

**ADVANCED COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND GRAPH THEORY
(MATH 4282)**

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to answer Group A and
any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group.*

Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.

**Group - A
(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
 - (i) The Eulerian number $\langle \frac{4}{3} \rangle$ is
(a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 11.
 - (ii) The Stirling number of the first kind (or Stirling cycle number) $\left[\frac{4}{1} \right]$ is
(a) 24 (b) 6 (c) 4 (d) 1.
 - (iii) The tenth Bernoulli number $B_{10} =$
(a) $-\frac{1}{30}$ (b) $\frac{1}{42}$ (c) $\frac{5}{66}$ (d) $-\frac{691}{2730}$
 - (iv) The generating function of the sequence $\{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots, 2^n, \dots\}$ is
(a) $\frac{1}{1+z^2}$ (b) $\frac{1}{1-z^2}$ (c) $\frac{1}{1-2z}$ (d) $\frac{1}{1+2z}$.
 - (v) The remainder in the division of $18! \times 3^{18}$ by 19 is
(a) 18 (b) 1 (c) 17 (d) 3
 - (vi) $\Delta(x^m) =$
(a) $(m-1)x^m$ (b) mx^m (c) $(m-1)x^{m-1}$ (d) mx^{m-1}
 - (vii) If $u_0 = 2$, $u_n = 3u_{n-1}$ for $n > 0$, then $u_{100} + 7$ is
(a) even
(b) divisible by 3
(c) divisible by 7
(d) neither divisible by 3 nor divisible by 7.
 - (viii) Let $[x]$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to x . If $c > 0$ and $\left[\sqrt[100]{c} \right] = 0$, then
(a) $2 < c < 3$ (b) $1 < c < 2$
(c) $100 < c < 200$ (d) $c < 1$

- (ix) The chromatic polynomial of a complete graph with $n = 3$ vertices is
(a) $\lambda(\lambda - 1)$ (b) $\lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)$ (c) λ^3 (d) $(\lambda - 1)$
- (x) A graph G has a spanning tree if and only if G is
(a) disconnected (b) a tree
(c) complete (d) connected.

Group - B

2. (a) Prove the following recurrence relation for $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} n \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$, the Stirling number of the second kind (or Stirling subset number):

$$\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} n \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = k \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}.$$

Given that $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 0$, $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 1$, $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 0$, $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 0$, $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 0$, $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 0$, calculate $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$ by using the recurrence relation.
- (b) Let F_n denote the n th Fibonacci number and let the generating function of the Fibonacci numbers be

$$F(z) = F_0 + F_1 z + F_2 z^2 + F_3 z^3 + F_4 z^4 + \dots = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n z^n$$

Prove that $F(z) = \frac{z}{1-z-z^2}$. Show your calculations in detail.

7 + 5 = 12
3. (a) (i) State the recurrence relation for $J(n)$ in the Josephus problem.
 (ii) Calculate $J(n)$ upto $n = 32$ and show the values in a table.
 (iii) Indicating the pattern that you find in the data, state the solution of the problem (i.e., an expression for $J(n)$). (The proof is not required).
- (b) Recall the generating function of the Bernoulli numbers, B_n :

$$\frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{n \geq 0} B_n \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$

Prove that $z \cot z = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-4)^n B_{2n} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}$.

(2 + 2 + 2) + 6 = 12

Group - C

4. (a) Compute $\varphi(999)$ where $\varphi(n)$ is the Euler φ -function. Show your calculations in detail and state any result that you use.
 - (b) State Fermat's little theorem. Use this theorem to find the remainder in the division of $2^{205} + 3^{304} + 4^{402}$ by 11. Show your work in detail.
- 5 + 7 = 12**

5. (a) Let $[x]$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to x . Prove that $\left\lceil \sqrt{[x]} \right\rceil = \left\lfloor \sqrt{x} \right\rfloor$, for real $x \geq 0$.

- (b) Prove that $\sum_k \binom{r}{k} \binom{s}{n-k} = \binom{r+s}{n}$, for integer n .

6 + 6 = 12

Group - D

6. (a) Find the greatest common divisor of the Fibonacci numbers $F_9 = 34$ and $F_{10} = 55$ by using the Euclidean algorithm. Express it as $55x + 34y$ where x and y are integers. Show your calculations in detail.

- (b) Show that $\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} / \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n+1}{n+1-m}$.

6 + 6 = 12

7. (a) Let the harmonic numbers be defined as $H_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ and the harmonic numbers of order r be defined as $H_n^{(r)} := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^r}$ (Note that $H_n^{(1)} = H_n$). Show that $H_n - \ln n = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(H_n^{(2)} - 1) - \frac{1}{3}(H_n^{(3)} - 1) - \frac{1}{4}(H_n^{(4)} - 1) - \dots$

- (b) Let T_n denote the minimum number of moves that will transfer n disks from one peg to another in the Tower of Hanoi problem. Show that

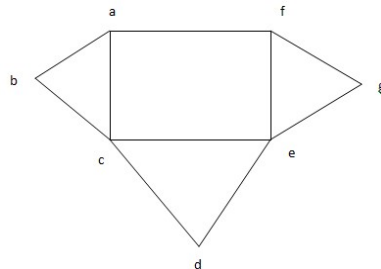
$$T_3 \leq 2T_2 + 1.$$

Prove the recursion $T_n \leq 2T_{n-1} + 1$, for $n > 0$, without using induction. State clearly why your proof is valid only for " \leq " in the recursion and not for " $=$ ".

6 + 6 = 12

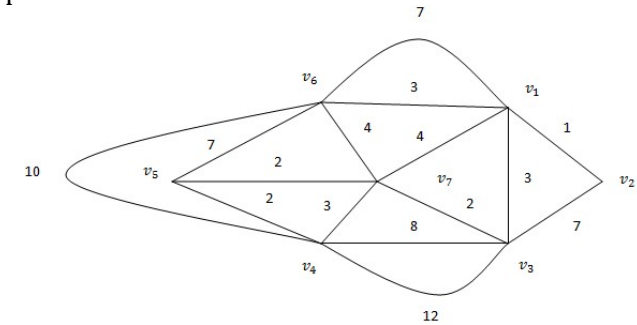
Group - E

8. (a) Find all the maximal and maximum matchings of the graph given below. Find the matching number of the graph. Check if there exists a perfect matching in the graph.



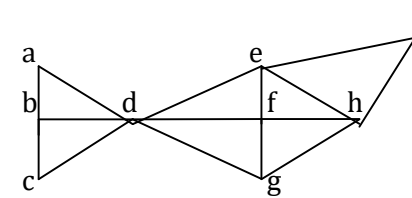
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- (b) Apply Dijkstra's Algorithm to find the shortest path from v_2 to v_5 in the given graph:



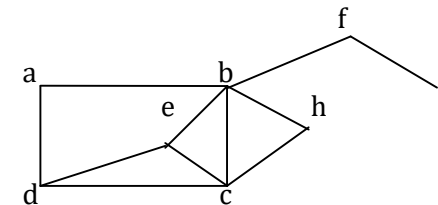
5 + 7 = 12

9. (a)



Find the vertex connectivity and the edge connectivity of the given graph.

- (b)



Find all the cut sets in the given graph.

- (c) Can $\lambda^4 - 4\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 3$ be the chromatic polynomial of a simple graph having at least one edge? Justify your answer.

4 + 4 + 4 = 12