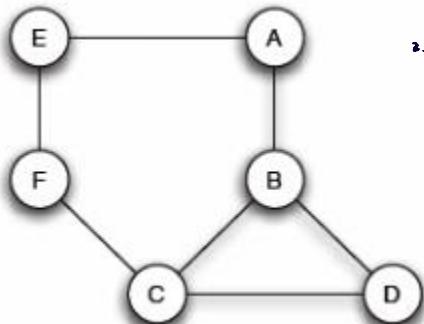


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You need to give the reasoning of your answers for BOTH why you choose AND why you do not choose. Otherwise, there is no mark.

Question 1



length of  
question 1: the shortest path  
from D to E is 3

shortest paths:  
① D-C-F-E      b is not in D.  
② D-B-A-E      So b isn't pivotal.

2. A-C : The shortest path is : A-B-C

A-D : A-B-D  
B is both in A-B-C, A-B-D So 2 is correct.

3. The shortest path from D to E:

D-B-A-E, D-C-F-E  
There's no identical node appearing in both path, so there's no pivotal in pair D-E.  
So 3 is correct.

4. (B-C) : B-C is OK,

in the polygon  
ABCPE : except path (B-C)

The rest only have pivotal node

inside the polygon.

4 is correct. So D isn't pivotal for any path.

A shortest path between two nodes is a path of the minimum possible length. We say that a node X is pivotal for a pair of distinct nodes Y and Z if X lies on every shortest path between Y and Z (and X is not equal to either Y or Z).

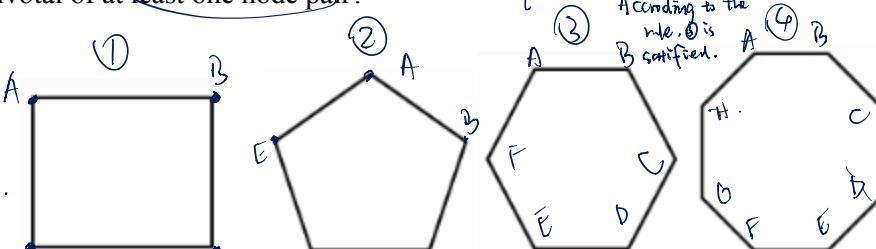
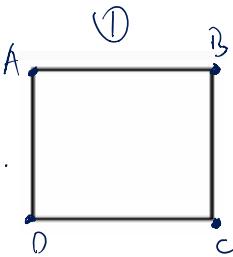
According to the above figure, which of the following statement(s) are correct?

- Node B is pivotal for node pair of D - E
- Node B is pivotal for node pairs of A - C and A - D
- There is no pivotal for node pair D - E
- Node D is not a pivotal for any pairs of distinct nodes

For ①, expelling path consisting of kinked path

Question 2

$A-B$ ,  $B-C$ ,  $C-D$ ,  $A-D$  Recall the definition of shortest path and pivotal stated in Question 1. Consider the following polygons where each vertex is a node. Which polygon satisfies that every node in this polygon is a pivotal of at least one node pair?



for ③:

i. A-C  
ii. A-B-C, B is the pivotal.

The rule is found:

for polygons who have

more 4 edges, every node is the pivotal for a path whose length is 2.

According to the rule, ③ is satisfied.

for ④:

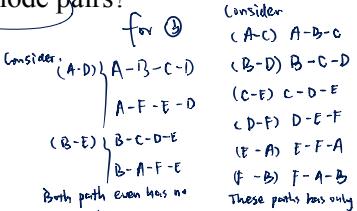
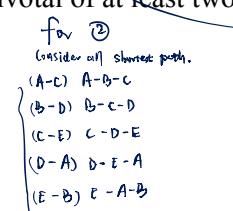
A-C : A-B-C, B.  
B-D : B-C-D, C  
C-E : C-D-E, D  
D-F : D-E-F, E  
E-G : E-F-G, F  
F-H : F-G-H, G  
G-A : G-H-A, H  
H-B : A-A-B : A

Also, according to the rule found.

