2(44) - 9) = 168/2 = 84$.