

Instructions:

- During the exam, you may not use textbooks, class notes, or any other supporting material.
- To solve a bullet point in the given exercise, you can use all the preceding points, even if you have not provided a solution for them.
- Start every problem on a new page and write at the top of the page to which problem it belongs. (But in multiple part problems it is not necessary to start every part on a new page)
- In all of your solutions, give explanations to clearly show your reasoning. Points may be deducted for an unclear or wrong argument, even if the final answer is correct.
- Write clearly and legibly.

Note: There are six problems, some with multiple parts. The problems are not ordered according to difficulty. This exam is written in **THREE PAGES**

(1) **Generating functions**

- (a) (2 pt) Let $f(x)$ be the exponential generating function of the sequence a_0, a_1, \dots . Show that $f'(x)$ is the exponential generating function of the sequence a_1, a_2, \dots
- (b) (3 pts) Let a_n denote the number of integral solutions of the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = n$$

where $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 3, 2 \leq x_3 \leq 5$ and $1 \leq x_4 \leq 5$. Compute the generating function of a_n .

- (2) **Rook Polynomials** The BISHOP is the chess piece that can move diagonally. Given a chessboard C one can define the *bishop polynomial*

$$B(C, x) = \sum b_i x^i$$

where b_i is the number of ways of placing i non-attacking bishops on C

- (a) (1 pt) Compute the bishop polynomials of a 2×2 chessboard. Given a $n \times m$ chessboard C , without forbidden positions, suppose to color its cells by alternating two different colors (white and black). Let R_w be the chessboard obtained by C by rearranging the white cells in such a way that every top-left diagonal is a row, and every top-right diagonal is a column. Denote by R_b the chessboard obtained similarly from the black cells. In the figure 1 you can see an example.



FIGURE 1. Chessboard

- (b) (1 pt) Decompose a 4×4 chessboard in R_w and R_b .

- (c) (2 pts) Show that, given a $n \times m$ chessboard C without forbidden places,

$$B(C, x) = r(R_b, x) \cdot r(R_w, x)$$

where $r(R_b, x)$ denotes the rook polynomial of R_b and, similarly, $r(R_w, x)$ stands for the rook polynomial of R_w .

- (d) (3 pts) Compute the Bishop polynomial for a 4×4 chessboard.

- (3) (4 pts) **Recursion** Solve the following recursion problem

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} + 300$$

With initial conditions

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 1$$

- (4) **Graphs** Consider the graph in figure 2

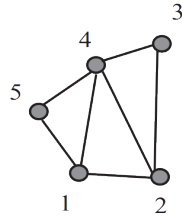


FIGURE 2. Graph

- (a) (1 pt) Determine if it admits an Euler circuit or trail.
 (b) (3 pts) Compute the chromatic polynomial of the graph.
 (c) (1 pt) Compute the chromatic number of the graph.
- (5) (5 pts) **Shortest path algorithm** Consider the graph in figure 3. Use Dijkstra's algorithm to compute all shortest paths starting at node s . To get full points you have to show every iteration, listing the value of the previous vertices and the length of the path. It is ok to use a table.

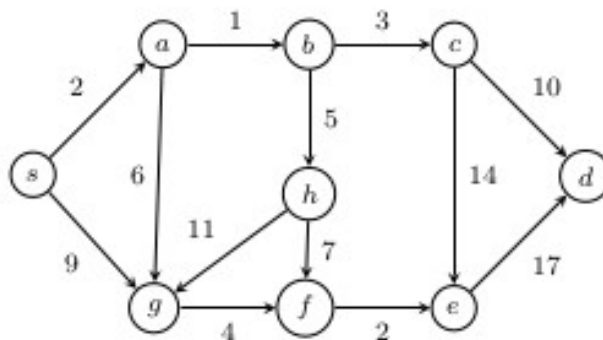


FIGURE 3. Graph

- (6) (4 pts) **Max-flow Min-cut** Consider the Network in Figure 4. Provide a maximum flow for the network. Show that this is indeed a maximum flow by providing a cut with the same capacity.

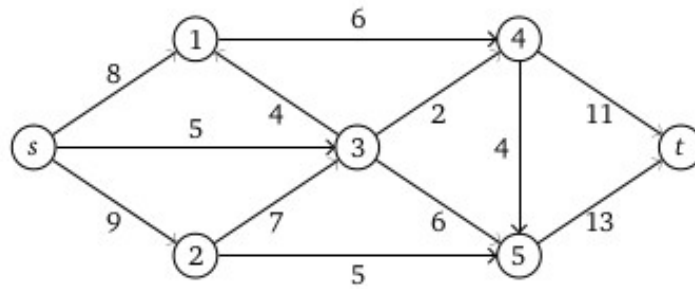


FIGURE 4. Network

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