④ is satisfied.

Question 3

Recall the definition of shortest path and pivotal stated in Question 1. Consider the following polygons where each vertex is a node. Which polygon satisfies that every node in this polygon is a pivotal of at least two node pairs?



for ④

Consider path

(A-D) : A-B-C-D  
(H-C) : H-A-B-C

So C is pivotal for 2 pairs.

We find the requirement that.

In ④, there is always be two pairs of path, containing the same node.

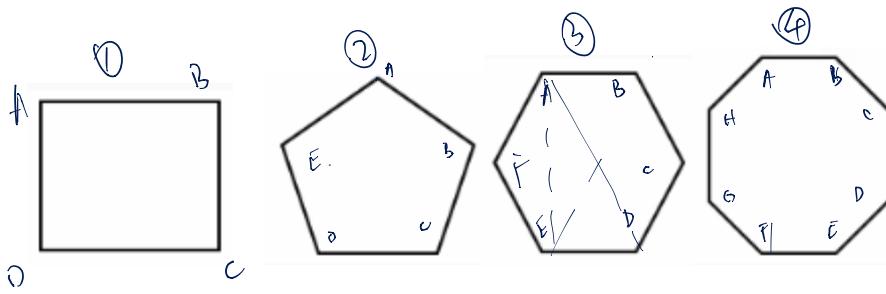
④ doesn't satisfy.  
(A-D) : A-B-C-D      B is pivotal  
(C-H) : D-B-A-H      So ④ satisfies.

for ①:  
path (A-C) : A-B-C  
path (A-D) : A-D-C  
path (B-D) : B-A-D  
path (B-C) : B-C-D

Both path has no pivotal node!

① doesn't satisfy.

We've considered all possible paths.  
But every path has only one  
shortest path. ② doesn't satisfy.



The following definitions are useful for question 4 and 5.

A node X is called a gatekeeper if for some other two nodes Y and Z, every path from Y to Z passes through X. A node X is called a local gatekeeper if there are two neighbors of X, say Y and Z, that are not connected by an edge. (That is, for X to be a local gatekeeper, there should be two nodes Y and Z so that Y and Z each have edges to X, but not to each other.)

Question 4



prove: A gatekeeper is a bridge.

For 2 nodes, if every path has the gatekeeper, then there's only 1 connected component.  
But when you remove the gatekeeper, there's no connection, so there must be 2 unconnected components.

$\Rightarrow$  Gatekeeper is a bridge.

Based on the definition of "Gatekeeper" and "Local Gatekeeper", please consider the following statements and select the correct one(s) w.r.t the graph below.

In this question: if we remove ④,  
there's 2 unconnected ..., so ④ is bridge & gatekeeper.

rm ①  $\rightarrow$  still 1, ④ x

Ynrm ②  $\rightarrow$  still 1, ④ x

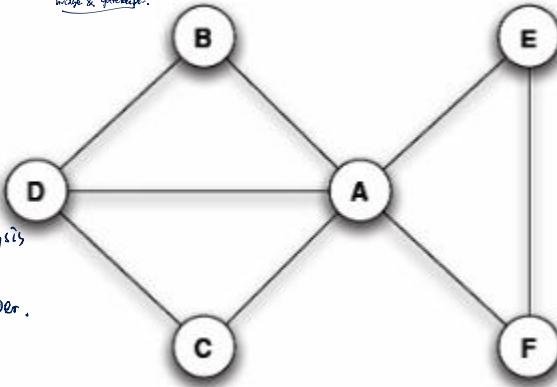
rm ③  $\rightarrow$  still 1, ④ x

rm ⑤  $\rightarrow$  still 1, ④ x

rm ⑥  $\rightarrow$  still 1, ④ x

So after traversal analysis  
of nodes,

only ④ is the gatekeeper.



