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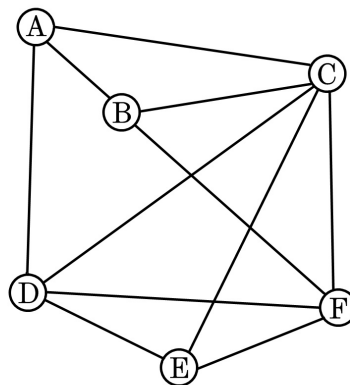
**Autumn Semester  
2011–12**

**Graph Theory**

**2 hours 30 minutes**

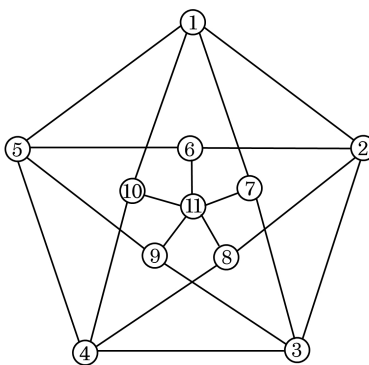
*Answer **four** questions. You are advised **not** to answer more than four questions: if you do, only your best four will be counted.*

- 1 (i) Consider the following graph.



- (a) Is this graph Eulerian? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
- (b) Is this graph planar? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
- (c) Is this graph Hamiltonian? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
- (d) Is this graph bipartite? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

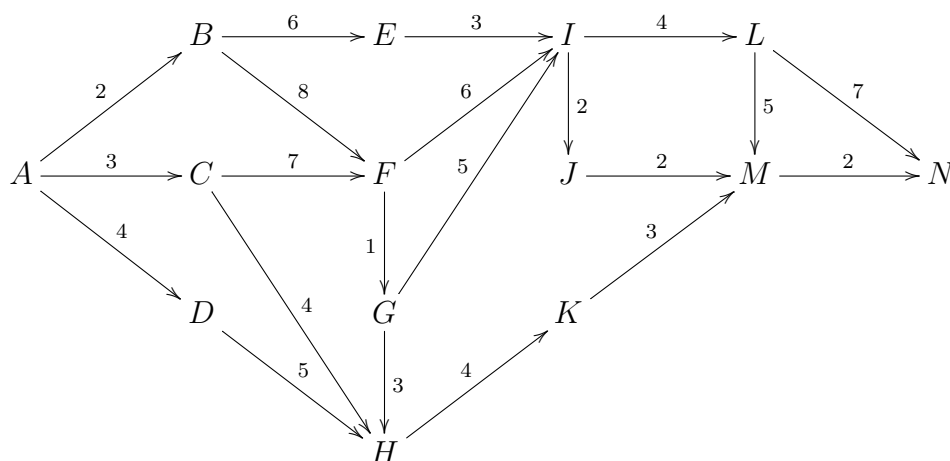
- (ii) Consider the following graph.



- (a) Is this graph planar? Explain your answer. (4 marks)
  - (b) Show how this graph can be drawn on the Möbius band without any of its edges crossing. You should begin by drawing the cycle 1-7-3-9-5-6-2-8-4-10-1 as a regular polygon. Your drawing *must* use the given numbering of the vertices. (4 marks)
  - (c) Show how this graph can be drawn on the torus without any of its edges crossing. You should begin by drawing the cycle 1-7-3-9-5-6-2-8-4-10-1 as a regular polygon. Your drawing *must* use the given numbering of the vertices. (4 marks)
- (iii) By drawing forests, determine the number of non-isomorphic forests with exactly 6 vertices and two trees. (5 marks)

- 2 (i) (a) State Euler's formula for a plane, connected graph. *(1 mark)*
- (b) Let  $G$  be a simple connected planar graph with more than three vertices. Show that  $e \leq 3v - 6$ , where  $e$  is the number of edges of  $G$  and  $v$  is the number of vertices. *(3 marks)*
- (c) Now assume that  $G$  has no cycles of length three. Show that  $e \leq 2v - 4$ . *(2 marks)*
- (d) Using the inequalities of parts (b) and (c), show that  $K_{3,3}$  and  $K_5$  are not planar. *(2 marks)*
- (ii) A plane connected graph has  $t$  faces of degree 3,  $s$  faces of degree 4,  $h$  faces of degree 6, no faces of any other degree and every vertex of degree 4. Express the number of vertices, edges and faces in terms of  $t$ ,  $s$  and  $h$  and prove that  $t = 2h + 8$ . Draw such a graph with  $t$ ,  $s$  and  $h$  all non-zero and give the values of  $t$ ,  $s$  and  $h$  for your example. *(10 marks)*
- (iii) (a) State Ore's theorem on Hamiltonian graphs. *(2 marks)*
- (b) Show that a simple graph with 12 vertices and 57 edges must be Hamiltonian. *(5 marks)*

- 3 (i) Consider the following diagram.

