

(11) Let  $T$  be a full 40-ary tree. How many among the numbers 121, 202, 313, 434, can be the number of vertices of  $T$ ? (Your answer ranges from 0 to 4.) 1

$n = 40(i+1) - n \bmod 40 = 1$

(12) How many edges are there in a forest of  $t$  trees containing a total of  $n$  vertices?

tree with  $n$  vertices

$n - t$

(13) (i) Find the minimum values of  $m$  if an  $m$ -ary tree has at least 600 leaves and height 4.

has  $n-1$  edges.

$m^4 \geq 600$

$5^4 \geq 600 \geq 4^4$

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(ii) Find the value(s) of  $n$  if a full and balanced  $n$ -ary tree has 81 leaves and height 4.

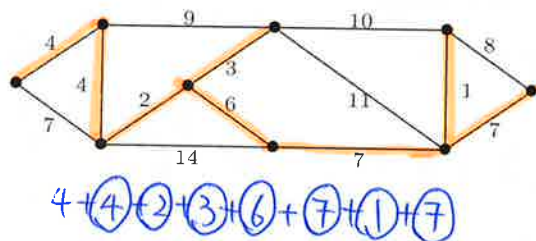
$h = \lceil \log_m l \rceil$   
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$n = 3$

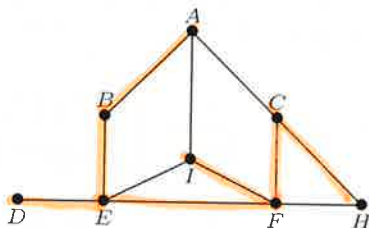
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(14) Find the weight of a minimum spanning tree in the following graph.

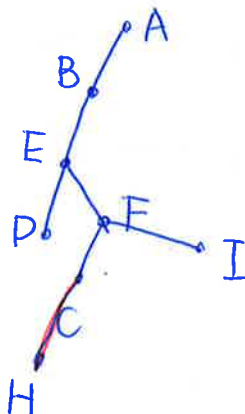
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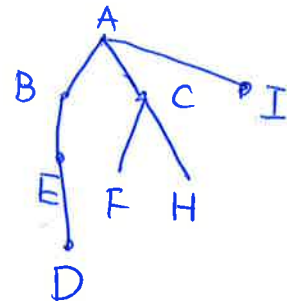
(15) Let  $G$  be the following graph. Using the alphabetical ordering, find a spanning tree by **depth first search**. Draw the tree below.



Graph G



DFS



BFS

**Question B** [5 marks]. Prove by using mathematical induction that for any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

Let  $P(n)$  be  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ .

Basis Step.  $P(1)$  is " $1 \leq 2 - \frac{1}{1}$ " which is true.

Inductive Step Suppose  $P(1) \dots P(k)$  all true., where  $P(k)$  is

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{k^2} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{k} \quad \text{①}$$

Now we check  $P(k+1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} &\stackrel{\text{①}}{\leq} 2 - \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{(k+1)^2 - k}{k(k+1)^2} \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{k^2 + k + 1}{k(k+1)^2} \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \left[ \frac{k^2 + k + 1}{k(k+1)} \right] \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \left[ \frac{k^2 + k + 1}{k^2 + k} \right] \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{k^2 + k} \right] \\ &\leq 2 - \frac{1}{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  is true.

**Question C** [5 marks]. Prove that for any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}.$$

Consider<sup>the</sup> set  $A$  with  $n$  elements  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

the set  $B$  with another  $n$  elements

$$B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}.$$

$A \cup B = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  has  $2n$  elements

Consider the number of subsets of  $A \cup B$  of size  $n$ .

Method 1 Because  $A \cup B$  has  $2n$  elements, choosing subsets of size  $n$  has  $\binom{2n}{n}$  ways.

Method 2 From  $A$  choose  $r$  elements and from  $B$  choose  $n-r$  elements. we have  $\binom{n}{r} \binom{n}{n-r} = \binom{n}{r}^2$  ways

Case 0  $r=0$  we have  $\binom{n}{0}^2$  ways

Case 1  $r=1$  we have  $\binom{n}{1}^2$  ways

⋮

Case  $n$   $r=n$  we have  $\binom{n}{n}^2$  ways.

From Method 1, the ~~number~~ number of subsets of  $A \cup B$  of size  $n$  is  $\binom{2n}{n}$

Two Ans  
should be  
the same

From Method 2, the number of subsets of  $A \cup B$  of size  $n$  is  $\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}^2$ .

**Question D** [5 marks]. Suppose that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are spanning trees of a simple graph  $G$  with at least 3 vertices. Moreover, suppose that  $e_1$  is an edge in  $T_1$  that is not in  $T_2$ . Show that there is an edge  $e_2$  in  $T_2$  that is not in  $T_1$  such that  $T_1$  remains a spanning tree if  $e_1$  is removed from it and  $e_2$  is added to it, and  $T_2$  remains a spanning tree if  $e_2$  is removed from it and  $e_1$  is added to it.

Suppose  $e_1 = \{u, v\}$  is as specified.

Then  $T_2 \cup \{e_1\}$  contains a simple circuit  $C$  containing  $e_1$ .

The graph  $T - \{e_1\}$  has two connected components.

the endpoints of  $e_1$  are in different components.

Travel  $C$  from  $u$  in the direction opposite to  $e_1$ , until  
you come to the first vertex in the same component as  $v$ .

The edge just crossed is  $e_2$ .

Clearly,  $T_2 \cup \{e_1\} - \{e_2\}$  is a tree, because  $e_2$  is on  $C$ .

Also,  $T_1 - \{e_1\} \cup \{e_2\}$  is a tree because  $e_2$  reunited the  
two components.