1. if we add an edge between B & E,

remove A, we get:

remove B: 1 unconnected component, ③ x

rm C: 1 connected, ④ x

rm D: 1 connected, ④ x

rm E: 1 connected, ④ x

rm F: 1 connected, ④ x

So there's no gatekeeper. The num of gatekeeper changed, ④ isn't correct.

2. According to analysis in the left, D isn't a gatekeeper.  $\Rightarrow$  2 isn't correct.

3. A is linked with B and C,  
and B, C are not connected,  
so A's a local gatekeeper.

3 is correct.

1. The number of local gatekeeper remains unchanged when an edge between node B and E is added
2. Node D is gatekeeper
3. Node A is local gatekeeper
4. There are 2 local gatekeepers in the above graph

for ④, ③, both

Connected with  
④, ③, But ④, ③ not connected. ④, ③ x

4. for ④: Connected with ①, ⑦

But ④, ⑦ one connected. ⑦ x

for ①, ⑦ one connected. ⑦ x

for ④, ④ is connected with ① & ⑦, ①, ⑦ aren't connected, so ④ is local gatekeeper.

for ④, it's connected with ④, ④

But ④ & ④ aren't connected.

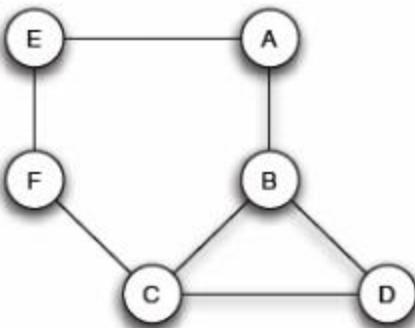
So ④ is local gatekeeper.

④, ④ one local gatekeepers.

So 4 is correct.

Question 5

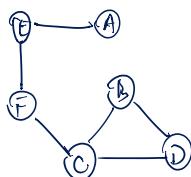
Based on the definition of "Gatekeeper" and "Local Gatekeeper", please consider the following statements and select the correct one(s) w.r.t the graph below.



1. If the edge between node A and B is removed, node C will be gatekeeper.
2. Over half of the number of nodes are local gatekeepers
3. If the edge between node B and C is removed, all of the nodes will be local gatekeepers.
4. If the edge between node C and D is removed, node B will be gatekeeper.

### Question 5

1. if remove (A-B)



then there's only connected component.

if we remove C:  
we'll have:  
There's 2 connected components, increased.  
So: C is a gatekeeper.

1 is correct.

2. There's 6 nodes.

for ①. ①'s connected with ②, ③, ④ ⑤ means  
connected, so ① is local gatekeeper.  
for ②. ② connects with ①, ③  
③, ④ aren't connected. ⑤ is ...  
for ③. ③, ④ are connected with ②,  
but they're not connected.  
⑥ ✓

for ④: ④, ⑤. So ④ ✓  
there's already 4 local gatekeepers,  
over half num the ...  
so 2 is correct.

there's

for ④. ⑧, ⑨ not connected.

⑩ ✓

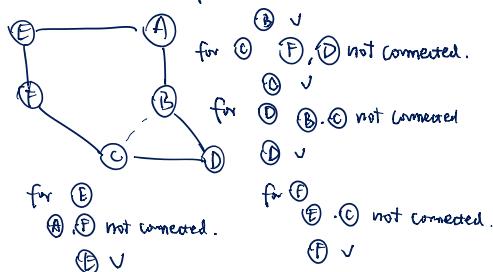
for ⑧. ⑩, ⑪ not connected.

⑫ ✓

for ⑩. ⑪, ⑫ not connected.

⑬ ✓

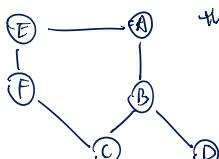
3. remove (B-C)



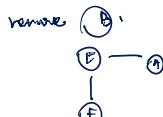
So all nodes are local gatekeepers.

3 is correct!

4. remove (C-D)



there's only 1 connected component.



There're 2 connected components!

So ⑫ is a gatekeeper.

4 is correct.