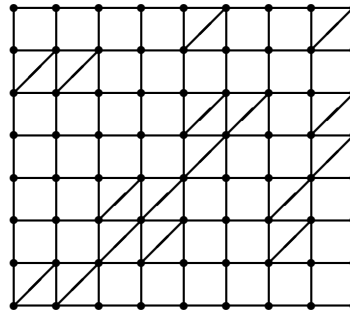


- (a) Use the shortest and longest path algorithms to determine all shortest and longest paths from  $A$  to  $N$ . State the length  $s$  of the shortest paths and the length  $l$  of the longest paths. **(14 marks)**
- (b) Which length can neither be increased nor decreased, without altering  $l$ ? **(3 marks)**
- (ii) The distances between six towns,  $U$ ,  $V$ ,  $W$ ,  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  are given in the table below.

$U$					
4	$V$				
9	6	$W$			
15	11	12	$X$		
18	16	15	10	$Y$	
23	17	16	15	11	$Z$

- (a) Starting at  $U$ , use “the heuristic algorithm for finding a good upper bound for the travelling salesman problem” on these towns. State the order in which you add the towns to the circuit. **(4 marks)**
- (b) By initially omitting  $U$ , give a good lower bound for the travelling salesman problem for these towns. **(4 marks)**

- 4 (i) By drawing a suitable graph, determine whether the braced framework shown is rigid. If it is rigid, is it a minimum bracing? If it is not rigid, how many braces need to be inserted to make it rigid, and how many should *then* be removed to make it a minimum bracing? Justify all your answers. *(9 marks)*

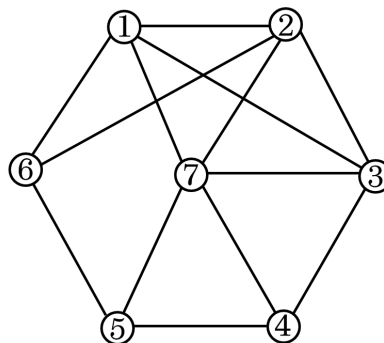


- (ii) At a certain university in South Yorkshire, there are six groups of students, A-F. Each group has been assigned three employment workshops from a total of seven, labelled 1-7. Each workshop takes one whole day to complete. Your job is to timetable these workshops. By drawing a suitable graph, find the minimum number of days needed for each group to complete all their assigned workshops.

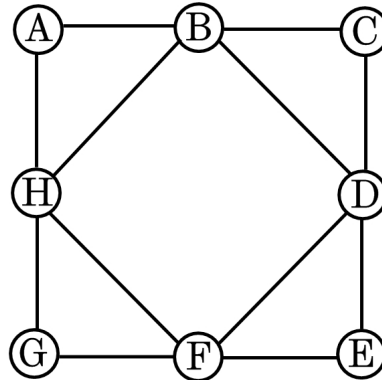
A : 1,3,5    D : 3,4,7  
 B : 2,4,5    E : 3,4,6  
 C : 1,3,6    F : 5,6,7

*(9 marks)*

- (iii) By using the planarity algorithm, decide whether the graph below is planar. *(7 marks)*



- 5 (i) Let  $G$  be a graph with chromatic polynomial  $k(k-1)(k-2)^2(k-4k+5)$ . How many vertices and edges does this graph have? Define the chromatic number of a graph. What is the chromatic number of  $G$ ? *(5 marks)*
- (ii) Consider the graph  $H$  shown below.



- (a) What is the chromatic polynomial of  $H$ ? *(12 marks)*
- (b) In how many ways can this graph  $H$  be coloured with four colours? *(2 marks)*
- (c) Define the chromatic index of a graph. What is the chromatic index of  $H$ ? *(4 marks)*
- (d) What is the minimum number of colours needed to give a face colouring of the graph  $H$ ? *(2 marks)*

**End of Question Paper**