

**(OLD COURSE)**

Duration: [2½Hours]

**[Total Marks: 75]**

- N.B. 1) All questions are compulsory.  
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1. (a) Attempt any **ONE** question:

- i. State and prove Euler's formula for planar graphs. Hence or otherwise prove that the minimum degree of a simple planar graph is  $\leq 5$ .
- ii. If  $\pi_k(G)$  denotes the chromatic polynomial of a  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  then prove that
  - 1) The coefficient of  $k^p$  in  $\pi_k(G)$  is 1.
  - 2) The constant term of  $\pi_k(G)$  is zero.
  - 3) The terms of  $\pi_k(G)$  are alternate in sign.
  - 4) The coefficient of  $k^{p-1}$  is  $-q$  where  $q$  is number of edges of  $G$ .

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(b) Attempt any **TWO** questions:

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- i. Define vertex chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  of a graph  $G$ . For any graph  $G$ , prove that  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  where  $\chi(G)$  represents vertex chromatic number of a graph  $G$  and  $\Delta(G)$  denotes the maximum degree of  $G$ .
- ii. Show that every planar graph is 6-vertex colorable.
- iii. Show that if  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  are  $n$  components of graph  $G$  then  $\pi_k(G) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_k(G_i)$ .
- iv. Show that a graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices is a tree if and only if the chromatic polynomial of  $G$  is  $k(k-1)^{n-1}$ .

2. (a) Attempt any **ONE** question:

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- i. State and prove Max Flow-Min Cut Theorem.
- ii. State and prove the necessary and sufficient condition for a family of  $n$  sets to have System of Distinct Representative.

(b) Attempt any **TWO** questions:

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- i. Define  $val(f)$ , value of  $f$ . If  $f$  is flow in a network  $N$  and  $P$  is any  $f$ -augmenting path, then show that there exists a revised flow  $f'$  such that  $val f' > val f$ .
- ii. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  be a family of sets such that for each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and for each choice of  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ ,  $|A_{i_1} \cup A_{i_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_k}| \geq k + 1$ . Let  $x$  be any element of  $A_1$ . Show that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  has a system of distinct representatives in which  $x$  represents  $A_1$ .
- iii. Prove that for any flow  $f$  and any cut  $(S, \bar{S})$ ,  $val(f) = f^+(S) - f^-(S)$ .
- iv. If  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  be a family of set, then prove that the largest number of sets of the family which together have a system of distinct representative equals the minimum value of expression  $|A_{i_1} \cup A_{i_2} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_k}| + (n - k)$  for all choices of  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and all choices of  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  with  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ .

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3. (a) Attempt any **ONE** question: (8)

- i. Let  $C_n$  denote the number of ways of dividing a convex polygon with  $(n + 2)$ -gon into triangular regions by inserting diagonals that do not intersect in the interior and let  $C_0 = 1$ . Show that  $C_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n C_k C_{n-k}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and by using generating function that the solution to this recurrence relation is a Catalan Number.
- ii. Derive the recurrence relation to climb a staircase with  $n$  steps by takking 1 or 2 steps at a time and solve it using generating function.

(b) Attempt any **TWO** questions: (12)

- i. Derive the recurrence relation for the number of regions into which the plane is divided by  $n$  straight lines, no two of which are parallel and no three of which are concurrent. Furthermore using generating function, show that the solution of the above recurrence is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$ .
- ii. Show that the number of nonnegative integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = r$  is given by  $\binom{r+k-1}{r}$ .
- iii. Let  $R_{n,m}(x)$  be the rook polynomial for the  $n \times m$  chess board, where all squares may have rooks. Show that  $R_{n,m}(x) = R_{n-1,m}(x) + mxR_{n-1,m-1}(x)$
- iv. Solve recurrence relation  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 2$  subject to initial conditions  $a_0 = 3, a_1 = -2$  using generating function.

4. Attempt any **THREE** questions: (15)

- (a) Let  $G$  be the graph with  $n$  vertices. Show that  $\chi(G) \geq \frac{n}{n-\delta(G)}$  where  $\chi(G)$  denotes vertex chromatic number of  $G$  and  $\delta(G)$  denotes minimum degree of  $G$ .
- (b) Define a line graph of a graph. Show that a simple connected graph  $G$  is isomorphic to its line graph if and only if it is a cycle.
- (c) Define System of distinct representatives for a family of sets. Let  $A = (A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6)$ , where  $A_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}, A_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, A_3 = \{1, 2\}, A_4 = \{2, 3\}, A_5 = \{1\}, A_6 = \{1, 3, 5\}$ . Does family  $A$  have an System of Distinct Representative? If not, what is the largest number of sets in the family with an System of Distinct Representative?
- (d) If  $f$  is any flow and  $K$  be any cut in a network  $N$  with  $val(f) = cap(K)$  then show that  $f$  is maximum flow and  $K$  is minimum cut.
- (e) Prove that if  $B$  is a board of darkened squares that decomposes into the two disjoint sub boards  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  then prove that  $R(x, B) = R(x, B_1)R(x, B_2)$ , where  $R(x, B)$  is a rook polynomial for board  $B$ .
- (f) Find the number  $h_n$  of bags of fruits that can be made out of apples, bananas, oranges and pears, where, in each bag, the number of apples is even, the number of bananas is multiple of 5, the number of oranges is at most 4, and the number of pears is 0 or 1.