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Fourth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2011

Graph Theory and Combinatorics

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer FIVE full questions selecting at least TWO questions from each part.

PART - A

- 1 a. Define complete bipartite graph. How many vertices and how many edges are there $K_{4,7}$ and $K_{7,11}$? (05 Marks)
- b. If a graph with n vertices and m edges is k -regular, show that $m = kn/2$. Does there exist a cubic graph with 15 vertices. (05 Marks)
- c. Verify that the two graphs shown below in Fig.Q1(c)(i) and Fig.Q1(c)(ii) are isomorphic.

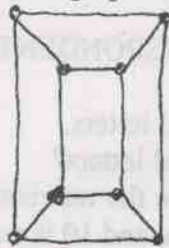


Fig.Q1(c)(i)

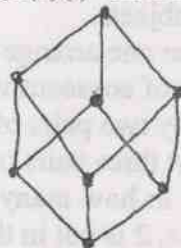


Fig.Q1(c)(ii)

(05 Marks)

- d. If G is a simple graph with no cycles, prove that G has atleast one pendant vertex. (05 Marks)

- 2 a. Prove that Petersen graph is non-planar. (04 Marks)
- b. Prove that a connected planar graph G with n vertices and m edges has exactly $m - n + 2$ regions in every one of its diagrams. (06 Marks)
- c. Show that every simple connected planar graph G with less than 12 vertices must have a vertex of degree ≤ 4 . (05 Marks)
- d. Prove that every connected simple planar graph G is 6 colourable. (05 Marks)
- 3 a. Prove that a tree with n vertices has $n - 1$ edges. (07 Marks)
- b. Obtain a prefix code for the message 'ROAD IS GOOD', using labelled binary tree and hence encode the message. (07 Marks)
- c. Define a spanning tree of a graph. Find all the spanning trees of the following graph shown in Fig.Q3(c). (06 Marks)

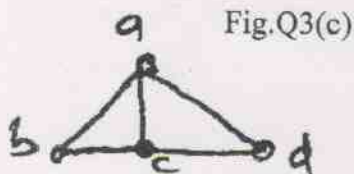


Fig.Q3(c)

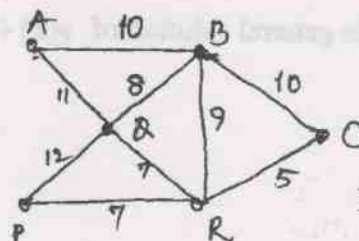


Fig.Q4(b)

- 4 a. Define : i) Cut set, ii) Edge connectivity, iii) Vertex connectivity. Give one example for each. (06 Marks)
- b. Using Kruskal's algorithm, find a minimal spanning tree for the weighted graph shown in Fig.Q4(b). (07 Marks)
- c. State and prove max-flow and min-cut theorem. (07 Marks)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. 2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg, 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

PART - B

- 5 a. In how many ways one can distribute ten identical white marbles among six distinct containers? (06 Marks)
- b. Prove the following identities :
- i) $C(n+1, r) = C(n, r-1) + C(n, r)$
- ii) $C(m+n, 2) - C(m, 2) - C(n, 2) = mn$. (07 Marks)
- c. Determine the coefficient of :
- i) xyz^2 in the expansion of $(2x - y - z)^4$
- ii) $a^2b^3c^2d^5$ in the expansion of $(a + 2b - 3c + 2d + 5)^{16}$ (07 Marks)
- 6 a. There are 30 students in a hostel. In that 15 study history, 8 study economics, and 6 study geography. It is known that 3 students study all these subjects Show that 7 or more students study none of these subjects. (06 Marks)
- b. In how many ways can one arrange the letters in CORRESPONDENTS so that:
- i) There is no pair of consecutive identical letters.
- ii) There are exactly two pairs of consecutive identical letters.
- iii) There are atleast three pairs of consecutive identical letters? (08 Marks)
- c. Define derangement. In how many ways we can arrange the numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., 10 so that 1 is not in the 1st place, 2 is not in the 2nd place and so on, and 10 is not in the 10th place? (06 Marks)
- 7 a. Determine the generating function for the numeric function :
- $$a_r = \begin{cases} 2^r & \text{if } r \text{ is even} \\ -2^r & \text{if } r \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad (06 \text{ Marks})$$
- b. Find the coefficient of x^{18} in the following products :
- $$(x + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9)(x^3 + 2x^4 + 3x^5 + \dots)^3 \quad (07 \text{ Marks})$$
- c. In how many ways can we distribute 24 pencils to 4 children so that each child gets at least 3 pencils but not more than eight? (07 Marks)
- 8 a. Solve the recurrence relation, $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$, given $F_0 = 0$ and $F_1 = 1$ and $n \geq 0$. (06 Marks)
- b. Find the generating function for the relation $a_n + a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} = 0$ for $n \geq 2$, with $a_0 = -1$ and $a_1 = 8$. (07 Marks)
- c. Find the general solution of $s(k) + 3s(k-1) - 4s(k-2) = 4^k$. (07 Marks)
